

Geositz, Joseph F.

Weaversville Soldier Prisoner Of Japanese

"This makes me feel good," said Frank Geositz, seated in a chair on his lawn at Weaversville R. D. 1, Northampton, last night.

"Yes, it makes me happy. I'm so glad to know he's alive," said his wife, Carolina.

A War Department message informing Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geositz, of Weaversville, that their son, Private First Class Joseph F. Geositz, missing since the fall of Bataan May 7, 1942, has been reported by the International Red Cross as a prisoner of war of the Japanese government in the Philippine Islands, was received yesterday.

It was the first direct word the parents had of their only son, 24 years old, since his last letter in April 1942 when he wrote that he had fully recovered from a wound suffered December 28, 1941. The soldier who had attended public school at Hanoverville, and parochial school in Northampton, enlisted for overseas duty August 1, 1940 after having worked for two years as a nursery man in Bethlehem.

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