

Erk, William C.

Local Soldiers Cited For Combat Service

In ceremonies held during the past month, two local soldiers, members of the 100th Division, received awards for their action in France, Alsace and Germany prior to V-E Day.

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Pvt. William C. Erk, 398th Infantry, from 1019 Court Street, Bethlehem and Sgt. Nicholas W. Mudrick, 375th Field Artillery, from 608 Center Street, Allentown, both received the Bronze Star for "meritorious action against the enemy."

The men received their first rest in seven months of continuous fighting when the unconditional surrender of Germany was announced. Units of the Century Division earned four Presidential Citations for their

outstanding fights and the Division as a whole received three commendations from higher commanders.

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