

# "TOO MUCH NERVE TO DIE."

## So Says Physicians of Flier Who Survived West Virginia Crash.

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MONTGOMERY, W. Va., Sept. 8.—Corporal Alexander C. Hazelton, army airman, who was the only one of five to escape death when the Martin bomber in which they were flying from Charleston to Langley Field, Va., crashed at Twenty Mile Creek, Nichols County, last Saturday, "has too much nerve to die," physicians who are attending him at a local hospital declared today.

Hazelton today had recovered sufficiently to talk some of the accident, and despite the terrible experience he endured appeared jolly and joked with the doctors and nurses. And this despite two broken legs, a dislocated hip and internal injuries. Physicians say his indomitable will power and remarkable nerve will be important factors in his recovery, which now is expected.

For two days Hazelton hung head downward, unconscious, from the wrecked plane, until he was rescued by a farmer who found him and the bodies of his former flying companions. He expressed gratification today that unconsciousness had spared him the torture that otherwise would have been his during those two days.

Hazelton today said he lost consciousness before the plane struck the ground and expressed the belief that the four who were killed also were unconscious before the crash came. He said the pilot of the machine made a heroic effort to prevent the crash, but that he was impotent against the elements.

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