

HARRISON BROWN

WRITES FROM EGYPT

Jan. 20, 1944

IS ENJOYING WORK IN ARMY BUT
PREFERS JASPER COUNTY

The editor of the Mentor-Democrat this morning received a letter from Harrison Brown, former Jasper county school teacher who is now serving in the U. S. Army.

Harrison dated his letter January 10, 1944, "Somewhere in Egypt." He says he is enjoying his work and the strange experiences of the foreign land, but would much prefer being back in Jasper county. His letter follows:

Dear Friend Page: This long expected letter will reach you no doubt some time before Spring. I know I have delayed this writing but hope it will not be held against me. How are you and the family? I am in the best of

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health and enjoying a winter in the south.

As you can see from the heading of my letter, after travelling many days like "Sinbad" I finally ended up in the designated spot. I need not tell you that most of my traveling was done on and in the water. After a few days out things got rather rough and I learned for the first time just what the "hold" of a ship was like on the rough water. I also learned the full meaning of the word "seasick." Hearing of seasickness and experiencing it are two different things. I know!

Well, I suppose the old town is carrying on as best it can. While on leave here the last time I took a little cruise on the Nile and it was swell. The trip was sponsored by the Red Cross. By the way, the Red Cross is really doing nice work here.

If you remember your geography, you know that all of Egypt depends upon the Nile for everything. You couldn't realize just how true this is until you see the situation. I saw clovers, peas, beans, corn and banana fields. I also saw much cotton growing. As you know, the finest cotton in the world is grown here. And another thing that is different from our own dear land, dates here grow on trees.

Have seen and ridden plenty of jackasses and camels, and I learned something about a camel I never knew before. It sure was a surprise to me, and I will tell you about it when I get home.

How are all my friends in Newton. I would like to see them all. I know you must be tired of reading this Anglo-Egyptian scribbling of mine. I can't say much about what I am doing except eating like a pig. I might say I like my work fine, but would much rather be back in good old Jasper county.

Wishng you and yours the best of health, I sign off.

Your Friend,

Harrison W. Brown