

# American Field Service Bulletin

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This is the fourth edition of the "American Field Service Bulletin" and as yet there have been no contributions from members of the Service. Perhaps the Editorial Staff has not made it entirely clear that they are following to the last degree the traditions of a "Free Press". We have tried each week to give to the sections at the front all the news which transpired at the Rue Raynouard, and what scraps we could from the front, but there have been no responsive signs of journalistic instinct from those who are living under "shot and shell". This seems hardly fair and we would like to make a request that this "sheet" be used by all the Sanitary and T. M. sections as either a means of communication, announcements, or news; that is to say, if any section wishes to announce the fact that it is the proud possessor of a base ball pitcher who can put the pellet across the diamond with the precision and speed of a soixante quinze, he has only to write the fact on a piece of paper and mail it to the Editor American Field Service Bulletin, 21, Rue Raynouard, Paris. Or if Section No. so-and-so should by any chance give a banquet to Section No. Something-else they have only to follow the same mode of procedure. The only censor whom this sheet has to fear is the one who looks at all the letters and journals going through the post. It is therefore useless for any one to write that on such and such a date in the "Bois-de-Repos" thirty-five aeroplanes were brought down by the unerring rifles of a T. M. section or other spicy bits of gossip of the kind. We only beg that you do for us what we are trying to do for you, that is give us news of this little community known as the "American Field Service" and that cannot be done unless we have the cooperation of all concerned. Please let us have a deluge of M. S. next week.

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Mr. Paul B. Kurtz of Philadelphia who has been with the service for seventeen months has at last sent in his resignation with the

intention of joining the Aviation. Mr. Kurtz was for about a year with Section 1 where he received the croix de guerre. He was then removed to Section 18 as Chef, where he is now to be replaced by Mr. William Slidell.

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Mr. K. L. Austin of Lausanne for two years and four months with the American Field Service has sent in his resignation. Mr. Austin was at first with Section 4 and then with Section 8.

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One of the most frequent questions which has been flying around the Rue Raynouard from the lips of irate permissionnaires is: "Where are my photographs which I left with Oakes?" Mr. Oakes being for a short time the official photographer of the American Field Service. Up to date it was thought that these valuable films, composed generally of eleven different poses of the owner of the kodak in his new uniform and one of the premises of the Rue Raynouard, had been for some mysterious reason purloined as a sacred memento by the said Mr. Oakes. It appears now however that this is not the case. Mr. Oakes left to join the Aviation somewhat hurriedly and gave all the films he had in his possession to be developed and printed to Emile Barriere, address, 1, rue de Provence. We would therefore suggest to any one who has films which he gave to Mr. Oakes to write immediately to the rue de Provence and he should stand a good chance of recovering his pictures

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Several complaints have come in lately from the front as regards the sending out of mail to the different sections from the post office department at the Rue Raynouard. We would like to state that several thousand letters are handled here daily but no letter remains more than twenty four hours without being forwarded on to its owner. It must not be forgotten that every time a section changes its quarters it also probably changes its parc and if that information is not transmitted to the proper authorities, the mail will still continue to go to the old address, thereby causing a delay of several days. It is no strange thing for a letter to take six or seven days before reaching here from the front especially if it comes from a busy sector, as when there is a lot of work to be done, of a more serious nature, mail is one of the first things to suffer.

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The City Club of New-York having raised some \$ 40,000.00 for a complete unit sent twenty-one men from that City on June 30 th. They landed in Liverpool July 12 th and arrived here the 21 st. After the usual training at the Camp, they will go out as a complete ambulance section.

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Mr. B. K. Nefel Cdt. Adj. and Ora Mc Murray a driver in S. S. U. 17 received the croix de guerre for exceptional bravery on June 30 th.

