

Renniger, Aaron E.

Hellertonian, Wounded by Jap Sniper, in West Coast Hospital

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AARON RENNIGER

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, Calif.—Wounded by a Japanese rifleman on Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands last February, Marine Private First Class Aaron Edward Renniger, 23, of 109 Kichline Avenue, Hellertown, Pa., is now convalescing here.

"We had been on Eniwetok more than two weeks when I stopped a rifle bullet with my left shoulder about 4:30 o'clock one afternoon," said Private First Class Renniger.

"I was up front using a Browning automatic rifle whenever I had the opportunity to get a bead on the Japs. We had been skirmishing with some Japs in the brush most of the day.

"We were held in reserve for some time before we saw any action, but when we did see it I can truthfully say we had plenty of it for a time."

Enlisting in June, 1942, Private First Class Renniger went overseas in July, 1943.

A son of Mrs. Lillian Renniger, of the Hellertown address, he attended high school in his hometown and when he entered the service was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

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