

Pvt. Nick Borlodian Awarded Purple Heart Award

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Private Nicholas Borlodian, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Borlodian, 32 East Union Boulevard, Bethlehem, has recently been awarded the order of the purple heart for injuries sustained in a German air attack in Sicily. Borlodian, who is a driver for a telephone line team in the 9th Signal Company of the veteran 9th Division, was firing a .50 calibre machine gun at the enemy bombers from the roof of his truck. A nearby explosion flash-blinded him while he was manning the gun and he was immediately evacuated to an aid station. Private Borlodian recovered completely from his injury without any harmful effects and was able to return to duty a few days later.

A veteran of both the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, Nicholas Borlodian is a member of a communications team headed by Staff Sergeant Charles Hodges, of 1120 Third Street, Catasauqua, Pa. When they're not busy laying telephone lines for the 9th Division, the sergeant and the private dig up plenty of reminiscences about the old days in Bethlehem and Allentown. With a brother, Michael, serving

in the Seabees, and his father working in the Bethlehem Steel plant where he himself used to work, private Nicholas Borlodian has over a year and a half of army service to his credit. Before working at Bethlehem Steel, he attended Bethlehem Industrial High School.

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