

Newspaper Reports

Newspaper reports in the Madison Eagle were a common way to provide information about the men who were being drafted, the status of soldiers and others involved, and sometimes news of a tragic death. These articles present a cross-section of the news during the war years.

JACK HUMBERT PROMOTED TO GENERAL'S AIDE DE CAMP

Word has been received in Madison that J. C. Humbert, Jr., has been promoted to the staff of General Bullard in France as aide de camp. He is attached to Second Brigade Headquarters in Paris. The promotion which he has received is one that is gratifying to his many friends.

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ANOTHER MADISON BOY GIVES LIFE IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE

Seaman William Curtis Judson is another Madison boy who has lost his life in the service of his country and his will be the third gold star on Madison's service flag. Young Judson—he was only 18 years old—was a member of the crew of the collier Cyclops which has been missing for more than a month and which the Navy Department has about given up as lost.

Judson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Judson, of 133 Park avenue. While visiting relatives in South Carolina in March of last year, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve, subsequently securing a transfer to the regular navy. His mother has had no letter from him since January and her first intimation of his loss was a telegram from the Navy Department which she received on Monday morning, stating that the Cyclops was long overdue, but promising to notify her in case any unexpected news was received.

The boy graduated from the local grammar school and was a member of what is now the junior class at the High School. The class has appointed a committee, of which Ralph G. Saxe is chairman, to arrange for a suitable memorial service in the event that the ship is finally given up as lost.

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WINNING THE WAR CROSS

Alfred P. Skinner's Bravery in Entering Gas-filled Area to Save French Soldiers Told by Another Member of His Section; His Helmet Hit by Bursting Shrapnel



Alfred P. Skinner.

Although information relative to the manner in which Alfred P. Skinner, son of former Judge and Mrs. Alfred F. Skinner, won the French Croix de Guerre has been scant, some considerable light was thrown on the matter by the publication in a New York newspaper on Sunday of an article by one of the members of Section Sanitaire No. 5, in the French ambulance service with the Morgan Harjes ambulance unit. The writer, Robert A. Drake, a former Harvard student, tells first of a relief run with a Ford ambulance, "Old 65," with two other Morgan Harjes men named John Atwood and William Herrick. After the fruitful events of the day, when the Germans started a gas attack, he tells of the next day's work, when he met "Al" Skinner, whose ambulance was stalled in the midst of a gas cloud.

Drake received the French war cross as the result of his work in going into the gas-filled area to carry wounded soldiers, and in the absence of explanatory letters from Skinner, it appears certain that his decoration was won at the same time, for he was in the thick of the gas, according to Drake's story.

"All that night, (the first of the gas attack), the car rased back and forth between the hospital and the postes de secours, says the former Harvard man. When we got back to camp in the morning there had been forty-one hours of continuous work carrying wounded men. We found a wounded man in our own section—Talmidge, who had been hit in Ferno-Hemert.

"Only a scratch," Talmidge said, "was standing near the mouth of the dug-out when a shell blew us all head-first down into the cave. The stretcher-bearer beside me got hit in three places. Still, they think he may pull through."

Later I returned from a trip to Vally to find that our chum Matty had just had a gas encounter this side of Aisy. Matty knew when he started from the ferme that the Boches were popping gas shells into the valley below, but a Frenchman on the front seat kept saying, "Oh, you don't need to put on your masks yet. Wait awhile."

After the trip Matty's aid, Bradford, who had worn an elaborate oxygen gas mask instead of the ordinary French chemical protector, collapsed at the hospital and had to be left there. Matty said: "Brad's more nervously sick than anything else. He let his imagination run away with him. That gas is terrible enough in itself without worrying about it!"

He had hardly finished speaking when I heard the rattle and clatter of a team stopping on the road above. "Are you Americans down there?" a rough voice yelled down the cellar way.

"Oui."

"One of your ambulances is broken down this side of Aisy?"

"Merc! All right! I'm it!" I said. "Tie on your gas mask, Tommy, we're going to have a party!"

As the ambulance went up the bluffs from Vally we met Al Skinner and Chapin riding down the hill on a supply wagon.

"We've only just taken off our gas masks! Get yours out. Our car is stalled way up ahead in the thick of the gas," said they, as they jumped off the cart and climbed aboard our ambulance.

