

# 16 Kentuckians Are Held By Japs

## 14 Hoosiers Also Captives

The War Department yesterday announced the names of 1,036 American soldiers who are prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands.

The list included three Louisville youths, one of them previously reported a prisoner, thirteen others from Kentucky, fourteen from Indiana, and thirteen from Tennessee. Two members of the Army Nurse Corps, one of them Second Lieut. Eleanor Mae Garen, South Bend, Ind., also were reported prisoners.

Three of the Kentuckians—two commissioned officers and a non-commissioned officer—were members of the famous Harrodsburg tank company, first state national guard unit inducted into the Army. This unit arrived in the Philippines shortly before the Japanese attacked.

### Harrodsburg Men Listed.

They were: Second Lieut. Everett R. Preston, son of Mrs. Josephine Preston, Harrodsburg; Second Lieut. Arch Ball Rue, son of Mrs. Insko William Rue, Harrodsburg, and Sergt. Oscar Dean, son of Elmore Dean, Salvisa R. R. 1. Louisvilleans listed were:

Corp. Fred J. Allen, son of Lawrence J. Allen, 3505 Greenwood.

Corp. Elmer J. Bensing, son of Mrs. Lenor Bensing, 1452 Hemlock, who previously was reported missing January 2.

Corp. Edward P. Serpell, nephew of Mrs. Josephine McDonald, R. F. D. 6.

Enlisting in the Army in September, 1941, Allen served in an ordnance battalion at Fort Knox for a year before he was sent to the Philippines. His father received a telegram giving notice of his capture on New Year's Day. He was a graduate of Holy Cross and St. Paul's, and spent six months in a C.C.C. camp before joining the Army. A brother, Sergt. Lawrence Allen, Jr., is a member of the 73d Machine Record Unit, 3d Air Force, at Tampa, Fla. Allen has a sister, Mrs. Helen Pendleton, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Anna Livers, and Mrs. Myrtle Livers.

### Was Mengel Employee.

Bensing was among the first draftees taken into the Army two years ago. He received basic training at Fort Knox. A graduate of du Pont Manual Training High School, he was an employee of Mengel Company before induction.

First word of Corporal Serpell's capture came to Mrs. Edward P. Farrell, Brownsboro

Road, his grandmother, on January 3. An Army volunteer, Serpell was with the armed forces in the Philippines at the time of the surrender, last May 7. In the last letter received from him, shortly before Pearl Harbor, he said, "It looks like a fine place to be except the Jap bombers are only three hours away." A former student at the University of California, Serpell has a brother, Lieut. John Serpell, at Fort Knox.

Included in the list were 164 officers, forty-five warrant officers, and 825 enlisted men. Other prisoners listed, and their next of kin, include:

### Kentucky

Staff Sergt. Charles E. Basham, R. F. D. 1, Vine Grove.

Master Sergt. Macy F. Brent, Munfordville; Frank Brent, father.

Corp. Hays Campbell, Whoop-flare; Frank Campbell, father.

Sergt. Chester A. Ferguson, Louisa; Newall H. Ferguson, father.

Sergt. Richard C. Grayercroft, Vine Grove; Mrs. Anna Mae Grayercroft, mother.

Staff Sergt. James J. Newman, 723 W. High, Lexington; Elton Sparks, brother.

Sergt. Hurley Oliver, Vortez; Bluford S. Oliver, brother.

Staff Sergt. Charles A. Parman, London; Mrs. Ella Parman, mother.

Corp. Willard Rose, R. F. D. 1, Berry; Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Rose, mother.

Second Lieut. Edgar B. Smith, Jr., Mayfield; Mrs. E. B. Smith, mother.

### Indiana

Sergt. Thomas G. Davis, R.F.D. 1, Jonesboro, Mrs. Ethel Davis, mother.

Corp. Paul H. Falck, 109 S. Third, LaFayette; Mrs. Minnie Falck, aunt.

Second Lieut. Eleanor Mae Garen, 3901 Roger, South Bend; Mrs. Lula Garen, mother.

Staff Sergt. Charles H. Hubbard, 812 Water, Hartford City; Charles M. Hubbard, father.

Sergt. Frank A. James, 2226 N. Armstrong, Kokomo; Mrs. Jessie M. James, mother.

Staff Sergt. Charles R. Kaelin, R.F.D. 1, Cambridge City; Ira F. Bennett, uncle.

Sergt. Wilmer L. Parrett, 574 S. Carroll, Wabash; Mrs. Cora Bowers, mother.

Staff Sergt. Morris S. Roberts, La Fontaine; Mrs. Ruth Roberts, mother.

Sergt. Paul H. Sauerwein, 319 N. Center, Plymouth; Mrs. Alice A. Sauerwein, mother.

Pvt. Clement P. Schmitt, 815 N. LaFayette, Evansville; Mrs. Elener Schmitt, mother.

Staff Sergt. Julius J. Spano-

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