



ARRIVES HOME—Red Cross Welfare Officer Frances C. Scovil, who arrived home yesterday after serving in overseas theatres of war since June, 1943, is shown with her parents, Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. J. F. Scovil, of Winona, formerly of Guelph. She went from the train here to the home of her uncle, Dr. F. E. Coster, and Mrs. Coster, where they enjoyed tea together. Miss Scovil was the first member of the Hamilton Red Cross Corps to go overseas. *Feb. 17/45.*

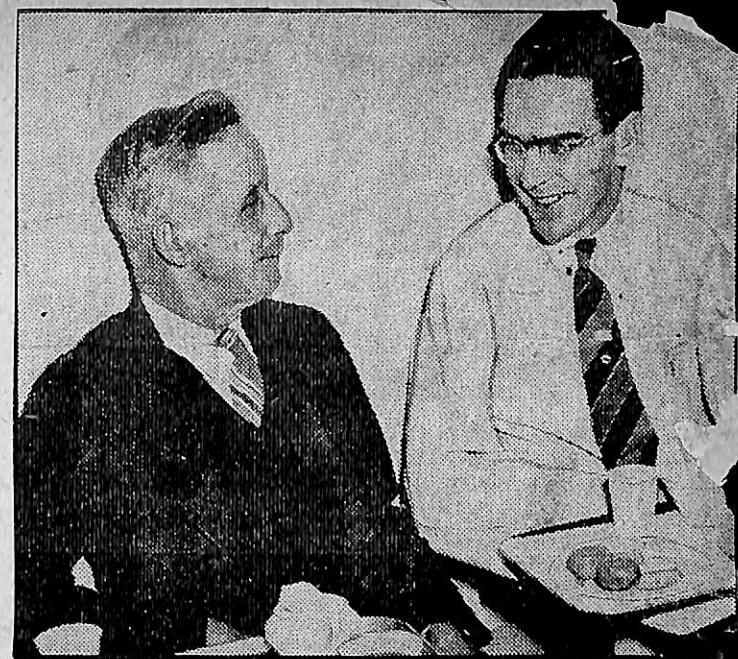
Frances Scovil Back in Canada

Saw Service Close to Front
Line in Africa and Italy

Arriving home yesterday afternoon from overseas, Red Cross Welfare Officer Frances C. Scovil, daughter of Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. J. F. Scovil, Winona, returns after a period of service close to the front line during more than a year and a half. Miss Scovil was the first member of the Hamilton Red Cross Corps to arrive overseas, and since leaving here in June, 1943, she spent most of her time in Africa and latterly in Italy, where she was attached to a Canadian Field Hospital. She was one of a group of ten girls from Canada chosen to do welfare work in the theatres of war.

Miss Scovil says that much of her work included looking after the libraries, visiting patients, supervising handicraft work, and writing letters for the boys. This hospital was close to the combat lines, and another Hamilton girl, Miss Mary Cox, was attached to the same hospital. The Canadian boys are exceptionally cheerful, Miss Scovil reports, and she feels she can speak from a good acquaintance with them, "for through writing letters for them and working with them, one gets to know them really well," she explained. "They used to wonder in Italy why the Red Cross girls were sent there, but soon the boys learned to depend on them to do many of the things they could not do for themselves," Miss Scovil added.

The returning welfare officer was a teacher at Hillfield School, and served here as a V.A.D. with the nursing auxiliary for about a year and a half, before going overseas. Her parents were formerly of Guelph.



SPLENDID EXAMPLE SET BY WINONA DONORS—Shown in this photograph, taken at the blood donors' clinic, are two Winona men, who have set a fine example. At the right is Sgmn. Gordon White, R.C.C.S., who lost his right leg in the fighting near Caen, and who credits the fact that he is alive to-day to plasma transfusions on the battlefield. "My life was saved by the blood of others," he told the cameraman, "and I am going to pay it all back to the blood donors' clinic." On the left is H. J. Jones, 70 years "young," who, with his personal physician's consent, is donating his blood. *Feb. 17/45*

Soldier Owing Life to Plasma Gives Own Blood

Sigmn. Gordon White
at Winona Clinic—
Man Donates at 70

"The heaviest fighting is yet to come, and plenty of blood will be needed to save lives, the same as mine was saved—by the blood of others," said Sigmn. Gordon White, R.C.C.S., of Winona, as he gave his blood at the Hamilton Blood Donors' clinic, which featured Winona-Saltfleet day, on Thursday.

Sigmn. White lost his right leg in the explosion of a mortar bomb during the fighting near Caen. He lost much blood and nine transfusions were necessary to save his life. "I am going to pay it all back to the Blood Donors' clinic so that my blood may help to save the life of some other soldier the same as mine was saved—by the blood of others," he told attendants at the clinic.

