

- "K. U. alone is worth fighting for."

Teep was a great Marine and a real leader - his men were crazy about him. He had shown them leadership and bravery on Bougainville. The last night I was with him - a short time before he was killed - he said to me - "Well, Cluit, it's liable to be tough but I have a swell gang of men and we'll give them hell." He added, "I'll be O.K. If something happens, it's part of this game!"

Teep paid the supreme sacrifice - and I believe he would have wanted it that way - in as much as it happened - fighting for the country, and the ones he loved; for the things he valued in life which the aggressive nation of Japan has tried to change and master. There never was a finer man or sweller guy than Teep. He was tops.

I wrote Norma just about what I'm writing you for I believe you two were - outside of his family - the most important and cherished to him. Remember me to all your family. Love,

Cluit

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