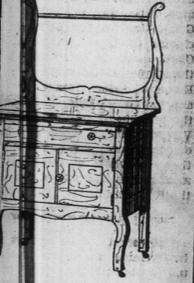


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All About the Wonderful Work of London's Ambulance Column.

Every time a train bringing wounded soldiers into London starts on its way, the telephone bell rings in a big house close by Paddington Station.

The call comes from the Deputy Director of Medical Services at the Horse Guards in Whitehall, and the big house at Paddington is the headquarters of the Ambulance Column of the London District.

The main work—it is voluntary and gratuitous—of the Ambulance Column is to meet all the military hospital-trains in London, and to take charge of their freights of broken humanity. It met the first train which carried wounded soldiers back from the war to London—that was at Waterloo Station, on August 20th, and it has met every train since. Although over 22,000 officers and men have been met and succoured so far.

Exactly what happens when a hospital train is on its way to town is this. The Medical Service Department of the Horse Guards rings through to the Ambulance Column. They say where and when the train is due, how many officers and how many men it is bringing, and how many of them are stretcher cases, and how many "sitting" cases.

The message, which may come through at any moment of the day or night, generally allows about an hour and a half for all arrangements to be made. And very thorough and admirable these arrangements are.

"Sisters" Warned by Telephone.

Nothing that ingenuity and foresight can suggest to ease the lot of the heroes of the trenches on their arrival is overlooked or forgotten. First of all, the stretcher-bearers and "sisters" are warned for duty by telephone. There are 200 of these voluntary helpers, the majority of them men employees of the Prudential Assurance Company, and there have been times when they have had to deal with as many as 2,300 cases in a week. This, bearing in mind that about fifty stretcher-bearers are allowed to a train, shows the demands made upon them.

The next thing done is to load an omnibus with blankets, pillow-cases, hot-water bottles, and Thermos flasks (filled with milk), and get it off to the station at which the train arrives. There is an enormous room at the headquarters of the Ambulance Column which is literally piled high with blankets and pillow-cases, and the sorting and folding of them on their return after use is a matter of infinite labour of love.

So is the washing; and but for the splendid self-sacrificing spirit of patriotism which has been shown by a small band of working women the expense of washing would be enormous. But the blankets are taken and washed by laundresses in their own free time, while some of the maids employed in the neighbouring houses to the headquarters of the Ambulance Column have banded together to take turns in washing the pillow-cases.

They Wear a Special Uniform.

The stretcher-bearers and "sisters" having been warned, and the omnibus loaded up and dispatched, the officers' nurses then set out from headquarters. There are over twenty of these highly skilled and trained "sisters" available, and, like the rest of the helpers of the Ambulance Column, they are distinguishable by the Red Cross uniform they wear—a big, flat blue cap, and long blue serge coat, with the red cross on the right arm. They carry with them a haversack containing emergency medical stores, smelling salts, and so on, and also a freshly filled slung water-bottle.

The motor-cars used for conveying the wounded men from railway station to hospital or home, as the case may be, have also to be called upon when a telephone call from the Horse Guards sets the wonderful machinery of the Ambulance Column in motion. Every car used is lent to the Column free of all charges, and here is a chance for those who would like to help in the magnificent work of meeting the men who have risked all for their country, to do so.

Roughly, 100 cars and ambulances a day are required, and although several big London garages and many private owners have been—and will continue to be—most generous in lending cars, the supply of both cars and drivers must be greater if the work of the Column is not to be handicapped.

"We want to have the call on at least 400 cars," said Mr. Lancelot Dent, who, with his wife, is responsible for this amazing organization. "We shall be grateful for every additional car which we can place upon our list, to be called up if needed."

"Motorists who do not own cars can help us, too. There is a shortage of drivers, so far as we are concerned, and any man who can skilfully drive a car in London traffic will be most welcome. We can find plenty of work for good drivers. If owners of cars, or drivers, would like to help us, they should write to me at 83 Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, or else ring me up there—Paddington 6054."

