

AIR RAIDERS' BOMBS

KILL TWO SAMMEES

American Victims of Foray Both Privates and Members of Woodcutters' Division

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 23.

Two American soldiers, members of a woodcutters' division, were killed on a recent moonlight evening when a German aviator dropped bombs on their camp.

Both victims of the raid were privates.

Recent nights have been ideal for raiders. A brilliant moon lights up the snow-covered country like a midnight sun. Last night it was possible to read a newspaper out of doors in the reflected light. Precautions such as extinguishing all lights in the American camps and villages are scant protection when the moonlight shows the camps and men sharply outlined on the white snow.

Airplane motors are occasionally heard all over the American zone. For the most part the Sammees hope for a visit of the aviators just to relieve the monotony of every-day drudgery.

U. S. CAVALRYMEN KILL 18 BANDITS IN FIGHT

Pursue Mexicans Across the Border and Recover Many Stolen Horses

MARFA, Tex., Dec. 23.—American cavalrymen overtook the band of Mexican bandits who raided Cantelaria Christmas morning and killed eighteen of them, wounding several others, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande early yesterday.

One American soldier was wounded, but will recover. Many of the horses stolen were recovered.

After pursuing the bandits for a distance of ten miles into the mountains of Mexico, the American troops recrossed the Rio Grande to American territory at noon yesterday.

Reports from El Paso that Germans in Mexico were responsible for the border raids Christmas Day were discounted last night by Colonel George T. Langhorne, district commander, who has ordered an investigation of the political aspects of the raids.

It is believed here that the reports are not substantiated by facts. Colonel Langhorne is awaiting the arrival of Captain Sprinkle, who obtained papers from the bodies of the bandits killed, before reaching a decision as to their identity.

PRO-GERMAN WOMAN HELD

Chews Policeman's Hand When Arrested at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 23.—Delivery of pro-German doctrines to troopers, who laughed her into a deep rage, charged against Mrs. Marie Van Camp, a well-dressed woman of thirty-seven years, taken into custody late last night at her home. She seized the fingers of a policeman in her mouth and chewed them so severely that he was forced to go to a surgeon for treatment.

TONNAGE CLEARANCES GROW

Clearances of Ten Months Show an Increase of 1,500,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An increase of more than 1,500,000 tons in clearances of American merchantmen from this country in the overseas trade during the ten months of 1917 as compared with the same period last year is shown by figures issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

There was a decrease, however, in total clearances, the figures being 42,486,747 for the ten months this year as against 45,061,828 in the same period the previous year.

U. S. SURGEON LOST IN RETREAT AT CAMBRAI

Reported "Missing" After Germans Push Back Byng's Command

By J. W. PEGLER WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 23.—One American surgeon was lost when the Germans pushed back General Byng's troops around Cambrai, according to unofficial reports reaching here today. He is classified as "missing."

One other American medical officer—a lieutenant—returned to his unit with the American forces today, after an unfortunate period with the British at Cambrai. He hasn't yet ceased thanking his lucky stars that he escaped the German onslaught.

It was as quiet as walking to church Sunday morning in the way of going for Byng's great push was started, "but coming back—well, Providence guided me across the country and away from the Cambrai road. That's all that saved me."

The young Ohio lieutenant was one of many American medical officers loaned to the British and sent back today in his billet, sitting in the tiny room of an ancient French house where he had been billeted he told his story.

"This is better than a dugout," he remarked glancing around with satisfaction. "It's more comfortable quarters. It's better even than the Hindenburg line. It's great to sleep in a bed again after the factious of Cambrai."

"Langemark and Cambrai," he said simply and unforgettably. "We went over the top in perfect quiet. A few rifles cracked, but otherwise there was no sound except footfalls and rattling of equipment. I walked slowly across the weed-grown fields, considerably behind the advance waves."

"There wasn't much fighting—the boches were too surprised and there wasn't much chance for resistance. We got established and I started advanced dressing stations, but there were very few casualties."

"The next morning the boches laid down a heavy bombardment, lasting about an hour. Then they stopped and the sector was quiet all day long. The next day they fell back, fighting hard. The day following—and then we began to think every morning inelegantly without a dose of shelling."

"Finally one morning after the usual bombardment the boches came over. It seemed as though all Germany was pouring into our little sector. Troops holding it were overwhelmingly outnumbered. Our ambulance section waited until it was apparent the boches were likely to reach our post, when we fell back."

"I wasn't acquainted with the territory and I was not at all familiar with the Cambrai road, but I was afraid of losing my general direction and changed my plans."

"It was a good thing I didn't follow the road. I learned afterward it was heavily shelled and that lots of fellows following it were cut off, killed or captured."

