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CONVOY

There's a lure in the summer landscape  
 When we've done our work at the line,  
 When we've finished with gas and bullets  
 And the obus' drawn out whine.  
 It's then that the Highways start calling,  
 And the greening fields of France,  
 And the yearning is strong to go rolling along  
 In a convoy of ambulance.

*So crank the voitures up, my boys !  
 Make the old line twenty long ;  
 Let the Flivver staff car lead it  
 And the camion tail the throng.  
 Then as grey car follows grey car  
 We will roll off free and gay,  
 In convoy, in convoy,  
 Down along the Grand Highway !*

When we're up at the front on duty  
We work as the wounded come in,  
And it's not a life the most pleasant  
To see wrecks where humans have been ;  
We like our *repos* — when we get it,  
And to go on permission we're strong,  
But there's nothing so fine as to be in a line  
Of a convoy that's rolling along!

*Crank the old voitures up, my boys,  
Throw in your kit and trunk,  
And to Henry's well known rattle  
We'll tour off with all our junk ;  
Let each grey car follow grey car  
To some distant town in France  
In a convoy, in a convoy,  
Of the carefree Ambulance!*

R. A. DONALDSON,  
S. S. U. 18.

#### A LOST ART

About every two or three days, observant persons may notice bits of paper fluttering from a barrack's window, somewhere in France. That is me, tearing up a few letters.

It is nearly a year now, that I have been over and I have been putting off this fatal moment since about the third month. But the time has come when I must relieve my feelings on this subject or burst. Naturally I have chosen the former alternative.

The more letters I read, the more my enfeebled intellect tells me, that like the cave-man and the dodo bird, the art of letter writing is extinct. There was a time when I would snatch my letters and hasten to some secluded spot where I could devour their contents at ease. But now the coming of the " vague-mestre " holds no interest for me ; no longer will I desert a delicious morsel of singe for the mail wagon. It is not that my senses have become dulled by the war, —oh no, far from that. The reason is that I can always tell without opening them, what

are the contents of the letters. I am beginning to believe that most of the people at home have a form letter which they date, sign and send out at stated intervals.

From my relatives I am always sure of :

- 1 death.
- 1 new way of preventing colds.
- 1 new way of curing same.
- 1 assurance of pride in my being in the army.
- 1 hope I'll keep out of danger.
- 1 prediction as to the end of the war.
- 1 malediction for the Kaiser.
- 1 blessing.

Those from friends of the family contain without fail :

- 1 call on the folks.
- 2 comments upon the fact.
- 1 groan.
- 1 wish to knit something for me or
- 1 notice of something on the way to me, which I never get.
- 1 account of the uniforms on the streets.
- 1 pat on the back.

From the fair and weaker sex I can expect :

- 1 account of a Red Cross dance.
- 3 accounts of teas.
- 2 accounts of dinner-parties and of the peaches of officers there.
- 1 gush over a new musical comedy.
- 1 " Do you know that so and so has a commission now. "
- 1 hope I haven't lost my heart to a French girl.
- 1 desire to be a nurse.
- 1 hope I'll write soon.

But there is no use in continuing the list. I believe the above samples are enough to confirm my suspicions. What is to be done about the matter, I cannot say. Perhaps Congress will appoint a committee to look into it.

As for me, I came to the conclusion some time ago, that my father and mother are the only ones who ever could write letters anyway.

P. C. DOOLITTLE, S. S. U. 627.

" OUR SECTION COOK "

Under a shady apple tree,  
Our section kitchen stands.  
Our cook, a great old man is he,  
Just joined us in these lands.

The fellows from the section stand,  
And look in at the door ;  
They like to watch his busy hands,  
Admire the shining floor.

His hair is crisp and black and long,  
His face is a light tan,  
His brow is wet with honest sweat,  
He's just a plain Frenchman.

Day in day out, from morn 'till night,  
We hear his happy song  
Of pots and pans, all shining bright,  
Like music of a gong.

And when at eve the soup is done,  
We hear the welcome call  
And gather 'round the place, save one,  
Our cook in overall.

He brings in all the things he's made,  
While we sit there and eat.  
He works along without an aid,  
And fills the happy fête.

Each morn he sees the new day come  
Each evening sees it close.  
The meals on time are always done,  
He earns his night's repose.

He smiles and sings a happy song,  
As on each day he toils ;  
Yet when the victory is won,  
Will he get any spoils?

E. A. DOEPKE, Jr.,  
S. S. U. 13/631.

THOUGHTS

The body is composed of a thousand springs,  
And dies if one goes wrong.  
Strange that a harp of a thousand strings  
Could keep in tune so long.

