

106,000 men and women, and more than 251,000 of those have been given  
in the few years 1952 to 1954.  
More than half the nurses made in the last three years have been  
to women. In the 24 years 1929-1954, the service corps, the  
124 nursing brigades and 10 ambulance brigades, with about 10,000  
persons serving in them.  
The national war service report made of the Young Women's  
Christian Association in Canada has led to the present contribution to  
the nation in providing hostess houses for the use of relatives and  
friends of servicemen and women and in establishing reception centres  
in several barracks for men and women of the armed forces.  
Eight new hostess houses were established during 1952 and 1953.  
By May of this year there were 30. The former hostess houses  
had been reclassified as reception centres and hostess rooms, more  
than 60 wedding, 45 Christmas, 21 confirmation and 11 reception  
had been held in hostess houses by the end of 1952. There are three  
hostess rooms at St. Thomas, Ontario, Prince Rupert, British Columbia,  
and the Queen's, Ontario, military hospital.  
During 1952 the Y.W.C.A. expanded the principle of hostess houses  
service to provide reception centres for the Canadian Women's Army  
Corps at 10 points.  
A new project providing family establishments in Canada and  
Newfoundland was commenced in 1952 with the opening of three hostess  
houses at St. John's, Newfoundland, Prince's and Vancouver, B.C.  
Authorization for a fourth hostess house at Halifax has been granted, the hostel  
to open when suitable quarters are obtained. The three establishments  
visited 12,322 services to date in addition during the first quarter of  
1953.  
Following an increasing demand for room reception services of the Y.W.C.A.  
for 1952 almost 4000 persons of 1951. Through Y.W.C.A. associations  
40,222 persons were directed to reception centres in 1952, compared  
with 12,317 in 1951. Hostess houses visited 6,700 military service  
also to 24,500 persons during the first 9 months of 1952, as compared  
with 3,906 for the whole of 1951.