

**VALOROUS EXPLOITS OF SOLDIER OF CHATHAM.**

**Langhorne Barber, Aged 17, Returns From France for a Brief Stay Here.**

Danville, Va., April 30.—The county seat of Pittsylvania was thrilled as perhaps it has never been before since the war started when it came home to the residents of the little town what one of their number has accomplished at the war front. Quite unknown to his parents, Langhorne Barbour, a stripling not yet 18, announced his arrival in New York with 50 other heroes of the front sent home for a brief vacation by General Pershing because of work well done, and to help boost the third liberty loan in the last stages of the campaign. New York papers detailing young Barbour's fighting at the front were read eagerly and proudly by his mother and father and three older sons, and other Chatham people could hardly believe that the mischievous schoolboy of yesterday had been in the thick of things on the Lorraine front, shooting "square-heads" and withstanding German box-barrages and other evil ingenuities born of the war.

Langhorne's adventures read like a page of fiction and embrace incidents ranging from running away from home at the age of 16 to carrying through a trench the headless corpse of his "buddy" to save him from falling into the hands of the Germans. In April, 1917, soon after having left school he was apprenticed by his father, Ennis Barbour who is a house painter in Chatham. His yearning for the army was sternly discountenanced by his father who pointed out that at the tender age of 16 he could not do much for the country. However, Langhorne slipped away from home one fine day and came to Danville. How he came to be accepted by a recruiting officer is a mystery for the lad looked his age and was plainly immature. Still he gained his point and was accepted for service. The first thing his father knew about it was a postcard from a southern camp where Langhorne was drilling. The youth was included in one of the first drafts and was, after training in France, put in the Lorraine sector where the Americans took over a portion of the front.

The youth has a healing shrapnel wound as a result of his last engagement when 300 Broches tried to rush his trench. He was gassed earlier, but is reported as being very well and eager to get back at the Huns.

His mother and father were surprised to read in the papers that Langhorne had reached America. They had heard from him April 2, when he said he was in a hospital in France. He failed to say whether or not he was wounded or if he was being treated for some ailment. They were worried about him.

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**GERMANY MAKES VAST AERIAL FIGHTING PLAN**

**Anticipating Crisis In Air War When America Marshals Real Strength, Teutons Expand Aviation Service.**

French Front, Marc's 15.—Great preparations are being made in Germany to meet the anticipated crisis in fighting in the air when the United States is ready to put forth its real strength in that branch of the war. Evidences observed here indicate that Germany is planning to forestall the American effort in this direction.

Many pilots are undergoing instruction in the German aviation centers and the construction of airplanes is proceeding at a pace hitherto unknown. Many student aviators have been passed from the infantry and artillery into the air service.

Until a few months ago German aviators were recruiting almost exclusively from the ranks of the officers. Now would-be-aviators are accepted from the lower ranks also. Still the proportion of officers remains almost overwhelming, many having transferred from cavalry regiments with the desire of being employed in a branch of the service in which activity is constant instead of remaining with the mounted troops whose sphere of usefulness has been very restricted since the early days of the war. The increased pay and allowances accorded to flying men have also attracted many infantry officers from the ordinary line regiments, while still others see in aviation greater chances of being decorated than in the lot of officers employed in other branches of the army.

Most of the instruction camps are in the interior of Germany, some of them government organizations and others run by airplane construction companies. After the preliminary training the pupil pilots have to pass a series of examinations which becomes increasingly difficult as the training progresses. The entire period of instruction is about six months for a pilot.

Those who intend to become observers are put through a special course, which comprises artillery spotting, photography, meteorology, mapping and the drafting reports. All observers are army officers, those for the artillery spotting being chosen from artillery batteries, while for reconnaissance work they are selected from any other branch of the service.

Bombing aviators form a special class by themselves and go through a thorough training a calculating height and distance. They practice the dropping of missiles while seated on an elevated airplane framework, beneath which is stretched an endless leather belt running at varying speed. On this belt is painted a landscape. The pupils are equipped with steel arrows and directed to drop them upon certain objects in the landscape.

**Manned by Dead Men**

**Aero Sails on High.**

British headquarters in France, April 28.—An extraordinary incident occurred to one of our airplanes a short time ago. It was a two-seater and gave battle to an enemy machine which was shot down and crushed. After the battle, which took place over the lines near Arras, our airplane was seen going off southwards, apparently only partially under control, and disappeared. Where it went thereafter will never be known, but more than two hours later the same machine crashed to earth 20 miles behind our lines.

