

# Two Fort Worth Men Are Freed From Prison Camps

First Lt. Leonard Spence, infantryman of the 36th Division, and Corp. Wallace B. Graves, 318th Infantry Regiment, have been liberated from German prisoner of war camps and the news Sunday lifted much of their families' worries over the soldiers' welfare.

Mrs. Dal Fowler of 4304 Geddes, a sister, received the word here about her brother, Lieutenant Spence, who had been in Oflag 64 since September 1943. He was taken prisoner four days after he hit the beach at Salerno.

Before entering service in November 1940, Spence farmed near Snyder. His wife and two daughters, Margaret and Peggy, 5 and 3, are now living at Emory.

He is a brother of Capt. Homer Spence, now at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, for treatment of hip and arm wounds suffered in

Italy, and of W. F. Spence, Denison; John Spence, Winnsboro; Tom Spence, Texarkana; G. C. Spence, Snyder; Mrs. Hal Cook, Dallas, and Mrs. R. L. Craver, Gregg town.

Corporal Graves is the husband of the former Barbara Jeanne Abey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abey of 2137 Park Pl., and the son of Mrs. E. G. Graves of 3101 Odessa. His father was Ellery G. Graves, secretary-manager of the Retail Merchants Association here, who died in 1940.

Graves was held in Stalag 3-C and was lost to the Germans last Sept. 17 in France. He has been in service since June 1943. He is a graduate of Paschal High School and the University of Oklahoma.

News of his release came Sunday as his brother, 2nd Lt. George M. Graves, was leaving Fort Worth for Alabama to complete his training at Napier Field as a P-40 pilot.