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## \$3,000 In Back Pay Due Freed Kentuckian

Pvt. Garratt G. Royalty, 27, one of the Harrodsburg, Ky., men captured on Bataan on April 8, 1942, and who was held a prisoner of the Japanese until the American Rangers liberated him from Camp Cabanatuan February 4, has approximately \$3,000 in back pay due him.

At Nichols General Hospital, he is planning his future. He said he would like to have a little home, possibly near Harrodsburg where he is visiting now. He figures his back pay will almost get him the kind of a place he wants. But until he gets out of the hospital, he is planning to put at least a part of his check from Uncle Sam into E bonds in the mighty Seventh War Loan Drive.

### Would Help End War.

"Now that the war in Europe is over, maybe my bonds will help end the war in the Pacific sooner," Royalty said.

Royalty, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Royalty, live at Harrodsburg where his father is a farmer, was born at Bohon, in Mercer County.

He was a member of Company D of the 192d Tank Battalion. After the Louisiana maneuvers his outfit landed in the Philippines 18 days before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

From the time he was captured until he was stricken with double pneumonia, neuritis and dysentery in May of 1944, he built bridges and worked on truck farms where he raised almost every kind of vegetables.

### Ate Cats, Dogs, Snakes.

"Things were pretty bad at Cabanatuan," Royalty said. "We were so near starved that we ate cats, dogs, monkeys and even snakes. I weighed only 84 pounds when I was taken ill and lost even more than that before I was liberated."

In contrast to most prisoners of the Japs, he was not bitter at the treatment he received. He had a variety of things to eat because he was on the farm and was fortunate enough to have as guards some Japanese Christians.

### 'Better Than Shinto.'

"They were much better than the worshipers of Shinto," he said.

Then too, after he was taken to the hospital at Bilibid, he received treatment from American doctors and nurses.

"We didn't have everything we needed, but they got by and I was on the road to recovery when the Rangers came," Royalty said. "It was swell to see the Americans. While we didn't know they were coming that night, we did know that they had landed on the island. The guards told us that and there were only 17 guards left when we were



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freed. Ordinarily there were about 50."

### Friend Is Still Prisoner.

Royalty was carried out of the hospital on a stretcher and received treatment at several hospitals before he arrived at Nichols.

"One of my best friends is still a prisoner of the Japs," Royalty said. "He is Sgt. Roy Everett Goodpaster. We grew up together and courted together. We fought together and were taken prisoners at the same time. The Japs moved him on to the Japanese homeland."

"If I invest some of my back pay in War Bonds, maybe that will help free Goodpaster sooner. That will be time enough to build my little home."

## Bond Purchases Boost G.I. Faith, Devers Declares

Washington, May 17 (AP)—Following is a War Bond statement from General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general, Sixth Army Group, France:

"Without faith in himself the American soldier in this sector could not have come up from the beaches of southern France, seven hundred miles, over rivers, mountains and valleys, freeing as he has a conquered land, over-

## Royalty

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