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AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE AIDS REFUGEES

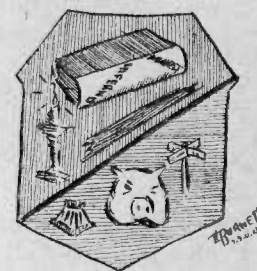
Starting on Wednesday, March 27th, The American Field Service in collaboration with the American Red Cross and the American Fund for French Wounded helped to care for the refugees arriving from the invaded districts, at the Gare du Nord. Inasmuch as the French Camion Service was very much occupied with other war work, our offer of trucks and ambulances was most gratefully accepted. The camions remained on service about twelve hours a day and the ambulances twenty four hours, and in the five days ending on Sunday at midnight, approximately eight hundred refugees with their belongings, were transferred from the Gare du Nord to other railroad stations in the day-time, and to places of refuge at night, by our cars driven by permissionnaires and other Field Service men in Paris at the time.

Our workers were deeply impressed by the attitude of the refugees and the gratitude with which they received any service, no matter how slight, this being particularly noticeable, as many of them had been for two days on a journey, which would in ordinary times take about two hours to cover.

In many instances it was the second or third time they had been forced to leave their homes and their cases were pitiful in the extreme; one old man who had been driven out for the third time had lost his mind and was weeping like a child. Civilian hospitals and institutions for the aged had been forced to evacuate, and the number of old people was appalling, many of them being paralytics who could not be moved, except on stretchers.

For the first two or three days they came in hordes and at times were crowded so closely in the basement of the Gare du Nord, where the Red Cross Canteen carried on its good work, that many of the women had to stand and hold their baggage in their arms as there was not a spare inch of space on the floor. This, however, was overcome after the first confusion of having so many unexpected arrivals, and with the many willing workers of the different organizations doing their best, every refugee arriving at the Gare du Nord was given refreshments at the Canteen, before being transferred. The Canteen also gave out clothing and shoes in great quantities.

In addition to transportation, several members of the American Field Service helped with the distribution of refreshments and clothing in the Red Cross Canteen. The greater part of our work was done by men who were in Paris on permission and by former members of the American Field Service residing in Paris, and it was the opinion of all that they had never done a more worthy work. They have the greatest respect and admiration for a people who, in the face of so terrible a catastrophe, could still show so much gratitude and courage. This extended even to the children who showed no signs of whimpering or complaining.



Some Suggestions for  
Section Connois Insignias

BURNETT for the AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE HISTORY

## HIS ONLY YARN

I am about to spin my only yarn about the war. You may not find it the sort of thing you want, in which case relegate it to the waste basket just as if I were a regular author. However, this is neither here nor there. The yarn goes something like this :

It was a very peaceful day at post and our hero was slowly ascending the hill to his abri having just finished a large meal of French issue beans, assorted horse and so-called bread. His thoughts were far from the seat of war when he was suddenly and rudely awakened from his dreams by the well known song of an *arrivée*. To his then untrained ear it had a too personal sound and he looked wildly about for a friendly abri. Finding one about two yards ahead of him he forgot for the moment the excellent story about looking before one leaps and he proceeded to equal the world's record for the standing broad jump. But the gods of mischance were guiding him and he landed square on two full buckets of water which following the law of gravity ran into the *abri*, the property of a large French " cuistôt " and very successfully demonstrated the theory that two buckets of water are ample to extinguish four fires if properly directed. In the meanwhile the shell continued its merry way and broke on the next hill, a kilometer away. Business of hasty retreat by our hero closely followed by the cook's foot and a volley of curses that caused three passing mules to blush a rosy red.

You may not find room for that masterpiece but it always amuses me greatly to tell it, especially as I know " our hero " very well, in fact I washed his face this very morning. But the most striking thing in the whole fracas is after a long, hard pull up to a post you roll out of your car into the *abri* and in your best A. F. S. French you say, " *Mon Capitaine, il y a combien des blessés?* " Just then a bearded poilu speaks up in good old United States and says, " There's five of us Bill. Who won the series last fall? " Doesn't it beat all?

S. A. SEARLE,  
S. S. U. 645.

## A CAMION CONDUCTEUR

Smoking my pipe in the Evening,  
Sniffing the morning cool,  
I drive my worn out Camion  
Past the Artillery Mule.

Our Home's in a Tiny Village  
Century old and Quaint.  
Our work is where the Roads are  
But mostly we goes where they ain't.

We're out of our Bed at Day-break,  
And Curse while cranking the Buss.  
You say you Sweat in the Ambulance?  
By God, you must Lather with us.

