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Memorial Services Honor 100th's Heroes

Colorfut Ceremonies Held Throughout Div.

Memorial Day services, which were held at various points throughout the Century Division, paid honor to those men of the 100th who fell during the combat period recently ended.

Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burres, speaking to a throng which gathered in a Geislingen church, paid tribute to the men who "paid the supreme sacrifice for the cause of liberty and justice" and reminded his hearers that as we press on toward world peace that we should remember the men who have given their lives that such a peace may be attained.

One of the most impressive ceremonies of the day was held at Schorndorf, where the 375th staged an open air ceremony which was climaxed by the presentation of bronze star awards to 18 officers and enlisted men of the battalion.

The Memorial program was dedicated to Lt. Joseph C. Moroney, who was killed in action on December 4, 1944 while serving with front line infantry troops. The dedicatory address was made by Captain Kummer, B. Btry. commander, who reminded his listeners that "future Memorial Day services at home will extoll the honored dead who fell in this war."

Chaplain Nyberg then recited the names of the battalion's men who fell in the European War, and after he had prayed for a "just and righteous peace", taps was softly played by the bugler.

At the conclusion of the service, 18 men who had earned the bronze star award were called front and center and their ribbons were presented them by Brig. Gen. John Murphy, CG of Division Artillery.

IN MEMORIUM. Men of 375thFA Bn pictured in formation during Memorial Day Service honoring fallen comrades.

Co. L. Has Swell Phone Service in Germany

The high brass at Fort Benning, who ordain the T/O for an infantry company and allot two measly soundpowers to each, would ogle in amazement at the set-up within Co. L, 397th Infantry.

Capt. Al Weiler's company uses more than two soundpowers for communication. In fact, they have a ten-drop switchboard, with phones partied on some of the drops. They have a total of 16 phones hooked up to the board.

The entire project, sponsored by Sgt. Ed. Duffy, Com. sergeant, is through the courtesy of the German Army. The switchboard and all of the telephones are Jerry.

STARS. Gen. Murphy pins Bronze Star on Sgt Stuart King, of 375th FA.

Good's Conduct Poor, Point Total Suffers

Take is from a Pfc in Hq Co, 1st Bn, 399th Inf. this business of owing the government time for past AWOL's can certainly knock your discharge point total for a loop.

This soldier, who added up his precious units and thought that he had 85 of them, completely forgot that there was a little matter of 183 days due the Army for infractions back in the States.

Of course that has happened in many cases in the division and in all divisions since the point values were announced. But this fellow's name (and no foolin') is George B. Good.

Staff Sgt Doi Becomes First Jap-American To Receive Gold Bars

Fate and his parents' own countrymen played a mean trick on Staff Sgt George A. Doi when they pulled off the infamous sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. For Doi, at the time, was a promising young candidate at the Signal Corps' OCS at Fort Monmouth. And the treacherous assault ended a long-cherished ambition to earn an officer's commission in the U.S. Army.

It was more than a tough break for Doi. He was not permitted to finish the course because of his parentage. And then he learned that his mother had been sent, with other California Japanese, to an internee camp in Arizona.

Things looked mighty black just then. But he never stopped trying. Eventually, Doi wound up at Fort Jackson, S. C., where the 100th Division was being activated and was assigned to the 100th Q M Co.

Last week, Sgt Doi's dream came true! In a ceremony at Div Hq, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Century Commanding General, pinned on Doi's Lieutenant's bars and awarded the five-foot-four inch, 130-pounder a field commission in the Quartermaster Branch.

It was the first such award ever made a Japanese-American in the 100th Division. But, according to Capt James A. Dougherty, QM Co. CO, no man ever deserved a promotion more.

Lt. Doi has served as platoon leader of the QM Co's Service Platoon for more than seven months. He is considered one of the best-liked men in the outfit.

Commissioning of Lt Doi was the highlight of a mass ceremony at Div Hq., during which 28 enlisted

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Song Composed in Foxhole Strikes Home With GI Joe

This is a story of a man, a song and a foxhole.

The man is Ray Vorce, combat infantryman who since the war ended is acting as featured vocalist with the 399th Inf orchestra; the song is a poignant, haunting melody, «Soon Now», and the foxhole is where Vorce wrote the song.

SOON, NOW! That's theme of soug Ray Vorce is pictured composing in foxhole.

Mixed into the story are Vorce's wife and their brand hew baby girl. And there is more than a dash of fame and fortune just around the corner to give the story all the ingredients it needs.

