

# William Eldon Dewhirst Died in Hospital

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**Was Being Treated for Malnutrition, Anemia and Kidney Trouble Acquired While a German POW**

Mrs. William Eldon Dewhirst of Newton received word from the War Department, Thursday afternoon, that her husband, Private First Class Dewhirst, died in an American hospital in Paris, France, April 29. His middle initial was wrong in the message, but a wire by the Red Cross confirmed his death, Monday.



Private First Class Dewhirst was being treated for malnutrition, anemia and kidney trouble acquired while a German prisoner of war subsequent to his capture in Luxembourg on December 18, during the first phase of the Belgian bulge battle, the last major German effort in the west. It had been expected that he would recover, but complications evidently resulted which caused his death.

Besides his wife, the former Vernice Irene Shook of Newton, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewhirst of this city; one brother, Private First Class James Dewhirst in Germany; one sister, Mrs. Roe Bower of Wheeler vicinity; a half-brother, Leonard Dewhirst of Olney; and many other relatives and friends.

At the time of his capture, he was serving with the Thirtieth Infantry division, which was overrun by von Runstedt's big push.

## **Delbert C. Groves Is Killed**

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Groves of Hidalgo have received word from the War Department that their son, Private Delbert C. Groves, was killed in action in Germany, April 24.

## Everett Pittman Is Wounded

Mrs. Joe Crane of Newton has received word from the War Department that her son, Private First Class Everett Pittman of Watseka, who was recently wounded in Germany, is now in a hospital in Delaware, after having been brought to the United States by air. The message didn't say how badly he was injured, but it is somewhere about his head as he isn't able to see.