

Hahn, Robert B.

Hellertown GI Wins Bronze Star For Italian Action

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Pfc. Robert B. Hahn, 22, son of William Hahn, 1344 Main Street, Hellertown, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth Army front in the Italian campaign. He was a pioneer with the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment

of the 10th Mountain Division.

Assigned to test the effectiveness of an enemy weapon for assault purposes, Hahn and a comrade detached themselves from a 30-man raiding party and advanced on an enemy objective. The remainder of the men followed in a wide circling movement.

As they approached a house, Hahn and his buddy were seen by the enemy and pinned down by machinegun fire. Hahn then opened fire with the enemy weapon, eliminating the machinegun nest and partially demolishing the house. His mission was completed, but he preferred to shoot it out with his carbine rather than to withdraw. He and his comrade kept the attention of the enemy long enough for the patrol to surround the house and capture the hostile force.

Hahn entered the Army on October 22, 1943. In addition to his father, two sisters, Jeanette and Evelyn, are at home.

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