Engineer... Hospital No. 2.

AIR CASTLES

Oh what a wonderful world so bright, but still it seems ungrateful,  
One can't explain the actual light, nor the sneers that seem so  
[hateful.

Tis a mystery that is hard to solve and when our memories evolve  
A happy tho't during the day, a powerful breeze sweeps it away

Aviator. Hospital No. 2.

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.

April 29, 1918.

Editor of the Bulletin,

Dear Sir :

Replying to Old Philadelphia Lady's perfectly just query the  
section poet offers the following solution with due apologies to  
the late Lewis Carroll.

Yours truly,  
Archimedes.

Taking one as a subject to reason about ; (a convenient number  
[to state])

Add ten and then ten and then multiply out  
By six-one-sev'n, diminished by eight.  
The result we proceed to divide, as you see,  
By nineteen, plus the numeral two :  
Then adding sixteen the answer must be  
Exactly and perfectly true!

$$\frac{(1 + 10 + 10) (617-8)}{19+2} + 16 = 625$$

Q. E. D.

To The Philadelphia Lady

Dear old Lady,

I was struck by the simplicity of the system of your correspondent of S. S. U. 19/637, for recognizing the old A. F. S. from the U. S. number ; i. e. Subtract 618 from the U. S. number. Right away I tried the system on Section I and to my amazement in deducting 618 from 625 I found the result to be 7 ; if arithmetic is a true science, the system is defective.

Seemingly a lady of your age with such a long experience should test first such problems before inserting them in order to avoid the suffering that follows.

Allow me, my dear lady, to put before you a question ; could anyone let me know the reason why new numbers have been given to the Sections ? Personally I should think. " Il y a des raisons que la raison ignore ".

I remain old dear,  
as ever devotedly yours,

P. L. REITRAC, A. F. S.

#### NOTES

John E. Boit (S. S. U. 2) and Martin S. Owens (S. S. U. 8) have been commissioned 1st. Lieutenants U. S. A. A. S.

B. Rantoul (S. S. U. 4) has just arrived in France as a member of the American Red Cross.

G. C. Gignoux (S. S. U. 10 and 33) has finished the French Artillery School and is now an aspirant in the 35<sup>e</sup> regiment d'artillerie.

#### CITATIONS

The Commanding Officer of S.S.U. 632 has sent in the following copy of citations received by Donald F. Fox and Herbert E. Williams, formerly in the American Field Service, S.S.U. 14.

Le 10 avril 1918.

#### Extrait de l'Ordre N° 55

Le Colonel Oudry, commandant l'infanterie de la — Division, cite à l'Ordre de la Brigade :

*Donald F. Fox*, conducteur américain, S.S.U. 632 :

" A fait preuve d'un très grand courage et d'un réel mépris du danger le 12 février 1918, lors d'un bombardement par obus explosifs et toxiques, en évacuant, malgré les gaz particulièrement sensibles dans le ravin où il avait à passer, un officier et un sous-officier grièvement blessés. "

*Herbert E. Williams*, conducteur américain S.S.U. 632 :

" A fait preuve d'un très grand courage et d'un réel mépris du danger, le 12 février 1918, lors d'un bombardement par obus explosifs et toxiques, en évacuant, malgré les gaz particulièrement sensibles dans le ravin où il avait à passer, un officier et un sous-officier grièvement blessés. "

*Le Colonel-Commandant.*

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

Daniel S. Landon	S.S.U. 70	Cadet, Aviation Section Signal Corps.
Daniel B. Lunt	S.S.U. 27	Pvt. Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa.
Sumner Bigelow MacDonald	T.M.U. 184	Class 1 A of the Draft.
Berkeley S. Michael	S.S.U. 3	Flying Cadet, A. S. S. C. Camp Dick, Dallas, Texas.
Theodore Miles	S.S.U. 27	Pvt. 1st Class, U. S. Aviation A. S., S. E. R. C.
Horatio Tobey Mooers	S.S.U. 27	R. O. T. C. Bowdoin College.

Edward C. O'Connell	S.S.U.	1	Aviation Flying, U. S. A.
John Calvin Roberts	T.M.U.	397	Naval Reserve Flying Corps, U. S. A.
Miles Blinn Sanford	T.M.U.	526	3rd Officers' Training Camp, Rockford, Illinois.
R. R. Skelton	S.S.U.	10	Machine Gun Service, O. T. C., Rockford, Illinois.
George Sturges	S.S.U.	9	Capt. U. S. R. Infantry Camp Funston.
Walter White	S.S.U.	4	Flying Cadet, U. S. Naval Aviation Forces.
Joris MacDonald White	S.S.U.	133	Pvt. O. T. C. Royal Engi- neers.
Walter F. Wylie	T.M.U.	133	Pvt. Light Tank Battalion, W. S. N. A.

