



RALPH L. HERMANN

Captain R. L. Hermann served on the Mexican Border at El Paso, Texas, with Co. E. 18th Pa., Inf., N. G., in 1916-17. After a few weeks' enjoyment of civilian life, he was called into service with the Infantry again on April 13, 1917. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Engineers Reserve Corps, May 23, 1917, and First Lieutenant E. R. C., December 11, 1917.

After having helped organize the 535th Engineers, he sailed with them August 6, 1918, and landed at Brest, August 18, 1918. Thence to St. Nazaire by "Troops' Pullman." After spending a month at Base No. 1, where he was overseeing electrical construction and fighting the battle of the S. O. S., he was sent to the Zone of the Armies in time to get in on the last of the St. Mihiel drive. Then he was assigned to the second army and did railroad construction work in the Toul Sector.

In February 1919, he came back to Le-Mans, where he did road construction until June. He sailed June 20, from Brest and greeted the Statue of Liberty June 30, 1919. After spending a few days at Camp Upton, L. I., he was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was discharged July 21, 1919.

He entered the Service at Pittsburgh, Pa., but always maintained his home address at Woodbine, Illinois.