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Braves Submarine To Cross Atlantic

Father of Angus Carney Here From Scotland

William Carney, father of Angus Carney, the popular tonsorial artist, is here from Glasgow, Scotland, visiting his son. He came across the ocean on the Cunard liner Tuscania, which left Liverpool two days after the ill-fated Lusitania had been torpedoed. Although the elder Carney had been told to abandon his trip because of the submarine peril, he determined to come to America.

Mr. Carney, who is sprightly for his years, declared he had no fears of the under-sea boats, and added that after having crossed the ocean 10 times no mishap would befall him on his latest trip.

Concerning the war, the old gentleman spoke in glowing terms. The people at home, he said, are optimistic of success. While there is a tenseness of feeling among some of the people, the excitement is not as great as reported in the American newspapers. There seems to be a little unrest among the laboring classes because they wish to participate in the enormous war profits. Viewed calmly, the situation in Great Britain is not as desperate as the peaceful Americans believe.

Visiting at the same time are Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Montreal, Canada, relatives of Mr. Carney. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Glasgow University and at present professor at West Mount High School at Montreal. Mrs. Anderson is a trained vocalist, who has scored successes in best performances and vaudeville. She contemplates a stage career.

Letter Tells of War's Terrible Tax

Frank West Writes From Alexandria, Egypt

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, of Sunnyside avenue, received a letter from their son, Frank, aboard the U. S. battleship Chester, now stationed at Alexandria, Egypt, in which he speaks of the war in that part of the world.

One striking paragraph states, "Every evening, about 5 o'clock, three or four transports leave here (Alexandria) loaded with soldiers for the Dardanelles. The soldiers come on the ship (upon which he is) in the day-time and they tell us that when they leave they never expect to come back alive. But it does not seem to worry them any and they tell us they are anxious to get to the front."

Another paragraph says, "This afternoon a steamer load of cripples came in from the front. We could see them on the decks all shot up and bandaged up from head to foot. They (the military authorities) have four hospital ships in here and that is where they transfer the sick and the wounded to."

The young man will be on duty in Alexandria for a year. His captain was charged with the duty of bringing American refugees from Jaffa, Syria, the scene of bloody atrocities since the war period, to Alexandria, Egypt.

He relates of a trip to the Pyramids and to the Sphinx which fifty of them took. The party saw mummies, old relics, a copper chisel and a copper hatchet, both harder than the hardest kind of steel. Two coins were shown for which John Rockefeller vainly offered \$10,000 each.

The coins were of a specie which circulated long before the Christian era.

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NAVY LAD RETURNS FROM WAR ZONE

Frank West, son of Charles and Hattie West, of 3539 Sunnyside avenue, one of Uncle Sam's navy men, is at home with his parents on furlough after having been away for the last eleven months on the United States steamer "Chester," which was sent to ports along the Mediterranean primarily to aid American refugees, but incidentally quelled an uprising of semi-barbarous tribes in the American colony of Liberia along the west coast of Africa. The vessel docked at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on Sunday morning, having come from Boston, where it stopped first on its return from the East.

An exciting experience on the return trip of the Chester was the sighting of two life boats which were identified as those of the Appam, which a German submarine had bored to the sea-floor near the island of Crete. Merchant shipping, observed the young man, is almost at a standstill in the Mediterranean Sea, the only kind of craft afloat being the patrol ships of the English and French nations.

The young man related a story to

the effect that while the "Chester" was in port at Beirut, Syria, a rumor had spread that the Teutons were bringing submarine parts overland to the Mediterranean side and putting them together after they had reached their destination along the Turkish coast. A searching party composed of many airships was formed and flights made over the Turkish coast lines and partly over Turkish soil, but no evidences of such activities of the Germans could be ascertained. But in order that the trip should not have been in vain the machine birds dropped bombs on oil tanks of the Turks, setting fire to them.

The "Chester" left Boston for the East on June 7, 1915. The first stop was at Barcelona, Spain, where coal was taken on. Having been provided with fuel, the ship proceeded to Alexandria, Egypt, where the "Tennessee" was relieved and sent to this country. The next stop was Jaffa, Palestine, where \$25,000 in gold was delivered to the American consul stationed there. The next port of call was Beirut, Syria, where over 400 refugees were taken aboard and shipped to Crete, an island near Greece. Afterwards the vessel sailed to Mersina, Turkey, where the Ottomans refused to permit the commander to land, threatening that if he did not make his way by 4 o'clock the following morning the cannon would make a target of the boat. The threat, however, was not carried out as the "Chester" was out of the range of the guns at 1 o'clock, having lifted anchor and gone further out.

The "Chester" returned to Beirut, Syria, and called at Alexandria, Egypt, to get more refugees and take them out of harm's way. While the vessel was engaged in this work it received a summons to Liberia, the American colony, on the west coast of Africa, from the American consul at Monrovia, the capital, to quell an uprising of a half-wild tribe. This was soon put under control, but the "Chester" patrolled up and down the coast of the American colony anticipating new outbreaks. Christmas and New Year's Day were celebrated at Monrovia, where all kinds of games were engaged in and hunting trips for alligators, monkeys and birds were had.

Other stops were also made, after which the "Chester" returned to the United States, arriving in Boston on April 11.

A few of the interesting things Mr. West saw were a Spanish bull fight at Barcelona, Spain; the Pyramids of Egypt, Grecian dancers at Crete and the Egyptian architecture at Alexandria.

Consumers of anthracite are to pay the higher cost of producing and manufacturing coal for market to result from the wage increase granted to the 180,000 mine workers. Not less than 25 cents and possibly 50 cents a ton will be added.

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PHILADELPHIA,



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"It must be peace without victory."—President Wilson, in his speech to the senate yesterday.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1917

1917





When he was a lad he doled out Pills,
 And scared off the President's Aches and Chills;
 He never was a fighting man at all,
 But followed up the courses with the Wee Golf Ball;
 He played the Game so faithfuller
 That now he is an Admiral in the Big Navee.—From the Balti-
 more American.

New York Sun
Feb 21, 1917

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organized trades is slow to realize what the addition of a few cents in the pound to the prices of onions, cabbages and potatoes means to the people of the poorer districts of our great cities. A New York city official estimates the increase in the prices of these articles of daily diet, from the low prices of 1916 to the high prices of 1917, thus:

Onions, 100 pound bag: 1916, \$0.75; 1917, \$15.

Potatoes, 150 pounds: 1916, \$3.30; 1917, \$9.75.

Cabbages, per ton: 1916, \$7; 1917, \$160.

It must be kept in mind that when these wholesale prices are translated into the prices charged by pushcart men for the pitiful quantities purchased by the very poor the increases seem even more extortionate. As a result, weeping and frantic women by the thousands in several sections of New York have been mobbing the City Hall, upsetting pushcarts, destroying their owners' little stocks and so threatening the more substantial grocers, butchers and green-grocers that the frightened shopkeepers locked their doors and pulled down their shutters, as in the face of a revolution.

LIBERTY DAY PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT

An enemy who has grossly abused the power of organized government and who seeks to dominate the world by might of the sword challenges the rights of America and the liberty and life of all the free nations of the earth. Our brave sons are facing the fire of battle in defense of the honor and rights of America and the liberty of nations. To sustain them and to assist our gallant associates in the war a generous and patriotic people have been called upon to subscribe to the Third Liberty Loan.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Friday, the 26th day of April, 1918, as Liberty Day. On the afternoon of that day I request the people of the United States to assemble in their respective communities and liberally pledge anew their financial support to sustain the nation's cause. Patriotic demonstrations should be held in every city, town and hamlet throughout the land under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and the immediate direction of the Liberty Loan committees organized by the Federal Reserve banks. Let the nation's response to the Third Liberty Loan express in unmistakable terms the determination of America to fight for peace, the permanent peace of justice.

For the purpose of participating in the Liberty Day celebration all employes of the Federal Government throughout the country, whose services can be spared, may be excused at 12 o'clock noon, Friday, the 26th of April.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

By the President,

WOODROW WILSON.

ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

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Military Ball In Falls Huge Success

Stars-Stripes Decorations Beautiful Gowas Displayed

The great event of the year at the Falls of Schuylkill, the wonderful military ball on Wednesday evening, November 28, in America Hall, was a huge success. The main auditorium was arranged to represent a large reception room, with beautiful draperies and lace-curtained windows. From the red, white and blue silk festooned over the centre of the room were suspended four large army and navy lanterns. On the wall was a large service flag, twelve by nine feet, made by Miss Sarah Hampshire, who cut out and sewed on by hand 210 stars, allowing space for adding as many stars again, in honor of the men from the section in the service of the nation. Palms, ferns and flowers mingled with the Stars and Stripes and national colors in the decorations. The stage setting was a work of art, a night scene in camp, two tents under the trees with stacked guns beside them. The campfire was a camouflaged affair that defied detection until you stood beside it. At the extreme rear of this scene proudly waved the nation's emblem. Over the stage was hung a banner inscribed "Keep the home-fires burning."

John Hohen-Adel and Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson Altemus led the grand march. The latter wore a span-gled black panne velvet robe made decolette and with just a touch of silver trimming on the bodice. Theodore MacKenzie and Miss Mary Elizabeth Altemus, Mrs. Altemus' daughter, were second in line; Mr. and Mrs. James Lawson, third, and Mr. McIlvaine and Miss Mary McIlvaine fourth. A very pretty ceremony was the presentation of a bouquet of orchids of Mrs. Altemus by Miss Catharine B. Hohen-Adel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hohen-Adel, who was gowned to represent the Goddess of Liberty. Her attendant, Uncle Sam, impersonated by Master Malcolm MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. MacKenzie, presented a basket of roses to Miss Altemus.

The success of the affair was due principally to Mrs. B. Dobson Altemus.

~~There was a patriotic rally on Tuesday evening at the White House, in celebration of the first anniversary of the forming of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, of which Charles L. Dykes is chairman; Charles W. Bothwell secretary, and Ernest E. Carwardine treasurer. The White House was secured by Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson Riddle and Mrs. Walter Jefferson, her niece. In no part of the country has there been shown such an interest in the welfare of the boys in the country's service. With Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, Mrs. Alfred Byrne and their co-workers, the good work has been carried on and has not only provided comforts for the soldiers and sailors, but has been the means of placing the Falls prominently on the map.~~

—In a walk a short time ago over Abbotsford avenue, and noting the changes which have taken place in that vicinity, I thought of a movement made by the well-to-do residents soon after the Brooks High License Law went into effect to prevent the renewing of licenses. They got up a remonstrance and wanted me to be a witness. They had articles which had been clipped from this column of "The Chronicle," and wanted me to substantiate them. This I was not competent of doing, because the articles were written upon the statements of reliable persons who had witnessed the carryings on in and about the park, and not on my observations. The opposition led the Philadelphia Rifle Club, which owned the Schuetzen Park, to exert their influence with Mayor Fitler's administration, and had the reservoir placed where it is, instead of where it was proposed to erect it over on Chamounix Heights.

The placing of the reservoir where it is greatly depressed the value of property in that vicinity, and is partly responsible for the dilapidated conditions that now prevail there.

DANCE AT FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL

Fifty Marines Attend Entertainment for Benefit of Soldiers and Sailors' Welfare—Unique Reception to Be Autumn Affair of Bible Class

WHILE the Falls of Schuylkill residents are justly proud of its past history, it has taken this great war of nations to arouse the suburb to make the present history also a goodly heritage for future generations. Men and women are banded together to help the Red Cross Society, Emergency Aid, British, French and Belgian relief, and, incidentally, are helping the whole community by their enthusiasm. "The White House," headquarters for the citizens' patriotic committee, is crowded every Tuesday evening. Seventy-five comfort bags and knitted sweaters have been sent to the seventy-five men from the Falls who are serving the nation. Wool for making socks, wristlets, helmets and scarfs may be had at headquarters, 4153 Ridge avenue, and all women of the section are invited to call at the White House and aid in the work. At the military dance, held last evening by the committee in America Hall, there were present fifty marines from the navy yard. There was good music, a jolly entertainment and dancing. All the proceeds will be devoted to the welfare of the sailors and soldiers of the Falls.

There will be a novel reception and entertainment on Tuesday evening in the lecture hall of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Queen lane. It will be the autumn social affair of the James S. Swartz Bible Class, taught by the pastor, the Rev. Charles L. Seasholes, D. D. The hall will be arranged with tents to reproduce the camp life of the Young Men's Christian Association at the various camps where Doctor Seasholes has recently lectured. All of the appointments of camp life will be there to the minutest detail. Professor Hartz will be the entertainer. Mr. Charles L. Dykes is president of the organization; Mr. Robert Moorehead, vice president; Mr. William Moorehead, treasurer; Mr. Charles L. Seasholes, Jr., secretary, and Mr. William Jones, chorister and orchestra leader. There are about 125 members. Fifteen are in the service of the country. Mr. John Hill, one of the number, was killed in France a year ago. Mr. James S. Swartz, now of New York, in whose honor the class was named, is one of the most influential members of the church and was for twenty-five years superintendent of the Sunday

school. He was for many years treasurer of the International Navigation Company. His father, the late Mr. Christian Swartz, built the handsome skew-arch bridge over the Schuylkill River for the Reading Railway, said to be the longest skew-arch bridge in the world.

Among the soldiers home from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., on a ten days' furlough, is Mr. Sherman Starrett, of the First Regiment, Company D, of the Pennsylvania Infantry, who is visiting his family at 3441 Queen lane. Mr. Starrett's cousin, Mr. Alexander Starrett, of 3516 Sunnyside avenue, is in the Second Regiment, Company I, Pennsylvania Artillery.

The Young Men's Association, with headquarters at 3548 Queen lane, like all other men's societies that wish to accomplish much in the hurly-burly of the present pushing age, has a ladies' auxiliary whose members are working for the welfare of the twenty-eight young men from the association now in the various camps. On Thursday, November 1, they will prepare the Christmas gifts to be forwarded and decide on a service flag to be unfurled in front of the clubhouse. Mrs. William Clark is president of the auxiliary; Mrs. John Stinson, vice president; Mrs. George Stubble, treasurer, and Miss Uretta Johnson, secretary. The officers and board of directors of the Men's Association include Mr. John Groves, president; Mr. William Jones, Mr. John Stinson, vice presidents; Mr. John Whitaker, treasurer; Mr. William Ferguson, Mr. Joshua Whitaker, secretaries; Mr. Benjamin Mitchell, Mr. William J. Benham, Mr. Robert Boardman, Mr. Herbert Russell, Mr. Thomas Wilcox, Mr. H. C. Cole, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Ferbert Johnson, Mr. Edwin Jones and Mr. Jesse Riggall.

Mrs. Herbert Turner, of 3400 Anglin street, entertained the Queen Esther Circle of the Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, on Friday evening, at her home. This circle of about twenty young women has helped many needy hospitals and orphanages in various parts of the United States and contributed largely to the deaconesses' home at Seventh and Vine streets. Miss Charlotte Pregea is president; Miss Elsie Smith secretary, and Mrs. Herbert Turner treasurer.

REPORTS OF THREATENED FOOD RIOTS MYTHICAL

Sale of Wheat Substitutes Enforced Without Foreign Labor Element Rebelling.

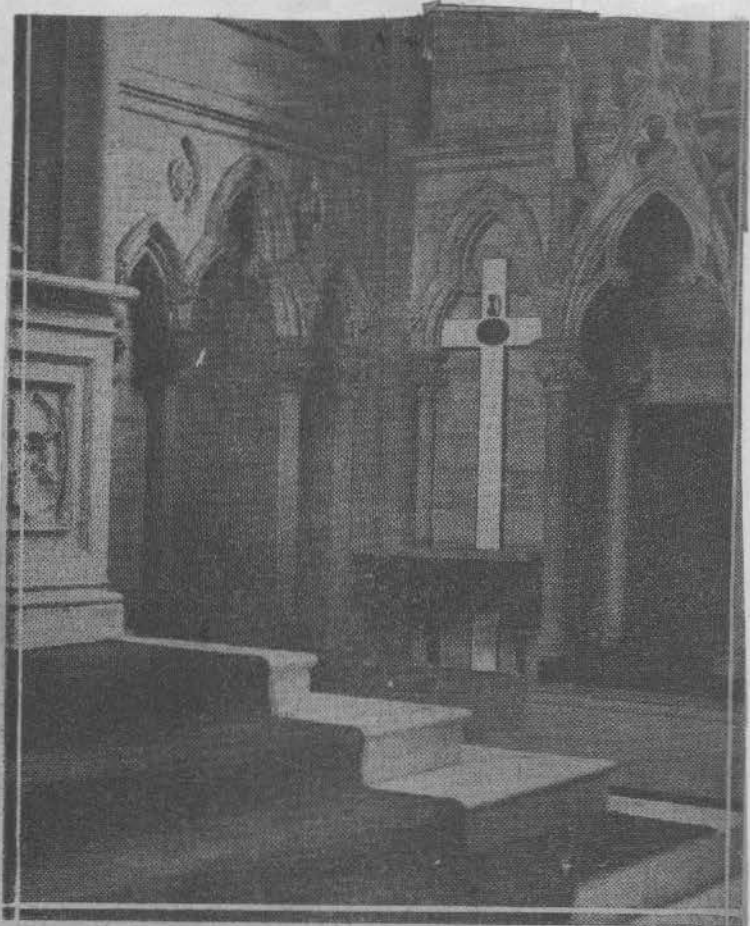
PRICE BOOSTING CHECKED

Campaign to Be Waged Against Private Food Hoarders by City Dictator Cooke.

The Federal Food Administration yesterday issued a vigorous denial of reports that serious industrial disturbances among the foreign labor element in various parts of the State were threatened because of the enforcement of the President's order that substitutes must be sold with wheat flour, pound for pound. The food officials also stated that the prices charged for substitutes had not been boosted by the dealers and quoted figures to show that there is nothing drastic about the President's "50-50" wheat sales order, against which there have been some complaints.

Howard Heinz, Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, has been in constant touch with the county representatives of the Government food control system throughout the State. From certain counties have come reports of some inconvenience among the wholesale and retail dealers as a result of the order. But in spite of rumors that strike threats had been made because of the restrictions placed around the purchase of wheat flour, the food officials were unable to find a single instance where there were prospects of serious developments.

It was admitted yesterday at the food headquarters, however, that protests had been received by County Administrators from a number of consumers who were unwilling to pay the slight advance in the cost of some of the substitutes over the current prices charged for wheat flour.



CROSS BROUGHT FROM SOLDIER'S GRAVE

The wooden cross which first marked the grave of Henry Howard Houston, 2nd, in the military cemetery at Suresnes, France, has been placed as a memorial above the credence in the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill.

MILITANT PACIFISM.

Spirited Proposal of a Change in the American Flag.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: If we must have (God help us!) an Americanism like that advocated by those human hookworms that are trying to make us a nation of dirt eaters (I refer to Messrs. Bryan, Mann, Moore, Daniels, Villard and their sort) let us at least be consistent.

First let us change the national emblem from an eagle to a skunk. Then let us drop the red, white and blue flag that now floats over us and replace it with a nice white one having a wide yellow streak down the middle. Following which we will turn to the wall the pictures of Lincoln, Washington and Grant and the other poor roughnecks who were not too proud to fight, and after all joining in the well known anthem "My Country, 'Taint of Thee!" we will extend a cordial invitation to Germany to come right in and murder our women and children on shore where it's drier.

For being a darned fool is just like anything else: if you've made up your mind to be one, why not try to be a good one? PORTER EMERSON BROWNE.

NORWALK, Conn., February 20.

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"I received your sweater on November 30, 1917, and was very glad to get it and wish you success and happiness."—William Whitehead, 186th Aero Squadron, Kelly Field, No. 2, South San Antonio, Texas.

"I received your comfort kit recently and thank you very much for it. I would like to tell you how things are going over here, but owing to the fact that our correspondence is limited on certain subjects I can only say that we are doing some fine work over here.

"During this trip so far I have been to France, England, Wales and several places in Ireland. I recently visited Liverpool and London, England, and had a fine time.

"I must close now as it is time to go on watch. Thanking you for the 'Forecast,' which I receive regularly, and wishing the folks back home a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."—Frank West, U. S. S. Wilkes, care of Post Master, New York.

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your service kit, for which I sincerely thank you. I wrote the postal card that was in the kit, but from what I hear it has not been printed in the Weekly Forecast. So I am sending you my thanks again in case you did not receive it. Again thanking you and wishing you success for the good work that you are doing for the East Falls boys."—John J. McStrovick, U. S. Quartermaster's Corps, Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

"Many thanks for the soldiers' kit which you sent me. I certainly am very much obliged to every one of your members and I will never forget this gift, as it is just what I need. Wishing you all kinds of success in your endeavor I remain."—W. J. Cox, 4th Inf., Charlotte, N. C.

"Received your kind remembrance and I assure you that it will be appreciated and I send my most sincere thanks."—Private Ralph Shortall.

Graves Regs. Service, Unit 303, Camp Merritt, N. J.

"I received the bag safe and thank you very much for it."—William Whitehead, 186th Aero Squadron, Kelly Field, South San Antonio, Tex.

"The socks you sent received today. Thank you very much, May God bless you."—Thomas G. Rabbitt, care of Y. M. C. A. Bldg., No. 79, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

"I thank the ladies from the Falls very much for the kit. It is very nice, and I also received the sweater Mrs. Helen Schneller made for me. It is very nice."—Peter Witkoskie, Camp Hancock.

"I received the sweater from the Patriotic Committee of the Falls and I wish them God-speed in this work to do the same for the other boys, too."—P. Ernest Dawson, Cassion No. 1, Ammunition Train No. 103d, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"I received the pair of wristlets which you sent me and thank you very much for your remembrance."—Wm. Boardman, Fire Station, No. 3, Camp Lee Fire Dept., Camp Lee, Va.

"Received sweater with thanks."—Francis L. Veasey, 3426 Clearfield st., East Falls, Phila., Pa.

"I have today received sweater so kindly sent by you and thank you for your kindness. It is an article a soldier can appreciate."—Pvt. John A. Gehringer, 45th Aero Squadron.

"I received your welcome and useful gift which I appreciate highly and thank you very much."—F. I. McBride, 2d, U. S. Richmond, Norfolk, Va.

"Have received sweater, socks, etc., and wish to thank all concerned in this good work."—John J. Byrne.

"I am thanking Mrs. A. Edwards for the sweater which I have received through the kindness of this great organization and also the committee for the candy which I have also received. You don't know how these useful articles are appreciated. I wish this organization the greatest success."—James F. McIntyre, Soc. 515, U. S. A. G. S., Tobyhana, Pa.

"Received kit O. K. Please accept my thanks."—J. E. Hurlley, K Troop, 8th Cav., Marfa, Texas.

"Just a line to thank the citizens, and especially Mrs. Altemus, for that sweater. I hope some day to be able to thank you all in person."—M. Walsh, 312th F. A. Supply Co.

"I received your sweater and I am very glad to get it, too. I thank you ever so much for your kindness in thinking of me in this way."—George Farrell, Bat. F, 76th F. A., Camp Shelby, Miss.

"I received the comfort bag you sent and I thank you very much."—James A. Boyde.

"Your bag received and I extend my greatest thanks."—Norman Malone, Reg. Sup. Sgt., 109th Inf, Supply Co., Augusta, Ga.

"I received your comfort kit and I wish to thank you and the ladies of the White House for it."—Jean Budetti, Base Hospital No. 20, U. of Pa., at 1st Pa. Cavalry Armory, 32d and Lancaster ave., Phila., Pa.

"Received two pair of socks and comfort bag, for which I wish to state my appreciation. They will come in fine in this service."—Charles M. W. Cox, U. S. Naval Training Station, Co. 80, Norfolk, Va.

"I received your bag and thank you very much."—Patrick J. Archie.

THE KHAKI SUIT

Get this girls, and get it straight:

It's a mighty good thing to know:

A guy may always be up to date,

In the clothes he's got to show.

It's the man in the "khaki suit"

That's the man of a first-rate stripe,

For under his "khaki suit"

There is beating for you and your's

A beaming heart of gold!

'Taint all the chaps in the Palm Beach suits,

That's all they ought to be;

For now, as you know, some are nothing

but common dirt,

And bums of a low degree,

We all had jobs as good as his,

But we're not afraid to fight,

To help the "Stars and Stripes,"

And protect small nations' rights.

While he stays at home and gets all

dolled up,

We soldier lads will be going "over

the top,"

So size up your man by his ways and

speech,

But not by his beauty, for 'tis only

skin deep.

For there is many a man with a six-

foot reach,

Has the soul of a dirty shirk;

Perhaps the soldier lad is rough and

a pest;

But remember, that under his

"khaki dress"

Is a beaming heart of gold!"

—PRIVATE CHARLES J. LYONS,

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WHITE HOUSE PARAGRAPHS

The moving picture benefit given by Mrs. James Lawson and Mrs. William Gray netted \$50.

At the meeting held on Tuesday night a movement was started to launch a campaign to enroll every individual in the Falls of Schuylkill as a member of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee. For the nominal sum of 25 cents, which will cover the incidental expenses of the campaign, a button will be furnished as a token of membership. More detailed information will be printed in a later issue.

Next Thursday evening, January 17, a moving picture show, for the benefit of the Committee, will be held at the Midvale Theatre, under the auspices of Mrs. Marion Whalley Cole and Mrs. James Byrns. No war tax will be levied on the tickets.

On Friday evening, January 25, a play written by Mrs. Marion Whalley Cole, will be enacted in America Hall, followed by a dance. The play was recently presented with great success in the Falls Baptist Church.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"Thanks awfully much for the kit, for which I am, indeed, grateful."—R. J. McHale, Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.

"I am sending my thanks to the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee in remembering me with the rest of the boys from the Falls."—F. P. Stanley.

"Received helmet from Mrs. Cowan, to knit it for me from wool furnished by you, and I certainly thank you very much, for we need them. Also received candy, and I certainly appreciate it, although it did not last long (40 fellows)."—Harry Hess.

"I wish to thank the Falls Patriotic Committee for the comfort bag that I received."—Maurice J. Land, Quarry Co. B, 28th Engineers, Camp Meade.

"Received the sweater. Profuse thanks for this and other kind gifts I received from your committee."—John F. Maguire, Pier No. 19, North Philadelphia, Pa.

"This is the first opportunity I have had to write you, as I have been sent from one place to another. I was sent to Fort Slocum on the 13th of December, and was sworn in there for the national army in the Quartermaster's Corps, for the duration of the war and emergency. We left Philadelphia about nine o'clock in the morning and arrived in a city called New Rochelle at 2.30, same day. It was very cold and snowing, and the men in charge of us were puzzled as to where to put us, two hundred of us, all waiting for a place for shelter. So we marched up through the town, and a church called the Salem Baptist, threw open its doors for us and kept us there for four days, as Fort Slocum was crowded out. If it had not been for the good patriotic people of New Rochelle we would have had to stay out in the cold. There were about 6000 men in Rochelle and 11,000 in Slocum. These 3000 men were cared for in clubs, churches, halls and any place that would throw their doors open, and the

town of Rochelle will well be remembered by the boys, who were cared for there. They have the same spirit as the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee. Can't do enough for the boys.

Mrs. Altemus, I want to thank you once more for the courtesy and kindness you have shown me, and I assure you I shall never forget your good work, for which you have set aside all other things just to do your bit. Well, tomorrow is Christmas, and we are all a long way from home, but all the boys are talking about it just the same. I never saw so many negroes in all my life as I have down here.

"It is now time for me to close this short letter. I am sure you have had a very merry Christmas, and that the New Year will be happiness all the way through for you. I assure you of my deep appreciation for the handsome sweater, wristlets and helmet. Good-bye."—William S. Hardwick, Camp J. E. Johnston, Quartermaster's Corps, Jacksonville, Florida.

"Augusta, Dec. 31, 1917.

"Dear Mrs. D. Altemus,

"Just a few lines to let you know that I will be up in Philadelphia about the middle of January if everything goes along O. K., so do not write many letters, as they will only lay down at my tent. We are having very bad weather down here. We had a blizzard, and it snowed about one inch of snow and the temperature was down to 12 above zero, and now you can see what they call the Sunny South.

"I got a letter from my father, and he told me that mother was speaking to you, and he told me about the Christmas tree you had at the bottom of Midvale avenue. It must have been very pretty, the way he talks about it. I guess that my mother was talking about me, as she misses me very much.

"Well, Mrs. D. Altemus, I asked some of the boys about the prayer book, and they say that they have them, and when I get a chance to see the other fellows I will ask them. You know that we are all scattered around the camp, and it is hard to get away from my company just now, but if I get a chance I will look into it. We had a great time down here on Christmas, and the eats were great. We had turkey, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberries, oyster stuffing, mince pie, cake, apples, oranges and coffee. In the morning the Red Cross gave us all a gift, and it was very good. They gave us tobacco, pipe, candy, checkers and domino games. I also received a box of cigars from Robert Kyle, which I appreciate very much.

"Tell Mary E. that I was asking for her, and tell her that I will write her a letter soon.

"Tell Mrs. J. Dobson and Mr. J. Dobson that I was asking for them and wish them a Happy New Year.

"Well, I will come to a close, hoping that you are all well, as it leaves me the same.

"I remain, your true friend,

"Pr. Albert E. Homewood."

"I got your box today (Sunday) and thank you very much for the same, as I can use everything that was in it.

"We had such a nice day out here on Thursday and Friday, but Saturday and today it is very cold, and a little snow we had with a strong wind.

"I was home on Christmas and had a very good time, and the ones who worked that time were promised off New Year the same time for five days, but now all of them have to stay here, which is a very mean trick, as they call it.

"They say another bunch from Phillie is coming down next week, and I guess I will see some of my friends then with them.

"We are treated pretty good up

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here, and we often see a show or have a band entertainment here in the Y. M. C. A. Something to make us feel like home.

"Again I want to thank you for your kindness, and may the best of luck and good will be with you in the coming year of 1918.

"I am well and feeling good, and I hope you all are the same."—Herman C. Steckling, Cook and Bakers' School, Camp Meade, Md.

"I take great pleasure in writing you these few lines, in acknowledgment of the receipt of the smoking kit, which I received, through you, from the women of the Falls. It was certainly a surprise, for I did not ex-

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

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pect anything from them! It was the first Christmas present of the year, and I certainly do appreciate their generosity and thanking you and the women of the Falls and wishing them every success."—Hugh F. Ward, 108th U. S. F. A., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Battery D.

"I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the dandy box of candy which I received O. K. I think it was thoughtful of you to send me candy, as I have yet to smoke my first cigarette. I understand you are from Scotland. Well, I am from Barrhead, near Paisley, so I would like to finish this letter of thanks by wishing you 'A Guid New Year.'"—John Catterson.

"Received the Christmas package for the Citizens' Patriotic Committee of East Falls just before I left for Texas.

"Please accept my sincere thanks for your very kind remembrance, as candy is my sole dissipation. You men are to be commended for your untiring efforts in our behalf, as it is very gratifying to know that we have such an efficient organization studying our comforts and taking care of our interests while we are away from home."—John B. Kelly, S. M. A., Austin, Texas.

"Ontario, Canada, Jan. 3, 1918.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of the 'box of smokes' from the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, and I take this opportunity of thanking you. I assure you it is greatly appreciated.

"Wishing you success in the good work you are doing."—Charles Mason.

"I received the comfort kit. It is a very useful gift and I appreciated it very much. I wish to extend my thanks, through you, to the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee for this pleasant gift."—Pte. James Roberts, First Dept. Battery, Second C. O. R., Co. F, East End Barracks, Hamilton Ontario, Canada.

LETTER FROM ONE TO ANOTHER FALLS BOY

Interesting reading is the letter written by Harold Entwistle to Donald Mackenzie, both Falls boys who are away.

"Thursday morn.

"Dear Don:

"Glad to hear from you, old fellow. I have been going to write to you often but you know how it is. Like to receive mail, but hate like the mischief to write. What kind of a

joint is it? It would be pretty hard to describe it unless one indulges in profane language and we don't do that in the NAVY. This is the most desolate place on the map and God must have been fired when He made it. It's an awful hole. Every time a new S. P. lands here the crew always asks us "What did you do to get sent down here?" You know I'm beginning to believe that I must have committed some crime and this is some punishment camp. I can't think of anything short of murder that deserves such punishment. Instead of learning or studying to be a seaman and drilling so that we would know something if we should go on board a ship we are taught the gentle art of stevedoring. We load and unload box cars and mine sweepers, shovel coal and sand and a hundred other little things that come under the head of a stevedore. Ask Wooley, he knows.

"The town of Lewes is about two miles from camp and to reach it we have to travel a path that was laid by a couple of drunks. If you don't carry a searchlight you are liable to walk right through the town and never know it. We have movies twice a week and the films are ones that I have seen at the Midvale a couple of years ago. The lights go out at about eight bells; fear of Zeppelins, you know.

"About the only good thing in it is the train that leave twice a day. The only time I ever go is to get a haircut and catch a train for home.

"Liberties are very scarce here. They think they are doing you a great favor by giving a forty-eight about every two months. I have been trying to get transferred for the last six months, but it never gets past the waste basket. Another fellow and I have seen the skipper about a transfer to the Marines. I believe we are going to get it, too. You know I always did like the uniform.

"So long, Don. Write again if you get the chance. I'm afraid I can't get

off over Thanksgiving. "HAROLD,"

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HAVE HOPE

There is always hope, can you feel it,
To light up the dreariest way?
And good fortune when time will reveal it,
Like sunset at close of day.

So hope will grow bright if you guard it,
And despair like a shadow depart;
Gloomy thoughts and dark bodings retard it,
But shall not remain in the heart.

So, if in the trenches is your dear son,
And happy may he be tonight;
Have hope that when victory is won,
He will come home safe and alright.

Be joyful and glad, for tomorrow
Will dawn on a lovelier view;
And you cannot give way to your sorrow,
When the world of love lives for you.

FRED C. BLACKER.

COPS AND COPPERS

A lady who lives in Queen lane manor,
One day was in need of small change;
So she went to the stairs and called to her maid,
Who was poking the fire in the range:

"Maud, have you any coppers down there?"
And she was surprised when she said:

"Yes, mum, I've two, but if you please,
They're me cousins, Pat and Ted."

PARIADISO.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

Monday, December 24, 1917.

My Dear Mrs. Altemus:

Not knowing where I stood in this great army since I left the Falls last Thursday a week ago, I could not, of course, find an opportunity to write to you to express in my humble manner my appreciation for the sweater which you so kindly gave to me at the White House. Now that I am down here the sweater fits in very nicely when we are out, for it makes one feel at home to take off the uniform coat and be at ease with the comfortable sweater in the spring-like breezes down here. I am glad, indeed, to be down here and out of Fort Slocum, due to the extreme cold weather there and again living conditions there are anything but good on account of the immense crowds of recruits they are handling there. One can only appreciate your democratic spirit by going to the White House and then again the boys, such as me, realize more fully the work you are doing, and when I stop and think for a moment of your social and financial standing, I am sure that you are receiving more prayers than you could imagine and I assure you from the depths of my heart that I am one who shall never forget your good work and that you have set aside all material wealth and standing for a common cause "to do your bit" toward making the Falls boys comfortable and happy.

I am sure Christmas has been a happy one for you and that the New Year will be as happy, with all your labors, as God Almighty will surely reward you for the good work you have done and reward you far more than any person on this earth could or all their earthly possessions.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of the noble work you are doing, and thanking you most kindly for the sweater, I beg to remain, my dear madam,

Gratefully yours,

RAYMOND J. McHALE,
Camp Johnston, Quartermaster's
Corps, Jacksonville, Fla.

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Monday, December 31, 1917.

I received your tobacco kit and was surprised to see it so soon. Well, it comes in handy, for you can't get tobacco down here all the time. The boys sure do get a lot in at a time, and when you go to get some you are out of luck and you can't go to town. You only get it once a week and you've got to fight to get a pass.

Well, everything is all right and I am in the best of health. I like the life of a soldier and this camp is a healthy one. At all the other camps there is a lot of the boys sick and dying. Well I guess I will come to a close, wishing you good luck and good health, I remain,

Yours as ever,

PRIVATE LOUIS FITZGERALD,
Caisson Co., No. 1, 103d Ammunition
Train, Camp Hancock, Ga.

Just a few lines to let you know that I received the most welcome box and appreciate it very much.

I wish to extend my thanks through you to the Citizens' Patriotic Committee for their great work to the soldier boys from the Falls. I remain,

Yours truly,

PRIV. ALBERT E. HOMEWOOD,
Caisson Co., No. 2, 103d Ammunition
Train, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

I received your smoking kit and I was very much pleased with it. You will have to excuse me for not answering sooner, as I was at home for Christmas and did not receive it until I came back. I certainly appreciate the way the people in the Falls treat their boys. I hope they will keep up their good work. Thanking you very much for the gifts, I remain,

W. J. BOLAND, JR.,
Battery E, 78th F. A., Camp Logan,
Houston, Texas.

"I received the package from the Falls Patriotic Citizens on this date. Thanking you very much for the same."—Howard Medd, Annapolis, Md.

"Received the package from the Citizens' Patriotic Committee and thank you very much."—Hamilton Moorehead, Battery A, 108th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Ga.

"Received package for Christmas from Citizens' Patriotic Committee, thanking you for same."—Ray Fiedler.

"Kindly allow me to express to the Citizens' Patriotic Committee my sincere thanks and appreciations for the Christmas package, and oblige."—Thos. Burke, 108th U. S. Field Artillery Band, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

"Your very kind Christmas remembrance has been duly received. Please be assured that I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I thank you."—John E. McKee, Sergeant, P. C. Co., No. 2, Tobyhanna, Pa.

"The Christmas offering of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee was received by me and I am very glad to know that my name was not overlooked. Believe me, I appreciate your kindness and I wish you a very happy Christmas."—Francis K. Cunningham, Prov. Cas. Co., No. 2, Tobyhanna, Pa.

"I received your cigarettes and tobacco and thank the Citizens' Patriotic Committee very much."—Charles L. Grady, Co. A, 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

"Just a line to let you know I received your Christmas tobacco package and I enjoyed the contents very much and I thank you very much."—Reginald Hardcastle.

"I received your Christmas gift today. We are not located at Charlotte, N. C., any more and I guess that was the reason of the delay. I want to thank you very much for your gift, as I think it is a very nice present, and I certainly do appreciate your kindness and generosity. I will close, wishing you all kinds of success in your endeavor to make the boys happy."—William J. Coné, Co. L, 4th Infantry, Camp Stuart, Newport News, Va.

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.,
Tuesday, January 1, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Altemus:

I thank you and the noble ladies of the Committee who are doing so much for us boys at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. My mother wrote and told me you had a Christmas tree and had an electric light on it for each and every boy from the Falls. Although we are not there we appreciate it just the same, to think we are thought so well of. We had the nicest little snowstorm you ever saw down here in the Sunny South. It snowed for four days straight and the ground is full of ice and snow. Well taps is blowing and that means all good soldiers go to bed. Well, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RAYMOND SCHWARTZ,
Company I, 109th Reg. Infantry,
Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

"Expect to leave Aviation camp here in about a week. Have not heard just where I will be sent. Making good use of your helmet."—Cadet J. B. Kelly, S. M. A., Austin, Texas.

Camp Meade, Md.,

December 18, 1917.

Citizens' Patriotic Committee, East Falls, Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mrs. Dobson Altemus—Your very valuable and unexpected present received this 18th day of December, for which please accept my heartiest thanks and the work being done by the Committee is appreciated by the boys in Camp Meade. I also received your very kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear from you. As you know, I have been transferred to this detachment, which is much better than the Military Police, and as I have had experience in this line of work, I feel that I will advance a great deal better. I am in line for sergeant, which I hope I will get very soon. All the boys are well and drilling every day. They all look good and feeling fine. Should you at any time feel that I may be of any service whatsoever, please do not hesitate to command. All the boys, along with myself, join together in wishing you and the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes and good luck to all.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH P. CASEY,
Fire Department, Camp Meade, Md.

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WE'VE DONE OUR BIT

I am sitting here tonight and thinking
of the things I left behind,
And I hate to put on paper what is
running through my mind;
We've dug a million trenches and
cleared a mile of ground,
And a meaner place this side of hell,
I know, is still unbound,
But there is one consolation, gather
closely while I tell,
When we die we're bound for Heaven,
for we've done our bit in hell.

We've washed a million mess-kits and
peeled a million spuds,
We've rolled a million blanket rolls
and washed a million duds;
The number of parades we've had
t'would be hard to tell,
But we'll not parade in Heaven, for
we've done our bit in hell.

We've killed a million rattlesnakes
that tried to steal our cots,
We've shook a million centipedes from
out our army socks;
We've marched a hundred thousand
miles and made a thousand camps;
We've pulled a million cactus thorns
from out our army pants;
But when our work on earth is done
our friends on earth will say,
When they died they went to Heaven,
for they did their bit in hell.

When the final taps are sounded, and
we lay aside life's cares,
And we do the post parade up the
shining golden stairs,
And the angels bid us welcome and
the harps begin to play,
And we draw a million canteen checks
and spend them in one day,
It's then we'll hear St. Peter tell loud-
ly with a yell,
"Take a front seat, Ammunition Train,
for you've done your bit in hell."

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WHITE HOUSE NOTES

On Tuesday evening last a well-at-
tended meeting was held at the White
House, 4153 Ridge avenue. After hear-
ing the reports of the different com-
mittees and the regular routine of
business a pleasant evening was spent
in listening to the remarks of a com-
mittee from the Bradford Mills, Ger-
mantown, who are forming a similar
organization to that of the Falls Pa-
triotic Committee.

Mr. Lockwood, manager of the
Bradford Mills, spoke at some length
on the life of the people in Germany,
he having lived and worked among
them for six years.

Don't forget to buy a ticket for the
moving picture show at the Midvale
Theatre tonight for the benefit of the
sailors and soldiers.

Big show at America Hall, Friday
evening, January 25, "The Burglar's
Christmas," to be followed by a dance.
Tickets, 25 cents each. Proceeds for
the boys in the service.

Men and women in the Falls are
invited to come to the White House
any Tuesday or Thursday

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FALLS BOYS DISPATCH BEARER.

The following boys, members of the
Falls Troop of Boy Scouts, have been
chosen as government dispatch bear-
ers: Holden Booth, James Seeds, Au-
gustus Fromeyer, James Murphy,
Merion Boyd, Paul Muench, Enrico
Gargolie, John Tempest.

In the course of a few days they
will receive their commissions from
the government.

It is their special duty or privilege
under the leadership of their scout-
master, to bring to the citizens of the
Falls certain printed pamphlets that
the government desires to place in
the hands of all citizens. When de-
livering these pamphlets (the first of
which is the President's Flag Day ad-
dress), the boys will ask of you that
you sign your name and address on
a record sheet carried by scout with
the following pledge printed on:

"We, the undersigned, agree to read
and then place the literature deliv-
ered by the above scout into the
hands of some person where it will do
some practical good in boosting Amer-
ica."

It is desired that all good citizens
will assist the scouts in their patri-
otic duty by at once signing record
sheet on request. This record, when
full, will be sent immediately to the
Committee on Public Information,
Washington.

SCOUTMASTER.

1/24/1918

**'Burglar's Christmas'
At America Hall**

**Play Written By Marion
Whalley Cole, Authoress**

Tomorrow night, Friday, "The
Burglar's Christmas," a Christmas
play in two acts, written by Marion
Whalley Cole, the local authoress, will
be presented in America Hall for the
benefit of the local Citizens' Patriotic
Committee, which will employ the
proceeds for the Falls of Schuylkill
boys in the war service.

The cast of characters is as fol-
lows:

Mrs. Cornish, a widow,
Isobel M. Ferguson
Nora McCracken, maid in the Cornish
home, Elizabeth Whalley Molyneux
Babs, a lonely orphan... Willa Dodge
Billy Cornish, of the U. S. M. C.,

Harry March
Jack Bill Maguire
Dick Edwin S. Dunkerley
Jim Craig Seasholes
Bob Luke Shaw
Edna Emma Jarvis
Helen Elizabeth Dodge
Natty Betty Ferguson

Joyce Esther Teal
Ethel Clara Teal
Betty Anna Schall
Patty Marion Whalley Cole
Scrawny Pete, the burglar.

Miss Vint, a Red Cross nurse,
Harold Moorehead

Mrs. Walter J. Binkin
During the play the following
Christmas carols will be sung: "Joy
to the World," "Holy Night," "Where
is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"
'Home Sweet Home.'

These songs will be heard: "A
Little Bit of Love," Elizabeth Whalley
Molyneux; "He is King," bass solo by
Bill Maguire; "We'll Be There," Clara
Teal; "When the Heart is Lonely,"
Clara Teal; "Uncle Sam is Calling,"
Marion W. Cole; "Memories," Harold
Moorehead; "They Say There is no
Santa," Willa Dodge; duet, "The Land
of Make-Believe," Willa Dodge and
Harold Moorehead; "If We Only Had
a Santa," Esther Teal; "All Aboard,"
Babs and entire company; "Home
Sweet Home," Harold Moorehead;
"Hark the Bugle," by Boys and Girls;
"Dry Your Tears," Emma Jarvis and
Mrs. W. J. Binkin.

By request, Mr. March will sing
'Keep the Home Fires Burning.'

The affair has the patronage of the
leading ladies of the Falls of Schuyl-
kill and will, no doubt, have the sup-
port of every person of the town who
is patriotic.

Mrs. Marion Whalley Cole is to be
congratulated for her interest in al-
lowing her play to be presented and
in giving her time.

On Thursday evening, January 31,
a moving picture show, for the bene-
fit of the soldiers and sailors, will be
held at the Midvale Theatre.

A sauerkraut supper will take place
at Old Fellows' Hall, Ridge and Mid-
vale avenues, on Saturday evening
February 9, for the Citizens' Patri-
otic Committee.

The moving picture show given by
the workers of the Citizens' Patriotic
Committee at the Midvale Theatre
January 17, for the sailors and sol-
diers of the Falls, netted \$50.

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**SERVICE FLAG IN STATION
HOUSE**

In the roll room of the Thirty-ninth
district police station is a large ser-
vice flag containing six blue stars. Fin-
ned to the flag is a small card upon
which is written: "Presented to Thirty-
ninth District Police by Mrs. James
Dobson."

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Registrants who have married since
May 18, if they wish to prove claims
for deferred classification under the
new draft regulations, must prove
that they did not marry simply to
avoid war service, according to an
order by Provost Marshal General
Crowder. Claims granted by local
examining boards must be reviewed by
District appeal boards, the order also
states.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

Manuscripts and letters from the boys in the war service given to the "Weekly Forecast" office for publication cannot be returned because of the great number which cannot be sorted out and filed away.

"Fort Slocum, New York Harbor,
January 15, 1918.

"Mr. Carwardine:

"Dear Sir—I know that you have something to do with the Falls of Schuylkill. I write to you, sending you my address, hoping you will see that the Falls Red Cross will send me a comfort kit or something, as I have none.

"I am enjoying the best of health and must say I like the army life.

"When I was in civil life I never missed your "Forecast," but I have not seen one since I joined the army.

"CHARLES J. MACK,
"Company 4, Fort Slocum, N. Y."

THE SENTINEL'S TALE

In no man's land in many climes
I watch the glistening trail,
And shoulder my gun on many a night,
Mid the howl of a wintry gale.

In wind and rain and snow and sleet
I guard my comrades' life
By walking my post like a soldier
At the expense of my own poor life.

I guarded their lives on many a night,
When my feet were cold and wet;
And a wrong step meant the loss of
life,
And my comrades left to fret.

You can sing your song of Liberty,
Or "My Country 'Tis of Thee;"
Perhaps your son is in that trench,
And his life depends on me.

I am only a private soldier,
And for democracy we fight;
And we wonder if you think of us,
It's for your freedom that we fight.

Perhaps within your loved one sleeps,
They trust me not to fail,
So when you sing grand hero songs,
Remember the sentinel's tale.

FRANK GARTLAND,
172d U. S. Infantry, Camp Logan,
Houston, Texas.

"Dear Mother:

"I received a postal card from the East Falls Patriotic Society and also some more Bulletins.

"I don't have as much work to do since I have been made bugler and I like it very much, can you imagine a fellow like me with so much musical talent being a bugler, but I am getting along fine so far. I also received a couple of copies of the "Forecast," and according to that, the people at home are getting very patriotic. They gave the drafted men a great send-off.

"We are having much nicer weather now. Gee! But I am glad of it, too; because it was something awful over here. The mud was up to our knees, and in these towns they don't know what a sidewalk looks like.

"I have seen quite a little of France so far, and it's a queer old place. It's a great life if you don't weaken. I have not weakened so far, I am getting used to it now.

"We have movies here every week in the Y. M. C. A. cantonment, and we have singing and all kinds of amusements, and on Sundays we have Bible studies and sermons.

"We also have a court to play volleyball on. I guess you know that I shine on that and they are trying to arrange to have basketball. These things make a fellow enjoy it better and keeps us from getting lonesome.

"I will send you one of these kind of letters about every two weeks; they are censored at the base and not by our captain. All our officers treat us fine and try to make things as comfortable as they can for us.

"It is not so very cold over here yet, but the natives say that it gets pretty cold, but May has prepared me for almost any kind of weather with that nice sweater and other things that she sent me. I bought myself a nice new wrist-watch and it's a dandy. I have finished that nice big box that you sent me and maybe I didn't enjoy it. I don't know of anything that I really need just now. I am glad that things are going along so good at home, and everybody is feeling good.

Son—FRANK WEER.
"Somewhere in France,

January 2, 1918.

"Mrs. B. Dobson:

"A few lines to let you know I am well and happy.

"We appreciate the comfort bags very handy.

"We had a very nice trip across. you ladies gave to us; they come in The people here are very poor; nearly every man you see here has a sailor or soldier suit. The women are conductors on the cars and drive wagons.

"The two boys that were with me at the Knitting Club that night are

still together.

"The people all wear wooden shoes and you would think there was a lot of horses coming down the street. I am writing from the Y. M. C. A. here. They had a Christmas tree and a concert on Christmas night. It was fine. There is always something going on.

"There was a football game here and the Navy beat the Army by the score of 7 to 0.

"I guess all the boys of the town are away by this time. Good luck to them.

"There is quite a good many Philadelphians over here, well represented.

"Well, I guess I will close now, giving my regards to all the folks.

"I remain,

"HILBERT W. CARRUTHERS."

THE SAILOR'S PRAYER

"Lord, please guard me in my slumber, keep this hammock on its number; may no clews nor lashings break and let me down before I wake. Keep me safely in Thy sight—grant no fire drills at night! In the morning let me wake, breathing scents of sirloin steak. God, protect me in my dreams, make life better than it seems; grant the time may swiftly fly, when myself shall rest on high (in a snowy feather bed, where I long to lay my head), far away from all these scenes—from the smell of half-baked beans. Take me back into the land where they don't scrub decks with sand; where no demon typhoon blows; where the women wash the clothes! God, Thou knowest all my woes! Feed me in my dying throes! Take me back, I'll promise then, NEVER TO LEAVE HOME AGAIN."

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Ralph Ward, Falls Boy, Writes From France

Tells Soldier's Experience With the Work of Red Cross



Ralph Ward, who formerly helped his father in the meat business, but is now a private at the 16th General Hospital B. E. F., France, penned an interesting letter of the experiences of a soldier with work of the Red Cross.

His letter follows:

After being seven months with the U. S. A. Base Hospital No. 10 in France, on the western front, I thought the people at home would be interested in knowing just what we are doing.

Our hospital is one of five large base hospitals situated on the coast, some thirty or forty miles behind the line. Prior to our reaching here the hospital was a British one conducted by the Royal Army Medical Corps, but in a few weeks we had so mastered the work the British departed and left the hospital in our hands. However it is still known as the 16th General Hospital of the British Expeditionary Forces.

Since then the American doctors and nurses have done marvelous work winning the commendation of the British Medical Service. Also a letter from the Australian Red Cross mentioned how the people in Australia felt thankful to this hospital for the treatment extended the Anzac troops. The surgeons have performed miraculous operations; the medical doctors have done splendid work in treating trench fever, trench foot, pneumonia and other diseases contracted at the front. The nurses cannot be omitted as their work of mercy wins the heart of every "Tommy," Canadian, Aussie, Scotchman, who, as they say, has "good fortune to come to our hospital when wounded."

A brief outline of a patient's life

might be interesting. The sick and wounded come to the town near us on a convoy train. These convoy trains, by the way, are hospitals on wheels. They are fitted up with all surgical appliances, carrying doctors, nurses and orderlies. Many a life has been saved by a hurried operation on the hospital trains coming away from the interior of shells and guns and murdering machines. From the town to our hospital they are brought in Red Cross ambulances. These are driven by women, mostly society leaders of London.

Our hospital is a series of wooden huts, 100 by 25 feet, each hut containing forty patients. There are four extra large huts for acute surgical patients, built in a circle with the operating room in the centre. Then we have fourteen huts for surgical patients, fourteen huts for medical patients and five huts for isolated cases, such as typhoid, diphtheria, etc. With six large marquee tents we have a total capacity for 2090 patients. At the beginning of the summer we have been running this number of patients and during big drives at the front our sleeping barracks have been turned into wards, we sleeping in tents.

The hospital is run like a big business—everything according to system. The patients are received in the A. and D. Hut (Admission and Discharge). Here they are examined by the medical officer and assigned to a ward according to their wound or illness. Here is where the stretcher-bearers' work comes in.

Next they are put in a clean, white bed by the war dorderly, thoroughly bathed and given clean clothes. The nurses go among them, examining and preparing wounds for the doctors, bandaging, adjusting splints where bones are fractured, dressing and doing a thousand and one things. Often we orderlies do this work as the nurses are too busy. Then the regular routine of work goes on. Bathing, feeding, dressing their wounds, and in a few days they show a marked improvement. The worst cases are then evacuated to England and the minor cases in a few weeks are able to be in "blues." This is the regulation hospital suit of the British Army, a blue suit and a red tie. After a day or two in blues they soon feel better and are transferred to the convalescent camp. As the five hospitals here transfer to the convalescent camp there are often as many as 5000 men in it. Here they are drilled and in a few weeks are sent to their regiment's base where they subsequently join their own regiment either in action or at rest behind the lines.

These "con camps" are the most cosmopolitan places in the world. Here the British "Tommy" rubs elbows with the Canadian, the far-away Australian and New Zealander, the Jacks or Scotchmen and occasionally the colored troops of B. W. I. "British West Indies."

The Y. M. C. A. have three large huts, where entertainment, billiards, writing materials are supplied free.

These Y. M. C. A. huts have proved the greatest friend to the soldier. They also look after the patients in many ways, linking them in thought with home.

One of the greatest sights is to watch the soldiers when fully recovered, leave for their bases. They are all fully equipped, new uniforms, etc. They stand in formation, long lines, twenty or so deep. The drilling sergeant stands in front. His long drawn-out command, "Forward march!" sounds clearly; the men form in squads and as their left foot strikes the ground the band strikes up "Soldiers of the King" march and away they go once more to try their luck in the hellish gas shells and liquid fire.

We fellows are doing our work quietly and good. The orderlies are constantly changed to different wards to accustom them to all sorts of cases. First I was in the skin diseases ward where all sorts of skin troubles are treated, the new "trench lice" being the cause of many skin troubles. Then I was transferred to the G. S. W. (general shell wounds) ward, where all sorts of shell and shrapnel wounds are treated. From there to one of the four acute surgical wards before mentioned. These acute wards treat all amputation cases, etc. Some wounds here are too terrible to write about. Our prize patient has one leg off below the waist, one arm off, wounded in the back and a touch of gas.

The work of the doctors and nurses in these wards can only be compared to the work of the Saviour, whose heart must ache at the terrible war. We have forty patients and the two doctors, five nurses and three orderlies are kept busy.

I am glad I am in this work. I do not regret coming to France at all, but am happy I am doing my share. We are all well and are glad that this unit has won the commendation of every nation engaged in the war.

PRIVATE RALPH WARD,
16th General Hospital, B. E. F.
France.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"To the Patriotic Association:

"Dear Friends—Having been exempt from the services of the U. S. Government by the Midvale Steel Company, by which I am employed, I did not get a chance to use the wonderful comfort kit you so kindly gave me. The kit was returned with many thanks. I beg to remain,

"Respectfully,
"FRED RANSFORD,
"3439 Queen Lane, East Falls."

"I take the pleasure in writing to you, thanking you and the East Falls Patriotic Society for the valuable Christmas presents I have received from you, and I must say that every article is of very great value to any man serving in either the army or navy. It is a cold place up here now, and the people up here tell me it gets as low as thirty below zero, so I think I shall find your sweater of very great value before the winter is ended. Again thanking you and the Falls Patriotic Society."—Pvt. H. Taylor, 528490, C. A. M. C. T. D., No. 2, Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of and also thank you for the Christmas package sent me. I am still enjoying the smoker, for I am not a heavy smoker, and they will keep me going a while. It is very pleasing to see how the people of the Falls are looking after the "boys" and I wish your organization all the success possible."—Norman W. Garrett, Wissahickon Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your package of cigarettes and tobacco, for which I thank you sincerely; also the Citizens' Patriotic Committee. Wishing you success in the good work that you are doing."—John J. McStravick, Barracks BS, Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

"I received my kit today, together with the tobacco kit, which I am heartily thankful for, and they are both wonders for the needy and useful articles they both contain, and it surely brightens my heart for the kind friends we have back home in the good old Falls, where I long to return some day."—Pvt. Irvin Holmes, 103d Ammunition Train, Wagon Company No. 1.

"Kindly accept my thanks for kit received and appreciate same very much."—A. Robinson, 20th Engineers (Forest), Washington, D. C.

"Arrived safe and sound. I am very thankful for the kit, sweater, helmet and wristlets."—D. Grady.

"I received the kit, sweater, etc., and I certainly appreciate them. Wishing you success in your work for the boys."—Pvt. Joseph Pickard, 28th Co., 7th Battalion, 154th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade, Md.

"Your sweater received. I assure you it is appreciated very much, as it is quite cold down here at times. Thanking you again."—J. J. Foley, A. S. S. C., Aviation School, La.

"Received the comfort kit and was very much pleased with same. It is a pleasure to receive such useful articles. I must express my deepest thanks and will not forget those that are interested in such patriotic work."—Thomas Dohery, U. S. N. R.

"I received the comfort kit which was sent me and am very thankful for it."—Emmett Purcell, League Island, Phila., Pa.

"Falls Patriotic Committee,
"Ridge avenue, Falls, Phila., Pa.

"Friends:
"I received your box and I am very thankful to the people of the Falls, as I think they are doing their best to make the life of the boys in the service of your country, my country and everybody else's country more cheerful.

"I am beginning to think that this is the best life that any young man can lead. For he has everything that his heart desires and he always feels healthy. I will bring this to an end again, thanking the people of the Falls and also wishing them the best of luck with the coming year."—Corporal John E. Eigenauer, Co. H, 60th U. S. Infantry, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

"Dear Mrs. Altemus—Just a few lines to express my thanks and appreciation for the sweater that you gave my mother to send to me. It comes in very handy early in the morning and at night, and I certainly did want one bad. Thanking you again."—Harry West, 26th Company, Q. M. C., Camp J. E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.
"Mr. T. L. Mackenzie:

"Dear Sir—I received your package sent me, thanking you for your kindness.

"Yours truly,
PVT. WM. BOARDMAN,
Fire Truck and Hose Co.,
"Station No. 3, Camp Lee, Va."

"Camp Merritt, N. J.
December 20, 1917.

"Just a few lines to let you know I got your present O. K.

"Please accept my greatest thanks for same. I appreciate the gift very much and the thoughtfulness of the people at home in remembering us.

"We are at the point of embarkation, but can't say just when we will leave.

"Thanking you again and wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am,

"Yours truly,
PVT. ROBERT PERCY."

"Mrs. Hardwick,

"Dear Friend—I am sending you this letter so that you can show it to the women of the White House, so that they know that I received the comfort kit which has been made up by them, and to let them know that I certainly do appreciate it. It is a very useful kit with all very useful articles in it.

"I will close now, hoping that you let it be made known that I received the wonderful kit.

"Yours respectfully,
"PVT. ROBERT TURNER,
"Co. C, 22d Inf. Reg.,
"Fort Jay, N. Y."

"I have received from my mother a scarf that she knitted with wool furnished by you, and for which please accept my thanks. The weather these days makes a fellow realize just what his friends are doing, and believe me, I am one boy who likes to remember and be remembered by his friends."—Benjamin Walker, U. S. Naval Hospital, League Island.

"I received the comfort kit, sweater and wristlets and I assure you I certainly appreciate them. They are just what is needed. Kindly give especial thanks to Mrs. Van Roden and Mrs. C. Heurhe for the sweater and wristlets. Hoping the people of the Falls realize what the Patriotic Committee are doing for the boys and help them in every way possible."—Private William Kendall, 28th Comp, 7th Batt., 154th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade, Md.

"February 2, 1918.

"My Dear Friend, Mrs. Dobson Altemus: I am taking pleasure in writing to you a few lines thanking you for the good work that you have done for us boys, and all the boys surely do appreciate you for helping them. Only for you kind ladies there would have been lots of boys in want for something to keep them warm in this place called the 'Sunny South.' All the Falls boys are doing nicely here. But you see the drilling doesn't agree with us very much. But it must be done till Mr. Kaiser gets out of wind. Then the army will be just like play.

"I must thank you and all the ladies from the 'White House' again for your great work and I think if we boys ever go over the sea we will try to do our best to win. All the boys send you their best wishes.

"CHARLES SCHWARTZ,
"109th Penna. Infantry, Machine Gun Company, Camp Hancock, Ga."

"Dear Friends: "I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the kit which was sent to me at Christmas-time. We were quarantined when we received them and it certainly cheered us up to know that the people in dear old East

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

For lack of space the letters and post cards from the boys in the war service could not be printed in the preceding issues of the "Weekly Forecast." But they will be published each week until exhausted.

"Friday, P. M., Jan. 25, 1918.

"My Dear Mrs. Altemus:

"Received today at noon your very pleasant letter of the 21st, and really can't express my appreciation for the sweater, which is certainly beautiful, indeed, and I have already put it to work. Am very glad, indeed, that my previous letter pleased you, but assure you, Mrs. Altemus, I and the other boys owe you more than a letter or anything else that we might be able to send you in return for what you have done for us. However, there is one thing we can do for you, and that is offering up 'our mite' to Almighty God, which I am absolutely sure we are all doing. Am not going to dwell on this part of it as I am sure you will understand this, but might add that regardless of our religious convictions, we all believe in the power of prayer, and after all is said and done, we are all preparing for the 'life beyond.' Our stay here being nothing at all compared to eternity, and as I have already said all we boys are offering, in our humble manner, what the world cannot offer. Note what you say about the helmet and wristlets and am sure they will be as nice as the sweaters and will be on the lookout for them. Note with joy what you say about the Bradford Mills, which will help wonderfully, and am sure their boys will be as grateful as we.

"Am still in a Receiving Company, but will be transferred any day now to Stenographers' Company, No. 1, and then go to school for a few weeks and my next move will be permanent or at least should be.

"They are now cleaning out this camp and are preparing to train infantry and light and heavy artillery here. The weather here continues very fine and sincerely hope you 'weathered' the severe weather up there, and that it will not leave its effects on you or yours.

"We now have a band here, which has helped to make the 'life' better. They continue to build barracks and in addition, are throwing up tents by the hundred. Saturday is "Inspection," so all the boys are now preparing their leggings, shoes, etc., so I guess I will now join the merry crowd.

"Hoping you are well and happy, and with my very best wishes.

"Sincerely and gratefully yours,
"RAYMOND J. McHALE.

"Received sweater and I appreciate your kindness very much. I also received socks."—Edward Buckley.

"I thank the Committee of the Falls Patriotic Citizens' Committee of Falls of Schuylkill for the sweater they sent me."—P. Ernest Duncan.

"I was delighted to receive your kit bag and contents and also thanking

you for sweater. I also wish to thank the lady that knit the sweater, as they are very useful to us sailor boys: thanking you."—Irvin Noll.

"Received kit all O. K. and everything was very useful and am very thankful."—John E. Byers.

"Received sweater, wristlets and socks, and wish to thank you very much. They are just what I needed."—S. M. Reeve, Bat. 1, 108th F. A.

"Please accept my thanks for kit which your association sent me. It has been very useful and convenient."—John A. Gehringer.

"I received your bag and thank you ever so much, and I am greatly pleased with it."—Francis Feeley.

"Received sweater and thank you for same."—H. Webster.

"Your comfort kit received and was very glad to get it, for all it contained was very useful, and in my case, needed, which is true of a good many of the boys who have received them. Many thanks."—Corp. E. F. Lutz.

"Received sweater and thank you very much."—Charles L. Grady, Co. A, 314th Inf., Camp Meade, Md.

"I received your comfort kit and was very glad to get it, as I can use all of the articles sent. Thanking you for same, I remain."—J. P. Gallagher, M. M. Q. C.

"I received a pair of pulse warmers, which a girl friend of mine knitted for me, and I thank the committee very much for them."—Priv. F. Foy.

"I wish to thank you for the comfort bag and sweater which I received and am very thankful for."—John Flanagan, U. S. S. Mononacy, U. S. Navy.

"I thank you very much for your gift and wish you all luck."—G. Langan.

"Arrived safe and sound and feeling fine."—Charles Rafferty, Troop I, 20th Cal., Fort Riley, Kans.

"Your comfy kit reached me. Thank you very much for the same. Best wishes for success of your work."—John F. Maguire.

"I received your package and I thank you for your kindness."—Thomas Gallagher, U. S. 7th Infantry, Charlotte, N. C.

"I arrived here last Sunday 2.30 P.

M., and since then met the rest of the Falls boys. We were met by officers, herded and marched to different barracks. Thanks for present I received from you."—John Murphy, 39th District Patrolman.

"Just a line or two thanking you for the comfort kit and its contents, which I am sure will come in handy. I am sure all the boys who have received one give their respects to the Falls Patriotic Committee."—Reginald Hardcastle, Caisson Co., No. 2, 103d Ammunition Train, Camp Hancock.

"Received soldier's bag with contents and was glad to receive it for it had the things I was to have. Thanking you for the bag, good luck to you all."—Sylvester Pimyard.

"My dear friends, I sure do thank you for your kind present you sent me and we boys need those things bad. I also send best regards to the dear old Falls people."—Charles Schwartz.

"Received soldiers' bag with contents. Many thanks."—Albert Singer.

"I received the kit and I thank you very much for your kindness."—William Boardman, Private Hoseman, Eng. Co. No. 2, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia.

"Received your comfy kit. Accept my heart felt thanks for your very kind remembrance. Owing to the breaking up of the regiment the band has been assigned to the engineers."—Benj. Jagger, 3d Pa. Inf. Band, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

"Received sweater with thanks to the Citizens' Committee."—Chris Whitehead, U. S. S. Nevada.

"January 22, 1918.

"Dear Mrs. Altemus:

"I wish to extend to you and your co-workers my sincere thanks for your kind and generous gift, which I received some time ago.

"Being the only man in our organization from the Falls, it is extremely gratifying to know that I am being supported by the friendly wishes of your society. And you may rest assured that no matter where duty calls me I shall always appreciate your kind remembrance in the name of the East Falls Patriotic League.

"Again thanking you and your co-workers, I am,

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

"PRIVATE C. J. LYONS,
Groves Registration Service, Unit 302, Camp Merritt, New Jersey."

"Your kit received O. K. and very much appreciated. Thanks! God bless you all."—George L. Bates.

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"Augusta, Ga., Jan. 25, 1918.
 "I have just received the wristlets that you knit, with the card in them. I thank you very much for your kindness in having them sent to me. The boys are all grateful to the people back home. It shows that they have the boys' welfare at heart. We do not know how soon we will be sent away, but we all know the folks at home are thinking of us and hoping that the war will soon be over. The boys all want to go across instead of staying here so long. We have been having some very cold weather here, but today has been a lovely day just like a day in May at home and there is a bright full moon shining tonight. I will close, thanking you again.
 "Respectfully yours,
 "SERGT. JAGGER,
 "3d Pa. Inf. Band, care of 110th Field Hospital Corps, Camp Hancock, Ga."

WE'RE IN THE ARMY NOW

No more ham, eggs or bacon
 When the bugle blows for chow;
 No more apple pies or dumplings,
 For we're in the Army now
 And they feed us beans for breakfast,
 And for lunch we have them, too,
 And at night they fill our stomachs
 With good old army stew.

No more fizzes, beers or highballs
 When we've got an awful thirst;
 If you're thinking of enlisting
 Better get used to water first,
 For the lid is on tight all over
 And the drilling makes us warm,
 But we can't cool off with liquor
 'Cause we wear the uniform.

No more shirts of silk or linen;
 We all wear the O. D. stuff;
 No more nightshirts or pajamas
 For our pants are good enough.
 No more feather ticks or pillows;
 But we are glad to thank the Lord
 That we've got a cot and blankets
 When we might have just a board.

For they feed us beans for breakfast
 And at noon we have 'em too,
 And at night they filled our stomachs
 With good old army stew.
 But, by Jinks! we'll lick the Kaiser
 When the sergeant shows us how,
 For, hang him, he's the reason
 That we're in the army now.

