

SLAIN SOLDIER SAID HE'D DIE GLADLY

Wrote Will Before Leaving Giving His Life 'to the Little Old U. S.'

NEWARK BOY WAS 16

Lieut. H. D. Smith, Reported Missing, Is Prisoner in Germany.

To the little old U. S. I give my life willingly because she is the greatest, greatest and freest country in the world, and I hope to God the day will come when she will indeed be America for Americans of undivided allegiance.

One of the first of the United States troops to arrive overseas, Corporal John Russo of 1670 Bati avenue, Brooklyn, has been killed in action, according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Jenny Butti Russo, Russo, who was only 16 years old, enlisted when he was 17 and went to the front as a member of Company I, Fourth Infantry.

The American boys are battling hard and doing real good work. They are fighting like heroes. I expect to go to the front soon to see to it that every thing is all right.

Private Stenard M. Strab, 18, reported killed in action in yesterday's casualty list, was the son of Jacob Weintraub, who conducts a bakery at 146 Ludlow street.

We are going to win no matter what happens to me, wrote Lieut. Herman H. John Boldt of 29 East Sixty-first street, in a letter to his mother, who was killed in action on July 20. The official telegram was received by the boy's father, Dr. Herman Boldt of the same address.

Lieutenant Missing. Lieut. Joseph M. Mellen, 24 years of age, of Fourth avenue, Garden City, L. I., has been missing since July 15. It is believed that Lieut. Mellen, who was in the Aviation Corps, is one of the five bombers reported captured by the Germans about the same time.

Pittsburgh Lieutenant Killed. Lieut. Joseph John Mason of 5554 Avenida place, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been killed in action, according to word received by his father, the Rev. L. W. Mason of Montclair, N. J. Lieut. Mason sailed for France last August and received his commission as a First Lieutenant in the American Aviation Corps at Foggia, Italy, in February.

Private George P. Ehrlich of 1757 Mount Hope avenue, The Bronx, reported severely wounded in action, killed with his parents before he was drafted in December and sent to a Southern camp. He went to France in the early part of April as a member of Headquarters Company, Thirtieth Infantry, Third Division, U. S. A. He was a civil engineer in the employ of Westinghouse, Church & Co., 37 Wall street.

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David Felder of 100 Rockaway road, south Jamaica, L. I., the first Jamaica boy to get back from the trenches, tells of the great astonishment of the German prisoners when they found how large the American Army was in France. He says "what puzzles the Germans more than anything else is how our great army reached the other side."

Lieut. Herbert D. Smith of 224 West Seventy-eighth street, reported in yesterday's casualty list as missing, safe and well, according to a telegram received by his parents from the International Red Cross of Germany.

The Nation's Honor Roll

Table with columns: ARMY, Reported, Total to date. Rows include Killed in action, Died of wounds, Died of disease, etc.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—These casualty lists were issued today:

ARMY.

KILLED IN ACTION. Major. NALLE, J. B., Washington, D. C. Lieutenants. BOLDT, H. D., Jr., 29 East 61st st., New York.

Private. AKER, H. (no emergency address given), ANDERSON, W., Washington. ALFORD, G., 215 Pearl st., Brooklyn.

Private. ALLEN, A., Gaines, Mich. BALLARD, C. S., Hamilton, Ohio. BELL, J. E., 100 West 10th st., New York.

Private. BROWN, F. J., Chicago. BROWN, M. R., Niagara Falls, Wis. BROWN, W. H., 100 West 10th st., New York.

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REPORT OF 12,000 CASUALTIES DENIED

Secretary Baker Contradicts Statement Attributed to Gen. March.

Special Despatch to THE SUN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Something of a stir was caused in army circles here today by a statement printed in the Washington Times that Gen. March, Chief of Staff, had informed the Senate Military Committee that Gen. Pershing estimated the American casualties in the present drive at 12,000.

Secretary Baker issued a prompt denial, stating that Gen. March had said nothing on the subject.

"There was a chart showing the total number of casualties in the American Expeditionary Force up to the present time of all kinds from all sources," said Secretary Baker, "and that aggregated something like 12,000 and that chart was shown, but it had nothing whatever to do with casualties in the present drive."

The Committee on Public Information issued the statement. "The statement was published this afternoon," said the Chief of Staff, "and the American Senate Committee on Military Affairs had a rough estimate of the casualties as computed by Gen. Pershing was about 12,000. Another estimate was 16,000."

"These statements are absolutely false," Gen. March did not give any estimate or intimate any number of American casualties. On the contrary Gen. March announced to newspaper correspondents that no statement as to casualties was available and explained the situation as follows:

"At the request of the Chief of Staff editors and correspondents are hereby cautioned against publishing the false statement that Gen. March has been made regarding the number of American casualties."

Gen. March told the newspaper men at his weekly conference today that no estimate of the casualties had been received at the War Department. The official report of the conference shows that Gen. March was asked:

"Have you an estimate as to the number of casualties?" and that he answered: "None whatever."

NOTE TELLS MOTHER OF HERO SON'S END

No News Received of Death From War Department.

Especially awaiting a letter from her son, Private Peter Sanford of Company A, Fourth Infantry, in France, Mrs. Peter Sanford, Sr., of 1933 East Twenty-second street, Paterson, N. J., received a letter yesterday from Corporal Thomas A. Kane of the same company announcing Sanford's death as a hero and adding: "My dear Mrs. Sanford, in your sorrow, let me console you with these words. Peter was a credit to you."

"Mrs. Sanford had not received any word from the War Department about the death or injury of her son. Following is the letter sent by Corporal Kane:

"Dear Mrs. Sanford, Mother of Peter: It is with great regret and sorrow that I tell you in this letter something that will bring tears, heart sorrow and a hundred other things to you, but in the same breath I feel it my duty to tell you of my and the company's opinion, respect and admiration for your son.

"You, no doubt, like any true American mother, desired that if your boy was to be taken his reward he should die as the Americans of all times died, that is, doing his duty.

"As Corporal of your son, it is the least I could do to write you that you may know in what capacity your son acted in this great war for democracy. He was an excellent soldier, never complaining, always doing his bit, if not more.

"My dear Mrs. Sanford, in your sorrow, let me console you with these words. Peter was a credit to you, and who knows who will be called into our reward next? It is the mother who suffers most, but their hearts are glad to learn that their sons die brave and doing their military duty. Your son's example will be something for all to strive for, a credit to the one we love best—mother.

"Expressing my sincere, heartfelt sympathy, I trust you will be reconciled in such an honorable way your son left this world of unrest."

VULCAN STEEL MAN INTERNED

Woman Seized as Alien and Five I. W. W.'s Held as Dangerous.

Otto Kafka, 39, president of the Vulcan Steel Products Company of 120 Broadway, was recommended for internment yesterday by Capt. Roger B. Hull, acting chief of the Enemy Alien Bureau, as a dangerous enemy alien. He lives at 429 West End avenue and is wealthy.

The first woman to be arrested here as the result of the recent registration of women enemy aliens was examined by Capt. Hull yesterday. She was Mrs. Lily Karozewski of 400 Poland avenue, Jersey City. She was committed to the Waverly House to await investigation. Her husband, Joseph Karozewski, a German Pole, was sentenced to serve ninety days in jail at Newark for failing to register.

Five Hungarians arrested in a raid on the Hungarian I. W. W. headquarters at 157 Second avenue a week ago were recommended for internment as dangerous enemy aliens yesterday by Perry M. Armstrong, an examiner at the Enemy Alien Bureau. The men were David Newman, Julius Wastayak, Joseph Nagel, Louis Goldberg and Louis Fischberg.

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