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LIEUT. HUSTON ALIVE AND CONVALESCING

Writes Interesting Letters From Paris Hospital—Visited by Capt. Roosevelt and General Pershing

Letters from Lieut. Howard Huston of Deering, who was reported by the War Department, as having died of wounds on July 19, have been received from him dated as late as August 7, which indicates that beyond the possibility of a doubt the young man is alive, and that the War Department clerks have erred in making up the lists of dead among America's fighting forces in France. These letters have been received both by Lieut. Huston's parents at Deering and by intimate friends of the young man at Surrey. The joy which their receipt occasioned when the grief stricken parents received them can better be imagined than described. The rejoicing among his Surrey friends was so great that upon receipt of the letter under date of July 29 they forwarded the following cablegram to his Paris address:

"Congratulations. Mourning death officially reported July 19."

The circumstances connected with this peculiar case are such that a careful perusal of his last letters will clear up the mystery which has enshrouded this particular case better than explanations. We quote from his letter of July 20:

"Just a line to let you know I was wounded. They have me down here in the hospital now. It is not serious and I will be all right before long. I made them pay for it. Such a story as I have to tell. Don't worry. All is well."

On the 21st he wrote: "I guess you got my letter telling you that I was slightly wounded. I am now at one of the finest hospitals in France. It was a big Art Club and Institute before the war and was bought by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid of New York and donated by her as a hospital for American officers. It, of course, is under the Red Cross. Oh, how I worship that organization now. If it hadn't been for it I would not have been alive. We get the very finest of care. The man who operated on me was Col. Lloyd, the famous New York surgeon. The drive in which I was wounded was one of the hardest fought battles they have ever had in France. I had been over several times but never one like this. We went over at 4:30 A. M. Their resistance was strong and there were many casualties but they could not stop us. We advnaced ten miles under fire constantly. I saw many of my best friends blown to pieces only a few yards from me. I was wounded in the abdomen about 5 A. M. by a big shell bursting near me. However, I got it tied up with a first aid bandage and went on. About 10:30 A. M. I was again shot in the abdomen. However, I just couldn't quit for I was the only officer left in our company. In fact, there were only four of us in the battalion. At about 11 o'clock I was forced to drop out and they took me back. Then began a series of trips on litters, in ambulances, etc., to various dressing stations, field hospitals, etc. Finally I was landed here. We killed many Germans and took many prisoners. Out of one wood we got 1200 prisoners. I nevr saw a braver bunch of men in my life. There wasn't a one who knew the word fear. Anything they were told to do they did willingly. Always the march was forward, never back. I am feeling fine now. They took out the foreign bodies, sewed me up and I'll soon be as good as new. You cannot know what it means to sleep in a bed again and have real food to eat. Once my men had to go three nights without a wink of sleep and little food. They didnt worry though. They were making Fritzie lose more than we were. Don't worry. All's well and the victory is going to be final one of these days. Capt. Archie Roosevelt visited me today."

Under date of July 29 he gives a description of the battle. This will appear in our next issue. This is the same description which the Associated Press secured from Mr. Huston as he lay in a Paris hospital. This appeared in the leading metropolitan dailies thruout the country a few weeks ago. In this letter Lieut. Huston tells of receiving a visit from General Pershing and contains the first hint of his having received a decoration at the hnads of the American commander.

Red Cross Budget Campaign Starts August 28.

General Chairman B. N. Lesk announced that the campaign for subscriptions to meet the budget of the Red Cross will start Wednesday evening, August 28, and close Sunday, Sept. 1. The object of the campaign is to secure sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the Red Cross for the eight months beginning Oct. 1. This drive is under the auspices of the Financial Appeals committee of the Minot Association of Commerce, of which Mr. Lesk is chairman.

Additional Calls for Men From Ward County.

County Auditor Kennard has just received instructions from the War Department calling for 12 men to take a special course at the School of Mines preparatory to entering the army. Applicants are required to have at least a grammar school education and some mechanical ability. Volunteers will be accepted up to August 26. He also has a call for 17 limited service men from Ward county. These men are for clerical positions not calling for active military service. There is also a call for 39 general service men, meaning men capable and ready to enter any branch of the service.

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, Ward county will send 48 general service men to Camp Lewis, Washington. Ten limited service men will be sent to Camp Dodge next week Friday.

