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CASUALTY LIST GROWS IN THE ARMY OVERSEAS

Sunday's List of 225 Names the Longest Since Americans Reached France.

Heavy fighting along the Aisne and Marne in which American troops have participated, has begun to show in the casualty lists issued by the war department. Sunday's list of 225 names is the longest to be given out since American units made their appearance on the battlefield.

Total casualties in the army and marine corps overseas increased 1,000 during the week compared with 883 the previous week, an aggregate 13,766 with inclusion of Saturday's army list of 225.

In the 13,766 casualties, total deaths, including 291 men lost at sea men killed in action, dead of wounds disease, accident and other causes, numbered 5,493—army men, 4,783; marines, 710. The wounded aggregate 7,532—army men, 6,340; marines, 1,192. Those missing including prisoners, total 741—army men, 657; marines, 84.

After all the casualty list is small considering that 10,000 natural deaths occur annually in a 1,000,000 population.

THE AMERICANS IN ITALY NOW America Now Has Million and a Quarter Men on the Other Side (Washington Special.)

American fighting troops now are in Italy. They have arrived in force from France. The war department as yet has no information as to their numbers nor the points where they will be used. This announcement was made Saturday by General Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

Fighting Strength. There are now 1,253,000 American fighters overseas. General March told the senate military affairs committee. Last week 53,000 were transported which is below the 90,000 weekly average maintained recently. This however was due to unusually large shipments of supplies abroad during the same period.

THE CURING OF TOBACCO IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Wives and Children Will Do Their Bit This Curing Season.

In ten days or two weeks the farmers of Granville will experience the most strenuous period of the year. The tobacco crop is heavy and the laborers are scarce. Many farmers will no doubt spend many sleepless nights, nodding beside the "live" barns.

The spirit of co-operation is manifest in many places in the county. It is proposed that neighbors assist neighbors until the round of neighborhood has been made.

Farmers' and tenants' wives and children will do their bit this curing season, and many town dwellers have been "invited" to spend a week or so on the plantations. Quite a number have patriotically accepted.

WITH GOD, FOR THE EMPEROR, BILL TOLD TROOPS IN ATTACK

(Amsterdam Special.) Emperor William, who, according to his favorite correspondent, Karl Rossner, watched the battle of Rheims from a tower which gave him a god view of a wide sector of the front, sent his troops from this vantage point, Rossner says, the following message:

"His Majesty informs his troops that he has arrived behind the front of the attack and shall watch the battle from a tower. His Majesty's good wishes shall accompany.

"With God, for the Emperor and the Empire."

GRANVILLE CO. DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COM. MEETING

Will Be Held in the Court House Saturday, August 3rd. There will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Granville county in the Court House in Oxford at 12 o'clock noon Saturday, August 3rd. Every member of each precinct committee is urged to be present. Matters of importance will be considered at said meeting. A. A. HICKS, Chairman.

STUDENT RESERVE NEEDED:— AN APPEAL TO YOUNG WOMEN

Registration Opens Wednesday, July 30, at the Store of Mr. J. Robt. Wood.

Beginning next Wednesday, July 31, every morning and all day Saturday until August 11, a committee of ladies representing the Council of National Defense, the Red Cross and the Nurses Training School will be at Mr. J. Robt. Wood's between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to recruit nurses from Granville county.

Granville to the Front. The State of North Carolina is asked for 460 nurses and Granville must do her share. The chairman of Women's Committee has sent letters to the county unit chairman asking their cooperation in their respective communities. Those who are in charge of the registration in the town are, Miss May White, chief recruiting agent; Misses Mary Royall Hancock, Julia Cooper, Mary Shaw, and Sallie Webb.

The government is calling for 25,000 young women to join the United States Student Nurse Reserve and hold themselves in readiness to train for service as nurses.

Demands For Nurses. The war is creating an unprecedented demand for trained nurses. Only those who have taken the full training course are eligible for service with our forces overseas. These nurses are being drawn largely from our hospitals at home. Their places must be filled by the student nurses enrolled for the full training course of from two to three years. Every young woman who enrolls in the United States Student Nurse Reserve is releasing a nurse for service at the front and swelling the army which we must rely on to act as our second line of hospital defense. Upon the health of the American people will depend the spirit of their fighting forces.

The call is for women between the ages of 21 to 35 and unmarried women of good education and sound health are wanted—the pick of the country. A college education is a valuable asset, and many hospitals will give credit for it. Credit will also be given for a special scientific equipment or for preliminary training in nursing such as that given in special courses now being given by the various colleges and schools. Some schools, on the other hand, do not require a high school education.

Two Classes of Registrants. The enrollment card will indicate two classes of registrants—preferred and deferred. The preferred class will be those who are ready to accept assignment to whatever hospital they direct them, although they may state what training school they prefer to be sent. Those who register in the preferred class will be assigned first all possible consideration will be given to the preference as stated. The deferred class is composed of those who limit their pledge of service—that is, who will not engage to go except to certain hospitals. This class is intended largely for those who, for family reasons, cannot accept training at a distance from their homes. Those who register in the deferred class will be assigned only after the preferred class is exhausted.

