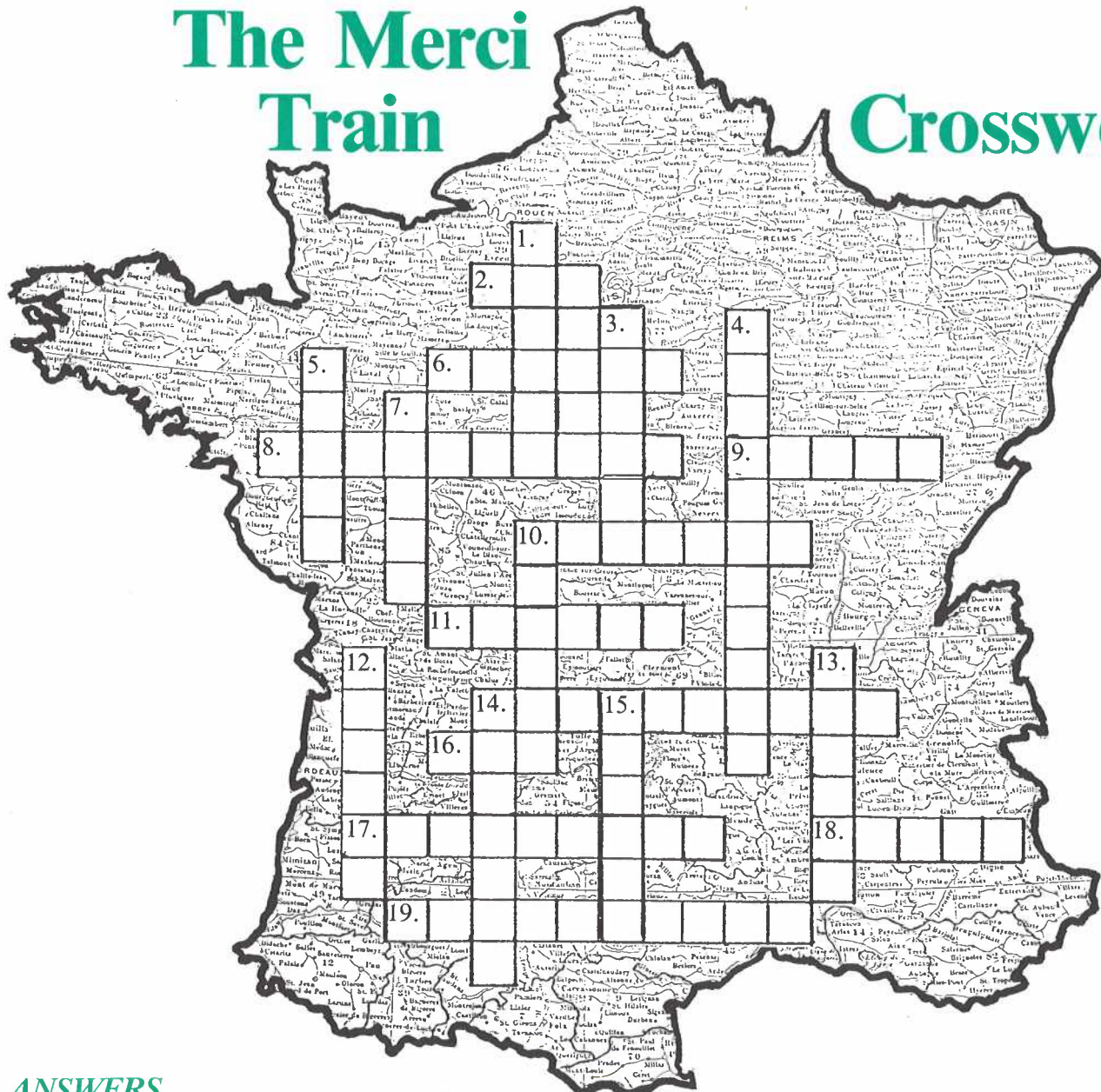


The Merci Train

Crossword



ANSWERS

Across: car, thanks, Friendship, Ocean, suggest, France, Vermonters, yes, Champlain, gifts, Montpelier.

Down: Calais, skiing, demonstrator, merci, years, States, French, Orange, Vermont, manager.

The *Train de la Reconnaissance Française*, known as the “Merci Train,” was a way the French people said thanks to the people of the United States for help given after World War II. In 1948 Americans sent food, medical supplies, and clothing to France and Italy aboard the “Friendship Train.” The following year people of all ages and from all parts of France packed forty-nine boxcars – one for each of the forty-eight states and one for the District of Columbia and Hawaii – with their gifts as a way of saying “thank you” or *merci* to the Americans.

ACROSS

- The Merci Train consisted of forty-nine box_____s.
- Merci* is the French word for _____.
- In 1948, Americans sent the _____ Train to help the people of France and Italy.
- France and America are separated by the Atlantic _____.
- Among the gifts on the Merci Train were cards and letters written by French people who wanted to _____ becoming pen pals with someone in Vermont.
- Orleans, Vermont, is named for the city of Orleans, _____.
- The people of France sent a boxcar full of treasures to Montpelier, to thank _____ for their help after World War II.

- The French word *oui* means _____.
- Vermont’s first visitor from France was Samuel de _____ who saw the Green Mountains in 1609.
- Vermont’s Merci boxcar was filled with _____ from the people of France to the people of Vermont.
- The French city of Montpellier is spelled almost the same as _____, the capital of Vermont.

DOWN

- The town of Calais, Vermont, is named for the French port city of _____ across the English Channel from Dover.
- The French Alps are mountains where the French enjoy _____ in winter, just as people do in Vermont.
- The Merci Train was sent to America to _____ the gratitude of the people of France for help given by the American people after World War II.
- The French word for “thank you” is _____.
- Forty _____ ago, in 1948, the citizens of America sent the Friendship Train to provide food and clothing for the people of France and Italy.
- During World War II France and the United _____ were allies.
- Paris is the capital of the _____ nation.
- Orange County, Vermont, has the same name as the city of _____, France.
- The French words *vert* (green) and *monts* (mountains) were combined to make the name _____.
- Some French people were so impoverished by World War II that they could _____ to give very little to the Merci Train, but what they could, they gave.