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KILLED IN ACTION.

Ellory O. Neff Met Death On Battlefield of France.

Mrs. James Neff, of Mingoville, last week received word that her son, Ellory O. Neff, had been killed in action in France on October 20th. The young man was called to the service on June 27th, trained at Camp Lee and went across in August. Just what unit he was assigned to over there is not known, but it was likely the 814th regiment which suffered very heavy casualties in the fighting in the Argonne sector and which was principally made up of Camp Lee men.

Private Neff was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Neff and was born at Mingoville on April 5th, 1893, hence was 25 years, 6 months and 15 days old. Prior to being called for service he worked in the railroad shops at Pittsburgh. His father died in December, 1917, but surviving him are his mother, two brothers and two sisters, namely: Claude, of Pittsburgh; Irvin, Ida and Mary, at home.

Memorial services for the young soldier were held in the Union church at Mingoville on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Revs. Faust and Bowersox had charge and a large crowd of sorrowing friends were in attendance.

JAMES R. HULL KILLED IN ACTION. Relatives of James R. Hull received word from the War Department on Monday announcing the fact that the young soldier had been killed in action in France just the day before hostilities ceased. He was called into the service on May 14th and sent with a contingent of national army men to Columbus Barracks at Columbus, Ohio. He was there only two days when he was transferred to Camp McArthur, at Waco, Texas. He trained there and was sent across the first week in August, being assigned to Company D, 56th infantry. The report of his death was quite a shock to his friends as they only recently received letters from him dated October 20th, 22nd and 29th, and in each one he spoke of being in the best of health.

Private Hull was a son of John and Elizabeth Hull and was born near Zion on September 17th, 1887, hence was a little over thirty-one years old. For a number of years the family occupied the Broeckerhoff farm in Buffalo Run valley and while living there his father died. On November 7th, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Pearl Smeltzer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smeltzer, of Buffalo Run valley, and from that time until called into the service he made his home with the Smeltzer family and worked at the plant of the Centre County Lumber Company. In addition to his young wife he is survived by his mother, living near Fillmore, and the following brothers and sisters: Arthur Hull, of Milesburg; Frank, of Fillmore; Harry and Orin, in the U. S. service; Bruce, of Milesburg; Edward, Clarence, Mrs. George Hoover, Ellen and Helen, all of Fillmore.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA IN FRANCE. The first soldier of Miles township to die in France, so far as known, was James Auman, a son of Clayton and Cora Auman, of Wolf's Store. He died on October 31st of pneumonia. The young man was born at Rebersburg on January 23rd, 1894, hence was in his twenty-fifth year. He was called for service and left for Camp Lee, Va., on July 22nd, 1918. After training there almost two months he sailed for France on September 13th.

In November, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Wolfe who survives. He also leaves his parents and two brothers, Charles and Alton, living at Wolf's Store.

WILBUR BUCK SEVERELY WOUNDED. In the casualty list on Sunday appeared the name of Wilbur W. Buck, of Howard, as being severely wounded in France. The young man was born in Millheim in September, 1896, hence was a little past twenty-two years of age. He spent his boyhood and youth in Millheim where he attended the public schools. Some years ago his parents moved to Montgomery where his mother died. His father later moved to Howard but Wilbur went to Milton to work. From there he went to Williamsport and enlisted in the army. He trained at Camp Hancock and was sent across in July. What regiment he was connected with in France or how he received his wounds are not known.

KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Quirk, of Snow Shoe, this week received word that their son, Joseph J. Quirk, was killed in action in France.

Corp. Howard W. Bitner, of Blanchard, was also killed in action on October 12th by being struck by a piece of shrapnel.

Interesting News of Those in the U. S. Service.

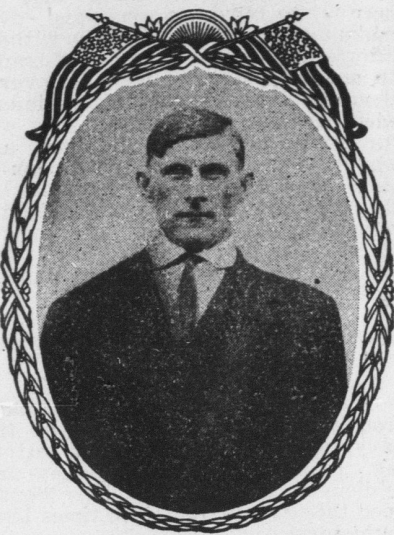
A rumor was circulated in Bellefonte on Monday that Corp. John Waite, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Waite, had been wounded but a let-

IN CENTRE COUNTY'S "HALL OF FAME."



JAMES R. HULL BENNER TOWNSHIP Killed in Action in France On November 10th.

