

A.E.F. NOW FATHER TO 2,468 IN XMAS ORPHAN CAMPAIGN

Monday, Last Day for Adoptions, to Find Family Over 3,000

188 MORE FOR S.O.S.; A.S. 50

Generous Units to Be Listed on Honor Roll in Final Accounting and Sum-up

With only three more business days ahead, THE STARS AND STRIPES Christmas War Orphan Campaign neared the 2,500 mark this week, still going strong. Two hundred and thirty-six was the seven days' total.

The 500 orphans the A.E.F. started for ten weeks ago have been over-subscribed 300 per cent, and then some, and, what with the 514 adopted during the summer and an indicated burst of speed for the close of the race, it is certain that the total of the family of fatherless children is going to be well over 3,000.

The S.O.S. was the banner contributor this week, supplementing its record order of last week for 836 children with a request for 188 more.

Money for the adoption of more than 2,000 orphans has now passed through the S.O.S. Christmas Orphan Campaign headquarters, money enough, it may be added, to go a long way toward straightening the kinks in the lives of the children of the departments of France, recently rid of the invaders.

Money in size to the S.O.S. this week came the Air Service, which has been conducting an enthusiastic campaign for several weeks that has made it conspicuous in the list of purrains.

When the net results of the air Service campaign are gleaned, to this 750 will be added several others taken during previous weeks and more still to come. But the net total cannot be made yet because the Air Service sent in many of its adoptions through the S.O.S. orphan campaign headquarters in the campaign which resulted in the S.O.S. being checked up with something more than 1,000 Christmas children to its credit.

Biggest Field Takes 60

The aero men apportioned out the number of adoptions expected of each air camp and squadron and then started a campaign which went off with the rush of a 98-cent silk stocking sale. One training center for instance, the one which describes itself as the biggest (and a lot of other superlatives) flying field in the world—was notified that it was expected to become the godfather, protector and provider of 60 orphans. It did.

Another was advised that, unless its personnel which flew, or complained because it didn't, assumed the same role and responsibility to 40 more it couldn't expect to amount to much in the ranks of amateur philanthropists. The result was 20,000 francs.

At this field one company—the 19th Co., 4th Motor Mechanics Regiment—adopted ten. We haven't been able yet to ascertain the strength of this company, but it looks like a new per capita record for the A.E.F. The 17th Co. of the same regiment took four children, and the 182nd Aero Squadron and the Aerial Gunnery School took seven apiece. Several squadrons took three each.

Next Monday. But such exceptions will be few. When the final adoptions are in, and the names in the A.E.F.'s family have all been carefully recounted, checked and tabulated, there will be an accounting of some kind—a statement of the exact amount of money received and so forth. Incidentally, there will be many some of the units which especially distinguished themselves for their generosity in the old — days before the censor got kind hearted and let us use names and numbers.

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As to the recently redeemed districts of France where the need is great, and to which the S.O.S. contributions for approximately 1,000 orphans will be devoted, arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily. As stated before, the work will have to be done in conjunction with the French civil authorities. It is expected that the allotting of children in these districts will begin in three or four weeks.

As announced two weeks ago, the Christmas orphan campaign will close at noon next Monday, and all the money received thereafter will be held and applied to second year adoptions. The contributions will go to making provision for members of the A.E.F.'s family whose plight will not be immediately ameliorated by the coming of peace and who would be as badly off as ever, or worse, if their present monthly allowance stopped suddenly a few months hence.

Some exceptions may be made to this rule in extraordinary cases—in instances, for example, where organizations are now conducting campaigns of their own which cannot be concluded in time to get the proceeds to this office by

TO THE THIRD ARMY

"As the instruments of a strong, free Government whose purposes toward the people of Germany are beneficent," the Third American Army is taking up its occupation of German soil, according to the terms of G.O. 218, which sets forth the line of conduct for that Army. The text of the order reads:

"In view of the extraordinary conditions under which that part of the American Expeditionary Forces which constitutes the Army of Occupation of German territory is serving, the Commander-in-Chief desires to acquaint the officers and men composing it with the expectations which he entertains as to their conduct.

