



steam creative writing task

Second World War Letter (KS3)



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THE WAR OFFICE,
CURZON STREET HOUSE,
CURZON STREET,
LONDON, W.1.
27th September 1945

Mr GILLETT
Great Bourton
Nr Banbury
OXON

SIR

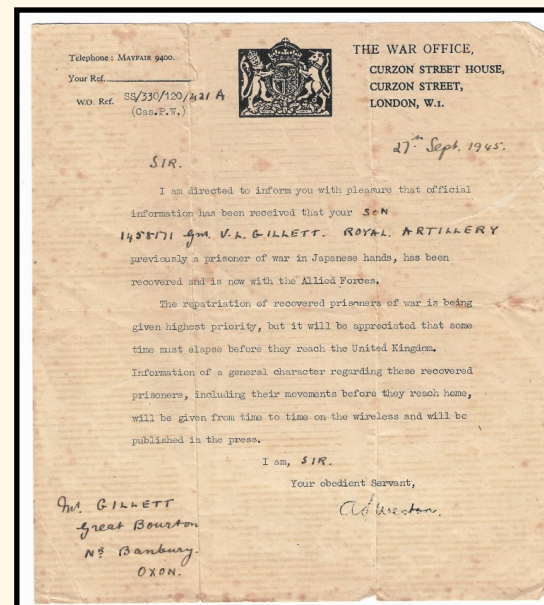
I am directed to inform you with pleasure that official information has been received that your *SON 1458171 Gnr V.L. GILLETT, ROYAL ARTILLERY* previously a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, has been recovered and is now with the Allied Forces.

The **repatriation** of prisoners of war is being given highest priority, but it will be appreciated that some time must **elapse** before they reach the United Kingdom. Information of a general character regarding these recovered prisoners, including their movements before they reach home, will be given from time to time on the wireless and will be published in the press.

I am, *SIR*.

Your obedient Servant,

A S Weston



Vocabulary Key

- **Repatriation:** the return of someone back to their own country
- **Elapse:** pass by

Read this letter from the War Office to Mr Gillett, telling him that his son has been recovered safely from a Japanese prisoner of war camp in Thailand.

Can you write a diary entry from the point of view of Mr Gillett?

Explain how you would be feeling after getting this good news.