It happened like this:

Vorce, who comes from Albany, New York, was a radio operator in

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Heroic Medic, Lost On Jan 1, Turns Up In Yank Hospital

Word that T/4 Edward C. Gill, 22, aid man for "C" Co., 1st Bn., 399th Inf., who had been missing in action, is alive and recovering from battle wounds, has just been received by Major A. R. D'Addario, regimental surgeon of the 399th.

Gill, who hails from New York Mills, N. Y., had been missing since Jan. 1, the time of the breakthrough by the Jerries near Bitche. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and is recovering at the 60th Station Hospital, APO 793, according to Major D'Addario's information. Extent of his injuries and the full story of his capture and subsequent treatment by the Germans is still unknown.

Disclosure that the medical corpsman is alive and in American hands comes as thrilling news to the veterans of Charlie company. It is in itself a saga of the courage of the combat medic.

Riflemen who were there, will newer forget that New Years' Day when "Eddie" defied a platoon leaders' order to withdraw.

"What guts the guy had! The artillery and small arms fire from the Krauts was terrific. We were catching hell on all sides and there was Gill, without a rifle, cooly giving first aid to four injured GI's lying seriously wounded on the ground.

Gill was last seen by Charlie company riflemen toppling over in a heap on top of a wounded commade he was treating.

Recon Troop Bar Boasts Brass Rail' n'Everything

Probably the liveliest and most inviting spot in the entire Division area is quarters of the 100th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop where a «Buy-a-Drink Bar» has been built by the Recon men and a sign «Open for Business» has just been hung out.

AT THE BAR. Drink hearty, men, say bartenders 1st Sgt Salvatore Prezioso, Cpt Walter S. Ross and Sgt Joseph Boll as S/Sgt James Holbrook, Sgt Charles Singer, Pfc Henry Denton and Pfc Leo Rutka hoist a few.

There's one catch to the «Open for Business» angle. You must either be affiliated with the Recon troop or be an invited guest to participate of the beverages, but since the Century Sentinel walks in where angels fear to tread, we found that something is always going on there— «Soft music» by a quartet of Recon music makers; some talented doughboy hammering out a tune on the piano; the latest

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Stone Age Left Its' Mark On Town of Geislingen

Geislingen, the «town of five valleys», has traces of civilization dating back to the Early Stone Age. It has been a community of craftsmen for most of its history. The bone and ivorycarving craft flourished here especially and many fine examples of the

GEISLINGEN AS SEEN FROM ONE OF THE HILLS.

local artisans' work, together with the tools used, are to be found in the Heimat Museum.

Recorded civilization begins with the Illyrians who came from what is now Rumania and probably followed the course of the Danube to this region. The next people recorded in history are the Celts, then the Romans, followed by the Suevi from which the region of Swabia takes its name.

The Suevi were an extremely fierce Germanic tribe who later merged into a confederation called the Alemanni, from whose name derived the French and Spanish words for German and Germany.

Today, most of Geislingen's inhabitants are factory workers, although a small percentage are still peasants working small buildings. It was here that the Wuerttemberg Metal Works and other industries were established. During peace, the works produced silverware and other light metal products but in time of war, it turned its productive capacity to manufacturing war products.

There are few traces of Roman culture in Geislingen, although a Roman coin dated 148 A. D. and bearing the likeness of Antonius Pius, Emporor of Rome, has been found.

Helfenstein Castle is one of the favorite spots to visit. It commands a good view of the entire valley. The Count of Helfenstein built it originally in 1100 as a fortified residence. It was later turned over to the Free City of Ulm. It became a military stronghold until 1552, when Margrave Albrecht, of Brandenburg-Kulmbach, successfully stormed the castle. Having outlived its military value, it was abandoned.

The Oedenturm is the tower which crowns the hill on which Helfenstein Castle stands. By 1400, the development of artillery made necssary additions to the defense of the Castle. It served its purpose and the tower is in an excellent state of preservation.

The oldest church in town is the Die Stadt Kirche. Predominantly late Gothic in architecture, it's interior, however, shows many traces of Renaissance and Baroque influence. Origially a Roman Catholic church, it was built in 1424. It later became an Evangelical church.

The Toll house, on the town's main street, is a perfect example of German architecture of the Middle Ages. Its wooden beams are fastened together by an early form of doweling. From the third floor up, the building is in its original state. It was first built in the 1400's and extensively repaired in 1593.

The Market Hall diagonally across from the Toll House is its perfect contrast. Built before the Toll House, it is much more modern in appearance. It is of the Renaissance type.

