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Dear r. Lynch:

Received the first copy of the K. M. Herald today. Say! that is a "swell little paper," and I enjoyed reading each and every article in it. Please keep it coming my way each week, will you?

An Old Member of the "The Young Men's Class.

Clyde J Bridges

Somewhere in England.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Today is Independence Day here and I probably saw something that you didn't see.—A firecracker! The Red Cross gave all of us a dummy firecracker with a pack of chewing gum. It don't seem like the Fourth of July here. Its very quite here. I am sending you something you have probably never seen before. A souvenir of the Japanese. Its some Jap invasion money which they planned to use when they took over Australia.

In return for this note I only want a Kings Mountain Herald Air Mail. I have even enclosed the stamps. You will never know how much the Herald means to the boys over here, even if you haven't got a pinup picture in it. I hope by the 4th of next year all the boys will be back and this war over with an everlasting peace.

If I can get hold of any other souvenirs I shall see that you get one because you are doing a magnificent job.

Yours truly,

John Styers.

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2489693 c-o P M

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear r. Lynch:

I have just finished reading last week's Herald, and thought I'd write a few lines to let some of the people of Kings Mountain hear from me being they haven't seen me in so long.

The Herald that I receive weekly is always a grand and welcome sight of literature for it is good to hear how things are going on back there these hot summer weeks. The letters that I read that are written by those in service are very interesting, and it is nice to hear how they are getting along.

Although I've been in since December of '42, I have met only one from the Best Town in the Best state in the Union. He was Clyde Murphy. He is still in the Coast Artillery up in Washington where I have spent most of my time in the Army.

In several instances I have read of criticisms and complaints by those in the service against the fees they have to pay for movie entertainment there in Kings Mountain. Being that I know nothing regarding that subject, I have nothing to say, however I can say that they are very reasonable with the service people up in this part of the country.

We get half price off the shows up here at places, and at some places we get in free, and some are table same with service people as they are with civilians. I myself, I think that we should get a discount on fees for shows at home in the respect and appreciation for what we are doing for the benefit of everyone.

I am in the Infantry now here in Oregon. I like the ruggedness of the doughboys better than the Coast Artillery where I was before I came here. I like to move around, and we do, on foot. I am looking forward for many moves during the duration.

I have been thru many statten, cities, and towns, but I have yet to see any place that I would rather live than Kings Mountain. I suppose the greater majorat of the people feel that way too. their home towns, and here is our that will return to Kings Mountain to life after the war.

I would like to announce that I'm moving to Missouri, so will you please change my address on your file of subscribers for the Herald.

May I express my deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have been lost in Battle.

There is much more that I could say, but I will write it later, so I will stop now, hoping that someone will drop a few lines occasionally to me for there is nothing like mail from friends.

Sincerely,

Pf. Paul H. Hollenbeck

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273th Inf Co. G., 70th Div

APA 461,

Ft Leonard Wood, Mo

Dear Mr Lynch:

Just a few lines to say hello and hope every one in K. M. is just fine. I sure wish I could be back in the finest place I know of, dear Old Kings Mountain. Well, as I haven't much time to write, I guess I will sign off. This is just to let you know that my address has changed, so please send my Herald to the address below:

Pfc. Gordon T Whitside.

ASN 34604640 APO 403 c-o P M

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New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Peace.

Dear Mr Lynch:

Here's some thoughts put down to rhyme.

I was fooling around in my foxhole with nothing to do except wait on something to happen, so this poem is the result of idle hands.

I betcha you would never guess the kind of paper the original was wrote on so I'll give you a "hint." It took 12 sheets. I thought, "Well, maybe Haywood is running short on news," so it's "over To You," so to speak. Hope you like it. As ever,

Sgt. John A. Royster.

Hq CCA 2 AD APA 252, c-o PM

New York, N. Y.

WAR is HELL.

Over the hill we go
And into Fascist...
I'm a very small part
Of the Allied Army...

There's [illegible]
And more [illegible]
But we [illegible]
To hit the [illegible]

Free [illegible]
I do not know
But to where
To meet the [illegible]

They [illegible]
The [illegible]
They go to [illegible]
The Americans [illegible]

I don't know
When I started out
Just what the hell
War's all about

I may be wrong
But I will bet
There's [illegible]
Like me yet

Was the war right
Was Hitler mad or bad
For another [illegible]
Of worthless men?

Life seems cheap
When you [illegible]
If it was not
Why waste it so?

[illegible] than
[illegible] telling you
[illegible] doing
What I'm told to do.

[illegible]
[illegible] stand,
[illegible] mercy
On the humble man.

It may cost our lives
But fight we must,
For we cannot break
Our sacred trust.

It has been proved
And proved quite well,
That Sherman was right
War is Hell!

Sgt John A Royster.

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"If this were the last piece of ice in America", a milk famine would soon develop in every army camp, city, town and home in the country. Practically all milk is produced miles from the point of consumption, and thousands of tons of ice are necessary daily to safeguard this essential and delicate food on its journey from America's five hundred thousand dairy farms to your table.

"If this were the last piece of ice in America", fruits and fresh vegetables would rot in the fields and spoilage in transporting meats and poultry would be enormous. It required

12,000,000 tons of ice last year to ice the 140,000 refrigerator cars and thousands of refrigerated trucks which rush our vital food supply from the farms and orchards to Army and Navy Cantonments, markets and refrigerated warehouses.

"If this were the last piece of ice in America", over six hundred thousand hospitals, mess and dish washers, restaurants and other essential commercial establishments which depend upon ice for refrigeration and which last year used a record-breaking *14,000,000 tons* of ice, would be practically empty of the fresh, vitamin-laden foods so vital to the health of our entire nation.

"If this were the last piece of ice in America", food spoilage in the 11,000,000 homes which depend upon ice refrigeration would be staggering and the health of these families would be seriously endangered. During 1943—despite unprecedented *war-time* demands—the ice industry delivered over *twenty billion pounds* of ice to homes throughout the nation.

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