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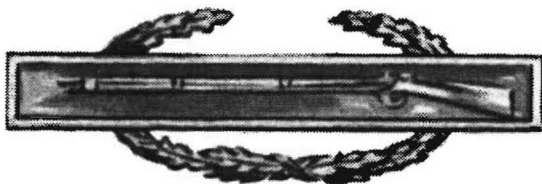
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# *399<sup>th</sup> in action*



*with the **100**<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division*

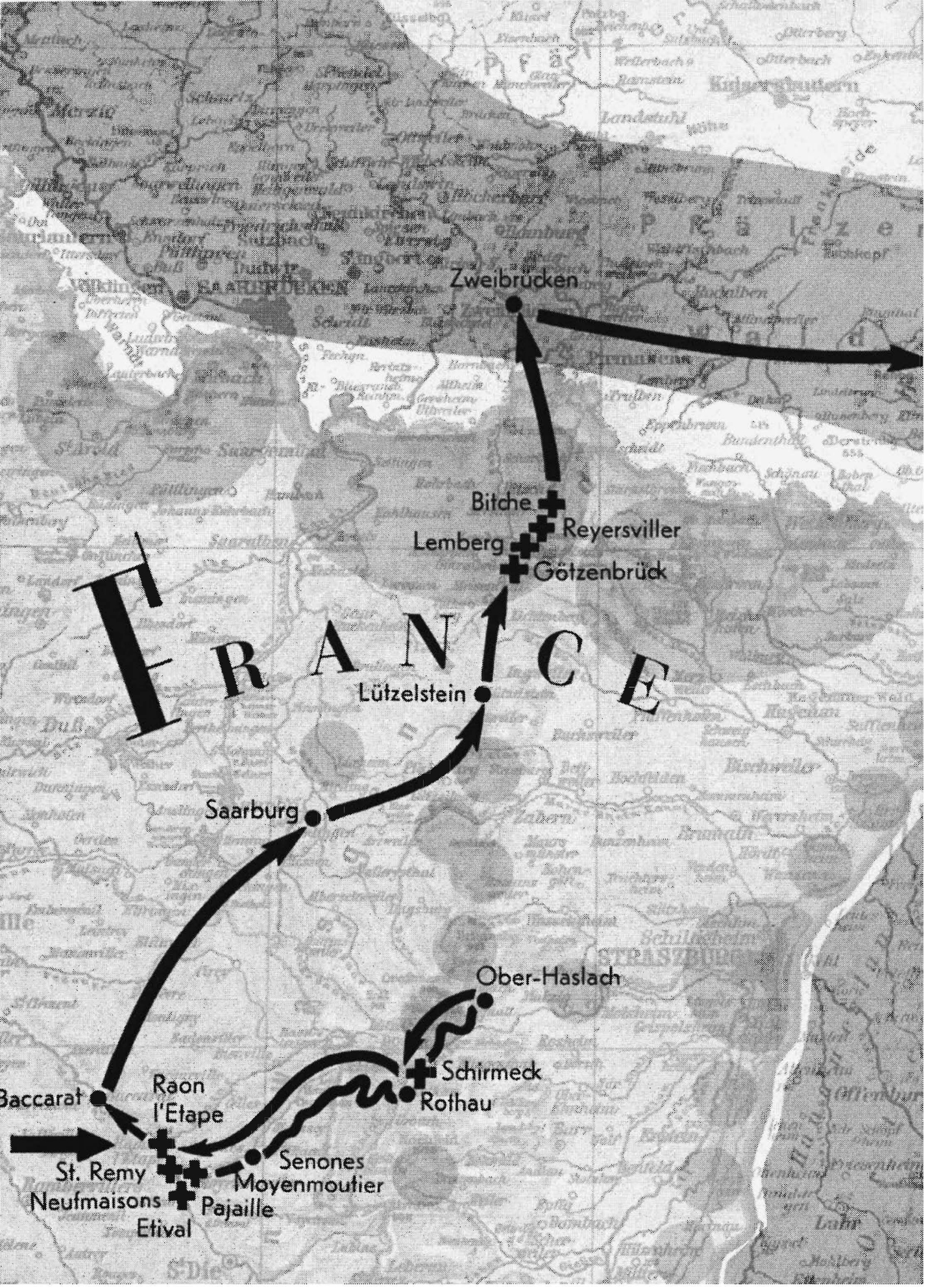
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# DEDICATION

To those brave men of the 399th Infantry whose love of God, family, and country carried them so far forward in battle that they died for their ideal, this book is humbly dedicated. Once our closest friends, today they lie buried in the fields of France and Germany. They placed the quest after peace and decency above life itself: they had no greater gift to offer.







