

Knecht, Harvey

Report Pen Argyl Soldier Nazi Prisoner

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Pvt. Harvey Knecht, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knecht, of 103 Pen Argyl Street, Pen Argyl, wearer of the Purple Heart, who has been listed as "missing in action" by the U. S. War Department, is a prisoner of war of the Germans, according to a card received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Knecht from their son. The card was written on December 28, 1944.

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tion since November 25, in Germany", according to a telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Knecht on December 10.

In a letter received recently from the U. S. War Department, Mr. and Mrs. Knecht were informed that their son, Pvt. Harvey Knecht, was sent on a special mission in a group of soldiers to Butzeldorf, where a counter-attack by the Germans came soon after the soldiers left on the special mission, which was the last word received of his whereabouts.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army in August 1943 and left for training on September 11, 1943. In April 1944 he went overseas and moved into France in the D-Day invasion.

After seeing plenty of action in the D-Day invasion and the days immediately after the beginning of the D-day invasion, he was wounded in action on June 19 in France. He was flown to England where he spent several months recuperating from his injuries. Information from the U. S. War Department informed the Knecht family that he had returned to duty on October 17.

The last letter received from Pvt. Knecht, prior to the receipt of the card yesterday, was dated November 20.

He is one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Knecht who are in the U. S. armed forces, a fifth son, George Peter Knecht, having had Army experience, but having received an honorable discharge from army service. Of the three brothers in service, Elwood is stationed in Ger-

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