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The following contributions were sent to the *Bulletin* by Sherman L. Conklin, S. S. U. 635 (old 17) on the day he was killed. They were probably the last things that he wrote. Readers of the *Bulletin* will recall Conklin's poems entitled "A Military Graveyard" and "Dawn" which appeared in the May 18th number, together with a playful article upon "The Essence Gatherer", which he also wrote for this paper.

THEN

When age has dimmed the swift, clear glow
Of sacrificial youth,

And we look back, chagrined to know
How much we've spent for truth,
(For age may dim the swift, clear glow
Of sacrificial youth.)

When we are tired and gray and old,
Laggard of mind and will,
And all young dreams shall find us cold
While all our lives are still,

(For we are tired and gray and old,
Laggard of mind and will),
Swift may the Messenger be sped
To chill our bodies, for we're dead.

S. L. CONKLIN,
S. S. U. 635 (old 17).

ABNER McADAMS

Abner McAdams, may his tribe increase,
Awoke one morning from dreaming of Cerise,
And saw a sargeant standing with a book,
Conning the names therein with righteous look.
Exceeding sleep had made McAdams bold,
So, as in bed luxuriously he rolled,
He spoke, " Oh, Sarge what means this look of woe.
It's hard you have to spoil your beauty so. "
The sargeant spake, " Ab. I regret to say
That you should rise to greet the joyous day.
This little book contains, as you shall ken,
The names of those who serve their fellow men.
It's K. P. service detail. Look and see
The gentle news I'm sent to break to thee. "
Abner arose and cursed the world and dressed
For lo, McAdams' name led all the rest!

S. L. CONKLIN,
S. S. U. 635 (old 17)-

THE SONG OF DEAD AMBULANCE MEN

We're sick of your harps and your haloes, of your well-kept heavenly
[things,
Of your roads without even a shell-hole (we'll be damned if we'll use
[your wings.)
We're sick and tired of smoking when cigarettes flow so free
That we throw the butts half-burnt beside your Pearly Sea.
We know that we died like heroes for the lives of the men who fell,
But that's no smitten reason why we have to grow fat as hell!
Say, give us the ghost of an ambulance and let us drive away
Somewhere, where there's an angel-fight, and there, by the Lord,
[we'll stay.

S. L. C.

S. S. U. 635 (old 17)

Since the last time that we burst into the blooming press
the section has been cited, and almost crowned. So let us to
the first, the most agreeable by far.

One day the section was drawn up in an approximately straight
line, enough in itself to show that something was to happen.
It did. We were cited.

As to our being almost crowned, I must bow before the man-
dates of that most honorable man, the censor. But as Shakes-
peare says, " Gee, it was grand ".

Our 1st Sergeant Richards received his personal citation the
other day for his fine work in the same action which earned the
section its second Croix de guerre. Throughout that time of
hard work, Richards took over the duties of our mechanic, out
with a broken arm, in addition to his regular duties as sergeant.
It was due to Richards that the cars could be kept running for
the work, and the section is mighty glad that his service has
been officially recognized.

But ye gentle scribe has troubles of his own in writing this
screed. Try to write a bright, humorous, swivel-chaired, volu-
minous account of your playmates yourself, when the so-called
gentleman next you is smoking French tobacco in a pipe that
had a misspent youth in a fertilizer factory, while nearby the
section phonograph is braying out the succulent melodies of " I'd
Feel at Home if They Let me Join the Army. " I'm going to
quit quick.

We wish to express our sympathy with those sections who
have been hard hit by recent developments. All honor to those
who never faltered in their duty in the face of danger, and to
those whom death found unafraid. Their memory shall be an
inspiration in the future as their work has been in the past.
Vale.

S. L. Conklin, S. S. U. 633. (old 17).

Sherman L. Conklin was killed by a shell in the Forest of Villers-
Cotterets on June 14th, 1918, the day on which the above was written.

