



## With the Colors

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Private Laurence Dhom, United States Marine Corps, writes: "I was looking at the last edition of the Leatherneck magazine yesterday and found this poem. I liked it and think you will, and to a fellow who has been out on rifle range they're as real as life.

### Squeeze Diddy

Have you ever gone out to the range  
to fire,  
And have to get down in the dirt and  
the mire?  
Do you remember the guy who stood  
by your side,  
And gave you a kick when your shot  
was wide?  
He'd tell you to "squeeze it," and "it  
better be good!"  
And you'd shake in your shoes while  
beside you he stood.  
Up comes the target, your shot is out-  
side.  
Then he'd cuss you out 'till you wished  
you had died.  
You'd wait for a minute, or maybe a  
few,  
Then up comes the target—My God!  
it's a two.  
And you think, "Oh God! Now what  
will he do?"  
"Damn it, boy, you better get hot,  
Now line up those sights and squeeze  
off this shot."  
So once again you let one go,  
But where it went you never will  
know.  
But wait, look there! See the dirt fly.  
You look at the coach, and he's ready  
to cry.  
You figure right then that he'll wring  
your neck.  
And send you to the mess hall to  
swab down the deck.  
Well, my friend, let me tell you the  
score.  
You made him like that—you and a  
few more.  
He's "Squeeze Dizzy," my friend,  
'cause you made him that way.  
And he'll crack up now 'most any day.  
You ask me how I know this, well,  
I'll tell you why,  
I ought to know, 'cause I'm that guy!

—Pfc. Robert L. Duffey,  
Camp Le Jeune, N. C.

Sergeant Louis E. Mascher writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mascher of Newton, from North Africa: "A bit more today, after the short letter of yesterday. I am settled now and know a little of what is going on around here.

"I know you would like to know what I am doing, but that is something I can't tell you right now. I am at a very good place, and think I will like it. I have a swell bunch of fellows to work with and we never see our officers except in a rare case. You might say we are on our own initiative. We have our job to do and then the time is our own.

"We have a theatre with a change of pictures two or three times a week; also we have all kinds of sports equipment, reading material, etc.

"We sleep in barracks just as we did in the states. We claim this is the best outfit in the Air Corps and intend to live up to that standard. Even so, due to the nature of our work, it is necessary to have just about the best we can find.

"I have an Arab boy doing my washing. He gets forty francs and two packages of cigarettes. We are considered very wealthy here with our pay.

There are some fine farms around here, and an abundance of vineyards. I can understand why they drink so much wine. They have two or three bottles with each meal. So far I haven't picked up enough French to talk to the natives, the French, I mean, to carry on much of a conversation. I would like to learn a little of their chatter, so I can get around at least."

Dale E. Robinson, specialist first class, United States Navy, has been spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson of near Hunt City and other relatives here. He is stationed at Navy pier, Chicago, as an instructor, but has just returned from a trip which took him almost all around the world by airplane with the Navy Transport Command.

He was in Italy and saw some of the bombing of Naples and was also in China and flew across the Pacific ocean. Previously he had been on a flying trip to the Aleutian islands.

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Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Maynard Honey are spending a short visit at Newton and West Liberty with relatives and friends. He is in the Seabees (Construction Battalions of the United States Navy) and has been in training at Camp Pearv, Vir-

ginia. He is expecting to be sent overseas in the near future. He was employed in Panama before returning to the United States recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thompson are now living in Alameda, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kasserman Jr. are living at Oakland. Mr. Thompson is an aviation machinist's mate first class, United States Navy, and is stationed at Alameda Air Station, and Mrs. Thompson is employed nearby. Mr. Kasserman was recently discharged from the Army Air Force and is employed at Oakland.

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Glenn Sunderland Jr. has received orders to report to the United States Navy for instruction under the V-12 Training program at Illinois State Normal university, Normal, November 1. He was accepted for service several months ago and has been awaiting call ever since. There are about 500 boys in training at the Normal university.

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Private Roy Tracy has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tracy of Rose Till vicinity, that he is now in Alaska with a United States Army Motor Transport unit. He recently caught two pink salmon of fair length in water which was about two feet deep. He said that the fish hug the banks.

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Private Wilfred C. Harrison of Mattoon has been transferred to Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Harrison is with Private Harrison.

His address is Private Wilfred C. Harrison, Sixty-Second General hospital, care Lawson General hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Corporal and Mrs. William Dulgar of Brigham City, Utah, have spent a fifteen day furlough with home folks. Bill left Monday morning to resume his work as a cook at the Thirteenth General hospital in Brigham City. Mrs. Dulgar remained for a longer visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wakefield of Newton have received word that their son, Sergeant Eldon Wakefield, was operated on for appendicitis in England, September 29. He is convalescing very satisfactorily.

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Private Norman Benefiel is here on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel of Newton. He is being transferred from the Engineers at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to the air corps.

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Mrs. Lenore Cramer and son Larry have just returned home from a week's visit with their husband and daddy, Private Harold G. Cramer, who is in the Corps of Engineers at Fort Blvoir, Virginia.

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Private Don A. Allen has been home on a furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva M. Allen and friends at Newton. This was his first furlough. He is in the Field Artillery and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dhom of near Newton have there sons in the army, Henry L. and Ralph Dhom are in England with an Armored division and Raymond Dhom, thought to be in Hawaii somewhere.

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Mrs. Mattie Scott of Newton received a cablegram from her son Bobbie Scott, Thursday, saying that he had landed safely overseas, and would write later.

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Sergeant Delbert Kerner has written his wife that he has been made mechanic inspector from a regular mechanic. He is in Iran and says it is getting cooler there now.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Newton have received word that their son, Seaman Second Class Donovan Dean Scott, has been assigned to a ship. He is on an airplane carrier.

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Laurence "Mud" Lee, who was a coxswain in the Navy, has been promoted to boatswain's mate second class. Lawrence has been doing convoy duty in the South Atlantic ocean.

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Corporal Buryl Katro is here on a furlough from Eglin field, Florida, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Katro of Newton. He is in the Air Force.