

## Two Belleville Men Are Reported Dead in France

That George Younginger of 44 Wilson place, Belleville, was killed in action, June 5 in France, was the word conveyed in a letter received yesterday by his family from the captain of his company. In the casualty list given out to-day at Washington another Belleville man, Fred W. Stockham, a marine, is listed as dead, from wounds received in action.

Younginger's name has not appeared in any of the Washington lists, nor has word of the death been received from the capital, as is usually the case. Confirmation of the death, however, is given in a letter from another Belleville soldier, received also yesterday by the latter's father.

Younginger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Younginger, was killed by

shrapnel. The letter from the captain was addressed to his sister Ida.

In the same envelope was a letter the soldier had penned to his sister just before his death. The letter from the captain reads:

"I am inclosing this note with the last letter your brother wrote. It had evidently been written shortly before he was killed. He was killed by a shrapnel burst on the night of June 5, at about 7 o'clock, a small piece of the shrapnel striking him in the back of the head.

"He is buried in Chateau Thierry, on the Avenue de la Republic, in the garden of a house just off the square. His grave is marked and a record forwarded to the divisional authorities of just where he was buried. I wish to offer you my deep sympathy for the loss of a very gallant son and a very good soldier."

Younginger stated in his letter that he was getting along well. He inclosed two handkerchiefs as tokens for his mother and a neighbor, and stated that he intended to forward his sister a token soon.

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