TO COLONEL PERCY L. JONES

All old Field Service men now members of U. S. A. A. S. with the French army, are pleased by the promotion of the chief of that service, Percy L. Jones to a full Colonelcy. He has won their unanimous regard and respect. Under his leadership the American ambulance sections serving with French divisions which in the unofficial volunteer days numbered only thirty four, have now been doubled in number, and many new sections are now being organized to serve with the American troops. The *Bulletin* in the name of all of the old Field Service Ambulance drivers, takes this opportunity of expressing to Colonel Jones its satisfaction and congratulations.

CITATIONS — and COMMENDATIONS

S. S. U. 640 (old 28)

Formée en majeure partie d'anciens volontaires, énergiquement commandée par le Lieutenant Archie B. Gile de l'Armée Américaine, et par le Sous-Lieutenant Jeancourt-Galignani, de l'Armée Française, la S. S. U. 640 s'est dépensée sans compter depuis plus d'un an pour relever les blessés de la Division, au milieu des bombardements les plus violents, à travers les incendies, et dans les circonstances les plus difficiles qu'ait traversées la Division, en faisant preuve du plus noble esprit de devoir et de mépris du danger.

A redoublé d'efforts au cours de la bataille actuelle, chacun des officiers, sous-officiers et des hommes payant d'exemple sans arrêt, nuit et jour.

Le Général Commandant la 134^e Div. Inf.

P. A. Le chef d'Etat-Major,

Signé : PETIT.

Signé : FRECOT.

S. S. U. 629 (old 9)

Several men of S. S. U. 629 have been cited in the Divisional and Regimental Orders of the French army. Their names and a translation of the citations follow :

Machado, John Z., Sergeant 1st Class. — Non-commissioned officer who showing great disregard of danger during the night under violent bombardment personally assured the salvage of cars abandoned during the day which were exposed to the fire of the enemy.

Carlisle, Averill D., Sergeant. — Non-commissioned officer who with devotion equalling his courage, for five nights personally directed a squad of volunteers who repaired a road exposed to the constant fire of the enemy.

Regimental.

Davenport, Russell, W., Private 1st Class. — Picked for a duty particularly dangerous demanded to execute it a second time, completing his task with great bravery in a zone violently shelled by the enemy artillery.

Golding, John E., Private 1st Class. — Voluntarily completed the reparation of a road exposed to violent nightly bombardment and also contributed to the salvage of a car abandoned in full view of the enemy.

Greene, Alexander M., Corporal. — During a year's service in the section volunteered for all perilous tasks and also for several nights aided in the reparation of roads continually struck by shells, thus permitting the speedy evacuation of the wounded.

S. S. U. 635 (old 17)

« La Section Sanitaire Automobile 635, sous les ordres du Lieutenant de Joly et du Lieutenant Neftel :

« Pendant tout le cours des opérations et plus particulièrement pendant les journées des 4 et 5 avril 1918, a de nuit et de jour, assuré sous le feu avec un dévouement infatigable et un mépris absolu de danger, le transport et l'évacuation des blessés des premières lignes.

« Le 1^{er} Sergeant américain Richards, William, chef mécanicien à la Section Sanitaire Automobile Américaine N° 635.

« Assure avec dévouement et courage, sous de violents bombardements au cours des journées des 4, 5 et 6 avril 1918, l'entretien et la réparation du matériel qui lui était confié. Blessé par éclat d'obus, a néanmoins continué à assurer son service. »

S. S. U. 625 (old 4)

The Commander-in-Chief, A. E. F., has written letters of commendation to three soldiers of the A. E. F. (all three are members of old S. S. U. 1) as follows, for exploits as set forth below :

“ I have heard with great pleasure of your fine conduct. The soldierly qualities exhibited by you on this occasion are admired throughout the command.

HONOR ROLL

" Private 1st Class Mark V. Brennan, when the village of Seicheprey and the poste de secours had been captured, offered to take a replacing doctor up there; also helped with stretcher-bearer work under heavy shell-fire, in addition to showing great coolness and bravery in his regular work during the three days of heavy action, April 19-22, 1918.

