

ITALIAN FRONT DESCRIBED BY HARRISBURG BOY WHO IS DRIVING AMBULANCE IN HILLS

Meade Detweiler Tells of Exciting Adventures Where Big Guns Boom Continuously and Work For Hospital Men is Heavy

The query on the lips of many anxious parents, "How did my boy spend his Christmas in the trenches?" is answered by Meade Detweiler, who writes from "somewhere in Italy" a letter telling of his Christmas celebration. The letter, written to his mother breathes a spirit of optimism and cheerfulness, which seems to be present in every letter from the front.

December 31, 1917. Somewhere in Italy. Mother Dearest: I must now tell you of my first Christmas spent with "An Army in Active Service" along the front lines. The day started out with a late breakfast—after a hard night's evacuation—followed by the distribution of gifts—which we all contributed. Each fellow gave "a little something" then each man was given a number and drew for his present. I drew an Italian-English dictionary, which will be of great service to me, for the one I now have is too small, not that I shall ever be able to speak Italian, but to know a few words is always advisable and words especially useful now are "HURRY" "HOW MUCH" "RUN" etc.

At two o'clock we were called to dinner and there on the improvised table we found postcards, for place cards and so the dinner was on. Our first course, soup, then chicken, which was a grand surprise and it surely tasted good, potatoes, bread, followed by coffee and nuts and apples. This was a special dinner and we all had one grand time, for we "sang songs" and tried to forget the outside world and its happenings in our underground dug-out, on Merry Christmas—The Birthday of Our Saviour.

Mr. Gouvenour Morris acted as toastmaster and called on our chef and two Red Cross officials for speeches. He himself could tell you just what was said, etc., for all the remarks came direct from the heart and America would feel proud of her first American Red Cross Section to enter Italy. We had a real Christmas tree which we cut down from "the clump behind our house" and we decorated it with pieces of cotton and strings. It looked like a real American tree, the only thing that made us think it was really Christmas Day. Pleased With Gifts Our poor old mechanics were very much pleased with their gifts and we shall hope to add to them from time to time, for they really have no extra clothes, their homes have been totally destroyed and their families simply wiped out by the Boche shells. To all mechanics and cooks we gave tobacco and they appreciated it as much as though it was a hundred dollars.

One of the finest sights I have ever seen and it being entirely new to me, is the long line of the Alps Mountains, just behind us, with their snow clad tops, green grass in the valley, in the morning when the sun shines on them they look like a large white cloud, but as time passes to noon, it becomes so foggy they are lost to view. The weather here is very cold and damp, but we have little snow, that cold damp climate.

It seems the runs never cease firing, for the rumble goes on continually day and night, which only adds to the excitement.

Need Ambulance Section Now for a little news about myself and the section. We have been located here in the "level plain" and are awaiting orders to move to the foot of the mountain, where an ambulance section is badly needed on account of the heavy fighting. We hope to move soon, but at present a place is being "fixed" for us and if you would allow me to tell you, I know the work is slow under the circumstances, etc.

I understand the road we will have to drive over is very narrow even at the base of the mountain. Cables are used, but mostly across ravines, so they shall be a great help. The Italian ambulances are so much larger than ours, but we have more men in a section, so the work will go on the same, when we join the next division of troops. Yesterday I had a holiday and was invited by Governor Morris to go with him to Padova and see the old city. We drove down in the staff car. Our first stop was at the old university which dates back to the 13th century. Many shields decorated the walls on the interior showing the Coat of Arms of the various noted scholars who were at one time or another students at the university, also we noted the rooms where they once studied. Next the narrow streets and old houses are all new to me and I enjoyed walking about the little town which was a peaceful one. You have often read how these old cathedrals have shown you their cathedrals, galleries, etc., I wished for the same opportunity, consequently when I am off duty I take advantage of every opportunity of course, things are much different now than in times of peace.

COUNTY BOARDS SEND MORE MEN TO CAMP MEADE

Prospective Soldiers Leave For National Army Training

The Steelton and Paxtang quotas for the National Army left this morning for their training camp. The Elizabethville quota will leave to-morrow morning. The city boards have been examining the men in Class I-A. A great many of the examined men are sent to the medical advisory board for a second examination, and the board is swamped with work.

