

CAPT. GEARHART BACK FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

Had Charge of Locating the Dead and Registering American Graves

WOULD LET BODIES REST

Captain Robert H. Gearhart, Jr., formerly pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, Thirty-fifth and Spring Garden streets, has returned from fourteen months' service in France, where he directed the grave registration work.



Photo by Dooner. CAPT. ROBERT H. GEARHART

Captain Gearhart first served with the 308th Machine Gun Battalion as chaplain as a first lieutenant. Later he was appointed a captain and made senior chaplain of the Second Army Division. Then he became senior chaplain of the Second Army and was finally appointed to take charge of the registration work in France.

Captain Gearhart, while serving with the Seventy-eighth Division, completed the records and located the graves of every man in the division who had given up his life, with the exception of two. For this he received a personal citation from General Pershing, and his success in this line of work led to his appointment as leader of the large force of men detailed to the task of registering graves.

Every body was searched, he said today, adding that some of them were recovered only after they had been exposed to the sun and rain for from six to seven weeks. Everything personal taken from the bodies of the dead soldiers was sent to their relatives. It was impossible to dig single graves for every American who was killed, he said, in explaining that the majority of them were buried in trenches.

Coffins for every man were also out of the question. The dead were wrapped in blankets and buried with religious services in the creed of the various men if it was possible. Crosses were placed over the graves of every man, with the exception of the Jews. The graves of the latter are marked with slabs.

According to Captain Gearhart, the Germans gave the American dead decent burial and were as considerate of the bodies as the American registration workers were. American engineers have made blueprints of the various cemeteries and have established the exact location of the grave of every soldier who was identified.

Captain Gearhart told of one instance, however, when the Germans were not considerate. He was conducting a burial party to the cemetery, he said, when a German aviator flew over them and took a photograph. Later they were bombed, he said, but fortunately no one was killed.

On one occasion Captain Gearhart narrowly escaped death when a nine-inch shell exploded within four feet of him. The cemeteries in which the Americans are buried in France are the most

beautiful Captain Gearhart has ever seen, he said today, and he voiced the opinion that it would be foolish to try to bring the bodies to this country.

Where Heroes Are Buried

The 22,000 men who lost their lives on the Argonne are buried at Romagne-Sous-Monfaucon. The heroes of St. Mihiel are buried at Thiaucourt, near Metz. The graves are on the site of the German army headquarters in September of 1918, Hobey Baker, the famous Princeton football and hockey player, is buried at St. Mihiel, as is Major Leeburg, who was one of America's leading aces. A total of 2,200 Americans are buried at Beaumont. Many of these men were victims of the influenza epidemic in France.

Captain Gearhart enlisted in January, 1918, and after work at Camp Dix, sailed for France in May, 1918. He returned to this country on Saturday night, and spent Sunday at his home in this city. He went to Camp Dix Monday and returned here last night.

Captain Gearhart is thirty-four years old, and he is not enlisted because he has received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania this spring.

FIRE PUT OUT, BUT NOT AUTO TAKES MORE THAN FLAMES TO PUT THIS CAR OUT OF COMMISSION

The stop, but they never stay stopped. An automobile, genus flivver, stalled at Fifty-second street and Westminster avenue shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. Muttering, the driver got out and cranked. No action. He cranked again. The engine went off with a roar, then backfired, setting fire to the machine. The fire engines were called out. After dousing the machine with water and chemical the flames were subdued. Some one suggested that the driver get another automobile to tow the flivver away.

He cranked it and the engine started and the "poor man's friend" went off under its own power.

STOLEN AUTOS WORTH \$30,000 RECOVERED

Nine of Seventeen Machines Found in Raid on Salford Street Garage

ALL NUMBERS CHANGED

Seventeen automobiles, valued originally approximately at \$30,000, have been recovered by the detective bureau since last Sunday.

Under an act of the state Legislature, which became effective July 1, the police are empowered to confiscate any automobile found with a mutilated number plate, or which shows any evidence of having been tampered with for the purpose of changing original appearance. The same act increased the penalty for auto stealing to a maximum of ten years' imprisonment and \$5000 fine, or both.

