

MODEST BUCK PRIVATE TAKES FRENCH ORPHAN

"Parrain" Who Provides Mascot With Year's 'Care Doesn't Want Names Mentioned— Total Now Stands at 85

Eighty-five. That is the total of "mascots" adopted by units and individuals of the A.E.F.—of French children bereft of home or parents by the war who now, through the generosity of the American soldiers in France, are assured of food, clothing and comfort for a year.

Funds for the support of 19 children were received this week by the War Orphan Bureau of THE STARS AND STRIPES. At this rate the total of adoptions will pass the 100 mark next week.

The Air Service was again in the foreground in adoptions, leading, by a narrow margin, the Infantry, the Engineers and the Medical Corps. The first private to make a personal adoption sent in his 500 francs for a six-year-old girl, at the same time making a forbidding mention of his name, and the Y.M.C.A. hut at Base Hospital No. 8 gained the distinction of being the first unit to raise a fund for the care of a STARS AND STRIPES war orphan.

The week also brought the first expressions of gratitude from the children adopted and, in some instances, from their mothers. These letters tell a tale of thankfulness that is almost pathetic. Five hundred francs isn't much to a company or the average detachment, but it will provide a monthly payment of \$7.50, at the same time making a French mother with a family, or to a child who has lost home and parents, means the solving of a vital problem that appears insoluble.

Brother Sister and Another "if possible," the airman wrote, "adopt for us a brother and sister, orphans of from four to seven years of age, and a girl orphan of about the same age. This command stands ready to assist in the education of its adopted ones and will endeavor to bring to them a little pleasure from time to time. The men of this command were very much enthused over the plan and heartily congratulate THE STARS AND STRIPES on its splendid movement to help the needy children over such a period of their lives. The money was raised within 24 hours after the plan had been explained to the men."

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How the Cities Stand A merry inter-city contest on the side has produced illuminating and inspiring proofs of loyalty. For instance, Milwaukee stands fourth among the leading cities with 125 per cent. The factory towns with a known large proportion of aliens have done beautifully. Worcester, Mass., has 105 per cent. Springfield, Mass., 103 per cent. Lynn, Mass., 102 per cent. Newark, N. J., 100 per cent.

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ings on the counter," wrote W. I. Kelley, the secretary. "We have a poster on the wall representing a thermometer. A movable red hand indicates from time to time the increase in contributions."

"We will leave to you the selection of a child. We hope soon to have the various units here working for separate orphans. This is only a beginning. Your idea is a fine one. It gives the men an intelligent way of expressing their good will."

Aero Squadron Takes Its Fourth The — Aero Squadron, which had previously adopted three children, sent in an additional 500 francs for a fourth child, a brother of one of those they already had taken.

The — Aero Squadron sent 1000 francs, and wrote: "We desire to adopt two orphans, one child to be a boy and the other a girl, both to be about six years of age, and preferably of the same family. This money was voluntarily donated by the members of the — Aero Squadron and it is sincerely hoped that at some future date we will be able to make another adoption."

The — Aero Repair Squadron asked for "one little French girl seven years of age whose daddy was killed in the guerre."

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ONE GAME AFTER ANOTHER



[Photo by S.C. A.E.F.]

PARIS OR LONDON—HOW COULD HE TELL?

You Might Get Mixed Up, Too, if You Were on Courier Service

RIGHT OF WAY ALWAYS HIS So Far This Marine Sergeant Has Crossed Channel Only Forty-Three Times

By GEORGE T. BYE
London Staff Correspondent of THE STARS AND STRIPES

LONDON, May 2.—A marine sergeant—therefore a stiff, spruce guy with a jaw like a cow-catcher—was walking ahead of me, and behaving very queerly for a marine.

He would hoot ahead a bit, stop, stroke his cow-catcher, look around, then go on again. Once when he looked around I saw that there were tired lines about his face and that his eyes were bloodshot. "Poor guy," I thought. "Must have been high seas last night."

For the second time in my life I had made a mistake, thought I didn't realize it then, for the marine sergeant nodded to me the next time he stopped, and asked: "Say, tell me—for the luva Mike—is this Paris or London?"

Would you have thought that he had just come over and, on top of an evening of beguiling sociability, had lost his bearings? "Aphasia?" I asked, smart-like. "Hell, no. It can't be," he almost shouted. "Must be either Paris or London."

"You're right. It's London. But it's a funny mistake to make." "Oh, I don't know about that. What if you did nothing else but hop from Paris to London and back again?" "You —"

"I'm a pelican," he interrupted, and grinned. "Then I know my guess was right. One in Chicago I was curly wold." "I'm a pelican," he repeated. "See, here's my pouch," and he swung around

NAMES OF 50 MEN ON VISIT TO STATES

A.E.F. Soldiers Who Made Good Here Tell Home Folks About It

There were 50 of them, you remember—50 members of the A.E.F. who had made good with such a bang that they were going back to the States to tell everyone about it. THE STARS AND STRIPES printed the story of their selection and departure two weeks ago. Word of their safe arrival at an Atlantic port has since been received. They are now booming the war in general, and the A.E.F. and the third Liberty Loan in particular. Here are their names. See if any one you know is in this list:

