

## Wounded

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PVT. EDWARD KROUSE

### Pvt. Edward Krouse Seriously Wounded In Iwo Fighting

Sixteen days of heavy fighting in Iwo Jima recently resulted in serious wounds from a mortar fire concussion to Pvt. Edward Krouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Krouse, of Bethlehem, R. D. 4.

Later, as Pvt. Krouse was being evacuated from the island, Jap bullets pierced the gasoline tank of the rescue plane, forcing the aircraft to land. Of the entire platoon of which the young Bethlehemite was a member, only three men survived.

In a letter to his aunt, Mrs. Granville R. Diehl, of 209 East Market Street, Pvt. Krouse, who is recuperating in a hospital somewhere in the Pacific, expressed amazement at the fact of his own survival. He describes vividly the terror and excitement of guarding fox holes by night in Iwo Jima, with Japs sneaking close in search of water and food.

Pvt. Krouse is married to the former Jean Wickert, of Allentown.