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ALBERT NICHOLS ARRIVES HOME FROM PRISON CAMP

Private First Class Albert Nichols, who was a Japanese prisoner of war from the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, until the Japanese surrender, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit with his father, John Nichols of Newton. He seems in good health but wants to forget his experiences as far as possible.

He was on a ship bound for Australia when General Jonathan Wainwright surrendered, but the ship turned about and returned to the Philippines when the Japs demanded that it be brought back or they would blow up the Americans in the tunnels of Corregidor.

He worked in rice fields and railroads in the Philippines from the surrender until a year ago when he was sent to Osaka, Japan. He said that while most of the guards were very cruel and had to beat somebody every day, some "were prince of fellows" and helped the Americans all they could.

He learned to read Japanese in a school and could follow the war in Jap newspapers and never gave up hope in spite of the propaganda.