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LOUIS WEHRLE BELIEVED KILLED OR CAPTURED NEAR FRENCH FRONT Former Fort Wayne Man Listed Missing In Paris Bulletin

Louis William Wehrle, former Fort Wayne resident, who has been operating a hotel in Paris since his discharge from the AEF in 1917, was reported missing in a wr bulletin from Paris. Wehrle, a member of the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps was believed to have been killed or captured by German troops in their rapid advance along the Western Front.

Wehrle narrowly escaped death a week ago when his ambulance was forced to flee from a Nazi bombing attack. At that time, he was driving an ambulance in a corps which was under the direction of of Miss Anne Morgan, sister to the American financier, J. P. Morgan. Miss Morgan's unit had been operating dangerously close to the front lines aiding in the removal of French citizens. One of her ambulances in her corps was reported captured by troops or destroyed by the Nazi air raid.

Immediately after the report from Paris, the United States State Department and the Red Cross began an investigation to determine whether Wehrle had been captured.

Wehrle was born in Berne, Ind., 43 years ago. He served as a second lieutenant in the quartermaster corps in the World War. After the war he returned for a brief stay in Fort Wayne, then returned to Paris where he established a hotel partnership with a Mr. and Mrs. Chaumier.

He was chairman of the American Legion committee for Memorial Day services in Paris, in 1936 and placed a commemorative wreath on the grave of Quentin Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, who was killed in the war.

Wehrle, who has made numerous visits here since his discharge has several relatives residing in Fort Wayne. Paul Wehrle, a brother, Mrs. Violette Arney, and Miss Germain Wehrle, sisters, and Mrs. Victor Wehrle, his mother, all reside at 2915 South Lafayette street. Andre Wehrle, a brother, lives in Chicago, while Mrs. Flora Dawson, a sister, resides in Kokomo. Another sister, Mrs. Dora Taxton, lives in Crestline, O.

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