

Becker, James

**Soldier's Condition
Reported Still Critical**

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Condition of Sergeant James Becker, 21, of 1944 Tilghman Street, Allentown, whose car crashed into a tree on East Susquehanna Street, near Stahlnecker's Crossing, Sunday at 5 p. m., is reported as still critical though hopes are entertained at Sacred Heart Hospital for his recovery.

Sergeant Becker, who was able to speak to relatives at his bedside last night after being unconscious for 24 hours, has a depressed fracture of the skull, a punctured palate and a laceration above the right eye.

The Army man, who observed his 21st birthday anniversary Saturday, was driving to the home of a friend, Joyce Christ who was to accompany him to a birthday dinner at the Becker home when the accident occurred. He had arrived home just a few hours before for a 10-day furlough from Maxwell Field, Ala., where he is stationed with the Air Corps.

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