

Bratkovics, Stephen

**PURPLE HEART FOR  
BETHLEHEM SOLDIER**

**DEC 10 1942**

**Stephen Bratkovics, Wounded  
in African Campaign, Given  
Coveted Medal.**

Mrs. Anna Bratkovics, of 748 Laufer Stree, is a proud of mother today for her son, Stephen, serving with the United States Army in North Africa, has written that he is the recipient of the Order of the Purple Heart, much coveted medal which goes to soldiers wounded in action and displaying meritious conduct.

Stephen, who is 27, was wounded by a bullet in the right knee during the action which accompanied the invasion of the North African coast. In a letter to his brother Frank, he describes his injury and says that he is sending his medal home for sale keeping. The letter is dated November 29 and in it Stephen remarks that he likes the change of scenery and finds much of interest in his new surroundings.

He was inducted on February 3 of this year. He attended Broughal High School and worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company. A brother, William, 24 left on Saturday for induction into the service. Stephen's present mail address is Co. C., 18th Infantry, A. P. O., No. 1, c o Postmaster, New York City

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