—From First Class Private John J. Cassidy.
 Quartermaster's Corps, Camp J. E. Johnston, Motor Car Co., No. 301, Jacksonville, Florida.

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LIBRARY OPEN ON MONDAYS

The Falls of Schuylkill Library will be kept open on heatless Mondays, it being one of the institutions exempt under the Garfield order. All are invited to call during the day, where they will find a comfortable room for the perusal of books and periodicals.
 KATHERINE HALL.

BOYS FROM LOCAL DRAFT DISTRICT LEAVE

The following boys left for the war service from the local draft district: David Grady, William Kendall, Fred Stehle, Francis Deasey, Sidney Walker, Peter Filoon, Carmine Creus, Leon Ardo Tezzano.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, the kind visiting angel, who came home especially early from Newport News, Va., to see the boys off on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock from North Philadelphia station, provided each one with a comfort kit and sweat r

A number of events are scheduled to raise funds for the depleted treasury of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, which has so far expended over \$1800 for comfort kits, tobacco and other necessities for the local soldier and sailor boys in the war.

A sauerkraut party and dance, under the auspices of a White House Committee, will be held on Saturday evening, February 9, in the large hall of the Young Men's Literary Institute, the members of this organization permitting the use of the hall and the dishes and other necessities free of charge. The admission fee, which will be turned into the treasury of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, is twenty-five cents.

A basketball contest between the Dobson Industrials, leaders in their league, and the Philadelphia Navy Yard Marines will take place in America Hall on the evening of February 15 (Friday). The proceeds are for the White House Committee.

SOLDIER TO BE BURIED HERE

The body of Henry Goering, who died, a private in the United States army, at Camp Hancock, Sunday January 27, arrived at the home of his father, Frank Goering, of 3142 North Twenty-fifth street, Goering, who was 23 years old, was taken in the first draft. At camp he was stricken with bronchial-pneumonia. He was in Company 4, of the Ammunition train. Before entering the army he was a foreman in a Philadelphia packing house.

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Financial Standing Of White House

Report Was Read Off At Tuesday Evening's Meeting

The secretary and the treasurer of the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee submitted a report of the financial standing of the committee at the meeting on Tuesday evening at the White House.

The report as read off is as follows:
 Recapitulation, January 21, 1918.

RECEIPTS

Teams collecting	\$371.64
Individual associations, etc. . .	366.81
Collection: Dobson Field	52.01
Cash for Liberty Bond (Mrs. Dobson)	50.00
Sale of needles	2.50
Entertainments	155.40
Proceeds from dance	351.65
Moving picture benefits	243.69
Tickets from chances: Liberty Bond	58.50
Tobacco Fund	70.95
	\$1723.15
Donations	\$136.75
Bills and contributions in name of White House, E. E. Carwardine, \$2.75. (Mrs. Altemus) St. Timothy's, \$100.00. Band hire, \$34.00.	

\$1859.90

EXPENDITURES

Parade and entertainment, Sept. 8, '17:	
Band	\$45.00
Lunch	35.59
Cigars, etc.	19.75
Ribbon	1.80
Help	2.50
Entertainers	26.00
Miscellaneous	2.60
	\$133
Lights	16.00
Signs	13.50
Cleaning	9.75
Yarn	132.85
Material: Kit contents	973.58
Stove	4.65
Gas	2.00
Flags	4.58
Printing	36.82
Postage	24.61
St. Timothy's Hospital	100.00
Brooms, etc.	1.00
Decorations for hall	12.00
Ingredients: Candy	11.19
Band	34.00
Music for ball	20.00
Candy, tobacco, etc	37.95
Cigarettes	127.50
Lunch for Marines	11.00

\$1760.22
 Balance on hand 99.58

\$1859.90

January 24: Examined and found correct.
 (Signed) T. L. MACKENZIE,
 J. L. BROOK,
 JOHN HOHENADEL,
 Auditing Committee.
 (Signed) CHARLES W. BOTHWELL,
 Secretary.
 E. E. CARWARDINE,
 Treasurer.

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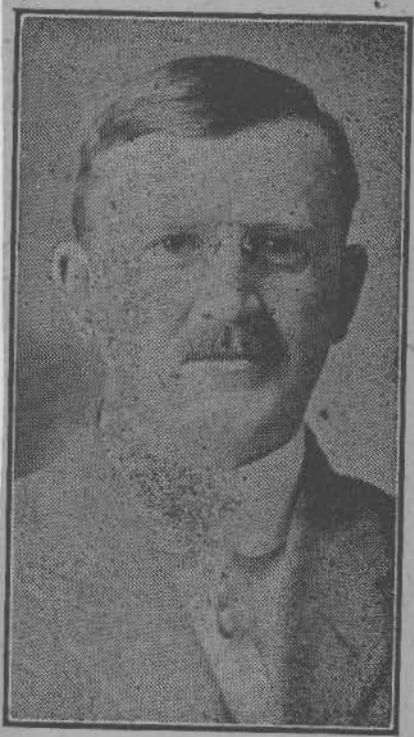
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Two Gov't Appointments Come to Falls

Dr. D. J. Boon, Ophthalmologist;
Dr. Otto Rath, Made Surgeon



DR. DAVID J. BOON

Two appointments have recently come to the Falls of Schuylkill at the hands of the United States authorities.

One is that of Dr. David J. Boon, of Ridge avenue, who was made ophthalmologist of a District Advisory Medical Board, which has jurisdiction in the fourteenth draft district comprising the Twenty-first ward and parts of Germantown. His duties will be principally to supervise the examinations of the prospective army and navy men.

Although Dr. Boon has many activities being a busy practicing physician, an eye specialist with an office at 1532 North Fifteenth street, an ophthalmic surgeon, at St. Timothy's Hospital, and a clinical ophthalmologist at the Episcopal Hospital, and a member of the 38th district draft board, he still finds time for the new duties imposed upon him.

He is eager for work and performs his duties with cheerful heart. When spoken to about the amount of work he had to do, he optimistically declared that work brings happiness. And to judge by the happy smile with which he meets one and the vigorous handgrasps, work must certainly make him happy, for he has plenty of it to do.

The other appointment is that of Dr. Otto Rath, of Queen lane, surgeon at St. Timothy's Hospital. He was made surgeon of the Advisory Medical Board previously mentioned.

AN ENLISTED SOLDIER'S REWARD

The call of our country in distress,
The answer of some of the boys:
Enlistment, departure in scarce time
to dress,
And leaving all of life's joys.

Hardly a friend to bid them goodbye,
As they boarded their train for the
station;
No one to cheer or no one to heed
The volunteers of the nation.

A very small part of this volunteer
force
Does the writer represent,
Like others, "he's here," as a matter
of course,
And he did'nt have to be sent.

He's here with a hundred others or so,
Whom the old town will never miss;
They're simply awaiting the word to
go,
But in France their word will be
this:

"What peculiar customs you have got
over here,
Volunteers you make quite a vain;
Why, at home unless a man's drafted,
He is treated with coldest disdain.

"Last Christmas (how well I remem-
ber),
When most of the world was glad;
The knowledge that we were forgot-
ten
Made some of us feel pretty bad.

"The boys in the draft camp fared
splendid
To begrudge them their joy would
be small;
But the fact that remained and of-
fended,
We got—not a damned thing at all."

A gigantic Statue of Liberty, 50 feet
in height, in the centre of Broad
street, south of City Hall and facing
Chestnut street, will be the feature of
the third Liberty Loan in Philadel-
phia, preparations for which are now
under way.

Weather No Bar To Meeting In Library

Diplomas Awarded To Pupils; Strong Addresses Delivered

Although because of severe weather conditions the number in attendance was small, an interesting meeting was held in the Free Library on Wednesday evening, January 30. It had a four-fold purpose, namely a discussion of "Why We Are at War; What Each Can Do to Help Win the War." Presentation of diplomas to pupils being graduated from Breck School and a meeting of the parents of students attending that school.

That the participation of the United States in the present war is fully justified was evidenced by Mr. Sowden's clear statement of the indignities which necessitated our entering the World War, as well as by the well-written essays on the topic which was read by students of the out-going class. These papers were proof-positive that the principal and teachers of Breck School are doing a big bit in the way of fostering a spirit of love for democracy and aversion to tyranny in the young Americans of that institution.

Mr. Butterworth, sent from the central part of the city to tell some of the things which it is not considered wise to print in the daily papers on account of German spies, ably supported the cause of the Thrift Stamps, Liberty Bonds, the Red Cross, as well as co-operation on the part of the housewives of the community in the observation of the "less" days which are deemed necessary by our Uncle Sam. Those present fully agreed with the speaker that the appropriations voted by Congress for financing the war, although so stupendous as to be almost beyond human comprehension, deserve our fullest support in order to prevent the German soldiers from carrying out their intention to "Lunch in Paris, Dine in London and Sleep in Washington."

An interesting feature of the graduation exercises was the reading of papers written by several of the pupils giving the reasons (financial and otherwise), why it is better to spend as many years as possible at school. Mr. Sowden complimented the Falls of Schuylkill on sending such a fine group of girls and boys into the higher schools, and in awarding the diplomas to the class, said that they had been:

- Brave
- Regular
- Early
- Conscientious
- Kind

A FOREST GRAD.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMP

"Office, 1st Co., Coast Art. Corps,
"Fort Rodman, Mass.
January 20, 1918.

"East Falls Patriotic Society:

"Gentlemen—
"I wish to thank you for your little remembrance during the Christmas holidays, and certainly did appreciate the token and assure the smokes were enjoyed and it cheered a fellow up in the long path that is ahead of him, and no doubt it will be a victory for us boys some day soon, we hope so we can return to our family and friends and I wish to thank you again and hope to be home with you all in the very near future.

"I remain very respectfully yours,
"A. C. LAWLER,
"Act. Sgt. Mjr.,
"Fort Rodman, Mass."

Among those rejected on account of physical disability at Camp Meade last week was Winfield Kates, 2350 Wishart street.

Corporal William Cone, now at Camp Stuart, Va., was the guest of honor at a party given by Harry C. Mattmann at Hotel Pocahontas, Newport News, Va., Wednesday, January 23.

Joseph Seligman, 3129 North Twenty-eighth street, has been transferred from Camp Meade, Md., to the Aviation Corps.

"Received your Christmas box today. Thankfully acknowledge with grateful appreciation."—Ed. C. Clarey, Hq. Co., 314th Inf., Camp Meade, Md.

"Received your sweater and comfort kit. I am very thankful to the committee and wish you the best of success in your good work."—Thomas B. Haran, S. C. 209, U. S. Navy.

"Your package containing service kit received and I wish to thank all those who have interested themselves in this good work. With best wishes for your future success."—John J. Byrne.

"Acknowledge receipt of your comfort kit and sweater and extend my thanks for both, as I appreciate them very much."—H. P. Davis.

"Having received a sweater and comfort kit of you, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the doers of the work in the Falls."—Joseph P. McAndrews.

Much thanks for the comfort bag, which was presented to me by a member of your committee while at home on a 4-day leave."—Wm. Pearson, 4th Division, 2d Section, Commonwealth Pier, Boston, Mass., U. S. N.

"I wish to thank you very much for kit bag, as it came in very useful. I guess you were surprised to hear of me being a soldier boy down in Camp Meade. I again thank you for your kind present. I appreciate it very much."—Martin Loughlin.

"Compliments of Albert Singer. I saw his sweater and he persuaded me to write to you. It is pretty cold here and I would appreciate one very much, thanking you very much in advance."—Harry K. Brown, Supply Troop, 13th Cavalry, Fort Ringgold, Texas.

"To those whom it may concern—I wish to take this means of expressing my thanks to the people who so kindly contributed to the contents of the

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Wearing Straws Lads Leave Here Party Sees Trolley Car Run Into Struse's Wagon

Twenty lads wearing straw hats as harbingers of the warm season, their relatives and friends left Ridge and Midvale avenues on Monday morning at 7 o'clock in auto trucks and automobiles for the Thirty-ninth district police station at Hunting Park avenue and Schuyler street, where the boys received the final instructions from the draft board officers.

Before leaving the Falls, however, the boys had received from the Citizens' Patriotic Committee a helmet, a sweater, a pair of socks, a pair of wristlets, a pound box of candy and apples, an outfit to be desired by any man going into the fray.

After receiving their instructions, the lads of the Falls joined with those of Draft Boards 37 and 38 for parade led by the full Philadelphia Police Band, where at 8.30 o'clock the train departed for the large army camps. A sad leave-taking between the boys and the relatives and friends was witnessed.

On their way from the Falls the leave-taking party saw an Allegheny avenue trolley car, westbound, run into Struse's wagon near Thirty-second street, causing the three men on the wagon to be thrown from their seats without injuring them, the horse to be so badly lacerated from his fall that sixteen stitches were necessary to close the wound, and the two hind wheels and the axles to be broken. The front of the trolley car was battered in, but the motorman was not hurt. The heavy fog of the morning was the reason for the accident.

comfort kit which I received and which will be of much use in giving me the many little comforts that I could not have possibly had. Thanking you again, I am."—Pvt. Robert Percy, Co. A, 3d Div., 4th M. G. Brig.

"Kindly allow me to express to the Citizens' Patriotic Committee my sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful comfort bag they sent me."—Herbert A. Golden, 23th Engineers, Co. B, Camp Meade, Md.

CLEAN OR NOT AT ALL

This is a thought for a sailor
To think of as he rides from home
To seas afar where the battles are,
And over the ocean's foam.

Whatever the dangers waiting
In lands I have not seen,
If I do not fall, if I come back at all,
Then I will come back clean.

I may never see the trenches,
But I may go through blood and
fire;
But I will control by the God in my
soul,
The might of a man's desire.

The scars my body may carry
Shall not be from deeds obscene,
For my will shall say to the beast
obey,
And I will come back clean.

If not in the fields of slaughter,
And not in the prison cell,
Or in hunger or cold is the story
By war of its darkest hell.

But the old, old sign of the senses
Can tell what the word may mean

To sailor's sweetheart and the innocent,

Why I will come back clean.

—CHARLES M. WILCOX,
U. S. Naval Training Station,
Operating Base, Hampton Roads,
Va. 4th Reg., Co. 80.

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines from a 38th District man. It is getting a little cold now and if I could get a sweater without sleeves or anything else, I would be thankful to you. You know I am down here now since the 4th of November, and seems very long and although this is my first letter I have still your box in which you had that candy or fudge.

It is pretty nice up here, but we are all split up now all over the camp; but we would sure like to be back in Philly.

We had a very nice dinner here Thanksgiving, something fine.

One of our boys got sent way down in San Diego, Texas. Elmer Kline, if anyone knows him, but he is gone 3 weeks now, and we have not heard from him, so we don't know how he is doing.

Hoping this finds you all in the best of health.

From a 35th ward man,

HERMAN C. STECKLING,

Cook & Baker's School,
Camp Meade, Md.

P. S.—I am now learning to be an army baker, but don't know yet if I will make good or not.

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WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Nomination and election of officers will take place on next Tuesday evening, March 5, at the Citizens' Patriotic Committee. This will be a big meeting and every man and woman of the Falls is invited to be present. Do not be backward to come in and take a part in the meeting.

A basketball game will take place in March, between the J. & J. Dobson and the U. S. Marines at America Hall.

Thomas Burke, formerly of Midvale avenue, with the 108th U. S. Field Artillery Band, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., has been home on a 10 days' furlough. He was very much surprised to meet his brother, Elmer Burke, of the Ordnance Department, at Camp Upton, New York, who was also home on Saturday and Sunday. Thomas Burke has been away for seven months.

3-7-1918

WHITE HOUSE ITEMS

Election of officers at the White House has been scheduled for the next meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

Any soldier or sailor lad who is home on furlough is requested by Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus to visit at her home, "Bella Vistor," for a word and a gift.

The Overseas Committee in conjunction with the Third Liberty Loan Committee, is completing plans for a moving picture exhibit of the life of the soldier boy away, the date and place to be announced later. This exhibit, which will be in the Falls, will be the first of its kind in the city.

A membership committee was appointed at the last meeting at the White House to solicit every person in the Falls of Schuylkill for membership in the Citizens' Patriotic Committee. The community has been divided into districts in order to assure a thorough canvass of the town. Buttons which are to be worn by all members of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee as marks of membership, have been ordered and as soon as they are received the drive for new members will begin.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"Just a line to let you and other workers of the White House know I received the sweater, knit by Mrs. Foley, and feel very grateful for it. Wishing you all success in your good work, I remain."—Pvt. J. E. Hurley, Troop K, 8th Cavalry.

"Received Christmas gift O. K. I wish to thank you and the Falls Patriotic Committee, and may you have great success in the noble work in which you take part."—Jean Budetti, Base Hospital, No. 20, U. of Pa., Armory, Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue Phila., Pa.

"I received the smokers' kit, which has been sent to me through you as a Christmas present, for which I am very thankful."—Prv. Cameron Henry, 101st Artillery, Battery D, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

"I received your package and I think it was very nice of you to think of us fellows. We are having a fine time at camp and all the Falls boys are looking fine and are all in the best of health. Hoping you are the same."—Wilfred Schofield, M. S. T., Truck Co.

"The tobacco kit received. Please accept my most sincere thanks for it."—Tom Rabbitt, Co. I, 110th Inf.

"I received the smoking kit."—Bill Donohue, 108th U. S. Field Artillery, Battery D.

"Received the box you sent, and I appreciate it very much, as it was just what I needed."—Prv. H. Brownworth, Co. D, 304th Engineers, Camp Meade, N. J.

"I received the candy you have sent and I thank you very much."—Roy Shwartz.

"The 'smokes' you sent, in connection with the Patriotic Citizens' Committee, were duly received and fully appreciated. The only sad part in connection with the whole thing is that I figured on blowing the smoke of some of those Chesterfield cigarettes in the face of some of my pals in the Falls during the holidays—but must confine my efforts to my associates (and friends) down here. All the boys from the Falls, located at the Cape, are in excellent health."—H. J. Maguire.

"Received your welcome package and was pleased with it, thanking you and the Committee for same."—M. J. Gaughan, Co. M, 17th Cavalry, Arizona.

"Received package, thanking you and all the rest in the Falls."—Walter Oakford.

"Received your package, and I thank you."—James Crawford.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

A coffee and tea social will be held at the home of Mrs. James Lawson, 3415 Queen lane, Thursday afternoon and evening, March 21, at 4 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents. For the benefit of the Falls Patriotic Committee.

Basketball game and dance in America Hall, Friday evening, March 22. Games between J. & J. Dobson and U. S. Marines; also East Falls vs. Clearfield. This will be a big game to be followed by a dance. The proceeds for the benefit of the Falls Patriotic Committee.

On Tuesday evening at the White House an election of officers took place. The house was crowded and much rivalry was shown in the selection of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. Bessie Altemus, honorary president; E. E. Carwardine, president; John Kyle, vice president; Charles W. Bothwell, secretary; John Wyatt, assistant secretary; Joseph Lally, treasurer. Board of Directors: Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. Alfred Byrne, Mrs. James Lawson, Mrs. Swartz and Miss G. Kelly.

Next Tuesday evening the regular meeting will take place at which time the public is invited. Meeting to start at 8 o'clock—come and hear what is being done for the boys at the front.

A prominent speaker will be at the White House next Tuesday evening, March 19, to explain the purpose of the Third Liberty Loan and incidentally answer questions.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BENEFIT

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will give a euchre and dance this Friday night in the Young Men's Literary Institute Hall, Frederick street and Midvale avenue.

The proceeds of the affair will be divided between the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee and the American Red Cross.

All patriotic persons are invited to attend.

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Falls Boy Boosts Dobson Blankets Our Boys At Camp Meade Write of Their Doings

Saturday, March 2, 1918.

Falls Patriotic Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received the comfy kit and sweater, which, owing to an error of the Post Office Department, have been lying at Austin, Tex., for the past two months.

It is with profound gratification that I acknowledge receipt of these gifts and it gives me great pleasure to add, since my assignment to this camp, I have come in contact with men from every part of the United States, and I am yet to learn of any section which equals the Falls in loyalty to its sons.

Upon my enlistment at Fort Slocum, N. Y., I was issued two blankets, which will remain with me for the duration of the war, bearing the label of J. & J. Dobson. This struck me as being rather coincidental, considering the many thousands issued and the hundreds of concerns that make them. I often remark to my tent-mates that most likely I am personally acquainted with every person who contributed in the manufacture of my blankets.

Again expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation and hoping that every endeavor undertaken by the committee in charge of this good work, meets with bountiful success. I remain,

Gratefully yours,

WILLIAM J. GRADY,
Sergeant-Major, Line 16, Sec. 9,
Kelly Field, No. 1,
Camp Meade, Md.

THANKS FROM THE BOYS

All the boys, undersigned, wish to thank you for the kindness you have shown. They wish you the best of luck and hope to stop in the White House when they come home on furlough—Privates Joseph W. Hood, Edward W. Severns, Thomas Griffith, Cyril Fiedler, Joseph Sullivan, Martin Broedrich, Arthur Simpson, Francis Flanagan, William Barlow, John Gaughan, John Kelley, William Cole and Bernard McDevitt.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir—Just a few lines from the boys from the Falls at Camp Meade, giving you the "inside" of the real happenings that are going on every day in camp life.

Last week the lieutenant of the company wanted some volunteer boxers to make a showing for our company. Of course, there were ten boys from the Falls who volunteered and made a good showing and the only ones who were full of fighting spirit. Next came the details for sentinel duty, who were mostly Falls boys.

One of the funniest on the night watch was pulled off by Fiedler and J. Gaughan. About 1.30 A. M., while the lights were out, J. Gaughan was on sentry duty. All of a sudden he spied an object. He called halt. The object did not heed the warnings, so he called the corporal of the guard, who was Fiedler. He came to the rescue. The object proved to be a mule that escaped from the stable. As we go on to tell about this great life, Neil Mulligan introduced a game

of Irish pool. The game was going along nicely, when the sergeant wound it up with a treat to the wood pile, sawing and splitting trees, which was very amusing, especially when F. J. Sullivan introduced F. Flanagan to the axe. J. Archie is complaining about being awakened from his sleep by Ed. Severns, who is a heavy snoring man. He constantly keeps the barracks in an uproar at night, thinking he is still in the wood pile sawing trees. Then our friend, B. McDevitt, amused the crowd of three companies by reciting different poems.

P. Fallen is very much interested in a letter to his girl. C. Kemp is quietly puffing on his corn-cob pipe, thinkink of the nights he spent in the gun-boat soaking in spaghetti.

Today was visiting day; the camp was full of visitors. W. Barlow was trying to flirt with some one in skirts and nearly fell out of the second story window. The party proved to be of a very dark complexioned person. But now our dear friend, Deacon Kelly, was chosen as a cook.

We cannot say much about Marty Broadwick, on account of his being out on duty guarding the cheese mint. At the present moment, Tom Griffith is in the kitchen getting our morning breakfast, which consists of cabbage and gold fish. Yesterday Tom baked some cake, which was swell.

Best wishes to the people of the Falls Patriotic Committee.

FALLS BOYS AT CAMP MEADE.
(Say, boys! You should have the cub reporter call on you before you write your next letter. He might be able to give you a "lift" on getting it up.—Editor.)

3/3/1919

A YANK IN GERMANY

Tommy McCay, a Yankee gay,
Sailed on the River Rhine;
His heart was free as a humble bee,
While the Huns they did whine.

The war was done and he had won
And he was happy and free;
He hoped some day, not far away,
He'd sail on the River Spree.

He took a chance and saw old France,
And he hoped the day was near
When he'd be in old Berlin
Watching "Hindy" drink some beer.

His thoughts drift back to the old shack
Back in the U. S. A.,
Where mother there, with Sister Clair,
Are waiting for the day.

When he'll come home, ne'er more to roam
And ever more to stay
Right on the farm, away from harm,
And never go away.

The crack of a gun, fired by a Hun
Who stood on the river bank.
A piece of lead went through the head
Of the gleeful, happy Yank.

Now he doth lie under the sky,
Beneath a small green hill,
Covered with moss, upon it a cross,
But his spirit liveth still.

F. C. BLACKER.

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Letters from the Boys

December 12, 1918.

Dear Mr. Miller:

No doubt you will be surprised to receive this letter from me, but it is only a few lines to tell you I met your son over here. He is with Evacuation Hospital, No. 14, and they were leaving for Germany when I met him. Thinking his mail would be held up or delayed considerably, he asked me to write to you telling you of their whereabouts.

He is in good health, looks very good.

I don't know whether you know me, but you will know my father, Samuel Ward, on Ridge avenue, in the meat business.

Sure was glad to see your son, as he was the first fellow I had met from the Falls.

Yours,

RALPH WARD.

P. S.—It is rumored we are going into Germany, too, with the Occupation Army, but are not certain.

Wednesday, December 25, 1918.

Dear Sir:

Writing a few lines to you to let you know how I spent Christmas in France.

Christmas Eve we had a grand party, those that were present were Joseph Hood, Charles Kemp, Martin Broderick, John Gaughan, Frances Flanagan, Joseph Gallagher, Howard Derr, Joseph Archie and myself.

We had boko champagne and wine which soon put real life into us when we began to sing Christmas hymns.

As Christmas was getting nearer every hour, and we were still feeling better in spirit, Joseph Gallagher got up and sang, "Always Think of Mother." Joseph Hood presented him with a good Colon cigar.

Martin Broderick sang that well-known song, entitled "I Wouldn't Miss the Party for a Hundred-Dollar Bill." Charles Kemp opened up the evening when he threw a barrage over, which cleared all the empty bottles off the shelf.

John Gaughan introduced a new dance, called "A Muddy Two-Step," and when he finished there was two boards missing off the floor.

Joe Hood, the well-known Calvary man, sacrificed his good time in getting the liquor.

Frances Flanagan took the place of Santa Claus by presenting us all with a hand grenade.

Snaper Derr, the well-known pug of Nicetown, sang the latest war song, entitled "Deary, the War is Over, I Am Now Coming Home to Fight With You."

Joe Archie wound up the evening with a snare-drum solo, in which we all went to bed rejoicing. From the boys over there.

I remain,

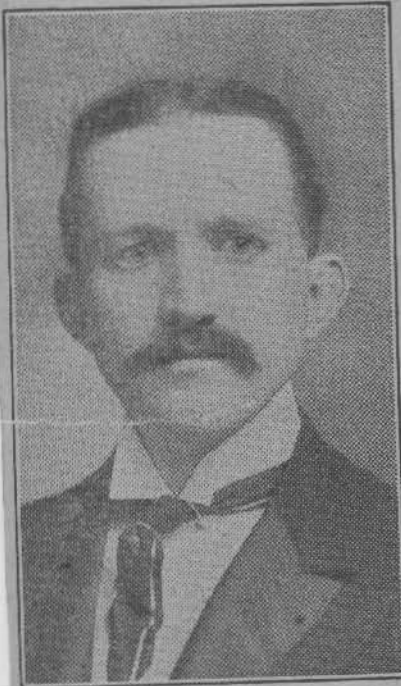
PVT. WILLIAM BARLOW,
316th Amb. Co., A. E. F.

Draft Board No. 38 Acts With Dispatch

E. C. Delahunty Is Man Who Has Credit for Being On Job

Draft Board Number 38, whose jurisdiction is in the western half of the Thirty-eighth ward, has been repeatedly praised for the expeditious way in which it has handled the business that came before it for consideration. The men in the draft who appeared before the board for examinations and the relatives who had dealings with the officers of the body are agreed, according to reports heard, that no time was lost by the board in transacting its affairs with the various persons concerned.

The board which has so efficiently administered its duties consists of Charles Osmond, of Twenty-ninth street, chairman; Edward C. Delahunty, of Queen Lane Manor, clerk, and Dr. David J. Boon, medical member.



EDWARD C. DELAHUNTY

Of the three men on the board the one who must be credited with "being on the job" most of the time is Edward C. Delahunty. He has fulfilled his duties most faithfully. Every day, in numerous cases, after hours, and sometimes on Sundays, this sincere and steady worker for Uncle Sam could be seen seated at his desk going through piles of work, meeting the draftees and making explanations of the law governing them and assisting the fellows in making out the questionnaires.

This was all Mr. Delahunty did, while the other two members were attending to their daily business duties.

But Mr. Delahunty also has a business to look after, namely the monument and mausoleum works on Ridge avenue near Clearfield street, opposite North Laurel Hill Cemetery. In order that he may give his business proper attention he worked out a time schedule for so

many hours at the office, so many hours at the Thirty-ninth district police station at Hunting Park avenue and Schuyler street, where the Thirty-eighth district draft board has headquarters, and so much for this and so much for that appointment.

Besides having to attend to his monument and mausoleum business and the work of the draft board, Mr. Delahunty also has duties as a director of the Bank of East Falls, a director of several building and loan associations, a member of the Falls Business Men's Association, other commercial organizations and fraternal and social bodies.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

Headquarters Depot Brigade, Camp Jackson, S. C.

February 25, 1918

Falls Patriotic League,
East Falls, Philadelphia, Pa.

Si s—It is indeed, a source of great pleasure for me to acknowledge receipt of your smoking outfit. The kind person who first conceived the idea of sending the "boy in the khaki" smokes could not have convinced a more pleasing remembrance from the folks at home. The evidence of your well-wishing to the boys who have departed from the Falls is known wherever there happens to be a Camp. A fellow officer who was located at Camp Meade for sometime said that Fall's boys were remembered more frequently than boys from any other section from which the draft quota came. Therefore, those who come from the wee spot on the hill, should congratulate themselves upon one thing particularly, i. e., the folks at home are always your best friends.

Since my arrival at Camp Jackson I have been detailed supervising the mail in the Depot Brigade, and it has been a position whereby I could witness the effect of the epistles that arrive daily to the raw recruit. If there is one thing that the folks at home should do for the boy who is away with the colors, it is to write him, and then write—write to him. If you do not hear from him regularly do not think he has forgotten you. He is thinking of you always, and awaiting that message from home or a friend. I have seen boys who have nearly been frantic on account of receiving no mail from home. Others are light-hearted and free at all times and the main reason is, they receive those comforting letters from home. Do not send a pathetic message to your boy, better not write at all. Buoy his spirits; make him feel proud; advise him to be loyal at all times. His officers will notice his spirit of entering upon his arduous duties, and his future is usually visible in his preliminary training. It is the first impression that invariably counts. The boy entering the army today has nothing to fear, and the training will inculcate into him that spirit of confidence and manliness which is such a potent factor in an undertaking. He will come forth stronger mentally, and the types you see home on furlough will bear me out in saying, far better physically.

I had no thought of wandering off the subject of your remembering me, but think it would be well for you to call the aforementioned points to the atten-

tion of the natives, through the columns of the "Weekly Forecast."

With best wishes for the continuance of the League, which I am sure is re-ounding great credit to all connected with it, I am

Respectfully yours,
LIEUT. M. F. FITZPATRICK,
Inf. R. C.

"I am making great use of the kit you gave me. I am at Fort Slocum, New York."—William S. Neusone.

"This is an ideal camp and the mess cannot be beat. I wish to express my appreciation for the sweater and comfort kit which I have found very useful. The class of men in this outfit are the kind that cannot be beat."—Private Howard B. DuBois, Co. B, 33d Engineers, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

"Have just arrived here; am not placed as yet; will write to you as soon as I am placed. Thanking every one for the kit I received and wishing you all the best of luck with your work."—Martin A. McHale, Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you expressing my thanks for your kindness in sending to me those two parcels, which I have received, one at Christmas-time and one today, March 12. I think for myself that any one who has received one should be greatly satisfied, for they seem to be a very useful outfit and should appreciate the kindness of the Falls Patriotic Committee in sending them out.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM CONNISON,
No. 150,034, R. F. C., Camp Everman,
Texas.

To the Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

My dear Friends:
I wish to extend my sincere thanks for sweater which I received from William White through the Citizens Patriotic Committee and which at the present time is a very useful thing to have.

Wishing you all success in your noble work, I remain

Your thankful friend,
JAMES J. NORTON,
Wissahickon Barracks, N. J.

4-24-1918

MILLY TERRY'S BRIEFS

The Emergency Aid Aides of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch were seen among that great army of war workers who paraded on Broad street Wednesday afternoon. The girls did look nifty with their white spats and gloves and new collars of red.

Every Aide is expected to be in front of the post office at 5.45 P. M. Saturday, April 26, to form for parade, which is going to be held in Falls of Schuylkill that night to help boost the Victory Loan. White spats and gloves obligatory.

—MILLY TERRY.

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Mrs. Bessie Treats Boys On Good Things

Boys To Leave Monday Morning

The soldier boys who are going away Monday morning, February 25, at 8.30 o'clock, were the guests of Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus at the White House on Tuesday night when she provided cake and ice cream and smokes for them, singing and recitations and words of good cheer. A feature of the evening's celebration was the speech-making. The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the Falls Baptist Church, filled the boys' hearts with optimism and the Rev. Dr. John Bonner, of St. Bridget's Church, imparted good advice to them. P. H. Kelly said a few words.

After the evening's pleasure each boy was presented with a kit, a sweater, a pair of socks and wristlets.

The boys who are going away are: Alex. Subenock, 2630 Deacon; Peter J. Fallon, 3049 North Thirty-fifth; Arthur Simpson, 4066 Ridge; James H. Howarth, 3508 Bowman; Cyril Fiedler, 4243 Ridge; Martin Broderick, 3715 Calumet; Bernard Volpe, 3659 Calumet; George F. Leadley, 1 Wehlie; Warren Havard, 199 Ferry; William Barlow, 3527 Ainslie; Phillipino Bassilio, 3346 North Thirty-fifth; Francis E. Flannagan, 3571 Queen lane; John E. Kelly, 3539 New Queen; Francis J. Sullivan, 3655 Stanton; Charles J. Kemp, 133 Midvale; Bernard W. McDevitt, 3633 Calumet; John R. Newsome, 3437 Westmoreland.

They have instructions to report at the Thirty-ninth district police station at Hunting Park avenue and Schuyler street, on Sunday afternoon for further orders.

The leave-taking boys are requested with their relatives to meet at Ridge and Midvale avenues on Monday morning at 7 o'clock to board trucks and automobiles which will carry them to the Thirty-ninth district police station and from there to North Philadelphia Station, where the lads will entrain.

OUR BOYS ACROSS

Ere you close your eyes in slumber,
Let your mind one moment stray
To our boys on the destroyers,
That are far from-home today.

In those long, low fast destroyers
They are guarding you and me
From a fate like that of Belgium,
That fair land across the sea.

They have foiled the U-Boats' efforts
And will drive them from the seas,
For Old Glory's never known defeat,
When thrown upon the breeze.

They convoyed our troop ships safely
And they never lost a one,
And you find them ever ready
Till this cruel war is done.

The repair ships that are with them,
They deserve undying fame;
For its' through their ceaseless efforts
That they're sticking to the game.

There's the Melville and the Panther,
And the good old Dixie, too;
They repair those famed destroyers
And keep them running true.

All and all they work together.

Each emergency to meet;
So with Yankee ships and Yankee grit
We'll never know defeat.

So pray that God will guard them
Till this cruel war is o'er,
And with open arms we'll greet them
Back to Columbia's shore.

N. B.—We are all in the best of health and we are all in the game to win. "That our motto," we are not in the game very long, but are gaining, the ways every day. We are on the Panther, which is one real good ship. We met a fellow from Wissahickon the other night when we were on liberty; his name is Harold Rich, he is in the army. Give our regards to all the people in the town and sorry to hear about Grace Kelly.

HELBERT W. CARRUTHERS,

MARTY O'VALLEY,

CHARLES COX,

Marty. Somewhere in France.

Joseph Causey, 2918 Wishart street, Co. C, 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md., was home Saturday and Sunday. This was his first visit home. His company was quarantined for nearly four months.

3-21-1918

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITIZENS' PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE March 19, 1918

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand January 24, 1918 (Auditor's Report).....	\$99.58
Liberty Bond account	30.00
Mrs. Altemus (reimbursed account bill)	14.60
Moving picture entertainment..	62.60
Moving picture entertainment..	36.10
Donation (individual) and cash	60.06
Collections (Miss Cassidy)	12.85
Entertainment (Mrs. Cole)	196.25
Sauer kraut supper	73.10
Special Fund	15.00
Patrons Byrne Cafe	15.75
Tobacco Fund—	
Old Mill	10.15
Carpet Mill	162.35
Total	\$788.39
DISBURSEMENTS	
Rent (moving picture theatre)..	\$30.00
E. E. Carwardine (printing)...	3.00
E. E. Carwardine (sugar)	1.70
J. H. & C. Reed (supplies) ..	6.65
John MacLaren (soap, etc.) ..	5.04
Mrs. Lawson, postage	1.56
E. G. Harkness (supplies)	15.30
F. W. Woolworth & Co. (supplies)	111.50
Woolworth & Co.	33.50
Total receipts	\$208.25
Total disbursements	\$788.39
Total	208.25
Balance on hand March 19, 1918	\$580.14
(Signed)	
ERNEST E. CARWARDINE,	
Treasurer.	

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"I would like to say a few words in regards to the kindness of Mr. Benj. Martell, of the Falls, thanking him very much for his smokes he sent me and the other boys that are down here from the Falls. Thanking you very much. I remain yours truly."—Priv. Joseph Padulose, Co. I, 109th U. S. Inf., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Once more let me thank the ladies of the White House, this time for woolen socks. Though the weather is great at present, and like June at home, they are welcome, as we may leave here soon.

Yours truly,
J. E. HARRY,
Texas.

Frank West, formerly of Sunnyside avenue, who enlisted about two years ago in the U. S. Navy, and now stationed somewhere in English waters, has been promoted to oiler.

Corporal T. A. Beatty, formerly of 3685 Calumet street, thanks the Falls Patriotic Committee for the box received on Christmas; also Mrs. Wm. Crooks, of Calumet street, for the wristlets.

Sup. Co., Q. M. C., No. 302, A. E. F.,
Somewhere in France.

Mr. Beatty's mother has 22 nephews on the firing-lines somewhere in France.

John J. Cassidy, of Stanton street, who enlisted last December in the Quartermaster's Corps of the U. S. Army, has been awarded a diploma and advanced to the rank of first-class private for passing successfully the army tests.

Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

Dear Friends:
I want to thank you for the kit that was given to me by one of the residents of the Falls and, while not being a resident there at this time, I have lived in the Falls until about four years ago, but I still consider and think that it is my home town and always will do so.

The board that I was sent away with, which is the Twenty-ninth, did not give their boys even a match, so you can see that I will appreciate this little token that was given to me. Thanking you many, many times for the same, I remain as ever,

PRIVATE HARRY E. PHY,
Co. 29, 154th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade.

Draft Board Chairman is Modest Man

**Charles Shreve Osmond
Evades The Lime Light**



Every unit of organization requires a head who is charged with the supervision of the work which has to be performed. So it is with the Thirty-eighth district draft board, whose jurisdiction embraces the Falls of Schuylkill charged with the execution of the national conscription act.

Two of the draft board members, Dr. D. J. Boon and E. C. Delahunty, have been mentioned in previous issues of the "Weekly Forecast," but the head of the board has not been talked about because information concerning him was difficult to obtain as the gentleman shuns publicity of all kinds, being extremely modest.

However, by persistent inquiry, enough facts were learned about the draft board head without his knowledge that an article could be written about him.

The chairman of Draft Board No. 28 is Charles Shreve Osmond, of 2736 North Twenty-ninth street, whose regular occupation is to supervise the work of the clerical forces in the offices of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation in the Wither- spoon Building, Philadelphia. He has been employed by allied steamship companies for over fifteen years.

Mr. Osmond is very systematic and his ideas have been largely used in "keeping tab" by the local draft board which has been repeatedly praised for the expeditious manner in which it has handled the work coming before it.

He is a native Jerseyman, having been born at Bordentown. His education was received in the public schools of that town and his higher training was had at the Bordentown Military Academy.

His hobby is golf and he enjoys im-

mensely to sit for hours fishing near his summer home at Lewes, Delaware.

His wife, a charming woman, was Miss Catharine Lewis, of West Chester, Penna. She is an able aide to her thorough-going husband. She finds enough time to serve on committees of the Northwestern General and the Oncological Hospitals. It was Mrs. Osmond who proposed and helped to organize the "Service Men's Comfort League," an organization similar to the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee that cheers the boys of the neighborhood of the Osmonds.

The couple have one little daughter, Florence.

Mr. Osmond has been very active in Masonic circles, being past master of Ivanhoe Commandery at Bordentown, New Jersey.

Besides being a member of Draft Board No. 38, Mr. Osmond is one of the members of District Appeal Board No. 20.

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Local Women In Big Parade Last Week

**500 Patriotic Marchers
Represent The Town**

Fully five hundred women from the Falls of Schuylkill, headed by the energetic Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, marched in the third parade division of the greatest and most inspiring demonstration of its kind in the city Saturday afternoon, when approximately 20,000 of its girls and women gave convincing evidence of their determination to do their utmost to down Prussianism and restore the rule of love and justice to an over-harassed world, in a parade which, for colorfulness, unique features and expressions of genuine patriotism, was unprecedented in the history of William Penn's old city.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the nation's chief executive, reviewed the "Second Line of Defense" pageant from a stand at Broad and Arch streets. While the girls and women kept closely to the instructions and looked straight ahead throughout the march, yet every one of them had a smile for the First Lady of the Land as they passed her where she stood, embowered by roses and tulips.

The Falls of Schuylkill contingent was conveyed from Ridge and Midvale avenues in trucks of the Dobson mills to Sixteenth and Thompson streets, where the large parade was joined.

The Falls women were met by the trucks at Broad and Wharton streets, where the parade ended, and carried back to the Falls of Schuylkill again.

The Falls representation did not have the first honor flag of the Third Liberty Loan, but nevertheless made an excellent appearance marching along with military bearing keeping closely to the instructions to look

straight ahead excepting the leader of the body. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, who took liberties to nod to acquaintances along the spectators' lines and make a dash to relatives in a reviewing stand to greet them with kisses and handshakes.

MORE BOYS GOING INTO THE SERVICE

The following boys from the 38th district will leave on Monday morning, Ridge and Midvale avenues, at 6.45 o'clock. Automobiles and trucks will take them and their friends to Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue and from there to North Philadelphia. Let everybody turn out to give the boys a good cheer as they leave the old town.

Harry P. Jones, 3503 W. Allegheny avenue.

Francis Maloney, 3502 W. Allegheny avenue.

William P. Dorsey, 3411 W. Clearfield.

Jas. J. McEnery, 3614 Calumet st.

Abel Lees, 3728 Calumet st.

John J. Kilcoyne, 2600 Roberts ave.

Guisepe Presti, 4112 Ridge ave.

Richard King, 3419 Bowman st.

Thos. A. Murphy, 3440 Sunnyside ave.

John W. Smith, 3451 Cresson st.

John Schwartz, 3426 Sunnyside ave.

William Langan, 4150 Ridge ave.

Robt. J. Rau, 3015 N. 35th st.

Henry S. McCleary, School lane.

David A. Grill, 3572 Queen lane.

Henry D. Stickle, 3135 N. Pennock st.

moved to 2249 N. 21st st.

Chas. Ellis, 3633 Fiske ave.

Chas. Shaw, 9 Wiehle st.

John Sittasz, 2653 Deacon st.

William Connolly, 3429 Bowman st.

F. D. Golden, 3421 Sunnyside ave.

Robert Patterson, 2629 Deacon st.

moved to 3919 Germantown ave.

Henry Ringer, 2657 Roberts ave.

moved to 1916 N. Ringgold st.

Clarence T. Farmer, 2669 Roberts ave.

(alternate).

The following boys leave on Friday morning at 6.45 o'clock, Ridge and Midvale avenues:

Jas. A. Kelly, 4040 Ridge ave.

John W. King, 3419 Bowman st.

Herman A. Kohn, Jr., 3723 Calumet st.

John A. Gormley, 3733 Calumet st.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

\$28.80 was realized from the pillow top made and donated by Miss Vickerman, of Queen lane. The winner was Theodore MacKenzie.

The boys going into the service this Friday are requested to call at the White House on Thursday before leaving to receive their equipment.

CAMP HANCOCK SOLDIER BADLY BURNED

While standing near a fire Saturday, April 13, Sergeant William R. Shirley, of our local town, was badly burned about the face and hands from an explosion of a full can of some kind which some one had thrown into the fire. He was picked up by two men and taken to the hospital. His condition is improving.

3-14-1918

Brainwork and Effort Won For Her Falls Young Lady Raises Money On Things Worthless

Quite frequently are printed in the large city dailies and magazines of large circulation, articles of resourceful individuals who have overcome difficulties of all kinds and wrenched success where many of the average persons have found only failure. These articles prove instructive and inspiring to almost every reader because they demonstrate what just a little ingenuity can accomplish in this world of hardships as the person of pessimistic mind would term it.

Some of these articles seem to show that certain persons can make money out of things otherwise considered as waste or worthless. Such a case in the Falls of Schuylkill is in print.

A young lady having realized the great waste of time by knitting soldiers' socks by hand conceived the idea of purchasing a knitting machine which is operated by hand, but when she inquired the price of the machine she learned that her funds at hand were not sufficient to cover the purchase. So she put her thinking cap on and this is what she did:

She went to her friends and acquaintances in the neighborhood and collected old newspapers, worn out rubbers and all kinds of articles for which there had been no further use.

To do this a little "nerve" was required and also some patience. The young lady had the necessary "grit" to push her plan through for she succeeded in collecting enough articles to buy the sock-knitting machine.

When she showed the machine to some of her admiring friends she was asked to explain how she managed to raise the necessary amount. She modestly answered that she had gone into the business of gathering old newspapers, worn-out rubbers and other articles and sold them for cash.

The purchase of the machine has been justified for she is turning out more socks for the soldier and sailor boys than a group of hard-working needle hand workers could.

The young lady who pulled off the clever "stunt" is Miss Alice Newis, of Krail street.

She may be cited as an example to the young women of the Falls of Schuylkill of whom some could lend a better helping hand than they have in the past.

4-4-1918

Frank J. Roney, of Bowman street, now stationed at Fort Wright, N. Y., has recently been promoted to sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps. A short time ago Roney passed an examination and was recommended for a commission as second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. He is now waiting for his appointment.

Charles Mason, who enlisted in the Canadian Regiment, has been sent to his home on Thirty-fifth street, as being physically unfit. He will try to enlist in the American service.

3/21/1918

Promoted In The U. S. Aviation Service James Foley Made Corporal; Lad Only 18 Years Old



JAMES FOLEY

News has reached the Falls of Schuylkill that James Foley, of 3431 Sunnyside avenue, was promoted to corporal in the United States aviation service last Thursday. He is stationed at the air station located at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

This is a good report to have from one of the Falls of Schuylkill boys, who, it seems, always do their part in the world's work.

Overcome by a patriotic desire to serve his country, the 18-year-old lad, while a senior at the Philadelphia Roman Catholic High School, enlisted in the United States service in March, 1917, without the knowledge of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Foley. He was accepted in August following and entered upon his aviation studies at once at Essington. He progressed so well that his superiors made the advancement for him.

Although only 18 years of age, James is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs, according to the latest report, 156 pounds, which is 29 pounds more than he weighed when he left here—really a testimonial to Uncle Sam for the good "eats" he must be giving his boys.

His mother and father feel real proud of their son who so willingly serves the United States. A sister and two brothers also speak highly of the noble work of James.

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LIBERTY LOAN MEETING UNDER BRECK SCHOOL AUSPICES

This letter requires no explanation:
SAMUEL BRECK PUBLIC SCHOOL
District Number Eight
Ridge Avenue and Crawford Street.

April 12, 1918.

Mr. Ernest Carwardine,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:

A patriotic meeting under the auspices of the Samuel Breck Public School, in behalf of the Third Liberty Loan, will be held in the lecture room of the Falls of Schuylkill branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Warden drive and Midvale avenue, on Friday, April 19, at 8 P. M.

Over two thousand dollars' worth of Thrift and War Savings Stamps have been purchased at Breck School up to this time. To the Second Liberty Loan the teachers and pupils secured subscriptions totaling \$9400.

They wish to exceed this sum for the Third Loan. Help them by attending the meeting next Friday evening.

Very truly yours,

WM. H. SOWDEN,
Principal.

4-4-18

FOR THE WOMAN BEHIND THE MAN

Yes, I grant they're the U. S. Army
Standing there, three in a row;
The man in the garb of the workshop,
The soldier, the man with the hoe.

And I wouldn't belittle their service—
All part of a splendid plan—
But I want you to think a moment
Of the woman behind the man.

War! Ah, the word strikes terror
To the heart of womankind;
It hasn't a place in her scheme of life
Nor a chord of response in her mind.

But look! She has squared her shoulders;
"It has come; I must do what I can,"
And she finds her work—did she ever shirk
This woman behind the man?

Not in the line of battle—
Is that the one place for the brave?
But just in the back of the hospital shack,
Who has measured the service she gave?

Tireless, sleepless, unfaltering,
Never heeding the risk she ran,
Strength she spent, strength she gave,
hers a passion to save,
This woman behind the man.

And back in the homes they are leaving,
These boys fired with patriots' zeal,
Linked so close to her life—sweetheart,
mother or wife,
Can she answer the great appeal?

Oh! what of the tireless sewers,
Of the knitting needles that fly,
Of the thought and the care, food to save
and to spare?
This is her mute reply.

Paint us another picture,
Artist with thoughtful brow;
Put them all three in the front, but see
That she has a place there now.

The soldier-boy—how we love him!—
The farmer, the workman;
But isn't there space, just some modest place
For the woman behind the man?
RICHARD JOS. KANE,
Co. I, 109th Inf., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

3/28-1918

Harry C. Mattman, 3155 North Twenty-eighth street, has returned from Newport News, Va.

Clarence Cornell, 3109 North Twentyninth street, is in Shenango Forks, N. Y., on a business trip.

Gunner Mate Alex Peterman, of Midvale avenue, is home on a seven-day furlough, after which he expects to see foreign service.

The basketball game scheduled to take place in America Hall this month had to be cancelled owing to circumstances that could not be overcome.

4-18-1918

MRS. BESSIE PUTS FALLS ON MAP

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, who has always taken a leading part in Philadelphia's social affairs, is now leading with great enthusiasm the Liberty Loan campaign.

Her activities have been recognized beyond her limited field for the Third Loan—the Falls of Schuylkill—as is evidenced by the following clippings, one from the Manayunk "Chronicle and Advertiser" and the other from a Philadelphia daily:

"Through the activities of Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson Altemus and her able corps of co-workers in the White House, the Falls has been given a prominent place on the map. Nothing in its history has brought the place into greater prominence than has the co-operation work of caring for the boys who are serving the country in the Army or Navy. The movement inaugurated by Mrs. Altemus has brought about a long-desired fellowship of the people, both male and female, which will result in a permanent good to the place. In addition to caring for the absent ones in providing comforts for them in the camps and trenches, the good women are now engaged in a successful drive for the sale of Liberty Bonds, for which the Falls has been made headquarters for the district, which includes Manayunk, Roxborough and Wissahickon."

"Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, in her work at the Service House at the Falls of the Schuylkill, has endeared herself to the whole community.

"Patriotic women in that live and earnest neighborhood have even taken the lace curtains out of their windows to utilize them in preparing supplies for the Red Cross.

"Whether it's war gardening or food conservation or Liberty Bonds or woolen socks or surgical dressings, Mrs. Altemus meets the need of the hour in a whole-souled way that has enlisted many loyal and willing recruits to help her.

"And instead of wearing the air of martyrdom or monumental patience, she does it all with a breezy, infectious humor before which blues and grouches melt away like the dew beneath the sun."

3-21-1918

Mrs. Eva Ball, a sister of Jesse Rigall, of Ridge avenue, whose husband is connected with the United States naval officers, gave an interesting bread and cake sale recently at her home in Kingsley, New Jersey. The local newspaper of the section reported it as a great success, \$46 having been realized for purchasing material to make garments for the soldiers.

The latest idea of instruction at Camp Hancock is a pigeon school. Fourteen men have been detailed to handle the work of teaching seventy-five pigeons to carry messages. The pigeons are of the homing variety. Private John L. Churchville, of 2236 Allegheny avenue, a member of the 108th Field Artillery, is one of the men in the new school.

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Brothers Come Home Fifteen Minutes Apart

Two West Boys Had Not Seen Each Other For Some Time

About 15 minutes apart two brothers who had not known of each other's homecoming arrived home on Saturday evening, between 8.30 and 8.45 o'clock, after not having met for some time, because of the war.

The brothers are Harry West, 24, with the U. S. Motor Transport, and Frank West, 22, aboard the U. S. destroyer Wilkes, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, of 3539 Sunnyside avenue.

Frank was on the vessel that has six submarines to its credit. His four-year enlistment expired last September, but he enlisted again. During the furlough in England he was married to a Miss Ethel Lethridge, of Plymouth, England. He wears two stripes for foreign service, one for re-enlistment, and a chevron equivalent to three stripes, for first-class machinist's mate.

His brother, Harry, enlisted December 12, 1917, and presently is stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J.

A brother, Charles, is at home.

With Frank on the day of his homecoming was a sailor friend, Sam Brown whose home is in Kentucky.

The brothers have gone away again, Harry having had 24 hours' leave and Frank 48.

Feb-28-1918

WHEATLESS MEAL DAILY FOR EVERY PATRIOT

Every day in the week is "Wheatless Day" something. The schedule announced by the Federal Food Administration that is being followed in the home of every patriot is:

Monday—Wheatless all day. One meal meatless.

Tuesday—Meatless all day. One meal wheatless.

Wednesday—Wheatless all day. One meal meatless.

Thursday—One meal meatless. One meal wheatless.

Friday—One meal meatless. One meal wheatless.

Saturday—Porkless all day. One meal wheatless.

Sunday—One meal meatless. One meal wheatless.

It's the Victory Loaf now.

Thrift stamps will make a rift in the Kaiser soldier shift.

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FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL ESTABLISHES PRECEDENT FOR COMMUNITIES TO FOLLOW

One Thousand Persons Parade Through Streets Of the Town

And Hear Speakers at America Hall On Liberty Loan

Falls of Schuylkill established a precedent for other sections of the city, and, for that matter, for all small communities throughout the nation, to follow in supplementing the demonstration in the metropolitan municipality for arousing the money-giving spirit for the success of the United States at arms with the Central European Powers who are threatening the freedom of the world, when, on Monday evening, practically every person in the Falls of Schuylkill, man, woman and child, came forward to be either a participant in or a spectator of a parade of nearly one thousand liberty-loving individuals carrying the standard of the nation—the American flag—accompanied by a brass band and a volunteer fife and drum corps, and escorted by a cordon of police through the principal streets of the town to America Hall where a massive gathering heard eloquent addresses on the meaning of the Third Liberty Loan, to which every one who is interested in world democracy is expected to subscribe.

The parade was a surprise to every one in the Falls of Schuylkill, participants and spectators, the latter of whom were lined along the route which was from Midvale avenue on Ridge avenue to Bridge (Calumet) street, countermarch to Clearfield street, to Thirty-fifth street, to Allegheny avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Queen lane, to Thirty-fifth street, to America Hall at Thirty-fifth street and Sunnyside avenue.

Harry Hayes, who is a mounted policeman at City Hall, acted as marshal on horseback. A feature was a float constructed by several employes of the Hohenadel Brewery and business men of Thirty-fifth street, on one of the brewery's delivery wagons and drawn by four horses owned by Thomas Doyle, who held the reins. Standing on the float was Uncle Sam, impersonated by Robert J. Morrow, of 3452 Ainslie street; nearby was the Goddess of Liberty, portrayed by Miss Nellie Lally, of 3533 Queen lane; their defenders, the soldier by Michael Cassidy, of Camp Hancock, Georgia, whose home is at 3729 Stanton street; the sailor by Norman Woolley, of 3312 West Harold street, a former Falls boy who is a student at a wireless school in Philadelphia, and another sailor by Herbert Blacker, stationed at a radio station, whose home is at 4310 Dobson street, were in an attitude of readiness.

A large American flag, held by children, guided by George Hamilton, great patriotic worker, was next in line. The Red Cross nurses were represented by a number of Falls of Schuylkill women and Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus headed a large contingent of women carrying the Stars and Stripes. Men with flags in hand were represented in large numbers. When the paraders arrived at America Hall it was already crowded and some time was consumed in getting seats.

Chairman Bothwell was brief with his introductory remarks in presenting the first speaker, Henry C. Diller, of the Central Committee, a four-minute man. Mr. Diller congratulated his hearers upon the good sentiment they had revealed and made an earnest appeal for friends to stay the "Hun at the gate." He became quite oratorical when amplifying upon the crimes the German conquerors in Belgium had committed and admonished the listeners as to a similar fate should they show only a languid interest toward the Third Liberty Loan. His explanation of the security of the investment and the interest rate was made so clear that the average person could easily understand. The statistical information given was quite instructive. Mrs. Albert William Wood, who followed him,

won interest from the start by her frank, unaffected manner. Her talk was punctuated with humorous stories. Particularly did she prick the men upon their helplessness without women. In her serious moments she showed convincingly what an important part women were playing and had to continue to play in this world conflict. Her advice to the women was to save and serve. She recited how difficult it was to float the First and the Second Liberty Loans, but predicted that the Third Liberty Loan would be over-subscribed as the American people had awakened. She received the most applause of the evening.

George Kelly, who is preparing to serve the United States in its war and who gave up a well-paying theatrical engagement, was next in turn. He held the audience in rapt attention by his philosophical exposition of the underlying causes of the world war. In summary he contended that the issue was predominantly religious, not in a sectarian sense, but from the viewpoint that Germany had rejected Christian teachings and taken up the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest," which is unchristian. Hence it becomes necessary for the Christian nations of the world to annihilate the "spirit of evil" cast forth by the German theory, he concluded. A Bradford (England) soldier lad, Sergeant Brown, charged his hearers with indifference and also told of his experiences in going "over the top." John E. Smithies waxed eloquent in behalf of the loan. He believed that every person in the meeting would be a subscriber.

R. Sailer, a four-minute man, gave an idea of what a \$50 and a \$100 bond would do. He appealed to the people to subscribe. The Rev. A. T. Michler, of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, delivered a strong speech. P. H. Kelly was another interesting speaker, who, no doubt, reached the hearts of the assembly. His seriousness made the listeners mindful of the suggestions he gave.

Chairman Bothwell closed with a few fitting remarks and then made the announcement that the campaign would begin on Saturday next. He also announced that on April 20th a women's parade would take place from Broad street and Columbia avenue, asking as many women as possible to attend.

"Between the acts" entertainment was furnished by the original "Billy" Pemberton, who sang appropriate parodies on the war and also said a few funny things. The Falls Male Chorus volunteered the rendition of a few selections. The brass band on the stage played several numbers.

The ladies on the stage were Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, chairlady for this district; Mrs. Albert William Wood, speaker; Mrs. Alfred Byrne, House-to-House chairlady; Mrs. M. A. Ferris, Churches chairlady; her assistants, Mrs. George Hamilton, Presbyterian Church; Mrs. H. M. Ruch, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; Miss Venetta Whitaker, Methodist Episcopal Church; Miss Jennie Adams, Grace R. E. Church; Miss Elizabeth Kelly, St. Bridget's Church.

The evening was closed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Rev. Dr. J. J. Bonner, of St. Bridget's Church, who was invited to be one of the speakers in America Hall on Monday night, sent the following telegram on Monday night to Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus:

"Serious operation prevents my attendance tonight. Hope Falls will go over top to a grand success."

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**Writes From Place
Where War Really Is
Falls of Schuylkill Lad No
Longer Feared Enemy Shells**

William F. Weer, son of George Weer, of 4209 Ridge avenue, is one of the Falls of Schuylkill boys who

is where the battle is thickest in France.

In the following lines he gives general ideas of his experiences:

March 9, 1918.

East Falls Patriotic Society.
Mr. Ernest E. Carwardine, chairman.
Dear Sir:

I receive your valuable paper every week and enjoy reading it very much. It keeps me in touch with the people back home and especially the patriotic society and the good work that they are doing for the boys who have left there. It is indeed a credit to them and I thank them very kindly for my nice warm sweater and scarf. It has been very useful to me over here for we have had some rough weather. Since my arrival here, August 20, I have gone through some great experiences and seen quite a large part of

France. The most interesting to me was sleeping in billets with the live stock such as cows, pigs and chickens. I think that the outfit that I am in is one of the finest that ever crossed the "pond." The fellows are all so nice and we have plenty of sport amongst ourselves even though our work is hard and the mud where we are now is knee-deep. I have been up at the front for some time and I am getting quite used to hearing them whizz by. These big guns shake the whole country for miles around and sometimes make a grumbling noise when so many go off at a time and keep it up for so long. I never had any idea what war was like until now, but with this happy crowd a fellow doesn't mind it at all.

I am a bugler by rank, but where I am now bugles are not allowed to be blown so now I do all the plumbing that has to be done and every other kind of engineering work and it's very interesting as well as exciting at times. There are two boys here from Wissahickon, R. Carlin and S. Clark. It makes things a little more home-like. We can talk about old times once in a while. I am feeling fine and our company eats as good as any outfit over here so I am getting fat on the job, I have nothing to worry about unless one hits me and then I won't be able to worry. So what's the use of worrying anyway? I think that I was about the first to be in the trenches and in active service from good old East Falls, but I suppose there will be plenty of them here very shortly. What is left of some of these towns is very interesting to look at and that's all. Most of the inhabitants have deserted them and I don't blame them. I think that you will hear shortly of the good work that the Sammys are doing and so will "Fritz." Air battles are a common occurrence now. We can see them every clear day. They have sent gas over, but we can slip our masks on too quickly for them. A fellow looks funny with one of those things on, but they do the trick. Thanking the Patriotic Society for the good things they have sent to me and best regards to everybody in the Falls, I remain

Yours patriotically,
WILLIAM F. WEER,
Co. F, 1st Regiment Engineers.

April 10, 1918.

Just a few lines from one of Uncle Sam's "Kaiser killers." Am now located at a northern embarkation point. Arrived here from a Southern camp on Sunday and was fortunate enough to secure a pass to New York, where I visited my sisters.

We are all enthused at the idea of finally getting the opportunity to cross and actively "do our bit" and only wait for orders to roll our packs and board our ship.

The Falls will be ably represented by Lynn Neely, of Laboratory Hill, and J. Lyons, of Ridge avenue, and myself, we three being in the same regiment.

We are fully equipped and intend to show the Germans what Uncle Sam's "Regulars" can do as soon as we get into it.

With my very best wishes to you and regards to all our friends from the Falls boys here,

Yours truly,
SOL WEISS.

4-11-1918

Civilian Requests Style Of Uncle Sam

Now Detailed To The Fourth
Naval District in Phila.



JOHN F. MAGUIRE, JR.

A little less than a year ago John F. Maguire, Jr., civilian, stepped into the recruiting offices at the Naval Home and informed the officer in charge that it was his desire to change his garb from the latest thing in spring styles to a type worn by Uncle Sam's sailors; the result of this conference was that he returned to his home with a Yeo, 1-C tacked to his name. Sometime later, he was called into active service, being stationed at the Navy Yard, and was assigned to a hospital unit destined for a French naval base; later on, he was detailed to the Fourth Naval District, Supply Department, Pier 19, where he has since been on duty.

The fact that "Mac" is now sporting a C. P. O. uniform, is evidence enough that his duties are being satisfactorily performed; we anticipated even a different uniform than this, and have visions of him sporting gold stripes on the sleeve of his coat, for we know he has the ability and is getting the experience to fit him for any kind of a position that anyone else is capable of filling.

Maguire is the first of our local boys in the naval service, who has enlisted since the outbreak of the war, to get a rating of this kind.

4-25-18

SPECIAL NOTICE

The parents of boys that have gone overseas are asked to send the address of the same to Theodore MacKenzie, Queen Lane, as an important communication is desired to reach each one shortly.

4/25/1918

TELLING YOU ABOUT IT

Tell you about it? Of course, I will;
It happened like this: One day
A boat came into the harbor
And took all our boys away.

There were boys from the city and
alley,
There were boys from the meadows
and glens;
There were boys from the dear Sunny
Southland
Up to where live the big lumber-
men.

Our hearts were run over with sor-
row,
For they were our thoughts and our
care;
They were going, yes going. For-
ever?
To help fight in France somewhere.

We stood on the shore and we watch-
ed them,
As the ship sailed over the lee;
We wrung our hands and we mourned
them,
Forgetting in God's hand was the
sea.

Do you remember when our Lord as-
cended,
How the disciples felt heavy at
heart;
For Jesus had been their companion,
From Him it was so hard to part.

In that case separation meant com-
fort,
For the Holy Spirit would come;
And they went to work with such
vigor,
That God soon said, "Faithful, well
done."

So away sailed the ship with our
loved ones,
And we, like the disciples felt torn;
But we went to that One, God Al-
mighty,
Who, in the past, all our sorrows
had borne.

For the first time in our lives we were
awakened,
To this world's enormous need;
And our boys—well, they left us the
spirit
Of patriotism, indeed.

And now we are not only praying
That God will strengthen our boys,
Who came from the beautiful mea-
dows,
And who came from the city's noise.

But for them we are kept quite busy,
Doing out little bit;
And we quite forget our sorrows,
When we help pack them a kit.

When home come our boys from the
navy,
And our boys from the army brown,
We'll each feel we've done our duty
In throwing Kaiserism down.
—A. H. Willoughby.

5/2/18

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Falls Family Does Bit For Uncle Sam

Three Sons in Country's Service; All in Army

A Falls of Schuylkill family may boast proudly of having done its bit for Uncle Sam. That is the Cassidy family, of 3729 Stanton street, which can speak of three boys in the United States service.

There is Michael, 34 years old, having seen nine years of service. He enlisted in 1909 and received an honorable discharge on Friday, March 26. At the time of quitting he was blacksmith with the Artillery at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

He is now a fireman with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company. His wife and several children live in the Falls of Schuylkill.

A brother, John, 22 years old, has been in France, acting as chauffeur since February. He has been in the service for the last six months.

Another brother, Thomas, enlisted in the military service at 18 about one and one-half years ago. He is serving in the United States Infantry. He is soon to go to France, and before his leave-taking, was permitted to visit his home on a furlough, which expired yesterday morning.

Michael, of course, because of his long service, can tell more of army life than his brothers. He thinks, however, that military discipline is an excellent thing for a man.

The soldier and sailor boys are requested to shorten their letters to the "Forecast" office intended for publication. Several hundred boys from the Falls of Schuylkill are now away and the editor desires to publish a short letter from each one. Hence, boys, be brief; the space is limited.

4/25/1918

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\$240,000 From The People Of The Falls

G. Bothwell Believes Town On Top On May 5

Almost five times fifty thousand dollars—fifty thousand being the Third Liberty Loan quota for the Falls of Schuylkill—or two hundred and forty thousand dollars in round numbers, is the amount which the people of the Falls of Schuylkill have thus far subscribed to the Third Liberty Loan as given out by Chairman Charles W. Bothwell, of the Men's Committee, for this section on Tuesday.

The figures just mentioned are conservative assured Mr. Bothwell, stating that at the day's closing a number of committees had not reported. It follows then, he said, that the amount the Falls of Schuylkill has totaled may reach \$300,000.

Mr. Bothwell is wholly optimistic that this community will lead the nation in the number of times that the quota has been oversubscribed. He is watching with eagerness the reports in the daily papers of oversubscribed quotas. He noted that certain districts were close on the heels of the Falls of Schuylkill in repeating on the quota figures, but believes that on May 5 the town will stand on top.

In assuming this Mr. Bothwell declared that since his brief association with the people of this town he has observed an unexcelled zeal on the part of the folks in town to win in the race, a noble spirit of self-sacrifice, which manifests itself in the giving until it hurts, and even more.

One request he made was that the people of the Falls of Schuylkill should all get together early for one grand push to land the name—Falls of Schuylkill—on the highest peak of fame on May 5, and thus have the letters which spell the name of the town emblazoned in large type in all the papers of the land and overseas.

The completion of the subscriptions so far made is being asked by the Bank of East Falls and persons concerned are requested to make due haste to pay the first instalment and arrange for further settlement.

A partial report which has been submitted is that of the chairman of the committee on churches, Mrs. M. A. Ferris, who gives these amounts, \$47,850.

Presbyterian Church, \$21,450.
Mrs. George Hamilton, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Chidester, Mrs. Robert Croix, Mrs. J. McMurtrie, Mrs. A. Fulton, Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. R. Kyle, Mrs. N. Jones, Mrs. B. Marklev, Mrs. William Kendall, Mrs. C.

Wagner, Mrs. F. Bidenz, St. James the Less, \$7500.
Mrs. Samuel Wagner, chairman; Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. William Grinrod, Mrs. William Wyatt, Mrs. Charles McDermott, Miss Florence Sudell, Miss Emma L. Ferris.

Methodist Church, \$6000.
Miss V. Whitaker, chairman; Miss Carrie Rogers, Miss Agnes McFadyen, Miss Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Harry Clayton, Mrs. W. Hess, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Turner, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Margaret Scott.

