

ON PHILADELPHIA'S HONOR ROLL

Sergeant Bennett Complains in Letter to Wife Here

"They have sent me back behind the lines for a rest," writes Sergeant John G. Bennett, of Company I, 110th Infantry, to his wife, who lives at 2310 South Twentieth street. "But we don't want any rest; we want to keep right after the boche and get him good and proper. We want to prove that the iron division can do even more than it has done, and that since General Pershing gives the word we will chase Fritz right to Berlin."

Sergeant Bennett mentions in a casual way that he has a "touch of gas," but makes very light of the experience. "I was in the gas, wounded or not wounded, it's all in the game. That's all part of the game, and we are not going to let anything stop us now."

Sergeant Bennett has been a member of the Third Regiment, N. G. P., for more than seven years. He went through the Mexican border campaign and when the Third was reorganized into the 110th was attached to Company I. He has two other brothers in the service, George, an older brother, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the quartermaster's corps, and Louis, a younger brother, is a corporal in the regiment with John Bennett.



"Missing" Soldiers Are Still Fighting

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who was formerly Miss Adele F. Bovee; two young children, a sister, Mrs. Helena Reeves Bovee, and a brother, Alfred S. Reeves. Private Reeves and his family made their home at 2113 Spruce street.

PRIVATE JAMES JOSEPH HAGAN, wounded, passed unscathed through a perilous scouting expedition into No Man's Land only to be shot in the hip and foot the following day. "I did not mind the bullet in the hip so much," he said in a letter to his father, John Hagan, 732 Allegheny avenue. "I kept right on fighting, but I bled so much from the wound in my foot I had to go to the emergency hospital for treatment. They bundled me into an ambulance and shot me off to the base hospital, where I am now."

"The fellow in the next bed to mine is a member of my company and was captured by the Germans," he wrote. "Before he was captured he had one eye shot out and when he wouldn't give up the information they wanted they shot him twice, once in the leg and once in the lungs. He's a Philadelphia boy from Seventh and Carpenter streets."

Describing the period before he was wounded, he wrote:

"On August 8 the Americans relieved the French. We didn't know where the enemy was, and five of us volunteered to go out and find the Germans. We crawled on our stomachs for 600 yards. (We had heard that when the Germans heard the voices of the Yanks they ran.) We started to talk, and, sure enough, we saw the Hun run. Then we crawled back and reported, and an eight-hour barrage was ordered."

Private Hagan has been in nine battles since May 29; in fact, he said that August 18, when he was finally well behind the lines on the way to a hospital, was the first day since May 29 that he hadn't heard machine guns.

He could not speak too highly of the American Red Cross. He described his trip behind the lines, first to a first-aid station, then to a second-aid station and finally on to an American hospital train that for seventeen hours ran so smooth he hardly knew he was traveling. He landed at Base Hospital No. 18, and



and a machine gun and fired. The bullet struck down a companion charging at Hagan's side. This man fell forward against Hagan, whose gun was discharged by the impact, and the bullet from it instantly killed the enemy machine gunner.

PRIVATE HARRY J. HALPIN, officially reported as wounded, was only slightly burned on the arm by mustard gas, according to a letter to his mother, who lives at 1837 Morris street. "The blisters are healing rapidly," he adds, and he will soon be back on the job again.

Private Halpin, who is twenty-five years old, enlisted in the old Third Regiment, N. G. P., four years ago, served through the Mexican border campaign and has been in France since May of this year. He is now a member of Company F, 110th Infantry.

PRIVATE EUGENE BECKWORTH, killed in action, formerly boarded at 329 Callowhill street. The house has been closed since he went into the army.

however, and the landlady moved away without leaving any forwarding address. War Department officials are anxious to get in touch with the dead soldier's relatives and request that any information which might lead to tracing Hagan be promptly sent to the committee on public information, Washington, D. C.

PRIVATE AMBROSE SHAKESPEARE, wounded severely, was drafted last fall despite the fact that he is married and has three small children. The family formerly lived at 2302 Bolton street, but since Shakespeare went into the army his wife has moved to 2016 Ridge avenue.

"I never could understand why the draft board took my husband," said Mrs. Shakespeare today, "for the children and I were absolutely dependent on him. He had been in the navy for some years and perhaps they felt they needed a man like him in the new army. My husband made the trip around the world with the American fleet back in 1908."

Private Shakespeare is twenty-eight years old and has been married seven years. He is a member of Company E, 110th Infantry, having been sent from Camp Meade to Camp Hancock along with hundreds of other drafted men to fill up gaps in the Twenty-eighth Division. He was wounded in August, and a letter from him stated that he had been gassed and almost blinded. Prior to the war he was a riveter.

PRIVATE THOMAS J. MCGARRIGLE, severely wounded, was born in Ireland and came to this country only five years ago. He had not been naturalized and was told when he appeared before his local draft board that he could claim exemption on that ground. "I don't want any exemption," he replied promptly, "I like this country. It's good enough for me to live in and it's good enough to fight for. I am going to do my bit for Uncle Sam."

Private McGarrigle was sent to Camp Meade last April and assigned to the Eighteenth Infantry. His unit went overseas in June, and a letter from him, dated June 24, described France as "a mighty interesting place" and stated that he was having a fine time.

CORPORAL ROBERT H. ENGLISH, erroneously reported missing, is twenty-one years old, and enlisted in the old Sixth Regiment, N. G. P., on April 22,

1917, only a short time after the United States declared war on Germany. He was formerly employed in the Wanamaker store.

PRIVATE ALOYSIUS SCHMIDMEISTER was reported missing on July 18, but has now been located in a German prison camp. He is twenty-two years old, and was formerly employed at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Schmidtmeister joined the First Regiment, N. G. P., seven years ago and served through the Mexican campaign. A brother, Maurice Schmidtmeister, is in the navy. Their parents live at 881 North Taney street.

PRIVATE CHARLES CARR, wounded, is a member of Company I, 109th Infantry. He was a mechanical engineer before enlisting in the summer of last year. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Carr, lives at 1218 East Palmer street.

PRIVATE CHARLES A. MCCORMICK, wounded, is the son of Mrs. Catherine McCormick, 2423 Naudain street. On Wednesday last, three days after he received official notification that her son "Charles" was in a base hospital, another son, Thomas McCormick, of 2836 Peltz street, came to visit her. He complained of feeling ill when he arrived at the house, collapsed a few hours later and died that night from the Spanish influenza.

The last letter from Private McCormick was received some weeks ago and stated that he had just been in a terrific attack against the Germans. "It was some battle," he said, "thank God that I am alive." Private McCormick is twenty-eight years old and enlisted in the old Third Regiment, N. G. P., in September, 1917.

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Consin of Daniels on Tampa List

Baltimore, Oct. 4.—Benjamin Nash Daniels, in the list of missing from the Tampa, was a machinist and a first cousin of Secretary of Navy Daniels. He enlisted last June in the coast guard service. His mother, Mrs. Richard N. Daniels, lives here.

Alleged Thief Supposed Suicide

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