

**No News
Is Good News**

D. DAY THEN AND NOW—
There are a couple of men around town who will have even less trouble remembering the date of the invasion than the rest of us... because June 6 was already D day to them... They are men of the Second division in World war I ... who took part in a counter-attack north of the Marne which proved to be the turning point of that war... Offhand, we can think of only two still around Columbus who went over the top in the bloody attack on the little village of Bouresches on June 6, 1918... They are Forrest Foster and Sherman T. Sublette... but it runs in our mind that the late Ed Crowe was either there or nearby with another outfit of U. S. Marines... that Wilbur Jones was in a neighboring sector with the Second Engineers... and that Pete Tuttle, now of Rush county, was in support with the 17th Field artillery... If we've overlooked anybody, please charge it to a memory that has had 26 years to cloud up... Incidentally, things were not all quiet on the western front 26 years ago today... but were somewhat different... There were relatively few tanks and planes... any they were relatively slow and awkward... On the other hand, there were no bazookas sniping at them... and no radar to detect their approach... There were plenty of machine guns (anyway, the Germans had plenty)... and enough trench mortars, whether they were the enemy's shooting at you or yours that you were having to help carry up the ammunition to... There was a 30th Division in France... and an 83rd Division which wound up in Italy... but no 106th Division, as all the divisions organized were numbered under 100... And, of course, there was no air base or landing field in this county... no army training camp, either... although some effort was made to "land" the one which later became Camp Taylor, Ky.

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