

# THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SPECIAL.

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## HOSPITAL FILLED. FULLY EQUIPPED.

### FAMOUS BUXTON SPA SECURES GREAT CANADIAN INSTITUTION.

With the dedication on Friday, August 11th, of the Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital by the Duchess of Devonshire, accompanied by General Sir Sam Hughes, there was handed over to the Red Cross Society one of the most complete institutions of its kind in England. On that date the hospital was, for the first time, filled to its capacity, two hundred and seventy-five patients being enrolled.

When, on March 20th of the present year, the hospital was opened, a new feature in Canadian Red Cross work was begun. Situate in Buxton, Derbyshire, the mountain spa of England, its site is ideal for the class of patients, those with rheumatism and kindred diseases, for which it was intended. To the natural thermal mineral baths, for which Buxton has long been famed, have been added every modern device, including extensive electrical equipment, with a special department for X ray work and a competent staff of masseurs.

Long before the day of the official opening this institution had been thoroughly systematized. Hours for baths and various other treatments had been regulated in such a manner that confusion was impossible, despite the large number of patients constantly arriving, and, at the conclusion of various periods, discharged as cured. Patients are equipped with hospital clothing, assigned to their beds, and acquainted with the routine of their new home in the shortest possible time. And during their stay everything possible is done for their convenience and comfort. Perhaps in no other similar institution in England are more efforts made to provide suitable amusement for the patients, or more pains taken for their comfort and health. And in these efforts the commanding officer, the matron and staff have been most generously assisted by the citizens of Buxton. And these efforts have always been appreciated by the patients. The large recreation room and concert hall is provided with billiard and



Major FREDERICK GUEST,  
Commanding Officer.

bagatelle tables, and other games, with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of magazines and Canadian newspapers. The hospital has its own orchestra, all patients, a newly organized Glee Club, and a baseball team. All these features are encouraged and really organized by officers and members of the staff, to be later solely conducted by the patients themselves. The patients are also, as they are able, given light physical drill and are encouraged to do light duty in the hospital. The latter carries the privilege of wearing khaki.

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## LIFT STRETCHERS!

Through Col. Hodgetts, the Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, the Peak Hotel, Buxton, was secured for the purpose of organizing a Hospital for the treatment of special diseases such as Rheumatism, injured joints and muscles, shell shock, and other nervous troubles.

This commodious building was formally opened for patients on August 11th, 1916, by her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, and handed over to the Director of Medical Services, Canadians, and accepted by him for the Canadian soldiers to be used as a Special Hospital.

The equipment is complete in every detail, consisting of the most modern kind being used in Hydro-therapeutic, and Electric treatment. There is also a most complete X Ray outfit.

It is the desire of the Staff to render a good account to the Canadian Red Cross of the work they have entrusted us to do.

We will endeavour to render the best services to relieve the sufferings of those placed in our care, to restore them to health and strength.

In our beautiful Recreation Hall we hope to be able to enliven and entertain those afflicted, and in that way make their time of treatment as enjoyable as it is possible.

We are presenting to our readers the first copy of a weekly edition (name to be selected at a later date) which will give the news from time to time of the Staff and patients and their friends, and we will appreciate any assistance in the way of news items most heartily that will have a tendency to make it a success.

FREDERICK GUEST, Major.  
Commanding Canadian Red Cross Special  
Hospital.



C. F. MACALISTER,  
Matron.



Left to Right—(front)—Sister Weatherup Macalister (matron), Sister Manchester.  
(Rear)—Sisters Tanner, Popham, Sewell, Handly, Maillard, Davis.

## THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SPECIAL.

Business Manager.—G. T. DUNCAN.  
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1916.

### INTRODUCTORY.

The Canadian Red Cross Special of Buxton makes its initial bow to the public in general and the patients of the hospital in particular. The merchants of Buxton have very generously responded in a financial way, and it is hoped the patients, for whose benefit the paper has been brought into existence, will in no less degree accord it their support. The paper is non-political and non-sectarian, and its columns will be open to the patients, provided the matter submitted for publication is of general interest. It is hoped that every man in the hospital will take a personal interest in the paper, and if this is done there can be no question of its ultimate success.

