

LOCK HAVEN BOY PROUD TO CARRY FLAG IN ALSACE

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blem on Enemy Soil

"It was the proudest moment of my life when I carried Old Glory at the head of the American soldiers into Alsace-Lorraine," Color Sergeant Guy M. Nonemacher of Lock Haven, writes to his mother, Mrs. Mary S. Nonemacher. The color sergeant has the honor of being the first American soldier to carry the Stars and Stripes on German soil during the war.

On the fourth of July, a grand review was held in Alsace-Lorraine. Pictures in magazines and newspapers show Sergeant Nonemacher proudly bearing Old Glory.

Sergeant Nonemacher enlisted at Flint, Mich., in June, 1917. He sailed for France, January, 1917. Following six months' active service he received an insignia for his arm and refused the highest noncommissioned appointment of sergeant major to enter an officers' training school.

Funerals of American soldiers killed in action on the western battlefront take place within sight and sound of the big guns, according to a letter received today from Warren E. Butler, a former local newspaper writer. He writes:

"Just behind the lines of battle I attended the burial of a brave American soldier who gave up his life for world liberty. The services were very impressive. Only the captain and a number of comrades of the dead trooper were present. Interment was made in a French cemetery on a hill side overlooking a valley where everything was still with war activity. To me it was a wonderful contrast. Here in this lonely place was consigned to earth the body of one of our Yankee fighters. All about were huge cannon, moving rushing to and fro with airplanes overhead."

Among the casualties reported from Lanometer county is Paul Leber, of Columbia, attached to the United States Marines. Leber was but nineteen when he enlisted and was among the first to go. His parents and several brothers and sisters live in Locust street. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and Sunday school. The commanding officer has written the family that he was buried in a beautiful place in France on the battlefield.

Bolling Springs is doing her "bit" in sending soldiers to the front. Among the recent casualties is Frank Giles, who was gassed and is in a very poor condition. Mrs. William Giles, his mother, has been notified. Giles is in the United States infantry and was in the first draft from Bolling Springs. He went overseas about six months ago. In his last letter he said that the regiment was doing hard fighting, and from the date of the letter he met his fate at the Vesle engagement.

Corporal Norman B. Witmer, of near Columbia, attached to the One Hundred and Ninth United States Infantry, is reported missing in France. He was among the first to enlist in the war in old Company C, Fourth Regiment. He went overseas more than a year ago.

WAR WORKERS IN HIGH SPIRITS

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tributed heavily during previous war fund drives.

With four hundred pledge cards, and the names of the prospective generous contributors, the special committee aims to secure many hundreds of dollars toward the city's \$180,000 quota until Saturday noon, when the pledge cards will be returned and the committee will make its report at headquarters.

Needs of Soldiers
Mr. Braden, who is chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Pennsylvania United War Work Organization, explained the need for the immense national fund of \$170,000,000, and recounted personal experiences among the soldiers of Italy. He told of the great work being accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. and similar organizations to sustain the morale of the Army and the Navy. Jesse E. B. Cunningham also addressed the meetings, and emphasized the necessity of oversubscribing the quota.

At headquarters this morning, it was explained why the \$180,000 quota not only must be subscribed, but greatly oversubscribed.

Army Is Growing
"When the budget of these organizations were computed, they were based on data assembled last spring," said David E. Tracy, city chairman. "At that time it was supposed that the American Army in France would number not more than one million men. Now it numbers close to two million men, and unless the quota is greatly oversubscribed some of these soldiers are not going to receive the comforts that are absolutely essential to maintain their morale."

Seven Drives in One
Solicitors who began their work today, the industrial canvassers who will conduct the drive among the business establishments next week, and the home canvassers who will take up the drive in the homes November 12, 13 and 14, will base their plea for large subscriptions on the fact that the United War Work campaign eliminates six drives.

"The people must remember that formerly they contributed during separate drives to each of these seven organizations," said Mr. Tracy. "Now they are contributing to them all at once, and they should give sums according to the needs of the seven organizations. The best way to figure the amount that should be contributed by each person is to total the amounts given in the former drives, and give the lump sum to the United War Fund canvassers."

Large subscriptions need not be paid in cash. The pledge cards which are supplied by the canvassers will take care of that, officials say. These cards pledge the contributors to pay a stipulated sum in three months' time. Payments will be made to George W. Bell, treasurer of the fund. Contributions under \$10 must be made in cash.

Y. M. C. A. Inseparable Part of the Soldier's Life; Men Depend on the Huts

Two premiers of the British empire's largest and most progressive commonwealths have issued statements to the effect that the soldiers in the field against Germany are dependent, not only for the many so-called comforts of life but for absolute necessities, upon the activities of one of the seven agencies combined

in the United War Work campaign. Sir Robert Laird Borden, prime minister of Canada, and W. H. Hughes, prime minister of Australia, in their public statements urge the support of the Y. M. C. A. with the E. W. A., National Catholic War Council, K. of C., War Camp Community Service, Jewish Welfare

Board, American Library Association and Salvation Army are extending their work for American and Allied fighters. "Whoever has come in contact with the work of the Y. M. C. A. in camp or behind the lines, knows full well that it is a very valuable and almost inseparable part of army

life," said Premier Hughes. "Without it, the troops would undergo very many hardships and suffer great inconveniences which their magnificent institution is able to remove. The absolute dependence of so many millions of soldiers upon the association for what they regard

as the comforts but which often are the necessities of army life, is surely the most powerful appeal that can be made to the American or any other people. I wish it every success." Premier Borden's statement is as follows: "The efforts of the Y. M. C. A. to

minister to the soldier's comfort and social well-being are of great importance in maintaining the morale and spirit of the armies. "I know from careful inquiry and from repeated testimony of the troops themselves how very highly the work of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. is valued by the Canadian Expedi-

tionary Force and especially by the men actually in the trenches to whom this splendid organization is able to bring cheer and comfort, which could not possibly reach them otherwise. Without doubt this will be the experience of the gallant troops from the United States. The

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