

Kin Hears from 3 Elmira Soldiers Reported Missing

Three Elmira boys, formerly reported missing in action, have contacted their families within the past week. One hopes to return home soon and two are now listed as prisoners of war.

Last Dec. 24, Mrs. Mary Scarfone, 670 Maple Street received word that her brother, Pfc. Mario De Maria, 22, was missing in action in the Belgium bulge.

Last Thursday her hope that he might be a prisoner became a realization, when at 7 p.m. the mailman brought a card written by Mario saying he was a prisoner in Germany and had not been wounded.

Mario was graduated from St. Anthony's School and the Academy and is a member of St. Anthony's Parish. He entered the service in March, 1942, and has been overseas since last June. He was with General Patton's Third Army for a time and was transferred to the First Army and saw action in Holland and before he was reported missing was with an Anti Tank Platoon with the Ninth Army in Germany.

Hope for the safety of 2nd Lt. John Heyakanich of Elmira Heights has been revived by the receipt of his message to his parents.

John has been listed as missing since May, 1944, when his Liberator Bomber crashed near Salgan.

The message, supposedly written by John, was broadcast by Radio Tokyo and monitored by two American Radio Stations

and both stations sent identical copies of the message to the family. It bore the address "Tokyo Camp" and contained a greeting for all members of his family and stated that he and several buddies have been interned. He asked for pictures of his family and requested them to write.

Lt. Heyakanich was graduated from the Elmira Heights schools and the Rochester Business Institute.

He holds the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heyakanich, 137 McCaulay Avenue and a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The family of Pfc. Ernest Sardo, were overjoyed this past week to learn that he had been located in a German Prison Hospital by his mother's cousin.

Ernest had been listed as missing since Jan. 30, and upon hearing of it, his cousin, Captain James Colletta, of 408 Walnut Street, began an intensive search in all camps in captured German territory. He received confirmation that Ernest was a prisoner and continued his

search until he located him in a captured German Hospital. Ernest had been severely wounded on Jan. 17. Captain Colletta arranged to have him flown to Paris for medical treatment. Captain Colletta has also written the Sardo family, telling them of Ernest's recovery and that he would soon be sent to the States.

Ernest has been in the service since January 1944 and has been overseas since June 1944.

He saw service in Italy, France and Germany. A graduate of the George Washington School,

Ernest attended the Academy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

John Sardo, 511 Logan Street, members of St. Anthony's Par-

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K. C. Sponsored Parochial Baseball Opens Monday

The Parochial School baseball league will get off to a start on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan tossing out the first ball at St. Mary's diamond preceding the game to be played with St. Mary's opposing St. Casimir's.

Edward C. J. Marks, past Grand Knight will aid in the opening ceremonies at Grand Park when Our Lady of Lourdes line up against SS. Peter and Paul.

The schedule for the season

is as follows:

Paul's entry, while Robert L. Paul plans on tossing the first curve to open the clash between St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's at St. Casimir's field.

Commissioner Walter L. Supple is enthusiastic over the prospects for an excellent season and fully expects to develop some good talent in this loop that will make the grade in the K. of C. entry in the American Legion league.

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is as follows:

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