The men who left from the first county district to-day are: Charles E. Nagle, Middletown; Clair L. Baker, 129 Front street, Steelton; William H. Biffington, 414 Swatara street; William J. Moore, Middletown; Joseph Wolf, 439 North Front street; William F. Carter, Middletown; Frank W. Roylton; Ray F. Hummer, 545 Bessemer street; Leroy H. Espenshade, Roylton; John L. McCahan, 369 South River avenue; Frank P. Womack, Highspire; Morris Feinman, 225 North Front street.

The Paxtang Board sent Jacob F. Wolf, West Hanover; Charles David Wilson, Pennington; Clair Weaver, 1905 Boas street; Herman E. Myers, McClay Station; William Henry Gruber, Dauphin; Paul Camacasa, Swatara; Ollivio Masani, Swatara; J. Iphonso Olive, Hershey; Irvin A. Pletz, Lingletown; Norman Smith, Hershey; Ginlie Mercerec, Swatara; Dominick Nicola, Swatara; Bogliolo Terello, Swatara; Roy C. Welker, Dauphin; George Shepler, Hershey; David C. Menger, Speecheville; Earl Brubaker, Paxtang; Albert Lenker, Progress; Walter Reiter, Ruthertown; Morris Achey, Duncannon, R. D.; Norman K. Bell, Harrisburg, R. D.

Those who will train at Elizabethville will include these: J. Albert Nace, Williamsport; Samuel R. Fetterhoff, Wiconisco; Norman Snyder, Millersburg; John Keiter, Fishersville; B. R. Hay, Williamsport; Theodore Umholtz, Gratz; James Ryan, Williamsport; A. W. Umholtz, Gratz; H. J. Hay, Williamsport; H. L. and Ralph Kunzeman, Williamsport; E. E. Mahoney, Wiconisco; and H. C. Hoy, Millersburg.

was a peaceful one. You have often read how these old cathedrals have shown you their cathedrals, galleries, etc., I wished for the same opportunity, consequently when I am off duty I take advantage of every opportunity of course, things are much different now than in times of peace. None of my Christmas packages have yet been sent out, an exciting hope and shall hope for a surprise on New Year's day. Mail arrives here most irregularly and at present it has been ten days since its arrival.

Newspapers of the Front We now have a newspaper in the section, which is published monthly and contains some news and jokes on what we are doing. I am sending in this same mail a copy of the first edition. I am afraid you will not understand a lot of the articles written for many have happened en route here. Its getting colder here and there is plenty of snow now, yet that does not hinder the fighting even at night the aeroplanes keep busy.

Just last night an alarm went up that the planes were overhead. It was quite a surprise to us, for we had anti-air craft guns all around us and they keep firing away. We could plainly see the shrapnel bursting in the sky around for miles. The old guns kept booming away. Its all in the game, but we live in hope that our squad of machines will not be sighted, though we have all our cars camouflaged, for to have a "present" dropped in our quarters would mean anything but a Happy New Year.

I cannot realize that to-morrow will be 1918, yet days and dates mean nothing to us here, for the days go on just the same and we live only to see the end of this war, which the boys look to be the distance, unless something very unforeseen should arise. I often tried to picture what the people of Harrisburg would do, if an alarm was given, "the planes are coming." Just a few miles back of us there is a little village and the planes are paying a nightly visit there. You are so helpless at the mercy of these things and even when we watch them fly over our quarters enroute to the villages it gives you a shudder to think a plane carried an extra bomb and just wanted to have a little sport, they would use it on the first big sight of ambulances they saw.

Y. M. C. A. Work Praised I forgot to tell you we have a library in our section, and are collecting many books which will be available later on. Speaking of Y. M. C. A. work that is one organization that is doing a wonderful work. At most all army posts there is "a hut" where any of the men may go to purchase things, write, rest, etc. They are always crowded and are the popular meeting places. In Harrisburg they have a large building equipped with reading rooms, pool rooms, writing rooms and a large canteen, where American women serve and chat with the soldiers. Nearly every evening an entertainment is given and the building is always crowded. They also manage a hotel which is well cost and never the place less than packed. The American people may feel well repaid for their gifts and it all has gone to give them in the army on foreign soil a gift that shall never be forgotten by them. Must run along now. Give my best to all inquiring friends. Meade.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

Dr. L. S. Mudge to Speak on Work in Army Cantons

Mechanicburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—During the week services will be held every evening except Wednesday in the Presbyterian Church, prior to communion service on Sunday. Last evening, the pastor, the Rev. George Fulton, preached the sermon. This evening an address will be given by the Rev. Dr. L. S. Mudge, of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, on "The Work in the Army Cantons."

