# LETTERS FROM BOYS IN FRANCE BRIMMING WITH OPTIMISM AND STORIES OF HEROIC DEEDS

# SLEEPLESS, TIRED, STILL CHEERFUL

Private De Roy Mark's Letter Home Brimming With Optimism

"NOBODY CAN WHIP US"

### Intimate Discriptions of Conditions at Front Given in His Letter

The unchangeable optimism and en thusiasm of the American troops h France is reflected in every line of a letter from Private De Roy Mark, of 103d Engineers, to his father. Adolph Mark, 2207 North Broad street

"Tell the world for me, dad, nobody can whip this man's army," he said. Young Mark had just come through the severe fighting along the Marne where the engineers had not only done nderful work in their own line, bu had grabbed their guns and played a gallant part in repeiling a German counter-attack, and had reached a base camp for a brief rest when he wroth the letter to his parents.

After explaining that he had not had his clothes off of been able to wash his

face for more than a week, he said : "I Hells,' and I haven't known what is to share or sleep four consecutive hours in ages

"I have been driving a motortruck right up to the front line and back again at all hours of the day and night. Up near the front, you know, it's not according to Hoyle to have a light at night, so even when I did have a few minutes' leisure I couldn't take advan. tage of them.

#### Greatest Events in History

"I can't go into details now, but I a tell you this much: I have had the est events in American history, and expending precious time on new organ-when I get home I will have enough izations. to talk about to keep me going for more

me of them to you, including a helmet bers of the teams of workers. There are belonging to a late soldier of the Fatherbelonging to a late soluter of the aforesaid land. I say late' because the aforesaid Fritz discovered 'too late' that the Wynne is chairman of the women workmerican is no slouch when it comes ers. to fighting."

After explaining that packages sent to soldiers are apt to get lost; that get-ting them requires the untangling of a

oner soon and so get a wrist watch." he continues. "The boches are our best source of supply. Believe me if the captured Dutchies have anything we want we don't waste any time taking it. You know they strip our men of everything when our boys are unlucky nough to get caught. But we do leave hem their clothes. As a matter of fact, resy few of our fellows have been caped, considering the number involved,

We don't give up as easy as do the Fritzes. "I certainly wish I could describe conditions over here as they really are They are absolutely beyond your comision if you haven't seen them

movie on earth beaten to a frazzle. "The Boys Stand the 'Gaff' "The way the boys stand the gaff

Up at the front for four straight days, the artillery roared so you Conspicuous bravery in action during ouldn't sleep except in snatches. There his baptism of fire earned promotion



PRIVATE DE ROY MARK His letter to his father is brimming with enthusiasm, telling of experiences with 103d Engineers

# START FUND TONIGHT FOR BLIND SOLDIERS

Campaign to Raise \$150,000 to Be Launched at Dinner in Adelphia

"Give the blind soldier a chance" is know you will find it hard to under stand how impossible it is to find a chance to write when things are hot we have just come through the 'Heil The money will be aunched tonight at a banquet in the Adelphia Hotel. The money will be used to prepare the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind.

Men, Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue, to accommodate a hundred more inmates when the victims of buche poise

The spacious broom and rug factory and large dormitories of the institution have already been placed at the dis-

posal of the nation. The Government has announced a policy of using existing facilities for re-education and rehabili-tation of sightless soldiers instead of

More than 300 persons will attend to "T have picked up enough souvenirs to fill four chests and 1 will try to send nstruction will be given the mem

Actual soliciting will begin Monday, The first report of contributions will be made at a funcheon at the campaign ing them requires the untanging of a lot of red tape, and that his wants are well supplied, he adds that his only need is a wrist watch. "But I expect to grap me a German prisoner soon and so get a wrist watch."

The home, founded by a blind man has operated successfully for more than forty years. It does a business of \$20,-000 monthly and is the sixth largest broom factory in the country. A con-tract now being filled for the United States Government is the largest single sale of brooms ever negotiated.