Spitzenberg Castle has only traces of walls a few ditches remaining. It was built around 1100 to protect the town of Kuchen. From its site you can see the entire valley. The Castle was razed in 1296.

The Heimat Museum is very similar in architecture to the Toll House. Old weapons, art and handcraft work by local artists and artisans, house furnishings, silverware and similar exhibits, reflecting the life of Geislingen, are on view. The building itself dates back to the 16th Century.

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397 th's Stork Club Opens

Minus the red plush railings and exclusive atmosphere of its New York counterpart, the «Stork Club» was opened for members of Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 397th Inf. this week.

The Stork Club, advertised by a colorful sign on the entrance, is a beer garden in a pine cove next to a picturesque stream. It has been doing a thriving business since its opening, due mainly to the offer of three large steins of the amber fluid for the mark.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: What do you think of exempting men over 30 from future drafts ?

T 5 Leo Kaufman, Auburn, N. Y., 898th AAA Bn--«It's all right but it seems hardly fair to me to keep the men who are over 30 and al-

Lawrence Keach — Leo Kaufmann

ready in the Army serving as combat troops. They might be used for service troops ,though.»

S/Sgt. Lawrence Keach, Charleston, S. C., 100th QM--I think it's all right to defer men over 30. But the men who are over 30 and are veterans can't expect quick discharges, or the Army wouldn't have a hell of a lot left.»

Sgt. William Stofko, A Co, 399th Inf--I think it's right to defer them. They can get enough young men who will be better fighters in the Pacific. Those who are in now should be given some sort of preference under the point system.»

S/Sgt. Daniel J. Melchiorre, Hq Co, 100th Div-- «If they are going to defer the drafting of men over

Daniel Melchiorre — William Stofko

30 who have never had a taste of Army life, I think that men who are over 30 and in the service should be given a break, as well. If they meed men over 30, why not continue to draft men over that age and give a break to the over thirty men now in the service. Some of them are pretty tired , trying to keep up with the youngsters in combat.»

Gen. Burress Praises Conduct of Troops

Discipline and appearance of the Centurymen is highly commended by Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, commanding general of the 100th Division, in a communication forwarded to all unit commanders.

"I wish to take this opportunity, wrote Gen. Burress," to express to all personnel of this Division my feeling of pride in the excellent manner in which the troops of this Division have, and are continuing, to conduct themselves. The disciplinary record, compliance with the non-fraternization policy, military courtesy and the personal appearance of our men is an achievement in which we may all take justified pride.

"Such standards of military discipline, military courtesy and personal appearance as are being demonstrated by personnel of this Division elicit respect and admiration and are indicative of a high combat efficiency."

C Btry. Claims Distinction Of Firing the Last Round

Charlie Battery of the 374th, F. A., 100th Division, is taking bows today for having fired the last round in the Centurymen's drive against the Germans.

Crew Chief Sgt. Milburn W. Alicie said that neither he nor his crew, comprising Cpl. Joseph H. Sunnenberg, gunner; Pfc. Neil Cantalino, ammunition handler; and Pfc. Dan Mullis, loader, had the slightest idea that V-E day was so near that night of the 24th of April.

«As far as we were concerned it looked as if the war against the Jerries would go on indefinitely. It had been plenty hot that day, we had two headquarters Jeeps ambushed by the Krauts and we poured in plenty of lead all day and early evening in support of the 397th doughboys near the town of Altbach,» Sgt. Alicie said.

He divulged that they remained on line for three more days, little dreaming that the 105 mm. howitzer shot from a No. 2 piece was their last crack at the Germans in the ETO.

«It was around 9 in the evening when we 'let her go' and it paid dividends,» the crew chief said.

As hot as the area was around Altbach, it could little compare to the battle for Heilbronn, according to the gun crew members. They said they threw more rounds, in the shortest space of time, than in any other period during the war against Germany. The Infantry, they said, kept calling for support in their bitter house to house drive to take Heilbronn.

»And we gave it to them,» they said. The nearest they had at any time to a hit on their piece was near Rawling when a piece of shrapnel tore through their camouflage net. That was on January 8 th, when the Jerries were counter-attacking.

They like to retell stories of their direct hits on flak wagons at Bitche and rocket guns at Neisweiller, but particulary do they get satisfaction out of the fact that they were there when the 397th doughboys needed them most.

8.000 See Show

Climaxing an eight day tour of the 100th Division, the Continental Revue ,an all-French variety and vaudeville show, played Saturday night before troops attached to Division headquarters.

