

**NAME:** Walter

**RANK:** Technician Fifth Grade

**ORGANIZATION:** First Army

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

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written to Walter. This is the only letter related to Walter in the site curator's possession.
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**Henri, a French civilian, writes his friend Walter who is serving overseas:**

“June 6<sup>th</sup> [1945]

I am very glad to get one letter from you. I am gladder because the war is over and I hope to see soon again... I should like that you remain in Germany because you coul may be to come to St Briene. I hope it. Like you, I wishe that the Pacific's war is finished soon, and all the world will live in the peace. I hope that your brothers will go out of this war without wound and so you could come back to your house. My brother, that you don't know, has finished to fight also. He was fighting on the Atlantic Front (Lorient)... What Army do you belong? I shall listen to the radio for knowing if you go to the Pacific. I think your stay in Germany pleasant enough. Have you the concentration's camp where the convicts were prisoners...

I hope to hear from you soon again  
Good luck and best wishes to you  
Sincerely from Henri

Excuse me, but it is to day the anniversary of the day D, the day who has seen the beginning of our liberation and our victory. The first that you have seen the France”

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- Walter made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the concentration camps Henri speaks of (viewer discretion advised):**  
[https://archive.org/details/1945-04-26\\_Nazi\\_Murder\\_Mills](https://archive.org/details/1945-04-26_Nazi_Murder_Mills)
  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Walter's wartime organization, the First Army (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\\_United\\_States\\_Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_United_States_Army)