

## Vet Gets Award

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M/Sgt. Michael Zegalia, Field Artillery, brother of Mrs. John Begovich of Route Four, Bethlehem, has received the Bronze Star Medal for services rendered in the European Theatre of War.

His citation reads:

"For meritorious services in support of combat operations from Feb. 27, 1944, to May 2, 1945, in Italy. As battalion motor sergeant, M/Sgt. Zegalia rendered outstanding service in maintaining an exceptionally high standard of performance of his motor vehicles. Displaying initiative and ingenuity, he devised and improvised critical parts in order to insure prompt return of vehicles to service.

"With utter disregard for his own safety, he entered mine fields in order to recover and reclaim damaged vehicles. M-/Sgt. Zegalia's tireless devotion to duty and his resourcefulness in meeting and solving the problems of an ever changing and tactical situation contributed in great measure to the operational success of his unit, reflecting great credit to him and to the armed forces of the United States."

Mrs. Michael Zegalia, the former Emilia Basker, and his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Zegalia of Wind Gap, received a telephone call from a New York overseas operation on V-J Day from Switzerland, where he was spending an 8-day leave.

M/Sgt. has been overseas almost three years. He entered the army in October, 1941, and trained at Camp Gruber, Okla., and Fort Bragg, N. C. He was a member of the 88th Blue Devil Regiment, and has received four battle stars.

Two brothers, Cpl. Carl Zegalia, stationed in India, and Sgt. George Zegalia in Rosecrans Fields, Mo., are also in service.

Zegalia, Michael  
Carl  
George

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