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Entering into the Army is always a traumatic experience for any young man. But for Delbert, a recruit from the hills, it seems to have been a particularly confusing introduction to the military life. As he promised his father, he has called the general store “down the hill a ways” from his home.

(Speaking louder than necessary) Hello.... Hello.... Mr. Clemms? This be Delbert....Delbert Nord....You know.... Yep, it’s me, all the way from that camp they brung me to. Oh, Ah’m fine. Mr. Clemms....Did my Paw come down the hill tonight? Kept the store open fer him, did ya? Now, that’s right kindly of ya. Ah’ll owe you a possum er two when Ah come home a huntin’. Could Ah talk at Paw now? Thank ya kindly, Mr. Clemms.

Paw! Hi, Paw. Yep, it’s me, Del. Well, Ah’m just fine, Paw. But how are you? Ah’ve been kinda worried what with you havin’ to take on double chores... Well, Ah’m glad to hear that.

The Army? Why, it’s agoin’ real good. But they do have some strange ways, Ah’ll tell you. If it warn’t fer this new friend of mine they call a sergeant, Ah don’t know what Ah’d do. Because of him, Ah’ve done some real interesting things.

Why the first day here we all run out into the road outside of the big barn we sleep in and lined up. Yep, they lined us all up and then this sergeant began ayellin’ all kinds of strange things. He yelled, “Attention!...Ah said, Attention!” Well, Ah thunk Ah was payin’ attention purty well, but he looked me right in the eye.....payin’ ME special notice an’ just a hollered, “Ah said, ATTENTION!”

Well now, just as Ah said, Ah thunk Ah was alistenin’ real good, but Ah just leaned forward as fuuuuur as Ah could go....and fell right over on mah face.

Paw, Ah must have attentioned him awful good, because, you know what?....He made me a policeman. He went into his office and come out with a big sack, handed it to me and said Ah was to police the whole part of the camp where we was....that meant Ah was chose to clean almost the whole camp!

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