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Exploring the Eagle's Nest

In this week's edition of the *Bangor Independent*, two of Alton Erickson's letters home are printed in full. In them, he describes visiting a concentration camp and visiting Adolf Hitler's <u>Eagle's Nest</u> retreat at Berchtesgaden in Bavaria.



The Eagle's Nest as it appeared in May 1945 (World War II Memoirs-3rd Infantry Division)



The Eagle's Nest as a tourist attraction (<u>Rick Steves Europe</u>)

This week, we will step back and let the primary source tell the story.

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

LETTER DESCRIBES VISIT TO HITLER'S HIDEOUT

TO HITLER'S HIDEOUT Two very interesting letters received by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erickson from their aon Alton in Germany reflect the German concentration camps and give a very graphic description of Hilder's mountain hideout in Bevaria. Germany May 5 1945 Dear Mocher:

Germany May 5 1945 Dear Mother: Im really sorry that I've not been able to write much lately, but we've really not that the time or the proper conveniences lately for letter writing have come quite a long way during the past few weeks and haven't been in any one place for very long. Sometimes it's just a few hours and then it may one during the very long. Sometimes it's just a few hours and then it may be a day or two. I think it should be estimizely olary to any now that we cross-entite of Mannetin. Among other nu-marks place we have seen Wurtburg, make the should be number of the numerous company my C. O, on a visit to one of the numerous concentration campe through this areas. I can't any that I

The latest killing frost on record in this territory did considerable damage to gardens and farm crops. A tempera-ture of 29 degrees was recorded in La Crosse.

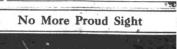
KILLING FROST DAMAGES GARDENS AND CROPS

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GARVES-HATZ Eimer Allan Hatz son of John G. Hatz and Joyce Lorraine Carves, were married Wed, June 6, at 3 p. m. in St. Pauls: Evangelical Lutheran church by the Rev. C. W. Siegler. They were attended by Prances Johnson and Robert R. Meyer.

CARD OF APPRECIATION The annual Burns Cemetery Asso-ciation dinner was a big success and we wish to thank the public for their fine support and all those who helped upport and all those who helps y way. Burns Cemetery Association. in any

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