

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Problem

In this thesis the writer wants to analyze novel as a part of literature, because literature is very interesting especially to analyze a novel. It is interesting to analyze Ernest Hemmingway's novel entitled *A Farewell to Arms*. Griffith (1990:1) in *Writing Essays About Literature* says "Like all art, literature give pleasure. It has magic that transports us from the "real" world to seeming more remote and enjoyable place". From this explanation the writer understands that literature is art and he tries to understand it clearly, because literature needs deeper discussion to understand it. After understanding literature, in analyzing this thesis, the writer must understand about novel, because in this thesis the writer wants to analyze a novel. According to Robert (1965:65) in *Writing Themes about Literature*, "Novel permits a great deal of development about how human character changes in response to human beings and environment". Thus, the writer understands that novel is very interesting, and from the novel the writer finds more knowledge about theme of the novel, the characters of the novel, and everything about the contents of the novel.

In this thesis the writer wants to analyze about idealism and patriotism and all their relationship in *A Farewell to Arms*, written by Ernest Hemmingway. This novel tells about war happening in World War I as the background of the story. Meanwhile, Barzun, in <http://thinkexist.com/quotations/idealism/> in the

third page says that "Idealism springs from deep feeling, but feeling are nothing without the formulated ideas that keep them whole." From the explanation above the writer understands that idealism happen from their own feeling to get an idea to do something. In other ways, Roosevelt in <http://miniproduct.com/politics/patriotism.html> says in the following:

Patriotism means stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiently or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else.

In analyzing this novel, the writer takes the characters as the subject in the story to explain about it, because from the characters of the novel the writer can prove his analysis besides analyzing the content of the story in the novel. In this novel the writer wants to analyze the characters that have the relationship with idealism and patriotism. This novel has many characters, but just three characters as the main characters in the novel. The first, Frederic Henry, is an American ambulance driver and lieutenant in American army. The second is Catherine Barkley as an English nurse. The last, Rinaldi, is a surgeon in Italian army. Besides the three characters above, the writer also analyzes the other minor characters in the novel. The writer knows that the characters have the philosophy about idealism and patriotism in their spirit in their activity at the front of war. For example, the characters above stay in Gorizia, a small town in Italia near to the battle zone with Austrian army. Although they are not Italian military army, they work in Italian front as the most dangerous battle zone with Austrian army. They

have the spirit to help the victims of war in Italian front. It can be said that the war in this novel is the main reason of idealism and patriotism. Thus the writer is interested in the topic to get clear information about idealism and patriotism happening in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.

1.2 Statement of The Problem

In this thesis the writer wants to analyze three problems, those problem are to answer the following questions:

1. What is idealism in *A Farewell to Arms*?
2. What is patriotism in *A Farewell to Arms*?
3. How is the relationship of idealism and patriotism in *A Farewell to Arms*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To describe idealism in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.
2. To describe patriotism in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.
3. To describe the relationship between idealism and patriotism in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.

1.4 Limitation of the Problem

The problems are limited by the subject matter, namely idealism and patriotism. The idealism and patriotism are limitedly done by all of the characters in a novel written by Ernest Hemmingway entitled *A Farewell to Arms*.

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study is significant for the readers, the writer, and further researchers. For the readers, this study increases the knowledge about World War I from idealism and patriotism side in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*. For the writer, this study adding the knowledge in analyzing idealism and patriotism side in Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*. For the researchers, this study increases the knowledge about the terms of idealism and patriotism happens in World War I.