

Red Cross Reports 18 Area GI's Liberated From German Prisons

Sorrow and fear over boys imprisoned in German camps is being lifted daily from many a home in this vicinity as the visitors from the Bethlehem Chapter, Home Service Department of the Red Cross arrives with the welcome news of liberation. From the local chapter house today has come a list of 18 men whose liberation has been confirmed during the period of May 12 through May 23. Only now has the War Department permitted the release of these names flashed from Red Cross stations overseas.

The 18 men from this vicinity whose liberation has become a certainty constitute a small portion of the 25,000 American prisoners of war who have already cabled word of their liberation to their families in the United States. This special service affords the liberated prisoner a chance to contact his relatives at home, with total expenses borne by the Red Cross.

Messages from prisoners are accepted by Red Cross field directors at overseas stations and are relayed direct to Washington from where they are telegraphed on to local Red Cross chapters which deliver them in personal visits to the families concerned.

Men whose liberation has been relayed to families here by Red Cross workers includes:

Corporal Anthony C. DeCrosta, Lucy DeCrosta, sister, 538 Bradley Street.

Paul Schwartz, Mrs. Catherine Schwartz, 1252 Newport Avenue, Northampton.

Pvt. Stephen F. Vargo, Mrs. Anna Vargo (mother), 1135 Mechanic

Street.

Sgt. Joseph J. Soldo, Mrs. Steve Soldo (mother), 201 Main Street, Hellertown.

Hrkach (mother), Bethlehem R. D. Hrkach (mother), Bethlehem R. D.

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Henry S. Stephen, Mrs. Edwin Stephen (mother), 2280 Main Street, Northampton.

S/Sgt. Harry P. Tachovsky, Mrs. Elizabeth Tachovsky (mother), 1 Finady Avenue.

Lt. William S. Northington, Mrs. Ethel Northington (mother), 421 Woodlawn Avenue.

T/Sgt. John McNamara, Mrs. Anna McNamara (wife), 51 East Ettwein Street.

Lt. Raymond Feilbach, George Feilbach (father), 522 Second Avenue.

Pfc. Alexander J. Bukics, Joseph Bukics (brother), 1145 East Third Avenue.

T/Sgt. Daniel Hasenecz, Mrs. Helen Hasenecz, 724 East Seventh Street.

Pvt. Harlan Herber, Mrs. E. P. Herber (mother), 50 West Elizabeth Avenue.

Pvt. Stephen Vajda, Mrs. Stephen Vajda (Mother), 115 West Market Street, Freemansburg.

Sgt. Robert Muschlitz, Mrs. Marie Muschlitz (wife), 1102 First Avenue, Hellertown.

Ralph J. Bowser, Mrs. Ralph Bowser (wife), 519 Second Avenue.

Pfc. Carl Schroeter, Alfred Schroeter (father), 443 Rennig Street, Bethlehem.

T/Sgt. Barry C. Grubb, Mrs. Barry C. Grubb (wife), 304 Durham Street, Hellertown.