"I broke down with eight wounded. The shells are coming in faster and faster, so get your masks ready!" Al said.

As soon as the ambulance went over the crest of the hill I smelled a pungent odor and felt my throat go dry and parched. My eyes began to water. I stopped the car, and we four put on our gas masks. Driving was unreasonably difficult for it was midnight; there were no lights, and the breath inside the masks befogged the scratched glasses.

Whu-s-s! Slap! Whu-s-s! Slap! Six great gas-shells passed over so near the car that we cringed involuntarily in the seat, as the ambulance barely crawled down the hill. Then the deafening explosion of a marmite (a big shell) crumpled beside the car.

Crack! Something hit Al's metal helmet and made him duck.

"Hit, Al?" I mumbled through my mask.

"Something cracked me, but I'm all right!" was the answer. "Go on!"

The ambulance almost went into the ditch. I could not see a thing.

"To the left! Move!" the other three men shouted at me, and I jerked the car onto the road just in time.

"We're almost out of the gas now

Try to turn around." Al directed. "Back down next to my car."

We unloaded the wounded from the stalled ambulance into my car, and all the while the shells screamed and whizzed over our heads and hit the road over which we had just passed. We made all the haste we could, but it was necessary to take infinite care in unloading the most seriously wounded men.

Just as we finished pushing the stretcher into place, one of the slightly wounded said, "Come on! Let's go! That fellow you just put in has been dead this last half hour!"

Old "66" started back through the gas. I was able to go back at a faster rate, for I could partially locate the road by the gaps in the trees against the faint color of the sky ahead as the ambulance climbed the hill.

When the car was over the top of the bluff we thought that all the gas danger was over, and we removed our masks so that we could drive faster. Almost immediately we ran into the thickest gas cloud of all. One of the boys, Tommy Tom, was talking at the time. I had just time to snap:

"Shut up! Hold your breath!" Down went my foot on the accelerator and we tore down that particular hill into Vally just about as fast as "66" ever went.

While the stretcher bearers at the rear poste were unloading the dead man from the car, Tommy and I were standing near the dashboard hanging up our metal helmets.

Suddenly Tommy folded up silently like a huge jack-knife and lay flat on his back in the dust of the road. The gas had done its work.

"Tommy!" I worked wildly over my comrade with awful thoughts of death in my mind. But after awhile his legs began to twitch spasmodically, and I helped him, still only half-conscious, to his feet.

After five minutes of terrific, quite incessant nausea, Tommy finally found relief, and I led him, pale, and with his face beaded with perspiration, down into the hot and field dressing station. There the doctor injected some ether into his arm.

SELECTIVE DRAFT MAY BE CHANGED IN SOME POINTS

Three Proposed Modifications of Law Introduced Into Congress This Week.

Registration of all men who have attained their majority since June 5, 1917, when the selective draft registration was held, is proposed in a bill introduced into Congress this week at the request of the war department.

Another bill would provide for furnishing National Army men for harvesting crops and other agricultural duty. Still another bill would put the quota of the states on the basis of available men in the first-class instead of on population.

In determining upon the registration of men who have become twenty-one since the service law was enacted, the War Department has rejected any plan to raise the military age limits to take in men more than thirty-one.

Registration of men who have become of age since the service law was enacted was recommended in the recent report of Provost Marshal General Crowder as one of the means by which a supply of men for the National Army might be assured without taking those who might have others dependent upon them. It could be done, also, the provost marshal pointed out, by extending the age limits above the present line of thirty-one. The War Department has adopted the first suggestion. It is estimated that it will add about 700,000 men to the draft available each year.

Still further legislation, all of which has not been made public yet, is hinted at by administration leaders, and radical modifications of the present draft law are not improbable. One of the less important bills introduced this week would provide a distinctive button for all exempted men.

The bill changing the basis of state quota is believed to provide a more equitable system, as it will exclude entirely enemy aliens from the basis. Enemy aliens were included in the basis for the first call and there was much complaint. Heavy enemy alien populations in some congested districts forced Americans to army duty, regardless of exemption claims, to make up district quotas.

The bill to permit troops to go to agricultural work merely would authorize the Secretary of War to furnish men for civilian duty. It is known, however, that the War Department intends to use the authority principally to provide men for harvest time and other agricultural work vital to the food supply.

