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## Local Soldier Has Harrowing War Experience

WITH THE 89th INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—When Company F, 355th Regiment, crossed the Rhine before the end of the European War, several patrols were sent out to locate enemy positions.

The second squad of the first platoon was sent along a stretch of railroad track toward the town of Lorchausen. Soon two Nazi soldiers came down the track. S/Sgt. Ralph E. Christy of Coeur de Alene, Ida., and First Scout Pfc. Cecil Williams of Evening Shade, Ark., opened fire, and after that exchange of lead, Williams wounded and dropped one of them, while the other kept coming, only falling after the fifth slug of Sgt. Christy had hit him.

Pfc. Constantine Georgiadis of Bethlehem, medical aid man with a patrol, went forward to aid the injured German, six Nazis jumped him and were about to kill him when he told them in German he was trying to help the injured man. They stripped him of his belongings and later released him while they were retreating.

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