Maj. Hugh T. Paris, Division Special Service officer, estimated that eight thousand Centurymen witnessed the troupe during its stay here.

Hanshaw's All-Combat Band Tours Century

The hundreds of officers and men who were present at the Geislingen theatre last week left the theatre satisfied that the 399th Inf. orchestra with which Sgt Frank Hanshaw is currently touring the Division has a future just as is.

The band, which won a major portion of the prizes in the Ft. Bragg 'Battle of Music', has been bolstered by a number of musicians who were formerly in 'name' bands in the states and who found their way to the 399th during combat.

There is, for instance, Irving Wittcoff, tenor saxaphonist, who formerly played with Anson Weeks; J. V. Johnson, also a tenor sax man and arranger for the band, who was with Phil Harris; Joe Rao, trumpet, who performed with the bands of Ben Cutler, Teddy Powell and Tommy Reynolds, and Lennie Sohlman, bass, who was with Floyd Ray, one of the most popular orchestra leaders on the West Coast in the United States.

The band is augmented by Ray Vorce and Harry Walker, vocalist; WO Kieran, who had the house howling with his imitation of a lady in her bath, and Rip Ferrish, who presided as master of ceremonies.

"We're still keeping this an all-combat band," Hanshaw said after the show, "and we definitely want to keep the band together after the war. We really believe we've got something and the manner in which the fellows have been receiving our show demostrates, I think, that they feel the same way."

Jack of All Trades

Life in the German occupation hasn't become any life of ease for Lt. Joseph M. Crockett, of the 398th Infantry. He is the 398th's MP officer; executive officer of Regimental Headquarters; Graves Registration officer; Company Mess officer; and Regimental Gas officer. Apparently because he's so good at this business of "Jack of All trades," he is expected soon to become Regimental Athletic officer.

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WAR ROOM. Eveu though European phase of war is over, 399th Inf Regt keeps Pacific phase very much alive. Here's Pfc Lawrence Rutigliano, CP orderly, arranging things.

SOCIAL-MINDED 'SONS OF BITCHE' START ORGANIZING

Sgt Harold M. Buckley

Now that the more important job of whipping the Nazis is out of the way, Century Joes these days are vigorously tackling a lot of unfinished business started along the winding trail from France for which they never could find time before.

One such item on the agenda is the much-discussed «Society of Sons of Bitche,» conceived during the 100th's smashing assault upon the Nazis' formidable defensive positions in the vaunted Maginot Line.

The project, long dormant, now seems well on the way to actuality, and tentative plans call for the launching of the Society the latter part of this month with a gala «Induction Ceremony,» followed by an intensive membership drive inall units of the division to secure Sons of Bitche recruits.

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Originally suggested as a means of commemorating the Century's great tactical victory which culminated in the fall of the famed fortress and Citadel of Bitche, a feat which had not been accomplished since the Thirty Years' War, far-thinking planners of the group now feel that the Society may well become a real social success. They envision annual reunions in the States, years after the end of World War II.

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Colorful membership cards are in process of printing, firmly establishing the fact that Pvt John X. Doe, of Such-and-Such Company, is a legitimate Son of Bitche in good standing.

It will be an exclusive organizationo To join, you must have fought for the town with the 100th or an attached unit, or have been connected with the Division in some way.

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The Society will be headed by an elected official who will be known as the Grand Exalted Biggest, a rank of great distinction. Temporarily, until an election is arranged, charter members have appointed an acting «Biggest,» but be will give over his exalted position immediately after the election.

It is expected that a Lieutenant General, no less, willl officiate at the «Knighting« of the first Son of Bitche sometime lateun June. Membership requirements and other pertinent data will be released in the near future and a terrific rush to climb aboard the Sons of Bitche band-wagon is anticipated.

Another group, long inactive but now coming back to life, is the SASCGBHFGISWBJSCO, started back in December by three men in the 398th Inf Regiment's Message Center, all of whom had been jilted by girl friends back home.

For your information, the alphabetical hodge-podge means Society for the Advancement of Social Contacts with Girls Back Home for GIs Who've Been Jilted Since Coming Overseas.

The organization's renaissannance has been spurred within the past few weeks by a number of fresh jiltings, plus the fact that the recently announced point system has made the outlook for many young GIs extremely bleak. Those who have not already been jilted are just going to «play it safe.»