**REFUSES HONOR WON** BY BRAVE CONDUCT

rourself 'I heard all sorts of tales be-tore I got here, but the reality has the clines Promotion as Reward for Valor

### Soldiers From Here on Casualty Lists

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KILLED IN FRANCE

orporal Kenworthy, who lived at

167 Gay street, Manayunk, is re-

ported as having died from the effects of accident in France

snipers, and they were dressed in 'grass

was when they would move. Every now and then you would see a sniper drop

"Things are going fine with the old

Third Regiment, We have more than been doing our share. I don't know exactly how many Germans 1 have to my credit. I know I got eight and

perhaps there were some more. Any-way I hope war will be over soon so that we can come back to the good old U.

Private Spry Arthur Sparks, who is

Sparks tried to enlist in the National

Thence he was sent to

a mass of guns.

The only way you could see them

Continued from Page One morning newspapers contains 174 names. Including nineteen of soldiers from this State. The afternoon newspaper list to-tals 185 names, including those of eigh-teen Pennsylvanians. Lieutenant Wilbur B. Small, killed in

action on July 30, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Small, 2329 Chris-tian street. His bride of a year lives in Manheim, Pa

Lieutenant Small enlisted in the old Third Regiment in February of 1912 as t private. A year later he was made a second leutenant. In April of last year he was appointed a first leutenant, and assigned to Company D, 112th Regiment, with which he was serving when he met his death. The last letter written by him to his parents was dated July 20 and was received here on August 1. The lieutenant was a Mason and a member of the P. O. S. of A. Before entering the service, he was a mail carrier, attached to the West Philadelphia Station at Thirty-first and Mar

ket streets. He was a graduate of the Southern High School, where he won honors as a member of the rifle club. In the old Third Regiment he was regarded as a marksman, and won numerous cups and medals in tournaments. He was

twenty-five years old. SKETCHES OF HEROES Lieutenant William Edward Myers, how reported to be in a base hospital behind the lines, was previously listed as wounded severely. His home in this are used in the German lines was a Red ("ross flag, but instead of being a Red ("ross station if was a machine-gun test. The whole top of the place was

Mechanic James Thomas Costigan, ompany B, 109th Infantry, died on July 27 last from wounds received in action rding to word received today fro

the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Costigan, 3861 Coral and Mrs. the slogan of the campaign to raise street. He was thirty years old and en listed in the National Guard in April of last year. Private Peter T. Masden, reported of-

dally today as killed, lived at 3040 B vireless operator in the Headquarter: street. His death in action was renort. Company, 109th Intantry has been up unofficially on Wednesday of here officially reported wounded in action His mother, Mrs. Emma Sparks, 5119

Corporal Charles Kenworthy, 167 Gay Thompson street, received a card from street. Manayunk, died as the result of an accident in France, according to an unofficial report resolved here two made inofficial report received here two weeks His name appears today as hav-een killed. or when it was received.

Guard in July, 1916, during the Mex-ican trouble, but was rejected. When war was declared he succeeded in enlisting Sergeant William A. Kay, wounded, is he son of Mrs. Harriet Kay, a widow, living at 2122 South Iseminger street in the First Regiment and was sent to He was only nineteen years old when he Camp Hancock, isted in the regular army in July of ted in the regular army in July of gear and was sent to Gettysburg later to Camp Greene South Carno Later he was transferred to Camp Upand later to Camp Greene, South Caroton and sailed for France last May ling, for training.

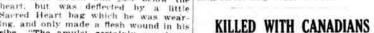
His last letter was dated July 3. In it Eventually he was attached to Com-Eventually be was attached to Com-bany M, Fifty-eighth Infantry, and sent between the general's headquarters and between the general's headquarters and the front-line trenches. He said his ex-much of a letter writer, his mother said and she has not beard from him for and she has not heard from him for three months. In his last letter he had lamented the fact that though his older Private Sparks, who is nineteen years brother, Edward, was also in France, he had not been able to get in touch

old, lived with his mother. His father died five years ago. He was graduated from the West Philadelphia High School This brother has been slightly woundast year. ed, according to a letter received by Mrs. Kay, but his name has never ap-Private George M. Weaver, of Wayne, Mrs. Kay, but his name has never ap-neared in any of the official reports. Ed-ward enlisted about six weeks after appears in the list as having been wounded in action. A sketch of Private Weaver was published a few days ago. William joined the colors, and was also

