



**LETTERS AS JOURNALISM DEVICE TO REVEAL THE WAR
IN IWO JIMA ISLAND AS REFLECTED IN EASTWOOD'S
FILM**

Letters from Iwo Jima

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ABSTRACT

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Letter is one of communication tools. By using the letter we can communicate each other. The object of this study is a movie entitled *Letters from Iwo Jima* by Clint Eastwood. This movie shows the roles of the letters in Iwo Jima war, that reveals the writer's feelings and shows the condition of war from the beginning until the end.

I used historical approach in conducting the study. I collected the required data by watching the movie frequently and reading the movie script carefully to find the related data to the topic of study. In this process, I used descriptive qualitative method. All the data were analyzed and categorized according to the historical approach, such as explaining the writer's emotion, the aspect that reveals in the war toward the soldiers and the condition of war in Iwo Jima.

This study emphasizes on two main objectives. First; how the role of letters in Iwo Jima war as shown in the *Letters from Iwo Jima*, and the second; what aspects of the letters are revealed toward the soldiers.

The analysis found out that letters can represent the writer's emotion and at the same time function as historical tools reveal the aspects of humanity, psychology, and military. As the result of modern technology in communication, letter is rarely used for communication now but people still use it because it is cheaper and personal.

Finally, this study is expected to give additional knowledge to the readers about the function and the role of the letter during the war that may be useful as an additional reference to be applied in literary studies.