



## With the Colors

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Private Eugene H. Hartrich writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Hartrich of Sainte Marie, from North Africa, under date of April 25: "Well, here it is Easter Sunday somewhere in North Africa and the first thing I want to tell you, so you don't worry about it any more, I made my Easter duty today. We have a chaplain right with us, a regular fellow and a soldier too.

"I've been laid up with a hurt ankle. It's about o. k. again. I'm hobbling around, using an axe handle for a cane. I was thinking last night it was just a year ago that I got back home from taking "Sonny" back to Camp Bowie in Texas. Well, here is hoping next year I'll be back in the good old U. S. A. again.

"I was sitting here in my tent, kind of lonesome, when one of my buddies came in saying, 'Here is someone to see you Hartrich,' and in walked Paul Stanley, from Newton. He is a kid who used to run around with our gang. We always called him 'Bottle.' We had a real gab-fest about old Jasper county and all the folks we both knew.

"He is in the Air Force; been over here about six months, and took part in several battles, but is ready and eager to be up and at 'em again.

"We kids will have the laugh on some of those old married men, and make their ears stand out with the stories we will have to tell, when we get back to our old 'stomping ground.'

"Folks, the most beautiful things I've seen in this country are these Arabian horses. You know horses always were my weakness, but these are beyond description, and how they step. It would be impossible to get one out of the country now but someday . . .

"I remember hearing dad tell about a draft stallion, "Mack," he used to own which was imported from Antwerp, Belgium, and that was twenty-five years ago, so my idea isn't so crazy after all.

"Tell 'Pete' Benefiel I want to talk horses with him again when I get back home, and this time, I'm the man who is doing the talking. His eyes sure would pop if he could see these Arabian beauties.

"I sure was sorry not to keep that date with "Sonny" but we were busy as h—— that day. Will tell you some time what we were doing. Don't worry about us boys; this bloody mess will be over soon, I hope."

Florent J. Schuch is spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schuch of near Newton. He has been receiving flying instruction as a Naval aviation cadet at Peru, Indiana, and is now flying training planes. He expects to be sent to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, the "Annapolis of the air," in the next week or two for advanced instruction before being commissioned in the Navy or Marine Corps as an aviator.

Orla Houser of Newton, seaman first class, United States Navy, has just recovered from a severe illness with dengue fever, a tropical disease, he wrote his wife in a letter received his week. He said he had been given the best of care at a Naval hospital, and has since been transferred to Northern Australia, where he thought the climate would be better for him.

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Sergeant Delmar Lawler is here and at Bridgeport visiting his wife and his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Lawler, formerly of this city, where he was pastor of Grace Methodist church until a couple of months ago. Mrs. Lawler, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark of Newton, will return to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, with him.

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Francis X. Moschenrose, chief gunner's mate, United States Navy, has been visiting his wife and his mother, Mrs. Peter Moschenrose of Newton. It was his first furlough in nearly eighteen months. He has been on convoy duty in the South Atlantic, operating out of the Panama Canal zone.

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Private Loran D. Robinson, who has been stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming, for four months, has moved and is now stationed at Seattle, Washington.

His address is Private Loran D. Robinson, Second battalion, A. P. O. 4181A, Seattle, Washington.

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Irvin Winterrowd of Newton, who is on maneuvers in North Carolina with a Troop Carrier group of the Army Air Force, has been promoted to sergeant. He was at Sedalia, Missouri, air field until last week, when he flew to the maneuver area.

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A picture of a reconnaissance patrol of Infantry in New Guinea, published in a recent issue of Life magazine, contained the picture of Marvin F. Goebel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goebel of Gila vicinity. All looked tanned and hardened by their experiences in the jungle.

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Arley Cummins is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cummins of near Newton. He is attending the Radar school of the United States Navy at Chicago.

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Sergeant John E. Welker has been stationed somewhere in England since the first of the year with the United States Army Air Force.