

Copf, Ernest
Walter

Local Sergeant Helps Handle Liberated Prisoners in Japan

A section leader with the 29th Replacement Command, Sgt. Ernest Copf, 26, is busy handling Allied prisoner of war and civilian internees, liberated from Japanese prison camps who stop briefly in Manila en route to their homelands.

Copf, whose wife Ruth and four-year-old son Ernest, reside at 756 Bridge Street, graduated from Bethlehem Technical High School and was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company Fire Department before entering the service October 25, 1944. He left San Francisco last April 1, bound for the Philippines.

The Replacement Command alone will have the huge task of receiving, questioning, processing and making ready for return to the States, Great Britain, Australia, Canada, the Dutch possessions and other Allied countries an estimated 37,000 liberated men, women and children, many of whom were on Bataan, Corregidor, or in Singapore, Java, Borneo and the Far East.

Sgt. Copf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Copf, reside at 849 Kieffer Street. A brother, T/5 Walter M. Copf, is with the Medical Corps in Germany. SEP 29 1945

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