### DISCIPLINE.

Every man who comes to this hospital knows full well the meaning of the word at the head of this article, and he also knows, or should know, that no institution of such magnitude can be successfully conducted without strict adherence to that principle in its fullest sense. It therefore behoves every soldier coming here to acquaint himself with the rules of the hospital and endeavour to live up to them. In the army more than in any other walk of life the majority have to suffer for the misdeeds of the few, but if each individual were to strive to conform to the rules it would help in a great way toward better conditions and more liberty.

### CANADIANS MAKE GOOD.

All England is ringing with praise for the valour of the Canadians at the front. Previous to the outbreak of the war Canada was never in any sense a military nation. In all the breadth of the country from ocean to ocean there is not a fort or gun for protection from invasion and none is needed. It is therefore a matter of great surprise that Canada could put an army of half a million men in the field in so short a space of time that has made good against the so-called crack regiments of the world. They have had their baptism of fire, and, be it said to their everlasting credit, have demonstrated to the world that, although a peace loving nation, when they fight they fight like—the mischief.

### A NEW FEATURE.

A quartette composed by Sergts. Scott, Noble, and Osgood, and Pte. Duncan is the latest addition to the hospital's musical attractions. All the members are possessed of good voices, and some pleasing melodies are expected to be heard at future concerts.

The orchestra is practising vigorously and is showing marked improvement in their work. It is, in fact little less than marvellous that the musicians should have attained their present state of efficiency in so short a time. Much credit is due to Sergt.-Major Carpenter, who has proved to be an indefatigable worker in providing amusement for the patients.

### SMILE.

The thing that goes the furthest  
Towards making life worth while  
That costs the least and does the most  
Is just a pleasant smile,  
The smile that bubbles from the heart  
That loves its fellow men,  
Will drive away the clouds of gloom  
And wax the sun again;  
It's full of worth and goodness, too,  
With human kindness blent,  
It's worth a million dollars  
\* And it doesn't cost a cent.

### HOSPITAL FILLED, FULLY EQUIPPED.

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When the Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital was first opened in March of the present year it was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. Johnson, who for years had been connected with military work in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. He was succeeded on June 12th by Major Frederick Guest, the present commanding officer.

Major Guest was born in Ontario, Canada, and is a graduate of the Western University, London. For more than fifteen years he has been connected with military work in his native province and held his commission in the A.M.C., attached to the 15th Ambulance unit long before the outbreak of the war. He was also for two years Mayor of the city of St. Thomas, where he practised his profession. Major Guest came to England with the 2nd Canadian Contingent and was sent to Gallipoli attached to the Third Stationary Hospital. Later he was placed in command of Monks Horton, Shorncliffe, England. To Major Guest must be given the credit of bringing the hospital to its present high state of efficiency. He has won the respect of the patients by the thoroughness with which he oversees every department of his command and by his readiness at all times to investigate any grievance, real or fancied, which is brought to his attention, and the absolute fairness with which he invariably deals with such cases.

The matron, Miss C. F. Mcallister (captain in the C.A.M.C.) is a graduate of Kingston, Ontario General Hospital. Miss Mcallister came over with the 1st Canadian Contingent.

Major Frederick Guest, Officer Commanding.  
Major V. L. Goodwill, Medical Officer, Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Capt. J. H. Slayter, Medical Officer.  
Capt. E. T. Curran, Medical Officer.  
Capt. E. J. Thurgar, Quartermaster.  
Lieut. R. G. Young, Dispenser, Winnipeg.  
Capt. F. Vipon.  
Capt. F. Reynolds.  
Matron C. F. Macalister.  
N. Sister, S. A. L. Manchester.  
" E. A. Davies.  
" M. E. Maillard.  
" B. Popham.  
" B. M. Wilson.  
" M. A. Hicks.  
" A. R. Gregory.  
" A. B. Handley.  
" M. B. W. Wetherup.  
" C. R. Tanner.  
" B. A. Sowwell.  
S.-Mjr. (W.O.) Carpenter, F. N., Physical Instructor.  
S.-Mjr. Pegg, A., Chief Ward Master.  
Sergt. Quigley, D. M., Ward Master.  
" Granecome, C. L., O.C.'s Clerk, I/C Orderly Room.  
" Mess, F., Q.M. Sergt.  
" Leth, R., Ward Master.  
" Morris, J. H. B., Asst. Chief Ward Master.  
Cpls. Cummings, H. J., Steward.  
" Cunningham, F. J., Q.M. Clerk.  
" Cooke, E., Clerk, Registrar's Dept.  
" Bailey, C. N., Ward Master.  
" Thompson, J., Chief Master, Night.  
" Ginn, W., Chief Cook.  
" Foathroyd, A., I/C Baths.  
" Henderson, J., Clerk, Registrar's Dept.



