

TLLS HOW PENN YLVANIA SOLDIERS HAD HOLIDAY

Big Hallow'en Program Was Followed by Feast in the Trenches; Music Accompanied by the Roar of Guns

How Pennsylvania boys "Some-where in France" spent their Hallow'en is vividly recounted by Corporal James Murrin, a former Franklin newspaperman. The communication was originally written for the boys, but was sent to the Telegraph by Private John O. Shearer, Headquarters Company of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry.

The corporal's account of the Hallow'en celebration follows: "Up the Line, Nov. 1, 1918. The most remarkable Hallow'en party ever held within range of German guns was held in a deserted French mansion on the Rue du Sablon in the town of P... last night. A ten-piece orchestra, the classic hits of Broadway a year ago

and France to-day, songs that brought back memories of pre-war days and encouraged thoughts of what we'll do after the war; pumpkin and prune pies, home-made candy, coffee as only the doughboy can serve it—these were the high spots of a remarkable evening, a night crowded with the best things the One Hundred and Twelfth orchestra could offer and an occasion that surpassed any other so far as the culinary aspect was concerned.

"The boys want to make it plain that it was held at 'Pat Doyle's' French mansion—but the house, in fact, which has been a home of luxury for a dozen of kids for the past twelve days, in reality belongs to one as much as to the other, and when the orchestra came, with instruments, traps and trappings, and Hontz arrived on the scene with his pies and pastry, and Evan Holmes stalked in with plates full of home-made candy—the kind that made many a Hun cringe in the good old U. S. A.—famous—well, say, boy! The doughboys who were honor guests at this party were happy—happy as a pig in a trough—that long-range German guns, located somewhere over there in the Bois de... were banging away, scattering shots around the heads and in the other section of the town.

"And up here in the mansion the orchestra was playing 'Ireland Must Be Heaven' while the Germans tried to make it hell. Classic hits of other days—naming them only adds to the keenness of the delight these doughboys enjoyed—were on that record. The program was opened with 'In San Domingo,' followed by 'Down Honolulu Way,' and then the orchestra struck up 'Sweet Little Buttercup.' Candy flickers from the hastily-constructed chandelier, and old, worn-out rugs hung up at the windows to screen the light from waxy Hun aeroplanes, added an luxuriant aspect to the scene. Old King Louis XVI in his palmiest days couldn't have experienced more real delight than these boys, who listened to the lilt of swinging notes of 'Sweet Little Buttercup'—and each fellow secretly wished that his best girl might be on the spot at just that particular time.

When the Band Plays "The evening went speedily. Fatima cigars, Melachroins and Lucky Strikes curled upward in smoke as one selection after another signaled the passing of a remarkable occasion. 'My Sweetie,' 'Teach Me to Smile,' 'How's Every Little Thing in Dixie'—bringing back memories of good old Camp Hancock days and those carefree moments back home—vied with 'Mr. Jazz Himself,' 'Parisian Mixture,' 'Liberty Bell' and famous old 'Joan of Arc' for a place in the spotlight. Then the orchestra swung into more thought-producing, memory-inviting, tantalizing whiz and dance numbers—'Wasn't It Yesterday,' 'The Pennsylvania Volunteers,' and even 'Some Sunday Mornin'.' Each seemed better than its predecessor, and the fast-accumulating enthusiasm of the doughboys hardly knew any bounds.

"During those famous old training days at Hancock, when the boys double-timed it out to the drill field, the One Hundred and Twelfth Band blared and blazed away with 'Some Sunday Morning'—and so there was more than passing interest in the playing of this particular number. 'Underneath the Stars' (and it was a starry night outside at that) 'Kangaroo Hop' and, characteristically, 'Over the Top' brought the musical program to a successful conclusion. It was only 8:15 then, but the orchestra had been playing away for two solid hours, feasting on the appreciative applause and encouragement of delighted listeners. They could be described as spectators, too—for the fellows were looking on the bright side of the war game, enjoying to the full-

est one of the most superb programs the One Hundred and Twelfth orchestra ever gave. They were at the same time trying to realize, with carpet under their feet, a piano from the German theater in the street. And 'up the line,' by the way, smoke forming a sub-strata in mid-air—well, boy, it was the greatest thing ever pulled off, the honor guests agree, within shell-range of the German Borthas or Minnies—or whatever type of Krupp rifle is hidden in the straggy woods 'up the line.' And 'up the line,' by the way, a not so far away as many might suspect.

Pics - Appreciated "The splendid part of it was, when the musical program was over, the equally enjoyable occasion as to follow—the pies that Roy Hontz, of Lansford, Pa., had worked all day to bring and save to the point of perfection; the candy that Evan Holmes had made and which officers, in to take a peek at the party, thought was worthy of a bribe—to speak of Miltore cigars, more cigars, coffee in abundance and cakes, Y. M. C. A.—issued and home made.

"Furnishing music for the evening was an orchestra, which gladly donated its services in lieu of the 'feed' that they had surmised might be a half price for John W. Surra, K. K. K. pianist; John W. Surra, of Bradford, flute; John Yorks, of Oil City, clarinet; Granville Lane, of Oil City, French horn; Coulter Hoffman, of Franklin, trombone; Daniel J. Isles, of New York City, cornet; Silvan Hilliard, of Oil City, saxophone; Major Olmes, of Oil City, violin; James Mitchell, of Oil City, cornet; Ralph Van Wye, assistant band leader, of Niles, Ohio.