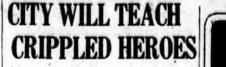
when an official report of his wound trained at Gettysburg and Camp Greene, but was finally assigned to the Twelfth Machine Gun Battalion and went abroad was received. Private Andrew J. Chester, reported as wounded and a prisoner in a Ger-man camp, is one of the survivors of Company C, of the 116th Infantry. He in April of this year. He also plained in his letters about his " luck" in trying to find his brother. "hard

Private Oliver K. Jamison has written his wife, Mrs. Loretta Jamison, \$526 Market street, that he has been gassed, aut would be out of the hospital soon. Jamison, who is twenty, was married h, just before he sailed for Before enlisting in June, 1917. March.

was employed as a mechanic Private Charles Coyne, seriously Memorial vounded, is twenty-three years old and lived with his widowed mother at 1204 lackson street. He was hit by four machine gun bullets during a dash across night. Solemn high mass of requiem lackson street. tachine gun bullets during a dash across night. No Man's Land, he wrote his mother, and might lose his leg in consequence. One bullet struck him just below the fifth street and Cedar avenue.



Included among the names of



Krusen Will Train Men to **Instruct Partly Dis**abled Soldiers

SCHOOLS AT BYBERRY

Elaborate System Will Co-operate With Government in **Reconstruction Work** 

Tentative plans for a school of teaching the theory of occupations are being considered by Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities. and officers of Surgeon General Gorgas's staff as a part of Philadelphia's war econstruction work.

The plan provides for the teaching of a corps of workers in those occupa-

from partly disabling wounds and in iurles, A suitable building will be selected and equipped and a staff of teachers

perts to teachers of technical branches Philadelphia Airman Achieves

at city cabinet meetings, the classes of

instructors will later be detailed to train he returning soldiers and to aid them. n so far as possible, in securing lucralve occupations. Up until the present no announcement of the city's plans has been made, as all arrangements are subject to the approval of the surgeon general

buildings at Byberry over to the Gov-ernment as a reconstruction hospital. The buildings, when completed, will cost the city \$1.500,000 and will have a capacity of 1500 men German squadron, which attacked, the

over the instruction of wounded soldiers at Byberry and later, if conditions demand, soldiers from other reconstruc-tion hospitals in this section of the Pursued by the enemy squadron as

country CAPTURE WELCOMED BY GERMAN SOLDIERS Graduating from the Wharton School of Finance in<sup>6</sup> 1916, Lieutenant Swaab

They Admit Conditions at Home Are Bad, Says Phil-

the Central Empires. He

was reported missing in action following the engagement along the Marne when C Company was almost wiped out. Word that he was a prisoner came through the American Red Cross to his parents at 6211 Dicks average. Chester had been a member of C Company of the old Third Regiment for several years before the

services Corporal will be celebrated in his memory in the Church of the Transfiguration, Fifty-



LIEUT. JACOUES SWAAB

in France

tions best fitted for soldiers suffering

chosen ranging from agricultural ex-

perts to teachers of technical branches of many industries. Details are being worked out and provision for the school will probably be included in the 1919 budget of the Department of Health and Charities. According to the plans as discussed at div cabluet meetings, the classes of Record in One Day's Flight

down in one day is the record of Lieu-Pennsylvania graduate and son of Mayer Swaab, formerly of Eighteenth and Berks streets, this city. The latter now ives in New York

All that has been done to date is in line with the recent action of the city in turning its nearly completed hospital Lieutenant Swaab achieved his triple from France, while returning from a for flight over the enemy lines. Two of the German flyers crashed earthward from a

Teachers trained by the city will take Philadelphian after he had encountered a single enemy airman and had brought him down.

he made for his own lines, Lieutenant Swaab was twice forced to fight, and both times he was victorious. He reached the Allied line safely.