Left to Right—Capt. Thurgar, Capt. Slayter, Col. Hodgetts (Canadian R.C. Commissioner), Her Grace, Miss Macalister (matron), Surgeon-Gen. J. Carleton Jones, Major F. Guest, Col. H. Colnaghi, Capt. F. Skipper.

and, before receiving her present appointment, served eighteen months in France. She has been associated with the institution from its earliest days, taking an active part in the early organization work.

The building now used was formerly one of the large and modern hotels for which Buxton as one of the fashionable summer resorts of England is noted. It was formerly known as the Peak Hydro, and as the name implies is situated on one of the highest points of the town. It commands a view of the town itself as well as the surrounding hills. Buxton is known as the highest town in England, being more than one thousand feet above sea level. Some of the surrounding hills, which shelter the town from storms, are from fifteen hundred to two thousand feet above sea level. The citizens of Buxton generally, and the thousands of visitors that throng the town at this season of the year, have been most kind to the Canadians, not only to those who are able to be about, but also to those who are unable to leave their beds. Daily these men have been visited in their wards between the hours of 1 and 4 in the afternoon, and in many ways have been shown that they have not been forgotten.

When the war is over and the Canadian soldiers are permitted to return to their own country, those who have been fortunate enough to spend a few weeks in Buxton will long remember the courtesies of its kind-hearted citizens.

Following is a nominal roll of the staff to whom the efficiency of the hospital is due:—

L.Cpl. Blandy, N. P., I/C Massage.  
" Ransome, J., Asst. Ward Master.  
Ptes. Blunt, H., Orderly Room Clerk.  
" Barnett, A., Mail and Telephone Orderly.  
" Aitkenhead, J., Kitchen Orderly.  
" Bvfield, K. C., Kitchen Orderly.  
" Brame, A., Ward Orderly.  
" Chaney, G. H., Ward Orderly.  
" Wilkes, H. B., Ward Orderly.  
" Howard, J. W., Ward Orderly.  
" Porter, J., Ward Orderly.  
" McNeill, D., Ward Orderly.  
" Keene, S. F., Ward Orderly.  
" Orr, J., Ward Orderly.  
" Robinson, W., Ward Orderly.  
" Sergeant, J. N., Ward Orderly.  
" Morton, J., I/C Sanitation.  
" Harbridge, J. F., Sanitation.  
" Williams, A., Chauffeur.  
" Lushington, F. C., Chauffeur.  
" Oatham, W., Cook.  
" Waddington, J., Cook.  
" Redfern, S., Officers' Mess, Waiter.  
" Halliburton, D., Staff Mess.  
" Winch, A., Bath Treatment.  
" Stothers, M., Bath Treatment.  
" Jones, A. S., Stewards' Stores.  
" Cairns, R. K., Massage Treatment.  
" Turner, J. T., Massage Treatment.  
" Worthing, J. F., Massage Treatment.  
" Purser, G. J., Massage Treatment.  
" Wells, S., Batman.  
" Garrett, E. N. R., Officers' Orderly.  
Master Harold Guest, Orderly Room Asst.

## OFFICIAL OPENING, BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

**DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE AND SIR SAM  
HUGHES VISIT HOSPITAL.**

In the presence of more than one hundred invited guests from Buxton and the surrounding district, and two hundred and fifty Canadian soldiers, all patients of the hospital, on Friday, August 11th, Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, presented the hospital to Surgeon-General Jones, Canadian Army Corps, for the use of Canadian soldiers. The hospital is a gift to the Corps from the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The occasion of the presentation and formal opening was also the occasion of the first visit to this institution by General Sir Sam Hughes. Sir Sam was present at the presentation and later accompanied Her Grace upon a tour of inspection over the institution.

As the distinguished visitors entered the great concert hall on the second floor of the building the hospital orchestra played the "Maple Leaf." The room itself was beautifully decorated with flags and banks of flowers, and the Duchess

Surgeon-General Jones, on behalf of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, accepted the hospital, which he termed a "wonderful gift." He thanked Her Grace for consenting to be present and acting as the bearer of the gift.