Four of the seventeen cars recovered this week have been returned to their owners, and, with the exception of one, the police have established the ownership of the remaining thirteen.

A roadster, the property of Dr. Margaret Dunnington, of the Real Estate Trust Building, is among the cars. The machine was recovered when members of the "auto squad" raided the private garage of Benjamin Fogel, on Salford street near Calowhill. Eight cars were seized in this raid.

The garage excited the suspicions of persons in the neighborhood, and they informed the police. Detectives Beckman and Freund forced an entrance one night last week and discovered the eight cars. The numbers on every machine had been filed off, they reported, and four of the cars had been repaired. Warrants have been issued for Fogel and others, who, the police say, are not in the city.

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Summer Shopping Hours—9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Strawbridge & Clothier Summer Service

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The New Shopping Coins Up to 40,000 Now Ready

We are substituting new shopping coins for those now in use. It will be necessary for all charge customers to have the new coin. We now have all numbers up to 40,000 (the higher numbers to come later).

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News of Cool Frocks From The Misses' Wear Store

Pretty, fluffy, frilly affairs, so light and airy they make one feel cool just to look at them. See these to-morrow:

Misses' Striped Voile Frocks

In rose, tan, navy blue and Nile green. Made in the pretty style shown in the sketch at the right, with frills and sash of the material. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years—\$15.00.

Misses' Organdie Dresses

In gray, white, blue, lavender and white, with attractive pin-tucked Tuxedo collar, cuffs and vestee of white material; skirt with tucks and finished with broad tie belt. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years—\$7.50.

Girls' Organdie Dresses

Just out of their boxes—four attractive models, showing pin-tucking and ruffles, and pretty round and square-neck effects. In rose, pink and blue. Sizes 8 to 14 years—\$7.50 and \$8.75. The sketch on the left shows an \$8.75 model.

New Sports Blouses

Of white jean, trimmed in rose and Copenhagen blue. Laced in front, fancy pockets, with rows of stitching and buttons. Sizes 6 to 18 years—\$2.25.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Second Floor, Market Street

News for Men

You Save More Than One-Third On These Men's Straw Hats at \$1.95

Aside from the saving—many men who take pride in their appearance, feel that the condition of the Straw Hat they bought some time ago, warrants the investment of \$1.95 in a spic-span clean new one. Choose from smartest Sennit Straws—fine, medium and coarse weaves—and pay one-third less than the regular price. A few split Straw Hats and soft Roll-brim Hats included in this lot—\$1.95.

Genuine Panama Hats, \$3.95

Worth double and more. Perfect in every detail of weave, style and finish.

Stiff Straw Hats, \$2.85

Presenting a saving of about 25 per cent. on desirable Hats, fitted with ventilated cushioned leather so at hand that insures cool, easy fit and comfort.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Second Floor, Market Street, East

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Just for Friday

For Tomorrow—the Last Shopping Day of the Week—We Have Arranged These Wonderful Saving Opportunities

Beaded Georgette DRESSES 19.75-25.00

Also charmingly embroidered and corded Georgettes, handsome foulard silk and satin combined with the most modern modes of Georgette with veering of tulle. Prices are remarkably special.

New Cotton Frocks \$10

200 cool, summery voile and gingham dresses in attractive plaid and flowered styles. Many delightful styles for women and misses.

Second Floor

Skirt & Waist Bargains

2.00 Wash Skirts	1.49	4.50 Georgette Waists	3.00
1.00 Wash Skirts	69c	1.00 Lingerie Waists	69c
5.00 Silk Skirts	3.00	2.50 Fine Silk Waists	1.85

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Underwear Bargains

1.50 Gowns	1.00	75c Chemise	49c
75c Bloomers	49c	1.50 Corsets	1.00

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BARGAIN BASEMENT

Lovely Voile Dresses

All \$5 Values

A wonderful opportunity—two great racks full of dainty new crepe, voile and striped gingham dresses. One of a dozen charming styles sketched. All sizes. Friday bargain only.

3.98

\$10.00 Silk Dresses

Another phenomenal sale—these 200 fine silk and silk poplin dresses. 20 of the very newest styles from which to select.