Union services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening with the Rev. George Fulton as speaker. A former pastor, the Rev. Dr. T. C. McCarrall, of Middletown, will deliver the sermon in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening and the Rev. Glenn M. Shafer, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, will be the speaker on Friday evening.

FALLS DEAD IN STREET Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 26.—Samuel A. McKee, aged 27, who had never been sick a day, fell dead in the street here yesterday, while returning home from work. Death was caused by heart failure. He is survived by his wife and two children and several brothers and sisters.

HAGERSTOWN LICENSES Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 26.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples from Pennsylvania by Clerk of the Court Edward Oswald: Leon F. Yoder and Alma M. Welger, both of Harrisburg; Albert J. Stigeler, of Etters, and Bertha Stevens, of Enola; Harry E. Patterson and Joyce Sheffer, both of Waynesboro; John W. Rauhauser, of Greencastle, and Zella B. Stoner, of Zulinger.

WOMAN'S RIBS BROKEN Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 26.—Mrs. John McGrath fell down stairs at her home and fractured several ribs.

CHLOROFORM CAUSED DEATH Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 26.—A coroner's jury in the case of Miss Florence Laubs, aged fifteen years, a student at the Greencastle High School, who was found several days ago dead in bed clutching a chloroform bottle, gave a verdict that the girl came to her death as the result of inhaling the drug with probable suicidal intent.

FIRST VISIT IN 32 YEARS Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 26.—Charles Eckhart, Blanch, Neb., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. L. Zimmerman, after an absence of thirty-two years. A family reunion was held at Welsh Run in honor of Mr. Eckhart's homecoming on Sunday.

OLD WORK HORSE DIES Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 26.—John Mock, of Todd township, recently lost by death a good work horse that had attained the age of thirty-four years and ten months.

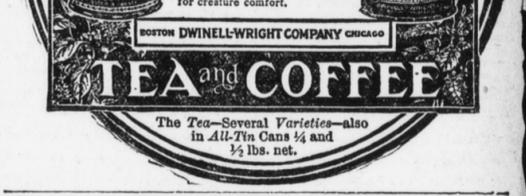
VISITOR DIES ON PORCH Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 26.—Charles H. Smith, son of the late Isaac Smith, died Sunday night at the home of James Dunwoody, a Chambersburg, Greencastle and Waynesboro Street Railway conductor. Mr. Smith had spent several hours at the Dunwoody home and had gone to the porch to put his overcoat on to prepare for going home. As he leaned over to put his rubbers on he was stricken with paralysis and fell over, dying almost instantly. He was 26 years old and is survived by his wife and a daughter, Miss Ruth Smith.

Twenty-six Start From Carlisle For Camp Meade

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 26.—Cumberland county's last contingent of men for the first quota of the National Army, twenty-six in number, left here this morning for Camp Meade. They were formally mustered into service yesterday and were presented with comfort kits by the Carlisle chapter of the Red Cross. This morning an impromptu procession was held from the court house to the station county officials and draft board members participating.

Cumberland County Farmer Charged With Short Weight

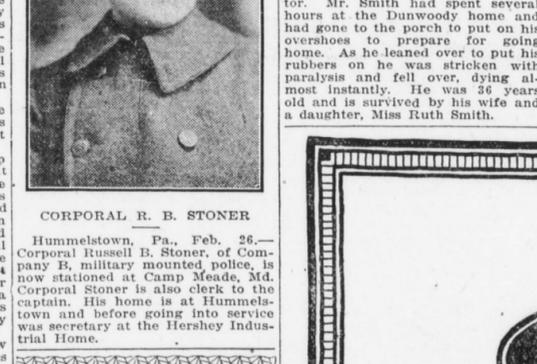
Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 26.—Charging large amounts, loss through short weight in purchases of potatoes, Harry Isaacson, a produce dealer, has brought criminal charges against W. K. Peffer, of Goodyear, a prominent county farmer. Peffer has furnished bail for a hearing. Isaacson alleges that one shipment he purchased was short 6,640 pounds, with a value of \$130.80, and that another was short 2,090 pounds, with a value of \$38.32.



