

## Reunion for 'Buddies' Separated in Battle

Sgt. Marion Ray of Alton and S/Sgt. Paul Morris of Oconomowoc, Wis., who were "buddies" in the army from the time of their induction in March, 1943, until they were separated during the Battle of the Bulge last December, had a reunion last week at the home of a mutual friend in Moline. Both formerly were members of Company D, 424th Regiment, 106th Division.

During the German offensive in the Ardennes forest, Sgt. Ray was taken prisoner and his friend, S/Sgt. Morris was wounded. Later the wounded soldier was evacuated to the United States. Sgt. Ray was liberated in May and returned to this country within a short time. Morris, who recently received a medical discharge from the army, told Sgt. Ray that their regiment had been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its gallant stand in the battle.

Sgt. Ray's sister, Miss Wynema Ray, accompanied him to Moline where they met Morris at the home of a friend's wife, Mrs. Burnett Sutter. Her husband, Sgt. Sutter, who is a close friend of both Ray and Morris, is in Czechoslovakia. Sgt. Ray, son of John Ray, 621 Oakwood, Godfrey, will leave Sept. 12 for the army ground and redistribution center at Hot Springs, Ark.

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