"Finally I reached a point behind the lines and saw British reserves rushing up. Hours later we heard the British had checked the enemy."

SAMMEES "CAN" BOCHES IN SURPRISE ATTACK

\*PARIS, Dec. 23.—Paris cheered over a "Sammees" story brought to the city by an American soldier.

It seems that recently, when American troops were holding a certain bit of the line, they did a surprising thing. Also, over a certain canal in No Man's Land. One night a group of Sammees slid out of the trenches and slid and skated a little bit of ice, having the time of their lives.

The boches evidently were puzzled and let loose a few experimental shots in the direction of the noise. The Americans retaliated with an amazing bombardment of ice canes that silenced the astonished Germans until all the Sammees were safely back behind the parapet.

UNA GRANDE VITTORIA AEREA DEGLI ITALIANI

Arrivano sopra il nostro campo aviatorio da occidente della città e cominciarono a bombardarlo.

Una grande flotta di aeroplani austro-tedeschi bombardò l'importante punto di diramazione delle linee ferroviarie presso la città di Treviso e tentò di bombardare il Quartier Generale Italiano a Verona, ma prontamente attaccato dagli aviatori italiani fu respinta con la perdita di una dozzina di macchine.

Un violento cannoneggiamento continuò sulle linee tra i fiumi Brenta e Piave.

L'incursione aerea compiuta dai velivoli austro-tedeschi, ieri l'altro, non è da considerarsi come una delle più importanti finora compiute dai nemici.

La fottiglia composta di ventisei macchine comparve sopra Treviso verso le ore otto del mattino volando a minima altezza, emetteva una scarica di mitragliatrici. Nonostante la sorpresa le macchine italiane ed inglesi si elevarono immediatamente ed ingaggiarono il nemico aerea. Le altre macchine batterono una precipitosa ritirata.

Subito abbattute e sei di esse caddero entro la linea italiana. Le altre macchine batterono una precipitosa ritirata. Novecento velivoli nemici tornarono alle ore 11, e gli aviatori italiani abbatterono altre macchine delle quali due caddero entro la linea italiana.

Un'ala di velivoli nemici abbattuti era una "dreadnought" che trasportava tre persone. Le altre macchine furono distrutte.

Essi il testo del comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

Lungo tutta la fronte si sono verificate soltanto azioni di artiglieria che furono assai intense e prolungate. In alcune parti le nostre batterie hanno effettuato una efficace concentrazione di fuoco e mantenuto sotto i loro colpi di shelling parecchie sezioni delle linee nemiche.

Una grande battaglia aerea, alla quale parteciparono squadrons di caccia italiani ed inglesi, e di artiglieria anti-aerea, si svolse ieri sopra Treviso. Al mattino ventisei macchine nemiche, protette dalla nebbia,

DAI CAMPI MILITARI

Il giorno di Natale per il 112mo, Fanteria, a Camp McClellan, è stato festeggiato dal semplice commiato del soldato Domenico Aliveri 14 Antonio, appartenente alla compagnia II.

Il 14 Antonio, un italiano che prima essere arruolato dimorava con i suoi parenti in Millville, N. J., proveniva da Camp Dix, dal quale era stato trasferito nello scorso mese di novembre. Egli in brevissimo tempo aveva saputo apprezzare la simpatia e l'affezione dei suoi compagni d'arme e si dilettava con il suo amico e con le danze, durante le ore di riposo.

Il suo corpo fu trovato presso un albero ed un compagno di ufficiali incaricati di investigare il caso non è stata abile di spiegare le ragioni che indussero al suicidio il povero giovane, il quale nella aveva dato a capire del suo triste disanimamento.

Le autorità militari diedero le opportune disposizioni perché l'eroe caduto fosse inavviato presso i parenti a Millville, N. J.

Il 14 Antonio aveva appena ventisei anni ed era celibe. Una sua sorella, Mrs. Filomena Reptoli, dimora al numero 119 Arkansas avenue, in Atlantic City. Il suicida lavorava in Millville, N. J., e rispose alla chiamata alle armi nel settembre ultimo scorso.

NO FURTHER DRAFT CALL BEFORE FEBRUARY 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The next draft call—including deferred percentages of one first quota—will be made up under the questionnaire classification. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today. There will be no further formal call, therefore, before February 15, he said.

This means that men included in the deferred percentage of the first quota, most of which quota is now in camp, will enjoy the benefits of questionnaire classification and will be drawn only if they come under Class I.

Tomorrow! Last Day of the Great Pre-Inventory Sale

War Savings Certificate Stamps Are Accepted at This Store as Cash At Par Value With Interest. Lit Brothers HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE ONE YELLOW TRADING STAMP WITH EVERY 10c PURCHASE ALL DAY Market Eighth Filbert Seventh

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