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The Editor's Corner

TENT HOSPITAL IN NORMANDY

Major J. T. Biehn, brother of the publisher, has written home an account of the tent hospital set up in Normandy by No. 10 Canadian General Hospital which we think will be of general interest to readers. At least one local boy, Pte. J. G. Collier is a member of this unit, and Major Edith Dick of Milton is among the nursing personnel. Here are excerpts from the letter:

"I thought I would give you some idea of just exactly what a large tented hospital is like. The proper way to describe it would be to take you in the front entrance but at the moment I am at a table in our ante-room, in a tent with the sides rolled up, and as the hospital grew from this point it seems easier that I begin the tour right here. Imagine you are driving along a certain country road in France and came to a farm laneway lined with poplars. Turning up the lane to the right, the whole hospital is on your left. First is a five acre field which is the officers' lines. Up and down each end of this field and along the far end are tents, in each of which live two officers and there are enough tents to house forty-four. The tents at the far end house the cooks and batmen and you will see smoke for there is the kitchen. In the centre are two larger tents—the Mess where we eat and the aforementioned ante-room or lounge.

We are now back in the lane and the next field on our left is a large one of twenty acres. Here is the main part of the hospital. Looking down the field one sees several small tents which house the administrative departments, and another group the laboratory, well-staffed and equipped. There is a dental clinic and another tent houses the eye, ear, nose and throat clinic. In the far central portion of the field is the Admitting Room which when ambulance convoys are coming in can be a very busy spot. Adjoining this by a tented corridor is the Resuscitation Ward. When severe casualties are coming in, any cases needing shock treatment are promptly whisked in here. Here is where one sees transfusions being given to dozens at the same time. This is one of the places that uses up large quantities of dried plasma which is made possible by the clinics back home. This is where lives are saved, where shock is treated and men are resuscitated to the point where life-saving surgical procedures can be carried out, cases which would die on the operating table if not given plasma or blood beforehand.

On the near side of this block are two tented operating rooms, each capable of housing three operating tables. A roadway runs along the ends of this group of tents and across it are four "E" blocks, each housing about 75 patients. Altogether there is accommodation for 1200 patients. One section of the field is allocated to the nursing sisters, of whom there are about 100 and there are huge kitchens where the patients meals are prepared.

The third field to the left along the laneway is the largest of all and it houses a varied assortment of personnel and departments. Here are the sergeant's and N. C. O. lines, the post office, Canadian Legion, and quarter stores. So far I have made no mention of water or sewage. Every drop of water is brought by our water truck which pumps water out of a stream, filters and treats it to make good drinking water. The water for washing is not so treated and it is essential that one use as little as possible and that none be wasted. In case you have guessed it, there are no W.C.'s either, but our carpenters have excelled themselves and the latrines are a tribute to good sanitation.

So we have a tented 1200 bed hospital which, while in the open, is very liveable, hygienic and can turn out good work and a lot of it when the occasion demands. It covers an area of 90 acres. This of course is only one hospital in an area where there are many such. No effort has been spared to provide a complete medical service for our fighting troops and for those of us who have seen these boys and helped to mend their damaged bodies nothing is good enough for them."

A REHABILITATION IDEA

In these days when talk is centered on post-war rehabilitation, one way in which some of our Ontario veterans could be profitably employed has occurred to us. Driving along Ontario highways the large percentage of unpainted farm barns strikes the eye and we wonder if something couldn't be done to make our properties more attractive. The lack of barn paint is due to two factors—the large quantity of paint needed to cover large rough wood surfaces, and the

time and labour involved in painting.

Our suggestion is that a barn painting division be set up under the Department of Labour to cooperate with farmers in painting barns and outbuildings. A schedule of rates could be worked out for the combined labour and materials. There would be many advantages to such a plan. It would be healthy, outdoor employment for soldiers who have been used to the open air life and at the same time these returned men would be learning a skilled and useful trade. The farmer would benefit by having a more attractive property and by the preservation of buildings with their protective paint coating. And the province as a whole would be more attractive to tourists and have one more selling point as a vacation spot for the traveller.

ONE LITTLE AD.