It is expected that the quotas from Ward county will be filled without any effort as many men who are now subject to draft will prefer enlisting for special service rather than wait for the draft.

Williston Businessman Here.

P. Michletz, manager of the J. C. Penney store at Williston, was the guest of Manager Clapp of the local Penny store Monday. Mr. Michletz was enroute to Valley City for a few days visit, after which he will proceed to the Twin Cities to purchase additional lines of goods for his store.

Justin Vandenoever and Bert Balerud, who have been stationed at Camp Taylor, Ky., for the past six months, where they were takng a special course of training for commissions as officers, have received their promotions and are now home on a short furlough. Both received the rank of Lieutenant. Lieut. Balerud will return to Camp Taylor while Lieut. Vandenoever has been assigned to Camp Funston, Kans.

Work on Viaduct Commenced.

Workmen are engaged in wrecking the old viaduct, preparatory to the erection of the new steel structure which will soon grace the approach to the Great Northern station and also lead to the residence districts of the North Side. The authorities have fenced off the approach and hereafter foot and passenger traffic must use First Ave. S. W., the street running between the Fuller Motor Co. building and that of the Minot Auto Co.'s block. A force of structural iron workers will commence work as soon as sufficient space has been cleared, and the work will be rushed to completion at the earliest possible date. It is expected that the new viaduct may be ready for public use by October 30.

RED CROSS NOTES

The Italian Cross of War has been awarded to twenty-one American ambulance drivers of American Red Cross Ambulance Section Number 3, for service in the recent fighting which resulted in the Italian victory. Other men of this section were given other decorations, and it is understood that still other Red Cross Ambulance Sections, which rendered equally important service are also to receive official recognition.

One of these ambulance drivers in Italy was wounded by a bomb while he was distributing hot drinks, food and tobacco to soldiers in the front trenches during fighting. Although he received 237 wounds in his legs, he is progressing toward complete recovery.

Monticello, Minn., has a knitter 69 years old who completed 14 pairs of socks during July. In addition to caring for an invalided husband, this woman does all her own work.

Mildred Norman, a little girl of Rapid City, S. D., recently gave a birthdzay party for the Red Cross. She sold the refreshments at a miniature store from which she realized $2. The money was invested in Red Cross material and her mother is now making three pinafores for Belgian children.

St. Etienne, France—An infant welfare exhibit is being held here under the auspices of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller Commissions as part of a general educational campaign for the parents of France. The traveling exhibit was brought here from Marseille where the eighteen day exhibit was visited by 32,231.

Naples—The piece work department of the American Red Cross in the Hotel Victoria is now providing 500 women who are members of soldiers' families with work to do at home. The women make an average of 10 lire ($1.93) a week which is an important aid to the maintainence of their families.

A childrens' pageant was held recently at the Chautauqua Park, Devils Lake, N. D., when more than $112 was raised for the Junior Red Cross. Prominent features fo the entertainment were gypsy dances and songs, and Mother Goose rhymes enacted by children of the primary grades. Booths where flowers and refreshments were sold, and a fish pond substantially added to the funds.

Red Cross members in Voltaire, recently gave a Red Cross birthday party. Printed invitations in the form of a poem describing the party, and a small silk sock in which to deposit money was given to every porspective quest. All those invited were asked to bring pennies to the amount of their ages. The money received at the party was turned over to the Red Cross society of Voltaire.

A total of $1,212.38 was raised in Beadle county, South Dakota, for the support of a Red Cross visiting nurse in the county. The money was realized from the sale of Red Cross tags, which was held a few weeks ago under the direction of the Red Cross Chapter of Huron, S. D.

There are 52 Indians of the Net Lake reservation, Koochiching county, Minnesota, who have recently become members of the American Red Cross. Subsequent to a Red Cross mass meeting held at the reservation by workers from the Virginia, Minn., organization, the Indians became interested in the Red Cross. They were given a supply of yarn and are now receiving knitting instructions.

Paris—An American Red Cross nurse who has had many opportunities to talk with American soldiers wounded in the recent fighting says:

"The Americans respect the German artillery work and the machine gun fire, but for the Germans as individual face-to-face fighters they feel only contempt."

No Sugar for Lemonade.

