

Master Sergeant Frank S. Takach is shown receiving the Purple Heart from his commander at his base in Cherry Point, N. C.

Heart from his commander at his Master Sergeant Frank S. Takach, who has seen two "hitches" with the U. S. Marine Corps, is spending a leave at his home, 1732 East Second Street. The decorated sarge holds the Presidential Citation, five campaign ribbons, three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. He participated in the initial invasions of Guadalcanal, the Marshall Islands and more recently, completed 2½ years duty in China. His new station will be at Cherry Point, N. C. His wife, the former Mary Mesko, resides in this city.

A graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School, he was employed in the Roller-Smith Company before entering the service. A nephew is following in the sergeant's footsteps, Pfc. Robert Takach, USMC, now stationed on Mindanao.