

ability, courage and zeal manifested through the war by the officers of the Medical Department, under all circumstances and upon all occasions. With hardly an exception they have been actuated by the highest motives of national and professional pride, and the number of killed and wounded bears testimony to their devotion and duty on the field of battle." Thirty-two were killed in action, 9 by accidents, 4 died in rebel prisons, 284 of various diseases contracted on service. \$47,000,000 were expended on the medical service, exclusive of salaries of commissioned officers.

The peculiarities of the American medical service are as follows: There is the regular army medical staff, being a staff corps and not regimental. With it is the Hospital Corps, similar in function to that of the British Army. Each State has its own National Guard or Militia with its own medical service, which is regimental. There are a few "Red Cross" or staff corps in the States, but they are not numerous. Each State has its Surgeon-General and Medical Directors, these latter being Brigade Surgeons, each battalion an assistant surgeon ranking as Captain, each regiment of two or more battalions, a surgeon ranking as Major. The United States as the result of experience in the war granted the medical officers actual instead of relative rank, so that an officer is "Captain and Assistant Surgeon," which is tantamount to "Surgeon-Captain." In Austria and Canada we are still denied executive rank. Yet we claim to be a progressive country. I will not weary my readers by detailing how order was brought out of chaos during the war; suffice it to say, that while much was accomplished, something remains yet to be done; that while the service is in many ways superior to others it is capable of improvement in some directions.

This concludes the series of articles on the military medical services. They have been written with a view of awakening professional interest in the subject. At a future time I shall write of the past, present and future of the Canadian militia medical service.

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