

Farris, Stephen C.

Captain Farris Sends Card from Japanese Prison

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Captain Stephen C. Farris, U. S. Army, son of Andrew Farris, 737 Evans Street, is a prisoner of the Japanese government. The news was revealed on a card received yesterday by the soldier's father.

The card which had a heading reading "Imperial Nipponese Army," read as follows: "I am interned in Osaka Vmeda Bunsho prisoner of war camp. My health is excellent. I am working for pay. Please see that everything and everyone is taken care of." It was signed "my love to you, Stephen C. Farris."

The card was addressed to Andrew Farris, the captain's father. It was revealed by Captain Farris' brother, Andrew, that last week a telegram from the War Department was received stating that Captain Farris had been transferred from a Philippine prison camp to the camp where the card was written in Japan.

In December of 1942, the War Department announced that Farris was a prisoner of war, after being captured at Corregidor.

The young man is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, and spent one and a half years as a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown. At this time he received an appointment to West Point by Congressman Francis E. Walter. He graduated from that institution in 1939, as a second lieutenant, and then sent to the Philippines. His two years of foreign service would have been up in April, and a furlough granted, but at that time he was a prisoner.

He was promoted to a first lieutenant

ant in September of 1941, about three months before war was declared, and in a cable received at Christmas time in 1941, his address stated that he was a captain.

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