

LOCAL BOYS HELD BY JAPS MAY BE SAFE IN NEW GUINEA

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JOHN NICHOLS RECEIVES ENCOURAGING NEWS CONCERNING HIS SON WHO WAS PRISONER

John E. Nichols this week received a heartening piece of news concerning his son, Albert Nichols, who has been a Japanese prisoner of war in the Philippines since the fall of Bataan.

Mr. Nichols received a telephone call from James Green of Altamont, stating that his son, had made his escape with other American war prisoners while the Japs were attempting to evacuate them from an area threatened by the American invasion.

So far Mr. Nichols has had no word from his son, but is hopeful that he was among the number who swam to the safety of an American boat when the transport he and other prisoners were on was torpedoed and sunk by the American navy.

Mr. Green stated that the message from his son was sent from New Guinea and said that he and others who escaped were well and very happy to be again with their own army.

Two other Jasper county soldiers could have been in the number who escaped. Louis Mahan, son of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. N. Mahan, and a son of Emmett Ervin, were known to have been in the same prison camp on Mindanao.