

SQADS WRITE ON

Says his work is superb--still on Bermuda Rock. V:12 Student W. D. Taylor, at University of Pa., says our publication is of standard quality, especially pictures and jokes. Says he sees Bill Babcock often-- he's doing OK. From the P. I.'s Capt. Billy Bryan sends best to everyone. Says all he wants of this war is a faint recollection. T/Sgt. R. T. (Bud) Sykes is at Kingman, Ariz. Has traded flying for a butcher shop. Cpl. Sam G. Crisp with Inf. in Europe. Pvt. Lawrence Morris was at Iwo Jima-- gave vivid description of terrible struggle. Dead Japs everywhere. R. H. (Dick) Battle in Pacific enjoys HFV. Exhibits our paper to Jackie Cooper and Tommy Riggs (or the voice of Betty Lou). They autographed front sheet which Dick sends us-- Says one fellow wanted part of drawing by Alice Evans--strangley he took lower part. Mrs. Fred H. Davis, Jr., now resides with Cpl. Fred's parents here. She was with Fred during boot training on West Coast. Sgt. H. W. Lewis after 2 yrs in Africa now at Bolling Field, D. C. Praises HFV. Sgt. Silas D. Fuller is with marines in Pacific. Writes very nice letter of thanks.

My chaplain brother at Fort Des Moines writes me a great letter on "Adolphus of the house of Schieklegrubler, the son of 'bitch'". He said it snowed there for 90 days-- then when the thermometer goes up to 30, the children go barefooted. Ed Marrow, from Corpus Christi, writes about reading in D.C. weekly publication about Tarboro's airport. Says he and wife are licensed pilots and want to come on in to use port. Pfc Dicky (Geo. T.) Clark writes from Germany. Is with Cannon Co. of 141 Inf., and giving Jerry h.... John T. Watson, from Tarboro, in same outfit. Said Bud Hudson swell boy and glad he could come home. Lt. Com. Aubrey Shackell from N. Y. says he has orders to report to Pacific Coast. Says HFV fine paper. John W. Hudson, MM2/c, was at Iwo Jima--says terrible. Sends his best to Toby Webb and all the other guys. (This Johnnie is a great guy and always looking for excitement.) T/S Archib Eleanor says tell Mr. Brown his pictures are swell. Has same A.P.O. as Capt. Billy Bryan, 72. Outfit has pet monkey mascot. Pvt. Hubert E. Carter in Pacific Islands. Says

GI's Owe debt of gratitude to HFV staff. Promises to send souvenir Filipino halo. Pvt. Walter Webb said Dr. Brown wrote him letter of his home burning. (HFV agrees with you Walter. This fellow Dr. Brown is a grand guy and we are sorry, too.) Cpl. Paul J. Hartman in France, receives HFV since Oct. 42 and says every issue better to him. (This guy is a real booster). Paul landed in Ireland, thence to England, Africa, Italy and France. From Charlie R. Long, Sl/c, aboard the U.S.S. Chicoper, comes pretty Easter Greeting to HFV staff. Pfc. Guy Alford in France, and doing O. K. A letter from Pfc. Jas Earl Brown to his mother on W. Wilson St., with 275th Inf in Germany, says that he has been in Major engagements and was awarded Combat Inf. Badge Lt. (jg.) Thos. T. Bass, III, commanding sub chaser off Del - mation Coast is awarded special commendation for meritorious services in action there. Pfc. Bill Babcock reminds your editor that the stories, etc., should bear only your approval since it is your publication (Critical outsiders should remember this fact when they offer criticisms. We are doing our d...est to please those of you in the service. And why this reference? Well, some few think our stories are on the rough side. What do you think?)

Lt. Frank Sanders writes mother of work of HFV. Is lavish in his remarks and plans to locate in Tarboro after war. His parents former residents here-- now live in D.C. He acknowledges a swell letter from Mrs. Ruby Hudson, mother of Johnnie, and only space prohibits publishing. She likes our paper and its contents are what the lads want, she having heard numerous ones comment. Cpl. James C. (Tiny) Warrell moves from Iran to Italy. Rough climate change--from desert heat to mountain snow. Has been overseas 2 yrs. I read one of finest letters ever from Leut-Gilly Nicholson aboard USS Evans and addressed to Mrs. Howard Hussey in re death of Mr Howard Hussey. Said also that he saw brother, Tom, for a few minutes aboard ship out there for first time in 5 years.