

## GILA BOY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. George Diel, of near Gila, received a telegram Wednesday from the War Department informing them that their son, Technical sergeant Willis D. Diel had been slightly wounded in action. The telegram read:

"Regret to inform you that your son, technical sergeant Willis D. Diel was on the 13th of December slightly wounded in action, Halesworth, England. You will be advised as reports of condition are received."

Willis is a mechanic in the air corps, and has taken part in many of the bombing missions over Germany and the occupied countries.

While the injury is reported as of December 13, his parents received a letter from him dated December 17, in which he made no mention of his injuries. He said that he had enjoyed a visit from his brother, John S. Diel, who is also serving with the air corps in England as a member of the ground crew. He has been in England eight months.

Mr. Diel says both his sons arrived in England the same week, one of them going by plane and the other by boat. Since that time they have been together several times.

In the letter written to his parents since he has been in the hospital Willis said that a visit from his brother John was better than a doctor's medicine. Willis observed a birthday on December 14, the day following his injury.