

Czekner, Steven
Ignatius
Joseph
John

**Northampton Soldier,
Burned In Africa, Sees
Daughter First Time**

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Severely burned about the feet in an explosion at Bizerte, North Africa, Pvt. Steven Czekner, one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czekner, of Northampton, in service, is spending a 30-day sick furlough with his wife, the former Sallie Konapelsky, and their five months' old daughter, Marcia Ann, who he had not seen until his arrival in Allentown. Pvt. Czekner, who is still unable to walk normally, will return to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., next week for additional treatment and probably another operation.

Skin grafting operations on Pvt. Czekner's injured feet were performed before he was brought back to this country early in January on the U. S. Army Hospital Ship, Acadia, along with 775 other American casualties. Inducted into the Army Sept. 2, 1942, he received basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and went to North Africa a year ago.

His brothers in the armed forces are Sergeant Ignatius Z., Corporal Joseph and Private John Czekner, all in the Army and Seaman Second Class John Czekner, U. S. Navy.

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