



With the Colors *Apr. 23, 1943*

Corporal Ferdinand L. Hartrich, wrote the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Hartrich of Sainte Marie, from North Africa, March 28, 1943:

"I have some news for you that is news, I've seen and talked to Eugene (his younger brother). He was driving a truck, passed this way, saw our regimental sign, stopped, and hit our battery the first try. Well, folks, we laughed and cried and cried and laughed.

"I never would have known him, he is so brown and healthy. Same old happy go lucky Eugene, not a bit homesick or taking it the hard way. I went back to his outfit with him and I believe he is the youngest soldier in his outfit. Stu Milliman, who went into the Army at the same time is still with him, and he was almost as glad to see me as Eugene was. He too is a good soldier.

"We are only a half mile apart and are going to try and get together next Sunday, but even a small thing like that is hard to do in the Army. But one thing we are all sure of is, 'There's a great day coming.'

"Well, folks, up to now, it's just been one big adventure. The weather here is warm and the country is like a story book land. We have enjoyed every minute of it, but from here on out we are going to need lots of luck, and all your prayers."

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Francis E. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bailey, of Willow Hill, enlisted Wednesday with the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board of St. Louis for Naval Aviation training under its procurement program for 17 year olds.

Bailey is a senior in the Willow Hill Township high school where he has won two letters in soft ball and is president of the Student Council.

Enlisted as an apprentice seaman (V-5) in the United States Naval Reserve, each 17 year old man must complete his high school work and graduate (if he has not already graduated), and await his eighteenth birthday before he is eligible for transfer to aviation cadet (V-5) for the beginning of his active duty aviation training.

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Farragut, Idaho, April 26.—Recruit training began here last week for William Henry Piper, son of Mrs. I. S. Piper of Willow Hill, Illinois, who is a recent arrival at this United States Naval Training Station.

This new representative of Uncle Sam's Navy will be given a complete training in the fundamentals of seamanship and other phases of the Navy's program to develop capable men for the fighting fleet.

Additional training may be received at one of the Navy's service schools, providing the new recruit shows in training that he is capable of being a petty officer.

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Staff Sergeant W. E. McKimmy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McKimmy of West Union, formerly of Rose Hill vicinity, writes his parents from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin: "I am just fine but busy as I can be. We have been getting ready to fire on the range. I was made a staff sergeant last week and had to take over a platoon of fifty-three men. It was rather discouraging but we are getting straightened out now."

His address is Sergeant W. E. McKimmy, Company C, Ninth Infantry, APO 2, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

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Private Leonard M. "Bill" Jourdan of Newton, who is in Australia with the United States Army Air Force, writes the Press: "I really can't tell you anything about where I am or what I am doing, but I am looking forward to the day when I can see Jasper county once more." He adds that he enjoys reading the Press although it is two months old by the time he gets it.

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Mr. and Mrs. William C. Eveland of northwest of Newton have just received a letter from their son, Merle Eveland, who is in the United States Army in the Pacific area, stating that he had been in combat with the

Japs. They don't know whether he has been on New Guinea or Guadalcanal. At the time the letter was written he was feeling fine.

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Mrs. Edith Miller has received a letter from her son, Roscoe H. Miller, telling her he has been advanced to private first class. He is well and will be glad to hear from any of his friends from Old Blue Jasper.

His address is Private Roscoe H. Miller, Headquarters First battalion, 354th Infantry, APO 89, Camp Carson, Colorado.

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Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jourdan of Newton have received a letter from their son, Sergeant James Jourdan, who is in an Armored division in the middle east. He stated he was in Iran (Persia) and that fighting was in progress in the mountains.

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Private Todd Fouty, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Sam J. Fouty of Grandville township, is now at Camp Roberts, California, near San Luis Obispo. He was a student at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, before his induction.

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Private First Class Roy F. Winter, who is in the Thirty-ninth Service Squadron, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, is here on a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winter of Rose Hill.

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Mrs. Fred Alcorn has just returned to South Carolina, after a visit with her husband, Lieutenant Alcorn, in California. Both are in the Army, she in the Army Nurse Corps, and he in the Infantry.

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Lieutenant William Faller was at home over Easter, accompanied by his wife, who has been in Wisconsin. He is stationed at a Replacement Center at Greenville, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Dorris Scott were here over Easter from Madison, Wisconsin. He is stationed at Truax field there with the Army Air Force.