

Barron, Charles
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" Andrew
" Stephen

Liberated

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Fate Unknown



PVT. CHARLES BARRON



PVT. MICHAEL BARRON

One of Two Barron Boys Taken Prisoner On Bataan Liberated; Fate of Other Remains Unknown

Mrs. Andrew Barron, 31 Ackerman Street, Hellertown, received a letter today from Pfc. Charles Barron, a brother-in-law, who for the past three years was a Jap prisoner. In the missive he tells her that he is well, and was liberated some time ago. He expects to be home in the near future.

Pfc. Barron and his brother, Pvt. Michael Barron, enlisted at the same time, trained at the same camp in this country, and went overseas together, both being assigned to the 35th. Infantry, and were stationed in the Philippines. Three years ago, the brothers were taken prisoners at Bataan, and it is not known if they were among those in the long march that followed the surrender. Incidentally, Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright, recently liberated and who participated in the signing of the Jap surrender, was head of the group that surrendered at Bataan.

Shortly after the brothers were taken prisoners, according to the letter, they were separated, Charles being taken to Mukden, Manchuko, while Michael was sent to Camp No. 5, at Tokyo. It was more than a year following their capture that the War Department notified the nearest of kin that the brothers were prisoners of war. A card from

Charles was received about a year ago, but mail from this country never reached him, he stated in the letter. However, a cablegram sent last February, reached him in good time. Thus far there has been no information received from Pvt. Michael.

Both are graduates of the parochial school of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish, and before enlisting in the armed forces were employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company. Their home address is given as 445 Butler Street, Bethlehem.

Two other brothers, Pfc. Andrew and Pvt. Stephen Barron are in the armed forces. The former, a member of Headquarters Division, is presently stationed at Camp Baltimore, France. Stephen, who served in the Pacific theater of operations, a member of the Amphibious Engineers, recently returned to the United States.

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