

RETURNING TROOPS MUSTERED OUT IN THEIR OLD CAMPS

Units Go to Centers at Which Majority of Men Joined Army

MANY TO BE MADE CASUALS

Unassigned Will Be Discharged in Draft Area Cantonnements Nearest Home

Officers and men of the A.E.F. will be mustered out on their return to the United States in the camps or cantonnements at which they entered the Service, according to latest embarkation instructions.

Commanding generals of divisions or brigades, upon receiving orders to prepare their organizations for return to the United States, are to send in to Hq., S.O.S., a report by wire showing the percentage of their organizations which were inducted into the Service at each of the camps or cantonnements in the States. This report is called for at once in the case of commanders whose organizations already have been notified to prepare for return.

The same instructions pertain to commanders of regiments, battalions, companies or smaller units ordered to prepare for return.

Detached as Casuals

Upon arrival in the United States each regiment or separate battalion is to be sent to the camp or cantonnement in the draft area in which the greater percentage of its men entered the Service. Prior to leaving France, that part of the personnel inducted into Service at other camps will be transferred to casual detachments destined to the camps or cantonnements in which they were inducted into Service.

They will be carried as unassigned troops, Infantry, Engineers, Artillery, etc., and will accompany their regiment or battalion as detachments. However, no detachment of fewer than 25 men will be formed.

Men from camps for which there is no detachment will remain with the organization, or be reported as included in other detachments as may be necessary to send them to camps near their homes for discharge.

To the Old Home Camp

Upon arrival in the United States, the regiment or separate battalion will be sent to the camp or cantonnement in which the greatest number of its men came. The casual detachments will be placed under officers who come from the same area and sent to the camps where the men entered the Army.

Companies or smaller units, proceeding home, will also be sent to the camps or cantonnements nearest the areas from which the majority of their men entered the Service.

The Finance Department of the Q.M.C. has bought from the French Government all the American money in France to use for exchange and in paying embarking troops. The French Government has promised to deliver \$7,000,000 in American currency, and the pay stations at Brest, St. Nazaire and Bordeaux are now operating. Patients at the embarkation hospital centers of Savenay, Beau Desert and Brest are also being given American money in exchange for their French money.

ALL SERVICES PLAN RECORD CHRISTMAS

Gifts, Entertainments and Real Santa Claus in Every A.E.F. Hut

Christmas is going to be celebrated with a bang in every Y and K of C hut, every Red Cross canteen, every mess-shack and every ward of every hospital in the A.E.F. Every one of the structures mentioned is to have its own tree, and each of at least 1,000 Y huts will have its own set of Santa Claus whisks.

Most important of all, though, there will be free Christmas presents for everybody, in addition to the 9x13x3 set from home. The gift from the Y.M.C.A. to every doughboy it can reach will be a box containing two packages of cigarettes, a tin of smoking tobacco, and a package of gum. The K. of C. also promises Christmas presents, which will be in the nature of a surprise—an ample and satisfying surprise, moreover. It already has Christmas cards enough for everybody to remember the home folks.

In the hospitals every wounded or sick man will be directed to hang up an issue sock at the foot of his cot—preferably one of the big, heavy, winter ones, for the Red Cross's contribution is to be a hefty one. In addition to smokes, chocolate and gum or eating tobacco, there will be parcels of nuts, candy, fruit and cookies. The present from the Red Cross will further include two handkerchiefs, safety pins and soap—in case, presumably, that the one hung up at the foot of the cot cracks under the strain.

Day's Entertainment Plans

The entertainment plans for the day are many and varied. To every Y hut in France has been sent the book of a Christmas minstrel show and a one-act play called "Mistletoe and Onions," designed to be played by men of the A.E.F. with or without help.

In the hospitals every auxiliary of the A.E.F., the Y is making it a point to invite to its Christmas celebration as many French children as possible, knowing that a Christmas without children would be worse than an army without privates. The Red Cross plans to have an entertainment in every hospital, the details of which are to be arranged by the local workers, and the K. of C. will put on shows in all its huts and hostels. In Paris there will be a big informal Christmas Eve and Christmas Day party at the Red Cross's headquarters in the Hotel Regina, with the American entertainers the only card of admission needed, and silver stars counting for no more than first class privates' buttons. Also, there will be turkey at the Red Cross canteens in the Gare St. Lazare and the Gare du Nord, at 19 Rue Traversiers, at the Regina, and at two new hotels for enlisted men, which will open officially on Christmas Day. They are located at 8-10 Rue Hyacinthe and at 24 Avenue Victor Emmanuel III. The turkey and the party won't cost any Yank a sou.