The workers of the Ambulance Column are the only people allowed on the platform when a train bringing men home from the battle front arrives in London. Everyone else, however important socially, is excluded. There must be no one else to get in the way, no one to hinder the work of dealing with the sick and wounded.

An Urgent Operation Delays Train.

The train does not always arrive punctually; sometimes it has been stopped on its way to London while a surgeon travelling in it has performed some operation in a case in which time is of vital importance. But when it does arrive not an instant is lost.

The sitting cases, as a rule far fewer in number, are attended to first. They may go to hospitals, nursing homes, their own homes; but wherever an officer or a man goes is recorded on his card, which is filled in and kept by the Ambulance Column.

The efficient bravery of the wounded is little short of amazing; they hate to cause any fuss, and many of them are almost apologetic at not being able to help themselves.

Cigarettes, and the cool, clean, white pillows provided for them are the things that delight them most. However ill or badly wounded a man may be he will generally manage to smoke a cigarette; while the "feel" of a pillow is a sheer delight to the majority of the "cot" cases. The eagerness with which many a poor stricken fellow sinks into his pillow is intensely pathetic.

There have been some almost dramatic incidents in the work of the Ambulance Column. On one occasion two wounded soldiers were placed in one of the big motor ambulances which are used in this wonderful railway station collection and distribution of human beings. They were lifted in, one after the other. Suddenly one of the two looked down.

"Joe!" he cried. "Hullo, Joe—is it you, isn't it?"

They were brothers who had not seen each other for five years, and although each knew the other was at the front, they had not met there. One had come over from India with his regiment, the other had joined here.

So strenuous is the work of the Ambulance Column that at one exceptionally busy period, Mr. Dent and his wife did not go to bed for 60 hours; while for the past eight months neither he nor Mrs. Dent has been off duty for more than ten hours at a stretch. They sleep "on the end of a telephone wire," so to speak.

One of the minor, but none the less important and difficult, sides of the Column's activities lies in returning lost kit to wounded men. Sometimes when a man comes off the train his kit gets mixed up or mislaid with some one else's, and presently there comes the task of bringing kit and owner together again.

This is frequently a matter of considerable difficulty, for although it may be perfectly true that certain articles belong to, say, Private Jones of such and such battalion, to track down Jones himself means to make inquiries at a dozen or more hospitals.

However it is done—like everything else this wonderful organization sets out to do.

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German-Americans Back Up Wilson.

More than eight thousand German-Americans at a meeting in Baltimore, in a resolution passed by the German Catholic Union, placed themselves behind President Wilson in his conduct of the situation with Germany. The resolution, which is addressed directly to the President, reads: "While proud of our German ancestry we know only one flag, the flag of our country, and we tender you, the standard bearer, our undivided loyalty. We have every confidence in your cool judgment, honest purpose, and brave manhood and are convinced that you would rather be right than President. That God may guide you is the prayer of the German Catholic Union of Baltimore."

Captain of Trawler.

We congratulate Lance-Corpl. Thos Connors, of the Newfoundland Regiment, on his receiving a Commission as Master of a trawler operating in the North Sea. According to letters received from Stub's Camp by the last English mail, we learn that Capt. Connors came second out of a class of forty-two candidates who were aspirants for such positions. Capt. Connors was for many years chief officer on Bowring Bros. coaster Portia, and also made several trips as captain of that ship. His many friends in the city and elsewhere will be pleased to hear of his new appointment, and will wish him success in the work he has undertaken.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, June 12, '15.

McMurdo's Quick and Sure Toothache Remedy stops the pain instantly and protects the exposed nerve by placing a thin coating over it. It does not burn the mouth. The Toothache Remedy is not a substitute for a dentist, who should always be consulted in severe or persistent cases of toothache, but it is a valuable first aid that can be depended upon to stop the aching until further measures can be taken. Price 15c. a bottle.

