

Nemeth, Louis

Northampton Soldier Prizes Military Medal

Private Louis Nemeth, former resident of Northampton, recently was awarded a soldier's medal for gallantry in action during the Sicilian campaign.

In a letter dated Aug. 17, 1943, to his mother, Mrs. Anna Nemeth, 421 East 81st Street, New York, Nemeth had this to say about receiving the decoration.

"Dear Mom: Today was the biggest day in my Army life. I received a soldier's medal. I'll send you the details later. It was presented to me by our commanding officer in a really militaristic formation. As I walked up for the presentation to the beat of drums, I was thinking how proud I should be to be an American soldier. Then the commander's fine, inspiring words, his handshake and presentation did more inside of me than my pledge when I was sworn into the Army. Then as the rest of the outfit passed in review, within an arm's length of the four of us who were decorated. I had a feeling I was lucky those guys are on my side. Yes, Mom, that's how I felt today. Love, Louis."

The Nemeth family resided in Northampton for many years before moving to New York about two years ago.

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