

READERS WRITE

On Hitler

I just finished **PATHFINDER** of Jan. 30 in which I find a very interesting article on Adolf Hitler. I enjoyed reading it, and I don't think I should criticize, but I want to correct a few mistakes.

I am not at all in favor of Adolf Hitler, but I served with him during the World war and ate and slept near him during our service. On July 31, 1918, at Chateau Thierry, we both exchanged our personal belongings before making an attack. We never saw each other since, but I still have his papers, among which is a birth certificate.

Hitler captured 30 Frenchmen, not 15 as you state, and he did not move out of Austria but was taken out and told never to return. Further along in your article, you say that Konrad Heiden, the journalist, claims Hitler cannot make any woman love him. The journalist is wrong. Hitler was very much in love one time with a Hebrew girl who later turned him down.

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[Mr. Thielborn may well have exchanged belongings with Adolf Hitler, but the fact remains that Hitler was a dispatch-runner, not a fighter. Hitler's heroism and his Hebrew romance have been often recounted, but never verified.—Ed.]

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