

Balchus, William J

**Sgt. William Balchus  
At Rest Camp After  
Release From Prison**

Sergeant William J. Balchus, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Corregidor and interned in a prison camp on Bataan for three years, has arrived at a New Jersey rest home to recuperate.

Sgt. Balchus wears the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, three Oak Leaf Clusters and holds the Presidential Citation. He enlisted in the U. S. Army six years ago and was serving in the Philippines with the Infantry at the time of the Jap sneak attack.

His sister, Mrs. Helen Gaval, 402 East Third Street, received the first word from him in a two-year period, late in October, 1943, when he was reported a prisoner of the Japanese government.

The liberated Yank arrived in the States two weeks ago and according to word received here, he expects a furlough soon. At the time of his enlistment he resided at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anna Sadukas, Mahanoy City.

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