

Connell, Sgt. Francis

## Sgt. Francis Connell Takes Part In Luzon Invasion

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Among those to land at Lingayen Gulf on S-Day was Sergeant Francis Connell Jr., 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Connell of 427 East Fourth Street, a member of the U. S. Army's 43rd Field Hospital, according to an official release from Luzon.

This unit recently observed its first year overseas and its first month on Luzon. The occasion was marked with the presentation of the Philippine Commonwealth Liberation ribbons to all personnel, and Purple Hearts to seven men who were wounded in a night infiltration raid by a Jap suicide party. Purple Hearts were also sent to the families of one officer and three men who were killed.

Sergeant Connell was inducted into the armed forces on February 5, 1943, and received his training at Camp Pickett Va., and Camp Ellis, Ill.

He is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, class of '37, and was associated with his father, Francis J. Connell, mortician, before entering his country's service.

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