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## FRENCH BOY WAIFS APPRECIATE "HOME"

Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown Relates Interesting Account of the Work Among Destitute Youths

### CLEANLINESS, WATCHWORD

Boys Enjoy Picnics, Are taught Trades; Appreciate Kindness of Benefactors

Chateau Lafayette  
Chavaniac Lafayette  
Haute Loire, France.

June 16, 1918 and June 27, 1918.

Dear A—:

These are troublesome times for us all and so will they continue—food and clothes getting scarcer and reaching prices unheard of. We are afraid to buy; not only have they advanced here but a war tax of 10 per cent is put upon everything.

We have now fifty refugee boys here, and expecting fifty more the last of the week, as soon as we can house them. In the Grand Salon where were the busts of Franklin, Washington, Rousseau, Montesquieu, Voltaire, Caesar, Brutus, Cicero, Socrates are now sleeping very peacefully, every night, twenty-eight boys—so happy to be away from the air raids at night and the frequent bombing of "Bertha" by day. The first night after their arrival, they wanted to put their clothes where they could easily find them to put on if they heard the "a Lerte" during the night. These boys are from 3 to 15 years old, and a nicer lot it would be hard to find. I have to give most of them the contra-typhoid vaccine, because I found that the water was being contaminated. At first I had all the drinking water boiled, until I could procure some sodium hypochlorite to treat it with. Some of the boys are orphans, all refugees, some from Rheims, Robiax, and Paris. We have a splendid "Infirmiere" who has them well disciplined. A group makes the beds, another washes the dishes, another cleans the shoes, alternating weekly.

### To Church on Sunday

Today being Sunday, they all went to church. Their behavior was excellent—during the afternoon it rained and they all had to be in one room, which was the library, and where I had placed in addition to the twelve beds, a long table in the center of the room. Here all of the boys over six wrote a letter to a parent or relative; and such beautiful writing as they did—I was astonished!

Last Thursday I had to go up the mountain with Monsieur le Cure to see the old guard of the chateau, who is ill—it was a beautiful day so I took the children part way for a picnic under the pine trees. Their picnic consisted of one slice of bread and butter, over which they were well pleased. Would our boys at home have been as well satisfied I wonder? There is no grumbling over their lot—they accept the inevitable, which now is the best that has been their lot I am sure. We are living a very simple life in every way—retiring at dark avoiding the expense of a candle and petrol which is almost impossible to obtain. Although in the country we have scarcely any vegetables, the older boys having each a plot in which to make a garden near the Preventorium and they are all so happy over the idea.

### Taught Cobblery

The educational idea of the Orphan Asylum is a very broad one for those who are to be here permanently, and great plans are being worked out for it. In the meantime we are trying to give the boys that are here sufficient occupation to keep them busy. Following Mr. de Windt's idea of having the boys taught cobblery, I suggested the same to Mme. LeVerrier. Here it is necessary for them to wear sabots, so from Lyon are coming some soldiers who are "mutilés" to teach the boys to make the sabots of all sizes. This is quite a stony country in which leather shoes are worn out within a week. The wooden sabots are better in every way for out-door wear, for muddy days especially.

Here there is need of enlightenment. The people are willing to learn and as the Americans have

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## RED CROSS REPORT

Recognition of Winnetka's Red Cross Work

The splendid work done by the Winnetka Surgical Dressings' Chapter receives recognition from the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross. The following letter has been received by Mrs. Prindiville, chairman of the Winnetka Chapter, July 25, 1918.

Mrs. James Prindiville,  
Winnetka, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Prindiville:

I wish to thank you for your splendid co-operation in the Surgical Dressings work of the Chicago Chapter. The recent emergency call for tampons met with immediate response from you and considering the attitude of many workers toward this particular dressing, we doubly appreciate the effort you have made to fulfill this demand.

I wish personally to thank you and your workers for their loyalty and the spirit with which they responded to this call, proving that you are to be depended on in an emergency. The good soldiers are not all in the army.

With every good wish for your continued success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Helen Stewart Doane,  
Supervisor Surgical Dressings, Chicago Chapter American Red Cross (Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane).

### Red Cross Reports for July

The quota for July in Surgical Dressings was very large, 553 Split Irrigation pads, 730 Oakum pads and 3200 Sponges.

On account of two S. O. S. calls from the Divisional headquarters for 3000 Tampons and 200 Front Line pads, we were asked to put aside our other work and we finished and sent in the 3000 Tampons in three days and we received a very enthusiastic note of thanks from Mrs. Doane for our co-operation.

We also finished the 3200 sponges, 250 Split Irrigation and 200 Oakum pads and as our quota did not reach us until the second week of July, we are very well satisfied and are now busy finishing the quota.

Grace E. Prindiville,  
Chairman Surgical Dressings.

### Hospital Garments

During July we worked for the Red Cross and the Italian Red Cross, sending in a total of 273 garments, 218 to the Red Cross, 55 hospital shirts to the Italians. We hope to finish up all out-standing work this month and start September 1 with clean shelves. This has been especially requested by headquarters.

