

Dagon, John T.

Easton Soldier Dies In Jap Prison Camp

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Technical Sergeant John T. Dagon of 1049 Lincoln Street, Easton, a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, has died of pellagra—a disease caused by undernourishment—in a Jap prison camp, the War Department announced yesterday.

Dagon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dagon, was one of 70 soldiers who have died of disease in Japanese prison camps, according to the International Red Cross.

A veteran of five years of Army service, the sergeant was stationed with a chemical warfare unit at Corregidor until that island bastion fell.

He enlisted in the Army on March 9, 1937, and served a year at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. In February of 1940 he was transferred to Barksdale Field, La., and at the expiration of his enlistment in March of 1940 he reenlisted. In October of that year he was made a sergeant and sent to Savannah, Ga.

Two months before he left for overseas duty, he was married to the former Mary Collins of Baxley, Ga.

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