

Knecht, Harvey

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PVT. HARVEY KNECHT

## Harvey Knecht, Pen Argyl, Liberated

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knecht of 103 Pen Argyl street, Pen Argyl, have received a telegram through the American Red Cross, notifying them their son, Pvt. Harvey Knecht, 23, wearer of the Purple Heart, who had been a prisoner of war of the Germans, has been liberated.

Pvt. Knecht is the last of four Pen Argyl prisoners of war to be liberated. He was inducted into the Army in August, 1943, and left for training on September 11, 1943. In April of 1944, he went overseas and moved into France in the D-Day invasion.

After seeing action in the invasion, he was wounded on June 19 in France. He was flown to England, where he spent several months re-

cuperating. Information from the War Department informed the Knecht family that he returned to duty on October 17.

He was listed missing in action since November 25, in Germany and in a letter received from the War Department, Mr. and Mrs. Knecht were informed that their son was sent on a special mission to Butzeldorf, where a counter-attack by the Germans came soon after they had left.

They received a card from their son on March 19, in which he stated he was a prisoner. He is one of four brothers in the armed forces, a fifth son, George Peter Knecht, having received an honorable discharge from Army service. Elwood and Robert Knecht were in the European theatre of operations and Raymond is stationed in the South Pacific.

He attended Pen Argyl high, where he was a varsity back on the football team. Prior to entering the Army he was employed by the Blue Ridge Textile Company, Bangor.

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