We have just opened a line of Goodrich family (Dubb) Syringes, of good quality and extremely simple in their construction. Every household should have a Syringe, which is sometimes a very necessary article. Price 6c. and \$1 each.

At the Yarmouth Y. M. C. A. Boys' Camp, held at Tusket Falls in August, I found MINARD'S LINIMENT most beneficial for sun burn, an immediate relief for colic and toothache.

ALFRED STOKES,
General Secretary.

Boxes Containing Revolvers

But were Labeled Bread and Were Bound for Germany.

On the Italian Frontier, via Chiasso, to Paris, May 24—Two hundred large packing cases from Barcelona, Spain, bound for Germany, recently were disembarked at Genoa. Labels on the boxes indicated that they contained foodstuffs.

The German Consul at Genoa made great efforts to facilitate the despatch of the cases to Germany.

Porters in moving the cases broke one of them open and from it fell several heavy packages. On examination it was found that the cases instead of foodstuffs, contained thousands of revolvers.

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INCREASE OUTPUT 1,000 TIMES.

London, June 7.—The output of shells in Great Britain could be increased a thousand times if cast iron instead of tensile steel for shell cases, following the German example, were used, according to James Keith, a well known mechanical engineer, in a letter to the Post. He says this would enable every small foundry in the Kingdom to manufacture shells in great quantities at a fraction of the present price, as no special or expensive machinery is required.

For Indigestion and Dyspepsia take Stafford's Prescription "A". Price 25 and 50c.; postage 5 and 10c. extra.—may 18, 15

EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE

"Will you please tell me the proper form to follow when introducing Mother to a stranger?" inquired Ethel.

"You should not introduce your mother to anyone. Others should be introduced to her. The proper form is to say: 'Mother may I present Mr. Jones' " said her father.

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Lord C. Beresford at the Front.

Week With French Army—Where We Have 1,000 Guns We Ought to Have 5,000.

Paris, June 1.—Lord Charles Beresford returned to Paris to-day after a week's motor car tour on the eastern French front, in splendid health and spirits. His journey extended to recovered Alsace. He said:

"Great courtesy was shown to me by all the generals. I was allowed to see a parade of the finest troops of France—magnificent men, marching along full of good spirits, very like men of my nation, the Irish, in that respect. All the officers and men had a look of grim determination. After the parade and the band had played the National Anthem I had to say something. I said, 'Now I've seen your Alpine chassours, all I can say is, 'Pauvres Boches!—Poor Boches.' It was a short speech, but it 'went well,' and has gone all down the line. Every one was much amused by it."

"I saw many other regiments and places I must not name. I heard German shells and saw remarkable evidences of the power and accuracy of their guns. There is no doubt that this is an artillery war. Where we have one thousand we ought to have five thousand guns. There is no doubt as to the final result, but we must keep at it and be prepared for anything."

How He Was Missed.

"At one place the Germans sent a Taube to bombard my house. It missed and killed a poor woman a few doors away. The same night, after I left, they made a second attempt. The airman swooped down and dropped two bombs just outside the door. The explosion covered the face of the house with mud and drove in the windows, the glass filling the bed I had slept in. The French authorities were of opinion that the attempt was the deliberate result of information by a spy."

Lord Charles Beresford treated the matter as a compliment and said: "I must write to the Emperor and tell him what I think. I know him well. I stayed twice with him and also motored with him to many places in England. I knew him when he was quite a boy. I never thought he would turn out such a bad fellow."

In the course of his tour Lord Charles Beresford was introduced to Sister Julie, a heroine of the war, who nursed the wounded while her village was being burned, saved her patients from having their throats cut, defied the German colonel, and stopped further burning.

Lord Charles Beresford has high praise for the work of the British Ambulance Committee. "I found our 250 men working, under strict French discipline, under dangerous conditions. I saw wounded brought in from the firing line and heard their grateful remarks. I was delighted with all I saw, but must refrain from detailed description, having regard to the military situation."

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