Grace Reformed Church, \$6900.
Miss Jennie Adams, chairman, Miss Alice Fox, Mrs. J. C. Adams, Mrs. H. Newton, Miss Elizabeth Chadwick, Miss Florence Marshall, Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. J. Willams.

Baptist Church, \$3800.
Mrs. Harry Binkin, chairman; Mrs. Harry Balrstown, Miss K. Jones, Miss A. Foyle, Miss Mary Wyatt, Miss Jean Martin, Miss Jennie Reed.

Lutheran Church, \$2200.
Mrs. Harry Ruch, chairman; Mrs. Marley, Miss Sophia Moosburger, Mrs. P. Lauback.

Young Women's Christian Association, \$500.

St. Bridget's Church contribution is included in the house-to-house canvass.

ITALIANS HELP LIBERTY LOAN

The Italians residing in the Falls of Schuylkill have shown great interest in the Third Liberty Loan.

The first Italian man to "come across" was Steno Arneli, better known as Louie, having taken three bonds.

The first Italian woman to lend money to Uncle Sam was Mrs. Anthony Bonom.

The Sons of Italy Lodge subscribed to the amount of \$4400.

THREE GOLD STARS IN SERVICE FLAG

Three gold stars are now in the service flag floating from the headquarters of the Falls Cricket and Football Club, on Ridge avenue, indicative of three Falls of Schuylkill heroes who laid down their lives for the sake of defending a principle—democracy.

5/2/1918

LIBERTY LOAN REPORT OF HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS, \$96,600.

The following is a report up to date of the house-to-house canvass for the Third Liberty Loan of the Seventh Division of the Falls.

TENTH DIVISION

Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Joseph Bergen, Captains.
Mrs. William Boyd, Mrs. Robert Morehead, Elizabeth Kelly, Mrs. Walter Binkin, John Bailey, Mrs. John Frommeyer, John Welsh, Mrs. William J. Benham, Mrs. Charles McIlvaine, Christopher Verbeck, Mrs. Verbeck, Jr., Mrs. Mary Clarey, Harry Andrews, Mae Ryan, Anna Morrison, Sydney Benham, Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness, Miss Mary Kemp, Joseph Bergin. Grand total, \$13,550.

ELEVENTH DIVISION

Mrs. David J. Boon, Captain.
Miss Mary Crawford, Miss Mary

Cunningham, Miss Jennie Cunningham, Mrs. Samuel Morrow, Miss Mary Direso, Miss Elizabeth Direso, Miss Mary Ramsbottom, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Ivan Kendall, Mrs. Archie Thompson, Miss Mary Kelly.

David G. Hunter, Captain.
Robert Crooks, Battisti Gargali, Leo McCarthy, William Walsh, Edward Jones, Harry Neely, John Finkleston, Samuel Morrow, Archie Thompson, John Wood, Robert Foster, Daniel Boyd, James Crawford, John H. Miller, Jr., Edwin N. Funk, John Wyatt, David J. Boon, M.D., John Bilbow, William Neely, Joseph Hearn. Total, \$5100.

SIXTEENTH DIVISION

Mrs. George Seddon and E. E. Carwardine, Captains.
Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mrs. R. Kyle, Miss M. Burke, Mrs. E. Carwardine, George Seddon, Mr. Stanley, Robert Kyle, John Digman, Mr. Clancy, A. Koch, Mr. Rochelle, Mr. Tregoa. Total, \$3800.

SEVENTEENTH DIVISION

Mrs. Katherine Gordon, Captain.
Miss Dora Loughlin, Miss Jennie Adams, Miss Irene Filoon, Miss Ida Tregoa, Miss Rose Kemp, Mr. Chas. West, Miss Alice Fox, Mrs. Schaddell, Miss Marion Byrne, Miss Eleanor Byrne, Miss Lavina Starrett, Miss Bessie Moore, Mrs. Alfred Byrne.

P. H. Kelly, Captain.
John Adams, James V. Kelly, Jos. Kemp, Thomas Doyle, Arthur Harrison, Alexander Starrett, David Fox, Bruno Stahnke, John McCorty. Total subscriptions, \$23,300.

EIGHTEENTH DIVISION

Mrs. Swartz and H. B. Cole, Captains.
Mr. Smithies, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hall, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Roy, Mr. H. B. Cole, Mr. Stringer, Mr. Groves, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Mack, Mrs. Sowden, Mrs. Smithies, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Emslie, Miss Kelly, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Mack. Total, \$20,750.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION

Mary G. Flynn, Captain.
Miss Ella Boyd, Miss Marie McNeill, Miss Nellie Fitzpatrick, Miss Lottie Flynn.

Herbert Greenwood, Captain.
Mr. P. J. Kelly, Albert Mangan, John Dunn, Charles Maynes, Robert Flynn, Thomas Ward, Wm. Cooney, George Nagle, Thomas Dougherty, James Lowry, Thomas Flynn, Frank Cavanaugh, Frank Walsh. Amount, \$14,550.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVISION

Mrs. George Hamilton, Captain.
Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Marley, Mrs. N. Burko, Mrs. Roseman, Miss Lang, Miss Elsie Adelman, Miss Mary Adelman, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Walker.
Dr. Louis Reese, Captain.
Charles Dykes, Winfield Benjamin, Amos Dyson, Jacob Brehm, Herbert Boocock, Frank Jardine, Theo. McKinsie, Thomas G. Smith, Dave Grill, William Miller, George Dunkerly. Total, \$5500.

4-11-1918

Sets Pace By Going Over Top of Quota

Falls of Schuylkill Wins First Honor Flag in City

Falls of Schuylkill, which habitually "gets there" first, set the pace for other sections in Philadelphia by going "over the top" of its quota of \$50,000 last Friday with a sum in excess of \$130,000 subscribed for the Third Liberty Loan and consequently won the first honor flag, consisting of a red border and three blue bars across a white field with a blue star added, to explain the doubling of the quota figures for the district, that was awarded in Philadelphia—thus the first honor goes to a woman, Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, who heads the district.

The letter explaining the triumph, sent by Mrs. Altemus to Richard E. Norton, the director of publicity, follows:

"The quota for the East Falls district, as stated by the chairman of the banks and trust companies is \$50,000. We already have subscriptions in excess of \$130,000 and would appreciate it very much if you would kindly procure an honor flag in accordance with the work accomplished. The East Falls district is the section of Philadelphia bounded by School lane, Ridge avenue, Nicetown lane and Wissahickon avenue. We feel very much encouraged and think an honor flag displayed at a prominent corner would do much to further this great cause."

The honor flag which evidences the quick response of this community to the Third Liberty Loan, is suspended in the large window of the Bank of East Falls.

That the district will add more blue stars on the white field of the honor flag—for each additional blue star means \$50,000 more subscribed or that the quota has been equaled again—is a prediction ventured by Chairman Charles W. Bothwell, of the Men's Committee for the district. He is in a position to know for he enters all the subscriptions made. At the time of the conversation with him piles of letters containing filled-in blanks for the Third Liberty Loan were before him.

Mr. Bothwell gave out that at the close of business on Tuesday evening approximately \$185,000 had been subscribed by 825 signers.

He gives Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus great credit for her enthusiastic support of the work and spoke flattering words of the people of the Falls of Schuylkill.

The campaign will not end until some time in May, by which time the committees hope, with the aid of the patriotic American persons in the town, to have rolled up such large

figures that the Falls of Schuylkill will be an outstanding example to not only other sections of Philadelphia but to the entire nation.

May the Falls of Schuylkill attain its goal—pre-eminent of the pre-eminent.

The following will give an idea of the efficient organization for the Third Liberty Loan for this district.

I. FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL DISTRICT

Headquarters: Falls Bank.

Chairman: Mrs. Dobson Altemus, Falls of Schuylkill, Myk. 505.

I. Falls of Schuylkill.

Associate Chairmen.

Mrs. William Benham, East Park Drive and Cadumet street, Myk. 723-R.

Mrs. John Hohenadel, Queen lane, Myk. 502.

Mrs. P. H. Kelly, Thirty-fifth and Midvale avenue, Myk. 843.

Mrs. E. C. Delahunty, 3030 Midvale avenue, Gtn. 4898-W.

Mrs. Thomas Gavaghan, 3535 Ainslie street, Myk. 1506-W.

Mrs. David J. Boon, 4265 Ridge avenue, Myk. 547.

Mrs. E. J. Harkness, Ridge avenue and Queen lane, Myk. 2275.

Mrs. J. E. Smithies, 3427 Sunnyside avenue, Myk. 706-W.

Mrs. Samuel Garrett, 3401 Ainslie street, Myk. 456-W.

Mrs. David Reese, 4165 Ridge avenue, Myk. 870.

Mrs. David Hunter, 3597 Queen lane, Myk. 1452-R.

Mrs. E. Carwardine, 3315 Krail st., Myk. 536.

Mrs. Charles W. Bothwell, Laurens, Gtn. 106.

Committees: 1. Private School: Chairman, Mrs. Frank B. Gumme, 5418 Green street, Gtn. 2176.

2. Moving Pictures: Chairman, Miss Alice A. Neuls, 3323 Krail street, F. of S.

3. House to House: (a) East Falls proper: Chairman, Mrs. A. Byrne, 3545 Sunnyside avenue, Myk. 1506-J.

(b) School lane and Queen Lane Manor: Chairman, Mrs. Charles J. Wister, Oak road and School lane, Gtn. 4310.

4. Churches: (a) Catholic: Chairman, Father Bonner, Falls of Schuylkill.

(b) Associate chairmen—Mrs. Mary

Cleary, 145 Midvale avenue, East Falls, Upper, Myk. 1033; Miss Elizabeth Kelly, 3665 Midvale avenue, East Falls, Upper, Myk. 1202; Mrs. A. Schwartz, 3426 Sunnyside avenue; Mrs. William Gordon, 3512 New Queen street.

(b) Protestant: Chairman, Mrs. M. Ferris, 4172 Ridge avenue, Myk. 530.

II. Upper Roxborough.

Chairman, Mrs. John Dearnley, Maidstone Apts., 1327 Spruce street, Filbert 2876.

1. Churches: Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Hey, Ridge and County line, Roxborough, C. H. 798.

2. House to House: Chairman, Mrs. Charles Lyons, Ridge and Fairthorn

avenues, Roxborough 1146.

III. Lower Roxborough and Wissahickon.

Chairman, Mrs. J. Vaughn Merrick, Roxborough, Rox. 86.

1. Meetings: Chairman, Miss Lucy Bostwick, The Haughton, Roxborough, Rox. 1.

2. Theatres: Chairman, Miss Lucy Bostwick.

3. Publicity: Chairman, Miss Clara Morris, Upper Osborne street, Wissahickon, Rox. 869.

4. Churches: Chairman, Mrs. John J. Foulkrod, Lyceum avenue, Roxborough, Rox. 910.

5. House to House: Chairman, Mrs. Frank Kenworthy, Ridge and Laville street, Roxborough, Rox. 1141.

IV. Manayunk.

Chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Bennett, 4347 Manayunk avenue, Rox. 1252-J.

1. Moving Pictures: Chairman, Mrs. William Smith, 4654 Umbria street, Manayunk, Myk. 834.

2. Churches: Chairman, Miss Marion Fleming, 4700 Umbria street, Myk. 1786.

3. House to House: Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Simpson, 417 Green lane, Manayunk, Myk. 265-J.

Precinct Chairmen.

Women's Committees:

No. 13—Mrs. Charles E. Bennett, 4347 Manayunk avenue, Rox. 1252-J.

No. 39—Mrs. Dobson Altemus, Thirty-third and Abbotsford, Myk. 505.

No. 42—Mrs. John Dernley, Maldstone Apts., Filbert 2876.

No. 13—Mrs. Vaughn Merrick, Roxborough, Pa., Rox. 865.

Men's Committees:

No. 13—David F. Keely, Esq., 4370 Main street, Manayunk.

No. 39—Michael Barnett, Esq., 1106 Lincoln Bldg., Philadelphia.

No. 42—Francis S. Cantrell, Esq., 301 Bailey Bldg., Philadelphia.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIBES TO LIBERTY LOAN

The Falls Building and Loan Association subscribed for \$5000 Liberty Bonds.

The William J. Benham Building and Loan Association subscribed for \$1000 Liberty Bonds.

The Indian Queen Building and Loan Association subscribed for \$2500 Liberty Bonds.

The Square Deal Building and Loan Association, of which William J. Benham and E. E. Carwardine are directors, and J. W. Flanagan, treasurer, subscribed for \$10,000 Liberty Bonds.

The three latter subscriptions all go to the credit of the Bank of East Falls; the whole four to the credit of East Falls and helps to swell the banner record already established and the good work is still progressing.

Contributed.

5/2/1918

Letters From Over The Sea And Here Falls of Schuykill Boys Tell Interesting Things

Falls Patriotic Association.

The presents you sent me were received and please accept my thanks for them. We do not do much writing in camp so I trust you will pardon my not writing before.

This is a great climate to live in; hot in the daytime and cool at night. Again thanking you for your kindness, I am,

TOM J. LYONS.

Camp Meade, April 25, 1918.

I am taking the liberty of addressing this letter to you to show how the soldiers from your home town feel about the Third Liberty Loan as I surely would like you to put it in your weekly paper and thank you in advance. I am sure it will do some good. This is what one \$50 bond will buy one soldier: One trench knife, five rifle grenades and fourteen hand grenades; \$100 bond will buy clothes or feed one soldier for eight months; \$150 and one \$50 bond will clothe one soldier and equip him for oversea service. Three \$100 bonds will clothe and keep one soldier in France for one year. Some subscriber to the Liberty Loan may know that he has made the above possible. If you have purchased to your greatest possible extent, pass this on to some one else. Every one of us needs some one behind providing the money and the tools.

I am going across; you "come across."

Yours truly,
JOHN J. MCGLYNN

April 9, 1918.

Since I last saw you and the Mrs. I left Myer, Va., and went to Merritt, New Jersey, where I spent two weeks. I then started on a tedious voyage, which was a rough one. The weather here is cold at night so you can appreciate how comfortable the sweater presented to me was. In the daytime it is warm. It has been raining continuously here for over a week but incessant and intermittent showers during that time. The trees, grass and wild flowers are in full bloom and lilacs are plentiful. It is just like May here. The landscape and quaint houses with their surroundings of pretty gardens are very nice, but I much prefer the beautiful surroundings of the Falls of Schuykill and I can safely say it is an unprejudiced comparison. The birdseye views here of surrounding country is meagre in contrast to those to be had from the Falls hills. Kindly excuse the negligent appearance of this letter, but my facilities for writing here are poor. I would like to give you a description of things here as I find them, but military necessity forbids. Flowers such as violets, daisies and lilacs grow here. The daisies have a pink tint under the petals and the green leaf of the violet plant seems different from the ones at home. Agriculture, such as the U. S. has, is a missing quality here. Immense acreages are devoted to vineyards; only small vegetable gardens such as we might, and a good many do, grow in their backyards at home, being existent here. Wine shops abound here in which both wines and liquors are sold at

prices the same as in the States, but all are French concoctions. I haven't met any of the Fallsers yet, with one exception and his name is Burk, from Wissahickon. He was going back to the States when I met him. He was a civilian employe over here. I hope he had a safe voyage. My health is fine. I was exceedingly lucky on my trip over here as I didn't get sea-sick. Others did as the ocean was very rough and our ship rolled violently.

Please accept and give my best regards for yourself and Mrs. Carwardine and let the Patriotic Committee know my address, which is Edward Maguire, Company B, 38th Engineers, A. E. F., via New York.

It is much to my regret and most all of our company that we didn't study French, as it is the exclusive language here. Tuition in French was offered to us at Fort Myer, Va., free of charge, but we were engrossed in utilizing every opportunity offered us when we got passes, also when we didn't, in going to Washington and other places in that vicinity. Here we haven't the shows and entertainments that we had at Fort Myer, or Camp Merritt, N. J. After we got ashore in France the first thing we enjoyed was a meal and the second a bath and a change of clothes. The facilities aboard the ship weren't to be had for bathing and our food wasn't much. The money here was our concern as we didn't understand it. The franc pieces are like our quarters and the two-franc like our halves, only the metal mightn't be as good quality as ours. (It looks it.) Paper money here puts me in mind of the civil war shin plasters, which I have often seen in museums and numismatists' windows. One franc and two franc notes are about one-quarter the size of our dollar bills. The ten and twenty-franc about two-thirds the size and the fifty-franc bigger, but not as long (square). The copper pieces are five and ten centimes. One hundred centimes make a franc and the money is all computed from francs like ours is from dollars. The fifty-centime pieces (one-half franc) are like our dimes. The ten-centime piece is called "two sou" and the five-centime, "one sou." For five dollars of American money, twenty-eight francs. A franc is about eighteen cents.

Yours respectfully,
EDWARD A. MAGUIRE.

Dear Mr. Carwardine:

Received the "Forecast" this morning. After reading its contents I feel as though I know everything that has happened in "God's land" (the Falls) since I left the States.

A soldier never loses weight in France, but we have all lost our sweet tooth when the French Government prohibited the making and selling of candy and cakes. To make matters worse the postal authorities prohibit the sending of parcels after April 1, 1918. Alas, mother's pies, sister's oandy and cakes are nothing but memories, sweet memories.

It rains every day in "sunny France." I have named the enclosed verse "Home Cooking."

Thanking you for past favors and with best wishes for your success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

PRIVATE CHAS. J. LYONS.
HOME COOKING

I wasn't a kicker at college,
Though profs tried as hard as they could

To draw extra rations in knowledge
For issue in under my hood;
I don't crab at all in the service,
Though some things have given me pain;
But this much I'll say: "You can take all my pay
But give me home cooking again."

I crave with a militant yearning
For cookies and pies as of yore,
And under my belt is a burning
That can't be put out at a French store;
The band plays a tune in the moon-light,
But this is only a refrain
That I sit there, hear the instruments blare;
Oh! "give me home cooking again!"

But maybe you think I am silly,
And maybe you think I'm not,
But, friends, if you've lived on "Corn Wille"
And eaten it cold, warm and hot,
And had it before you at chow-time
In sunshine and snowfall and rain,
Perhaps you'll agree that a popular plea
Is, "Give me home cooking again."

Camp Meade, April 23, 1918.

Dear Mr. Carwardine,

I take the liberty of addressing this letter to you to show how the soldier from your home feels about the Third Liberty Loan. If you have bought or will buy one \$50 bond I will receive one trench knife, five rifle grenades, fourteen hand grenades. One \$100 bond will clothe me or feed me for eight months. One \$150 bond will clothe and equip me for oversea service. Three \$100 bonds will clothe and keep me in France for a year.

Some subscriber to the Liberty Loan may know that he or she has made the above possible. If you have purchased to your fullest extent, and news from the Falls is very gratifying, pass this on to some one else.

We're going across, so you come across.

Very truly yours,
F. A. ROSS.
Co. I, 314th Inf.

MORE BOYS LEAVE FOR CAMPS

The Falls of Schuykill again has sent boys away to be prepared for Uncle Sam's big job in the world war.

On Friday a small number of the lads left to join other fellows at North Philadelphia station to go to one of the cantonments.

On Monday at 6.45 in the morning another group, after having received gifts from the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, left Ridge and Midvale avenues led by a volunteer fire and drum corps and followed by hundreds of admiring friends who brought up the rear of the parade to be followed by automobiles.

Falls Is Number of Times Over Top of Quota Third Liberty Loan

To Celebrate Loan Success With Large Parade Saturday.

House to House Canvas Started; Carnival Planned

One million seven hundred sixty thousand and three hundred dollars is the amount subscribed by this district, comprising the Falls of Schuylkill, Upper Roxborough, Lower Roxborough and Wissahickon and Manayunk, to the Third Liberty Loan, which closed officially last Saturday, May 4. The Falls of Schuylkill alone totaled \$600,000, which amount is twelve times the quota of \$50,000 assigned to this small community. There were 6007 subscribers. Contrasting the number of subscribers from the Falls of Schuylkill in relation to the population of the community, which is approximately 8000, with the number of subscribers throughout the nation, which was seventeen million, in relation to the population of the country, which is approximately one hundred million, it may be seen that the Falls of Schuylkill had about 75 per cent. subscription as against 17 per cent. for the entire nation. In other words, the Falls of Schuylkill had about four times the average of the country.

This is certainly a manifestation of true patriotic spirit when the persons of a community give with such an open hand toward the Liberty Loan, and again as in so many former instances has the Falls of Schuylkill been found not wanting.

Whether any other community or district has even approached the quota of the Falls of Schuylkill has not been ascertained because of the incompleteness of reports from all over the country, at time of writing.

Nevertheless, the Falls of Schuylkill people may feel proud that they have done so well when sections nearby have not even been in the race in repeating on quotas.

BIG LOCAL PARADE OVER LOAN SUCCESS

In celebration of the success of the Third Liberty Loan throughout the nation, the city, the district and the Falls of Schuylkill, a parade, which for grandeur will excel anything before attempted, will be held in the town on Saturday afternoon, through the principal streets of the Falls of Schuylkill.

Mounted police will lead the parade, followed by Harry Hayes, John Kyle and James Lawson, who will be marshals-in-chief. These are marshal's aides: George Hamilton, children; Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus and Mrs. Alfred Byrne, women, and Charles McIlvaine and Theo. MacKenzie, of the men.

Three bands, it is expected, will accompany the marchers. Representatives from the Thirty-ninth District Home Defense will attend. Three or four floats will be featured. Every mother, who has a son in the country's service, will carry a star service flag in the parade. All others will have Stars and Stripes. United States marines are scheduled to be in the lines. The children of the Falls

will march bravely for the loan success and so will their mammas and papas.

The paraders will assemble at Ridge and Midvale avenues about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon for line formation. The route of the parade will be from Ridge and Midvale avenues to Ridge and Calumet street; countermarch on Ridge to Clearfield street; Clearfield street to Thirty-fifth, Allegheny avenue to Ridge avenue and Midvale avenue to Thirty-fifth street, and thence to the Dobson Field, where patriotic exercises will be held. Speakers will address the paraders.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!!

All school children are requested to parade on Saturday next, May 11, be on hand at Ridge and Midvale Avenue at 3 P. M., and you will be assigned to your place and looked after by a competent committee.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS FOR MEMBERS

A house-to-house canvass plan to get every man, woman and child of the town to become a member of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, which looks after the welfare of the local boys in the army or navy, was started yesterday at the White House. Committees were assigned to districts, and the work of soliciting from door to door will go along with due haste.

The annual membership dues are twenty-five cents—an amount so small it is not felt by the poorest—for which a red, white and blue button, with the name of the Citizens' Committee printed thereon, will be issued. The button is to be worn as a mark of identification of membership.

Relatives of boys who are away in the war service will certainly join, as the organization exists exclusively for the Falls of Schuylkill boys away, and surely friends of the boys will not refuse to become members for the sake of a quarter. In fact, no one in town—as he is secure from peril—can longer defer his becoming a member to help cheer along the fellow exposing himself to danger for our safety's sake.

Your kind indulgence toward the solicitor when she calls is requested. Be calm and deliberate, and do not find fault here or there, but think once, twice, thrice before you say no, and what that no will mean to your fellow-townsmen.

CARNIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BOYS

A carnival for raising funds to purchase useful things for the boys away will take place on Dobson lot in June, under the supervision of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee. The plans have not been yet fully developed.

The project, however, is a large one, and social bodies, such as the Young Men's Association, the Young Men's Literary Institute, St. Bridget's Catholic Club, Falls Cricket and Football Club, Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus and the Falls Beneficial Association, J. & J. Dobson's Athletic Association and Flute and Drum Corps will lend their co-operation.

Without a doubt, the success of the affair is assured, as Falls of Schuylkill does not go "half way."

5/9/18

MORE BOYS TO LEAVE MONDAY

The following is the official list of boys that will leave for Camp on Monday afternoon next, May 13.

The public are asked to be on hand Monday afternoon at 2.30 to bid the boys God speed at Ridge and Midvale Aves.

Robert Dickson, 3148 North 25th.

Herman Wurster, 2417 North Hollywood.

Pat Whelan, Mt. Peace Cemetery.

Sebastian Bocchino, 3117 W. Clementine.

Philip Reilly, 3432 Queen Uane.

Harry Knowles, 3909 Ridge Ave.

Harry Anger, 2856 North 26th.

Jacob Mower, 3609 Fiske Ave.

John J. Haran, 3414 W. Clearfield.

ALTERNATES

John Harry Miller, 2840 North 20th.

Antonio Presti, 4112 Riege Ave.

Michael Powers, 3437 W. Clearfield.

Francis Donahue, 3422 Sunnyside Avenue.

5/9/18

Men Wanted For Home Defense Reserve

Movement Is Nation Wide Solidifying Americans

Herewith is printed a letter which is fully explanatory:

HEADQUARTERS 39TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA HOME DEFENSE
RESERVE

Twenty-second and Hunting Park
22d St. and Hunting Park Ave.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1918.

Editor, "Falls Weekly Forecast,"

Sunnyside Ave. and Cresson St.,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir—May I have the privilege of using a little space in your valuable paper in an effort to bring to the attention of all red-blooded, patriotic Americans the need of their service in the Thirty-ninth district, Philadelphia Home Defense Unit? Every able-bodied man who is able to spare one night a week to drill—and it should be a duty to make a sacrifice if necessary, in order to spare that one night—should consider it a privilege to join this body of men pledged to the defense of Philadelphia's homes—your home, my home, our wives and our children. Think of our boys "over there." They have given all they had—life itself—and they cannot collect any interest on that—and they stand one chance to ten of losing it or having it maimed for the rest of their days—not so "soft" as investing in Liberty Bonds—and what for? To save these United States of America from the bestial atrocities that have laid waste Belgium, Serbia, Northern France, Roumania, Poland; murder, fire, pillage and the desecration of all that man holds most dear. To teach the unspeakable Hun that his "kultur" is a crime against the civilized world. With those boys, our boys, fighting it out in France, is it too much for us who remain home in comfort and peace to pledge ourselves to the protection of the ones they have left behind? For our own sakes—if we need

to be selfish—for the the protection and defense of all that we hold most dear?

The Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve offers this very opportunity. It is solely under municipal control and absolutely free of politics. Members are not required to do duty outside of the city limits. It consists of two bodies—a police unit and a military unit. The former are instructed in the duties of the regular police and take their place temporarily if they are called away from their district for riot purposes. The military unit, drilled in accordance with U. S. army regulations, are held in reserve for service in case the police are overpowered. You have but to read the daily papers to know that such a body of trained men is absolutely necessary for the peace and safety of Philadelphia's homes, our families and our children. The Thirty-ninth district needs recruits. Our headquarters are established in the finest police station in the United States. We have a fine body of good, clean, patriotic citizens at present enrolled—but we need more. There are certainly enough loyal citizens in the Thirty-ninth district to fill our ranks if they only knew just what the requirements are and the need of their services. We take this opportunity of making a direct personal appeal to every male reader of the "Forecast" to come to Headquarters, Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue, on Tuesday night, see the work, and enroll. If you want any further information, write the undersigned or see him any Tuesday night at Headquarters—he is always at your service. Don't delay—join now. Buy all the Liberty Bonds you can and then buy some more. They're a safe investment—the safest in the world—and your money lubricates the wheels of war and lessens the chance of our boys being maimed or killed. But don't stop there. It is good work, but remember, you will get every dollar of your money back with interest. Weighed in the balance of the supreme sacrifice of our boys "over there" the risk is light. Service is what we need. Service for your country. Service for your home. You will benefit from the physical training. Your home will benefit because it will have your trained adequate protection. Your country will benefit by your loyalty and patriotism. The Home Defense Reserve movement does more than merely local good. It is nation-wide and is the means of solidifying Americans for America and the Democracy of the World. It provides a body of trained men throughout the United States prepared to defend their country, their homes and all that our forefathers paid so dearly to bequeath to us to the last man.

"Our country right or wrong!"
We believe she is always right. But right or wrong, it is our country, and if it is worth living in it is worth defending to the last drop of good American blood.

H. CHARLES RAWLINS,
Corporal, Company Clerk, 6th Company, 4th Division, P. H. D. R.
3240 Sydenham Street.
Phone, Tioga 5830.

5-9-18

John W. Brennan sent this interesting item from Washington, D. C.:

"I had the honor of leading the Goodrich Forces in the Liberty Loan parade in Washington on Friday, carrying a service flag with 2224 stars."

Sol Weiss sent a post card on which is the following: "The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas."

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WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Mrs. A. Hardwick has raised \$25.50 for the purchase of a knitting machine. This money was raised from the sale of a knitted sack.

The Falls Cricket and Football Club is displaying three gold stars on their service flag. The stars represent the following men: James Bentley, David Craven, Walter Barr.

The Falls Male Chorus sent a check to the Falls Patriotic Committee last Tuesday for \$50, the proceeds of the last concert in America Hall.

Friday, May 17, Miss Mame Cassidy, assisted by Mary Norris, will give a block party at Ridge and Midvale avenues for the benefit of the "White House." Everybody is invited to assist.

Several young ladies of the J. & J. Dobson mills started a penny-a-week club to aid the "boys over there," and Miss Katharine Jones, of Queen Lane, returned \$27 over to the Falls Patriotic Committee on Tuesday evening last.

See adv. on page 3 for the Owls.

WOMEN'S PART IN THE LIBERTY LOAN

The women received 6004 subscriptions, which totalled \$577,600.

The amount collected from Manayunk, Falls, Upper Manayunk, Wissahickon and Roxborough amounted to \$1,760,900.

The women of this city collected more money than any other city in the country.

REPORT OF THEATRES AND BOOTHS FOR 3D LIBERTY LOAN

Total, \$64,850.

Chairman, Alice Newis; Emma Ferris, Mary Elizabeth Altemus, Ida Trega, Antoinette Fiedler, Marion Ferris, Jeane MacKay, Anna Flynn, Ethel Brown, Alice Emsley, Mary Crawford, Levina Starrett, Bessie Moore, Mrs. Martin O'Connell.

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FIVE NABBED AS DESERTERS

Five alleged deserters were arrested in a raid made in McBride's Court near Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, Saturday night by city detectives. The prisoners gave their names as Frank Boyle, McBride's Court; Charles Carr, Falls of Schuylkill; Edward Bastle, Ridge and Midvale avenues; Charles Donegan, Nineteenth and Noble streets, and Charles Casey, Twenty-third and Master streets. All were held pending an investigation.

Local Loan Success Parade Greatest Ever In The Falls

School Children, Women, Men Join In Demonstration

STIRRING ADDRESSES ON DOBSON FIELD

The Falls of Schuylkill Third Liberty Loan success parade, which was held Saturday afternoon through the principal streets of the Falls of Schuylkill, was the greatest patriotic demonstration ever witnessed in this community, in which about one thousand school children of the town, carrying the Stars and Stripes, and five hundred women and approximately as many men took part, keeping in step with music furnished by a detachment of thirty-one men of Sousa's Great Lakes Band, in charge of Jesse Rogers; the Falls of Schuylkill Brass Band and the John & James Dobson Fife and Drum Corps.

The parade began to move at 3 o'clock under police escort from Ridge and Midvale avenues to Bridge street, countermarching to Clearfield street, to Thirty-fifth street, to Allegheny avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Midvale avenue, to Thirty-fifth street, to Queen lane, to Dobson Field, where inspiring addresses by patriotic speakers were heard.

Harry Hayes was chief marshal, who was followed by little Miss Mary Altemus, junior equestrienne, with Scoutmaster James Lawson and John M. Kyle, both mounted, on either side of her.

George Hamilton, than whom there is no more patriotic devotee to Old Glory, headed the school children, each of whom carried a small flag. Four large American flags were held by the future citizens. Little fellows carried banners announcing the subscriptions each grade had obtained. One placard hurled a defiant notice to the Kaiser in dollars solicited for the Third Liberty Loan.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, chairwoman of the Women's Committee, and Charles W. Bothwell, chairman of the Men's Committee, walked side by side. Following them was a group of youngsters who bore the service flag, containing 375 stars. The honor flag which was awarded the Falls of Schuylkill was also in line.

Women attired in Red Cross costumes attended in large numbers; also a delegation of patriotic women was in the parade. The men of the town participated in good numbers. A float bearing Miss Liberty, impersonated by Miss Nellie Lally, of 3533 Queen lane, brought up the rear, followed by another float with girls knitting with a sock machine. These were the Misses Alice Newis, Esther Carwardine and Mrs. Bomona. Several truckfuls of Red Cross ladies and women workers of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee were last in line.

The police protection afforded the paraders was excellent, the lieutenant and his able men in blue deserving especial mention for their perfect management of the large crowd which saw the parade.

Having arrived at Dobson Field, the course of the parade was across the field to an improvised speakers' stand, around which the marchers and a large gathering pressed to hear the addresses. George Kelly, who needs no further reference, acted as temporary chairman in presenting the Rev. F. A. Gacks, newly-appointed pas-

tor of the Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, as chairman of the exercises.

The Rev. Mr. Gacks won his hearers by the directness of his remarks, and when he vehemently asserted that militarism must be and will be wiped from the face of the earth he was loudly applauded. He outlined the responsibilities the United States has in the war and the responsibilities the people of the nation must assume.

The first scheduled speaker was J. P. O'Brien, a four-minute man, who told the listeners that they had a big job to perform, and uttered his confidence in the people of the United States to fully meet the situation which circumstances had forced upon them. Several times he was almost overcome by emotion when he spoke of concrete cases of German barbarity during the war. His appeal to the people to help made a deep impression.

M. B. Macken—that is the way she gave her name, not caring for a prefix of Miss or Mrs.—spoke ardently for the War Savings Stamps campaign, which began on Monday last, and also for the War Chest drive. Her eloquence gained sustained attention. During her remarks she admitted that she was a business woman, who had been willing to speak during noon hours and after office hours for the great cause now before the nation. She urged a hearty support of everything the Government did, and pilloried the short-sighted critics of the Administration's doings.

The next speaker, Lieutenant W. T. McCallum, of Montreal, Canada, who has seen service abroad as machine gun officer with the Black Watch Regiment, was intently listened to when he gave first-hand observations of the war. His hearers followed him to France, where his activities were, and saw how the German machinery for destruction had cut down the men under his command who bravely faced the fire. He related horrifying instances of the Huns' criminal acts to women and children. In his reference to the Red Cross, he told how he had been shot through the abdomen by the enemy, and been nursed to good health by the noble women in white, who nonchalantly labored while shells burst overhead. His conclusion was that the Red Cross needed support.

The following local men contributed toward the defrayal of the expenses of the parade:

PARADE CONTRIBUTIONS

Walter Kelly	5.00	C. K. Sorber	1.00
P. H. Kelly	5.00	George Seddon	1.00
J. Hohenadel	5.00	H. McDevitt	1.00
W. Kelly	5.00	F. Morison	1.00
C. McIlvaine	5.00	S. Garrett	1.00
George Kelly	5.00	D. Borland	1.00
E. E. Carwardine	5.00	S. J. Kersun	1.00
P. H. Kelly	5.00	J. T. Denton	1.00
S. Hemlich	5.00	F. Schofield	1.00
Charles V. Kelly	5.00	B. Armitage	1.00
James Hanlon	5.00	J. Hutchinson	1.00
C. Bothwell	3.00	J. Lawson	1.00
Clayton Brothers	3.00	O. Peel	1.00
G. Stubblebine	2.00	James V. Kelly	1.00
Mrs. Harkness	2.00	J. Fiedler	1.00
Mrs. Albert Hardwick	2.00	R. Smith	1.00
Mrs. T. McFarland	2.00	C. and J. Reed	1.00
Mrs. P. H. Kelly	2.00	John Cleary	1.00
D. Hunter	2.00	William Trenwith	1.00
Mrs. D. Boon	2.00	Mrs. Heston	1.00
G. Hamilton	2.00	H. McDevitt	1.00
W. Löffelhardt	2.00	William Paul	1.00
H. Felton	2.00	Edward Smith	.50
J. Mack	\$1.00		
John Wyatt	1.00	Total	\$108.50
L. K. Pundt	1.00	Expenses.	
James Parks	1.00	John Bangert, Jr.	\$25.00
Fletcher Brothers	1.00	Signs	7.00
		Two pieces of music	8.00
		Smokes for band	20.00
		Postage	2.00
			\$62.00
		Balance turned over to White House	46.50

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Thirty-Five More Leave For Camp

Will Meet Monday Morning at Ridge and Midvale Aves.

Next Monday morning at 6.30 o'clock, thirty-five Falls of Schuylkill lads will meet at Ridge and Midvale avenues preparatory to their leave-taking for Camp Meade.

They will have been outfitted with comfort bags and other things at the hands of the local Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

Their march will be to the Thirtieth district police station and then to North Philadelphia station, where they will bid farewell.

These are the names of the boys ordered to report Sunday, 4.30 P. M., first roll call, May 26:

James Casey, 3663 Calumet st.
 Antonio Presti, 4112 Ridge ave.
 Francis Donohue, 3422 Sunnyside ave.
 Steve Frederick, 2613 Deacon st.
 John Rosso, 4058 Ridge ave.
 Patrick I. Whelan, Mt. Peace Cem.
 Samuel Yalonski, 2619 Deacon st.
 Martin Sadlier, 15 Arnold st.
 George B. Rath, 3568 Queen alne.
 Joseph Tyrrell, 3329 Krall st.
 Harry R. Smith, 148 Eveline st.
 Joseph Mantell, 4020 Ridge ave.
 Joseph F. Coe, Jr., 3577 Calumet st.
 Alexander Sochon, 3507 Sunnyside av.
 Wm. Kinginer, Jr., 3419 W. Westmoreland st.
 Alexander Wilson, 1532 Park ave.
 Peter Codrino, 2611 Roberts ave.
 Timothy J. Ryan, 142 Stanton st.
 Jacob A. Noll, 3717 Stanton st.
 Wm. F. Adelman, 4173 Ridge ave.
 Walter Fox, 3543 Sunnyside ave.
 Chris. J. Hannon, 3121 Shedwick st.
 Geo. C. Gray, 3220 Scott's lane.
 Edw. P. Fitzgerald, 7 Dobson's Row.
 Benjamin Mantell, 4020 Ridge ave.
 Capriete DiMichele, 4112 Ridge ave.
 Howard R. Duncan, 33d and Abbotsford ave.
 Guiseppe Casenza, 3647 Stanton st.
 Michael J. Miles, 4038 Ridge ave.
 James MacKay, 3536 Ainslie st.
 John Greenwood, 3507 W. Allegheny.
 Jas. W. McHale, Jr., 3419 Sunnyside.
 John W. Halstead, 3550 New Queen.
 James Dugan, 3112 N. 35th st.
 Guiseppe Rappazza, 3643 Stanton st.

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Thomas Rowe, Jr., 3438 Bowman st.
 Timothy Reardon, 3941 Ridge ave.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

April 22, 1918.

Dear Mr. Carwardine:

I read in a "Forecast" where one of the Falls boys was issued with blankets bearing the stamp of Dobson's, and he thought it a strange coincidence, considering the number of firms making blankets for the Government.

I think I had a stranger experience. Of the thousands of men who come and go through the general hospitals of the British Army, I was thrown in contact with a former Falls boy, Jeffrey Sutcliffe. You will remember they kept a hardware store on Ridge avenue (two doors above us) about nine years ago, when the family returned to England.

We had a good time talking over old times and he was very much interested in all the Falls people. I loaned him a bunch of "Forecasts," which I had and he thoroughly enjoyed them.

He wished me to remember him to all their friends, especially of St. James the Less Church, and I think a little item in your "Here and There" column would be the best way to do this.

He was astonished at the number of boys from the Falls in the service, but I assured him the town had been on the map for a long time.

Thanking you, I remain,
Sincerely,

PVT. RALPH WARD,
No. 16 (Phila., U. S. A.) General
Hospital, B. E. F., France.

March 1, 1918.

Dear Friends:

I received your Christmas box addressed to Madison Barracks yesterday somewhere in France, and believe me, it was welcome, and this is only one of the things I have noticed, which shows the feeling between the people of the Falls. Everything in the box was useful and just what we want over here. I suppose you thought I was not going to acknowledge it, but the fact is, I left Madison Barracks long before you sent this box and I was lucky to ever get it. Well, all's well that ends well, so I will close, hoping everything is all right in the old town.

CORP. T. A. BEATY,
Sup. Co., Q. M. C., No. 302, A. P. O.,
No. 708, France.

The mother of T. Beatty, of Calumet street, has received word that her son, Terrance, has been badly wounded somewhere in France.

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The Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church has printed an honor roll containing the following names: Russell Markley, William F. Weer, David G. Lawson, Thomas E. Jones, Thomas A. Coulter, E. Alvin Davies, W. Hilbert Carruthers, Walter Hollingsworth, Leonard Reigraf, Elmer Dorsey, Lynford R. Neely, Ivan Crooks, Norman Garrett, Ashton Ross, Russell Ross, Dr. J. D. Linton, Sherman C. Starrett, Alexander Starrett, Jr., Edward Jones.

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Can you imagine it? The Falls of Schuylkill had four times the average per cent. of subscriptions of the country.

John Elmer Denton, son of the late John Denton, enlisted in the regular Navy. He has the congratulations of everybody for his noble act.

One day's pay each month is solution to "31-to-1" mystery in War Chest drive to open May 20; merger of war relief organizations to eliminate separate campaigns often overlapping in city.

Hurrah! Falls of Schuylkill had 70½ per cent. of the population subscription while the country had only a 17 per cent. average subscription. As always Falls of Schuylkill leads.

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WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Ernest E. Carwardine resigned as president of the Falls Patriotic Committee on Tuesday evening, on account of ill health. Theodore MacKenzie was elected.

The carnival to be given for the sailors and soldiers on the Dobson Field will be held from June 6th to the 15th. Committees have been appointed and amusements selected and everybody is working hard to make it a huge success.

The treasurer, Joseph Lally, of the Falls Patriotic Committee, announced Tuesday evening that he had a balance in the bank of over \$1,200.

James Kelly, of 3428 North Thirty-third street, won the \$50 Liberty Bond given by Mrs. James Dobson. Over \$200 was realized from it.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus has been appointed chairlady of the War Chest Committee for the churches, schools and mills of this district. She was asked to take the House-to-House Committee, but refused, saying that the letter carriers had done such heroic work that they should be allowed to finish it themselves.

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WHITE HOUSE NOTES

The carnival to be held on Dobson Field from the 6th to 15th of June, is certainly going to be some show; the committees are working hard for its success. There will be everything that a modern carnival ought to have, and will be run entirely under the control of local people. The attractions will be numerous and it is expected to have about twenty booths of different characters. Everybody is asked to make it the success it ought to be.

F. C. P. C.:

Arrived at Allentown safe. Thanks for the sweater and bag.

W. B. MILLER.

Miss Cassidy's block party, held last Friday evening, netted over \$100 for the Falls Patriotic Committee.

Two Falls of Schuylkill Italian boys, one from Roberts avenue and the other from Ridge avenue, left town last week to enter one of the cantonments of the United States Army. They were provided for, before leaving, by the local Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas.

PRIV. JOSEPH PADULESE,
Co. I, 109th U. S. Inf.,
American Expeditionary Forces.

France, April 27, 1918.

To the Editor of the "Falls Forecast":
Dear Editor—Please convey my heartfelt thanks for the many gifts I have received from the Falls Patriotic Committee, the Germantown Y. W. C. A.; also the wool given by Mr. Rochelle for the soldiers' helmets and wristlets.

PRIV. A. KEEN, 3030472,
A Canadian Soldier in France.

Mrs. E. Woffindin Ridler, of Germantown, received word on Monday of the safe arrival in France of her nephew, Lieutenant N. D. Finley, formerly of Queen Lane. Lieutenant Finley expects to meet his brother in France, Sergeant Joseph Wifflindin.

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LARGE SERVICE FLAG AT ST. BRIDGET'S

On Tuesday evening two hundred and fifty men belonging to St. Bridget's Holy Name Society met in the basement of the church to arrange proceedings to do honor to the soldier and sailor boys of the parish. With the most hearty and generous approbation of their esteemed pastor, Rev. Fr. Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to have a conjoint parade and unveiling of a service flag on Sunday afternoon, June 2. In this parade will march sailors and marines from the Navy Yard, the children of the school, the members of the Holy Name Society, the Catholic Alliance, B. V. M. Sodality and other members of the parish. There are upwards of two hundred boys of the parish now in the U. S. A. service. The young ladies of the Catholic Alliance have very kindly volunteered to prepare a special supper and entertainment for the sailors and marines in the basement of the church. The Rev. Fr. Gallagher and members of St. Bridget's Holy Name Society, under whose auspices the celebration is being arranged, hereby extend a cordial invitation to all non-Catholics, churches and patriotic societies of the Falls to join them in thus honoring "Old Glory" and the brave boys who are fighting for and upholding the same. A special platform and stand will be erected upon the lawn in front of the rectory, from which noted orators will speak and around which will be sung the patriotic songs of our country. Definite and final details of the celebration will be published next week in the "Forecast." Mr. Thomas F. Gavaghan is president of the Holy Name Society and chairman of committee in charge. Rev. David F. Kelly is Spiritual Director.

CONTRIBUTED.

MEMORIAL SERVICES OF FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In accordance with the suggestion of President Wilson, a patriotic memorial service of prayer will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Memorial Day morning, from 9.30 to 10.30, to which all are cordially invited.

MEMORIAL DAY

By the President of the United States
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, on the 2d day of April last, passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, it being a duty peculiarly incumbent in a time of war humbly and devoutly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and to implore His aid and protection, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested to recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnity and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of our cause, His blessings on our arms and a speedy restoration of an honorable and lasting peace to the nations of the earth;" and

WHEREAS, It has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn in humble appeal to Almighty God for His guidance in the affairs of their common life;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, and do

exhort my fellow-citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there, as well as in their homes, to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will; beseeching Him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in those days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia, this 11th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

By the President,

WOODROW WILSON.

ROBERT LANSING,

Secretary of State.

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LOCAL BOARD FOR DIVISION 38 City of Philadelphia

22d and Hunting Park Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa., May 20, 1918.

Mr. Ernest Carwardine, "The Forecast," East Falls, Phila., Pa.

Local Board for Division No. 38, Philadelphia, Pa.

Registration, June 5, 1918.

Will you kindly give all publicity to the registration of men who have attained the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917? The day set for this registration is June 5, 1918, and the places for registration for men of Division No. 38 will be at two places, Local Board office, 22d and Hunting Park avenue and the other place will be at the new fire house, Ridge and Midvale avenues, Falls of Schuylkill. The hours are from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CHAS. S. OSMOND,

Chairman,

E. C. DELAHUNTY,

Secretary.

Forecast April, 1918

NEWS MILITARY BY MILLY TERRY

On last Monday evening, during the drill, one of the lieutenants, at the request of Mrs. Altemus, made a short address in behalf of the Emergency Aid Aides, thanking Captain Cranage for his good offices in bringing about the reception and dance that is to be given in honor of the Aides by the 1st Infantry, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, at their armory, Broad and Diamond streets, on April 29. An official acceptance of their invitation will also be sent to them.

It is the first time anything of this kind has ever been given in Philadelphia, and it promises to be the most brilliant assembly of the season. This grand celebration is exclusively for the Aides of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch

and it is to be hoped that the girls will fully measure up to the dignity of the occasion.

The Aides have been carrying from time to time in the various parades in which they have been called upon to participate two handsome silk flags—one the American flag and the other the banner of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch of the Emergency Aid Aides. These have never been officially presented to the girls' organization and, on the evening of the reception Mrs. Altemus expects Brigadier General Waller to attend and make the presentation of the colors.

The Aides will be definitely informed on their next meeting night just what is to be done in regard to the change of color on their collars and keystones.

MILLY TERRY.

May 8th 1918

AIDE DANCE A BRILLIANT AFFAIR

The most wonderful gathering in the history of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch, Emergency Aid Aides, took place at the Second Regiment Armory, Broad and Susquehanna avenue, on Monday evening, April 28, when Company A of the 1st Infantry, P. R. M., gave a reception and dance in their honor.

Almost since its inception the Falls Branch of the Aides has been in possession of a beautiful silk American flag and also a lovely banner, the generous donor being Mrs. Dobson Altemus. So a formal presentation of these flags was made to the girls on the evening of the reception by General Waller. He

also complimented Mrs. Altemus on her large and grand organization, Captain Cranage as a capable drill master, and highly praised the girls for the good work they did during the course of the war.

A beau of one of the aides heard a very pretty compliment passed upon their drill. In an attempt to dress it up deservedly for you and to present the dialogue as nearly verbatim as a second repetition will permit I have been inspired to write my first play. For the want of a more apropos title let's call it "The Verdict, a Play with a Happy Ending.

Scenario: Second Regiment Armory, Philadelphia.

MILLY TERRY.

U. S. S. KONIGIN DER NEDERLANDEN

You say he can't stand the army,
That the life is too rough for him;
Do you think that he's any better
Than some other mother's "Tom" or
"Jim"?

You raised him up like a girl?
He don't smoke or drink is your
brag;

If all the rest of the boys were like
him,

What would become of "Our Flag"?
You say, let the "rough-necks" do the
fighting,

They are used to the beans and the
stew;

I am glad I am classed with the "rough
necks,"

Who would fight for the Red, White
and Blue.

You say that his girl couldn't stand it,
To send him off with the rest;
Don't you think she'd be glad he en-
listed,

When she feels the Germans' hot
breath on her breast?

Think of the women of Belgium,
Of the cruelties they had to bear;

Do you want the same thing to happen
To your innocent daughter, so fair?

You can thank God that the stars in
"Old Glory"

Are not blurred with those kind of
stains;

Because there are ten million "rough-
necks,"

Who have "good red blood in their
veins."

They go drill in bad weather,
And come in with a grin on their
face;

While your darling sits in the parlor
And lets a "man" fight in his place.

Maybe we do smoke and gamble,
But we fight, as our forefathers did;

So, go warm the milk for his bottle,
Thank God, we don't need your d—

"kid."

Note—Composed by a sixteen-year-
old boy and submitted by Joseph Tyr-

ell

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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE THURSDAY

In obedience to the President's Memorial Day proclamation, which reads in part thus:

"I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, and do exhort my fellow-citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there, as well as in their home, to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will; beseeching Him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will," a community service in penitence and prayer will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Ridge avenue, on Memorial Day at 10 o'clock sharp.

All of the churches of the Falls will participate and will be represented by their pastors. To this service, so necessary at this time, the community is urged to come, as well as the members of the respective churches.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. William B. Cook, pastor of the Presbyterian Church; the Scriptures will be read by the Rev. F. A. Gacks; prayer will be offered by the Rev. Charles Seasholes, D.D., and the Rev. Arthur T. Michler, while the President's proclamation will be read by Clifford Collins. The offerings will be devoted to a charitable object.

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Y. W. C. A. ITEMS

Trip and picnic for all Halcyon Club Girls, Saturday, June 8.

On June 13, at 8 P. M., there will be a patriotic meeting under the auspices of the National League for Women's Service for all girls who would like to try for a Junior Service Corps. This is a fine chance to show your patriotism. Girls, come and hear about it. Don't forget Red Cross sewing Wednesday, June 5, from 2 to 4 P. M. Wool for Red Cross work will be given out Wednesday afternoons.

East Falls, June 3, 1918.

The ladies of the Emergency Aid Sewing Class wish to thank all who aided them to make their afternoon tea on May 18 such a grand success by their donations and patronage. They wish to thank the Young Men's Association especially for the use of their rooms and ground.

Total receipts\$214.74
Expenses 3.24

Balance turned over to the Emergency Aid Overseas Committee\$211.50

MRS. WARRINGTON.

THE HERO OF PONTANEZEN

Smedley Darlington Butler was born at West Chester, Pa., July 30, 1881. Attended Haverford School. Married Ethel C. Peters—has 5 children. Appointed April 8, 1899, to U. S. Marine Corps. Promoted through the grades to Colonel, 1919. Brigadier-General, Oct. 7, 1918, temporary appointment. Permanent appointment as Brigadier-General, 1921.

In Haiti, Nov. 1915—Commander of a detachment sent to Grand Riviere. With 25 men, Butler entered the fort occupied by insurgents. Two men entered ahead of him, doing so to prevent him from being first. The assault inside the fort was made with the knowledge that no quarter would be given them. In 1917, Butler was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for this action.

He was Commander of the Embarkation Camp at Brest, France, Oct. 15, 1918, to July 31, 1919. Awarded Distinguished Service Medal, 1919.

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HERE AND THERE

Jean Buditti is reported as being in France.

William Burns, 3140 North Twenty-ninth street, enlisted in the Navy and left for Norfolk, Va., last Thursday.

Robert Adams, of North Thirty-third street, was home on Tuesday from Camp Mills, L. I. He has been made a second lieutenant.

Cashier Charles W. Bothwell, of the Bank of East Falls, and wife are entertaining Mr. Bothwell's mother and father, of Duncannon, Pa.

George Seddon, wife and son have been spending several days at Atlantic City with the Lu Lu's. Mr. Seddon is a member of the Lu Lu Patrol.

Mrs. David Grill, of Queen lane, together with her son, Harry, is home after a visit to Camp Lee, Va., to see her son, David, who is serving in the U. S. Army.

Lt. Irvin S. Grindrod and Charles May have arrived safely overseas.

Twenty dollars and seventy-one cents was collected at the Falls Presbyterian Church on Decoration Day at the community service and was donated to the War Chest.

William Boardman, of Engine Co. 35, has been home on a furlough from Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, looking fine and healthy.

"I wish to thank you and all of the Patriotic Committee for the kindness shown me. I am leading the life of Riley down here."—Francis Donohue, Company G, 315th Infantry, R-24, Camp Meade, Md.

Joseph Stead, 3144 North Twenty-ninth street, is in the Navy now. He left for Norfolk, Va., last Tuesday.

Next Sunday night, at 8.30, Mr. Young, from the Central Y. M. C. A., will speak at the Boys' Meeting. Boys of Grace Church are especially invited. Honorary members and visitors welcome.

Miss Helen Collier, well known in

the Falls as being connected with the Midvale Theatre, arrived home on last Thursday evening from her tour of the United States with her company. She expects to stay home until August.

"Good either way" railroad tickets will be abolished after June 10 under a ruling made by McAdoo. The word "to" will be substituted for "and" now printed between stations. Thus the double-action use of the pasteboard will cease.

TOP SERGEANT OF PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES

John Digman, of 3215 Cresson street, was appointed top sergeant of Company C, First Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia. The Pennsylvania Reserve Militia takes the place of the National Guard in the State and is the only reserve militia that is recognized by the Federal Government as a bona fide reserve unit and permitted to wear the regular infantry blue hat cord.

Drills are held twice a week, Mondays and Fridays and everything that a soldier must know is being taught the men, including all drill formations, manual of arms, boxing, wrestling, fencing and calisthenics.

Some time during July the State Brigade will go to the camping grounds at Mt. Gretna for field instructions in modern warfare.

Other local boys enlisted in the Reserve Militia are Joseph Foley and William D. Hall, of Thirty-fifth street. Men from 18 to 45 years of age are eligible to enlist, excepting men in the first class of the draft. Just at the present there are vacancies in B Company, which meets at the Second Regiment Armory, Broad street below Susquehanna avenue, and in the cavalry company, whose armory is in West Philadelphia.

Mr. Digman will be glad to furnish information on request.

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MORE BOYS ENLISTED FROM THE FALLS

William Dally, North Thirty-fifth street.

Raymond Norton, 3653 Stanton st.

Bert Cunningham, Calumet street.

Thomas Golden, Eveline street.

John Gillice, Bowman st.

Michael Rawley, Eveline street.

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BLOCK PARTY ON CALUMET ST.

On Saturday evening last a block party was held on Calumet street for the benefit of the Falls Patriotic Committee. The affair netted \$44.75 and was given by the Misses Harriet Turner, Elizabeth Noll and A. S. Voce, assisted by Mrs. Casey.

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Saint Bridget's Church Raises Two Large Flags Large Patriotic Parade Precedes Speechmaking Neighboring Churches Participate

Over seventeen hundred men, women and children of St. Bridget's Church, representing the Holy Name Society and the Sons of Italy, the Alliance of Catholic Women of the War Activities Committee and the Blessed Virgin Sodality, and the Parochial School, joined by a large number of representatives from the neighboring Protestant churches and by over one hundred White House workers, headed by Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, without whose whole-hearted patronage the Falls of Schuylkill would have never attained to fame for war work, who arose early Sunday morning at her summering place in the cool Pocono Mountains to take the train for this community to attend the demonstration, marched in patriotic line from St. Bridget's Church grounds on Midvale avenue to Ridge avenue, to Calumet street, counter-marched to Clearfield street, to Thirty-fifth street, to Allegheny avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Midvale avenue, to the church lawn where a large American flag and a service flag, with 268 stars, were unfurled, after which speech-making followed. One hundred marines and sailors were in the parade.

The demonstration was the most inspiring witnessed in the Falls of Schuylkill and was extraordinary from the fact that while the affair was in honor of St. Bridget's boys who are in the United States fighting service, it was devoid of any denominational distinction as evidenced by the several religions represented.

The parade began moving several minutes before 3 o'clock. Three bands the Falls of Schuylkill Brass Band, the John and James Dobson Fife and Drum Corps and an Italian band from the city, furnished the parade music. It may be noted that Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, an honored guest, preferred to be afoot during the march. An automobile occupied by the orator of the day, the Honorable Eugene Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, by whose side sat his host, the Rev. Bernard Gallagher, rector of St. Bridget's Church, was in the procession.

Following the parade the large gathering reverently sang "America," upon the ending of which Chairman of Ceremonies, Thomas J. Gavaghan, expressed sincere thanks in behalf of the parish to the participants in the parade, and especially to the sailors and marines who had formed in line in front of the platform. He announced that the American flag and the service flag were the gifts of the Holy Name Society in honor of the boys of the parish who had gone to the colors.

The presentation address was made by the Rev. D. F. Kelly, assistant at the parish and spiritual director of

the Holy Name Society. His utterances were full of patriotic ardor. He asserted that it was an obligation to honor Old Glory and to show gratitude to the boys. After God comes one's country is the Catholic Church teaching, he said. In emphatic terms he declared that he preferred death to dishonor and charged his listeners with the duty to their country and its flag.

The unfurling of the American flag was performed by little Miss Kathryn Gavaghan, daughter of Thomas J. Gavaghan, attired in red, white and blue, assisted by ten little Miss Liberties. The service flag, with 268 stars, was unfurled by Master John Cassidy, whose father served with Uncle Sam's forces and whose two uncles are now in the United States fighting service, assisted by ten future warriors for the country.

The words of acceptance of the two flag gifts of the Holy Name Society by the Rev. Bernard Gallagher, rector, were few, but made solemnly.

The orator of the day, Judge Eugene Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, in his opening remarks recounted to the soldiers and sailors standing before him the deeds of valor performed by the heroes noted in the country's history, adding that those brave who had passed away were looking to the fighters of the present to perform their work for the nation's glory. He made reference to Constantine the Great, whose military success had been strengthened by the sign which had appeared in the heavens telling him "By this thou shalt conquer," and suggested this incident as a guiding star for the prosecution of the present war with the explanation that the Stars and Stripes, fortified by the cross of Christianity, would never know defeat.

The next person introduced was, to use the words of Mr. Gavaghan, "a lady born to wealth whose profound interest in the community had put the Falls of Schuylkill on the map particularly by winning the first honor flag of the Third Liberty Loan, who had taken the early Sunday morning train in the Poconos to be present and grace the occasion, who had done so much for the boys upon and after leaving, therefore, needing no introduction." Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, upon being called forward, arose and whispered to Mr. Gavaghan, nodding to the vast numbers and retiring while presenting kisses to all present. Mr. Gavaghan told the anxious people that Mrs. Altemus had whispered "My heartfelt thanks to one and all and congratulations."

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, declared that for the one great cause all differences had been dispensed with in order that an early permanent world peace for democracies might be assured. The Red Cross, he reminded, was a most potent agency, a women's organization, to be recognized for its work of mercy. His anecdotes were well received.

The Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus rendered several selections during the interludes. The crowd

joined in patriotic singing.

On the platform were seated Judge Eugene Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, orator of the day, and Mrs. Bonniwell, Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the local Baptist Church; the Rev. Eugene Kelly, of St. Charles Borromeo parish; the Rev. Bernard Gallagher, the Revs. D. F. Kelly and John Bonner, Alexander Peters of the United States naval service, two naval officers, E. C. Delahanty and the Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus.

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Three Nights Of Carnival Remain Big Tent Has The Great Big Show For Everybody

Three nights' run of the carnival for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors under the White House management on Dobson Field remain. These are tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday night.

The carnival so far has been a grand success. On the first three nights a large sum was realized. The various attractions were well patronized and spending was done freely.

The men and women of the committee have worked hard to make their booths attractive and provided worth while things to be sold.

All expectations are that the last three nights will show greater returns than the first three and preparations have been made accordingly.

The carrousel, it is believed, will be jammed. The razzle-dazzle will have to go for all it is worth; the dolls will not have an idle moment and the fish pond will be crowded.

The candy will be exhausted, the cakes will be all taken, the ice cream will run short and the other booths will be cleared.

In other words the Falls of Schuylkill folks will make a clear sweep of everything and not leave a thing behind, which is in keeping with the reputation of doing things thoroughly.

The big tent is the big attraction which is directed by that "live wire," Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness. She makes things go. Here is the program submitted by her:

The big tent, 10 cents. Moving pictures and three big acts every night; a different show and picture. Movie managed by J. and J. Dobsons' A. A. S. Vaudeville by Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness. Show starts at 8.45 P. M.

Thursday—Three-reel funny picture; solo, Miss Ethel Hobson; sketch by Miss Elizabeth Dodge, Jas. Whartenby, "A Cloudy Day."

Friday, June 14—William S. Karl, four-reel picture; baritone solo, William Platt; reader, Miss Grace Walker; sketch, "A Quiet Hotel," Luke Shaw, Miss Willow Dodge, H. Craig Seasholes.

Saturday, Navy Night, price, 25 cents—Six big acts. Act 1—Dancing act from Keith's, Miss Jane Mapier, eccentric dancing and toe dancing; Miss Carolina Schwer, world's youngest toe dancer and singer; Miss Evelyn Cohen, the baby dancer, "Spirit of Winter." Wonderful costumes, Miss Irma Fulton, Robert Fulton, song and buck dancers.

Act 2—Sketch, "Aunt Jemima's Money," Miss Anna Lockhard, Miss Jennie Martin, Miss Erma Shaw, Miss Ellen Whartenby.

Act 3—Song and dialogue by sailors.

Act 4—Boxing bout. These three acts were furnished by the United Service Club.

Act 5—Four-reel picture.

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Gigantic Carnival For Soldiers' and Sailors'

Dobson Field Is Center for Merrymaking Beginning Tonight.

WHITE HOUSE COMMITTEE HAS CHARGE

The gigantic carnival for the benefit of the Falls of Schuylkill soldiers and sailors, under the direction of an active committee from the White House, will have its opening on Dobson grounds, Queen lane and Cresson street, this (Thursday) evening. It will stay ten days.

The carnival is the largest event that was "ever pulled off in the Falls of Schuylkill." It is a general community carnival toward which all the social bodies of the Falls of Schuylkill are lending a hand. All persons in the town are interested in its success as the money realized will be applied for the good of the boys in the fighting service, and, surely, every body away has a relative or friend in the town who will attend.

The Midway, of course, will have its followers, who will promenade up and down its course to see the various things on display, and perhaps, meet friends and acquaintances they had not seen to get them "to take the different things in."

The "hobbies" will certainly be kept busy by the young patrons who flock to this form of amusement. But the elders should not be counted out, for they get just as much fun out of it, if not more, because they can catch rings and maybe catch a ring for a free ride.

The razzle-dazzle, with its swaying motion, giving an idea of being adrift in a lifeboat on the rolling sea, gives much amusement to the loving couples, and especially to him who must most reverently keep his arms around her so she may not be cast overboard.

Who will be dared by the clarion-voiced one to hit the nigger? Well, a fellow, most undoubtedly, will not be cheap when his

lady friend is with him, or, perhaps, when he knows feminine eyes are on him. He will just let his hand go deep in his pocket and "let her go."

Many who have the fishing spirit will spend their hours at the fish pond, from which are hauled all kinds and shapes of packages. Fishing is, indeed, a good pastime.

The candy table will have its numerous customers, for everybody has a sweet tooth, and especially the lady who is with the gentleman who can pride himself on having a girl.

Cakes aplenty will be consumed, or taken home, for they are of that substance that causes one to eat until "tummyache" comes around.

Getting hungry is the result of promenading about and adequate provision is made on the grounds, so one does not have to go hungry. Of course, the ladies know just what and how to prepare the "eats."

Not to overlook ice cream, which always graces the picnic. It will be there in abundance. The smoker's wants are anticipated, also.

Potted plants for flower lovers will be sold and those wishing to adorn themselves may get their favorite bloom also.

Something new will be an "o'er the top" table. What it is no one knows. But it will pay to go and find out.

Then there is the novelty table and the fancy needlework table, which also will contain bric-a-brac.

During the hurly-burly of the carnival on the different nights, these bands will furnish the music: the Police Band, the Firemen's Band, the John and James Dobson Fife and Drum Corps. This Saturday evening the Kilties' Band will play on the grounds.

A big attraction every night will be: a moving picture and vaudeville show, produced by Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness. A definite program has not been announced, as the patrons of the carnival can easily find out for themselves on the grounds.

The active committee from the White House in charge of the huge enterprise are Theodore L. Mackenzie, John M. Wyatt and Joseph Lally, president, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, ex-officio members; John M. Kyle, chairman; Benjamin Armitage and Chas. McIlvaine, aides.

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Emergency Aid Has Many Local Recruits List of Girls Who Became Members of Organization

The meeting scheduled for last Monday night at the Citizens' Patriotic Committee rooms for the purpose of organizing a Falls branch of the Emergency Aid, was a howling success.

Mrs. Altemus had secured six or eight girls from Chestnut Hill, Germantown, and "other foreign parts" to come and talk to the Falls girls about the duties and privileges of the aides. Adaptation of requirements will be made to conform to the capabilities of girls in the Falls between the ages of 14 and 25, most of whom may be occupied during the day.

The visiting squad certainly aroused the enthusiasm of those who strolled in, so that when those who were interested were asked to give their names no less than sixty responded. This is a very good beginning, but there are more girls than that in the Falls who are eligible, so that more enlistments are expected.

The organization promises to be interesting and helpful, and although much of the work will be along the lines of that already carried on by the Citizens' Patriotic Committee additional service will be rendered by the "younger element," and, besides, the uniforms are irresistible.

After the meeting Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus was a lavish host to the young women, whom she led to several nearby places where ice cream or sundaes or similar sweets were indulged in.

These were the young women enrolled:

Marion Morrow	Fannie Thompson
Margaret Calhoun	Kath. Hopkins
May Montgomery	Francis Hopkins
Grace Kyle	Lavina Starrett
Laura Adams	Bessie Moore
Marion Byrnes	Agnes Hardwick
Margaret Nagele	Anna Flynn
Beatrice Harrison	Helen Flynn
Sue Maher	Ethel Morris
Elizabeth Maher	Sadie Calhoun
Elizabeth Langan	Isabel Calhoun
Alficia Furman	May Burnes
Emily Jenkinson	May Ward
Mary Murray	A. McLaughlin
Florence Murray	Jennie Rodgers
Mary Roney	D. Carwardine
Elsie Edwards	Marion Chadwick
Margaret Ruff	Grace Stamm
Edna Radcliffe	Regina Cassey
Mary Radcliffe	M. Cunningham
Mollie Radcliffe	Anna Kelly
Marion Gray	Maria Kelly
Ida Gray	Mary Calhoun
Madeline Hagy	Elizabeth Calhoun
Elsie MacKenzie	Mary Bonoma
Gladys E. Smith	Betty Ferguson
Alice Fox	Mary MacAniffe
Jean Ferguson	Jean MacKay
Isabel Ferguson	Marion Ferris
M. Ferguson	Jerry Gordon
Bessie McCarthy	Mary Stehle
Jeane Hallowell	Mary Kyle
Mary McCarthy	Mary Kennedy
Grace D. Walker	Alice Newis
Dorothy MacIndoe	

A block party will be held at Thirty-fifth and Crawford streets on Friday evening, June 28, to raise funds for dressings for the Emergency Aid overseas. In case of rain the affair will take place the following evening. The hot dogs will be in evidence. There will be soft drinks, ice cream, cake and what not.

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Helps in Saving Crippled Seaplane U-Boat Chaser Brings In Cape May Base Aviator

From Cape May was received news that a crippled hydro-aeroplane towed into port by a speedy submarine chaser was the novel spectacle presented to boardwalk promenaders in the inlet section late Sunday afternoon. From officers aboard the submarine chaser it was learned that the engine of the seaplane "went dead" several miles off the coast of Barnegat and the aviator, attached to the flying forces quartered at Cape May, was fearful for a time that he would be compelled to spend the night at sea in his frail craft. He was sighted late in the afternoon by the lookout aboard the S. C. 209, one of the latest types of craft built by the Government to counteract the U-boat menace, and towed safely to the Curtiss flying station for repairs.

