

With the Colors

9/29/44

Corporal Ferdinand L. Hartrich, who is in Italy writes, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Hartrich of Sainte Marie under date of September 10:

"Sorry, it's been so long since I've written but there wasn't much time, and chance, to write. Your guess as to where we were was correct. From the time we sighted the Tower of Pisa, until we were marching into the city was exactly nine days, the time it took my letter to reach the states, but we aren't there now.

"We will soon see what kind of a line the Jerries have here again. We've had a few rains lately, enough to settle this terrible dust, but they were cold rains, and reminded us of last winter, I said then and I say now, no matter what happens to me all the rest of my life, I can face it, if only we don't have to live through another winter in the open, in Europe.

"They are beginning to break the news to us, that we will have to help whip Japan, when this is over, over here. We thought there were enough sitting around in the camps back in the states without calling on us old veterans. Yes, I feel old, although I have some playing around coming to me yet.

"I haven't heard from Eugene for several weeks. In the last letter he wrote, 'Chances are I will be on the mainland, when you hear from me again.' No doubt he is among those Yanks swarming over France, from the south.

"I hope you've found that car radio I asked for. If the steel case makes it too heavy, take it off, there are plenty of German ammunition boxes I can make a case out of. The whole battery is looking forward to that radio, so don't disappoint us."

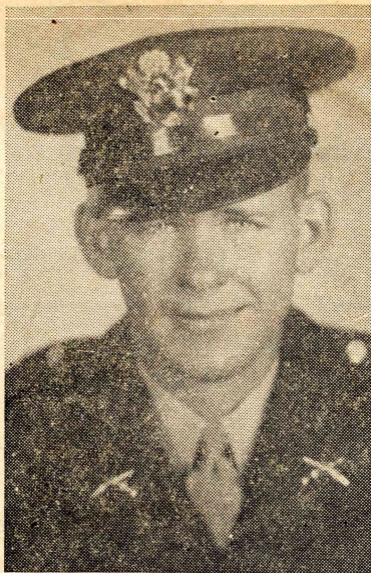
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Turner of northeast of Newton, have received word from all three of their sons in the service. They are all fine, but anxious to get the job done and get back to the old home town once again.

Daniel, shipfitter third class, is in the Fiji islands and is very anxious to get back to see his wife and their nine months old son. Elza hasn't been home since he entered the Army two years ago, and will spend his birthday in the Army, October 27. It would please him very much to hear from his friends on his birthday.

Frank, seaman, second class, was home the last part of August this year and enjoyed it so very much after being out to sea on a minesweeper in the Pacific a few months. He is now back on his same ship again and doesn't expect another leave until the job is done.

They all wish to tell their friends hello at home. They enjoy the Newton Press.

Their addresses may be obtained from their parents.



Raymond Wagner Jr. has been promoted to First Lieutenant, his parents have learned. He is in the India-Burma sector.

*Sept 29, * 1944*

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, E. T. O.—Staff Sergeant George A. Yount of near Willow Hill recently completed his sixtieth combat mission over Europe as a tail gunner on the B-26 Marauder, "Tsh-Tak-Ha-Ba," which is the Indian word meaning Old Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, his pilot's home town. His unit has distinguished itself with an outstanding bombing record in the current Ninth Air Force offensive in support of ground forces in France.

Sergeant Yount, is a son of Mrs. Vania Yount of Willow Hill and was employed by the Revere Copper and Brass Corporation, before entering the service June 27, 1942. He has been awarded the Air Medal with one silver cluster and four bronze clusters, "for meritorious achievement

while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations."

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Private Delmar L. Salyers of Newton has won the right to wear the wings and boots of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Jumping at the Parachute school has been steadily developed to a recognized science of war. American Paratroops have earned recognition throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy.

In addition to producing jumpers, parachute specialist training is given to qualified men in communications, demolition, riggers and parachute maintenance, vital skills for airborne troops.

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Marine Private Guy N. Lake of San Diego, California, spent a short furlough last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lake of Louisville. Another son, Corporal John N. Lake of Fort Custer, Michigan, was at home on a three day pass. The boys are grand-sons of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parker of Newton vicinity. Both boys left for their respective camps Friday night, and on his return to San Diego, Guy will be transferred to Oceanside, California, for further training.

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Mrs. Charles Lambird of Newton vicinity returned Monday from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she had visited her son, Dale Lambird, who has been attending a radar school there. Mrs. Dale Lambird and daughter Donna Dale accompanied her there but stayed for a longer visit.

Dale graduated from the radar course, Friday, receiving the third highest grade in his class and is now stationed at Miami.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newton received a letter, Wednesday, from their son, Lieutenant Donald J. Weber, addressed from Occupied Germany. He said he had too much to do to write much but was well and feeling fine.

He is with a Reconnaissance company in the American First army and is believed to be in the vicinity of Aachen.

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Seaman First Class Luther J. Bruner of the United States Navy is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bruner of Willow Hill. Jim has had twenty-one months or sea duty. He looks grand and says he feels fine.

Another son, Seaman Second Class Glen L. Bruner, has been transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A son-in-law, Sergeant Lloyd E. Shook, is somewhere in France.

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Corporal George S. McColley of Newton, who is in France with an Armored division, writes that he has traveled many miles in the past few weeks. He said that the countryside in many places looks much like that about Newton. Once he bought some roasting ears from a farmer. He was well and feeling fine when he wrote.

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Private First Class and Mrs. J. Delbert Wilson and little son John Larry, who have been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson of Newton, returned to Louisville to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Dillman, Tuesday. Delbert left Thursday morning for Camp Fannin, at Tyler, Texas.

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Sergeant Glenn O. Alexander is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Alexander of near Newton. He is in the Army Air Force and was stationed for many months in Puerto Rico. He has been overseas forty-four months.

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Judge and Mrs. Milo D. Yelvington of Newton are in receipt of a cablegram from their son, Lieutenant (j. g.) John J. Yelvington, stating that he is safe and well. Lieutenant Yelvington is somewhere at sea aboard a destroyer escort.

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Private First Class Kenneth Wilson has landed in France with an Infantry division, he writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson of Newton. He was seasick on the way across.

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Private First Class Joseph Barthelme of Camp Haan, California, is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barthelme of Sainte Marie.

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Private Cloyce Purcell returned to Camp Maxey, Texas, Tuesday. He was called here by the illness of his mother, Mrs. James Purcell of Hunt City.

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Sergeant John W. Utley, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Utley of near Newton, that he has landed safely in England.

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Corporal Thomas J. Yockey reports he has now arrived in England, after an uneventful trip across.