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## Sgt. Ryan, Blown From Fox-Hole In Siegfried Line, Convalescent

A U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL, England — After driving through two rows of pill-boxes fortifying the Siegfried Line, Staff Sergeant George F. Ryan, 26, of Rural Route 1, Bethlehem, was wounded by shrapnel in his right leg. He is recuperating at this United States Army General Hospital in England, where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

His ward surgeon, Captain Walter M. Eisin, of Chicago, Ill., described his condition as "satisfactory and only requiring a matter of time for complete recovery."

As squad leader for his mortar squad he led his unit's invasion drives from St. Lo through Belgium and Luxembourg. "We encountered cleaner fighting at the line as opposed to the earlier hedgerow battles," he said.

Sgt. Ryan was wounded while pushing toward "commanding" ground overlooking the Siegfried Line. "I was blown from a fox-hole near Vire while our squad was in position to capture a vital hill position," he said.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Kutos, are living at the rural address near Bethlehem. His brother, Chief Yeoman James A. Ryan, 30, is serving with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.



**S-SGT. GEORGE F. RYAN**  
... crashed Siegfried Line

Sgt. Ryan was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation before entering military service in April, 1941. He received basic military training at Camp Croft, So. Carolina.

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