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21, RUE RAYNOUARD,

The plans which for some time have been contemplated for keeping open 21, rue Raynouard for the use of men, as in the old days of the service, have been realized, and hereafter not only men in the ambulance service but all former volunteers of the American Field Service, in good standing, whether in the infantry, aviation, artillery, quartermaster or other service of the U. S. or Allied Armies, Red Cross, or Y. M. C. A., etc. will be able to avail themselves of this home for meals, at nominal prices, for use of writing and reading rooms, and in a few weeks for sleeping accommodations.

Men will also find here the convenience of the store and purchasing department as in former days, and outside of regular meal hours 12:30 and 6:30 P. M., will be able to obtain eggs, coffee, etc.

DIPLOMAS FOR FIELD SERVICE MEN

As already announced, the Field Service has had prepared a certificate in the form of a diploma for every former volunteer of this organisation who served for six months and who was given an honorable release.

These certificates will state the period of his service, the section with which he was affiliated, the region in which he worked, and enumerate any official positions which he may have held and any decorations which he may have received. These certificates were designed by Bernard Naudin, the well known artist who has designed so many of the official documents of the war and were printed on Japan paper at the Imprimerie Nationale. Two forms of diploma have been prepared, one for those who entered the service before the United States declared war, and one for those who entered the service subsequently whether in the ambulance or transport branch. The text of the first certificate is as follows :

Mr. John Doe

A fait partie comme Volontaire de

THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE FIELD SERVICE

du.....191... au.....191...

Fidèle à l'ancestrale amitié de la France et des

Etats-Unis, il s'est voué dans

L'ARMÉE FRANÇAISE

à porter secours sur la ligne de bataille aux blessés

de la GUERRE POUR LE DROIT

Bien avant l'entrée en guerre des Etats-Unis il a fait campagne en et à servant comme conducteur d'ambulance dans la section Sanitaire Américaine N°.....

The second type of certificate reads as follows :

Mr. John Doe

A fait partie comme Volontaire de

THE AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE

du.....1917 au.....1917

Fidèle à l'ancestrale amitié de la France et des

Etats-Unis et devant l'Armée Américaine,

il a servi l'ARMÉE FRANÇAISE dans la

GUERRE POUR LE DROIT

Il a fait campagne à servant comme conducteur d'ambulance dans la Section Américaine N°.....

These certificates will be signed jointly by officials of the American Field Service and by officers of the French Automobile Service. As they are too large to be conveniently carried about by men in the field, they will be sent by registered post to the home addresses of members in America. A small reproduction of one of these certificates is published in the present number of the Field Service Bulletin.



FABLE OF AN ECCENTRIC GUY

(With apologies to George Ade)

Once upon a time there was an Ambulance Bird who said, he preferred Pinard to Fresh Water and who smoked Yellows with ostentatious enjoyment. He carried *musettes* to the *poste* filled with Books written in French.

One day he was given the Opportunity of going into the Trenches. He accepted, and made known his intentions to his comrades.. « A wonderful Chance to study the Color of War, to get into the Atmosphere of it All », said he, with the air of a Bob-haired Boob in New York's Pseudo-Bohemia. His friends tried to dissuade him ; but in vain.

He girded on his Pinard bottle, bit a Yellow and made for the Door. But just then the mail was brought in. The Youth remained in the Cantonnement with a Fatima in his mouth and feasting his Eyes on the Pages of the Small Town Paper.

Moral :

Sometimes a bluff isn't finished no matter how well it is started.

W.-E. POWERS.

(S. S. U. 16.)

SECTION NOTES

January 18, 1918.

Dear Editor,

Section 9, now S. S. U. 629, has a complaint to make. We have received no *Bulletins* since the Christmas number and only one of them has arrived. What is the matter? We miss them very much and wish you would send us all the numbers since the Christmas one.

All is quiet in S. S. U. 9. We are back at the front, have been for eighteen days but in a quiet sector, as usual. We moved the last day of the year, very cold and plenty of snow. The « flivvers » looked like snow plows going thru the drifts. Roads slippery and two cars were *blesées* but are now convalescent.

Ramsdell, Tineo and Evans got their first permissions Dec. 17. Report a good time in Paris and Biarritz and expressed great satisfaction in receiving their *ravitaillement* money on return. The

« Judge », Whitbeck and Fay left New Year's but got no farther than Paris and were back before their time was up. Vories is at Pau, « Dangerous Don », Duval in Paris and Cookie Garrigues « somewhere in France », on their permissions. Lieut. Cogswell is out on his first permission in nine months.

First Sergeant John Machado is toiling away at Meaux. The rest of our list of non-coms are Sergeant Averill Carlisle, Corporal Mack Greene, Lance Corporal Goodwin and head « Mech ». Sam Prentiss.

The barracks room crowd, a select crew, have had some trouble in getting quarters. Have had to move four times to different parts of town and hope to be permanently located now for the winter.

We now have two *postes*, but two men go out to a car and stay one day out, three days in. All quiet on the sector. Prayers of thankfulness by all concerned during the cold weather.

