T/5 John C. Thomas Jr.

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T/4 Clair R. Martin, 1319 Witzel avenue, and Pfc. John C. Thomas, 454 Washington boulevard, are members of the 32nd division band which played during the ceremonies which reconstituted the Philippine commonwealth government in Manila, attended by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Pres. Sergio Osmena.

T/5 John C. Thomas, 454 Washington boulevard, has been discharged from service and has reported to selective service board No. 1. He was with the 32nd infantry division band and joined the service Oct. 15, 1940. He has been awarded the American defense service ribbon, Asiatic Pacific theater ribbon with three bronze stars, Philippine liberation ribbon with one bronze star and six overseas service bars.

Sgt. John C. Thomas of this city has written several interesting letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas, 454 Washington boulevard, in which describes his recent experiences on some tropical island in the southwestern Pacific, to which he has recently been sent. He states that his outfit have had to hack their way through the jungles, and build themselves huts of thatched straw. Outside of the intense heat, their principal worry has been the various insects which infest the island. Working hours are 12 per day, and the working week is seven days. Canned rations are provided, but he stated that he expected and hoped to get turkey for Thanksgiving day.

Cpl. John C. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas, 454 Washington boulevard, is home on a 45-day furlough after having served for three years overseas with the 32nd division. He left Oshkosh with the national guards in 1940.