

## TOM BUNCH, NAZI PRISONER FOR 19 MONTHS, FREED

Waiting in Germany for Plane When He Sent Word to Cousin.

### NOTE WRITTEN FOR HIM

In Hospital, But Nothing Serious, 'Just Lazy,' He Reports.

Sgt. James T. (Tom) Bunch, who was captured 19 months ago in Italy, has been liberated from the Nazis, according to a letter received today by R. L. Perkins of Westport, and "may beat this letter home" from Germany.

Sergeant Bunch was employed at Golden foundry and lived with his cousin, Mr. Perkins, and family at 412 Jackson street when he entered the Army from here in March, 1941. The family has since moved to Westport.

He was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., after induction and was trained for the armored forces. He was serving with a heavy tank battalion when captured by the Germans in Italy on Oct. 23, 1943.

"Save Your Ration Points."

His letter said: "Dear Cousin: Well, the great day has finally come and I am back with the U. S. Army once more.

"At present I am in a hospital waiting for plane transportation back to the States. I may beat this letter home.

"Nothing seriously wrong with me. After a few good meals and some sleep I'll be O. K.

"I'm having a Red Cross girl write this as I am rather lazy.

"Tell everyone I'll be home soon and save your ration points for me.

"Love, Tom."

#### Carlos Long Is Liberated.

Pvt. Carlos Long of Shelbyville, who was taken prisoner while serving with the 106th Division in the battle of the Belgian bulge, was liberated April 15, according to word received by his aunt, Mrs. H. G. Kennedy, 811 Pearl street.

Long was in the notorious Stalag 3-A at Lueckenwald but apparently was moved out before the Russians reached it and was liberated by American forces at another camp. He was flown back to France, where he wrote that he was "all right" and hoped to get home soon.

Pfc. John E. Hamilton of this city was reported in March to be a prisoner in the same camp. He was captured while serving with the 104th Division.

#### Baker's Brother Freed.

Lt. Thornton Baker of New Castle, a prisoner of the Germans for 23 months, has reached the United States after being liberated, his brother, Stephen M. Baker, executive vice-president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, was informed today.

Lieutenant Baker, a bombardier on a Flying fortress, was taken prisoner by the Nazis when his ship was shot down during a mission over Germany.

## 1945\_05\_10 Tom Bunch, prisoner for 10 months, freed

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