HEADQUARTERS 100TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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To the Officers and Men of the 399th Infantry,  
100th Infantry Division:

It is most gratifying to learn that your great combat unit is going to record its splendid achievements in six months of continuous combat in the European Theater of Operations. Combat Team 399 was the first element of the Division to enter the front lines. On 1 November 1944, it relieved elements of the 45th Division in the Rambervillers sector and immediately made successful attacks over the most rugged terrain in the Theater of Operations — the Vosges Mountains. But your history will do better justice to a description of the great part you played in the defeat of the enemy than I can here.

You accomplished every mission assigned in a most admirable and effective manner. On all occasions you fought aggressively, courageously, and intelligently, and clearly demonstrated a spirit and pride of organization second to none that I have ever seen.

In the years to come, you, therefore, will derive much satisfaction from the fact that you have done your duty to the fullest in bringing about the greatest victory in history. There is no doubt in my mind that you as citizens will still carry on the tasks of making our country ever greater and better — the best monument I know of to your comrades who gave their lives in battle.

It has been my greatest privilege and honor to have had you in my command in battle. God bless you all.

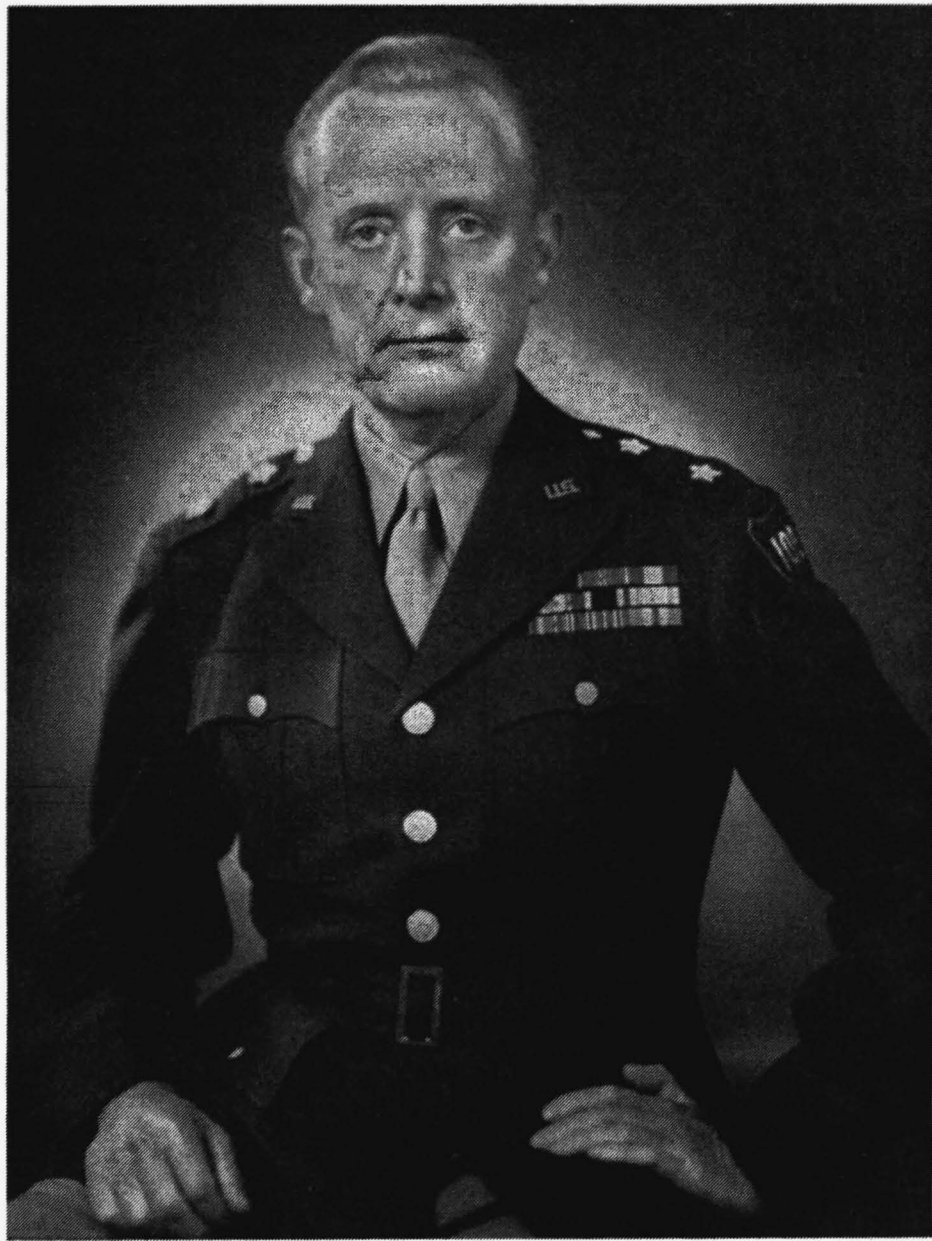
Faithfully,



W. A. BURRESS

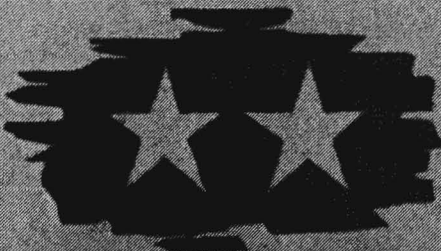
Major General, United States Army  
Commanding





**WITHERS A. BURRESS**  
**MAJOR GENERAL**  
U. S. A.

*Former Commanding General, 100th Infantry Division  
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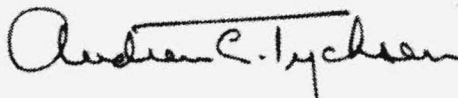
SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Officers and Men of the 399th Infantry.

It is a pleasure and an honor to be included in your regimental history. Naturally, I have a profound interest and affection for my old regiment. We trained hard for combat back home, and the record of the regiment in action over a six months period reflected that thorough preparation.

