

STRICKEN FOLK OF LILLE LIKE BEINGS NUMBED WITH COLD

Orphan Investigator Gives Picture of Suffering in Northern City

SEARCH FOR S.O.S. MASCOTS

Once Handsome Race Left Dwarfed, Sickly and Pale by Four Years' Ordeal

A vivid picture of the tragic sufferings of the civilians in the devastated and recently reconquered regions of France is contained in the initial report of the investigators sent to the northern district by THE STARS AND STRIPES bureau of the American Red Cross.

Writing from Lille, one of the investigators said: "There are no means of transportation in the city. The principal institutions are scattered over large areas, due to many of the principal buildings having been destroyed by the bombardment and others having been rendered useless by the Boche occupation of them."

"In the districts of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing," the report reads, "trade is being resumed slowly on account of the people's need to buy provisions. Our work, therefore, can go on as usual and will find a large clientele among families of from three to eight orphaned children. No work for the orphans exists here at present save ours. These poor people have had all their time and efforts taken up in their search for food. To endeavor not to die of hunger seems to be their only thought."

"Also the field of labor is wide—so wide that I should like to make it known to others engaged in a work similar to ours, so that they may render aid to the families we are unable to reach, or those we are not able to give sufficient aid to. But time presses, the misery is great and in particular the health of the people is greatly impaired and the young people are not developing. It is a pity to see this strong, handsome race of the north dwarfed, narrow, emaciated and withered features. The young girls are so weak that at 18 years of age they have not yet reached womanhood."

Like Creatures Numbed With Cold

"These poor people know nothing at all of the rest of France which is occupied, and the difficulties of communication during this incredible state of affairs. Morally depressed and weakened physically, they are all but incapable of fresh efforts. They have given too much. They appear like people exposed to extreme cold who, gradually becoming numbed, have their efforts paralyzed until they overtake them."

"The report then tells of the fresh cases arising daily among the civilian victims of the war—parents dying from wounds received during the bombardment, others who are succumbing as a result of exhaustion from over-work and ill-treatment while prisoners in Germany, or from tuberculosis arising from insufficient nutrition, families who are refugees in their own towns because their homes have been wiped out by bombardments, others who were evacuated to Belgium and return to find their houses gone, and the people who have been injured."

"I have visited the Inspector of the Academy," continues the investigator, "who keeps me up to date on the work of the schools of the Department, and the Chief Inspector, who presented me statistics of the families of orphans in Lille with the percentages of boys and girls, and the children upwards, and also of the indigent, who will number 75 per cent."

7,093 FRANCS ADDED TO FUND FOR 3,444'S FUTURE

Another notable gain was made last week in the A.E.F. sector in THE STARS AND STRIPES War Orphan Campaign Fund. The total result of the drive was 7,093.75 francs.

Two battalions of the United States Tank Corps, the 303rd and 304th, led the other elements participating in the drive. Their combined contributions totaled 2,774.65 francs. Supporting the tanks were the Artillery, Infantry, Air and Balloon Services, the Signal Corps, Medical Services, Postal and Ambulance Service, A.E.F. Bandmasters' and Musicians' School and the foks at home.

"The Junior Red Cross of Wilmington, N. C., contributed an additional 200 francs last week in memory of the Wilmington boys who died in France." This organization has devoted part of its charities for some time past to this end.

When the First Battalion of the 102nd Infantry made its initial collection for the orphans, several officers and a number of men were not present. Last week the "Continuation Fund" was checked by 27 francs representing the donation of those who had not previously subscribed.

More From Sunday Services

From the Hospital Center at Savigny came 175 francs which had accrued from the collections taken at the Sunday services held in the Red Cross auditorium at the Center.

Capt. Richard C. Ware, Battery D, 303rd Field Artillery, was delegated to bring in the battery's contribution of 220.25 francs. He added 200 francs to the fund from his own pocket.

This is how the British Air Ministry happened to be among the present: When the Ford Junction Aerodrome at Sussex, England, closed late in November, the C.C.F. fund a returned check on his behalf. It was originally intended to cover the bill of a Canadian aviator bearing a Scotch name. Evidently the aviator had sailed for home with the signing of the armistice, closing his account. The matter was referred to the Air Ministry, with instructions to have the amount paid into the Continuation Fund. The request was complied with and the fund received 60.75 francs.

