

With our Men and Women in the Service

The following letter was received from Pfc. A. J. Armbruster who is stationed overseas.

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Anzio Beach-head, Italy

Dear friends,

As I am getting the home paper of Deuel county I can catch up on a little more of what is going on. It has been over two years since I last saw the old town and I really do miss most of you kind people. Imagine by now there are a few changes.

Will try and tell of what I have done since overseas, so hold your hats for here goes.—Since my landing in Africa Nov. 8, 1942 I have done almost every kind of a job that came along, such as bridge building, putting up buildings, operating a caterpillar, etc. But my favorite job was on the railroad which at times the hours seemed mighty long and the cab in the locomotive was very hot. I was switchman and then engineer.

Then came the second invasion of Sicily on July 10, 1943 which I kinda dreaded but was glad to be in on it. Saw a lot of nice cities, but my favorite town was Palermo about which most of you people have read and heard about. Then came my third invasion of Italy Sept. 8, 1943 and to my notion, each one is just a little more difficult to make. In Italy I saw Naples and the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which was worth seeing.

And at the present time I am on the Anzio Beach head, and Jerry gives us a few presents without an asking. (get it?)

Gave a pint of blood the other day and am a shade weak today but am proud to help out all I can, and to my knowledge every young able-bodied person should do the same.

It's getting late so will have to come to a halt as the army says.

To all my friends at Big Springs—so long til I get back.

Pfc. A. J. Armbruster