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War Didn't Stop Fresh Air Camp

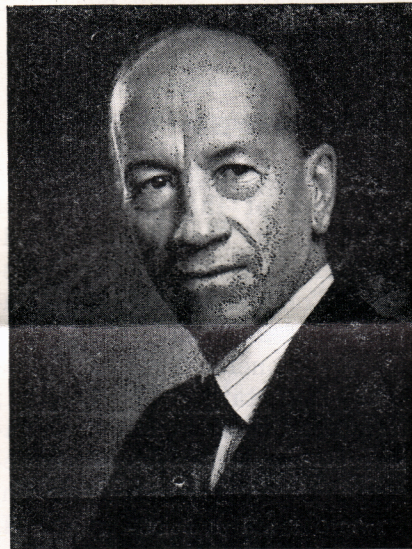
DESPITE the demands of war on generous supporters of our Jackson's Point and other Fresh Air Camps, they made it possible again this year for children from the poorer sections of the city to enjoy an outing and breath of fresh air that means so much to the physical and mental health of our young citizens. As our office Good Samaritan remarked one sultry morning as dozens of little tots scampered excitedly around the heap of baggage at 20 Albert Street, waiting for "the bus": "After all, why should those little tots pay with their health for something they don't even understand. . ." This is one occasion when we believe in the slogan, "Business as usual."

Immigration work is not new to The Salvation Army. A special department was formed at International Headquarters in London in 1903.

Red Shield Club Proves Popular

THE Red Shield Club, our servicemen's "home away from home" at 101 Southampton Row, London, has proven so popular with the Canadian boys overseas that it has been necessary to open an extra dormitory with 25 beds, raising the accommodation to 325, according to the July overseas report of The Salvation Army Canadian War Services just received.

Two distinguished visitors were reported at the club during the month, Major-General K. C. Buchanan, C.B., C.M.G., of the British War Department, and Lord Nathan.



—Photo by Karsh, Ottawa

Hon. J. T. Thorson, Minister of National War Services, who earlier this year succeeded Hon. James Gardiner in this portfolio at Ottawa. Mr. Thorson heads the department which, among other things, assumes general direction of the next war service campaign—expected to include the Canadian Red Cross Society's annual national appeal for funds. While the date for the combined drive has not yet been set, it is tentatively anticipated early next Spring, March having been mentioned as the month. . . The Salvation Army extends a sincere and warm welcome to Mr. Thorson in his new portfolio at Ottawa.

C.W.S.F. Drive Nets \$6,104,864

LAATEST results of the Canadian War Services Fund Campaign, held last March, show a total of \$6,104,864.83 actually collected in cash to date, it was reported at a meeting of the directors of the C.W.S.F. in Toronto recently. The amount reported subscribed shortly after the campaign closed was \$6,867,033.

The following table shows the breakdown of the cash receipt total mentioned above, which is as of Sept. 5, 1941. The first percentage figure represents the percentage of cash collected of the amount subscribed, and the second the percentage of the amount subscribed used in campaign expenses.

Quebec	\$1,396,731.92	92.5%	4 %
Manitoba	355,521.28	90	3.9
Saskatchewan	359,472.31	89.3	3.4
Ontario (Exclusive of Toronto)	1,510,719.44	88.8	4.25
Toronto	1,045,479.63	92.5	4.17
Alberta	310,369.42	87.4	4.21
Nova Scotia	333,704.07	85.6	4.107
New Brunswick	209,146.54	85.4	4.4
British Columbia	503,238.03	82.5	4.6
Prince Edward Island	36,125.33	51.1	4.5
Yukon and National Office	39,340.86		
	<u>\$6,104,864.83</u>		

General William Booth, the Founder of The Salvation Army, was given the honorary degree of D.C.L. at Oxford University in 1907—five years before his death.

Challenges Met Anew by "Army"

By "CANADIAN"

(Written in England)

THOSE who have paused to consider the part being played by The Salvation Army in the emergency conditions which exist in so many areas of Great Britain would be surprised at the scope of the Organization's efforts.

The movement born in the leisurely days of horse-cabs, and designed for the arts of peace, possesses the virility and power of adaptation which have been displayed in recent months to help meet conditions unprecedented in the history of the country.

The months of intensified air attack on Britain reaffirmed the capacity of The Salvation Army to act in an emergency. The news of the intensive bombing of Coventry reached surrounding districts, and within fifteen minutes four mobile canteens, manned by Salvationist workers, were racing through the darkness and danger to take gallons of hot tea and trays of food to A.R.P. workers, firemen, and the tragic homeless. First on the scene, these canteens penetrated to places in the city which later canteens could not reach, because of damaged roads, and within a few hours they had distributed free over £400 worth of food and hot drinks.

