

La Bar, Chester P.

**Local Soldier With  
Army Unit Which  
Pulled "Squeeze"**

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The 379th Infantry Regiment of the 100th Division is one of the newest units fighting on the U. S. Seventh Army front in eastern France—but its members have the satisfaction of knowing they played an important part in the "squeeze play" so thoroughly applied to the German 19th Army.

In addition to the fanatic enemy who fought with the ferocity of a trapped rat, the 397th faced innumerable land-mines, booby-traps and well-prepared defense installations. The weather was cold, it rained frequently and mud was ankle deep but stubborn slugging and skillful maneuvering enabled the division to push through Raon l'Etape, Senonés and other key towns leading toward

the Rhine and the eventual defeat of the last Germans in France.

Members of the 397th from this area are: Pvt. Chester P. LaBar, 627 Maple Street, and Pvt. Richard L. Van Duesen, 124 South Fifteenth Street, Allentown.

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