

# American Field Service Bulletin

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Once more we are obliged to add to the ever lengthening list of deaths which have been occurring lately among the men of the American Field Service. B. R. Woodworth was the first to be killed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, Paul Osborn followed on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Frederick Norton was killed on July 12<sup>th</sup> and H. B. Craig on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Last Sunday night, July 29<sup>th</sup>, James Wilson Gailey, a Princeton senior, age 21, New Park, Pa. was killed while performing his duty with Section 66. He entered the service on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917. Perley Raymond Hamilton of the same Section, age 24, of Clinton, Mass., was killed at the same time. He has been with the Field Service since May 26<sup>th</sup>. No further details are known as yet.

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Section 71 composed of French ambulances and driven by American Field Service men left on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July under the leadership of Roland R. Speers, former chef of S. S. U. 14. The drivers of this Section are : Anspach, R.; Battles, J. P.; Battles, R. O.; Baum G. I.; Bliss, J. I.; Brickley, R. T.; Brown, G. S.; Chapell, A. C.; Conant, R.; Crosby, H. G.; Fay, A. O.; Fearing, G. R.; Fox, F. M.; Honig, L. D.; Kaiser, S. B.; James; Keplinger; Leonard, C. C.; Lewis, T. W.; May, A. R.; Moran, L. J.; Munson; Packard, K. S.; Paul; Phelan, W. F.; Rogers, J. A.; Rose; Salinger, R. B.; Spaulding, W.; Samuels, M. H.; Sando, F. B.; Space; Sproul, W.; Swasey, J. M.; Trask; Wallace, R. A. Weeden; Weeks, E. A. Wright, L.; Weigarten; King; Bloch.

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S. S. U. 31 left the Rue Raynouard for the front on July 28<sup>th</sup> under the leadership of Mr. C. C. Battershell. The entire section was presented to the American Field Service by the New-York Cotton Exchange. The drivers of the Section are : Bingham, M. L. Coleman J. H.; Gage, H.; Hagler, K. D.; Hood, H. G.; Kent, O. A.; Kiely, R. J.; Lewis, H. W.; Loomis, O. E.; Mc Grath, F.; Meadowcroft, K. L.; Mills, M. B.; Nash, A.; Pond, A. W.; Schlager, Chas.; Olcott, P. D.; Weber, J.; White, B. C.; Wolff, Avery Royce; Wholey, W. F.; Wooley, D. F.

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Mr. Charles M. Ashton, Jr. of Section 28 who was badly wounded on July 14<sup>th</sup> is now progressing favorably and with great rapidity.

His condition indeed has become so encouraging that he has been evacuated to Paris.

The corps d'Armée citation of Section 13 has been recently raised to an Armée citation. It is our belief that this is the first time in the history of the war that a sanitary section has received a distinction of this kind.

G. Lebon, mechanic of Section 10 who rendered such signal service while in the Orient has been presented with a gold watch by the fellow members of this section in proof of their esteem and appreciation. Mr. Lebon under the most trying circumstances imaginable was never once found wanting in his ever readiness to help those less skillful than himself, and succeed in making himself one of the most popular men in the section.

A cable has just been received that 86 barrels of oatmeal were sunk on their way from New-York last week. It is with relief, however, that our readers will learn the fact that this has been reordered and will shortly be on its way once more to the shores of France, with we trust a more satisfactory result.

Mr. W. de F. Bigelow, former Cdt. Adj. of S. S. U. 4 joined Mr. Andrew's staff last week. It is the intention that he and Mr. Dodge shall assist in the closer relationship between the Rue Raynouard and the sections at the front. Mr. H. G. Iselin has been appointed his successor in Section 4.

One hundred and twenty-five men are expected at the end of this week on the S. S. Chicago to swell the ever increasing numbers of the American Field Service.

John Worthington Ames, Jr., Edward John Maurice Diemer and Raymond James Whitney of Section 2 have just received the croix de guerre for exceptional bravery.

