

Give, and the baby buds shall grow
In childhood's sheltered garden plot;
Give, and the coming years shall show
Each blossom a forget-me-not.

YANKS NOW HAVE 400 LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIES

Give, and the dawn of lonesome years
Shall turn to a springtime morning mild;
Give, and receive through a mist of tears,
The blessing of a little child.

THE TOTALS

Taken This Week	
Prov. Ogd. Dept. Bn.	1
Hqs. - Division	1
U.S. Naval Airman, - France	1
Hqs. Detch. - Engrs.	1
- Const. Bricklaying Co.	1
U.S. Naval Airman, - France	1
Lt. L. A. MacPherson, S.S.C.	1
Pvt. Frank A. Doble, Inf.	1
Previously adopted	299
Total	400

By Branches of Service

Here is the number of orphans adopted by units of the different main branches of the service of the A.E.F.:

Infantry	276
Field Artillery	13
Army Pld Clerks	2
Air Service	1
G.M. Corps	1
Marines	6
Balloon Sqds.	20
Supply Trains	5
Machine-Gun Bns.	20
Signal Bns.	5
Naval Air Force	18
Aviators	3

The remainder of the adoptions are by units of various smaller branches of the service - Bakery Companies, the Tank Corps, Stevedore Regiments, Auto Convoy, the Graves Registration Service, Naval Aviators and other Navy units, Telegraph Battalions and others - and two scores from individuals, including 22 by officers, six by enlisted men; eight from Y.M.C.A. secretaries, five from the United States and one from England.

The health of the entire A.E.F. mascot family is very good.

Naval Aviators Come Again

This week's adoptions totaled 15, the largest order being from the Naval Aviators at a camp in southern France. Previously, this group of sailor-airmen had taken eight orphans, and this week they requested six more.

From the headquarters of the Division came 869 francs and this explanation from Chaplain D. Tannenbaum:

"This amount was collected from the officers and men of this command on the occasion of a 10th of July concert.

"It was felt that concrete expression should be given of the friendship and love we bear France, and no more fitting way could be found than by the adoption of a French boy. He is to be adopted in the name of our beloved commanding general as a token of the affection we bear him."

WHAT THE CHILDREN SAY

Cher Parrain:

And the children? What do they think about all this? The letters that follow are their own handiwork, unless the mascots are too small to write and have to call on mothers or grandmothers or aunts to express the thanks which they all feel, even if they cannot put it into words.

"Yesterday," writes Lucienne Ballue, from a place that happens to be one of A.E.F.'s best ports, "I was thinking about you. Your Memorial Day was being celebrated here, and our dead and yours were united in our hearts."

"I am not always a very good little girl," frankly admits Mariette Laflite, "but I will try to be so to please my father, who can see me, and also to please my godfathers, who cannot see me."

"There are Americans here. When I meet them I say 'Goodbye' to them in English and they answer 'Goodbye' with a laugh. They seem very kind. I should like you to be here. I am learning how to speak English, but I know almost nothing yet. But I do know how to say 'Thank you' to you, and I love you very dearly."

"Hurrah for America!" writes Raymond Ares at the head of his letter, and he begins: "Dear Allies." His father, who was killed in the war, used to run a restaurant at Nancy, but an enemy bomb destroyed it.

"The American soldiers used to do their cooking near me," writes Raymond, "and they gave me all sorts of nice things because I told them that my daddy also was a cook."

"America," writes René le Jarlet des Chateaux, "is said to be a very pretty country where trees are much bigger than in France. My aunts often speak about it. Their great-uncle was bishop of Boston over 100 years ago. He was Monseigneur de Chevreuse, who died in 1836, cardinal archbishop of Bordeaux. He loved America." So, apparently, does René, who is not yet 10.

Confiture for Aubin

"The parents of little Aubin Robert will be pleased to know that his money has been put in the bank, but it is before being put in the bank that I want to write you a letter. I am very glad to hear that you are all well. My little Aubin is too young to write himself. I shall have his brother write for him. If you think it advisable, I shall take a book at the Savings Bank for little Aubin and tell you what amount I put down in it. As for the rest of the money, Aubin is a little chap who likes jam so much! I shall indulge his taste for this once, as it is his very expensive. Here are still other letters."

Works Well for Daddy's Sake

"My Dear Friends: - was very glad to hear that you are all very well in my welfare. I was seven on March 5th. My father was killed at Verdun in 1916 and mother died last year. I am a little orphan who has only his grand mother and a sister, also a widow since the war, who has a little girl, and an uncle who is engaged as interpreter for the Americans."

"My father's wish was that I should receive a good education; that is why mother sent me to school rather early. I can read quite well and am already out of the little children's class. My teacher is so pleased with me, as I generally am among the first boys of the division. In remembrance of Daddy, I want to work well so as to become a bright boy. I am, like all boys, very fond of all games, but I particularly love football and all mechanical toys."

"I am very glad that you are going to help me and take the place of my darling Daddy and Mamma, my kind friends of the Company of Cadets, and I promise you to be very good and work hard for your sake. Your little friend, Robert Cattiaux."