"You have come not as despoilers or oppressors, but simply as the instruments of a strong, free Government whose purposes toward the people of Germany are beneficent.

"During our occupation the civil population is under the special safeguard of the faith and honor of the American Army.

"It is, therefore, the intention of this order to appeal directly to your pride in your position as representatives of a powerful, but righteous nation, with the firm conviction that you will so conduct yourself in your relations with the inhabitants of Germany as will cause them to respect you and the country you are occupying as the honor of the American representative.

"While you appear among them as a conquering army, you will exhibit no ill will toward the inhabitants.

"On the other hand, you are warned against conduct unbecoming your position as instruments of military rule.

"So long as a state of war continues, Germany remains enemy territory, and there must be no intimate personal association with its inhabitants. A dignified and reserved attitude will be maintained on your part at all times.

"It is believed that any acts of pillage or violence will be committed by members of the American Forces, but, should any persons prove themselves unworthy of this confidence, their acts will be considered not only as crimes against the sufferers, but as dishonoring the American Army and as a direct insult to the flag of the United States.

"Such transgressions, should they occur, will be punished with the severest penalties known to our military law.

"By command of General Pershing: JAMES W. McANDREW, Chief of Staff."

SERVICES PLAN TO AID RETURNED MEN IN SECURING JOBS

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consequently have to take up new lines of work. Through this board, every disabled man in the A.E.F. is guaranteed the benefits of any or all of the following services that he may require: Advice and assistance in selecting a suitable occupation; help in returning to his old occupation if such a course seems advisable; training for a new occupation or for greater proficiency in his old one; permanent employment in a desirable position; follow-up work to protect him from mistakes and give him encouragement.

The board is anxious to get in touch with every disabled man so as to be of all possible help in restoring him to strength and capability for useful service.

To Get Pay While Training

It has provided for courses of instruction designed to fit men for new careers, and with the backing of the Government is ready to use all the existing educational facilities of the United States, including the offices, farms and workshops, as well as the schools in that category. Furthermore, while a man is taking one of those vocational courses he will be paid at least \$65 a month, or more, in proportion to his rank, with additional allowances if he has dependents.

The board, which has the entire backing of the Government at Washington, of the United States, in close touch with employers of all sorts of labor. A letter addressed to its overseas agency, care of the American Red Cross, Room 323, Hotel Regina, Paris, will call forth full information describing the work of the various courses and the general nature of the plan.

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Taken This Week

Table listing various units and their contributions to the Christmas orphan campaign, including 122nd Aero Squadron, 123rd Aero Squadron, etc.

100,000 YANKS AT TIME AWAIT BOATS AT 600 ACRE CAMP

Brest Embarkation Center to Ship Home 10,000 Men a Day

700 BUILDINGS GROUPED

Baths and Real Paper Dollars Have Part in Soldiers Farewell to France

The world's largest rest camp—the jumping-off place in France where 100,000 American soldiers at a time may await embarkation for the United States—will be in full operation next month. It is at Brest, and it has the modest but efficient title of Pontzenecq barracks. It covers 600 acres.

A permanent garrison of 7,000 troops is now occupying the Brest camp, and Brig. Gen. Stempley D. Butler is in command.

The camp's 17 mess halls will feed 5,000 soldiers in 40 minutes. There is a modern American hospital in the camp with beds for 2,000 patients.

The plumbing and water works equal those of a big city, with 5 1/2 miles of sewer line and 12 1/2 miles of pipe line for the water supply. There are 20 miles of gravel sidewalk and 20 miles of highway in the camp.

