

## INTRODUCTION

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To some the call of adventure, to others the fighting spirit of the race, but to most the duty of service appealed. Fresh from the avocations of peace and untrained at first in the art of war, they went forth strong, joyous, eager, confident. Valour and heroism were never more truly symbolized than in the story which their deeds have given to the world.

Such was the spirit of the Canadians in the battle line as I have seen and known them. One could not return from such a visit without renewed courage and strengthened determination. From the wounded in the hospitals one gained at least an equal inspiration in witnessing many a triumph of the spirit over the dull pain and monotony of long, weary months.

Let the Nation also give its tribute to those who consecrated their service to the care of the wounded ; to the men who went forward through the battle storm with bullet-spattered ambulances to rescue those who had fallen ; to the women whose first thought was of the helpless and suffering, when hospitals were bombed.

It is fitting that the story of the Canadian Army Medical Service should be told ; and no one is more qualified for that purpose, whether by experience, by service, or by the truest ideal of duty, than he who has written the pages that follow.

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