

**NAME:** Arthur

**RANK:** Technician Fifth Grade

**ORGANIZATION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** Mediterranean Theater of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Arthur. This is the only letter from Arthur in the site curator's possession.
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**Arthur writes a friend in the United States:**

“16 July 1944

Your 2 – page V – mail arrived yesterday and thankee for your anniversary wishes. Her Ladyship, by the way, is fine, and is stationed at present in Our Capital City – thought you knew, old boy. At present I am in a somewhat roseate glow induced by some g \_ \_ zo gin...But ‘tis enough, ‘twill suffice. Glad you liked the Mauldin book. It does have a slightly esoteric vein that everybody won’t get immediately. If fortune favors, my lad, I shall hae a guid crack wi’ ye and explain the doubtful ones. Mauldin is really good...Glad you like the stuff I send you, and I hope to be able to bung some more off to you. Give my best to your ma in her job and all, and remember I remain – Yr hble + obt svt

Arthur”

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- Arthur made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 70s.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the above time period (viewer discretion advised):**  
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  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Bill Mauldin whom Arthur mentions in his letter (reader discretion advised):**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill\\_Mauldin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Mauldin)