

**NAME:** Marshall

**RANK:** Not Available

**ORGANIZATION:** U.S.S. Mettawee

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

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**Marshall writes some friends in the United States:**

“July 3, ‘44

Surprised? Believe me, my intentions have been good but I just never get around to actually sitting down & writing...I'm feeling fine although very lonely of course. This Pacific sure is a big ocean & the few fellows I do know out here are scattered all over the joint. We've been out 8 months now & I imagine it'll be at least 10 more before we get rotated...I've got a 7 months old beard now & it really is a pip, about 4 inches long...

Still one of the family,  
Marshall”

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- Marshall made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period (viewer discretion advised):**  
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