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Biddeford, 1914-

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Clayton G. Going was born in Biddeford in 1914; graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1937; and lived in Kennebunk and Berwick before moving to Binghamton, New York, where his mother, Mrs. William B. Going, the former Esther Perkins, now resides.

Mr. Going worked on newspapers in Binghamton and Poughkeepsie, and was correspondent for United Press. In 1944 he was editor on the military desk of the Overseas News Division, Office of War Information. Most recently he has been in psychological warfare, short wave broadcasting.

Adapted from
Biddeford Journal
October 31, 1944

December 6, 1944

Mr. Clayton G. Going
Kew Gardens, L. I.
New York

Dear Mr. Going:

Your recently published book, DOGS AT WAR, is a valuable contribution to war literature; and one which we venture will continue in value. We in the library have had many requests from patrons about this subject. Material has been scarce, and we welcome enthusiastically this book.

Our regular library order will be handled through a book dealer, but we write at present regarding the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of about fifteen hundred books, inscribed and presented for this purpose by Maine authors. The collection, with its unusual inscriptions -- some artistic, some poetic, some autobiographical, but all original --, its files of accumulated biographical and critical data, and the correspondence, offers to students and researchers an increasingly valuable and fascinating array of Maine's literature.

It is always a happy occasion when we can welcome another author to the company; and we shall hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of DOGS AT WAR for the collection. You have our good wishes for the success of your book.

Sincerely yours

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Encl.

Secretary

138-26 78th Ave.
Kew Gardens, L. I., N.Y.
Dec. 15, 1944

Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary
Maine State Library, State House
Augusta, Maine

My Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you very much for your gracious comment
about my book, "Dogs at War," in your letter of December 6,
which has just reached me.

I'll be delighted and honored to contribute a book,
duly inscribed, to the Maine Author Collection.

At the moment, Dogs at War, unfortunately, is out
of stock. The next printing is expected in January, and I'll
mail you the copy then.

Cordially yours,

Clayton G. Going
Clayton G. Going

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December 18, 1944

Mr. Clayton G. Going
138-26 78th Avenue
Kew Gardens, L. I., New York

Dear Mr. Going:

How very pleasant to be able to expect a
copy of DOGS AT WAR for the Maine Author
Collection! Thank you for your letter and
your interest.

Greetings of the season.

Sincerely yours

hmj

Secretary

January 9, 1945

Mr. Clayton G. Going
138-26 78th Avenue
Kew Gardens, L. I., New York

Dear Mr. Going:

The advance notices and reviews said it was a book about dogs in war duties, and that sounded like exactly the sort of book we need so constantly and desperately to answer question upon question from library patrons.

What these notices and reviews did not say was that it is a book to bring tears to the eyes and a lump to the throat in admiration of these four-footed soldiers. You are to be congratulated upon the achievement of presenting the material in such a form that it grips the reader's attention as completely as any novel.

We are especially pleased to notice the chapter, brief though it must be, on postwar plans for these dogs; because we have been until now completely unable to find the slightest material on the subject.

Your inscription delights us; it is so suitable, so original, so distinguishing. Please accept our warm thanks and appreciation, for the gift to the Maine Author Collection of **DOGS AT WAR**, and for writing this book!

Sincerely yours

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Encl--4¢ postal refund

Secretary