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Ensign Doesn't Like Nazi Prisoners' Faces

Ensign Royer Daniel Semple, former Easton newspaperman, now seeing active service in the Navy has had his first peep at German prisoners of war. He tells of his reaction to the sight in a letter to his friend, Judge Herbert F. Laub.

Here's a couple of excerpts from the ex-scribe's interesting letter:

"Judge, if that trainful of prisoners were taken on a nation-wide tour, stopping briefly at each town so our citizens could look at those Nazi faces, it would not be necessary to push the sale of war bonds any further. I'm sure everyone would dig as deep as possible, after one look at the sneering, arrogant faces, actually leering from the windows.

actually leering from the windows. "There wasn't a genteel face in the lot. Low foreheads, thick, sensuous and cruel lips marked each man, as though each had come from the same mold.

"As I looked at them, I thought, how the French soldier must have felt when he saw faces such as that —marching through France. What mental torture French husbands and fathers of daughters must have had."