

# CARPENTER DIES ON JOB AT SHENANGO

*Sept 21 '42*

The first death on the site of the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot since construction started 11 weeks ago occurred this forenoon.

William Briggs, a carpenter residing at the Charles King home in Fredonia, R. D. 2, collapsed at work this morning and was pronounced dead at 11:50 a. m., by the resident physician.

Mr. Briggs' death was attributed to a heart attack. He was brought to the Loutzenhiser funeral home here.

# SPRD EMPLOYE

## FATALLY HURT

Dec. 26 '42

### Punxsutawney Man Dies of Injuries Following Truck Upset.

Injuries sustained in a traffic mishap near the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot last Tuesday evening, resulted in the death at 1:55 p. m., Thursday of Charles Frank Hoffman, 45, of Punxsutawney who was employed as a plumber at the Army camp.

Mr. Hoffman succumbed in the Greenville Hospital of severe chest injuries rib fractures and a fracture of the right leg.

The Punxsutawney man, who roomed at 50 Clarksville Street, here, was a passenger in the pickup truck of Louis Raffetto also of Punxsutawney, which rolled down the steep embankment from the railroad overpass in Route 18.

Raffetto's truck skidded against a guard rail and overturned from the highest point of the overpass. Raffetto and another passenger escaped with minor injuries. The accident occurred about 6:15 p. m., on the 22nd.

The accident victim, who leaves a wife and five children, was removed today from the Baird funeral home to the Quay-Morrison funeral home in Punxsutawney for services on Sunday.

# ***Soldier Dies In Hospital At Camp***

*April - 1947*

Cpl. Joseph H. Weigner, 38, of San Francisco, died yesterday of pneumonia at the hospital at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot.

His body was shipped today under military escort to the home of his aunt in San Francisco. The body was accompanied by Sgt. Charles Reilly, of the same regiment as the deceased.

# DIES EN ROUTE TO SHENANGO

*May 3 '43*

## Soldier, Assigned to Camp Falls from Army Truck.

Pvt. David A. Rabeeh, 24, en route from Camp Meade to Shenango P. R. Depot to which camp he had just been assigned, was killed last night 14 miles east of Uniontown when he fell from the rear of an Army truck, his head striking the pavement.

He is said to have dozed off momentarily as he was riding in the truck which was conveying supplies and equipment from Camp Meade to Shenango Depot.

The operator of the truck, Sgt. Howard W. Hendricks, of the 320th Quartermasters Company at Camp Meade, was not aware of the accident until the dying soldier was found on the highway. A motorist had seen an object fall from the rear of the truck and investigated. Rabeeh died on the way to the Uniontown Hospital.

# CAMP SOLDIER

## WOUND FATAL

— May 7 '43

### Man Shot in Sharon Store Burglary Dies Early To- day.

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Private Lewis C. Gonzales, aged 26, died at 6:10 this morning in the hospital at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, from a bullet wound sustained during an attempt to rob the Wengler jewelry store at Sharon early yesterday morning.

One of two shots fired by a night watchman, after the victim had broken a window of the store and escaped with seven rings, struck the soldier in the left shoulder, passing through a lung and into the abdomen.

Gonzales came here from a camp in California, his home being in Denver, Colo., where his mother and wife live. Some confusion in identity came about through the fact that the pass which Gonzales was carrying bore the initials "A.C." which are those of another Gonzales in the same company.

# Plan Inquest in Soldier's Death

May 10 '43

A coroner's inquest into the death of Pvt. Lewis C. Gonzales, 26, of Denver, who was shot as he fled after robbing the display window at the Frank Wengler jewelry store, in Sharon, will be held at 8 p. m., Tuesday at the Sharon city building.

Pvt. Gonzales died in the base hospital at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot early Friday, 24 hours after he had been shot by Ferdinand Dalo, Sr., nightwatchman at the store, who chased him after he had smashed the display window and stolen seven rings.

# SHENANGO HAS RIFLE VICTIM

*Sept 10 '43*

## Private Unloading Clip of Bullets Fatally Wounds Self Early Today.

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Fatally wounded by an accidental discharge of his rifle during a changing of the guards, Pvt. Robert W. Becket, Jr., aged 18, of Camp Shenango, died before arrival at the station hospital early this morning, camp authorities announced.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becket, of 866 North Richmond Street, Chicago, Pvt. Becket entered the Army on April 24, of this year, at Camp Grant, Ill., and was assigned to military police at Fort Custer, Mich.

He arrived at Camp Shenango Sept. 1, and was unloading a clip of bullets from his rifle in a changing of the guards, when the accident occurred, witnesses reported.

# 2 SOLDIERS DIE IN CURVE UPSET

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**Camp Reynolds Men Killed Early Today, Pinned Under Machine.**

## **DEAD WHEN TAKEN TO LOCAL HOSPITAL**

Two Camp Reynolds soldiers, one of them a veteran of more than 18 years in the Army, were killed at 3:15 o'clock this morning when their automobile overturned on a curve in the Greenville-Sharpville road about six miles west of the military post.

The dead were: Master Sergeant Alden M. Crear, 38, of Albany, N. Y., and First Sergeant William H. Reinke, 43, of Baltimore, Md.

The public relations office at Camp Reynolds said that the automobile occupied by the two men failed to negotiate a curve near the Pymatuning bridge in Route 846. The men, who were pinned beneath the wrecked automobile, were pronounced dead on arrival at the station hospital in an ambulance dispatched from the post.

M-Sgt. Crear, who was in charge of the motor pool at Camp Reynolds, served over four years in the Army in two enlistments. He first enlisted in February, 1929, and served until April, 1930, re-entering the service in July, 1940. He came to Camp Reynolds in February of this year and served as truckmaster for the motor pool. Sgt. Crear's aunt, Mrs. Emma Miller, lives at 369 Second Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

First Sgt. Reinke joined the Army on March 3, 1917, and had more than 18 years of service to his credit. He was sent to Camp Reynolds in March of this year and served as first sergeant of Company B, 13th Battalion.

His wife, Mrs. Blanche L. Reinke, now resides at 100 North Water Avenue, Sharon. Sgt. Reinke's Baltimore address was given as 1,463 Woodall Street.