

Frederickson, Thomas

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Freed Internees**

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LUZON—One of the first two men to entertain the rescued internees at Cabanatuan and Old Bilibid Prison in Manila, was Technician Fourth Grade Thomas Frederickson, Bath, Pa., former member of the Bethlehem Globe-Times advertising department.

When the First Cavalry Division met at Guimba, Luzon, before the historic "Flying Column" smashed into Manila, the Rangers rescued the internees from the P. W. camp at Cabanatuan and brought them all to Guimba. Frederickson immediately went to the evacuation hospital where the former prisoners were being treated. He and a companion put on an impromptu show for the sick men.

Frederickson is both singer and accordionist. After the show, the Pennsylvania musician remarked, "Those were the most appreciative men I've played to since I've been overseas."

Upon arriving in Manila, Frederickson went to Old Bilibid Prison where he was the first American to play for the internees since their concentration by the Japs in 1942.

A member of the First Cavalry Division Special Service Office, Frederickson entered the Army in 1942, took basic training at Camp Lee, Va. He came overseas with the First Cavalry Division in 1943. While a civilian, he played bass horn in several bands in his home town. Frederickson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frederickson Sr., live at West Main Street, Bath.

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