

# Press Hears *Jan 16,* from Robert *1945* Yelton Robb

**Former Newton Man Writes  
from Philippine Prison Camp;  
Was First Word in Three Years**

The Press received a postal card from Robert Yelton Robb of Newton, a Civilian prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines in May, 1942, Saturday. It was the first direct word received from him in almost three years, although his mother, Dr. Winifred A. Robb of Newton, had received word fifteen months ago from the State Department that he was prisoner in the Santo Tomas internment camp at Manila.

Dr. Robb had tried on numerous occasions to write and cable him, but all her recent letters had been returned to the sender as undeliverable. She was very glad to receive what little word the card contained, but even this was quite stale for it was dated June 4, 1944, seven months ago.

## **Was Printed and Typed**

The message was a combination of printing and typewriting. On the front of the card was printed this message:

1. I am interned at Philippine Internment Camp No. 1.

2. My health is — good. (The words "excellent; fair; poor" had been crossed out by a typewriter.)

3. Message (Limited to 25 words), Here was typed this message: "Let me know what has happened to mother. Send cable at my expense. Continue my subscription to newspaper. Best regards." Below in pencil he had signed "Robert Yelton Robb."

## **Back Bore Censor's Mark**

On the back was the words "Service des Prisonniers de Guerre" in French and four Japanese characters, all printed in red ink. Below this, in black ink was printed "Name," "Nationality" and "Philippine Internment Camp." Beside these words had been typed "Robert Yelton Robb," "U. S. A." and "One."

It was addressed to Lawrence Shup, Newton, Illinois, U. S. A., and bore the mark of the Japanese censor and U. S. censor No. 11333.

A cablegram bringing the message that Dr. Robb was well was sent him Saturday afternoon.