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Mr Brian Lamb
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Dear Brian,

I am an 80 year old viewer, who enjoys
C span programs daily - It amazed me
that you did not understand our
adoration of Ernie Pyle's columns during
WWII.

At that time, I was a young Home
Economist ^(25 years old) in Jackson, MS. working in the
homes of FSA Borrowers to "rehabilitate" them,
as well as promote raising "food for freedom".
Everyone I knew was overseas and the
sons and husbands of FSA Borrowers were
in the Army. Soldiers overseas never had
time to write, and the V mail letters were
hard to read - if they were lucky enough to write -

I lived at a Residence Club where many
other single women lived - The first thing
we did when we got home was to read
Ernie Pyle's column. Her told us what we
wanted to know, and soldiers were

too busy to write — if God had given them the talent. I subscribed to the Jackson Daily News so I would have a paper of my own and no delay in reading Ernie's daily column. We would discuss what Ernie said in his column, and how it stacked up with the little we knew about where our boy friends were. All the men I worked with were gone, and I was being paid an associate's salary to do a man's job. All of us wanted personal news, as he wrote it. FDR died.

I remember the Day I had a poultry culling demonstration scheduled that day near Clinton. When I arrived, I found the mail box draped in a flag and all my clients in tears. We talked about what a great leader FDR had been and how much we loved him. Each client had his experience to relate. It was like a funeral of our own each place I went.

We didn't love Ernie quite as much as FDR, but Ernie gave us the facts we wanted to know. Each of his columns was like a letter from your boy friend — and we never knew whether they were dead or alive — Ernie's column was our only help! I hope this explanation helps. Sincerely,