

FALLS 18,000 FEET IN RIDDLED PLANE

Tree Saves Life of Lieut. C. F. Westing, of This City

PRISONER 18 MONTHS

Took Part in Thrilling Raids. Eight Philadelphians Return to Homes

An 18,000-foot drop in a machine torn apart by enemy fire, after a bombing expedition over Ludwigshafen, Germany, is only one of the minor experiences of Lieutenant Charles F. Westing, of this city, who has just returned home after eighteen months in German prison camps.

Lieutenant Westing is one of the eight Philadelphians, including two aviators, who reached their homes yesterday after thrilling experiences in service overseas.

The other Philadelphians arriving home are: Major John H. W. Rhein, 1732 Pine street.

Lieutenant R. J. Miller, 2324 South Broad street.

Private Frank Matukas, 333 Wharton street.

Private Joseph W. Wilby, Jr., 744 Hubb street.

Private James Connally, Jr., 2027 Cedar street.

Private Charles B. Parks, 611 Musgrave street.

Private John Mahan, 11 North Forty-first street.

Corporal Frederick Knox, East Duval street.

Major Rhein was in charge of the Department of Neuro Psychology, of the American expeditionary forces in France.

Lieutenant Miller was with the naval aviation forces at St. Gujan where he was on patrol duty.

Prior to receiving his commission he was chief resident physician at the Presbyterian Hospital. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania medical school, and also was a member of the Mark and Wig Club.

He had been attached to various medical units before being assigned to the aviation section. The other men were assigned to various commands, and were sent home after sufficiently recovering from wounds.

Lieutenant Westing left Philadelphia last night for the family summer home at Chelsea, before his departure he told at his father's place of business, 1315 Walnut street, of some of his experiences in air battles.

Tree Saves His Life

Referring to his famous drop that ended with a crash into a tree, thereby saving his life, Lieutenant Westing said: "I would not have started to come down, only the entire rear part of my machine had been torn away, and was likely to catch fire at any moment. As a matter of fact, when 200 feet from the ground the gasoline tank, which had been riddled with bullets, did burst into flames."

Lieutenant Westing enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps in July, 1917, and sailed almost immediately from New York. He was attached in France to the famous Fifty-fifth bombing squadron, which for a time was the only unit that conducted reprisal raids over German territory along the Rhine district.

He participated in raids at Coblenz, Mainz, Mannheim and Proburg, and many narrow escapes before he himself finally was brought down. On one occasion he was one of three machines out of a squadron of six that returned from bombing expeditions. The others had been destroyed in midair by a new type of German incendiary bullet.

On March 24, 1918, Lieutenant Westing took part on one of the greatest reprisal raids, and which incidentally proved his last. It was in this engagement he was shot down.

THREE BANDITS RAID AUTOMAT

Lunch Room at 818 Chestnut Street Robbed of \$46

Three masked men entered the Horn & Hardart Automat, 818 Chestnut street, early today, held up William Klein, the manager, at the point of a revolver, snatched a bag containing \$46 and disappeared.

Klein says he recognized one of the highwaymen as a man living near Second and South streets. The police are hunting the man.

The automat had been closed for the night, but the robbers had not been looked. When the three men entered one stationed himself at the entrance, another walked to the rear and stood guard over several dishwashers and stools, while the third man covered Klein with a revolver and took the bag of money.

Miss Margaret A. Power Dies

Margaret A. Power, sister of the late Rev. Thomas W. Power, died today at her home, 41 East Baltimore avenue, Lansdowne. Solemn mass of requiem will be held at St. Philomena's Church, Lansdowne, at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Interment will be made at Holy Cross Cemetery.

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LIEUT. CHARLES F. WESTING Philadelphia aviator who just returned from overseas after service with the British air forces

URGES JOBS FOR HEROES

Lieutenant R. M. Urquhart Says Soldiers Do Not Want Charity

"Honor your returning heroes, but also give them jobs. They do not want charity." This is the substance of remarks by Lieutenant Radcliffe Morris Urquhart, of the Fifty-third Field Artillery, who has returned to his home, 4317 Pine street.

Lieutenant Urquhart is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Urquhart. His mother is the founder of the Urquhart auxiliary of the Red Cross in the John Wannamaker store. The young officer, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1912, returned home several days ago after recuperating from appendicitis at Camp Dodge, where he was sent from Evacuation Hospital No. 3 of the American Red Cross overseas.

Lieutenant Urquhart's message to those who will welcome returning soldiers is brief and to the point. He said: "Honor them with public demonstrations," he said. "Fly the flags, and let the bands play loud. Have parades and pageants to show appreciation for their courage and noble deeds, but cut out the free meals, the free dances, the free shows. Give them jobs and let them pay their way."

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RECAPTURE PRISONER WHO RAN FROM CELL

Alleged Army Deserter Escaped From Custody at Postoffice Building

Edward Clark, the alleged army deserter who escaped from a cell in the Postoffice Building, Ninth and Chestnut streets, and then dashed through a crowded courtroom to freedom, was recaptured last night at Tenth and Arch streets by Sergeant Hilligan and Patrolman Boston, of the Fourth and York streets police station—the same men who arrested him originally.

