Honor of carrying the Stars and Stripes in a parade of the 422nd Infantry, the "Smash and Drive" regiment of the 106th "Lion" Division in Germany, was that of Sgt. Frederick W. Thul of 145 Pemberton Ave. He said he recognized this as an honor in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Thul of the Pemberton Ave. address.

There were 490 men of the "Smash and Drive" regiment recently awarded a bronze battle star for participation in the Northern France campaign. All had previously won battle stars for the Rhineland campaign.

Held Nazis Back
In Northern France the 422nd was among the units which held a ring of steel around the German forces in Lorient and St. Nazaire. In the Rhineland, the 106th Division drove through and over the German 26th Division's positions in the Siegfried Line.

The full story of the 422nd Infantry Regiment's heroic stand in the Ardennes in December has only recently been released. On the flank of the Lion Division's sector of the Germany-Belgium border, the regiment's first taste of combat came with the massive panzer assault which heralded the breakthrough into the Bulge.

The full force of the Nazi panzer and SS attack smashed into the 422nd and 423rd regiments. For two days and two nights "Smash and Drive" men bore the brunt of the attack, charged with the mission of holding. They held against two German divisions Long enough to save the Bulge from exploding into a decisive Nazi victory.

7,000 Missing
The defense of the Ardennes cost the 422nd and 423rd combat teams nearly 7,000 men missing in action. Most of the missing soldiers were liberated from German prisoner of war camps in later campaigns.

Sergeant Thul went overseas on May 6, 1944. He is a graduate of North Plainfield High School, where he was outstanding in track activities. He won the high jump championship for that school in 1938, and also took part in Newark Academy Invitation Track and Field Meets. He attended Newark College of Engineering and was on the track team while a student there.
SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

The following article by Hanson W. Baldwin, taken from The New York Times Magazine of April 29th, 1945, is quoted for the information of all members of the 106th Division.

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They call themselves "doughs", "doughfeet", "dogfaces", "G. I.'s", "tankers", "gunners". But their proudest name is "Soldiers" — Soldiers of the Army of the United States.

They were civilians three years, some of them one year, some of them six months ago. But they are soldiers now. They were boys then; they are men now. They were studying history then; they have made it now, and they have received the accolade that history gives to a victorious army.

It is an army that has been forged by battle and by blood. The way it came is clear; it has been a long road, a hard road, but a broad road, for war has cut wide swaths across the suffering lands of Europe. It is a road where every milestone is a grave, and nearly every town is a rubble. It is a road marked by the shattered ruins of ancient cities -- Bizerte, Palermo, Naples, Florence, St. Lo, Marseille, Metz, Liege, Cologne, Hanover, Brunswick, Magdeburg -- and so across Germany.

There were few signposts at its beginnings; the way to victory was not clear. From Casablanca and Oran and Algiers, where the rugged Atlas ranges crowd the coastal shelf of Africa to a narrow strip of dusty, sun-burnt land, the road led eastward to the wadis and the rocks and sands and orchards of Tunisia. There where Roman legions kept peace by the sword, there where Carthage ruled in ancient glory, the American armies of Europe learned their first bitter lessons of war.

KASSERINE PASS, where roadside cemeteries still fix the high-water mark of German successes in Tunisia, was the first great setback for American arms on the road to Berlin. It was a defeat which staggered and which stung. But this was a growing, resilient army; it bored in again and again -- at Gafsa and El Guettar, then at Djebel Abiod and Hill 609, to reach Bizerte and to help end, in a sudden burst of new-found strength, the short-lived German reign in Africa.

Those battles on the coastal rim of a continent seem small engagements now; already far away and long ago are the memories of the foxholes of Africa, the biting cold, the rain of winter, the dust and heat and sudden vertiginous green of the spring. But they were battles in which the present proud army had its inception; they developed the first "know-how", the first veterans, the great leaders, with Eisenhower and Bradley at the top of the list.

And then there was Sicily -- the campaign of dust and heat and rocks, a drive through olive groves and vineyards; Sicily, with the gallant defensive fight at Gela, and the hard battle of bloody Troina Ridge, Sicily, the thirty-eight-day blitz which opened the Mediterranean.

We learned still more in Sicily -- about air-borne troops and the use of armor, and we left behind as we moved on toward Italy more military cemeteries, with crosses row on row.

None who were there will ever forget Salerno. Per-
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE:

The task which we set ourselves is finished, and the time has come for me to relinquish Combined Command.