3,444 FINAL TOTAL IN WAR ORPHAN EFFORT

Continued from Page 1 on account of its central location—being within easy hiking distance of all parts of the United States—and after the presentation was over we would say, "General, dismiss the Army." But, as suggested, there are so many things in the way of this plan that we haven't got the nerve to try it. For that matter there isn't any medal. It is like the lawyer's question—hypothetical. But the citation goes. That's real.

The final week's adoptions, to an even higher degree than in former weeks, included many notable features. It was the receipt of large contributions for large groups of children that swelled the total.

The 306th Engineers dispatched Captain Warren P. Grant with 23,000 francs for 46 children. Nearly all of this money was gathered before the signing of the notice—while the 306th Engineers were waiting close behind the line ready to go in.

One Company Takes 12 The franc-raising started in Co. D when the captain explained the plan. A contest was begun by platoons. The Headquarters Detachment and the First and Second platoons took two each, and the rest of the platoons one. Privates Kachares and Sponris, both Greeks by birth, took a child between them, and made Co. D's total nine.

The rest of the regiment got busy. Co. B took 12, Co. A adopted eight, Co. B seven, Lieut. Col. T. Luger donated 500 francs and the field staff officers 1,000 francs.

The sailors of the U.S.S. Wyoming making a lusty response on behalf of the Navy, sent in 12,000-odd francs, enough to support 24 children for a year. It is the record lump contribution from the Navy.

The R.O.S. Detachment at A.P.O. 741 subscribed for 22 children.

The 100th Machine Gun Battalion of the 28th Division which, after the German war machine started to skip and boil over in the vicinity of Chateau-Thierry last July, spent most of its time under fire was a heavy subscriber.

There are 677 men in the battalion and 14 officers, and they gathered 7,000 francs for 14 children. The 100th started out to raise funds for the orphans several times, but every time it started it, got orders to go into the line. It wasn't until the armistice was signed that it was really able to catch the paymaster and its breath long enough to make the collection.

The officers and enlisted men of Intermediate Ordnance Depot No. 2 headed a long list of subscriptions from the Ordnance Department with enough francs to make 13 orphans contented for 12 months.

The 21st Field Artillery adopted eight more orphans and made its total for the campaign 52. The 327th Field Artillery adopted an even dozen children.

The Balloon Service appeared conspicuously in the list again. The Army Balloon school and the Balloon companies stationed there became god-fathers of ten fatherless children.

In Memory of Its Dead

Evacuation Hospital No. 10 took five children, one each in the memory of the five members of the unit who died in France during the war. J. Piper, Harry A. Sheets, Howard L. Sherrier, Earl O. Weist and Harry E. Schreiber.

The S.O.S. wound up its contributions to the Christmas campaign by ordering 20 more orphans and making the total of the Christmas adoptions which have come through S.O.S. headquarters 1,044. In addition, 3,000 francs were forwarded from the Triannon theater in Tours, S.O.S. headquarters.

It was the sum gained in the previous week from voluntary contributions taken at performances and was in addition to 4,000 francs received for eight children the week before. All told, the Triannon theater audiences are god-fathers to 14 fatherless children.

The Air Service finished strong. The District of Paris headed this week's list of A.S. contributors with enough francs to give homes to nine children for a twelvemonth. The Second Aviation Instruction Center at Tours topped off its previous liberal contributions with a request for seven orphans.

Troops in the District of Paris adopted 11 children, four of whom were taken by the office of the M.T.O. Company D of the 13th Engineers sent in 10 francs for four orphans in addition to one previously adopted.

From the States, Herbert E. Knox, of New York City, sent 1,500 francs for three children, making four in his orphan group. "Three Little Yankee Girls" whose daddy is serving his country in France sent for an orphan from Palo Alto, Calif. Kappa Sigma Chapter of the University of Michigan forwarded 500 francs one week after it called upon its members for contributions.

The orphan department has begun a statistical check-up of the card index system to determine who's who in orphan fathering. The tally will tell the number of orphans taken by the different branches of the service, by units, by individuals, etc., and ought to settle a lot of debate as to which units have most distinguished themselves.

High Spirit of Generosity

Several letters have been received lately, mostly accompanying contributions, asking if the aforesaid enclosed contribution does not place them at the head of the list in their class. Many of the later contributions have shown a wonderfully high spirit of generosity among the members of contributing units.

