

FIRST AMERICAN WAR CROSSES ARE GIVEN SAMMIES

Three U. S. Soldiers Honored by Pershing; Already Wear French Decoration for Bravery.

(By Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—General Pershing, the American commander-in-chief, has approved the awarding of the first American military crosses for extraordinary heroism.

The recipients are Lieutenant John O. Green, Sergeant William Norton and Sergeant Patrick Walsh. Lieutenant Green and Sergeants Norton and Walsh all have received the French war cross, Norton and Walsh being decorated personally by Premier Clemenceau on March 3. Lieutenant Green, an artillery officer, was wounded by shell fire early in March. Sergeant Norton, a veteran in service, formerly resided in Arkansas. He was decorated by Premier Clemenceau for his part in killing a German lieutenant and two German soldiers. He was challenged by the lieutenant to leave his dugout and led out his men fighting.

Orderly to Baker.
Sergeant Walsh, formerly of Chicago, also is a regular army veteran. His French decoration was received for heroism on the Toul sector.

Sergeant Walsh was selected by General Pershing to act as orderly to Secretary of War Baker during his present visit to the American army in France.

The crosses were awarded for "extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy."

Lieutenant Green probably will stand on the records as the first to receive the honor, for his name is first on the list of three approved by the commander-in-chief. The exploits of these men are described by the general commanding their division as follows:

Refuses to Surrender
"Lieutenant Green, while in a dugout, having been wounded by an enemy hand grenade, was summoned to surrender. He refused to do so. Returning the fire of the enemy, he wounded one and pursued the hostile party."

"Sergeant Norton, finding himself in a dugout surrounded by the enemy, into which a grenade had just been thrown, refused to surrender and made a bold dash outside, killing one of his assailants. By so doing he saved his company's log book."

"Sergeant Walsh followed his company commander to the first lines despite a severe barrage. The captain being killed, he assumed command of the group and attacked a superior force of the enemy, inflicting severe loss upon them. Though of advanced age, he refused to leave the front."

To these recommendations General Pershing appended the following: "The commander-in-chief approves the recommendation for awards of distinguished service crosses. They are not on hand at present, but will be forwarded when received and will be presented by you in the name of the commander-in-chief with suitable ceremony."

Baker Looks Over No Man's Land; Has Close Death Call

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was found that the road selected for approach to the trenches was under brisk shell fire. Indeed, the firing was so active, as to cause the general considerable apprehension for the safety of his distinguished guest. He endeavored to dissuade Mr. Baker from going on with the expedition, explaining the danger. But the secretary overrode his protest. Accordingly, another route was reluctantly selected.

Insists on Going.
The party re-entered the motor and was driven to the selected point, as far forward as motoring was safe. With the general and the other officer, Mr. Baker walked over the shell-cratered region to a communication trench. He wore civilian clothes, covered with a trench coat, khaki breeches and boots borrowed from a colonel of about his size. He also put on a shrapnel helmet.

The secretary was first put through the regular gas mask drill. He carried his mask slung at the prescribed position when he went in. A sentry halted the party as it was entering the trench and demanded a pass.

"Division commander and secretary of war," replied the general. "Didn't you know that was the secretary?" the sentry was asked as the party passed by. "Yes, sir; no sir," stammered the confused sentry.

Mr. Baker displayed the keenest curiosity in the surroundings, so strange to him, asking plans of every unfamiliar thing, its purpose and use, and frequently breaking in with interrogations as technical matters were being explained. Several times he asked the calibre of shells which burst close by.

Knows Machine Gun.
"Ah, that's a machine gun!" he exclaimed when one opened up from the American trench.

Often the secretary stopped to speak to the men, asking homely questions, such as: "Well, how is it going?" or "Where are you from?" "Fine sir," or "going very well, sir," was the usual reply. Once the secretary asked a private if much was going on.

"It's pretty quiet, sir," came the easy response.

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E. A. Baird, Omaha lawyer, has been elected vice president of the Conservative Savings and Loan association.

were fighting in distant France. Once he remarked: "I have been from farm to factory, and now I am in the front line."

Gazes at Germans.
Finally, notwithstanding the protests of the officer, Mr. Baker made his way through the sap to the listening post. Peeping over the parapet into No Man's Land he said: "Now I am on the frontier of freedom."

