

NAME: J.W.

RANK: Private

ORGANIZATION: Camp Croft, South Carolina

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Not Available

- The following text is directly from an original wartime telegram about J.W. This is the only item related to J.W. in the site curator's possession.
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The U.S. Army sends a telegram to J.W.'s mother in the United States:

“1945 AUG 1

YOUR SON 29 JUL ABSENTED HIMSELF WITHOUT PROPER LEAVE STOP CONTINUED
ABSENCE MAY RESULT CONVICTION DESERTION STOP PERSONS CONVICTED
DESERTION TIME WAR AND AS RESULT OF CONVICTION ARE DISMISSED OR
DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FORFEIT RIGHTS REMAIN OR BECOME UNITED STATES
CITIZENS STOP FAMILY ALLOWANCES OR ALLOTMENTS NOW IN EFFECT WILL BE
DISCONTINUED UPON CONTINUED ABSENCE OR CONVICTION DESERTION STOP
REQUEST EVERY EFFORT BE MADE RETURN ABSENTEE THIS STATION END GNRKA-“

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- J.W. made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers much of the above time period (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/1945-07-23_Cruiser_Bow_Ripped_Off_By_Typhoon
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers military AWOL and desertion (reader discretion advised):** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desertion>