" Private 1st Class Edward A. G. Wylie, though his car was hit in several places, and he himself sick from gas, begged, after receiving treatment, to remain at his work, though offered relief, and acquitted himself with exceptional gallantry during the fighting around Seicheprey, April 19-22, 1918.

" Private 1st Class Harold E. Purdy. — Loaned temporarily with his auto to the American Division next to our French Division — volunteered to do stretcherbearer work under heavy fire, bringing both wounded and dead when the regular stretcherbearers were not available, acquitted himself with conspicuous bravery during the three days' fighting around Seicheprey, April 19-22, 1918. "

SERGEANT FRANK L. BAYLIES, MISSING

M. Jack Philippe, the aviation correspondent of the " Petit Journal ", gives the following story of how Sergeant Baylies came to be posted as missing.

" On June 17 he left on patrol duty with Sergeant Dubonnet (vanquisher of four Germans) and Sergeant Macari. The trio of " storks " had been flying for more than an hour and, darkness approaching, were preparing to turn back home, when four German monoplanes were sighted flying at a higher altitude. These were at first mistaken for British machines, until they swooped down to attack, and then a thrilling fight ensued.

Baylies was defending himself with his usual intrepidity and was trying to get into position to take the offensive, when his aeroplane caught fire. He was then ten kilometres inside the German lines.

Sergeant Macari thinks it is possible that he came down safely and escaped the flames ».

Frank L. Baylies, whose home was in New Bedford, Massachusetts, was 22 years old and came as volunteer to the American Field Service in February, 1916. In March he went out with Section 1 remaining until November when he volunteered to go with Section 3 to the Orient. He returned after serving six months there and joined the Lafayette Esquadron.

While in the American Field Service he was decorated with the croix de guerre.

Donald Asa Bigelow has been reported as killed in an aviation accident in France. He entered the American Field Service March 12, 1917, going out with S. S. U. 17 in April and left the Service on August 30 to become 1st Lieut. in U. S. Air Service. He was 20 years old and his home was in Boston, Massachusetts.

Alan Hammond Nichols of Palo Alto, California, was wounded in the abdomen in an air fight, died in a hospital at Compiègne and was buried at Royalieu with military honors. He joined the American Field Service on February 14th, 1917, going out with Section 14 in March, and left July 23rd to go into Aviation. He was 21 years old and a Stanford University man.

W. K. Bond Emerson of New-York City was killed in an aviation accident on May 14th, at the age of 24. He joined the American Field Service early in 1915 and was a member of Section 3 during its active work in Alsace and the Vosges at the end of that year. He returned to the U. S. but rejoined the service early in 1917, going out with Section 13 only to volunteer a month later to go to the Balkans and rejoin his old Section. He was appointed later sous-chef of the Section and returned in November to accept a commission as 1st Lieut. in the U. S. Field Artillery. He was doing observing work at the time of his death. He had received the Croix de guerre while a member of the number of the American Field Service.

ARTILLERY SCHOOL AT FONTAINEBLEAU

From the French Artillery School at Fontainebleau on the 15th of June 1918 there were graduated two Brigades made up entirely of Americans. This is something unusual in a French Artillery School and is in fact without precedent.

The Group which graduated on June 15th comprised fifteen Brigades, of which the 5^e Brigade and 5^e bis Brigade were Americans. They took the three months course which is usually given to sous-officiers and this was followed by a month of special work, such as extra lessons in French and practical work as, being Americans, they had naturally not studied French Army regulations and manoeuvres.

Both Brigades compared very favorably in competition with the French Brigades. Among the Group of 180 men were twenty nine former members of the American Field Service. Two of these obtained the highest rank in the whole group. They were Benjamin Carpenter, T. M. U. 135, and Kenneth Gaston, S. S. U. 30, both of Harvard University. The rest of the Americans made a very creditable showing.

