

CHESTER OFFICER NEAR DEATH IN AUTO MISHAP Major Deering Has Narrow Escape at Meade—Convulsions Men Dismissed

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 4.—It is believed that many wounded soldiers of the Seventy-ninth Division, including many Pennsylvanians, will be sent to the base hospital at this camp to convalesce. It is rumored that some of them will arrive here in time to spend the Yuletide season near their old home State and with relatives and friends at hand to help them celebrate the holidays. It is thought, too, that some of the Pennsylvania National Guard wounded will be sent to Meade to recuperate.

Major A. P. Deering, of Chester, Pa., commander of the development battalion, is one lucky guy. A night or two ago the automobile in which the major and three enlisted men were riding overturned on one of the roads in this cantonment and then rolled down a hill. When they found that all were safe, they drew long breaths of relief. Seventy-five officers of Meade have been mustered out of service to date by there are 2500 of the such officers in camp and as thousands more are coming within the next few months, the job of getting the commissariat down out of the army is a job in itself. As it is believed that more than 100,000 selected men will be mustered out at this place, those who have charge of the demobilization have months ahead of them that will be packed full of hustle. Fourteen medical officers were among those discharged as follows: Captains Benjamin F. Sealife, twenty-first Infantry; John S. Wilson, Seventeenth; Peter B. Creger and John A. Hart, Sixty-third; John W. Sweeney, Tenth Engineers; Donald M. Meyer, Eighth Sanitary Train; Lieutenant Lorraine G. Stroude and Richard B. Thacker, Eleventh Sanitary Train; John A. Beck, Walter J. Leaman, Seventeenth; John L. Chandler, Sixty-third; Pratt Cook and Max J. Schwartz, twenty-first, and Claude H. Topping, Eleventh Sanitary Train.

The man who wrote the song about the bugler who wakes the soldiers up in the morning had the right idea. It was Irving Berlin, himself a soldier, who wrote the words "Some day I'm going to murder the bugler, some day they are going to find him dead." Well, one of the buglers was discharged from the army. Before he left the camp his company mates held a funeral for him. They put him upon a mattress and soldiers began carrying the mattress around the camp, while some of the mourners began humming Chopin's funeral march. Hundreds of mourners took to all kinds of grief-stricken buddies. A bugler sounded the reveille and a quartet sang "Some day I'm going to murder the bugler, some day they are going to find him dead," then a bugler sounded taps and the obsequies were over.

TO MUSTER OUT AT MEADE Philadelphia's Guardsmen to Demobilize at Maryland Camp

Philadelphia's national guardsmen, now absorbed in the army overseas, will demobilize at Camp Meade. It is the plan of the War Department to send all units of the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 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IN EVERY FIGHT, YET UNHURT Sergeant John Sweeney, U. S. A., Claims Unique Distinction

Sergeant John Sweeney, member of the regular army since 1914, who was on his way to France when the United States declared war on Germany, claims the unique distinction of having participated in every battle in which American troops were engaged, yet came through without a scratch. "I am the luckiest man in the army," he wrote his father, Bernard Sweeney, Sr., 4020 North Fifteenth street, Mt. Airy, Pa., who never hit. I had many narrow escapes, but the bullets and shrapnel with my name on them must have all been "buds." The sergeant is a member of Battery B, Fifth Cavalry.

Dead Soldiers Are Much Alive

Continued from Page One Having died of disease in today's official casualty list, no notification of the fact has yet been received by his family. For the nurse who was with him to the end, they would have known nothing of his fate until his name appeared in the newspapers today. This nurse wrote to Miss Eleanor Beisiegel, a nurse at the Camp Upton base hospital and sister of Private Beisiegel, that he had passed away early in November. A week ago a letter was received from Private Beisiegel, written from a hospital and dated October 29, inclosing the envelope for his Christmas box. He made no mention of being sick in this letter. Private Beisiegel was born in Cheltenham township, situated in the public schools of the Branchtown section and went to work for an automobile tire company. He made his home with his family on a farm near Olney avenue and Old York road. He was twenty-three years old when drafted last April, had a brief training at Camp Meade and went abroad as member of Company A, 314th Infantry. Private Walter J. Behrer, killed in action, was twenty-four years old and formerly lived at 3284 Westfield avenue, Camden. He was drafted on April 9 of this year and sent to Camp Upton for training, being eventually assigned to Battery D, 20th Field Artillery. The young soldier was killed while helping to carry machine-gun ammunition to the front. A German shell dropped near a little group of men carrying the machine-gun, killing two instantly and wounding four others, according to a letter from the regiment. They were the first fatalities to occur in that unit.

Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity Today

KILLED IN ACTION: LIEUTENANT RUDOLPH B. HIRNEY, 4016 Chestnut St. (Previously reported missing); SERGEANT MATTHEW J. HIGGINS, JR., 2519 N. 3rd St. (Previously reported missing); Privates JAMES MURPHY, 411 N. 33rd St.; WALTER BEHMER, 324 West 4th St.; CARL J. JOHNSON, 37 North Fifth St.; B. FRANK SIZALE, 921 South Ninth St.; CAMDEN (Family says he is at Meade). DIED OF WOUNDS: LIEUTENANT THOMAS G. HIRST, 1821 Spruce St. (Previously reported missing); CORPORAL T. FRED W. GIBBONS, 1547 Chestnut St. Privates WILLIAM BOGERTY, 2677 1/2 1st Ave.; JOSEPH F. AODAN, 230 North 14th St.; WILLIAM THOMPSON, 5914 Kensington St.; WALTER FAHLER, 2754 North Third St.; W. J. KELLEY, 240 West Third St.; FREDERICK BUNNER, 2511 Market St.; CHARLES JOHNSON, 1318 N. 2nd St.; CONSTANTINE DIMIDISSE, 318 N. 2nd St.; MAJOR S. METZEL, Lancaster. DIED OF DISEASE: SAMUEL W. HULLER, 424 E. 3rd St.; FRED F. STIMPSON, Audubon, N. J.; JOSEPH D. MCQUEE, 3709 Market St.; FRANCIS W. WILSON, 1821 Spruce St.; JAMES S. BRADY, 586 W. 20th St.; RAYMOND LITTLE, 245 N. 2nd St.; TONY RUFFO, 235 E. 22nd St.; JOSEPH WATSON, 12 S. 4th St. WOUNDED: LIEUTENANT JOHN G. SELBY, 802 Locust St.; LIEUTENANT JOHN G. HICKARD, 6019 Locust St.; LIEUTENANT PETER F. ZION, 5919 Locust St.; CORPORAL THOMAS FITZGERALD, 1821 Spruce St.; CORPORAL W. J. McCLURE, 6299 Locust St.; CORPORAL E. D. MOONLINE, 432 North 14th St.; BUGLER FRANK WIELAND, 231 1/2 1/2 14th St.; Privates JOSEPH F. BYRNE, 610 W. 2nd St.; GEORGE R. HILL, 610 W. 2nd St.; THOMAS J. FARMY, 1301 N. 2nd St.; THOMAS FITZGERALD, 1821 Spruce St.; CLARENCE H. ZINK, 3620 Oxford St.; JAMES S. BRADY, 586 W. 20th St.; WILLIAM J. GLENNON, 824 South 10th St.; JOSEPH J. GLENNON, 824 South 10th St.; JOHN A. GLENNON, 824 South 10th St.; NORMAN A. PAXTON, 6226 Washington St.; ANTHONY DE LUCA, 846 East 9th St.; HARRY S. METZEL, 1725 N. 4th St.; WILLIAM J. McQUEE, 3709 Market St.; P. J. GERRARD, 2251 South 61st St.; ROBERT W. TERESDALE, 610 North 12th St.; WALTER BOWMAN, 1841 Locust St.; GEORGE J. McCLURE, 6299 Locust St.; CAROL D. SMITH, 381 1/2 1/2 Market St.; FRANK J. McQUEE, 3709 Market St.; ALBERT DE LUCA, 1301 N. 2nd St.; WILLIAM S. INGRAM, 2507 N. 2nd St. MISSING: PETER BYRNE, 610 W. 2nd St.; JACOB LEVIN BARKS, 504 Madison St.; JOHN McQUEE, 3709 Market St.; ALBERT DE LUCA, 1301 N. 2nd St.; GIUSEPPE L. RUFFO, 845 1/2 1/2 14th St. LANCELOTTE, of 748 South 14th St. had never been informed of the young man's illness. He was drafted in November, 1917, and trained at Camp Meade, where he was slightly wounded. He was just seventeen days old when his parents arrived in this country from Italy. Thirty years ago Private Carl J. Connel, killed in action on October 4, was only nineteen years old when death came to him. He was trained at Camp Meade for two months, then transferred to a hospital at Fort Monmouth, where he was severely wounded. He was finally discharged in this country from Italy. Thirty years ago Private Carl J. Connel, killed in action on October 4, was only nineteen years old when death came to him. He was trained at Camp Meade for two months, then transferred to a hospital at Fort Monmouth, where he was severely wounded. He was finally discharged in this country from Italy. Thirty years ago Private Carl J. Connel, killed in action on October 4, was only nineteen years old when death came to him. He was trained at Camp Meade for two months, then transferred to a hospital at Fort Monmouth, where he was severely wounded. He was finally discharged in this country from Italy.

