

NAME: Herman

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: U.S.S. Destroyer X

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following text is directly from an original wartime letter written by Herman. This is one of many letters from Herman in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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- No controversial material has been omitted from the following text. No grammatical or spelling errors have been corrected.

Herman, a Jewish American sailor, writes his mother in the United States:

“JULY 3- 1945 –

I AM ON WATCH TONIGHT SO WILL WRITE YOU A FEW LINES I HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM YOU LATELY BUT JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO WRITTING.

AM GLAD YOU GOT THE PICTURE OK, I THOUGHT I CAME OUT PRETTY GOOD TOO. THAT IS QUITE A BEARD THAT GUY HAS ISN'T IT- SEVERAL OF THE GUYS ON THE SHIP HAVE THEM.

THAT CLIPPING YOU SENT ME ABOUT THAT DESTROYER ISN'T MY SHIPX. IT IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT ONE THAN THIS ONE THAT IS A PRETTY OLD SHIP, AND THIS ONE WAS A BRAND NEW ONE WHEN I GOT ON IT.

I RECEIVED ONE OF THE POST THE OTHER DAY THE ONE WITH THE PAPER IN, THANKS A LOT. I'VE HAD A COUPLE OF LETTERS FROM SARA I AM WONDERING IF SHE IS BACK HOME YET I GUESS SHE IS BY NOW TELL HER I WILL WRITE HER SOON. I GOT A LETTER FROM MRS. BENIS THE OTHER DAY SHE SENT ME THE PROGRAM OF THE GRADUATION...SHE ALSO SAID HER SON WAS LEAVING SOON TOO.

I DON'T KNOW ANY THING NEW EVERY THING IS ABOUT THE SAME WITH ME. I AM FINE SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I HOPE YOU ARE FEELING OK TOO..

I HAVE BEEN OVER ONE THE BEACH A COUPLE OF TIMES I HAD A FEW BEERS AND COKES, THEY HAVE THIS PLACE FIXED UP PRETTY GOOD HERE, THEY HAVE A CANTEEN WHERE YOU CAN BUY COFFEE, ETC.

I MET A FRIEND TODAY HE IS ONE OF THE KIDS THAT WENT TO SCHOOL WITH, HE IS ON A DESTROYER ALSO.

YOU ASKED WHERE THEY POST MARK THE LETTERS, I REALLY DON'T KNOW BUT I GUESS THEY DO IT AT THE F.P.O I N FRISCO...

...I ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM KEN HE IS ON ANOTHER SHIP NOW I DON'T KNOW HOW

HE DOES IT BUT HE SURE GETS AROUND, HE IS ON AN S.C. NOW...

...I GOT SO MANY LETTERS TO WRITE I DON'T KNOW IF I WILL EVER GET THEM DONE OR NOT,

WELL MOM I GUESS I HAD BETTER CLOSE FOR THIS TIME BUT WILL WRITE AGAIN SOON, IM FINE HOPE YOU ALL ARE TO, TELL EVERY ONE HELLO . BYE NOW

Love Kisses

Herman”

- Herman was killed in action later in the Second World War.
- **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime period film in the public domain that covers Okinawa operations which Herman participated in (viewer discretion advised):**
https://archive.org/details/thefleetthatcametostay_201502
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the type of ship which Herman served aboard (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:World War II destroyers of the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:World_War_II_destroyers_of_the_United_States)