

CHESTER OFFICER NEAR DEATH IN AUTO MISHAP

Major Deering Has Narrow Escape at Meade—Convulsed 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 of 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. As 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 back 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: Captain Benjamin F. Scatena, seventy-first Infantry; John S. Wilson, Seventeenth; Peter B. Creger and John A. Hart, Sixty-third; John W. Sweeney, 24th Engineers; Donald M. Myers, Eleventh Sanitary Train; Lieutenant Jaybourne C. Stroude and Richard B. Thacker, Eleventh Sanitary Train; John A. Beck, Walter J. Leaman, Seventeenth; John L. Chandler, Sixty-third; Pratt Cheek and Max J. Schwartz, seventy-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 laid 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 fell to all sides in the line, so that the funeral was over there were thousands of these 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 First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Divisions to Meade for demobilization.

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, has a unique distinction. He is the only man in the United States who has been wounded in every battle of the war. He was wounded in the Philippines, Mexico, and in every battle of the war. He is now in the hospital at Camp Meade, where he is being treated for his wounds. He is a hero and a true American.

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. But 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 Meade 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 26, 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, 214th Infantry. Private Walter J. Behrer, killed in action, was twenty-one years old and formerly lived at 3284 Westfield avenue, Camden. He was drafted on April 9 of this year and sent to Camp Meade for training, being eventually assigned to Battery D, 30th 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 ammunition, killing two instantly and wounding four others, according to a letter from the regiment. They were the first fatalities to occur in that unit. The death of Beisiegel, thirty-three years old, occurred on October 21, according to the official casualty list. He was killed on May night. Death was announced to his sister, Mrs. Rose

Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity Today

KILLED IN ACTION: LIEUTENANT KNOR B. HIRSEY, 4016 Chestnut st. (Previously reported missing); SERGEANT MATTHEW J. HIGGINS, 3825 22nd St. (Previously reported missing); (Officially reported.)

Privates: JAMES MURPHY, 4115 S. 22d St.; WALTER BEHNER, 224 West 4th St.; CARL J. FOSSELL, 37 North Fifth St.; B. FRANK SIAGLE, 921 South Ninth St.; Camden (Family says he is dead).

DIED OF WOUNDS: LIEUTENANT THOMAS G. HIRST, 1821 Spruce st. (Previously reported missing); CORPORAL FRED W. GREGG, Chesnutville, Pa.

Privates: WILLIAM BOGHERTY, 2077 Ashmun st.; JOSEPH F. AODAN, 229 North 14th St.; WILLIAM THOMPSON, 6044 Keyport ave.; WALTER FAHNER, 2754 North Front st.; W. J. KELLY, 249 West Thayer st.; FREDERICK BUNNER, 234 Market st.; CHARLES JOSEPH FLANN, 2136 West Chester st.

(Continued from page 14) LIEUTENANT HEDDINGBELL, 218 N. 3rd St.; MAJOR S. KETTEL, Lancaster, Pa.

DIED OF DISEASE: SAMUEL W. HULLER, 424 1/2 North 3rd St.; FRED F. STIMPSON, Ardmore, N. J.; JOSEPH D. MOORE, 3709 Market st.; FRANK E. WILSON, Northampton, Pa.; JOSEPH W. WATSON, 12 S. R. 2d St.

WOUNDED: LIEUTENANT JOHN G. SELBY, 802 Chestnut st.; LIEUTENANT JOHN G. PICKARD, 6019 Locust st.; LIEUTENANT PETER F. ZION, 5919 Locust st.; SERGEANT THOMAS FITZGERALD, 2136 West Chester st.; CORPORAL W. J. McCLURG, 2829 Locust st.; CORPORAL E. D. McCONNELL, 422 North 3rd St.; BUCKLER FRANK WIELAND, 221 West 14th St., Camden.

Privates: JOSEPH F. BYRNE, 610 W. Locust ave.; GEORGE HEDDINGBELL, 46 North 4th St.; THOMAS J. FARMY, 1255 Germantown ave.; THOMAS FITZGERALD, 1255 Germantown ave.; CLARENCE H. ZINK, 2620 Oxford st.; JAMES S. BRADY, 6028 Woodford 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. METZGER, 1725 N. 4th St.; WILLIAM J. McGEHEE, 2238 19th St.; P. G. GERRARD, 1251 South 61st St.; ROBERT W. TERSDALE, 610 North 12th St.; WALTER BOWMAN, 1841 East 8th St.; GEORGE J. McLAUGHLIN, 2524 Market st.; CAROL D. SMITH, 381 1/2 Market st.; FRANK J. McILVAIN, 2982 E. 2d St.; ALBERT J. McILVAIN, 2982 E. 2d St.; WILLIAM S. INGRAM, 2902 1/2 E. 2d St.

