

Five Fort Worth Soldiers Freed From German Camps

Word of the release from their German captors of five American soldiers, three from Fort Worth and two former residents here, had been received Thursday.

They are: Col. Charles C. Cavender, Capt. John D. Simpson Jr., Tech. Sgt. Floyd D. Caldwell, Lt. Amon G. Carter Jr., and Staff Sgt. James C. Hensley.

Colonel Cavender, former Fort Worth resident captured during the German breakthrough last December while commanding the 423rd Regiment of the 106th Division, has been freed for the second time by American troops and is believed to be in a hospital in Paris.

News was received by his sister, Mrs. R. L. Emerson, 2535 Waits, in a V-mail letter from Cavender relayed here by his wife in New York. The message stated that he had been freed from a German hospital in Nuernberg on April 17.

Cavender had previously had a few hours of liberty on March 27 when the 4th Armored Division rescued him and other Americans from a prison camp at Hammelburg, but was recaptured when Germans ambushed the column. He received a leg wound when a 500-pound bomb exploded near him on April 5.

Four of his brothers, J. H., E. E., J. E. and J. M. Cavender, live in Fort Worth.

A cablegram from Sergeant Hensley, German prisoner since February 1944, informed his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Blackburn Hensley, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hensley, 3721 Lenox, that he had been liberated and "hoped to see them soon."

Hensley, who had been held in stalag 4, was captured in France after the B-17 on which he was serving as radio operator-gunner was shot down. He had completed eight missions and holds the Air

Medal. He is a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock.

An Associated Press dispatch from "east of the Elbe with the Russian armies" Wednesday reported that Lieutenant Carter, son of the Fort Worth publisher, was alive and well and had been liberated by the Russian advance.

The information came from three released American POWs who had seen him the day before at the Luckenwalde camp. They said that Carter was staying at the camp in compliance with the senior American officer's order that prisoners remain until arrangements are made for transportation.

Carter, serving with an armored unit, was reported missing in action in central Tunisia on Feb. 14, 1943, and was announced to be a prisoner of the Germans on April 15. A graduate of Culver Military Academy, he was called to active duty as a reserve officer in July 1941. After training at Fort Knox, Ky., he was sent to North Ireland and England before going to North Africa.

Captain Simpson, formerly of Fort Worth, has been liberated from stalag 7 at Munich and hopes "to be home within two months," according to a cable to his wife, Mrs. Eunice Simpson and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Simpson Sr., in Abilene.

Simpson is a nephew of Mrs. R. K. Howard, 3618 Ave. H, and Mrs. J. C. Kyle, 3518 E. Rosedale. He had been a prisoner since March 13, 1943.

A letter from Sergeant Caldwell, prisoner since May 1944, saying that he is safe and with the British, was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Caldwell, 1002 Midway.

Caldwell was serving as a B-24 engineer with the 15th Air Force when captured. He was formerly a student at Baptist Seminary here.