

IG HOSPITAL FOR AMERICAN TROOPS OPENED AT LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Eighteen miles outside London, at Dartford, is a big, new hospital for American wounded. The United States Army Base Hospital "37" is the name of it.

The hospital has been open only a few weeks. But thanks to the American Red Cross, as well as to Major H. Fiske, the commanding officer, and his staff, more than 700 wounded Americans are being cared for and new "convoy" of from 20 to 80 men arrives from France every few days.

A thousand beds are ready as they're needed.

Major Fiske was formerly a medical orderly. Practically all the nurses and orderlies are from the United States.

The hospital buildings and grounds were furnished by the British. Part of the buildings are big, yellow, stone structures, part roomy, airy, one-story frames, located in a beautiful park on top of a hill in a low farm country that might be Ohio.

Eager to Fight Again

The Americans now in the hospital come from practically every state in the union. And these boys are right home, and all eager to get back to the front.

"It's like a tonic," said Lieutenant Rickland of Portsmouth, O. "It really seems like back in the States."

Major Fiske, the American Red Cross men from London come out every few days and stay all afternoon.

Mrs. Skinner, wife of the American consul, heads this Red Cross visiting committee. I was at Dartford on Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Walter Page, wife of the American ambassador who recently resigned, and a number of other American women dropped out for one of their endy afternoons with the American boys. The women go in and out of the wards, talking to the men, fighting with them, inquiring about their wounds and offering to write me for anyone with a "bum" arm.

Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Page and the rest of the American Red Cross women have a lot of staunch friends in Dartford hospital who'll remember them all their lives.

Like Mother or Sister

"Yes," a private told me, "they're in sudden-like and—well, you talk to them just the same as if they was your mother or sister."

English women come, too. There's especially—Lady Limerick—it's a dozen soldiers spoke about. Lives in the neighborhood and sees over nearly every day.

And those Brooklyn girls—the ones—well, if you were in your home you couldn't get any kinder, more cheerful care than they give every man," say the soldiers.

GOURAUD'S TASK HARDEST OF ALL ALLIED ADVANCES

FRENCH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Thursday, Oct. 3.—(Reuter's.)—With the progress of the allies from the Aisne to the Meuse, the Germans are daily becoming more alarmed over their situation between Rheims and Moronvillers heights.

Allied forces are daily nearing the lateral railways which permit the enemy to move his reserves from point to point. During the past two days the advance of the allies has made the route from the Argonne along the Aire valley useless except at night. His next line of communication is 12 miles to the north.

In this sector, however, the allies have to deal with the German crown prince, who does not desire to be the first German commander to give the order to retreat.

General Gouraud's army had and still has the hardest task of all the French armies. Innumerable feats of individual courage are recorded. One French soldier with an automatic rifle captured a complete German field battery. He crept up on the battery position alone and shot all the gunners.

A lieutenant, a sergeant and a private with automatic rifles took a trench with 105 prisoners by making the Germans believe they had been outflanked in force.

AT THE RIALTO TONIGHT AND TOMORROW



WM. DESMOND AND JOSIE SEDGWICK IN TRIANGLE PLAY, 'BEYOND THE SHALOWS'

REDUCED RATES ON APPLES SOON TO BE FORTHCOMING

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 4.—That a reduction in freight rates on apples, which is needed if apple growers in Oregon are to be saved from serious losses, will be announced by the federal railroad administration in the near future, is the assurance given by Charles A. Prouty, director of the division of public service and accounting in a letter to Senator McNary.

Senator McNary took the matter up with the railroad administration at the request of Public Service Commissioner Buchtel, who presented information to show the injustices which a 25 per cent increase in freight rates will work upon apple-growers and also upon other lines of business. A copy of Prouty's letter was received by Buchtel today.

Director Prouty says similar complaints have poured into his office from all parts of the country and attention is being given them as rapidly as possible. He gave assurances of relief.

Speaking of apple rates, he says that the local traffic committee and general traffic committee both have recommended a reduction.

Much complaint has been made against the high freight rate on wood, with an excessive minimum charge when wood is hauled but short distances, and to meet this situation Director Prouty says he is now considering the establishment of a mileage scale for rates of transportation of cordwood in the state of Minnesota and that he will extend his investigation to Oregon.

"Wood is undoubtedly a prime essential in Oregon and ought to have lower rates as low as can properly be established," he says.

