

WHOLE FAMILY OF A.E.F.'S ORPHANS NOW NEARLY 1400

Christmas Campaign Adoptions Alone Reach Total of 862

ONE MORE CENTURY MARK

Waif Taken All the Way from Philippines—Young Lady Mixes Her Arithmetic

This was another "century week" in the adoption of Christmas Gift War Orphans by the A.E.F. Business seems to be getting better.

The week's adoptions were 115, and the total of fatherless French children taken in financial aid by the American Army in Europe in the Christmas campaign of THE STARS AND STRIPES reached 862.

The size of the A.E.F.'s entire family, including the earlier adoptions, reached 1,380.

Business, it may be said right now, is so ripe for all good things, so much so that the figures on when we listed 500 orphans and on when we listed them on the market and the mercy of the American soldiers—that the Red Cross committee in charge of the children is temporarily swamped, and, of necessity, is a little behind in the allotment of orphans to new parents.

By way of explanation, it should be stated that every child, before adoption, is personally investigated, and from the vast number of orphans who come under the attention of the committee only the most needy are selected.

Another 500 Soon Ready The Red Cross committee is now working up another 500 cases, which will be ready in from one to three weeks.

At any rate, unless there is an unexpected increase in the number of francs generously coming into THE STARS AND STRIPES office for the benefit of France's coming generation, the delay will not be much more than a week or two, but, in the interim, we do not want you to think that we are stalling a peace celebration with the francs.

Everybody seems to be lining up and putting his shoulder to the band wagon. Even the censor mellowed up and assisted in this week. Just look at the list of adoptions. Name of units, numbers and everything. For the first time since we started drumming the A.E.F. francs for war orphans, we can tell who kicks in. No more obscurity, no more —. Think of that!

No More — After This In the last seven months we have used enough — to reach, if placed end to end, from the end of a mess line to the dishing-out stand. Spaced at a distance of a mile apart, they would reach from Paris, France, to a point in the Pacific Ocean seven miles west of the Farallone Islands, with enough left over to provide fish for seven cartoons by Pvt. Wallgren. If converted into a noodle—but what's the use? Hereafter, no more blushing unseem. We get right out in the open and do it—if we can. The war is getting good.

This week's adoptions were featured by a fine response from the States. There were more than a dozen of them from as far off as California, and there was one from a whole lot further away than that, the Philippine Islands.

The one from the Philippines was taken by Virginia and Billy Brown of Manila, who earned and saved every cent of the 500 francs they contributed. They asked for a girl, and it is a toss-up whether the god-child will be younger than her sponsors or not.

But the most notable adoption from the States came from a young lady whose identity obviously cannot be disclosed. The details of this adoption were not outlined in the letter she sent with her 500 franc inclosure, but in another letter to a friend which has been confidentially turned over to the Orphan Department.

"I knew," said the young lady, "that a franc equaled about 10 cents and for seven months, home and reason I divided 500 francs by 10 cents to figure it out in real money. It came out \$26.

"There was the nicest, noblest little reindeer brown jersey dress down town that fitted me like a glove, matched my newest square, 'kinder-lilly' hat, and just seemed meant for me. I'd think of that dress and the \$26 it would separate me from, and then I'd think of that little French kid without any dress at all—and, of course, the dress lost.

\$30 Worth of Francs "I went and wrote my letter of transmittal to THE STARS AND STRIPES, saying I was enclosing \$30 worth of francs for the war orphan. When I went to get my money order, of course, I had only 150 or so francs. I backed up and came home—so disappointed all over!

"That night I worried about the poor little kid, and I regretted not sending the money more than I could. I could possibly regret not receiving it. Next morning I surveyed my bank account and found that I could just scare up the necessary amount. Then I looked at my bank account and thought: What if I should take a trip and need new togs or get sick and need pills? Then I thought of the little Frenchie again—and you know what happened. I trotted down with the money for the 500 francs and sent it."

What do you think of that for an American girl? If any old millionaire philanthropist, or anybody else, for that matter, with more than enough money on hand for two meals can read that letter without feeling like a piker, we should like to know about it. And if any of the correspondents in the "French girls versus American" indignity in the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune can read it without having a guilty conscience, we should like to know about that, too.

From Teacher and Class A third adoption from the States came from a school teacher and her class. The pupils sold tickets to help

"So the top threatened to bust you, eh?" "Yes, in the jaw."

ADOPT A CHRISTMAS GIFT WAR ORPHAN! On September 27 THE STARS AND STRIPES announced a Christmas campaign for the temporary adoption of 500 little French war orphans—a campaign to provide each of them, as the Christmas gift of the A.E.F. with food, clothing, comfort, schooling for an entire year. So generous was the response that, within five weeks and with Christmas still two months off, the entire 500 had found godfathers in O.D.