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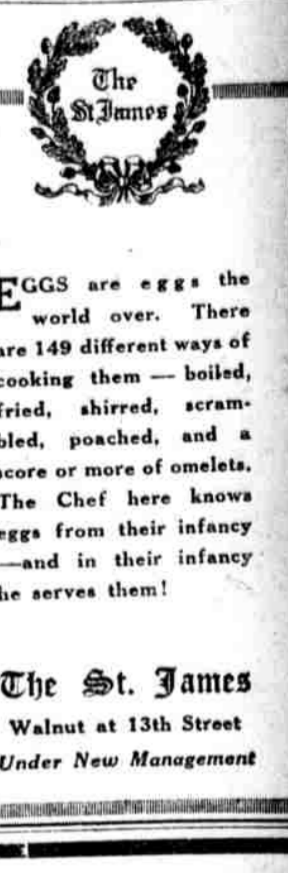
Wounded by trade and made his home at 240 Walnut street. Private Thomas F. Fitzgerald, wounded by trade and made his home at 240 Walnut street. He was drafted in May of this year. He spent two months at Camp Meade and then went overseas with Company B, 21st Infantry. His mother and sister have since resided at 218 Germantown avenue. His last letter home was written by a courier who had made a clumsy mistake in writing. Private Fitzgerald's brother-in-law, did not tell his mother and sister, but they appreciated his efforts to spare them anxiety by having his volunteer secretary say that he had a "slight wound" in his arm. The letter added that he would be home soon. Private Fred F. Stimpson, son of William F. Stimpson, of 325 Walnut street, Audubon, N. J., died of pneumonia on October 12, the day he was drafted in May of this year. He was transported to Camp Meade and died of pneumonia on October 12, the day he was drafted in May of this year. Private Giuseppe L. Buffo, Company G, Sixty-first Infantry, has been missing since his company since October 14, according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Rose Salato, of 846 East 9th street, on Friday night. Private Russo was drafted and sent to Camp Meade a year ago, being later transferred to Camp Green and leaving there for overseas last April. In a letter to Mrs. Salato, dated September 22, he said that he took part in the flattening of the St. Mihiel salient and was anxious to get into more fighting. Nothing has been heard of him since he is reported to have been missing from his company. Private Russo came to this country eight years ago with his sister, his parents remaining in Italy. He is twenty-three years of age and a roofer by trade. Private Peter Byrnes, missing in a message, has been missing since the early part of October. Previous to being called to the colors he was employed by the Atlantic Refining Company. Lieutenant John G. Selby, younger brother of Major George L. Selby, of the 315th Infantry, has been painfully wounded, according to a message received by his family, who live at 802 South Sixth street, Camden. The lieutenant was injured on Columbus Day, October 12, during the battle of the Argonne Forest. Lieutenant Selby, who had been a star athlete at the Camden High School, having captained both the baseball and football teams, was at Delaware College when this country entered the world war. He promptly left that institution and rushed home to Camden to enlist in the National Guard regiment in which his brother was formerly a captain. Later he was sent to the officers' training camp at Fort McClellan, Annapolis, Ala., and

Glennon, Company C, 39th Infantry, and Private John A. Glennon, Company C, 39th Infantry, all of 324 South Eighth street, Camden, have been wounded in France, according to belated reports received by their parents. The three brothers were drafted on the same day last April, trained at Camp Dix and have been close to each other ever since they joined the colors. A shrapnel shell "got" William, Joseph fell in a shell-hole and fractured his leg, while James has been gassed. Private Norman A. Paxton, wounded in the coast artillery in April of 1917, shortly after the country entered the war. He was assigned to Battery G, Seventh Regiment Artillery, and sent to France in August of last year. Gassed at the battle of Chateau Thierry, he recovered in time to take part in the final drive through the Argonne Forest and was wounded just as that terrible engagement was drawing to a close. Private Paxton made his home with an aunt, Mrs. Esther Smythe, at 6226 Washington avenue. Private Thomas J. Farren, twenty-three years old, 1840 Milford street, reported in today's casualty list as being wounded, is a member of Company C, Fifty-eighth Engineer Battalion. When the war started he tried to enlist, but was rejected. Later he was drafted, was sent to Camp Meade and finally transferred to Camp Merritt before being sent to France. According to the telegram received by his relatives, he was in action in September 4. Before entering the army he was employed at the Atlantic Refining Company. Private Anthony de Luca, Company K, Third New Jersey Infantry, is unofficially reported wounded. His mother died a few months ago, and he has not been informed of the sad news as yet. Letters came from him regularly, addressed to her at 846 East 9th street, where he lived. In one, dated October 28, he says that although his ankle was broken by a piece of shrapnel, it was expected to heal. He was expected to rejoin his organization soon. He added that in the meantime he was helping the Red Cross and other organizations of the city where his hospital was located. Private de Luca enlisted about twenty years ago and came to America from Italy with his parents five years ago. He is a tailor by trade. Private John McBride, Jr., has been missing in action since October 5, according to a telegram received from