The Food Administration has decreed that children under four years of age are not to be counted in members of the family when the household's quota of sugar is fixed. The same order also prohibits the use of sugar in making lemonade.

New York Hardware & Furniture Co. Buys Lidstrom Furniture Stock

The largest commercial transaction which has taken place in the city in years occurred this week when the New York Hardware and Furniture Co. took over the entire stock of the Lidstrom Furniture Co. This splendid stock of high grade furniture and carpets will be added to the already large line carried by the New York Hardware and Furniture Co., giving them one of the finest stocks in the northwest. Their handsome new block on North Main street is ideally arranged for displaying the lines to the best advantage, one entire floor being given over to the furniture exclusively. The deal involves approximately $30,000 and marks the passing of one of the most popular furniture stores of the city. Mr. Lidstrom informed a representative of the Independent that he is undecided as yet as to what he will do inasmuch as he will be subject to draft and he may decide to enter the service of Uncle Sam by enlisting for special service prior to the call for drafted men. The Lidstrom Furniture Co. is one of the best known concerns of the city. Con Lidstrom, principal owner and manager is well known to the public having been employed by the McJanet Furniture Co., prior to entering into business for himself.

CAPT. FRANK EDWARDS SPEAKS AT MINOT

Noted British Officer Will Deliver an Address Under Auspices of Red Cross, Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Dr. A. D. McCannel, chairman of the Ward County Chapter of the American Red Cross, received a wire this morning from State Director Young of Fargo, stating that Captain Frank Edwards, of the Royal Fusiliers, who is touring the United States speaking under the auspices of the British Military Commission, will be at Minot Wednesday, August 28, and deliver an address. His mission is to bring home to our people something of the actual condition of things at the Front, so that we may understand what they are and what we, in this country, must do to win the war.

Captain Edwards spent two and a half years in the South African war, in which he won a Captain's commission.

When England entered the present war he enlisted six hundred young men and went with them as a private into the battlefields of France, finally rising to the rank of company commander of his batallion. No one is better qualified to speak on the war situation than Captain Edwards.

He is at present filling speaking engagements in Montana and will deliver four addresses in North Dakota. J. Adam Bede, who spoke at the same meeting with him at Billings, says that he is positively the most effective speaker on the present war that he has heard.

Arrangements are already under way to give this noted speaker a reception in Minot that will be commensurate with his rank and attainments. He will arrive in Minot Wednesday afternoon over the Soo line, coming here from Bismarck, where he speaks on the evening of the 27th. It is altogether probable that the opera house will be engaged for this meeting.

EMERSON PARTY IS ASSISTING CZECHS

St. Paul Man, in Irkutsk, Heard From After Many Weeks—Anxiety Relieved.

Harbin, Manchuria, Friday, Aug. 16 (Delayed).Colonel George H. Emerson of St. Paul and his party, for whom grave fears were eflt because no tidings had been received from them for more than two months, now is co-operating with the Czecho-Slovak troops near Irkutsk, according to a telegram just received from Colonel Emerson.

The party is now engaged in repairing bridges destroyed by the Bolsheviki forces.

State Bank Examiner Sundayed Here.

State Bank Examiner J. R. Waters, a former resident of this city, spent Sunday here, leaving Monday morning for Bismarck in company with his assistant examiner, Mr. Davis. They had been to Knox. Mr. Waters was president of the Security Mortgage Loan Co. of this city when a resident here.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Grafton, N. D.—With the death in action in France of Samuel Kartenson, of Gardar, N. D., member of Co. C, First N. D. infantry, the Kartenson family is wiped out. Just a few months ago his brother Barnard died at Camp Dodge, of pneumonia, while in training. The parents died several years ago.

Piano Recital Friday Evening.

Miss Emma Thorstad who recently came here to accept a position as organist at the First Lutheran church, will give a piano recital Friday evening at the Sons of Norway hall. Miss Thorstad will be assisted by Miss Martha Reishus. The concert will be free and everyone is cordially invited to attend. This will be Miss Thorstad's introduction to Minot musicians. She was a member of the faculty at the young ladies' seminary at Red Wing, before coming to Minot.

