

Farris, Stephen
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Captain Stephen Farris Freed From Japanese Prison Camp

Captain Stephen Farris, West Point graduate who was taken prisoner by the Japanese on Corregidor over 3½ years ago, was "returned to military control September 8, 1945," according to War Department telegrams received last night

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CAPT. STEPHEN FARRIS

by his father, Andrew Farris, and sister, Mrs. Mary Daday, 670 Buchanan Street.

Capt. Farris, whose physical condition is reported as being fair, had completed two years' active duty as a Coast Artillery officer under General Wainwright, and was scheduled to return to the States at the time of the sneak attack on

Pearl Harbor. Farris was taken prisoner on Corregidor and was sent to the Zentuji prison camp, Shikoku Island, Japan, where he was released.

Relatives of Captain Farris received several letters and typewritten post cards from the prison camp. In a letter received in December, 1944, Farris told of receiving Christmas gifts which were sent on the Gripsholm a year before. He spoke of an Australian priest who was allowed to conduct Christmas services in the camp and other services once a week. The last word received from him was a letter dated in May.

The liberated officer is a graduate of Liberty High School and had attended Muhlenberg College two years before entering West Point. After graduating there in 1939, he was assigned to the States for several months and was shipped overseas to the Philippines for his two-year foreign duty assignment.

A brother, First Lt. Francis Farris, stationed with the Army Air Forces on Tinian in the Marianas, is expected to fly to his brother as soon as possible. Lt. Farris is a graduate of Penn State.

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