

FULL FORCE OF WAR IS BORNE TO OREGON

Meaning of Sacrifice Comes Overwhelmingly With News of Loss of Tuscania.

GREAT ANXIETY IS FELT

From Governor to Humblest Citizen Hundreds of Families Throughout City and State Wait for News From Loved Ones.

They said, those who came with word of the war, that Portland and Oregon would not realize the meaning of sacrifice until disaster came to the boys from home. With the sinking of the transport Tuscania, torpedoed off the Irish coast, the full force of this fact is felt— for the vessel undoubtedly carried numbers of enlisted men and officers from Portland, and from Oregon and Washington.

The Twentieth Engineers, a forestry regiment, recruited largely in the Pacific Northwest, had three companies of the Sixth Battalion, D. E. and F. and headquarters on board the torpedoed transport. There were Portland and Oregon men in these units, but no details have yet been received to identify them either among the survivors or the missing. The large percentage of saved, however, kindled hope everywhere, though great anxiety is felt.

Governor is Worried. From the Governor to the humblest citizen, the loss of the Tuscania was felt alike. Earl Withycombe, youngest son of Governor and Mrs. Withycombe, is believed to have been aboard the transport, as he was a member of Company D, of the 20th Engineers, on yesterday afternoon Governor Withycombe notified officials of the Automobile show, which opened last night in this city, that he could not attend.

There is chance that Earl Withycombe was not on the Tuscania, as he had asked for a transfer to another company. Governor Withycombe, however, received no letter from his son announcing the granting of the request, and has telegraphed Senator McNary to discover whether or not his son was aboard.

Though many of the enlistments for the 20th Engineers were made in Portland, the local recruiting offices are unable to furnish information, as detailed and segregated lists are not kept.

At Vancouver Barracks, where the recruits were stationed for short periods prior to leaving for the mobilization camp at Washington, D. C., officers were compelled to reply that information must wait on the official report of survivors, which is now being compiled at Washington.

Lieutenant H. L. Johnson, of Company E, 20th Engineers, is a well-known Portland man, who home is at 1604 Fifty-seventh avenue, where Mrs. Tost and their three children now reside. It is considered certain that he sailed with his unit on the Tuscania.

Freeman E. Chilton, former clerk of the Seward Hotel in the 20th Engineers late in November and was assigned to Company F. He left Portland on December 15 to join his regiment, and was understood to have been aboard the torpedoed transport. A. J. Lyle, of Klamath Falls, is a brother-in-law.

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Corporal Davies graduated from Washington High School in 1915, and attended Reed College one year. He was draftsman in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company at the time of his enlistment, in December. He received his promotion at Washington, D. C., at Camp American University, three weeks after enlistment.

A brother, Alfred H. Davies, is now in France with the Fourth Battalion, 20th Engineers, and another brother, Albert G. Davies, is himself already a veteran of the Canadian service, awaiting service with the base hospital unit 46, is a member of The Oregonian staff.

Lieutenant Arnold Unattached. Second Lieutenant Joseph R. Arnold, who was employed in this city as a civil engineer in the employ of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, is believed to have been among the unattached officers aboard the Tuscania, as letters received from him indicated that he would sail about the time that vessel left port.

Albert G. Moreland, private attached to the Headquarters Company, 148th Field Artillery, was one of the Oregon men who left the Atlantic Coast about the time the Tuscania sailed. It is not known that he was on board, but his mother, Mrs. Olga B. Moreland, 247 East Fourteenth street, was much concerned last night.

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