The majority of them have gone into field artillery, while a few have chosen heavy artillery both artillery "à tracteurs" and heavy artillery drawn by horses, Some have gone into French Tanks and others are going to become aerial artillery observers.

The American Field Service men graduated are as follows :

William M. Barber	S.S.U. 3	J. M. Daily	S.S.U. 64
Charles Bayly	S.S.U. 26	F. G. Elwell	S.S.U. 66
Benjamin Carpenter		J. E. G. Fravell	S.S.U. 64
	T.M.U. 133	Kenneth Gaston	S.S.U. 30
J. D. Hutchinson	S.S.U. 30	Hayden Goodspeed	S.S.U. 30
F. H. Herrington	S.S.U. 33	B. W. Saunders	S.S.U. 65
Francis T. Henderson		Charles Schlager	S.S.U. 31
	T.M.U. 526	Louis Schneider	S.S.U. 31
T. P. Lane	T.M.U. 133	H. F. Simon	S.S.U. 66
Thomas F. McAllister		G. H. Sudbury	S.S.U. 4
	S.S.U. 69	William C. Towle	S.S.U. 70
Arthur L. Partridge		T. J. Walker	T.M.U. 133
	T.M.U. 526	R. C. Wells	S.S.U. 70
Edward J. Phelps	S.S.U. 26	R. C. Wells	S.S.U. 70
John F. Howe	T.M.U. 133	J. F. Wolf	S.S.U. 8
R. L. Smyth	T.M.U. 133	R. W. Wood	S.S.U. 9 and 10
Erwin L. Egger	S.S.U. 13	H. B. Allen	T.M.U. 526

PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF FORMER A. F. S. MEN

Lawrence D. Higgins	T.M.U. 133	Cadet, A. S. S. C. 496th Aero Squadron A. E. F.
Julian Howe, Vosges Det.		90th Brigade Artillery, Ecole d'Artillerie Fontainebleau.
Robert Whitney	S.S.U. 68	1st Lieut. 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, A. E. F.
Harold S. Cave	T.M.U. 133	Radio Naval Training School, Newport, R. I.
T. P. Lane	T.M.U. 133	Ecole Militaire Arcis-s/Aube.

Francis T. Henderson	T.M.U. 526	61 ^e Regt. d'Artillerie (French Army).
R. L. Smyth	T.M.U. 133	261 ^e Regt. d'Artillerie (French Army).
John F. Howe	T.M.U. 133	260 ^e Regt. d'Artillerie de Campagne (French Army).
Erwin L. Egger	S.S.U. 13	Ecole Militaire, Arcis-s/Aube.
Harold L. Humphreys	S.S.U. 66	Pvt. 1st cl. 4th O. T. S. Field Artillery, U. S. A.
William C. Towle	S.S.U. 70	1 ^{er} Regt. d'Artillerie (French Army).
J. D. Hutchinson	S.S.U. 30	500 ^e Regt. d'Artillerie d'Assaut (French Army).

NOTES

J. N. Nazel (S.S.U. 17) was slightly wounded by a shell on June 14th.

Duncan O. Welty (T.M.U. 526) who has just finished his six months engagement with the A. R. C. in the Italian Ambulance Service, left Paris recently on his way to America.

B. Emmet Hartnett (T.M.U. 397) and Allan L. G. Jensen (T.M.U. 133) are also en route for America.

Cyrus Leroy Baldrige (T.M.U. 184) was the last American of the old American Field Service who served with the French Army, drawing French Army rations. When the T. M. U. sections were enlisted by the U. S. Army he was asked by Captain Mallet to stay and work in the French Army which he did until recently when he joined the U. S. Army as a private in the infantry, unattached, as an artist for the U. S. A. He has formerly worked for Scribner's Magazine and Leslie's Weeked.

Please send all material for the FOURTH OF JULY NUMBER of the *Bulletin* as soon as possible.

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