

Speer, Philip

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A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND BASE, France: Godfathers in France, left to right, Corporal Philip Speer, Andersonville, Ind., and Private First Class Scott Morgan, rural route No. 1, Bethlehem.

## Local G-I Speeds Plans For Stork's Arrival In France

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND BASE, FRANCE: Now they're calling them Dr. Kildare and Company of Brooklyn and points west, and when Pierre Schmetz, a citizen of the Republic, is christened, he will have four American godfathers.

Jacques Schmetz was frantic. His young wife was about to give birth to her first child. There was no civilian doctor in the village. And then in a flash he thought of his American friends down by the Norman Church. They would have a doctor and would help. In another minute he was telling his story feverishly to his friends, First Lieutenant Arthur F. Beringause, 869 42nd Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Corporal Marvin Silk, 1380 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., members of the Ninth Air Force Service Command Signal Company stationed in the village.

The army doctor would have to be sent for, but Lt. Beringause sent Cpl. Silk at a run to maintain order in the Schmetz household and came

as fast as he could with enlisted medical soldiers Corporal Philip Speer, rural route No. 2, Andersonville, Ind., and Private First Class Scott Morgan, rural route No. 1, Bethlehem, Pa.

Everything was in readiness and the nerves of the little family were steadier by the time the army doctor arrived. It was well that there was no delay for Jacques Schmetz's wife was suffering from an internal hemorrhage.

All is well now in the Schmetz family. Jacques Schmetz, who is the signal company's barber, has a strong feeling for his American friends.

Private Morgan, 24, formerly lived with his brother Carl G. Morgan at 74 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Bethlehem, and more recently at rural route No. 1, Bethlehem. He was educated at Sunbury Orphans Home, Sunbury, Pa., and before entering the army worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company. Pvt. Morgan came into the army in December 1942 and was sent overseas in October 1943.

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