

OFFICER SLAIN AS HE KILLS GERMAN AND SAVES DRIVER

Story of Shell Hole Battle Solves Mystery of Col. Bolling's Death ST. QUENTIN ROAD TRAGEDY

Chauffeur Back from German Prison Tells How Superior Sacrificed Self in Pistol Fight

For nine months a shell hole on the old Somme battlefield, a sunken grave by the side of the St. Quentin road, has held the body of an unheralded American hero, a colonel in the Air Service who rode out on a morning in late March last year toward the oncoming Germans and never came back.

A single American grave standing by a roadside in a region that is one vast graveyard of British and German soldiers marks the place where Col. R. C. Bolling gave his life in an arm's length pistol fight with two German officers in order to save his chauffeur, unarmed, might not be slain.

The hidden story of Colonel Bolling's heroism was not told until a few weeks ago when his chauffeur, Pvt. Pauline, who had been attached to the British, back from a German prison camp, described the tragedy of the St. Quentin roadside.

It was only ten days after the starting of the great German drive in March over the Somme battlefield that Colonel Bolling, in a private and a machine gun, driving from Amiens, found that their unit, which was attached to the British, was being driven back by the German tanks and the sound of the artillery up ahead told of the nearer menace of the Germans.

Three hundred yards from the place where we talked to the British officers was a new German machine gun, Pvt. Pauline says in his official statement of what happened. "The Germans opened fire upon us from both sides and I was hit in the chest and it was very, very warm."

"I tried to turn the car, but the machine guns were only 150 feet from us and their fire quickly put the engine out of commission. Colonel Bolling ordered me to jump out of the car into a shell hole. The colonel jumped into another shell hole near me. A ditch connected the two shell holes, so I could see him at the time. For 15 minutes the Germans played their machine guns at intervals on the auto and at the tops of the shell holes. Then they stopped firing and two German officers walked toward the shell hole where I was lying.

"I was unarmed and I was shot at twice by the German officers as I lay in the shell hole. As they fired, Colonel Bolling fired at them with his revolver, killing one. He himself was killed by the return fire of the other officer. He was struck through the heart and received a second bullet through the head.

"I lay there for 30 minutes, the German patrol passing on. Then five German soldiers came and pretended to be dead. When I found I was not dead they marched me back behind the German lines."

G.H.Q. APPROVES SIX MARKINGS Continued from Page 1 worn in the United States, or whether they will have to go the way of the Sam Browne belt, is still a moot question, according to latest advices from G.H.Q. Newspaper reports from the Staff indicate that homecoming troops are wearing them.

Just Like Staff Officer G.H.Q.'s insignia is a circle two and one-half inches in diameter, divided into three equal sections of equal width, and red, white and blue from top to bottom. Its material is greenish ribbon. The blue underlying it is said to have been derived from the red, white and blue striped armband worn by staff officers when visiting the front.

A.E.F. MUSEMENTS

There is just a week and a day left before time will be called in the contest for the best and most singable lyrics to be written by the song-writers of the A.E.F. All entries for the 500 franc and 250 franc prizes must reach the judges before February 15—addressed to the Lyric Contest Editor, THE STARS AND STRIPES, American E.F.

On February 11, the day when the men of the 51st Division will blossom forth with their first service stripes, they will also produce their first divisional show, "The Wild Cats" which will have its first-night at Missy. This production has the distinction of being an all-amateur cast, for when it was organized, the committee in charge put up a sign saying that all soldiers with professional stage experience need not apply. Can any other divisional show say the same?

"The Rainbow Revue," which, of course, is the show put on by the 51st Division, has a real Salome dance in it, with the naughty lady impersonated by William A. Dole of Kansas City and the 17th Signal Corps. The rainbow is supposed to have colors, so there is really no reason why it should not have a dash of lavender.

In the space of a single week, the Lightning Division, scattered over the Dounges, Douglas, saw no less than 41 shows, nine movies, 19 band concerts and 14 miscellaneous entertainments in the way of boxing tournaments, athletic meets and lectures. Can anyone beat this record?

Among the new song hits, not only sung in the A.E.F. but composed there, mention must be made of "Duck for the Dugout," "The Soldier's Song" and "The Fleevie" during two weeks when that remnant of France was under bombardment. It is the sensation of "Toot Sweet," the 52nd Division show.

It is apparently the ambition of every show in the A.E.F. to play in Paris at once—although there are not enough theaters or enough money in Paris to accommodate all hundred part of them. Furthermore, taking shows to Paris is like taking coals to Newcastle or cabbage to Coblenz. Therefore, it has just been decided by the 51st Division that no shows can play Paris till they have played fully everywhere.

