



With the Colors

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Lieutenant Edward M. Resch writes his mother, Mrs. William Resch of Newton from the Southwest Pacific area: "Recently we made a small move and the situation has been a little different from ordinary camp life. We had expected some trouble but none developed, so I am o. k., well and happy. We're a little out of contact with the outside world at present so I haven't had much opportunity to write.

"We're living in a palm grove which the Nips have pretty well cleaned. They've eaten most of the coconuts and even started on the trees themselves. However, they're starving and in some cases have lived on much less and worse. We have a pretty nice little camp built up but no tents or lights as yet.

"We have a lean-to constructed of sticks placed in the ground and covered with a rubber poncho. It keeps the rain out. We are sleeping on palm leaves and since the nights are very cool we sleep under another poncho. It hasn't kept me from getting a bad tropical cold, however, and I'll be glad when the blankets come up.

"We're right on the beach and have our kitchen about fifteen yards from the water and a place to bathe. We eat on the beach and wash our mess gear in the sand and surf. In other words, it's something like Florida—although they have some things that we lack. However, they pay for the resort and ours is free."

Mrs. Resch has two other sons in the Navy, Chief Petty Officer Howard "Duke" Resch and Seaman Second Class Dewey Resch. She heard from both last week and they were well and feeling fine.

At a Twelfth AAF B-26 Marauder Base.—Captain Irving Cott, 48 Rose Terrace, Newark, New Jersey, (right) group dentist with the Mediter-



anean's oldest medium bombers, puts into use his home-made dental unit, as Corporal Eugene K. Earnest, Route Five, Newton, Illinois, his assistant, stands by. The unit, designed to supplement Army dental field equipment, is constructed almost entirely of salvaged airplane parts taken from the group's B-26 Marauders. Among the parts making it up are armor plating, a teletype motor and part of a landing light.

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