

South West Pacific
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New Guinea

Dear Folks:

Well I have finally found time to drop you a few lines to let you at least know I am getting along ok and am feeling just fine hoping this short note finds all of you the same. I finally received some snapshots and I was really happy you said the were taken sometime on Mother's Day I wish I could have been there but it was just impossible as you know however I was thinking about all of you, Norma looked like a million dollars, I t make me homesick to see such nice clothes that she was wearing you see if I were home the cleaning bill wouldn't be so high like it used to be I have on now the same pair of fatiges that I put on about thelve days ago it isn't that I am too lazy to wash but there is hardly any water around here to be wasted on laundry, so I hang them out and when they have been rained on for two or three times I put them back on, boy a year ago if anyone would have told me that I was going to be over here where I am now I would have told them they were crazy, but my hopes are that this war will be over soon and I can get back to civilization and see what real people look like. Well that's about efenough of that so I will rattle on a little while longer on something that happens to come to me by the way my wrist watch has never been around I sure hope it hasn't been lost like the other one you sent to me back in December you said in one of your recent letters that they found it in Victory Penn. that place is right in the camp that I was located and the package that I did get, the one with my ring and the foot warmers the package from Bud and Mildred that you sent I got that at Victory and when I was there I asked about an insured package, but they told me that as far as they knew it wasn't listed so I didn't get it and I went back the next day and it still hadn't arrived and they told me that it must have been lost somewhere on the way, anyhow I left before they found out that they had it I am willing to bet anything that that watch was there all the time only they had just misplaced it and told me it hadn't arrived well you can see about it and I do hope that you collect the insurance.

Well I don't think I will be able to find time to finish this page so I will have to cut it short and go to work as I am a little behind now but I just had to take time to sit down and drop you these few lines, hope you can read them there are so many errors in the typing it look's like Jap writing, By the way how is the oil well business coming along around those parts of my royalty I hope it makes a good well, if I ever get paid I want to send you some jap mones and some Aussie money also some dutch and any other kind that I can find around here you might like to see some of it and keep it for a souviner I believe we are suppose to be paid here in Dutch money however I don't know for sure if I am going to be paid this time or not it all depends whether or not they have my allotment straigh by now, which I am hoping they have, well I guess I had better come to a close as I must go to work, so I will chose for now hoping to hear from all of you soon will write whenever I have time.

"Love Kenney"