

Tom Terrill Home From Manila Camp

Thomas S. Terrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Terrill, 2024 Amherst drive, who was liberated from Los Banos Camp in the Philippines, Wednesday arrived at a West Coast Army base where he was greeted by his surprised wife.

His wife, who resides at 1803 North Allen Avenue, Altadena, had come to the air base expecting to board a plane and fly north to meet her husband.

Terrill, a flight captain who had not touched plane controls since he was captured, put the big four-engine plane down himself.

As he stepped out into the wind that whipped across the field, he shivered slightly and waved his hand at the green California hills.

"Too long, no see," he said. Then he held up his pipe. "I've still got this—but I lost everything else but my blazer to the Japanese."

Immediately following a brief welcome at the field Terrill and three other liberated civilians were taken to the officers' club for lunch—a green salad, soup, veal cutlets and plenty of milk.

"After the Jap food of less than half a pound per person a day, everything tastes like strawberries and cream," one of them quipped.

All four men were employes of Consolidated Aircraft Corporation who were delivering pre-Pearl Harbor planes to the Dutch, via Manila, and were swept up on Christmas Eve, 1941, when the Japs invaded the Philippine capital.

Terrill was a former Caltech student body president.