

Labdik, George F.

Relates How Enemy Bullets Wounded Him

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THE 185TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, England—After fighting with his company to the top of a hill held by enemy Storm Troopers, Private First Class George F. Labdik, 19, of 618 Pierce Street, this city, was wounded in the leg and arm by a burst of machine gun fire as he crawled to cover. He is now recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England, where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

His ward officer, Captain Monroe Schneider of Brooklyn, New York, reports Pfc. Labdik's condition as good and said, "He will soon be well."

"We were 60 miles past the Rhine," said Pfc. Labdik, a rifleman, "and ran into Storm Troopers holding high ground which commanded this town.

"Machine gun fire swept the hillside as we stormed the positions. I had reached the top of the hill when a gun opened fire from my left. The first burst missed me and as I dropped to the ground, the second burst wounded me in the leg. I began crawling away and a third burst hit me in the arm. The machine gun was knocked out a few moments later by one of our tanks and I was picked up and carried to safety."

Pfc. Labdik is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Labdik, who live at the Bethlehem address. He entered the Army September, 1943, and received his training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

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