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NEWSY TIDINGS FROM OUR BOYS

The "News" Will Be Glad To Mention Any Items of Interest You May Send About Your Soldier Lad

The casualty lists of Monday contained the name of Private Carl Warner, of Betterton, who had been severely wounded in action in France.

Private Charles Ford, of Camp Sherman, Ohio, has been honorably discharged from military service and has returned to his home here. He was in a gas plant in Ohio where the life was equal to that of a prison.

The casualty lists of Friday contained the name of Private Elwood D. Moore, Millington, who had been slightly wounded in action in France.

Private Norman E. Peterson, who has been encamped at Anniston, Ala., for the past fifteen months was mustered out of service last week and returned home on Friday last.

Donald Stam has been mustered out of the army and is now the guest of his mother in Chestertown. He was in the chemical department and was stationed in Washington, D. C.

Captain J. Thomas Kibler is now stationed near Coblenz, Germany, with the American Army of Occupation. He will not, as a consequence, be home for some time.

One day last week M. A. Toulson received a letter from his son, Lieut. Dr. W. Houston Toulson, in which he stated that he had seen the homes of Victor Hugo, Catherine de Medica and Joan Of Arc. "I have been on two of the greatest battlefields of the war, Verdun and Ypress. We are ordered to Germany with the 3rd Army, A. E. F. and will be somewhere on the Rhine probably Coblentz. Anyhow I will write you when we move."

Seaman Edward O. Erickson has received honorable discharge from the Naval Reserves at Norfolk and spent last week with his wife at Rock Hall. He went to Baltimore on Thursday and may visit his mother in California before seeking civilian employment.

William H. Elliott, of the Peerless Fertilizer Company, recently received a very interesting letter from Corp. R. H. Legg, formerly railroad agent at Chestertown. Corp. Legg made several attempts to enlist in the U. S. Army but was turned down because of some slight physical refect. He later entered the Canadian army, serving the Signal Corps and is now on his way to Siberia.

L. A. Pennington received the following letter from his son:

Theirville, France, Nov. 25, 1918

Dear Father:

I understand the censoring of our mail is lifted and we can tell you where we are at present time. Theirville is just outside of Verdun walls and some place it is to believe me. If you remenber when we took Montfaucon. I with several other trucks went in there just 9 hours after the Germans had been run out and believe me they made it hot for us with shell fire for six days.. Our division was then ordered out and transferred to another front the St. Miehl and Metz, this was not so bad for us. But when we were sent to the Verdun front it proved to be hell on earth.

Speaking of Mountfaucon that was on Argonne and in the Argonne woods. Indeed I think I have seen a little bit of it all now and you know I have seen enough of it. The first thing, the devils bombed us out of the woods so then we went to another in which we were shelled so we decided to move before we got a raise for staying there and believe me those big shells G. I. cans, as we call them sure can raise you if they come your way.

I guess I am a little ahead of my story so I will start again, in the first place, we left Camp July 14th at 7.05 o'clock for Philadelphia, but when we left we did not know to what port we were off to. We sailed at 6.30 o'clock after four days we arrived in Halifax, laid over two days. We sailed again and after 17 days all together, we arrived in Liverpool, England; we stayed there about six days then boarded a ship for France. We landed next morning in Li Havere, but talk about some time, we had it on that ship coming over, and of course, we had to sink two of Fritziess subs, which caused quite a little excitement at first, afterwards we considered it a joke, but to be sure it was no joke because they might have sunk us as well, had our officers not of known their business.

I will drop war news now and tell you the rest when I see you which I hope will be soon. As to my health I have a bad cold; I had a touch of the "flu," but soon got rid of it and I sure considered myself lucky. How is business coming on? Hope things are going nicely. You can't guess what I weigh now, just 177 pounds, in plain uniform. I guess my misplaced eyebrow must make the difference. I hardly know myself. So you see Uncle Sam takes good care of his boys and gives them plenty to eat.