The same readiness to grapple with the need of the moment has been manifested scores of times in London. While firemen spent hours fighting the fires which raged after the intensive bombings of last fall and spring, mobile canteens from a number of Salvation Army emergency centres supplied them with food and drinks. Many a man who had thought of Salvationists as a rather peculiar people who

conducted meetings at street corners viewed them differently when he saw their cheerful service given in such exhausting and dangerous hours.

It would be impossible to give details of the emergency work, but it has covered such varied matters as the provision of leaders and escorts for the Children's Overseas Evacuation Scheme; the serving of refreshments in large public shelters, including one used by 8,000 people per night, communal kitchens, the organization of reception centres for evacuees, supplying of clothing to air-raid victims, setting up homes for old people evacuated from London, first-aid posts at public shelters, and the constant work of mobile canteens where these are most needed.

The evangelistic effort of the movement were similarly adapted to meet the new conditions, and in scores of shelters, Sunday schools, evening prayers or a religious service conducted by The Salvation Army became a feature of "shelter life."

Promotions

BY cable this month came news of the promotion of four of our Territorial Headquarters Officers, and the Divisional Commander for the London-Windsor area. They are: Lieut.-Colonel J. Tyndall, Financial Secretary, to Colonel; Brigadier William Dray, Salvation Army War Service Secretary; Brigadier Wallace Bunton, Prison Secretary; Brigadier H. G. Carter, Printing and Publishing Department Secretary; and Brigadier F. Riches, Divisional Commander, London - Windsor Division, all to Lieut.-Colonels. We say to these five gentlemen, on behalf of the good friends and supporters of The Salvation Army, "Heartiest congratulations!"

Blitz Records Replacing Old

"CUT the adjectives; tell the story!" And so professional newspapermen after years of training in factual reporting learn to get to the pith and substance of "the story," and tell it in simple words, minus trimmings. This class of newspaperman works hard and gets no by-line. He works for a living. . .

The following paragraphs from the pen of such a reporter in England are worth reprinting:

London.—Records of The Salvation Army dating back 75 years with original writings by General William Booth, its Founder, were destroyed when The Army's Headquarters were burned out in an air raid on London.

But The Salvation Army carries on.

The Army lassies of to-day must often scrap the poke bonnet for a steel helmet. They are setting up a record of service that no blitz will wipe out.

Captain Winifred Sexton, a former hospital nurse, has charge of a well-equipped first-aid post at Shepherd's Bush Station.

It was not so well equipped on that night in the early days of air raids, when about fifty casualties were brought in. No doctor was available, so Captain Sexton brought out her home-made first-aid box and treated the injured for hour after hour.

At Coventry, two of The Salvation Army's slum sisters had their house blown up. For weeks their only home was a cupboard under the stairs, and from that "slum post" they worked on.

When Southampton had its biggest fire blitz, another girl tried desperately to contact a

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Four New Canteens Donated to S.A.

FOUR new mobile canteens and a panel service truck, used to carry extra supplies for the mobile units, have been donated to The Salvation Army Canadian War Service since our June issue of The Red Shield Report went to press. This brings the total of donated canteens to eleven since the war started.

The Bank of Nova Scotia and staff has added to their gift of a fully-equipped mobile canteen a panel service truck to make a complete service unit from this generous group.

The Peacocks, originally of Stroud, Ontario, while enjoying a family reunion at Calgary this summer, decided to make a "family" donation in the form of a fully-equipped mobile canteen. Under the able leadership of Lieut.-Colonel M. B. Peacock, K.C., the funds were gathered. The effort was in the nature of a memorial to Dr. Parker Peacock, who gave his life in the Medical Corps in the last war. Incidentally, the donors are cousins of our Chief Secretary, Colonel George W. Peacock.

The W.C.T.U. of Ontario has donated the second of the four latest units, and the Boy Scouts of Montreal, working with The Salvation Army Men's Social Department, has purchased the third with the proceeds of their share of the National Salvage Drive.

The fourth comes from the Patriotic Salvage Corps of Winnipeg, the presentation having taken place at a meeting of our Advisory Board. Mr. A. E. Parker, chairman of the Patriotic Salvage Corps, made the presentation.

To all five donors we say "Thank you!"