We know the sound of the *Arrivee*,  
The roar of the *Depart* too,  
So when the *Boches* are shelling the Road  
Of course, we know what to do.

Just reach for the Old Tin Derby  
And stick to the wheel like a man.  
You don't go where you please nor hide in Abris  
When you're hauling *Soixante-Quinze*.

The wind around us is howling  
And drives in our Faces the Rain.  
We'll be glad when the night is *Fin*  
And we're back in our Bunks again.

The Shrapnel around us is Breaking,  
The Star-shells light the Road,  
Two kilometers ahead in the Darkness  
Is the place where we unload.

You push ahead in the Darkness  
 Along a Muddy, crowded Road.  
 The Park is reached — No Corvey —  
 Its up to you to unload.

With the sweat running out of your shirt sleeves  
 And the Rain beating Cold in your Face,  
 You work like Demons unloading,  
 Dawn breaks as you leave the place.

Raymond H. FUSSELL,  
 T.M.U. 397, 184 and 526.

#### PRESENT ACTIVITES OF FORMER A. F. S. MEN

Elbridge Adams	S.S.U. 26	Williams R. O. T. C.
Dinsmore Ely	T.M.U. 537	Corp. Lafayette Flying Corps.
Kenneth H. Casson	T.M.U. 184	Pvt. Ordnance, Fort Slocum, N. Y.
Lewis B. Dougherty	S.S.U. 19	1st Class Pvt. Ground Aviation School, Liberty, Mo.
Francis K. Douglass	T.M.U. 526	Cadet Flyer Aviation, U. S. A.
Emmet J. Durkin	S.S.U. 26	Cadet Military Aeronautics, U. S. A.
Florimoud J. Dusossoit	T.M.U. 526	Cadet Military Aeronautics, U. S. A.
Edmund A. Hastings	T.M.U. 526	1st Lieut. Aviation, U. S. A. S.
Henry Coe Lanpher	T.M.U. 526	Flying Cadet, Naval Aviation, U. S. A.
Ovid L. Dally	S.S.U. 26	Cadet, Flying Section, Aviation Corps, U. S. A.
Alden W. Foster	S.S.U. 64	Cadet, Cornell School of Aeronautics, Ithaca, N. Y.
George Carroll Buzby	T.M.U. 133	Pvt. R. O. T. C., Princeton, N. J.

Harrie Holland Dadmun	S.S.U. 30	Chief Bowswain's Mate, Cadet at Ensign's School, Cambridge, Mass. U. S. N. R.
William Lowell Downes	T.M.U. 526	Sergeant Signal Corps.
John L. Whitcomb	T.M.U. 526	Cadet Royal Air Forces England.
Frank S. Fieldler	T.M.U. 537	Pvt. 1st Army Artillery.
Vernon E. Caughell	S.S.U. 14-10	U. S. Aviation.
Nicholas B. Clinch	S.S.U. 30	Cadet U. S. Army Aviation, U. S. A.
Gorham F. Freer	S.S.U. 2	Cadet Royal Flying Corps Fort Worth, Texas.
Oswald Fowler	S.S.U. 4	2nd Lieut. Field Artillery America.
Peter F. Monahan	S.S.U. 16	94 Aero Squadron, 1st Pursuit Squadron.
Harry C. Roth	S.S.U. 14	2nd Lieut. U. S. F. A.
Andrew Alvord Baker	T.M.U. 526	U. S. Naval Aviation.
Frank H. Herrington	S.S.U. 33	Vosges and French Artillery Aspirant.
Victor B. Geibel	S.S.U. 26	Pvt. 1st Bat. F. A. Off. Train. School, Camp Upton, N. Y.
George H. Allison	S.S.U. 28	Cadet, Naval Aviation,
James D. Beane	S.S.U. 9	1st Lieut. U. S. Air Service.
Christian Gross	S.S.U. 65	Acting Major, 3rd. Off. Training Camp, Rockford, Ill.
Charles Mc. I. Kinsolving	S.S.U. 4	1st. Lieut. Air Pilot U. S. Army on detached service with French.
Robert C. Paradise	S.S.U. 15	Cadet U. S. Air Service.
James L. Rothwell	T.M.U. 526	L. Q. M. 3rd Class U. S. N. A. F.
Addison Fordyce	S.S.U. 64	Cadet Flyer, U. S. Aviation in America.
J. Platt Cooke	T.M.U. 133	U. S. Air Service.
James A. Devlin	S.S.U. 43	1st. Class Machinists' Mate U. S. N. R. F.
William B. Byers	S.S.U. 65	Pvt. 76th Field Artillery Headquarters Camp Shelby.
Virgil A. Lewis	S.S.U. 4	Cadet Signal Corps Aviation Balloon Observ. A. S. S. E. R. C. Fort Omaha.
Theodore Frutiger	S.S.U. 12	Reserve Off. T. Camp, 5th Co. Chattanooga.

