

FOUR LOCAL BOYS BACK HOME SINCE EUROPEAN V-DAY

RECORDS SHOW THE IMPORTANT
PARTS THEY PLAYED IN
WINNING WAR

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Four Jasper county boys have reported their honorable discharges to the local Selective Service Board since V-Day in Europe according to information given the Mentor-Democrat this morning. Three of this number were from the Italian theatre of operations and the fourth is from the Pacific area.

The records of these boys as shown on their discharge papers bear out the parts they played in helping to win the war through long months of hardships and privations that come with war.

Technical Sergeant Virgil Everett Price, the last of these to register his discharge with the local board is only 22 years of age, but among other decorations on his army coat sleeve are six overseas bars.

He is a son of W. E. Price, of Bogota and has seen service in Iwo Jima, the Gilbert Islands and the Marshall Islands where the Yanks really found the going to be tough.

Besides his six overseas bars his decorations include the American Defense Ribbon with one battle star; Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with three battle stars.

Private First Class Medford R. Wilson, 21 years of age, had been in the service since March 20, 1942. He is a son of Mr and Mrs. D. N. Wilson of Bogota and is back home now after having served overseas from August, 1942 to May 20, 1945.

He had part in the Naples-Foggia, Tunisian-Rome and Arno campaigns and his theatre ribbon bears three battle stars. He also wears the good conduct ribbon.

Corporal Emil Mullin has finished his second hitch with Uncle Sam's fighting force. He had been in the army from 1936 to 1939 and enlisted again in 1941 and served through the fighting in North Africa and Italy.

His participation in the Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia and Tunisian campaigns entitles him to wear three battle stars on his ribbons. He has the American Defense service ribbon; distinguished unit badge; and the European-African Theatre Ribbon with three battle stars. He has six overseas bars on his sleeve.

Corporal Oscar C. Strutner, one of the first to be discharged from this county, has been in the service since October 6, 1942 and during that time he has seen plenty of action.

His foreign service dates from February 8, 1943 to February 24, 1945. He had part in the Rome-Arno, Tunisia, Sicily and Naples-Foggia air offensive and the southern France campaign.

He wears the Distinguished Unit Badge, Bronze Battle Star, Silver Battle Star, Good Conduct Ribbon, European-African and Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbons and four overseas service bars.