It is further evident from the latest Entertainment Bulletin to emerge from G.H.Q. that the army must first exhaust its possibilities of service in that area before it can expect to take to the road for further conquest. This further warning is given: "A unit which is intended to send on an extended tour should be as small as possible, in general not exceeding 20 men, and should be so organized that it can be broken up into two or three smaller units, each able to give an evening's entertainment."

Professional actors in the service assembled this week at Toul, Chaumont and Paris, where the directors of the Overseas Theater League are looking them over to make up a cast for "Believe Me, Xanthippe."

Sounds of applause heard in the vicinity of Riboucourt and Bonnet, where the 52nd Infantry hangs out, can be traced to the fact that there is a show on every night in each town. Each town once a week has a "Literary Night," but on the same night they have a boxing-match in the adjoining village to keep the regiment from becoming too cultured.

When the 59th Division was still in Camp Funston, before it had become famous in the Argonne or even so much as heard of the darned place, the 314th Sanitary Train had a minstrel show which was a mild sensation in the Western States. The performers little dreamed then that within a year they would be touring Germany, yet so it has come to pass. Pvt. F. G. McGee, one of the minstrel boys of the train that pulled "noir visage" comedy in Germany is a pain-

ful process, because, in order to make up, the minstrel really have to use burnt cork. "If any one happens to have any prepared cork," he says, "they will give it to me. I can make six men awfully happy and save six beautiful complements by sending it to the undersigned, because Germany seems to have known just about as much about a black-face comedian as she did about warfare."

Listen to the story that lies behind the Montfaucon Minstrel, a Soldier Show that is full to the brim of Jazz. The reports of its success are echoing from one end of the A.E.F. to the other. The story tells of an outfit called the 52nd Pioneer Infantry, which came over in August with its heart set upon High Glee. But when it got into the tail end of September it was ordered with Picket and Shovels instead of the Light Brownings allowed to it in its Allowance Tables. So it was ordered to shove its way up through Montfaucon and Buzancy to Steunoy. Then it celebrated the armistice and the holidays by marching Beauparc Kilometers and taking up Chaumont on behalf of the Movement for the Improvement of French Highways.

It was under fire all the time from September 20 to November 11 and was cited in Orders for its Work and for the Manner in which "the officers and men of the regiment have fearlessly exposed themselves to the fire of the enemy."

TRANSPORTS SAIL PAST GIBRALTAR, NEW CAMP READY

Continued from Page 1 plans is the transformation of the Naval Aviation station at Pauillac, near Bordeaux, into an embarkation center. Eight thousands soldiers are already being accommodated at the Pauillac camp, and Engineers are rushing to completion the bathing and douching facilities, so that transports will soon be sailing from this camp on the river Gironde. Only about 1,500 naval men remain at the station.

This week's progress in the plans to take over German shipping for carrying home A.E.F. troops was featured by the departure of the United States Shipping Board, for Spa, Belgium, where they will arrange with German delegates the terms under which this shipping will be used.

A new homegoing announcement was made several days ago by the Baggage Service, which ruled that enlisted men will be permitted to use small trunks and suit cases for packing their belongings, up to the 100 pound limit for sergeants and higher ranks and 75 pounds for ranks below sergeant.

Stored Pieces Ready The Baggage Service has also announced that enlisted men who have been detached or transferred from their original organizations may obtain their stored baggage by writing or telegraphing shipping instructions to the Central Baggage Office, Giverny. The stored pieces will be shipped by grand vitesse either to address in the A.E.F. or in the States. Bills of lading will be mailed, and the owner may make claim for compensation in case of loss.

Artillerymen led casuals in the enlisted men's totals in the homegoing race for the week. Of the 1,247 officers returning, however, 821 were casuals. Of the 20,542 enlisted men who sailed, 8,491 belonged to artillery outfits. Casuals were a close second, numbering 7,480.

The Infantry had a hard time to get into this week's figures, and contributed just three officers and nine enlisted men to the westward bound passenger lists. The totals of those sailing the week ending January 29 were:

Table with 3 columns: Officers, Men, Total. Rows: Air Service (10, 498, 508), Artillery (21, 839, 860), Casuals (351, 7,480, 7,831).

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Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Chem. Warfare (60, 1,672), Engineers (15, 408), Medical (63, 691), Totals (124, 2,771), Previously reported (14,292, 206,169), Grand totals (15,149, 225,708).

HOME PRODUCTS FOR P.W.'S Two hundred thousand meters of German Army cloth have been shipped from the A.E.F. salvage depots at Coligny-Litzel to St. Pierre des Corps, near Tours, to be made into uniforms for German prisoners. Six hundred pairs of shoes are being turned out of German leather daily by Coligny-Litzel, near Tours, in the former German Army shoe factory at Litzel. But the shoes are being worn by American soldiers.

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