

## BRAVERY CROSSES FOR 12 AMERICANS

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Recognition of U. S. Heroism by French Republic

### THREE FOR MEN KILLED

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AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 27.—Twelve officers and men of the American army are carrying the prized French Croix de Guerre in their pockets today because they were the first to enter the German trenches on the night of November 2.

It was impressive. Eleven of the twelve living honored Americans stood in a little group by themselves in front of their own group of a hollow square of khaki and steel, and the twelfth, who had been killed, stood in a hospital recovering from the wounds he received from the German trench raiders.

An American staff general, commanding the division, made the presentation. Accompanied by other officers, he faced the assembled regiment and read the citation of bravery from the commander of the French division under which the regiment was serving. Naming the three lieutenants, the sergeant, the two corporals and the private, the general stated that the officers and men had displayed rare courage, initiative and a high-spirited sense of duty under

violent enemy bombardment and great combative energy in a fight where they were superlatively outnumbered.

The names of the eleven present then were read. Each stepped forward from the ranks, saluted, received the medal, saluted again and retired among his fellows. To each the general tendered his personal congratulations.

Copies of the citation were handed to each of the men. The company commander next was called forward and presented with a medal for the entire company, together with a copy of the citation from the French general. To him the American general made a brief address.

"I am proud that your company conducted itself as the nation expects American soldiers to conduct themselves," he said. "Your company did what it was expected to do. I feel sure that any other company do the same under similar circumstances where comeliness and courage are necessary."

He concluded by congratulating the captain and admonishing him and the other recipients of the crosses that they could not wear the decorations until Congress authorized it. He advised keeping the medals privately, whereas there was a general pocketing of the crosses.

A thrill went through the assembly on the vast plain when the American commander handed the colonel of the regiment four crosses—one for the wounded sergeant and one each for the next of kin of the three who died fighting. The thoughts of every one standing upon that plateau went spontaneously toward these sturdy young Americans who had displayed earnest, soldierly qualities and had given their lives for the flag, as the regimental band slowly and impressively began the "Star Spangled Banner." The American general saluted and the entire regiment saluted. The ceremony was over.

The three Americans killed in the German trench raid of November 2 were Privates (Greham, Enright and Hay). The other twelve who were awarded the war cross by the French Government are: Lieutenants W. H. McLaughlin, H. O. Patterson and E. P. Erickson; Sergeant John Arrowood; Corporals D. M. Knowles, Homer Glavin, Privates Charles Mason, William E. Thomas, George Hurd, Boyce Wade, Robert Winkler and John J. Jacobi.

### TURKEY PRICES SOAR

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LANSDALE, Pa., Nov. 27.—Turkeys went to new high records here in the auction when first-choice birds sold at thirty-six cents a pound, an advance of a fraction of a cent over the record made last week

at the opening sale. The most pronounced advance yesterday was registered in the cheapest grade of birds, "tailends" bringing as high as 29.50 cents, and the lowest price of the day was for a single block of twenty-five "tailends" that sold for 28.50 cents. Second and third choice turkeys sold at an advance of about \$1 a hundred over the prices these grades brought last week. Chickens and ducks sold at the same level as last Thursday.

### SCHOOL AID POTENT IN CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

TRENTON, Nov. 27.—Continuation and extension of the food conservation campaign is next in importance to training of teachers, according to the annual report on industrial education by Assistant Commissioner of Education Lewis H. Carris. He says that virtually all of the vocational

schools kept their kitchens open the whole or part of the summer and they were operated as centers of instruction, as well as production, while domestic science kitchens of many of the regular schools also were kept open for the same purpose. Mr. Carris says teachers of cooking from vocational and regular schools were most generous in giving their services for lectures and demonstrations, and that by these means hundreds of women have been taught how to conserve garden products.

Germany Admits Stealing Explosives. HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 27.—A plea of guilty was entered by Harry H. and Harry Weisot, young Germans, in the Blair County Court here to the charge of pilfering of a large quantity of dynamite from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The prisoners refused to disclose what they purloined doing with the explosives. Judge Harbridge sentenced them to the Western Penitentiary for fourteen months.

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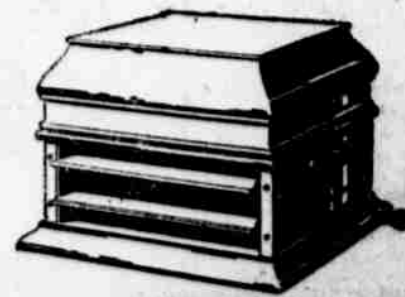
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