

TURKEY, FOOTBALL, SHOWS ON A.E.F.'S THANKSGIVING DAY

Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross Plan Holiday to Fit in With Armistice

WOUNDED TO GET FEASTS

Day of Prayer Also Asked Under President Lincoln's Original Proclamation

Practically every one of the auxiliary organizations serving with the A.E.F. is planning to feature Thanksgiving Day as much as is possible under the changed conditions resulting from the armistice.

Wherever it is possible to do so, they will bring Yanks into close proximity to the National Bird, to cider, doughnuts, pumpkin pies and the other accessories of the one purely American feast—outside, of course, the Fourth—of the year.

The Y.M.C.A., through its athletic department, is endeavoring to arrange football games between rival units, to be played on the holiday. For entertainment, the 85 professional theatrical companies and troupes now serving in France, together with the 40 soldier companies, largely composed of men who were on the professional stage before enlisting, will be worked overtime, with both afternoon and evening performances.

Movies and Stunt Nights

Wherever the thespians, professional or O.D., cannot get, the endeavor will be to have the movies go, and wherever even the movies fail, stunt nights will be organized and the old fashioned games and dances featured. At any rate, there will be something out of the ordinary in every hut in France.

Reprints of President Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation, the one which set aside for the first time the last Thursday in November as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, have been struck off to the number of 500,000 and will be distributed throughout the A.E.F.

The American Red Cross is planning to provide all wounded and sick in hospitals with a dinner, the basis of which will be turkey, cranberries and pumpkin pie. In addition, the day, in all American hospitals in France, will be celebrated with special services and entertainments.

In Paris, the Red Cross has leased the Folies Bergère for the afternoon.

All over France there will be French families which will invite American soldiers to their homes on Thanksgiving Day, for lunch or for dinner. A central committee has published a broadcast notice and is receiving replies from every department, each reply stating the number of guests that the family in question can accommodate.

By direction of the American commanders in certain areas, the organization commanders and heads of services have been directed to turn in lists of those of their men who desire to accept French hospitality for the day. These lists will be handed over to the local French committees so that the men may be personally invited.

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