

Censor Permits Man of 106th to Write Details

Husband of Local Girl Says It Was Tough—More Missing.

As reports of men of the 106th Infantry division missing in action continued to pour in to friends and relatives here today, a letter from Cpl. Fred R. Mattoon, 22, to his wife, the former Miss Betty Cavender, 615½ Washington street, said the censor was permitting him to tell a little about the action in which the division is believed to have been badly mauled by overwhelming German forces in the middle of December.

Corporal Mattoon said he was permitted to report that the 106th, which was at Camp Atterbury last summer, was with the First army in Germany when attacked. He added, "As you know by the paper, we were pushed back into Belgium."

"It was quite a battle," he wrote, "and I guess I'm lucky to get out of it. We were pinned down by artillery and machine gun fire for 24 hours. That's one battle I'll never forget, even if it was my first one."

He said that while in Germany he was inside the Siegfried line. The letter was dated Jan. 2. Mrs. Mattoon received two others dated Dec. 29 and 31. In one he sent her some handkerchiefs from Belgium. In the other he told her he lost everything he had in the battle, even razor blades.

His home is at Springfield, Mass., and he is in the field artillery.

No word has yet been received from Cpl. Donald Lee Clark, local soldier who is serving with the 106th Division. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Clark of 423 Jones street. His wife, Mrs. Florence Clark, is residing with his parents here. The last word received from him was Nov. 22.

Husband Missing.

Pvt. Robert F. Welker, 20, husband of the former Miss Mildred Richards, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 21, according to a letter received by his wife from his mother, Mrs. Katherine Welker of Harrisburg, Pa.

The wife, who was married to Private Welker while he was stationed at Camp Atterbury, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Richards, 1015 Maple street, East Columbus.

Private Welker was in the medical detachment with the 423rd Infantry regiment. His last letter, dated Dec. 14 in Belgium, said there was six inches of snow on the ground, and a lot of mud.

Cpl. Lee Webber of an infantry

regiment of the 106th has been missing since Dec. 23, and Cpl. Alvin J. Foster of the division's field artillery has been wounded in action and is now in a hospital in England, according to word from their wives received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardin, 1110 Sycamore street. The two corporals and their wives rented a riverside cottage in Tellman's camp owned by the Hardins. After the division left Atterbury, the women returned to their homes. Mrs. Foster to St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Webber to Grover, Mo.

Wives Send Reports.

Cpl. Howell B. Reddick, 31, has been missing since Dec. 16, according to a letter from his wife at Lakeland, Fla., to Mrs. Harold E. Williams, 1903½ Lafayette avenue. The Reddicks resided at the Miss Alice Sims home, 903 Lafayette, and Mrs. Reddick was employed at Cummins Engine company about six months. Corporal Reddick was in the 422nd Infantry regiment of the 106th.

Tech 4 Roy Hilliard has been missing since Dec. 16, his wife at Steubenville, Ohio, has written Mrs. Gertrude Mellinger. Donald Protenhauer, whose wife is now at Escanaba, Mich., is also missing since that date. Mrs. Hilliard wrote. The men were members of the 422nd infantry. Both couples had rooms at the home of Mrs. Henry Marr, 824 Eighth street, and the two young women were employed at Cummins Engine company.

Lt. Nietman Lost.

Lt. Charles Nietman of the 106th has been reported missing, according to word from his wife, who returned to their home on Long Island, N. Y., after the division left Atterbury. While here, they lived with Mrs. Walter Ferry 2240 Cherry street.

Robert York, a baker with the 106th, has been missing since Dec. 16, according to word from Mrs. York, now at Grayville, Ill. The couple and their son, Robert, Jr., resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jones at Garden City last summer. Mrs. York had two letters from him on Dec. 30, dated Dec. 12 and 15.

Cpl. Howard L. Maurer of the 106th Division Signal company, also has been listed as missing. Corporal and Mrs. Maurer resided with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farr at Edinburg while he was stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Colonel Descheneaux Killed.

Lt. Col. George L. Descheneaux, Jr., of the 422nd Infantry regiment of the 106th Division has been killed in action on the Western front, according to word re-

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