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Roy Bergengren Jr. wrote many thoughtful letters during the war. In this letter near the war's end, he reflects on lessons learned. Of his impressions of the war, Bergengren notes, "Obvious though they may be, they are none-the-less vivid."

Wisconsin Historical Society, Donald Wells, Anderson Papers, 1890-1972.

Dear Don,

Having entered Germany a while ago, I feel something like the coast-to-coast marathon runner must as he crosses the New York State line.

In 28 months, I've journeyed through 11 countries to get here. It was a rather roundabout route, but there's never been any doubt about where we were headed. I hope I shall travel right to Berlin — and then home.

So far, it has been an interesting, if unpleasant experience. I could certainly have done nicely without it; but since it has been necessary, I'm glad to be one of those taking a share in it. There have been a few outstanding impressions. Obvious though



Roy F. Bergengren, Jr.
Portrait of a soldier. Photo loaned for copying by Rosemary Bergengren, Daytona Beach, FL, June 1992.

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