

Gerlach, Arthur J.

Seneca St. Marine Wounded In Three Places On Saipan

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marine Private Arthur J. Gerlach's visit to Saipan was short but not sweet.

The 21-year-old Leatherneck, who lives at 933 Seneca Street, this city, was wounded in three places on D-Day.

He was hit in the left ankle, left hip and back when a Jap artillery shell sprayed him with fragments during the advance inland from the beach.

Gerlach, who also fought the Japs at Guadalcanal and Tarawa, has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds. The presentation was made at an advance base hospital by Marine Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith, who told Gerlach and other wounded Marines, "I am proud to wear the same uniform that you wear."

The Bethlehem Marine landed on Saipan with assault waves of the Second Marine Division. He enlisted in the Corps June 3, 1941. Earlier, he attended Bethlehem High School.

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