It was announced when THE STARS AND STRIPES campaign was launched, that only the children of French soldiers killed or totally disabled as a result of the war would be eligible for adoption. How this has been carried out is shown in the report of THE STARS AND STRIPES Section of the American Red Cross. The causes of the fathers' deaths were as follows: Killed in action, 350; reported missing, 122; died of wounds, 122; died of disease other than tuberculosis, 76; died of tuberculosis, 5; died in German prisons, 11; killed by accident, 6; torpedoed, 7.

This week's contributions to the Continuation Fund were:

INFANTRYMEN WIN 2,829 OF 3,800 D.S.C.'S A WARDED A.E.F.

Up to January 27, Distinguished Service Crosses had been awarded by G.H.Q. to 3,800 officers and men of the A.E.F.

Of the soldiers rewarded by the Commander-in-Chief for bravery on the field of battle, 2,571 were enlisted men, 1,031 junior officers, 130 field officers and eight general officers.

A tabulated list of the awards shows that 2,829 D.S.C.'s were won by infantrymen. Among the other branches of service, Aviation comes second with 251 medals. The Medical Department is third with 238.

Men in the Artillery had many opportunities to perform distinguished deeds and 181 officers and men in that branch have been awarded the D.S.C. Engineers to the number of 145, and 50 Signal Corps men have been recognized. In addition, 102 officers and men of miscellaneous units won the award.

The following table shows the distribution of the D.S.C. to divisions and organizations and the number to the various branches of service:

Table with columns: Organization, Div. No., Div. Name, D.S.C. Recd., Total. Lists various divisions like 1st Div., 2nd Div., etc., and their respective D.S.C. counts.

AMERICAN GENERAL REVIEWS OWN FLEET

Rhine Squadron, Soldier Laden, Passes Before Third Army Chief

It isn't often that an American general gets a chance to review an inland fleet, manned by Marines and loaded to the gunnels with doughboys, engineers, artillerymen and every other species of Yank fighting man except genuine Jackies. But Maj. Joseph T. Dickman, commander of the Third Army, with perhaps just a little itching on the part of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who is away on the Rhine, performed his naval task with all the ease of a first sea lord at a Grand Fleet maneuver.

It was the first time the various units of the American patrol fleet had been assembled on the Rhine, a fleet comprising 12 vessels, ranging all the way from the stately "Preussen," flagship of the general and of the present command, to the little engine gasoline launches whose business on the river is to poke into everybody else's business—with special emphasis on German craft.

The reviewing was done at Andernach, every kilometer down the river, the fleet passing the reviewing stand in regular North Atlantic battle formation, equivalent of a line abreast from the Army's Occupation's aviation field, including two "Taubes" that had once borne German flyers, swooped and maneuvered over the ships during the exercises.

The lucky Yanks on board the boats were leave men, their regular excursion trip on the Rhine happily synchronizing with the date of the review.

Y.M.C.A. TO REPORT ON WORK IN A.E.F.

Free Disbursements Total 201,605 Francs Worth in One Division

The Y.M.C.A., at the request of the Historical Section, G.H.Q., is making a compilation of its work in the A.E.F.

The report of the accomplishments of the Y.M.C.A. in one division, the 32nd, forwarded to G.H.Q., shows, among other things, that the Y.M.C.A. gave away in the division in question 450,000 sheets of writing paper, 200,000 envelopes, 45,250 bars of chocolate, 28,400 packages of cigarettes, 21,500 tins of tobacco, 18,300 packages of cakes, and numerous other articles, including a large amount of sporting goods. According to the report, the free disbursement of supplies by the Y.M.C.A. in this division amounted to 201,605 francs.

In this same division the report shows the Y.M.C.A. remitted to American homes and banks, free of exchange charges, more than 500,000 francs, cashed 3,020 officers' checks, amounting to 181,170 francs and 1,021 Post Office money orders totaling 20,042 francs.

The report also recounts at length the activities of the Y.M.C.A. secretaries and 100 of the work accomplished.

HOW TO HELP THE 3,444

The War Orphan Campaign of THE STARS AND STRIPES closed on December 16, 1918, with 3,444 French orphans adopted by the A.E.F., and assured of a home and comfort for one year.

