Niobrara Man Cycles to South America

The World-Herald's News Niobrara, Neb. mail carrier dropped a letter in the box at the Dan Liska

ranch last week.
The letter, addressed to Mrs. Liska, was postmarked "Ushuaia, Tier-

ra del Fuego, Argentina."

The message: "I've made it. A step far

my feet wet." The letter was from her husband, who had just completed a trip by motorcycle from Niobrara to the tip of South America.

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It was just a year ago that Dan left Niobrara for the southernmost point of Argen-

Several years earlier he had set, a goal to cycle to the Arctic Circle in North America and to the tip of South America.

In 1959 he fulfilled half of his dream. He drove up the Alcan Highway into Alaska, continued north to Circle City and pushed beyond, where there was no road and natives said no similar machine had been before.

Last September he crossed into Mexico on the second

and almost impossible—half, He had fairly easy going through Central America and Panama until he hit the Darien Jungle. Part of the way he loaded his motorbike into a dugout canoe which was poled through swamps and across rivers.

He emerged from the jungles in Colombia, continued through Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia into Chile, where he encountered three major problems-the Andes Mountains, winter weather and customs.

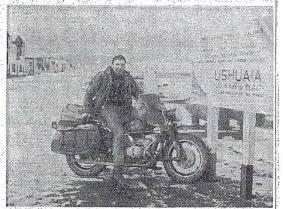
He won a long fight with the Argentine Government to take his motorbike into that county from Santiago, Chile. He fought six-foot snows through the mountains down to the Strait of Magellan.

A hop by boat took him and his machine to Tierra del Fuego and thence to the town; of Ushuaia—the southernmost town and not many miles from Cape Horn.

What's next? "Home to Nebraska, and probably by boat," wrote Dan. "Niobrara is going to look mighty good."



Liska in Alaska . . . Above Arctic Circle.



-World-Herald News Service Photos. Story above. Liska in Ushuaia . . . Below Strait of Magellan.



Story at left. -World-Herald Map From Niobrara ... "As far north, as far south."