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One of the Society's objectives is a gigantic pool of address books. Thus, lonely GIs who've just learned of the loss of a former girl friend may, with the help of the proper committee, acquire an APO Sweetheart and conduct a mail-order romance. Sisters, former girl friends and next-door neighbors will form the nucleus of the APO Pool.

Results are assured new members, organizers of the society claim. As a result of publicity the club has received in New York newspapers, two girls one from Brooklyn and the other from Corona, L. I., already have written to suggest that they would welcome a letter (with an enclosed picture) of some handsome (or even passably good looking) Centuryman.

They even have all the necessary specifications of prospective girl friends — just so the anxious GI does not have to feel he is getting a Mail Order Sweetheart totally unsuited to his peculiar tastes.

The girl from Brooklyn, for instance, is 19, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, has brown eyes and auburn hair. The Corona lassie is 20, 5 feet 5, 105 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.

If you have been jilted recently by your old girl, drop us a line, Bud, and we'll furnish some names and addresses from the Society's register. It's better than no mail at all, isn't it.

Capt. Conley Had Real Fun In Heilbronn with Bazooka

Down in A Co. 397th Inf., they still speak of him as "Bazooka" Conley, which might be a rather disrespectful way to talk about the officer who is now 1st Bn. exec. That is, it would be disrespectful if there wasn't a note of pride in their voices when they said it.

But the officers and men in Able company will tell anyone who raises the question that their former company commander, Capt. Frederick S. Conley, Jr. was one company commander who spent every combat day with his men, come hell, high water or the Purple Heart.

They'll tell you that on March 15, near Hottweiller, that Capt. Conley was burned when he was leading his men across a mine field and tripped a booby trap that had a white phosphorous grenade on the end of it. But that he kept on plowing through that mine field at the head of his company.

They'll tell you that he had a lot of fun in Heilbronn, firing his favorite weapon, the bazooka, at everything that moved. He'd spot something and just say, "Never mind the team, just send up the bazooka." And he could fire it, too.

And Lt. William R. Bosworth, who was executive officer then and is company commander now, will tell you that the new battalion executive officer is the best poker player in the regiment-maybe in the division.

"You can say," Lt. Bosworth declared, "that I, personally, have bought him a house."

Captain Conley is from Cranston, Rhode Island, and in his college days captained the Rhode Island University basketball team.

A Tough Assignment

Pity the poor Message Center runners in a spot like this! The Pony Expressmen cover approximately 130 miles on the run to one of the regiments, 90 miles on another and 35 miles on a third. That's travelling. Boy — particulary when you have to make the trips twice daily.

ALL-STAR APPROVAL. That's what the 100th Signal Co. show rated recently. Here are Generals Burress, Murphy and Tychsen pictured applauding.

Switchboard Operator Rescues Drowning Boy

Quick thinking and rapid action on the part of a Centuryman saved the life of a drowning German child this week.

Pfc Laverne Farnham, a switchboard operator of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 397th Inf., was the hero of the indident when he plunged into the icy waters of a creek in Babenhausen to pull the young boy from a watery grave.

Farnham was sunning himself on the bank of the creek when several small German boys ran up screaming that their friend was drowning in the creek about 200 yards away.

Without delay, Farnham sprinted to the spot and dove into the water. He swam to the center of the swiftly moving creek ,where the water was over his head, clutched the thrashing youth and pulled him to the bank.

The child appeared to be lifeless after the rescue, but recovered after Farnham applied resuscitation methods. The switchboard operator then carried the boy several hundred yards for additional medical attention.

Lt. Col. Stegmaier Gets Transfer to ETO's QM

Lt. Col. Robert M. Stegmaier of Comberland, Md., G-4 of the 100th Division, has been transferred to the Quarter Master's Section, ETO.

The transfer became effective Wednesday, May 30.

The former assistant chief of staff had been with the Century Division since its activation at Fort Jackson, S. C., more than two years ago. Previous to his assignment to G-4 he had been in charge of the Division's Quarter Master branch.

A graduate of Potomac State College, Keyser, W. Va., the 33-year-old lieutenant colonel attended West Point, graduating from the famed military institute in 1937 with the commission of second lieutenant.

Hell Bent Munn Receives Silver Star for Heroism

They call him «Hell Bent» Joie Munn, the «Arkansas Chamber of Commerce», but it is with the lineman's respect and pride for a guy that showed he had what it takes in fierce hand to hand combat with the Jerries that the men of Easy Company of the 399th Infantry received the news that their buddy had been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

As far as they're concerned, Joie became top man on their list one day back in April when he killed two men in hand to hand fighting, seriously wounded a third and continued along in advance of his company to single-handedly wipe out a machine gun nest.

