NAME: Dominick

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: U.S.S. Gilligan

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following text is directly from an original wartime letter about Dominick.   This is the only item related to Dominick in the site curator's possession.

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The U.S. Navy sends a letter to Dominick's mother in the United States:

"22 May 1944

You will be pleased to hear that your son received the Holy Communion aboard his ship, together with fellow ship-mates.

As Waterfront Chaplain, in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, it is my privilege to conduct General Services, on different ships, twice each afternoon, at 1400 and 1500, excepting Sunday and Mondays. Both Catholic and Protestant prayers and hymns are used in the services; however, all the men join in and take part-whether they be Protestant, Catholic or Jewish. The Holy Communion follows the General Service, and there are always devout men aboard who come forward to receive the sacrament.

My experience as a Chaplain has led me to realize how eagerly men in our Navy look forward to receiving mail from home; the home-folks too enjoy hearing from their men. Blessings on you, and all your loved ones!

Very cordially,

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Lt. Comdr. ChC., USNR."

- Dominick made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.

- **For visual context, this link connects to original wartime footage in the public domain that covers the above time period and U.S. Navy Chaplains (viewer discretion advised): https://archive.org/details/NPC1961b**

- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Dominick's wartime organization, the U.S.S. Gilligan (reader discretion advised): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Gilligan_(DE-508)**