

CANADIAN ARMY DENTAL CORPS

A New and Efficient Branch of Military Service Established Since War Began—Some of the Men in It.

(Halifax Mail.)

Among the new branches of the military services in Canada established as a result of the war is the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

For the last thirty years, German governments, both federal and municipal, have been providing free dental services for their school children and men in the army, with the result that great improvements have been noted in the dental as well as the physical condition of their troops in Germany, and after a few years it was found that a much

used corps and modern equipment to furnish dental services for the men, thus being able to prevent their becoming incapacitated from tooth ache, etc., and to treat cases of fractured jaws, and supply artificial substitutes for teeth lost by bullet wounds and other causes.

Shortly before the war, one dental manufacturing firm alone filled an order for 1,200 portable dental chairs and other equipment in like proportion for the German army.

It was not long before the Allies realized their disadvantage in this respect, and the British and French governments immediately arranged for the equipment of their troops by contract with dental surgeons located in points of mobilization.

The French government went further than this and provided fully equipped dental surgeons in attendance, and recently authorized the appointment of 2,000 dentists to the French army.

In the American hospitals in Paris, some of the most prominent specialists in dentistry in the United States, offered their services which improved invaluable in many cases, particularly in the repair of the mouth and teeth, that the recoveries were more rapid, and of a much larger percentage than other hospitals without dental services.

It remained for the minister of militia in Canada, however, to appreciate the necessity for, and to approve the organization of a dental corps separate and distinct from other branches of the ser-

ries in England, France, Belgium, Egypt and Greece, in fact wherever Canadian troops are stationed, about 200 members of the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

The reputation of the Canadian dental surgeons in all those places is such, that as St. John's, their services were commanded by members of the royal party and in France by generals and others of high rank in the French army.

The overseas branch of this service, having proved such a success, and the rejection on account of the condition of their mouths and teeth, of a large percentage of applicants for enlistment, led

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of their young men and women, and the requirements for admission to the army more easily met.

Shortly after the inauguration of larger proportion of young men than formerly could qualify for the army from a dental standpoint.

At a later date, school and municipal clinics were established in Russia, France and other European countries as well as in the United States, but with the exception of the United States and Canada, no organized attempt was made to furnish dental services for the armies of these countries.

At the time of the South African war, a large percentage of the British soldiers were invalided home, and a much larger percentage totally incapacitated and sent to the base hospitals for treatment solely on account of dental trouble, and

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vice, so that today, with the exception of Germany, Canada is the only country in the world with an Army Dental Corps administered by dental surgeons.

In May, 1915, an order was passed authorizing the establishment of the Canadian Army Dental Corps for overseas service, and dental officers were immediately appointed for the purpose of providing dental services for the troops in mobilization camps, and to proceed overseas with them.

Dental officers were also detailed to hospital units, such as those of the University of Toronto and Dalhousie, Dr. Karl Woodbury, of this city, and one of the graduates of the dental department of Dalhousie University, being appointed to the latter unit.

The necessity for such a corps can

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Acting Chief Dental Officer, Ottawa, who spent two months Overseas.

dental surgeons were appointed to accompany the Canadian troops to the front.

It was shortly after this in 1904, that the Canadian Dental Association brought the matter of dental services for the army to the attention of the government, with the result that eighteen dental surgeons, (later increased to twenty-six) were appointed as officers, with honorary rank, in the Army Medical Corps.

These officers were attached to the various hospitals at military camps for annual training, their duties being to provide dental services of a temporary nature for the troops, under the direction of the principal medical officer.

These very necessary arrangements proved satisfactory in time of peace, but the members of the dental profession, with a knowledge of the extent to which a man's general health depends on the condition of his mouth and teeth, realized that such an establishment would prove utterly inadequate in time of war, and repeatedly urged the government through the Canadian Dental Association and otherwise, to establish a separate corps to be organized and administered by members of the dental profession.

When war was declared, the German army was prepared with a well-organ-

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Officer in Charge St. John Surgery.

well be realized when it is known that in the camps of mobilization in Canada, over 70,000 dental operations were performed, and that 40,000 operations per month are performed at the various camps overseas.

There are now on overseas service at-

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Officer in Charge Dental Services, Sixth Division.

to the establishment in October, 1915, of the home service branch of the Canadian Army Dental Corps for the purpose of placing the mouths of those formerly rejected applicants in such a condition that they could fulfill the requirements for admission to the army, and so that they would not be so likely to become incapacitated from dental troubles at the front.

The department was thus enabled also to promise recruits free dental services as well as admit men to the army regardless of the state of their teeth.

This establishment, which is proving as much, if not more, importance than the overseas branch, consists of a dental officer, who must be a registered dentist in Canada, one sergeant, who must have knowledge of mechanical dent-

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istry, and one batman to each 1,000 troops.

At present about 100 dental officers are on duty at points of mobilization from Vancouver to Halifax, and as a result the majority of our troops will proceed overseas in perfect health so far as their dental needs are concerned.

On arrival overseas, dental surgeons are detailed to each regiment from members of the Canadian Army Dental Corps already there.