Munn, 22-year-old automatic rifleman, a native of Emmett, Arkansas, modestly declined to comment upon his heroic action, but not so with the men of «E» company.

«Take three Joes like him and you'd win any war.»

They went on to tell of the bitter fighting on April 13, in the vicinity of Sontheim, Germany, when Easy company was slugging it out, toe to toe, with fanatical Krauts.

«We'd still be fighting if Joie hadn't taken it into his noodle to suddenly go daffy,» they said.

«He didn't have a chance. We knew h e was going to get the works, but he insisted on being far in advance of our unit.

«Suddenly while under small arms fire he was jumped by three Jerries, who came tearing out at him from a fox-hole. He earned his title «Hell Bent» on the spot. He went berserk and when he finished two Jerries, one an officer, lay dead on the ground and the third was seriously wounded.

«Instead of turning back, as a result of having been weakened by the encounter, he crept to within range of a German machine gun nest and peppered it with hand grenades. He killed one and the remainder called it «Kaput.»

From then on, according to the Easy company veterans, it was a cinch to take the town of Sontheim and there is no question in their minds but that «Hell Bent» saved a lot of lives by his action.

'SOON NOW' IS SUREFIRE HIT

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Hq Co., lst Bn, 399th Inf. He came to the Century Division in November and took part in every major engagement from St. Remy to Stuttgart.

Back in civilian life, Ray Vorce was employed at an Albany radio station as a singer. Occasionally he made guest appearances with dance bands which visited the New York capital, among them Frankie Carle and Bobby Meeker, two of the nation's better bands. He also toyed around with song writing when he had the time, but it was strictly a hobby and he never submitted anything for publication.

Then the Army called and he ended up as Pfc Ray Vorce, in foxholes located either Somewhere in France or Somewhere in Germany. And all the while he was helping with the big push through the Vosges and across the Rhine, a part of his mind was back in Albany where his wife was expecting a child.

As the 100th drove deeper and deeper inte enemy territory, Vorce became convinced that this European war was nearing an end. And like every other soldier, he started thinking about going home. Then one night in a foxhole he started scribbling a line or two and the words started to set themselves to music. Finally, at Stuttgart, he emerged with "Soon Now", and asked Frank Hanshaw ,leader of the 399th band, how he liked it.

Hanshaw thought exactly what the thousands of Centurymen who have heard Vorce sing the melody think of it. Hanshaw thought it was a wonderful song, and when the band was reorganized after combat, he took Vorce and "Soon Now" along.

Bob Gero and J. V. Johnson, the band's two arrangers scored the song and Vorce became a featured member of the band's stage show. It is a matter of record that every time he has sung the song it has brought down the house.

Then Hanshaw got a pass to Paris, and that's where the fame and fortune angle comes into the picture. He took along a copy of Vorce's number and showed it to the members of the Glenn Miller orchestra there. They looked, they heard, they were sold.

So that's the story of Ray Vorce, a song and a foxhole.

The baby? She came May 3, and was named Christine Ann, and Vorce heard that news on V-E Day. Of course he hasn't seen her yet but he hopes it will be Soon Now.

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ON THE BALL!

Cpt John G. Prather, Jr.

Lt. Robert Smith, the new athletic officer in Division Special Service, is no stranger to the contact of sports in a personal way.

The six foot Artillery officer who will have charge of organized sports within the Division this summer, was a regular end on the 1932-33 Northwestern Univesity team and when he reported from the 374th FA Bn. to take over his new post he looked fit enough to put on a uniform and play the full 60 minutes.

On that team (the old timers will remember them) were Pug Renter, one of the best backs of his day until injudies stopped him in 1932, and Reb Russell. Those that have seen Big Ten football know that it isn't an Epworth league affair.

Lt. Smith had been at his new desk less than 24 hours when he was fired at by questions from this reporter. But he didn't withdraw, he just told us the facts and something about his plans for summer sports.

In the first place, he said, softball round robins have already been started and they will continue as planned. From the 27 batallion and special troops teams ,a Division champion will emerge sometime this summer.

Then, he pointed out, there is swimming. Practically every town hereabouts has some sort of a pool, and plans are underway to have teams from the smaller units compete within their own regiments. That could conceivably end up in a Division aquatic meet, with the regimental and attached unit champions furnishing teams.