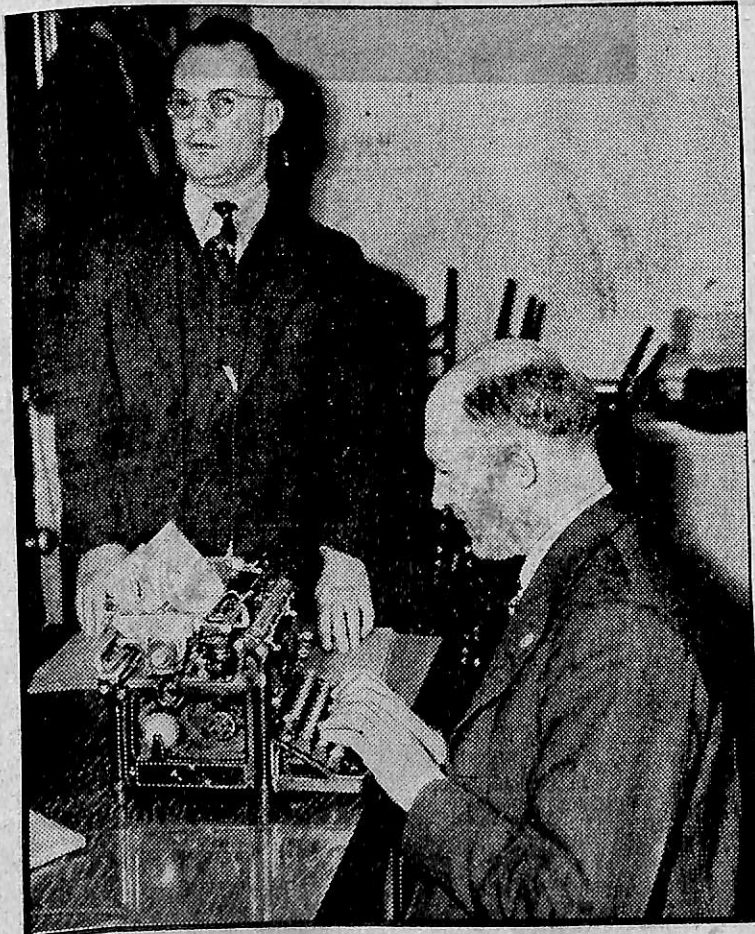
Residents of Winona district have an enviable record in the matter of blood donations. When the committee, of which Thomas Collin is chairman, was formed, its aim was to have a donor for every enlisted man from the district. Its aim has been exceeded and there are now 164 persons giving blood donations, while the total of enlisted men is 148. Four members of Mr. Collin's own family are included in the list and have given 28 donations.

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Veteran Brings Youth

One of the oldest men ever to give blood at the clinic was included in the Winona day attendance. He is H. J. Jones, 70 years of age, who was so insistent that his blood be accepted that he went to his own physician and obtained consent after Red Cross officials at the clinic had told him that 60 years was the usual age limit. This loyal old gentleman not only gave his own blood but was the means of 18 students from the Saltfleet high school donating "with written consent of their



BLIND VETERAN TO BE FIELD SECRETARY—A repatriated prisoner of war, Capt. Fred Woodcock, R.H.L.I., of Winona, who lost his sight and was taken prisoner in the Dieppe raid, has trained to take a position as field secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and will soon take up his new duties. In accompanying photograph he is seen typing as Wesley Stanley, local field secretary at the Gyro Home for the Blind, dictates from Braille. *Feb. 15/45.*

WILBUR — Killed in action on Western Front, Pte. Gordon Arnold Wilbur, dearly beloved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilbur, Winona, Ont. *Feb. 28/45.*

Pte. Gordon Wilbur Killed in Action

Winona Soldier Overseas
Since Last September

Pte. Gordon Arnold Wilbur, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilbur, of Winona, has been killed in action with the Canadian troops in Holland. Born in Winona 23 years ago, Pte. Wilbur attended school there and was employed by E. D. Smith & Sons, Ltd., and the Stoney Creek Dairy before his enlistment.

Pte. Wilbur enlisted in December, 1943, and was posted overseas last September. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Vera and Lois, and two brothers, Gerald and Lewis, all at home.



Pte. Wilbur



AWARDED D.F.C.—Flying Officer John Reekie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reekie, of Winona, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross overseas, his parents have been notified. Enlisting in October, 1940, he went overseas as a wireless air gunner in August, 1941, with the rank of sergeant. Commissioned in May, 1943, he is one of few Canadians holding the Africa Star and Clasp. He has completed many operations and also wears the operational wing.