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 Pvt. Fred R. Mattoon, 31, to his wife, the former Hazel Casper, 21, of Washington street, said the censor was permitting him to tell a little about the action in which the division is believed to have been heavily mauled in recent battles with the enemy 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 group in France and was in action in 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 just the 'Bugfriedt line.' The letter was dated Jan. 25.

Mrs. Mattoon received two other letters, dated Dec. 29 and 31. In one he sent her some handwritten notes from Belgium. In the other he told her he was losing everything; he had in the battle, even razor blades.

His home is at Springfield, Mass., and he is in the field artillery. He said he 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 430 Jones street. His wife, Mrs. Florence Clark, is residing with his parents here. The last word received from him was Dec. 21.

Rushed Missing

Pvt. Robert E. Walker, 20, a brother of the former Mildred Richard, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 21, according to a letter received by him from his mother, Mrs. Katharine Walker of Harrington, Pa.

Private Walker while he was stationed at Camp Atterbury, was living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richman, 910 Maple street, East Columbia.

Private Walker was in the medical detachment with the 423rd Infantry, his last letter dated Dec. 14, Belgium, and there was six inches of snow on the ground and a lot of mud. (Cl. Lee Webster of an infantry regiment of the 106th has been missing since Dec. 25, and Cpl. Alvin J. Furry of the division's 106th artillery had been wounded in action and is now in a hospital in England, according to word from their wife received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilliard, 1110 Byways street. The two corporals and their wives reside on a riverbank town in Talbot's county, about the same distance as the Hardy's, and have been here since the war. Mrs. Hilliard's 400th birthday is on Feb. 13."

The wire service of the 422nd Infantry regiment of the 106th, which is believed to have been missing since Dec. 16, has been written to the family of Pvt. Charles W. Jones, 467 White street. Pvt. Jones is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jones of Gatesville, Ill. The couple and their son, Robert, 17, also in the service, had letters from Pvt. Jones on Dec. 30, dated Dec. 13 and 15. Cpl. Howard E. Moore of the 106th Division Signal company, has also been listed as missing. Corporal and Mrs. Moore, of Mount Vernon, have two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eklund of Elkhart, when he was stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Col. George E. Dwyer, Jr., of the 422d Infantry regiment of the 106th Division, has been killed in action on the Western front, according to word received by his brother, Capt. George E. Dwyer of the 106th Division Signal company.

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