

Corporal Kizer Describes Troubles Sicilian People

Uncle Homer Kizer

Conditions on the Island of Sicily are described in an interesting letter written to the News-Banner by Cpl. Homer M. Kizer, who is serving there with American army forces. His interesting letter from North Africa for publication is recalled.

His letter is in part as follows:

"I guess everyone has heard of Sicily. Many times I've read articles about the beautiful island and the many races of people and old buildings there.

"Quite some time ago I wrote a letter from North Africa. Since then we have come a long way and a lot has happened. The road has been hard and rough and at times very discouraging. But the farther we go, we realize more and more what we are doing over here and what it would mean if things were the same in the good old United States.

People Are Hungry

"We might think things are tough in the States, and that we are being mistreated, and at times falsely led, but until one sees the once well-to-do people on the streets begging for food, because they have had nothing to eat for days, when, and then only, can we realize just how fortunate we of the United States are. Can any one of you, with a good home and substantial income, picture yourself standing on the street in ragged clothes asking someone for a slice of bread or can of beans, or maybe for a can of milk for the baby?

Hope, Faith in America

"Yes, these people have lived on little or nothing for years, but never have they lost courage or faith in

God that some day someone would come to their aid. Of course it is true that we of America are of a different world and that in practically no way are we dependent on these people of Sicily, but after all, they are human too and we are giving them the chance to live again. When one sees the confidence and faith and hope these people have in America, you realize that we are living in the best place in the world.

Other "Fronts" Important

"It is true that all of us cannot be here on the 'fighting front' but there are other 'fronts' just as important, for we could not do anything if it were not for the machinery, ammunition and food that all of you help produce back home. At least I hope that I can say 'all of you' for I would not like to think that someone is not doing his or her part.

"We on the fighting front have no complaints whatever, and we are proud that we can depend on you people at home for the supplies that keep us living and in good health. All we want is to see the end of all this and get back home to live a normal free life. We realize the road is going to be long and bitter, and that some of us may go to the world of lasting peace before we reach the end. Your's for the duration, Cpl. Homer M. Kizer, 39300655, Service Co., 15th Inf., APO 3, care postmaster, New York, N. Y."

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