

Daggett, William

Reported Dead, Found Alive In Nazi Camp

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Joy today invaded the home of Mrs. Betty Malloy, 511 Sioux Street. In a telephone conversation this morning with Major Riedy, of the War Department, Washington, D. C., he informed her that her son, Pfc. William Daggett, reported killed in action "somewhere in France" on August 6, is alive and well, and is a prisoner of the Germans.

"I have very good news for you," Major Riedy told her. "Your son, reported missing is a German prisoner. I hope to get his address so you will be able to write to him."



PFC. WILLIAM DAGGETT
... prisoner of Germans

He also told her that a telegram and a letter, verifying the telephone conversation would be sent to her.

A veteran of the African, Sicilian and Italian engagements, he was cited for outstanding service and devotion to duty, during the engagement of Maknassy, Tunisia, and was a member of a group sent from the Italian theater of operations, to England, to instruct and train troops for the invasion of France.

A member of one of the units that landed on the Normandy beaches on June 6, he was wounded during one of the subsequent engagements, and on June 24, following hospitalization, he rejoined his unit.

A graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School, he was inducted into the armed forces on February 1, 1942, and received his preliminary training at Fort George Meade, Camp Wheeler and Fort Bragg.

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