

BALLOONS AGAIN

BOOST TOTAL OF FRENCH MASCOTS

Lighter-Than-Air Men Now Hold Two Records in Campaign

D.S.C. WINNER COMES IN

And He Wears Croix de Guerre, Too—Total of Adoptions Reaches 370

"Pawhuska, Okla."	1
Mobile Ord. Repair Shop, — Div.	1
— Balloon Company	6
— Aero Squadron	2
Co. A, — U.S. Engng.	2
Officers of — Balloon Squadron	1
Miss E. D. Stewart, London	1
Previously adopted	356
Total	370

The balloonists were flying high again this week. The atmosphere was clear and the orphan visibility excellent.

The officers of one balloon squadron, already materially represented by the enlisted men, requested one orphaned child of France to father for a year, and a balloon company sent in 3,000 francs for six. Yep, six—and it's a record. In fact, the heavy appointments of the sausages, by their liberal adoptions this week, broke two records.

First, they take all honors for the largest number of child mascots adopted by a single unit of the size of a company, squadron, detachment and the like. A few Infantry companies and one squadron are entitled to five orphans, but the — Balloon Company, formerly Company A, — Balloon Squadron, of A.P.O. 711, is the first to take six. And, as the strength of a balloon company is much less than that of a company of Infantry, for instance, the individual contribution was proportionately heavy. It was equivalent to a good day's pay in the U.S.A. avant la guerre and several days' pay in the Army.

Second, the balloon service as a whole, by virtue of this week's adoption, leads all the other main branches of the A.E.F. in the number of children adopted in proportion to its membership.

Supporting 26 Children

The roll of STARS AND STRIPES parains contains the names of 26 children who will be supported for a year by the balloon men.

"There isn't anybody named Rockefeller or Carnegie or Morgan on our rolls who might have played the angel," says the spokesman for the balloon company. "The deal has been financed by nobody except a crowd of average [which means, of course, high class] aye-co-offers, but just the same we set the record for the aye-co-off." "We're not at all fussy about the age, name or color of the six adopted children," he says. "The only specifications we make are that they shall be split 50-50—three boys and three girls—and that their names shall be too difficult, because we have as mascots now two diminutive French foxes captured somewhere in the wilds of the S.O.S. and they are going to be honored by being named after two of our youngsters. Of course, we can't name a fox Lucille Cecilia Madeleine or Gaston Claude St. Cyr. Something short and snappy is what we want."

Outside of the activities of the airman, it was a quiet week for the orphans—numerical at least. The adoptions numbered 13, which ran the total of the A.E.F. family of mascots up to 370. But there were a couple of adoptions out of the ordinary.

On the Eve of Battle

"Enclosed," said Company A, — Engineers, in a brief, penciled note, "is 1,000 francs for the care of two French orphans. This is being sent just on the eve of our entrance into battle; we will write more in detail later."

The week's fortunate little child gained a very distinguished godfather. He was given the Croix de Guerre for heroic work in an American ambulance unit at Verdun, and he won the D.S.C. a few weeks ago when, although wounded when a shell wrecked his ambulance, and later gassed, he refused to stop his work of succoring the wounded. He was in the hospital and received the decoration a few days ago and, just to observe the occasion, contributed 500 francs for an orphan.

"Credit it to my mother," he instructed, and list it as "Pawhuska, Okla." That's where she lives. And don't use my name."

HOW TO ADOPT AN ORPHAN

A company, detachment, or group of the A.E.F., agrees to adopt a child for a year, contributing 500 francs (\$87.72) for its support. The children will be either orphans, the children of French soldiers so seriously crippled that they cannot be re-adopted, or the children of districts, as specified by the adopting units.

The money will be sent to THE STARS AND STRIPES to be turned over to a special committee of the American Red Cross for disbursement. At least 250 francs will be paid upon adoption, and the remainder within four months thereafter.

Photographs and the history of each child will be sent to its adopting unit, which will be notified of the child's whereabouts and advised monthly of its progress. The Red Cross will determine the disposal of the child. It will be maintained in a French family or sent to a trade or agricultural school.

No restrictions are placed upon the methods by which money may be raised. Donations and communications regarding the children should be addressed: War Orphans' Department, THE STARS AND STRIPES, G2, A.E.F., 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, France.

TAKE OVER SULPHUR MINES

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—The War Industries Board has taken over the country's sulphur mines.

The Secretary of War this week visited the Government's great explosives plant at Nitro, W. Va. Eighteen thousand workers are employed there, and the three thousand buildings were erected in record time by 19,000 builders.

AIRPLANE MAIL MOVES FAST

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Lieutenant Torrey H. Webb carried 250 pounds of mail by airplane from Philadelphia to Belmont Park, N. Y., a distance of 90 miles, in 47 minutes.



GETTING A LINE ON THEM

26 MORE D.S.C.'S BESTOWED IN WEEK

Story of Little Lost Doughboy Has Official Sequel

FIVE AWARDS POSTHUMOUS

Infantry, Artillery, Marine Corps All Represented on New List

The story of the "little lost doughboy," told in these columns some two months ago, has its sequel in this week in the announcement that Private Glen Hill, Infantry, has been awarded the D.S.C.

