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OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: North African and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Clifton. This is one of several letters from Clifton in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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Clifton writes a friend in the United States:

“22 AUG, 1944, 2200 Hrs
Somewhere in Italy

...Since last writing you I have transferred to another outfit and am now enjoying comparative luxury such as living in a hotel and sleeping in a real bed for a change. Quite a bit different from the foxholes of the Anzio and Cassino fronts. We got an opportunity to do quite a bit of sightseeing and show-going in Rome on pass and, for the first time overseas, I can actually say I'm enjoying life. However we are all looking forward to the time when the war will end and we get home...I hope everything is going well with your "Victory Garden" and life of ease. If you see the office gang give them all my best regards. Write again soon...

Love
Clifton”

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- Clifton made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the Battle of Monte Cassino (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/gov.dod.dimoc.20302>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers the Battle of Monte Cassino which Clifton mentions in his letter (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Monte_Cassino