The submarine chaser, with twenty-two men on board, put up for the night in Gardener's Basin and set out to sea early the following morning. Members of the crew confided that this is the first time in nine days they have set foot on shore.

Tommy Haran, one of our local boys, was one of the lookouts aboard the sub-chaser when the seaplane was sighted. He is a member of the crew of the S. C. 209, which was commended for their great work during the recent submarine raids by Lieutenant Commander Haake.

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LETTER RECEIVED FROM FRANCE

Dear Father:

I take great pleasure in writing you a note, hoping you're all well. As for myself I am well and happy and enjoying France well. The weather here is beautiful now. We have daylight up to 10 o'clock at night. We were playing ball here in camp at 10 P.M. last evening.

We have quite a lot of fun here in the evenings. We sure have a lively bunch with us. It seems that there is more life in them now than there had been in the States.

I see the Falls lad quite frequently — most every night. He brought me over two "Forecasts" and believe me it sure did me good to read the news from the home town and quite a few of the other boys enjoyed reading it. We have a couple of American newspapers here and we get a little news as to the doings in the States.

How is everything in Philly now? I expect the boys are still leaving.

Your son,
JAMES HARTE,
Formerly of Midvale avenue.

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MORE BOYS TO LEAVE FOR CAMP

On Wednesday, June 26, sixteen boys will leave to join the forces of Uncle Sam. The Falls Patriotic Committee will be on hand to take care of them as usual.

Isadore Vailer, 303 S. 4th st.
Clifford J. Harris, 2412 W. Allegheny.
Joseph Mantell, 4020 Ridge ave.
John Pearson, 3451 W. Allegheny ave.
Robert Massey, Sea Isle City, N. J.
Ewald Shaw, 3319 Arnold st.
Michael Marino, 3641 Stanton st.
Sidney Bates, 3413 Crawford st.
John Janke, 4245 Ridge ave.
Robert Frederickson, 1501 N. 53d st.
Harvey S. Frantz, 2726 N. 29th st.
Walter E. Gutsche, 2674 W. Elkhart.
Patrick McManus, 3331 W. Sergeant
Thomas Y. Dickson, 3226 N. 25th st.
Albert Janke, 4245 Ridge ave.
Benjamin Coccia, 3121 N. 30th st.
Alternates.

Bernardo Michini, 3450 Sunnyside ave.
Lemuel Sturgis, 123 Eveline st.
Harry C. Weber, 2901 N. Hambrey st.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

A meeting will be held next Monday, 8.30 P. M., at the White House for the purpose of forming a branch of the "Emergency Aid" aids. Several speakers from headquarters will be present. Mrs. B. D. Altemus requests all young ladies to become interested.

The cash taken in at the carnival in the ten days was in the neighborhood of \$3500. After the expenses are deducted out there will be a good sum realized.

Carnival continued Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Dancing on the green Friday and Saturday; prize fox trot, etc.

Special Saturday afternoon for children; added attractions.

Free moving pictures each evening.

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HOG ISLAND WORKERS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Returning from their work at Hog Island last Tuesday evening an automobile load of Paradise men met with an accident which might have resulted fatally for some of them.

They were going north on Thirty-fourth street about Wyalusing avenue. As they neared the Zoo an automobile ahead of them suddenly stopped to avoid hitting a shepherd dog. This was so unexpected that the two cars collided. The car with the Paradises turned several somersaults and cast its occupants along the roadside.

Its occupants were Harry Mattmann, 3155 North Twenty-eighth street; Anthony Shortall, 2810 Clementine street; Andrew Cantley, Twenty-fifth and Clearfield streets, and William Root, of Harris Farms. After having the injuries treated at the West Philadelphia Hospital they went home.

6-13-1918

HOW "SHE" FEELS WHEN "HE" GOES

It is true that the feminine element brought near the war through the many great and worthy channels of "war work," but nothing accomplishes that end so well as the occasion when "Her Boy" goes away. As soon as "He" gets his induction notice the war becomes personal and a feeling of being almost in the fray is experienced when the morning arrives for her chosen knight to sally forth. This was proven to me on Monday morning, when some more of our Falls boys took their departure for Camp Meade. We girls cannot follow them through the numerous and varied avenues of their journey, but it is our privilege to "see them off." While taking advantage of this privilege my impressions were interesting if somewhat sad.

I was awakened about 5.30 G. M. and omitting breakfast (a girl can live on excitement, you know), managed to dress in time to accompany "Him" to the meeting place, Ridge and Midvale. Just being an ordinary person, I was content to walk by the side of "My Hero," his bag and rolled army blanket easily identifying him as a prospective soldier to the early risers who had grouped themselves along the sidewalks. I wonder if these good people know how much their sympathetic faces and words of cheer and good wishes help the cause? Thus we reached Ridge and Midvale, which place is certainly witnessing some sights these days. There "The Boys," their near and far relatives and friends had gathered. Because of an errand we had to forego the pleasure of going to the Station House with the bunch, but took the trolley by ourselves. We arrived at the Thirty-ninth District Police Station shortly before 7 A. M.—a little early. While "He" went upstairs to "get checked" I sat forlornly, but proudly, guarding his things and so saw the Falls people make their appearance with signs and songs and smiles.

Of course our gracious Lady Bountiful was there, adding her gifts and good wishes to those of the near and dear ones. Also there were present others of whom the community is so justly proud, doing a big bit by helping in their respective capacities to take care of "The Boys." Most of their needs had been supplied before arriving at the reporting point, but there they were given candy, lunch, "smokes" and flowers. Surely "Our Boys" appreciate the expression of such loyalty, and although one husky draftee declared that he looked like Theda Bara, after pinning his badge over one buttonhole and pulling a huge pink rose through the other, trying to wave a replica of Old Glory and hold on to his lunch at the same time; the grin on his face was evidence enough of how good it made him feel.

Finally it was time for the "Boys" to leave the station house and start for the railroad depot. Every time a break was made it meant the saying of some good-byes and the shedding of tears. With the best of intentions we really cannot help crying, especially when "everybody's doin' it." I discovered that the distance was short enough, and that it was possible for me to walk beside "my soldier boy," and thereby see "Him" as long as possible. So while the celebrities pulled out in their machines I bravely stepped out beside my prince charming and really enjoyed the hike, in spite of the lump in my throat. On broad street and other streets the occupants of the porches and sidewalks greeted the procession with cheers and good wishes and waving of flags—sometimes service flags. At last

North Philadelphia Station, the final destination as far as we girls were concerned, came into view.

Everybody's really awfully nice, aren't they? Especially in war times! No matter of what creed or nationality, when it comes to having the pride of your life, whether it be a son, brother, sweetheart, or possibly a husband, prepare to plunge into such an uncertain thing as war, all hearts are akin, and nobody hesitates to show it. Soon it came time for me to bid "Him" good-bye, and after "He" was really beyond my sight (very likely my handkerchief was in evidence), some one patted me on the back, and a swarthy man with a lined face assured me in sympathetic tones that "everything would be all right," and because he looked so tragic himself I tried to force a smile. Common sorrow is a great power for democracy in its broadest sense.

Of course, a mere girl could not go upon the platform, so after he was beyond my sight it was little use to remain. Some people were fortunate enough to be able to single out their boys as they stood on the train platform, until a train already loaded with raw recruits pulled in and shut them from view. One "nut" on this train, who certainly isn't going to spend his time moping when he gets to camp, lustily asked if any one wanted a collar and tie, and evidently received a positive response, for a policeman was entrusted with the neckwear, and directed to give it to a designated member of the crowd as a memento. Some one yelled that he was a wise lad, as he would have no need of such things at Meade, whereupon his generosity got the best of him, and his shirt was ripped off—"over the top"—but the officer refused to find a recipient for such a personal gift, so the train pulled out with the owner using it to good advantage in waving good-bye to the crowd. This little comedy did much to relieve the tense atmosphere.

I'm afraid that that was the worst time for the mothers and others of their sex. Even the thought that in all probability a furlough would be granted and she would see "Her Boy" in the near future did not altogether lighten her heavy heart. But deep down she knew that Uncle Sam would take good care of "Him," and that "He" in turn will reflect glory on Uncle Sam by helping to put an end to tyranny.

So in each case "The Girl He Left Behind Him" turned away, and squaring her shoulders as best she could took up her march—to the day's work.

EAST SANDLING CAMP, KENT, ENGLAND

There's an isolated, desolated spot I'd like to mention,
Where all you hear is "Stand at ease," "Slope arms," "Quick march," "Attention."

It's miles away from anywhere; by gad! it is a "rum 'un."
A chap lived there for fifty years and never saw a woman.

There are lots of little huts, all dotted here and there;
For those who have to live inside I've offered many a prayer.

Inside the huts there's rats as big as nanny goats.
Last night a soldier saw one trying on his overcoat.

It's mud up to the eyebrows; you get it in your ear;
But into it you've got to go without a

sign of fear;

And when you've had a bath of mud you just set in and groom
And get cleaned up for parade or el its "orderly room."

Week in, week out, from morn t night, with full pack and rifle,
Like Jack and Jill you climb the hill, of course it's just a trifle.

"Slope arms," "Fix bayonets," then "Present;" they fairly put you through it,
And as you stagger to your hut the sergeant shouts "Jump to it."

With tunics, boots and puttees off you quickly get the habit;
You gallop up and down the hills just like a bloomin' rabbit.

"Heads backward," "Bend," "Arms upward stretch," "Heels raise," then "Ranks change places,"
And later on they make you put your kneecaps where your face is.

Now when the war is over and we capture Kaiser Billy,
To shoot him would be marcfiful and absolutely silly.

Just send him down to East Sandling—there among the rats and clay,
And I'll bet he won't be long before he droops and fades away.
But we're not down-hearted yet.
PVT. TOD WATSON,
Canadian O. S., France.

7-3-1918

FALLS BOY IS RAPIDLY PROMOTED

In the June 28 issue of "The Bayonet," the newspaper of Camp Lee, Virginia, is a news item telling of a Falls boy, Daniel A. Sadler, who is one of a small number of selected men aiding in the administration of the warehouse of the Medical Corps stationed at the camp.

The article is fairly enlightening in that it gives an adequate idea of how effectively a unit of the Government is conducted. Daniel gets his share of praise for good work performed.

Dan enlisted June 20, 1917, with the Medical Corps and was sent to Fort Slocum for a time and later to West Point. On October 1 he was ordered to Camp Lee, where, after a short period he was promoted to corporal, then to sergeant and lately to sergeant-major.

His parents, when asked about the boy in Uncle Sam's service, wavy their hands in silent but satisfied approval.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"Many, many thanks for your kindness and for remembering me."—Private Anthony Kilroy.

"Arrived safely and am feeling fine. Many thanks for comfort kit."—Vin J. Gordon.

"I am thanking you for your kit as it comes in very handy."—Private William P. Dony.

"I received your box and I thank you very much for it."—Private Francis Ryan.

"Your generous gift of sweater, socks and kit have reached me and I find them very useful. Many thanks for your kind remembrance."—John Elmer Denton.

"I thank you for the comfort kit."—James A. Kelly, Camp Meade.

"Within the past week I received several knitted articles from a lady of the Falls. She informed me that the wool for these articles had been furnished by the Falls Patriotic Committee. I wish to thank the members of this committee for furnishing this wool, thereby making the wristlets, helmet and socks that I now possess possible. The spring weather we have had here of late has not necessitated the use of these articles, but no one knows how soon another change in the weather might make them necessary. If the wind keeps blowing like it is tonight that will not be very long.

"In going through my correspondence box I regret to find that I failed to acknowledge boxes of Christmas candy sent by this committee. I regret this oversight and neglect on my part and trust that you will not consider me ungrateful for not having acknowledged it before this. Indeed the opposite is true for when I consider that I have not been in East Falls except for occasional visits for over four years I feel very grateful to those who still think of me as a resident of East Falls.

"Thanking you again for the services of this committee,

"Very sincerely yours,
"ALBERT LIGHTOWLER."

"I send my sincere thanks to the ladies and committee of the White House for the sweater, wristlets and stockings sent by them to me.

"I certainly appreciate what they have done for the boys who are in France."—Pvt. V. R. Roach, Co. E, 106th Tel. Bn. N. A. S. C., A. E. F., France.

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your great kindness. I have no other way of showing my appreciation for your great favors. You can hardly realize how useful the sweater and wristlets were on some of those cold nights when I had to walk my post on guard. When I tell

you that every fellow must do his own mending you can imagine how useful the kit was."—Cornelius Mulligan.

"This is a few lines to let you know that I received your box of soldier's comforts today and I am very thankful for what the Citizens' Patriotic Committee has done to help brighten up some of the boys who are oversea."—Pvt. A. Keen.

"I received the package of smokes today and I certainly appreciate them and the splendid spirit the people of the Falls show in sending these little remembrances to the boys. It sort of makes a fellow cheer up to know the folks back home in dear East Falls are thinking of him and it helps a good deal.

"The fellows in the hut with me said: 'East Falls is proving itself to be a real place after all.' But I assure them it always was a real place and especially so now.

"This unit is getting on splendidly and everybody is happy, but of course anxious to return to U. S. A.

"Thanking you again,
"Yours sincerely,
"PVT. RALPH WARD,"
France.

I received your letter and was glad to hear all is well in the home town. I want to thank the Falls Patriotic Committee for the many things they sent me. You can tell Mr. McKenzie that we are all together and feeling fine.

I hope that all the boys will be home for Thanksgiving, but I'll tell you when I get home I'll have a month's vacation.

Paper is very scarce and you will have to excuse my short letter and remember me to all my old friends.

PVT. T. S. WATSON,
3,030,485, Canadian Army, O. S.
France.

"Please convey my heartfelt thanks for the many gifts I have received from the Falls Patriotic Committee, also to several other folks in the old home town. Hopes that the carnival will be a grand success. The Falls boys are all O K and in the best of health."—Corp. William F. Connolly, 31st Co., 8th Bn., 155th Depot Brigade, Camp Lee, Va.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"I extend my sincere thanks to the Women's Patriotic League for soldier's kit, sweater, candy and socks, which I received and greatly appreciate."—David A. Grill, 31st Co., 8th Battalion.

"Received your kit and find that it contains everything I need. Very thankful for same."—M. W. Gallagher, 31st Company, 8th Battalion, Petersburg, Va.

"I received the kit bag, also the sweater my mother knit me. Many thanks for them. Wishing you success in your work."—Joseph A. McDevitt.

"Received your 'comfy kit' and I assure you I appreciate it very much. Thanking you for your kindness."—Private Edward Morris, Co. B, 15th M.

G. B., Military Branch, Chattanooga Tenn.

"Sending this card and giving thanks for the sweater which I have received and which will give me comfort in time to come."—Joseph Archie, 318th Ambulance, 304th Sanitary Training.

"I received your package and I thank you for your kindness."—M. J. Gaughan, 17th Car, Troop M, Douglass, Arizona.

"I arrived safe at Camp Meade and the life is great. Thanking the committee very kindly for the kit."—John A. Gormley.

"Accept my sincere thanks for the sweater you have sent me. Your kindness will redound much credit to all affiliated with the committee."—Lt. M. F. Fitzpatrick, Hdq. Dep. Brig., Camp Jackson, S. C.

"Wish to acknowledge the kit received from your committee. It's just what a fellow needs."—Herman A. Kohn, Jr.

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Eddie Ryan is home on a furlough from the Charleston Navy Yard at Boston where he completed a training cruise on the steamer Calvin Austin, which left Philadelphia on April 20. He is now in the Merchant Marine. This branch of the service operates the transports between here and the other side. He has three brothers in the service.

BOYS WHO HAVE ENLISTED

The following boys enlisted lately: George Smith, Bowman street; James Lynch; John F. Welsh, 4800 Ridge avenue; James C. McIlvaine, 3521 Allegheny avenue; Philip Kelly, Stanton street.

Joe Hurley, who enlisted in the 8th Cavalry, U. S. Army, and stationed at Candelara, Texas, doing service on the border, while leading two horses, was kicked by one of them, sustaining several broken ribs and his leg broken in three places. He is recovering rapidly at the hospital base at Camp Marfa, Texas.

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FAMILY GIVE 4 TO UNCLE SAM

In writing of families who are helping Uncle Sam honorable mention must be made of the Fitzgerald family, of 7 Dobson Row, who are entitled to four stars in the service flag.

There is Edward, 31 years of age, who is at Camp Meade since May 26, and then there is Louis, 29 years, who is in the military outfit in France. James, 27 years, enlisted in the navy and is now on the high seas, and Frances, just a little over majority, is one of the seamen stationed at Newport.

The proud father of the boys is James Fitzgerald, who, when quizzed about his sons, looks at one wistfully. The mother, Johanna, is dead about a year.

Five sisters look proud when their brothers are spoken of.

Phil Kelly, of Stanton street, left last Saturday for Lafayette College for a three months' course in motors and their parts for the Motor Squadron of the U. S. Army.

John Maguire returned yesterday from a trip across the water. He is a chief petty officer in the navy and can tell some very exciting stories of his experiences.

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A large crowd was at Ridge and Midvale avenues yesterday morning to bid the boys farewell on their long trip to Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia. The Falls Patriotic Committee were on the job to look after the welfare of all.

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BOYS LEFT ON MONDAY FOR CAMP LEE

Seventeen of our boys left Philadelphia on Monday last for Camp Lee. The Falls Patriotic Committee was on hand as usual to bid them farewell and see that they were equipped with kit bags, sweaters and cigarettes. Mrs. Altemus provided each one with a good lunch out of her own purse.

TWO CASUALTIES—FALLS BOYS

Thomas B. Haran, 25 years old, 3414 Clearfield street, is one of the crew of Submarine Patrol 209, fired upon by mistake for a submarine and sunk off Fire Island early Tuesday morning.

The family, at time of writing, had no definite word concerning Haran. He is supposed to be wounded aboard a floating hospital. He was chief boatswain's mate.

He enlisted in April, 1917, was first stationed at one of the Philadelphia piers, then transferred to the Philadelphia Navy Yard to the Submarine Chaser 209 for patrol service. The port from which the vessel operated was New London, Conn.

A brother, John, is in the army; another brother, James, is in the navy.

Thomas G. Rabbitt was missing in action on July 30, was the word received August 21 by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rabbitt, of 3525 New Queen street. A postal card dated August 2, several days after the date he was supposed to have been missing, was received by them, which creates a hope that he is still alive.

Thomas left the town September 23 and had been in Camp Meade only three weeks when he was transferred to Camp Hancock. In May, 1918, he went overseas.

He was 22 years of age November 5, his birthplace being the Falls of Schuylkill. His employment was with the Sun Oil Company, South Philadelphia, at time he left with the drafted men.

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FROM TREASURER OF COMMITTEE

Philadelphia, August 24, 1918.

Mr. E. E. Carwardine,

Dear Sir—In answer to the article in "The Forecast," August 22, "What Is the Matter With the Committee?"

If the citizens of the Falls are so anxious to know what the committee is doing, why don't they attend the meetings? They are open to all. We would only be too glad to see them there. On two or three occasions this summer we did not have enough to hold a meeting, no one there but the officers. We do not expect the same attendance in summer as we have in cool weather, but the officers are not idle. Nor are the ladies. There are about ten or twelve people who have to do all the work and take all the criticism and the rest of the town sits by.

As for the returns of all the affairs they have been fully made. They are as far as the officers know. If any one knows any different, we would like to know about it. The moneys have been spent sparingly and wisely.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. LALLY,

Treasurer Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

List Of Those In Dist. 38, 2nd Draft

Thomas M. Kelly, Jr., Of New Queen, First Drawn

Following is the list showing how the Thirty-eighth district draft registrants were drawn at Washington last Thursday, June 27.

At the left is given the registration number, the number to be found on the card issued by the draft board when the registrant enrolled on June 27.

At the right is the number showing where he was drafted in the "lottery."

The first in District Thirty-eight to be drawn was Thomas Michael Kelly, of 3539 New Queen street, who attained majority September 27, 1917, and has been connected with Police District Number 39 since May 13 of this year.

He feels highly pleased with the honor of being the first man in the Falls to be drawn.

His brother, John, in his twenty-third year, has been at Camp Meade since February 25.

His father, Thomas, beamed with smiles when spoken to about the new soldier and the mother, Anna, was anxious to know when he would go across. His sister, Veronica, is proud because her brother was first in the draft and soon to be a soldier and spoke in glowing terms of the other brother who is already in camp.

He has two smaller brothers, James and Joseph.

LOCAL BOARD NO. 38—22d ST. AND HUNTING PARK AVE.

Reg.No.	Name	Order in Draft
1	John Jackson	644
2	Raymond K. Kyle	496
3	Joseph F. Shivers	252
4	John J. Hogan	92
5	Michael E. Dalley	1093
6	Elmer H. Butscher	649
7	William L. Bratton	617
8	George V. Harrison	521
9	Earl G. Lewis	1039
10	Thomas M. Kelley, Jr.	13
11	William P. Hill	290
12	James T. Buckley	458
13	George Egner	248
14	William Mason	661
15	Earl E. Rosenberger	823
16	Frank Raum	205
17	John W. Byrne	25
18	Edward Doyle	326
19	John Lamp	693
20	Francis A. Allen	1041
21	Raymond Soudheim	945
22	Edward Kerper	934
23	Sydney O. Saltiel	923
24	Joseph W. Caywood	658
25	John J. Gillies	444
26	Thomas F. Golden	834
27	Henry C. Bower	618
28	William Klein	133
29	Hans C. Peterson	15
30	Horace C. Baus	406
31	Arthur C. Comby	856
32	John F. Vandling	203
33	John Hannigan	233
34	James S. Burke	461

35	Raymond A. Cavanaugh	301
36	James H. Edwards, Jr.	728
37	James K. Schofield	722
38	James S. Yensen	591
39	Robert J. Grill	400
40	Patrick Bennew	588
41	Thomas Norton	191
42	Edward Cooney	1113
43	Leo F. Jordan	883
44	Joseph M. White	767
45	Harry Schwarz	164
46	Joseph L. Samanne	512
47	Tilgman L. Dailey	978
48	Charles J. Seasholes	245
49	Arthur J. Warrington, Jr.	433
50	William K. McDowell	972
51	Michael Doran, Jr.	181
52	George H. Brash	645
53	William M. Ward	882
54	James L. Farrell	339
55	William Kelley	232
56	James J. Cannon	234
57	Joseph A. C. Speece	64
58	Thomas A. Ahern	455
59	Harry A. McClellan	718
60	James P. Mallon	986
61	James M. Lynch	174
62	Archie O'Donnell	313
63	John P. Alexander	184
64	Paul L. Hoffman	256
65	Walter H. Moth, Jr.	151
66	Harry M. Fell	204
67	Edward J. O'Mara	576
69	Frank A. Rowe	295
70	William G. Geiger	113
71	Alfred X. E. Werner	680
72	William W. Wood	165
73	Benjamin Nathan	1007
74	Charles W. Erkert	28
75	Edward E. Greiss	957
76	Michael Peeny	66
77	Albert J. Herr	511
78	Roy J. Ludwig	72
79	Francis W. Smith	819
80	Joseph C. Antex	900
81	John R. Kulp	347
82	Jeremiah W. Duncan	219
83	Walter J. Pasker	757
84	Edward J. Echinger, Jr.	198
85	Tito Cimini	740
86	Constantine Rescioli	985
87	William M. Morrison	82
88	Oscar A. Schierstadt	375
89	Joseph F. Nangle	136
90	Robert D. Holliday	148
91	John J. Barnum, Jr.	177
92	John W. Nagele	774
93	George E. Smith	528
94	Charles A. McFadden	566
95	John Rowe	504
96	John R. Routh	865
97	John J. Noll	1178
98	Louis Petenza	426
99	John A. Hallowell	535
100	George L. Leach	1059
101	Vincent A. McGeough	908
102	William F. Temlin	240
103	Joseph F. Golden	818
104	Harlet Hummell	847
105	William B. Coe	1112
106	John J. Cannon	889

107	Frank W. J. Hill	522
108	Theodore J. Becker	116
109	Harry Pasternack	1084
110	William Newby	835
111	France Roscioli	1028
112	John J. Clarke	488
113	Henry Fabian	303
114	William M. Yocum	398
115	Henry W. M. Christiansen	1063
116	George Gross	770
117	Dominico Triolo	1104
118	Earl Hoover	1175
119	Alfred Cohnhagen	410
120	Charles C. Taylor	560
121	William R. Flynn	1155
122	James M. Magee	78
123	Knute Lind	542

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Falls Churches Unite to Celebrate

142nd Anniversary Of Declaration Signing

Tomorrow morning at 8.15 o'clock the several Sunday Schools of the Falls of Schuylkill in celebration of the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Fathers of the Country, will gather on Dobson Field for inspiring ceremonies, after which a union parade along Queen lane, Ridge avenue and Midvale avenue will take place.

The exercises will open with the song, "America," after which the Rev. F. A. Gacks, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Methodist Episcopal Church, will recite the prayer. The song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," will be rendered by the Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus and the chorus will be sung by the general assembly present.

The Declaration of Independence will be read by the Rev. William B. Cooke, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church.

The oration of the day will be delivered by the Rev. A. T. Michler, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

A selection by the Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus will be sung and then the "Star-Spangled Banner" by everybody.

The benediction will be spoken by the Rev. Clifford W. Collins, pastor of Grace P. E. Church.

After the ceremonies the churches will unite in a parade along Queen lane to Ridge avenue to Midvale avenue to the respective picnic grounds.

The program was arranged by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.

Following is the program in outline for reference:

1. Song—"America."
2. Prayer—Rev. F. A. Gacks.
3. Song—"Keep the Home Fires Burning." Verses by Falls Male Chorus and chorus by assembly.
4. Reading of Declaration of Independence—Rev. Wm. B. Cooke.
5. Address—Rev. Arthur T. Michler.
6. Selection—Falls Male Chorus.
7. Song—"The Star-Spangled Banner."
8. Benediction—Rev. Clifford W. Collins.

LINES FROM THE BOYS

"I beg to thank you for your kindness in sending me a comfort kit and sweater through Mrs. S. White, which I am sure I appreciate very much."—John Esmond, Erie School Board and Y. D., Erie, Pa.

"I received your kit and sweater, and they are useful; everything in it. I thank you."—Jas. Chas. Melvaine, Wissahickon Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

"Received your kit and sweater, and thank you ever so much."—Bill Calhoun, 15th Co., Wissahickon Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

"John Rowe and James Eduards are on their way to San Diego, Cal., and having a fine time on the train."

"I wish to express by utmost thanks for what the committee has done for the boys of the Falls and myself. Wishing the committee the best of success."—Jacob A. Noll, Co. G, 315th Inf., R 24.

"I wish to thank the members of the Patriotic Association for the comfort kit, as it contains all that is needed for me, and also Florence Vickman for the sweater she knitted."—Thomas Rowe, Jr., 3438 Bowman street.

"I wish to thank you for the kindness you have shown me and all the Falls boys for the many useful articles in which I did not know the value."—Philip Kelly, Camp Lafayette, Easton, Pa.

"I am taking the pleasure of writing you a few lines, thanking you for the lunch and smokes which I received from you as I needed them very badly just at present, and I wish to thank you all for what you have done for me."—Pvt. James F. Clancy, R-24, Co. G, 315th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

"I received the sweater and kit bag and I sure appreciate it very much. The things in the kit bag will be very useful. I am not a Falls boy, but my ancestors are, and I want to thank the Committee very much for same and Mrs. Casey for being so kind to make the lovely sweater for one she does not know."—Sergt. Warren L. Sorber, Co. D, 521 Service Brl., Engrs., Camp Humphreys, Virginia.

"I am writing a few lines thanking you for the kit bag which I received from you and I wish to thank you all."—Pvt. James F. Clancy, R-24, 315th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

"Wish to take this opportunity to thank you very kindly for the kit furnished me on my departure from Philadelphia. It surely came in very handy."—J. Mower, Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

"I received the comfort kit sent me and I thank you very much for the same. It sure is a handy and useful thing."—Albert Entwistle, Receiving Camp, Co. 6, Camp J. E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida.

"I wish to thank you sincerely for the sweater and kit given me when leaving for camp."—Francis Donohue.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

Edward A. Maguire,
Company B, 38th Engineers,
American E. F.

Dear Friend, Mr. Carwardine:

Today is my mother's birthday anniversary and I sincerely hope she is enjoying very good health. Yesterday, Memorial Day, was uneventful, that is, it wasn't the glorious holiday that I have been accustomed to. However, I witnessed an amusing entertainment. There was a ring erected and two Chinamen were procured to enter the squared arena and box. They slammed each other with both closed and open gloves until Sing Low, of Chicago, got a bloody nose in the fourth round. They were announced by the referee as Sing High, Milwaukee, and Sing Low, Chicago, but both are from French China. The Y. M. C. A. financed each through the referee, but "bloody nose" threw the francs across the ring and Sing High had to get his from somewhere in the vicinity of his chest, as it was thrust down inside his shirt from the neck; after an impatient search he found it and threw it on the chair he had been sitting on. Both unlike their two fellow-countrymen who preceded them donated their services free and quit feeling ill toward one another. In between rounds a band of fifteen pieces (soldiers) played. The Liberty motor has been performing here. It made its debut aloft two weeks ago and I saw it aground the following day. It has immense speed and can make very abrupt turns, but I haven't seen it do any of the theatrical turns of others here. One aviator can revolve his machine in the air just like a pulley shaft left to right.

The rainy season has been over for three weeks and now we have very nice weather. Last week it was intensely warm, but it is now cool. I haven't met any Fallsers yet, although I am on the lookout. The roads here have a surfacing like New Queen, Mannheim and other streets of Germantown, minus the tar, ruts and pools of water, which accumulates on those streets after rain. The motorcycle, truck, touring and limousine drivers are loud in their praise of the French roads. It would be an excellent place for your car. The roads are picturesque, just like everywhere is a park, trees and grass both sides, places for long distances in the roads are arched by beautiful shade trees. Farming is to be seen here, and fencing is unknown here. One field runs right into another and goats,

cows, horses and their shepherdesses roam through them at will.

Mr. Carwardine, I delayed this letter so as I could send this in a blue envelope. I'm entitled to a blue envelope every seventh day (that is, on the seventh day after receiving the prior one). They are censored at the base (liable to) and not by company officer. Mr. Carwardine, please accept my thanks for the prominent mention my last letter got in your publicspirited paper, which I receive here. This morning we were informed that we can mention the place where we are located, which is Gievres, France (pronounced Jev). I am not, according to the G. O. (General Order), allowed to mention anything about the place which is any way military. You see, I have complied.

Yours respectfully,

EDW. A. MAGUIRE.

P. S., Mr. Carwardine—I really didn't write that last letter to you for publication, and neither do I expect such of this one. My letters are more to continue acquaintances with those I am acquainted with.

E. A. MAGUIRE.

WILSON MILLER LIVING CARD INDEX

Following is a clipping from a newspaper published near Camp Crane, which credits Wilson Miller, a Falls boy, with being a living card index.

Read the copy of the clipping.

"The two young gentlemen who work so earnestly in the 'cubby hole,' just outside of headquarters are Harold W. Edwards and Wilson B. Miller, information clerks.

"If you want to know what time it is or the name of the cross-eyed fellow who just landed in Casuals, ask them. Perhaps they do not know, likely they don't, but they will tell you something just as good anyhow. Besides that they have the name of every fellow card-indexed and can tell you where to find him.

"They know where every building is in camp, what sections are quartered there, and who the commanding officer is.

"One of the best parts of the job according to men who have been working there is that on a Sunday afternoon you can converse with a fair one. But we have a faint recollection of a certain fellow who told a certain girl that the man she looking for was no longer in and then proceeded to show the maiden the wonders of Camp.

"But gosh, just as he was

buy ice cream for her in Building No. 7 she recognized the dear young hero she was hunting for as the clerk who was selling candy. Exit information clerk."

Prvt. Wilson B. Miller was transferred to the Ambulance Section 508 as a first-class driver.

"I arrived safe at Camp Meade and the life is great. Thanking the Committee kindly for the kit."—John King.

"This is the first chance I have had to write you to thank you for your comfort kit that I received from you before going away. I want to say that it certainly has been a great help to me in camp. It is just the thing that every boy needs."—George Ragan, 14th Co., 154th Depot Brigade, 7th Battalion, Camp Meade.

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Miss Grace Walker, of Queen lane, left for Washington, D. C., on Tuesday.

Word has been received that the Falls boys from Camp Meade have arrived safely overseas.

Edward Andrews and wife, of Thirty-fifth and Crawford streets, are spending a week at the shore.

Mrs. Cox, formerly of Ridge avenue and now of Marcus Hook, Pa., was visiting friends in the Falls this week.

M. Rowley was home for a few hours on Sunday night on a short leave from Ellis Island, where he is now stationed.

Thomas J. Kelly, of Wiehle street, arrived safely in England with the 1st C. O. R., Canadian Army.

Thomas M. Kelly, Jr., of New Queen street, first drawn in the second draft, enlisted in the U. S. Marines with Joseph Loughlin, of Wiehle street, and Leo Bilboa, of Stanton street. They left Monday for Paris Island, S. C.

John and James Trevelyn and John Dunkerly, of Stanton street, are spending a week's vacation at Port Kennedy, Pa.

Mrs. Alice Dunkerly, Stanton street, whose son, Joseph, has been in France since last November, has received a card from her brother, Cornelius Peter Mulligan, telling of his safe arrival in France.

Thomas Golden, of Evaline street, who enlisted some time ago in the Naval Reserves, was called for active duty to report at Cape May for training.

Lawrence Churchville, Allegheny avenue, who has been a storekeeper at League Island, was made a chief petty officer last Saturday.

A sale and supper to provide comforts for the boys of the navy will be held at the home of Miss Farrar, 3413 Queen lane, Saturday afternoon and evening, August 10. Supper, 25 cents.

Don't forget the Literary picnic next Sunday. Trucks leave 9 A. M. sharp from the clubhouse.

Joseph Brennan is doing good with the Wildwood, N. J., baseball team as pitcher. Another Falls boy making good.

A WELL-KNOWN BOY PRISONER OF WAR

Albert Brook, of Princeton, N. J., was taken prisoner by the Huns. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brook, of Princeton, lived on New Queen street about 25 years ago. His aunt is Mrs. Foyle, of North Thirty-fifth street. Albert and John both enlisted

in the Princeton Unit in the spring of 1917 and it was while bringing in the dead and wounded that Albert was missed. He is 24 years of age, and his brother is 20 years. Both have been together since their enlistment.

They have another brother in France, who is secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and a sister who is a Red Cross nurse.

"Arrived in camp safe and had a fine trip. Am very thankful for comfort kit and sweater."—John Mackey.

"I wish to thank the Falls Patriotic Society for the kit and sweater which they sent me."—Thos. F. Golden.

"Received your comfort kit and sincerely thank you for your patriotic work and appreciate your kindness very much, thanking you for same."—P. J. McManus.

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LIBERTY SINGING NIGHT A SUCCESS

On Tuesday evening the Falls Male Chorus gathered at Ridge and Midvale avenues about 7.30 and opened the evening by singing "America." A good-sized crowd attended. Councilman John E. Smithies told the audience what the liberty singing was doing in other sections and asked the people of the Falls to co-operate. Miss Ethel Hobson, of Sunnyside avenue, sang a solo, "Joan of Arc," which was well rendered.

Joseph Smith, the director, announced that the concerts would be held in different parts of the Falls, and one concert each week and special singers and soloists and surprises. Next week the concert will take place on Monday evening, at Ridge and Midvale avenues, at 7.30 sharp.

The public is asked to come out on Monday evening. Bring your chair. Song sheets furnished, and everybody is asked to sing.

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BOYS WHO HAVE ENLISTED DURING THE WEEK

Louis Potanva, 3647 Stanton street; Linwood Hoch, East Park Drive; Jos. Loughlin, Wiehle street; Joseph Fitzpatrick, 3422 Commissioner street; Thomas Cope, 4143 Ridge avenue; Joseph Barker Crawford (Canadian Army); Morris White, 3661 Calumet street; Leo Gordon, 157 Stanton street; Patrick Bonoma, 4056 Ridge avenue.

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Three hundred and some slackers, according to the police, were picked up at Shibe Park Tuesday night.

Quistconck, the name of the first ship launched at Hog Island on Monday, is of Indian derivation, according to those who know, and means "Hog Island."

John Elmer Denton writes to the Falls and said he met West and Medds in England and was more than glad to meet them, as they were the only Falls boys he has met while overseas. The three boys were school chums at Forrest School. Denton is now in Scotland.

Two things—and perhaps only these two things—will save the United States from another hard-coal shortage next winter, writes a careful observer. They are mild weather, as compared with last year, and the rigid conservation of the labor force now in the hard-coal mines.

The Red Cross Auxillary which gave a carnival on Corpus Christi lawn, Twenty-ninth street and Allegheny avenue, on last Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, in behalf of the boys in the service from the Thirty-eighth ward, netted the handsome sum of \$352. Great credit is due to the able managers, John Shepherd, Peter Hughes, Vincent McShane and Joseph Byrne, who conducted it on a grand scale, assisted by a very able body of efficient workers of the Thirty-eighth ward, and have the thanks of the community for what they have done for our boys in the service.

A ROOKY FOR UNCLE SAM

It sometimes happens that a man overestimates his own importance, which was evidently the case of a Bozeman, Mont., man of selective age, who presented the following letter to the local exemption board:

Dear United States Army: My husband ast me to write a reekomend that he supports his fambly. He cannot read, so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me. He ain't done nothin' but drink lemment essence and play a fiddle since I married him eight years ago, and I gotta feed seven kids of hisn. Maybe you can get him to carry a gun. He's good on squirrels and eatin'. Take him and welcum. I need the grub and his bed for the kids. Don't tell him this, but take him.

GERTRUDE L. SMITH,
Los Angeles, Cal.

New List Of Boys Who Are Going Away

Additional Post Cards Give Thanks For Comfort Kits

The following men leave on dates mentioned, as given out officially by the local draft board:

To go July 29—

Joseph V. Fitzpatrick, 3422 Commissioner st.

Edw. L. Eschinger, 2742 N. Dover st.

To go July 30—

Sidney O. Saltiel, 3040 N. Stillman.

Leo F. Jordan, 3674 Stanton st.

John W. Cooney, 161 Scott's lane.

Edw. J. Schupp, 2654 W. Silver st.

Latimer G. Yinger, 2816 N. New-

kirk st.

Alternates—

John G. Parker, 2905 W. Lehigh ave.

Thos. McAndrew, 3459 Cresson st.

Francis P. Gillice, 3427 Bowman st.

To go to University of Pittsburgh,

August 15—

Patrick Bennew, 4056 Ridge ave.

Harry Becker, 4038 Ridge ave.

Harry J. Schwartz, 3699 Midvale.

John L. Fay, 2937 N. 25th st.

Roy B. Ludwig, R. D. No. 2, Doug-

lasville, Pa.

John H. Mancke, 5347 Thomas ave.

Jos. F. Shivers, 2616 W. Sterner st.

Jas. J. Cannon, 3503 W. Clearfield st.

Francis A. Allen, 3218 N. 26th st.

Jos. M. White, 3655 Calumet st.

John Burke, 457 Earlham Terrace,

Germantown.

"I send my best thanks to the ladies of the Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee for the kit. It is surely a very useful thing in the camp."—James Petrone, Co. I, 5th Pioneers Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"Thanks to you."—Martin A. McHale.

"I write these few lines thanking you for the comfort kit and wishing the Committee and the people of the Falls every success."—Pvt. W. N. Schofield, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"I send my sincere thanks for the kit to the Falls Patriotic Committee. It is a useful little gift."—J. B. Cashman, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"I send you my thanks for the kit."—William Flaherty, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"Thanking the ladies of the Falls for the kit, for it is a very useful article in the camp."—E. Singer, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"I give my thanks for the kit."—Louie Epoldi, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"Send my sincere thanks for

the kit. It is very useful in camp."—Dominick Piccolo, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

Camp de Meucom,
Near Vannes, France.

June 22, 1918.

"Just a few lines from one who is away over here in France and who has received numerous gifts from the Committee through my mother.

"Just before leaving for France I received a comfort kit and I think it was splendid. It is a very useful thing and much needed by every soldier or sailor. I intended to write and thank the Committee long before this, but owing to the fact that we have been moving around so much this is the first time I have had a chance. I have only been here a few weeks, but I like it very much. The country is the same as over home. We have a nice clean camp, nice sleeping quarters and fairly good meals. There is nothing very interesting to relate, as I have not been here long enough."—Pvt. John W. Digman, Bat. C, 108th F. A., American Expeditionary Forces, via New York.

"I was very much pleased with the kit that I received from the Falls Patriotic Committee, and I thank you very much for it, as it comes in very useful here in camp."—Matthew Duffy, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

"I arrived safe and sound in camp after a long and interesting trip. We were treated good by everybody, and every place we stopped. I want to thank the Falls citizens for the fine comfort kit that I received. It had in it everything that a man needs, and one could not do without it."—Pvt. Robert B. Faulkner, Co. I, 5th Pioneer Inf., Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Camp Lee, Va.,
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"Killed In Action" On French Soil

Lad Had Been Employed At Local Bank, But Enlisted

Raymond Joseph Cahill, a Manayunk boy, who was employed at the Bank of East Falls as assistant teller for six months until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in December, 1917, against the advice of his employers, friends and relatives, was "killed in action" in France on the 14th of June of this year, according to word received on July 24 by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Cahill, of 243 Hermitage street, Manayunk. The body is buried "somewhere in France."

Young Cahill is survived by his mother, his father, two sisters and seven brothers. Two of these are in the United States service, one in France and the other at Brooklyn. Two brothers were in the draft, but rejected. A younger brother, who tried to enlist was not taken because of eye defects. A 15-year-old brother is eager to enlist, but his years are against him.

The boy would have reached majority this November had he lived. He was born in Manayunk, attended the Holy Family Parish School and received a business training at the same institution.

After graduation he worked for one year for William H. Ambrose, a Manayunk plumber. His next job was with the Bank of East Falls.

Resolutions of regret over the passing of the brave young warrior for Uncle Sam were drawn at the meeting of the directors of the bank where the lad had been employed. A special flag containing a gold star for Raymond Joseph Cahill is hung in the banking room.

RESOLUTIONS

At a regular stated meeting of the officers and directors of the Bank of East Falls the following report was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It was with much regret we heard of the death of our trusted employe, Raymond J. Cahill, U. S. Marine Corps, killed in action somewhere in France, and who during his association with us endeared himself to the officers and directors of our bank by his sincerity and enthusiasm.

Whereas, His death in the defense of his country has added another glorious page to the honor of our soldiers renders it fitting and proper that we should put upon record our appreciation thereof by it.

Resolved, That in the death of Raymond J. Cahill the Bank of East Falls has lost a trusted and faithful employe, that the community in which he lived has also lost a citizen, who by the sacrifice of his life showed the highest example of American spirit.

Resolved, Therefore, that we extend to his father, mother and family our sincerest condolence and sympathy, coupled with the hope that what is now the source of anguish may in the course of time become a chastened sorrow.

JOHN HOHENADEL,

Attest: President.

CHAS. W. BOTHWELL,
Secretary.

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BOYS LEAVE FOR CAMP SATURDAY, JULY 6

The following is a list of men that will leave the Ridge and Midvale avenues on Saturday morning, July 6, at 8 o'clock. They will be accompanied by the J. & J. Dobson Pipe and Drum Corps and the Falls Patriotic Committee:

Men to go to Camp Wadsworth, N. C., July 6:

Benjamin Cococcia, 3121 N. 30th.
 Daniel McGinley, 3125 N. Carlisle.
 Bernardo Nichini, 3450 Sunnyside ave.
 John Venditti, 4024 Ridge ave.
 Harold Turner, 3507 N. 35th st.
 James F. Lewis, Woodlyne, N. J., 115 Linden ave.
 Matthew Duffy, 3608 N. 35th st.
 Otto E. Hausler, 2746 N. Newkirk.
 Robert Culling, 3540 Scott's lane.
 William Shortall, 2810 W. Clementine.
 Edw. L. Richardson, 1752 W. Allegheny ave.
 Otto A. Peterson, 2831 N. Marston st.
 Walter N. Schofield, 3547 Ainslie st.
 James C. Hanlon, 2559 Queen lane.
 William E. Nagle, 2605 Roberts ave.
 William Flaherty, 39 Laboratory Hill.
 Francis Murphy, 184 Green lane.
 Domenico Piccolo, 4056 Ridge ave.
 James Putrone, 3722 Calumet st.
 Frank Hildebrand, 3215 N. Bambrey.
 Leonard N. Updyke, 2836 N. 26th st.
 Robert B. Faulkner, 149 O'Neill st., Kingston, N. Y.
 Frederick Tracy, Jr., 9 Laboratory hill.
 Luigi Epoldi, 117 Hermitage st.
 Alvin Shearer, Jr., 2534 W. Silver st.
 William Start, 2859 N. 27th st.
 William Alles, 2913 W. Clearfield st.
 John B. Cashman, 3624 Fiske ave.
 Edgar C. Wuchter, 2755 N. 29th st.

ALTERNATES

Joseph Whitehead, 3314 Cresswell st.
 Walter W. Hermann, 2719 N. 29th st.
 Carl Stamm, 3570 Queen lane.

TO GO JULY 15, NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE

Norman Clough, 3437 Queen lane.

FALLS BOYS ALREADY ABROAD

The addresses of the following men in the service of their country, who have gone overseas has been secured. If your boys' name does not appear below, kindly send same at once to T. L. MacKenzie, 3596 Queen lane, chairman of Tobacco Committee, in order that he may be taken care of: Edward Auer, T. A. Beaty, Elmer J. Burke, Richard Cain, Elwood Clayton, Thomas Cassidy, Charles Cox, Francis A. Cunningham, Hilbert Carruthers, Garfield Edmunds, W. H. Earnshaw, Francis Foy, James Farrell, John P. Flanagan, William R. Greig, James Golden, Patrick Haley, Claude S. Hampshire, Harry Hess, Cameron Harrop, Thos. C. Jones, Edward R. Jones, William Kendall, Albert Keen, Anthony Kilroy, Edward Knott, Thomas McKeever, Charles McFadden, John McStravick, James J. Mullen, Thomas A. Murphy, E. Maguire, James J. Maguire, William B. Murphy, Fred H. Mitchell, James O'Hara, Bernard J. O'Donnell, Martin O'Malley, Joseph Padulesc, Charles Padden, V. P. Roach, William Sudell, Charles Shaw, Raymond Swartz, Elmer Shingle,

Richard Singer, Robert Trevelhan, Arthur Turner, Harold Warrington, William F. Weer, Norman Ward, Ralph Ward, Frank West, Robert W. Wyatt, Thomas S. Watson, John E. Armitage, James Crawford.

Arrangements have been completed to forward our boys some token of remembrance and it is desired that every Falls boy be included in the list. An immediate compliance with this request will be appreciated by THEO. L. MACKENZIE, Chairman Tobacco Committee.

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HONOR ROLL AT POLICE STATION

In the roll room of the Thirty-ninth district police station is an honor roll containing the following names: James McAndrews, John Leinmiller, Joseph Casey, William J. Davis, Robert Adams, Harry Tleman, John Gormley, Herman Kohn, William J. Burkhart, Joseph A. Lynch, John S. Smith, Thos. M. Kelley.

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"WORK OR FIGHT" TO BE ENFORCED

That the immunity heretofore enjoyed by the spineless slacker rapidly is becoming a dream of the past is shown by the fact that the draft boards of the metropolitan district are preparing lists of the idle citizens, which are being submitted to John Frazee, Federal director of the public service reserve, to the end that every man in this city physically fit will have to work or fight.

Many at first were not inclined to take the "work-or-fight" rule seriously, but the thing now is beginning to be viewed in a vastly different light. No longer will the man-power that the country so urgently needs be frittered away in pool rooms, on street corners, at baseball games and in the motion-picture houses. The eye of Uncle Sam is on the slacker, and the arm of the Government is reaching out to hustle him to his duty.

One of the first two draft boards in the city to submit their lists was the Thirty-eighth, which gave the following names:

Walter C. Simon, 2920 N. Taylor st.
 Wm. J. O'Brien, 2517 W. Allegheny av.
 Thos. W. Rogers, 2514 W. Somerset st.
 Herman Wurster, 2417 N. Hollywood.
 Samuel Sarkes, 2926 N. 25th st.
 Walter J. Wood, 127 Evaline st.
 James Henery, 2529 W. Sterner st.
 David Harris, 2829 N. Stillman st.
 Eugene Tilton, 2674 Deacon st.
 John J. McAniffe, 3484 Sunnyside ave.
 Harold McGillicuddy, 2535 W. Lehigh.
 Thos. Zarns, 2654 W. Sterner st.
 J. Gasse, Jr., 2715 W. Lehigh ave.
 Wm. F. Kane, 3697 Calumet st.

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DODGERS SEIZED AT WOODSIDE

Two hundred men and 100 women were arrested Friday night by agents of the Department of Justice in a raid on Woodside Park that came as a surprise to one of the largest crowds at the resort this summer. The men were taken into custody after being unable to produce registration certificates.

The superintendent of the park protested against the raid, saying it would mean ruin to his business for the remainder of the summer, but Bernard A. Cunningham, in charge of the 100 Secret Service men who staged the affair, went along with his work despite all protests, saying he had received orders from Washington to "clean up" all public resorts.

Walks and driveways were roped off before the raid began in preparation for corralling suspicious crowds. After being captured the crowds were taken to open places. Men who could produce registration cards were released. Others were taken to the Woodford guardhouse or to police stations in West Philadelphia.

SERVICE FLAG RAISING SATURDAY

The people of Calumet, Cresson, Dobson and Mill streets and Flak avenue will have a flag raising at Calumet and Cresson streets on next Saturday, August 10, at 3.30 o'clock, for the forty-eight boys of the above-named streets who are now in the service of their country.

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Flag Raising At Local Carpet Mill

Councilman Smithies Is Orator Of The Day

The Dobson Carpet Mill had its flag raising on Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, when the flags of the five principal nations allied, America, England, France, Belgium and Italy, were elevated to the breeze.

Not only a large crowd from the mill was in attendance, but many residents from the Falls of Schuylkill and nearby points.

Councilman John E. Smithies was the principal orator of the day.

BOYS AID IN KNITTING

Breck School Pupils Make Quilt for Naval Hospital.

Knitting is bully good sport and not necessarily a girls' pastime, so the boys of Breck School, East Falls, think, and between baseball games and Boy Scout drills they have helped the girls to make an all-wool quilt of many colors for the surgical ward of the Naval Hospital, Twenty-fourth street and Gray's Ferry road.

The quilt is the composite work of thirty-four pupils of Grade 5-B, which numbers nineteen girls and fifteen boys, all between the ages of ten and twelve.

"And the boys were every bit as deeply interested as the girls in the knitting," testified Miss Marion Nuneviller, teacher of Grade 5-B. "Several of them contributed no less than five squares apiece, devoting their evenings and recess hours to the work."

The quilt is two yards wide, laid in 110 multi-hued squares, stitched together with infinite care. Into two of the squares are worked the words, "Breck School, East Falls, Pa."

It was first sent by the young patriots to the sick sailors through Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury and dispatched by her to the Naval Hospital, where Sergeant George Pickerel, medical director, promptly detailed it to the use of the crippled boys in the surgical ward.

OFFICIAL LIST OF BOYS LEAVING FOR SERVICE

Men went August 6:

Wm. B. Goodman, 3547 Sunnyside ave.
Frank S. C. Tannus, 2812 N. Taney.
Alexander A. Anderson, 3246 N. 26th.
Joseph G. Speece, 3423 W. Clearfield.
Sylvan Saller, 2705 W. Lehigh ave.
George A. O'Neill, 2612 W. Sterner.
Edward McIlvaine, 3241 N. Stillman.
Wm. F. Adelman, 4172 Ridge ave.

Men went August 5:

John G. Parker, 2905 W. Lehigh ave.
Thos. McAndrew, Jr., 3459 Cresson.
John J. Brill, Pitman, N. J.

MONUMENT HIDDEN FROM VIEW

Camp Stokley Monument, on East Park drive, near the Queen Lane pumping station, which marks the site where the 88th Pennsylvania Volunteers, consisting of local men mainly, were organized and camped until sent to the front, October 5, 1861, is so overgrown by brushwood that it is hardly noticeable to persons who may pass by.

This condition has been existing for some time and the gardeners should be ordered by members of the Fairmount Park Commission, whose patriotic zeal is beyond question, to trim the hedges surrounding the stone tablet so that it may be once again visible.

The Queen Lane pumping station is closed to the public during the period of the war.

GRACE CHURCH NOTES

Morning service at 10.45 this Sunday. The evening service will be held on the lawn.

The C. E. meeting at 6.45 P. M.

Girls' Legion moonlight trip this Thursday and hike on Saturday.

Boys' Brigade Gypsy Campers leave Friday morning for a two days' camp.

The Girls' Legion officers' meeting was held Tuesday night. Miss Brown has been appointed captain of the Legion. Miss Elizabeth Calhoun is the company physical director.

Thanks to Walter Lowe for the praphophone given to the boys' room, and to Benham for the sofa and to every one who so kindly helped by gifts of chairs, tables, books, etc. Furnishing the Boys' Brigade headquarters has provided not only an office, but a place where the boys can meet to rest or read or play games every day or night in the week.

LIBERTY SING TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

A liberty sing, under the direction of Joseph Smith, will take place at Thirty-fifth street and Allegheny avenue on Tuesday evening, August 13.

The Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus will render selections.

All patriotic citizens of the community are requested to join in the demonstration.

HOG ISLAND EMPLOYS FALLS MEN

Toward the construction of Hog Island's first ship, Quistconck, which slid into the Delaware River on Monday afternoon about 12.36 o'clock, the Falls of Schuylkill may claim to have contributed its share.

For, it was learned, that a number of young men from the town are employed there. Charles Flanagan, of Sunnyside avenue, helped in the construction of the yard; Edward Gallagher, of Osmond street, is expeditor of production; Louis Flanagan, of Sunnyside avenue, is observer of production; William Naylor, of Calumet street, was on the derrick which carried the plates for the ship launched; James Maguire, of Ainslie street, is electrician at the plant; William Dowdall, formerly engineer at Hohenadel's, is foreman erector.

Charles Flanagan and Edward Gallagher have enlisted in the service in the Department of Naval Aviation.

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Jack Kelly, Oars- man, Injured

Falls Boy Has Been Made A Second Lieutenant

News has reached here that Jack Kelly, the famous oarsman and champion of the Schuylkill River, who is in France with Base Hospital Unit, No. 20, is suffering from a broken ankle received in operating his truck near the front.

Jack enlisted in the aviation service shortly after the war broke out. At a later date his transfer was suggested and then he became part of Base Hospital, No. 20. This organization went overseas Christmas, 1917.

Kelly has been with the Unit since and has been made sergeant, supervising the trucks which haul supplies for the base hospitals.

FALLS BOY MADE AN OFFICER

Frank J. Roney, of 3458 Bowman street, who was transferred from Fort Wright, N. Y., to Jacksonville, Fla., has received a commission as second lieutenant. He enlisted on the 10th of August, 1917, and was stationed at Fort Wright for nine months and while there received two promotions as sergeant and then first-class sergeant. He received his early education in St. Bridget's School and at the time of his enlistment was attending St. Joseph's College. He expects to go "over the top" in a week or ten days a dashing young lieutenant.

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"Stars And Stripes" Here From France It Is A Regular Kind Of A Newspaper for Boys "Over There"

Private E. A. Maguire, who is with the Expeditionary Forces in France, sent a copy of "The Stars and Stripes," the official publication of the American forces abroad, to the "Weekly Forecast" office.

It is a regular, up-to-date newspaper, filled with "live" news of the happenings in the French war-torn country.

The issue before the writer is of June 14, 1918. The price is 50 centimes, which is equivalent to 10 cents in American coin.

A large cartoon with the caption, "The Waves of the Atlantic," attracts attention at once. The illustration depicts the American Army amidst ocean waves heading for the French shores. The American flag is in the foreground.

A headline announces that the American fleet is second in the world being surpassed only by Britain's ships. Another caption shouts "Fat of the land (America) for Yank troops going into lines."

One article on the editorial page is deserving of being reprinted. It follows:

FLAG DAY

All over America today, in every country where the representatives of America are engaged in carrying out the American vision, on the high seas where the fleet of America keeps its ceaseless watch and ward, the Flag will be flown. The recurrence of Flag Day this year finds the banner in more distant places, at one and the same time, than has ever before been the case.

It is a far cry back to the days when the Flag had but 13 stars in the blue field alongside its 13 stripes. But the glorious thought of the day is not in the extension of those stars to 48, nor in the multitude of far removed spots on which today the Flag is planted. It is, rather, that the Flag of 48 stars stands for exactly the same ideal of liberty as did the Flag of 13 stars; that the America of 1918 is as alive and alert in the defense of that ideal as was the America of 1776.

The Flag has never led the way to war save when human freedom was at stake. The Flag's glory has been that it has always emerged triumphant and untarnished from the fray. The Flag's honor—and the honor of all that the Flag stands for—is in our keeping. The Flag must never be besmirched. The Flag will never touch the ground.

Another newspaper that reached

the local office is "French and Camp," printed weekly for the Y. M. C. A. by courtesy of the "Chattanooga Daily Times." The sheet is half the size of a regular newspaper.

It was sent by Ewald Shaw, of Arnold street, who is known as "Sweets" to his boy and girl friends. A review of the copy does not disclose any mention of that real live chap who is always doing something. He must have "gucked" the men who do the publicity work.

LETTER FROM FRANCE

Fred Blacker, of Dobson street, received a letter from Tod Watson, thanking the Falls Cricket and Football Club for cigarettes they had sent him. Tod says all the boys from the Falls are fine and ready for the fray. But he says they often get together and talk about the good times they used to have at the club. The members of the club have started a subscription to send all its members overseas some money for Christmas. Tod says he met the following boys from the Falls "somewhere in France": Robert Trevethan, Dick Cain, Raymond Swartz, Johnny Purrie and Gerdon and he says they had a meeting together at some place behind the lines and they all said they were satisfied to stick until they got old Kaiser Bill.

Georgia, July 8, 1918.

Dear Friend:

Kindly publish this poem in your paper:

DAD

Since I've been in the army,
There's one thing strikes me queer,
In every poem that you read,
It's write to mother dear.

Now I once had a mother,
The grandest in the land;
I'd match her 'gainst a billion,
Or the best one in the land.

But she, like lots of mothers,
Was taken far away;
I know the good Lord called her,
And she wears a crown today.

Of course, I can't forget her,
But tho' she has gone away,
Still have got my daddy,
And he's getting old and gray.

Of course, he isn't a woman,
You didn't see him cry;
It don't think it didn't hurt him,
When he bid his son goodbye.

Some one write a poem,
Write to daddy, old and gray;
He's wondering what you are doing,
He thinks of you each day.

boys who have no mother.

And you are feeling rather sad,
Just take a pen and paper,
And write to dear old dad.
This poem was written by Corp. E. J. Poe.

Sent by your old pal, Private Ewald Shaw, Detention Camp, B. N., No. 15, Co. 7, Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga, P. K., Ga.

P. S.—Dear Friend: I also wish to thank the J. & J. Dobson Fife and Drum Corps for their services when the boys are going away to fight for their country.

WAR NOTICE

A call open for men at the University of Pittsburgh, to learn automobile work, men qualified for general military duty.

A call open for men qualified for special or limited military duty at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington. Apply

38th DRAFT BOARD,
22d and Hunting Park ave.

"Just a few lines to let you know that I got the comfort kit, sweater and many other useful things that make it up. Thanks to all."—Ernest Bramman.

"I wish to thank the Citizens' Patriotic Committee for the comfort kit and also Mrs. Joyce for sweater she knitted. Yours truly."—John Rowe, Balboa Park, D. C. 11, San Diego, Cal., Naval Training Base.

"Received your bag and other gifts; thanking the people connected for their good work."—Michael Marino.

"Allow me to extend my thanks for the splendid kit bag which you so generously sent me. Same will be used to very good advantage. Yours truly."—Geo. E. Smith, U. S. N. R.

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of the real comfort kit you so kindly presented to me. It is in my estimation the best here for bodily comfort. It certainly carries to my heart a deep message of comfort to be remembered by folks I had thought had long since forgotten I even enlisted. Sincerely thanking you, I am, gratefully yours."—Private Wm. J. McEvoy, Training Det., Delaware College, Newark.

"I wish to thank you all for the kit bag which was given to me. I appreciate it very much."—John Buchheit.

The Y. M. L. I. is running a picnic on Sunday, July 28, to Hulmeville Park. Everybody welcome. Don't forget the date. Get in touch with some of the committee in charge. Buses will leave the clubhouse, Midvale and Frederick, at 9 A. M. sharp.

Joseph Lally was home last week from Norfolk, Va., where he has been working for Cramp & Co., of this city.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

"Somewhere in France."

July 15, 1918.

Dear Friend Carwardine:

I seen the "Weekly Forecast" today and was glad to get some good news from the Falls of Schuylkill over here "somewhere in Glorious France."

Papers are very scarce here and I was glad to see the news of the town so far away in this war country.

I am in the Ammunition Train, one of the first Ammunition trains to be made on the U. S. A. soil, from what I understand by my private chums of my company. Some did border service and others came in from various companies of the Pa. Division, when it started last year down in Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., U. S. A.

Our boys did not get a good send-off like bunches I read about in the paper, but we will do our duty the same as those that had the brass band and a rousing time when they came away from the Falls. I am in the Horse Battalion of the Ammunition Train, and they can do the work like boys, and don't worry very much about their job for Uncle Sam, anyhow, Friend Carwardine.

Well, I will close my letter and I send my best regards to Old East Falls and the bunch.

PRIV. ERNEST DAWSON,
Co. E, 103d Ammunition Train,
American E. F.

THE LITTLE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND

Darling, when I am far away
From you, "somewhere in France,"
I ask you always think of me
And pray that I have a chance.

To leave you, dear, was hard,
The hardest thing at all;
But I am no slacker
When I hear my country call.

To be at home with you, little girl,
It's happiness, that's true;
But I cannot see the Germans
Down the old Red, White and Blue.

I'd like to be often with the girl
Who has won my heart;
But now it makes me blue to think
That we are so far apart.

Some day in the near future
This great conflict will end,
And this soldier boy who loves you,
Will come to you again.

It's the duty of every girl
Who is left behind
To always remember the boy she
loves,
May he be on the firing line.

He did not want to leave you,
For he is going to risk his life;
He is a true American
And upholds the Stars and Stripes.

I told you when I kissed you,
Those lips of yours so sweet,
That I was going to leave you,
And again we may never meet.

Don't give me up, my darling,
If you love me, you will wait;
If we don't meet on earth again,
We will meet at the Golden Gate.

Some girls are not so patient,
Who will not wait so long;
But will go and love a slacker
When her soldier boy has gone.

When he goes and fights his battle
For his country and you,
His heart is always resting,
On the one he thinks is true.

When he returns in years to come
And finds that you are false,
His whole life will be ruined
And his happiness is lost.

Do not leave this strain, little girl,
Make your love be true,
And greet the boy in khaki
When he comes marching back to
you.

Throw your arms around him,
Let him kiss your little lips,
And he will joyfully tell you
About his wonderful trip.

I write this letter hoping
You will be mine some day,
And bid you good-night for this hour,
And good-bye for a day.

If it's good-bye for a month,
He loves you true as ever;
Good-bye for a year,
And perhaps good-bye forever.
—Pvt. William P. Dorsey, 31st Co.,
8 Bn., 155th Depot Brigade, Camp
Lee, Va.

Camp Lee, Va., July 22, 1918.

Dear Sir:

I wish you would save a little space
in your next edition of the "Weekly

Forecast" and print this poem of "The
Little Girl I Left Behind." Thanking
you for the same, I remain,

PVT. WM. P. DORSEY,
31st Co., 8 Bn., 155th Depot Bri-
gade, Camp Lee, Va.

July 7, 1918.

To the Editor:

Sir—Here I am "somewhere in
France," nothing to do but to think
of a few poems, so I wish you would
print this one, as Corp. Haley and
Private Padulese are using the same
brains to make this one up.

FOR HONOR AND FOR HER

Somewhere a woman, thrusting fear
away,

Faces the future for your sake,
Tolls on from dawn till dark, from
day to day;

Fights back her tears, nor heeds the
bitter ache.

She loves, trusts you; breathes in
prayer your name;

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Sells not her faith in you by sin
or shame.

Somewhere a woman, mother, sweet-
heart, wife,

Waits betwixt hopes and fears for
your return;

Her kiss, her words will cheer you in
the strife,

When death itself confronts you
grim and stern.

But let her image all your reverence
claim

When base temptations search you
with their flame.

Somewhere a woman watches, thrilled
with pride,

Shrined in her heart you share a
place with none;

She toils, she waits, she prays till
side by side

You stand together when the battles
are done.

Oh! keep, for her dear sake, a stain-
less name,

Bring back to her a woman free from
shame.

Hoping to see this in your paper in
a short time, I will close with our best
regards to the folks of the Falls. We
remain, yours truly,

CORP. J. J. HALEY,

PVT. J. L. PADULESE,

Co. I, 109th Inf., U. S. American E.
F., "Somewhere in France."

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

I also wish to thank the Citizens' Patriotic Committee for the sweater and comfort kit, as they will be very useful to me.

Sincerely yours,

PRIV. EWALD SHAW,

Base Hospital 76, Camp Devens, Boston, Mass.

To the Falls Patriotic Committee:

Kind friends, I do not know how to thank you for your comfort kit and sweater, but I and the rest of the boys of the Falls certainly do appreciate what you have done for us, and I am proud that I can say "I am from the Falls of Schuylkill," and hope the Patriotic Committee will accept my thanks and appreciation and I also hope your future work will be still forwarded and successful. I thank Mr. James J. Lawson for what he has done for me, and I hope my fellow workmen will accept my thanks for giving me a farewell party, and hope they are well as I am at present. I remain,

PRIV. JACK CHADWICK,

9th Squad, 4th Company, 1st Battalion, Syracuse Recruiting Station, Syracuse, New York.

"My sincerest thanks for the handy comfort kit, sweater, socks and other articles presented by your noble Citizens' Patriotic Committee, also the J. & J. Dobson Flute and Drum Corps, of which I was a member."—Linwood Hoch, Company 12, Wissahickon Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

ARMY LIFE IN THE 17TH CAVALRY

We sit around at noon time cursing the burning sun,
That seems to scorch the very hearts of each and every one.
We lay our weary bodies down on our banks and try our best
To get a wink of sleep or so, but the flies wont let us rest.
True we have mosquito nets fixed up in dandy style,
But mesh don't seem quite small enough, for they pass through with a smile;
They sing a song around our ears and tickle us on the nose,
The only way we hide from them is to crawl 'neath the woolen clothes.
Throughout the day we have our drills, West Point would sure look rich
To see the boys go marching square shoulders as a brick,
Fours left about, or to the rear mark time or column right,
We do as it is ordered and doing so, we're right.
This is credit due for what we know and each should get his share,
For it's no cinch to drill recruits here, there or anywhere.
Colonel Hartman hands the orders down to those commanding troops,
And none there is can show him the

way to train recruits.
He now commands the 17th, an outfit not so old,
And he's the one to lead us all to be warriors bold.
He will take "Old Glory" to the front, the stars will light the way;
The stripes will show our lines are straight as we enter the fray.
There's one thing more I wish to say, it's a good advice I knew,
If we do our best in each contest, our fame will surely grow.
And when the bugle calls of peace will sound the whole world o'er,
The starry flag of victory will wave on America's shore.
—Priv. M. J. Gaughan, U. S. 17th Cavalry, was appointed military police of Douglas.

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"White House" To Hold A Big Rally All Patriotic Citizens Should Come Tues. Night

Next Tuesday evening, September 10, the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee will hold a "rally" at the White House, Ridge avenue, to mark the first anniversary of the committee's existence. To this affair all patriotic citizens are invited—which means every person in the Falls of Schuylkill.

The program will consist of speech-making, music and other things not yet worked out by the committee on the rally.

The idea of giving the local boys going away a send-off and providing them with some useful things germinated in the mind of a patriotic townsman who suggested a meeting which took place August 28, 1917. On this date a permanent organization, the officers named being Charles L. Dykes, chairman; Charles W. Bothwell, secretary, and Ernest E. Carwaraine, treasurer, was formed. The body gave the movement strong impetus.

Through its planning a huge parade became a success on September 8. All boys from the Falls of Schuylkill connected with the United States Government service in defense of the nation, drafted men and those who had enlisted in the army and the navy of the nation were present. After the parade a meeting was held in America Hall, where the boys were feasted and heard speechmaking. The invitations that had been sent out for this affair were signed Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, from which time this title has been con-

tinuously used.

It was soon found necessary to have a place where the members of the committee which were becoming more numerous to have a meeting place other than Odd Fellows' Hall, the meeting place. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, who had taken a great interest in the committee from the start, solved the problem by stating she would see if a building centrally located could be obtained on Ridge avenue. The result was the formal opening, October 9, of the White House, at 4151 Ridge avenue, so called because the front was painted white and nearly all the interior was white. The free use of the building had been obtained from the Dobson Estate through the kind solicitation of Mrs. S. D. Riddle, daughter of the late John Dobson, and Mrs. Walter Jeffords, a granddaughter, both of Glen Riddle.

