NAME: Lawrence

RANK: Technician Fourth Grade

ORGANIZATION: Sixth Army

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime period letter written by Lawrence. This is the only letter from Lawrence in the site curator's possession.
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Lawrence writes a relative who is also serving overseas:

"Sendai, Japan Oct 13, 1945

I received three letters from you today. It sure is swell to hear from you. So you finally made it over here. Well mate I know how you feel staying on the boat. They sure can give the Army the run around. Mate when we left Legaspi to come to Japan we were on the boat 24 days. Nobody knew where we were suppose to go. They took us to Yokohama and we stayed there in the bay for three days and then we came up the coast to where we are now.

Mate I sure got a raw deal in this Co. So did a lot of other fellows. You know I was on Detached Service for the last Six months I guess they forgot we were in the Co...Well mate I have been in the Sixth Army for the last two years. When we got to Japan they put us in the eighth army...Mate it sure would be swell to bump into you. I am pretty well fed up with this Army. It sure will be swell to get home.

Well mate congratulatin in you anniversary. I sure hope this letter reaches you in time.

Love Lawrence

Well mate the places you mentioned I have been to all of them. We caught a lot of $h_{-} l$ around Manila. It was pretty hot there.

Love Lawrence"

- Lawrence made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
- For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime period newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period (viewer discretion advised): <u>https://archive.org/details/August301945Newsreel-AlliedTroopsLandInTokyoBay</u>

• For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Lawrence's wartime organization, the Sixth Army (reader discretion advised): <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixth_United_States_Army</u>