

Canning, Austin J.

Legion of Merit Award For Col. Canning

Local Man Cited for Service in Hawaii After Pearl Harbor

Colonel Austin J. Canning of Bethlehem, commanding officer of the Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, N. Y., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his service in Hawaii following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

Announcement of this award to Colonel Canning and thirty-three other officers and men of the Hawaiian Department has been made by Army Headquarters in Hawaii during the past few days.

Formal presentation of the award, a new one authorized at the start of the present war, will take place on a date to be announced.

At the time of the Japanese attack, Dec. 7, Col. Canning was in command of the North Sector, General Hospital at Schofield Barracks, adjacent to Wheeler Field, Hawaii.

Valiant work of medical men and nurses in treating the wounded in that and other hospitals following the attack has been recorded



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by war correspondents and written up in magazines and medical journals.

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Colonel Canning, a physician and surgeon, has been in the Army for nearly 30 years, 2½ years of that time being spent in Hawaii. He was recalled last Fall and placed in command of the 1500-bed general hospital now under construction in Burrstone Road, at Utica. He is a son of Mrs. Eva Canning and the late Albert Canning, 730 Broadway. Soon after his graduation from a medical school, Col. Canning entered the U. S. Army medical service.

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