

Matula, Edward F.

## Edward Matula, Bath Marine, Earns Bronze Star

Pvt. Edward F. Matula, U. S. Marine Corps, husband of the former Charlotte Shingler, Bath, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in connection with operations against the enemy while a member of a rifle platoon on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, February 28.

The citation, signed by Maj. Gen. C. B. Gates, reads in part as follows:

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"Pvt. Matula's platoon having advanced and captured an enemy-fortified strong point, was ordered to reorganize and set up in a more favorable position for the night. It was discovered that three men were left behind wounded. Stretcher bearers were unable to reach them owing to intense enemy fire. Pvt. Matula with six other men volunteered to return into the enemy lines to search out and rescue their wounded comrades. During dusk and heavy mortar and machine gun fire, he and the other advanced 200 yards where they neutralized an enemy pillbox and removed the wounded men to safety."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Matula, reside at Bath R. D. 1.

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