

Sergeant George Staley Receives Check from ^{1/28/44} His Buddies Overseas

Sergeant George H. Staley, who is convalescing at Army hospitals for injuries received on June 20 near Florence, Italy, when the train he was operating as an engineer, was bombed, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Staley of near Falmouth, that his buddies sent him a Christmas present of \$550.00. He says:

"I feel pretty good and am leaving the Hines hospital for Battle Creek, Michigan, November 30, for sixty days there and then will come back here for another operation.

"I had my Christmas today when I got a registered letter from the boys overseas with \$550.00 in it. Howard Rainge, Dan Beavers and M. S. Johnson collected it in the company. It was the biggest ever received by a soldier in this hospital, the officers said. Sergeant Fred Tomer wrote a swell letter and sent the money. It makes a fellow think there still are some good men and officers in my old outfit. He said I was the best liked guy ever in the company.

Wounded Last June

Sergeant Staley received a compound fracture of his right leg below the knee when his train was standing on a siding twenty miles south of Florence waiting for orders to haul supplies to the front. A plane came over and strafed them, and he managed to keep two new men under cover. This was followed by a lull and they thought all danger was past. He ran out to warn them when other planes came over and dropped bombs, but was too late. They were killed and he was blown to the bottom of a building excavation.

He managed to drag himself out of this but it was until 9:30 the next morning before he was found and taken to a hospital.