To facilitate collection of private insurance policies held by troops, another bill would require private insurance companies to accept the official army record as proof of death of men among the army insured. It is designed to meet the cases of men reported missing to which there is no actual proof of death. In case of payment by insurance companies upon policies held by men reported missing and who later should appear, the bill provided for reimbursement to the insurance companies by the government.

Thanks for Christmas Fund.

Arthur J. McDonald, chairman of the Christmas Fund Committee which sent a check for \$2,75 to every enlistee in the army and navy from Madison, received a letter recently from Major Henry S. Hindret of the 106 Infantry, stationed at Camp Wadsworth, thanking the people of Madison for the gift. He stated that he had turned his check over to the regimental tobacco fund, so that some of the enlisted men might receive the benefit of it.

117 MADISON BOYS SERVING ABROAD

Large Proportion of Enlisted Men Have Gone Across the Atlantic Ocean to Fighting Line

According to the best available figures there are one hundred and seventeen Madisonians in the United States service in Europe today. With shipments of men taking place every day, and with the news of individuals departure from this country only disclosed when they have safely arrived on the other side, the figure quoted may be somewhat increased, but cannot be decreased.

In the list that follows are the names of several naval men attached to battleships. They may be in Europe or they may not. If they are not they probably have been. Uncle Sam has not been giving the whereabouts of his fighting ships any unnecessary publicity.

Those known to be in service in Europe are:

Atchison, Orrin H., Corporal, Battery D, 308th Artillery.
 Barnes, Charles, Engineers.
 Bertrand, Joseph.
 Brady, Michael, 308th Artillery.
 Briggs, Roger A., Troop E, Third Cavalry.
 Brose, William J., U. S. S. Maine.
 Brown, Roy, Field Artillery.
 Brown, George, 113th Infantry.
 Brown, Cleveland, 328th Infantry.
 Burnet, Joseph D., 113th Infantry.
 Burnham, Frederick R., 308th Artillery.
 Burns, Daniel F., 310th Infantry.
 Burns, Joseph D., Aero Squad.
 Burns, James.
 Candella, James, 113th Infantry.
 Carrozzo, 309th Infantry.
 Cavanaugh, Francis J., 308th Artillery.
 Cavanaugh, John B.
 Cavanaugh, Vincent.
 Cavanaugh, James H.
 Chadwick, Harold K., Engineers.
 Clark, Elmer N., 147th Infantry.
 Cook, Frank A., Y. M. C. A. work.
 Cooke, Percy.
 Cosgrove, Frank E., Aero Squad.
 Crane, Albert, U. S. N.
 Cullinan, W. H., Ensign, U. S. S. Kentucky.
 Dacey, Daniel F., U. S. S. Alabama.
 Dawson, Henry J., Engineers.
 De Blasse, Aero Squad.
 De Hart, John W., 113th Infantry.
 Delmonico, L. C., Infantry.
 Doran, Patrick, Engineers.
 Dowd, John J., 310th Infantry.
 Dunlavy, William B., 309th Infantry.
 Dunne, Thomas A., 308th Artillery.
 Dunne, Joseph P., Engineers.
 Feuchtwanger, Austin, Naval Flying Corps.
 Feuchtwanger, Paul, Aviation.
 Fitzgerald, John J., 54th Brigade.
 Fianagan, Bergeron, Cavalry.
 Foley, Charles, 308th Artillery.
 Foley, John, Jr., Field Artillery.
 Fredericks, J. H., 308th Artillery.
 Gary, Robert H., 113th Infantry.
 Gelato, Vito A., Engineers.
 Getz, August, 9th Infantry.
 Gilgallon, John J., Artillery.
 Greer, H. Parks.
 Grogan, John F., Air Station.
 Harman, Alfred, Ambulance.
 Harvey, George F.

