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Cpl. M. H. Stiewert Returns to States

Cpl. Matthew H. Stiewert, son of H. A. Stiewert, Route I, Paige, Texas, is returning to the United States under the Army's rotation program after 18 months in the Far East.

He served in the 1st Cavaalry Division, which spent 17 months in the front lines of Korea before being assigned to security duty in Japan late in 1951.

World War II veterans will remember this same division landed at Lingayen Gulf on Luzon, Phillippine Islands in early 1945 and raced south to help liberate Manila. American prisoners of war held at Sante Tomas University were freed by an advance column of the 1st Cavalry.

Stiewert, assigned to the 99th Field Artillery Battalion's fire direction center, is a veteran of seven months of service in Korea.

He has been awarded the Korean Service Ribbon, the UN Service Ribbon and the Army of Occupation Medal for duty in Japan.

A graduate of Giddings High School, the corporal entered the Army in March, 1951.