

Marko, Stephen

Bronze Star Given Stephen Marko As 'Distinctive Hero'

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Pfc. Stephen Marko, a member of the Second Infantry Regiment, USA, "for distinctive heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy May 5, 1945 near Bohhnecham, Czechoslovakia," has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The citation accompanying the award reads, "The enemy concentrated heavy automatic and small arms fire upon our forces while crossing the demolished bridge span over the Templa Vlatva River during our attempt to establish a bridge-head. With superlative self assurance, Pvt. Marko, a rifleman, rushed through the torrent of shells to an exposed position on the enemy side and returned fire. Pvt Marko valiantly held his position until the enemy force was annihilated. His indomitable courage, intrepid actions and calmness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces."

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