

Hope Grows Ping Safe; Newland Back in Combat

Man Reported Missing Dec. 20, Writes Dec. 25—Other Casualties.

Chances that Pfc. Logan Ping of this city is safe were bright today following receipt by his wife of a letter from him dated Dec. 25, five days after the date on which a War department telegram last week listed him as being missing in Luxembourg. The letter was postmarked "in Belgium."

Private Ping, employee of Newsum Trucking company at the time he entered service, wrote on Christmas day that he was well and that he was sorry that he had not been able to write for the past week but that he "also had lost his stationery."

The letter reached his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ping of Short Cherry street, Saturday and Mrs. Ping plans to send a copy of it to the War department in hope that they will be able to confirm the fact that her husband is all right.

Outfit Alongside 106th.

Mrs. Ping received a telegram Jan. 16 from the War department reporting that her husband had been missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 20.

Ping was serving with Company "G" of the 112th Infantry regiment of the 28th Infantry division. It was this regiment which battled the Germans in their breakthrough at St. Vith, alongside units of the 106th Infantry division and the Ninth Armored division.

An A. P. dispatch Monday reported that the 424th Infantry of the 106th Division was supported on Dec. 19 at St. Vith by one combat command from the Ninth Armored Division, 106th Division engineers and the 112th Infantry of the 28th Division. These units held off the Germans through Dec. 20 and until the night of Dec. 21 when the Nazis occupied the town at 11 p. m.

Coincides With Date.

This fighting coincides with the date that Ping, a member of the 112th, was listed as missing in action and it is highly probable that he became separated from his unit and was subsequently listed as missing.

The letter received by Mrs. Ping indicated that he had lost his belongings but did not give details of the fighting.

Private and Mrs. Ping have three children, a son and two daughters.

Newland Back at Front.
Pvt. William Howard Newland, husband of Mrs. Iona Newland, of 212 Pence street, has returned to action after being wounded July 27 in France and in a letter received from him Tuesday wrote that "we are sure giving them 'H' now."

The letter was written Jan. 7 to a sister, Mrs. Stanley Henderson of 708 Reed street. Part of the letter, postmarked in Germany, was as follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know we are all right. We are sure giving them 'H' now. We have been up front for a long time. We are in a German house cellar and we can hardly see, so you know why if you can't read this."

"We have a rag in a bottle for a lamp. I haven't had my shoes off for over 48 hours, but I don't think it will be long now."

He added that he received two letters Jan. 8. He also received two of his Christmas boxes while in a hospital in England.

Private Newland was wounded in the ankle July 27 and returned to duty after being under treatment in England. He is believed to be serving with the Ninth division. His mother, Mrs. Mollie Newland, resides at 348 McKinley avenue.

Aid Metcalf Wounded.

Pfc. Aud E. Metcalf, husband of Mrs. Helen Metcalf of 1103

Central avenue, is now under treatment in a hospital in Paris after being wounded in Germany.

Private Metcalf, a former resident of Louisville, trained at Camp Atterbury with the 3rd Infantry division. He suffered a back injury in the Normandy invasion and was injured a second time in the fighting in Germany. Mrs. Metcalf also has two sons in service, Bernard L. Sims, serving with the Navy in the South Pacific, and Kenneth Sims serving with the Army in Germany.

Capt. William Robbins, Jr., member of the 106th Division, has been

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NINE LISTED IN DRAFT CLASS 1A

Four Are Re-classified—Five Others Given First Status.

Nine more men, including four who have been reclassified and five given classifications for the first time, were listed in Class 1A last week by the Bartholomew county Selective service board.

The men were placed in Class 1A by the board at a meeting Wednesday night and their names posted outside the draft office at the armory Thursday.

Men who have been reclassified are John F. Kesol, Charles L. Sanders, Orrin Dodd Thayer, and John J. Kennedy.

Those classified for the first time following their recent registration after reaching their 18th birthdays are James Bogard, Chester M. Groce, Everett Black, Robert A. May and Norman E. Minor.

The Selective service office said that it was getting a number of queries on the new list of critical occupations, but the new list and orders have not yet been received here from state headquarters.

PENN NEWSOM PASSES AWAY

Prominent Sandoreek Township Farmer Dies After Short Illness.

Funeral services for Pennington Newsom, 87, well known Sandoreek township farmer, who died Friday morning at the home of a son, Norris Newsom, near Grammer, were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Sandoreek Friends church, conducted by the Rev. Leslie Bond, pastor. Burial was made at the Sandoreek cemetery.

Mr. Newsom was born Feb. 10 1857, near Elizabethtown, the son of Cader and Sarah Lemley Newsom, and spent all of his life farming. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Lorinda Parker who became the mother of six children, two of whom preceded their father in death, Miss Vera Newsom and Piny Parker Newsom. Mrs. Newsom died in August, 1880, and later Mr. Newsom married Mary E. White of Gilbert's College, N. C., who died two years ago. Shortly after her death Mr. Newsom went to make his home with a daughter, Mrs. Fred Newsom, near Azalia, and lived there until he became ill.

He was a birthright member of the Friends church and attended regularly as long as he was able. He served as a member of the

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