

8 Bellefonte Men In Casualty Lists

Four Die; One Missing and Three Wounded On Battlefronts. Other County Men Are Reported Wounded.

Bellefonte received one of its heaviest blows to date this week when casualty reports from World War II revealed that four local men had lost their lives in action.



Pvt. Donald L. Bloom Killed in Action

Flack, all of whom lost their lives in a field artillery unit in Belgium on December 17, and Harvey N. Benn, Jr., 24, Gunner's Mate second class, who lost his life in line of duty in the Pacific, Benn's brother, Theodore E. Benn, lost his life in France early last month.

Missing is Pfc. Elwood Darr, of Bellefonte. The wounded are: Pvt. James Johnson, 24, of Bellefonte, slightly wounded in Belgium on January 19.



Pfc. Harold C. Roeman, Seriously Wounded in Belgium on January 17

Pfc. Harry E. Brown, State College, seriously wounded in France on January 19. Three Bellefonte men who shared their entire army life together, met death together on a battlefield in Belgium on December 17, it was re-

Navigator's Only 'Injury' Was Torn Pair of Pants



2nd Lt. James A. Graham

A torn pair of pants was the only injury sustained by Second Lieutenant James A. Graham, 26, whose wife lives in Bellefonte, navigator on the B-17 Flying Fortress 'Lady Be Good,' when he was forced to bail out of his crippled plane over American front lines.

CHARGE FROM UNLOADED GUN WOUNDS YOUTH

William Summers, 14, Shot by Brother While Playing. Condition Serious

An ill-fated turkey hunting expedition by four Boggs township boys who had taken the day off from school ended in tragedy shortly after noon Monday, when Earl Lee Summers, 14, shot and seriously wounded his brother, William R. Summers, 12.

The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Summers, who reside along the Dr. Top road, about a mile north of Milesburg. The shooting took place in the Summers home, during the absence of their mother and of their grandfather. The boys' father is employed in Akron, Ohio.

The wounded youth received a glancing blow from a charge of shot fired from a shotgun, at a range of about five feet. The charge struck the outer side of his right knee at the joint, tearing the flesh and shattering the bone.



William Summers, 14

Present in the little home at the time of the shooting were William and Earl Summers and two friends, Donald Burns, 14, and his brother, Walter, aged 9, who reside not far from the Summers home.

All the boys attend the Boggs township school at Central City, but had stayed away from school that day and had gone to the Summers home where they spent some time hunting turkeys, according to statements furnished State Police officers John Eisenhardt and E. E. Barney, of Rockview sub-station.

They saw several turkeys, but did not shoot any, the boys said. Returning to the Summers home, William Summers is said to have pointed a 22 rifle at his brother, with

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TWO SENTENCED IN TIRE THEFT

Only Four Cases Listed for Action by Grand Jury, Monday

Entering pleas of guilty to charges of larceny, Clarence W. Zerby, of Spring Mills, and Perry Ray Decker, of Spring Mills, R. D., at a special session of court here Monday morning were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fines of \$1 each and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 60 days.

Bellefonte Man Visited By Royalty In England



The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Lord Hampden, accompanied by Lady Hampden, recently paid an official visit to an American military hospital in Hertfordshire, England, and spent several hours chatting with patients.

In the photo above they are seen talking to Harry N. Zell, 24, of South Water street, Bellefonte, who was undergoing medical treatment at the hospital for a foot ailment.

Zell is widely known in Bellefonte and vicinity. For many years prior to the death of the late Harvey P. Schaeffer, he was employed at the Schaeffer hardware store in Belle-

VETERAN DIES OF BULLET WOUND

Carmen J. Torsell, 26, Succumbs to Self-Inflicted Injury

A wounded veteran of World War II, who received an honorable discharge from the service on October 27, 1943, died at the Centre County Hospital here at 5 a. m. Sunday as the result of a self-inflicted .22-caliber revolver wound in the forehead.

He is Carmen J. Torsell, 26, of Halfmoon Terrace, Bellefonte. Torsell, who served in the army as a private, was wounded in the North African campaign. About 11 p. m. Saturday members of the family heard the sound of a shot in his room and found him unconscious. He was taken to the hospital in the Widowsan ambulance.

During the latter part of last year (Continued on page Two)

Former Local Man Is War Casualty

Robert Grove, 22, radio operator in the Navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grove, of Altoona, died last week at a base hospital in California as the result of an illness believed here to have been tuberculosis.

Seaman Grove was quite well known in Bellefonte, having spent three or four summers before entering the Navy, with the Harry Barber family, now of Wilkesbank street, where they resided in Armor Gap. Grove assisted Mr. Barber in the trucking business. His father is at sea with the Sea-Bees.

The Altoona had served in the South Pacific for about two years before becoming ill. His last visit in Bellefonte was about two years ago while he was home on furlough. Surviving are his parents, his wife, and three sisters, all residing in Altoona.