## NOTES

Walter Ives, (S.S.U. 32) has been commissioned 1st Lieut. in U.S.A.A.S.

Julien H. Bryan (S.S.U. 12) now a student at Princeton, is the author of a book called "Ambulance No. 464".

### SECTION 14'S FAREWELL TO LIEUTENANT FLETCHER

On the night before Lt. Fletcher left Section 632 (old 14) to take charge of one of our repair echelons, he was tended a farewell banquet by the Section of which the "Bulletin" has received the following description.

"When I arrived at the Section in the late afternoon I was met by the French Lieutenant with the news that the French general of the division had that day cited Lieutenant Fletcher for his courageous and able leadership of the Section in active service and would the next day decorate him himself with the Croix de Guerre (ordre de la Division). We sat down to dinner in the usual half ruined house that our sections often occupy for quarters and Lieutenant Elliot Lee was also there as he had arrived the day before to replace Fletcher.

"We had a wonderful dinner at the end of which the French Lieutenant gave the news of Fletcher's citation to the section and proposed his health, wishing him "au revoir" and success in his new position. The reception the boys gave Fletcher will long live in my memory. No one there could doubt how those boys loved and respected him and appreciated the citation he had received. There was much hand clapping, cheering and speeches from the boys both to show their joy and their sorrow at losing him from the Section. Fletcher's speech of thanks was characteristically modest but it was apparent to all how deeply he was moved by the whole event. After the dinner every member of the Section came up individually to shake his hand and to express what he felt. Fletcher was decorated by the General the next day at the General's Headquarters."

Section 14 a fortnight later had another big dinner to celebrate the end of its first year at the front.

## FROM CENTIGRADE TO FAHRENHEIT

To the Editor of the "Bulletin":

I am anxious to find out the way to figure out the A. F. S. number from the U. S. A. A. S. section number and vice-versa. In other words, I want to know, whenever I see the U. S. A. A. S. number designated on an ambulance how to find out what was the former Field Service number. *Old Philadelphia Lady.*

Paris, December 24th, 1899.

### VISITORS AT 21 RUE RAYNOUARD

Sedley C. Peck (S.S.U. 10) Cadet in U.S. Air Service; Edwin B. Fairchild (T.M.U. 526) Escadrille N. 159; Chas. V. McCardell (S.S.U. 65) U.S.A.A.S.; William G. Rice (S.S.U. 66) Lieutenant U.S.A.A.S.; Richard Buel (S.S.U. 30) U.S.A.A.S.; Alden B. Sherry (T.M.U. 526) U. S. Air Service; Joseph H. Gray (T.M.U. 526) Naval Aviation; Richard Parmenter (T.M.U. 526) U.S. Air Service; Fred G. Redman (S.S.U. 32) U.S.A.A.S.; Alex. G. Standing (S.S.U. 32) U.S.A.A.S.; Robert H. Scannell (S.S.U. 13) 2nd Lieut. Int. C. Gen. Staff G. H. Q.; Enos W. Curtin (S.S.U. 2) 2nd Lieut. Anti-Aircraft Artillery; Frank N. Cary (T.M.U. 526) U.S. Aviation; Charles Bayly (S.S.U. 26) 32<sup>e</sup> Artillerie Fontainebleau.



The Road leading to the *Poste*  
Howard S. Ramsdell

## WILLIAM J. WHYTE

We regret to report that William J. Whyte who served as a volunteer for several months in the Transport Branch of the American Field Service was killed in an aeroplane accident on March 20th 1918. Mr. Whyte was a member of T.M. 526 until August when he joined the U.S. Aviation Service in which he subsequently obtained the rank of First Lieutenant. Before coming to France he was a student in the University of Chicago and his home was in Chicago, Ill.

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### EXTENSION OF FIELD SERVICE HEADQUARTERS PRIVILEGES

Any Field Service man now a member of U. S. A. A. S. can extend the privileges of the Field Service Headquarters, including meals, lodging and the use of the living rooms for a period of two weeks to any member of U. S. A. A. S. whether or not he was ever connected with the Field Service. The guest so introduced has only to present a letter of introduction at the Headquarters, signed by the Field Service member who is his sponsor, stating that he is personally acquainted with the candidate and commending the candidate as worthy of the privileges extended.

