

WWII POW's Traded Watch Returned

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RICHMOND — A watch traded by an American prisoner of war for a piece of bread during World War II has found its way back to the soldier's widow.

Thomas Willis Pitts, who was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, gave his watch to a fellow prisoner for the bread at a compound in Germany.

After the war, Pitts returned to his job with the IRS, where he worked until retirement in 1976. He died in June.

After her husband's death, Es-

ther Pitts joined the 106th Infantry Division Association Inc., composed of men who had belonged to the division and their wives. While looking through the organization's magazine, she saw a notice from Theodore Young of Ozark, Ala., who said he had traded bread for a watch at the prison camp and wanted to return the watch.

She wrote Young and described the watch. They agreed it had been her husband's.

The watch, still keeping time, was delivered to Pitts Monday.

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