

THIS HERO MISSED FEW WAR THRILLS

Sergeant John J. O'Hanlon, of Philadelphia, Had Eventful Career

PRINCETON MAN HURT

Day's Casualty List Contains Smallest Total Since Early Part of Summer

Torpedoed on the Maldivia while en route to France, thrown into the ocean, still icy cold, though it was late in May, rescued by a British destroyer, just as he felt that he was about "fall in," fully recovered in time to take part in the Fourth of July parade in Paris, were only a few of the events in the war career of Sergeant John J. O'Hanlon, of this city.

He fought through every engagement in which the American army took part and escaped unscathed until the Battle of the Meuse, when a piece of shrapnel fractured his left arm.

He camouflaged his injury and stuck to his unit until the next day, only to have another piece of shrapnel smash his left leg and put him out of action for keeps.

Invalided home several weeks ago, Sergeant O'Hanlon is spending the holidays with his family at 2233 North Fourth street. He will return in a few days to a convalescent camp in Maryland, where he will remain until entirely recovered from his wound. Sergeant O'Hanlon is twenty-four years of age and enlisted two days after Congress declared war on Germany, choosing the infantry branch of the regular army, and was assigned to the Fifty-eighth Regiment, where he was trained at Gettysburg and at Camp Greene.

Danger Considered Over
Speaking of the sinking of the Maldivia, he said that took place when all danger was considered over. Fifty-six lives were lost, but the men kept their heads and the great majority were saved. It was fortunate, he added, when the days at the front passed and he was never touched by shell or bullet he began to feel that he bore a charmed life. That notion was shattered, however, on October 4, as his division was pushing toward the Meuse River.

"When the shrapnel got me in the arm it hurt like the devil, and I knew I was badly injured, but I did want to stick along with the bunch, so I never let on that my arm was virtually useless, and I kept going until the next morning, when another chunk of steel cranked my left leg. That ended it and I had to be carried to the rear. I was at Chateau Thierry, and it was sure hot there. My, but the shells were flying thick and fast."

The combined casualty lists today give the smallest total since the early part of last summer, when the American troops were just beginning to get into the trenches. Only 219 are named from the country as a whole, while the total for Philadelphia and vicinity is only fourteen. None of these reported to have been killed or have died of wounds or disease, but eight are named as severely wounded, four as missing and two, previously reported prisoners, have been released and returned to their regiment.

Princeton Athlete Injured
Two Marine Corps officers are among the severely wounded, one Lieutenant Daniel W. Bender, of the Lenox Apartments, Thirtieth and Spruce streets, who has been reported as killed through unofficial sources, while another, Lieutenant Thurston J. Davies, former basketball star at Princeton, is made public for the first time today. He was wounded six times, but is still very much alive and is now in Germany with the army of occupation.

Lieutenant Davies is another of our wounded heroes who, for his own troubles, and counts them as a matter of his serious thoughts; for he is the proud father of a fine baby girl, whom he has never seen, but whose picture he can smile over. The mother, who lives at 434 North Thirty-fifth street, can hardly await her husband's return, for she is so anxious that daughter and father shall meet.

Lieutenant Davies wears six wound stripes on his arm, each one representing a wound received in action in France. He was first wounded on July 21, while leading his company, Company K, Fifth Regiment, marines of Chateau Thierry fame. His captain had been wounded, and Lieutenant Davies, being next in command, continued to lead the company in action until he was himself wounded.

In the famous battle of Chateau Thierry, which saved Paris from capture, Lieutenant Davies had his shoulder badly torn by shrapnel. Shrapnel from the same shell also struck him in the neck and cheek, fracturing his jawbone. On November 2 he was again wounded, but has fully recovered from his many injuries, and is now "somewhere in Germany" with the army of occupation.

In his last letter to his wife he stated that he and his men were marching through Luxembourg on the very heels of the boche.

Lieutenant Davies joined the marines in the summer of 1917 and was sent to Paris Island to attend the officers' training camp. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on September 17 of last year and went overseas with the Fifth Regiment in April of this year. He was

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Sgt. J.O. HANLON
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Died Wounded

Lieut. T.J. DAVIES
Wounded

FRANK D. SAYRE **JAMES S. McFALL**
Killed Missing

THOS. RAFTER **Corp. A.H. HUTCHINSON**
Wounded Wounded

WM. WEAND
Wounded

DANIEL L. LUVISI
Wounded

SKETCHES OF THE HEROES
Private William Weand, Company M, Fourth United States Infantry (Regular Army), has written letters to his wife and mother with his left hand. It was a hard thing to do, but he made a good job of it and before even though limited with his left hand, cheered his mother as he dictated epistles could have done. Private Weand was drafted last September and sent to Camp Meade with one of the first contingents from this city. He proved proficient at picking up the details of military life and in January

for France in April and has been at or near the front ever since.
Private Weand fought through until October 21 before being wounded, but when the Germans did turn the trick, they did it with a vengeance, as he put it. A piece of shrapnel, two inches square, entered his right shoulder, hit the bone, slanted downward and tore his arm almost to the elbow. He came within an ace of having to lose his arm, he added, but the doctors now believe that he will recover the complete use of the injured member.
His letter is couched in most cheerful vein, save that he expresses great disgust at the French climate, declaring that to call that country "Stinky France" is a very poor joke, as it rains all the time. "It makes a person feel weary," he adds, "especially a wounded man." That little remark was the only touch of complaint in the letter, the young soldier desiring considerable space to praise the food, the treatment at the hos-

