

Private Yankey Sends Word To His Mother Via Short-Wave, Dayton, O.

The first short-wave radio message reported here from a local boy was that picked up from Tokyo, Japan, by E. E. Alderman of Dayton, Ohio, from Private Lucien E. Yankey, formerly of Perryville.

Mr. Alderman, who has been receiving and relaying messages for the past seven months, sent Private Yankey's Communication to the Postmaster at Perryville.

A prisoner of the Japanese since his unit of the United States Army was captured in the Philippines in June, 1942, Private Yankey addressed the radio dispatch to his mother, Mrs. Anne Roney, as follows:

"Hello mother, getting along fine and happy. Hope you are the same. Am being treated O. K. How is everything at home. Love, Your Son."

The young man, who is 28 years old, was a member of the National Guards from Harrodsburg who were caught in the fall

of Bataan.

Mrs. Roney's elderly Perryville lady, reports that she has received about 25 letters from interested people all over the United States since her boy's radio message was broadcast.

It has made her very happy, and she says word from him has greatly eased her mind. Up to the time she heard from Mr. Alderman, Mrs. Roney had been deeply concerned over the whereabouts of her son.

Mr. Alderman notifies the postmaster of the town of every boy whose message he picks up via his short wave radio.

He says many people have requested him to keep listening and he has had over 400 grateful letters from the families of those whose news he has relayed.

The postal cards which he uses for his correspondence on servicemen have been donated by Mrs. E. S. Goodall of Memphis, Tennessee.

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