

## Home From War



SGT. DANIEL H. RITTER

### Sgt. Ritter Home After Imprisonment

Sgt. Daniel H. Ritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritter, Nazareth Route 1, who was imprisoned in a German concentration camp for over five months, is home on a 21-day rehabilitation furlough.

Recounting his experiences at the camp, which harbored more than 2,000 American soldiers and some Russian, French and Polish peoples, Sergeant Ritter told of the strict restrictions enforced upon all their activity.

"We lived in shacks, each quartering 99 men, and were fed a bowl of soup and a sixth of a loaf of bread daily. We received no word from home except boxes arriving periodically from the Red Cross."

When the Russians stormed the prison camp located in the eastern part of the country, American soldiers had a limited amount of help in getting back to the Allied lines. Hitch-hiking and walking their way to Poland, Ritter and his buddies were gathered at a central point, and then shipped east behind British lines along the Mediterranean area.

Fighting with Army combat engineers, Sergeant Ritter has been in the Army since February, 1922. Specializing as a draftsman in bridge engineering, Ritter received his training at Camp Polk, La., Camp Coxcomb, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga. He was sent to England in April, 1944, then to France, taking part in the campaign for Metz. He was awarded the Purple Heart when wounded while fighting in France.

A brother in service, Staff Sergeant Thomas, is now in France.

His leave expiring May 7, Sergeant Ritter will go to the Atlantic City distribution center where he will be reassigned for further duty.

Ritter, DANIEL H.  
Ritter, THOMAS

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