In the name of the United States and the British Commonwealth, from whom my authority is derived, I should like to convey to you the gratitude and admiration of our two nations for the manner in which you have responded to every demand that has been made upon you. At times, conditions have been hard and the tasks to be performed arduous. No praise is too high for the manner in which you have surmounted every obstacle.

I should like, also, to add my own personal word of thanks to each one of you for the part you have played, and the contribution you have made to our joint victory.
VICTORY ORDER OF THE DAY.

Men and Women of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

The crusade on which we embarked in the early summer of 1944 has reached its glorious conclusion. It is my especial privilege, in the name of all nations represented in this theater of war, to commend each of you for valiant performance of duty. Though these words are feeble, they come from the bottom of a heart overflowing with pride in your loyal service and admiration for you as warriors. Your accomplishments at sea, in the air, on the ground and in the field of supply have astonished the world. Even before the final week of the conflict, you had put 5,000,000 of the enemy permanently out of the war. You have taken in stride military tasks so difficult as to be classed by many doubters as impossible. You have confused, defeated and destroyed your savagely fighting foe. On the road to victory you have endured every discomfort and privation and have surmounted every obstacle ingenuity and desperation could throw in your path. You did not pause until our front was firmly joined up with the great Red Army coming from the east and other Allied forces coming from the south.

Full victory in Europe has been attained. Working and fighting together in a single and indestructible partnership, you have achieved a perfection in unification of air, ground and naval power that will stand as a model in our time. The route you have travelled through hundreds of miles is marked by the graves of former comrades. From them has been exacted the supreme sacrifice; blood of many nations — American, British, Canadian, French, Polish and others — has helped to gain the victory. Each of the fallen died as a member of the team to which you belong, bound together by a common love of liberty and a refusal to submit to enslavement. No monument of stone, no memorial of whatever magnitude could so well express our respect and veneration for their sacrifice as would perpetuation of the spirit of comradeship in which they died. As we celebrate
Victory Order Of The Day (contd)

victory in Europe, let us remind ourselves that our common problems of the immediate and distant future can be best solved in the same conceptions of cooperation and devotion to the cause of human freedom as have made this Expeditionary Force such a mighty engine of righteous destruction. Let us have no part in the profitless quarrels in which other men will inevitably engage as to what country, what service, won the European war.

Every man, every woman of every nation here represented has served according to his or her ability, and the efforts of each have contributed to the outcome. This we shall remember — and in doing so we shall be revering each honored grave and be sending comfort to the loved ones of comrades who could not live to see this day.

/s/ DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

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9 May 45 — HCS
MEMORIAL SERVICE

Adjacent to JONES BOWL
at 1930 hours
31 MAY 1945

422d INFANTRY REGIMENT
Col W. B. Tuttle, Commanding
PROGRAM

Prelude - Marches by the 106th Division Band
The National Anthem
Invocation
Introduction of Speaker: Chaplain Day
Memorial Message: Chaplain Erskine
Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Led by Chaplain Barker

"Onward Christian Soldiers"
Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before;
Christ the royal Master Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banners go.
Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers we are treading where the saints have trod
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in Charity.
Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus Going on before.

Taps

Benediction: Chaplain Eakins
HEADQUARTERS 66TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 454
United States Army

ORDER OF THE DAY

10 May 1945.

Soldiers of the 66th Infantry Division and Attached Units.

With the formal surrender of German forces in the Lorient and St Nazaire pockets, 10-11 May 1945, soldiers of this command are privileged to witness a historic event—the obliteration of remnants of a Nazi super state which a few years ago threatened to enchain Europe.
Each one of you can proudly claim the praise and admiration won throughout the world by the dramatic deliverance of the Continent. The role assigned to you in this deliverance has been important in the battle strategy. The war of attrition waged by you against a numerically superior enemy during 133 days of sustained operations attests to your soldierly skill, tenacity and courage.

For those who have made the supreme sacrifice, both in direct action against the enemy and while enroute to the Continent, we pay our humble and sincere respects and pray that the peace for which they gave their lives will be just and lasting.

H. F. Hamburger
Major General, U. S. Army
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CANCELLATION

This soldier bearing this pass has been ordered to report directly to his unit. If found loitering he will be taken into custody and turned over to the military police.

Reason

Place

Date and Hour

Name
Grade
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AFO No.

Show your pass only to officers, military and civil police. Request it and to Red Cross Clubs when registering.

