



Dear Boys:

Thanks to the editor of this paper, I have the privilege and honor of talking with you boys for a few minutes.

As for the news on the home front, there is no bad news. Everything is going along just fine.

As a father, having a boy in the service, I would like to pass on to you what has meant much to me in the past. I pray that it may add a measure of strength to your

manhood in the hours of peril that may lie ahead of you.

Always remember your God, your home, and your country. Put God first in your life. Father and mother, in the past, have tried to take care of you; but now that you are in the service, we can only hope that you will put your trust in God. He can and will take care of you. Let me urge you to get acquainted with God and take time each day to read your Bible and pray. It is not necessary that you parade your devotion to God before your comrades in arms; but on the other hand, there is no reason under the sun why you should be ashamed to pray. By living for God, you will be better fitted to serve your country as a soldier.

We fathers have every expectation that you are going to be a good soldier. We realize you didn't ask for this job; but now that it is necessary, we are glad that you count it an honor and a privilege to serve your country. We are proud of you.

Trust God and confess Him. It is your duty to home and loved ones as well as to God. Remember we are praying for you and your safe return. May God bless and keep each of you.

With best wishes, Julius Earls.

(I would like to take this opportunity to tell you boys, that the above father, Julius Earls, is not only backing you with his prayers, but also with his money - Mr. Earls and his wife are leading all persons who work for Cleveland Mill & Power Company in the buying of bonds - and they have held this leadership for a long period of time, now, so we are proud of Mr. Earls as well as being very proud of all you boys. I might add also that Mr. Earls is the teacher of a large class of men in Sunday School and we feel that the prayers of righteous men like him, availeth much.)

Jim Osborne.