

Houseknecht, James E.

Local Soldier Held Prisoner By Japanese

1943

Pfc. James E. Houseknecht, brother of Miss Mary Houseknecht, 410 Webster st., this city, is a Jap prisoner in the Philippines, according to word received recently by Miss Houseknecht from the U. S. Army adjutant general's office in Washington, D. C. and from the Red Cross.

Pfc. Houseknecht had previously been reported by the army as missing in action in July last year. A son of the late Benjamin and Ella Houseknecht, of Pottsville, he had been stationed with an army medical corps unit at Sternberg Hospital on the islands.

He attended Kulpville district schools and had been employed in that town before he enlisted in the army in July, 1939. His sister has been living here with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Ulshaffer, at the Webster st. address for some years.

When Miss Houseknecht received word her brother was a prisoner, she was notified she could communicate with him. Though she has written to him, she has not yet received an answer to her letter.

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