Also, some of the organizations who made adoptions early in the summer have followed these by other adoptions from time to time and have amassed sizable groups of children by about the sort of filtering-in process that the Germans tried up around Chateau-Thierry last summer with less success. They have come in almost unnoticed until now they are here in strength. One battery of Field Artillery wrote in this week saying that it had noted the publicity given to organizations for making large contributions lately and called attention to the fact that since last summer it has been supporting 14 children.

As a matter of fact, it did more than call attention to the fact. It said, "Why the hell don't you say something about us?"

Well, we will, as soon as we get the check-up made. Several units and groups are still gathering funds. At a concert given under the direction of Lt. Col. Collis in Bordeaux Monday night, for instance, 2,700 francs were raised. Although donations have closed, such funds will still be received. They will be devoted to carrying out a plan for continuing the fund, now being worked out.

Taken this week: 46th Aero Squadron, 1st Lt. J. H. ... M.T.C. Garage, London, ... Detachment, ... Field Officers, 68th A.L., C.A.C.

NEW LEAVE CENTERS IN WINTER PARADISE

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Enlarging upon the already well known Savoy leave area, the famous resorts of Chamonix, Annecy and St. Gervais, in the Haute-Savoie department of France, bordering on Switzerland, are to be open to A.E.F. garrisoned units. The first named about the middle of January and the others February 1. When going at full tilt they will have accommodations for about 3,200 men at a time.

Chamonix, the most famous of the three situated on the slopes of Mont Blanc, is one of the world's finest places for the enjoyment of winter sports, such as skiing, skating, coasting and climbing, having but one competitor—St. Moritz, in Switzerland. Its climate is cold, bracing and invigorating—but for the benefit of the snow-bound Yanks in the east of France he said that, if they go there, they will be lodged in one but well heated hotels. For a general club and recreation hall, the Y.M.C.A. has leased the whole ground floor of the beautiful new Hotel Majestic, where dancing and music and movies and all the rest can be enjoyed.

Annecy, lying by the lake of that name, offers equal facilities for winter sports, and equal hotel accommodations. It was in the Lac d'Annecy, by the way, that "September Morn" was posed, and in the town that "September Morn" was painted. Although the original model has long since been obliterated, her stay has been to give Annecy a much warmer climate than Chamonix and St. Gervais.

St. Gervais, separated from Chamonix by a short ride on an electric trolley line, offers facilities similar to the other two resorts.

SAILING FOR HOME

Embarkation reports show that the steamship Mongolia has sailed from Brest, having on board brigade headquarters of the 40th C.A.C., the 73rd C.A.C. regiment, the 74th C.A.C. regiment, and the 138th F.A. regiment, minus Battery E. The steamships Carthago and Sixola have sailed from Bordeaux full of casuals, and the steamship Heredia from St. Nazaire with casuals.

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ROUEN LEADS PORTS IN STEVEDORE RACE

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again, as the figures show. Incidentally—quite incidentally—it may be remarked that the job of guarding the German prisoners who work on the docks there has recently been taken over by some Belgian soldiers, nearly all of whom had been held captive by the Germans up to the day of the armistice.

Nantes, this week's runner up, has been having a good run of ships, and also of luck. At Rochefort, where the same made such a sensational jump during the fifth week, things fell off a little, but the contest officer promises it won't be for long, and adds that it was not the men's fault. Rochefort points with pride to the large number of coal ships that were dumped on them at the last minute of the fifth week, and to the way in which the grimy cargo was sped inland to places that needed it.

Plugging Along at Bordeaux

Down at Bordeaux the gang continues to plug along battling every day against the reloading of cargo and the debarkation of troops that has held down the unloading averages. At that, Bordeaux, because of its size, its facilities, and the buskiness of its crews, has unloaded more cargo than any other port during the contest; but, unfortunately, that doesn't count in the averages.

For all the ports put together, the tonnage unloaded for the first 12 days of December was the highest for any 12 days in the history of the A.E.F. In that time 387,025 tons were taken off the ships. The next highest figures were those for the first 12 days of November, when 363,996 tons were unloaded. All of which would seem to prove that the Race to Berlin is still going strong, and will show a plenty toward the finish.

By way of adding a final punch to the race, it is announced from Hq., S.O.S., that not only will the best company in the winning port be sent home to the U.S. Country, but the best company in every other port will be booked for early debarkation.

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