The petrol tank was empty and both occupants had been dead some time, killed by the same bullet. The opinion of experts is that the machine had flown by itself for at least two hours with two dead men in it until the petrol was exhausted, having swung off in a great circle over unknown lands back to behind its starting place as boats have been known to sail with the sheets made fast and a dead man's hand on the tiller.

**Short-Marion.**

A wedding which was a surprise to a great many of their friends was that of Mr. C. C. Mairon of Camp Sevier Greenville, S. C., and Miss Lottie Short of Mount Airy Route 1.

Mr. Marion came up on the noon train last Thursday April 18 and shortly after noon hour he with bride to be with a few special friends motored over to the city of Dobson and were made man and wife by the Hon. Mr. Beamer.

From there they went to the brides aunts Mrs. W. C. Jackson of Route 1 Promptly at the hour of 7 o'clock they were ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous supper was served which was very much enjoyed by all present. Mr. Marion will return to Camp Sevier, Thursday April 25 leaving his bride in Mount Airy. She will make her home with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Short until Mr. Marion returns from France. They have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy married life. Contributed.

**HOW PARCELS CAN GO TO THE WAR PRISONERS**

**Red Cross Relief Work Done Through Swiss Base, and is Impersonal—Gifts to Individuals Go by Other Routes.**

New York, N. Y.—A dispatch recently circulated throughout the country, declaring that the Atlantic division of the American Red Cross had announced that it had been granted by the German War Trade Board an exclusive blanket authorization for sending food, letters and money to the American Red Cross for the American and allied soldiers in German prison camps, has been investigated by this bureau and found to have been misstated in several particulars.

The dispatch left the impression that persons in America could send parcels to prisoners in Germany through the Red Cross. This is not the case. The facts are that the Red Cross, through its agent in Berne, Switzerland, is sending weekly to every American prisoner in the German prison camps two 10-pound parcels containing assorted food, clothing, and other articles, such as pens, writing paper, etc. as requested by the prisoners. The license for this work was granted by the American War Trade Board, and the Germans had nothing to do with it.

The Red Cross emphasizes that it is doing this work as an organization, and that families and friends, acting as individuals, cannot send parcels to the individual prisoners, through Red Cross channels. The American people as a whole, through subscriptions to the Red Cross are helping that organization to accomplish this service for the prisoners. But individuals are advised that they cannot expect to reach individual prisoners through the Red Cross.

The only exception is in cases where the family has not heard from the prisoner, and does not know where he is. In such cases the Bureau of Communication of the Red Cross finds the man and sends his address to his friends.

Families and friends of the prisoners, however, should not forget that, according to Franklin Abbott, director of the Bureau of Prisoners Relief of the American Red Cross at Washington, they can, as individuals, send to the prisoners one monthly parcel, but this and all letters must be sent direct to the prisoners, and not through the Red Cross.

The Red Cross points out that it would be obviously impossible for them to take care of each individual case, by receiving and forwarding parcels, for individuals; and that it is necessary, therefore, for them to do their work as an organization, sending the same amount of goods to all the prisoners.

It is also pointed out that the articles which individuals can send direct are restricted to a great extent by the American War Trade Board.

Each letter to an American prisoner in Germany should be addressed with the full name of the man, his rank, if any, regiment and company, and the name of the German camp in which he is held. In the upper right-hand corner should be written the words "American Prisoner of War Mail—Post Free." The lower left-hand corner should bear the words: "Via New York."

The letters should be mailed in the usual way. In New York they will, before being sent to Germany, be handed over to the National Censorship Board, which will examine them under license from the War Trade Board. These letters should be written on one side of the paper only, and should contain not more than two sheets of paper.

**Another Flour Mill is Closed.**

Raleigh, April 24.—Albemarle Milling Co., a flour mill located in Albemarle, Stanly county, has been closed by the Food Administrations rules and regulations governing mills. The Albemarle mill was using more than 264 pounds of wheat in the manufacture of 196 pounds of flour and was also disregarding the Food Administration's schedule of mill feed prices. The Food Administration is right behind the flour milling industry and every mill which is found to be violating the Food Administration's rules and regulations hereafter may look for nothing except drastic action. A number of other mills are under investigation and no doubt other license will be revoked in the immediate future.

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