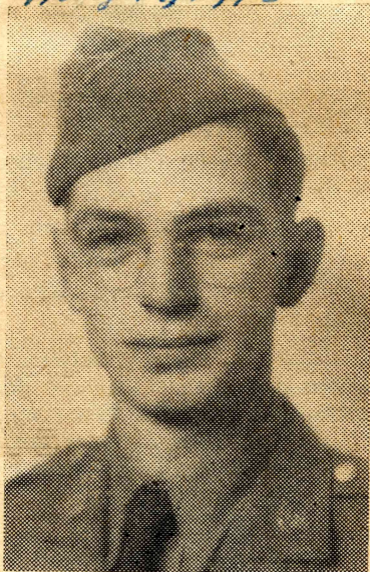


Eldon Dewhirst Dies In France

May 19, 1945



Starvation in a German War Prison is responsible for the death on April 29 of Pfc. William Dewhirst, according to messages received here by his wife and parents. His death occurred in a hospital in Paris France where he had been taken after having been rescued by American forces from the German prison camp.

Pfc. Dewhirst was attached to the famous Keystone Division which was known to the Germans as "The Bloody Bucket Division" and saw service all through France from St. Lo where heavy fighting took place shortly after the invasion last June, on up through Paris and into the Luxembourg area.

He was taken prisoner by the Germans December 18, 1944 and his family here was notified that he was missing in action. Later advices were that he had been taken prisoner and was being held in a German prison camp.

Besides his wife, the former Vernice Iren 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.