> nlisted immediately upon the President's declaration of a state of war with Ger- drastic remedy with recalcitrant emmany. He trained at Essington for a lime. Later, at Payton, he received considerable personal instruction from Wilbur Wright on the theory of flight. He

adelphia Soldier

German soldiers are glad to be cap- the Italian front. Lieutenant Swaab made in the community in which the strike he asked. tured and admit conditions are bad in a flight over the city of Rome during the elebration there of our independence Day. Word to that effect has been received

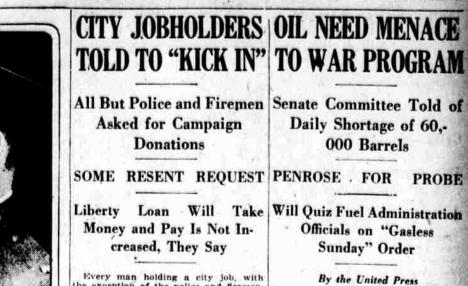
Official confirmation' of Lieutenan from David Grossman, who is attached swaab's feat has not yet been made. to the Third Division Headquarters in Frees reports, however, say he shot down France, by his sister, Miss Faye Gross-France, by his fister, and man, 3229 Berks street. The condition of those captured and trol. The condition of those captured and trol. Lieutenant Swath was a member of Lieutenant Swath was a member of

their general attitude, he said, indicate Lieutenant Swath was a member of that the enemy is on his very last legs, many clubs here, among them the Aero Warm praise is given the Red Cross by Club of America, the Mercantile Club Grossman, and also the French people, and the Delte Sigma Phi Fraternity. with, of course, a big pat on the back is twenty-four years old. His father for the fighting "Yanks."

"If at any time during your patient lile and Poor Richard Clubs. hours of knitting," he wrote, "the ques-tion should arise in your mind as to whether the trouble is worth while,

CHURCH WILL RAISE FLAGS Holy Angels, Oak Lane, to Have Ceremonies Sunday Afternoon just accept my answer that it certainly is worth while and that you and every other member of your society are big factors in the inevitable success of this

The Red



Every man holding a city job, with be exception of the police and firemen, ceived a communication today from the Republican city committee asking him to contribute toward electing the full Republican ticket at the coming

lection. To soften the blow, the words, oluntary contribution would be appreiated," were inserted. The request aroused the wrath of a

arge number of office holders. Coming on the eve of another Liberty Loan LIEUT. JACQUES SWAAB any declared it was a great burden **DOWNS FOUR FOKKERS** and a large number said they would igsending out the letters today the

Government to allow private capital to develop oil deposits in the public dommittee gets its command before each nain, he said. office holder in time to make four "touches" on his salary before election Senator Lodge, author of two resolu-tions almed at discovering the reason for the recent "gasless Sunday order of There are two pay days in September and two more in October. the fuel administration," asked Coving-ton whether the fuel administration's

Those employes who were at a loss as to the amount to contribute received very definite information from their

correct. "I know who gathered those figures and can't vouch for their accuracy," said Covington. "But figures carefully compiled by the oil men show a very substantial shortage in crude oil. The only reason the oil industry has been able to meet the diversified demands on it has been the presence of a huge reserve." ward leaders. Each city worker is sup-posed to give from 1 to 4 per cent of his salary. In the big city jobs some Three German Fokker planes shot his salary. of the contributions will run as high tenant Jacques M. Swaab, University of as \$700. Although the letters have

touched the police and firemen, they have come dangerously near them. communications have been received by many of the detective bureau. The "touch" on the officeholders is

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dustrial disputes. Having exercised

from employment in any war industry

ment for you in any war industry else-where in the United States, as well as

under the War and Navy Departments, the shipping board, the railway admin-

istration, and all Government agencies

and the draft boards will be instructed

on your alleged usefulness on war pro-

The Bridgeport strike has been in progress for several weeks, the men demanding certain broad trade classifi-

By the Associated Press

Camden Congressman Is Back

From Tour of France

of exemption

"Sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

Senator Penrose (Pa.) announced that he would ask the presence of fuel adfetory on Tuesday, according to reports from France, while returning from a for more pay, which, was not granted. that as a result of the Garfield order forbidding the use of gasoline on Sun-"The policemen and firemen would be day the Pennsylvania coal mines were Smith, when his attention was called to the letters. "I take the same position that that the letters is attention was called to the letters." their salaries are too low to permit their making outside payments, I have always taken the stand that policemen should taken in politics."

turning on Monday, using much valua-ble time that would ordinarily be spent at work, he said. **Bridgeport Strikers** Must Work or Fight

to work and abide by the award. If you "Would you select a professor of refuse, each one of you will be barred Latin and Greek in some college as the

that time the United States employment service will decline to obtain employ-tying the tax on gasoline as a luxury

declared.

hire.

