

vate Wilson he said, "I am proud to know I have a namesake like you." "It's a very honorable name," said the private to the President. "I only tried to do it proud."

BILLETS DE LUXE FOR THIRD ARMY; ASK HANK GOWDY

Continued from Page 1 on rugs and clumping over gleaming, inland, hardwood floors, most painfully conscious of their instance, Color Sgt. Hank Gowdy, of Headquarters Company, in the Ohio regiment of the Infantry Division, Sgt. Hank, who recently resided in a somewhat insufficient indentation in a hillside near Exerment, now occupies with the senior color sergeant a suite of rooms in a Rhineland palace.

The fittings are perfect, from the silken coverlets and the chaise longue to the jeweled bedside lamps. He never had such rooms before, even after the Braves won the World Series. From the windows he gets a matchless view of Roland's Castle, of the cultured silhouette of Drachenfels and of the Siebenbirgen of a haze-veiled panorama. He has acquired a guide-book which explains that the Seven Hills were placed there by the Giants.

"Jimmie Christmas," said Sgt. Gowdy, "it didn't happen when I was with them." However, his favorite reading these days is the book of clippings which quote General March as saying that all the big league players would be recalled from the service in time for spring training. He has mailed one of them to Washington with the following:

1st Ind. From Sgt. Hank Gowdy, Hqs. Co., 165th Inf., Dec. 25, 1918.—To General Peyton March, C. of S., U.S.A. 1. Returned. Approved. Sgt. Gowdy, by the way, took two baths last week, which doubled his bathing average for the year.

In a Soft Drink Town The 165th Infantry is living luxuriously at Reuanaen. But the friends of that murderous regime can't imagine what its personnel must have felt when they found themselves in the heart of the Apollinaris district, in the shadow of the Apollinaris church.

"And to think," said the 165th, "that they might just as well have sent us to this here now Boosenburg." Father Day just immediately to his room in the Burgomester's house at Reuanaen and sent out word that he was indisposed. The 165th, though it has been mauled on every battlefield and repeatedly replenished by replacements, still shakes a wicked brogue. Faith and they're after calling the Rhine the River Ryan.

Life on the Rhine is made up of drill, chow, lording, cleaning-up, sight-seeing and sleep. The drill is mild, the cleaning-up instinctive. Every horse shines these days like a good deed in a naughty world, and so does every doughboy. For the Rhineland may be described as a country of beautiful battalions, and there is only a private in the Army of Occupation who does not look as though he were bucking for orderly.

The sight-seeing is pretty severely circumscribed, for there are limits, and grim-jawed sentries pace those limits. There is the opera, of course, in Coblenz, but then Coblenz is for the chosen few, and the American many years for it as the Yank in France years for Paris.

Calling Off the Show One of the most commanding officers in the Third American Army decided to accompany several officers of his staff last Friday evening to the most temple of the arts that has been doing a thriving business since the Americans hit town. It would scarcely be a command performance, and yet the general's intention to attend was not altogether unknown.

So when word reached the headquarters on Friday morning that the performance had been called off, it looked a little suspicious. You see, Coblenz is under suspicion of being a trifle German. Better be looked into. So three sleuths of the intelligence department glided silently out. An hour later they glided in again and their report was filed. It was brief but assuring. The opera house had burned down.

As a matter of fact, it had not burned down entirely. There had just been a bad back-stage blaze in the scenery. The fire was attended by everybody in town, and a good old fire line was promptly established by our M.P.'s, who could not help thinking of home when all but the nozzle in the local fire apparatus failed to work. It seems that the receding German Army had carried off all the good ones, to the considerable annoyance of the local population.

The local firemen, by the way, had some difficulty in attending the fire, as our conscientious M.P.'s feared they were violating the laws against German appearing in uniform. The German postmen and trolley-car motormen lead troubled existences these days for the same reason.

French Give Performance There are movies, too, at Coblenz, and there were the show put on for the Americans and the natives by the French. Nothing could have been more striking than the contrast between the French and American methods of entering Coblenz. The Americans sort of dropped in in the casual manner, which so grievously disappoints those who have a grand entry. Not so the French, when they passed through the city last Friday as a sort of gesture.

When the Americans entered Coblenz, they trundled in on a slow-poke German train, dropped out at the railroad station, marched to the nearest barracks and went to sleep. When the French came there river boats brought them down the Rhine at noon to the kind of music that sets the blood a-dancing, the drums thumping an accompaniment to the horns, while the cymbals crashed and the shrill whine of the Arabian reed-pipe sounded clear from shore to shore.

Before the disembarking French were met (accidentally) by a detachment of 10 American soldiers ambling along the quay. To the French this must have

"AS IF FATHERS HAD LIVED," AIM FOR FUTURE OF A.E.F.'S ORPHANS

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ing worked out. It involves the principle upon which the Orphan Department and the educational and child welfare experts of the Red Cross have been doing a lot of thinking lately—the principle that, the war over and our 3,444 children assured of a home and physical comfort for a year, and the A.E.F. going home (Crisis of '19, yes, go on!) some day, we have a wonderful opportunity to extend and exploit tremendously the good we have already done. We have decided to continue the fund, not building broader, but higher.