In No. 6 Division, comprising Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, about fifteen officers have already been appointed and detailed with their assistants to furnish dental services in the various points of mobilization.

In Halifax and St. John, central surgeries have been established so that all the troops in these cities may receive attention.

Through the kindness of the government of Dalhousie University, ideal rooms for dental surgery have been secured in the old medical college on College street, where an average of thirty men daily receive dental treatment free of expense.

The surgery in St. John is located in the armory and a staff of ten, consisting of Captain James M. Magee, officer in charge, and Lieutenants Nase and Goddard, with their assistants, furnish dental services for the same number daily.

About twenty-five artificial dentures per week are made in each surgery.

Selections for overseas are made from the home service branch. Lieut. J. P. Gallagher, who is at present attached to the Halifax surgery, and Lieut. Otto Nase, of St. John surgery, with their assistants, have been selected from this division to proceed overseas at an early date, with a draft of reinforcements for the Canadian Army Dental Corps.

Orders have been issued to provide special services for returned or wounded soldiers, so that they may be as well equipped dentally as the C. A. D. C. can equip them, and may re-enter civil life with as little handicap as possible. Every effort will be made at restoration and where officers are specialists in the dental operations they require will be appointed for this purpose.

H. V. Butler of this city has received word that his brother, Sidney Butler, Butler's post office, Queen's county, last practically all his possessions in a disastrous fire on Tuesday. His home, barn, factory and workshop were all destroyed, and very little of the contents was saved. The fire is a heavy blow to Mr. Butler, as it represents the destruction of the accumulations of a lifetime. He had only \$500 insurance, not enough to cover the cost of his tools alone.

STAFF OF CANADIAN DENTAL SURGERY, HALIFAX

Sitting, from left to right—Lieut. J. P. Gallagher, Capt. George K. Thomson, Capt. C. D. Desbrisay, Lieut. R. N. Frank. Standing—Sergt. R. S. Wilbur, Pte. E. G. Potter, Sergt. E. S. Millett, Pte. C. F. Ray, Pte. G. A. Doucette, Sergt. A. Churchill, Sergt. L. J. O'Leary.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

(Continued from page 2.)

The proceeds will go towards buying comforts for the soldier boys as follows:

Piano duet, Mrs. Edith Irvine and Miss Sherwood; chorus, Misses Ald; solo, Band Sergeant Lanyon; reading, Mr. C. P. Clarke; solo, Miss Birdie Campbell; mother goose drill, Misses Ald; solo, Mr. Wm. H. Plummer; recitation, Master Sydney Hargreaves; solo, Miss Gretchen Mills, and cornet solo, Mr. J. Dickenson.

Captain W. R. Brennan of the C. E. F. Charlotetown, spent Tuesday here. Prior to her departure the management of the course given in the Vocational school, Miss Beatrice Payson, of Brockville (Ont.), is the guest of her friend, Miss Mildred Baldwin.

Mrs. Hamilton McKee, of Fredericton, is visiting Mrs. Frank Baird.

Mrs. J. E. Ellsworth returned last week from St. John, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph White.

Miss Jessie Brown leaves on Friday morning for Lewiston (Me.), where she is to enter a hospital as a student nurse.

Miss Alice Sweeney, of Moncton, who has been the guest of Dr. F. E. Boudreau and Mrs. Boudreau for some time, has returned home.

Mrs. A. Lindow and Miss Alice Vanart left on Tuesday for St. Stephen. Miss Pearl McDonald, of Brownville, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. Helen Robinson, who was the guest last week for a few days of her cousin, Miss Edith Everett, returned on Saturday to her home in Fredericton.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. George K. Thomson on Thursday, when Miss Eva P. Brodies of that place was united in marriage to Dr. Charles M. Armstrong, of Robinson (N.B.). The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. L. Orchard of this town, assisted by Rev. James Fyfe, of Robinson (Me.), in the presence of fifty relatives and friends.

After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong left for a trip through the provinces after which they will reside at Robinson (Me.). Miss Brodies, who is a graduate of the Chippewash Hospital, St. Stephen, has done professional duty here several times and has made many friends who wish her much happiness.

Sergeant Frank Buck, who went overseas with the 20th battalion, arrived home on Wednesday evening, having been invalided home.

Corporal Bosch has been promoted to quartermaster-sergeant of the Army Service Corps.

Mrs. John Wallace, who has been spending several weeks in Boston, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boyer, arrived home on Wednesday evening.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, March 31—G. F. Ward returned on Monday from Montreal, where he was a delegate to the O. R. T. convention.

Miss Myrtle McGlinchey returned on Friday last from Boston, where she had been spending the past four months with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Boyer.

Dr. J. de Ollivier was in town on Wednesday in consultation with Dr. Fairbanks over the illness of Miss Ina Barnes, who has since been taken to Moncton hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, March 30—The Red Cross circle at Lower Gape, which was organized last fall, has done very creditable work, having managed to return to the local branch at St. John 167 hospital shirts and 41 pairs of socks. Mrs. C. B. Bishop is the president, and Miss M. A. Callahan, secretary-treasurer.