Clark escaped by virtue of his ability to pick a lock quicker than the average man can open it with a key. He owes his recapture to his ability to get into a fight on the least provocation.

Clark will be sent to Camp Dix to face a court-martial and when he is free from trouble in the army will be brought here to answer an attempted burglary charge.

Early last January the policeman saw that surprised Clark in Eaton's Chocolate Store, 1922 Germantown avenue. He almost escaped by running from room to room, picking the locks and then relocking them against the pursuers. He was held without bail for court and turned over to the Department of Justice. On January 19 he picked his way from his cell, got through a window in the Federal Building, crawled along a ledge to a courtroom window, leaped in, dashed through the room and ran into the hall.

As he ran down the stairs Department of Justice agents lost sight of him. They supposed he had gone to the street, where they looked for him in vain. Today he said he really went to the basement and could not find a way out until postal clerks, not knowing he was a fugitive, helped him.

Monday night Eaton's store was robbed of \$1300 worth of chocolate by a man answering Clark's description. Hilligan and Boston suspected Clark and went looking for him at Tenth and Arch streets. There they broke up a fist fight and discovered one of the combatants was Clark.

The police say Clark has a record and has escaped custody before.

Charge Cripples With Beating Man

When he resented an insult to his wife, Harry Moore, it is charged, he beaten and stabbed by a one-legged man and a one-armed man. He is in the Hahnemann Hospital. His alleged assailants, William Martin, of Eighth and Green streets, who has one arm, and Harry O'Neil, the one-legged man, of Franklin and Race streets, were held in \$1000 bail each for a further hearing by Magistrate Meclary.

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FREIGHT CARS DERAILED

Accident Near Delair, N. J., Holds Up Commuters

Three derailed freight cars inconveniently held up traffic between Trenton and Philadelphia for more than forty minutes early this morning. The derailment occurred between Fish House Junction and the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge near Delair, N. J. The cars were in the center of an empty freight train which was proceeding from the Paxson yards in Camden to the city. When the train attempted to branch off at the bridge the cars jumped the track and slid down a small embankment on to the main tracks of the Trenton division.

The freight train from Camden for Trenton, which leaves the ferries about midnight, and the last train from Trenton to Philadelphia, due shortly after midnight, were held up. Pennsylvania Railroad officials were unable to explain the cause of the derailment this morning. An investigation is being made.

GET \$13,542 FOR GIRLS' WORK

Collections Reported in Campaign of National Y. W. C. A.

The second day of the Girls' Week campaign being carried on by the Business Women's Christian League, the Germantown Y. W. C. A. and the East Central Field of the National Y. W. C. A. ended with a total of \$13,542 collected.

The amount which the campaign committee wants to collect in the ten days that end February 12 is \$150,000, which will take care of the year's budget for the three organizations. This money will be spent for educational and recreational work among girls.

Although all contributions go to a general fund, the total will be divided among the three organizations, \$40,000 going to the East Central Field, \$40,000 to the Germantown Y. W. C. A., and \$50,000 to the Business Women's Christian League.

The report of today's collections will be made at the Business Women's Christian League, 1118 Walnut street, this evening.

ARREST IN GROOME HOLD-UP

Young Negro Held on Suspicion of Snatching Purse

Suspected of having snatched the purse of Mrs. John C. Groome, of 1018 Clifton street, last Friday, Charles Watson, a negro, eighteen years old, of South Mole street near Wharton, was held under \$500 bail today for a further hearing on Friday by Magistrate Imber at the Twelfth and Pine streets station.

Mrs. Groome was not present today, but will be notified to attend the hearing Friday and if possible to identify the negro.

Watson was arrested by Detectives McCaughin and Poland in a poolroom near Sixteenth and South streets last night.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS GRADUATION

Special Prizes and Medals Awarded at Exercises Conducted This Morning

Several special prizes and medals were awarded to distinguished graduates at the commencement exercises of the Philadelphia High School for Girls which was held at the Central High School this morning.

A salutatory written by Mary Catherine Ward was delivered by Jane E. B. Harvey. The valedictory, written by Margaret B. Evans, was delivered by Dorothy T. Farnum. The diplomas were presented by Professor Fred Gowling, principal of the school.

Following are the graduates: Distinguished—Marguerite Burns Evans, Anna Wilson Gill, Helen Pauline Lutz, Edith M. Nevedine, Elva Hermine H. Mollin, Herlioribus—Helen Victoria A. Custer, Helen Roland Kern, Emily Agnes McWhorter, Margaret Mary McKenna, Frances Marie Poynphie, Marion Amelia Testemeyer, Edna Margaret, John Harper.

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THREE BURNED BY ACID

Girders Collapse, Hurling Men and Tank to Ground

Three men are in a critical condition at the Frankford Hospital today suffering from acid burns received when part of a building collapsed at the Lening chemical plant, Bridesburg.

The injured men are John Ewing, of 3849 Swanson street; Frank Pollock, of 4532 Richmond street, and Robert Link, of 2755 Pratt street.

Repairs were being made to the building yesterday when the girders supporting the third floor collapsed, hurling the three workmen and the tank of acid to the floor below.

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