Before the conclusion of the graceful ceremony Major Frederick Guest, Commanding Officer of the Hospital, was called upon. Major Guest gave his assurance that he was pleased to be present and to say a few words at the conclusion of the ceremony. He could only say that the institution had that day been presented to the medical staff and he trusted that it would do all expected of it. He was sure that so far the treatments had been beneficial. On behalf of himself, the officers, the matron and the sisters he desired to extend a hearty welcome to all present.

### SOME MESS.

New Arrival: "Pardon me, but is this the Sergeants' Mess?"

Old Timer: "Well, it's some mess anyway."

### SURE THING.

Lady Visitor: "Do you come from Canada?"

Patient: "Yes, we all do."

Lady Visitor: "Oh, then you'd know John Smith. He's a cousin of mine, went out there five years ago."



Lieut. R. G. Young, Capt. E. T. Curran, Capt. E. J. Thurgar, Capt. J. H. Slayter,  
Major V. L. Goodwill, Major Frederick Guest.

### "AROUND THERE."

carried a great bouquet of roses, presented by Mrs. Jones, wife of Surgeon-General Jones. In well chosen words Her Grace expressed her pleasure that Buxton, with which she and her husband's family had been so closely connected with, had been chosen by the Canadian Red Cross Society as one of the places for their hospitals. She expressed her belief that the institution had been well started upon its useful work, and she had the greatest pleasure in formally declaring the hospital open and wished it every success. The Duchess was accorded a most enthusiastic reception from the visitors and loud and hearty cheers from the soldier patients.

Following the Duchess, General Sir Sam Hughes said a few words to the "boys" and stated that in this institution he was sure they would be given every attention. He paid a marked tribute to the Canadian Red Cross Society for its generosity and work in connection with this hospital and others, and assured the Duchess of the hearty welcome that awaited her upon her return to Canada, on this occasion as the wife of the Governor-General.

Imperial Officer, visiting hospital, sees a banner over a patient's bed and starts to spell slowly "S-A-S-K-A-T-C-H-E-W-A-N." "How do you pronounce that?"

The patient patiently pronounced the word and is then asked: "Where is that?"

"In Western Canada, sir," proudly replies the patient. "Saskatchewan is the greatest wheat producing country in the world; is the largest centre for distributing farm machinery and has more automobiles per population than any other place in the world."

Then he gets this one: "Is it anywhere near Saskatoon?"

In disgust: "It is around there, sir."

### EXPLANATION.

On account of the number of pictures herein contained a great deal of matter of interest to the patients had to be left over for a subsequent issue. However, next week the articles mentioned will appear.

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**BASEBALL.**

**PATIENTS DEFEAT STAFF IN A TWO INNINGS GAME.**

Playing in a gentle downpour of Buxton rain the staff baseball team went down to defeat in the first big ball game of the season on Thursday afternoon by a score of 5 to 9. From the time that Major Guest, Officer Commanding the hospital, opened the game by throwing the first ball straight across the plate till the last man was retired the contest was featured by sensational stunts and bonehead plays while more than a thousand ardent fans and fanettes with raised umbrellas cheered themselves hoarse. The game reached its climax when the last cripple limped across the pan at the conclusion of the third innings, and Sergeant-Major Carpenter called the game—wet grounds. Buxton citizens had been given their first taste of baseball.

The game was played for the benefit of the Buxton and District Cottage Hospital, and while no admission was charged a collection was taken at the grounds which realised £12 8s. 10d. After all expenses were deducted a cheque for £10 was forwarded to the hospital.

The staff of this fair institution went to bat first and Sergeant Granecome was the first man to bat. He refused to attempt Major Guest's offering and kept right on refusing when Moulds took up the burden. As a result he was called out on three good ones. Moulds for the lame ones had the nurses and rubbers feeding out of his hand, and the only score in the first stanza came as a result of miscues.

When the patients faced Corpl. Bailey the scene was changed. The Corporal, when he could locate the plate, was hammered to all corners of the lot. The patients were sadly hampered without their canes, but they managed to chase seven of their number around the circuit before they were finally retired.

And when they took the field rain and their exertions had stiffened their old rheumatic joints to such an extent that they allowed the staff to tally twice.

The feature of the game to this period was a beautiful running catch in centre field by Harold Guest, the youngest player of the lot. This boy's batting also figured in the scoring.

