

Findlay Soldiers of Four Wars Renew Allegiance

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Findlay G. A. R. Survivor, 102, Credits Age to Goat's Milk

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FINDLAY, O., March 3—John Hart, a Civil War veteran who said in a memorial address here two years ago that "you have to be 100 before anybody pays any attention to you," will be 102 Wednesday.

The sole survivor of the 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who once was listed as "officially dead" in the files at Washington and who as a young man was rejected as a bad risk by a life insurance company, attributes his longevity largely to drinking goat's milk.

His son, Charles A., a cabinet manufacturer, keeps two goats here. The aged Hart drinks goat's milk three times a day and likes it.

Sons of Union Veterans of Hancock County will commemorate the 102 birthday anniversary with a radio program. C. N. Edie, past department commander of the organization, will interview Hart.

Follows War News Closely

The aged war veteran said today he hoped to be around when the boys come marching from World War II. He has two grandsons in the war. He follows the news closely on the progress of the war. "Time is kinda wearin' me down," Hart said a year ago, but today he seemed stronger than in a long time.

He laughed when he recalled a doctor telling him a few years ago that "anyone as old as you knows better what he needs than I do."

Hart enlisted when he was 19. He served two years and re-enlisted with the "100-day men." He fought in the battles of Stone Ridge, near Nashville, Tenn.

Some 20 years later, Hart learned for the first time that he was "officially dead" when he applied for a pension. Affidavits and a visit to Washington corrected the records.

His hospitalization for typhoid fever, he said, caused him to miss an opportunity to be in Gen. William T. Sherman's famous march to the sea.



JOHN HART

FINDLAY soldiers of four wars pledge anew their allegiance to the flag, as the nation's third Independence Day of World War II approaches. John Hart, Hancock county's last veteran of the war between the states, has watched two of his grandsons march away to two of the country's wars, and has heard the news that Lt. James Buttermore, the husband of a great-granddaughter, is a prisoner of war of Germany.

Pledging allegiance to Old Glory are Glenn E. Hart, a grandson and a veteran of World War I; J. J. Biery, veteran of the Spanish-American War; Mr. Hart and another grandson, 1st Lt. Fred H. Buntz, stationed at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City.