

Bassarik, Joseph T.

**Gets Purple Heart
For Hurts Received
On Italian Front**

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Joseph T. Bassarik, private first class, who is confined to a base hospital in Italy for treatment of shrapnel wounds received in fighting outside Rome, has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to official notification received by his wife, of 743 Second Avenue.

Mrs. Bessarik has been told the decoration will be sent directly to her. Bassarik's brother, Michael, 607 Washington Avenue, received recently a letter from his brother telling of the injuries.

Private Bessarik was inducted a year ago, received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and went overseas in September. He was an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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