

Stofko, Edward H.

**Bethlehem Soldier
Awarded Bronze Star 1945**

WITH THE 29TH DIVISION IN GERMANY—Private Edward A. Stofko, 737 Atlantic Street, Bethlehem, Pa., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Major General Charles H. Gerhardt for "heroic achievement" in action near Bourheim, Germany. He is a company messenger for Company "L", 175th Infantry.

The citation accompanying the award reads in part: "Pvt. Stofko's company was receiving heavy shellfire and numerous counter attacks near Bourheim. Telephone wires

were constantly being blown. Stofko repeatedly went out and repaired the broken lines during the shelling. His actions restored communications that were vital to the success of the company repulsing strong German counter attacks."

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