Christmas packages have begun to arrive, slow but sure. The Field Service gift was about the first to show up.

A bridge tournament has been opened also a « bookie » where bets on the duration of the war are received. So far one has been placed with January 15, 1919 as the finish.

We also boast of a bugler, Davison, but he refuses to blow « taps ». Says it is wasted energy when the cafe's closed at 8 P. M. and every one should know that 9 P. M. is bed time.

Regards to the staff and hopes that the *Bulletin* will reach us once more.

Harvey C. EVANS.

S. S. U. 629.

S. S. U. 66 — NOW S. S. U. 623

Despite the loathed melancholy of living in a tent, 66 (for it was then still 66, whatever it may be now) had a holiday season, being *en repos* from December 19th to January 8th. Christmas Day and all those before were anxious ones of hope for packages. The packages have come thru very strong, tho a bit late. However, the American Government's special diet for Christmas, as well as that sent by several friends in Paris, and the French Government's bounty of New Year's Day, gave us some merry feasts.

Christmas Eve we crowded about a very cool fire in a very small stove, like Bob Cratchet himself while « the Chief » read us Dickens' « Christmas Carol ». Next morning some of us found stockings that Santa Claus himself had hung up full of plenty, much to our surprise. The day was the only mild one in three weeks of hard-freezing weather. The Christmas committee consisting of Sergeant Carr, Halladay and Earley had obtained a few decorations from a city near us and with the aid of a stout axe, they set us up in greenery of mistletoe and pine for the banquet, which was a feast indeed. The tables having been cleared by our valiant kitchen police of the day, Miles and Simons, the French personnel of the section was asked in, and the tree in the corner was unloaded of its burden and the anonymous gifts distributed in French and English.

New Year's Day we had another celebration, arranged by Corporal Boule and Miner. Our Christmas tree was set up anew in the school-house and all the children of the village were invited. After singing them a few American songs, not particularly seasonable, but seasonably and reasonably melodious, we hope, we gave each boy and girl a package, as New Year's greeting and to bring them the good will of all America to all France. The agonized suspense of the child who got the last present showed that our offerings were greatly desired. And I think we left at R... a pleasanter memory of our stay there than we carried away with us. For we can't help remembering it as the worst cantonnement ever, the cause of three men's going to hospital with pneumonia.

However they're well now and we're all rejoicing in the choicest quarters — with whole houses and some furniture, lace curtains in the windows, running water on every floor — that a section could want in winter. As for the roads and the *postes*, Henry manages to dodge the shells as successfully as he overcomes the shell-holes. And daily, since this latest return was added by the unquenchable paper-devourer, we are glad to avow « no changes, serious illnesses, or casualties since last report ».

W. G. R.

THE CRAVEN

As I lay one day a napping
 Dreaming of the good times gone before,
 There came a tapping, oh! so gently,
 Softly outside my abri door.

And I stirred, as does a dreamer
 T'was a friend had called to see me.
 Entrez! called I loudly
 And again called as before.

Expectantly I waited
 For some essence-seeking poilu,
 When again I heard the tapping,
 Tapping, tapping, as before.

Thinking perhaps the wind had rattled
 The patched up rickety door.
 I teetered away to dreamland
 That brought back memories gone before.

On a beach I found myself a-sunning
 And the cool blue tide was coming,
 Rolling, tumbling cross the sands
 As I'd seen it countless times before.

Soon the thundering tide drew nearer
 Booming, warring, whistling, screeching,
 Pleading, pining, nearer whining,
 And I sprang out and I found it --
 'Twas some obus -- nothing more.

Frederick G. GREENE.
 (S. S. U. 30)

The following list shows the present U. S. A. A. S. Numbers
 of the old American Field Service Sections :

Section	Left for front	Present Commander	U.S.A.A.S. Number
S.S.U. 1	January 1915	Lieut. W. Yorke Stevenson	S.S.U. 625
— 2	April 1915	— W. J. Bingham	— 626
— 3	April 1915	(Withdrawn from the Orient November 1917)	
— 4	Nov. 1915	Lieut. Henry G. Iselin	— 627
— 8	May 1916	— A. T. Miles	— 628
— 9	August 1916	— G. R. Cogswell	— 629
— 10	Déc. 1916	(Withdrawn from the Orient November 1917)	
Vosges Det.	Déc 1916	(Withdrawn August 1917)	
S.S.U. 12	Febr. 1917	Lieut. J. R. Fisher	— 630
— 13	March 1917	— Alan D. Kinsley	— 631
— 14	March 1917	— J. B. Fletcher	— 632
— 15	April 1917	— R. C. Coan	— 633
— 16	April 1917	— Bruce McClure	— 634
— 17	April 1917	— B. K. Neffel	— 635
— 18	May 1917	— A. J. Putnam	— 636
— 19	May 1917	— L. A. MacPherson	— 637
— 26	May 1917	— C. A. Butler	— 638
— 27	June 1917	— Croom Walker	— 639
— 28	June 1917	— Archie B. Gile	— 640
— 29	June 1917	— R. R. Speers	— 641
— 30	July 1917	— R. S. Richmond	— 642
— 31	July 1917	— C. C. Battershell	— 643
— 32	August 1917	— Keith Vosburg	— 644
— 33	August 1917	— Gordon Ware	— 645
— 64	June 1917	(Withdrawn October 1917)	
— 65	June 1917	Lieut. J. M. Sponagle	— 622
— 66	June 1917	— W. G. Rice	— 623
— 67	June 1917	— R. L. Nourse	— 624
— 68	June 1917	— W. E. Westbrook	— 621
— 69	July 1917	(Withdrawn November 1917)	
— 70	August 1917	(Withdrawn November 1917)	
— 71	August 1917	(Withdrawn November 1917)	
— 72	Sept. 1917	(Withdrawn November 1917)	