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The following men arrived last week and signed up with the Field Service: Brown, H. C. Jr.; Carbaugh R.; Crooks, J. B.; Douglass, O. B.; Emerick, J. P.; Flamand, A. E.; Lilienthal, T. M.; Mc Call C. H.; Shainwald, R. H.; Wilcox, R. C.; Wood, K. A.; Ives, Walter; Barrett, Hinman; Lyons, Jos. H.; Ackerman, Ed. B.; Birmingham, Arch.; Call, Donald M.; de Vore, Weber G.; Etgen, Wm. C.; Ferguson, M. J. C.; Holbrook, Newberry; Luqueer, Jno. T.; Mungan, Jno. T.; Paynter, Edw. B.; Reaser, Robt. A.; Salter, Thos. M.; Schloss, Malcolm; Standing, Alec. G.; Schweinler, Carl.; Vickers, J. H.; Valentine, G. I.; Townsend, B. C.; Lewis, T. W.; Durant, D.; Stevens, P. W.; Davey, A. T.; Corcoran, P. J.; Bradley, G. W.; Battles, J. P.; Battles, R. O.; Raum, G. L.; Baumgartner, F. T.; Bliss, J. I.; Bothwell, M. T.; Brown, C. L.; Brown, E.; Butler, F. P.; Chappell, D. A.; Conant, R.; Crosby, H. G.; Davenport, K. C.; Dean, L. S.; Finney, E. D.; Fussel, R. H.; Fox, F. M.; Fay, A. O.; Fearing, G. R.; Eisenhart, J. R.; Esse-len, H. B.; Estabrook, L. T.; Grandy, C. C.; Griffin, A. H.; Hagler, K. D.; Hanavan, M. L.; Hannah, F. A.; Hartley, J. K.; Hobart, J. G.; Honig, L. D.; Howland, G. E.; Humphries, C. B.; Hurd, R. E.; Irish, C. C.; Johnson, E. M.; Kaiser, S. B.; Kent, Le Roy; King, L. J.; Kuech, J. T.; Kurth, F. W.; Leidgen, N. C.; Leidgen, C. O.; Leonard, C. C.; Letarte, A. C.; Locke, H. A.; Lovering, R. W.; Mc Carthy, T. S. B.; May, A. R.; Moran, L. J.; Nash, A. V. G.; Olmsted, F. N.; Olmsted, W. B.; Phelan, W. F.; Page, F. S.; Packard, K. S.; Palmer, R. B.; Pellitier, J. A.; Perrons, H. L.; Pratt, J. R.; Prudden, E. D.; Rathburn, G. St. J.; Reynolds, N. H.; Reopell, C. A.; Roope, W. H.; Reagan, J. B.; Aamuels, M. H.; Sando, F. B.; Saville, B. W.; Schwartz, M. H.; Shaw, C. A.; Shuman, W. D. W.; Scudder, E.; Smith, D. M.;

Spaulding, W. ; Swasey, J. M. ; Sproul, W. D. ; Schenk Strobel, C. E. ; Toole, W. F. ; Weeks, R. ; Weeks, E. A. Jr. ; Peffers Wheeler, S. S. ; White, B. C. ; Whiting, J. L. ; Wiggins, J. G. ; Wilkinson, J. H. ; Wright, L. ; Young, A. O.

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Last week, Colonel Church, the representative of General Pershing, in the Medical Department, accompanied by Mr. Andrew, visited a number of the Ambulance Sections at the front, and this week, Major Sanford of the Quarter Mater's Department was shown the Transport Sections. Both officers expressed their surprise and admiration for importance and the efficiency of the American Field Service.

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On Sunday 22nd. the Canadians met the American Field Service boys on the diamond of St. Cloud, with perfect weather and all propitious for a stirring tussle. We went in first and promptly proceeded to get three men on bases with two outs but the last man fanned out, giving a result of nil. When the Canadians stepped up they did not succeed in passing a man to second. At the end of the second inning the score board still showed a cipher for the Kangaroos and the American Field Service. In the third inning we did nothing, but the Canadians in short order filled the bases. At that precise moment the ball was wafted to the in-field causing a most unfortunate mix-up between the short and second with the result that all three men got home with two out, the third man striking out. In the fourth inning there was nothing doing for us but the Canadians succeeded in passing a man to third and then knocking him home. In the fifth we took a decided brace and started to hit hard with the result of five runs giving us a lead of one. From then on both teams started to play ball and it was a see-saw until the end of the game when the score was 9 to 8 in favor of the Canadians.

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