

Horvath, Charles

On Way Home
OCT 17 1945



CPL. CHARLES HORVATH

Former Jap Prisoner Now In California

Cpl. Charles Horvath, USMC, held prisoner of the Japanese for three and a half years, arrived in California and is on his way home, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horvath, 821 Carlton Avenue.

Mrs. Horvath was informed by the War Department on Mother's Day, 1942, that her son was missing in action and in March of the following year, she received another official telegram stating that he was being held a prisoner of war of Japan in a prison camp in the Philippines. The last the parents heard of their son was when he was removed to a prison camp in Tokyo the first of this year.

News of his liberation reached here September 24, the telegram stating that Cpl. Horvath had been sent to Guam, where he was interned in a Naval Hospital for several weeks.

In the first letter received by his parents in nearly four years, he stated that his health was good, but that he had lost weight, and at the time of his liberation weighed only 120 pounds. Since his liberation, he has gained 30 pounds.

Cpl. Horvath enlisted in the Marine Corps in August of 1938. He was sent to Shanghai, China, in October of 1939, and was stationed there for 26 months. Since that time, he has never been in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Horvath hope he can be home in time to celebrate his 28th birthday anniversary Friday. His prother, William Horvath, S. F. 1/C, has been on duty with the U. S. Naval Reserves for the past 16 months.

October 17, 1945