Nerves Need Phosphorus Like Muscles Need Food

Says Doctor Who Prescribes Phosphorated Malt to Steady the Nerves, Clear the Brain and Build Up Weak, Nervous, Run-down People Boston, Mass.—"Your nerves need phosphorus like your muscles need food," says Dr. Reid, "and the trouble with most men and women past thirty is they have exhausted their natural supply of phosphorus and find themselves run down, weak and nervous. Often they look strong as if they could do a full day's work, but while they have a certain kind of strength they lack endurance. They also lack decision and find it difficult to concentrate on one thing and finish it, and they are nervous, irritable and easily started at any sudden noise or unusual occurrence. "But generally a lack of phosphorus shows itself in a lack of general interest and people are often thought to be lazy whereas they are only nerve-starved. For months or years they go on using a little more phosphorus than the system produces till their store is exhausted and complete nervous breakdown is close at hand. Both mind and body are affected. They see less and feel less, either of pleasure or interest in things as it once did. It is dangerous and needless to run into such a condition, for if taken in time the supply of phosphorus can be replenished. Two five-grain tablets of phosphorated malt after each meal for ten days will usually be all that is necessary. "I have seen phosphorated malt produce astonishing results in a very short time. Recently a patient came to me physically run down and on the verge of a mental collapse. His daily work had become drudgery and he got neither rest nor recreation from his sports or holidays. He could neither sleep nor concentrate his mind on his work. I advised him to take two five-grain tablets of phosphorus malt after each meal. In less than ten days he walked into my office full of vim and vigor, his eyes bright, his step firm and his manner that of a man of twenty-five, though he was well past fifty. "The value of malt is well known to all physicians. It is a remarkable tonic and tissue builder. Combined with phosphorus as in phosphorated malt it increases mental activity, balances the blood and aids the system to convert food into living tissues. The old liquid forms of malt are not pleasant to take and besides most of them contain alcohol. Phosphorated malt has the tissue building properties of malt without the evils of alcoholic stimulation. After a few days of it you will wake in the morning vigorous and refreshed, ready to rise and begin the day's work with double confidence, optimism and endurance. Note: The feeling of exhilaration often noticeable after a few weeks' use of phosphorated malt is not due to stimulation. It is the cheerfulness that comes of perfect health, when the live stream flows freely, supplying the nourishment the body needs and enabling the organs of elimination to throw out the poisons which the body needs to be rid. The cheerfulness is a perfect health and faultless nourishment is so rare to people as to be remarkable and phosphorated malt is sold by all druggists and especially in Harrisburg by J. Nelson Clark and H. C. Kennedy.—Advertisement.

Advertisement for Burns & Co. Furniture Store. Features: 'Tomorrow—and—Thursday Final Wind-Up of Our Most Successful February Furniture Sale'. Includes images of a 3 Pc. Davenport Suit for Library or Living Room, a Bed Room Suit, Lamps Reduced, and a Dining Room Suit. Price: \$115 for the Davenport suit, \$95 for the Dining Room suit.



CORPORAL R. B. STONER

Hummelstown, Pa., Feb. 26.—Corporal Russell B. Stoner, of Company B, military mounted police, is now stationed at Camp Meade, Md. Corporal Stoner is also clerk to the captain. His home is at Hummelstown and before going into service was secretary at the Hershey Industrial Home.

Advertisement for Easter News and Our Spring Fabrics. Text: 'Easter will arrive almost before we realize it. Of course, it doesn't take as long to plan a suit as it does to plan a house, but it's just as well to start early in deciding upon the color, the material, the style, and the price. Our Spring Fabrics are here, and we would appreciate your inspection of a line of Worsteds, Cheviots, Serges, Stripes, etc., that we think shows the result of our 20 years' experience in selecting materials for Harrisburg men. Many of our customers of 20 years ago come to us to-day, which surely speaks for the quality of our service and workmanship; as well as our prices. Custom-Made Shirts A. J. SIMMS 22 North Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa.'

Advertisement for The Associated Press. Text: 'News is like the wind. It blows from where it will. It may start up in the desert stretches of Arizona—an I. W. W. deportation in Bisbee. It may cause chills in the very heart of Washington—another revelation by Secretary Lansing. Or, it may mutter from the depths of Russia the weird story of another upheaval. News cannot be charted, nor foreseen, nor geographically confined. And the organization that gathers the news must be equally universal. It must wait and watch—night and morning, year in, year out, East and West, North and South. The Associated Press covers the world like a vast net. In the United States, its 1,080 members newspapers have a combined staff of probably 10,000 reporters. Add to these the services of 52,000 special correspondents. Its foreign correspondents are stationed in every place of importance in the civilized world. The Associated Press is the only newsgathering association which can properly claim to be worldwide. The Associated Press It Knows The Harrisburg Telegraph Is the Only Evening Newspaper in Harrisburg Served by The Associated Press Copyright, 1918, N. Y. Evening Post Co.'