#### AMERICAN PILOT BECOMES " ACE "

Mr. Frank L. Baylies, formerly of Section 1, has become an " ace ", having brought down his sixth German aeroplane. He is connected with Georges Guynemer's " Storks ", and was flying a " Spad " when he achieved his last victory.

Mr. Baylies was offered a captaincy in the American Army, but he declined the promotion. He is now recommended for a sous-lieutenancy. Mr. Baylies won the Croix de Guerre at Monastir. The " Stork " section is to receive the Médaille Militaire for having brought down 150 German aeroplanes.

*New-York Herald, May 8, 1918.*

#### VISITORS AT 21 RUE RAYNOUARD

B. Rantoul (S.S.U. 4) American Red Cross ; W. de F. Bigelow (S.S.U. 4) Capt. U. S. A. A. S. ; Powel Fenton (S.S.U. 3) 1st Lieut. U. S. A. A. S. ; William M. Barber (S. S. U. 3) Ecole Militaire de l'Artillerie, Fontainebleau ; Frank H. Herrington (Vosges and S. S. U. 33) Ecole Militaire, Fontainebleau ; Arthur O. Phinney (Vosges and S. S. U. 33) Y. M. C. A. ; Jerome F. McGee (T.M.U. 133) Air Service ; Charles A. Blackwell (S.S.U. 64) Air Service ; Robert Whitney (S.S.U. 68) Aviation U. S. ; John W. Ames (S.S.U. 2) French Artillery, Fontainebleau ; Robert L. Buell (S.S.U. 15) Eleve Aspirant, Ecole d'Artillerie, Fon-

tainebleau ; Richard Buel (S.S.U. 30) U. S. A. A. S. ; Walter F. McCreight (T.M.U. 184) U. S. Naval Aviation ; Gordon Ware (S.S.U. 10 and 33) 1st Lieut. U. S. A. A. S. ; Waldo Pierce (S.S.U. 3) ; Joseph Desloges (T.M.U. 526) Eleve Aspirant Fontainebleau ; Milo H. Roblee (T.M.U. 526) Eleve Aspirant, Fontainebleau ; Joseph T. Walker (T.M.U. 133) Eleve Aspirant, Fontainebleau ; L. W. Butler (T.M. U. 526) Air Service ; David L. Garratt (S.S.U. 66) American Red Cross ; John H. Hynes (S.S.U. 68) General Staff Headquarters A. E. F. ; Robert B. Hyman (T.M.U. 241 and 397) Eleve Aspirant, Fontainebleau ; Harry B. Harter (S.S.U. 70) Eleve Aspirant, Fontainebleau ; Edward Anthony (S.S.U. 30) Civilian in Aviation.

#### LETTERS TO THE BULLETIN

" Am enclosing seventy five francs, three months subscription for the " Bulletin ", 37 copies. If you will remind us when this subscription expires I will see that it is renewed, provided the war does not end before. In that case and from that point of view we hope said subscription will not be renewed, and I am sure you will be willing to forego the pleasures of editing the " Bulletin " as soon as the Kaiser admits that he has had enough.

It is impossible to state how much your little paper helps to brighten our dark monotonous paths, but please accept this as an expression of our appreciation of your loyal patriotic work. "

L. A. MacPHERSON,  
1st Lt. U. S. A. A. S.

" It is almost six months since I visited 21 rue Raynouard. The memory of the good time I had affords me continual pleasure, and the " Bulletin " which you have been so good to forward has kept me in touch with all the interesting doings of the Field Service.

" As I have only contributed a matter of two francs to the above journal, I am enclosing another six which only proves in a very mild way my appreciation of the said journal. "

Harry DE MAINE,  
(Kings Royal Rifle Corps).

## SECTION NOTES

S. S. U. 19

" Dixie " Garden, Frank Royce, and " Shorty " Loughlin returned recently from permission spent at Aix-les-Bains. They are unanimous in calling it a great place to spend permission, and praise very highly their treatment there.

Our Section is now the proud possessor of a gramophone. Invitations are now being printed for a dance. " Bill " Hope is floor director.

Books! Books! Our library has been completely read thru several times. We would like to exchange with some other Section, book for book.

Ed Shaw has been evacuated to a hospital in the interior. His health and general condition may perhaps necessitate his returning to the States. We are sorry to lose him, for he is a good comrade and an officient driver.

Top Sgt. Rie spent his permission at the seashore with his parents. Paris was too hot for him.

S. S. U. 19/637.

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