Charles Freeborn, one of the oldest members of the American Field Service, has, we regret to say, sent in his resignation in order to work at the American Relief Clearing House. Mr. Freeborn, a few months after beginning of the war in 1914 offered himself and his car to the American Ambulance Field Service. For a long time he was staff driver to Mr. Andrew, taking him at a moment's notice to any part of the front where necessity called. Some 18 months ago Mr. Freeborn was made Adjudant of the Paris Ambulances at

which time the Field Service was still connected with the American Ambulance at Neuilly, and just about the time of the separation when the Field Service took up its head-quarters at the Rue Raynouard, he was entrusted with the delicate and difficult mission of taking over to America and exploiting there the moving pictures which Mr. Andrew had had taken of American Field Service in France. Through this means Mr. Freeborn was successful in raising a large sum of money in California. After six months of this work he returned to Paris and was assistant to Mr. Robert Moss at the Parc at Billancourt. He was then Cdt. Adj. of S. S. U. 2 from where he has just come. Mr. F. D. Ogilvie also an old member of the Service will replace him, and Mr. J. Boit is appointed as Sous-Chef.

Last week Jack Magnin and A. G. Carey returned from Section 3 in Salonica.

The American Field Service suffered another crushing defeat on the Diamond from the American Red Cross Military Hospital No. 1 on Sunday the 29th with a score of 8 to 3. Prettyman did great execution for Neuilly and hit out two doubles and a one. In the 3rd round Cress went into the box and held Neuilly in great shape. It is a lamentable fact that the Field Service never has a fair show because they do not get a chance to practice.

The following men arrived last week via England and signed up with the American Field Service: Alkire, A. D.; Alkire, B. W.; Barton, F. E.; Bloom, F. J.; Caldwell, F. T.; Clark, I. M.; Conway, A. F.; Coulston, G. S.; Fullington, J. F.; Guy, J. E.; Hooker, R.; Huey, L. C.; Johnson, R. B.; Kirk, C. B.; Loring, S. M.; Mc. Ginty, F. C.; Magee, C. C.; Manley, J. B.; Millholland, J. C.; Nash, Jr. F. P.; Northon, K. B.; Phelps, W. E.; Rogers, H. R.; Schenk, H. T.; Simons, R. S.; Strong, E. H.; Tusler, H. S.; Tinkham, C. M.; White, V. S.; Roberts, J. C.; Muhlhauser, F. P.; Schneider, L.; Torbenson, A. P.; Neisley, P.; Storer, E. S.; Gibb, J. R.; Wolf, J. F.; Winne, R. F.; Post, D. J.; Collier, C. W.

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A small first aid box in Cabin 164 on the last trip of the S. S. Espagne. Owner can apply to John H. Mc. Faddeu, Jr., 21, Rue Raynouard.

## A LETTER

Addressed to Mr. Henry Furst, Villa Mori, Mornia di Pisa, was received from a driver in the Field Service. Being unable to decipher it, he would like to know who his correspondent is ?

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Gentle Reader, last week I chose the Post Office for the theme for a few lines of this humble sheet. I wrote with knowledge, having gone into the matter beforehand. Since then seven days have elapsed, and since that time the Post Office has taken me in as one of themselves — revealed to me secrets which have so filled me with astonishment that it is my duty as well as pleasure to make you as wise as I am.

What will you say for instance when I tell you that on their records they have twenty Browns, fifteen Johnsons, and about as many Smiths. It therefore gives rise to some contention as to who shall get a letter when it only bears the address of "Buddy Brown" or "Speed Johnson". But these intricacies go much deeper than that. There is one Millen, eight Millers and two Millets. Far be it from me to cast aspersions on either the hand-writing or habits of the families or friends of the "boys at the front", but supposing just for example, that the best "pal" of one of the above mentioned gentlemen should have his hand shaking just the least bit in the morning when he writes to his friend "far away". Oh! what a cause for dispute for the Post Office boys! They have therefore requested me to put before you the following:

First; that all packages coming from Paris shops shall bear their full names and if possible their B. C. M. address.

Second; that mail coming from America should as far as possible bear their full names or at least their initials and not their nick-names by which they were familiarly known at College.

Third; "We have our own troubles. Don't grouch! but if you have something to complain about write to us and we will try and put it straight".

If I were you I would take their advice as there are now about two thousand men in the service.

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Registered letters or parcels are being held by Mr. Cartier for the following men at Rue Raynouard: Sidney G. Mason, J. C. Walker, Frederic Saksain, Elbert Duzram, D. W. Carlos Harris, Boyd (2), Wheeler, Cook and Brown: (No initials for last five.):

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