

NAME: Leon

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: 1st Infantry Division

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: North African, Mediterranean, and European Theaters of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Leon. This is one of several letters from Leon in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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- No controversial material has been omitted from the following excerpt aside from an edited derogatory term for Germans for the protection of younger readers. No grammatical or spelling errors have been corrected.

Leon writes a relative in the United States:

“June XX-44

You probably been expecting to hear from me so here I'm old Soldier never die. I'm back From France in Hosp. slightly wounded again after 3 days steady fighting. My health now progressing according to schedule and will be ready to leave Hosp any day that's my view point I wonder what's Doctor?

While beying there in attacks one after others I have wonderful result [censored] I got small piece of granade in head but that won't bother me to long I got to go back to my Pl. and my rugged Colonel he's got the Life Charm. and so the rest of us Veterans from Africa and Sicily personally speaking I had worse time land in Sicily than here and dont bother me to much I'm use to such reckless life & combat.

To bad I couldn't keep the J _ rr _ pistol for you as a souvenier which I had that night specially for you but I'll manage to get you nother one if I'll be able last that long so far lucki...did you received my money order? take care of it send me some toilet articles as razor double edge and other small things...

Hello to my rest Cousins from me

Sincerely always your Cousin

Leon.

P.S.

Here two pieces of French
Invasion money 10 Francs
for souvenier..."

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- Leon 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 the above time period and Leon's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/ARC-39013>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the Normandy landings which Leon mentions in his letter (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy_landings