

Home From War



PVT. CHRISTIAN BLANK JR.

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After 37 months of service on foreign soil, among the first of the American soldiers to land in England; took part in the D-Day invasion, participated in four major engagements and was twice wounded while in action, Private Christian Blank, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Blank, of 734 Broadway, is spending a well merited respite with his parents.

He has a 37-day furlough, a day for each month he spent on European battlefields. At the termination of the furlough he will rejoin his outfit.

Inducted into the armed forces on March 26, 1941, he received his preliminary training at Camp Croft, S. C. Assigned to the Quartermaster Corps of the First Army, he served with various units of the Army while the going was tough. When Von Runstedt made his break through last December, he was among those that were in a tight spot, and for some time after communications were shut off, their position was in danger.

On two occasions he was wounded with shrapnel, receiving a leg injury and an injury above his left eye.

On Jan. 15, 1943, he was married to Theresa V. Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morris, of London, the ceremony being performed in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours. He is the father of a daughter, Christine. Mother and daughter are still living with her parents in London.

Before his induction, he was an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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