Penrose also asked why the Mississippl River should be the border line separating gasolineless Sunday from the rest of the country.

Washington, Sept. 13.

The country is facing a crisis in olf

production which threatens seriously to

interfere with the war program, Judge

Harry Covington told the Senate Finance.

\$8,000,000,000 war tax bill.

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eserve.

committee today in discussion of the

Covington declared the reserve of.

rude oil is being depleted at the rate

of 60,000 barrels daily. Development of

new fields is hampered by refusal of the

figures on the gasoline situation are

Judge Covington said he was unable to answer the question. Penrose questioned the inability of obployers, it is my duty to use means equally well adapted to the end with invites and faithless employes. "Therefore I desire that you return ton. taining the right kind of an administrative board suggested by Judge Coving-

right man to regulate the oil business?"

as most unjust. "It is simply a consumption tax." he

mption is used for pleasure pur-

Former Representative Fitzgerald

asked the committee to eliminate from the bill the 5 per cent tax on gross in-

come of concerns operating more than three automobiles and suggested a flat tax of \$20 on each automobile used for

coal. Only one-fourth of the gasolin

"Gasoline is as necessary as

was gas shelling at intervals and boche to Cornoral Thomas P. O'Neil, 230 East Airplanes booming along overhead. Yet the boys bobbed up as fresh and full of declined it.

each morning as if they were safe is in the good old U.S. A. Even the In a letter to a close friend in this lity, Private O'Neil stated that he had ones who had just come back from the firing line were as chipper as larks. That's the spirit of the whole bunch and firing line were as chipper as larks. That's the spirit of the whole bunch and that's the army those boche skunks have b beat. Will they do it? Never in a

n beat. Will they do it? Never in a hunderd years of Sundays." Young Mark has also suffered from

the failings of the army postoffice and joins the chorus of his comrades in knocking the mail service to the extent of a page or so, then goes on to say T have become pretty well ac-the to the firing line, and though I have seen many wonderful and terrible that is, terrible from the viewpoint of a civilian, yet I can't work up said: any pity for these Dutch You can't have

any sympathy for a louse and these boches are rollener than the rollenest until the job is finished."

boches are rollener than the loss of the second sec dead German.' is pretty nearly true.

"And I have also had the satisfactio of seeing this much-vaunted and terrible Gorman army get one of the worst beatings it has had to swallow during the entire war and from a bunch of boys at that—boys who were mostly still in grammar school when this war started. And I tell you that the Dutch who obposed us during the great counopp sed us during the great counter-attack (young Mark is evidently referring to the Franco-American sweep across the Marne around July 18 to 20) know now, if they didn't before, that they have met better than their equals. and that their chances of victory and world dominion are gone forever.

#### Staff of Talented Liars

German soldiers know, too, that he 'Gott mit uns' stamped on their belt buckles is as big a lie as the ones their meers and staff tell them, and, believe me, the Dutch staff is composed of mighty talented liars." Private Mark finishes with a vivid

picture of a ruined barn, close up to the front, its walls mere shells, a big dugout nderneath, its entrance through a cam-flaged trap-door, a bunch of soldiers afting around the front door, singing near stuff." boche airplanes buzzing verhead, the rour of big guns in the stance—"my home." he adda, "for the stance—"my home." he adda, "for the stance—"my home." he adda, "for the stance are the soldier of the stance are up and away, right on a dot and giad to be on the job." Private Mark was nineteen years old neath, its entrance through a cam-

had just graduated from the Cen-High School when he enlisted in last year in the 103d Englueers. trained at Camp Hancock and t to France in May of this year.

### Acquit German Editors

N. J., Sept. 13. — Henry out of the few enlisted men.sent back to the United States as an instructor. He is now stationed at Camp Dix.

