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Three Mercer County Boys Jap Prisoners

Three Mercer county boys are prisoners of war of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands, it was announced Friday by the War Department.

The three men are among eleven Kentuckians listed with 471 American soldiers held by the Japanese.

They are Private Reid Shewmaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shewmaker, Mackville street; Private Willard R. Yest, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yeast, Route 3; and Private Cecil R. Van Diver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil O. Van Diver, Route 3, Harrodsburg.

Just before sailing for the Philippines Private Van Diver was married to Miss Ruby Hawkins of L. 7) Burgin.

Shewmaker Yeast VanDiver POWs

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