

CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO ORGANIZE NEW SOCIETY IN A.E.F.

Comrades in Service Meetings Scheduled for Next Week

LOCAL BRANCHES FORMED

Plan, Wholly Non-Sectarian, Calls for Interpretation of High Ideals of America

Next week will be Comrades in Service Week in the A.E.F.

Sunday and the six following days are to be devoted in large measure by the chaplains and the welfare workers attached to the A.E.F. to the promotion of an organization to be known as Comrades in Service.

It will be a non-sectarian body, having for its main object the building of American citizenship upon right and sound foundations. Already, notably at Glévres, several local branches of the Comrades have been formed, and it is hoped by its promoters to have at least one group in every company unit in the A.E.F.

Comrades in Service Week will start officially on Sunday night with a mass meeting at the Palais de Glace, Paris, at 7:30 p.m. The principal speaker will be Bishop Charles H. Brent, senior chaplain of the A.E.F. and the president of the organization, and the auxiliary bodies will be represented by E. C. Carter, chief secretary of the Y.M.C.A.; E. L. Hearn, overseas commissioner of the Knights of Columbus; Rabbi M. C. Enelow, director of the Jewish Welfare Board; J. de W. Berry, of the Red Cross Chaplains Bureau, and Col. William S. Barker, director of the Salvation Army—all honorary vice-presidents of the Comrades.

Meetings Throughout Week

Similar meetings will be held at Brest on Thursday, at St. Nazaire on Friday, and at other large A.E.F. centers, notably Nevers and Marseille, throughout the week. The Bordeaux meeting is set for January 21. Last Sunday Bishop Perry and Chaplain Walsh explained the aims and objects of the Comrades to a large audience at Le Mans.

The pledge card of the organization reads:

Having answered the call of my country, and recognizing that on me falls the obligation, as a member of the American forces, to be the strongest and most possible in service, and realizing my need of help in meeting this obligation, I do hereby unite with others of like mind among my Comrades in Service, to realize in life the aims and ideals of this Comradeship, stated on the reverse side of this card.

The aims and ideals of the organization are thus set forth:

To stimulate interest in helpful mental and social activities looking to the creation, development and preservation of a high morale as well as many sports.

To cultivate in oneself and among his Comrades clean thinking, clean speech and clean living.

To promote the worship of God and the service of men.

To develop the broader interests of the Comrades group through various lines of organized endeavor in the religious, educational, social and physical.

To interpret in everyday living the highest ideals of America.

To bind together as comrades to work for better America, both military and auxiliary agencies, operating in the A.E.F.

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cal German longhand. Looking over this list one finds, in addition to such items as lanterns, bolts, nails and screws, enough souvenirs to supply the whole American Army of Occupation. There are, for instance, 75,000 new helmets, some of the Uhljan type, with the flat tops, some of the regulation cavalry type, some of the Prussian Guard type, and, best of all, the great steel Chausserie helmets, with the flaunting Prussian eagle and the protecting neck piece. It has the spike, too, and the black chin straps.

There are 100,000 German rifles, as well as rifles captured from the British, Belgians, Russians, French and even the Japanese. Incidentally, the Germans in charge of the warehouse where these weapons are stored were asked: "Are there any American rifles here?"

"No," was the reply.

Lances and Saw-Edged Bayonets

There are 1,088 steel lances, very heavy; countless bayonets, many of them saw-edged, and swords of high and low degree. Some of these blades are so heavy that it seems only a giant could wield one with any kind of accuracy. There are curved blades and straight blades, and blades with grooves in them, all in scabbards.

Millions of shells have been left behind, together with thousands of pairs of shoes, 200,000 meters of fine army cloth, saddle bodies, bridles and bits galore.

The shoes, leathers and cloth were found in a warehouse at Coblenz-Litzel, just across the Moselle, and already the receiving commission has taken steps to turn the find to account. German workmen will be supplemented by two companies of American salvage workers, and the Army of Occupation will get new shoes and have its old ones repaired at the expense of the German government.

Much of the cloth has been taken away by the municipal authorities of Coblenz, who, seemingly, are operating independently of the central chaos at Berlin, but they are giving the Yanks a receipt for every yard. It is being made up into civilian uniforms, but probably will be devoted to American purposes soon. The cloth is of exceedingly fine, heavy texture, in two colors, field gray and blue.

Crammed With Raw Material

The warehouse is crammed with raw leather, and it stands right next to a factory which is turning out wooden soles—an interesting commentary on the fact that while the population wore paper clothes and shoes of wood, the army was being afforded the very best of both.

There are three sewing machines, newly arrived from Berlin before the armistice, which are being set up to rout the American coats; and there are 106,000 combination German knife, fork and spoon, which are being issued. There are 80,000 canteens, and 90,000 belt buckles of the well known "Got mit uns" type. These may be used to hold up O.D. breeches.

Finally, there are the German bugles, beautifully built and finely tuned. They lay

FUND FOR FUTURE OF WAR ORPHANS NOW FR. 181,754

Week's Contributions Exceed Ten Thousand Figure

CHURCH COLLECTION TAKEN

Artillerymen Give in Honor of Comrades and Y Man Killed in Action

The A.E.F. War Orphans' Continuation Fund is growing. It now totals 181,754.13 francs.

Contributions coming in since last week amounted to 10,891.93 francs, the sum representing direct contributions to the fund and some additions tardy requests for adoptions. Also, 10,000 francs paid in by the newspaper's circulation department, the 700 francs being the proceeds of subscription coupons to THE STARS AND STRIPES turned in by home-bound subscribers who, instead of collecting their refund, devoted it toward helping give the A.E.F.'s 3,444 war orphans something of the chance they would have had if their fathers had lived.

One of the week's contributions came from Chaplain Clinton D. Bowman, of Evacuation Hospital No. 6. A collection is taken up for the war orphan cause at the services every Sunday, and the 500 francs were the proceeds.

Another contribution, from Battery D, 5th Field Artillery, was given in honor of John A. Linn, Y.M.C.A. man attached to the battery, who was killed in action, and of the following members of the organizations who also paid the great price on the battlefield: Privates Franco, Sankin, Roan, Skrobicki, Stover, Mattes, Koponek and Kopanski.

This week's contributions to the Continuation Fund are:

Ordinance Detach. O. & T. Center No. 2	500.00
Reconstruction Aides, Washington, D.C.	480.00
Friend	500.00
Office Chief Ordnance Officer	250.00
Woman's Club, Philadelphia	50.00
S.S.U. No. 620	300.00
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