

Camp Wheeler, Ga., June 28-18.

Mr. J. D. Casey,

Covin, Ala. Route 2.

My Dear Sir:—

They say "A little bit of sorrow makes the whole world kin," and today I feel that I am kin to you. I am writing Sir to offer my humble sympathy to you on your recent bereavment, and to tell you something of the sterling qualities that I found in your son, my little dead Pal, Robert.

One of my old men told me there was a little man in his Ward named Casey whom he wished I would call on. I did so and found him in his little white cot very ill. On his thin lips he wore a smile, and to my question "How do you feel Casey?" he replied and always replied even until a few hours before death, "I am feeling very well." He never grumbled nor complained, even in pain and weakness he was a man every inch of him. I am told he never gave the nurses any trouble nor the ward attendants, and I was greatly attached to him. He was a man after my own heart, game and brave under pain.

Today is my birthday and it is just a little sad, for two reasons: one because in the long ago it was on this day that my Daddy Man died, and the other is because "Casey" is dead.

Robert, in my opinion, is a greater hero than many of us who will go over the sea and return. He donned his uniform and went, but he will never return.

I must also say a word about the noble women who wear the emblem of mercy, the Red Cross" at the great Base Hospital here. They are the noblest women on earth, and your boy and everybody's boy who is entrusted to their tender care gets every attention that skill and a woman's hand can give.

I am picturing to my mind the long ago, when dwelling in the City of Yesterday a sweet little mother held to her breast this little man who died today. I can almost hear her ask God of all when the day was over, to bless her baby Robert, and make him grow up a good brave man. I can almost read her sweet dreams when she would dream her prayers were answered, and he was a true, brave man—and today when he is no more—after what I have seen of Casey as we loved to call him. I know that sweet little Mother's dreams have come true. He died a brave true man.

In conclusion, I again offer my

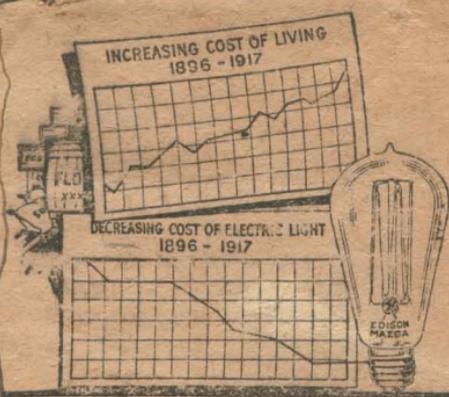
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sympathy to you, Sir, and a little the Grey Haired Mother—my little Mother will join me in asking God to comfort you and his in His ever sweet way, in this your hour of sadness.

Sincerely Yours,  
JACK MAHON

1st. Lieut. 62 Brig. Hdqrs.  
Staff, 62 Brigade Headquarters,  
Camp Wheeler, Ga.



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