

Robert A. Robb 8/25/42
Is Internee in
Manila Camp

Dr. Winifred A. Robb of Newton received a letter from the State Department at Washington, Tuesday, stating that word received when the S. S. Gripsholm recently landed following an exchange of diplomats from Japan, brought information that her son, Robert A. Robb of Manila, Philippine Islands, was an internee at Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila on June 30.

The letter, signed by F. Van den Arend, special representative in the Internee division of the State Department, stated that there were 3,500 internees in the Santo Tomas camp, which is located in the buildings of the University of Manila. Of these, 2,500 are Americans and the balance are principally Dutch and British. In addition, 1,000 others, mostly mothers with small babies, are living outside of Manila.

Conditions Fair

It said that the living conditions were fair, although crowded, and the food, provided by the Rockefeller Foundation was adequate although monotonous. The management of the camp is entirely in the hands of internees, who include many prominent prominent business and professional men.

The letter was the first word that Dr. Robb had received from Robert since a cable last Christmas, and that brought by Gerald Field, when the latter was here a couple of weeks ago on a furlough from the United States Navy, who saw him while he was stationed in Manila shortly after the outbreak of the war. Robert was editor of the Philippine Free Press, a weekly newspaper, and was heard on the radio in shortwave broadcasts from Manila.