Believe Local Man In Prison Transfer

Twelve hundred American prisoners of war, probably including at least one Centre county man, were removed to Germany from a camp near Posen, Poland, ahead of liberating Russian armies, Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) was advised in Washington early this week.

The Senator said his information came from the United States Embassy in Switzerland, through the State Department. From a camp identified as Oflag 64, at Schubin, Poland, the men were taken to Stalag Camp No. 3-A, at Luckenwald, Germany.

Lt. Edgar A. Spitzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spitzer, of Pleasant Gap, and husband of the former Mary Louise Johnson, of West Howard street, Bellefonte, was known to have been in Oflag 64 and probably was transferred to the camp in Germany, it is believed here.

Heavy Damage In Fire at Rockview

Cannery Buildings Swept By Flames; Auxiliary Building is Destroyed and Machinery Damaged. Cause of Blaze Unknown

Fire which officials believe may have been caused by a short circuit in the electrical system destroyed an auxiliary building at the Rockview prison cannery, and damaged the main building and much of the canning machinery and equipment, late Friday afternoon.

High winds blew flames from the wooden auxiliary building into the main building and firemen from Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap and State College battled the fire for more than three hours.

Work in the cannery was discontinued at about 4 p. m. Friday, and everything was in order a half hour later when a prison inspector made a routine check of the buildings. Shortly before 5 p. m. a guard in one of the prison towers noticed smoke pouring from the eaves of the roof of the cannery building.

The Rockview cannery is a major industry at the prison. The 1944 output of canned fruits and vegetables totaled 247,626 gallons.

The frame auxiliary building burned to the ground, while the main building, of concrete blocks, was stripped of most of its wooden window frames and other woodwork by flames which were blown in a roaring blast from the auxiliary section.

Officials said a small crew of prison help had been working daily in the cannery labeling and shipping canned fruit and vegetables grown on prison grounds. At the time of the fire 80 per cent of the 1944 output of the cannery had been shipped to other state institutions so only a comparatively small quantity was in storage at the time of the fire.

TO BUILD 3 VETS HOSPITALS IN PA.

Congressman Says Previous Sites May Again Be Considered

According to a statement issued by Representative D. Emmert Brumbaugh, three new Veterans Administration hospitals are provided for Pennsylvania and one for Delaware in the \$84,500,000 appropriation contained in the three billion dollar Independent Offices Appropriation bill favorably reported to Congress February 5 by the House Appropriations Committee.

As Congressman Brumbaugh explained, this appropriation launches the initial program of providing additional hospital and domiciliary facilities under the recently enacted "G. I." Law. The hospital program provides for the location of a general medical and surgical hospital in Eastern Pennsylvania consisting of 1200 beds; while an 1800 bed hospital for the treatment of neuro-psychiatric patients will be erected in Western Pennsylvania with an additional 1200 bed hospital in that

Plans Classes Here

"Building or Buying a Home," a series of six informal classes for prospective home-owners, will be conducted by the Penn State Department of Architecture and the College extension services, beginning February 19, according to the announcement today by Mrs. Mary Harvey Scott, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the course in Bellefonte.

Woman Receives Head Injury in Fall

Mrs. Anna Johnson, of Valentine street, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital during the weekend for injuries received Friday afternoon when she fell while on her way home from work at the hospital.

She was admitted Saturday to the institution where four stitches were required to close a laceration at the back of her head. Yesterday Mrs. Johnson was reported to be recovering steadily.

Home From Scenes of War, Appeals for Nurses

The recent return of Lieutenant Beulah Person to her home in Trenton, N. J., after two years of service in the Army nurse camps of North Africa and Sicily, will no doubt prove news to her friends in Bellefonte and Centre Hill.

North Africa and Corsica, today added 5er plus to registered nurses to join the armed forces.

The army, she said, needs nurses at once, not only to take care of the sick and wounded in military hospitals in this country but also as replacements for the nurses who have borne the long months of constant service since the war began.

"The girls at the front get war-tick," said Lieut. Person. "Some of them have been there two years or more, working almost every day and with little time off. They need a rest, but before they can be granted leaves there must be replacements."

"But despite the grueling work their morale is high, their health is (Continued on page Two)

Logans To Observe 75th Anniversary

The Logan Fire Company will celebrate its 75th birthday on Thursday, February 22, with a so-called "Red Cross" dinner at Brooks-Doll Post American Legion Home, East Howard street. The ladies of the Legion Auxiliary will serve the dinner.

Receives Souvenirs From German Front

Mrs. William Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Smith, of East High street, recently received from her husband, Captain Cox, who is with a field artillery unit in Germany, several souvenirs from that battlefield.

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Any Logan members who have not received invitations to the dinner are requested to dial 3100 immediately so that reservations can be made.

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