

## Y. M. C. A. Work in Camp

A phase of Y. M. C. A. work, not at all obvious to the men performing the active duties of camp, is that which is being quietly carried on in connection with the Field Hospital.

In the tents on "Hospital Hill" there are always from one hundred to one hundred and sixty men who have been temporarily laid aside by sickness or accident. The excellent care and medical service which they receive there cannot entirely prevent the days from being somewhat monotonous and lonely. In the relief of this condition the Y. M. C. A. finds another of its many opportunities to serve the men through the provision of comforts and conveniences not afforded through the regular military channels.

## Illustrated Reading

Magazines and papers, especially the illustrated ones, such as "The Illustrated London News," "The Daily Mirror," "The Sketch," and "The Graphic," are a never failing source of interest. Those are provided as freely as possible from a limited supply by the Y. M. C. A. men who visit the hospital daily. The distribution has thus their personal attention, and is not left to be done, or undone, by disinterested persons. The maximum of service is derived from each copy by passing it along from patient to patient. A good, illustrated paper can provide many hours of profitable pleasure, and contribute greatly to the cheerfulness and perhaps the recovery of the sufferers. Persons who are seeking an opportunity to help an opportunity to help our soldiers in some way, and have magazines or papers such as those mentioned above can meet one significant need by sending them along to the Y. M. C. A.

## Letter Writing

Writing paper and envelopes are also supplied free to the men in hospital as it is also to the rest of the men in camp. stamps are provided, and letters never remain unmailed because change is lacking to buy postage, the Y. M. C. A. assumes that responsibility.

It is part of the policy of the association to provide every facility possible to keep men in touch with the folks at home. Letter writing under the right condition is a good occupation even for a sick man, and a popular one too, if one may judge from the number of letters turned out daily from the hospital—sometimes averaging about one per patient.

## Toilet Services

Another service rendered by the visitor which is worthy of mention, and which is most acceptable to men who must be their own barbers, is the honing of razors. Perhaps the ease with which an otherwise painful and unpleasant duty is performed after the razor has been down to the Y. M. C. A. will impress itself as favorably upon the mind of the practical soldier as any service which might be performed. Five or six razors per day make their journey and return to their work with new inspiration.

## Gramophone Concerts

With very rare omissions the residents of the hospital are treated each evening to such entertainments as a gramophone affords. The machine is carried up from the Y. M. C. A. tents and operated by members of the Soldiers' Service League from the battalions. The concert is given at several different places on the grounds so that all may have a chance to hear. Let this be a suggestion to any who have good double-disc records of which they have grown weary, or who wish to make an acceptable and practical donation to a good cause. Sick soldiers may also grow tired of music too often repeated;

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## MARRIED AT WEST SOMERVILLE, MASS.

The marriage took place at West Somerville, Mass., on Saturday, July 8th, of Hilda Blanche Harris to Mr. James V. Ellis. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ellis.

and the stock in camp is small.

## Flowers and Song Service

There is still another detail of the work, which involves also Mr. E. B. Newcombe of Kentville, who has generously provided the flowers which the "Y" man carries to the patients. Practically every man is supplied with a nosegay. Needless to say this contribution is highly appreciated. In future, with the assistance of an organ donated by the ladies of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, it will be possible to hold song services on Sunday evenings, in this way sharing the sick men some of the advantages enjoyed by their more fortunate comrades who attend the evening sing-songs at the Y. M. C. A.

## Recruiting for 246th. Battalion

For the present the lines of the 246th Battalion are West of the 97th. Lieut. Colonel Parsons, C.O., has established his headquarters and is busy completing arrangements for the further organization of his unit. The full list of officers cannot be given this week but will appear in a future issue of "The Highlander."

This battalion furnishes an opportunity to the man who was not quite ready to enlist at the time the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade was formed. It is the reserve battalion and is therefore part of the Brigade. As several battalions have already enough surplus men to form their reserve company, it is important that those wishing to join should send in their names without delay.

We want the very best men for the 246th. It will be part of that battalion to reinforce the other battalions of the Brigade when they need genuine assistance. It may be that at a time when the fate of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade hangs in the balance the order will go out to bring up the reserves and that day it will be up to the members of the 246th to prove their worth in no uncertain manner.

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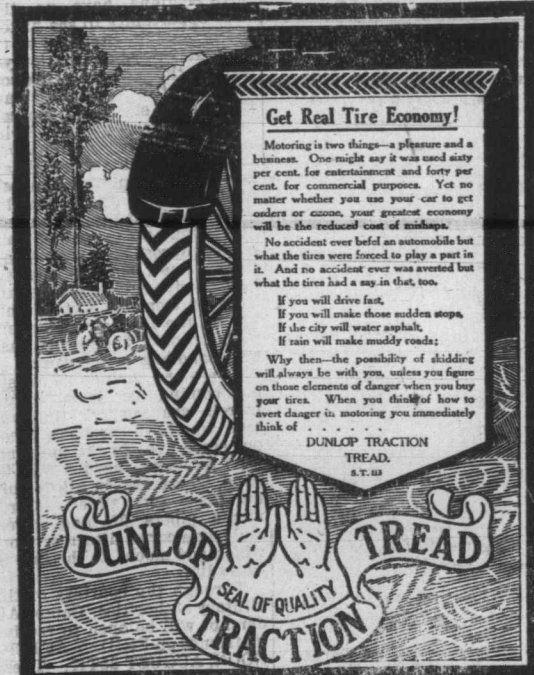
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