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take this opportunity to thank the public for kindness, co-operation and goodwill during the year, and very sincerely to wish one and all

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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Canada's Soldiers Plan Christmas

(By Mollie McGee)

London, England — Exemplary ancients who "cut the coat according to the cloth" have nothing on the Canadian Army, who are timing Christmas parties on a schedule decided by the arrival of a Santa Claus suit traveling around by mail, by lorry and by motor cycle messenger.

White whiskers, red coat that needs the support of several pillows for sveite lines, ample trows and peaked hood are already at work. By the time the great day comes they will be worn thin and threadbare, but will probably have achieved a record of providing more joy for little people than red plush and ermine ever did before.

Santa's shell is the property of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. and is going from unit to unit for children's parties the men are giving for their own children, or those in their vicinity. There will be heaps of decorations. Boxes full are stacked in the "Y" office in London. Each bears the stamp, "Made in Toronto." They will be unique, for Britain as a whole is short of glittering ornaments and gay paper streamers. Hoarded treasures have tarnished or torn and there are no replacements.

Canada's four services, the Y.M.C.A., the Sally Anns, the K. of C. and the Legion, have divided the army into sectors for Christmas care and each will take charge of different areas. Every unit will have a tree. As for the rest of the arrangements, they are still in course of organization — but one thing is certain, this will be the grandest children's Christmas the Canadian Army has ever known.

Make Toy Gifts

At G.H.Q. in London, baskets have been placed around the buildings with notices asking the men to share their chocolate rations and extra candies arriving from home with the children. These baskets have been already emptied several times as they were too full. With toys the men and CWAC's have made from salvaged bits and pieces, the sweets will provide treats for poor children at the Poplar — dockland — Hospital, who have not had a party since the war started; the children at the Chelsea Hospital and those at an East End mission.

The men and officers at G.H.Q. are holding their own children's party for 130 babies and toddlers on Dec. 12. Each infant has already received a hand-written invitation signed by Santa himself!

Toys made by the G.H.Q. men in off-duty hours have been on display — guarded by security police — in a downstairs office. If sold at current London prices, they would bring in \$1,200; there are even hand-hemstitched sheets and stuffed pillows — made by the CWAC's — in the tiny, ex-packing box-board cradles.

But G.H.Q. are not the only Santas. Down in the country an engineering unit (sorry, Editor, no names), composed of husky Northern Construction giants, has been building a wing to a Sussex hospital for the use of casualties from the R.C.A.F. In the course of their work they have made friends with 16 children who are bedridden. Out of pieces of scaffolding and odd bits of flooring they have whittled and carved toys. They are to have a party and a Santa.

No. 1 Neurological Hospital are entertaining 50 children evacuated from the coast area — this hospital has taken care of many bombed and wounded children — their party will be a grand affair and attended by mayor and mayoress on Dec. 18.

Canadian Training School troops — and there are tough Battle School and Commandos among them — are having their own children's party for 50 youngsters in their own mess.

Second Echelon troops are having fourth Christmas party for children of prisoners of war — 200 — and have already collected a chocolate ration from each man. Besides this, every man and officer is providing one toy, made, bought or — borrowed.

In some areas the children are giving parties in return. At Dorking, for instance, the school children are staying after hours to rehearse the play they are producing "especially for the Canadians," who will in turn entertain them.

So it goes — there is scarcely one group of men who will not be Santas "again, just for one night." That does not mean they have forgotten youngsters who are growing up at home. In the Knights of Columbus centre in London, where odd jobs are tackled for men in the field, over 18,000 cables of greeting have been sent at the request of men here, to families and friends in Canada. As the girls in charge said: "This isn't the half of it. The boys certainly think of home at Christmas time."

Santa's suit isn't the only part of the Canadians' Christmas that is going by mail. . . .

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(By Bishop Phillips Brooks, 1868)

O Little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is horn of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the Holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Origin of Christmas Boxes

The Christmas Box, according to Rev. E. Cobham Beaver, goes back into the centuries. It was originally a small gratuity given to servants, etc., on Boxing Day — the day after Christmas. In the early days of Christianity boxes were placed in churches for promiscuous charities, and opened on Christmas Day. The contents were distributed next day by the priests and called "the dole of the Christmas box," or the "box money". It was customary for heads of houses to give small sums of money to their subordinates "to put into the box" before mass on Christmas Day.

Somewhat later, apprentices carried a box round to their master's customers for small gratuities. The custom since 1836 has been dying out.

"Gladly the boy, with Christmas box in hand,
Throughout the town his devious route pursues,
And of his master's customers implores
"The yearly mite."

ABOUT GIFTS FOR THE POOR

From Central Europe comes the custom of decorating fir trees with candles and gifts. Gift-giving to the poor at Christmas was started by a legend which said that beggars at the door on Christmas Eve were really the Christ Child in Disguise. — Christmas War Cry.

Christmas Greetings



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