

Newton Soldier Freed From Jap Prison Camp

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Pfc. Albert Nichols Wires Father He is Safe

Private First Class Albert Nichols, who has been held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese since April 8 1942 has been liberated by the American forces occupying the Japanese homeland, and probably by this time is on his way home.

This welcome news was received Saturday by John E. Nichols, the boy's father, who received a telegram from his son, that he had been liberated and expected to be home soon.

Pvt. Nichols was taken prisoner when Bataan fell to the invading Japs, and was in the notorious March of Death across the Island of Luzon. He was at Osaka when liberated.

After being held in concentration camps in the Philippines for many months, he was transferred to the Japanese homeland when the allied forces began preparations for invasion of Leyte. One of the boats in the convoy which was transporting prisoners to Japan was torpedoed and sunk by American submarines, and it was from this torpedoed boat that his buddy, Jimmy Green, of Altamont swam to safety after three days in the water.

Pfc. Nichols, who is 30 years of age has been in the service since July 1940.



PFC. ALBERT NICHOLS

He is married and his wife resides in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Haleyville, Okla., but had resided in this county with his parents several years before enlisting in the service.

He has a brother, John E. Nichols, Jr., who has been in the army in the Indian theatre of operations for several months