7.98

3.98 7.98

\$6.00 Summer Linene Suits 3.75

Every woman and miss going away will want one snappy sports styles in white, blue, tan and rose. Just 200 in the Sale.

Children's \$1.00 Gingham Dresses	69c
Girls' \$1.79 Gingham Dresses	1.00
Girls' \$2.49 Lingerie Dresses	1.50
Capes, Dresses, Sacques	49c
Creepers & Rompers	39c

1000 fine 75c creepers and rompers of sturdy washable fabrics. Sizes up to 6 years.

Summer Lingerie Dainty and Cool

NIGHT GOWNS—Of flesh-color or batiste, some lace-trimmed, others tailored—\$1.00 to \$3.25. Tailored models of white or flesh-color crepe—\$1.50.

ENVELOPE CHEMISE—Of flesh-color batiste, variously trimmed with lace or satin, some in tailored style—\$1.00 to \$3.50.

VESTS—Of jersey silk, white or flesh-color, with arm-holes or ribbon shoulder straps—\$2.95.

PETTICOATS—Double-panel models of long cloth, trimmed with eyelet embroidery—\$2.00.

Envelope Chemise, \$1.00

Unusual at this price—Nain-sook Envelope Chemise, trimmed front and back with lace and embroidery.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Filbert Street, East

Porch Swings Lawn Swings

Two Excellent Values

A Swing for porch or lawn insures comfort for leisure hours.

Special at \$2.95—Wooded Porch Swings, fleish-finished; complete with chains and hooks.

Special at \$7.50—Lawn Swings, for four adults. Strong and well-made.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Fourth Floor, Center

Women's Raincoats

Don't try to get along without a Raincoat when such becoming Raincoats as these are priced this way.

At \$5.50 and \$6.50—Of rubberized Canton cloth in olive, tan and blue.

At \$7.25—Of rubberized brilliant in red, blue and gray. Both are light weight, smart looking, and have open or closed collar, pockets and belt.

Umbrellas, \$2.50

It will pay you to take a look at your umbrella and see if a new one is advisable, or if it would be well to get one especially for vacation use, for these Umbrellas are particularly good value for their price—\$2.50.

Of cotton taffeta with tap-edge, made on the strong paragon frame.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Alley 11, Market Street

No Wonder Men are Coming Hundreds Strong to This Clearance of Clothing!

THE past few years have taught them the lesson of real economy.

The savings in this event range from 15 to close to 50 per cent. on the original prices or reasonable, desirable clothing that men want right now.

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Hundreds of Spring and Summer Suits have been marked at these low clearance prices in order to quickly adjust our stock. Practically every desirable style and fabric that men want right now is represented in each price group.

Blue Serge Suits With 2 Pairs of Trousers \$28.50, \$34.50

They are of ALL-WOOL, FAST-BLUE, and wear well—and the extra pair of Trousers is an added economy feature which no man can deny. The Suits at \$34.50 are of the famous "Alco" make. Practically all regular sizes for men and young men.

Two-piece Suits of Tropical Fabrics, \$11.00, \$13.50

Reduced to nearly half price. Of cool cloth fabric, in summer colorings. And closely resembling woolsens in texture.

A Collection of Palm Beach Suits at \$9.50

And many other very unusual opportunities which must be seen to be appreciated.

— Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, East

Most Men Favor Bat-wing Bows

Here at 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50

They look undeniably smart when the vest is laid aside—and they permit full display of the pattern of the shirt.

Our present collection includes some new and very distinctive patterns in foulard, crepe faille, grenadine and other desirable silks.

— Strawbridge & Clothier, Alley 1, Market Street

Men's Madras Shirts at \$2.25

Of waven-stripe madras—and at about the same price men are paying for printed stripe fabrics elsewhere.

The attractive stripes of black, blue, heliotrope and harmonious combination stripes are woven clear through the fabric and, hence, absolutely fast.

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Check Nainsook UNION SUITS

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Athletic Union Suits at an unusually low price for underwear of this quality. They are well and durably made of check nainsook, and have the popular elastic waist band.

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Then think of cider pressed from these pippins. Then think of this cider so delightfully carbonated that it fizzes and sparkles and bubbles in your glass.

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