The government relies on the patriotism of those who enroll to fill out preferred cards if they possibly can thus volunteering to go where they are most needed.

ROBESON COUNTY FARMERS ARE SELLING MUCH TOBACCO

Good Tobacco Is Selling for \$48 the Hundred.

Lumberton, July 29.—Robeson tobacco growers are smiling as they never smiled before. There's a reason. They are selling tobacco for the highest price in the history of tobacco growing in this section. Good tobacco is selling for up to \$48 the hundred and tobacco that a few years ago would not have sold for more than from one to five cents the pound is now selling for from 15 to 35 cents the pound. Much tobacco is being sold on the Lumberton market and thousands of dollars is being paid out daily.

Late arrival of jewelry received by the Oxford Jewelry Company. The prices are right. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.

FRANCO-AMERICAN FORCES ENTER SUPPLY BASE IN OFFENSIVE ZONE

Pershing's Men Hold Their Own in Face of Enemy Artillery Fire of Great Proportions. (Associated Press.)

The Franco-American troops, continuing their pressure on the Germans in retreat from the Marne, have reached and crossed the Ourcq river and penetrated the town of Fere-En-Tardenois, one of the great German supply bases for the enemy troops inside the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Twelve Mile Drive. Under the battering tactics of the Americans and Frenchmen the German line on the south has now been driven back more than twelve miles from the point south of Cauteau-Thierry, where the allied troops locked the door to Paris against the enemy July 18, and themselves became the aggressors in what has turned out to be one of the greatest battles of the war.

Hun Resistance Broken. Resistance of the enemy between the Marne and the Ourcq river has been broken down and American troops with those of the allies are in pursuit. General Pershing announced in his communique to the war department Sunday.

The text of the statement follows: "Section A. Between the Ourcq and the Marne the enemy's resistance has broken down. Our troops, with those of the allies, are in pursuit."

Allies Capture Supplies. While the enemy loss in men may not be great, the Allies probably will capture many guns and machine guns in addition to supplies and munitions which the Germans have been unable to destroy or move away. Allied losses have been kept at a minimum by the most extensive use of tanks.

Clean Flesh Wounds. The wounds received by the American soldiers have not been serious as a rule on account of the failure of the Germans to use artillery. A great majority of the wounds were clean flesh wounds, made by bullets from machine guns and rifles.

Turkey Severs Alliance. Unofficial advice are to the effect that discord has arisen between Germany and Turkey and that relations between the two countries have been severed.

VALUE TO FRANCE OF LIVE FRENCHMEN AND DEAD GERMANS GREAT

Will Not Emulate the Reckless Daring of the American Soldiers.

Comparing the worry of the French and American troops in the battle now going on, Reuters' correspondent at American headquarters in France writes:

"The French have had four years of hard study and the lesson most laid to heart is the value to France of live Frenchmen and dead Germans. When sacrifices are required they are quite ready to make them, but their pride is to kill and pay little for killing. They admire the reckless valor of the Americans, but their own methods are somewhat slower and more suitable. Each gets to his objective, but the French leave fewer men behind."

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

Drive to Be Put on September 28th.

Washington, July 28.—The treasury virtually has decided to hold the fourth Liberty loan campaign in the three weeks' period between Saturday, September 28 and Saturday, October 19.

SHORTAGE OF VEGETABLES IS REPORTED FROM BERLIN

Pound of Lima Beans Cost 3 1/2 Marks.

New York, July 30.—Describing the condition of the public market of Berlin the Berlin Vorwaerts says: "The stands were almost empty, but there were many seeking food. For a head of a cauliflower of the size of a potato 1 1/2 marks was charged and for a pound of lima beans six marks. Kohlrabi, young carrots and turnips were scarce and enormously high in price. Fifteen kohlrabi, small and with much foliage, cost three to four marks."

GRANVILLE MEN ARE IN THE THICK OF BATTLE

Col. Minor, Major Stem, Capt. Fuller Lt. B. S. Royster, Jr., and Their Men Are in the Battle Line.

Some North Carolina troops are in the thick of the fighting in the big offensive of Rheims-Soissons salient and others are in the lines ready for instant call according to the information given out by General Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

In addition to these seven divisions which have been in the thick of the fighting, another division of regulars, six national guard divisions and four national army divisions are in the allied battle line and ready for action whenever called upon.

The thirtieth division is among these. That includes national guard troops from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, and was formerly stationed at Camp Sevier for training. The 60th brigade of this division includes the 119th infantry, formerly Second North Carolina Infantry; 120th Infantry, formerly the Third North Carolina Infantry, and the 115th Machine Gun Battalion, formerly three troops of North Carolina Cavalry.

The Fifty-fifth Brigade of Field Artillery in this division also includes the 113th Field Artillery, organized in this State and commanded by Col. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh.

Major Thad G. Stem and Bev. S. Royster, Jr. are on Col. Cox's staff.

