

**NAME:** Millard

**RANK:** Captain

**ORGANIZATION:** 4th Engineer Special Brigade

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

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**Millard writes a friend in the United States:**

“12 August [1945]

...The big talk around here, of course, are the peace negotiations. It isn't over yet but I have a feeling it'll only be a couple of weeks more at the most. People back home who are strong for turning down the J \_ p proposal are highly unpopular out here. Personally, I see nothing wrong in keeping the Emperor on the throne. He could be just as good a figure-head for us as he was for the J \_ p military. Right now, we're all anxiously awaiting the next move – which is up to Japan...By the way, please do not refer to Ira as Lt (Senior Grade). There ain't no such animal. There's a lt..j.g. and a lt. and that's all. We service people are such sticklers, you know. I'm also interested in knowing if he did get the Bronze Star. I thought that was strictly an Army decoration – for meritorious service (translated that means, in many cases, being friends with the right people. I know). Perhaps you're referring to the little bronze stars worn on theater ribbons. Heck, I got three of them things...Guess that's about all there is for now...Take care o' yourself.

Millard”

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- Millard made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 60s.
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