The secretary asked the listening post sentry if he saw Germans often. "Not very often, sir," was the response. Then he asked whether the Americans' shooting was better than that of the enemy, and seemed greatly pleased at the emphatic, "Yes, it is."

Mr. Baker entered dugouts and inspected other features of trench warfare as far as possible, being given miniature demonstrations of everything experienced in the American sector. His determination not to overlook anything frequently compelled the general to exercise restraint.

Returning to the trench, Mr. Baker encountered a working party laying out a road. He saw a hammer lying in the mud, stooped over, picked it up, and handed it to a soldier. "You need not do that, sir," said the man.

"Well, the mud is so deep that I thought it might get lost," said Mr. Baker.

Sees American Graves.
Returning, the secretary saw a little roadside cemetery where are buried Americans who have fallen in that vicinity. Over it floated the tri-color. Nearby were a few French civilians who were decorating the graves. He entered the cemetery and with grave, sad face, read the names on the simple monuments. While he was there a burial squad of Americans marched in with the body of a comrade. The secretary halted, turned back and stood with bared, bowed head, while the body of his compatriot was laid at rest, with simple military rites in a foreign land.

Later Mr. Baker visited a hospital and spoke with the wounded. He inquired about their wounds, how they were received, and how the men were feeling, and gave a cheery word to each, reassuring them that fine weather would soon arrive to hasten their recovery. One man remarked that he had received the French war cross, but could not wear it because the regulations forbade it.

"I now give you authority, to do so," said Mr. Baker.

Another wounded man said proudly: "My lieutenant won the war cross."

"A fine good officer," said the secretary.

Gives Friendly Talk.
There was an impressive incident during the trip from the place where Mr. Baker spent the night to the front. A battalion including men from Ohio had been drawn up in the village in which it was billeted. The secretary reviewed the battalion and, calling the men about him, gave an informal, friendly talk.

This afternoon Mr. Baker visited the headquarters of another division. Word of his coming had preceded him and both American and French infantry and cavalry were drawn up to receive him, while the trumpets sounded. This place is within sound of the guns, which, in fact, he heard most of the day. Later he went into a portion of the trenches held by this division.

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37 SAMMIES ON CASUALTY LIST FROM PERSHING

Three Men Killed in Action; Two Die of Wounds; One Officer Mentioned in Report.

Washington, March 20.—First Lieutenant Frederick O. Klakring is the only officer appearing in today's casualty list of 37 names. He was wounded slightly.

Today's list shows three men were killed in action, two died of wounds, two died of accident, eight died of disease, five wounded severely and 17 wounded slightly. The list follows:

Killed in action:
CORPORAL RUSSELL G. HUGHES.
CORPORAL GEORGE H. MILES.
CORPORAL EDWARD MITCHELL.

Died of wounds:
PRIVATE LLOYD CULP.
PRIVATE FRANK PROSL.

Died of accident:
PRIVATE JOHN S. SMITH.
PRIVATE GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Died of disease:
SERGEANT FRED J. RASSBACH.

Privates:
JOHN V. ADDAMS, pneumonia.
WINTON CLARK, pneumonia.
HUGH L. GIBSON, pneumonia.
LARKIN W. LEACH, uraemia.
RONALD LOBAN, pneumonia.
LOUIS MAYLAND, cerebral spinal fever.

MAJOR TERREL, pneumonia.
Wounded severely:
CORPORAL OTTO G. ABBOTT.

Privates:
Earl Horton.
John C. Huntington.
Leonard Kostensky.
Peter Paulson.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.
First Lieutenant Frederick O. Klakring, Sergeant Louis A. Zeman, Cook Charles J. Hoover; Corporals Berry W. Langston, Ollie C. Marshall; Mechanic Leroy B. Hall; Privates Robert D. Beale, Byron H. Dean, Clarence Flourney, Donald A. Gerard, John H. Hoke, Donald A. Hunt, Robert R. Leib, Crumley C. McKay, Orten E. Myers, Ernest Van DeMark, Fremont S. Wells.

CORPORAL HUGHES FIRST OMAHA BOY KILLED IN FRANCE

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He was a member of the 1915 senior class at the Central High school. He was employed by the Omaha Gas company until the summer of 1916, when he enlisted with the Third Iowa infantry and saw service on the Mexican border.

To France Last July.
After mobilization in Council Bluffs last summer, Corporal Hughes went to Hemstead, La., and from there in July to France. His letters home have described his visits to historic places and his experiences until within the last two weeks. Because of the intensive training recent letters home have been very short. The last letter was received 10 days before his death.