MISSING: PETER BYRNE, 610 W. Locust ave.; JACOB LOUIS BARKS, 504 St Johns st.; JOHN McHEWY, 976 Market st. (Previously reported missing); ALBERT J. McILVAIN, 2982 E. 2d St.; GIUSEPPE L. RUFFO, 846 East 9th St.

Lancelotti, of 749 South Randolph street, had never been informed of the young man's illness. He was drafted in November, 1917, and trained at Camp Meade, where he was with his company near. 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 drafted in July of last year, was trained at Gettysburg for two months, then responded to a call for volunteers for immediate service and went to France in November. Recently he was appointed platoon runner for the First Machine-Gun Battalion. The young soldier was an apprentice at the Rembrandt Engraving Company when he joined the colors and lived with his father at 47 North Fifty-seventh street. Private Nathan Cohen, wounded, was drafted last April, given a brief training at Camp Lee and sent to France in May with a field artillery regiment. He is twenty-four years old, was a paper-

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T. FITZGERALD Wounded... Corp. W. W. FREY Wounded... Lieut. EVERETT B. MOSIER Wounded... H. E. BEISEGEL Died...



R. HARCASTLE Wounded... ANTHONY DELUCA Wounded... NORM PAXTON Wounded... G. L. RUFFO Missing... TONY TRICICO Died...

bugler by trade and made his home at 249 Walnut street. Private Thomas F. Fitzgerald, wounded, lived at 1928 North Thirtieth street and was employed in an office at Meade when drafted in May of this year. He spent two months at Camp Meade and then went overseas with Company B, 11th Infantry. His mother and sister have since resided at 2136 Germantown avenue. His last letter home was written by a courier who had made a clumsy attempt to imitate Private Fitzgerald's handwriting. It did not fool his mother and sister, but they appreciated his effort 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 after he had been landed in transport which carried him to France. Stimpson fell a victim to epidemic influenza on the way over and pneumonia developed. His condition was serious, but it was considered best to take him to a base hospital when the transport docked, as it was felt he could receive better treatment than on the shipboard. He survived the transport but had a relapse next day and passed away.

Private Stimpson enlisted in the coast artillery at the age of twenty-one and was sent to Fort Slocum for training. Later he was transferred to Fort Adams, Rhode Island, and was finally assigned to a railroad artillery unit, as he had been a railroad man in civil life, working on the Reading's Atlantic City branch.

Private B. Frank Siazle, who is declared by the War Department to have been killed in action, has written to his father, Ulrich Siazle, of 221 South Ninth street, Camden, under a date three days after that of his supposed demise, saying that he had been slightly wounded in the foot, but was doing nicely at a base hospital. Private Siazle is twenty-seven years old and a member of Company F, 14th Infantry.

Buckler Frank Wieland, wounded on October 15, is an orphan and formerly lived with Mrs. William Schaefer, of 211 Erie street, Camden. He enlisted in February, 1918, in the regular army. He was trained at Camp Meade and later saw service along the Mexican border. He was finally assigned to Company E, Twenty-sixth Infantry, one of the first American units to be sent to France.

Corporal William W. Frey, gassed, is twenty-five years old and son of Mrs. Amanda Frey, 2531 North Seventh street. He spent with Company C of the 21st Infantry, which trained at Camp Meade, and sailed for overseas duty last July. A niece who is very fond of her Uncle Bill recently wrote him

asking for a photograph. In reply he said, "I am very sorry to say that if I sent you a picture of myself as I am now you would hardly recognize me, as I haven't had a haircut for months, and as for a snave, why, I am wearing a 'freedom-day' beard." Prior to joining the army Frey was in the advertising business. After recovering from a gas attack he contracted the influenza and was laid up for some time in a base hospital.

Private Giuseppe I. Buffo, Company G, Sixty-first Infantry, has been missing from 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 member of the Twenty-first Infantry, was drafted in August, 1917, sent to Camp Meade and after a short training there was transferred to Camp Green where he was placed in a motor transport unit. His uncle, Michael Rigney, with whom he formerly resided, received a telegram from the War Department two weeks ago informing him that young Byrnes had 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, 30th Infantry, and Private John A. Glennon, Company C, 30th 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, enlisted 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 Milfin 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 killed in action 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 she lived. In one, dated October 28, he says that, although his ankle was broken by a piece of shrapnel, he was expected around all right and he expected to rejoin his organization soon. He added that in the meantime he was attending the Red Cross theatre and other amusements of the city where his hospital was located. Private de Luca enlisted about a year ago and sailed overseas two months after joining the colors. He came 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 is 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.

GERMAN PRISON PROBE BEGINS

Erzberger Declares Those Guilty of Cruelty Will Be Punished Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Mathias 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 those 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 employes to carry out their threat of a general strike.

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