

The following letter was recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dooley from a fellow soldier of their son, Lt. John Dooley, serving overseas.

"By way of introduction I am the former commander of Reconnaissance Company of the 701st, and am now on the voyage home. The higher ups perhaps growing tired of my presence, decided upon rotation.

I left Anzio on May 7th and at that time said a reloctant farewell to the grand group of fellows with whom I had working for so long. Although John had been with us for only a few months, I feel that I have known him for a long time and that he is a very good friend. His courage, sound judgment, and consideration for others have won him the wholehearted respect and devotion of the men of his platoon and during months past, have been of great assistance to me.

So many days must past before this letter can be mailed that it is impossible for me to write now anything of news value, beyond saying that I left John well and as happy as those overseas can be in times such as these. This letter can be nothing more than a short statement, between you and me, from one of John's fellow soldiers, of the way John is doing his present job and of what all of us think of him.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am sincerely,

Captain Lewis A. Clarke