—Photo by Karsh, Ottawa

Hon. Mr. Justice T. C. Davis, Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services, Ottawa, the department from which the Canadian War Services Fund derives its official powers and directions. Mr. Justice Davis offered campaign officers excellent co-operation during the 1941 drive. At the time of his appointment to Ottawa in July, 1940, Mr. Justice Davis was a Judge of the Court of Appeal in Saskatchewan.

Progress Notes

LIEUT.-COLONEL WILLIAM DRAY, secretary of the Red Shield Canadian War Services Department, gives us the following developments for this month:

Tracadie, N.B.—New building, approval given and work under-way. This will provide a full service, canteen, recreation, and auditorium seating approximately 500.

Valcartier, P.Q.—Work will start soon on a new extension to our Red Shield Hut at this camp. The addition will be an auditorium seating approximately 700.

Grand Falls, Nfld.—A large hostel, providing sleeping accommodation for 200 men, is nearing completion and will be opened this month.

Shelburne, N.S.—New building, a recreation and service club, as well as sleeping accommodation for fifty men at pres-

ent, will be opened at this strategic Atlantic centre this month.

Toronto.—At the request of the military authorities here, minimum time was lost in converting a portion of the Sherbourne Street Men's Hostel into sleeping quarters for men of the armed forces passing through the city while on duty. The first setup for 100 men has since been increased to provide for 130.

Mobile Canteens.—At the request of military authorities, units have gone into service at the Hamilton and London trade schools for the militia. Also, by request, one of our units will accompany a special motorized unit on a movement through Ontario.

Overseas.—June report: "June proved an ideal month for outside sport and The Salvation Army supervisors took full advantage of it . . . The demands for sporting materials have been met and every effort has been made to co-operate with those in authority to maintain the high standard of morale. . ."

Manion Studies Auxiliary Work

COLONEL R. J. MANION, M.C., who is certainly well qualified to report on the status of auxiliary services, passed through Toronto and the central Ontario region recently in the course of a survey of the various war service work and establishments. We understand Colonel Manion is making a complete survey of the auxiliary services and will make recommendations to the Department of National Defence.

The Salvation Army's work covers 97 countries and colonies of the world.



"Ack ack" gunners "somewhere in Britain" are given a snack from a Salvation Army mobile canteen. Tea, hot buns, sandwiches, and oddments carried by these mobile servants of the fighting forces are thus distributed to our boys stationed at isolated posts.

Boys Appreciate Huts in England

"DURING these troublous times, with many of the boys thousands of miles from home, I feel it incumbent upon me to utter a well-merited word of praise for the splendid work carried on by The Salvation Army Auxiliary Services in England.

"The Auxiliary Officer, S. McKinley, attached to my own unit, the Royal Canadian Engineers, works indefatigably to bring comforts and all forms of entertainment to the troops stationed in this vicinity, comforts which otherwise would be sadly lacking. He has installed a comfortable reading room furnished with a variety of current magazines and popular novels where many an idle hour may be pleasantly spent, with an adjacent games room equipped with darts, dominoes and a multitude of other pastimes, all being free to members of the Canadian forces.

"Three, and sometimes four times a week a motion picture entertainment is given in the local canteen and the standard of pictures shown compares very favorably with the better class movie theatre. Both British and American films are to be seen here projected upon a silver screen, and accompanied by an excellent sound system. A boon indeed for men stationed in the more inaccessible parts of the country.

"During training on the ranges and other military manoeuvres many a chilled member of the Canadian forces has been heartened by the welcome sight of The Salvation Army Mobile Canteen arriving laden with hot cocoa and tea, sandwiches, biscuits, and other forms of good cheer, made possible only by the efforts of the Auxiliary Officer and his assistants.

"Although an extremely busy man, the Auxiliary Officer always can find time to lend a sympathetic ear to any troubles a soldier may have, and to ex-

tend advice and help wherever possible.

"Space does not permit full justice to be done to the work of this great Organization but suffice it to say that mothers, wives and sweethearts can rest assured that the lot of their boys overseas is immeasurably lightened by the unceasing, untiring and unselfish efforts of The Salvation Army Auxiliary Services. May they always be with us.

"A Sapper."

(Written from "Somewhere in England").

Blitz Records

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mobile canteen. Failing, she borrowed a tea urn and trundled it on a perambulator through the streets to the buildings where A.F.S. men were in action.

Labor bureaux of The Salvation Army throughout the world in 1938 received 163,889 applications for work, and placed 110,009 of these.