From military stations and to be found at ARC clubs and at
SAFE
CONDUCT

The German soldier who carries this safe-conduct is using it as a sign of his genuine wish to give himself up. He is to be disarmed, to be well looked after, to receive food and medical attention as required, and is to be removed from the danger zone as soon as possible.

PASSIERSCHEIN

In Amerika oder Kanada erhalten Kriegsgefangene für ihre Arbeit innerhalb oder außerhalb des Lagers pro Tag 80 cents. Die Hälfte davon wird für die Zeit nach dem Krieg auf einer Bank hinterlegt, die andere Hälfte in Gutscheinen ausgezahlt, mit denen sich der Gefangene Markttenderwaren wie Zigaretten, Süßigkeiten, alkoholfreie Getränke und vergleichbare Dinge kaufen kann.

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HEADQUARTERS 21st ARMY GROUP.


In Amerika oder Kanada erhalten Kriegsgefangene für ihre Arbeit innerhalb oder ausserhalb des Lagers pro Tag 80 cents. Die Hälfte davon wird für die Zeit nach dem Krieg auf einer Bank hinterlegt, die andere Hälfte in Gutscheinen ausgezahlt, mit denen sich die Gefangenen in der Kantine Zigaretten, Süßigkeiten, alkoholfreie Getränke und dergleichen kaufen kann.

Den Kriegsgefangenen wird Gelegenheit geboten zur Abhaltung von Bildungs- und Lehrkursen, zur Ausübung von Sport und Spielen, und zur Veranstaltung von Konzerten, Theateraufführungen und Verträgen. Sie können Zeitungen lesen und Rund-
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Dance to the music of Belgium's leading orchestra at G.I. Joe's, (Place Fontainas) every night except Saturday at 1500 to 1800 and 1900 to 2300 hours. A floor show is an added attraction. Your pass is your ticket to entertainment.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings there is dancing at the Ardennes Club, ARC. Lovely girls present and the hours are from 7 until 11 P.M. Admission is free.

From 7.30 to 10 P.M. every night you can dance at the Metropole Hotel, A.E.F. Club. A wholesome supper is served for 10 Frs.

REFRESHMENTS

Refresh yourself with a beer, coke or dish of ice cream at G.I. Joe's, Metropole Hotel or the Ardennes Club, ARC. Coffee and doughnuts are always served at the Red Cross.

A wide variety of gifts and souvenirs are sold at a discount to you in the new, modern Gift Shop in G.I. Joe's. A P.X. department is also open at G.I. Joe's.
SPORTS

SWIMMING. - There is nothing like a cool, refreshing swim at the St. Gilles Swimming Pool, rue de la Perche, on these hot summer days. The Pool is open everyday except Saturday from 0930 to 2030 Hours. Trunks are available at the Pool. Bring your own towel. A snack bar is also open for your use.

GOLF. - You can enjoy a pleasant round of Golf on the beautiful greens of the Royal Belgium Golf Club, (Tervueren Trolley 40 and 45). The Belgium Leave Section has placed Golf Clubs at the course. Golf balls are at the Leave Hotels.

TENNIS. - An afternoon of tennis at the La Rasante Tennis Club, (Rue Sombre), will provide you with a good workout and a beautiful tan. Tennis rackets are at the Club and balls at the Leave Hotels.

MOVIES & THEATRE

That famous combination of Claudette Colbert and Fred Mac Murray are together again in a new comedy riot, « Practically Yours » at the U.S. Army Metropole Theatre, (rue Neuve). Performances Sunday through Friday at 3.30, 5.30 and 7.30 P.M. Saturdays at 5.30 and 7.30 P.M.

Free.

Belgium’s leading stage performers in a gala Vaudeville show every night except Saturday at the ABC Theatre, (place Saintelette). Cpl. Milt Moss, « G. I. Bob Hope » is Master of ceremonies and provides you with an evening of laughs. Doors open at 7 P. M. Show starts 7.30 P. M. You may bring one lady guest. Admission free.

There is no need to « Sweat it out »
Just take a pro ! — And worry is out.

PRO STATIONS : Hotel Metropole, Boulevard Adolphe Max
Georges Henri Club, Avenue Georges Henri
11th November Club, Avenue 11th November
Dispensary, 246, Rue Royale
48-50, Boulevard Adolphe Max
84, Rue de la Grande Ile - (Near G. J. Joes.)
Hotel Sirius, (North Station).