

NAME: Teddy

RANK: Not Available

ORGANIZATION: 25th Marine Depot Company

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following excerpts are directly from two original wartime letters written by Teddy. These are two of many letters from Teddy in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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Teddy, an African American Marine, writes his father in the United States:

“July 16, 1944

Just a few lines to let you know that everything is still going along alright.

We were expecting to tour the island today but were unable to get trucks. It doesn't matter anyhow because there is nothing here that I'm interested in anyway.

Everything goes along as always. Nothing happens at all any more and everybody is getting bored with the place.

I'm hoping to get liberty tomorrow. These days I'm a real 'liberty hound'. Every chance I get I'm going out of the gate...

...We had a surprise the other day. Bob Hope and his troupe came to our base. Just about everybody turned out to see him. I was close enough to get a good view.

I haven't seen anybody from home lately...Tell family 'hello'.

Teddy”

Teddy writes his father again in the United States:

“March 3, 1945

I was expecting to get a letter from you today, but very little mail came in. Here of late it has been that way. Soon we will get more mail then you can read...

...'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.' That I know too well.

We got a cooler today. It's a relief to get sodas and things cold now. This place is getting too

good. Something tells me that we don't have very much longer around here. When life gets good it is time for us to move out...

...Have you gotten the money order yet? I sent it a few days ago. Send those books...as soon as you get a chance.

Have to close now. Take care of yourself and write soon.

Teddy"

- Teddy 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 the above time period and Teddy's organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/ReturntoGuam>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Teddy's wartime organization, the 25th Marine Depot Company (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agana_race_riot