Private Hull was a son of John (deceased) and Elizabeth Hull and was born near Zion September 17th, 1887. He was called into service May 14, sent to Columbus Barracks and later Waco, Tex. He went over in August and was assigned to Company D, 56th infantry.



GEORGE W. GILL JULIAN Killed in Action in France On October 28th.

Private Gill was a son of George W. and Susan Tibbels Gill and was born at Martha April 4th, 1887. He was called into the service April 29th, 1918, trained at Camp Lee, and in France served with a supply company, being killed while driving an ammunition truck.



ELLORY O. NEFF MINGOVILLE Killed in Action in France On October 20th.

Private Neff was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Neff and was born at Mingoville on April 5th, 1893. He was called into service and sent to Camp Lee to train on June 27th. He went across in August but it is not known what unit he was assigned to.



WILBUR W. BUCK HOWARD Severely Wounded in France Late in October.

Wilbur Buck was born in Millheim in September, 1896. He went from Milton to Williamsport and enlisted, trained at Camp Hancock and went across in August. What unit he was assigned to is not known. His mother is dead but his father lives at Howard.

ter received from the young soldier disclosed the fact that he had been gassed, but his condition was not considered serious.

Some time ago friends of Victor Dawson, an old Troop L man, received word that he had been injured by having his foot run over by a truck and was in the hospital, but that his injury was nothing to worry about. It now develops that the young soldier received a shot in the jaw and was knocked down right in front of the truck, which was the reason the truck ran over his foot. This fact he did not care to tell but the information came here through others, and it is a comfort to know that he is getting along all right.

Miss Anne Keichline came home from Washington, D. C., last Wednesday evening on a leave of absence, but has decided to give up her work with the government and remain at home. While in Washington she was supposed to be doing the work of a draughtsman but in reality she was connected with the secret service department and if she ever decides to write a book of her experiences she will undoubtedly be able to tell something worth reading.

From the day that Congress passed the war risk insurance bill the "Watchman" strenuously urged all enlisted men as well as those called into the service to take out the full amount they were entitled to carry, or \$10,000. The wisdom of their doing so is now shown in the deaths in France of Centre county boys. While no amount of money can replace the loss of any of the young men who have sacrificed their lives in the great cause, yet it is some comfort to those left behind to know that they are in a way provided for and not left to the cold charity of strangers. In the deaths published this week James R. Hull, James Auman and Ellory O. Neff each carried \$10,000 war risk insurance.

Among the Centre county boys who have already been discharged from the U. S. service are Carl Deitrick, Bellefonte; Daniel Clemson, Buffalo Run, and Frank Allison, of Spring Mills. Gregg Sheldon also returned home on Monday from the Newport, R. I., naval training station.

On Monday a special train bearing 267 American prisoners reached Berne, Switzerland, from Germany and after an hour's stop during which time the prisoners were furnished with food and blankets by the American branch of the Red Cross the train proceeded on its way to France. All but 36 of the prisoners were American officers who had been held at Camp Villingen, in the province of Baden, Germany, and as that is where Lieut. "Dick" Taylor was confined it is highly probable he was one of the crowd and by the time this issue of the "Watchman" reaches its readers he will be back with his old command, Company C, 110th infantry. Last week Mrs. Taylor received a notice from the War Department that any mail or packages intended for him should be sent to the address of his command in France, evidently in anticipation of his return there by the time mail matter will reach that country.

Miss Marie Walsh, of New York city, sailed from Hoboken on Monday on the Balmoral Castle steamship for Liverpool, expecting to do entertainment work in the camps and hospitals in England and France with the Overseas Theatre League. How long she will be across will depend entirely on the necessity of keeping U. S. forces overseas.

The casualty list on Monday announced as missing in action Frank A. Weaver, of Benore.

Wednesday's casualty list announced as wounded, degree undetermined, George W. Stitt, of Philipsburg.

Mrs. Anna Tate on Wednesday received a notice that her son, George F. Tate, had been slightly wounded in action on September 7th. He enlisted in Troop L early in 1917, went to Camp Hancock with that organization and when the cavalry was bro-

ken up was assigned to the Battery B, 109th field artillery, with which he served in France.

PENNA. TROOPS COMMENDED. Old Boal Machine Gun Troop Gets Special Mention.

Every reading Pennsylvania knows the gallant part the Twenty-eighth division (the old Pennsylvania National Guard) took in the war in France, from July 14th, when they helped stop the German drive on the Marne, up to the end of the war with the signing of the armistice on November 11th. On several occasions it was cited for bravery in action. On October 5th the division was cited by the general commanding the first army corps for the capture of Hill 244; again it was cited for the excellent service rendered on the Vesle. Under date of October 21st the division was cited for its operations from September 26th to October 9th, during which time it advanced more than ten kilometers in the Argonne sector, captured a large number of towns and several commanding hills in the face of strong machine gun and artillery fire.