"Advertising gets results" is a time-worn slogan which still holds true down through the years. At the Board of Trade meeting last week, three prominent merchants from the Danforth Business Men's Association addressed the gathering and each in turn stressed the value of advertising, both to the individual merchant and to the merchant community in general. "Show me a local newspaper filled with advertising, and you show me a community of successful merchants" said one of the trio.

The merchant who plans his advertising will take into account the most important factor—the need of steady, regular advertisements, rather than sporadic attempts and then a long lull when the public is allowed to forget that you are in business. Perhaps this can be best illustrated by a poem which Mr. Wyckoff quoted. It tells the story in a nutshell:

"One step won't take you very far,
You've got to keep on walking;
One word won't tell them who you are,
You've got to keep on talking;
One inch won't make you very tall,
You've got to keep on growing;
One little ad won't do it all,
You've got to keep them going."

WOUNDED IN ACTION

"Your son has been wounded in action". This laconic message is the gist of the first official notification to relatives of the Canadian soldier who has become a casualty at the front and the message which has come to all to many district homes in the past few months.

It is necessarily terse. Operational orders, involving the lives of thousands of men, choke the wires. Communications to the front, swirling with vehicles, troops moving into line, supplies going forward are constantly busy.

This first message cannot answer the natural anxiety of the relatives. And although the Casualty Section of the Directorate of Records at National Defence Headquarters supplies additional information as soon as it is received, the next-of-kin still want to know the extent of his injury, is he getting along all right, how long will he be hospitalized, where can he be reached soonest by letter.

Where possible the Casualty Section supplies this information but the Department of National Defence has found a further solution to this in the Canadian Army Casualty Post Card—a personal message from the injured soldier to his relatives.

This card, direct from the wounded man himself, is routed through the Post Office with high priority rating. It gives him the opportunity to tell the folks at home about his injury and assure them he is comfortable and well cared for. It is a weight lifted from his mind and theirs.

Reports indicate that Overseas troops are quickly realizing the value of these quick delivery messages of reassurance. More than twice the number of cards examined at Records Office in London during May, passed through official hands during the succeeding month.

From Italy, and France, wherever Canadians are in action, these messages are flown to London. There they pass to the Canadian Records office. A check is made on the information contained. Within a few hours the card is on its way again, speeding to Canada with priority advantages.

A Progressive-Conservative Letter

(Continued)

TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON

The cost of war is heavy, both in blood and treasure. We should have learned that treasure counts for little when compared to the sacrifice of tens of thousands of our young men—our best and bravest. They gave their lives, yes their immortality. Dare we count a million dollars against one of them? Ask ten thousand mothers throughout the land.

They who died and they who will live to return home have saved us from the Hun—have they saved us from ourselves? The years immediately ahead will prove so much. Have we the Leadership now that will prepare for them their heritage?

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Halton County

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In a further effort to facilitate correspondence between relatives and wounded men, Army authorities advise that the words "In Hospital" added after the address will speed up a return letter to the soldier. Care should be taken however, that this coincides with his stay in hospital. Mail addressed in that manner after his release, when he has returned to his unit would only cause eventual delay in delivery.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE VISIT CEDARVALE SCHOOL

A most enjoyable time was spent last Monday evening at Cedarvale School when the Baptist Young People accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom visited the school. After a game of baseball on the grounds, the young people met indoors, and led in a devotional meeting. The entire evening was one of great interest and deep appreciation was expressed to those who brought such real enjoyment to the girls.



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TIME TABLE

Daylight Saving Time
GOING EAST

Passenger 7.01 a.m.
Passenger and Mail 10.10 a.m.
Passenger and Mail 7.02 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday only 8.21 p.m.
Passenger, daily 8.25 p.m.
This train was formerly the
flyer but now stops.

GOING WEST

Passenger and Mail 8.40 a.m.
Passenger, Sat. only 2.23 p.m.
Passenger, daily except
Saturday and Sunday 8.25 p.m.
Daily except Sunday 7.23 p.m.
Passenger, Sundays
only 11.53 p.m.
Daily except Sunday 12.59 a.m.

GOING NORTH

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2.24 p.m. 8.10.00 p.m.

FOR LONDON

7.10.30 a.m. 8.15 p.m.
7.2.30 p.m. 8.20 p.m.
4.20 p.m. 8.11.10 p.m.

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