



THE RED TRIANGLE



CANADIAN Y.M.C.A. AT RHYL.

The Last Lap.

The great Canadian demobilisation camp at Rhyl, North Wales, is as yet incomplete, though many thousands of soldiers are already there on the last lap towards Canada. Before many weeks it is expected that the regular population will be more than twenty thousand.

A Warm Spot.

The Y.M.C.A. provisions for these men have necessarily to assume a more than ordinarily important role in camp life. It is estimated that the soldiers will remain something less than a week on their passage to the boat for home, but that five or six days will be an idle period during which entertainment and refreshment will form more than the 'tween duties occupation of a camp on a war footing. In the latter camp the Y Hut is a relief from the grind of the day's work and drill, a nice warm spot wherein to ease off the day's strain and troubles. It is the lighter part of military operations.

Entertainment.

At Rhyl, however, it is charged with the care of the soldier's entire day. The new problem involved is the entertainment of thousands of men at the moment when discipline is apt to be most relaxed and thoughts of the nearness of home introduce an uncomfortable impatience. It is a grand opportunity for just such service as the Y has been most anxious to give—and which has been given to the extent of its facilities during the years of war.

Readjustments.

In order to carry out this idea plans are under way to increase the space accorded Y operations and to add those features which the Canadian Y has found the Canadian soldier to appreciate. The camp, which was formerly an Imperial one and well cared for by the British Y.M.C.A., is being readjusted to the new occupation, and the Y.M.C.A. is fitting the facilities to the needs.

Three Huts.

There are at present three Y Huts in the camp, in which are included a movie screen and rooms for cadets and W.A.A.C.'s. Additions of 25ft. by 75ft. are to be made to two of the huts. The movies are to be given free, as is the custom with the Canadian Y, and the new order of things includes special entertainment in each hut every afternoon and evening. This entertainment will be even wider in form than the usual run at Witley and Bramshott and the other camps catered to by the Y. There will be more quiet rooms for writing, games and reading matter will be placed in all huts, and more space provided for the kitchen plant. It is probable that an officers' hut will be furnished when the men's needs are satisfied, but at the moment the men are to receive all the attention.

Clubs.

In Abegele, five miles away, the nearest village, were four social rooms for the men when visiting the village. Should the freedom accorded the men from camp warrant

it these will be taken over and fitted in the usual manner. In Rhyl, eight miles distant, was a cadet club of eight rooms and another of two for the men. As the cadets are not expected to be numerous, the allocation of the clubs will be changed, the men having the larger space for their uses.

The Complete Camp.

With the encouragement of the military authorities the Y.M.C.A. will spare no effort and little in expense to make this last week of the Canadian soldier's life overseas one of the happiest in his war experience, assisting in returning him to Canada with much of the suffering and horrors of war blotted from his mind. If that result is possible it will mean much to the soldiers and to the homes to which they return. Rhyl, at the end of their stay, is to be the complement in pleasure, through Canadian effort, to the enthusiastic and soul-stirring welcome that greeted the Canadians on their arrival in an English port.

PHOTOGRAPH 200 FEET LONG.

The longest photograph in the world, nearly 200 feet in length, is to be seen at the Exhibition of Canadian battle photographs which has been organised by the Canadian War Records Office, and opened by Sir Edward Kemp, the Overseas Minister, at the Grafton Galleries on Tuesday last.

This remarkable picture, which has been made in sections, and runs completely around the Grand Gallery, presents a panorama of several hundreds of the guns captured by the Canadians in the last great advance.

It is not only a photograph of great historical interest, but it presents a most fascinating study, as all types of weapons are represented, while the little French children who play about among them give it an appealing human touch.

VITAI LAMPADA.

By SIR HENRY NEWBOLT.

There's a breathless hush in the Close to-night,
Ten to make and the match to win—
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
But his Captain's hand on his shoulder
smote—
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"

The sand of the desert is sodden red,—
Red with the wreck of a square that
broke;—
The Gatling's jammed and the Colonel dead,
And the regiment blind with dust and
smoke.
The river of death has brimmed his banks,
And England's far, and Honour a name,
But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the
ranks:
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"

This is the word that year by year,
While in her place the School is set,
Every one of her sons must hear,
And none that hears it dare forget.

SPEEDING-UP DEMOBILIZATION.

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These War Service Gratuities recognize length of overseas service, which was not done under the former provision. For the purpose of these payments all "Other Ranks" except 1st Class Warrant Officers, are placed upon the same footing in regards to the rate of pay.

The following schedule gives in detail the exact amount of pay receivable as War Service Gratuities by all such "other ranks" in accordance with length of service, and whether separation allowance has or has not been paid to wives or other dependants:—

Length of Service.	Number of days pay.	Amount received where S.A. paid dependants.	Amount received where no S.A. paid.
3 years or over ...	183	\$600	\$420
2 years & under 3...153		500	350
1 year & under 2...122		400	280
Under 1 year 92		300	210

Officers and 1st Class Warrant Officers will receive the same number of days' pay as is provided for other ranks at their respective rates of pay.

Those who served at the front in any actual theatre of war and have been discharged prior to the 11th of November, 1919, will receive War Service Gratuities on the same scale as provided for under the new scheme outlined.

Return of Soldiers' Dependents.

The Government has also arranged to return to their homes in Canada, free of charge, the dependents of Canadian soldiers sent there for demobilization. This provision is retroactive to the 11th November, 1918, and dependents who have paid their own transportation charges to Canada since the 11th November, will be reimbursed by the Government.

BOARDS OF TRADE AT WORK.

One of the outstanding changes in the west during the last year or so has been the transformation wrought in the various boards of trade. Instead of lending themselves to real estate escapades and irresponsible transient promoters, unfortunately so common in pre-war days, practically all the boards have carefully revised their platforms and are now operating along wholly constructive and legitimate lines. Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver in particular have boosted their membership and branched out comprehensively among the various avenues of trade and commerce, and development work generally—a course which is bound to have a splendid influence in future. The rejuvenated policy is now such as to attract the attention and co-operation of the best professional and business talent, and is bound to play an important part in after-war problems which will mean much to Western Canada.

WOULD HE SAY IT IN OTTAWA?

A South African infantryman, who hailed from Ireland and described himself as a "Dublin gentleman," was visiting the sights of London the other day when they came to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. He turned to his friend and said, "I can respect the Abbey because a saint lies there, but I cannot the other, because there they are alive and lie every day."

ERRATUM.

The signature of the letter from Woodcote Park Hospital in our issue of January 4th should have read A. J. Van Nostrand, Major, and not as it appeared.