

# Three Hartrich Brothers Fighting Germans

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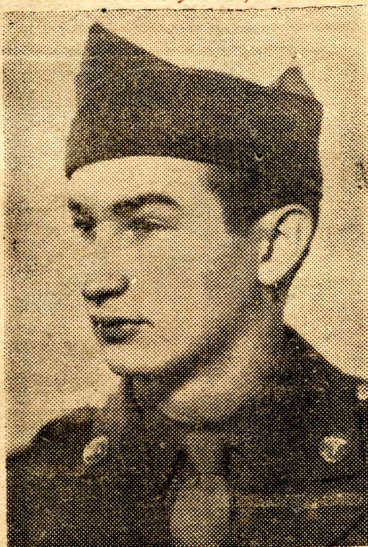
Major Jerald "Mike" Hartrich

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hartrich, of Ste. Marie are furnishing their full share of the manpower the allied armies need to crush the Axis. Three of their sons are now in service and a fourth expects to enlist early in the new year

The three now in service are shown from left to right are Major Jerald "Mike" Hartrich, Sgt. Donald and Sgt. Harold Hartrich. The fourth son, Henry is now a student at the University of Illinois and expects to enlist at the close of the present semester.

Sgt. Donald was a three-year medical student at the University of Illinois when he enlisted and he is now serving in France with the medical corps of the U. S. Army, attached to the corps at an evacuation hospital.

Sgt. Harold is serving in Holland with the U. S. Airborne troops as a paratrooper. He served in Italy during the early stages of the campaign to



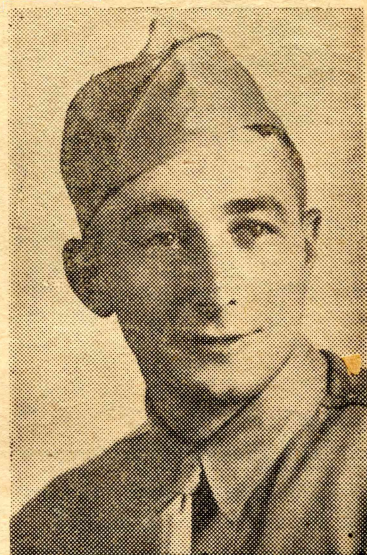
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take that country from Nazi control and at that time was in the glider corps.

Major Hartrich is with General Patton's Third army that is driving relentlessly into the German homeland. He has recently been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Metz sector. He told of receiving the award in a recent letter to his parents. "It's a nice looking medal and I'm kind of proud of it," he said.

"We had a hectic fight around the city (Metz)," he continued. "It was tough going, but the division came through. I was very busy all through the operation, consequently I had very little opportunity to write. Now we are on the way again and the next stop is Berlin — I hope. We still have a tough fight ahead of us and the war isn't over by a long shot."

Major Hartrich is attached to the



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field artillery. He is 26 years of age. Sgt. Donald is 21 and Sgt. Harold is 24.

Major "Mike", a graduate of the Paris high school, where the family lived before moving to Ste. Marie, attended officers training school and was located for some time at Camp Swift Texas and was later transferred to Indiantown Gap, Pa., before being sent over seas.

Donald graduated from Newton Community High School and received his military training at Camp Devens, Mass. He saw service in Italy before the invasion of France. Harold graduated from the Ste. Marie High School and before his enlistment was employed in a store at Ste. Marie. He had much of his preliminary training at Nashville, Tenn., and for a time was an instructor in the paratroop and glider section there.