- Pvt. John M. Andrews, Sgt. Harold A. Andrews, Cpl. Edgar Barnes, Cpl. Herbert E. Bakes, Pvt. Louis P. Bonne, Sgt. Samuel L. Blyth, Pvt. Langhorn Barber, Cpl. Thomas Cosgrave, Sgt. Edmund B. Creed, Cpl. Osborne Devarilla, Pvt. John Faderuck, Sgt. Manning Grimes, Pvt. Raymond Gustaf, Sgt. Paul A. Havenstein, Sgt. John J. Heffernan, Sgt. Keith W. Howart, Pvt. Harry H. Harrison, Sgt. Owen C. Hawkins, Pvt. Robert L. Heath, Cpl. Charles Henry, Pvt. Kenneth B. Jopp, Pvt. Schuyler Mawer, Sgt. Hugh Marsh, Sgt. Eugene McNair, Cpl. Charles E. Morris, Cpl. Elmer D. Martin, Pvt. Robert Montgomery, Pvt. John McCormick, Pvt. Harry Novak, Pvt. H. A. Nicholas, Cpl. Leonard Omerod, Pvt. William J. O'Neil, Pvt. Barney Pogue, Cpl. Milo H. Plant, Sgt. Joseph Petrus, Sgt. Thomas F. Reddy, Pvt. James F. Redding, Cpl. Harold J. Smith, Cpl. Guy E. Smith, Cpl. James L. Stephens, Cpl. Merl L. Skinner, Sgt. Richard J. Schnell

a dispatch case that I hadn't noticed before. "I'm a pelican and I fly from Paris to London, and back again."

Up went a dozen star shells. In great shame I saw I had been horribly wrong in my judgment of the marine sergeant. He is one of six A.E.F. couriers assigned to the London-Paris circuit, of whom three are from Indiana, one from Washington, one Alabama and one Pennsylvania.

"You'd be surprised how this foreign architecture gets your goat at times," he went on, "especially when you haven't had but a couple of winks of sleep in 24 hours. You see French and English uniforms on the streets in both places, and signs in both languages. A fairly good way to tell 'em apart is from the buildings. If the buildings look white, you are pretty certain to be in Paris. Grey is the war color of old London, but you'll notice they're starting to paint things up white, and it sure does confuse a fellow."

"Pretty soft job for you."

Not So Terribly Soft "Well, yes and no. But I'm not complaining. You know, we have to take got-luck on the trains out of Paris. Sometimes they don't stop where you think they are going to, and that means considerable hiking. It's pretty cold and uncomfortable on the trains, and you have to keep awake most of the night to make sure of transfers to other trains. And traveling on the boats over the Channel is not what you would call *de luxe*."

"Say, do you know how many times I have crossed that big sloppy creek? This was my forty-third, and I don't hold the courier record by a long shot. I'm in Paris and London at least once a week, and our schedule calls for three days' rest in each place. And we sure need it after a few of the trips."

"Before the war I lived on a nice little Indiana farm. Who'd ever thought then that I would spend month after month doing nothing but travel from London to Paris, wearing a nice big automatic and no cop to pinch me for carrying exposed weapons—having the official courier of Uncle Sam carrying important war dispatches! It's pretty soft, isn't it?"

THE INFANTRYMAN

"(The artillery conquers; the infantry occupies.)"

He gets no rides in parlor cars. In coaches or Sedans. And yet his work is just as big as any other man's. He wears no winglike badges and no aviators' goggles. But yet he's Johnny-on-the-spot. Whenever we're bustin' through!

He has no mathematics such as Redlegs all must learn; For engineering plots and graphs. He's never known to yearn; Machine guns with their curleykewes. Are so much Greek to him—What matter? Though he's short on books,

He's long on strength and vim! The cannoniers may blast away And make the Boche go *pronto*, But infantry with bayonets Will send 'em to Toronto, To Halifax or Timbuctoo. And send 'em humpin' fast—So 'Tenshun! while the columns of The infantry march past!

der. Sgt. Chesley W. Whitton, Cpl. Harry A. Welcome, Cpl. Homer Whited, Cpl. Milton Willard, Pvt. Horace P. Webster, Cpl. Beecher L. Ward, Pvt. Percy D. Yarborough, Pvt. H. Zody.

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HOSPITAL BARBER SHINES AS SALOME

Musical Show Makes Great Hit at Mackay-Roosevelt Post

The Mackay-Roosevelt Hospital Unit, on duty in the A.E.F., is just recovering from a severe attack of amateur dramatics and the hero of the outfit is the barber.

Vincent Rizzo, who, from the unit's arrival in France, had been hiding his light under a shaving mug, stood revealed on the night of the show as a sensuous barefoot dancer of Hindoo measures. Aided and abetted by several other enlisted men, he had the hardihood to present himself as Salome in the famous Dance of the Seven Veils.

Veils were borrowed from seven nurses and when the great climax was reached and Salome must expire at the bite of a coiling serpent, it was found that an untrained piece of fire hose made a great personal hit as the serpent.

The barber was presented, afterwards, with a large bouquet of Bermuda onions, a joke that always goes big in small time houses.

The show was a musical comedy given on the stage of the Y hut where the boards had already known the stately tread of E. H. Sothern and the sprightly prance of Elsie. It produced an unexpected number of amateur Theater in Things who had been camouflaged in olive drab.

The hit scored was so emphatic that the C.O. says the troupe can go wherever the Y.M.C.A. wants to bill it. The boys immediately suggested an extended engagement at the Astor Theater in Times Square, and this being coldly vetoed, are now looking over the map of France for suggestions.

YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TELL

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
NEW YORK, May 2.—A New Jersey Draft Board was hopelessly stunned the other day when a man being examined before it became suddenly stubborn on the point of nationality and flatly refused to say what country he had come from.

"He might have been a Russian or French or Turk or Prussian," but he would not commit himself on the subject. Finally, one exasperated official banged on the table and demanded with heavy sarcasm: "Well, you're a human bein', ain't you?"

"I refuse to commit myself," was the haughty reply. And the board is beginning to think there may really be some doubt about it.

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