

NAME: Horace

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: U.S. Navy

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

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Horace's sister sends him a letter after his capture by the Japanese in the Philippines:

“July 23, 1942

Guess you will wonder about us, well you know us, we are just fine and working every day. We have been so busy this summer and from all indications will have to work hard, but we don't mind that.

Everyone is fine and hope you are the same. This summer has passed away so fast that I can't realize it is nearly gone...

...Haven't been off a day in so long.

We have thought to much about you, and not a day goes by that we don't hope and pray that you are well and can soon come home. Guess that will be the happiest day in our lives and I can imagine just how you will feel. Write us when you can.

Love, your sister

Beatrice”

Horace's sister's letter above is returned to sender with the following slip placed in the envelope:

“This communication is returned to sender because the addressee has not been officially listed as a Prisoner of War. Immediately upon receipt of official information from the enemy power holding prisoners, the Information Branch Aliens Division, Provost Marshal General's Office, Washington, D. C., informs the next of kin of the correct mailing address. No attempt should be made to correspond with anyone through prisoner of war correspondence channels until that person has been officially designated as a prisoner of war by the appropriate Military or Naval authority.

CPCH No. 88 Rev.”

The Chief of Naval Personnel sends a telegram to Horace's parents in the United States:

“VEG 163 93 GOVT=WASHINGTON DC

=I AM :PLEASED TO INFORM YOU OF THE LIBERATION FROM JAPANESE CUSTODY OF YOUR SON...HIS CONDITION IS REPORTED AS FAIR. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND HIM FREE VIA THIS BUREAU A TWENTY FIVE WORD MESSAGE. EVERY EFFORT TO EFFECT DELIVERY THIS MESSAGE BEFORE HIS RETURN TO UNITED STATES WILL BE MADE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED YOU PROMPTLY WHEN RECEIVED. I REJOICE WITH YOU IN THIS GOOD NEWS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED QUOTE STARTING HOME SOON AS WELL LOVE TO EVERYONE UNQUOTE=

VICE ADMIRAL LOUIS DENFELD THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.”

- Horace made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 60s.
- **For visual context, this link connects to original wartime period footage in the public domain that covers the above time period and U.S. prisoners of the Japanese government (viewer discretion advised):** <https://archive.org/details/InterviewingPhilippineInternees1945>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the defense of the Philippines which Horace participated in (reader discretion advised):** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines_Campaign_\(1941%E2%80%9342\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines_Campaign_(1941%E2%80%9342))