

NAME: Donald

RANK: Private

ORGANIZATION: 34th Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: North African and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations

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Donald writes a friend in the United States:

“North Africa

Dec,24,1942

...I am glad that you are thinking about the soldier over sea they are giving up their life to make your home safe from the German and the J _ p. They are hopeing and praying that they to come back home after war. But you know we all can't get to come back...you know as good as I do the German is tired of this war as we are.

But you know the bible say love are nieghbor. but their thing you cant like about them. How about you and me saluteing the dead because they didn't died in vain. Tell every body I said hello and a merry christmas, Happy New Year

from your friend

Donald”

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- Donald made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the above time period in North Africa (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/75462AtTheNorthFrontOfAfrica>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Donald's wartime organization, the 34th Infantry Division (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/34th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/34th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))