Therefore, THE STARS AND STRIPES (through the co-operating Red Cross committee, which administers the care of the A.E.F.'s adopted orphans) has listed from the tens of thousands of fatherless French homes more children to meet future demands. Until Christmas we will offer these children to the Santa Clauses from overseas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WAR ORPHANS AT 500 FRANCS EACH (19 pounds, 5 shillings, English money). make up the necessary amount, and the little girl who sold the largest number of tickets will get the first letter from the class mascot as her reward. Still another child was adopted by cable by Mrs. Ada B. Gardner, of New York.

"Adopt girl. Draft and letter mailed," she wired. There were not any particularly large adoptions in point of numbers by the A.E.F. this week, but there were some which represented a pretty heavy per capita assessment among the members of several units. Half a dozen small units and groups took two children each. A.R.C. Home No. 5 for Convalescent Officers, where the adoption of an orphan is almost a weekly event, took two this time.

Battery E, 338th F.A., took three, raising the money in two hours; the U.S. Naval Air Station at L'Aber Vrach took four; units of the U.S.A.A.S., through its official newspaper, THE Reditor, adopted three more children, and the Headquarters Troop and Headquarters Detachment, 85th Division, who staged a private franc gathering contest between themselves, took four, two being adopted in memory of Corp. James M. Smyth and Pvt. Henry J. Williams, who were killed in action at Choppo in the Battle of the Argonne, September 26.

Meet Wan Nien Shing The week's godfathers included a Chinaman, Wan Nien Shing. Wan Nien Shing is orderly for the officers of the Administrative Labor Company, A.R.P.C. No. 2. When the officers started the collection of an orphan fund, he announced that he had to come in, too, and he did, to the extent of 45.50 francs.

The residents of Orient Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., held a carnival, the proceeds of which went to the benefit of the daughter of the residents who are in the service of the United States. Orient Avenue is one block long and has between 25 and 30 houses. Sgt. 1st Class H. G. Fahlbusch, of the Chief Surgeon's Office, A.E.F., is one of the 15 present. When he received his share of the carnival proceeds as a Christmas present he added something of his own to it and adopted an orphan.

How to Adopt an Orphan Any company, platoon, detachment, office staff—in short, any unit or individual—can adopt a Christmas Gift War Orphan simply by contributing 500 francs for its support for one year. The money is sent to THE STARS AND STRIPES, and by it turned over to a special committee of the American Red Cross for disbursement. The Red Cross itself stands all expenses incurred in administering the War Orphan funds. Thus, every cent contributed to take care of a Christmas War Orphan is spent on the actual care of the child.

No restrictions are placed upon the methods by which money may be raised to adopt a Christmas Gift War Orphan. Send all communications regarding the Christmas Gift War Orphans to THE STARS AND STRIPES, 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France.

This Week's Adoptions Orphans were adopted this week as follows:

