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Matt O'Shields Writes **To Tryon From Persia**

Mr. O'Shields, formerly manager the Ballenger-Jackson Co., has of written the following interesting letter from Ahwaz, Iran, where he is with the armed forces. _

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"I never dreamed one could go so far from Tryon and still be on this earth. As you see I am in Iran, or Persia. Arriving here a few days ago. Landed at the port of (censored) which is at the mouth of the Euphrates and on the Persian gulf. Had quite a long ocean voyage and saw some mighty interesting places. However, at present, can not give the route covered. This country has much of interest, so will give you what I have learned so far. I am at a camp near Ahwaz, 80 miles north of the Gulf and right in the middle of a desert, and just below Dizful, known as the hot-test spot on earth. If its any hotter than here I don't believe it. Why the first day here I would have sworn our ship was sunk annd I was in H..... The temper-ature was around 160 degrees. Gee, what I would give for some of that mountain air. However, the fall season is starting and it is getting a bit cooler each day. The nights are very comfortable, once the sun is down and the sand cools off. Remember that old song, "Close the door they are coming "Close the door they are coming through the window, close the window, they are coming through the door"? Well, this D— sand must be what they wrote of. The camp is about 400 miles below Teheran where they say the cli-mate is about like our own.

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