

Lilly, Charles

SOLDIER REPORTED DEAD IS PRISONER OF JAPS

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**Pvt. Joseph Lilly, 22, Fought
on Bataan; Relatives Had
Been Notified.**

The third message received by a Bangor family from the War Department concerning Pvt. Joseph Lilly, 22, contained joyful news when it was learned that the young man, son of Mrs. Jennie Lilly, of Mount Pleasant, Bangor R. D., is being held prisoner by the Japanese.

The family had previously received word that Pvt. Lilly was reported missing and later he was officially declared dead.

Pvt. Lilly enlisted in the Army in February, 1941, at Bethlehem. Attached to a Signal Corps unit, he was transferred to the Philippines several months afterward and served on Bataan throughout the entire Jap attack. His family received word from him periodically until Nov. 19, 1941, the date of his last letter.

No further news was heard until May 20, 1942, when a letter from the War Department stated that Pvt. Lilly had been reported missing in action. Shortly before Mrs. Lilly had moved from her old residence in Bethlehem R. D. and did not receive the letter until July. A few weeks later another official notice declared that Pvt. Lilly was dead.

Pvt. Lilly has six sisters, all residing at home, and two brothers, George and Charles, both of whom are serving in the Army, in Mississippi and Georgia, respectively.

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