I was talking to a German prisoner one day, he said he lived in America 17 years and came back to settle up some estate and they caught him in the war. It sure is some sight upon the fronts, towns just mowed down to the earth, one after the other.

Give my best regards to everybody and tell them to write as I could read a letter from home every day. With love to all, kiss mother for me. Your loving son,

CORP. GEO. G. PENNINGTON.

OCEAN ESCORT WORK

By HUGH SMITH.

Hugh Smith, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Parrott, writes of his life on board ofthe U. S. Steamship Seneca. The letter is dated Gibraltar, Spain, Nov. 26, 1918, as follows:

There is no more censoring of mails so I shall give you just an idea of what we have done. The details I will tell when I come home which shall not be long before our orders shall come but nothing sure yet. We have convoyed ever since we struck this side acting a "Ocean Escort" of an entire convoy. Convoyed 553 ships in 14 months on long voyages from 1000 to 1600 mile trips with the loss of 3 ships by torpedo having been attacked 14 times. Of these 3 ships we rescued 143 lives and fought the enemy at the same time with the luck of sinking 3 subs and damaging others. Had many narrow escapes from torpedoes ourselves. In these 14 months we averaged 5 days a month in port some times only stopping 20 hours for coal and food then off again for another 10 or 15 days.

Ports visited were Ponta Delgarda Azores, Gibraltar is our base. Were in Tunis, Bezerta, Algiers and Tangers, Africa, Pembroke Dock, Milford Haven, Temby Swansea, Cardiff and Bristol, South Wales, Plymouth, Falmouth, Exeter, Torqua and London, England and Brest France. Have a record over all the ships of the Patrol Squadron No. 2. During the 14 engagements with the enemy we lost 11 of our shipmates who met death as brave as any one in the war. The way they died is a great honor to the people and country and shows the spirit the Americans have put into winning this war.

I have been recommended for another promotion to the rank of Warrent Officer as gunner. Passed my physical examination and now waiting orders and the approval of the Department at Washington for the promotion to finish the other examinations.

I have put my shoulder to the wheel and worked hard for the interest of our country ever since we entered war not to speak of pre-war times and still trying to do my best with everything.

I am awfully sorry to know you all were down with the flu but glad to know all are safe and well again. As for myself I'm always the same.

Remember me to all I know in Chestertown and wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. With love to all, I remain your devoted nephew.

HUGH.

MILLINGTON

Capt. J. Paul Jacobs, of Camp Eustis, Va., First Officer Gladys Jacobs, of the Naval Home, Philadelphia, and William Jacobs, of Ossing, N. Y., were guests this week of ther mother, Mrs. Mary Jacobs.

Miss Katherine Dudley, of Baltimore, and Miss Rose Comegys, visited the latter's father, Dr. N. Comegys, this week.

Miss Elva Reese, of Washington, spent the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, of Hagerstown, were guests this week of relatives in town.

Miss Mary Numbers, of the Clarke School, Northampton, Mass., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Eugene Mitchell, of Oxford, Md., visited his brother, Rev. J. M. Mitchell last week.

Mrs. Frank Lambert, Jr., and little daughter, Phyllis, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall.

W. I. Jarvis moved last Monday Monday from the Newnam house on South Sassafras street into the Tonkin house on W. Cypress street, recently vacated by Albert Ogden.

D. B. Ford and family, of Chestertown, and Miss Ruby Ahern, of Aberdeen, Md., spent last Wednesday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. Annie S. Price is visiting relatives at Delaware City.

Mrs. Marry A. Hibbard returned home last Tuesday after spending several weeks at West Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Radnor, of Wilmington, were guests this week of thir parents, in town.

Mrs. Norman Higman and little son, Norman, of near town, spent a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Cox, near Barclay.

Flying Cadet J. C. Numbers, who has been stationed at Southern Field, Americus, Ga., has been honorably discharged from the service and is at home.

Miss Ethel Burris, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burris, near town, last Wednesday.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Eva C. Jewell spent Xmas holidays with her parents.

Albert Godwin and mother spent Christmas Day with Mrs. E. T. Othoson.