The "White House" then became the official meeting place of the committee and the knitting workshop of the women members.

Under the auspices of the White House, affairs, to realize money to buy wool, etc., for the women members, were promoted. The military ball held November 28, 1917, was "the greatest affair, without exception, that has ever been witnessed in the Falls of Schuylkill." Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus was the principal patron. The moving picture benefits netted good sums. A gigantic ten-day carnival on Dobson Field, beginning June 6, was well attended.

What the work of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee has been is known to every lad who is in Uncle Sam's service, his relatives and friends and, in fact, every person in the Falls of Schuylkill.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Recently, Josephine Bonoma, Anna Cafferty and Gladys Botterworth, all of Ridge avenue, held a block party, the proceeds of which amounted to \$13.25; this amount was turned over to "The White House" and will eventually be converted into something that will bring cheer and comfort to our "boys" who have answered the call to service. Many thanks to this patriotic trio.

On next Tuesday evening, September 10, there is to be a "rally" at "The White House" and there will be special music, special speakers, etc. All patriotic citizens invited. Your cooperation is expected for the fall and winter work.

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Two Missing In Ac- tion From Locality

U. S. Government Notifies Families Of Their Boys

Corporal Harry Camera Hoyle, whose home address is 3443 Crawford street, reported as missing in action on July 15, was 18 years of age when he enlisted June, 1917. He was sent to France with Company A of the 109th Infantry May 2 of this year.

His mother received a letter dated July 17, two days after he was supposed to have been missing, stating that he was wounded in the right hand and was getting the best of attention. But she added that the handwriting was not that of her son. In the meanwhile she is waiting hopefully for favorable reports concerning his welfare.

His father, James, is with the Royal Flying Corps in Canada stationed at Camp Borden. He enlisted August, 1917. His occupation in the service is that of mechanic.

The father of Harry was a machinist at Dobson's while Harry had a similar position with the Electric Storage Battery Company.

Ralph Shortall, 2810 West Clementine street, reported as missing, was in the first squad of drafted men sent to Camp Meade from the Thirty-eighth ward. He went to France last April, and since his departure two of his brothers, William and Joseph, have followed him to the fighting zone, they having enlisted last winter. Joseph drives a truck for the quartermaster's department, while William is in the field artillery.

Thomas P. Shortall, their father, said that he only regretted one thing, and that was that the army would not accept him as a volunteer. Ralph Shortall is 25 years old, and was formerly sexton of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Twenty-eighth street and Allegheny avenue. In a recent letter to Dr. Thomas Monaghan, a druggist, Shortall predicted that the war would be over by Christmas, and advised that all his friends get ready for a big New Year's Day parade in honor of the Allied victory.

INSTRUCTOR OF DRAFTEES

Mr. Thomas J. Gavaghan has been appointed a member of the Board of Instruction to Draftees, which has been organized under the War Camp

Community Service by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and Jewish Welfare Board. Mr. Gavaghan has been assigned to Local Board No. 38.

This organization is conducted under the War and Navy Departments Commission on Training Camp Activities.

The object of the Instruction Board is to have a "heart to heart" talk with the draftees in order to inspire them with the proper spirit and morale requisite to make of them devoted soldiers and also by explaining to them the various provisions that have been made for the support of their dependents, such as insurance, allotments, etc.

We are advised that Mr. Gavaghan has accepted the appointment and will gladly assist and advise any of the young men drafted from this district as well as any of the dependents who may call on him any evening at his residence, 3535 Ainslie street.

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FALLS BOY SURVIVOR OF SINKING

Francis Fitzgerald, of the United States Navy, whose home is at 7 Dobson Row, was in town on a week's furlough recently.

He is one of the survivors of the San Diego, a United States cruiser, which was torpedoed by a submarine about 11 o'clock on the morning of July 19, off Fire Island, New York, while on her return trip from overseas. The young sailor was in the water five hours before being picked up by a rescuing ship.

Fitzgerald was busily shoveling coal into the boilers when an explosion caused the vessel to vibrate. The ship, it was found, was struck amidships, below the water line, where the sea poured into the boiler room and adjacent sections.

The Falls of Schuylkill boy and his mates stood by their posts although the water in their compartment was rapidly rising. When the order to go on deck was given the fellows were in almost to their waists.

Not enough time remained to take to the lifeboats, some of which and their manning crews were lost in the attempts at launchings. A few minutes after Fitzgerald had leaped from the ill-fated ship it was seen to give an upward lurch like a dying monster and make its final dive to the bottom.

On being questioned if he was not afraid the young man replied that it was his duty to be unafraid.

He has been temporarily assigned to Pelham Bay, New York.

Three brothers of Francis are in Uncle Sam's service.

It can never be forgotten—it is already written in purple upon the records of time, that in the turning point of human destiny—in the very crisis of the world's history—it was America—American arms, American food, American ships, American money, and above all, American soldiers with the unconquerable light of liberty in their eyes—that bent the balances in the right way and rolled back the Huns and their Attila even while the sombre shadow rested blackest upon the face of civilization.

Flag-Raising At Calumet Street Bridge

Demonstration in Honor Of Men In The Service

An American flag and a service flag containing forty-eight stars, representing the men in the service who formerly used the old Calumet street bridge as a camping ground, were unfurled on Saturday last at 3.30 P. M. The bridge seemed so deserted since the boys have gone to the front that the neighbors thought that it would be fitting to raise a service flag to remember them while they are over there. Thomas Doyle was chairman of the committee, assisted by Harold Sudell, Leo F. Byrne and John Coe.

The flags were unfurled by the following little ladies, all relatives of the men represented in the service: Elizabeth MacEntyre, Mary McAndrew, Edith Treaga, Alice Reinhard, ~~Alice Harrop, Mary Rafferty, Catherine Welsh.~~

As the children released Old Glory and the service flag to the breeze the entire gathering sang "America" under the direction of Joseph Smith, leader of the Falls Male Chorus. Mr. Smith led the singing during the entire exercises, assisted by several members of the Male Chorus and he praised the children as they asked for no less than three requests of "Over There" and "There Is a Long, Long Trail."

Before the exercises there was a parade, starting at the bridge, north on Calumet street, to Thirty-fifth, east on Thirty-fifth, to New Queen street, south to Cresson street, west on Cresson to Calumet street. The parade was led by the John and James Dobson Fife and Drum Corps who assisted with patriotic music during the afternoon.

A remarkable feature of the parade was the splendid turn-out of the women and children living in the territory bounded by New Queen, Mill street, Cresson street and Thirty-sixth street.

There was not one home in the locality that was not represented; every woman carried an American flag and the children all dressed in white. It was a splendid tribute to the men in the service and showed the loyalty and devotion that is held for the men and also showed great respect for their families.

Mark McAndrew carried a massive American flag over the entire route.

A stirring address by Thomas J.

Gavaghan, in which he told many interesting stories of the old bridge and the boyhood happy times spent there by the men now in France. He told of the great feats being performed by the Pennsylvania boys during the past week and paid a splendid tribute to the officers and men and said that no doubt some of the boys from the bridge tasted fire in those battles. He also spoke of the sad news that was bound to come from the front and encouraged the relatives of the men to be patient and that victory that was sure to come would be worth to the world the price to be paid.

He was followed by Councilman John E. Smithies, who emphasized the importance of the pushing back of the Germans till we were able to plant the American flag in Berlin. He spoke of the wonderful things that America had done since we entered the war, praised President Wilson and said every American should back him to the last dollar. He told many remarkable tales of Belgium and said this little strip of land between Germany and France, where the Huns were halted saved the world. He also told of some interesting memories of the old bridge, which seemed to please him as well as his audience. He finished by demanding three long cheers for Old Glory.

The names of the forty-eight men represented in the flag follow: James McEntyre, Raymond McHale, William Calhoun, Bernard McDevitt, Joseph McDevitt, James McHenry, Herbert Blacker, William Dixon, Joseph Dixon, Joseph Mulligan, Neil Mulligan, Joseph Coe, Russell Marley, David Gray, Martin Loughlin, Vincent Roach, Walter Feeley, Francis Feeley, John H. Werner, William Sudell, Cameron Harrop, Joseph McAndrew, Thomas McAndrew, John Cashman, John Chadwick, Joseph Williams, Martin Welsh, Fenton Welsh, Thomas Rabbitt, Harold Entwistle, Albert Entwistle, Burke Cunningham, John Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Charles Rafferty, Harry Smith, Joseph Laughlin, Leo Bilboa, Thomas McHale, Maurice White, Joseph Casey, Thomas Donahue, Herbert Nixon, Ervin Beaver, Arthur Dean, Leo Jordan, Charles Ells, Jacob Mower.

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The Falls Male Chorus, which has given so many enjoyable entertainments for the sailors and marines, will give a concert at the Young Women's Christian Association on Ridge avenue on Thursday night, October 11. Mr. Joseph Smith is the conductor. The chorus will be assisted by Miss Mae Farley, vocal soloist, and Miss Hess, reader.

In aid of the Red Cross Society of America, Auxillary No. 109 will give two motion picture entertainments at the

Midvale Theatre; one on Monday, October 22, and the other on Thursday, October 25.

A special committee of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee has been appointed to make preparations for taking care of the new contingent of drafted men. It includes Mr. Theodore L. Mackenzie, Mr. Ernest E. Carwardine, Mr. S. C. Gotwals, Mr. John Kyle, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Robert Boardman, Mr. Charles L. Dykes, Mr. Charles W. Bothwell and Mr. J. W. Flanagan. The women's auxiliary committee includes Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson Altemus, Mrs. Harry Pinkin, Mrs. Alfred Byrnes, Mrs. William Gordon, Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. May Burk, Mrs. Newark Wood and Mrs. Thomas West.

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—It doesn't do to speak disparagingly of the boys who are fighting in the American army in France. This was demonstrated last week, in the bar-room of the Falls Hotel, when a citizen of 200 pounds spoke in slurring terms of the army. Among the men present was a man who has two sons in the army. He stood the talk as long as he could, and then made a rush at the offender, and with the assistance of another man hustled the big fellow out of the hotel and ducked him several times in the large trough used for watering horses. In his struggle to get out of the cool spring water the victim lost a shoe and a stocking. After getting out of the involuntary bath he ran down Ridge avenue to his home amid the jibes of a large number of mill operators who witnessed the ducking. One of the spectators said he would have given \$5 if he had had his camera, so as to have taken a snapshot of the laughable picture.

Slurs Americans *Service* And Their Methods *Forecast 8/22/18* Man With English Bent Is Repaid With Ducking

For slurring remarks about the American army in France, a water-trough ducking was given Wednesday afternoon a week ago to Louis Lister, a 200-pounder, who lives on Ridge avenue below Queen lane. The ducking was given him by two men, whose combined weight no more than equaled his, and in the presence of a large crowd of men and women homeward bound from work in the mills.

At 5 P. M., Lister went into the bar of the Falls Hotel and over his beer began expressing his mind freely about the fighting qualities of the American army abroad. A small, wiry man was the only other person in front of the bar. The latter has two sons in France and after listening to the tirade of Lister, entered his objections in forceful language. Just then another small man came in, and when he understood what the dispute was about volunteered to assist the other small man.

They made a rush for Lister and had him on the run to the door before he was aware of it, and head first into the watering trough. They went at him like the Americans went after the Huns, and when he was permitted to emerge from the trough, he skipped down the street, minus a shoe, as if the Indians were after him, amid the jeers of a large crowd.

Lister, the Englishman, for some time had been making himself obnoxious by his virulent attacks on everything American.

Soldier's Life On Transport Across "Over There" On Last Voy- age Of "President Lincoln"

If you are just an ordinary citizen with no particular business on board, but are curious and would like to look over one of the transports that carry our troops "over there" you must first obtain permission from one of the three properly constituted authorities. First there is the Army Transport Service. Your request will be denied without explanation. Then you may try the commandant in charge of naval construction. Your application is taken politely under consideration and—promptly forgotten. Your last hope is the Army and Navy Department, which, if all the conditions are just right, may grant the desired permission to inspect the transport.

It so happened that such a visit was made through the courtesy of the Washington authorities, and the transport selected was the ill-fated "President Lincoln," formerly a Hamburg-American liner, and sunk by a German submarine in the latter part of May, when 800 miles at sea, while on her way back to the United States.

The visitor's impressions of the "President Lincoln," which are printed in the "New York Sun," give a very good idea of the sort of life and surroundings of our boys on any American transport during the first stage of their journey to the front:

The decks of the steamship present a totally different appearance from her passenger days. They are bare of deck-chairs or any other thing that would encumber them and interfere with their use as an exercise and drill ground. All non-essentials have been swept away, but the ship is none the less attractive for their absence.

Cabins and smoking rooms on the hurricane-deck have been opened into one another and furnish no small recreation space, which is set with small tables for cards and other light games. The decks below and the former saloons and drawing rooms exhibit the greatest change. Their furnishings have been taken out and now serve mostly in club rooms for soldiers and marines when they are ashore.

As the men come on board and are assigned in platoons to quarters they are given the following articles: a length of strong white canvas six feet by four, the hammock, a mattress, which will serve at need as a life preserver, a thick blanket and a bath towel. These things with their toilet articles form the necessities of the voyage.

Having received them the soldiers are filed down in platoons to their quarters on the ship and a half-dozen marines instruct them in how to swing and lash the hammock, a task in which, by the way, they have already received some theoretic drill at

the cantonments.

On the lower deck between the ports are set tables of bright white pine scrubbed to a nicety. At intervals are sculleries, which are to serve for butler's pantries. At these tables each man has his assigned place for chow and at other times the tables are used for reading, study, writing or recreation like cards. A shelf is handily placed near the tables to hold books and writing materials.

Finally, the big transport starts on her voyage. She is picked up by her convoy and heads for the shores of France. And then:

At the first peep of day a gong resounds through each deck and the deckmaster's voice is heard shouting: "Hit the deck, mates!"

The electric lights are switched on as a second invitation to the sleepy heads, and before five minutes have elapsed every man is out of his hammock, folding his blanket and clewing up his hammock. A simultaneous grab is made for the toilet articles and the men line up for roll call. Each platoon, remember, is treated as an entity and this preliminary passes quicker than might seem possible.

Then follows the rush of the boys to the shower baths, and it is a rush. Jostling and cheering, they are shoved up one by one and shouts of healthy enjoyment greet the rush of water, while all sorts of horseplay, including a good deal of spattering, ensue. Back to their hammocks they rush, shaking their bath towels, and another few minutes are given to cleaning up and getting into their clothes.

Inspection comes next and it is a function of every morning. Absolute cleanliness is required and insisted on. The inspection is made by officers, changed every day, who appear at this early hour in complete uniform even to the spotless white gloves.

All are now ready for chow and from the companionway arrive two jackies staggering under an immense cylinder. Behind them walks another carrying a great can like a gigantic milk can and then come two others, each loaded with four loaves of bread, the size that a Gargantua would need for a little snack. By this time the men are seated at their tables and they give way unrebuked to all kinds of merriment.

In the cylinder, when the top is unscrewed, in the scullery are nests of vessels holding the soup and meat and vegetables and keeping them as hot as when they left the cook's bottle. The big can is, in fact, a thermos bottle, which gives up steaming coffee. Tea and cocoa are served

also, but by tradition all these liquids pass under one name, which the landsmen soon adopt. It is "Java."

The food is plentiful and good. At two meals there are always beans cooked to a consistency of soup, and meat is served once a day, commonly a stew. A fresh vegetable appears on every menu for dinner and supper. At the last meal of the day apples or jam serves as a dainty and occasionally stewed fruit.

The breakfast hour is 5 o'clock, dinner follows at 11.30, and supper at 4.30. Sometimes a lunch of crackers and bouillon is served on deck between dinner and supper. The men are in their bunks and hammocks by sundown and the black transport, all lights out, moves steadily through the night.

As the majority of the soldiers have never been at sea extra attention is paid to the poor sailors in the early days of the voyage, and the diet of these differs somewhat from that of the hardy men who do not sacrifice to Neptune. All the men are in good health when they come aboard; that is a point carefully looked after, but some of the Westerners may be counted on to fill the bunks in the hospital, of which there are several.

Soon after breakfast the men are taken to the main deck in relays and put through a strenuous drill, after which they are at liberty to lounge about the decks and smoke. No smoking is permitted between decks, and the usual smoking rooms are given up to the officers. Some of the time is occupied in acquiring new accomplishments that will be found useful in the womanless world into which they are voyaging, for, says the writer in the "Sun":

Not many of the men come from the cantonments versed in the needle-woman's art and this is taught and practised among them. Nearly every one has a comfort kit containing thread and needles and all the boys are keen to do their own mending.

They take a boyish sort of enjoyment, too, in comparing their luxuries, the woolen socks and sweater, helmet and gauntlets, which have been knitted and presented to them.

Eight, perhaps nine, days are occupied in transit, and routine has been established, comfort attained, and custom almost made sailors of even the driest Western product. When the transport takes leave of her convoys to enter the port of destination it is easy to imagine the excitement that prevails on board.

The disembarkation is another story. Loud is the welcome accorded to each new re-enforcement; the quays are crowded with enthusiastic people, bands play, handkerchiefs wave, a great shout goes up as the stalwart young fellows, trim in their shore-going garb, step on this land which seems at once so friendly.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

THE RECRUIT

I've burned my bridge and I've done my deed,

Yes, I've handed in my name,
And it's down on the list of Uncle Sam's team

That I'm to play in the final game.
I'm sick of my seat in the grandstand here,

And all that the stand can see,
But if there's room in the ranks for the rest of my pals,
There's room in the ranks for me.

To how many pals have I said "Good-bye"

As I swung through the town to the boat,

Always to turn away with a throb
That seemed to tear my throat?
Oh, some are sleeping beneath the sod,

And some are still on the sea;
But each of them answered his name in turn,
So I thought it was up to me.

I stuck it through, and I said "Not yet"

And "the time is still to come,"
For I hardened to a softer, sadder voice
Than the roll of a distant drum.
But I'm breaking the bonds that bind me here—

Whatever those bonds may be—
If they want a hundred thousand men,

Well, I guess that they must want me.

Perhaps 'twas the note of the sounding call

That rang from the old town hall,
Perhaps 'twas the words that were blazoned forth

In the writing on the wall;
But whether the blare of a bugle call
Or a poster's passionate plea,
I suddenly woke to the salient fact
That the message was meant for me.

I wandered in where the open gate
Seems to beckon to half the town,
I walked in with boys from my own home town

Who never wore a frown.
The sergeant was counting a hundred and one,

A hundred and two, and three,
"You can make it a hundred and four," said I,

For a hundred and four meant me.

Yes, I've burned my bridge and I've done the deed,

I've handed in my name,
And now I can hold my head erect
Where once it was lowered in shame.

Soon I shall stand with my brother in arms,

Fighting the fight of the free,
So I thank my God that the call that came

Found an answering call in me.
By PVT. JACK CHADWICK,
Co. 4, 1st Bat., Syracuse Recruiting Camp, N. Y.

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MORE THAN ONE SOLDIER HUSBAND

When a married man enlists or is drafted, he is expected to let his wife draw half of his \$30 a month and the Government will give her another \$15. It has been found that quite a number of women have married several soldiers, one after another, while these were in camp and are now drawing from every one an allotment of \$15 and an allowance from the Treasury of \$15 a month. One "vampire" had twelve of these husbands and was getting rich quick when she was caught. Now she faces charges of forgery and bigamy.

If the wife of a soldier who has been sent to France is proved to be guilty of unfaithfulness to him, she will be deprived of \$30 a month—being the allotment he gave her and the allowance the Government made to her. This will make immorality on the part of soldiers' wives unprofitable.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, FOR 18 TO 45

Thursday, September 12, is registration day.

Hours of registration are between 7 A. M. and 9 P. M.

Draft includes all males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, inclusive, except such as are specially exempted in the proclamation.

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John D. Hutchinson, Jr., son of Superintendent John D. Hutchinson, of Ridge avenue, was slightly gassed during the Chateau Thierry attack. He is recovering rapidly in the field hospital. George Langan, of Ridge avenue, was also a victim. They are both members of the 109th infantry machine gun company.

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Charles J. Flanagan, 3408 Sunny-side avenue, and Edmond Gallagher, Thirty-third and Bowman streets, enlisted men and former employes of the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Hog Island Ship Yard, left here for active service on Monday last Labor Day for Charlestown, S. C., Officers' Training Camp, Naval Aviation Corps. They have both already secured ratings, so petty officers will be heard from in the near future, perhaps as commissioned officers.

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MEN GO AWAY TO CAMP

These men left for camp yesterday morning:

E. Melvaine, 3241 N. Stillman.
H. H. Clifford, 2729 N. 29th.
F. J. Ward, 3327 N. 35th.
W. W. Wood, 2821 W. Lehigh ave.
J. F. Vandling, 3111 N. Pennock.
H. M. Fell, 2736 N. 28th.
R. Raum, 3201 Cresson.
J. W. Duncan, 33d and Abbotsford.
S. L. Seasholes, 3625 Queen lane.
A. O'Donnell, 2731 N. 29th.
T. A. Ahern, 3339 W. Clearfield.
A. J. Herr, 2859 N. 28th.
F. W. J. Hill, 3014 N. Taney.
A. E. Werner, 3630 Coulter.
W. M. Ward, 3505 W. Allegheny.

ALTERNATES

H. A. McClellan, 3305 Krail.
J. K. Schofield, 3935 Ridge ave.
A. J. Auchterlouie, 3133 N. Bambrey.
Tomorrow another group will go away. Their names are:
E. H. Byrne, 2823 N. 27th.
H. W. M. Christiansen, 2835 N. Taney.
E. L. Kane, 4169 Ridge ave.
H. Morrow, 3962 Calumet.
George Smith, 148 Eveline.
David Engoron, 2433 S. Orkney.
R. Dickson, 3148 N. 25th.
J. Klusman, 2822 W. Clementine.
R. Knapp, 546 N. 10th.
E. C. Enders, 2854 N. 27th.
J. A. Burke, 4066 Ridge ave.
M. B. Myers, 2810 N. 26th.
G. W. Childs, 2531 W. Lehigh ave.

ALTERNATES

L. Greenig, 3125 N. 30th.
J. Nease, 3406 Division.
L. A. Smyser, 604 E. Main, Coatesville, Pa.
W. R. Kates, 2950 Wishart.
J. H. Garfield, 2949 N. Taney.

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WHERE 18 TO 45 MEN MAY REGISTER

The places where men between 18 and 45 who have not previously registered under the jurisdiction of Draft Board Number 38, may register today, Thursday, September 12, are as follows:

Headquarters, police station at Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue.

- 3—Dover and Lehigh.
- 9—2515 West Allegheny avenue.
- 10—4272 Ridge avenue.
- 11—4253 Ridge avenue.
- 16—Cresson and Scott's lane.
- 17—Northeast corner Queen lane and Cresson.
- 18—3411 North Thirty-fifth.
- 25—Northeast corner Twenty-sixth and Sterner.
- 26—3347 Clearfield.
- 29—2601 West Sterner.
- 30—2748 North Silver.
- 33—4127 Ridge avenue.
- 40—3000 Stillman.
- 42—3118 North Twenty-eighth.
- 43—2526 West Allegheny avenue.

The Draft Board has ruled that men may register either at the headquarters of the board or at any one of the polling places in the ward that may be open. In order to facilitate the work, however, men are requested to register at the places nearest their homes.

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Boys Write Home Of Their Exploits

Tell Of Getting Germans; Send Home Tokens Taken



Thomas G. Rabbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rabbitt, 3535 New Queen street, reported missing, is now known to be recovering from wounds "somewhere in France."

Tom was drafted September 23, 1917, and sent to Camp Meade, where he remained but three weeks, having been transferred to Co. I, 110th Infantry, Camp Hancock. While there, he was instructor of the automatic rifle and in an examination made a record for himself, having hit 99 shots out of 100. For this splendid marksmanship he was rewarded with a permanent pass, enabling him to leave the camp at any time without asking permission.

On December 31, 1917, he was married to Miss Mary McGeogh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McGeogh, 3714 Stanton street.

His company left for France May 2, 1918, and in the many letters received from him since it became known of his taking active part in battles since July 4. On August 21 a telegram stating "officially reported missing in action, July 30," was received by his wife, although she, as well as his parents, had already been in receipt of a card written by Tom himself on August 2, saying "Getting on well; don't worry." During the past week several more letters have arrived from him and although he fails to state the nature and severity of his wounds it is believed he is now recovering behind the lines.

One of his letters reads in part as follows: "Do not be alarmed at any distressing news which may have been received as I am quite O. K. and having a rest behind the lines away from the front. Toward the end of July things, which I am not permitted to disclose, occurred, and in the meantime I lost my coat and all belongings, later finding myself taking an enforced vacation several miles from the front. It certainly was tough, but I'm glad I was in for it all, and after a little while hope to be in it again. We have the Boches on the run, and it is Berlin or burst. In the midst of the gruesomeness of the conflict there are many funny incidents which occur. For instance, often one sees a little Yank, measuring about 4 feet 5 inches, standing before a big 8-foot German, who is

howling at the pitch of his voice: 'Mercy! Kamerad! Wife and ten children in der Vaterland!' There are also many more funny and humorous things I could relate, but the censor like the French, says: 'Perhaps, after the war.'"

The following letter has been received by Jacob Auer, of 3515 Sunnyside avenue, from his son, Edward, who is a private in Company I of the 109th U. S. Infantry, formerly the 1st Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, now on duty in France, with the American Expeditionary forces.

France, July 19, 1918.

Dear Father:

Well, Dad, I have done my bit at the front and we were relieved last night and are now back of the lines for rest. We had quite a few casualties in our regiment, but we have made a good showing as we met the beginning of the Hun's big drive and captured 2000 prisoners and I could never say the amount that fell from our fire. I can safely say that Germany cannot last much longer as the prisoners look half starved and are tired out. Most of them are about 14 to 16 years old, while the rest look about 50 or 60. One prisoner said in English, "The Americans don't give a damn for anything." I know he is right for we certainly did plough their lines.

I certainly was happy to be relieved last night as we were very tired. You get very little sleep at the front and we certainly did need a rest as the Huns were always on the go.

I came out safely except for a small shrapnel wound on the left hip and a few scratches. I was able to stick without being sent to the rear. I know you will be happy to receive this letter, but you will be no happier than I am now. I am in the best of health and I hope all are the same.

Tell everybody I was asking for them.

From your loving son,

EDDIE.

Since receipt of the above letter Mr. Auer has received a letter from his son dated August 4, written at a base hospital in France, where he is now located as a result of having fallen a victim to shell shock and also being slightly gassed, having been buried by the explosion of a big shell while at the front during the battle from the 26th to the 30th of July when the old 1st Regiment now known as the 109th U. S. Infantry was virtually wiped out.

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FALLS MAN TO GET COMMISSION

Another Falls of Schuylkill man to receive a commission after being a private is Edward C. Clarey, of Midvale avenue, who was drafted October 5, 1917, made corporal, November 22, and sergeant, December 27, of the same year. He is now lieutenant, having been assigned to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., reporting for duty September 5.

When he was made sergeant he received a certificate which authorized him to teach about gas, military map sketching, signaling and operating a trench mortar gun, the last of English make, considered the best gun for trench warfare. Its main use is to blow up machine-gun emplacements.

At the time his transfer to the officers' training school on May 15, 1918, was made, he ranked as sergeant with the Trench Mortar Platoon Headquarters Company, 314th Infantry, Camp Meade. He was made second lieutenant August 26.

Edward is a Falls of Schuylkill son, his birthday being noted as April 6, 1892. After graduation from the Roman Catholic High School in 1911, he entered the Philadelphia Post Office as clerk, holding this position until taken by the local draft board.

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Thomas Montgomery, 3429 Commissioner street, enlisted in the navy, and was sent to Cape May last Tuesday.

William Burns, 3140 North Twenty-ninth street, was home on a visit last Monday. William is now on the U. S. S. Pocahontas at present in New York Harbor.

Dr. John F. Gorman, 2523 Allegheny avenue, left for Camp Meade, Md., last Friday. He is now a lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

John Hood, 2915 Clearfield street, in the Jefferson Hospital convalescing from an operation, previous to enlisting in the army.

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TRAFFIC COP COPS THINGS GERMAN

Thomas Whiston, formerly traffic officer at Broad street and Allegheny avenue, who went overseas from Camp Hancock with Company B, 103d Military Police, in May, sent a number of war trophies to his brother-in-law, Thomas Davison, 3343 Clearfield street.

The first prize is a "tin" hat as the Americans call the German helmet. On the inside were the initials, "F. A." Leather pieces are fixed in so to make the heavy headpiece comfortable. The helmet weighed two pounds and nine ounces.

An infantryman's cap bearing the colors red and drab is another valued token. It was shot full of bullet holes.

A shoulder strap with the marks "M. W. 412" was the third piece he sent.

The package cost 46 cents to send. "Tom" enlisted July, 1917.

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George J. Filoon, 19, of Calumet street; William Buckland, 20, of Wiehle street; George Markey, 20, of Stanton street, and Gerald Lawler, 18, of Sunnyside avenue, have enlisted in the United States Marines.

Paradise boys who are in the service and were home for a visit last Sunday were: Lieutenant John F. Gorman, of Camp Meade; Edward O'Mara, of Camp Meade; Thomas Kavanagh, of Lakehurst, N. J.; John Gavaghan, of Boston, Mass., and Thomas Gavaghan, of Cape May.

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White House Has Big Celebration Marks First Anniversary Of Local Committee

The first anniversary celebration of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee at the White House on Tuesday evening was attended by a large number of local folks who crowded the place to the utmost capacity.

The president, Theodore L. Mackenzie, after a brief preliminary address, appointed Thomas J. Gavaghan chairman for the evening.

Mr. Gavaghan, in a flowing speech, complimented the committee upon its work during the past year which he reviewed in some detail. He bestowed great praise upon Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, whom he characterized as the guiding spirit of the committee. He felt that no other community in the country has responded so enthusiastically toward contributing for the welfare of the boys in the country's service.

The first officers of the permanent organization were called upon to speak to the gathering, namely, Charles L. Dykes, Charles W. Bothwell and Ernest E. Carwardine. Their remarks, though short, were well put.

The other speakers were Joseph Smith, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, the last of whom was loudly cheered.

George Kelly, the widely-known actor, who was rejected much to his sorrow, gave a clear description of camp life. After he had finished his hearers were satisfied that the boys are being treated well and made ready for men's jobs.

The report which was read was not very long, but contained much interesting information. Sixteen hundred dollars remain in the treasury after many expenditures were made. The sum of \$5000 was spent in the past year for outfitting over 570 boys with comfort kits and other necessities, in addition to five dollars, which was sent to each man overseas who could be located.

Several letters from our boys in France were read.

After the business of the evening was closed, ice cream and cakes were served by the ladies of the Emergency Aid. The Falls Male Chorus, directed by Joseph Smith, rendered several selections.

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From The Home Boys Who Are "Over There" Letters Give Glimpses of War Life At And Near Front

To the members of the White House
—I wish to express my appreciation
and thanks for the kit received and
also for what I received from the
Presbyterian Church.

CARL STAMM,
First Company Casual Detachment,
155th Depot Brigade, 42d St., Camp
Lee, Va.

August 15, 1918.

I wish to express my thanks and
appreciation to the committee for this
gift. I assure you I am very grate-
ful to you all, and it is mighty good
to know that the people at home are
behind us every minute. Hoping to be
able to thank you personally some
day, I am,

ELMER DORSEY.

August 21, 1918.

I wish hereby to try and express
my appreciation and heartfelt grati-
tude for the token of thoughtfulness
so kindly sent me, and received yester-
day. It is not the monetary value
but the spirit that inspires the gift,
that vividly pictures the tie of fellow-
ship and friendship, so pronounced
among people of the Falls, which,
however, has never had opportunity
of being so emphatically demonstrat-
ed as since the beginning of the war.
I am certain that one of the benefits
derived from the war will be a clear-
er conception of the kindness and
generosity of our townfolk.

Not alone must we boys thank you
for your kind gifts to us, but also for
your daily personal sacrifices innum-
erable, which enables the Government
to provide for its army and to carry
on the war over here on a scale al-
most incomprehensible.

I have been stationed here since my
arrival overseas, eight months ago,
and have been fortunate recently in
enjoying several trips and seeing
quite a little bit of France.

During my sojourn here I have met
several boys from the Falls, and I no-
ticed in "The Forecast" where one of
them was so pleased to get a couple
copies of that paper which I had on
hand, that he wrote home about it,
and his letter was published by Mr.
Cowardine.

That is merely a small personifica-
tion of how pleased we are to hear
from those at home, and it is a con-
soling and encouraging thought to
harbor that we boys are doing our bit
for people who appreciate, and do
everything in their power to show
their appreciation by tokens such as
this one, making life for their boys
while away as pleasant as possible.

Again thanking you all for your
many kindnesses, and hoping to be

with you before long, I remain,
Your friend,

G. EDMONDS.
August 14, 1918.

I received your letter and also the
check, and I think it very good of you
to think of me and the rest of the
boys from the Falls, so accept my sin-
cere thanks, and I am sure all the rest
of the boys appreciate it as much as
I do. I think it is rather a novel way
of showing the boys you are thinking
of them at home. I am sure it will
take, too. I know lots of them that
it will come handy to, but just at
present all of us that received them
in the ammunition train are quite a
long way from any town where we
can through it. I suppose we will get
to some place at some time or another
pretty soon. If not, well then we can
hold on to it with some satisfaction
that the people at home have not for-
gotten us altogether. It will be a nice
souvenir. I'm sure I'm not much of a
writer, so I will close now, thanking
you again for the letter and check.

REGINALD HARDCASTLE.

France, Aug. 14, 1918.

Your letter under date of July 8,
enclosing the check amounting to one
pound, received, and in reply would
say words cannot express my thanks
for same. It is, indeed, gratifying to
one who is about fifty miles from
nowhere to receive such an encourag-
ing letter, and last but not least such
a handsome sum of money, which is
always welcomed. While I am far
from being broke, nevertheless you
know a soldier is noted for the coin
he spends, and I suppose I am no ex-
ception.

At the present time I am enjoying
very good health, and to my mind
that is the greatest asset one can pos-
sess, especially in this life, where one
is subject to all kinds of conditions.

Could write you quite a lengthy let-
ter on what I have seen and done
since being "over here," but sorry to
say the "censors" make us live up to
the rules.

So, thanking the kind people of the
Falls for the much appreciated and
very useful gift, and with best wishes
to all.

GEORGE L. BATES.

August 9, 1918.

Received your token of one pound
on this date, and I certainly do appre-
ciate it very much.

I want to thank you, one and all, It
could not have struck me at a better
time. I suppose you realize now how
good I feel about it. My shipmates
were surprise when I broke it out and
showed them. They all said they
wished they lived in the Falls and
have somebody at home looking after
them with the same spirit as the
Falls. Well, it is getting close on to

a year since I sailed away from the
Statue of Liberty, and it was the hap-
piest day of my life when I pulled out
in that big space of water, what they
call the Atlantic. I feel as though it
is a great honor to risk my life
against such murderous people, for
the sake of my loved ones at home,
and no doubt all the Yanks over here
feel the same.

The morality and spirit is wonder-

ful, and you know we are sure to win
with the good spirit at home helping
us along.

I have been to a few countries and
quite a few cities. Paris is the most
wonderful city I ever did see, very
much romantic and historical. I could
not explain through letter how beauti-
ful it is.

I experienced a little excitement
there also. The best the Huns can do
with their bombs is to kill a few
children and women. I would like to
tell you about some of my travels and
jolts, but the censor would not let it
get through. Silence is a big word
over here. I get the "Weekly Fore-
cast" once in a while, and it is just
like a letter from home.

Thanking you once again for your
kind thoughts, I will never forget.

MARTY O'MALLEY.

I just received your letter and
check. Was very glad to hear from
you, and it was very kind of you for
sending check. I just returned back
from the front. Have been chasing
the Boches since the 4th of July, and
have just caught up to them. We had
to hire trucks to catch up to them.
We gave him the run for his money.
It's the Twenty-eighth Division they
all can thank for doing it. We had
them on the run for 45 kilos. One
kilo is five-eighths of a mile, so you
know how far we drove them. General
Pershing says "Heaven, Hell or Ho-
boken" by Christmas, so you can look
for one of them. I am back for a 45
days' rest, and I guess you know we
will give them some more drives be-
fore long. By the way, the Scotch
Highlanders gave them h—. The
Boche calls them the women out of
hell. The death list of those you know
are Edward Basil. He was killed
with high explosives. Dick Kane was
wounded in three places, but not se-
riously. Charles Carr had two
wounds. His were serious. Raymond
Schwartz and Edward Howe were
shell shocked and sent to the hospital
for treatment. You know it is hard
on the nerves to stand the noise. So
that's all of the boys who had mis-
haps. The rest of the boys are O. K.
I had a little trouble. I was in a gas
attack and knocked out for a couple
of days. I also was burned by liquid
fire, and am still on the job after the
dirty Dutch. They are the dirtiest
fighters on earth. You know we are
fighting in the open warfare now, not
in the trenches, as you can't win this
war fighting in the trenches. We are
all in hopes of this war closing, as
every one is sick of war every place
we go. Well, I guess you are as tired
of the war as the rest are. Tell Mrs.
Bessie Dobson Altemus I received her
post cards and was glad to hear from
her.

PVT. ROBERT TREVETHAN.

Received your most welcome and
thankful gift, which you people sent
to me, and I appreciate the things
that the committee has done for all
the boys that are away from the good
little burg. Have met quite a few of
them while I have been over here,
and they all look in good health. I had
mine cashed yesterday, and we get
five francs 60 centimes on the dollar.
Marty Omalley, Charles Cox and my-
self are still together, and are all in
good health. Glad to hear that the
committee is doing so well. It won't

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take long now before the war is over the way the boys up at the front have got the Huns on the run.

H. W. CARRUTHERS,
U. S. S. Panther.

August 20, 1918.

Five days ago I received your letter with the check. I wish to thank you and all the members of the Falls Patriotic Committee for the kind token you have sent me. I read in "The Forecast" of the wonderful work the committee is doing. It sure is great to think of all the good work the committee is doing for us. I wish you and all the members of the Falls Patriotic Committee the best of luck.

JEAN BUDETTI.

I am quite well. I have received your letter dated July 19. Letter follows at first opportunity.—Francis J. Ryan, August 13.

France, August 15, 1918.

Have received the check sent by the Patriotic Society through you, and wish to send my thanks and appreciation for what the society is doing for us.

What you have sent will come in very handy to me, and I am sure the other boys feel the same about it.

Have been up in places where it was impossible to get anything, except at the Y. M. C. A., but there we can have a jolly time; then your checks will be enjoyed.

Have not met up with any of the boys from home so far, but am constantly on the lookout. We have seen a good deal of the real thing in the last few months, it being very interesting to watch the artillery duels and fighting in the air.

ELMER A. SHINGLE.

August 13, 1918.

I received the check you sent me, and I thank, from the bottom of my heart, the Citizens' Patriotic Committee of the Falls of Schuylkill.

PRIV. ERNEST DAUREN.

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OVER \$700 FROM BLOCK PARTY

The sum of \$709.87, at time of writing, was reported by Mrs. Anna Schwartz, chairlady, as having been made at the block party at Ridge and Midvale avenues, on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 13 and 14, respectively.

The general public who patronized the affair and the Emergency Aid aides who assisted are heartily thanked by the following committee:

Mrs. Anna Schwartz, chairlady; Miss Grace Kelly, assistant chairlady; Mrs. Harry Andrews, Mrs. M. Foley, Mrs. James Lawson, Mrs. John Flanagan, Mrs. Sarah Casey, Mrs. Albert Hardwick, Mrs. Hattie West, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Bennew, Mrs. John Frommeyer, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Fred Hardwick, Miss Mary Cunningham, Miss Elizabeth Foley.

HERE AND THERE

"Yours for the Fourth Liberty Loan" is slogan of campaign.

Lieutenant Archibald, of the local fire company, is on his vacation.

Driver Rapp, of Truck 18, is back again from a well-spent vacation.

Word has been received that William Goodman, formerly of Sunnyside avenue, has arrived safely overseas.

Charles J. Flanagan is at the naval aviation camp, Charleston, S. C. Edward Gallagher is confined in the hospital at the same camp.

"I wish to thank the Falls Patriotic Committee for the comfort kit which I received."—James Farrell.

Hallowe'en masquerade dance for the benefit of the sailors and soldiers of the Falls will be held at America Hall, Thirty-fifth and Sunnyside avenue, Hallowe'en, Thursday evening, October 31.

Louis Flanagan, 3408 Sunnyside avenue, keel inspector at Hog Island Shipyard and formerly teller of the Bank of East Falls, enlisted and joined the training camp at Villa Nova College last week.

William Mackenzie, from Portland, Oregon, is visiting Theodore Mackenzie, his cousin, residing on Queen lane. They have not seen each other for twenty-eighth years. Mr. Mackenzie, from the West, is vice president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Engineers.

A colored track-woman was struck by the 10.37 southbound express while standing on the Reading Railway bridge watching a troop train on the Port Richmond branch last Thursday morning and catapulted off the bridge to the tracks below. She was picked up dead.

Mrs. Emma Burr, of 4 Laboratory Hill, died Tuesday at the Philadelphia Hospital. The funeral will take place from 3731 Calumet street.

The President's message to the American people on the Fourth Liberty Loan, in a copy from his own handwriting, is printed on page 2 of this week's issue.

Since so many letters are received from the soldier and sailor boys for publication in the local newspaper, it becomes imperative for the "Weekly Forecast," in respect of the Government ruling, on print paper to announce that these can no longer be printed in full, only brief reference being permissible. That also will give the other fellow a chance.

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Thomas Montgomery, 3429 Commissioner street, is now at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. It's about 33 miles from Chicago.

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Everybody Go To The White House!

Workers To Be Organized Tuesday Evening, Sept. 24

Next Tuesday evening, September 24, at 8 o'clock, a meeting will take place in the White House to lay plans for the organization of workers for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Since every person in the Falls of Schuylkill is interested in the success of the loan, they should attend to give their ideas as to how most quickly raise the money for Uncle Sam, who has a big job on his hands.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus and Charles W. Bothwell have been appointed by the Central Committee in Philadelphia to act as chairmen, respectively, of the women's and men's committees.

MILITARY MASS FOR SOLDIER DEAD

In honor of Edward Basile, who was killed in action on August 14, 1918, a military Solemn High Mass will take place in St. Bridget's Church on Saturday morning, September 21, at 9 o'clock.

Relatives and friends and soldiers and sailors are invited to attend. The family of the soldier dead reside at 4235 Ridge avenue.

FLAG RAISING WELL ATTENDED

Over twenty-five hundred persons attended the flag raising at Thirty-fourth and Clearfield streets on Saturday afternoon and heard a young soldier, named Hamilton, who won honorable discharge on account of wounds received in France, recite the tale of his experiences with the Teuton warriors.

A parade, led by the John and James Dobson Fife and Drum Corps, along Clearfield street, to Ridge avenue, to Allegheny avenue, to Thirty-fifth street, to the place of the flag raising, at Thirty-fourth and Clearfield streets, preceded the exercises.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Henry Naylor, of Corpus Christi Church. Wayne Hawk, of Haywood street; Thomas J. Gavanhan, Esq., of Ainslie street; the Rev. Edward Ritchie, rector of St. James the Less Church, and young Hamilton were the speakers.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Report of Carnival Committee for 1918:

NET RECEIPTS	
Soft drinks	\$76.30
Over the Top	82.67
Straw Ride	208.30
Cakes, etc.	49.83
Flowers	35.55
Novelties, H. Andrews	518.22
Novelties, Mrs. S. Casey	7.79

Fortune Teller	21.51
Fish Pond	19.49
Fancy Table	219.05
Donkey Ride	2.06
Candy Table	69.28
Moving Pictures, etc.	30.19
Ice Cream	167.38
Lunch	210.33
Carrousels, etc.	413.98
Cash for Tickets	3.00
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DONATIONS

Mrs. J. Moosbrugger	\$20.00
Dr. L. Reese	5.00
E. E. Carwardine	10.00
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	\$35.00

Receipts	\$2134.93
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	\$2169.93

EXPENSES

Tickets, etc.	\$41.00
Dancing	8.30
Watchman	77.00
Decorations	102.25
Postage	2.20
J. W. Harrison, Tickets	5.00
Advertising	10.00
H. Andrews, Sundries	2.40
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	\$248.15

Receipts	\$2169.93
Expenses	248.15
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	\$1921.78

Total

(Signed)
JOHN M. KYLE, Chairman.

T. L. MacKENZIE, Treasurer.

A donation of \$20 was recently received from friends in lower Calumet street, through Mrs. S. Casey.

(Signed) JOHN WYATT,
Assistant Secretary.

John Hurley, of Roxborough, won a \$5 War Savings Stamp for which chances were sold Friday and Saturday evenings at the block party at Ridge and Midvale avenues.

All persons who have finished sweaters should forward these to Mrs. Gray at the White House as soon as possible.

The block party at Ridge and Midvale avenues on Friday and Saturday evenings netted a sum in excess of \$600, it has been said.

HONOR ROLL BOARD BEING COMPLETED

The Roll of Honor Board which will be put in a prominent place in the Falls of Schuylkill is being rapidly completed and will be unveiled probably on September 28.

9-26-18

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EMERGENCY AID AIDES, ATTENTION!

The Falls of Schuylkill division of the Emergency Aid aides will meet Saturday afternoon at 12.15 o'clock at Ridge and Midvale avenues to prepare for the parade in the city. Those coming late should proceed to Broad and Cumberland street (2500 north). White spats and white gloves must be worn as obligatory.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus has been appointed chairlady for this Fourth Liberty Loan campaign district, which includes Falls of Schuylkill, Wissahickon, Roxborough and Manayunk.

NOTES OF THE EMERGENCY AID AIDS

The Falls of Schuylkill E. A. A.s have been drilling every Monday evening in America Hall, under Captain Cranage. The organization is growing rapidly and quickly coming into prominence.

On Wednesday evening, September 18, a Women's War Work Rally was held at the Metropolitan Opera House, under the auspices of the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense. Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury as chairman.

Many prominent speakers took part and the musical program was excellent.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of Secretary of War Baker, rendered several vocal solos.

The E. A. A.s marched in a body to the opera house, where they made a favorable impression acting as ushers during the evening.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week the Aids assisted Mrs. B. D. Altemus at the Bryn Mawr Horse Show, which was held for the benefit of the British-American War Relief Fund and the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

The girls served luncheon, helped at the novelty tables, etc., and served tea in the late afternoon.

During the spare time they enjoyed the show from the box which Mrs. Altemus had provided for her "orange aides."

On Saturday afternoon, September 28, the Falls of Schuylkill E. A. A. will march in the Fourth Big Liberty Loan parade.

Robert M. Clark, yeoman, formerly of Thirtieth street and Allegheny avenue, is in a naval hospital in Quebec, Canada. He has the Influenza.

MORE SOLDIERS LEAVE FALLS

Evening Ledger 1918
Thirty-five Men Escorted to Falls of Schuylkill Station After Parade on Ridge Avenue—Catholic Club Women Busy Knitting

ANOTHER contingent of future soldiers left the Falls of Schuylkill on Sunday morning for the various camps. The thirty-five men in autotrucks, escorted by a brass band, the citizens' patriotic committee, headed by Mr. Charles L. Dykes, and the business men's association, paraded on Ridge avenue, where all the buildings were decorated with flags. After the parade they were accompanied to the Thirty-ninth District station house and from there to North Philadelphia Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, their relatives and friends following in automobiles. The autotrucks were provided by Mrs. E. Dobson Altemus, chairman of the women's auxiliary of the committee, who saw that each man was provided with a "kit," containing all the small essentials for a soldier's comfort. Mrs. Richard Norris, sister of Mrs. Altemus, presented a Testament to each Protestant and a prayer book to each Catholic among the number. Tonight there will be a meeting at the White House, the headquarters of the citizens' committee, when a number of men will be appointed for a house-to-house canvass of the Falls to procure a list of the men in service, both in our army and in those of our Allies. This list, with all the information as to rank, service, location, etc., of each Falls soldier or sailor will be kept at the White House and the welfare of each will be the work of the committee.

Thanksgiving boxes are being prepared for the various camps, and for Christmas the men in foreign countries will be included. Forty sweaters have been sent to the boys and ninety more are being completed. Wristlets, helmets, socks and scarfs are being sent away as soon as the garments are finished.

A moving picture benefit has been arranged for Friday evening by the Citizen's Committee, to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall. Among the recent donations is a \$50 Liberty Bond. Mr. John Wyatt, of Hayeswood street, who is chairman of the magazine committee, will be glad to hear from all who desire to contribute magazines or books for the entertainment of the "Away from home lads." Mrs. Altemus is having prepared a large service flag for the White House, and it surely will be a large one, for each Falls man will be honored with a star.

The women of St. Bridget's Catholic Church are doing their bit of knitting for the Citizens' Committee and a very large bit in the way of surgical dressings for the Red Cross Society, through the Women's Catholic Alliance. This Red Cross auxiliary has about forty-five members, who meet in St. Bridget's rectory on Tuesday evenings. Mrs. S. A. Nolan is chairman, Mrs. J. Lowry secretary, and Miss Mary Claire, of the alliance, is the instructor. All the work directed by this splendid worker is up to the standard of the Red Cross Society, and just now surgical dressings are the great need of the society.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPS

Base Hospital Unit No. 20.
A. E. F., France.

Dear Brother:

My reason for neglecting to write you more frequently is due to the fact that I am writing home almost every week and believe that you are kept informed as to how I am getting along and the general progress of the war, as far as correspondence will permit. My surroundings and associations are all that they could possibly be under the circumstances, and I have no complaint to make. We are all doing the best we can, having in mind the one object, viz., a complete decisive victory, and at this date conditions are very promising. I read in a paper from Philadelphia of your illness. I hope it was exaggerated and that you are now in your usual good health. I also read with pleasure and interest of the religious festival in the neighborhood of your home, which I am sure was interesting and educational.

I can tell you that the tide of battle during the past few weeks has changed very much in our favor and everything seems bright and cheerful. I look for a speedy conclusion of the war when some of us will return to our great country and take part in the parades in celebration of the victory which will soon be ours—while other good fellows, and real Americans, will be left here. This is the saddest page in the book, but they will surely share in the glory of it all. And while it is costly, both in blood and money, I believe it will be worth it. This is the way we feel about it "over here."

I am sure that the Germans' defeat is inevitable and the duration of the war simply a question of how long the war lords of Germany can keep the truth from the army and civilian population. Our hospital is close to the line; the men coming here from the front trenches are both enthusiastic and optimistic and all agree that there can be but one result—but cannot forecast a time. Our hospital and unit is continually being complimented upon the splendid work of our nurses and men.

I have met several boys from East Falls and surrounding towns, and while they are with us I try to see that they do not want for any of the luxuries of a soldier, which consist mainly of cigarettes, candy, etc. I have met a lot of good fellows whom I knew in the sporting world, and we row over again the many boat races in which I took part, and replay football and basketball games with the same enthusiasm and effort that we put into the games when playing.

We have an entertainment for the benefit of invalids and all others who care to be present, in the main hospital building. The talent consists mainly of the men from Unit No. 20. I have been a regular performer, telling stories—and strange to say, "I get away with it." You will, no doubt, declare "it is another of the war's atrocities. Why inflict further discomfort upon the war's victims?" But I claim that genius is seldom, if ever, recognized at home.

It is now time for other duties, and

If the Government has not commandeered your time and you can drop a few lines giving me the news about the folks and all the boys I know, also how is business, I will be glad to hear from you.

Affectionately,

JACK.

To Mr. P. H. Kelly,
Terminal Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

France, August 25, 1918.

Have received the check sent by the Falls Patriotic Committee and wish to send my thanks and appreciation for what the society has done for me.
PRT. WILLIAM BARLOW.

August 19, 1918.

I wish to thank the Committee for that check in which I received for \$5. You don't know how it makes a fellow feel when he knows the people of the Falls are thinking of the boys that are far away from home. The boys in our company want to know who Mrs. Dobson Altemus is. She is heard of all over France, because her name is often mentioned.

RAYMOND HOFFMAN.

August 13, 1918.

It was certainly a pleasant surprise to receive your letter and enclosed \$5 from the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, for which I am very thankful.

Over here the boys have very little time for themselves, but our thoughts are always of the people at home. And at my first opportunity I shall celebrate the very thoughtful gift you sent me.

Thanking you once again for your remembrance of me.

JOS. P. McANDREW.

August 13, 1918.

I received your letter dated July 8 and was pleased to hear from you. Before I say anything about "over here," I want to thank the "Citizens' Patriotic Committee" of Falls of Schuylkill for their affectionate token. Thank the members of this wonderful society for me and please let them know that we boys "over here" fighting for humanity shall never forget their kind attentions.

I haven't had very much time to myself until lately, for I have been in the thick of fight along the Solssons-Rheims sector and was pretty busy, and today we are on repose for an unlimited time, so I had time to drop you a few lines, thanking you for your kind token. I hardly think the boys of the Falls can do much "over here" for the people back home, for everywhere we go we have their backing up.

JAS. F. McINTYRE.

August 19, 1918.

I received the check today and certainly wish to thank the people of the Falls not only for the value of the same, but also for the kind thought that prompted the deed. I can tell you we feel very proud of our folks "back there," and of their patriotism, which has been illustrated in so many different ways.

C. S. HAMPSHIRE.

August 16, 1918.

Received your letter your

check, I was glad to know how our good friends at home are thinking of us.

I surely thank you and the kind women of the Falls. A fellow really don't know where his friend is until he gets away from home.

Give my best regards to the Falls people.

FRANCIS E. FLANAGAN.

Honor Roll Dedicated to Our Boys Photographic Copy To Be Made In Forecast

Dedicated to the boys from the Falls of Schuylkill who are in the fighting service for the allied cause, a Roll of Honor, consisting of a wooden tablet, 5 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 10 inches in dimensions, and having enough space for 1000 names, encased in a frame with a glass front, will be unveiled next Monday evening by Miss Mary Elizabeth Altemus, in conjunction with the Fourth Liberty Loan opening campaign in the Falls of Schuylkill at the northwestern corner of Ridge and Midvale avenues.

The Roll of Honor, is was announced at the meeting of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, was made possible through the munificence of Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, whose name has been published broadcast to the fighting men in France by the Falls of Schuylkill boys battling for the continuance of the doctrine of liberty.

The work of making the Honor Roll and the lettering of the names and so forth were performed by Owen Young, of Germantown, whose only charges were that the Falls of Schuylkill give proper tribute to its son-warriors.

For the purpose of giving the boys away an idea of how the Honor Roll looks, a photographic reproduction with a brief description, will be printed in the "Weekly Forecast" of October 8.

Copies of this issue must be ordered and paid for in advance at the office of the "Weekly Forecast" or to the newsboy who must give his order earlier than usual. The paid subscribers are not affected by this request.

The Government, while prohibiting the printing of more than a stated number of copies will grant a license for the extra issue because of the patriotic purpose it serves.

Philadelphia, Sept., 18, 1918.
Mr. Ernest Carwardine, "Forecast,"
East Falls, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir—The enclosed letter was received by me yesterday. It is impossible for our board to do anything without having the "Specific Cases." Our board has on several occasions, through your paper, assured the people of the Falls that we were always ready to work with them in seeing justice done. But we must have the name of the registrant and also the name of the party giving us the information. There may be some very good reason why the men referred to in this letter are not in Class 1.

My advice to "mother" would be, that she send the names and addresses of these men to the Department of Justice, and sign her name, or if she give me the information, I will

attend to it.

Yours truly,
(Signed) EDW. C. DELAHUNTY,
Secretary.

The "enclosed letter" mentioned in the communication signed by Edw. C. Delahanty, secretary of the local draft board, was sent to the draft officials, unsigned, merely having "a mother" appended to it.

Unhappily the draft board cannot take notice of the letter because no signature appears on it, and the "Weekly Forecast" does not print anonymous writings.

It may be stated, however, that the draft board has established a wide reputation for efficiency and integrity of purpose. The board has worked unceasingly to make every man under its jurisdiction do his duty, and has been especially alert in cases of "slackers," which were only a few.

To get a hearing, "a mother" should be specific, that is, give the names and addresses of any man whom she thinks and can prove guilty of being "slackers."

9-26-1918

Loan Organization Plans Completed

Honor Roll Unveiling, Parade, Speeches Monday

Plans and the organization of the workers for the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign, opening officially on Saturday, September 28, were employed at a lively and well-attended meeting of the "active" workers at the White House on Tuesday evening. A number of times the meeting was electrified by the exchanges of witty remarks by several of those present.

No time was lost by the meeting in getting down to serious business. Charles Bothwell, chairman of the men's committee for this district, announced the forthcoming Fourth Liberty Loan campaign and suggested that the organization of the workers and the ways of getting subscriptions be practically the same as those of the Third Liberty Loan.

The membership was in accord with the methods heretofore pursued, namely, that the men and women appointed should work as a unit the political divisions of the Falls of Schuylkill. So as not to cause embarrassment of any kind it was emphasized that the men and the women assigned to the particular work hold joint sessions to agree on the canvass. The possibilities of overlapping by asking persons not in the solicitor's working area, not to mention friction as between the workers for credit awards, has been absolutely forestalled by the scheme of having one person in each division act as chief to whom the others must be obedient in the matter of solicitation and making reports. Only by a proper method of

subordination, it was added, can the work of getting subscriptions for the Fourth Liberty Loan be smoothly and effectively done.

The committees as named by Chairman Bothwell are as follows, the numbers representing the polling divisions:

10—Men's, Bergin, Benham; ladies' Miss Elizabeth Kelly.

11—Men's, Robert Crooks; ladies', Mrs. Dr. Boon.

16—Men's, E. E. Carwardine, John Hohenadel; ladies' Mrs. George Seddon.

17—Men's, P. H. Kelly; ladies' Mrs. Alf. Byrne.

18—Men's, R. Cole, James Lawson; ladies', Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Bradley.

26—Men's, H. Greenwood, Thomas Gavaghan; ladies', Miss Mary Flynn.

33—Men's, Dr. Lewis Reese, C. L. Dykes, John Wyatt; ladies', Mrs. Geo. Hamilton.

That the Falls of Schuylkill may distinguish itself in the way of supporting another loan asked for by the national Government—the Fourth Liberty Loan—it was concluded that a street parade be held next Monday evening, starting at 7.30 o'clock from Ridge and Midvale avenues and marching to Calumet street, turning at that point and continuing to Allegheny avenue, then countermarching to Ridge and Midvale avenues, the starting point, where speech-making on the loan and the unveiling of an Honor Roll for "our boys away" will take place.

The request is made by the White House that all persons of the town who can should join in the parade.

The following committees for Monday evening's affair were appointed by the chairman:

Parade—John Hohenadel, Charles McIlvaine, Theodore MacKenzie, Dr. L. Reese, John Rabbit, D. G. Hunter.
Finance—P. H. Kelly, C. L. Dykes, Roy Wallace, Robert Kyle, John E. Smithies, E. E. Carwardine.

Entertainment—W. J. Benham, John W. Flanagan, Joseph Smith, William Gray, Charles W. Bothwell, George Seddon.

10-10-1918

LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS OVERSEAS

During the past few days letters acknowledging receipt of draft for \$5, sent by the Citizens' Patriotic Committee, have been received by T. L. MacKenzie, chairman, from the following boys:

John Armitage, W. J. Boland, Ivan Crooks, John J. Cassidy, John Digman, George Day, John E. Denton, James Farrell, Louis Fitzgerald, Charles Filoon, Walter Fox, Rev. Fiedler, Edward J. L. Farrell, John P. Flanagan, Anthony Kilroy, Martin W. Gallagher, David A. Grill, August W. Gutsche, Cameron Harrop, Leslie Hardcastle, Edward R. Jones, William Kendall, James Kelly, Charles Kennedy, James F. Kelly, Richard E. King, John B. Kelly, John W. King, Arthur McMaster, Mrs. Martha Manley (Red Cross nurse), Edward Morris, Edward A. Maguire, James J. Mullen, Thomas McKeever, John J. McStravick, James J. McEnery, Vincent P. Roach, George B. Rath, James Roberts, Francis Ryan, Sherman C. Starrett, Charles Shaw, Alexander Starrett, Joseph P. Tyrrell, William Whitehead, Sol. Weiss.

Oct 1918

FALLS BOY DIES IN FRANCE

Bernard W. McDevitt, whose home address was 3633 Calumet street, died in France of pneumonia on September 26, according to word received by his relatives from the Government.

Bernard volunteered February 25 and already on July 11 he went overseas, where he joined the Medical Department ambulance service, the foreign address being noted as 316th Ambulance Corps and 394th Sanitary Train.

The young man, who was 23 years of age, was a native of the Falls of Schuylkill and was educated at St. Bridget's School. He had been employed at the Frankford Arsenal when he entered the U. S. service.

His mother, three sisters, one being Mrs. Henry Reinhart, of Germantown, and one brother, now in France, survive him. The father died July 13 from broken heart because his sons were torn away from him.

He was a member of the Y. M. C. A., had a reputation in local athletics and distinguished himself in elocution.

10-3-1918

KILLED IN BATTLE IN FRANCE

Patrick Clark, formerly of 39 Laboratory Hill, who left the Falls of Schuylkill for Camp Meade on September 28, 1917, and was sent overseas on May 2, of this year, was reported killed on August 18 in the American drive in France.

He was 25 years of age and had been employed at the Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten local plant when his country's call came.

He is survived by his mother, his father, two sisters and two brothers.

10-3-1918

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL BRANCH OF THE EMERGENCY AID AIDES

Organized May 10, 1918,
STAFF

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, Major.
Elizabeth V. Kelly, Lt. Adjutant.
Alice Newis, Lt. Quartermaster.
Color Sergeants—Amanda Frank
Marion Burwell.

Company A.

Grace Stamm, Captain.
Mae Ryan, First Lieutenant.
Mary Denton, Second Lieutenant.
Isabel Ferguson, First Sergeant.
Edna Radcliffe, Second Duty Sgt.
Margaret Nagele, Second Duty Sgt.
Corporals—Ida Gray, Madaline Hagy, Betty Ferguson, Marlon Gray, Mary Cunningham.
Privates—Dorothy Baker, Beatrice Besch, Nellie Borrego, Dorothy Cragin, Margaret Cunningham, Hilda Cruisemire, Jeanne Ferguson, Marjorie Ferguson, Kathryn Hopkins, Mamie Jackson, Grace Kyle, Mary Kyle, Ethel Morris, Jane Miley, Mildred Miley, Mary Radcliffe, Mary Ronney, Margaret Ruff, Lavana Starrett, Fannie Thompson, Elizabeth Traum.

Company B.

Mae Burns, Captain.
Mae Ward, First Lieutenant.
Ethel Edwards, Second Lieutenant.
Marie Price, First Sergeant.
Beatrice Harrison, Second Duty Sgt.
Sue Maher, Second Duty Sgt.
Corporals—Bessie McCarthy, Marion Byrnes, Mae Boyd, Geraldine Gordon, Agnes Hardwick.
Privates—Bessie Brewer, Marion Cadwick, Florence Denton, Elsie Edwards, Mildred Edwards, Frances Hopkins, Ethel Lowener, Mary McNiff, Mary McCarthy, Margaret McIlvaine, Elizabeth Maher, Mollie Radcliffe, Jeanne Rogers, Lillian Steaurt, Mary Thompson, Gertrude Flanagan, Matilda Verbit, Esther Kahn, Doris Plummer, Tilla Ganz.

NOTES OF THE E. A. A.

On Saturday, September 28, the Falls of Schuylkill E. A. A. met to take part in the monster pageant which inaugurated the city's campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Major (Mrs. B. D. Altemus) was on the lead, followed by her staff, then came the two companies marching in squads.

It was a five-mile drive from Broad and Diamond, to Broad and Millin streets, and one which will be reflected in every nook and every corner of Philadelphia.

The parade on Ridge avenue Monday evening proved a huge success.

The Emergency Aid Aides assembled on Midvale avenue, and then marched to Ridge avenue, where the band met them and the parade started down Ridge avenue.

When the parade again reached Midvale avenue, the girls stood in

line and listened attentively while the speakers were boosting the Loan. It was a great night in the town and goes to prove that the Falls of Schuylkill is awake to the importance of helping to "put the Fourth Liberty Loan across in the shortest possible time."

11-7-1918

WANTED, ADDRESSES OF BOYS

The addresses are wanted of the following: Thomas Brunell, Linwood S. Hoeh, Emidio Rascoli, A. DeSantiz, Dr. Coll, James H. Causey, James Barry, H. Godshall, Samuel Reutter, Thomas J. Birney, Walter Stead, John R. Newsome, Carman Benforous, Giuseppe Rappazza, Paul Costello, William Campbell, Warren Sober.

Send communications to Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, Falls of Schuylkill.

11-7-1918

FALLS BOYS MEET IN SHELL HOLE

I received a letter today from F. Ashton Ross, a former Falls boy, now serving with the 314th Infantry in France.

He was in the recent fighting, and the following is a quotation from his letter about the battle:

"It was one big experience and I think I will remember all details to tell you if I am lucky enough to get back. I had a very funny incident happen during the scrap.

"While there was a lull I rolled a cigarette and to my disgust found that I did not have a match. I jumped over to another shell hole and borrowed a light from a fellow. I thought his face looked familiar and took another look and who should it be but George Rath.

"You may ask why we did not know each other. Well, picture us with a four days' growth of beard and partly covered with mud and then use your imagination. It surely was a funny one for us.

"Yours truly,

"R. C. SCOTT."

"P. S.—George Rath is in the 315th Infantry and hadn't seen Ross since last June, when at Camp Meade."

10-17-1918

Rudolph S. Moser, formerly of Falls of Schuylkill, but now in business at 1667 Foulkrod street, Frankford, was here several days ago to attend the funeral of Sidney Trevethan.

Fred Moosbrugger, of Queen lane and Cresson street, is preparing for an examination at the U. S. Military Academy at Annapolis, Md. A Lincoln Acker secured the appointment for the young man.

10-10-1918

FALLS BOY A HERO

Raymond M. Schwartz, a Falls boy, severely wounded and gassed at Chateau-Thierry while saving the life of a comrade, is back in this country serving on one of the war relic exhibition trains, touring the nation to boost the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Young Schwartz (he was only 18 when he enlisted in the First Regiment, N. G. P., in June of last year) was hurt more than two months ago and has been out of the hospital six weeks, but his name did not appear on the official casualty list until Tuesday.

During the American attack on Chateau-Thierry, Private Richard Kane, also hailing from Haywood street, dropped with three machine gun bullets in his body. Private Schwartz stopped, picked up Kane, and started with his friend for a field hospital. A few moments later a gas shell burst near them. Schwartz, ~~thinking first of his friend,~~ put the latter's mask on, then adjusted his own.

He was too late, however, for he had inhaled some of the gas before he managed to get his own mask in place. When within a few yards of shelter a shrapnel shell burst nearby and he was wounded in the back and legs. The trip home was the reward for his heroism.

Private Schwartz is the youngest son of Mrs. Anna Schwartz, who lives at 3426 Sunnyside avenue. There are three stars on the service flag that floats from her porch, for besides Raymond, a second son, Charles W. Schwartz, twenty-four years old, is in the machine gun company of the 109th Infantry, the same unit to which Raymond belongs, while her oldest son, John W. Schwartz, is training at Camp Lee for service overseas. According to Mrs. Schwartz, her son had returned home and gone off again with the war relic train before she received any official notification that he had been wounded.

10-10-1918

News From The Boys Over There

August 21, 1918.

I have been aware ever since leaving the Falls of your activities along any and all lines pertaining to helping the boys while away. I know that before you burdened yourself with these duties you were a busy man, so I can appreciate the work you have to do now. No doubt you will not have time to answer my letter, but I thought a few lines to you and the family would not be amiss any way.

Of my existence you are no doubt kept aware of by the gossip after church, which will, I believe, continue to be a customary habit (with the "H" off in good English style) as long as the church stands.

Where I am located is several hundred miles from the front, and the only shells we hear bursting are from nuts, and we get plenty of those; the English walnuts. We are well fed considering everything, and well taken care of, but we all would welcome the orders to go up to the front. As we feel over here, this war is the only one we have got and we may not have another, so we would all like to get in it. We are hopeful that we will still have opportunity.

I have seen quite a few boats come in over here, and many times hailed them for news from Philadelphia, or to try and find out if any of our boys were aboard. I was hopeful that at least one from our crowd would hit here, but as yet have not met any of the crowd.

There was one boat here that John Maguire was chief yeoman on. I received this news from Eleanor Byrne, so next time the ship came in I walked about two miles to go aboard and discover that just before their last leaving the States he was transferred to some officers' training school. Of course, I was glad to hear this, but sorry not to have seen him.