The amulet certainly saved my life." he wrote, "I have been here for J. F. Wilson, of This City, Meets seven weeks, but the doctors can't tell life." yet whether they will be able to save my eg or not

Private Coyne was a member of the

with him-

old and a member of Company E, 103d United States Engineers. In May, 1917, he enlisted in the cavalry, and was later transferred to the branch he is now in

The value of not information of the properties of the second of Previous to his enlistment he was a newspaper reporter in this city, a posi-tion he assumed after graduating from On his college His mother, Mrs. Patrick O'Neil, re-ceived a letter recently, in which he Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Trout.

"We had a fight with old Fritz," the

1917, and was sent to Camp Hancock for his preliminary training. He was athis preliminary training. He was at-tached to Company M, 111th Infantry. and has been in France since early las May. Previous to joining the colors he yas employed by the Penn Mutual Life insurance Company.

# Trainload to Be Sent Here for Liberty February and one month later for France.

FIGHTING AND PRAYING

The war's as good as over and the Ger-mans good as licked, For the final heavy wallop Fate Amer-

And the mothers keep on praying.

ica has picked. And the boche has information

WAR TROPHIES COMING

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"A company of Fritzes called on us one night, but only one-tenth of the visitors returned to their trenches." Such was the reception accord-

ing behind the lines. One of his letters reads in part as follows: "Do not be alarmed at any distressed the prowling boches when they called unannouncing news which may have been received, as I am quite O. K. and having a rest ed near the American lines, said Sergeany John E. Dearden in a letfrom the front. Toward the end of July things that I am not permitted to disclose occurred, and in the meantime I lost my coat and all belongings, and later found myself taking an enforced vacation behind the lines. We certainly ter to a friend in Dearden is at-

tached to Com-pany B, Fourth had a tough time, but I'm glad I was in for it all, and after a little while hope to be in it again. We have the boches on the run, and it is Berlin or burst. In the midst of the gruesome-Machine Gun Battalion, and has been fighting in France more than ness of the affair there are also nu merous funny things happening : for in a year, "After the last

SERGEANT JOHN "After the last boche visit." the sergeant wrote, "we were given or-ders to go over the top, and we did. To unow that they reached their destination. stance, a common occurrence is a lit-tle Vank, four feet fine inches, standing before a six-foot German, who is how-ing at the top of his voice, "Mercy! Kamerad; wife and ten children in the the Yankees brought some boches back with them by way of souvenirs. Every Vaterland." Private Russell Tomlinson, 3063 Tas-ker street/has been wounded in France, Yank is glad to be doing something prac-

Sergeant, Dearden is the son of Robert R. Dearden, Jr., of Eleventh street and Sixty-ninth avenue, Oak Lane, and is one of the few enlisted men. sent back according to a report reaching here yes-terday. In a letter received here he writes:

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this city.

unt a few lines to let you kn t I cm in good health and health

great fight for democracy Cross army is as essential in this war as the army of fighters over here or the army of producers of war material Death in Battle

over there in the States. One army cannot expect to exist without the "The boys are grateful for

A Morrissey is rector. Father Morrissey will bless the naas sleeping socks when sleeping in our tents, in a park or perhaps on a farm outside the town. I be the town of town of the town of town o

salled for France last Dec

On July 4, after he had been sent to

Rev. William J. Garrigan, Dr. Joseph K. Dixon Dr. Herbert L. Northrop and leorge C. Small.

The American flag is the gift of

Carles C. Dreuding, while Sydney J. Burgoyne has presented the service flag to the parish. Both will be unfuried from a new steel pole, sixty-six feet in height, which has been donated by A. Raymond Raff.

folks in the United States better prepare to get some extra turkey dinners. Grossman went to Camp Meade last