Corpl. Bailey retired from the firing line at the end of the first innings, to be succeeded by Gilling. Gilling was about as wild as he could be and live, and issued passes as recklessly as a moving picture magnate does to wounded soldiers. At that those slugging invalids only garnered two tallies off the substitute pitcher. Corpl. Cummings officiated behind the bat for the staff, while Murphy held the assortment of curves dished up by Moulds. The base running of both teams was daring enough to keep the crowd on edge. Those who did not know the game were kept posted by Sergeant-Major Carpenter, and if they were startled by the constant rapid fire talk by the players they certainly enjoyed it, and even a Buxton rain could not dampen the spirits of that crowd.

**PLEASE TELL US.**

Who were the three patients who undertook to take home three young ladies and were unable to find their way back to the hospital. Who paid for the telegram sent from a nearby village to the O.C. to acquaint him of their predicament?

How many patients are single men while on the "slopes," and married when in the hospital?

Who is THE great attraction on the slopes, anyway?

Why Sergeant Scott looked so disappointed last Tuesday, and why he is so anxious around mail time.

Who is the sergeant who walks very sprightly when seen down town with a young lady, but is very, very lame when he hears the hospital?

Why most of the old bucks among the N.C.O.'s have a distinct preference for chicken?

Why it is that most of the patients who can sing will not, and those who cannot may be heard almost any hour of the day or night?

Is it proper to salute an officer when he has a lovely piece of femininity on each arm?

Why the big majority of the patients can beat it "on the double" when they hear "Come to the cookhouse door?"

Where Sergt. Bob's aldermanic "front" has gone?

When Archie is going to settle down with one girl—at a time?

When he is going to give us another concert?

Who sent the wrong letter to his wife?

What she said?

What the attraction is which causes Strothers to walk seven miles in a rainstorm and leaves a cheerful grin on his face when he returns?

If Corpl. Jim usually spells Nell with a capital H when he's peeved?

How Two-bit Bill likes his inoculation?

Whether the Bristol postmaster has enjoyed the relief of Ernie's pass and what he will think when the "Bristol Returns" start again?

What the patient in "A" Ward said when he discovered that he had taken a dose of hair oil instead of Castor Oil?

And what he is going to do when the hair starts to grow?

Why K. C. Byfield looks so thin and worried?

When the sun is going to shine on Buxton?

When "Jack" is going to give us some hot water?

What is wrong with the elevator (proper English) "lift?"

When the war will be??? (We haven't the nerve to finish it.)

Who would have won the game if—?

When we are going to have another?

How R. S. M. Carpenter (W.O.) manages to retain his cheerful grin in spite of "Buxton sunshine?"

**RHYME, ROT,  
AND REASON.**

By G. T. DUNCAN.

**WHEN I GET BACK TO CANADA.**

When I get back to Canada  
I'll settle down for life,  
But first I'll try to coax some girl  
To be my little wife,  
Who'll cook me all the nice things  
That we don't get over here,  
And when I want to take a bath  
'Twill be in lager beer.

I never wish to taste again  
A piece of bully beef,  
That I have had enough of jam  
For life is my belief;  
I want to live on puddings, cakes,  
And every kind of pie,  
And porterhouse and sirloin steak,  
Until the day I die.

I never want to hear again  
A bugle or a drum,  
Or see a suit of khaki,  
Tho' my clothes be on the bum;  
I never wish to raise again  
My hand in a salute,  
Or put the puttees on again  
Or wear an army boot.

And should another war break out  
And men are asked to fight,  
They needn't look for me at all  
For I won't be in sight;  
I'd rather be a slacker  
Than with the heroes—dead—  
So I'll be safely with the cat  
Beneath my mother's bed.

Visitor: "Is the C.O. in?"  
Police Sergeant at door: "Commanding Officer or Conscientious Objector, sir?"

The M.O. comes round Ice a day  
2 C how U may B,  
And then B 4 U turn around  
Along comes the O.C.  
And if U're room is not O.K.,  
Or slackness he can C  
'Tis like as not he'll give U L,  
Likewise 10 days C.B.

I saw an ad. the other day  
That fairly made me stare;  
It read (don't scoff)

**JUST ONE-THIRD OFF  
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That I am such a mutt,  
But I can't see  
For the life of me  
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