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The Non-Combatant Heroes.

When the history of the United States Army Ambulance Service with the French Army is finally written the names of eight soldiers of its enlisted personnel, the first of the non-combatants to pay the supreme sacrifice, will be afforded a prominent place among the pages.

Members of this Service will tell and retell of the valor of Private Carey R. Evans, of S.S.U. 523, the first ambulance man to fall on the Field of Honor. With the idea of duty ever paramount, Evans persisted in his work during a violent bombardment, sacrificing his own life, but saving the lives of the blessés in his charge.

Private 1st Class Charles R. Livermore, S.S.U. 630, was the second on the list to offer his life on the altar of Liberty. By his strict attention to duty and unflagging devotion to the Cause, he came to his death while preparing to depart from a front line post with a number of wounded. He accepted the supreme sacrifice in the same quiet, unassuming manner that had characterized his daily conduct while a member of the old Field Service, and later as a soldier of the United States.

In the same manner of gallantry, Private William J. Hamilton, S.S.U. 510, fell a victim of a Hun observer who directed the enemy artillery to fire upon the ambulance. The post was an open one, and Hamilton was seated in his car awaiting orders from the French doctor in charge.

Further back of the lines, but no less courageous, Cooks William B. Craven and Chandler Waterman, of S.S.U. 577, died as soldiers when an enemy shell exploded in their encampment over which flew the Red Cross flag.

Mechanic William A. Purcell, Private 1st Class Paul L. Hargreaves, of S.S.U. 523, and Private Charles J. Dolan, S.S.U. 552, whose deaths are reported in another column, complete the ^{list} _{of} ^{the} _{heroes} ^{of} _{the} ^{day} _{of} ^{the} _{20th} ^{of} _{June} ¹⁹¹⁸