PUT HALF OF NEW MEN IN CLASS ONE

Crowder Tells State Officials To "Scrutinize" Boards That Do Not.

Provost Marshal General Crowder last week informed state draft executives that more than half of the 744,500 registrants in the 1918 class are expected to be placed in Class 1 as physically qualified for general military service and instructed them to give special scrutiny to any local board which fails to classify this percentage.

The estimate, General Crowder said, is based upon a close investigation of the general draft classes.

"The national average should be much higher than fifty per cent. because industrial agricultural and deferments should be much lower," General Crowder said.

GROWING SEASON OF THIS SECTION IS 220 DAYS

The length of the growing season in this section of the Carolinas is 220 days, states a bulletin giving data on weather conditions.

While there are 200 days during which products will grow in this section, the length of the season at Asheville and vicinity is only 186 days. It is 221 in Atlanta, Ga., and 324 in the extreme southern part of the country 195 in the District of Columbia, 197 in Kansas and 174 in Davenport, Iowa.

EVERY AMERICAN LOOKS LIKE TEN MEN TO HUN

A German prosiner captured by was a baker in New York city and Lebanon, Pa., when asked what the German soldiers thought about the Americans, said:

"The Germans a few days ago, concluded that the announcement that a million Americans were in France was false; but rumors among the Germans now on this front are that there are 10,000,000 Americans in France."

R. J. REYNOLDS DEAD.

Winston-Salem's Leading Citizen and Business Man.

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 29.—Richard Joshua Reynolds, president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, after a year's illness, passed away early this morning at his magnificent country estate, Reynolds, his age being 68 years. His passing means an irreparable loss to Winston-Salem.

Meeting at Mt. Zion Closed.

The Mt. Zion Baptist church at Berea, has just closed a very fruitful revival. The pastor was assisted by Pastor W. A. Ayers, of Temple Baptist church, Durham. Between forty and fifty new members were added to the church. Evangelist Fred N. Day came upon the scene Saturday and preached three very acceptable sermons.

MRS. KATE BREW VAUGHN COMING TO OXFORD

Women of the County Should Hear the Distinguished Lecturer Next Friday.

The housekeepers of Granville county are going to have the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Kate Brew Vaughn lecture and demonstrate in Oxford this Friday, August 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Vaughn, who has a national reputation as a Domestic Science woman, and whose demonstrations in Raleigh about two years ago attracted so much attention, is well known to North Carolina housekeepers by reputation, if not personally, and we feel that the people of our county will appreciate this unusual opportunity that is being offered to them. Mrs. Vaughn's lectures are so much in demand at present that she is giving only a short time to the Home Demonstration workers of the State, and as she goes to only a few places in the State, we are particularly fortunate to have her here. Housekeepers will recall her recipes that appeared in the News and Observer at the time she gave a special course for the Raleigh housekeepers. At that time, in addition to all kinds of good things to eat, she made beautiful cakes and decorative icings that were wonderful from an artistic standpoint. Now she gives wheat and sugar substitutes and all kinds of war cookery, but what ever she demonstrates you may be sure it will be something worth while and none of us can afford to miss it. Bring pencil and note book so you may take as much information home with you as possible.

Dr. Hobgood, of Oxford College, has kindly allowed us the privilege of having the demonstration in the well equipped Domestic Science room of the College. Should we find that our crowd promises to be too large for this room we will announce the place of meeting on posters in the store windows later on.

The meeting is held under the auspices of the Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense and the Home Department of the Woman's Club of Oxford. We hope that women from every section of the county will attend.

MRS. LILLIAN W. CAPEHART, County Chairman Home Economics.

APPROACHING REVIVAL AT OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Strong Preacher From Western North Carolina Conference Will Be Here.

Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, announced Sunday from the pulpit that a protracted meeting will be held in his church beginning the third Sunday in August.

A strong minister from the western part of the State will assist Dr. Willis.

This will probably be the only revival held in Oxford this fall, and the good people of all denominations are praying for its success. Dr. Willis, who at all times has been instant in prayer, will have the hearty co-operation of all the Oxford ministers.

HOW TO WEAR MOURNING FOR THOSE LOST IN WAR

A Black Band With Gold Stars Worn on the Left Arm for Relatives.

In order to eliminate the waste in discarding clothing by putting on black as mourning for the relatives lost in the war, the Council of National Defense has suggested an insignia which has been endorsed by President Wilson.

Relatives of men lost in the great war may wear a black band with a gold star for each one sacrificed. The President endorses adoption of this insignia, to be worn on the left arm. The band should be three inches wide with a star either of gold or metal cloth. The badge will not be patented or commercialized, the Council of National Defense announces.

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD CALLS FOR TWO MEN

The following registrants have failed to file their questionnaires, viz.:

LEONARD HUNT.

CHARLES LEE WILLIAMS.

Any one who knows these men please report to this board. The registrants also are requested to report at once and avoid trouble.

GRANVILLE CO. EXM. BOARD.