

Three Mercer Internees Expect To Arrive In Blue Grass Soon

HARRODSBURG, Ky., March 9 (Special)—In a telephone conversation with relatives here last night, Capt. William Gentry said he and his fellow internees from Luzon who arrived in San Francisco yesterday were "very happy" to be home. Captain Gentry, who has been notified of his promotion since his release from the internment camp, said the reception by the people of San Francisco left nothing to be desired; that the United States looked "awfully good" to him, and that he was looking forward to being with his family within the next five to seven days. Captain Gentry said he planned to fly home if possible.

He said there was nothing seriously wrong with him physically but that he would be under treatment at Darnall General hospital near Danville for a time. Captain Gentry weighed 210 pounds at the time he was captured and now weighs 180 pounds. His normal weight was said to be about 190 pounds.

Relatives said Captain Gentry apparently was in excellent spirits and

did not appear to have lost his sense of humor.

Captain Gentry is accompanied by two other Harrodsburg men, Pfc. Field M. (Jack) Reed and Pvt. Charles Quinn. All were members of the 192nd tank battalion of the Mercer county National Guard unit, and were taken prisoners by the Japanese April 9, 1942. The men were liberated recently by American soldiers from Cabanatuan internment camp on Luzon.

Captain Gentry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gentry, of Harrodsburg, and was leader of the American forces in the first tank battle which took place in the Philippines.

Private Reed is the husband of Mrs. Jeanna Ball Coleman Reed and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Field M. Reed, of Harrodsburg. He formerly was a football player on the high school team here. Private Reed has two children, Tommy, 6, and Anita, 4. He recently sent a telegram to

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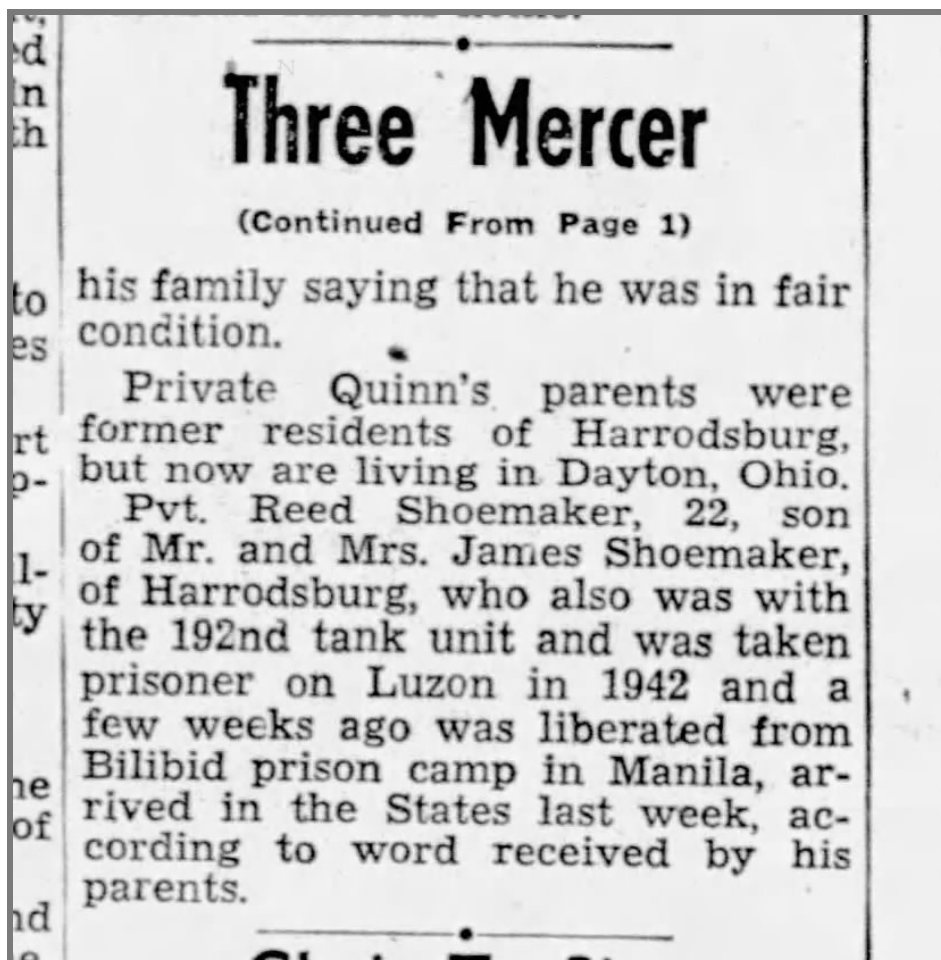
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