the War Department by his father, John McBride, 2616 Manton street. McBride in twenty years old and enlisted during the war with Mexico a few years ago. As a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, he was called to the colors and sent to Camp Hancock and was made a member of Company H, of the 109th Infantry, and embarked for France last May. Prior to being called into service the young soldier was employed at the Schuylkill Arsenal. GERMANY PRISON PROBE BEGINS Erzberger Declares Those Guilty of Cruelty Will Be Punished Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Matthias Erzberger opened the first sitting of the German commission to investigate the treatment of war prisoners on Monday, according to Berlin advices received here. He announced that the commission has plenary powers, guaranteeing the rapid discharge of its business. The meetings are open to the public, enabling accredited representatives of enemy governments to acquaint themselves with all proceedings. Nothing, it is reported, will be concealed. "The task of the commission," Erzberger is quoted as having said, "will be to prove the new Government of republican Germany is resolved to proceed ruthlessly against any one treating prisoners contrary to the orders of the law or in authority or in violation of the laws of humanity." WOULD DISMISS WOMEN War Board Says Conductorettes Are Not Essential in Cleveland Washington, Dec. 4.—The National War Labor Board decided to ask the Cleveland Railway Company to dismiss the 150 women employes within thirty days. This action was taken after a hearing given Mayor Davis and is expected to end the strike of men employes, which began yesterday morning. The board held that employment of women is not necessary to the operation of the Cleveland street car system.

Strike Closes N. Y. Restaurants

New York, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Broadway theatre crowds were disappointed last night when they emerged from the playhouses to find many of the popular after-theatre restaurants in the throes of a waiters' and cooks' strike. The calling of the strike at 6 o'clock was the answer of the waiters and cooks' union to an ultimatum from hotel and restaurant managers, who "defied" the employees to carry out their threat of a general strike.



12 o'clock Noon Today Wanamaker & Brown open a MANUFACTURERS' RE-CONSTRUCTION SALE of 2000 new overcoats and ulsters all to be sold at— Peace Time Prices! Purchased to such advantage, through Oak Hall's widely known ability to dispose of men's clothing in vast quantities, that we can make the unqualified assertion that this will be the greatest overcoat sale of the year. FIVE PHILADELPHIA MANUFACTURERS, RECOGNIZING THE NEW CONDITIONS THAT THE ARMISTICE HAS BROUGHT, DETERMINED TO MEET THE ISSUE SQUARELY. THEY CAME TO US AND OFFERED US THEIR ENTIRE STOCKS OF OVERCOATS AND WE BOUGHT THEM, PICKING ONLY THE BEST.

Automobile Jubilee Week Sat., Dec. 7—Sat., Dec. 14 Prosperity's on the Wing Real, sound, peace-time prosperity, not war brides. We're all sharing in it, joyous at the thought. You felt it in the pulse of your own business the moment the armistice was an assured fact. And so your business and our business changed about face from uncertainty to certainty. Throw wide open the throttle—send her up that hill on high. That's the spirit that sends men and business over the top. So we want you to get the spirit the Automobile Industry has got—"verve" the French call it. The clouds are gone—the sun's high in the heavens—everything is set for a clear flight—safe, sure, to the goal of success. Did you ever see an industry "come back" like lightning as the Auto Industry in all branches—passenger cars, trucks, trailers, tires, accessories—has done? Everything's full swing at the factories, so far as the Government has seen fit to permit to date. We're all on the jump for today—and tomorrow and the great, big Future of Success in store for everybody. We want you to catch the enthusiasm. It's contagious in the right way. So we want the public to take part in AUTOMOBILE JUBILEE WEEK SAT., DEC. 7—SAT. DEC. 14 Philadelphia Automobile Trade Association On behalf of Dealers in Motor Cars, Trucks, Trailers, Tires and Accessories

Wanamaker & Brown Market at Sixth for 57 Years \$20.00 for \$30 and \$35 Overcoats \$22.50 for \$35.00 Overcoats \$23.50 for \$35 and \$40 Overcoats \$24.50 for \$40 and \$45 Overcoats Some Particulars: Eighty-one plaid back overcoats (full \$35 qualities) for \$20. Seventy very heavy dark oxford twill overcoats (\$35 in worth) for \$20. And think of buying a real \$45 overcoat for \$24.50 at Oak Hall. A group of \$35 ulsters at \$22.50. Finest \$40 and \$45 mackenzie cloths at \$24.50. Meltons in oxford cloths that will wear like leather—\$40.00 qualities at \$24.50, and so on down the line of the entire 2000 overcoats, each and every one WARRANTED BY OAK HALL