

**NAME:** Sydney

**RANK:** Second Lieutenant

**ORGANIZATION:** XIX Corps

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** European Theater of Operations

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**Sydney writes his wife in the United States:**

“24 MAY 1945

GERMANY

...Just returned from my patrol and checking to see if my people are abiding by the legal curfew.

Curfew for civilians and soldiers alike is from 2300 to 0400 as the days are real long now and we have about 19 hours of daylight.

The people are very good about everything and the only ones that give us any trouble are the Poles & Russians who were slave-labor before the war ended, but we shall be rid of them before very long.

Of course you know the 1<sup>st</sup> Army is on it's way to the Pacific via the U.S.A. and all kinds of bets are being laid that we shall be with them.

I doubt it, although I do know that the Comdg General of the 1<sup>st</sup> did ask to have our Corp put back in it...

...It is mid-nite Sweet-heart and am tired so will sign off and try to do better very soon.

Good night with all my Love Always

Just Sydney”

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**Sydney writes his wife again in the United States:**

“1 Dec 1945

Am here and assigned to a Battery in the replacement center at the moment but don't know for how long...

...My Battery goes in the field on a four day problem Monday morning so am going to be a busy little man, there is a shortage of Lts here so looks as tho' I may be kept a while, I don't care much for this as it is going to be about eight classes a day to instruct and plenty of studying at night but guess I can get by until something else comes along.

Sweet-heart you had better put the rest of my clothes, that is, my other combat boots, green jacket with the four pockets and a couple pairs of pants in a box and mail them to me, 'fraid I'm going to need them.

Haven't said anything yet about leave to anyone, I think I had better wait a week or so 'til I know what the score is.

Give my best to all the folks and say I'll try to write when I have time...

... 'Bye for now Dearest and write to me

All my Love

Just Sydney"

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- Sydney made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 70s.
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  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Sydney's wartime organization, the XIX Corps (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XIX\\_Corps\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XIX_Corps_(United_States))