

Veltman on Way Home

Transferred to a disposition center near Manila, Luzon, recently, pending shipment to the United States for discharge from the army, was Staff-Sergeant Francis J. Veltman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Veltman, Talmage, according to a press release from the 86th "Blackhawk" infantry division's public relations office.

Entering the army at Fort Leavenworth, S-Sgt. Veltman trained with the infantry school at Camp Hood, Texas, and departed for overseas duty January 9, 1945. Prior to his transfer to the replacement depot, he was assigned to Service Battery, 911th Artillery battalion, 86th "Blackhawk" infantry division. He participated in combat with the 38th infantry division on Luzon, Philippine Islands for which he wears the Combat Infantryman's badge, Philippine Liberation ribbon, Purple Heart Medal and Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon. His other awards include the Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory medal.