

The following report is based on a letter received recently from Col. C. E. Cross, Commanding Officer of the Hospital.

It is hoped that there will be no objection to making this issue cover the six weeks from the date of the last report up to the 15th July.

The first half of June gave us foggy and rainy days. But promptly on the morning of the 15th, the weather changed, and we have had an unbroken sequence of sunny days ever since. To-day, however, is St. Swithin's and the saintly superstition is being re-gale-d with an ungentle dew from heaven. It has been a duplication of last Summer when we were under canvas at Thursley.

The month has been a busy one in all branches. Ninety cases have been admitted, between 1/4 and 1/3 of them surgical. Medical cases have always been in the majority. I append some 'quotes' from Lt.-Col. Russel's recent report on "Mental Disease in the Canadian Army". It gives some data as to the varieties of neurological cases seen and results.

A Neuro-medical clinic has been put into effect several days a week, and about 12 are treated at each seance. There have been more surgical patients than ever before. Appropriate cases are still being sent to Oxford for electro-encephalography. Its value in the detection of incipient epilepsy has proved useful now and - appended to the individual's documents - should aid in the adjudication of pensions.

News of the 14th Gen. Hospital having arrived safely is a cause for rejoicing. They are to park at a former sanatorium until an English unit moves out of Connaught Hospital. They will then have both. We hope to see them frequently and profit by mutual associations. Shall need their assistance in the oto-laryngology and orthopedic cases especially. We have visited with Col. Ross, Lt.Col. McIntosh, Majors Palmer and Petrie and Captain Bensley. This unit has been called upon to contribute to an advance party to prepare their location and initiate the military documentation as well as to proceed with the disposal of cases from there which have been under the care of an English unit.

Each week 4 dental officers of field units report to our centre here for instruction by our Captain Franklin in the repair of cases where there has occurred involvements of jaws or of sinuses.

Captain H. T. Franks, whose temporary attachment was noted in the last summary, returned to his unit early in June. He had contributed good service during the 5 weeks of his presence here. Headquarters allowed him one week over the first-proposed month.

On the 10th June, the Hospital had a visit from the Honorable Colonel Manion in the interests of the Auxiliary Services for a report to the Canadian Government. He found us to be most generously supplied and served by the various organizations. The Auxiliary Services have promised to open and operate a canteen for the troops here. It is one need that as yet we have not met.

One aim, denied since organization, has at last been granted. That was the inclusion of a registrar in the unit scheme. This achieved reality recently, when Captain H. F. Ewart, a very capable physician of Hamilton, was sent to us and assumed duty at once. He has already lightened the tasks of the O.C. who has been Adjutant, paymaster, diarist, regimental court official, consultant re new construction, transport superintendent and orderly room head as well as general fac totum and representative. Captain Ewart is very well equipped for the post, as he had commercial training before his medical course. Both, he passed in with distinction.

Major Botterell has made a report of the period of service he contributed to the St. Hugh's Hospital for Head Injuries in Oxford. A copy is forwarded herewith.

A second visit was conferred by the Hon. and Mrs. Massey recently. Their chief interest was the inspection of the newly built hut wards and services buildings. At their last visit no work had been begun, whereas now they saw the completed structures. They were most congratulatory.

Major Max Rabinowitch has made two calls upon us since the huts have been built to advise upon the matter of gas-proofing these in the event of poison gas raids. Certain of the material he has made special penetration studies upon and suggested the adequate protection.

Leaves have begun for the staff officers and now Major Hyland, Captain Franklin and the Matron are away on leave, of each two weeks. Other ones will go upon their return and profit by the Summer and longer days. No one has had this privilege since the hospital opened and it is well deserved.

The 21st of June was the anniversary of our landing in England and appropriately it was declared a holiday. In the afternoon games of soft-ball, volley-ball, and tennis were played in which both officers and other ranks took part. At 6 P.M. the other ranks were given a special dinner, the nurses being waitresses, and at which a few short speeches recalled our year's history. During the long light evening, the men and their friends had a dance in one of the new wards. At it was given the prizes won during the afternoon games. It was a memory-begetting celebration.

On the 1st July, too, a sports meet was held on our south lawns, our men vs the company of engineers, erecting the huts. Races, jumping, a tug-of-war, and a soft ball contest were on the program of events. Our men won most points in the totals.

On the 29th June, a return tennis meet between the players of No. 15 Gen. Hosp. and our own officers was held here and some 40 Nurses and officers came from the sister unit and watched our nurses win 3 out of 3, whilst the officers lost 2 out of 3 matches. All were entertained at afternoon tea, and about 20 visitor personnel had a buffet dinner at 8 P.M. and danced later.

On the 10th June, 2 station wagon loads of nurses and officers went to Digswell for the opening of the New Nurses Rendez-vous Home, of which mention was made in former report.

Within the last week, Ottawa has recalled the two best and highest ranking N.C.O.s of the unit and sent to us 2 new men of equivalent rank. Some time must be spent in training them to efficiency. It is very annoying.

Mostly there has been little or no near demonstrations of the enemy here. Twice energetic approaches with deposits sufficient to shake our buildings and the loud noise of combat, have occurred. Sky-lighting, and anti-aircraft fire were active, but it was night and no planes were visible. It was several miles distant.

The usual series of visitations, the usual monthly social party, the usual frequent trips to all parts of our consultants, continuation of intra-unit sports, attendance at scientific society sessions and the continued hospitality of English homes and hosts, all these have punctuated the interval since last writing. Military heads have been here, and we have been invited to some outstanding military receptions and once to a very impressive outdoor 'drum-head' religious service where a vast multitude of troops paid memorial tribute to comrades lost in the Great War, on a special anniversary occasion

Each bulletin has essayed to name a date for probable occupation of the extensions to hospital. This will be left out herein. It is in vain and vexation of spirit. Most of the engineers are to leave shortly and only a few workmen carry on.

Together with this letter, Col. Cross sent quotations from a report by Lt.Col. C. K. Russel on "Mental Disease in the Canadian Army" (Overseas) and a report on a period of service at St. Hugh's Military Hospital (Head Injuries) at Oxford by Major E. H. Botterell. Both of these reports are on file in the Montreal Neurological Institute