

Sakavics, Stephen

**Northampton Soldier  
Has Premonition  
Of His Death** JUL 24 1944

A premonition of death that often visits soldiers on the field of battle seems to have gripped Paratrooper Stephen Sakavics as he wrote his last letter to his closest friend, Stephen Demetrovics, just one week before his death in France.

"Steve, when that big day comes, bend on your knees and say a prayer for me, because then soon, I expect to pay a visit to the angels above."

Recipient of these words, Stephen Demetrovics, 448 East 12th Street, Northampton, yesterday received a wire from the War Department that on June 7 his life-long friend, Stephen Sakavics, fell in action in France.

The young paratrooper was born in Northampton where he lived until the early twenties when his parents decided to move back to Hungary. They took Steve along, but the new world, not the old, was his dream and he returned to America in January, 1937, establishing residence in New York. However, throughout the years, he spent all his vacations in Northampton.

He enlisted in the armed forces January, 1941. For a few months he served in an infantry division, but last summer he requested transfer to the paratroopers. His last two months were spent in England.

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