The little lost doughboy, a National Army soldier sent to an infantry company as a replacement, somehow strayed into another company, went over the top with them, bayoneted two German soldiers and then wouldn't allow himself to be consoling because he hadn't bayoneted them the way he had been taught.

The Commander-in-Chief doesn't seem to care about the method, however, in this particular instance, as Private Hill's citation awarding him the Cross testifies:

"Having recently been assigned to the regiment and hearing order for counter-attack being given in adjoining detachment, he joined the latter and himself killed two of the enemy with his bayonet."

The Men Honored

The week's awards of the D.S.C. total 26. The names of the honored, with a summary of their citations, follow:

PRIVATE WILLIAM R. DAVIS, Infantry, bayoneted at post and continued rifle and grenade fire after being severely wounded.

PRIVATE JOSEPH J. CANNON, Infantry, voluntarily went with comrade to advanced post in communicating trench and held back enemy advance until companion was killed and he himself severely wounded.

PRIVATE ELMER L. LANE, Infantry, stood on parapet of trench in heavy fog and threw grenades at enemy until severely wounded.

SERGEANT JOHN J. COURTNEY, SERGEANT LEE P. T. JACQUES, PRIVATE 1st CLASS WALTER J. MCCANN, PRIVATE 1st CLASS ALBERT K. DEXTER, PRIVATE CHAUNCEY MARINO, all Infantry. All went through shell-swept area to bring wounded in to place of safety.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS KENNETH B. PAGE and CHARLES M. DODGE, Infantry. Carried mortally wounded officer to dressing station through shelled area.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS J. F. FAY, Infantry, Battalion Scout Officer, exposed himself constantly to shellfire and worked for 24 hours after being wounded. When finally sent to a dressing station he collapsed.

CORPORAL JAMES R. TIORNEY, Infantry. Aided in defense of his position by climbing a tree and shouting out the enemy's location.

PRIVATE H. R. JOHNSON and PRIVATE J. C. PARENT, Field Artillery, re-established telephone communication although severely wounded.

PRIVATE EDWARD L. DION, Infantry. Surrounded by enemy, fought them off with grenades and rifle, and carried a wounded comrade to safety through shell-swept area.

PRIVATE JEREMIAH TRYON climbed out of his trench and killed a troublesome sniper.

LT. COL. LOGAN PELAND, Marines. Led his troops into action through heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

MAJOR J. S. TURRILL, Marines. Led his men into attack.

FIRST SERGEANT BENJAMIN JAMES, Field Artillery. Cared for other wounded when shell struck gun pit, though himself seriously wounded, and declined aid until all the others had been cared for.

PRIVATE WILLARD S. FAYLEY, Machine Gun Battalion. Maintained communication between firing line and headquarters by visual signaling. Knocked down twice, remained at post for several hours under heavy shell fire.

The following awards are posthumous: SERGEANT JOSHUA H. BROADHEAD, Infantry. Wounded early in engagement, he continued to keep his gun in action and was later killed.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS FRANK P. GORDON, Infantry. Went to aid of wounded comrade. Both were killed.

PRIVATE JOSEPH R. BLAIR, Infantry. Declined to seek cover during bombardment, awaited enemy attack, and fell in action.

CORPORAL RUSSEL A. HOYT, Infantry. Held back enemy in communicating trench with one comrade until killed.

PRIVATE HOWARD P. FITZGERALD, Infantry. Dug out buried comrade while under heavy fire, receiving mortal wound.

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DOUGHBOY TROUPE SHINES IN CHORUS

Base Section No. 1 Stages Show That May Go on Tank Circuit

A theatrical troupe composed of impulsive young volunteers from all the outfits more or less permanently sentenced to duty in Base Section No. 1 gave its first performance last Friday evening in the biggest theater in that neighborhood. It will repeat the performance by special and clamorous request tonight, and is already considering flattering proposals to tour the tank towns of the vicinity. There are lots of tank towns in that vicinity.

The most striking success was scored by the cluster of doughboys who revealed hitherto unexpected talents as chorus girls. They were so good that one young lieutenant of very recent vintage in the audience, who, in the old days, knew every stage entrance on Broadway, absent-mindedly dashed behind the scenes between the acts. He emerged to report that even at close range they weren't half bad.

British Provide Program

The troupe is enrolled from various regiments of Engineers, Motor Transport sections, Medical Department detachments, M.P.'s Signal Corps battalions and Y.M.C.A. huts. The Y.M.C.A. got up the show. The program was contributed by the British Army in that the first piece, "Man proposes, God disposes," was founded on an Ypres corporal, and the second, "The Crimson Coconut," was written by Ian Hay (Capt. Ian Hay Bell), author of "The First Hundred Thousand."

OLEO PAINTERS SUFD

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Over-artistic oleomargarine producers have been sued by the Government for coloring their oleo in lifelike imitation of the best creamery butter.

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