The plan is to have the outward bound troops stay in the camp for about four days, and about 10,000 will be sent out daily when the full quota of ships is running. The procedure outlined for the individual soldier in the camp is as follows:

1,500 Baths an Hour

A thorough bath in the modern bath houses, which accommodate 1,500 men an hour; a complete new clothing outfit; a close physical examination (sick men being held); pay to date in American money; and all foreign money changed; assignment to a demobilization district near the man's own home state.

Extensive plans have been made for the comfort of the men to go home from Brest. They are to receive full garrison rations, and to have all their clothing sterilized in a plant located in Camp 4. Big auditoriums are being built by the Y.M.C.A., with 11 huts and a warehouse, and the Red Cross is to build eight huts itself. An Army theater is to be built there at Government expense.

The camp boasts a quiet convalescent store run by the French that will do a land office business in the last minute souvenir purchases by the men who are waiting for the home boat.

The barracks facilities comprise 700 buildings and 400 tents located on a hill 3 1/2 miles from the city proper. The camp retains an interesting historical interest. The walls of the original barracks, built in 1650, were the very ones that housed Napoleon I, and still remain standing. The natives point out the room in the ancient building on the grounds where, they claim, the to-be Emperor of the French lived while he was a military student.

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WHEN YOU GET THAT LEAVE

Under General Orders No. 6 and 38, Enlisted Men in the American E.F. may go to leave areas for 7 days, with board and lodging paid by the Army. The three areas now open are: SAVOIE—French Alps, lakes, etc. Center: Aix-les-Bains. BRITTANY—Sea Coast. Centers: St. Malo, Dinard, Paramo. AUVERGNE—Mountain Section of interior France. Centers: La Bourboule and Mont Doré.

Entertainment provided by Y.M.C.A.; Other leave areas will be opened soon. Accommodations secured by application through C.O.'s of units to P.M.G., H.Q., S.O.S.

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FIRST BATCHES OF XMAS MAIL ARRIVE

Two Vessels Bring Across 24,000 Sacks Just for a Starter

The first large batch of Christmas mail has arrived at Bordeaux in two steamers, one making port late last week and the other early this week. The two vessels carried a total of 24,000 sacks of mail. These shipments, according to the postal authorities, are only a starter, and many shipments even larger are expected within the next few days.

Special arrangements have been made at the Bordeaux post office for handling this deluge of Christmas mail, and that office is now one of the most active scenes of operations in the A.E.F. An additional force of 100 men and two officers have been picked out to assist the regular force of trained men at the docks, and two shifts working day and night have been inaugurated. The mail is first put into the huge post office warehouse as a preliminary to shipping it out to every section of France or Germany where American troops are stationed. A guard stands watch over the mail from the time it is loaded on the hold of the ship until it is loaded on cars and sent out in charge of postal employees.

Plenty of Cars in Sight

In order that there may be no delay in sending out the Christmas mail, the commanding general of the Base has had several conferences on the situation, and a sufficient number of cars has been promised to handle everything that comes in. An American car will hold 1,000 sacks and a French car 300. Unlabeled mail, which usually constitutes about 10 per cent, comes to the Army Post Office in Bordeaux, where the organization is looked up and the mail then sent to the proper station. At present there are three sailings a week for the United States, besides the sailings on the French Line, which carries large quantities of American mail. From Base Section No. 2 alone more than 350,000 letters are mailed each day to the people in the States.

The Allies' Victory will soon be won. Low MR. LOTTI, who has been mobilized since the beginning of the war, to sum up the personal management of his hotel, "THE LOTTI," which has been known since the opening, in 1913, as the "Paris Home," for the best society.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE. Has opened reading, writing and rest rooms at 3 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris. These rooms are open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and all Soldiers and Sailors of the Allied Forces are cordially welcome at all times. The Christian Science Monitor, other publications of the Society, the Bible and the Text Book of Christian Science, "Science and Health" with "Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will be furnished free by the Committee to any Soldier or Sailor of the Allied Armies upon request. 3 AVENUE DE L'OPERA.

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