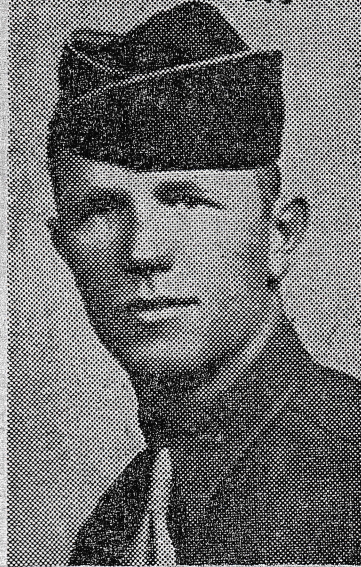


Solek, Stephen

Gets High Award

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Sgt. Stephen Solek, a member of the 988th Treading Bridge Company, now awaiting shipment to the States from Berlin, was awarded the Certificate of Merit.

The citation accompanying the award stated, "In preparing and directing the construction of a bridge across the Roer River, February 23, 1945, in Germany, Sgt. Solek worked long hours receiving necessary equipment and with ready knowledge in all phases of construction, greatly assisted the working parties."

A graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School, Sgt. Solek was employed in the Bethlehem Steel Company at the time of his induction. He completed his training at Pine Camp, Watertown, N. Y., and several Army training camps in the states before going overseas two years ago. The sergeant participated in the fighting at Cherbourg and in Battle of the Bulge last winter. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bilesky, reside at 1718 East Third Street.

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