Mabel B. Boyden,  
Chairman.

### American Fund For French Wounded

The Committee of the American Fund for French Wounded reports for July work 180 garments for men, women and children made and shipped.

Marion L. Walker,  
Acting Chairman.

### Comfort Kits Committee

The Comfort Kits committee reports for the month of July: Twelve comfort kits and three packets, filled and delivered to the War Emergency Union.

Mrs. A. L. Withers,  
Chairman.

### Committee For Italian Relief

The Committee for Italian relief reports, outing flannel bought for the month of July, amounting to \$20.28 from which were made and sent, 35 petticoats, 10 blouses and 25 jacket sets. Yarn for socks, amounting to \$55.00 has been given out. There have been five meetings with an average attendance of six.

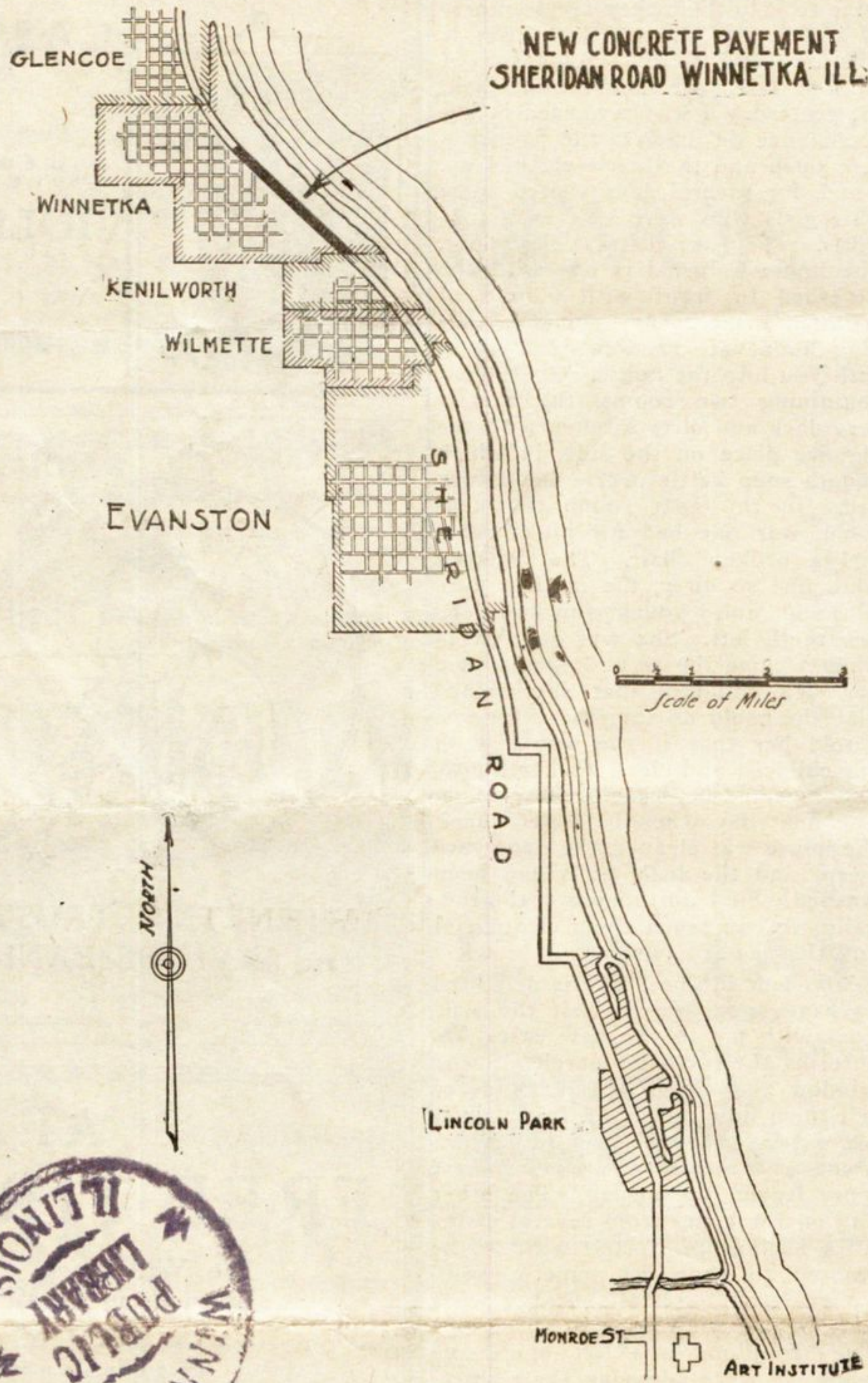
Bertha P. Lynde,  
Chairman.

### Wool Committee

The Wool committee reports for July: 163 knitted articles. (16 sweaters, 144 socks and 3 helmets).

Mary H. Elmer,  
Chairman.

## Completion of Winnetka Strip of Sheridan Road Gives Fine Driveway



With the completion of the concrete pavement through Winnetka, which was dedicated Saturday afternoon with fitting exercises, the north shore now has one of the finest automobile driveways in the country. Sheridan road today is in splendid condition from Chicago to Lake Forest.

