

Wiczena, John

**Wounded Bethlehem
Soldier Recovering
In England NOV 24 1944**

A U. S. ARMY STATION HOSPITAL, England—Wounded in the right leg by mortar shell fragments in France, Pvt. John Wiczena, 25, 746 Laufer Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa., is recuperating at this United States Army station hospital in England.

A heavy calibre machine gunner in an Infantry unit, and a veteran of the African and Sicilian campaigns, Pvt. Wiczena was wounded near St. Lo while his unit was providing protective cover for advancing riflemen. He was hit in the leg by mortar shell fragments, but was forced to remain there for two days when his unit was surrounded by enemy patrols. During an American counter attack he was treated by company aid men and taken to an evacuation hospital. Later he was flown to England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Lieut. Col. Jay F. Havice of Fort Wayne, Ind., executive officer of the hospital, said that Pvt. Wiczena's progress "has been excellent and he should soon be completely recovered."

His mother, Mrs. Anna Wiczena, lives at the Laufer Avenue address.

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