Under date of October 20th the following citation was given the 107th machine gun battalion, of which the former Boal machine gun troop is an integral part:

The Division Commander desires me to express his appreciation of the work performed in the offensive of the Valley of the Aire and in the Argonne forest from September 26th to October 9th, by all the officers and soldiers of the 107th machine gun battalion, who during that time gave their best efforts towards assuring the success of the operation.

The work done during the entire period was consistently aggressive and worthy of commendation, but the support given the infantry in defense of Apremont and again in the attack of Chatel Chebery was especially noteworthy.

Last Friday night cablegrams were received in Bellefonte announcing the fact that all Bellefonte members of the 107th machine gun battalion were safe, well and happy.

How the U. S. Boys Fought the Huns.

Private Roy Landis, a former Bellefonte boy but who has been serving in the national army in France, has written a letter to a Tyrolean friend of the last big drive in which he says:

"We are finishing up one of the greatest drives the world has ever seen. Everybody is on their toes, eager to run their bayonet into the treacherous Germans, for we have not forgotten the treatment they extended the poor Belgians and French. When they have fired all their ammunition or get into a tight place they throw down their guns and call 'kammerad.' We say 'kamerad hell' and give them the steel. We don't want any prisoners.

You should see the way the colored lads fight over here. They frighten the Huns half to death. They get so excited that they throw down their guns and throw stones, clubs and even use their hands like in a fist fight. It is surely amusing how they go over the top at daybreak. All you can see is the whites of their eyes and their shining teeth. Everything else is black. These boys are doing a great share of the hard fighting and they fight like demons when they get started, but the devil of it is to get them started. They must have a white officer with them to give them courage and they are alright, but at night they are no good on guard, for they imagine they see spooks and think the whistling of the wind is the Germans whispering and 'bang' goes their gun in the direction of the noise came from. A regiment of them was quartered near us and we had lots of fun listening to their quaint sayings and witty remarks. I could fill a book with them for they surely keep us laughing.

I will try to send you that souvenir just as soon as I get time. There are thousands of them here and enough to go round, so don't lose hope. I notice by the papers that my old friend "Dick" is steadily climbing the ladder. More power to the old boy. I hope to live long enough to see him Governor of Pennsylvania. Will send you a Christmas card from Berlin.

A Soldier Boy's Letter to His Mother.

Readers of the "Watchman" have evinced unusual interest in the soldiers' letters published in this paper, and especially if they contained news of what was happening in France. But all soldiers' letters are not written with an idea of conveying information but are simply the outpourings of the heart of some lonely boy taken from his comfortable home in this country and transplanted in a strange land several thousand miles away, just what they think and feel. Witness the following letter from private Sumner Musser to his mother, Mrs. C. E. Musser, of Haines township:

Somewhere in France, Oct. 20. I am writing this letter to you to let you know I am fine. They are playing the victrola here and the music is great. I am supposed to write on one side of this paper only, so if I say anything not approved by the censor, he can cut it out, but I will not say anything wrong then I feel sure my letter will pass. You will hear from me regularly and I hope you will all write me often.

The weather here is like the beginning of winter. The trip over the Atlantic was great and I enjoyed it. The moon shining on the water was a beautiful sight. I feel better than ever since being in the army and slept on the deck of the transport on the way over. I wish I could see some one whom I know and hope I may meet such a one soon. Don't worry about me; I am coming back some time. Did you hear from Jim? Give me his address in your next letter.

They are now playing "Keep the Home Fires Burning." We had church services regularly on the way over and also moving pictures. They made one think of home. I have not been at all homesick and like the life very much. I read my testament every day. I will try and have some pictures taken with my new cap on and will send you one.

How was your potato crop this year? Tell Ruth to keep on with her music lessons. When you write tell me all the news, and let all my friends know that I am well and happy. When I come home I will tell them all about my experience. Will close now with lots of love.

SUMNER C. MUSSER.

More W. S. S. Must be Taken to Go Over the Top.

For the week ending November 23rd, Centre county had a per capita of \$1.28 in the W. S. S. campaign, or a total per capita for the year of \$18.45. During that week we had the largest per capita in the State, and have regained fourth place in the Eastern district of Pennsylvania.

The result of "Over the Top" week, is not as yet known, but from reports received your chairman is satisfied that the per capita for the week ending November 30th was not nearly as large as that for the week ending the 23rd.

To those now owning a number of W. S. S. let me suggest that you immediately purchase sufficient to make you a limit holder. Secure membership in the limit club of the U. S., as well as a certificate of honor.

Keep this drive going until we "go over the top." Do not stop buying W. S. S. Buy all you can and keep on buying until Centre county has reached her quota. Union and Cameron counties are over the top. Fulton is in third place with a per capita of \$19.01. Let us all do a little hustling and be third to go over the top. It can be done.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Chairman War Savings Committee for Centre County.

