The stories we used to hear from the old Indian War and Civil War heroes, about how they "fit" will pale into insignificance, to what your men, when they are "grand pappies" will be able to tell. Some how time has a mellowing effect, memory tricks you and you have to compensate by adding a little touch here and there.

But seriously your men are doing a grand job. You have every reason to be proud of them, Representing as they do, 46 states and three territories, they are truly a cross section of America. You can take pride in the fact that they are a part of American Might who sailed away to meet the dawn to bring light to a darkened world.

And so through the medium of TELFAIR TALES, news as available will be sent you. It should help bridge the gap of distance, transcending both space and time, and let you know that this Commanding Officer, as a representative of the greatest Navy in the world, is interested in both his men and their loved ones at home, both of whom are fighting on their respective fronts, best expressed in the following home-made couplet:

"For both men and women must fight a war,
Each in a separate sphere.
The one at the front against the foe,
The other at home, protecting those dear."

Sincerely,
Lyle O. Armel
LYLE O. ARMEL,
Commander, USNR,
Commanding Officer.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SPEAKS

We are fortunate in having on duty on board, Lt(jg) JOSEPH H. KIRKPATRICK, USNR, formerly with the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, Naturally we have pressed his civilian experienced into service, in assembling an editorial board.

His first offering is a reverse English of the "Dear Buddy" letters published in home papers for the boys in service, to a "DEAR FOLKS", for the families at home. We hope you enjoy reading the letters. We think they are good.

D.B. Oakland
D.B. OAKLAND,
Lieutenant, USNR,
Executive Officer.

THE LETTER HOME

Dear Folks:

You, like all the rest of the families of the men aboard the TELFAIR, having wondered "where" we've been, "when" we were there and "what" we saw at the "when and where". It's a long sort of story and there are still parts of it that will have to be skipped due to security and censorship regulations. Incidentally, this censorship business is as much for your benefit as it is for mine - - - The enemy has profited on several occasions from information revealed in letters and by "profit" I mean sink ships and kill men. I want to come home as much as you want me to be there - - - but anyway - - -.

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