From the south limits of Wilmette to the north limits of Winnetka the pavement is of concrete and in perfect condition. The other sections are of macadam and practically without a bump.

Within six weeks the Dundee road, running across the Skokie west from the northern limits of Glencoe will be completed. This road is now finished from Milwaukee avenue at Wheeling, a distance about six miles east. The road is of concrete and passes through a pretty woods, with trees spreading out far over the road, making a perfect canopy.

### FOOD ADMINISTRATORS NAMED FOR VILLAGES

Government Food regulations will be rigidly adhered to in the future by dealers on the north shore, as a result of the appointment of local food administrators in each Village along the north shore who will make it their business that all food regulations are followed out implicitly by the Villagers under his jurisdiction. The appointments announced early this week are:

**Winnetka and Hubbard Woods**  
I. Weinstock, 623 Spruce street, Winnetka, telephone Winnetka 734.

**Glencoe**  
Frank A. Andrew, 331 Park avenue, Glencoe, telephone, Glencoe 126.

**Wilmette and Kenilworth**  
F. A. Wilson, 1162 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette, telephone Wilmette 414.

**Gross Point**  
John H. Schaefer, Gross Point, telephone 434.

Second Lieutenant Edgar Stanton has been transferred from the Aviation School, Cambridge, Mass., to Chanute Field, Rantoul Ill.

### NEW CONCRETE PAVEMENT SHERIDAN ROAD WINNETKA ILL.

## IF YOU CAN'T ENLIST, ENLIST YOUR MACHINE

War Emergency Union Is Winnetka's Official Representative for War Camp Community Service Board

### GIVE RIDES TO FIGHTERS

Each Car Bears Insignia of Identification; a Patriotic War Duty

By Mrs. E. W. Wortley

The Commission on Training Camp Activities in order to promote war recreation motor service of a desirable character, is enlisting automobiles by selection. It is asking those having autos to enlist them in this service, if they are willing to give rides to men in uniform while motoring near the camps. Three kinds of enlistments are offered.

#### Three Enlistments Offered

1. For inviting soldiers and sailors to ride.
  2. For special tours (which are to be planned by the local representatives of the Illinois Board, on Saturdays and Sundays, in which you may assist, when convenient).
  3. Family parties, in which two or three men in uniform may be taken with members of your family for dinner, or for a motor ride etc.
- An enrollment of your car in this service gives you an opportunity to do for someone's boy from Texas or Louisiana just the thing you wish someone would do for your boy who is training down there. You may enlist in anyone of the three types of service offered.

#### Cars Bear Insignia

The conditions upon which autos are enlisted for War Camp Community Service are as follows:

1. The War Recreation Board gives you its Motor Insignia to enable the men in uniform to identify the auto approved by it for War Camp Community service.
2. The Insignia is given to persons who register with the War Camp Community Service at the Central office or through their local representatives. The representative for Winnetka is the War Emergency Union, Community House. The original registration card is filed at the Central office, 120 Adams street, Chicago, and a duplicate is filed with the War Emergency Union.
3. Machines are enlisted for the three types of service referred to above, and you can make your selection for any or all.

ENLIST YOUR CAR IN WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE WAR EMERGENCY UNION OFFICE, COMMUNITY HOUSE!

## Young Women Enlist!

The Government is asking for young women to take training as nurses, in order to release for overseas service the nurses already trained. There is an increasing need for nurses "over there". Any young woman interested can render a most valuable patriotic service by enlisting for this work at once. Mrs. William G. Forrest, a Red Cross Nurse, is in charge of this registration each morning from 10 to 12, at the office of the War Emergency Union, Community House, and will be glad to give any necessary information to those wishing to enter this service. Enlist in the U. S. Nurses Reserve.

### Clothes for Winnetka School Children

Each fall many of our school children go to Miss Kate Durgers used clothes shop, for their clothing and shoes for school. This year, owing to the many who call, the shop is lacking in everything—and the need as urgent as ever. We must replenish right here in Winnetka at once. Please send all clothing and shoes to Miss Kate Durgers, 858 Elm street, or phone Mrs. Lawrence M. Stern, Winnetka 170, if you want the packages called for.

### DRY YOUR VEGETABLES

Have you tried drying your Vegetables?

They are as good as canned or better. Much space in storing and expense of containers are saved, in this way. Equipment is very simple and can be made at home. It is the cheapest and surest way, as foods that are properly dried, cannot spoil. It permits foods to be stored in very small space, as the bulk is reduced in some cases 90 percent.

The product can be stored in paper bags dipped in paraffine.

The War Emergency Union has just received a plentiful supply of instruction books on "drying", which are very simple and adaptable for use in the small home. These can be had for the asking. Call at the office, Community House, Room 8.

Percy Margerum of the 12th Cavalry Machine Gun Troop in Columbus, New Mexico, has been made a Corporal.

First Lieutenant Henry T. Tenney who has been an instructor at Camp Grant has been transferred to Camp Robinson, Sparta, Wisconsin.