

KERN, Edgar A.
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Nazareth Youth Safe; Prisoner In Nazi Camp

Sgt. Edgar A. Kern, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Kern, Manor Apts, Hall Square, Nazareth, wrote a personal letter to his mother from a prison camp somewhere in Germany. Sgt. Kern wrote that he is well and that the Red Cross is doing a good job in looking after him. This was the first direct word that was received from him, although he was reported as being a prisoner of war in Germany in the early part of January of this year. The letter arrived yesterday.

Sgt. Kern enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps on Oct. 26, 1942. He was stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., Willow Run, Detroit, Harlingen, Texas, and Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. At Harlingen, Texas he took a special gunnery course. In August, 1943, he was transferred

to Lowry Field, Colo., from which place he was sent overseas. He was reported missing over France since Nov. 18, 1943, and in January a telegram was received from the War Department by the Kern family, confirming the fact that through a Berlin radio report Sgt. Kern's serial number was correctly repeated. The broadcast stated that he was safe and well in a German prison camp.

He is a graduate of Nazareth High School, class of 1941, and attended Bethlehem Technical High School. Prior to his enlistment, he was employed by the Bethlehem

Steel Company.

His brother, Seaman 2-c. Thomas Kern, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on June 24, 1943, following his graduation from Nazareth High School.

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