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NAZI PRISONER

April 19, 1945



Mrs. Eldon Dewhirst, residing at 404 Barton street, Newton received a card from her husband, Pfc. Eldon Dewhirst Monday morning, stating that he was well and safe in a German prison camp. Pfc. Dewhirst is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dewhirst, of Newton.

The card, sent through American Red Cross channels, was the first information the family had received since early in January when they were notified by the War Department that he was listed as missing in action in the Luxembourg area, as of December 18.

The card, dated at the German prison camp Stalag IV-B on January 10 and addressed to his wife reads:

"Dearest Vernie: I am well. I hope you haven't worried too much about me. Get in touch with the Red Cross at home and send me as many packages as you can—clothing, food and cigarettes. I can't write many letters, so you'll have to share those I write. How are the folks? Love Eldon."

Pfc. Dewhirst was a member of the famous 28th Infantry Division, known as the Keystone or "Bloody Bucket" division, which drove through France from St. Lo., to the Luxembourg area in record time.