Granville's Bonanza Farmer Expects Half Crop

James A. Crane, prominent Granville farmer, was in the city Tuesday and made the Independent office a pleasant call. Mr. Crane is a Missourian coming to North Dakota with a party of 61 homesteaders who settled in the vicinity of Granville in 1902. Speaking of crops and crop conditions Mr. Crane stated that in 1915 he raised 36,000 bushels of grain, 10,000 bushels of rye, 8,000 bushels of wheat and 18,000 bushels of oats. This year he has a greater acreage under cultivation, some 2300 acres in fact, but he did not expect to harvest one half the crop he did in '15, when he farmed 1500 acres. Mr. Crane owns 2160 acres, owns his own threshing rig and takes life easy.

Dahlquist-Paulson

On Tuesday afternoon Gust Dahlquist and Miss Ida Paulson were married by Rev. P. W. Erickson at the home of Julia Coddington. Mrs. Coddington and L. L. Kvam were their attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlquist left for the west immediately following the ceremony and will make their home in this city upon their return. Mr. Dahlquist is book-keeper at the local yards of the Rogers Lumber Company.

Minot Signal Corps Boys in France

Harry Falconer one of the Donnybrook boys who attended the Signal Corps school, conducted under the auspices of the Minot Association of Commerce in this city last winter, writes from France where five of the boys from this school are now stationed that they are all as the best of health and are enjoying the intensive training which they are being given prior to leaving for the front. The five boys are now with Co. C 304th Field Signal Battalion, A. E. F. France.

PROMINENT RAILWAY MAN IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

General Master Mechanic Bruce is Seriously Ill at St. Luke's Hospital —Mrs. Bruce is With Him.

George Bruce, general master mechanic of the Great Northern railway, for the eastern district, is lying seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital in this city, and Mrs. Bruce is at his bedside. About a week ago Mr. Bruce was making a tour of inspection over his territory when he became suddenly ill at the Leland Hotel and immediately summoned a physician, who ordered him to the hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis, and he was operated upon soon after. Mr. Bruce is one of the oldest engine men on the whole system and we well remember him as a freight engine driver when the G. N. was a small road with division headquarters at Fergus Falls, Minn. Mr. Bruce has offices at St. Paul, where the family reside. His many friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Flaten Returns From Eastern Markets.

Lafe Flaten, of the Minot Cloak & Suit Co., returned from a buying trip to New York City Sunday. Lafe has been gone four weeks and despite many discouragements which he met in placing his orders, caused by the shortage of materials, he feels that he was fortunate in getting on the market early, as many lines will be absolutely unobtainable later. Prices are still soaring and there is a feeling in the East that this country has at least another year of war ahead. One of the sights which he describes as witnessing while in New York was the St. Paul, Admiral Schley's flagship when Uncle Sam's navy knocked the Spanish fleet into smithereens. The St. Paul at that time was considered the finest boat in the world, having been converted into a cruiser at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. While tied to her dock a mysterious explosion caused the boat to turn turtle and workmen are now engaged in trying to right the vessel and discover the cause of the accident. In New York harbor Mr. Flaten saw many war ships, submarines and torpedo boat destroyers. He says the streets of all the larger eastern cities are filled with soldiers these days.

J. C. Penney Store Makes Improvements.

Workmen are engaged in enlarging the balcony of the J. C. Penney store in order that the ready-to-wear depart may have room to accommodate the rapidly growing patronage. Not only will this give much additional room for this department but the office quarters will be greatly enlarged.

RED CROSS NOTICE.

All persons who have taken yarn from the Red Cross headquarters this sunmmer and failed to return the completed articles or the yarn within four weeks are earnestly requested to return same to the Red Cross rooms in the Federal Building, as there is a shortage of knitting yarn and work is being greatly hampered as a consequence. The Red Cross is very anxious to have the parties who have taken yarn complete the articles upon which they are engaged for the Red Cross or return the unused yarn.

Heavy Shipment of Tractors Received by Local Firm

The Minot Motor Sales Co. received a shipment of Happy Farmer and All-Work tractors this week that, under ordinary circumstances should keep the sales force busy for the balance of the season. There were eight carloads in the consignment. This season, however, conditions are different and already this firm have orders for the greater portion of these machines and are arranging for more to be shipped as soon as they can find the time to re-ship their present stock to their branch dealers.

Minot Architect Designs Grain Bin.

