

GRANDSON OF
MRS. AUG CHRISTIANSEN
WRITES OF HOLY LAND

The war has had little if any effect on points of interest in the Holy Land, it is evident from a letter written by a Mission youth and received by his parents.

Noel Langham, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Langham of Mission, who is stationed at Barein Island on the Persian Gulf in his duties as geologist with the Standard Oil Company, was visiting Jerusalem on business when his latest letter to his parents was written.

He was able to manage quite a bit of sightseeing while there and found that he remembered much more of his early Sunday school teachings than he had given himself credit for, he wrote. Excerpts from his letter which had been censored but nothing deleted, included a description of Jerusalem which he said was "a very lovely city compared to the rest of the eastern places I've visited . . . it's decently clean and might remind you of San Antonio. I was out to Bethlehem the other day and saw the Church of the Nativity . . . and I visited Jericho and Bersheba."

Speaking of other places he visited, Noel told of lighting candles for his mother, dad and sister (Miss Loucille Langham) in the Church of the Holy Se-

pulchre and visiting the Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, the Tomb of the Virgin, the tomb of David and that of Rachel and other places of interest. His visits made the things he learned as a "good little boy" at Sunday school mean much more to him now, he reported.

At Jerusalem he met F. E. Wellings who married a Miss Dalzell of Brownsville several years ago. Mrs. Wellings who was with her husband for some time at Jerusalem, was returned home last year. Mr. Wellings is senior geologist in the Jerusalem branch of the same oil firm with which the Mission man is connected.

Stationed at the Persian Gulf post for the past three years except for brief visits to nearby countries, Noel was originally slated to come home last winter. After the entrance of his country in the war, he deferred his return in order to continue his contribution to the war effort. In his letters to his parents, little, if any reference to the war is made because of his knowledge of the censor's actions in such case.