"When the musical part of the evening program lights some long conclusion and the officers had vanished, the doughboys brought out their 'feed'—and for the next hour and a half the feast of the evening reigned. Participating in the repast were some of the notables of the rear echelon—the temporary untitled 'counts' of the French mansion; Ernest H. Mudgett and Emanuel Barnett, of Gloversville, N. Y.; J. Fred Dolle, Headquarters Company, of Huntingdon; John O. Shearer, Headquarters Company, of Hershey; John D. Davis, Company B, of Lansford; Gerald A. Snyder, Company C, of Bradford; Evan E. Hontz, Company B, of Mandeville; Roy W. Hontz, Company B, of Lansford; David B. Drolsbauh, Headquarters Company, of Huntingdon; George F. Fidler, Headquarters Company, of Reading; Edward Baker Company F, of Huntingdon; William F. Umbenhauer, Headquarters Company, of Port Carbon; Miles Standish, Headquarters Company, of Murrin, on duty at the advance P. C. up the line, but who happened to be 'taking things easy' in the little town for a couple of weeks; also there, Harry D. Schriver, Headquarters Company, of Harrisburg, who is Colonel Rickard's own chauffeur, was the first part of the festivities, duty calling him elsewhere—'somewhere in France'—for part of the night.

Memories "No bombs dropped from Hun aeroplanes, no shells fired from menaces, not an untoward incident, not even a trifling accident, marred the passing of this last day of October 'up the line' for these happy doughboys. A few had seen and experienced the joys of Aix-les-Bains, but most of them had grown hardened to the fighting game through days and nights of hiking, through actual participation in it, through doing the 'heavy part' of the struggle 'over here'—and in these moments of relaxation they found the enjoyment real delight, doughboy made and doughboy enjoyed.

"When the day comes to move to another sector, when the word comes to take up a new place in the line, when these same fellows sling packs, shoulder rifles and march on, they will still have memories of the Hallow'en spent on the Rue Rainbow in the town of P... up the line 'somewhere in France.' There have been many happy moments of relaxation, sometimes far apart, to be sure—but it only takes such an occasion as that on October 31st to prove that the doughboy is still persistently cheerful, contentedly hopeful and, with the thorough soldier that a loving homefolk has often pictured him—fun-loving, grateful to a fault and hard-working to a point of exhaustion.

"Memories of old Rue Rainbow and the great French mansion known as Doyle's above-ground dugout—may they grow richer with the passing months and years."

LET THE CHIL'S FALL WH RE THEY MAY, CHO. PING BEE IS TO BE VERY WELL BOSSSED

Whisper it softly—Dead Eye Dick is coming to town with his gang of desperado woodmen! Wildwood Park is to be turned into a lumber camp and the city's prized domains are to be invaded by scores of brazeny businessmen, suddenly turned woodchoppers.

The big event is to occur next Saturday, December 7, when the Central Y. M. C. A. will hold its first annual woodchopping bee to replenish the basement woodhouse and to provide fuel for the community fireplace in the "Y" building.

Plans for the big festivity were outlined at a noonday luncheon of the social work committee held in the "Y" assembly rooms to-day. Chairman P. T. Barnes presided, announcing the following bosses:

Y. Grant Foster, lumber boss, Ross H. Swope, boss brush burner, Al. K. Thomas, truck boss, C. W. Miller, tool boss, C. Linn Scott and Henderson Gilbert, deviltry bosses.

Contests will be arranged including a number of freak events. A prize will be awarded to the lucky chap who can cut the most wood in the shortest time.

All "Y" members and others who desire to attend are requested to notify the association, Bell phone 2921, in order that sufficient transportation may be provided. The happy game will be taken to the scene of operations near the "Loop" in trucks and automobiles. They will rather for the

GIRLS ON CORONER'S JURY Escudito, Cal.—Mrs. A. W. Wohlford, president of the San Diego County Federation of Women's Clubs, has received a letter from her daughter, Miss Mary Wohlford, a student at Mills College, saying that, with other girls of the school, she had recently been summoned to serve on a coroner's jury with reference to the death of a woman who had been struck by a street car. Also that with other girls of the school she had been drafted for service as a chauffeur at a funeral in that locality. In both cases the service was rendered by the girls in the absence of available men.

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Belgian Fighters Get Food Carried by Airmen; Roads Were Impassable Dunkirk, France—Thirteen tons of food were carried by the British Royal Air Force and the Belgian Air Force to several divisions of the Belgian army which had advanced beyond the Houthulst Forest in Belgium, early in the Allied offensive in the Belgian sector and sustained those troops during the period in which they were cut off from supplies owing to impassable roads. This is believed to be the largest scale in which supplies were ever delivered to troops by airplane. Continuous rain, shell fire, and artillery fire had ground the roads out of existence. They were transformed into channels of deep mud. By evening the general in command of the Belgian forces reported the supplies of food had been exhausted. Would it be possible he inquired, to send food up by airplane? The answer was that it would, and the task was assigned to men of the Belgian Air Force and to the fifth group of the British Royal Air Force. Their job was to deposit army rations at a point to which a big bus, a bird or an airplane could penetrate. It has been done before, of course; the garrison of Kut received supplies by air, and ammunition and the like have been dropped at various places. But it had never been attempted on such a scale. The cases of rations were broken up into appropriate parcels, and these were packed in sacks of earth to cushion them for the fall, while upon the front the hungry divisions prepared the dumping grounds and marked them with large white crosses. Some eighty machines shared the work, including a squadron of the fifth group's two-seaters. They lifted their loads easily, and one by one they dipped to the front—it was the front, too, and close to the line—and dropped them overboard to the cheering reception committees below and returned. Only one machine, attacked by a German machine gun from the ground—it was as close to the front as that—was lost; and by 11 a. m. the general reported that all his units had been supplied.

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