- Adopted by: A. K. Ellis, 60th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; Battery B, 60th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; 187th Aero Const. Squadron, U.S.A. 1; Field Artillery, Paris 1; S.S. 52, U.S.A.A.S., through "The Reditor" (one each) 2; Officers and Men, U.S. Naval Air Station, Caderousse, France 2; 2nd Div., 90th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; Miss Inez Hobbs, Washington, D.C. 1; H. Co. 1, 15th Inf., Regiment, U.S.A. 1; Miss Winifred Holman, Hollywood, Cal. 1; 2nd Div., 90th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; Officers, Base Hosp. No. 12, U.S.A. 1; Co. G, 101st Am. Inf., U.S.A. 1; Officers and Men, Hq. Co., 10th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; E. Co., 10th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; 53rd Regt., T.C., U.S.A. 1; 1st Div., 1st Regt., U.S.A. 1; Two Friends, U.S.A. 1; Base Hosp. No. 46, U.S.A. 1; Lieut. Charles J. Martin, U.S.A. 1; Mrs. Charles F. Miller, Lancaster, Pa. 1; 2nd Div., 90th Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; Miss Katherine Jones, Washington, D.C. 1; S.C. Robinson, U.S.A. 1; District of Paris, U.S.A. 1; Lieut. William J. Campbell, U.S.A. 1; Miss Julia Rogers French, Suffolk, U.S.A. 1; An Observer, William W. Criswell, U.S.A. 1; 488th Aero Squadron, U.S.A. 1; Lieut. Carl E. Brown, Paris, U.S.A. 1; The M.C. Detach. Hq. 8th Div., U.S.A. 1; Mr. & Mrs. J. W. H. 1; Officers & Men, 10th Co., 3rd A.S. Mech., U.S.A. 1; Officers & Men, 3rd A.S. Mech., U.S.A. 1; Capt. S. S. Hamilton and Lieut. Elsworth Hamilton, U.S.A. 1; Officers & Men, Hq., 138th F.A., U.S.A. 1; Masonic Club of 84th Am., U.S.A. 1; Base Hosp. No. 6, U.S.A. 1; Base Hosp. No. 6, U.S.A. 1; Lieut. E. L. Morris, U.S.A. 1; Mrs. Alice Mott Kortright, Huntington, N.Y., U.S.A. 1; Co. M, 2nd Pioneer Inf., U.S.A. 1; Lieut. J. C. McCormick, O.D., U.S.A. 1; In Memory of: Ensign Chester Brown, U.S.A. 1; Charles W. Harris, W.M.C.A., and Pvt. George Corp. Wyatt Dunston and Lieut. Marion Rupp, U.S.A. 1; 40th Aero Const. Squadron, U.S.A. 1; Officers, Adm. Labor Co. Hq., A.R.P.C. No. 2, U.S.A. 1; Miss Mary O'Dea, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A. 1; 5th Heavy Art. B.C., U.S.A. 1; Lieut. J. Hartman, U.S.A. 1; Mrs. John Pavill, New York City, U.S.A. 1; Base Hosp. No. 63, U.S.A. 1; Guiding Star Lodge No. 368, F. and A. M., U.S.A. 1; Officers, Base Hosp. No. 67, U.S.A. 1; Field Hosp. No. 312, A.R.C. Home No. 5, U.S.A. 1; Convalescent Officers, A.R.C. Home No. 5, U.S.A. 1; Battery C, 311th F.A., U.S.A. 1; 10th Div., U.S.A. 1; Field Hosp. No. 312, U.S.A. 1; Residence of Orphan, Avenue de Brocsm, U.S.A. 1; Miss Lucretia Crawford, Chicago, U.S.A. 1; U.S. Troop & Hq. Detach. 15th Div., U.S.A. 1; Sgt. J. W. H. 1; Personnel, U.S. Naval Air Station, L'Aber Vrach, U.S.A. 1; L'Aber Vrach, U.S.A. 1; Convalescent Camp No. 2, U.S.A. 1; Officers, 61st Artillery, C.A.C. U.S.A. 1; Virgins and Mr. Brown, Manila, P.I., U.S.A. 1; Miss Charlotte L. Clifton, U.S.A. 1; Miss Charlotte L. Clifton, U.S.A. 1; A.R.C. Home No. 46, U.S.A. 1; Omaha Ambulance Co., 335, U.S.A. 1; French Adoptions: Total 862

FOR COVERED CAPS AND ICE CRACKERS FOR RUSSIAN A.E.F. Yanks on Murman Coast Get Ready for Real Old Time Winter

EVEN HAVE SPECIAL HORSES Arctic Tents, Stoves and Sleeping Bags Also Being Provided by Quartermaster

Up on the Murman coast of Russia, on the rim of the Arctic Circle, where nature has provided all the stage settings of the North Pole, including the midnight sun, a frozen ocean and lots of snow and bears, thousands of American soldiers are getting ready to spend the winter after the fashion of Arctic explorers.

They are carrying ice chisels in addition to entrenching spades, and they are wearing moccasins and snow gaiters, fur covered white caps—white to camouflage with the snow covered steppes—sheepskin lined coats and leather jerkins with big corded loops and toggles down the front, and Shackleton boots.

Even their horses are special cold weather horses—tough little shaggy-coated animals brought out of Siberia. They also are using 88 toboggans and many sledges and skis brought in Norway, and hundreds of pairs of snowshoes.

Q.M.C., A.E.F., Did It The Q.M.C., A.E.F., has spent several interesting months equipping the American expedition which is operating on the Murman Coast in conjunction with British and French expeditions.

So far, aside from occasional brushes with Bolshevik forces, the Murman coast expedition has been principally occupied in keeping open the railway lines that lead to the Murman Coast ports.

The Americans have special Arctic tents and stoves, and large quantities of a long grass that grows on the steppes were purchased for bedding purposes. Hundreds of sleeping bags have also been provided. Many of the materials were bought in England, although the Scandinavian countries were drawn upon also.

Special woolen coats and breeches and underwear, long mufflers, worsted socks and long stockings, gloves and mittens and other things which are being issued to the doughboy in Russia. Alaskan Yanks are said to be right at home in their new surroundings, although they complain sometimes of the heat.