As If Fathers Had Lived

In execution the scheme will be largely educational. We will take this family of ours and, as far as our means and circumstances permit, give the children something of the kind of opportunity they would have had if their fathers had not died fighting for liberty. The plan includes training in the various trades, in professions, in agriculture, in the establishment of a few scholarships for those who show the most promise. The children will be selected according to capability and adaptability. This is just an intimation of the plan. It will be explained in detail as soon as possible. In the meantime the Continuation Fund has been established, and every franc that we can get a-hold of will go into it. It is the children's savings bank. And the 78,000 francs from the Signal Corps Replacement Depot were the first coins to jingle.

After the Close

The other 45,000-odd francs which jingle when it is rattled now are mostly money which arrived in THE STARS AND STRIPES office after the closing of adoptions and the determination of the final total of the family. Some of it was sent in with that understanding. Some of it was sent in some which ought to have got in by the closing hour, which was noon of Tuesday, December 17, a day longer than it was originally intended to keep open.

For the benefit of those who assisted in those contributions which ought to have been here, but weren't, however, the Red Cross committee has arranged to allow children which, although already in THE STARS AND STRIPES family, do not know who their specific godfathers are.

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TO UNITS GOING HOME

Members and units of the A.E.F. bound for home who have adopted French war orphans are advised that the correspondence and translation service of the Red Cross Orphan Bureau will still be available to them in keeping touch with their mascots.

Individual adoptors are asked to forward their home addresses to THE STARS AND STRIPES Bureau, American Red Cross, Hotel Regina, Paris.

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The organizations which contributed were: The 104th, 109th, 113th, 114th, 300th, 311th, 321st and 323rd Field Signal Battalions, the 420th, 421st, 422nd and 423rd Telegraph Battalions, the 116th Field Signal Battalion, in replacement, and the Replacement Depot Battalion.

There were several other sizable contributions aside from the A.C. men. From Givres, Chaplain Eugene R. Smith, of the Engineer Sub Post, forwarded a check for 8,000 francs gathered from Engineers, Infantrymen and Marines. From Base Hospital No. 53, in England, came enough pounds, shillings and pence to make 4,257.50 francs. The sum was forwarded largely by Capt. Bernard H. Blum, mail orderly from officers, nurses, enlisted men and patients. Both of these contributions came in as adoptions. Both came late, and to both allotments will be made, as explained before.

Young Women Help The personnel of the Supplies Division, Office of the Chief Q.M., sent 601 francs, to which some young women members of the A.E.F. were contributors. They asked for a girl.

The 20th Engineer (Forestry) Troop at Echorn had a family of four orphans, but decided that "another little orphan wouldn't do any harm." One of the sawyers gathered the necessary money in double time. Then it was decided to raffle off the godfatherhood. Sgt. 1st Cl. Ora G. Storer won it. Trust those sergeants still chafe.

H. P. Folsom, Sr. of Circleville, Ohio, sent \$100 to adopt a child in memory of his son, Sgt. Henry Pace Folsom, of the Machine Gun Company, 165th Infantry, Rainbow Division, killed between Chateau-Thierry and Pèren-Tardenois on July 27.

The Ordnance Department is still going strong in the contributions coming from so many directions that there can't be any computation yet. The donations include many fractional contributions. These, until December 17, were combined for the adoption of children. Since then they have gone into the Continuation Fund.

The Motor Transport Corps, which has adopted several children, has decided the holiday souvenir number of its official paper, "The Steering Wheel," to the war orphans and, what is more, the proceeds of the issue. Capt. C. H. Bailey, himself the father of seven children, was editor of the edition.

Big and Rough? Ask Us "A lot of us," said "The Steering Wheel" in its dedication, "on the surface seem to be big and rough, and not a bit gentle and sentimental. Being guide, philosopher and friend to an unruly motor truck isn't conducive to gentleness or sentimentality. But just the same we've noticed occasionally some of the very roughest of us packing the little peace kid on his shoulder with a tenderness and a gentleness that kid's own mother couldn't beat."

"The children of France, by liking us and making companions of us, have given us more than we have given them. We've adopted many of them, but, better still, many of them have adopted us, which is a wonderful compliment. The little people are very wise and they know enough not to adopt grown-ups who are not all right."

This week's contributions to the Continuation Fund are: Signal Corps Head. Depot, Cont. Co.—78,000.00; 1st. Lt. John H. 11th E.A.—30.00; Mrs. Hestral No. 48—500.00; Co. B, Co. L, 16th, 34th Engrs. Co. Co. B, Co. L, 16th, 34th Engrs. Co. Co. B, Co. L, 16th, 34th Engrs. Co.

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