

Weidner, Paul W.

Missing Man a Prisoner

Paul W. Weidner, 33, reported March 11 as missing in action in the North African area since February 16 is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a letter received from him by his sister, Mrs. Floyd Litz, 641 Sherman Street, Allentown (Rittersville section). It is postmarked March 24.

This is the first word Mrs. Litz has had since the official War Department telegram was received in March. The letter, which bore the markings of the German prison camp and the U. S. censor, was pencil-written by the armored forces radio operator who was inducted into service April 1, 1942.

He wrote: "I am in as good health as I ever was. By the time you receive this I am in Germany. Tell the rest where I am and give them my address. Let me know how everything is at home." He is the youngest of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weidner.

A former machinist, employe at Mack Mfg. Co., Weidner, who trained at Fort Knox, Ky., reached North Africa in January. The last previous word his relatives had from him was a letter postmarked February 15, the day before he was reported missing in action.

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