Mrs. T. E. W. Crew, of Washington is spending sometime with Miss Lulu VanDyke.

Mrs. Emma Willis is spending sometime with Mrs. R. A. Kennedy.

"Rumor" says two weddings soon. Guess who?

Ladies Aid met at the parsonage Friday evening. This being the last meeting of the year they left the preacher's larder well filled.

ROCK HALL

The weatherman's efforts on Tuesday to crush the Xmas cheer proved unavailing. Everybody nearly went about their preparations for Christmas with vimfull smiles and cheer as a result. Christmas Day was bright and people here about were happy with good cheer a plenty, of course a few were under the ban of illness and sorrow because of recent deaths, but even these were prone to be cheerful and thankful as they were remembered by others ministering unto them. The day was quietly observed. Of course the youngsters had their fun and racket.

The merchants who prepared for the Xmas holiday report satisfactory returns.

The stork has been doing a rush in this section recently, quite a number of new arrivals having been added to our population.

The oyster industry which has been laging so long this season has again come unto its own. Anywhere from 50 to 100 bushels a day to the crew is the daily catch at 25 cents per bushel.

The fishing business has been hampered by the mild weather of the past two weeks. The prices are high up, as a consequence, Capt. Elburn, while puting down a few nets some days ago lifted out four small bunches of fish, which he would have gladly taken five dollars for. He offered them for sale and was exceedingly surprised when a check for more than $11 was handed him for the four bunches.

Fishermen are taking risky chances now by staking their rigs down for the winters fishing in the bay. They are working on motto "No Risk, No Gain."

Alex. Taylor has just received an interesting letter from his son, John W. Taylor, a doughboy now in France. This is the fourth letter written to the father since the boy went over seas and the only one received. John says the Hun cannons and machine guns have come pretty near getting him, but is still untouched.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America are agitating the propriety of arranging a greeting entertainment for the home coming of our soldier boys. Why not make this a general effort by all organizations of lower Kent? It's a fine idea, let all secret benevolent orders, churches and business concerns join in the effort.

Frank Ayres and James Jones, of Baltimore, were week-end visitors among relatives here.

Nicholas Drear who has been quite ill for several weeks is somewhat better at this writing.

Messrs. Editors, the year 1919 brings to you and yours 8,760 hours and 526,200 minutes of opportunity, and as you endeavor to search its recesses to ascertain what is held in its store house for you. It is our hope that it will far exceed in its richness fo intellect, association and business, the days, hours and minutes of 1918. Therefore we extend to you our greeting and sincere wishes for a prosperous and happy year, yours truly.

THAT ROLL OF HONOR

We are glad the readers of the News are coming to our help in getting a complete roll of Kent's honored boys. We add the following:

POMONA—

Earle Rudolph Stauffer.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAILS

The total number of sacks, lock pouches and outside parcels post packages handled at the Chestertown postoffice during the Christmas rush from December 18th to 24th inclusive, was 1,221. There were 423 outgoing sacks 345 incoming sacks, 196 lock pouches, 188outgoing outside packages and 69 incoming packages. This is the heaviest mail in one week in the history of th Chestertown postoffice, and was handled by the office force in a most creditable manner.

**George T. Satterfield has sold his 151 acre farm situated between Dover and Lepsic and known as the Slaughter farm to William Richards, of Oklahoma for $7,300. Mr. Satterfield will sell his live stock and farming utensils and move to Smyrna, where he will again begin training race horses. —Dover Index.

Cattle Buying for Swift & Company

Swift & Company buys more than 9000 head of cattle, on an average, every market day.

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Double Blankets, $2.50 to $16 pr.
Quilts, $3.25 to $18.00 each.
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Special Sale Dress Goods

79c Yard

To reduce our large stock of Dress Goods, we will place on tables for special sale next week Woolen Goods, 36 in. wide, 79c yd. These materials were left over fromlast winter and the same values in new purchases are selling at $1.35 to $1.75 yd.

These will be money-savers for you and it will pay you to make a special trip to the store.

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