Architect R. T. Frost of this city has designed a grain bin which he designates the Liberty Grain Bin, one of the most convenient receptacles for storing grain we have seen yet. It is constructed of wood and built so that one man can easily take it apart and load it within the space of 30 minutes. It holds all the way from 500 to 800 bushels of grain according to height. The government has prohibited farmers from running grain from the machine into piles upon the ground and now that the supply of woven wire commonly used for this purpose is unobtainable, we believe this is one of the handiest devices upon the market today.

Minot Man is Honored; Saves U. S. Submarine.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Frank R. Willis, chief gunner's mate of Minot, N. D., was commended by Secretary Daniels today for resourcefulness and presence of mind in preventing the sinking of a United States submarine on July 8, by quickly closing the door of a torpedo tube through which the water had burst when workmen opened it to extract a torpedo that had jammed.

Quietly Wedded at St. Paul.

Miss Edna Bloom and Seth Brundage of this city were married Saturday, August 10 at the Episcopal church in St. Paul. The couple were attended by Frank Register and Miss Georgia Palmer, only a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties being present at the ceremony. The marriage came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends in the city, where both are prime favorites. It is gratfying to know that they have decided to remain in the city having engaged apartments in the Smart block where they will be at home after September 1st.

Older Men May Get Into the Army.

Recruiting Officer Kreamer is in receipt of instructions from the Adjutant General's office to the effect that he may enlist men from 46 to 56 years of age for special service with the army provided they can measure up to the physical requirements prescribed. The complete text of his letter of instruction follows:

War Department — Adjutant General's Offce, Washington.

To All Officers of the General Recruiting Service:

August 15th, 1918.

1. Subject to existing regulations the maximum age for enlistment in staff corps or department is extended from the 41st birthday of the applicant to his 56th birthday. Under the present instructions, however, all voluntary enlistments are prohibited of men who have not reached their 46th birthday. All applicants must pass the prescribed physical examination and should have the special qualifications required for enlistment for the staff corps desired, and for which enlistments have been authorized.

2. No applicants over 45 years of age will be enlisted for the Medical Department unless he presents a letter issued by authority of the Surgeon General requesting enlistment.

3. Under the law, the enlisted force of the Corps of Engineers constitutes a part of the line of the Army.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. T. BATES,
Adjutant General.

Note: Especially qualified men between the ages over 46 to 56, such as Telegraph Operators, both wire and radio, Telephone Men and Telephone Switchboard operators. Telegraph and Telephone Linemen, Repairmen, etc., Chauffeurs and Repairers of Autos, Gas Engines, etc., Cablemen, Cable Splicers, etc., Photographers and Moving Picture Experts, Carrier Pigeon Experts, Cooks, Clerks, Buglers, Horseshoers and Cobblers for the Signal Corps.

For the Qaurtermaster Corps, Bakers, Cooks, Chauffeurs, Clerks, specially qualified as stenographers and typewriters.

Production Experts for the Signal Corps of the Army.

The Signal Corps of the Army is in urgent need of about 20 production experts for important war work. These positions are in the civil service, not the military. The salaries offered range from $2,400 to $3,600 a year. The duties consist of supervising, distributing and expediting the manufacture and delivery of equipment and material. It is desired to obtain for these positions persons with a general knowledge of production and manufacturing problems, experience in preparing and maintaining charts and data of progress and, preferably a thorough knowledge of the manufacture of radio, telephone, or telegraph material and equipment, wire, cable, etc., with all the tools and apparatus pertaining to such equipment and its installation. No written examination will be required.

The positions will be filled under the civil service rules on a noncompetitive basis, but if there should be a surplus of applications from qualified persons, the best qualified will, of course be selected. A formal application will be required and selections will be based upon the information given therein together with such corroborative evidence as may be needed.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained by addressing te United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the Secretary of the board of civil service examiners at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cinciniati, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, New Orleans, Seattle, or San Francisco.

Patriotic Miners to Serve on Production Committees.

In order to supply leaders for an intensive campaign for increased bituminous coal production the United States Fuel Administration is appointing in each of the producing districts throughout the country a man to serve as Production Manager for his district. At each mine a committee of six, to be known as the Production Committee of the U. S. Fuel Administration will be formed, three men representing the mine workers, and three men the mining company.

