

*E. M. Ervin Hears ^{Dec.}
from His Son, William 17,
Ervin, Jap Prisoner 1943*

E. M. Ervin of near Newton received a postal card, Monday, from his son, Private William E. Ervin, who was captured at Corregidor in the Philippines in May, 1942. It was sent from Japanese Prison Camp No. 1 in the Tokyo area, and was carried to this country on the exchange ship Gripsholm.

The card, unlike previous cards from him, was printed with a pen and according to his sister, Mrs. Orville Cummins of near Newton, was in his handwriting. He apparently didn't know his mother had died since he had last heard from her, for the letter was addressed to "Dear Mother and Dad" The message follows:

"How are you? I hope that you are well. How is everything at home? How is my aunt and uncle (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaines of near Newton)? How is Helen, Orville and Dickie (Mrs. Orville Cummins, his sister)? It is summer in Japan. I am feeling fine. Don't worry about me. How is Ruth (Johnson)? Where is George (Phillips)? Your loving son, Bill."