Coroner Holds Cop in Negro's Death "Far from France corrupting our Coroner Holds Cop in Negro's Dealh Patrolman Robert Ramsey, Twentleth and Federal streets station, was held without ball today by Coroner Knight for the Grand Jury in the death of Riley Bullock, negro, 2032 Annin street, shot during the race riots in South Philadel-phia in July. District Attorney Rotan consented to the release of Ramsey on ball. Bullock was shot in the station house after he had been arrested. Negro witnesses testified Bullock had been treated brutally. boys, I think it will teach thent good lessons in politeness, thrift and re-ligion," declares Rev. Edward Hawks, formerly of St. Edward's Church, Eighth and York streets, now a chaplain of

troops in France. "They are safer from temptation

From Boys in the Service

some awful fight I have seen since July 15 for one month straight. I received your letters dated July 13 and 22, but no Ledger since

Has Four Soldier Sons; Registers

**Fugitives From Lille** Hint at Evacuation

By the Associated Press

agree were then sent before an arbi-trator, whose decision was accepted by Oak Lane will be the scene of a big patriotic demonstration Sunday afternoon, when a service flag will be raised on the grounds of the Church' of the Holy Angels, of which the Rev. Daniel

to reject any

duction.

U. S. TAKES OVER PLANT OF SMITH & WESSON CO.

22, and says, in part: "We went over the top and slammed Fritzie back a few kilos. Was all out of breath when we reached our objec-tive, from chasing Heinles." Stripes. They were greatly encour-aged by the entrance of our country into the conflict. It's wonderful when one stops to consider that the spiendid

Raymond Raff. In connection with the exercises a Liberty Sing will be conducted by Albert N. Hoxie, director of music at the Phil-adelphia Navy Yard. He will be accom-panied by the Marine Band from League Island and a large delegation of ma-rines and sallors. Benediction of the most blessed sac-rament will conclude the exercises.

FRANCE BETTERS AMERICANS

Father Hawks Writes There Is Less Temptation Than ,Here

board enforcin geollective bargaining. sprinfigeld, Mass., Sept. 13. Events leading up to the action of the War De-nartment in taking over the Smith & Wesson Co. had their beginning in a strike of the employes of the pistol factory July 12. for readjustment of wages and working conditions. Ten days later the employes voted to return to, work pending an adjustment by Ma-jor B. H. Gitchell, representing the war labor board. Announcement of the com-pany's refusal to accept the finding, of the board followed. On September 5 the company granted a basic eight-hour day. The concern is working exclusively on Government contrac s. Fifth Battalion, Canadian railway BROWNING TELLS WAR NEEDS

"They are safer from temptation in the battle sone than they would be in Philadelphia." he writes back to re-assure Catholic parents of the safety of their sons in Europe. Father Hawks says the American boys have made a spiendid impression on the English and Canadians. One American battalion he visited was 40 per cent Catholic, he said, and the bat-talion chaplain is a priest. These sol-diers crowd the church in their village at two masses. From Tour of France General Pershing needs more men and the navy needs more destroyers, accord-ing to Congressman William J. Brown-ing, of Camden, a member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, who has just returned from a two months' tour of the war zone. "The navy needs torpedoboat destroy-ers just as urgently as the Army needs alropanes." he said. "Give us additional destroyers and we will sweep the sub-marines from the seas. That is the big need today."

at two masses. "They are as keen as mustard." he says, "and they are conspicuous for their modesty. There is no bluster; no jingo. Every lad of thein was physically per-fect. They were all smilles and con-tentment." desiroyers and we will sweep the sub-marines from the seas. That is the big need today." While in France the members of the committee visited the chief battlefronts, including Chateau-Thierry. The delega-fron made its headquarters in London and the members, while actually con-cerned with naval affairs, "kept their eyes open," as Roresentative Browning expressed it. entment.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 13.-Schuylkill County has nearly 25,000 registrants county has married W. D. Rutter, a farmer of East Brunswick, who has four sons in the army, registered himself.

London, Sept. 13.-Numerous fugitives from the city of Lille are reported by Belgian newspapers to be arriving at Malines and Antwerp, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. Apparently Lille is being evacuated by the Germania. Colonel George E. Kemp. of the 1160

Been Shifted Like Col. Brown

P. According to letters received by Penn-sylvanians, Major Edward Martin, of Waynesburg, Pa., was for a time acting commander of the 110th, but has since been relieved by a regular army officer. The 110th Infantry won high praise from French commanders for its fighting in the Aisne-Marne sallent. Colonel Kemp's family has received no word of the change, and his latest letter home gave no hint of it.