I must certainly compliment you on Donald and Stanley's advancement. Think it is great and wish them, and all the rest of the boys, the best luck possible. You know Donald sent me one of his pictures, and more than one French mademoiselle has admired it, so if he should ever head this way while I am here I can introduce the original to some of them.

This town is situated several miles from the Bay of Biscay, on what is actually the mouth of the Loire River. There is a fair beach along one side of the main boulevard, and it is a custom of the French people to assemble on same in the afternoons, pitching hundreds of small tents, the women and girls sewing, etc., while the children play in the sand or in the water. I suppose you know we often go there in the afternoons before going to work (working nights now), and thereby know quite a few people.

Have not, however, as yet fallen in love with any I've met, and can absolutely assure you that I will not. I'm coming back to the States for mine, or else going without. Is that patriotic?

The weather over here recently has been very warm and the last few afternoons have been spent in swimming, but not with the women, as we go further down the beach by ourselves. I am feeling fine and never en-

joyed better health, but at the same time I do not care how quick this war will end, provided we win, which we will do eventually.

With regards to all the family and relations, and assuring you that I will be glad to hear from any of you whenever you have time to write, I will close.

As ever your friend,
PVT. G. J. EDMONDS.

"Somewhere in France."
August 14, 1918.

I received your letter enclosing check for \$5, and wish to thank you very kindly for it. It will come in very nice over here, although at the present time we are out in the woods far away from civilization and have no occasion to spend any money at all and couldn't if we wanted to.

I keep running across different Falls boys in my travels and they all seem to be enjoying the best of health and showing no ill effects of their soldier life. We are not far behind the lines now and have made several trips to the front with ammunition to keep the Germans on the run. It is quite an interesting and somewhat exciting job we have. Our chief trouble is the air raids, which we have been lucky enough to escape so far. Our work is done at night and we sleep all day (providing they can't find any work for us to do). However, we have no kick coming, as we all feel we were lucky to get in such an interesting branch of the service. We have a bunch of Falls boys here in the Ammunition Train and they are all well and happy.

Dont' suppose we will be getting near any towns where we can spend the money, as we are on ground just recaptured in the recent American drive, and the civil population have deserted the places long ago, although in some of the villages we have passed through the people are beginning to return to their homes, feeling sure that the Germans have been driven out for good.

JAMES A. COLLINSON.

FOR RENT

Forecast 10/17/1918

News From The Boys Over There

I have just received your letter of July 18, enclosing a check. I hardly know how to express my thanks to you for your great kindness. Words cannot convey thoughts that come into my mind. It certainly is good to know that the people at home are doing everything they possibly can for those who are over here. It makes one feel like working harder than ever before. Work is all I've seen so far. I've been among the unfortunates who have to stay back in the S. O. S. ever since I arrived in France.

I hope that all are well. This leaves me O. K. Give my very best regards to all. Again thanking you, I remain,
ROBERT W. WYATT.

August 20, 1918.

I have had a letter from my husband, Edward Knott, No. 3,030,474, 58th Canadian Batt., B. E. France, and he has asked me to come and thank you for the check you sent him.

They had just come in from the trenches for a rest when he found your letter, also a postal card from Mrs. B. Dobson Atlemus. He said it was a big surprise when he saw the check. He had heard the boys say what a great thing the Citizens' Patriotic Committee was. Thanking you and Mrs. B. Atlemus again and wishing you every success in your good work.

Yours truly,
(MRS.) EDWARD KNOTT.

August 14, 1918.

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your letter and I want to thank you and the Patriotic Committee for the check for £1 and I also want to thank Mrs. B. D. Atlemus for what she is doing for the boys in France, and I also hope that it will not be long before we can all come back to the Falls again. I would like to say a little more, but I have to get out now. I will drop you another line afterwards, so good-bye for a while and I hope to see you all again and many thanks for the check. I remain

Yours,
THOMAS S. WATSON,
B. E. F., France.

Camp Witley, Surrey, England.

August 18, 1918.

I received your check for one pound and wish to extend my sincere thanks to you and your fellow members as it came in very handy. We only receive about one-third of our pay over here, and less in France, so you can be sure that I will enjoy the money you sent. I would like to tell you of the things I have seen and heard, but I am not allowed, so the only way I can repay you and the other members is to add a bit more vim to the bayonet when I get to France, where I hope to be shortly. Wishing the committee the best of luck in their good work,

PVT. THOMAS J. KELLY.

August 19, 1918.

Just a few lines to acknowledge the present you sent me, and I wish to thank you many times, for you don't know how it came in, for I have not

been paid for about two months and was about broke.

Well, I am in the best of health and having a very good time, and I am very sorry I cannot tell you where I am or what I am doing, but if you ask my dad I think he can tell you where I am.

Well, I guess this is about all I can say, only again I wish to thank you many times for the present of one pound that you sent me. Hoping you all are well, I am one of your boys "over there."

H. WARRINGTON.

August 19, 1918.

Just a word in answer to your most welcome letter, which I received yesterday, also with check for one pound, which I appreciate very much, as I thought it very wise of you to send. I can't explain in words how thankful I am towards you. I know you people back in the States don't forget the boys over here and we can't forget it either. The American boys are doing great work over here. We are driving the Germans back so quickly that we can't keep up with them. I am not allowed to tell much news from over here, but, believe me, there is something doing. We are having very nice weather here and France is one fine country. We are all learning to talk French. If things keep on like they are now we expect to be back in Philadelphia for Christmas dinner. My address is Compay E, 103d Engs., S. A. G. F., France, A. Po. 744. I must close now, with best wishes and thanks. I remain

Yours truly,
THOMAS PADDEN.

August 5, 1918.

I wish to thank the Falls Patriotic Society for the kit and sweater which were given me before I left home. I have found them very useful to me and I think that every soldier that gets a kit bag like the one I got can't grumble. I am now stationed at St. John's, Quebec, but I expect to be moved to some other station before long with the Locomotive Operation Company. I am very thankful to tell you that I am in the best of health. Will you please tell Mr. Snowden that I have found the Bible he gave me to be one of my best friends. Tell him that I have kept my promise up to now and am trusting in God to help me. Tell Mr. Gacks and the brothers that I have left at home that I send them all my best wishes. So I now bring my letter to a close, hoping to hear from you soon,

J. W. BARKER.

August 18, 1918.

Received your letter and check and sure was surprised when I received it and don't know how to thank the Patriotic Committee for their good work which they are doing for their boys who are away from the Falls, and I knew that they all are going to fight and put the war to a finish, and thanking you again and the committee for their good work and hoping to get back to help to tell how the Germans were beaten.

PRIV. JOHN J. McGLYNN.

Tours, France, August 21, 1918.

I was somewhat surprised the other day to receive a letter from you enclosing check for one pound as a remembrance from the Falls Patriotic Committee, and I assure you that same was appreciated by me very much. It was indeed a pleasure to know that I, as well as the other boys from the Falls, were not being forgotten by their absence, and I must say that it is this that goes a long way in helping the boys to keep up spirit to perform the duties assigned to them in a more fitting manner.

At present I am located in this city, better known as the Garden City of France. The scenes surrounding this place are such as would compel one to stare at their magnificent beauty. It is really hard to believe that this country should be destined to be overrun partially by a race of people that know no bounds as far as humanity is concerned, but I must say that at present all is promising and before many months the Huns will be made to feel the sting of human justice.

The ancient history attached to this country is a very interesting subject for the boys over here, and all hands seem to enjoy the privilege of having the opportunity of going over the same ground where France has so often shed her blood that she might hold all the rights and take her place among other nations. To date I have had the pleasure of visiting many such places, and assure you that I shall never forget same.

I met a young lad that you are well acquainted with. His name is Entwistle. Naturally I was delighted to meet some one from our home town, and you can bet we sure traveled the ground around East Falls in our talk. You can tell his folks that he is to be located here I think and will not be lonesome for company, as not only myself, but many others from Philadelphia are in this locality.

Again thanking you for your kindness in remembering me, also wishing you and all the members of the Falls Patriotic Committee success in the very valuable work you are accomplishing in this hour of need when all is not sunshine for those that are over here. Regards to all my friends.

BILL MURPHY.

10-17-1918

DRAFT BOARD

Men to go October 14: calls volunteer: Granville, 3409 Crawford street; W. Lorimer, 2831 West Clearfield street; Clarence L. Schatz, 3234 North Twenty-fifth street; Raymond Sondheim, 2605 West Somerset street; Charles R. Moore, 2515 West Somerset street; Maxwell Silver, 2510 North Hancock street; Harold Weer, 4209 Ridge avenue.

To Marine Corps, October 14: William J. Buckland, 19 Wiehlie street.

To Camp Meade: Joseph F. Welsh, 8513 Sunnyside avenue.

To Camp Greenleaf during five-day period beginning October 21: Ralph Kemmerer, 2919 North Twenty-sixth street; Frank Chrystos, 2541 West Willard street; John J. Friedel, 2614 West Seltzer street; Angelo Porto, 3408 Lippincott street; Peter Codrino, 2611 Roberts avenue; James F. McHale, 3707 Calumet street; James F. Lewis, 115 Linden avenue, Woodlyn, N. J.; James Patrone, 3722 Calumet street; Charles S. Seasholes, 3625 Queen lane; William M. Yocum, 2437 West Allegheny avenue; Alfred E. Werner, 3630 Coulter street; Harry A. McClellan, 510 North Twenty-second street, Richmond, Va.; Arthur Comby, 2727 West Somerset street; John J. Cannon, 178 Heywood street; Jos. C. Antex, 3111 North Pennock street; Patrick Mullin, 3104 North Taylor street; Edward Kerper, 2820 North Twenty-fifth street; Constantine Rosciolo, 4241 Ridge avenue; Edward E. Baudis, 2957 North Twenty-sixth street.

Alternates on above call: Harry Pasternack, 2928 North Twenty-sixth street; Dominick Triola, 178 Stanton street; William B. Coe, 3577 Calumet street.

Frank P. Mita, 3113 North Twenty-ninth street, to University of Pennsylvania; George J. Meng, Jr., 2407 West Allegheny avenue, to University of Pennsylvania; Stanley E. Lowry, 1508 Girard avenue, to Fort Slocum; P. E. Augustine, 2821 West Somerset street, to University of Pennsylvania; Sylvan L. Saller, 2705 West Lehigh avenue, to Camp Meigs; Samdel C. Mundlack, 2724 West Allegheny avenue, to Temple University; Maurice Rosenfelt, 2845 North Twenty-seventh street, to Temple University.

Word has been received here that Fred Keen, formerly of 3418 Crawford street, but now with the American forces abroad, who was injured some time ago while in action, is now in England rapidly improving.

10-24-1918

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

The sending of five dollars to our boys overseas will be discontinued on November 1, so should any one have a son or relation from the Falls who has not been taken care of, his address (overseas) must be in the hands of T. L. MacKenzie, 3596 Queen lane, by October 31. The full address is not necessary, merely company number and regiment.

The Emergency Aid Aides are doing a house-to-house canvass for the military address of every boy in Uncle Sam's service. Should any be missed send the address to the above address, which will assure his being taken care of. This is being done at present so that we will have a correct roster for all time, especially for the Roll of Honor and Christmas gift.

Contributions to the Christmas Fund are urgently needed and will be thankfully received.

The following have been supplied with comfort kits, etc., when entering the service, but as no home address was given, their military address is not known. Kindly forward full particulars to T. L. MacKenzie at once. The names are: Joseph Barker, William Firth, Charles Carr, John Cullen, John Collins, Gido Cattadini, John Carr, Charles Cullings, Clausman, Edward Collins, Edward Cowley, Robert Cullings, Thos. Clark, William Connison, Carmino Creus, Russell Clark, Francis Donohue, Howard B. DuBois, Alvin E. Davies, Bernard W. Erney, Eustice, Chas. Elwell, Michael Fitzgerald, Norman Finley, Ralph Gilmore, Michael Hannon, Harold Higgins, Charles Harmon, Albert Lightowler, M. B. Lewis, Robert Massey, McRay, Joseph Nease, Harry Phy, Raymond Pierce, John Pickles, Robert Percy, William Phillips, Joseph Rington, Alfred Robinson, Leonard Riegraf, John Sobel, Edward Tompkins, Antod Terimone, Leon A. Tezzano and William Winder.

Letters of acknowledgment of draft of one pound have been received during the past week from: Joseph MeDevitt, C. E. Purcell, James J. Maguire, James O'Hara, Irvin Noll, Charles Cox, Thomas C. Jones, Wm. Frank Weer, F. Brown, Charles McFadden, G. M. Anderson, J. P. Gallagher, A. B. Rittenhouse, Chris. Whitehead and Miss Margaretta Lash, Red Cross nurse.

We will have quite a demand for sweaters as soon as the influenza quarantine is lifted, therefore we would urge the ladies who have wool out for sweaters to rush their completion and send or bring them to Mrs. Rachael Gray.—Contributed.

10-17-1918

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HERE AND THERE

The family of Pvt. Wilson B. Miller has received word of his safe arrival overseas.

Frank West, of Sunnyside avenue, whose term of service in Uncle Sam's navy has expired has again enlisted. He is now in the foreign service.

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. and Mrs. Seasholes and family were entertained on Sunday evening by Mrs. E. Gehring Harkness prior to their leaving for Salem, Ohio, where Dr. Seasholes has accepted the pastorate of a large congregation.

Miss Walker enlisted as a stenographer in the Red Cross activities and sailed for overseas September 21. Up until that time she had been employed as secretary to Doctor Minnick, of the University of Pennsylvania.

About 1 o'clock yesterday, while Bowman street was full of people watching a funeral, a U. G. I. motor truck started down Bowman street from above Thirty-fifth street and crashed into an awning of the corner store at Thirty-fifth and Bowman streets, breaking the fire plug and doing but little damage to the car. No one was in the car, the driver being in a house doing some repair work.

Announcements are out stating the marriage of Miss Mary Jacobs, niece of Mrs. James Mack, of Thirty-fifth street. The young woman was married in California October 5, 1918.

John Crane, a member of the Fox A. A., who is with Battery E, 108th Field Artillery, was officially reported gassed.

Oh, my yes, Beatrice! Economy is the rule of the hour. So it is proper for the younger brother to wear the older brother's clothes when the older brother has enlisted. Home, James.

Sebastian Bochino, 3117 North Twenty-ninth street, was home on a visit. He is still at Camp Meade, Md.

Joseph Turbett, formerly of Paradise, is now at the officers' training camp at Camp Lee, Va.

William Burns, 3140 North Twenty-ninth street, a seaman on the good ship Pocahontas, was home on a visit for a few days. He just returned from a trip to France.

The supper for the benefit of the National Service Commission of the Falls Presbyterian Church, scheduled

10-31-1918

QUEEN LANE-KRAIL STREET FLAG RAISING

The flag raising which took place Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock at Queen lane and Krail street, was preceded by a parade led by the Philadelphia Police Band and the J. & J. Dobson Fife and Drum Corps.

Mrs. John Flanagan, of Queen lane, unveiled the service flag, showing the number 39 in a white star, one gold star for the hero, Merkel, and one red cross, for Mrs. Manley, abroad.

The speakers were Wayne Hawk, of Krail street, followed by Thomas Gavaghan, of Ainslie street, and the Rev. F. A. Gacks, of the Falls of Schuylkill M. E. Church.

One hundred and fifty dollars was collected. The expenses will total \$55.

10-29-1918

FIRST HONOR FLAG TO SUBURBS

The first honor flag of the Fourth Liberty Loan to be awarded a suburban section of the city has been given to the Falls of Schuylkill.

It has been suspended across Midvale avenue below Ridge avenue.

10-17-1918

BROTHER MEETS BROTHER IN FRANCE

John W. King and Richard King, whose home address is 3419 Bowman street, met by chance behind the battle line in France recently, according to a letter received by their folks at home.

John left here on April 26 and Richard on the 29th of the same month. They were both on the same ship which took them across in May, but upon arrival abroad they became separated.

They had not seen each other in four months, until one day one brother found the other washing clothes in a creek.

John came away unscathed from the infantry battles, while Richard, heavy artilleryman, is enjoying the best of health.

10-24-1918

THE FIFTY-FIFTH U. S. ENGINEERS

Come, all you fellows, and you shall hear

The trials and tribulations of an army engineer;

Like every honest fellow, he took his whiskey clear,

Until Gen. Scott said: "You shall not touch whiskey, wine or beer."

CHORUS

He's a helluva, helluva, helluva, helluva army engineer,

A wandering skate from the United States and nothing does he fear;

He tries to do his duty and he tries to do it well,

But the captain and the sergeant and the corporal give him —

The surgeon looked him over and the surgeon smiled with glee,

"A shot in the arm will do no harm, bring out my long squeezee."

With fifty million typhoid bugs patrolling through his blood,

They shot fifty million more and then his name was mud.

They hung a pack upon his back, it weighed one hundred pounds;

Then marched him to the target range to shoot a thousand rounds.

And after that he walked five miles up to his knees in dust,

And when they said: "Take off your shoes," he just sat down and cussed.

They taught him every kind of gait: to march, to rush, to crawl;

The first was bad, the next was worse, but the last was worse of all.

He skinned his stomach on the rocks and snagged it on a nail.

He'd have made a darn good lizard if he only had a tail.

He went out on the rifle range to learn to fire at will,

The aiming and the trigger squeeze and the enemy to kill;

His rifle kicked him in the jaw, he missed the bull a mile,

For the chow shack is the only place where he shows any style.

The captain took him out one day to give him skirmish drill,

And Major Jones happened by a little time to kill.

"In place, halt, that looks like —!" the major loudly swore,

"For such a line of skirmishers I never saw before."

One day he took a ten-mile hike and loaded up his pack

With socks and soap and underwear, a-bumping on his back.

The sweat ran down into his boots, he thought his spine would pop,

He put an ankle out of joint and then he had to hop.

He's a rambling peet from Co. A, 55th Engineers,

He's come to France to shoot the pants off the German's rear;

When he gets back from Germany, the people all shall hear,

It doesn't pay to get in the way of a 55th Engineer.

—Private Edward W. Severns,
Co. A, 55th U. S. Engineers, A. E. F.

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Raymond Swartz, returned soldier from France, was home on Sunday.

Sol Weiss, formerly of Ridge avenue, was in the last big American push, he writes.

Miss Loretta Hanlon, 2934 Allegheny avenue, spent the week-end at Atlantic City.

Edward Auer, of Sunnyside avenue, has been reported as having been wounded in France.

John Simons, president of the Fox A. A., now with the A. E. F. in France, is reported wounded.

Vincent Gordon, of New Queen street, wrote home to his mother stating that he was well and happy.

John McIntyre, 2727 West Lehigh avenue, left Tuesday for Camp Holabird, Md., to enlist in the 306th Auto Repair Unit.

An overheated, old-fashioned stove in the McCool home, 199 Ferry road, caused a fire Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, with slight damage.

The only way of making sure of getting the "Weekly Forecast" regularly is by subscribing for it.

Corporal William J. Conc, 2013 Wishart street, who was wounded at the battle of the Marne, writes home that he is out of the hospital now and is doing light duty with a medical corps.

Al. Maahs, formerly of 2942 Allegheny avenue, is now with a Balloon Co., Signal Corps, stationed temporarily at Newport News, Va. He was home for a few days last week.

The Misses Anna and Catharine Dixon are visiting their parents on Fiske avenue.

Captain Wood, of Engine Company 35, was the only man from the local fire house at the big fire on Sunday morning at Broad street and Columbia avenue.

The 17th division, under the captaincy of Mrs. Alfred Byrne and P. J. Kelly, went "over the top" with \$36,000.

Mrs. Geo. Yoder, of 3806 Manayunk avenue, Wissahickon, one time a Falls girl, has gone to Seattle, Wash., to visit her brother, who is in Camp Lewis. Mrs. Yoder has three brothers in the U. S. Army.

William Lorimer, 2831 Clearfield street, is now at the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh, Pa., as an electrician-aviation corps.

10/31/18

Paul Costello has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Costello, of Ridge avenue.

A magazine of large circulation depicts the fact of children going to school being told so little of what happened since 1914. It scores the educators for boring the pupils with matters of past ages.

The Falls of Schuylkill receives frequent mention by the boys in Uncle Sam's service, and Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus is always spoken of when the town name is uttered.

The "Here and There" column can be kept filled up by the co-operation of our readers, who can tell us about the folks around here.

It was P. H. Kelly and not P. J. Kelly who captained the 17th division with Mrs. A. Byrne in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

Let Uncle Sam bring the "Forecast" to you every week. The year's subscription is fifty cents.

Seven Jack-O-Lanterns among corn cobs and fodder ornament the huge Ridge avenue window of Harkness' drug store.

Private William Boardman, of Engine Co., No. 35, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, has been promoted to sergeant of Engine Co., No. 1, at that camp.

Get out early and vote next Tuesday, Election Day.

C. J. Verbeeck, over 21 years, superintendent of Odd Fellows' Hall, resigned recently and is succeeded by William Hampshire, of Sunnyside avenue.

The Midvale Theatre, which was closed during the epidemic by order of the Board of Health, opens today to show high-class reels.

Raw and Fried Oysters at Clarke's 3595 Queen Lane.

Corporal John A. Gehringer, formerly of Arnold street, has left camp at Lake Charles, La., for the Officers' Training Camp at Little Rock, Ark. He is with the 45th Aero Squadron.

Lloyd Greenig, Thirtieth and Clementine streets, is now with a medical corps at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. He expects overseas duty soon.

No, Beatrice! Setting the clock back an hour doesn't make it backward. You realize it when the alarm goes off in the morning.

The John and James Dobson Flute and Drum Band will give a moving picture benefit at the Midvale Theatre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, November 5 and 7.

Frank West, one of the Falls of Schuylkill sailor boys, sent a wedding announcement to his parents on Sunnyside avenue, giving this information: Ethel Maude Lethbridge, of 26 Beaumont Road, St. Jude's, Plymouth, England, October, 1918.

"With Mr. and Mrs. Frank West's compliments."

10/31/18

Phila. Women Lead Nation For 4th Liberty Loan

Total Returns Show \$70,284,100 In Bonds

Falls of Schuylkill women second on list—of ten districts.

Total returns of Falls of Schuylkill district, which includes Manayunk, Wissahickon and Roxborough, \$6,803,650, of which Falls of Schuylkill alone collected \$5,713,500 through the churches, mills, schools, house-to-house canvass, booth and Queen Lane Manor canvass.

Women's Liberty Loan Committee of the White House, \$2,856,750.

Falls of Schuylkill Branch of the Emergency Aid Aides, \$2,856,750.

National League for Women's Service, \$9500.

(Signed)

BESSIE DOBSON ALTEMUS.

REPORT OF DISTRICTS

Central City	\$33,941,250
Falls of Schuylkill	6,803,650
West Philadelphia	6,061,360
North Philadelphia	5,537,450
Germantown	4,925,950
South Philadelphia	4,705,400
Northeast Philadelphia	2,729,500
Chestnut Hill	2,533,900
Kensington	1,788,200
North Rural Philadelphia ..	1,474,450

October 24, 1918.

Mrs. Dobson Altemus, Thirty-third and Associates road, Philadelphia.

My Dear Mrs. Altemus—I feel I cannot close the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign without a personal word of appreciation of the wonderful work performed by my "District Chairmen," as a whole and individually.

I do not believe any group of women in any part of the world, under similar circumstances, could have secured the results obtained by the women workers in Philadelphia, which are largely due to the unremitting efforts of the chairmen themselves.

It has been a great pleasure to have your assistance and co-operation and should we be called upon for another campaign, I hope many of the difficulties in this one will be eliminated.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

SADIE G. THOMSON,
(Mrs. Walter S. Thomson)
Chairman for Philadelphia.

My Dear Mrs. Altemus:

My first opportunity after an illness of some weeks to express to you my sincerest thanks for the wonderful results achieved by you in the Thirty-eighth ward.

Can assure you that I followed your progress each day after I was once able to see the papers and would indeed appreciate your extending to

your co-workers my sincerest thanks for the final results.

North Philadelphia was sure on the map and to you do I owe much of the credit for the enviable position she occupies.

Again thanking you and trusting you will not hesitate to command me at any time I can reciprocate, believe me to be

Most appreciatively yours,
CHAS. GRAKELOW,
North Philadelphia District.

11-7-1918

Private Leo E. Bilboa, formerly of 3683 Stanton street, now with Co. H, 11th Regiment, U. S. Marines, has arrived safely overseas.

The influenza will stay in a modified form, says Director Krusen, of the Philadelphia Department of Health and Charities.

As a rule it is ignorance that is conceited. The more a man knows the less he thinks of his own attainment.

Irvin S. Grindrod, Thirty-third and Clearfield streets, is now a captain with an engineer corps in France. He received his promotion last month.

Frank P. Mita, 3113 North Twenty-ninth street, and P. Edmund Augustine, 2821 Somerset street, are in the Students' Army Training Corps, at the University of Pennsylvania.

Clarence Cornell, Allegheny avenue, and John Jagger, Pennock street, are on a gunning trip in the mountains in Monroe county.

Burke Cunningham, a former Falls boy, who has been in England training with the Canadian Railway Construction Troops, is now in active service "somewhere in France."

11-7-1918

Private Ewald Shaw, known as "Johnny," wishes to send his best regards to all the people of the Falls. He is with the military police somewhere in France, and is making a big hit in shows in some of the Red Cross buildings and has been awarded some very nice prizes.

11-7-1918

Thomas Gavaghan, 2904 Allegheny avenue, and James Farrell, Thirty-fourth and Clearfield streets, both stationed at Cape May Barracks, were home last Sunday.

11-14-1918

"Arrived in camp O. K. with comfort kit. It is surely named rightly. It is the real comfort and need of a soldier."—Wesley Foster.

11-7-1918

SERVICE FLAG RAISING

On Saturday afternoon next, November 9, at 2.30, a service and an American flag will be thrown to the breeze in honor of the boys in the service from Midvale avenue to Scott's lane and Cresson street to Thirty-third street.

The exercises will be started by a parade in which all the patriotic societies of the Falls are invited to take part.

The meeting will be addressed by Common Councilman John E. Smithies, who will act as chairman of the meeting; Thomas J. Gavaghan, Captain W. Brown, of Pennsylvania's gallant 109th Regiment; also Corporal Raymond Schwartz, a local boy, of 109th Pa. Regiment, who has returned to the United States after being wounded at Chateau-Thierry. The parade will start promptly at 2.30, followed by the meeting and Liberty Sing.

11-7-1918

MEN WHO LEAVE FOR SERVICE

To Camp Taylor, Ky, November 6, 1918, Walter Krause, 2445 West Allegheny avenue.

To Ft. Dupont, Del., November 5, 1918, William Rosenberger, 2846 North Twentieth street.

To Ft. Thomas, Ky., November 7, 1918, Carmine Creus, 3643 Stanton street; John Morrow, 3692 Calumet street.

To Camp Gordon, Ga., November 12, 1918, Theodore M. Freed, Michigan avenue and Manheim street.

To Camp Meade, November 4, 1918, Joseph F. Welsh, 3513 Sunnyside ave.

To Camp Polk, N. C., November 11, 1918, Earl J. Schwartz, 3426 Sunnyside avenue.

To Camp Polk, N. C., November 7, 1918, Jacob Schwartz, 2757 North Twenty-ninth street.

To Camp Wheeler, Ga., November 11, 1918, William J. Calhoun, 3708 Stanton street.

To Camp Meade during five-day period after November 11, eight men.

To Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa., period five days after November 11, eighteen men.

11-7-1918



RECORD MADE BY A MANAYUNK BOY

Captain Aloysius Makem, whose photograph is reproduced in this issue, although not a Falls boy, has made a record for advancement for which he deserves to be congratulated. Captain Makem was born in Manayunk, January 6, 1893; received his education at St. John's Parochial School, Manayunk; secured a position with the Reading Railway in the chief engineer's office, July, 1909; went to Camp Meade with the first selected men on September 23, 1917; received his second lieutenant commission at Camp Lee, Virginia, March 29, 1918; was assigned to Camp Pike, 525th Engineers, where he received his first lieutenantcy June 13, 1918. He is now serving somewhere in France with this regiment, where the captain's commission was received on September 22, 1918. Captain Makem had charge of the improvements on the Reading Railway at Laurel Hill Station when called to the service. His mother, Mrs. Mary McKinley Makem, will be remembered as organist at St. Bridget's Church. The captain is a cousin of E. C. Delahunty.—Contributed.

11-7-1918

Writes Feeling Under Shell Fire Falls Boy Gives An Idea Of War As It Really Is

Conditions over here have been very unfavorable for writing. At times it is very hard to get those few lines home each week as I promised.

You can gather from your own daily papers just what the boys from old Pennsy are doing and what a reputation they achieved. Old Black Jack Pershing takes off his hat to us. He named us the "Iron" Division and speaks of us, as the amateurs who came over and made their own name. The old home-town papers can't give the boys too much credit, because they sure have been working and making great sacrifices, under most rotten conditions.

Our boys are up against the Kaiser's best and most determined soldiers, who have orders to hold the line at any cost, but our boys are steadily and surely pushing forward in the face of deadly machine-gun fire, gas and heavy shell fire, and are showing a brand of courage and zeal that can only be described as American. A few weeks ago, Larry (nick-name for Hun) got range on one of our artilleries just behind us. He sent over a barrage, but much to our discomfort it fell short, so we got the full benefit of it. It can't be described, but it was seven kinds of —, while it lasted. It sure is terrifying to have such iron foundries tumbling down on you.

We are always on the move (forward), making our home like a rabbit, under trees, bushes, holes or any other available shelter we can procure. Buildings! well they don't have those things in this country, not even shanties. I suppose there was buildings, that is towns, villages and cities, but that was before Uncle Sam sent his artillery to France. About every mile you travel you can see stone, timber, plaster and other debris huddled on a pile, which is positive evidence there were some sort of buildings here once.

We just pulled into the place in time to get a grand reception from Fritz's heavy artillery. And the command was off their horses and kissed mother earth. I found refuge in a sweet-smelling mud hole. Whew! sweet ozone.

That night our artilleries opened up and Fritz started dropping some more of his hardware. I had crawled under a bush, and between holding my blanket and moving from left to right, whichever direction the shell appeared to be coming, I got a fair night's rest. You know when our artillery opens up the concussion blows the blanket off you like a windstorm. It's some experience, you feel as safe here as you would on Billy Penn's hat, on a slippery morning. Well, we should worry, so long as we have Fritz on

the run, and in the right direction.

We cleaned up for the Fritz's there, so they sent us over here to do the same thing. We worked hard preparing this drive and we expect to have it a little easier after it's started. Well, when it started you thought the infernal regions had broke loose. It was the heaviest and largest artillery fire ever known in history. Fritz was lodged on the other side in trenches it took him four years to build. They were rated as bomb and shell proof, forty feet under ground, made of concrete with toilets and electric lights. Regular little palaces. Our guns started to bark at 1 A. M. and in thirty minutes all their fine houses were smashed to pieces and Germans running everywhere. Drove after drove of prisoners came in, and loads of guns and ammunition were captured.

We crept into a stone quarry to try and get some sleep, but no human being could sleep with such thunder. The whole ground quivered and rocked all night, and the concussion of the shells going over our heads, raised the blankets off you like a windstorm. Long before daylight we were ordered to move and hitch up our caissons. The Germans were retreating and our artillery had to move to keep up with them. All the ammunition we had carried to them for a week had to be moved up to them, so instead of the rest we expected, it was more work. We served one particular battery with shells and every time we took our load up there, we would have further to go, as the guns were moving up so fast in order to keep up with the fleeing dogs.

The general of our division was almost crazy. Our infantry had blood in their eyes, and went forward so fast the general shouted: "Stop those boys, please! stop them! won't somebody stop them? can't somebody stop them?" He was afraid they would run into our own barrage. We kept right up at the front line until trucks came to relieve us. They can haul faster and larger loads than we can. We only expected to be there for a few hours, but had to stay there five days before the trucks could get through to help us.

On the way up to the front I was sitting on my horse when I had the surprise of my life. A fellow came down the road, with mess kit under his arm. I looked up and was speechless for a minute. I thought to myself, "Don't I know that fellow? I must, why sure, it's our Harry." He came closer and passed me, and I said: "No, that's not Harry, now, who could it be?" Then suddenly it dawned on me, "Why that's Huckle Maynes, of Twenty-fourth and Clear-

field streets."

I called to him and he came back, and sure enough it was him. He was drafted on July 5, 1918, sent South for a few weeks and then across. He is in a Pioneer unit, something like the Engineers, keeping the roads in condition wherever they are shelled; he was glad to meet me and he looked fine.

Today I discovered a German dug-out. Gee, it's a fine little place. It missed shell fire over here; no lights are allowed at night, so this one I found is light proof. I have a candle lit and you would never know it from the outside. I only wish we were going to stay here for the winter. It would sure be some home; if I hadn't found it, I don't know where I would have found a way to write to you.

The day before we started this last drive we were heavily shelled in camp by the German's heavy guns. We were cleaning our horses when there was a whirl in the air, we knew it was a shell and the whole company ran for shelter.

It burst about twenty yards away and they kept coming over about ten a minute for over a half hour. It's awful to face this stuff. No wonder so many are shell shocked. Well, God was good to me or I wouldn't be writing to you tonight. I think this drive is the beginning of the finish. Let us hope we can soon say: "Good morning, Miss Liberty," then home and friends once more and forever.

J. CHAS. MAY,
Co. E, 103d Ammunition Train,
A. E. F.
Philadelphia address: 2910 Allegheny avenue.

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LETTERS

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During the past week letters of acknowledgment for checks for five dollars have been received by T. L. MacKenzie, chairman, Citizens' Patriotic Committee, from the following men overseas: William Pearson, Thomas G. Rabbitt, Albert Entwistle, Russell C. Ross, John D. Hutchinson, Jr., William Oler, George Ragan, William F. Purcell, Charles A. Call, Colyn Loeffelhardt, William Barlow, Warren Havard, F. A. Cunningham, Thomas Whiston, William Donohue, Francis P. Lally, William R. Ward, Winfield E. Benjamin, Harold L. Maughan, Hugh T. Ward and William Barnshaw.

PHILADELPHIA CELEBRATES PEACE

Proud of their country and proud of their men folks, joyful because the great war was over, Philadelphia celebrated Monday in a fashion that will ever be remembered. Never was there such a day, a day of jubilation that began in the early hours and continued until far into the night.

There were parades and cheers and singing. The streets were filled with happy people, who laughed and shouted. In the street cars, in the theatres, in the clubs, in the stores, wherever men and women met, there was the joy that spelled relief from the tension of conflict that had lain heavy on their hearts for many months.

MONUMENT FUND STARTED AT FLAG RAISING

The erecting of a monument to the Falls of Schuylkill lads in the war service was proposed and a fund therefor started by a one hundred dollar subscription by Common Councilman John E. Smithies, chairman at the flag raising, in honor of the boys in the service from Midvale avenue to Scott's lane and Cresson street to Thirty-third street on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, who initiated the idea, promised a substantial amount.

The paraders traversed the principal streets in the section of the Reading Railway tracks between Scott's lane and Midvale avenue and finally stopped at Thirty-fifth street and Sunnyside avenue, where a service flag containing 157 stars, four stars for wounded men and one red cross for Miss Grace Walker, was unfurled.

Rev. A. T. Michler, of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, offered the opening prayer. Then Chairman Smithies introduced the speakers, among whom were Thomas Gavaghan and Colonel Millard Brown and Corporal Raymond Swariz.

The last, a Falls of Schuylkill lad, who had seen service abroad, told his story from the time he left port in New York to the time he found himself in the hospital.

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LOCAL WOMAN RINGS OUT PEACE NEWS

Marion Whalley Cole Assumes the Role of Feminine Paul Revere and Arouses the Residents of East Falls by Ringing the Baptist Church Bell as Peace Was Proclaimed.

To Marion W. Cole belongs the honor of sending forth the first tidings of peace in the patriotic little town of East Falls. At 3.40 A. M. on last Monday morning a fleet-footed young woman sped through the silent streets of East Falls toward the Baptist Church. From the distant city came the faint roar of whistles and the dull booming of cannons to proclaim that the great day had dawned, but in East Falls all was still silent.

Mrs. Cole, knowing that the doors of the church would be locked, hurried to the home of William Cober, a trustee of the church, and beating on the door soon aroused the sleeping man. Without taking time to don either coat or hat, Sober grabbed the keys of the church and the joy-crazed man and woman rushed to the church. As Sober unlocked the massive doors and pushed them back Mrs. Cole darted past him and, climbing the stairs leading to the choir loft, quickly unbound the heavy rope which controls the massive bell. Then firmly grasping the rope, she carefully pulled and on the minute of 3.45 A. M. the old bell in the belfry of the Falls Baptist Church sent forth a clarion cry to the town that peace had been proclaimed. The clanging of the bell aroused Edward Singer, the sexton, and he hurried into the church to join in the joyous celebration.

Meanwhile Mr. Sober, after turning on all the lights and hanging out the flags, hurried to the loft to relieve the girl at the bell. Sober in his enthusiasm gave the rope such a vigorous pull that it strained and broke high up in the tower. Nothing daunted, he quickly procured a long ladder and, minus either candle or lantern, climbed up into the belfry of the church and, perched hundreds of feet above the ground, he worked in total darkness to repair the rope. By this time John Wyatt arrived on the scene and after Mrs. Cole had explained what had happened he pulled off his coat and, volunteering to help, climbed up into the tower to assist Sober in his perilous undertaking. While the men worked Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Sober kept the fire of patriotism burning by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." At 4.20 the rope was repaired and once again the old bell was reverently ringing out the greatest message that has ever been sent broadcast through the world since the birth of Jesus Christ. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."—Contributed by a Patriotic Person.

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George B. Rath, son of Dr. Otto Rath, of Queen lane, was reported killed in action, October 15, as stated in the Government telegram to his father. Further information could not be obtained.

Mike Rowley after returning from France took the "flu" and was confined in the Brooklyn Hospital for the past three weeks. He is now home on a furlough to recuperate.

John Rowe has been transferred from Hampton Roads, Va., to the receiving ship at Norfolk.

Corporal Samuel T. Reutter, 3109 North Twenty-fifth street, was unofficially reported wounded.

Private George F. Havard, 199 Ferry road, was wounded, according to the reports.

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"I wish to thank you very much for the Komfo Kit. I have been called into service, but have been passed and am waiting. Will certainly write when I get into camp."—M. B. Lewis.

"Received your sweaters. Very thankful for same." — Ralph and Joseph Shortall.

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"I arrived safe in camp and I thank you for your kit."—Roy Smith, 25th Co., 154th Depot Brigade.

"Received a dandy heavy sweater today. My heartiest thanks for same." —Sol Weiss, Co. K, 60th Inf.

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Peace News Wakes Falls of Schuylkill

All Kinds of Demonstrations Last Throughout The Day

The peace news early Monday morning awoke Falls of Schuylkill and caused the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

Parades and every conceivable kind of demonstration marked the day. Whistles blew, bells rang, trumpets sounded, persons shouted, dish pans and similar articles clanged.

The important parade was in the evening about 8 o'clock. It started at the White House led by the Falls of Schuylkill Junior Corps of the National League for Women's Service, followed by the White House members, children of the town and everybody else, and traversed every principal street of the town and ended in front of the Honor Roll, on Midvale avenue below Ridge avenue, where several local, well-known speakers delivered impromptu addresses.

Last Thursday's ill-timed news that peace had been declared started some cheering and parading, but the conservative element of the town decided to wait for more reliable information.

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Letters From The Camps

"Just a line to let you know I arrived safely and many thanks for your sweater, wristlets, helmet, socks and kit as they come in very good."—Bernard W. McDevitt, 25th Co., 154th Depot Brigade, Camp Meade.

"Received your kit bag and I am sure I will make good use of it."—Martin Broderick, Camp Meade.

"I thank your committee for the kit bag, sweater and other comforts which I got from you."—Peter Fallon, Camp Meade, Md.

"Received comfort kit, sweater, wristlets and helmet. I am very thankful for same and pray that God will bless all who are concerned in your great work."—John Kelly.

"I received the comfort kit you sent me and certainly appreciate the work done by the Falls Patriotic Committee."—Bill Turner, 14th Co., Wiss. Barr., C. M.

"I am sending you these few lines in order to thank you for your comfort articles, which have come in very handy down here at camp."—C. Mulligan, 25th Company, Camp Meade, Md.

James Roberts wishes to inform his friends that he was wounded on September 28 during the scrap for Cambrai, France, in the right thigh. With good care in the Cardiff Hospital, in England, he is getting along fine. He mentions the Red Cross people for their kind way of treating the soldiers.

"Received sweater and comfort kit or bag."—A. W. Dutt.

"Thanks very much for the splendid kit which I received before I left home, also the sweater and socks."—James Young.

"I wish I could thank you personally for the good use I had from your present."—L. Pincutino.

"Arrived safely at camp and am feeling fine and cannot thank you enough for the wonderful kit and sweater you gave me."—Francesco Galeffi.

"Received your letter *and check with much thanks and sure do appreciate same immensely."—George Langan.

Worgret Camp, Eng., Aug. 20, 1918.

In acknowledgment of your most thoughtful and appreciative remembrance I wish to thank you and the citizens of the Falls most heartily and fully realize the people over there are doing their bit as well as we boys over here.

We are all inspired with the same true love for our country and know with the combined efforts of us all we are sure of victory. Although we are called upon to make many sacrifices at this time we will know the world will be safe and free when Prussianism is completely destroyed.

I often think of my many friends across the water and suppose they are

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wondering what part I am playing in this awful conflict and would like to tell of my experiences, but will have to wait for my safe return, which I hope will not be very long now.

Closing with best regards to all,
Yours truly,
CHARLES SINGER.

"Just a card to thank you for your beautiful outfit presented to me coming away."—Fenton Walsh.

"I must express my gratitude for the comfort kit I received from you. It is just the thing for a soldier. Practically everything he needs is found in the kit. This sweater, knit by Mrs. Harry Brown, is doing wonderful service too."—Private Harry T. Jones.

France, August 13, 1918.

This is a few lines to let you know that I received your letter dated the 8th of July, also enclosed money order for one pound, for which I thank the Falls Patriotic Committee. I received it after coming out of the front line and you have no idea of how pleased I was to think how the Falls people were trying to brighten up the boys over here after some of the trying ordeals that they have to go through. I will now draw my letter to a close. Thanking you for the kindness shown me.

PVT. ALFRED KEEN, 3030472.

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Letters From The Camps

Paris, France, October 20, 1918.
"Weekly Forecast":

The week before I left the Falls Mrs. Gray presented me with a gray sweater and Mrs. Lawson gave me a "kit"—just like a regular soldier. And maybe it didn't make me feel good to realize that the Patriotic Association had classed me with the boys of the Falls. Won't you please thank them for me. I am surely grateful for their most useful gifts.

From the day I reported at the American Red Cross headquarters in New York, Friday, September 13, until the present date, when I am a full-fledged worker, I have been wildly enthusiastic about the work of our organization.

I will confess that the day I left Philly and the first night I stayed in New York city, I really envied every man, woman and child in the Falls of Shuylkill and almost wished myself back at 3431 Queen lane. But after my mind was fully occupied with the business of getting "over there" and doing my bit, I managed to subdue the "home" feeling in the anticipation of aiding those who are conquering the Hun.

So, after a thrilling voyage in the company of A. R. C. workers—from all walks of life, both men and women, and "Y" guys, on a British ship, carrying the commodore of the convoy, I landed in London town in a typical London drizzle. I almost felt that I was living in Dickens' Pickwick Papers while driving through darkened cobble streets, with fa- lights just twinkling here and there.

Fortunately, we had a day and half in London, and our "reporting" in connection with transport papers, which, by the way, had been our constant occupation ever since we made our appearance at the dock at New York, gave us an opportunity to see what the English women are doing in the way of throwing open their beautiful residences for Red Cross work. Some of our party were put up, too, in the homes of wealthy English women, and we sure were well taken care of.

Luckily not all our time was taken up being interviewed, etc., and we had an opportunity to see Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, and were fortunate enough to enter Westminster Abbey when noonday intercession service was being held. While there a gentleman addressed my companion and me inquiring if we were Americans (you know we wear a uniform with U. S. on each shoulder) and asked us to do him the honor of accepting theatre tickets for an American play for that evening. Also we were admitted to some exhibits for half-price on account of our uniforms.

Together with the good care taken of us on the ocean by our English crew, the hospitality of the people themselves, not forgetting the extreme affable helpfulness of the London "bobbies" (who were so often Irish), we were surely made to feel that our work "over here" was going to be pleasant work indeed.

And since we have come on to Paris we have continued to feel so. First of all, we have become assured

of the great need of American workers in the Red Cross—and of the very great task that is laid out for us to do. Before we were definitely placed I had three days in which only the morning hours were occupied with necessary lectures, registrations, interviews, etc., in order to find one's niche, so we were able to crowd in a visit to the Arch of Triumph, to Napoleon's Tomb, through the gardens of the Tuilleries and the Palace of the Louvre, and actually walked every day on the Champs Elysee. It is all so wonderful to me. There are so many Americans in Paris—our own boys in khaki, war workers of all kinds, and we are all so glad to see each other. One sees everywhere some one wearing the insignia of the infantry, the artillery, aviation, the lieutenants, captains and once in a while a major or a colonel. Besides the red triangle, or the blue triangle, the familiar A. R. C. and many more. Of course, French pollus in blue are everywhere—some home on leave, some wounded and some here on duty of some kind. Uniforms of all kinds are prevalent—and they all mean so much.

For the "Yanks" who come to Paris on leave entertainment and comfort is provided without stint. The other

evening I visited the Palais du Glace of the Y. M. C. A. and really got a lump in my throat when from the gallery I looked down on the rows and rows of khaki-clad Americans, listening with great delight to some of Sousa's band music, played by a crack military band. Earlier in the week we girls in uniform had been invited to St. Ann's Hotel to "meet the enlisted men" who had just come in from the front. Those who could danced, and if we sat down beside a bby with a bandaged foot we listened while he eagerly told us which of the States he was from, and how good it was to hear "American chatter" once again.

Then on Saturday afternoon, after doing a full day's work before 1 o'clock at the office, we gathered a group of thirty-six girls and, escorted by their chaplain, "visited" an anti-aircraft camp, just outside of Paris; the boys tried to make us believe that the game of baseball we played with them and the Paul Jones' we tried to dance with them seemed almost like home, but to tell the truth that is the pleasantest work we have to do over here and we girls are always ready and more than willing to do our best, you may be sure. One never knows when he or she will be ordered to a different section of the country where some one of such capacity is needed, but wherever we are placed, and whatever our duty we are glad of the opportunity, and proud of the privilege of serving Uncle Sam through the organization of our American Red Cross. And our best incentives are "the boys" "over here" who are certainly doing their damndest, and "our folks" "back there," who we know are keeping the home fires brightly burning.

Yours most sincerely,
GRACE D. WALKER,
American Red Cross Headquarters, Paris, France.

LETTERS FROM NURSES "OVER THERE"

On active service with the American Expeditionary Forces.
Name—Mary R. Taylor, Base Hospital 31 and 32, A. P. O. 732.
Subject—Bernard W. McDevitt, Private, Ambulance Co., 316, 304th San Train.

Mrs. Alice McDevitt, 3633 Calume street, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. McDevitt—You have undoubtedly received already the sad news of your son's death from pneumonia on September 26. I am the representative of the Home Communication Service of the American Red Cross, and have asked the doctor in charge for details of his last illness.

On the 13th and 14th of September he marched in the rain, and on Monday the 16th he was taken sick with influenza. This latter turned to bronchial pneumonia. He was in this hospital four or five days, and every effort was made to save his life. He received all possible care. He was conscious when he first came, but delirious at the end. The local priest saw him soon after his arrival, and was with him again on the day he died.

The funeral was held at sunset on September 27, and it was my privilege to be present, with a gift of flowers from the Red Cross. The coffin was draped with the American flag, and borne by six comrades. Father Bouter, the Catholic chaplain, read prayers at the grave.

Then the firing squad fired three volleys, and the bugler played "Taps" while all the soldiers stood at salute. There were a number of French people present, and the children had brought flowers.

The cemetery is on a very beautiful hillside, and you could not wish for a more lovely place for your boy to rest. He lies surrounded by comrades who shared his sacrifice, and the graves bear simple crosses with names to identify them. The grateful nation of France will not forget the graves of the boys who rest in this land.

With the deepest sympathy,
Sincerely yours,
(Signed) MARY K. TAYLOR,
Home Communication Service,
American Red Cross.

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Samuel Klefer, a former Falls of Schuylkill lad, was in town lately with his injured leg, which he received during battle in France. The young man otherwise appeared in the best of health.

This Friday evening a dance, under the supervision of Miss R. Kemp, yeoman from the Navy Yard, will take place at America Hall.

Corporal Ralph Shortall, Clementine street, has returned from France and is now in a New York hospital. He is still in a serious condition from his wounds, and it will be some time before he will be home again.

George Byrne, one of the marines injured at Chateau-Thierry, visited his uncle, Joseph T. Byrne, 2928 Allegheny avenue, last week. His is still on crutches and it may be a year or more before he will be able to walk without them.

11-21-1918

WHITE HOUSE NOTES

Since October 1 our treasury has received the following donations: From block party, Ridge and Midvale avenues, through Mrs. Swartz, \$709.87; block party, through Miss M. Bambrick and others, \$16.77; Liberty Bond parade, \$3.35; Charles Golden (personal), \$4.50; sale of needles, \$8; Flag Committee, Thirty-fifth and Westmoreland (Wm. Miller), \$20.01; Queen lane and Krail streets (John Tyrell), \$100; Thirty-fourth and Clearfield streets (Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Ahern), \$30; Thirty-fifth and Sunnyside avenue (Richard Cole), \$150; Mrs. E. Kelly (personal), \$1; Masquerade Ball (Mrs. K. Lawson), street, \$253.95; block party, Sunnyside \$181.75; block party, upper Calumet avenue, given by Isabella O. Donnell, Mary McGonigal, Loretta Barr, Margaret Donovan, Helen Quinn, Florence Golden, Catherine McGonigal, \$40. All our boys will receive a token from the White House for Christmas.

11-27-1918

Word has been received that James Howarth, whose home address is Bowman street, was afflicted with mustard gas sent out by the Germans, but is now out of the hospital.

11-27-1918

Letters From The Camps

Somewhere in France, Oct. 19, 1918
My dear Mr. Carwardine:

You will no doubt be surprised to hear from me, hidden over here in France, trying to do my bit to keep the Hun on the run. It seems to agree with me, and I am feeling fine and at present have fairly comfortable quarters in a dug-out.

I left a balance in the East Falls Bank so that I will still be a depositor when I come back.

I haven't forgotten my seven hundred customers, but it would be impossible for me to write to each one of them, and I would appreciate it if you would extend to them through the columns of your paper my most sincere good wishes and tell them that it won't be long until I am back doing business at the same old stand again and will hope to see them all then.

Best regards to yourself and family and also to Mr. and Mrs. Hohenadel, and all the boys around the bank. Hope that I will be favored with a letter from you soon and also a "Forecast."

Sincerely,
PVT. CHARLES MEYERS,
Co. E, 22d Engineers, American E. F., France.

"Send my best wishes to Falls Patriotic Committee, which I am rather late in sending, and also Mrs. Altemus for picture received. Will be on our way across when you receive this."—John Burke, Camp Jackson, S. C.

"I thank the people of the White House for the comfort kit I have received, which is very useful."—John Morrow.

John Rowe has been transferred from the receiving ship at Norfolk aboard the U. S. S. Agwidale.

France, October 20, 1918.

I am writing you just a few lines in letting you know I am still alive and enjoying good health, hoping you all are the same. I must thank all the great women from home for the great work they did for us boys over here. But it won't be long now till the war is over. Then our dear lady friends can drop the needle and rest their weary fingers. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus surely is a great woman. She surely did her part in this fuss, and I know we boys appreciate her and the ladies of the Falls.

I suppose you heard of my brother, Raymond, being sent back to the States. Well, I was with him on the battlefield and I surely took it hard. But when they sent him to the hospital I felt much better as I knew he was going to safety.

I meet the Falls boys somewhere over here on my way from the lines and I was more than pleased to meet them. They all look fine and ready to meet anything that comes their way. I met James Casey the great

golf boy; Thomas Donohue, the great little grocer; Jamie Noll, Chas. Kemp, John Gaughan and our dear old friend, Pike Donohue, and believe me, they are a great bunch of soldiers.

It was reported around the town that I had been wounded, but that was a false report. I am still as healthy and as happy as when I first came over. I dare say I have had many close shaves, but close doesn't count. The only trouble I have is in making counter attacks on the cooties. You see I have all kinds, such as German, French, English and American, and when they start driving it just feels like a heavy barrage going after the Boche. But if I get off with just a few cooties I will be very much satisfied. Well, my dear friends, as I told you all about the cooties I will thank the ladies from home again for what they did for the boys over here.

Your friend,
CHARLES SCHWARTZ,
109th M. G. Co., France.

11-27-1918

FALLS BOY RECEIVES MENTION

Ewald Shaw, known as Johnny Shaw, receives much mention in a newspaper published in Vichy, Allier, France, called the "Caduceus." The article in the October 23 issue reads in part:

"If the thunder of cheers that arose from the throats of the many Yanks that crowded the theatre of the Palace Elysee were a criterion to go by, the show put on last Saturday evening by the Red Cross under the patronage of Mrs. Belmont Tiffany, Red Cross mother to the boys stationed in Vichy, and directed by Sergeant First Class L. A. Van Valkenburg, was a success from every point of view, or as the doughboy would say, 'It was all Jake,' and a blinger besides.

"Corporal William Taylor and Sergeant Frank Wesky, of Headquarters Company, with Private Johnny Shaw, of Base Hospital No. 76, made a hit with their comedy act that was received with much laughter and applause from the company."

12-5-18

Ensign Norman W. Garrett, U. S. N. R. F., spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Garrett, 3401 Ainslie street.

Postman Borsky, of our East Falls P. O., is wearing a broad smile these days. Its name is John Pershing Borsky. Mother and child are doing well.

12-5-1918

Captain Irvin S. Grindrod, now in France, has been transferred to Staff Headquarters of Construction and Forestry.

A Victory Supper for reconstruction work will be held in St. James the Less parish house, Saturday, December 14. Supper from 5 to 7 P. M. Tickets, 35 cents. Cakes and fancy articles will also be sold.

The Wool Committee (Mrs. William Gray), of the White House, wishes all friends to return finished sweaters as soon as possible.

12-12-1918

YANKS' PROWESS COMPELS PRAISE FROM HUN

Friday.

From a captured officer of the German army comes a remarkable tribute to the fighting prowess of the First Division of the American troops, whose work will go down in history as among the most remarkable of the present war.

He declared the Germans did not believe the Americans could produce, within five years, a division such as they had found the First Division to be. The German, when taken, had seen four years of severe fighting. This is what he had to say:

"I received orders to hold the ground at all costs. The American barrage advanced toward my position and the work of your artillery was marvellous. The barrage was so dense that it was impossible for us to move out of your dugouts.

"Following the barrage, closely were the troops of the First Division. I saw them forge ahead and knew that all was lost. All night I remained in my dugout, hoping vainly that something would happen that would permit me to rejoin my army. This morning your troops found me and here I am, after four years of fighting, a prisoner.

"Yesterday I knew that the First Division was opposite us, and I knew we would have to put up the hardest fight of the war. The First Division is wonderful and the German army knows it.

"We did not believe that within five years the Americans could develop a division such as this First Division. The work of its infantry and artillery is worthy of the best armies of the world."

Editor's Note.—Thomas Jones, of Calumet street, and Frank Weer, of Ridge avenue, are in this division.

12-19-1918

MADE GERMANS RUN; HAS NO SCRATCH

Word has just been received through a letter to his mother that Lieutenant Clarey helped to keep the Germans on the run during the last four days of battle.

Lieutenant Clarey received his commission August 26th and after a short furlough at home was appointed to the 57th Infantry at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., sailing for foreign service September 28, to which company he was attached until November 8, when he was transferred to one of the acting units, Headquarters Company, of the 37th Infantry.

Lieutenant Clarey writes that although only a few days in the real battle he reiterates Sherman and then some. On his return from the battle front he describes the wounded and dead as something he shall never forget. His mother also received a German helmet along with his letters of assurance that he escaped without a scratch and is none the worse for his part in the war, and that he expects it will not be long before he will be home again.

12-19-1918

HOME AFTER 31 YEARS FOR U. S.

A townsman who has been welcomed home by many of his friends after being in Uncle Sam's army thirty-one years is James Prendergast, of 3512 Allegheny avenue, being a first sergeant in the regular outfit.

The quiet gentleman had very little to say about his life in the army, but admitted having been in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, China, Japan, Siberia and Manchuria.

His homeward trip was from China across the Pacific to the west coast of the United States, where he met a townsman, Walter C. Kelly, vaudeville star, who was heading the bill at a "Frisco" theatre.

The life story of Prendergast would read like a romance, of which his friends will get "bits" at a time.

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William Lorimer, 2831 Clearfield street, who was at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, and Frank Mita, 3113 North Twenty-ninth street, who was at the U. of P., were both mustered out of service at Christmas.

Those two Gavaghan boys, John and Thomas, 2904 Allegheny avenue, both members of the U. S. Navy, were home for Christmas.

Joseph S. Stead, 3144 North Twenty-ninth street, a member of the crew of the good ship Edgar Lukenbach, was home for Christmas.

Lieutenant William H. Kelly, U. S. A., 3217 Newkirk street, was home over the holidays.

Floyd H. Erickson, Thirtieth and Clementine streets, spent Christmas Eve with his parents at Millville, on the Maurice River, N. J.

John Dougherty, 2928 Wishart street, had as a Christmas guest his brother, Sergeant James J., who is stationed at a Southern camp.

Moving picture show at the Midvale Theatre for the benefit of the Victory Boys' Club on January 8 and 10, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Grand Dance to be given by the Young Men's Literary Institute, in their club house, Midvale avenue and Frederick street, East Falls, Tuesday, January 7, 1919. Admission, 35 cents.

James Byrne is home on Sunnyside avenue this week from the Harvard Radio School.

Joseph Casey, who has a host of friends in Falls of Schuylkill, recently made top sergeant, being stationed at Camp Meade, was home last week from Monday until Saturday.

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Private Carl Stamm is home on furlough from Washington.

Private Philip Reilly is home again being one of the first men discharged by the demobilization order.

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CASUALTIES FROM "OVER THERE"

"I am appending the name and address of a boy who died in this hospital (Base No. 117), and whose grave is in the hospital burying ground on the slope of a green hill overlooking a green valley, with the tall poplars bordering the field in stately files. William F. Langan, 4151 Ridge avenue, East Falls, Pa., this address is across from Lower Pencoyd and some relative may be employed at the works."

This quotation is from a letter of Dr. Major in France to his father, who is connected with the Pencoyd iron plant, and is the only intelligence the Langan family of the town has received, no official communication of the fact having been made.

William Francis Langan, aged 28 years, whose widowed mother, four sisters and four brothers reside at the Ridge avenue address, was wounded in action July 29 at Chateau-Thierry after being in the service only three months. He was drafted in May of this year and sent to Lee and then to France in record time. Shortly after reaching French soil he was sent to the front, where he received his injury which caused his death, if the last be true.

A brother, George Aloysius Langan, 24 years old, was drafted July 15 and sent to Meade on September 23, later to Hancock and then to France. While operating with the 109th Machine Gun Company he was gassed, which did not affect him badly.

John Turner, whose home address is given as 3507 Allegheny avenue, was killed, but the family awaits further confirmation concerning the information thus far given.

Reginald Hardcastle, 24 years old, 3515 Allegheny avenue, was reported as having received shrapnel wounds, not very serious, about the head, on September 25. His condition is improved.

He left the Falls of Schuylkill September 23, 1917, with the first 83 of the town to leave for the war service. He was sent first to Meade, then to Hancock and in May of this year to France.

His wife and a baby, his father and his mother expect his home coming soon. A brother, Leslie, is with the Ambulance Corps in France.

Gabriel Mimigaeli, a 22-year-old Italian youth, who lived with Joseph Sciovitita, now at 4020 Ridge avenue, was severely wounded in action in France on October 31. He was drafted May 28 and sent to Meade and later to France.

He has no relatives here, but it is believed his mother lives in Italy.

The Sciovititas have praised the young man for his enthusiasm to enter the war.

12-5-1918

Memorial Movement Gains Supporters

White House Resolution; Mr. Smithies Sends Letter

The movement to erect a monument to the memory of the Falls of Schuylkill men who have taken part in this world conflict is gaining supporters, as may be seen.

3427 Sunnyside ave., Falls of Schuylkill, Pa., Dec. 3, 1918.

Mr. E. E. Carwardine,
Editor "Weekly Forecast," Falls of Schuylkill, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I feel it a duty and a privilege to go on record before the men and women of the Falls of Schuylkill by endorsing the movement of the proposed memorial to be erected in Falls of Schuylkill, in memory of the boys from our town who have made the "supreme sacrifice" by laying down their lives in the great world war that liberty might live. Liberty still lives; autocracy has been forever set aside, and by the efforts of the boys of the United States and our glorious Allies democracy has not been permitted to perish from the earth.

The world peace has come to pass, for which we have hoped so longingly and prayed so fervently, and in which for all of those who were fighting our battles we have worked earnestly, eagerly and ceaselessly. For these merces we give reverent thanks.

What an overwhelmingly important year 1918 has been! What debts of gratitude we all owe to the brave boys who have carried our glorious flag to victory for righteousness, honor and liberty! And how they will be acclaimed by assembled multitudes of admiring men, women and children when they return to us once more!

But to our brave boys who do not return, who lie beneath the sod on the battlefields of France, let us not break faith with those who died that we might still enjoy liberty. They are the noblest heroes of all. Let us perpetuate their memory by erecting a suitable memorial to their honor and glory. They have sacrificed their all for us.

I know that every one in the Falls of Schuylkill will respond to this noble and patriotic cause. This should be a community memorial. Every one in our town should contribute something and make it possible for this memorial to be erected. I feel proud of our people in Falls of Schuylkill because they have always responded to every call made in this community during the war.

Yours truly,

(Signed) JOHN E. SMITHIES,
Common Councilman, Thirty-eighth Ward.

Falls of Schuylkill,
December 3, 1918.

We are all aware of the fact that the "boys" of our community have done noble work in the recent world

war; that it has meant great sacrifices on their part—even to the giving up of life by some of them, wherefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Falls of Schuylkill Patriotic Committee, endorse the project being put forth to erect a monument in honor of the "boys" of our community.

That we pledge our united efforts to support same.

THEO. L. MACKENZIE,
President.

JOHN WYATT,
Assistant Secretary.

The Board of Trustees of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church at the last meeting have voted in favor of the memorial for the local boys and further, have agreed to give the use of the church for a meeting of the townspeople.

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All members of Auxiliary No. 109 are urged to be present at the work rooms on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 12, 1918. At this time plans will be formulated for carrying on the Christmas drive for membership. It is important now, more so than ever, to carry on this noble work of clothing the refugees.

Joseph Lynch, twenty-four, Co. E, 315th Infantry, formerly a policeman at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station, was wounded in the hand on October 8. This word was received in a letter from a soldier chum, James Kelly, in France. The latter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelly, 268 East street, Wissahickon. He went into the service in October, trained at Camp Meade and sailed overseas in July.

12-12-18

Arthur Turner, 3438 Clearfield street, who enlisted in the service on November 29 and left for France on January 2, has written to his parents that he was made sergeant. He is in good health and inquiring about his friends.

Joseph E. Hurley, of Stanton street, private in K Troop, 8th Cavalry, who was seriously injured last May while doing patrol duty on the Mexican border, is now convalescent and is home on a furlough.

Charles Flanagan is at home on Sunnyside avenue, now having come from the South Carolina naval aviation training camp, where he had been stationed.

12-12-1918

Corporal Joseph Causey, 2918 Wislart street, a member of Co. C, 314th, A. E. F., has been officially reported wounded.

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Letters have been received, acknowledging receipt of checks from the following Falls boys overseas during the past week:

Aloysius C. Lawler, George Pearson, F. Ashton Ross, Herbert A. Golden, Joseph Leo Samanns, Walter M. Hollingsworth, Lieut. H. C. Harback, Thomas J. Collins, George Baxter, Harry Ickler, Joseph Pickard, William M. Leach, T. J. Ryan, Edward Ryan, Frank J. Roney, William Ransford, Walter Abrahams, Albert W. Eastburn, Francis D. Golden, Martin Broderick, William B. Goodman, Thomas A. Coulter.

Parents may have the letters to read by calling at T. L. Mackenzie's, 8596 Queen lane.

LETTER COMMENDS FOR BRAVERY

James Crawford, with Company A of the 103d Engineers, home address, Sunnyside avenue, received the following communication:

HEADQUARTERS, 103D ENGINEERS

American Expeditionary Forces.
France, October 21, 1918.
General Orders, No. 41.

1. The Commanding Officer, 103d Engineers, takes great pleasure in publishing to this regiment the following letter from the Chief of Staff, 28th Division:

HEADQUARTERS, 28TH DIVISION
American Expeditionary Forces.
October 20, 1918.

From: Chief of Staff.
To: Col. F. A. Snyder, 103d Engineers.
Subject: Commendation.

1. The Division Commander desires me to convey to you and through you, to the officers and soldiers in your regiment, his appreciation of the excellent work performed during the recent offensive in the Valley of the Aire and the Argonne Forest.

2. From the time that your advance parties were pushed forward to repair and reconstruct the roads across "No Man's Land," which were so necessary at the start to insure a supply of munitions and food, until the final order to withdraw was given, your command has shown a devotion to duty that merits the highest commendation. The opening of the narrow gauge railroad, using the enemy's locomotive, and the construction of a bridge over the Aire at Chehdry was especially noteworthy.

3. Your untiring zeal has given your men an example which they have followed, and which has made the regiment a unit, which, it is felt, may be depended upon under any conditions.

W. C. SWEENEY,
Chief of Staff.

2. This order will be published to all companies and detachments.

By Order of COLONEL SNYDER.
EDW. A. WARNER, JR.,

Captain, 103d Engineers, Adjutant.
John L. Taylor, with Company A of the 103d Engineers, whose home is at 3604 North Thirty-fifth street, and Pat Archie, of 3138 Wishart

street, member of the 103d Ammunition Train, "somewhere in France," received similar letters.

November 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Carwardine:

Just a few lines to let you know how the boys from East Falls in our regiment are getting along. There is not quite as many with us now as there was when we left the States, but still a few have been lucky and are about and kicking.

Part of the regiment is out on a rest now and the other part is up in the lines. We will probably relieve them some time this week. We were in the Argonne battle, and believe me, it sure was a "honey." The way it looked to me, Jerry (the Germans) seemed to have all his snipers and machine-gunners playing right on our battalion, but in spite of all they could do we reached our objective and captured quite a few prisoners. One of the boys from the Falls who was killed in this battle was Thomas Cassidy. I do not know exactly how his death was caused, but from reports I believe a big shell hit him direct.

I received a "Forecast" from home the other day and it sure is a treat for us. The fellows from the Falls all want to read it, no matter how old or dirty it is. I believe John Armitage has it now and he will pass it along to some one, so you see a little paper goes a long way with us fellows.

We have just heard about Austria giving up and we are now looking for the Huns to make the same move. All the prisoners we have taken lately are very much disgusted and all say they will be glad when the war is over. Are the American boys downhearted? Well, I'll say no! I wish you could have heard the singing and hollering in our billet last night. The favorite song was, "Homeward Bound," and we sure did murder it and are expecting to be on our way very, very soon.

Robert Trevethan and Ray Fielder, both in Company D with me, are well and happy. Bob is carrying a German canteen around with him and he says he intends to take it home with him. Jackie Jordan, from I Company, is in the hospital with five machine-gun shots in the leg, and has also been promoted to the rank of corporal, and is very capable of handling the job. Will have to close now as it is time for chow.

Very truly yours,
SHERMAN E. STARRETT.

October 28, 1918.

Falls Citizens Patriotic Committee:

Dear Friends—Please accept my sincere thanks for the comfort kit which you so kindly sent me. It was indeed a most pleasant surprise and the topic of very favorable comment here among the boys.

I think it is as complete as could be, and I intend to make use of all. I am especially in need of French and and due to the "flu," I am two weeks behind in work. You have picked a book such as the favorite book in high school, and I am very grateful for it and mean to make good use of it.

Just let me say that the three Philadelphia boys here were mighty glad when they heard the old town had

gone over. And I am more than glad the Falls gets the first suburban honor flag. In a company of 105 boys we raised \$6000 and when they knock out money for bonds and insurance, you can figure on less than half your pay. But every one pledged gladly, for many have brothers or pals "over there."

Well, I must study. So let me thank you once more and may you have great success in the splendid work you are doing.

Many, many thanks.

Sincerely,
JAMES WHARTENBY,
W. Chester State Normal, S. A. T. C.

October 30, 1918.

Dear Brother and Sister:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am in the best of health, and that we are having a good time in France; and also getting the best of food, so you see we have very little to kick about. I want to tell you about the good things the Salvation Army girls are doing for the boys at the front. They stand at the stoves under shell fire and make doughnuts and pies for the boys. And the Y. M. C. A. girls are also doing their bit, having shows for us. So you see, some of the girls are taking a big chance on their life. Well, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope this will find you in the best of health.