Honolulu Jazz in Russia North Russia being peculiarly adapted to twilight concerts, the American expedition has its own band, and Honolulu jazz music suggestive of palm trees and volcanoes is said to be popular with the boys who are using ice blocks to make dugouts.

An international ration has been agreed upon, so that British, French and American troops eat the same things. While not a true Eskimo diet, the food includes much fat, and instead of having fresh pork from company pigeries, for variety the American soldiers may have fresh polar bear, providing bears up that way are indiscreet.

The favorite joke at company messes, however, is the mastodon—the prehistoric ancestor of the elephant, whose frozen carcasses are said to abound in the ice fields underlying some of the country, presumably where ingenious mess sergeants find them.

GOING HOME IN COMFORT "Why is Gubink so anxious to be omitted, now that the war's over?" "Says he wants to cross the ocean this time in a stateroom."

"Learned any of these French gambling games since you came over?" "I can lose enough at the American ones."

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TURKEY, FOOTBALL, SHOWS ON A.E.F.'S THANKSGIVING DAY Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross Plan Holiday to Fit in With Armistice

WOUNDED TO GET FEASTS Day of Prayer Also Asked Under President Lincoln's Original Proclamation

Practically every one of the auxiliary organizations serving with the A.E.F. is planning to feature Thanksgiving Day as much as possible under the changed conditions resulting from the armistice.

Wherever it is possible to do so, they will bring Yanks into close proximity to the National Bird, to cider, doughnuts, pumpkin pies and the other accessories of the one purely American feast—outside, of course, the Fourth—of the year.

The Y.M.C.A., through its athletic department, is endeavoring to arrange football games between rival units, to be played on the holiday. For entertainment, the 85 professional theatrical companies and troupes now serving in France, together with the 40 soldier companies, largely composed of men who were on the professional stage before the war, will be worked overtime, with both afternoon and evening performances.

Movies and Stunt Nights Wherever the thespians, professional or O.D., cannot get, the endeavor will be to have the movies and stunt nights which were organized and old fashioned games and dances featured. At any rate, there will be something out of the ordinary in every hut in France.

Reprints of President Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation, the one which was read for the first time the last Thursday in November as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, have been struck off to the number of 500,000 and will be distributed throughout the A.E.F.

The American Red Cross is planning to provide all wounded and sick in hospitals with a dinner, the basis of which will be turkey, cranberries and pumpkin pie. In addition, the day, in all American hospitals in France, will be celebrated with special services and entertainments.

In Paris, the Red Cross has leased the Folies Bergère for the afternoon. All over France there will be French families which will invite American soldiers to their homes on Thanksgiving Day, for lunch or for dinner. A central committee has published a broadcast notice and is receiving replies from every department, each reply stating the number of guests that the family in question can accommodate.

By direction of the American commanders in certain areas, the organization commanders and heads of service have been directed to turn in lists of those of their men who desire to accept French hospitality for the day. These lists will be handed over to the local French committees so that the men may be personally invited.

Y WORKER MONTHS IN ENEMY COUNTRY American Gives Word of Honor So He Can Help Prisoners

Now that the armistice provisions relating to the repatriation of American prisoners of war are being carried out, it may be written for the first time how, all during the hostilities of the last 19 months, an American citizen, working for the Y.M.C.A. in Germany itself, was able to minister to our men in the enemy's camps—and all with the approval and consent of the German Government.

Not to give too much credit to Germany for the occasion, however, it should be stated that the name of the American in question is Conrad Hoffman, and that he had done Y.M.C.A. work in German cities and towns for a number of years before the war.

He had friends at court and in the army, so that when the time came for ex-Ambassador Gerard to leave, the latter was able to persuade the authorities to let Mr. Hoffman remain behind and to free him from any danger of being arrested or interned.

Made to Give Oath He was made to give his oath that he would not propagandize among the American prisoners and the interned American civilians whom he was to serve; that he would not aid them to escape or wink at attempts to escape, and that he would recruit whatever staff he needed entirely from neutrals.

He did so, and with the help of Swiss, Dutch, Scandinavian and Spanish men and women was able to mitigate in some way the arduous life of the prison camps.

Through A. C. Harte, a Y agent in Berne, Switzerland, he received both funds and such things as athletic equipment, photographs and records, books, magazines, tobacco and soap. In every camp he organized committees from among the prisoners themselves to take care of the local distribution of the supplies.

In one of the larger camps he succeeded in placing a library of some 500 books, and in another, by the aid of the funds sent through the prisoners were able to get out a little camp paper of their own entitled "Barbed Wireless."

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