The youthful war hero was very highly regarded by his friends and business associates because of his happy disposition. When his mother wrote to him she addressed him as "Our sunny boy in sunny France." The parents are grief-stricken, but assert that they are proud that their only child is the first Omaha boy to give his life for the safety of his native land.

When Corporal Hughes bade his parents goodbye before going to Hemstead for intensive training his father said to him:

"You are going away, my son, perhaps never to return."
The son answered: "I am willing to die for my country, dad."

The father is a city salesman for the Paxton-Gallagher company.

With Colonel Tinley.
Corporal Hughes was one of the men with Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Tinley, Council Bluffs, cited for bravery and given the French war cross following an enemy raid March 5 northeast of Badonville.

The citation says that "the line was kept intact despite the efforts of the enemy, who was aided by powerful artillery." The young corporal was

ALLIES GAIN ON U-BOATS IN RACE FOR WAR TONNAGE

Sir Eric Geddes Declares Entente Now Controls Forty-Two Million Tons, and Increasing Daily.

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 20.—One of the most important statements made to the country recently was the speech delivered in the House of Commons today by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty.

He appealed the demand, which has become general recently, that the country should be told the exact amount of the shipping losses, and he also announced the appointment of Great Britain's foremost builder, Lord Pirrie, as controller general of merchant ship building.

Statement of Facts.
Sir Eric's speech was a simple statement of facts, with no oratorical sentences, but he was listened to more attentively, than the most eloquent orators in the government.

The total allied and neutral tonnage is now 42,000,000 Sir Eric stated. The fact that it is at this figure is largely due to the new construction by the United States, and the seizure of German ships.

The output of new tonnage, continued the first lord, was very low in 1915, and reached its lowest point in 1916. This decline had been coincident with the increased output of munitions, and before the intensified submarine war began Great Britain was 1,300,000 tons to the bad.

Work Rushing Now.
During the last quarter of 1917, said Sir Eric, the allies were averaging within 100,000 tons monthly of making their losses good, and were then replacing 75 per cent of their lost tonnage.

At the present time, the first lord went on, 47 ship yards with 209 berths were engaged on ocean going merchant vessels. The ship yards work was completely disorganized during the first two years of the war from various causes, he explained, but nevertheless there had been an enormous accomplishment by the ship building industry. The output for the last quarter of 1917 was 420,000 tons as against 213,000 for the last quarter of 1916, while during the last quarter of 1915 it had been only 42,000 tons.

killed March 17. It is thought he had been in active fighting since the American expeditionary forces went into the Toul sector.

Iowa Boy Also Killed.
Des Moines, March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Another Iowa boy has given his life in the war. Private Lloyd Culp, listed as dead of wounds, was a member of Company M, 168th infantry. His home address was given as Lawen, Ore.

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MEATLESS DAYS DO NOT CONSERVE, SAYS MEAT HEAD

Washington, March 20.—Meatless days have not conserved the meat supply, Joseph P. Cotton, head of the food administration's meat division, today told the senate committee investigating food supplies, but on the other hand, he believed there had been more meat consumed on those days than usual.

This was caused, Cotton said, because, while many persons observed the meatless days, others who previously had not used much meat were enabled to do so by the high wages they were receiving and this resulted in a net increase of consumption rather than a saving.

60,000 DRAFTED MEN CALLED FOR TECHNICAL WORK

Crowder to Summon Class 1 Registrants Wanted for Special Training, Within Few Weeks.

Washington, March 20.—Provost Marshal General Crowder will begin within a few days calling out for special instruction the men in the draft

needed by the army in technical positions. A general survey of the educational institutions of the country is in progress, it was announced today to determine what colleges and industrial schools will be available for their training during the summer months.

Probably 60,000 men, obtained principally from class one, will be ordered out for special training. Local draft boards will publish widely the opportunity that is afforded to registrants with a view to obtaining as many voluntary inductions into the service as possible.

Licking Stamps Is Very Unsanitary.
Use a dampened sponge to seal your letters and to moisten the stamps, advise the Popular Science Monthly. The glue used on stamps and envelopes (also is made of bones and hoofs of cattle, and all sorts of rags are used in paper. Besides, although they may have been sterilized, the articles pass through many dirty hands while on their road to you.

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