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President Truman receives today (Monday, May 3rd, 11:00 A.M.) at the White House from five year old Sandra Marie Smith the first Buddy Poppy from the 1948 Buddy Poppy Sale conducted annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to raise relief work funds. The general Sale of Buddy Poppy is held nationally during the week of Memorial Day. Ray A. Brenneman, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, escorted Sandra to the White House.

The little girl, daughter of a deceased ex-service man, made the trip to Washington from the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Widows and Orphans of Ex-Service Men in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, where she and her two brothers are now living. Sandra was born in Columbus, Ohio, on August 28, 1942, and she and her brothers were admitted to the National Home from there on June 25, 1947.

Sandra’s father, the late Grant A. Smith, was with Company F, 156th Infantry and saw service overseas for 19 months.

Every Buddy Poppy carries a copyrighted green label which marks it as the handiwork of a disabled and needy ex-service men patients in government hospitals.

The entire proceeds of the Sale are devoted to welfare and relief work among needy veterans and their families. All allotment to the VFW National Home is also included.

Also two shots for Talley.

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