Above all I must mention the marvelous spirit that carried the regiment so magnificently through the war. Never in my lifetime have I seen the counterpart of such tremendous enthusiasm to get on with the job and get it over. The 399th Infantry entered combat with courage, resolution and élan. It never lost that spirit despite the loss of many officers and men throughout the operations. We shall never forget our comrades who laid down their lives for their country. It will be our constant duty to assist, in every way possible, our wounded comrades; to visit them in hospitals and their homes, and to carry on the spirit of fine comradeship established by our association in the regiment and the division.

My salute to all my comrades who ever served in the famous Powderhorn Regiment under the motto "I am ready."



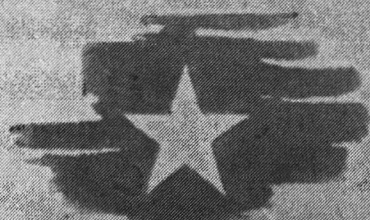
ANDREW C. TYCHSEN  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
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**ANDREW C. TYCHSEN**  
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
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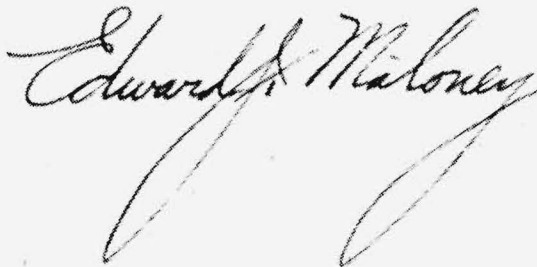
Men Of The 399th

We can all of us feel an honest pride in the knowledge that our regiment did outstandingly good work in combat. Many men in many different jobs made up the team and each played his part to make the team successful.

Some men of the unit gave their lives and others were seriously wounded in helping to drive from the earth those governments which ignored all consideration of men as individuals. Those fine men who died on the field of battle seem still to live on as part of the regiment.

The associations which existed in France and Germany will come to mean more and more to us as time goes on. There are few ties as strong as those between men who have been able to trust one another in combat.

I hope that all of you, in years to come, will find happiness and success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Maloney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

EDWARD J. MALONEY  
Colonel, 399th Infantry,  
Commander.





**EDWARD J. MALONEY**  
COLONEL  
U. S. A.

*Commanding Officer, 399th Infantry Regiment*

*T*wo first scouts and a BARman were appointed to write the story of the 399th. They added a few beat-out riflemen from the alphabetical line companies to the staff. Browsing around the regiment they listened to more beat-out riflemen mumble the story one syllable and one shot at a time. It's written for the guy Way Up Front; nobody else will quite understand it.

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