I remain, your brother,
CORP. WILFRED SCHOFIELD.

October 31, 1918.

Dear Mr. Carwardine:

Just a few lines to let you know how I've been faring since having participated in that 20th Century pastime, entitled "Going Over the Top."

Writing this from a base hospital, where I've been leading some soft life since the 15th inst., after a week or more in reserve in the Argonne section, sleeping out, of course, in pup tents and experiencing the usual mud and rain, we reached the front line at Verdun, after being shelled profusely while making the relief. Had hiked all night to reach this point, and arrived about 4.30 A. M. At 5.30 A. M. we started "over the top" to reach our objective, a woods about two kilometers away. We had to cross an open field to reach same, and the Germans had the woods sure protected by machine guns. Somehow I had the luck to cross without getting hit. I'll tell you, the bullets sure did rain from every possible angle, and to make it more real, both three and six-inch shells, in quantity, were dropping all around us. Reached woods O. K.—what was left of us. We sent back prisoners and were establishing a new front line in front of a cemetery, behind which they had a bunch of machine guns, when a shell dropped too close and mangled two of my pals. I got off lucky, with only shrapnel in the left hand and my wound is rapidly healing. Tell you, a cot, mattress and pillow.

low seas go great again. Well, I expect to hit the States soon—like they say over here, it sure looks now like "la guerre finis."

With best wishes,
As ever, sincerely yours,
SOL. WEISS.

November 1, 1918.

Falls Citizens' Patriotic Committee.

Dear Friends—Your comfort kit and sweater received with many thanks, and all the articles are very useful in camp life, especially the sweater for our camp is situated near the Blue Ridge Mountains, and have zero weather during the winter. Wish to inform you, that one of our former Falls boys, Michael F. Fitzpatrick, of Commissioner street, has been promoted today from lieutenant to captain. He formerly had charge of all the camp post officers here, but his position is captain of the Provost Guard.

WM. L. RAMSBOTTOM,
Camp Sevier, S. C., care of Army
P. O.

U. S. S. Wilkes, Nov. 19, 1918.

Dear Earnest Carwardine:
No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me.

Well, I'm writing you a few lines thanking you for what you have done for me and the rest of the Falls boys who are overseas.

I don't think it will be long now before I will be back to the old town once more.

I receive the "Forecast" regularly and thank you very much for same. I also send thanks to the Patriotic Committee for the many presents they sent to me while I was away.

Well, I must close now and go to work, so hoping to be with you in the near future; also give my regards to the folks.

A LOCAL BOY.

Surrey, England.

I cannot find words in which to express my feelings of gratitude to the Citizen's Patriotic Committee of the Falls of Schuylkill in sending to me their token of loving regards, which I have received.

I do not think that you could have sent anything to the boys that would be better appreciated, and it gives me great pleasure and comfort in the thought that our friends at home are loyal and true to the boys who have left that home to fight in one of the most Christian wars "on the side of the Allies" that the world has ever known.

I believe that the Hun thought that America would prove a small factor in the game, but he is learning differently now and although I am in the Canadian army and feel I am doing my duty, yet every time I read of the Yanks' brilliant engagements it makes my heart long to be with them.

However, we are all fighting for the same cause and if we never did anything Christian in our lives before we are doing something now, and

in speaking for the Allies I will say that we are in this thing until hell freezes over and if victory is not by that time we will follow them on skates.

I am glad to know that we have the love and trust of our friends at home and that they will not forget us. You are doing a great work—in fact, you are the foundation, because if it were not for you our work over here would remain unfinished.

Once more I thank you for your loving kindness and wishing my friends of the Falls of Schuylkill every success in the future and that the day may not be far distant until we have won for Europe that word which every American loves to breathe, "Liberty."

JOSEPH HARDWICK.

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A SOLDIER'S LIFE "OVER THERE"

This letter I am sending you is poetry, the finest, too; It tells about the things I've done Since starting out to fight the Hun.

I'll leave out name, date and direction. So that the rhyme will pass inspection;

You know that we were at Camp Custer.

'Twas there that I first answered muster.

We drilled all day, slept all night, Or followed Mike O'Dowd to fight. Our eats were of the very best, Our barracks better than the rest.

Imagine then our great surprise When at 2 A. M. they made us rise And don our uniforms of brown. Also a pack, and hike to town.

From there we took a train for Merritt, With other camps you can't compare it.

Here they locked us in a station Lest we divulge our destination.

A doctor tapped us on the chest, Looked at our tonsils and the rest; He said he thought we'd stand the trip— I guess he never saw our ship.

A small boat took us to our "scow"— A vision of it haunts me now. A. C. T. F. was on her side, When I smelled the hold I nearly died.

And then some Red Cross Angelettes Passed coffee, buns and cigarettes. I laid my pack upon a trunk And went a lookin' for my bunk. I found one in the lowest hold, Right near the door and very cold.

I cursed the ship and all her crew In a way all engineers can do, And then we spent a quiet night, Twelve crap games and as many fights.

We lay in harbor all next day, And late at night got under way.

At 12 o'clock I went below, The boys were singing "Old Black Joe."

It was the last song on that trip, All lungs were used to curse the ship. "Pas Bon" about describes the crew, Who fed us nothing but liver stew; The coffee was a muddy drip, They used to camouflage the ship.

In fourteen days I ate eight meals, And most of them I fed the seals. The third day out I grew quite sick, My stomach rose, my tongue was thick,

I wished the cursed ship would sink And leave us in the briny drink. How I lived through I cannot tell— That boat ride sure was worse than hell;

I swore that I would stay in France Before I'd take another chance.

We anchored in a dump called Brest, We saw twelve gin mills and no rest; There we boarded a French R. R.— Five trains would fill a Philly car. The cars there were so low and small To get inside we had to crawl.

To go to camp it took three days; Seems funny how that railroad pays. It was quite a busy burg we found, Of all cafes we made the rounds; I wrote from there 'most every day Until we were upon our way.

My present address now you know, A place where balmy breezes blow (?) And we are happy with the same, We're here to fight; we love the game, And all have faith in the power above To guide us home to those we love.

PVT. EDW. W. SEVERNS,
Co. A, 1st Bat., 55th Engineers, A.
E. F., France.

THE BOYS OF THE U. S. ARMY

The boys of the U. S. Army Are the brave boys of today; They are helping their Uncle Sam To get the Germans out of the way.

When the boys go into a battle Their jaws are tightly set; They think of the German devils And pull out their bayonet.

When they see their comrades falling,

With a fatal wound in the breast, They side-step the German wretches And their bayonets do the rest.

—By Priv Jos. Padulesc,
Co. L, 109th Infantry, Camp Hancock,
Augusta, Ga.

"Camp Merritt, N. J.

12-19-1918

A Local Lad Sends Xmas Letter to Dad Gives Vivid Description Of Raging Battle of War

Dear Dad:

I have written you one Christmas letter and since then have found that I can tell you a lot more than I was allowed to then, so this letter is going to be your Christmas letter.

Now to start with, I am going to start with when I left New York. We went on the Leviathan, better known as the Vaterland. It is the largest ship afloat and it just took us six days and a half to make the trip. We landed at Brest, France, and our regiment was left on board to unload. After we got ashore we took a five-mile hike and went into a rest camp. Arriving there at 11 o'clock, we pitched tents and after dinner left for a parade in Brest. The following day we boarded a train and rode for sixty-four hours and then hiked to a little village called Puits. This was a very small village, but we had very good billets. But the only thing we could get in this village was wine, and there was lots of that. But don't worry, Dad, I have never touched any of it. We only stayed there a short time and moved by motor trucks to a village called Fretts. This was only a small place also, but here we could get chocolate, cakes, nuts and raisins, but we had to pay for what we got. For chocolate which we would pay ten cents in the States we paid two francs for here, and two francs is equal to forty cents in our money. For nuts we paid one franc for about half pound. Well, we stayed here about six weeks and left by train and arrived in the town of Falns. This trip was made in forty-two hours and it was the best town we stopped in so far. It was only about three miles from Bar le Duc and we took a few trips in on our spare time. It was a very pretty little place and here I saw the first real work of the Germans. There was a whole square that I did not see a single house that was not ruined. We only remained there a short period and moved up to the front, going in the reserves. We went into Camp De Bois, which I believe was in Avocourt woods. We stayed there three days and moved up into the Hesse woods in bomb-proof dug-outs. While in this woods we had one air raid. From there we went to Recicourt and remained there till the day before the Verdun drive started, which was Thursday, September 26; and the night of the 25th, just as it was getting dark, we left for the front line trenches, arriving there around midnight, and at 3 in the morning our barrage started, and at 5.55, September 26, we got the order "Over the top" and over we went. Before us lay Dead Man's Hill, which the Hun had held since 1914, and we knew if we could take that hill we were

O. K. Now just before you hit the hill you have to go through what is known as Death Valley. It is a swamp lying between the hill held by us and the one by Fritz. Well, we took the hill and a whole lot more, and I can safely say that for every man we lost we got five in return. Yes, counting prisoners, we got twenty-five to one. We were in the drive for five days, in which time we took over two hundred prisoners, over seventy machine guns, two heavy field pieces and captured an ammunition dump. Pretty good work for one company, eh?

But here is the funny part, Dad. I got caught in between two machine guns and the first sergeant was with me, and we had to lie there like dead, for every time we raised our heads to try and see them we put them down a darned sight quicker. We lay in a gutter full of water until it got dark; then we crept out and back to our company. When we got there I found that part of my pack which stuck up above the gutter had about fifty bullets in it where the machine guns had been playing a tune on it. I'll tell you, Dad, you sure do say your prayers when you are up there, and when they open a barrage on you you imagine that hell is out loose.

When these shells drop near you there is going to be more than one fall. I have seen them fall on both sides of me from these shells, also from rifle bullets. But, Dad, I would sooner be shot with a rifle bullet any day, for when you get hit with a shell you are likely to have your whole face torn off. I have seen several that you could not tell if he was your own brother.

After we came off the front we hiked to a little place called Road to St. Meal. We stayed there about ten days and started back for the Verdun front and it was while on this hike that I collapsed with pneumonia and am still in the hospital, but in good health once more as this letter will prove, for if I was anyway sick I would not be able to write all this. Now you know all about the signing of the armistice and just as much as I could tell you, but can tell you that there were some celebrations here when we heard it.

Well, Dad, I have given you all the news as far as I can remember and I hope it will help to make your Christmas a happy one. I will close now, wishing you, mother and all the kids a very Happy Christmas, also a Happy New Year.

Your soldier boy,
WILLIAM R. WARD,
14th Inf., 79th Div., A. E. F.

12-31-1918

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

The following letter informs the Langan family, of 4150 Ridge avenue, of the death of their son and brother, William Joseph Langan, recently officially confirmed by the United States Government.

Neurological Hospital,
No. 1, A. E. F.
November 17, 1918.

Mrs. Mary Langan, 4150 Ridge avenue, East Falls, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langan—It is my sad duty to write to you of the death of your son, William. I am a Catholic priest in the medical corps, and happened to be at Base Hospital 117 when your son died. Before I came he had received the last Sacraments from another priest. This, I know, will be a great consolation to your heart. William died of pneumonia and was buried with all the solemnity of a military funeral, and I read the service at the cemetery and blessed the grave.

Though I do not know you, I feel the deepest sympathy for you in the sorrow that this news must cause you. I feel, however, that you cannot help but find some consolation in this thought that he sacrificed his life in the service of his country, to which he was called by the will of God. Thus in a very true sense he was a martyr to his duty and God blessed him with the grace of a happy death.

He died at 10 P. M. October 24, and was buried in the afternoon of October 26, in Plat A, Grave No. 2, Cemetery No. 90, La Fauche (Haute Marne). A military band was given us for the occasion by a regiment which was passing through and all the hospital marched in procession to the grave.

May God bless and console you and join you one day with your son in heaven is the earnest prayer of him who spoke the last words over your beloved William.

With deepest sympathy and a heartfelt prayer for you and your departed son, I remain,

Yours in Christ,
THOMAS V. MOORE, CSS.,
Catholic University, Washington,
D. C.

William Langan, who was 27 years of age, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Langan Flanagan, four sisters and five brothers, one being George Aloysius Langan, who was gassed in July and is still in France.

The young man's mother, while feeling the loss extremely, declared proudly, "I am glad that my son was not a slacker or a draft-dodger and that he died fighting faithfully and bravely for his country."

James W. McHale, Jr., 22, was wounded in action September 29, according to a Government telegram to his parents, 3419 Sunnyside avenue. He left Falls of Schuylkill May 27 for Camp Meade and on July 7 was on the fighting front in France.

He was a member of the 345th Infantry. Before leaving town he was a fireman for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company.

His brother, Martin, enlisted March,

1918, being placed in the U. S. Navy, in which service he has been to all parts of the world.

Francis D. Golden, whose folks reside at 3412 Sunnyside avenue, was wounded October 14 in the right arm by an enemy sniper's bullet, and now is stationed at Newport News, Virginia.

He left town April 29 for Camp Lee and went overseas July following.

His widowed mother, Mrs. Bridget Golden, three sisters and two brothers are anxious for his homecoming.

November 29, 1918.

Dear Mom:

Today is the end of the fifth month we've been over here, and I rate a little gold bar for foreign service amounting to three months.

The censorship has been lifted, so I can tell you anything you want to know.

We are situated in the north of Scotland in a harbor near Inverness.

The "Black Hawk" is the flagship and is the admiral's headquarters; his name is Strause, and he is in full command of the mine fleet, which planted a field between the Orkney Islands, the mainland of Scotland, and across the North Sea to Norway.

The rest of the fleet is going back to the States soon, but according to rumors, the Black Hawk is going to stay here six months more as "mother ship" to the mine sweepers.

You can't believe a word you hear, and after you hear about 100 different rumors in a day you soon get that way that you wouldn't believe the admiral himself if he said we were going back.

I requested a discharge today, but it's a question whether I'll get it.

I paid \$1.25 for steak and two eggs last Saturday; the limey "son-uv-a-bumps" think they can't charge us enough for our meals. We have some wild fights with them.

I don't expect to get home for six more months, so when I get home, get a big feed ready.

Your loving son,
EMMETT PURCELL.

November 24, 1918.

Dear Brother:

I just got back from London after a very enjoyable trip. While in Winchester, England, on my way to Southampton, I met our George at a rest camp. He had just landed from the Mauretania and was on his way to Tours, where I am stationed at the present time.

On November 10, Secretary Baker issued an order stopping all commissions and promotions from that day on. All the fellows here with me are out of luck, as they were to receive their commissions on November 12. I am not sure whether mine will be affected by the order or not, as it left here for Washington on October 1.

Another fellow and myself left here on November 12 for London, via Paris, to take charge of and convoy two X-Ray trucks from London to Paris. We arrived in Paris the night after the armistice was signed, and I saw scenes enacted there that even made blasé Paris sit up and take notice. It seemed as though every one in Paris and vicinity were jammed on the main thoroughfare and the best-natured crowd I ever saw. The girls were entirely too affectionate, how-

ever, and insisted on kissing every American soldier.

The following day we went sight-seeing, and I saw all the points of interest. I saw where the 74-mile gun hit as well as several places where bombs were dropped. I was in the Palais des Invalides, where Napoleon decorated his men and incidentally the place where Joffre received Pershing on our entry into the war. Also saw Napoleon's tomb and a military exhibit of captured German aircraft (planes and Zepps) and hundreds of pieces of artillery. Guynemeyer's plane, in which he brought down seventeen planes, is also there and is decorated every day with fresh flowers. While in Paris I met several people I knew, and had dinner with the captain of the Ariel Boat Club of Baltimore.

We then went to La Havre to cross the channel, and when I was walking down one of the streets, I heard some one say, "I guess you'll be rowing down the Schuylkill next summer," and the speaker was a fellow named Woods, who lives on Sunnyside avenue, in the Falls. When we reached London the people were just beginning to realize that the war was over and staid old London cast discretion to the four winds and celebrated in real English fashion. Trafalgar Square was a seething mass of people and in order to give you some idea of how intensive the celebration was, there were fifty-six casualties in one night alone.

I saw all the points of interest in and around London, including Buckingham Palace, Westminster Hall and Abbey, both Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London and Madam Tussaud's. I saw the King, Queen and Princess Mary drive through North London one day.

I met Elsie Janis and her mother at the Carlton Hotel and I called on Sir Thomas Llewler (Walter's friend), but he was out of town.

We then got our trucks and made the journey back to Paris without mishap. On our way back we put up for one night in Rouen, a very old historic French town, which the Germans used to bomb whenever they thought of it. I saw the prison there where they held Joan d'Arc before her execution. We stayed at the Hotel de la Poste, and while having dinner in the main dining room, I saw everybody stand up and the band started to play "God Save the King." When I looked for the cause, I recognized Princess Mary, whom I had seen a couple of days before in London, walk in and take a seat a few tables away from me. A couple of nice truck drivers dining with nobility; but we really did have clean necks and everything. The reason we made this sort of a joy trip was, the colonel told me that we had our share of hard trips and as there was no hurry about

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this one, make it a good one. The above account will prove what a good soldier I am and how I obey orders.

I am feeling good and my foot is about the same.

Regards to the clan and look for me before the bluebirds sing. I expect to visit most of the hospitals in France soon, as we are preparing to evacuate all our wounded.

Affectionately,

SGT. J. B. KELLY.

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REPORT OF ST. BRIDGET'S DIVISION

The following is a statement of work completed by members of St. Bridget's Division, Alliance of Catholic Women, Auxiliary No. 138, Red Cross Society, for the year ending December, 1918:

Large compresses	460
Small compresses	650
16x16 compresses	354
Large sponges	360
Small sponges	1204
Iodine sponges	1445
Gauze strips	201
Gauze squares, packages	6
Large drains	40
Small drains	7
4-tail bandages	24
Absorbant pads	19
5-yard rolls	40
Abdominal binders	30
Slings	78
Skultities	9

Pieces 4921

SUMMARY

Number of gauze dressings	4921
Number of gauze squares, pkgs. ..	6
Number of sweaters	42
Number of socks, pairs	27
Number of overcoats mended ..	200
Number of short coats mended ..	100
Number of underclothes mended	500

The signing of the armistice has not dampened the ardor of the members nor affected in any way their good work, which will be continued as long as their services are required for the comfort and welfare of the boys in the service, both at home and abroad.

MRS. JAS. J. LOWRY,
Secretary.

Sunday, January 12, 1918.

Mr. Carwardine:

Dear Sir--While standing at the corner of Ridge and Midvale avenues, one evening last week a soldier came around the corner after getting off a car on Midvale avenue, and while he was waiting for a Manayunk car I heard a young fellow say to him, "Where's the gold stripe, Mack?" and he replied he was stationed in New York and he never went across, and then the crowd laughed. And I'll say I know just how this soldier felt, because he walked away until the car came. And let me say, if some of these guys who laughed had to go through what the soldiers went through they would greet the boys in a better way, because any young fellow that wears a uniform, no matter from what part of the city he comes, he has done what lots of others are afraid to do. And let me also say that when these guys hear about some Falls fellow being wounded or killed in France, they would say, "There's another damn fool ruined or killed;" but if some of these guys had been there, or had a brother over there, I think they would change their line of talk, don't you. Here's a little piece of poetry I wish you would put in the "Forecast" along with this letter, so these people can give credit where credit is due.

THE SILVER CHEVRON

There are thousands, tens of thousands, in this great big land of ours, Who are soldiers, but who've never been in France, Who have gone about their duties in a pleasant, cheerful way, But who never have been given their "big chance."

Now, with the boys returning, they are feeling out of place, As they walk along the street throughout the town; For the people all are looking for the gold stripe on the sleeve, And the silver one is greeted with a frown.

Can't they see that it's not our fault, we were stationed over here? Don't they know we'd rather been across? Don't they know when "Uncle" says a thing we cannot disobey, That Uncle Sam is every soldier's boss?

Have a heart, I ask you people, don't look down on us with scorn, Please don't laugh at us—we know that we don't fit; We're not heroes—we've no medals, but one thing you can't deny— We are soldiers! and we know we've done our bit.

—A Discharged Soldier,
Jack Chadwick, formerly of the 316th Machine Gun Company, U. S. A.

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Joseph Tyrrell, formerly of Krall street, now in France, having left town May 28, 1918, sent the following poem, which was dedicated to the 79th Division of the 315th Infantry:

"M. P., the road from Avocourt That led to Montfaucon?"
The road, sir, black with mules and carts
And brown with men a-marching on—
The Romauge woods that lie beyond,
The ruined heights of Montfaucon.

North, over reclaimed No Man's Land,
The martyred roadway leads,
Quick with forward moving hosts,
And quick with valiant deeds,
Avenging Rheims, Liege and Lille,
And outraged gods and creeds.

There lies the road from Avocourt
That leads to Montfaucon,
Past sniper and machine gun nests,
By steel and thermite cleansed,
They've gone,
And there in thund'rous echelon
The ruined heights of Montfaucon.

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Vichy, France, Dec. 1, 1918.

I acknowledge the receipt of your token which you so kindly sent me. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generous and kind thought and for the sentiments so admirably expressed in your letter of transmittal. I did not need the check, so passed it on to a boy who did, telling him where it came from. This boy, a sergeant of engineers, has been a patient in the hospital here and has performed some very creditable work for me, so I used your check as a reward to a boy who came back from the front (Chateau-Thierry) sick, and who, during his convalescence, helped me to make everything comfortable for his grievously wounded comrade. There is another Falls boy here. I think his name is Shaw; he is with Base Hospital, No. 76, and is now doing military police work in the city. We have one of the largest hospitals in France at this centre, having had as many as (15,000) fifteen thousand wounded and sick men at one time. The hospital is not one large camp, with wooden barracks, as you are familiar with in the States, but is composed of ninety (90) hotel buildings with a total capacity for 20,000 beds. The largest hotels have a capacity of from 1000 to 1500 beds and are nearly as large as the Bellevue in Philadelphia. Some idea of the magnitude of the entire centre may be obtained when you think that three of our hotels are each caring for as many patients as the Bellevue Hospital, in New York, cares for in peace times. I was assigned to duty here when there were but thirty buildings and saw these grow to ninety, and when the armistice was signed I was repairing the city hospital and building five new wards there; also building a convalescent camp for 2000 men and a camp for 2000 medical personnel, so that we were preparing for a total number of nurses, officers, enlisted men and patients closely crowding the mark of 27,000.

Vichy is a very prominent watering place, a summer resort, is beautifully situated in a valley on the river Allier, has two parks and numerous natural springs. Personally, I feel very proud of this undertaking and my part in it, for it is undoubtedly the best hospital in France. The boys are well taken care of by the very best doctors and surgeons in the world, men who work night and day to bring a boy around and make him well and able to either go back to the line or to his home and be capable of earning a livelihood. I am the only engineer officer here and have entire charge of all engineer work, installations of hospital equipment, remodeling of buildings, providing extensive sanitary appliances, providing sufficient facilities for feeding this large body of men and last, to try and heat and make these summer hotels comfortable in winter. I have done thousands of things that the ordinary civilian at home would think were impossible, especially when one remembers that materials of all kinds are scarce in France. Think of one making special splints for broken bones, and hundreds of small pulleys for elevating the legs that are shattered. This had to be done, because it was impossible to buy these things. Some day, when I come home, I'll tell you about the only two battles I fought

in, the battle of Nevers and the battle of Vichy, and let me here remark that to fight either took as much "guts" as going over the top against machine guns and H. E., for we just worked and worked and worked, like "Hell," is as near as I can describe it; at Nevers building a railroad cut off that saved us ten miles in haul to the front and at Vichy to make these hotel buildings work smoothly so that the already over-taxed medical men would have less to worry them.

I am now a member of the A. E. F. Elite, being attached to the Engineer Establishment Headquarters, A. E. F., under General Jadwin, have been recommended for promotion, but Washington has called all promotions off, so I'm S. O. L., but happy. Maybe I'll have better luck in the next war. So, mothers at home, let me assure you, if your sons are sick or wounded here, they are cared for by the gentlest hands in the world—the American nurse and the best medical talent that lives are right on the job night and day, so don't worry, they are getting the best that can be given.

I have never seen an American boy in action, except with a pick and shovel or on a steam shovel or driving a truck or a mule team, but they are all alike and it gives me great pleasure to tell you what I think of them and what the French think of them. These boys have come in here sick, wounded, gassed, legs shattered and some with legs and arms off, some with the mud of combat caked all over them and thousands of insects passing in review up and down their backs, some who have not slept for days and some who have had little to eat; but "every man with a great big smile on his face" as he gets his coffee and cigarettes from a dainty Red Cross canteen worker and is told that "clean sheets" and "real bed" await them. This recalls a typical incident to my memory; as I was watching the wounded come in one night I noticed a stretcher case in a corner all alone and the boy thereon showed unmistakable signs of intense pain. I went over and talked with him and found he was suffering and when I asked him his trouble he said his leg was shot off, and that this was his fifth trip to a hospital, having been wounded four times before. He was eighteen years of age and wept, not because his leg was gone, but because he didn't think they'd let him go back to his regiment again. "They were good guys," he said, referring to his pals in the regiment.

So it goes all the way through the "best army that ever trod on earth without exception." The French think this, too; it can be summed up in what an old man told me the day the armistice was signed—"You have saved us," he said. I have learned to talk French fluently, having studied at school at home and practiced over here, so I get very close to the French sentiment, and it's universal. They think the Americans saved their country, and it's true, they did.

We, of course, are not fools, to think that all credit is ours, for it is not. The English and French were the rock on which we built; they bore the burden and heat of the day and we came in at the eleventh hour and cleaned up in good old Yankee style. So many things I would write you, but it would take ages, so I won't bore you with more idle chatter.

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From: Grindrod
Irvin S. Grindrod
1st Lieutenant
& Engineers

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LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Nov. 11, 1918.

The Falls Patriotic Committee:

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the five dollars I received a few days ago, but on account of moving I was unable to answer sooner.

From the present outlook we should be headed homeward in a short time. There is no certain time known to us yet, but as we have turned in all our equipment and excess clothing, our outlook for leaving is very promising.

We are now back in the S. O. S. after having been in the Zone of Advance for about nine months in the First Pursuit Group, which consisted of the first four scout squadrons to operate on the front, and I'll tell the world we are ready to go back to civilization any time they say the word.

Thanking you again for your kind consideration,

I remain,
CORPL. F. BROWN.

147th Aero Sqdn.,
A. E. F.

John D. Hutchinson, Jr., Machine Gun Co., 109th Inf., arrived at New York on the Northern Pacific, which went ashore on Fire Island with wounded and sick soldiers aboard.

The transport arrived New Year's morning and the soldiers were taken off Saturday and sent to Base Hospital No. 2, Fox Hills, Staten Island.

John D. Hutchinson, Jr., was gassed at Chateau Thierry and wounded in the hip with shrapnel, but is recovering.

THE NAME OF FRANCE

Give us a name to fill the mind
With the shining thoughts that lead
mankind—

The glory of learning, the joy of art,
A name that tells of a splendid part
In the long, long toil and the strenuous
fight

Of the human race to win its way
From the ancient darkness into the
day;

Of freedom, brotherhood, equal right;
A name like a star, a name of light,
I give you, France.

JOSEPH PADULESE.

Paul Mulligan sends his admiration for the White House, not forgetting to wish the Falls of Schuylkill people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Belgium, Dec. 7, 1918.

Dear Sister:

Just a line, Anna, letting you know I am well and happy, and I hope, sister, you all are well at home. I guess we will be home right after New Year's and maybe I won't be glad to see my dear mother again. You can tell her we have turned back now on the road to "Home, sweet home." But it is a long way. We have to go through Belgium and France and England before we get to the boat which will bring us back home again.

I have worried over mother over here more than I did German shell-fire and, believe me, I have had many

a narrow escape from them and airplanes; but, thank God, I have come through it all and I am feeling fine and I am as fat as a pig. I wish I was home for Christmas. We thought we would be home for Christmas, but we had to follow the Germans; but we have them far enough and we are now homeward bound, which makes me feel much better than I ever did before.

I have a nice watch. I got it off a dead German, one I brought down out of a tree myself, and maybe it ain't a dandy. The German was a sharp shooter and machine gunner. I also got a penknife from him. We have captured women tied to trees with machine guns, and you would pity them. They were almost starved to death and when they saw us coming they thought we were going to kill them because the 28th Division lads don't take any prisoners—just drop them on the spot, the same as they would do to us if they had the chance. But it is all over now and we are coming home after doing our bit over here.

You said my name was on that honor roll. That isn't bothering me at all. All that I want is to see my mother again and I will be satisfied then. Anna, I am sending you a silk handkerchief. It was made by a Belgian Sister and the lace on it I saw made myself, by hand.

Brother,
JOHN A. BRADLEY.

A news item in the Caduceus, of the Vichy Hospital Center, France, states that in a preliminary bout, Chi McInney, of Clermont, was given the decision over Johnnie Shaw, of Base Hospital 76, Vichy. The boys fought four fast rounds and it was the opinion of the ringside that the Vichy boy should have been given a draw.

First-Class Private Elwood W. Clayton, formerly of Queen Lane, now with the United States Ambulance Service, was among the group of Americans recently cited for efficiency in this language:

"The division has worked without saving itself for more than a year in order to relieve the wounded of the division, in the midst of the most difficult bombardments, through fire and under the most difficult circumstances through which the division has passed, thus giving proof of the noblest spirit of duty, and the scorn of danger."

147th Aero Squadron, First Pursuit Group, A. E. F., France.

Thanksgiving Day, 1918.

My Dear Friend Owen (Young):

Had a great surprise today. Picked up a Falls of Schuylkill paper dated

the 3d, and saw a few familiar faces, yours included, so I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how popular you and the "Weekly Forecast" have become over here in France, many miles away from Philadelphia. It's needless to say that all the news was thoroughly thrashed out among the boys, both from the United States and France, sitting around a German stove that we salvaged up at the front.

This sure is some stove, Owen. You could stable a horse in it—just like a big German that consumes about a barrel of beer a day. You know what I mean—"big corporation." I also found some very sad news. A good friend of mine had died from the Falls, namely, Michael Cassidy, and that a very dear friend living in the same house was sick. So you see it's not a very pleasant day for me.

Owen, I often wonder how old Mose Eccleston is. They sure got "hell," and believe me, they gave it, too. Everybody's happy that it's all over, but we just got started right when the Huns quit cold.

By the way, Owen, I also saw Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus' picture, the best-looking woman I have seen since I left good old U. S. A. Don't believe that noise about those pretty girls over here. Dobson's Mills has got them beat a mile. This is sure some country—enough mud to drown a mud turtle; but if everything goes well and my little girl gets well in the Falls of Schuylkill you can just bet it sure will be some Thanksgiving next year. There's a lot I would give to just know how she is.

Well, old boy, I will close now. Remember me to the folks at your home and all the rest of the boys from Germantown and hope to see you all soon.

P. S.—Owen, I came near forgetting to let you know I was more than surprised to see one of your large art posters hanging up in one of our camps over here in France.

Owen, I am always glad to run across my old friends and when I found this "Weekly Forecast" on the battlefields of France it was a big surprise to me and the other fellows. Good-bye, old top.

From your old friend,
WALTER FREILING.

1-9-19

REPORT OF AUXILIARY No. 109

I, the undersigned, as chairman of Auxiliary No. 109, wish to offer the following report for the year ending December 31, 1918:

Garments Made—Bed shirts, 84; pajama suits, 52; bath robes, 80; shoulder shawls, 34; towels, 117; drawers, 40; bed spreads, 59; pillow cases, 67; skirts for refugees, 130; comfort kits, 50; repaired garments, 300; total, 993 garments.

Knitted goods donated to Red Cross by Auxiliary No. 109—Sweaters, 103; helmets, 13; scarfs, 8; wristlets, 2 prs.; socks, 22 prs.; total, 148 garments.

Knitted from free wool given by Red Cross—Sweaters, 115; helmets, 5; socks, 109 prs. wristlets, 1 pr.; total, 230 garments.

The following is the report of the Christmas Roll Call for membership: Total, 1125.

(Signed) MRS. J. C. ADAMS,
Chairman.

1-30-19

FALLS BOY WOUNDED BY SHAPNEL

Walter Fox, who left Falls of Schuylkill May 27 for Camp Meade and then sailed overseas July 7, was wounded in the left leg by shrapnel while carrying ammunition to the French mortars on the west side of the Meuse during the early November fighting.

He is being treated at Richmond College, where he says everything is excellent.

He belonged to Company G, 315th Infantry, 79th Division.

1-9-1919

John L. Brennan, Jr., was wounded in action on November 11, the day the armistice was signed, after he had gone through four engagements unscathed. An official telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brennan, 3512 Bowman street, stated that the corporal had been severely wounded, but gave no further particulars. Brennan, who is 27, went to Camp Meade on November 4, 1917. After several months' training he received the corporal's chevrons and went overseas in July, attached to Company A, 314th Infantry. The last letter to his parents, written in October, said he had gone through four battles and was as yet uninjured.

Brennan's brother-in-law, Harry Prine, 23 years old, was wounded during an engagement on September 29. He left Falls of Schuylkill May, 1918, and went overseas in July of the same year, joining Company B, of the 315th Infantry.

1-9-19

Edward R. Jones, whose parents and three sisters reside at 3636 Calumet street, was wounded in the leg by machine-gun shot November 1 in Belgium, his injury being what the doughboys call a "lucky wound," which means a flesh wound.

The lad, who is 24 years of age, left town April, 1918, for Camp Lee, and crossed the Atlantic to France in June of the same year.

His brother, Thomas, 21 years old, is part of the new "Watch on the Rhine," having been overseas since October, 1917, without anything serious having happened to him. The young man enlisted in June, 1917.

1-16-1919

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL MAN GOES WEST

John J. Brill, who was drafted in November, 1917, and discharged from Camp Meade during that month as being unfit for active military service, but later enlisted and entered the officers' training school at Camp Johnston, Florida, being discharged November 28 with other students at the request of the War Department, has gone to Seattle, Wash., accompanied by Mrs. Brill, to take charge of the branch there for Mather and Company, insurance brokers and average adjusters, whose home office is in Philadelphia.

1-16-1919

LOCAL MAN ENLISTS AS NAVY ENGINEER

J. F. MacIndae, whose services as lubricating engineer in the U. S. Powder Plant, at Hadley's Bend, ended when the war ceased, enlisted in the Naval Engineering Service and will take a course in Stevens' Institute preparatory to his being commissioned ensign. He will return to Falls of Schuylkill on Friday, January 17, and stay until January 22, when he must report in New York.

1-16-1919

Mrs. Arthur Fatcher, formerly of the Falls, entertained informally at her home, Twenty-first and Norris streets, on last Saturday evening, in honor of her brother, Lieut. Albert Lightowler, U. S. A. Her guests were the Misses Amy Smith, Ida Tyegea, Mary Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. George Gotwals and Chief Stanley Smith, U. S. N. Mr. Fatcher is a member of the 26th U. S. Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces, Lieut. Lightowler, a Falls boy, who has been in the service for the past twenty-one months, was stationed at Camp Hancock, where he was detailed as a special machine gun instructor.

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IRON DIVISION NOW HOME

At his home on 174 Haywood street, is Richard Joseph Kane, one of the men from the famed Iron Division, so called by Pershing because they held the lines against the oncoming waves of Germans and even pushed them back, turning the tide of battle.

His experiences are many, some of which have been briefly referred to in the newspapers, but which are deserving of extended remarks.

He has tasted the real war and can give an intimate recital of his adventures.

But at the time of interview his modesty was so great that he would not speak about himself.

He will permit, it is hoped, to be coaxed to tell something about himself.

3-13-1919

WHITE HOUSE HAS WELCOMING HOME AFFAIR

Over eighty-five persons, including returned local soldier and sailor boys and members of the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee, crowded the small assembly room of the White House on Tuesday evening, when a wholesome entertainment and "eats" for everybody were enjoyed after the boys had recounted some of their experiences in the world war.

The hosts, of course, were the members of the White House, who provided everything.

The entertainment consisted principally of singing. Walter Smith, the premier vocalist, rendered selections; Miss Myrtle Smith, Phillip Gillice and Donald Mackenzie were on the program.

To ease up the boys, cigars were given out by a generous townsman, Ed. Byrne, who did his part in welcoming the boys home. The "eats" consisted of ice cream and cakes, which the boys relished with a thorough appetite.

The affair was a real home-coming welcome, which the boys appreciated to the fullest. The lads expressly thanked the Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee and the people of the town for the kindnesses bestowed upon them when they were in the service, adding that of all sections in the country which sent things to their admired sons, Falls of Schuylkill had no competitor.

Jan 16-1919

Schuylkill Aides To Continue Work Efforts After the War Will Be Of The Practical Kind

Having done their "bit" to help win the war, members of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch of the Emergency Aid are going to continue their patriotic work for an indefinite period in order to meet any emergencies. Announcement to this effect was made by Mrs. Dobson Altemus, director and organizer of the aides.

Residents of the Falls of the Schuylkill are lavish in their praise of the work done by the organization during the war. For months previous to the signing of the armistice, winning of the war was the thought foremost in the minds of these volunteer workers. In addition to their regular duties in connection with war work, they were always prepared for emergencies.

During the Liberty Loan campaigns these seventy uniformed patriots labored night and day to put the Falls of Schuylkill district "over the top." In the last loan drive, the Falls section was second in the total amount of subscriptions obtained by the ten districts comprising the Women's Liberty Loan Committee. They were directed in the drives by Mrs. Altemus, who was chairman of the Loan Committee in that district.

Jan. 30-1919

Death Beats Girl In 6000-Mile Race Late At French Hospital, Misses Ship, Fiance Dies at Dix

It was only a line.

Dead—Howard R. Duncan, brother of Mrs. Robert Kyle, of Abbotsford avenue, a private, of pneumonia.

The Camp Dix hospital authorities posted the notice, with a number of other casualties, on the official bulletin board.

But in that one line was recorded the tragic climax of a race of 6000 miles across the Atlantic between Death and Cupid. And Death has won.

The girl, who traveled overseas with the Red Cross to meet Howard R. Duncan, her affianced husband, missed him by a few minutes at the dock when

he sailed from Bordeaux for home.

And now once again she is too late. But the girl does not know.

Before the war Grace D. Walker, 3431 Queer lane, confessed to friends that she lived a very "tumpy-tump" sort of life. She was a private secretary to the dean of the school of education at the University of Pennsylvania. Days were one round of "tumpy-tumps" on a typewriter. Then came the war.

Her engagement with Duncan had been announced. A few weeks and he was at Camp Meade. A month and he was in France with the 315th Infantry. Miss Walker signed for overseas service with the Red Cross and was assigned to the Paris office. After being there a few months she learned Private Duncan was in a hospital in Bordeaux.

The red tape of the army does not permit of affianced couples meeting in hospitals in France and it was only with much difficulty that she obtained permission to go to the base hospital. Finally she received a furlough over Thanksgiving Day.

The wild race, ending in disappointment, is described in a letter she sent to a friend here. After describing the preliminary steps in the journey she says:

"At last the hospital. After inquiring at the office if I could visit the ward at the unusual hour and procuring permission and the guidance of a Pittsburgh boy, I started out for Ward 8. I expected to find there the cause of my Thanksgiving.

"But when we got there every bed in the ward was spick and span, smooth and clean; the orderly said no one had slept in them for weeks. I am afraid I gulped. But I remembered how men are transferred about, so I asked for a nurse. She came and after a little searching through her records found that Howard R. Duncan, 315th Infantry, had been evacuated to Ward 51. Then she smiled, a tolerant smile when I squeezed her and squealed, 'Oh, joy!'

"Ward 51 was only about a half mile away. Just across a little muddy space and then Ward 51. I had lost my guide on the way, and I stood for at least five minutes outside the door and wondering what I would do when I saw him. I was very much afraid I would cry. I knew I mustn't cry—I knew I mustn't faint. Because I had sent him a telegram on Monday I knew he probably would be watching the door every minute.

"At last I opened the door. But there was no one there that looked like H. R. The back of one chap startled me for a moment. At last I found voice enough to ask: 'Can you tell me is there a Howard R. Duncan in this ward?'

"It was answered by a voice that said: 'He was; but was evacuated yesterday.'

"I smiled and asked: 'To where?'

"'To America,' replied a fellow in bed.

"'I don't believe you,' I said. But the orderly who was dressing a fellow's leg verified the news.

"'Yes, he left here yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to go back to the States.'

"Fortunately I had tight hold of the bed and had not given up my hold on hope. In a few minutes I learned how bad his wound had been and that the boat was scheduled to sail at 5 o'clock that morning. There was a possibility that it had not left the dock.

"I said: 'I have come all the way from Paris to spend Thanksgiving Day

with him, and I must see him.'

"'Is that what made Duncan anxious to go to Paris?' asked one chap.

"I then went to the office of the commandant. He called up the dock and found that the boat would leave in thirty minutes. I knew that I could not make the town itself in thirty minutes, but I argued that if a ship is delayed a few hours it may be delayed a few hours longer. So, trying awful hard to keep the directions in my mind, I started for the dock. On the first tram car were a few American soldiers. One of these chaps suggested that I go to the American Base, from where, he said, a truck left every half hour for the dock.

"At last I reached the base. The sentry on duty looked at his watch and said that a truck would leave for the dock in seven minutes. Feeling that my errand demanded the sympathy of all I confronted a Major — with my tale. He packed me in between the driver and himself and drove off to headquarters at the dock.

"We rode as far as the truck went and then got off and started to walk. The hospital ship we learned was to leave from "A," the extreme dock. Bordeaux is wet and muddy, but near the docks it is wet and muddier.

"At last we neared Dock A. All the way I had been trying to thank my major friend. When we finally arrived my heart sank when I saw an ominous pace—just enough lapping water to accommodate a big ship.

"Major — answered the sentry's salute by asking him if a hospital ship had left the dock any time that morning.

"And then my doom was sealed. "Yes, sir; she just pulled out—there she goes—she's barely out of sight."

Miss Walker had written to friends here of her intention to return to this country immediately. When these friends called up the hospital they found Howard Duncan had died only a few hours before.

He was twenty-five years old and lived with his sister, Thirty-fourth and Abbotsford avenue. Before entering the service he was employed with one of the Southern railway companies, and before that was ticket agent at Queen Lane Penna. R. R. station. He had been wounded in the leg while acting as a liaison officer, but had almost recovered.

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Coblenz, Germany, Jan. 10, 1919.

Mr. Ernest Carwardine:

I would like to thank the people of the Falls of the Schuykill through you for their kindness to me since I have been over here. I have received at two different times checks for five dollars from the Falls Patriotic Committee and to say that it was put to good use and was highly appreciated would be useless. I certainly appreciated the remembrance and the spirit in which they were sent. It is quite a task that they have on their hands to take care of all the boys that are away from the Falls, and I am sure that I have been more than taken care of by them.

At the present time we are up on the Rhine River, and as it seems to be the destination of the Army of Occupation, I think any move that we may make from now on will be for the better and in the direction of home. It seems to be a military secret when that will be, but it can't come too soon for me. So as I can be back once more among my friends in the Falls of the Schuykill.

Thanking you again and hoping that there will be no hesitancy in asking any favor that it may be in my power to grant, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) THOS. WHIRTON.

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Letters Sent Home By Local Boys Away

Interesting Facts Noted In The Communications

Mayschloss, Germany, Dec. 22, 1918.
The Citizens' Patriotic Committee of Falls of Schuykill, Phila., Pa.

My dear sir and affectionate friends: Your two communications of October and November, 1918, have just been received and I cannot thank you all too much. It certainly shows what efforts you have put forth and also where your heart is, to be able to do what you have done.

We reached this village December 15 after marching through France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany. At the time the armistice was signed we were at Sedan hot on "Fritz's" heels and had been ever since the beginning of the big drive November 1. We were at once relieved of our positions and sent to the rear. We rested up a few days and have been on the march ever since, till we reached this village. We are about twenty-five kilos from the Rhine. Coblenz is our destination.

Our division, the 42d, the famous "Rainbow," has been in every big drive the Americans have made. We first started in the Lorraine sector all last winter; then Champagne, Suippes, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Verdun, Argonne Forest and helped to smash the "Kriemhilde Steel Ring" and then had him on the run till we reached Sedan.

We expect to be here in Germany for a few months at least; cannot say for sure. We are in the mountains and

the scenery is most beautiful. Their chief industry is the raising of the grape, and they have vines on all the mountains under cultivation. Wonderful to see the places terraced and vines growing out of nothing but stones—not a trace of earth to be seen.

I have good news and I must tell it to some one, so here goes: I have just been notified to appear before Major General Flagler at Sinzig and receive a D. S. C., December 23, 1918. Some Christmas present!

Trusting to see you all in the near future and again thanking you, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

CORP. GEORGE W. PYRAH,
F. Co., 117th Regt. Engs., A. E. F., A.
P. O. 715.

Devonport, England, Jan. 19, 1919.

Dear Doc:

I guess you all know that the war is over, but you don't know what I have been doing for the past five months.

I sailed from Quebec, Canada, on H. M. S. Ixion, more or less, a converted cattle boat. On our trip, which took only 17 days, and as you know, long days also, we were lucky to land safely into Queenstown, Ireland. The convoy consisted of nine ships, but due to a storm in Devil's Hole, which lasted four days, we lost two ships. One of them went down, it had some K. of C. men on it. The "flu" broke out also on the trip and they were burying men every day.

I left Queenstown, Ireland, on October 6 to go aboard the U. S. S. Parker, which was at Plymouth, England. We got the train out of Queenstown for Dublin and then to Kingston and across the channel to Hollyhead, Wales, on the S. S. Leinster, which has since been sunk. From there we went to Plymouth, England.

Our regular duty was operating along the coast between Land's End and Scilly Islands, with sub-chasers listening for submarines. We were also operating with the U. S. S. Alywin, another destroyer. We made two trips to Brest, France. The first one we dropped off twenty-one cans of depth charges on a submarine and went to a S. O. S. from the Mount Vernon, a large troop transport, loaded with wounded soldiers going back to the States, which had been torpedoed, and with two other destroyers, convoyed her into Brest. On the way back we had a call from the Galway Castle, which had been also torpedoed. We steamed up to 29 knots to where she was in a heavy fog and sent a working party from our ship to her and took as much baggage off as possible and stayed there all that night. The next morning early two English tugs came out to tow her in. Two other destroyers, by the way, had picked up all the survivors and landed them safely. As the tugs were towing her in she sank about forty miles from the Scilly Islands.

The second trip to Brest we, with four other destroyers, convoyed the Mount Vernon out and brought two large troop transports in, then we brought a draft of seventy-six men back to Plymouth, England.

On November 1 we left Plymouth for Gibraltar, Spain, and in the Bay of Biscay we got a very bad storm, and it was the only time I got seasick, and believe me, if I didn't have my shoes tied on, I think I would have sent them over the side also. I don't know whether the fish like beans, but if they do, they had their share that day. Out

of the Bay of Biscay we landed into Leixoes, Portugal, where we picked up seven sub-chasers that just came over from the States and took them along with us.

The 9th of November was the day I'll never forget in a hurry. We were called to general quarters about 6.30 A. M., as the officer of the deck saw a torpedo wake. Maybe you think we didn't get out of our bunks and get on deck when the gong began ringing. We left our stations to eat chow when stations and saw H. M. S. Britannia, the gong rang again. We got to our

an English cruiser, had been hit. Other destroyers were closer than we and dropped off cans, but did not seem to get anything. Then we went back with our chasers and continued out listening for submarines.

At 4.30 P. M., same day, the captain on the bridge saw a torpedo pass our bow and only missed us by fifty feet. Once again we called to general quarters and steamed to where the sub was and dropped off 20 cans in 90 seconds.

Myself and another gob were standing on the range-finder with a pose like Hughey Jennings, yelling at the top of our lungs: "That's the stuff to give them!" The same night as we had to come in on account of our engines we saw an oil streak about a mile wide. All the crew then thought that we got the sub. The next day the Iseral, another destroyer, brought in the survivors and the Hums said that the noozey Parker had got them. Two days later the armistice was signed and took the joy out of our lives. We expected to get some more, although that was our third star. On the 15th of November we went to Tangiers, Africa, and had about four hours' liberty. I was glad to get liberty, then, but don't care to go back. It's—well, it's Africa—nuf sed.

We started back to Plymouth, England, convoying H. M. S. Mantua, which brought the survivors of the Britannia. We arrived back on November 20, and were waiting for orders to go home. We got orders to meet the President's convoy, as you know he sailed on the George Washington; with him there were nine battleships and thirty-four destroyers, and we were put on despatch duty to take pictures of the said convoy. The President landed in Brest, France, Friday, December 13, and believe me, it was some sight. We returned to Plymouth on the following day. On December 18, while out in Plymouth Sound, a German sub U-112, rammed us and put a hole in our port oil tank about six feet long. We then went into Devonport drydock. Very soon we will be ready to sail for the States. I don't know whether I'll be lucky enough to go with the ship, as they are going to take some of the crew and send them to Germany to man German ships back to the States for the fleet parade, July 14.

Tell all the boys I was asking for them and that I'm having the time of my life.

I am, the sea-going gob,

BOB CLARK.

Robert formerly lived at 2944 Allegheny avenue, and was one of the stars on the Warwick baseball team.

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THESE LINES ARE BY MILLY TERRY

The officers' commissions were not ready for presentation at the drill on last Monday evening as had been anticipated. It will be several weeks before they will be ready, as it will take some time to obtain the seal of the Emergency Aid of the State. In lieu of the presentation of commissions, Captain Crannage decided to entertain the several hundred guests with a competitive drill between Companies A and B. The mere announcement caused the hearts of the girls to go pitty-patting.

Both companies drilled exceptionally well, but Company B made fewer mistakes than Company A, and, therefore, were awarded the gray spats and the brown derby.

The company first winning three out of four competitive drills, will receive a silver cup to be placed in their new club house as a permanent tribute to their skill.

A very beautiful American flag and an Emergency Aid Aide flag have been given to our organization by a friend, and a practice presentation was made during the drill. Captain Crannage gave a striking verbal picture of the loyalty and honor due the red, white and blue, denoting readiness to make a sacrifice and willingness for peace.

We will have a formal presentation of these flags in the near future.

Some of the girls were chosen to take part in a tableau, which will be one of the many features given in connection with the Victory Ball, which is to be held in the Academy of Music, Friday, February 14.

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Private Thomas Rowe, of Company G, 315th Infantry, who was wounded in action, September 29, has arrived in New York on the ship Mercy and was visited by his father and brother and Charles Miller. Thomas is doing very nicely and is hoping he will soon be home.

John Rowe, in a letter to his mother, states he arrived in France on the U. S. S. Agurdale and is viewing the sights in France.

2-6-19

John D. Hutchinson, Jr., was home visiting his parents recently on a forty-eight hour leave. He reported at New York for further military duty.

James A. Boyd wishes to thank the members of the White House for the check which he received in France.

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John Elmer Denton, of 3117 North Thirty-fifth street, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after nine months' service overseas on a destroyer. He is still stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

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Girls' Week Campaign For 150,000 Dollars

Team 20, Local Junior Corps, Goes Over Top

The Girls' Week Campaign to raise \$150,000 for work with girls and women has been running in Philadelphia since February 3. The closing date, Saturday night, is drawing near and interest in this section is now riveted on the "house to house" canvass which was started Saturday by the Emergency Aid Aides and the Girl Reserves, as well as on the theatre collections, which are being taken by the Junior Corps of the National League for Woman's Service.

The quota for the Falls section, including Manayunk and Roxborough, for maintenance of the local work as well as for a share in the work of the field staff in the city is about \$12,000. On Tuesday night at the campaign supper the total sum so far pledged was \$201,000. On that night the teams reported as follows:

- Team No. 14, Mrs. M. A. Ferris, captain, pledges \$13.75; Team No. 16, Mrs. E. Foering, captain, pledges, \$73.50; Team No. 17, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, captain, pledges, \$3.00; Team No. 18, Mrs. L. V. Boyd, captain, pledges, \$121.00; Team No. 19, Mrs. Charles Bothwell, captain, pledges, \$23.00; Team No. 20, Junior Corps, pledges, \$733.92; Team No. 21, Girls' Reserve pledges \$22.44; Team No. 27, Emergency Aid Aides pledges, \$201.00.

Mrs. Richard Norris had previously offered a cash prize of \$10.00 to the "house to house" team bringing in the largest amount. The three teams competing for this prize were teams No. 20, No. 21 and No. 27. The Junior Corps team won by a large margin.

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3 GOLD STARS ON SERVICE FLAG

Three gold stars cover the three blue ones on the service flag in a local grocery store, which are explained by a note as follows: "In memory of Edward Basile, Thomas Cassidy, James Haley, formerly clerks at this store, killed in France, 1918."

Three other boys who were employees of the same store are in the service. Their names are: Joseph Mantell, Thos. Donohue and Thomas Foley.

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James J. McEnery, 27 years, 3614 Calumet street, was wounded in October after being gassed in September. He was shot through both legs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McEnery, went to Camp Lee in May, 1918, and sailed with Company A, 318th Infantry. He worked in a nearby mill.

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Local Dentist Has Resumed Practice Gained Broad Dental Knowledge In Military Service



Dr. William B. Rubin, well-known local dentist, having been released from service in the United States Army, announces the re-opening of his dental office at Queen lane and Ridge avenue.

He had been stationed at Camp Meade for the last fifteen months in charge of the dental laboratory of the infirmary at the camp, where he specialized in extraction and plate work, aside from repairing the jaws of the overseas men. Thus, his experience gave him a broad and comprehensive knowledge in dentistry which a college and a hospital clinic could not give.

He is a doctor of dental surgery, having been graduated from the dental department of Medico-Chirurgical College in September, 1916. His early school training was had in the public schools of Philadelphia, from which he entered Central High School, where he received a degree. He also pursued studies at Temple College and the University of Pennsylvania.

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LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Pvt. E. A. Maguire, Co. B, 38th Engrs.
A. P. O. 705.

France, Feb. 1, 1919.

Dear Mr. E. E. Carwardine:

Yesterday a shipload of convalescents left here (Bassens on the Gironde, five miles from Bordeaux) for the States. The latter incident occurs frequently and yesterday when the ship (Pastorius) was clearing I and another with the co-operation of two "gobs" (sailors) embarked Hogan without service record or the important essential (checking out). He is a stowaway. Last April a detachment I was on (fifty men) bought him from the French. Hogan is black and his neck is ornamented with a collar inscribed "Hogan, Co. B, 38th Engineers." In explanation I'll tell you what he is. He is a goat. His nurse, a fellow we call the "Duke" (his right name is Fallon and he hails from Chicago) raised him on a canteen with a rubber nipple on, the canteen being filled with milk (not evaporated, but good milk fresh from the cows). Fallon sailed on the Pastorius with another of Co. B, 38th, yesterday, the two of them being convalescents. Hogan's biography has been freakish. To begin with, he learned bad habits, of which we will remember, but not speak about publicly. At Mehun last June while the 318th Engineers, a sapper outfit, was holding a review Hogan managed to get under the color bearer's feet and upset him. Hogan escaped court martial as it was a first offense. He was present at all formations (revue, retreat, etc.) and, aside from his unsanitary ways, was well disciplined. He's at sea now and while we wish him a bon voyage we are not sorry he is gone. The 38th is strong for the "see America soon" movement and we hope to see it soon.

Yours respectfully,
EDW. A. MAGUIRE.

Mayschloss, Germany, Dec. 29, 1918.
Mr. Charles L. Dykes.

Dear Sir—I have intended writing you for quite some time, but this is really my first opportunity, as they certainly have kept our division on the move while the war was on and since the armistice was signed. We have been on every sector, in the American front and in every big drive.

We stopped Fritz on his drive of July 14 at Champagne, which made possible the American offensive at Chateau-Thierry a week later. We were there also July 25, chased him thirty kilometres to the Vesle River, where we were relieved.

We were known as the American shock troops, and they not only hiked us from twenty-five to thirty-five kilos in a night, but also moved the entire division in auto busses, in order to be in on a big drive (100 busses).

After Chateau-Thierry we rested a few weeks and then went to the Toul sector and started the drive at St. Mihiel, which drove the Boche back twenty-five kilo's in twenty-seven hours. We here took Mt. Sec, with very few casualties, and this same place cost both the French and English hundreds of thousands of lives. We had Fritz's nerve, as shown by testimony of officer

prisoners taken; they claimed the Americans had two good divisions, the 42d and the Rainbow (these are one and the same).

From this sector we were rushed in busses to Verdun and found Fritz in Argonne Woods, with nothing but machine guns and artillery; he had done away with his infantry and made them machine gunners. This was the hardest fighting of any we experienced, but we managed to get him out and chased him to Sedan, where we were when the armistice was signed and we were relieved of our position.

After a few weeks' rest we started on the hike and went through France, part of Belgium, Luxemburg, and into Germany. On way to Coblenz, about thirty kilos farther. I have done my bit and got myself a Boche or two and also some prisoners and I have been awarded a Distinguished Service Cross, Major-General Flagler presenting same, December 23.

Yours,

CORP. GEORGE W. PYRAH,
F Co., 117th Regt. Engrs., A. E. F.,
A. P. O. 715.

WHITE HOUSE AFFAIRS

At a social night on Tuesday evening, February 25, at the White House, the Patriotic Committee entertained all the boys that are home and those that are mustered out. Ice cream and cakes were served. The boys gave some of their experiences "over there." Everybody was delighted and expressed themselves as such.

There is some talk that the Falls Patriotic Committee were going to disband. The Committee wish it to be understood there is no such intention, but rather to work hard for the homecoming boys.

Next Tuesday a week, March 11, is to be gala night and all returning soldiers and sailors are requested to be on hand.

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Local Post Office Gains In Contest

Postmaster Anxious That Falls of Schuylkill Top List

The result of the War Savings Stamps contest among the post offices throughout the city were most gratifying to Joseph D. Murphy, new superintendent at the East Falls post office which jumped from twenty-second place to the eighteenth, having sold for the week ending February 8, the sum of \$1585 worth of the War Savings stickers, or 9 cents per capita increase when figured on a postal population of 17,000 persons. A nearby competitor, Manayunk, gained only 3 cents per capita; Germantown, 7 cents; North Philadelphia, 6 cents per capita during the same period.

These figures show that the people in Falls of Schuylkill, despite the high cost of living and certain mills getting slack, are still determined as ever to hold their own when it comes to a contest.

This station is handicapped by the fact that a large number of employers whose place of business is in the Falls territory do not purchase their War Savings or Thrift Stamps here, where most of their employes reside, but would rather purchase elsewhere. If the employes of these firms were to intercede that these sales go where they properly belong, the local post office would be able to out-distance everybody and it wouldn't be long before the jump would be from eighteenth place to first place.

It is our duty for everybody to help our Government at this critical time, when conditions are so unsettled, with money getting scarce and the enormous expense of the war still unpaid. For every 25 cents that is spent or invested in some non-essential line at this time when it could buy a Thrift Stamp we will have to pay 25 cents tax in some form or another.

Quite a number of people think that Thrift Stamps and W. S. S. were good for last year only. This is a wrong idea. There is no change from last year except that a new series was issued and for every W. S. S. that you purchase now at \$4.13 Uncle Sam will pay you \$5.00 for in 1924. If you have to secure the cash sooner you can get your money plus one cent a month for every stamp you own, which equals per cent. interest on your investment.

If you are satisfied with the service your letter-carrier gives you buy your limit each pay day from him. Carrier James Cavanagh was high man last week, having sold \$48.75 worth.

Watch for this report of contest every two weeks and if everybody does what he should do Falls of Schuylkill can soon beat Manayunk who are in fourth place against our eighteenth place.

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Returned Soldier Tells Of Wars Havoc Will Prepare Lengthy Article For Newspaper

Claude Hampshire, son of William Hampshire, of Sunnyside avenue and Cresson street, who left here November, 1917, for Fort Porter, near Buffalo, New York, from where he went to France to join the Johns Hopkins Hospital Unit, the first hospital under American auspices to go to France, and which was the nearest to the firing line, has returned home with Harry Hess, of Ainslie street, having been mustered out of the military service. Norman Ward, of Ridge avenue, who was in the district near where Hampshire was stationed, also came home.

Claude was ward master at the hospital and during his service there has seen many varied cases from the results of the war.

He made but brief reference to the men who were turned black by mustard gas burns, which wear off in time. The unsightliness of men wounded by shrapnel in the facial region, he said, was beyond description.

The men from the Chateau-Thierry sector, the young soldier remarked, were the worst sufferers.

At time of interview he could not go into much detail, as he stated that time for reflection was required and promised a lengthy article on his observations for the "Weekly Forecast."

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David Grill is home with his folks on Queen lane, having been relieved from further military duty.

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Johnnie (E. S.) Shaw, in France, was the centre of attraction in a burnt-cork act which brought him many rounds of applause.

3-16-1918

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Mesoes, France, Jan. 21, 1919.

Dear Sir:

Kindly publish in your valuable paper the following, which is some of our troubles:

This is sure a great life, and you can bet I am enjoying every minute of it. We have been in the thickest of the fray. You boys back home would open your eyes if you saw the sights us boys see every day; even as I write this letter there are six 'planes fighting over my head, shells are bursting all around us in every direction and pieces fall on the paper in front of me. Any ordinary man would be scared to death, but you know me, Al. The airplanes are almost bothersome at night. Have you ever been hit with a shell? Well, I have, lots of times. Were you ever at Redbank and seen the mosquitoes? Well, that's they, and worse, bombs drop everywhere, in the soup, in our tobacco, on our beds and in our boots when we take them off at night. The boys in the trenches are safe, compared with us. They don't have to drive along roads with shells bursting every inch. Many a time I have lit a cigarette and held the match for the wind of a passing shell to put it out. You know me, Al.

I used to be a peaceful citizen, but I have got so I crave the sight of blood and the sight of battle, and the captain has a deuce of a time keeping me from chasing the Germans in my ambulance. One of the things we must get used to is the sights of millions of wounded. We see every day as we rush down the road through shot and shell; we often pass poor fellows with both legs off running to safety, and armless men wave to us to stop as we go buzzing by. You know me, Al.

After a while you get so used to it that all you notice is the extra weight of the pieces of shell you carry around in you and the medals they make you wear. I know what you are going to ask me. No, we don't get any time to shoot crap.

Well, the censor won't let me tell the truth, so I can lie. I will close now, as there are bombs hitting this desk. Ha! ha! ha!

Sincerely yours, in fun,
EDDIE RYAN,
"Somewhere in France."

December 23, 1918.

Citizens' Patriotic Committee of East Falls.

Dear Friends—Kindly accept my grateful and sincere thanks for your more-than-welcome Christmas remembrance; to know that your friends "back home" do not forget you certainly makes a fellow feel good. Best regards and best wishes.

Gratefully yours,
PVT. E. J. BURKE,
6th M. O. R. L., American E. F., 6th Division.

Belgium, November 27, 1918.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank the Citizens' Patriotic Committee for the check for one pound; it sure came in handy, as pay-

day and I are strangers. It makes a fellow feel good to know that the folks at home are doing so much for them. Well, this little fuss is about over, and according to the latest rumors the 28th Division will soon be on its way to the States. Our outfit hasn't suffered very heavily, but we have been pretty lucky at times. When at the front the band is split up on different details, wherever needed most.

With best regards to all.

THOMAS BURKE,
108th U. S. F. A. Band, A. E. F.

February 14, 1919.

Mrs. Loffelhardt, 3329 Queen Lane, Falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

My Dear Madame—Our tour of duty is about at an end. It is with a feeling of great pride that I wish to convey the manly and soldierly attributes of your son. Always obedient, never failing to perform any task entrusted to him, his spirit was unwearied by long strain, he faced the natural hardships of war, its trials and tribulations with the heart of a true American. As his commanding officer, I was in the position to judge his moral character, let me assure you that in every instance it was beyond reproach, and you have every reason to feel proud of him.

We daily anticipate receiving our orders to leave this area for a port of embarkation. Our victory won, we are, as you will readily surmise, very anxious to return to those near and dear to us.

Again assuring you of the undaunted courage of your son, and his manly qualities, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
HARRY P. MCCOY,
Captain, Q. M. C., U. S. A., Commanding.

Camp Dix, January 8, 1918.

Sir:

I received, as you call it, your small token, but it looked very big to me in camp. Thanking you and all the rest who are connected with the Falls Pa-

triotic Committee for the same. I am very glad to say that the Falls Patriotic Committee never forgot their lads for one moment during the long struggle. Hoping it will not be long before we will all be home again.

Yours truly,
PRIV. JOHN A. BURKE,
303d Remount Depot, Camp Dix,
N. J.

11th Train Hdqs. and M. P.,
Camp Meade, Md., December 22, 1918.
Mr. Theodore MacKenzie, President of
Citizens' Patriotic Committee, East
Falls, Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Sir—Your letter containing the gift and greetings of the people of the Falls came to me yesterday. As one of the "boys over here" I appreciate very heartily the sentiments contained in that unique letter. At the same time I cannot fully express how happy I was over the fact that my good friends in the Falls still remembered me.

Will you please be my spokesman in conveying to the committee my gratitude for their gift to me? I had hoped

to do so in person, but duty requires my presence in camp on Christmas Day. However, I shall have a short leave for the holidays, and shall include in my program a visit to the Falls.

This Christmastide surely has for all of us more than its customary significance. May I not wish that yours will be a very happy one, and that the coming peaceful New Year may be bright and wonderful?

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) JOHN J. BONNER,
Chaplain, 11th Train Hdqs. and M. P.

3-7-1919

FALLS BOY IN COMMAND OF MEN

First Lieutenant H. C. Harback, 5026 Greene street, Germantown, brother of Mrs. John Hohenadel, was in command of the 103d Trench Mortar Battery of the Twenty-eighth, which arrived in this country on the battleship North Carolina. The men are now stationed at Camp Merritt, near Tenafly, New Jersey.

3-16-1919

George Langan, Falls of Schuylkill lad, who has seen battle on the other side of the water, arrived in New York last week and is now stationed at Camp Dix for ten days.

3-7-1919

David Lawson, of the U. S. S. Harrisburg, left Brest on the 8th with soldiers for home.

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Charles Singer, of Krall street, is reported as come over from France on Tuesday of this week. At present he is at Camp Merritt.

3-7-1919

Aloysius C. Lawler, of Sunnyside avenue, one of the first local lads to enlist in the regular army, arrived home Wednesday a week ago after having seen two years' service in France. He was a first-class gunner with the 66th Coast Artillery Corps.

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LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Headquarters, Evacuation Hospital,
No. 24, March, 2, 1919.

The following is a menu for Sunday's breakfast, dinner and supper:

Breakfast—Corn meal mush and milk, scrambled eggs, fried bacon, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner—Roast turkey, dressing, creamed sauce, Irish potatoes, creamed Cauliflower, lemon pie, olives, creamed bread, butter, cocoa, cigarettes.

Supper—Boiled beef macaroni, boiled potatoes, creamed tomatoes, rice pudding, butter, bread, coffee.

The above was prepared by the following cooks: Joseph Eppolito, Robert D. Graham, Woodfin Bailey, Hughan, Gill; and also the following K. P. S.: John A. Claxton, T. A. Christen, Robert E. Brown, Daniel C. Allen, Lloyd Clements, Frank Connors, Carlton Blocker, H. Hoops, Mess Sergeant George W. Crouch was in charge.

Rosnes, France, Jan. 20, 1919.

I received your Christmas check and sure do appreciate same. The folks at home sure have done their bit for the boys over here, and I cannot explain to you just how good it makes a fellow feel to know that he is not forgotten, particularly during this season of the year, and I can assure you that you have helped brighten this Christmas for me and many of our boys, even if we did have to stay in "Sunny" France.

With best wishes to all, I am, as ever,
CORP. J. P. TYRRELL,
Co. C, 304th F. Sig. Bn., Am. E. F.

January 19, 1919.

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude that I wish to convey my heartiest thanks to the Citizens' Patriotic Committee and to you, Mr. President, and last, but not least, to the Honorary President.

I was fortunate enough to have been granted an opportunity to participate in the thick of the fray and emerge with a whole skin; I rejoice to still be numbered among the mundane inhabitants, who can veritably share in the

glory afforded a victorious and righteous army.

Your committee has accomplished an immense undertaking; without similar patriotic assistance the morale of the fighting forces "over here" could positively not have withstood the "grind" in precisely such a marvelous manner as the grand army of the U. S. A. has. All our accomplishments were highly commendatory by the French.

Your contributions of money speaks for itself and really proves the people's sincerity at home, and furthermore, causes the recipients to realize, without question, America's superiority.

Candidly, words are inadequate to express my gratefulness; all I can say is, "beaucoup" thanks.

There is one more thing we anxiously desire and is not absolutely necessary to state, for you know what that is, viz., a speedy return to God's country. Thanking you again for your benevolence, I remain,

Yours gratefully,

TIMOTHY RYAN.