We regret to announce the death of Philip P. Benney which is reported in the newspapers as follows :

" While patrolling the German lines on January 25th, Mr. Benney was attacked by six enemy machines. He was severely wounded in the encounter, but nevertheless was able to fly back to the French lines, where he was picked up by some French soldiers in an exhausted condition. He was carried to a near-by dressing station where it was found that he had been shot through the thigh and the leg. Rapidly transported to a hospital he was operated upon. A French sergeant courageously offered his blood for transfusion, but even this was of no avail and Mr. Benney succumbed to his injuries. "

Philip Phillips Benney, whose home was in Pittsburg, Pa. joined the American Field Service in February, 1917 and was sent to S.S.U. 12 where he served until released in July. He then joined the French Aviation Service.

The Editor's sanctum was honored recently by a visit from Sergeant G. Hinman Barrett of Section 32, who came in to Paris partly to recuperate and partly *en permission*. He was accompanied by Lieut. Keith Vosburg. The battle of Paris proved too much for Lieut. Vosburg who was forced to surrender to *la grippe*. Sergeant Barrett was forced to alternate his activities during his *permission* between nursing Lieut. Vosburg and recording the story of Section 32. The literary lights of the section are desnding their spare moments working on the history and their artists are all trying for the same object, as they all want to see their section well represented in the story of the American Field Service by its members.

R. A. Donaldson and Lansing Warren of S. S. U. 18, called to inquire into the welfare of the *Bulletin*, where they were welcome guests as the life of the publication has been brightened if not actually saved many times by their timely contributions.

Visitors at 21, rue Raynouard

A. C. Payne (T.M.), I. G. Hall, Jr. (T.M.), O. H. Shoup, Jr. (S.S.U. 28) (Sgt U.S.A.A.S.) ; E. P. Criesmer (T.M.) and 1st. Lt E. L. Huffer, just out of the Scholl at Meaux. G. A. Butler (S.S.U. 69) 1st. Lt. U.S.A.A.S. ; R. T. Scully (T.M. 133) Aviation ; W. J. Losh (S.S.U. 10) 1st Sgt. U.S.A.A.S. ; H. P. Townsend, (S.S.U.I.) 1st. Lt. U.S.A.A.S. ; W. Pierce (S.S.U. 3) ; W. Eoff (S.S.U. 18) French Aviation ; G. C. Gignoux (S.S.U. 10 et 33) French Artillery ; T. Robb (S.S.U. 33) Aviation ; C. T. Clark (S.S.U. 3) French Artillery ; J. R. Gibb (S.S.U. 67) U.S.A.A.S. ; B. F. Burton (T.M. 133), 2nd Lt. F. A. ; J. O. Beebe (S.S.U. 30) ; Sgt. U.S.A.A.S. ; A. Z. Machado (S.S.U. 9) Sgt. U.S.A.A.S. ; H. B. Barton (T.M. 133), 2nd Lt. F. A. ; A. Kinsley (S.S.U. 13), 1st. Lt. U.S.A.A.S. ; C. Winant (S.S.U. 3), French Artillery School ; Gwynne, (S.S.U.S.) 1st. Lt. U.S.A.A.S.

NOTES

Carl Randau (S.S.U. 10) is at A. R. C. Hospital No. 2, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

W. Pearl (S.S.U. 1) has been evacuated from the A. R. C. Hospital No. 1 where he has been since August 24th and is attached to the A. E. F. as a civil employe.

The following men have been commissioned as First Lieutenants U.S.A.A.S. :

- G. Roberts (S.S.U. 3)
- D. Van Alstyne (S.S.U. 15).
- A. Gwynne (S.S.U. 8).

Roger W. Lutz, Staff, has left the service and is now with the A. R. C. Mr. Grimbert will have charge of the accounts of the volunteers.

The American Field Service Store has on hand the American Field Service cap insignia for the sum of Frs 3.00.

LOST AND FOUND

A leather cigarette case bearing the initials " R. A. R. Jr. " containing a lady's card without address, has been added to our list of unclaimed articles, which still includes :

A corduroy coat, sheepskin lined, made or sold by " Burns-Andover ".

A series of photographs from Pasadena, California, and a round gold locket with monogram, containing a girl's photograph.

