

NOVEMBER 14, 1918

FOE'S SHOT ENDS NOTE TO MOTHER

Bomb Hits Dugout Where
Philadelphia Boy Sits
Writing

24 FROM HERE DEAD

Eleven Killed in Action, Eight Die of Wounds and Six of Disease

A message Corporal Augustus J. King of this city, was writing to his mother in a dugout on the French front was cut short by a German bomb as the sixth word was completed.

"Dear Mother, just a few lines had been inscribed on the field postcard when a bomb hit the corporal's shoulder, a fragment of the missile exploded, left lung, he died ten minutes later."

Corporal King's mother, Mrs. Margaret King, resides at 1319 North Fifty-first street. She received the tragically interrupted message plus a photograph of her son from the letter of Sergeant G. C. Gibbs of the 131st Infantry, to which Corporal King was attached. The latter had only recently been promoted.

There are 1441 names on the combined casualty lists today, including 315 men missing. Pennsylvania, the total for Philadelphia and vicinity is seventy-four, including twenty-two killed, eight having died of wounds and six of disease. Two have been severely wounded and seventeen less seriously injured. An officer and three enlisted men have been gassed and twenty soldiers are missing.

Corporal King was killed October 15, one year ago, while serving in the combat of heart trouble. Another sister, who had been studying in a convent, returned home ill, and the father, Augustus King, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

The corporal enlisted May 24, 1917, at Camp Meade, and was then sent to France, where he was two years old. At Camp Hancock he was transferred to the 111th Infantry and sailed for France Dec. 5 of this year.

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Smyth, 2649 Braddock street, were in the service of their country. One has been killed and another badly wounded.

Private Alexander Smyth, serving with the Canadian forces, was killed in action last September 25.

Lieutenant Edward Smyth, who served with the marines, was on the Mexican border, was gassed in action in France on August 3, and on October 15 he was wounded in the knee. He received his commission at Camp Hancock.

The third brother, Thomas John Smyth Jr., is a chief petty officer in the naval reserves.

SKETCHES OF THE HEROES

Private Frank A. Johnson, who died of wounds according to the day's official casualty lists had just been promoted to be special messenger or runner for the commander of his unit.

Private Joseph E. Ewing, 1810 Thorndale, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private Francis P. McHugh, 1810 Thorndale, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private Edward T. Patton, 1905 Washington, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private Clyde V. Reed, 1000 North Franklin, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private George E. Kelleher, 1000 North Franklin, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private William J. Dailey, 1000 North Franklin, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private George W. Doherty, 1000 North Franklin, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

Private John F. O'Conor, 1000 North Franklin, was promoted immediately before he had been severely wounded.

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