

*Private James
Dewhirst Shoots
Down Nazi Plane*

8/8/44

Private James Dewhirst, who is stationed in France, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dewhirst of Newton under date of July 24: "I shot down a German plane last night. This is not the first plane I have fired on, but the first one I have shot down. The plane burst into flames before falling to the ground. Two officers of the Ninth Air Force took me to where the plane crashed."

He says his meals are good and he and his buddy are sleeping in a fox-hole covered with straw.