

*Kauker, Stephen C.
John*

Seagoing G-I Escapes Jap Fire, Breaks Wrist In 6-Foot Fall

Pfc. Stephen C. Kauker, 20-year-old amphibious corpsman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauker, 1639 East Mechanic Street, is convalescing in the Pacific—but rather disgustedly. Pfc. Kauker as a crewman on an Alligator carrying assault troops and supplies from ship to shore, made several trips on D-Day in a sea full of exploding mortar shells and machine gun fire. In the weeks that followed, Steve made so many excursions he lost track of the count. Then nine days after Saipan was announced as secured, the seagoing GI accidentally slipped and fell a mere six feet to the ground from the catwalk of the gator and broke his wrist.

Now sulking in an Oahu hospital ward like a caged lion cub, Steve displayed the cast on his left hand and said in disgust, "What a h— of a way to get it!"

Pfc. Kauker was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before his induction a year ago. Another brother, S. C. 2-C John, is now on a destroyer in active duty in the Italian theater.

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PFC. STEPHEN C. KAUKER

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