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On Way Home

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CORP. WILLIAM H. VOGEL

## Ex-Newsboy, Missing G-I, On Way Home

A letter received today by Mr. and Mrs. August Vogel, of Bethlehem R. D. 4, brought joy to the household. The missive was from their 20-year-old son, Corporal William H. Vogel, a former Bethlehem Globe-Times carrier, reported missing in action since January 4, who informed them that he is on his way home.

A member of the 17th Airborne Division, he was taken a prisoner by the Germans during the break through staged by Von Runstead, and had been confined to a camp known as Stalag 11-B. This is one of the prison camps recently liberated by the fast moving Americans.

He told his parents that he escaped injury, was in good health and should reach home within a few weeks. The last letter his parents received from him was dated December 29.

He graduated from Hellertown High School, Class of '43, and was inducted into the armed forces on April 6, of the same year. Following training at Camp MacKall, N. C. and Camp Forrest, Tenn., he was sent overseas.

At the time of his induction, he was assistant superintendent of New Jerusalem Union Sunday School, a member of the church choir, and was active in church work. On the eve of his departure he was the recipient of the Eagle Scout award, the presentation being made by officers of Boy Scout Troop 31, Leithsville.

A brother, C. M. Third Class John A. Vogel, is serving with a unit of the Seabees, presently stationed at Iwo Jima. His sister, Ruth Vogel, is a cadet nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

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