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May 25, 1945

Prisoners of War in Germany Send Word That They Have Been Freed and Will Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Vanderhoof of Newton received a letter, Wednesday morning, from their son, Technical Sergeant Merl Vanderhoof, written April 29 from Moosburg, Germany. He had been freed that day by General George S. Patton's Third army in Southeastern Germany.

He wrote: "We were liberated at Moosburg, Germany, Sunday, April 29, but as yet we haven't started for home. Boy, I sure have a lot to tell you. Have been trying to run across some boys from home in this outfit but no luck as yet. Looks like this whole mess will wind up soon. It sure can't be too soon to suit me."

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderhoof have asked the Press to thank everyone for their kindness and interest.

Sergeant Vanderhoof was captured February 22, 1944, when he parachuted to earth in the Mediterranean area, where the Liberator bomber on which he was a waist gunner was brought down. Recently he had been a prisoner in Stalag 7-A Moosburg.

John P. Wilson Free

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Wilson of Smallwood township have received a message from their son, Sergeant John P. Wilson, stating that he had been freed May 3 from a German prison camp and would return to the United States for a furlough soon. He was well. He had been a prisoner at Geosnet, Germany.

Sergeant Wilson was captured January 1 during the Belgian bulge battle while serving in the Infantry with the American Seventh army.

Forrest Romack Is Heard From

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Romack of Rose Hill vicinity received word Monday that their son, Private First Class Forrest Romack, was back with the American army, after having been freed from a German prison camp. He was reported missing in action in France late in November, and had been subsequently reported to be a prisoner of war.

He was 32 years of age and had been in the service since August 20, 1943.

His parents received a message from him and a telegram from the Red Cross on the same day.

No word has yet been received regarding Private First Class Urban Volk of Newton and Private First Class John Francis Rawlings of Bogota, who were reported missing in action in Germany and Italy, respectively.