

Sher, Eugene V.

**Local Army  
Man Persuades  
117 To Surrender**

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WITH THE 97TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Europe—A 97th Division infantry officer who moved alone into an open field and persuaded a German commander to surrender his troops, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal by the division commander, Brig. Gen. M. B. Halsey.

He is Lt. Eugene V. Sher, husband of Hilda M. Sher, 445 Montclair Avenue, Bethlehem.

Lt. Sher's company while advancing toward Neualbenreuth, Germany, on May 4, east of Welden and striking in the direction of the Czechoslovakian border, encountered a heavily defended position.

Halting the company, Lt. Sher moved alone into an open field toward the position to determine its location and strength. When within shouting distance he persuaded the enemy commander to surrender his unit of 117 men, enabling his company to continue its advance without interruption or casualties.

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