

LIEUTENANT DIES ON FINAL FLIGHT

Philadelphian in Fatal Accident on Way to Sail for Home

25 ON CASUALTY LIST

Private From City Wounded Trying to Rescue German Women Tied to Guns

Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity Today

KILLED IN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

Lieutenant HAROLD BAKER MERZ, 6825 State road, Tacony.

DIED OF ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES

JOSEPH HOGA, 2603 31st st.

DIED OF DISEASE

Private FRANK W. GREENWAY, 7806 18th st.

WOUNDED SEVERELY

Private CHARLES NARDEKA, 141 North 17th st.

FREDERICK A. KNORR, 361 East 19th st.

Private DOMENICK DANIEL, 217 1/2 North 17th st.

WOUNDED (DEGREE UNDETERMINED)

Sergeant JOSEPH M. FIDGER, 6141 Vine st.

Private MAX F. MORFIZ, 425 N. 1st st., Camden.

Private HIRSH BARNES, 615 North 16th st.

Private JAMES ALEXANDER TRYER, 1525 Porter st.

Cook CHARLES P. FAWELL, 2169 North 17th st.

Private BERNARD A. KAHN, 274 West 84th st., New York.

Private HARRY M. BERLIN, 605 North 17th st.

Private LEO F. TRISMAN, 4841 Miller st. (Previously reported missing)

RETURNED TO DUTY

Private HARRY A. MEYER, 108 East 4th st.

Private ARTHUR J. CURNING, 2213 Wallace st.

Private JOSEPH PAPARICH, 1163 North 16th st.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY

Private JOSEPH T. KAESTLIN, 112 West 20th st., New York.

Private FRED FRANK, 1322 South 24th st.

Private HARRY GANZ, 415 West Merzer st.

Private DANIEL D. McCLEOD, 2633 North 15th st.

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Private PASQUALE PANICHELLI, 827 Reshler st.

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Lieutenant Harold Baker Merz, who was wounded in the leg by a machine-gun bullet while flying at a low altitude during rainy weather fifteen miles inside the German lines on September 28, is reported today by the War Department to have been killed in an airplane accident January 2.

Lieutenant Merz had recovered from his wounds after spending several weeks in a base hospital in Southern France, and had been flying regularly since his recovery until he met his death on January 2.

In a letter written December 28 to his father, Charles P. Merz, 6825 State road, Tacony, the lieutenant said he was about to take the airplane to Le Mans and would journey from there to the coast, where he would embark for home. Mr. Merz attributes his son's fatal wound to bad weather encountered in the final flight.

Lieutenant Merz was a member of the 3rd Aero Squadron. He was a graduate of Cornell University and was among the first honor men to see service with the Cornell aviators and to be killed.

A brother, Lieutenant Charles E. Merz, Jr., is with the United States air service in France now.

Lieutenant Merz was very popular here. He made his home with his parents.

Recorded on today's casualty list there are twenty-five from the city. Lieutenant H. B. Merz is one. Three others from here are reported dead two from accidents and one of disease.

Twelve hundred and forty-nine names appear on the report for the country. The greater number being wounded slightly or wounded with degree undetermined. For Pennsylvania there are 142 names.

In the report for Philadelphia six four wounded severely, two wounded with degree undetermined, and one wounded slightly, and one returned to duty.

SKETCHES OF THE HEROES

Private CHARLES ISKIN, Company A, 118th Infantry, 42nd Division, met his death in the battle of the Argonne forest, was again wounded when he slipped



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forward in the face of a heavy fire and wounded five German women who were tied to German machine guns.

In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Iskin, 6225 Spruce street, Private Iskin described the cruelty with which he has seen women and children treated "over there."

In telling of the raid on the machine gun he said: "I heard women screaming and I could not stand it, so I rushed forward and found, to my horror, five German women tied to the machine gun."

"They were shrieking under the fire of our bullets. A number of times," he added, "I have seen women and children treated worse than dogs, and I am thankful that the fighting did not have to be in America."

Before enlisting Private Iskin was a student at the Philadelphia Trade School, and had in office showrooms where he made blouses. The last letter from him was written December 11. He said that he had recovered and was feeling fine. He was called to the colors in April of last year and trained at Meade.

CORPORAL HIRSH BARNES, 615 North 16th street, is officially reported wounded with degree undetermined in today's official list. A War Department telegram to his mother, Mrs. Catherine Barnes, about two weeks ago, failed to state how or how the soldier was wounded. No letters have been received from him since October. He is twenty-four years of age and was in the army last July as a member of Company A, 109th Infantry. Previous to enlistment he was a carpenter.

SERGEANT JOSEPH FIDGER, 6141 Vine street, passed August 15, and was killed in the left arm at the Argonne battle, September 28. A member of Company B, 109th Infantry, and has been overseas since May, 1918.

Sergeant FIDGER went overseas as a private, but was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. He belonged to the National Fire Guard, Philadelphia before he was federalized into the 109th Infantry and saw service on the Mexican border. He is a graduate of West Philadelphia High School, and previous to enlisting his service was a musician. He is twenty-three years old. Sergeant FIDGER is a brother-in-law to Major J. C. Nichols, personal officer at Camp Upton.

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DAY'S CASUALTY LIST TOTALS 1241

War Department Report Has 649 Names; 592 in Afternoon Record

32 KILLED IN ACTION

Twenty-four Die of Wounds, 42 of Disease, 10 by Accident; 1100 Wounded

Washington, Jan. 31.—Two casualty lists were given out by the War Department today containing a total of 1241 names. These lists being the grand total of casualties reported for all causes in all the American forces to 221,974.

In today's total of 1241 names, 819 appear in the morning list, with 592 in the afternoon list, divided as follows: Thirty-two killed in action, one died in airplane accident, forty-two died of disease, thirty-three are missing in action, 191 wounded severely, 122 wounded degree undetermined, and 117 slightly wounded.

Summarized, the totals are:

Reported today: Killed in action, 32; Died of wounds, 42; Died of disease, 42; Died from accident and other causes, 10; Missing in action, 33; Wounded, 1100; Grand totals, 1241.

OFFICERS' LIST Killed in Action

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Died of Disease

Private Frank W. Greenway, 7806 18th st., Tacony, Philadelphia.

Wounded Severely

Private Arthur Bonifacio Johnson, 1st Mass.

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