

## Earns Stripe



William C. Bauer Jr., 742 Dellwood Street, formerly a private in the First Army serving in the European Theater, was promoted to Private First Class and was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Citation, and the Good Conduct ribbon. Pfc. Bauer already holds the Purple Heart for wounds received October 9, 1944, in Germany, which hospitalized him for two months in England.

Pfc. William Bauer was a member of the 30th Division of the First Army under the command of General Dobbs, which had done ten months of heavy fighting prior to the ending of the war. At one point, this division was completely surrounded by the enemy for one week with food supplies and medicine almost exhausted. For refusing to surrender at this time, he was awarded the Bronze Star and citation mentioned above. The division received supplies dropped from Allied planes. Pfc. Bauer has since been transferred to the Ninth Army and at present is stationed at Auerbach, Germany, near Czechoslovakia.

Bauer entered the service July 7, 1943, and has been serving overseas since April, 1944.