

NAME: Harold

RANK: Second Lieutenant

ORGANIZATION: 4th Combat Cargo Group

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: India-Burma Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Harold. This is the only letter from Harold in the site curator's possession.
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Harold writes a friend in the United States:

“Monday, 4 June 1945.

Sure was glad to get your letter yesterday. I was beginning to think that you were the one that had forgotten about me – Are you quite sure that I was the one who owed you a letter?? Anyway we’ll start from here – I’m sorry if I did – Would have written before but have been pretty busy being processed and sent overseas. I left the States on the 3rd of May and had a wonderful trip down thru South America, across the Atlantic, thru Africa (both North & South) over Egypt and finally based here in India. It was definitely a great opportunity to see some of the world – Natal Brazil Ascension Island, Dakar, Oran, Algiers, Tunis, Ciara, Bethelhem, Suez Canal River Jordan and Karrachi & Calcutta for instance – Not bad eh?

I like it a lot more than I thought I would over here and I’m in a squadron with a heck of a lot of my old buddies from the States which makes it pretty nice. I have 9 or 10 missions over Burma already and have seen a lot of J _ ps but they have all been dead ones darn it...

...Mother is fine but she took my leaving pretty hard. I guess she is purty lonely. Am expecting to be back by next Christmas although you never can tell. Be good and write me real often I sure love to hear from you.

Always.

Harold.

P.S Hows that guy of yours??

P.S. JR. Send me your latest ‘glamour snapshot’ –“

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- Harold 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 and Harold's type of organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/CB-60>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Harold's wartime organization, the 4th Combat Cargo Group (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/4th_Combat_Cargo_Group