

“Posters Hung On Base Camp”.

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The posters, the signs
That hung on
The fences of
Base camp.

Signs in markers,
Colors, black,
And purple.

Pink.

The signs hung
For *Cal-Fire* to
Read as
They pass by...

To breakfast.
To dinner,
Or
To the fire buses
To the fire trucks
And fight fire
For *Shasta County*.

“Thank you firefighters”.
With hearts.

*“The love in the air
Is thicker than the
Smoke”.*
With hearts.

*“Thank you inmate
Heroes, firefighters!”*
Is
What they
Wrote on
The posters.

Heroes?

You wonder as
You walk in hook
Line order, from
1st man to last tool
Which is the
Mccloud.

Reading the posters,
You would like
To think that
A pretty lady
Wrote that, that was
On the
Poster.

And you question
The thanks to
Us and
Say...

Do you know most
Do this fire work,
Not for the concern
Of the people and
Their homes, their lives...

They go to fire camp,
To go, parole early...
Get paid, and other
Reasons, not because
It's their passion and love
To save a live.

But, these posters
On the fences of
Base camp.

"Thank you"...
Is what the posters
Said to us.

I chose to do
This, for the experience
But seeing posters
Like these on
The fences,
It's good
To me,
Seeing that they
Do see we're
Out in the
Summer, in different Northern California
Counties, hoping to
Put out wild
Fires.

Knowing
That I am
Benefitting,
And
Putting an eyeball on
The line,
An arm, a leg,
A finger, any kind
Of loss to the body,
Any injuries...
Putting myself on
The line...

A hero?

Those wild fires
On *Fox*,
I can say, I
Was a *wildland fire*
Fighter,
On the job
To clench and
Remove the fires, I saved
Soil, I saved you...
Or saved myself?

By experiencing
The fire

As I walk,
Boots passing
The fence
To eat,
Black hats, black
Caps passing the
Fence, to eat...

Boots behind, in
Hook line, boots
Go to eat
And I mention
Myself to the posters
As they
Thank us...

A hero? That's
Written on
Posters... on signs...

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