By the Associated Fress Washington, Sept. 13.—The War De-partment has taken over the Smith & Wesson Company, of Springfield, Mass., and will operate the plant and business to secure continuous production, and prevent industrial disturbance. The company recently gave notice that it would prefer, to have the Gov-ernment operate its plant rather than abide by a decision of the war labor board enforcin gcdlective bargaining.

## CAPT. HOLZ ARMY CHAPLAIN

Salvation Army Worker Wins Commission in 34th Division

Appointment of Ernest Richard Hols, son of Colonel Richard E. Hols, the local commander of the Salvation Arms, as a chaplain in the Thirty-fourth, Division of the National Army, has just

Division of the National Army, has just been announced. Captain Holz has been a Salvation Army worker since his youth. He gradu-ated from Swarthmore College and after studying theology in the army school was ordained a minister some six years ago. For the last six months be has been in charge of the Salvation Army headquarters at Wilmington. Del. On Monday night hundreds of Salva-tion Army workers will bid him God-speed at an informal reception at the army headquarters. Broad street and Fairmount avenue. He will go to Camp Dix.

Dix.

LOST AND FOUND -DIAMOND RING-Lost gentlemen's dia-mond ring, gypsy setting. Broad & Lom-bard to Broad & Walnot, to 21st, to Spring Garden, to 19th, bet, 8 & 9 p. m. Thurs-day, Reward, 840 Real Estate Trust Bidg,

SUITCASE-Lost, suitcase, taken in mia-take on 4:45 train from Atlantic Clis, Thursday, 12th; mitials A. J. K. Kindly com-municate with M. Kennedy, Lombard 230,

### HELP WANTED-MALE

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Claims Proportionately Largest THE CAR OF INDIVIDUALITY Number of Men in Present

Offensive Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 13.—Proportion-ate to its population this county is be-lieved to have more men engaged in the present American offensive than any other community in the country. Fight-ing with the Twenty-eighth Division, there are 'upwards of 1000 local boys who enlisted so rapidly at the outbreak of war that Lancaster was exempted from sending any men under the first draft. — Engaged in the offensive from here are a machine gun company, infantry membany, iruck supply company, ambu-tancester celebrated the first setwards of less upwer law light by a band consert in Penn Square.

Offensive

LANCASTER "RIGHT IN IT"



For immediate delivery

ESTNUT STR

Some awruit nght 1 have seen singe. July 15 for one month straight. I received your letters dated July 3. 13 and 22, but no Ledger since June. Well, mother, just about two hours and I bet there were about 200 shells dropped all around my wagon. They were trying to stop me from getting the eats to the boys, but God was with me and not even a scratch was made: so you see what one will do. We have God always with us wher-er we go, so please, mother, keep on proving for us boys and well come on proving for us boys and well come on the there were about 200 shells with me and not even a scratch was made: so you see what one will do. We have God always with us wher-er we go, so please, mother, keep on proving for us boys and well come on the they don't take any more away. The they don't take any more away. The sceen awfully hot the last four long.'s We get about ten minutes for long.'s We get about ten the for days and I haven't had a bath for one we have them on the run. The you could see the place where I monke around me and fireworks over beak as bays and fireworks over beak bays and fireworks over beak

is plain to all our fellows they must make the Fritz behave ince their baths are most infrequent and they've little time to shave. So they scrap like thinderation As the foe they keep on smiting All thei blows persist in acying That the boche can't lick a nation Where the boys are strong on fighting And their mothers keep on praying.

Good News for Home Folk

"There were two German women cap-tdred in the woods dressed in uniform. They had been operating machine guns against us. They were taken to head-quarters. There sure are a lot of things over here that I never would have be-lieved until I saw them myself, and the is one game. Mrs. Morris Heston, 1125 West Silver street, has received the following letter, dated August 14, from her son, William C. Heston, wagoner, 109th Infantry Supply Company, somewhere in France

#### Dear Mother:

COMPANY OF GERMANS ANNIHILATED IN RAID

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tical for Uncle Sam."

### Sergeant Dearden Helped to Wipe Out Fritzes Making Night Call