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Dear Majorie

please don't be too surprised when you receive this letter, as its coming from a stranger whom you never had the pleasure of meeting.

However I ran across an old side kick of mind by the way, who knows you, his name is Harry. I believe he had the pleasure of corresponding with you. However I also would like to share some of this pleasure, therefore

I hope you find the interest
 and time to answer this
 letter. I have been here in
 Spain now for about a year.
 If you remember reading
 about the battle of Oporto,
 Belchite, Teruel, etc I
 took some part in these
 battles. I'm now with
 the Lincoln Battalion mac-
 hine Gun Company. We
 have quite a tough bunch.

My work in the states
 dealt with organizing seamen
 longshoremen ~~etc~~ and any
 other group of workers
 whom I find need some
 help. I'm a seaman my-

Self. Lane³ started going
to sea when I was about
13 years old. am 6 1/2 feet
terrible looking guy to look
at when you wake up in
the morning.

About the toughest
piece of misery to go thru
in any war is to fail to
receive letters from people
that is you miss besides
your regular connections
here, and your immediate
friends abroad, you like
to hear from others.

This of course gives me
a good chance while
corresponding with

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you to give you a good picture of things here to the best of my ability so as to help to counteract any proper propaganda that may be circulated abroad as pertaining to the Internationals here or the war in general.

Where we are now, things are pretty quiet, no fascist Avion around to bomb hell out of us, we have just received a gang of raw young Catalonian troops, or rather new soldiers, some of these youngsters

Have lied like hell about
their age, therefore joining
up in the Army. Its
a lot of fun half of the
time watching them go
thro the drills, & routines,
But these kids, which a
few of them I know to be
about 15 years of age, are
a sure willing bunch, always
asking the old timers packs
of questions, They feel swell
being amongst us and we
feel likewise about them,

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As old timers have the
tasks of training these
young people for the coming
battles which are going to
be fierce & big.

About two weeks^{ago} our forces
were able to give the fascists
a little slap, by sneaking
up on them and taking

700 prisoners, plenty of war
materials. Also killing quite
a few fascists besides shooting
down 18 fascist planes in
one day. We were able
to force the fascist to
break up a big concert

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tration of troops that
they had in the South.

No doubt this concentration
was therefore a pur-
pose and that was to
start an attack. However
we were able to break
up this planned attack
by forcing them to send
some of their troops
up here to meet this attack.

Today the fascist-ave
preparing for a big push,
and we are prepared to
meet them.

We are better trained than
 we ^{ever} were ~~ever~~ in the
 history of this war. We
 have quite a lot of mat-
 erial, yes its true its
 not as much as we wish
 we could have but its
 something to defend our-
 selves with.

I hear where the strug-
 gle in the States to lift
 the Embargo against Spain
 is reaching high ~~partitions~~
 proportions, which every one
 of us here is glad to

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Fear, Only if we can lift
that embargo before Fran-
co is able to do any ser-
ious damage. Arms, Arms,
this is what is needed.

Tons of material, planes
to bomb their troops
and fortifications with
Anti Air craft to keep
these bombers from bomb-
ing the peace^{ful} non-com-
batants of Barcelona etc,
Cannons and guns to
drive the enemy into
the sea with.

These are some of the
real necessities which
is really needed. If Amer-
ica would lift her embargo
and allow Spain to buy
this material, then Franco's
regime is about over.

The people of America
have an important job
to perform, a job that
every one here in Spain is
waiting for. The job of break-
ing down the Embargo &
allowing Spain to purchase
this much needed material

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While I'm writing this about
needed material I was just
thinking about a few scenes
I watched a few months
ago, while Franco was
advancing to the sea.

I remember one town
that was blown to pieces
in 5 hours, every single
house was a total ruin
after Franco's planes
rained bombs down on
this town for 5 straight
hours, killing of course
many women and children.

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It was horrible watching
little children running around
the town after the bombing
crying out for their parents
whom without question many
may never see again.

The other day the
Fascist flew over a little
town around Barcelona
and killed about 300
and wounded many more.

The people are defence
less against planes, as
Anti-aircraft guns are
the best weapon to use

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against plants. and
these are very few. So
you see how things are.

You would think for
a moment that after
all these bombings the
people would be very
demoralized. Well this
is just the opposite,
it gives them more
spirit to fight the
fascist much harder.

You can see them
but their face with

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determination every time to hear
of bombings or see fascist
planes. They never talk of
giving up, or compromising
with the fascist, even tho
certain elements wish them
to follow this course, namely
Franco's "fifth Column" or
the Trotskyists, who support
Franco and carries out the
policies planned by Franco.

Even the little children
playing in the streets
seem to understand
these things, as they shout

Slogans of "No Passara"
 & "Veneramos" when
 the troops pass thru.

Where we are now, one
 couldn't find a better place
 for a camping grounds.

Hills and valleys, springs,
 and plenty of sunshine
 mixed with a little rain
 now and then. Getting up
 and 6³⁰ wash in cool
 springs, & breakfast of
 coffee & bread, & off to
 drills, & maneuvers, battling
 Against Battalions.

Well I was able to scribble quite a bit, in three days time, now to wait for the long awaited answer, and I do hope its soon.

I have some of my people living in New York, along the lower West side around the Chelsea section.

Letters are long & far between, so I promise to write a more interesting letter next time.

Salued.

Wm Bailey
% S.R.I. → % Lincoln Batcher
Barcelona, Spain