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ORGANIZATION: U.S.S. LCI(L)-324

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: European Theater of Operations

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

“July 1, 1944

On Board

Just received our first mail in almost a month and among it was your welcomed letter, thanks a million. I know I've been bad about writing lately, but things haven't been as smoothe as they might be so please excuse me wont cha? I got the record, just before 'D'day and it was really a kick!! ... We all got a big wollop out of it...thanks lots kids it was swell of you...

...As you might guess, I've been quite busy lately – and it hasn't been nice – like a yachting party. But the 'Skippers Luck' has been mighty good, for which I am more than thankful...

...Glad you liked the 'stuff' I've been sending home...thoes flowers (wrapped on wire) were made by disabled 'Limies' who came off the beach at Dunkirk. I haven't had a chance to do much 'salvaging' yet, here in France, but as soon as things cool off a little – now that Cherbourg has fallen – may get to do a little 'junking.'

Well hope it don't last to long, so I can get back and see you all again, that can't happen to soon to suit me!! Thanks again for the swell letter – do it again.

Always –

Russell”

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- Russell 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 Normandy invasion operations and Russell's organization (viewer discretion advised):** <https://archive.org/details/NormandyInvasion44>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to a site that covers Russell's wartime organization,**

U.S.S. LCI(L)-324 (reader discretion advised):

[http://www.uscg.mil/history/WEBCUTTERS/LCI 324.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/history/WEBCUTTERS/LCI_324.pdf)