One Child in a Family

Many of these letters are glowing, wonderfully worded expressions of gratitude and hope. They have given their readers an unusual insight into French child life, and, from their tone, there can be no doubt that the interest of the Americans has been an inspiration to them.

So great is the number of needy children, it was decided that only one child in each family would be adopted, and that only in exceptional cases will a child who has a mother or other adult relatives be selected, if he is the only child in the family. By supporting one child in a family of several, the others are, of course, indirectly assisted. A compilation made of the names of children adopted showed that, in addition to the mascots actually enrolled, nearly 500 others had benefited in this way.

At the same time, it was decided that all children enrolled in the family would be given free medical attention through the Red Cross. Children living near Red Cross medical centers are given a physical examination and accepted. Physical weaknesses and tendencies are noted and steps are taken to correct them. This already has resulted in an actual saving of life in several cases. On the whole,

HIS OUTFIT



Edouard, the mascot of the 1st Division, is a very good boy.

To Pay Back His Sister

My Dear Parrain: - I send you two words to let you know that I am well and I hope you are the same. I thank you very much for your kind gift and your interest in my sister. I also hope that you have received my picture; you will see that I am a good boy. I go to school every day to learn how to read and write, and when I am grown up and defend my country, I shall get well so as to grow strong and tall and to become a well-educated boy, polite to everybody and respectful to old people.

We are living in a refuge, the same as soldiers do, and have to go for our soup twice a day. Well, it is war!

I am a total orphan. Mother died five years ago, and father when war broke out had to do his duty and left us all four; my sister, who is now 18 years old; my brother, who is 16 and is in invaded country, and my other brother, 13 years old, who also is in invaded country with an aunt, and myself.

My father was very much grieved to leave his motherless children. After a stay of three months at the front he came back to see us and afterwards he died. I am living with my mother, who supports me, but when I am grown I shall give everything back to her. - Your loving mascot, Andre Jacquere.

She'll Soon Write Herself

Dear Sirs: - It is with great pleasure that I give you news of my dear little Marie-Louise. She goes to kindergarten every day without grumbling, and she looks forward to the day when she will be able to go to the big school because, she says, "I shall then be able to write all alone to my dear parrains."

When she hears an automobile rushing by, she runs to see whether it is a patriotic American. If a little friend just her a bit at play, she immediately talks about reporting the fact to her parrains. Americans, she is very proud to be your mascot. I shall give her my picture, for she will be happy to scribble a few lines. With my best thanks I am, dear sir, Yours very truly, Jeanne Peltreche.

Afraid of His Writing

Dear Benefactors: - They tell me I have been chosen as your little ward, and I want to thank you for it.

My dear parrains, I am eight years old and I go to school every day. I learn how to read and write. I only began this year to attend school. Before that time I could not see, but now I must learn quickly in order to help Mother a little, as Father, who earned our bread, was killed at Guorbigny, in the Somme, on March 12, 1916.

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Watches Americans Land

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I am eight years old and go to a private school. I am in the fourth class. I like going to school very much.

After school, I go on errands for Mother, or else I play with my doll, or a ball, but I like my doll best. I put her to bed and dress her very often.

I love going to watch the Americans land; I try to talk to them, but I cannot understand what they say. They remind me of my dear papa, who was a Lieutenant of Infantry and who was killed at the Dardanelles on May 4, 1915, leaving mother with my sister Yvonne, who is 12 years old, my brother Charles, who is 13, and myself, and also grand-mother, who lives with us and is 86 years old.

I leave off, dear sponsors, with a big kiss for you all and with heartfelt thanks. Your little ward, who will not forget you, Madeleine Pellon.

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NEED ANY MONEY? DON'T ASK DOBLE

He Used to Be Platoon's Emergency Reserve Fund, But -

Private Frank A. Doble belongs to a company which has written American history with the bayonet in the last few weeks. He has gone into and come out of all the hot scrammages in which a crack Infantry regiment can participate in these lively days.

He is the kind of a fellow who is - or was - always good for a touch if you kept your credit good. He was generally known to be in possession of francs three weeks from payday, he didn't shoot crap and he was regarded as a conservative spender.

One day, a fortnight ago, Private Doble went broke! If the United States Treasury had stopped payment on silver coins, it wouldn't have created more of an impression on the members of his platoon.

And About the Same Time

About the same time the War Orphan Department of THE STARS AND STRIPES received a draft for 300 francs with a letter from the Y.M.C.A. saying the amount was being transmitted for Private Frank A. Doble, Co. I, - Infantry. There was no further explanation. The letter was put aside awaiting word from Private Doble - which hasn't come yet.

The day after the bankruptcy of Private Doble was discovered Company M went into action, and it didn't think any more about Private Doble's strange financial condition until it came out again and began to hold the customary franc inventory. It was then that Private Doble confessed that he had gone and spent the whole platoon emergency reserve fund for a little French war orphan.

Some of these days, after Private Doble suggests a razor blade through seven days' beard and corners and captures the last coffee, he is going to write to THE STARS AND STRIPES about this orphan, requesting, undoubtedly, that his name be not printed. But we're going to beat him to it.

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