Hegge, Henry F.
 Herbst, Edwin J., 309th Infantry.
 Herbst, George J., 309th Infantry.
 Herrington, Arthur W.
 Hildreth, Henry S., Major, 106th Infantry.
 Hill, Arthur, Infantry.
 Hoffman, Arthur, 113th Infantry.
 Hoste, Marcel C., 113th Infantry.
 Humbert, J. H., Captain, A. D. C.
 Iosso, Angelo M., 7th Infantry.
 Izzo, Guisoppi, 310th Infantry.
 Jacobus, Forrest W., 308th Artillery.
 James, Harold D., 109th Infantry.
 Kain, Joseph A.
 Kelly, Thomas J., 308th Artillery.
 Kiernan, William A., 113th Infantry.
 Laden, James, 113th Infantry.
 Larson, Louis, 308th Artillery.
 Lum, Broughton, Engineers.
 McGovern, Francis J.
 McGovern, P. D., Field Artillery.
 McGraw, Curtis W., Captain Battalion 3, 320 Reg.
 McGraw, Harold W., First Lieutenant, Pioneers.
 Marinaccio, Q. M. C.
 Marinaccio, John, Q. M. C.
 Mason, Charles B., Ambulance.
 Miller, Edward B., Ambulance.
 Moyes, William U. S. N.
 Moyes, Vincent, U. S. S. Kentucky.
 Muchmore, Boyd, Sanitary Train.
 Norton, Delmar, 303d Engineers.
 O'Donnell, William J., Cavalry.
 O'Shaughnessy, M. J.
 Olson, Charles C., 307th Machine Gun.
 Osmun, John E., Aviation.
 Parme, Salvatore, 210th Infantry.
 Patterson, Maurice V., Cavalry.
 Perry, Edwin H., Ambulance.
 Pickle, Henry, Artillery.
 Pierson, Emmet, Marine Corps.
 Piper, John F., 348th Infantry.
 Reidinger, Albert D.
 Reilly, Dwight H., Engineers.
 Roberts, Adrian S., Field Artillery.
 Schmidt, Theodore K., Artillery.
 Sena, Giovanni, Sanitary Train.
 Sharp, George A., 105th Infantry.
 Skinner, Alfred P., Ambulance.
 Smith, John J., 113th Infantry.
 Spagnuolo, John, Italian Army.
 Stout, G. Lee, Red Cross Service.
 Sulter, William E., Artillery.
 Swenson, Olaf C., Engineers.
 Taylor, Clifford C., 308th Artillery.
 Thebault, W. L., 104th T. M. Bat.
 Toothe, Edwin S., Ordnance.
 Tull, William, Marines.
 Unger, Kenneth R., British Army.
 Veader, Clifford, U. S. N.
 Waterman, E. Huson, Machine Gun.
 Weaver, John H.
 White, Richard V., 308th Artillery.
 White, William A., 311th Infantry.
 Would, Jeffrey, 113th Infantry.
 Young, Lyman, Aviation.

Did Not Fool the Bear.

Bruin is self-educated, but exceptionally wise in the way of mankind. A prospector proved that. Having suffered the loss of much food, he prepared a particularly tasty morsel for the bear and left it in the cabin, with a notice on it to warn any prospectors or hunters that might enter that it was intended for bruin, and bruin alone. The bear arrived in due course—and ate everything edible and some things that were not, but passed up the meat that had been prepared for him. And it was bacon, too. This prospector declares that the bear must be able to read.

**LIEUT. E. V. HUBBARD FIRST
CHATHAM MAN TO
FALL IN ACTION.**

News was received last week of the death of Lieut. Eugene V. Hubbard, in France, this being the first soldier death reported of a man from Chatham. Lieut. Hubbard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses G. Hubbard, of North Hillside avenue. Another son is in the aviation section at Dallas, Texas.

Lieut. Hubbard was a graduate of the Plattsburg training camp, from which he was commissioned a second lieutenant. Later he was made first lieutenant and was assigned to a Machine Gun Company, First Division, (Regular) and went to France. He was 22 years old and was a graduate of Middlebury College, Vt., and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. A telegram to his parents on June 8th said he was killed about ten days before. His name appeared in the official casualty list of last Monday.

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HAS INFLUENZA

Andrew White, now a seaman on the battleship Pennsylvania, is suffering from Spanish Influenza, according to information received here yesterday.

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**MADISON AMBULANCE
MEN IN GERMANY**

**Location of Organization No. 33
Settled**

It will interest and enlighten friends of Ambulance Company No 33 to learn definitely that its members are in Germany as part of the Army of Occupation. Under date of November 25 one of its members informs his relatives here that the company was then in Germany and had been marching five days steadily.

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