pital and speculating on his chances for being sent home soon.
Private Weand is a grandson of the late William Weand, a former State secretary of the P. O. S. of A. and lived with his mother at 4545 Colorado street.
Private Wheatley Drake Lewis, missing in action, is the marine corps in June, 1917, and after receiving training at Paris Island, N. J., embarked for France from the League Island Navy Yard on the 12th of August, this year. The missing marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lewis, 4335 Rindbergh street, are deeply distressed by the Washington report received on December 25, that their son is missing in action, November 2, as no word has come from him since October 19. They have not given up hopes that he will be found in a hospital somewhere in France, but are at a loss to know why no message has been received from him.
In his letter of October 19, the last received from him, the young man bitterly complained to his mother that he had not received a single letter from her or any of his Philadelphia relatives or friends since reaching France. His parents cannot understand this failure of the Postoffice Department to deliver the many letters they have written their son and feel most deeply the idea of his being killed or wounded without having heard from them since going to Europe. Private Lewis was formerly employed by the Remington Arms Company, Chester, as an inspector of rifle locks.
Private James S. McFall, seventy-sixth company, Sixth Regiment Marines, is not missing as reported in today's casualty list, but in a hospital in France recovering from wounds received in action in the Argonne Forest. Long before the Washington Telegram arrived on December 26, the wounded marine's mother, Mrs. Mary McFall, 5728 Hazel avenue, had received letters from him telling her of his experiences and that he was in a hospital fast recovering from his injuries.
Private McFall wrote his mother that he went over the top with the shock troops in the Argonne Forest for the second time before they got up. Private McFall went to France last August, but received single letter from his family since journeying overseas. Mrs. McFall has another son in France, Private William McFall, Second Ammunition Train, twenty-nine, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Catharine Sonderman, of 3132 North Sixth street, members of Company B, Thirtieth Infantry, have both been wounded. On September 28 William received a severe pain in the shoulder while with his division in the Argonne sector. "Had the wound been one-half inch deeper," he said in a recent letter to his mother, "I would not be living. Harry was also wounded in the shoulder a little later, but now reports that he is getting along fine."
The Sonderman boys were attached to a squad known as the automatic-gun unit and had been nicknamed by the soldiers "the automatic squad." It was the duty of this squad to go in front of the attacking division and clear the way. They left here last May for Camp Meade and sailed in July. Henry is a machine-gunner by trade, while William is a linotype operator.

Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity Today
WOUNDED SEVERELY
Lieutenants
DANIEL W. BENDER, care the Emergency Fleet Corporation, Broad and Cherry sts., (Marine Corps).
THURSTON J. DAVIES, 434 N. 35th st., (Marine Corps).
Sergeants
JOHN J. O'HANLON, 2233 N. 4th st., (Marine Corps).
Private
EDWARD W. THIEL, 1435 Juniper st., (Marine Corps).
Private
DANIEL LUVISI, 5237 Market st., (Marine Corps).
CHARLES HARRNER, 1319 N. 16th st., (Marine Corps).
HARRY STEIN, 1301 S. 6th st., (Marine Corps).
MISSING
Private
MILES H. CARRY, 1821 John st., (Marine Corps).
Private
EDWARD F. ENGLE, 3139 Tuller st., (Marine Corps).
Private
WHEATLEY D. LEWIS, 6085 Rindbergh st., (Marine Corps).
JAMES S. McFALL, 5728 Hazel ave., (Marine Corps).
RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON
CAMPS
ABRAHAM MIDDENBERG, 2130 N. 20th st., (Marine Corps).
ANTHONY TOBASCO, 816 Monrovia st., (Marine Corps).

He enlisted in September, 1917, at Camp Green and sailed for France in April. According to a telegram received a week ago by his sister, Mrs. Cass Vanhook, 3222 North Twenty-sixth street, the young man was killed on October 14. Sayre was an expert marksman and was killed while doing outpost duty. Prior to enlistment he was employed at the Midvale Steel Works as a machinist.
Private Daniel Luvisi, whose name appears in today's casualty list as severely wounded, had previously been wounded in action on September 27. At that time he was shot in the foot and side by machine-gun bullets, but soon recovered and rejoined his unit, Company K, 216th Infantry.
On November 2 Private Luvisi was again wounded, according to a Washington telegram to his sister, Mrs. Luvisi, 5237 Market street, with whom the soldier makes his home when in Philadelphia. When first wounded Private Luvisi's letter to his sister argued that he was not in the front, according to a cable yesterday. Among the other Philadelphia men mentioned in Miss Margaret Luvisi's letter, formerly superintendent of nurses at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Doctor and Nurse Commended
Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Barry, of 1563 Spruce street, who recently returned from France, where he was hospital surgeon of the Pennsylvania Hospital, has been recommended by Field Marshal Haig as deserving special mention for service in the British front, according to Philadelphia newspapers mentioned in Miss Margaret Luvisi's letter. Barry is a Philadelphia nurse at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

TELLER'S WIFE BUYS
Returning
Comrades Were Lamenting
Reports of German cruelties to American soldiers were not exaggerated, according to Private Ralph M. Cregar, of 711 E. Pottstown, who has just returned from France.
He declared he saw many American soldiers crucified, others with their hands cut off and stuck in their pool and still others suffering various forms of torture.
Cregar also said he saw many Belgian children with their tongues pulled out and with figures tattooed on their foreheads. Cregar enlisted in 1917 and saw considerable action at the front.

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