

Burk, Leonard J

**Corp. Leonard Burk
On Furlough Here
After 23 Battles**

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Corporal Leonard J. Burk, son of Mrs. Jenny G. Burk, 423 West Union Boulevard, is spending a 30-day furlough with his mother. Burk has been in 23 battles and has received the Purple Heart, Presidential citation, four campaign bars for major campaigns in the South Pacific, one American campaign bar for defense of American theater in the American Samoa Islands.

Burk enlisted in the Marines Dec. 10, 1941, three days after Pearl Harbor. He received his training at Quantico, Va., and San Diego, Cal. After completing this training he was sent to the American Samoan Islands for additional training. He was also sent to New Hebrides for one week to get used to the jungles.

As a member of the First Raider Battalion, his company was the first to land on Guadalcanal. He spent 18 days there and was in three important battles. He was then sent to Tulagi, his second major campaign. It was here that Corp. Burk received two bullet wounds from machine gun fire. He also contracted malaria fever.

Corp. Burk was sent to a hospital in New Caledonia for treatment. He spent six months there before being sent back to the U. S. He arrived in the States Dec. 7 and was sent to a hospital in Oakland, Cal., for three weeks. From there he was sent to Sun Valley, Idaho, for two months. He then was allowed to return home, arriving in Bethlehem Feb. 24.

Burk will leave Bethlehem March 21 to return to his base in San Diego, Cal.

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