The duties of the production committees will be to stimulate patriotism, to set a good example of patriotic industry, to arrange for local meetings at which patriotism and increased production alone shall be discussed. It is the task of the production committee to make known the fact that there must be a large increase in tonnage if the United States is not to fail in its war work. It will also make clear that it is the duty of every mine worker to work the full prescribed hours during six days each week, to pass upon the reasons given for absence, short hours worked or any other causes that may have resulted in a loss of tonnage.

Women Section Hands in the East.

Dr. Henrik Shipstead of Glenwood, Minn., spent several days in the city this week, having just arrived for an inspection of his various farm properties near Donnybrook. The Doctor, who recently returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., says that along the Pennsylvania railway he saw several section gangs composed wholly of women. As the trains passed them they would wave their picks and shovels and were apparently enjoying the novelty of their occupation.

AMERICA'S APPRECIATION IS BEING SHOWN

Our American Boys are Making Good in France and are Being Awarded for Their Services at Front.

It is beginning to be noticeable what the Government is doing for our men at the front, for those that have had the steady grind of military life, helping to stop the Huns from advancing any farther and then starting them back for Berlin. Some of the first ones over are beginning to show their ability and getting some good positions.

O. M. Champlin has just received a letter from his son, Walter B. Champlin, who has been over nearly a year and a half and has been in the transport service most of the time, wherein he states that he has been transferred to the position of instructor in a school for motor transport service. The transport service is a new division and is independent of other organizations. By these schools the average soldier that has had some experience as a driver is made what they call one hundred per cent efficient for driving.

Champlin served six months with the French army, during which time he received two promotions and was at the time of his discharge a sergeant. Then joining out American forces and again advanced thru two training camps for the advancement of truck experts. He says he has been up around the big noise since May and thinks he will get lonesome to get back there soon. Here is one of his latest letters that will be of interest to his friends:

Motor Transport School No. 1,
A. P. O. 708, A. E. F.

Dear Father:

Just a hasty line this morning to let you know my new address and advise you of what has happened to me in the past week.

July 26th, while hard at work at the front, came an order transferring six of the graduates of the French Motor School to the new American Motor Transport School No. 1, where we were to act as instructors. Fourteen other men—old field service chaps—were also transferred to act as instructors under our direction. We six men are rated as Cadets until our commissions come, which should be within a week or so. We are each attached to a company and have duties similar to those of a Second Lieutenant. You can imagine how great the change has been from truck driver to instructor.

We are miles and miles away from the front—the name of the town is Decize—see if you can find it on the map—and for the first time since I came over you'll know where I am.

Believe me! The U. S. is going after this automobile game in the right way. We have practically every kind of truck manufactured here at the school. So far I have driven a Ricker, Packard, Nash Quad, E. T. D., Pierce-Arrow, Garford, Clydesdale, A. E. C., and about half a dozen others the names of which I cannot recall at present.

I cannot accustom myself to the change from the war zone to the rear. Lights burning after dark give me a creepy feeling. Sometimes we could not even light a cigarette up at the front. You can see how the change is going to be a rest for a while, but I suppose sooner or later it will become very monotonous and then I'll want to get up where things are doing again.

I do not think that one could conceive of a more perfect climate than we have here—not a cloud in the sky, much sunshine and cool nights. We have a fine river to swim in—the Loire—but I have not been in yet.

Will let you know more about things later.

Hastily,
BUDD.

Non-Delivery of Soldiers' Mail Due to Insufficiency of Address.

Postmaster Anderson received a comunication from the First Assistant Postmaster General that is of general interest to the public. The letter reads as follows:

Office of First Asst. Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., July 29.

The chief cause of the non-delivery of mail intended for soldiers in the military camps in the United States is insufficiency of address.

Postmasters are, therefore, enjoined to notify the relatives and friends of soldiers that unless mail is addressed to company and regiment or other distinctive organization, delays in delivery or failure to deliver may result, and to urge upon patrons the necessity for placing correct and complete addresses and return cards upon all classes of mail intended for soldiers, particularly at this time when many new men are being inducted into the service and the old units are being transferred to different camps.

ALEXANDER MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Alexander, N. D.—Sgt. Clyde A. Neer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neer of this city, was crushed to death under the wheels of a troop train on which he had just returned from New York at Camp Pike, Ark., according to word just received by his parents. He attempted to swing onto the moving train. Sergeant Neer was in the first draft last fall.