

Phila. G. I. Aided In Prison Rescue

A 23-year-old Philadelphia soldier was in a small group of General Douglas MacArthur's men who, with



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four tanks and several jeeps, liberated American civilians from the Japanese prison camp at Santo Tomas, near Manila, on Feb. 3.

That was revealed by Rev. Alfred J. Monte, of 1545 S. 26th st., an Augustinian missionary in the Philippines, in a letter received by his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Monte, of the S. 26th st. address.

Father Monte, one of the freed internees, praised the "unbelievable and crazy courage of a handful of American boys, who came fighting, shooting their way directly to Santo Tomas."

One of the first men to storm Santo Tomas, wrote Father Monte, was Private First Class Stanley Domain, Jr., of 724 S. 2d st. Private Domain's father was surprised when informed that his son helped rescue the civilians from their three years' incarceration in the prison camp.

Father Monte, a graduate of Villanova College, who was ordained six years ago, went to the Philippines in August, 1939.

In his letter to his family, he denounced the "meanness and cruelty of the Japs."

TELLS OF STARVATION

"Men and women were dying of starvation at the rate of seven in 24 hours," Father Monte's letter said. "Father Carr (Rev. Henry Charles Carr, O. S. A., brother of Mrs. George W. White, of 3116 N. Wendle st.), one of us four Augustinians, is still a very sick man, but with good food and medical attention will pull through."

Father Monte said it was on the evening of Feb. 3, while eating his supper of corn meal "cooked in plenty of water," that he heard the American column moving into Manila.

"In an hour," his letter continued, "they crashed through our gates and guards, and we were free, unbelievable even yet."