Acting Commissioner of Health B. Franklin Royer, in anticipation of the danger of tuberculosis following in the wake of the influenza epidemic, has announced the opening of the various tuberculosis dispensaries throughout the State. Those for Centre county will be located at No. 5 east High street, Bellefonte, open every Tuesday beginning this week, from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock, and in the Potter Arcade, Front street, Philipsburg, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from two until four o'clock.

ECKENROTH.—Mrs. Anna Viola Eckenroth, wife of Earl Eckenroth, died at her home in Benner township on Wednesday of last week after ten days' illness with influenza and dropsy. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Rachael Hoy and was born in College township on July 19th, 1888, making her age 30 years, 4 months and 8 days. Her marriage to Mr. Eckenroth took place about twelve years ago and he survives with two young sons, Paul, aged ten years, and LeRoy, aged seven. She also leaves her father, a step-mother and the following brothers and sisters: William F. Hoy, of Geneva, Ohio; H. K., of Shiloh; J. Ray, of Altoona; Claude, a twin brother of the deceased, of Lemont; Mrs. John Runkle, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Frank Brandt, of Altoona. Her mother and one sister died within a week of each other twenty-seven years ago while another brother, Charles, died in Michigan sixteen years ago.

She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church from girlhood up. Funeral services were held at her late home on Saturday morning by Rev. G. S. Courtney, of Boalsburg, after which burial was made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

KERN.—Franklin Robert Rapp Kern, formerly of Bellefonte, died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. George Shuey, at Lemont, at 5:15 o'clock last Saturday morning following eight days' illness with influenza. He was a son of Franklin and Agnes Rapp Kern and was born at Sunbury on March 11th, 1898, hence was 20 years, 8 months and 19 days old. His mother died when he was nine days old and he was taken in charge by his aunt who raised him to young manhood and with whom he had made his home much of the time. Two years ago last February he accepted a position in the railroad station at Lemont and had been there ever since. He was an intelligent and industrious young man, and his death is deeply deplored by all who knew him. Surviving him is his father, a step-mother and one step-brother and step-sister, Edward and Virginia, all of Bellefonte. The remains were brought to his father's home on north Water street where funeral services were held on Monday afternoon by Rev. Harkins, of State College, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

NOLL.—Mrs. Ruth Noll, wife of Calvin Noll, died at her home at Pleasant Gap on Wednesday of last week following seven days' illness with influenza. She was a daughter of James and Harriet Snavely Immel and was born near Spring Mills on June 19th, 1898, hence was only 20 years, 5 months and 8 days old. She is survived by her husband, her parents and a number of brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

REISH.—Following an illness of five days with heart trouble Mrs. James Reish died at her home near Potters Mills last Thursday evening. She was a daughter of John and Nancy Heckman and was born in September 28th, 1866, hence was in her fifty-third year. She is survived by her husband and three sons, William, of State College; Russell and John, at home. Burial was made on Monday.

DECKER.—Charles Decker, a former resident of Centre Hall, died on Monday at the home of his aunt at State College, where he was taken sick several months ago. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Puff, of Centre Hall, who survives with one son, Ray Decker. The remains were taken to Centre Hall where funeral services were held and burial made on Wednesday.

LOSE.—Mrs. Emma Neff Lose, widow of the late Calvin Lose, died at her home in Aaronsburg on Wednesday of last week following an illness of some days. She was a native of West Virginia and had resided in Aaronsburg over two years, going there from Atlantic City. Her husband died in July and she leaves no children. Burial was made at Aaronsburg on Saturday.

MARTZ.—W. H. Martz, a well known citizen of Pine Grove Mills, passed away early yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. A more extended notice of his active life will be given next week.

Governor-elect Sproul Announced Appointments.

Governor-elect William C. Sproul on Saturday announced that William H. Schaffer, of Delaware county, would be the next Attorney General of Pennsylvania; that Special Deputy Auditor General Harry S. McDevitt has been selected as the private secretary to the Governor, and that the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth will be tendered to Cyrus E. Woods, the present incumbent.

The next Governor announced that W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Senate, could be the next Secretary of the Commonwealth if he would accept the position. Senator Sproul will be of more value to the State in his present position. The Senate secretary has been active in the affairs of the Commonwealth since 1899, and he is considered one of the best informed men on matters of legislation in Pennsylvania.

Governor-elect Sproul declared that there has been no further selection of department heads. He intimated, however, that the officials as will swing soon after he is inaugurated, declaring: "I am not going to Harrisburg with a mowing machine, but I may need a weeder."

—Those who are conspiring to restore the Kaiser to his throne can hardly be classed as criminals. They are simply lunatics.