U. S. S. Astoria, Queenstown, Ireland.

SOCIAL NIGHT AT WHITE HOUSE

Social Night at the White House on Tuesday night was a big affair, for many returned soldier and sailor lads were there and hosts a-plenty.

Councilman John E. Smithies gave a box of cigars and Gus Thompson was the provider of ice cream. Will Pemberton entertained with his funny singing and talks and Miss Myrtle Smith rendered several solo selections.

The address of the evening was spoken by Thomas J. Gavaghan, who had warm words of welcome.

James Casey and James McHale, two boys of the uniform, recited their experiences.

Mr. Poole, of the combination store on Ridge avenue, it was announced, presented the two welcome signs in the windows at the White House and will give a large banner containing the words "Welcome Home."

The next social night for all soldiers and sailors—and that means every soldier and sailor home—will take place at the White House on Tuesday evening, April 15.

3-13-1919

ASTONISHING GAINS BY EAST FALLS

The result of the War Savings Stamps contest being waged in the thirty-five different post offices throughout the city for the two weeks ending February 22, shows that East Falls moved from eighteenth place to thirteenth place in two weeks, a gain of 10 cents per capita. When it is considered that one month ago we were in twenty-second place and are now in thirteenth place it only proves our contention that when it comes to the other fellow getting ahead of Falls why—well, there is no use talking about it; it simply can't be done. The great volume of sales was made to the poorer class of people, who save two or three 25-cent stamps each week. This systematic saving is one of the finest plans ever devised for the small saver, and it is surprising how many persons are using this plan to save, thereby helping themselves to get ahead and helping Uncle Sam pay his honest bills. You get your money plus 3 per cent. interest back if you need it by giving ten days' notice.

Carrier Otto Hohfeld succeeded in selling \$842.56 worth of stamps in the last two weeks.

Manayunk dropped from fourth place to fifth. Germantown dropped from thirteenth place to sixteenth.

These figures show that East Falls is more than holding its own against the other fellow.

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RETURNED OFFICER TO OPEN GARAGE

Captain M. F. Fitzpatrick, formerly of 3422 Commissioner street, previously a postal employe, is home again after 22 months in the service, in which eight months' time he was made first lieutenant while at the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and September, 1918, elevated to captaincy. Recently he was of the provost marshal's guard at Camp Sevier, South Carolina.

He is entering the garage business with another former army officer at 2031 North Twenty-ninth street near Ridge avenue.

April 10-1919

Neuville, France, Feb. 2, 1919.

Words cannot begin to express my appreciation of your exceedingly welcome greeting and financial donation, which reached me several days ago. It certainly did cheer me up and made me feel like a child with a new toy. You cannot begin to realize what effect it has on a soldier who knows that such patriotic people as you are constantly bearing him in mind. The financial gift came in mighty handy, as I had not been paid in some time on account of being in the hospital with influenza. I have fully recovered from the disease and am now back with my company, and, believe me, it feels great.

Before closing, I want to again thank you and the other members of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee for their generosity, which shall never be forgotten.

Wishing you the best of luck in your future endeavors and hoping this finds you all in perfect health, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

PRIV. EDW. P. FITZGERALD,
Co. G, 315th Infantry, Amer. E. F.

Well, we are right in St. Mihiel just now, where the Americans started that great drive that ended the Germans. You ought to see some of those towns. There is not a wall a foot high left standing. Even the church is all shot to pieces. I am glad I was not in it, because it must have been awful, and the worst of it is, the Americans did it all; they had to do it to get them out of those towns. At the present time we are sleeping in stables with very poor roofs on them, and it's raining all the time. We had about four fine days since November 21. I have been wearing hip boots for the past six weeks. Believe me, there is some mud here. There is no prospect of us going home just yet, but I am hoping it will come very soon, as I have seen enough of this country; in fact, I have been all over it, but I did not see Paris yet. All the boys want now is to get home, for you can take it from me, there is no place like the good old U. S. I have seen quite a good bit of this old world, but I never found anything to beat it yet or beat the people, either. I will close now, again thanking you.

I remain, your sincere friend,

MARTIN WALSH,
Supply Co., 312th F. A., Amer. E. F.

February 7, 1919.

With many serious and abject apologies for having failed to answer at an earlier date, your letters of October and November, 1918, bearing an enclos-

ure in each of One Pound (English money), I also take this opportunity to most heartily thank you for your thoughtfulness and to assure you of my sincere appreciation of the gift.

It was surely good of the Citizens' Patriotic Committee to manifest so much interest and concern in the boys "over here," and I am quite sure that each and every recipient of your kindness lauds, as I do, the work of the Patriotic Committee in the many things you have accomplished and that we all entertain the same admiration and respect.

Through you, sir, I send greetings to the various members of the Committee and a final expression of my deep appreciation and thanks.

JOHN E. McKEE.

OUR PALS "OUT THERE"

The guns have ceased their roar of death,

The nights are calm and still;
The moon looks down in calm survey
On the graves that dot the hill.

Our cause was right, we won the fight,

But, fellows, it don't seem fair,
That we go back to the U. S. A.
And leave our pals "out there."

I joined with Jim, I drilled with Tom,
I carried a pack with Joe;

We were bunkie-mates when we left the States,
It seems but a week ago.

I stood with them in a front-line trench,

Just before the Verdun drive;
And we laughed and joked in confidence

That we'd all come out alive.

We went over the top, in the first mad rush,

Through wire, an' gas and den,
A "seventy-five" got Tom and Joe
And a sniper's ball got Jim.

I saw them fall, but that was all,

Then on with the charging wave;
Somewhere in the wilds of the "Argonne"

They rest in a shell-hole grave.

There's peace tonight in the "Verdun Hills,"

But, oh, God! what a terrible toll;
It isn't war, it's the afterwards
That burns and sears the soul.

We'll soon strike tents, the rest of us,
And go back to the States again;

When we meet the mothers of Tom and Joe,

How can we answer them?

Will it ease the pains of a mother's heart

When we point to the East and say:
"They rest back there, in the hills of France,

Where they died for God and the U. S. A.?"

—Robert S. Hamilton Co. E, 315th Inf.

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Monster Parade Here This Saturday at 7 P. M.

Victory Loan March Will Precede Speech Making

Next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock a monster Victory Loan parade, in which patriotic, church and social bodies of Falls of Schuylkill will join, will start from Ridge and Midvale avenues, passing along the streets of the community to the place of the beginning at Ridge and Midvale avenues, where speeches on the Fifth Loan to the United States Government will be heard.

The parade, according to the committee, which is rapidly completing the plans, will outshadow all previous similar demonstrations from the viewpoints of the members in line and general splendor.

Local soldier and sailor lads who have returned to their homes here will be the principal attraction in the parade. These will be followed by a visiting detachment of uniformed servicemen. The National League for Women's Service will be represented and the Emergency Aid Aides will attend. Members of the Pennsylvania State Militia will grace the lines. War motorcycles and a service tank are listed for the parade.

Three bands have been arranged for and the speakers are being finally determined upon. Captain M. F. Fitzpatrick, of Falls of Schuylkill, is one who will address the concourse of people.

The formation for the parade will be something like the following: Police horses, committee, army and navy men, band, State Militiamen, tank, trucks, motorcycles, band, White House members, Emergency Aid Aides, National League for Women's Service, Red Cross, various societies and clubs, Boys' Brigade and the folks of the town in general.

The route of the parade has been hopped out in this manner: From Ridge and Midvale avenues to Calumet street, to Clearfield street, to Thirty-fifth street, to Allegheny avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Ridge and Midvale avenues, where the addresses will be made.

The men's parade committee consists of the following: Charles H. McIlvaine, chairman; John Hohenadel, P. H. Kelly, Ernest E. Carwardine, Harry Andrews and H. B. Cole.

These ladies are on the women's parade committee: Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Swartz. Marshal of Parade, James Lawson.

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Victory Loan Meeting At The White House

Unveiling of Statue At Rox- borough; Parade Planned Here

A preliminary Victory Loan meeting took place at the White House on Tuesday evening when practically the same organization for getting subscriptions was determined upon as for the Fourth Liberty Loan, pending the approval of a meeting tonight of all the towns-people of Falls of Schuylkill.

The meeting, which will take place tonight at the White House is to be the general meeting which will finally settle all matters connected with the work of the Fifth (Victory) Loan.

As every reader of Falls of Schuylkill knows merit flags will be awarded to the winning groups in the campaign. Falls of Schuylkill, which has been a large, important spot on the map, does not want to be eclipsed by any section anywhere, and, therefore, everybody is urged to get busy for real, solid work.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus has been chosen to head the Falls of Schuylkill district, which embraces Manayunk Roxborough, Wissahickon and Falls of Schuylkill. Charles W. Bothwell, cashier of the Bank of East Falls, has been selected chairman of the men's committee locally and the Liberty Loan leaders have called upon Ernest E. Carwardine, publisher of the "Weekly Forecast," to be chairman of the Publicity Committee.

With Mrs. Altemus piloting the district, Falls of Schuylkill may be depended upon to rally to her support and send the town soaring above the quota assigned it.

Several events have been scheduled to take place during the Victory Loan campaign which, begins April 21 and ends May 10.

One of these is the unveiling of a Victory statue by Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus on Monday afternoon, April 21, at 4.30 o'clock, at Manayunk and Lyceum avenues, Roxborough, where everybody from the Falls of Schuylkill district, which is Manayunk, Roxborough, Wissahickon and Falls of Schuylkill, will go to open the campaign.

The Falls of Schuylkill people, especially, should be present in large numbers, so that the residents of Manayunk, Roxborough and Wissahickon may be stimulated to better action than in previous loans and get away from their lethargy.

A parade from Ridge and Lyceum avenues, Roxborough, will precede the unveiling. Addresses will form part of the ceremonies.

A local parade has been planned for Saturday, April 26.

LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN BEGINS APRIL 21

The American people will be asked to subscribe to \$4,500,000,000 in convertible gold notes in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign, which begins

April 21. The notes will be offered in two series, both maturing in four years, with the Treasury reserving the right to redeem them at the end of three years.

The first series will be at an interest of 4% per cent. and will be exempt from State and local taxes, except estate and inheritance taxes, and from normal federal income taxes. The other series will bear interest of 3% per cent. and will be exempt from all federal, State and local taxes, except estate and inheritance taxes. The holders of each series may convert them into either of the two forms of notes.

The payments may be made as follows: 10 per cent. with application on or before May 10; 10 per cent. on July 16; 20 per cent. on August 12; 20 per cent. on September 9; 20 per cent. on October 7, and 20 per cent. on November 11, with accrued interest on deferred installments.

Payment in full can be made on May 20, the 10 per cent. required with application having been duly paid on or before May 10.

Payment in full will also be allowed with application, but without rebate of interest, but there may be a limitation as to the maximum amount of notes upon which such full payment will be accepted.

Payment can also be completed on any instalment date with accrued interest, but no completion of payments can be made, except on instalment dates.

First coupon on the notes will be payable at a sufficient time after the last instalment date to allow for completing delivery of notes.

TERMS OF VICTORY LOAN

Convertible gold notes.
Amount—\$4,500,000,000.
Interest—4% per cent., exempt from normal income tax; 3% per cent., exempt from all taxation.
Period—Three to four years.
Quota of Philadelphia Federal Reserve district—8 1-3 per cent. of total, or \$375,000,000.

Ellwood Clayton has reached America again and is now stationed at Camp Dix, where he was visited on Easter by Benjamin Clayton and William Clayton and their wives, Councilman and Mrs. John E. Smithies and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hess.

James MacIntyre has been reported as having set foot on American shores recently.

Norman Clough, or Queen Lane, returned soldier, is on the police force, being connected with the Thirty-ninth District police station.

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VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED

The three-week Victory Liberty Loan campaign opened Monday and closes May 10.

It is for \$4,500,000,000. Philadelphia's quota is \$194,956,000 and that of the Third Federal Reserve District, \$375,000,000. No over-subscriptions will be accepted.

The notes mature in May, 1923, and the Government has the privilege of redeeming them in 1922.

The security now on sale bears 4% per cent. interest unless otherwise specified on subscription blank, and is free of all taxes except inheritance and estate taxes and the income surtax. This is convertible into a note paying 3% per cent. interest, free of all taxes but inheritance and estate.

Each note is convertible into the other at any time.

Payments may be made in full to the Government before May 20 or in the following installments:

10 per cent. May 10.
10 per cent. July 15.
20 per cent. August 12.
20 per cent. September 9.
20 per cent. October 17.
20 per cent. November 11.

4-17-1919

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

Just a line letting you know that we are still "doing it" on the Rio Grande. They are keeping the cavalry at full war strength on the southern border. I let the boys read the letter that Ed Ryan wrote from France. The old man posted it at the 8th Cavalry Headquarters, which is at Marfa, a small town on S. P. road. The boys liked it so much they wrote the little poem I am inclosing.

Yours truly,

J. E. HURLEY.

P. S. I may add the fellow who wrote this little poem got four months in the mill to think it over.

A SOLDIER'S VIEW OF MARFA
Mother, take down your service flag;
Bow down your head of gray,
For your only son is at Marfa,
While others have marched away.

Cut out the star within its folds
And place there, in its stead,
A golden star in token that
Your son is as good as dead.

Take down your baby's picture
That hangs above your bed;
Then take the family shotgun
And fill it full of lead

For your only son is at Marfa
And there he is going to rot,
So if you don't shoot him, mother,
He never will be shot.

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LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

St. Mihiel, France, Jan. 19, 1919.

I guess you must think I am a fine fellow by this time for not answering your letter and check, but I have been through so much hell since I received your letter, I did not have time, in fact, to think part of the time. However, I hope and trust you will forgive me, as you know when you are in the army you are not your own boss; in fact, you always have two or three bosses to contend with. Well, words cannot express my thanks for that check. You people certainly are helping the boys. I did not know when I left I had such good friends, and I hope I will have the pleasure of thanking you personally.

TO AMERICA!

(Written and Composed by Mech. F. W. Patterson, of Battery B, 2d Battalion, Trench Artillery, Amer. E. F.)

Here's to the starry banner!

Let it shine on our masts and towers;
And here's to the great republic
That has welded her strength with
ours;

Her flag's in the streets of London,
Her fleet's on the northern sea,
And her sons stand firm in the trenches
To fight till the world is free.

From the lakes to the Mexican border,
From Maine to the Golden Gate,
There is drumming and marching and
drilling

Through every giant State,
It begins with the call of the bugle,
With the sun on the earth's wide rim,
And the heart of the great republic
Is beating a battle hymn.

The heavens are filled with her eagles,
Which circle and soar and swing,
Through the windy city they go wheel-
ing by
With her star on each wide-spread
wing.

And in all her ports and rivers
And in building yards and ships,
Night and day the hammers play
On the ribs of her rising ships.

She is forging mighty armies
To fight in this war for peace,
They shall leave her shores in a thou-
sand ships

To strike till the sword shall cease.
By land and sky and sea,
The last world conqueror overthrown,
And the world at length is free.

(Notice—This was written by Mech. Patterson in October, 1918, just before he went into action.)

4-3-1919

"I received yours, and appreciated Christmas card, at which feast I had a fair time. We are leaving here Friday for Le Mons and expect to sail about the 1st of May."—Raymond Fiedler.

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LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

February 28, 1919.

Am writing you this letter to send you my sincere thanks for sending me the "Weekly Forecast" so often. As there are only a few Philadelphians in our outfit, I don't get to talk about dear old Philly, but nevertheless, we have a sergeant whom, I believe, comes from Manayunk and he (Sergeant Dalsen) gets the paper from me as soon as I am through with it.

I was a member of the Fox A. A., of which John Simmons was president, and was very glad to know that John and Thomas Davagan, both of the U. S. Navy, were home for Christmas, only I wished I could have been there.

I am now in Camp Montoir (six and a half miles from St. Nazaire) ready for shipment home, and, of course, we hope it won't be long, as tomorrow is the first day of March, I don't think I will see Twenty-ninth and Allegheny before Easter.

All I hope is that when I do get back the Fox A. A. will start again, as there is where I found a bunch of good fellows, I always did call them gloom killers.

On the 8th of March our outfit will be over here just nine months, and has received credit from General Pershing for our work on the front. We were in action three weeks straight, from October 17 to November 11; then we went to St. Jacques for rest. Later on we were sent to Ansauville, where we got very disgusted on account of the mud. I have seen mud in France and up towards the front, but none was as bad as that at Ansauville. Later on, after six weeks at Ansauville, we found ourselves in Vitrey Ht. Saone. At this place the French treated us very nicely. We were there a month and then left for St. Nazaire, but stopped at Cornille, which is near Angers. While there I got a chance to go to Angers and must say I had a fine time. While in Cornille we were inspected by everybody from a second looty up to General Pershing. After a month in that hole we were shipped to the third muddiest place in the world—Camp Montoir. I suppose we will be here for a month and then go to Camp No. 1, at St. Nazaire and stay a month; then we might go home.

Just a word of praise for the K. of C., who treated us fine. All the magazines, papers, books, cigarettes a fellow would want. Also plenty of writing paper, ink, pens and envelopes.

It is quiet in their hut and more like home; but the best of all is the Red Cross, who supplied us with cakes, chocolate, cigarettes, chewing gum, etc., while on the front. The Salvation Army girls treated us fine, both in England and in rest camp in France.

I cannot speak much good of the Y. M. C. A., so I will close, thanking you again for the "Weekly Forecast," and with best regards to everybody, I remain,

PVT. CHAS. J. MACK,
Battery B, 2d Trench Mortar Btn.,
Amer. E. F., A. P. O. 701, France.

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"BOB" WYATT HAS COME HOME

At home is Robert (Bob) Warren Wyatt, who arrived from overseas in New York on March 13 and received his discharge on March 23, after having been with the American Engineers in France since August 9, 1917, when he left American shores for abroad via Halifax, England, to engage in railroad work.

His division was occupied with erecting and repairing American locomotives shipped over the water for war purposes.

Previous to his volunteering for the army service he had been employed in the engineering department of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company.

4-3-1919

UNABLE TO MOVE FOR 7 MONTHS

Seven months in bed without change of position has been the experience of Chief Boatswain Thomas B. Haran, U. S. N., who lives at 3414 Clearfield street, but who has been for the last seven months at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital. He is likely to be there for some months longer.

Haran was a member of the crew of the submarine chaser 209, which was mistaken for a submarine by the crew of the Felix Taussig and sunk off Fire Island, N. Y., on August 27, 1918.

"No one knows how he happened to be saved," said his mother, Mrs. M. J. Haran. "We are all so thankful for that, that we try to be patient over his long stay in the hospital."

"Persons would think that lying so long had made him blue or cynical, but not our Tom. He is always ready with a joke; he is always laughing and teasing people. He is glad he is going to come out with two sound legs, and that he was able to take part in the big fight for his country. He is just 28 years old."

Other members of the Haran family did their share in the fight. James Haran, a brother, was a navy quartermaster. John, another brother, was in the army, but did not get to France. He was at Waco, Tex. for many months. The youngest boy Michael, and two married sisters, Mrs. C. J. O'Brien, 2917 Wishart street, and Mrs. James Tyrrel, of East Falls, were left to comfort the mother during the war.

4-17-1919

There will be no drill of the Emergency Aid Aides next Monday night, but on the evening following, Tuesday, the girls are to meet in front of the Post Office at 8 o'clock, where they will leave for the Second Regiment Armory, Broad and Diamond streets.—Milly Terry.

4-24-1919

Falls of Schuylkill won three honor flags, one for each of the loans when such tokens were awarded. Falls of Schuylkill will win again, but to do so quicker action on the part of the subscribers must result to get it. Let every person in Falls of Schuylkill subscribe today—at once!

Town Turns Out In Full For Victory Parade

Surprise Was Speaker Who Was of French High Commission

In a manner characteristic of Falls of Schuylkill thoroughness the community surpassed all previous similar demonstrations when on Saturday evening everybody in town turned out to see or join in the Fifth Victory Liberty Loan parade, which started after an exhibition by army motorcycleists, from Ridge and Midvale avenues, to Calumet street, to Clearfield street, to Thirty-fifth street, to Allegheny avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Queen lane, to Thirty-fifth street, to Midvale avenue, to Ridge and Midvale avenues, where speech-making took place.

The parade line started with the mounted police, followed by James Lawson in military uniform and carrying an American flag as marshal. The local Liberty Loan Committee was next in place and then came our home boys who had been mustered out of the army and the navy. State militia men, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, followed. A real tank rattled along with two large army trucks. The women were represented by several bodies such as the Falls of Schuylkill Patriotic Committee, women's division; the Emergency Aid Aides, the National League for Women's Service and the Women's Catholic Alliance for War Work. The White House at large had a strong delegation in line. The Boys' Brigade, headed by Captain Collins, bore itself manfully in the march. Many townspeople as individuals also joined in the great parade. Three bands furnished the music.

Spectators were thickest in number near Ridge and Midvale avenues, but along the entire route of parade lines of persons were eagerly looking over shoulders to see the paraders.

But the speech-making which followed the parade was the most interesting part of the grand patriotic spectacle. The crowd formed on Midvale avenue below Ridge avenue, standing in front of a large automobile truck, which served as the speakers' stand. Suspended overhead were the two honor flags won during two previous loan campaigns and not far away floated a banner upon which were these words: "Welcome Home, Boys, Falls of Schuylkill Patriotic Committee." And not to be forgotten, opposite the speakers' stand was the Honor Roll, recently revised, with full light shining on the heroic names.

The chairman of the local Liberty Loan Committee, Charles W. Bothwell, briefly reviewed the work of previous Liberty Loans in Falls of Schuylkill and reminded the hearers of their duties toward the Fifth Loan. He announced that he had a list of good speakers and then proceeded with the

Monsignor Walsh, of St. Bridget's

opened the meeting with the following invocation:

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, the Saviour of the entire human race, who rulest from ocean to ocean and watcheth over our destinies, bless the labors for which we have assembled. We ask Thy intercession for the furtherance of our aims in aiding our Government in its present project so that we may be successful in our undertakings. Bless, we beseech Thee, our rulers and all those who are interested in the cause of our country. Aid us in maintaining virtue, liberty and independence. May peace and concord, under Thy divine guidance, universally reign; may our works tend for the welfare of this district, of this nation, and may all our endeavors redound to Thy greater honor and glory. Amen."

Judge J. E. Patterson, of the Common Pleas Court of the City and County of Philadelphia, delivered a most eloquent plea for the Fifth Victory Liberty Loan. In a most logical manner he showed what the American boys had done in making the world safe for democracy for which we—those who remained at home—were obligated to them to see that sufficient money be produced to still feed and clothe them while abroad in the interests of the United States and also provide funds to bring them to the homes which they left to give the snarling beast its death blow. He was elated over the unusual large meeting such a small town as Falls of Schuylkill could call forth.

Mrs. Wood, who spoke at a previous loan meeting here at once reached the hearts of her listeners, for she is a woman of strong magnetic qualities having a charming personality. She drew an excellent word picture of the accomplishments of the boys and affirmed that the war was not fully over. Without becoming technical she explained the business of war. Stating that mobilization of men, money and materials was an expensive operation which must be performed before actual battle, she added that demobilization after the fray was likewise a costly enterprise which had not been provided for by the previous loans, but which must be met by the Fifth Loan. Her clear and concise statements readily reached the people. The humorous interpolations by her were much welcomed.

Councilman John E. Smithies lost no time in directing his appeal for the Victory Loan. With deep earnestness he implored his hearers to subscribe. He asserted that he had taken United States Government bonds of the first loan, the second loan, the third loan, the fourth loan and the fifth loan in pointing overhead to two honor flags which Falls of Schuylkill had won, he urged the people of the town to win that flag which had four vertical bars

crossed by a fifth one for tally. And he concluded in the belief that as Falls of Schuylkill did, she will do again.

Captain Michael Fitzpatrick, Falls of Schuylkill lad, who rose rapidly from private to captain in the military ranks, surprised his friends, neighbors and acquaintances by the excellent address he delivered. His calm presentation of real facts, of which he knew personally, gained close attention. His recital alone should have brought subscribers.

C. C. Cox, chairman of the Roxborough division of the Loan Committee, who, with Councilman Stott, of Roxborough, a Mr. Young and a Mr. Turner, friends from the same neighborhood, graced the Falls of Schuylkill parade on Saturday evening, admitted that there was not much left for him to say as the preceding speakers had thoroughly covered the points. He, however, made a concession, namely, that the women were doing the bulk of the work (about 85 per cent.) and severely scored the male of the species for his inactivity. He called Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus to the soap box for a moment.

Thomas J. Gavaghan made an urgent request from everybody to subscribe. He gave numerous reasons why many bonds should be taken. He lavished great praise upon the fellows who won the war.

The next speaker came as a surprise for everybody for he was none other than Lieutenant Vincent de Wierzbicki (pronounced Ve-air-s-be-key), of the French High Commission. Clad in the beautiful color combination—red and blue—of the French uniform, slightly above medium height, he presented a good picture with his neatly trimmed beard of the typical French officer. His English was excellent with only a slight taint of French accent. With clever directness he came to his point. He remarked that the French people, who number but one-third of the population of the United States, subscribed to a "liberation" loan of five and one-half billion dollars after having taken bonds in three other loans. He added that this money was not obtained by trumpet blare, parades and other demonstrations, but merely by means of posters announcing that another loan was ready. The procedure was that one high official in the Government would write to the head of a subordinate department to arrange for a loan; that the minor official would have sketches for posters drawn up and the posters would be distributed throughout the country and then the people would buy bonds without any parades or demonstrations having been featured. He closed with words suggesting that America would not fail.

Rev. David Kelly, of St. Bridget's, was an enthusiastic speaker. He pledged himself to the last to stand by the United States and in everything it wanted and literally commanded the folks to buy bonds for they meant the prestige of Uncle Sam throughout the world.

Rev. William Cooke, of the local Presbyterian Church, pronounced the benediction after a few words that "it was not only a patriotic duty, but a religious duty" to support the Government.

Interspersed in the speech-making were selections by a band and singing by the Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus.

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John McGlynn, soldier son from Queen lane, who was with the bloody 79th in the Argonne woods from July 7, 1918, until the eleventh month, eleventh day, eleventh hour, 1918, when the armistice went into effect, is home again. He left for overseas on July 7, 1918.

5-1-1919

The Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church Women's Victory Liberty Loan Committee with Mrs. George Hamilton, chairman; Mrs. John Chidester, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. Robert Kyle, Miss Annie Fulton, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. James McMurtre, Mrs. F. Budenz, Mrs. Robert Crooks, Mrs. B. Markley and Mrs. George Wagner was out in full force on Saturday evening cheering the local Liberty Loan parade.

5-1-1919

COURT OF HONOR AT RIDGE AND MIDVALE

A court of honor, consisting of the colors of the Allies, namely, British, French, Italian and Belgium, even including the Irish emblem, and American flags bunting, in the last few days has been placed at Ridge and Midvale avenues, giving the suggestion for a jubilee. Just a little further away are the honor loan trophies won in two previous loan campaigns.

The huge banner with the inscription "Welcome Home, Boys, Falls of Schuylkill Patriotic Committee," suspended over Midvale avenue near Ridge avenue, has attracted considerable attention and was several times referred to on Saturday evening during the speechmaking.

5-1-1919

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL WILL SHOW FLAGS

Although Falls of Schuylkill folks have always aided everything patriotic, the observer must mark one point against them and that is that many homes are not displaying flags during the loan campaign as requested by the Philadelphia Liberty Loan Committee and the local district committee. That it is an oversight is certain and it may be safely said that no stranger will come to town in the next few days but what he will see, at least, one American flag displayed from every Falls of Schuylkill home. Because Falls of Schuylkill is the biggest patriotic spot on the map.

5-8-1919

Folks of the town! Falls of Schuylkill must be first in the Fifth Victory Loan! Work and win! Subscribe and sustain the town name!

5-1-1919

Minus His Left Leg Lad Comes Home Smiling

Falls of Schuylkill Soldier Wounded In the Argonne

Minus his left leg, which had to be amputated in a French hospital following infection from a bullet wound received in the Argonne forest September 26, 1918, Thomas Rowe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rowe, of 3438 Bowman street, arrived home with a broad smile on his face last Friday from Washington, D. C., where he had been in a hospital for three months past when he came from the St. Lazarre Hospital in France, where he had been since receiving his injury.

He has been provided with an artificial limb which makes walking easy by the support of a cane carried along.

Thomas, junior, left Falls of Schuylkill May 27, 1918, for Camp Meade, where he was five weeks only when orders came for his transfer to a loading port for abroad. After his arrival at Brest, France, it was not long before he was in the front line trenches, where he received his injury, which made necessary the sacrifice of his leg.

5-22-1919

The Seventeenth division of the Thirty-eighth ward went "over the top" with \$28,500. P. H. Kelly was captain, ably managed by Mrs. Alfred Byrne, of Sunnyside avenue.

5-22-1919

WHITE HOUSE PARAGRAPHS BY A. B.

The Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee extend an invitation to all returned and returning boys of Uncle Sam to attend an extraordinary social next Thursday evening, May 27, when speechmaking by boys of the 28th Division will take place, followed by an entertainment and a luncheon. To make the affair a general celebration, every boy should be present. Of course, the White House will be the scene of the festivities.

5-22-1919

JACK KELLY AGAIN SPOKEN OF

The following is from a newspaper clipping from the sport page of one of Philadelphia's dailies:

"Captain William Thielans is back at his desk at the Packard Motorcar Company on Broad street after a twenty-one months' leave of absence in which he toured the leading pleasure resorts of northern France and capped the jaunt with a flying visit through Germany.

The motorcar expert's buddy across the seas was no other than Jack Kelly.

"Officers on the other side," said Captain Thielans, "pronounced Kelly the finest physical specimen in the army. He is about 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 185 pounds and is as hard as battleship plate. He has a waistline of 31 inches and a chest measurement of 41 inches. You can place a ruler from one end of the thigh to the other and it won't touch any stomach.

"Well I knew that Kelly was the best there is in the East in sculling, but I didn't know he could fight. I know there is a big gulf between the professional fighter and the amateur, but I firmly believe that if Jack entered the professional field he would win the world's heavyweight championship."

5-8-1919

"a joke"

Letters From Our Boys

My Dear Sir:

I took command of the 3d Br., 9th Inf., on July 30 last. Capt. Grady was then in the battalion. We just finished the battle of Soissons and were at rest in a town called Levignen, about twenty-five miles from Paris. We left on August 1 for Nancy and on August 5 we took the sub-sector of Flauchaup Baizard in the Maebach sector. About the 20th of August the battalion went to Creyills, south of Toul, to prepare for the battle of St. Mihiel. Capt. Grady became my orderly there on the 29th of August. On September 1 we marched to Bois de Minorille, then on September 10 to the Bois de la Rays. On September 12, at 5 A. M., we attacked. Capt. Grady was with me at all times. He was valuable to me. He carried messages to all parts of the line under heavy fire and was in danger of death any minute and he was always present when wanted. We came out of the fight on September 16 and moved to the Bois de la Reigne. On September 20 we marched to Bruley, a town just north of Toul, where we stayed till September 26, on which date we went by train to Carnon, a town south of Chalons sur Marne. In the night of September 30 we went by trucks to Farm Piemont; from there we followed the advance and on October 3 we attacked again. I was wounded at 7.45 that morning. Captain Grady was with me and helped me out. He had captured four Germans and he saw that I was put in the ambulance by the German prisoners and then rejoined his battalion headquarters. To his care and prompt assistance my arm was no doubt saved. He wrote Mrs. Dinig a letter, from which you can see he was anxious that she should not be worried. It was most thoughtful of him to write and Mrs. Dinig and I appreciate his kindness. This letter is but a sample of all his actions. He has been in most all of the big battles that have been fought and I am sure glad to know that he came through without a scratch. I sure will be glad to know when he returns home as I am anxious to see him. This is a copy of the letter he sent Mrs. Dinig.

"No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, but I thought you would feel easier to know Major Dinig was not seriously wounded in the battle we just emerged from as I was his orderly at the time he received his wound, which was a clean flesh wound in the left arm. I saw him put into the ambulance and he was resting easy and in his usual happy spirits cheering the wounded men alongside of him with his witty sayings. There is nothing to worry about I can assure you, Mrs. Dinig. I expect to see the major back with us soon again.

"Mrs. Dinig, I guess Philadelphia is pretty well deserted now. I came from a little town called the Falls of Schuylkill and certainly am looking for the day when I return to good old East Falls again. I will close now, wishing Major Dinig a speedy recovery and assuring you that he is not seriously wounded. I remain

"Respectfully yours,
CAPT. DAVID J. GRADY,
 Co. M, 9th U. S. Inf. O. K. Lt. W. H. Carrier, Jr., 9th Inf.
 I will sure be glad to know when he

returns home as I want to see him. He has surely been lucky since he is listed, which was on February 5, 1918. He was in five different countries and in all the big battles there were over there, not counting the quiet sectors he had been in before I took command of the 9th Infantry. Capt. Grady was in the battalion of the 2d Division. He was in the big drive of Chateau Thierry, in which he was upon the firing line most of the time, resting when he could along with the rest of the division when they got a chance. Many a time, when resting they were called on to relieve their comrades and they have been without food for three and four days at a time and without water for thirty hours, as it was impossible to get it up to them. He has been over the top sixteen times in attacks on the Boche and he had a couple of good swallows of gas, but they did not hurt him much and he has come through it all without a scratch; that is not so bad for a one-year soldier, but he says that of all the towns and places he has been in there are none like the good East Falls; that little town has all the other places beaten ninety-one thousand ways.

MAJOR ROBERT L. DINIG,
 Major of Marines.

5-12-1919

White House Sends Statement of Affairs Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee's Big Work.

The Falls of Schuylkill Citizens' Patriotic Committee has prepared a statement for publication. This unique body of townsmen formed for the exclusive purpose of looking after the wants of the local boys in the war service has done more than has or can be mentioned and has put its monument over there where it was more needed in the form of goods and money, which the boys highly appreciated. The boys here already testified to the excellent work of the local committee.

By looking over the statement presented herewith, the reader may gain an idea of the work accomplished by the White House members.

The statement follows:

STATEMENT CITIZENS' PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE OF FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL

Previous reports to March 18, 1918:
 Cash received\$2,548.71
 Expenses 1,968.57

Balance on hand \$580.14
 From March 18, 1918, to May 19, 1919:
INCOME
 To balance on hand \$580.14
 To block parties 1,468.83

To carnival	1,921.73
To flag committees	320.01
To Tobacco and Candy Committee	15.94
To Kit Committee	16.60
To Parade Committee	62.54
To Membership Committee	201.25
To theatre benefit	9.06
To suppers	310.09
To drawings	209.30
To masquerade ball	186.50
To community ball	284.00
To dance (Miss Kemp)	78.95
To East Falls Bank interest	18.81
To drafts and checks returned	166.40
To Donations—	
Woolworth & Co.	10.00
J. & J. Dobson Penny-a-Day Fund	27.00
Boy Scouts	19.88
Mrs. Thomas Kelly	5.00
Mrs. S. D. Norris	25.00
Charles Golden	7.00
Mrs. E. Kelly	1.00
Patrick Flowers	1.00
Mrs. B. D. Altemus	100.00
Mrs. Harrison	1.25
Mrs. James Dobson	100.00
John Ranaghan	2.00
Wesley Foster	5.00
Thomas Hohenadel	5.00
H. Duncan Family	9.60
J. & J. Dobson Basketball Club	127.80
East Falls Football Club	7.31
Falls Male Chorus	50.00
Ladies' A. O. H.	53.17
	\$6411.21

EXPENSES

Woolworth & Co.	\$781.73
N. Snellenburg & Co.	490.38
United Gas Improvement Co.	36.50
Rodgers & Co.	59.40
John McLaren	3.48
Carwardine & Co.	5.50
Clayton Bros.	5.25
Charity Committee	45.00
Knitting machine	25.00
J. & J. Dobson Band	31.22
E. G. Harkness	11.65
J. H. & C. Reed	10.60
Victrola account	45.00
Police Pension Fund	10.00
Liberty Bond	50.00
Falls Hardware Co.	7.30
Drafts and checks to boys in service	4,386.50
Tobacco Committee	36.00
Sundries	21.56
Balance in bank	\$40.14
	\$6411.21

The following donations of yarn were received: Mrs. B. D. Altemus, 48 hanks; Mr. Walker, 166 hanks; Mrs. A. Spencer, 23 hanks; James Dobson, 1070 lbs.

Also 28 pairs of socks donated by Richard Norris.

Given out to the boys in service: 654 sweaters, 121 pairs of wristlets, 248 pairs of socks, 35 scarfs, 93 helmets, 8 pairs of gloves, 675 kits (complete).

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. B. D. ALTEMUS,
 Honorary President.
THEODORE L. MacKENZIE,
 President.
JOHN KYLE,
 Vice President.
JOSEPH J. LALLY,
 Treasurer.
JOHN WYATT,
 Secretary.

5-8-1919

Cartoon By Local Boy Shows Spirit Of Town

New York Bank Official Believes Bonds Will Go Up



The cartoon printed on this page interprets the spirit of Falls of Schuylkill. It is from a pen drawing by our own Owen S. Young, who needs no introduction to Falls of Schuylkill people.

"Uncle Sam will get his," the slogan on the picture is well adapted to the folks here, for they will see to it that he (dear Uncle Sam) does. "The basket will be filled, Uncle, and you will have to hold it just as tightly as you are shown on the picture."

"Believe the 'Weekly Forecast,' Uncle Sam! If every community were to give in the same degree that Falls of Schuylkill does and will give this time, you would have no need for fears. And don't forget, Uncle, the 'Weekly Forecast' is very conservative about giving praise. So you may know what to expect from this town-over-subscription."

VICTORY NOTES ABOVE PAR IS SISSON'S PREDICTION

By Francis H. Sisson,
Vice President Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

There have been rumors that some people were chary of the Victory note because previous bonds depreciated. As a banking man I wish to say the comparison is not well taken. I firmly believe the present notes will go above par and stay there. If it should happen that they go below you will see a rush for them and a consequent jump. Unfortunately for some investors in previous loans, they had to get rid of their bonds. That is their misfortune, not Uncle Sam's fault. He stands ready to pay the interest.

The tax-exemption feature of the Victory Liberty note is the big thing about this drive, and I fear many persons have failed to comprehend the significance of it. As soon as they are acquainted with it, the Victory Liberty

note will go fast. The Government is back of it, and it is a case of ten against one, credit against liability.

Our Government is worth two hundred and fifty billion dollars and owes but twenty-five billion. The expenses of the fiscal year are rated at eighteen billion dollars, and we are asked only to lend six billion. The rest will come from taxes.

The Government wishes the people to take these notes, and that is natural. Likewise it is not surprising that the banks stand ready to take up the whole quota. The people not only should realize the wonderful advantage they are getting in first call on the notes, but they should think of what will happen if the banks have to jump in and help out.

Just as soon as the banks put their money in the notes, just so soon will there follow an inflation of credit. Money will have to be had from the Federal Reserve banks, the cost of living will go skyward, and there will be financial stringency in the economic world.

It costs a lot of money to run a war and our expenses were heavy. But those expenses meant the saving of 100,000 American boys, and I am loath to believe the real American will begrudge a penny of it.

The United States today is on the threshold of the greatest business era in its history. But team work is essential in the game and every American must know his signals and must follow them.

FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL HAS ONLY PLACE

The Fourth Liberty Loan subscription record of the Bank of East Falls as noted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia is somewhat as follows:

Total banking resources\$363,000.00
Apportionment 111,000.00
Amount subscribed 245,000.00
No. of subscribers 2,038

The remarkable thing about these figures is that the amount subscribed was 220 per cent. of the bank apportionment, a fact which can be spoken of no other bank in Philadelphia county.

Again Falls of Schuylkill leadership has been established.

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Boost Falls of Schuylkill! Look what we have:

The Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten plant.

The first University of Pennsylvania provost's home.

The Old Academy.

The Dobson Mills.

The Falls of Schuylkill Male Chorus.

The White House Committee.

The Bank of East Falls.

The Free Library.

Et Cetera, Et Cetera.

June 5th 1919

LINERS BY MILLY TERRY

The Emergency Aid Aides collected \$7000 for the Salvation Army during the campaign. Through these columns, Mrs. Altemus and the Aides express their thanks to the people of the Falls who received the girls very kindly and contributed so generously.

This great army of workers for humanity went overseas and cared for our boys when we could not be near them, and their appeal for funds was responded to cheerfully by grateful hearts.

MILLY TERRY.

May 22, 1919

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Chronological Story Of The 109th Infantry Corp. Robt. Trevethan Gives Diary Facts of Army Unit

BY CORPORAL ROBERT TREVE-
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The following is the chronological history of the war, that is, of the part which the 109th accomplished:

Headquarters, 109th Infantry,
American Expeditionary Forces.

May, 1918.

The 109th Infantry embarked on the S. S. Coronia from the Curand Piers, New York City, May 2, 1918, sailing May 3 for Liverpool, England. Trip overseas was without incident, arriving there May 16th, camping at Enotiyash; entrained at Enotiyash May 18 for Dover, England. Arriving same day, regiment embarked on channel steamer May 19, arriving in Calais, France, same morning, going into camp at N-6 east; entrained at Calais, France May 23, 1918, at Deavres same day, 7:00 P. M. Regimental headquarters established at court. Regiment billeted in surrounding area and began training under 102d Brigade (British).

June, 1918.

June 9 regiment began moving through Verchoog, Corey to Marasqual. Regiment entrained at Marasqual, arriving at Voyly on June 13 and was transferred to the vicinity of Mitry Mory, where regiment was moved by motor lorries to Marchais on Esie, arriving same date. Regimental headquarters established at Lestrenblay.

July, 1918.

Regiment received emergency combat order outlining position; regiment moved July 4 by marching to reserve position, to Verdondiolaine Boine de Paragny area; returned same date to former area. Executed move to reserve position July 8, 1918. Company D moved to position near Mentheul; Companies S and M attached 13th French along Marne River. Company E took position on its borders. July 15 at 1 A. M. intense shelling on our sector caused casualties. Enemy crossed Marne River and regimental position became front line position, reinforced by 1st Battalion, 103d Engineers. Position shelled heavily by machine gun and rifle fire, which caused severe casualties to the 1st Battalion and French, receiving no artillery support. July 19 the Germans were driven back on our right. Chasseurs who formed the line in front of our regimental position withdrew and on July 23 moved, by marching from Romandie to Lafflanerie to Lavento Jeane Gullane Bois. In this position the regiment was exposed to heavy shell fire and during the night attacked the enemy in conjunction with 110th Infantry. July 27 to 30, attack successful. Heavy German counter-attack broken with severe losses to the enemy, 2000 prisoners being taken by the regiment. July 30

126th Infantry withdrew to Argental Ravine to reorganize.

August, 1918.

Regiment camped in Argental Ravine August 1 and 2 under air raid. Regiment moved the night of August 2 and 3 to Conrumont-Boucheres line; August 4 regiment moved by Conhan Longeville-St. Gilles road, taking up position as follows: Flimes and Flanette, 3d battalion; Momise Martin and St. Gilles, 1st battalion; west of St. Gilles, 2d battalion. August 22 regiment relieved and position taken up south of Coeurville, where French system was dug out. (Name originating from holes dug into the ground and covered with logs and earth. This method gave some protection until a heavy shell struck your dug-out. The French had not completed the work when they were taken over by the Americans.

September, 1918.

Regiment relieved 110th Infantry on the Vesle River, Villette and Magneup, on September 1, 1918. September 4 regiment attacked with 2d Division on line. Second attack made September 6. Severe fighting all along the front line. Losses at this time were severe—many officers and approximately 600 men. It was in this attack that Captain John M. Center was severely wounded. Night of September 7 and 8 relieved by 307th French Infantry moving to La Caromm Woods. Regiment moved by marching September 10 to Connilly. September 11 regiment moved by lorries to vicinity of Bar le Duc, arriving at new area about September 12. Regimental headquarters at Laimont. On September 15 regiment moved to Buroine northwest of Vauteourt; on the 17th the regiment moved to bivouac north of Valcy. Resumed march on September 13 to bivouac area at Bois Bachin, about one-half kilometer northeast of Lenisletten, relieving part of the 367th French. Regiment lost Commandant P. C. Corgin. At 5:30 A. M. September 26 the regiment attacked with 2d Division on the line. The attack was continued until September 30, 1918.

October, 1918.

Heavy German counter attack on October 1, their losses being exceptionally heavy in killed and wounded as well as prisoners captured. Attack continued on October 6 and 7, the regiment advancing and capturing La Forge Fine and Chateau Thierry. Attack continued on October 8, Lavionit and the edge of Bois d'Talle Abbe being captured. Regiment relieved on night of October 9, 1918. Bivouaced in Bois d'Apramant on October 10. Regiment marched to Nouvilly and embussed for Toul sector. Arrived in new area October 11, 8 A. M., regimental headquarters being established in Bois d'Rebaune. On October 17 the regiment moved by marching. Regimental headquarters at Mev. The regiment moved by marching to Buperles and vicinity.

November, 1918.

November 4, 3d Battalion marched

to Vigneouilles, taking up position in support of 110th Infantry on the line. On November 7 this battalion carried out a successful attack on Bois de Corfe, capturing fourteen prisoners and one machine gun, and suffered no casualties, returning to their regiment same date. On the 10th the regiment moved to S. Louis Fine and from this point to Hassavont Fine. At 1 P. M. 2d Battalion attacked northwest through Hannuont, advancing about kilometers beyond this town. Then Hannuont attack resumed. On the morning of the 11th hostilities ceased at 11 A. M., 1st and 3d Battalions going into our post line and then withdrawing to reserve position, Regimental F. C., 1st Benoit.

November 17, 3d Division of army of occupation passed through outpost line. November 19 outpost line withdrew. November 23 regiment moved by marching via Beney, Fannen, Honsard, Houdicourt, Homville road to Buserules and vicinity. Regimental headquarters at Wounville.

December, 1918.

Regiment in Wounville area. Routine drill schedule followed.

January, 1919.

On 6th of January regiment moved by three days' march to Bulligny and vicinity. Regimental headquarters at Bulligny. Routine schedule followed for the remainder of the month.

February, 1919.

Regiment in same area. Routine drill schedule for month. February 5 inspection and review by brigade commander. February 12 division reviewed by commanding general of Second Army.

March, 1919.

March 10 inspection and review by commander-in-chief of American Expeditionary forces. March 16 regiment began moving from Cresilles Bulligny and Bagnour to Le Mans. Movement completed regiment in forwarding. Camp at Le Mans Block area.

April, 1919.

April 10 regiment began entraining for St. Nazaire. April 21, regiment arrived; Company M embarked for United States on U. S. S. Mani. April 22, 4 P. M., moved out from dock and anchored in harbor; April 23, dawn, proceeded on voyage.

Over the sea far away
Sailed Bob without delay,
As he knew he was needed by Uncle
Sam
And so he went without demand.

And when he comes back the story he
will tell
Of the Stars and Stripes he loves so
well,
And of the fearful sight
And how the Yankee boys could fight;

And how they looked around with
dread
As their comrades fell around them
dead;

And as I sit and think of them with joy
My heart goes out to the Yankee boys.

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What The Official Insignia Of 79th Means

Timely Article On The Lorraine Cross In Extracts

Now that the 79th Division has set foot on American shores the Lorraine Cross, its emblem, has become the subject of much conversation and thus the following extracts from a compilation by a French journalist, are timely:

"The Lorraine Cross, official emblem of the 79th Division, United States Army, was adopted shortly after the armistice was signed.

"In all its war operations the 79th Division faced the enemy in Lorraine, the province which the United States was pledged to win back for France.

"Victory in the face of stubborn opposition crowned the efforts of the 79th Division. It was only appropriate, therefore, that the division should select as its emblem the ancient symbol of the border France, the province of victory, the Lorraine Cross."

"A national emblem of the independent Duchy of Lorraine for centuries, and even now a distinctive cognizance double traverse cross, known as the Cross of Lorraine, forms part of the armorial bearings of no less than 163 noble families. And several military units engaged in the war just ended adopted the cross as an emblem. These units include, besides the Lorraine Detachment of the French Army, the 79th Division.

"The double traverse cross came to have its association with Lorraine in 1477 after Rene II, reigning head of the Duchy of Lorraine, had defeated Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, at the Battle of Nancy. Rene was of the house of Anjou and the emblem had been known as the Cross of Anjou to earlier members of the house.

"The battle of Nancy was not only the greatest event in the history of Lorraine, but one of the most momentous in the history of France and even of Europe, although, perhaps, the whole scope of its effects has not been brought out adequately by historians. If Burgundy alone was defeated, three parties benefited by the victory, namely: Switzerland, for whom it meant final acquisition of independence; the King of France and the Duke of Lorraine. The disappearance of Charles the Bold ensured at one stroke the unity of France, which it rid of the last ever powerful vassal, and the independence of Lorraine. No doubt Louis XI would rather have been the only profiteer by the death of his rival. No doubt, also, he meant to get hold of Lorraine, and, as the event proved, laid hands shortly afterwards on the Duchy of Bar and tried to prevent Rene II from coming into this comparatively small portion of Rene of Anjou's inheritance. But his wily plans were foiled by the very fact that, whatever his motives, he had made a show of fostering and supporting the Lorrainer against the Burgundian. Had Lorraine

become a part of Charles the Bold's dominions, even the mighty House of Austria would have been unable to keep it independent from France; Henry II's efforts would have been exerted against Lorraine, and Lorraine it is that France would have occupied at the same time as the three bishoprics, Toul, Metz and Verdun and before Alsace. France's influence made itself felt in the Duchy as early as 1553, but annexation was put off until 1766.

"Considering the importance of the battle of Nancy in the eyes of the Lorrainers, the historical value of the badge worn by their victorious ancestors at that famous fight is easily understood.

"That badge was a double traverse cross. We have Duke Rene II's own word for it. In the account of operation and conduct of the battle of Nancy dictated by the Duke himself to his secretary Joannes Lud, we read: 'And I had on my harness a robe of gold cloth, and the armor of my horse was also covered with gold cloth trappings, and on the said robe and trappings were three white double traverse crosses.'

"The reason why Rene II adopted the badge is apparent. The Burgundian badge was the St. Andrew Cross. To differentiate his men from their opponents, Rene II naturally thought of the conspicuously distinct double-traverse cross his grandfather, Rene I, had brought over from Anjou and made so much of.

"In another account of the battle, to be found in the Chronicle of Lorraine, written at very nearly the same time, the following passage occurs relating to the period of the fight when Campo Basso and his mercenaries went over from the Burgundian to the Lorrainer side. 'They all tore off their St. Andrew crosses and put on the Jerusalem one, which Duke Rene was wearing.'

"The Jerusalem Cross obviously is a misnomer, as proven by the context, the very next sentence of which reads: 'And many of the Nancelians, sallying from their city to take part in the pillage of the Bold One's camp, were in great danger of being slaughtered by the Swiss and by their own countrymen because they had not the double traverse cross on them.' Again in several other passages the cross is specifically described as a double traverse cross.

"Curiously enough, the misnomer has not been made out by many of the writers and artists who have described or depicted the battle where Charles the Bold met his fate. In Mr. Pfister's exhaustive history of Nancy, for instance, a plate is reproduced from the Nancelid, an epic on the subject of the great fight, and on that plate Rene II is portrayed wearing a number of Jeru-

salem crosses on his robes and horse trappings.

"The two above quoted documents, the Duke's own statement and the iterative mention in the Chronicle of Lorraine put it beyond question that the crosses worn by Rene II and his men were the double traverse cross he had got from his grandfather.

"January 5, 1477, was the birthday of the Cross of Lorraine. From that day, ceasing to be merely reminiscent of Anjou, the double traverse cross became the Lorraine national emblem.

"Since this was in 1870-71, which resulted in the annexation of part of Lorraine to Germany, a significant use has been made of the old cross. Shortly after the signature of the Treaty of Frankfurt, a meeting of the inhabitants of Metz was held on Sion Hill, which Academician Barres calls, in one of his books, 'Inspiration Hill.' As a result of the meeting, a marble monument was erected, having carved on it a broken Lorraine Cross. An inscription in local dialect was added reading 'C' name po tojo.' 'Twill not be forever.'

"Some of these days, now the whole of Lorraine is French again, another immense meeting probably will be held on Sion Hill to celebrate the fact that the prophecy has come true.

"And the American soldiers who have helped in making it come true, especially members of the 79th Division, will, when they hear of the celebration across the water, look at the old badge they have been privileged to wear and think of the memories associated with it."

June 12, 1919

The Emergency Aid Aides Demobilize Notable Event Staged At Lindenhurst Grounds

A notable event was held on Wednesday, June 3, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on the grounds of Lindenhurst, the country estate of John Wanamaker, when the Emergency Aid aides were demobilized.

The ceremonies were simple and impressive. The Executive Committee of the Emergency Aid and a few additional guests sat on the marble porch, which also served as the stage. In front a few hundred chairs for the invited guests, who included the parents and friends of the Emergency Aid aides. The committee highly complimented the young women who had been volunteer-workers during the World War and said that their efficient work had not only been of benefit to the Nation, but was also of international importance. They further said that the Emergency Aid aides in their uniforms of blue and red and jaunty little caps would be very much missed in public places.

The aides gave an exhibition drill and were reviewed by General William G. Price, who recently returned with the Iron Division. The General presented the City Branch of the Aides with their colors. Also as Captain Cranage (the drillmaster of all the aides) called each officer's name she stepped forward and General Price individually congratulated her and presented their commissions.

The officers of the Falls of Schuylkill Branch who received their commissions were:

Major, Mrs. Dobson Altemus; Adjutant, Elizabeth V. Kelly; Lieutenant Quartermaster, Alice Meurs; Captain, Grace Stamm, Company A; First Lieutenant, Mae Ryan; Second Lieutenant, Mary Denton; Captain, Mac Burns, Company B; First Lieutenant, Mae Ward; Second Lieutenant, Ethel Edwards.

MILLY TERRY.

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Honor Roll Desecrated

Rowdies Destroy World War Marker at East Falls.— Men Whose Names Ap- peared on List Are Sus- pected of Outrage.

Indignation is being expressed by residents of East Falls over the destruction on Armistice Day, of the World War Honor Roll, at the rear of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company, at Ridge and Midvale avenues.

The Roll, which is constructed of wood, with a glass front, in which reposed a printed list of 577 names of those who served in the Government service, during 1917-1918, was first broken open and three of the names cut out with a penknife. Evidently, the perpetrators, believing that the removal of these names, might give a clew to their identity, returned the following night and destroyed the entire list.

The persons who committed this act of vandalism are believed to be ex-service men, who feeling that the Nation in which they were born, owes them a living for the services they rendered in the late war have "gone Bolshevik."

The grateful people of the community, and Nation, have not, and will not forget the actions of these boys in wartime, but feats, such as the defacement of this memorial, does not help their condition any.

Fortunately the names were copied from the list but a week or two ago, and can be replaced. The Roll is not the property of any one individual whose name appears upon it, but belongs to the community as a whole, and it does not reflect to the credit of anyone's patriotism to want to demolish it.

Several years ago, when it became necessary to find a permanent site for the Honor Roll, the officials of the Manayunk National Bank, which has since become the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company, offered to take care of the memorial until a more fitting marker could be erected. These officials generously offer to bear the expense of the replacements, which are needed, but if the perpetrators are apprehended by the police who are now investigating the affair, the rowdies will be prosecuted without compunction.

A liberal reward is offered for any information leading up to the arrest of the culprits, whose evident lack of patriotism was responsible for the outrage.

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Falls of Schuylkill World War Veterans: Listed on the Honor Roll,
at the rear of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company's
Building, at Ridge and Midvale Avenues. *(Moved in 1940 to
Henry + Midvale Ave)*

Auer, Edward	Brennan, James	Cunningham, Francis
Archie, Patrick,	Boyd, James A.	Campbell, Edward
Archie, Joseph	Bilboa, Leo	Carruthers, Hilbert
Atkinson, Albert	Basal, Guy	Coe, Joseph F.
Abraham, Walter	Burke, Elmer J.	Cassidy, John J.
Armitage, John E.	Burke, Winifred G. (Nurse)	Cullen, Edw. J.
Anderson, George M.	Buckkiet, John A.	Crawford, James
Adams, Robert	Burke, John A.	Cashman, John B.
Ahern, Thomas	Burke, John	Cassidy, Thomas J.
Allison, Edward	Byrnes, James J.	Culling, Robert W.
Allison, J. H.	Buckland, William J.	Clemson, Benjamin
Adelman, William F.	Brown, Joseph C.	Casey, James
	Beaver, Ervin J.	Coll, Dr. Chas A.
Burke, Thomas	Blackett, Herbert L.	Callison, James A
Barker, Joseph W.	Boardman, William	Catterson, John
Braun, Francis B.	Bramman, Ernest	Cassidy, Hugh
B eatty. Terence A.	Buckley, Edward	Clayton, Elwood
Bojand, William J.	Bonner, Rev. John J.	Clarke, Patrick
Broderick, Martin,	Byers, John	Coleman, Frank J.
Barlow, William	Becker, Harry	Cone, William J.
Baxter, George	Bonoma, Patrick	Clarey Edward C.
Bradley, John A.	Brill, John J.	Clancy, James C.
Benjamin, Wynnefield	Basal, Edward (Killed)	Cannon, Thomas A.
Budette, Jean	Brunett, Theodore	Casenga, Guiseppi
Bates, George		Costello, Paul W.
Brown, Frank S.	Crooks, Ivan	Clough, Norman
Brennan, John	Cox, Charles	Cope, Thomas F.

Cannon, James J.	Denby, Horatio	Entwistle, Albert
Clancy, Joseph	Dorsey, William P.	Edward, Calvin
Crawford, Edward	Duncan, Jeremiah, W.	Eastburn, Albert W.
Connelly, William F.	Duffy, William	Earnshaw, William W.
Chadwick, John	Duffy, Matthew	Edmunds, Garfield
Chadwick, William	Dempsey, James	Ellis, Charles
Carton, James	Dixon, Joseph	Edwards, James W.
Cavanaugh, Raymond A.	Dawies, Alvin E.	Erney, Bernard W.
Cococcia, Benjamin	Dailey, William	Elwell, Charles
Connison, William	Dailey, W. M. Owen	Filoon, Charles A
Casey, Joseph P.	Digman, John	Foy, Francis
Cecela, Joseph	Dorsey, Elmer	Fox, Walter
Calhoun, William J.	Doyle, Joseph A	Flanagan, Francis
Crawley, Edward	Dugan, James	Fiedler, Raymond
Cullings, Charles	Davis, W. P.	Farrell, James
Carr, Charles	Denton Elmer J.	Farrell, Edward J.J.
Carr, John	Donohue, William P.	Fitzgerald, Louis
Cattadina, Guido	Day, George	Faulkner, Robert B.
Collins, John	Dempsey, James F.	Flanagan, John P.
Cullen, John	Donohue, Thomas	Flaherty, William
Cunningham, Burke	Dawson, Ernest	Fitzgerald, Edward
Clark, Thomas	Donohue, Joseph	Fitzgerald, Francis
Creua, Carmine	Donbhue, Francis	Fitzgerald, James P.
Clarke, Russell	Dixon, William	Filoon, Peter
Causey, Joseph W.	Davis, James, W.	Foy, Joseph
Cunningham, James B.	Downing, William F.	Fitzpatrick, Michael
Cassidy, Michael J.	Di Michael, Caprielle	Foley, James J.
	Delancio, Leo	Flanagan, Charles
Duncan, Howard	Dutt, Andres	Flanagan, Louis A.
Boherty, Thomas	Entwistle, Harold	Fiedler, Cyril

Feasel, Jack L.	Gear, Edward J.	Hutchison, John D. Jr.,
Fallon, Peter J.	Grèig, William R.	Haley, Patrick
Farrell, James L.	Gaughan, John A.	Halstead, John W.
Firth, William H.	Gutsche, August	Harrop, Cameron
Foster, Wesley	Gordon, Vincent J.	Hampshire, Claude S.
Finley, Norman	Goodman, Willia,	Holmes, Irvin
Fitzgerald, Michael	Gojden, James	Hollingsworth, W.M.
Feely, Walter	Gallagher, Martin	Healy, James J.
Feely, Francis	Gallagher, Thomas	Hampton, Herbert E.
	Gallagher, James P.	Hart, James
Gutsche, Walter	Golden, Francis D.	Haron, James
Garrett, Norman	Golden, Herbert A	Haron, John
Greenwood, John	Grady, David J.	Haron, Thomas
Gallagher, John J.	Grady, Charles L.	Hoyle, James
Gray, George, C.	Grill, David A.	Hunt, Cleveland
Gormley, John A.	Gillen, James J.	Hardwick, William
Golden, Thomas	Greenrod, Ervin S.	Harmon, Charles
Gillice, Francis R.	Greenwood, John	Harris, Clifford J.
Gillice, John	Ghee, John J.	Hannon, Michael
Gillen, Alexander		Higgins, Harold
Grady, Joseph V.	Hardwick, Joseph	Hohenadel, Thomas
Galpe, Bernard.	Hardcastle, Reginald	Hoch, Linwood S.
Gilmore, Ralph	Hardcastle, Leslie	Hurley, Joseph E.
Galaffi, Francesco	Hannon, Chris.	
Gehring, John	Hess, Harry	Ickler, Harry L.
Grill, Ruby	Hoyle, Harry C.	
Gaughan, Michael	Howarth, James W.	Jones, Edward R.
Gilliam, Roy L.	Hoffman, Raymond	Jones, Thomas C
Gallagher, Edwin J.	Havard, George F.	Jones, Harry J.
Grady, John A.	Havard, J. Howard	Janke, John
Grady, William J.	Harbach, Harry C.	Jordan, John p.

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Janke, Albert	Lyons, Joseph A.	McKeever, Thomas
Jaggers, Benjamin	Lyons, Charles A.	McIntyre, James F. Jr.
Jenkins, A. Sidney	Lyons, James F.	McDevitt, Bernard W.
Jordan, Leo	Leach, James	McFadden, Charles
Keen, Albert	Leach, William	McDevitt, Joseph A.
King, Charles J.	Lutz, Edwin,	McHale, Martin
King, John W.	Langan, William	McGlynn, John J.
King, Richard E.	Langan, George	McHugh, Henry
Kennedy, Charles	Lally, Francis P.	McLaughlin, Michael T.
Kendall, William	Lawler, Aloysius P.C.	McQuade, Patrick
Knott, Edward	Lawson, David G.	McStravick, John
Kelly, John B. (#1)	Land, Maurice J.	McEnery, James J.
Kelly, John B. (#2)	Lash, Margaretta (Nurse)	McHale, James W. Jr.,
Kelly, Thomas J.	Loffelhardt, Coligny	McHenry, Cornelius J.
Kelley, James F.	Longs, James	McAndrew, Joseph P.
Kelly, James Anthony	Laughlin, Martin	McCleary, Henry S.
Kelly, Philip	Laughlin, James	McIlvaine, Edward
Kline, Elmer	Lally, John	McIlvaine, James C.
Kohn, Herman A. Jr.	Lister, Raymond	McBride, Francis
Kane, Richard J.	Ludley, George	McHale, Thomas
Kilroy, Anthony	Lutz, W. Fred	McClennan, W. A.
Kemp, Charles	Laughlin, Joseph	McDowell, Bernard
Kinshiner, William	Lynch, James M.	McAndrews, James J.
Kelly, Thomas (#1)	Lupinne, Franco	McLaughlin, Thomas P.
Kelly, Thomas (#2)	Lyons, Thomas	McAvoy, William
Know, Albert	Lawrence, Thomas	
Kane, Edward L.	Lightowler, Albert	Mitchell, Fred W.
Kelly, Edward J.	Lewis, M. B.	Moorehead, Hamilton
Kelly, James		MacKenzie, William
Knowles, Harry D.	McKee, Elwood J.	MacKenzie, Donald,
Kelly, Charles	McMaster, Arthur T.	Morris, Edward

Miller, Wilson B.

Medd, Howard,

Maguire, Hugh T.

Mullen, James J.

Mulligan, Cornelius

Maguire, James J.

Maguire, Edward

Manghan, Harold L.

Maloney, Frank

Murphy, William B.

Murphy, Thomas A.

MacKay, James

Manley, Mrs. Martha W. (Nurse)

Marino, Michael

Mower, Jacob

Mulligan, James

Myers, Charles

Mantell, Benj.

Mantell, Joseph

Moorehead, William

Markey, George

Michael, Bernard

Maguire, Hugh

Maguire, John F.

Morrow, Harry

Mott, Frank

Miles, Michael J.

Mainwaring, William

Montgomery, Thomas W.

Montalte, Dominick.

Massey, Robert

Modrone, Raymond

Miller, William J.

Maguire, Joseph

Morrison, Arley R.

Noll, Irvin

Neely, Lynnfield

Noll, Jacob A.

Nuskey, Edward

Nagle, William E.

Nagle, Vincent

Noll, John J.

Norton, James F?

Nixon, Herbert

Nease, Joseph

Newsome, William S.

Newsome, John R.

Oakford, Rev. Walter E.

Okler, William

O'malley, Martin

O'Donnell, Bernard J.

O'Donnell, John J.

O'Hara, James

Pinyard, Maurice

Phy, Harry

Pierce, Raymond

Pickels, John

Phillips, William

Patriz, Armento

Prendergast, James

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Pinyard, Sylvester	Roessling, Bernhard E.	Sowden, Charles
Padulese, Joseph	Rawnsley, Joseph	Shaw, Ewald
Padden, Charles	Rimmer, Joseph	Shaw, Arthur
Purcell, C. Emmett	Robinson, Alfred	Shaw, Charles
Purcell, William F.	Reardon, Timothy	Sykes, William
Pearson, John	Rawley, Michael	Scalvino, Domino
Pearson, George	Raffel, George	Stead, Walter
Pearson, William	Rosso, John	Shirley, William
Pickard, Joseph	Roberst, James	Schleyer, Frederick
Padden, Thomas	Rath, George	Schofield, Wilfred
Pyrah, George W.	Rowe, Thomas Jr.	Sadler, Martin A
Priceturo, Salvatori	Roach, Vincent R.	Sawyer, Richard
Presti, Guiseppi	Rafferty, Charles	Schneller, Carl
Percy, Robert	Ransford, William R.	Shingle, Elmer A.
Piccolo, Dominick	Ragan, George	Schwartz, Raymond
Parto, Joseph	Ruch, Harry	Schwartz, Charles
Powers, Michael	Rowe, John	Schwartz, John
Peters, Alexander	Riddiough, Herbert	Starrett, Sherman C.
Potenza, Louis	Reardon, E. Leo	Starrett, Alexander
Pincituro, Joseph	Riley, Philip	Sherlock, Hamilton W
	Ransbottom, Wm. L.	Smith, Stanley
Rabbitt, Thomas	Rau, Robert J.	Smith, George
Ryan, James S.	Reigrab, Leonard	Smith, Roy W.
Ryan, Francis J.	Rongton, Joseph	Smith, Herbert Herbert
Ryan, Timothy	Rogan, Charles	Shortall, Ralph
Ryan, Edward	Richardson, Raymond	Shortall, Joseph
Ryan, Alfred	Reutter, Samuel T.	Shortall, William
Ryan, Michael	Ryan, Timothy	Singer, Charles
Ross, Ashton F.		Singer, Edward
Roney, Frank J.	Samanns, Joseph L.	Singer Albert
Rittenhouse, Albert	Sullivan, Francis J.	Sockon, Alexander

Stanley, John D.	Veasey, Francis	Ward, Joseph A. 119
Sette, Domino	Vendetta, John	Ward, William R
Stafford, Joseph	Vendetti, Patrick	Ward, Hugh F
Sturgis, Lemuel		Ward, Francis
Speece, Joseph A.		Woolley, Heyman
Summerscale, Joseph	Watson, Thomas	Webster, Harold
Simpson, Arthur	Walsh, Fenton	Wilcox, Charles
Smithinger, Sylvester	Walsh, Martin	Wilcox, Juilius
Schofield, James	Walker, Sydney	Wheeler, Domsler
Sadler, Daniel	Wilkoioski, Peter	Whalen, Patrick
Stehle, Frederick	Whitehead, Charles	Weer, Harold A.
Shronk, Leoy	Whitehead, William	Whartenby, James
Storer, Mattland	Whiston, Thomas	
Stamm, Carl	Warwick, Thomas	
Seasholes, Linnel	Weiss, Solomon	Young, Joseph
Sobel, John	Werner, John H.	Young, James
Sloan, Joseph	Walker, Benjamin	
Sudell, William	White, Maurice,	
Spencer, Reginald	White, J. M.	
Snowden, Granville	Williams, Joseph A F.	
	Wood, James	
Treve than, Robert	Winder, Williams	
Turner, Arthur	Worthington, Thomas	
Tyrell, Joseph	Welsh, Joseph F.	
Taylor, Jack	West, Frank	
Turner, Jack	West, Harry	
Turner, Robert	Weer. W. Frank	
Tompkins, Edward	Ward, Ralph	
Turner, William	Ward. Norman	
Tezzano, Leonardo	Wyatt, Robert W.	
Tane, Tony	Warrington, Harold	
Travis, Michael B.	Walker, Grace D. (Red Cross)	