E. L. Peck, lightkeeper at Grandstone Island, who, with his assistant, has been bound for three months, made his first trip to the mainland today, the bay being now about clear of ice. Mr. Peck's visit to his home here was a sad one, his mother having died during the winter, when there was no communication with the island.

AMHERST

Amherst, March 29—Mrs. Stuart Jenks and Master Harold Jenks, of Halifax, who have been guests of Mrs. J. Alex. Christie, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. C. R. Smith has returned from Parnborough, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Henderson.

Mrs. Byron Atkinson is visiting in Parnborough, as the guest of Mrs. Clarence Fullerton.

Miss Annie Stewart, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. W. Fraser for the past month, left for her home in New Glasgow yesterday.

Miss Queen Avard left today on an extended visit to relatives in New York and Scotland (Penn.).

Mrs. Gerald Lawson, of Moncton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith.

Mrs. P. F. Keatinge, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. J. Robinson Douglas.

Captain C. M. Rideau, of the 14th battalion, spent the week-end with his family here.

Perley Hartley, Mrs. Ben. Griffiths and Miss Mabel Lister, ladies' match committee, Mrs. Charles J. Jones, Miss Margaret Merriman, Miss Marion Lindsay and Miss Mary Sprague, tea committee, Mrs. Grover C. Campbell, Mrs. Walter P. Stone, Mrs. Ben. Griffiths, Miss Harriet Gabel, Miss Alice Boyer and Miss Alice Sprague, house committee, Miss Mary Balmalm and Miss Gladys Gidden.

Miss Mariet Gabel entertained a few friends in honor of Mrs. H. L. Alcorn, of Andover, on Thursday evening last.

Miss Mary Boyd of Stanley, was in town last week attending the special course given in the Vocational school.

Mrs. J. P. Gordon, of Halifax, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simpson.

Mrs. Roy C. Lea, of Calgary, and her two young daughters arrived in Amherst on Saturday, and will spend some months with Mrs. Lea's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Silliker.

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Miss Rita Richmond, who has been the guest of Miss Villa Baker, returned to her home in Springhill yesterday. She was accompanied by Miss Baker.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, March 29—The monthly meeting of the Woman's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. H. B. Bridges, on March 27. Owing to the bad state of the roads only seven members were present but a very pleasant time was spent.

The singing of O. Canada, A. M. Mollie Otty, the former secretary of the Red Cross commissioners in London showing how well the sick and wounded soldiers are cared for. During the absence of Mrs. Mollie Otty, the former secretary of the Red Cross commissioners in London showing how well the sick and wounded soldiers are cared for.

A very exciting "animal" contest followed. Mrs. Marshall winning the prize, a pretty handkerchief case.

Francis Weston, of St. John, is visiting his parents, Capt. Harvey Weston and Mrs. Weston.

A large number went from Gagetown to attend the funeral at Quebec of the late Herbert Leigh Fox.

Word has come to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunn that their eldest son, Dr. Stanley Dunn, who has been manager of a western bank for several years, has enlisted with a western battalion.

Humphrey Law, third son of the late William and Margaret Law, of Lawfield, has joined the Foresters' battalion at Walsford.

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The ice in the river is falling fast. At Fred. Elliott's there is open water, crossing to the intervals is by boat. On the way up from Evangeline on Thursday with the mails, Mr. Edward Scott's horse broke through the ice several times and the travelling for this year is about done.

Nurse Winfield Dunn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunn, has applied for a position overseas. Miss Dunn has three brothers in khaki, Ben and Frank, in France and Dr. Stanley Dunn, who re-

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Miss Marion Machum, student at University of Mount Allison, and Lieut. Ronald S. Machum, of Fredericton, spent Sunday at their home, Hilldale.

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Just now you are feeling "out of sorts"—not your usual self. Quite exhausted at times and cannot devote real energy to your work. You do not rest you and you wake up feeling "tired out." Perhaps rheumatism is flying through your muscles and joints, or may be your skin is disfigured by rashes, boils or pimples. Headaches, twinges of neuralgia, fits of nervousness, irritability of temper and a disordered stomach often increase your discomfort in the spring.

The cause—winter has left its mark on you. These troubles are signs that your blood and poor and weak. Your nerves are exhausted. You must renew and enrich your blood at once and restore tone to your tired nerves, or there may be a complete breakdown.

The most powerful remedy for these spring ailments in men, women and children is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, because these Pills cleanse the blood and strengthen weak nerves.

New, rich, red blood—your greatest need in spring—is plentifully created by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and with this new blood, your nerves and your strength. Then your skin becomes clear, your eyes bright, your nerves strong, and you feel better, eat better, sleep better, and are able to do your work.

Begin your spring tonic treatment by taking the Pink Pills with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—the Pills that strengthen.

These Pills are sold by most druggists, but do not be misled by "imitation" things just because if you can't get the genuine Pills from your dealers here, will be sent you by mail, post paid, for a position overseas. Miss Dunn has three brothers in khaki, Ben and Frank, in France and Dr. Stanley Dunn, who re-

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