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Philip  
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## Pvt. Sahaydak Recovering in Army Hospital

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Wounded in action in the North African theatre of war, Private Peter Sahaydak, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sahaydak of 427 Pawnee Street, is confined to a government hospital, believed to be in Sicily, well on the way to recovery, according to letters received by his parents.

More than a week ago his parents were notified by the War Department of the wounding of their son while engaged in one of the many fronts.

At the home, this morning it was learned that letters from the wounded soldier are frequent. He tells his parents that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of the wound, but does not state the nature. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, which has been sent to his parents.

In one of his letters he tells of meeting a Bethlehemite, William Hilegas, of Cherokee Street, who is attached to a Medical Corps unit. "I saw some action and I expect to be up and around in a short time", the 21-year-old soldier says.

He claims that he has not received any mail for the past two months despite the fact that many letters have been addressed to him. There is a possibility, however, that all of the mail will reach him about the same time.

He is well acquainted with the happenings "back home," being one of the many now wearing the country's uniform who receive the Globe-Times.

He graduated from Liberty High School with the class of '41, and while attending the local institution, was a halfback on the varsity football eleven, and was a member of "Bill" Stark's soccer squad. Before his induction on October 24, 1942, he was an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

He is one of three brothers in the armed forces. One of his brothers, Master Sergeant Philip Sahaydak, U. S. Air Corps, is in the South Pacific theatre. Another brother, Sergeant Thomas Sahaydak, is with an infantry unit, "somewhere in Misouri". The latter expects to spend a furlough with his parents in the near future.

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