Nearly all the members of the family lost their fathers in the war. A few are children of French soldiers so seriously wounded that they will be permanently disabled. In addition many are refugees from the districts of France invaded by the Germans.

A Continuation Fund has been established to provide these orphans with assistance beyond the single year; to help educate them and give them some of the material advantages they would have had if their fathers had not died fighting for the freedom of the world. The extent of these benefits to them will be determined by the size of the fund.

It is hoped to make the Orphan Family of the A.E.F. an enduring monument to the sisterhood of France and America.

French laws prohibit adopters from making the proceeds to the United States under any circumstances.

BELGIAN LACES POPULAR

Through the efforts of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the lace making industry in Belgium was not permitted to perish during the war. As a result, beautiful laces made by yeary hands during the four years of struggle now are on the market as souvenirs of the war and as testimonials to the undying spirit of the lace makers of Flanders, of Brussels and of Bruges.

At the instigation of the Belgium Relief Commission, the British government allowed a certain amount of thread to be imported into Belgium throughout the conflict. The product of the lace makers was sold and the proceeds devoted to keeping their 50,000 in all-in food and employment.

Now their hand-made laces, obtainable through the relief commission, are available, and as souvenirs are becoming exceedingly popular in the A.E.F.

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HORSE SHOW FOR ALL A.E.F. MAY BE HELD

Second Army Equines Will Have Many Chances to Perform

A.E.F. horse shows, like A.E.F. athletics, may be conducted throughout the overseas Army in the future on an elimination basis, culminating in a great A.E.F. horse show, when the various winners will compete for handsome prizes.

This is the suggestion which comes from the Second Army, where divisional and other units have been ordered to complete their horse shows before March 1, so that inter-divisional shows, inter-corps shows and finally a Second Army competition will be staged.

Those divisions which have already held shows will be required to repeat them, in order to comply with the order. As an example, the 35th Division, stationed about Goudcourt, had just completed plans for an event much similar to the famous shows held in New York every year. The order arrived from the Army two days after the announcement of the date and final arrangements had been sent out. The 35th has now been forced to reorganize its schedule, in order that the events may comply with the schedule laid down by Toul headquarters.

Practically every division in the entire A.E.F. now has a horse exhibition of one sort or another under way. Many units already have held one or two and are planning a third. In several cases, inter-divisional competitions have been held under the direction of various corps.

MERCHANT MARINE JOBS

Several thousand applications for jobs in the American merchant marine have been received at the Paris office of Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, from members of the A.E.F.

All applications are being sent to Henry Howard, director of recruiting U.S. Shipping Board, Boston, where the names will be put on a priority list.

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SEVEN AMERICAN DIVISIONS CALLED FOR METZ ATTACK

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Rhineland honestly believe that the German army emerged unbeaten from the war and that the cause of the collapse were internal, both political and economic. He pointed out that, as a matter of fact, the German army was soundly beaten on July 15, again on July 18, again on August 8 and thereafter suffered a succession of disasters throughout August, September and October.

"From July to October, the German army lost the enormous total of 400,000 prisoners. It left on the field a quarter of its total artillery, 3,000 guns. Toward October 20, the last 17 divisions engaged had all been led back to the fire after less than three days' rest. The jumble of units, not only of divisions and regiments, but of battalions, was unbelievable."

850 VALETS FOR 14 TANKS

Fourteen heavy tanks, all that is left of the only 47 of their kind that an American unit ever brought into action, are lined up in company front at Saully, near Arras, waiting for travel orders.

Their comrades have been either demobilized with the British army or lost on the field of battle. They are, perhaps, according to reports from Saully, the most contented members of their outfit, for they get the most careful attention ever accorded the inanimate personnel of the A.E.F. from the 850 men of the 301st Tank Battalion.

AVIATION FIELD ON RHINE

Out beyond Litzel, not far from Coblenz, the Americans are busy constructing what will be one of the best aviation fields in the Rhine valley. Several hangars already are up, and every day the big birds are run out, tuned up, and sent aloft on practice spins. Other buildings are in course of construction. The field is one of the most level in that part of Germany.

The 35th Engineers, stationed at La Rochelle, have received a warm letter of praise and gratitude from M. Clemenceau, French Premier, for their work.

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