

NAME: William

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: U.S.S. Kenneth M. Willett

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following excerpts are directly from two original wartime letters written by William. These are the only letters from William in the site curator's possession.
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- No controversial material has been omitted from the following excerpts aside from an edited racial slur and profanity for the protection of younger readers. No grammatical or spelling errors have been corrected.

William writes his family in the United States:

“Jan 31 1945

Just a few lines to say that all is well with us and hope the winter is not to bad...

...About our news out here, its hard to say or tell to much but the natives are all the same with little or nothing to their name. The J _ ps raised h _ _ l with them all but they seem pretty well satisfied with little the yanks barter or sell them...Enough for now and will close as ever

William”

William writes his family again in the United States:

“Mar 9 1945

Nothing new in the line of news that is permissable. All is well and hope to continue the same...

...The clippings came yesterday and were very much appreciated along with all the other mail...

...Send out Ken's address when you can and send him best regards and don't give up hope in getting a letter, they'll get there sooner or later

William”

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- William made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers Mindoro operations which William participated in (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/gov.dod.dimoc.20299>

- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers William's wartime organization, the U.S.S. Kenneth M. Willett (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Kenneth_M._Willett_\(DE-354\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Kenneth_M._Willett_(DE-354))