

# SQUADS WRITE

Ruth of Lyons, Ga., for \$5.00 contribution. She loves you guys so much.

## OUR IDEA OF A REAL HERO

"Dear Editor:

"The fellow members of the infantry company to which Sgt. William Hudson, one of your local citizens, belongs, wish to inform you of his recent decoration. Due to his modesty we know that he would not inform you of the occasion himself, so we have decided to let you know by this letter.

"On Aug. 27 at ceremonies held at our battalion headquarters, Sgt. Hudson was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action "Bill", as all the fellows know him, has not missed a single day of action in which his company has been engaged since the African landing. He has amassed the amazing figure of over 300 actual combat days in which he was actively engaged with the enemy. To every one of us "Bill" is a real hero."

(Signed) S/Sgt. C. W. Lewis and the  
rest of the boys.

(Sgt. Hudson is the son of Norman Hudson.)

A genuine letter from Marine Lawrence Morris in Pacific. Says he just misses Tobie Webb, but will soon take him in. Loves his HFN (Same to you, Lawrence) Luther Mears writes from Anniston, (Ala.) Air Base and says for everybody to write him. G. G. Harrell at Bainbridge and with help of Waves and Nurses hopes to get through M/Sgt. Frank Arens throws party in England with cheese and crackers sent by lovely wife. Says his Pathfinder outfit truly "putting out". (HFN says O.K., and spread it on thick). Mark W. Webb with Inf. in Pacific Theatre. Says dark gals beginning to brighten up a bit. Careful Mark! (Did you ever see that boys south-paw daddy pitch? Truly a major leaguer. Could really send 'em down there). Cpl. W. S. Crisp is over and eating up HFN. (So glad we can favor you GI's, 'cause some of us know the score out there.) Cpl. Sarah Berwick in Post Office at LeJeune. HFN says "Lucky Marines there." She writes us a grand letter and thanks, Sarah. John Pollard in State of Washington and says O. K., but rather be back here. Cpl. Charlie Newell in France - has seen Oscar Edmondson. We can't decipher his letter. Says no place to go to have a good time. Our comment - France has surely changed Charlie. Lt. Henry Slaughenaupt at Benning - trained with Air Corps at Sioux City. Was Asst. Gunnery officer there. Called on HFN recently and seemed to be in fine fettle. Not often we get a letter like we received from Irvin Adler, Y1/C, with U. S. S. Tuscan in Pacific. Hears about Hula girls, but that's all. Has been to Saipan, etc. Gy. Sgt. Joe Harper with Marines in S. Pacific, on isle formerly occupied by Japs. Frank W. James writes, "much 'oblige" for HFN from USN Charleston. Cpl. Jas. R. Cratch at Crowder. Has seen Babcock and Hornthal. Sends regards to all

Excerpts from letter from Capt. Herbert Taylor in New Guinea, former Judge of Records Court.

"I have just received and read from cover to cover your July 4th issue of HFN. It was like having the morning dope at Zeller's and an evening in front of the Town Hall, and a stroll through the Courthouse with a chat with Miss Ellen, Miss Bal, Mace, Bill Babcock and the rest of the crowd. It was like the usual conversation just before and after services at the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the nineteenth hole at Hilma. It lacked only the beverage occasionally found at the latter place, but news from home was stimulant enough.

When I heard that Bill Babcock had joined up I was afraid that HFN would suffer. But you and the others certainly have the spirit of the thing and the paper improves with age, although there is very little room for improvement.

Every other night we hang a small screen between two palm trees and enjoy 16 millimeter movies. They are not Hollywood's latest (We just saw "Ruggles of Red Gap", year 1934) but we put on our helmet and panchos and gladly sit through the heaviest of down-pours.

Say "hello" to the Rotarians and others for me, and don't let the presses stop! It's all a far cry from that shingle I had at home and the seat I used to have in the courthouse. Still, there'll come a day."