

# The Army Language Censor - Sidney Byrd - OSEU

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That's true. The language is the heart and soul of any culture. I can still read and write my language...speak it. As a matter of fact, when I was in the Army, during World War II, my grandfather wrote to me in our language...they censored our letters just like boarding school. The censor called me in...my grandfather wrote to me in our language..."Soldier, I want you to tell me what's in your letter. I said, "Why should I? That's personal. That's private. You don't let me read yours." "I demand you tell me what's in that letter. That's an order!" "Yessir."

"Dear grandfather, I have a kind, compassionate, commanding officer that takes good care of his men and he loves them dearly." "Get out of here!"