

*Captain Howard J. Nagle Was Recently
in Hitler's Europe* 2/18/44

Captain Howard J. Nagle writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nagle of near Willow Hill, from a North African Signal Corps base:

"I have been to Sicily and Italy not so long ago, and, believe it or not, I have actually been in Europe, Hitler's Europe, not so long ago. I wasn't there very long but saw a lot of country of Sicily and Southern Italy from low altitude. I have been at Palermo, Catania, Taranto and Bari. I brought back some souvenirs from a wrecked German bomber and saw a lot of the war's destruction.

"I saw Flying Fortresses come back from raids in Austria, some crippled, some of the crew dead, others bleeding from wounds and some with frozen feet.

"The weather is beautiful here along the sea and is only cool indoors where there is no heat. There is a heavy fog and dew late at night. I am now working the day shift and it agrees with me. I was officer of the day of my company last night and censored 150 to 200 letters.

"A lot of people in our signal center are sick with colds, particularly the Wacs. I met a movie star, John Carroll, recently. There are several here.

"My mail is pretty slow in coming, especially air mail letters I am getting the Press regularly now."