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Nazareth Soldier Has Three Close Calls From Death; Recovers From Wounds, Gets Purple Heart

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Making light of the fact that he has narrowly escaped death at least three times in the performance of duty to his country, Technical Sergeant Paul J. Hanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hanner, 196 Heckman Avenue, Nazareth, is back in action, according to a letter recently received by his parents. In this letter he stated that the Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded him and that he would send it home for safekeeping.

Last Monday Mrs. Hanner received a telegram from the War Department stating that her son, Technical Sergeant Paul Hanner, was seriously wounded in action on June 19 in France. A letter containing his address followed. It stated that he was receiving the very best medical care and attention and that further reports as to his progress would be given, but the nature of his wounds was not disclosed.

PARENTS GET LETTER

This great burden of anxiety was lifted on Friday when a letter was received directly from him saying that his wounds were light and that there was no cause for worry as he was returning to his unit in fighting shape.

About a year ago, T. Sgt. Hanner had been hit by a hand grenade at Fort Dix, N. J., and was in a hospital for three months as a result. In November, 1943, the ship on which he was being sent overseas was torpedoed near Jamaica and he spent three days on a life raft before being rescued. He was treated for shock and exposure in a New York hospital for a week.

He was inducted into the armed forces on July 29, 1940, and received training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, Arlington, Va., and Fort Dix, N. J. He was shipped to England in January of this year.

3 BROTHERS IN SERVICE

T. Sgt. Hanner has three brothers



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in the service. Ship-fitter 2-c. Frank Hanner, U. S. Navy, entered the service in 1941 and is stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla. Pvt. Stephen Hanner, U. S. Army, is a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was inducted on February 7, 1944. Staff Sgt. Peter Hanner, U. S. Army, entered the service on October 6, 1942, and is stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

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