

## CAPT. REASER IS WOUNDED THIRD TIME IN BATTLE

Capt. Joseph Reaser, Gettysburg, has been wounded for the third time on the western front according to a War department telegram received last Friday by his brother, the Rev. Paul L. Reaser, pastor of Atonement Lutheran church, Washington, D. C.

Capt. Reaser's latest wound was received in Belgium January 19 according to the telegram. He is now in a hospital somewhere in the European theater of operations.

The Gettysburg officer has been prominently mentioned in Associated Press dispatches by Hal Boyle during January.

In a dispatch of January 8 Boyle revealed that Capt. Reaser lost a chance at a 30-day leave in the United States when he cut a deck of cards with another officer after the commanding officer could not decide on which was to receive the leave. Transportation was available for but one man.

### Colorful Battle Record

Both officers held nearly identical service records having served with the "Lost Battalion" at Mortain, France. Both had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Capt. Reaser's opponent cut the ace of spades to win the leave.

On January 15 another dispatch earned Reaser the title of "Indian Joe." Termed as one of the 30th Division's best company commanders, Capt. Reaser became a hero again when he led three men into a "vertical battle" to clean out a house defended by German paratroopers.

"Indian Joe" was slightly wounded in the arms when he led his men into the first floor of the house occupied by the Germans who were in the cellar. Capt. Reaser ordered his men to retire outside of the house and then set fire to the building. As the flames mounted Reaser and his men waited and as the Germans came out and ran for shelter his men easily shot them down.

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