Then again there is track and field, a sport which would provide a lot of mass participation, and which could be culminted by a Division track and field meet. (If anyone knows of a good liberated stadium in these parts, Lt. Smith would be glad to know its coordinates.)

And volley ball teams will be formed. Plans for that sport are definitely underway.

Right now there are several factors which make any long range planning difficult.

One is the shortage of equipment. It seems that when the 100th came over here it came as a combau outfit and just didn't overload itself with tons and tons of new baseballs, softballs and such. Oh, it brought some, but not enough for an entire summer with four leagues operating at once. That equipment will get here, but right now there's a pinch.

But there will be a sports program, a comprehensive one. Every one will have a chance to play something, because Lt. Smith has definite ideas about that.

"You let a man get out a few times a week and engage in a good fast game of something," he says, "and there's less chance of his wanting to fraternize at night. It's the best way in the world (sports, not fraternizing) to work off excess energy and every man should have opportunity to engage in some sort of physical sport."

As I get it, baseball will do a lot to keep down the game of Post Office.

Duke Hurls No-Hitter to Down 4th Bn.

Picking up where he left off last year, Jimmy Duke, the lanky red head who pitches for the defending champion 2nd Bn, 399th Inf club, served notice that his team must be reckoned with again as he hurled the first no hitter in Century ETO play.

Duke's victim was the 397th 4th Bn and it was a tight ball game all the way as Harmon, the losing hurler, gave up only three hits to the winners. Duke walked four men, but no 397th player advanced as far as third base.

Although it was Duke who stole the individual show, the schedule entered June play with the 397th, 2nd tied with last year's winners.

The 397th club edged past the 4th Bn from the same regiment to run its standing to three wins and no losses and simply dug in at the top of the Red league.

In one of the wildest games of the new season, the 375th FA Bn took over leadership in the White league by outslugging the 399th 2nd Bn 11 to 8. The game was played at Schorndorf before a large Memorial Day crowd that included Brig. Gen. John Murphy, Commanding General of Division Artillery. He threw out the first ball as the first game of the season was played on the Schorndorf field.

The Infantry team, playing before Lt. Col. Bernard V. Lentz, their commanding officer, jumped into an early inning 8 to 4 lead and seemed to have the game safely tucked away until their hosts broke loose in the fifth. In that inning, Shehr, the Infantry pitcher, seemed to lose his mastery and when a heavy rainstorm caused the game to be called at the end of the sixth, the Artillery had the game and league lead.

Weather hit the Blue league and the Gold league harder than the other two, and as the schedule headed into June the 3rd and 4th Bns of the 398 headed the former, each with a single win. The 800th Ordnance was leading the Gold league by virtue of its single win and no defeats.

Close, hard races are expected in all of the leagues, and down in the Red league fans were waiting the Saturday when Duke was to hook up in a hurling duel with Kirth, the 397th 2nd fast ball hurler. It is Kirth, incidentally, who has pitched his club into the loop lead where they resting last week.

The first home run of the seson has also been recorded, coming from the big bat of Bienama, 397th 3rd Bn slugger, who had a field day in his club's opener against the 397th, 4th Bn, and collected a double and single as well as the round tripper.

One of the best played and tightest games of the season was won by Division Artillery from Signal company, 4 to 3, in a game played at Gmund last week.

Oliver's triple, followed by Giffi's sacrifice, was the big blow which broke up the ball game.

Softball Standings

Red League

	W	L	Pct.
397 2nd Bn	3	0	1.000
399 2nd Bn	3	0	1.000
397 3rd Bn	1	2	.333
397 1st Bn	1	2	.333
397 4th Bn	0	2	.000
399 1st Bn	0	2	.000

White League

	W	L	Pct.
375 FA	2	0	1.000
399 3rd Bn	2	1	.667
373 FA	1	1	.500
399 4th Bn	1	1	.500
325 Med	0	1	.000
374 FA	0	2	.000

Blue League

	W	L	Pct.
398th 4th Bn	1	0	1.000
398th 3rd Bn	1	0	1.000
398th 2nd Bn	1	1	.500
325th Eng.	1	1	.500
398th 1st Bn	1	2	.333
925 FA	0	1	.000

Gold League

	W	L	Pct.
800th Ord	1	0	1.000
Div Arty	2	1	.667
Ren	1	1	.500
Div Hq	1	1	.500
Signal	1	2	.333
MP's	0	1	.000
QM	0	0	.000

ENGINEERS' HOPE. Softball Pitcher Oister is the man the bridge-builders are banking on in tournament.