SECRECY WINS FOCH'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENEMY

LONDON, Oct. 4.—An entirely new order in secrecy has been established in Europe within the last two months.

For the first time in the war, "nobody knows anything" about the allied plans in the west!

Military men credit the unified command with bringing this about.

Foch and the generals commanding the armies under his direction have made secrecy a reality instead of a joke.

No longer can you find in London, or Paris, or Rome these dangerous persons who "knew all about it" and would tell all they knew. And the mischief of it was that they did know a lot of things!

Such persons dropped out of sight about the time Foch struck first along the Marne. They haven't "come back."

The Foch surprise, which have thus become possible, surprise the allied countries now just as completely as they surprised the Germans.

Only one man in Paris, it is said, knew what was going to happen at the Marne. It is safe to say not more than one man in London knew what was coming later on the British front.

Furthermore, the lid is on for the men who are doing the fighting! A British cavalry officer who has just returned to London on leave told me how his troop rode under orders to a new section of the front.

"We took an indirect route to get where we were to fight, and went into action not knowing just where we were," he said. "When we set out we were deliberately told that we were to work in a neighborhood we didn't even go near."

"The boche were surprised; our casualties were low because of the surprise, and the secrecy made the surprise possible."

U. S. TO SEND MILK MISSION TO FRANCE

PARIS, Oct. 4.—With the object of increasing and improving the milk supply and the supply of fresh vegetables at American military hospitals in England and France, the American Red Cross will send to Europe a dozen expert American dairymen and market gardeners.

Lieut. H. L. Frost of the Bureau of Hospital Farms and Gardens, who has been located in Paris, is returning to the United States to take charge of this mission.

DIVERS TO RECOVER MONEY ON LUSITANIA

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Salvage experts have come to the conclusion that it would cost more to raise the Lusitania, which has lain in 300 feet of water for two years, than it would be worth. But they are going after the money because the ship is in the port's claim on the upper deck, with guns.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES CALLED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today called for 29,999 grammar school graduates from 42 states and the District of Columbia to entrain October 15 for technical schools. Of the total 980 will be negroes. Voluntary induction will be allowed until October 12.

The call is the first issued since the suspension of the October entrainment orders as a result of the influenza epidemic.

None but registrants physically fit for general service will be accepted. The states and number of white men to be furnished, together with the educational institutions to which the registrants will report include:

Idaho—200, Idaho university.
Montana—400, University of Montana.
Oregon—200, Benson Polytechnic Institute.
Washington—600, Washington State college.

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PROMOTION SAVES U. S. AVIATOR'S LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Lloyd A. Hamilton of Vermont, American aviator in the northern end of the line in France, is still alive by one of the thousands of freaks. Hamilton is called upon recently to lead the squadron of which he is a member; leader was ill. He took his place the "point" and on the trip into enemy territory the man who took his place was formation was shot down.

EMPLACEMENTS FOR LONG RANGE GUNS FOUND IN ARGONNE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Thursday, Oct. 3.—(By Associated Press.) Two concrete emplacements for big guns were discovered west of Varennes when New York troops advanced along the eastern edge of the Argonne forest a few days ago. The guns had been removed, but engineers believe that they were Austrian 205's.

The emplacements were one hundred yards apart and apparently were built more than a year ago.

Big guns were scattered thru the Argonne forest and from day to day have been taken by advancing New York soldiers.

Many of the roads leading from the Argonne forest to Mont Faucon and to Malancourt were barred by concrete pillars as a precaution against the operation of allied tanks. At safe distances behind these pillars anti-tank gun positions have been found. These in many places were built of concrete. These concrete positions were for the most part behind the main defensive positions thru which the Americans broke.

American aviators were busy all day today carrying out bombing attacks on Conflans, Lenguyon, Audun, Dommary, Buzieres, Vigneulles, Chambley, Etain, Arville and Grand Pre. They dropped 37 1/2 tons of bombs.

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War Emergency Course and Certificate

Oregon Normal School

Owing to the scarcity of teachers the Oregon Normal School will offer a War Emergency Course of twenty weeks outlined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The course will begin with each of the terms commencing Nov. 16, 1918; Feb. 8, 1919; and April 12, 1919. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will consider it equivalent to the Teachers' Training Course and issue a certificate upon its completion valid to teach in the elementary grades for one year.

This Course will be open to those who have had two years or more of high school work or its equivalent and who are at least eighteen years of age.

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