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Dear Commander/Adjutant,

We are co-authoring a biography of the late singer/actor Nelson Eddy and in connection with our research we are writing to request your assistance in contacting the WWII veterans who are members of the VFW Posts in your state. Attached is a flyer giving further details of our project. Briefly though, throughout the war years Nelson was committed to entertaining service men and women in the United States, as well as abroad. He also made impromptu visits to Veterans' hospitals, giving concerts for and talking with the patients. We are interested in hearing from veterans who saw any of Mr. Eddy's WWII concerts, or who may have had personal contact with him in the U.S. or overseas during that timeframe. Another aspect of our research involves an attempt to verify a claim that because of his fluency in German, Mr. Eddy had been recruited by the U.S. government to work for the Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) or Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and that his 1944 Africa & Middle East USO tour served to cover the actual purpose for his presence in various countries. We're hoping to find veterans who may have knowledge that will help us establish whether or not there is any credibility to the story. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing our flyer to the various member VFW Posts in your state. Obviously, the manner of distribution is completely at your discretion; we just want to reach as many WWII veterans as possible. Thank you for your service to our country and thank you, in advance, for your time and help.

Sincerely,

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# Attention WWII Veterans

Authors  
seek your  
help...

for a biography of  
singer/actor  
Nelson Eddy

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## DID YOU MEET OR SEE NELSON EDDY PERFORM DURING THE WAR ???

If so, we would love to talk with you. We are interested in hearing from those who:

- ◆ Saw any of Nelson's numerous concerts; especially those during the war
  - ◆ He gave concerts at military bases around the U.S and overseas
  - ◆ He often made impromptu visits to Veterans' hospitals, giving concerts for and talking with the patients
  - ◆ When performing a concert for the general public, if Nelson noticed uniformed service people in the audience, he arranged with theater management to have their ticket costs refunded to them and then paid for their tickets himself.
- ◆ Had personal contact with him in the U.S. or overseas during the war. Were you a doctor/nurse who treated his wound/illness; a pilot who flew him; a driver who transported him; a patient in a hospital he visited or where he was also a patient; or someone who met or spoke with him?

We are also attempting to verify a claim that because of his fluency in German, Mr. Eddy had been recruited by the U.S. government to work for the Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) or Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and that his overseas USO tour served to cover the actual purpose for his presence in various countries. Do you have knowledge that will help us verify or refute this story?

**The more specific the information the better**, but any details (e.g. where and when you saw him, any anecdotes about him, his show or his activities, any photos taken of him, etc.), will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to speak with us, please feel free to write a letter indicating the date and time that would be most convenient as well as a contact number and Judi will happily call you at that time. You don't have to bear the cost of a long distance phone call. If you would prefer to simply write us a letter, that too would be most welcomed.

**Please be aware** that your comments and observations may ultimately appear in the biography, so we will need your permission to quote you. Photos shared may also appear in the biography, and we will need your permission to use those as well, plus the wording for how you would like the photo credit to appear.

**Thank you in advance for your help and interest in our project!**