Recon Trop's Bar Has Real Brass Rail

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news from home on the radio; arguments pro and con on the Army's point system and last but not least visions of GI's, with an 8½ brogan on the «brass» rail, drinking from the classiest bar in the entire sector.

The place reminds you of your favorite spot at home, it reeks with atmosphere and smoke. It occupies a large room on the third floor of the building, which formerly was a German hospital. It opens every evening from 7 to 10, and the only credentials you need to gain admittance is a Recon pin or be a lucky invited guest.

The idea to construct a bar and outfit a room to accommodate men of the unit was originated by the C. O., Capt. Walter C. Ross. With the assistance of Sgt. Joe Boll, S/Sgt. James Holbrook and T/5 Ray Smith he outlined his plans and in two days his «brain child» became a reality.

All of the men pitched in to complete the job. S/Sgt. Holbrook was in charge of the painting and decorations and he displayed unusual artistic ability, the bar being done in yellow. The room itself was done in white and blue, with the furniture and orchestra pit being finished in the same blend of blue-easy on the eyes type.

In the excusable absence of the real McCoy, S/Sgt. Holbrook had sketches of bottles of whiskey and what have you prominently displayed over the bar. They portrayed «Smith's Cognac,» «Corn Ukker,» «Vat 69,» «Johnny Walker,» «Hi-Octane,» «Four Roses,» «Private Stock» and other familiar brands.

A drawing of a naked beauty with three roses in the most conspicious places is an admitted drawing card. A sign cautions you that you must be 21.

The bar is 15½ feet long. There are enough small tables and chairs to handle 156 men.

Prices for the beverages are reasonable, but the mystery as to the source of the supply is still unsolved.

28 COMMISSIONED AT CEREMONY

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men received field commissions. They included 10 men from the 398th Inf; six from the 397th; four from the 399th; five from the Field Artillery, and two from the Engineers.

The six men from the 397th who received commissions were Staff Sgt John F. Farrell, of 2nd Bn Hq; Staff Sgt Edward Stoessel, of Co. D; Staff Sgt James A. R. Burrowes, Co. B; T/Sgt Robert J. Bohigian, Co. L; T/Sgt John F. Nolan, Jr, Co. K, and 1st/Sgt James R. Shapley, Co. I.

Ten men were commissioed from the 398th. They were S/Sgt Lloyd R. Cain, Co E, Sgt Francis B. Morgan, Co. E, S/Sgt Leonard M. Kraszewski, Co. H, T/Sgt Paul V. Romero, Co. K, T/Sgt Paul E. Brannon, Co. L, Sgt Thomas E. Woods, Co. G, Pfc Frederick M. Peyser, Jr., Co. G, T/Sgt Anthony J. Paszkowski, Co. I, S/Sgt Felix T. Holt, Jr., Co. H and T/Sgt Robert E. Lee, Co. H.

From the 399th, four men got gold bars, including First Sgt Gurley P. Garrett, Co. D, T/Sgt Nello A. Trevisan, Co. D, T/Sgt John B. Collins, Co. G, and Sgt Charles G. Prather, Co. F.

Field Artillerymen also came in for their share of battlefield appointments. The five who won promotions were Pfc Philip F. Searle, Hq. Btry, Div Arty., S/Sgt William J. Fenwick, Btry B., 373rd FA Bn., S/Sgt Laurence S. Cushing, Btry A, 374th FA Bn., S/Sgt James E. Hampton, Btry C, 374th FA Bn, and S/Sgt David B. Hatch, Btry C, 375th F A Bn.

Two Engineers likewise received promotions. They were S/Sgt Charles Leo Thomas, Co. B, 325th Engrs., and S/Sgt Howard Drewes, of Co. C.

Three More Units Cited For Meritorious Service

Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to three units of the 100th Division by direction of the President has just been announced by Division Headpuarters.

All three, Division Headquarters Company, Headquarters Company, 398th Infantry, and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 398th were given the award for superior performance of duty and the achievement of a high standard of discipline during the period from November, 1944, to May, 1945.

What An Incentive!

The best reason to date for winning the Division softball championship was advanced this week by Major Hugh T. Paris, Div. Special Service oficer.

When the Division softball championship is decided at the conclusion of league play, the winners will be offered their choice of a pass to the United Kingdom, Riviera, or Paris, Maj. Paris revealed. The second place team will have its choice of the two spots not chosen by the winning club, and the third place squad will be offered a pass to the vacation spot passed up by the other two.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Snap-in by Harley-Davidson

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