

FOLKS AT HOME WRITE TWICE AS MUCH AS WE DO

A.E.F. Postal Service Says So, and Has Figures to Prove It

HUN HELMETS BOOST WORK

It's a Busy Life, All Right, for Large-Thumbed Sorters of Yanks' Multitudinous Mail

If the mail clerks of the A.E.F. decide to hoist their own distinctive shoulder insignia it will be a thumb, a right thumb that looks like an ordinary thumb but has been fattened out with a hammer.

Overburdened from its birth, the Army postal system has never been free from the pressure of new growth. In July last year the Army took over from the Postal Department the job of handling its own mail.

In July, 1918, the Army in France filled 29,000 sacks with its letters and packages. In December, 1918, the A.E.F. postal system was distributing 132,000 sacks of mail.

Homebound Helmets by the Sackful Just as an incident in January's postal business the port of Bordeaux loaded 15,000 mail-sacks full of German helmets on homeward bound boats.

The A.E.F. mail system is modeled on the back-home way of handling mail. There are 24 long railroad lines over which A.E.F. mail coaches, in charge of A.E.F. soldiers, pass daily.

Blames Mr. Shell Proof To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I am a soldier of many years' experience and have seen my bit under shell fire in this war, and all I have to show for it is a gold service bar.

Flapdoodle and Bunk To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: The folks at home say that the gold chevron should not be worn by the A.E.F. because it differentiates between the soldier who came overseas and the soldier who did not.

Paging Jim Hall The mail hustlers admit they are good at puzzles by this time. At Bourges the other day they received a letter addressed to: "Mr. Charles Pollard, number 4 in the front rank."

Little, But, Oh, My! To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: It is to laugh—that proposed abolishment of the service stripe by those "jealous stay-at-home" and their petty politicians who shape the destinies of the Land of Liberty for which we of the A.E.F. have been fighting.

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WAR OF THE CHEVRONS WAXES HOTTER STILL

But A.E.F.'s Protests Against Pending Legislation May Be Needless

The proposal made by the House Committee on Military Affairs to settle the burning chevron controversy by abolishing all chevrons, gold and silver alike, has inspired an avalanche of letters to this newspaper.

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I notice that Congress wants to abolish our service stripes because they would make painful distinctions between the lucky men who came to France and those condemned to service at home.

What Will Mother Say? To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: And to the gentlemen who framed the Bill: You have slapped us in the face. A small stripe. Not much, is it?

Some Who Hate Both To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: Surely they don't think in the States that we shall look upon the silver stripe as a brand of failure?

As to Liberty Bonds Delivery of Third Liberty Loan Bonds, paid for by a soldier of the A.E.F. by allotments of his pay between April 1, 1918, and January 31, 1919, will only be made after the personal adjustment of the soldier's debt has been made.

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OVER 19,000 SICK OR WOUNDED SPED FROM SINGLE PORT

2,900 in One Day, Bordeaux's Record Since Armistice Signing

RIDE IN TRAINS TO DOCKS

Hospital Ships "Comfort" and "Mercy" Supplemented by Regular Transports

More than 19,000 patients have been evacuated from the base hospitals in the vicinity of Bordeaux and dispatched to the States since the signing of the armistice.

Cut 'em Out, Says Redleg To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I note with great pleasure that a law is about to be passed prohibiting the wearing of service chevrons.

How They Are Shipped If trains are to be used for transport, the American superintendent of the Midi Railroad, a first lieutenant in the Transportation Department, stationed at Base Headquarters, arranges for the necessary number of hospital trains and train crews.

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The men are on duty on this train 24 hours a day and draw regular hospital rations. The work in the kitchen is different from other army kitchens because of the special diet which has to be prepared for the patients.

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