

*Gearhart, William*  
*LeMar*  
*Leroy*

## **T/Sgt. Gearhart Hurt In Texas Auto Mishap**

Recently <sup>Oct 16 1945</sup> returned from overseas duty, Technical Sergeant William Gearhart, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gearhart, of 1032 Wood Street, is a patient in Fort Sam Houston Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., for a second time, now being treated for a crushed left foot received in an automobile accident. He was a patient in the hospital in August, 1944, while recuperating from an appendicitis operation.

William, who was in telephone communication with his parents yesterday, stated that he was fairly comfortable and that the extent of his injuries has not been determined. The accident occurred Thursday while the young soldier was waiting with a party of three friends to cross an intersection. An automobile crashed into the rear end of a car ahead, pushing the latter vehicle onto the sidewalk, where Gearhart and his friends were standing. They were bowled over by the car.

One of the party, a young girl of 18, was injured fatally and died in the city hospital at San Antonio. Other members of the party, one of whom was the dead girl's sister, escaped serious injury.

Sgt. Gearhart visited his parents recently while on a 15-day furlough. He returned to Texas last week, planning to visit his family again before the completion of his leave. He was stationed at San Antonio with an ordnance medium auto maintenance unit. Two brothers are in service: Private LeMar Gearhart, at present stationed at Newport News, Va., attached to the Army air forces, and Leroy, a gunner on a B-29. Both boys were at home on furlough during the time William was on leave.

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