

ROLL CALL FOR INVASION—NO. 3.

Mobile Hospitals Prepared To Give the Best of CareBy TOM WOLF
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LONDON, April 26.—The U. S. army medical corps is ready, when invasion begins, to give the sick and wounded the best medical care in the world. It's easy for a civilian to forget the medics until the battles start. But the army doesn't forget this vital service, and battles don't begin until it is ready.

The medical corps in the European theater of operations began

before the hospital program could get into full swing, the medics had to know the plans of the pending operation in detail. How many casualities must they prepare for? How many sick and non-battle injured? What types of sick ness?

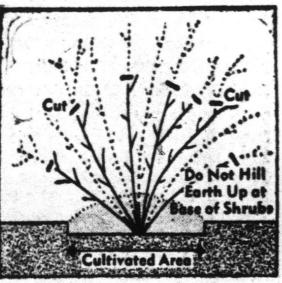
The number of hospital beds required depends not only on the number of patients admitted, but on the length of time each stays in the hospital. Injuries from small arms require a shorter period of hospitalization than do wounds from shells. There is a higher percentage of head wounds in trench warfare than in warfare of maneuver.

Service at Front

These are a few of the factors the medical corps has had to reckon with in preparing its hospitals for the coming invasion. Hospitals had to be found, or built, to provide tens of thousands of beds. The British provided them—either turned over existing hospitals or built new ones for us—on reverse lend-lease. Then there was the question of supply. A general hospital in the

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YOUR VICTORY GARDEN—

Plant Shrubs and Hedges For Maximum of Sunlight

To lighten shrub growth, cut out branches (shown dotted); lower height of shrub by cutting tips.

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When shrubs are properly placed with adequate room for their full growth, little trimming will be required, except to remove dead wood. However, if a shrub needs to be reduced in size because of a window or lack of space, the long branches and canes are removed at the point where they are attached to a large branch, or where they emerge from the ground. Do not clip with hedge shears, but use a sharp pair of pruning shears.

Shrubs depend on adequate food for healthy, normal growth. When planted to stay type soil, fertilizing needs to be done less often. An application of two or three pounds per shrub of any good fertilizer once every two years should be adequate. In any case, the amount of fertilizer applied should be governed by the health of the plant. Where plants are located on sandy soil, more frequent fertilization will be necessary since much of the plant food will be leached away. Shrubs in light soils will be greatly benefited by cultivating two or three inches of barnyard manure, sewage sludge or peat moss around their roots.

Shrubs must be kept cultivated especially during the first two or

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WARTIME LIVING—

Luxury Items Still Held In Check by Price CeilingsBy ANN STEVICK
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WASHINGTON, April 26.—"Let 'em eat cake and pay for it" won't do as a wartime price policy, says Rep. Thomas Scanlon of Pennsylvania, head of a crusading committee to save price control. Mr. Scanlon insists that removal of price control on luxuries for cake-eaters sounds good, but actually threatens all price control. OPA experts agree. Nothing is exempt from price control because it is a luxury. Fabulous fur coats are exempt because there are too few of them to count. A list of troub-ble-some trivia including button hooks and artificial butter fly wings were exempt some time ago.

Outside of minor matters, the trend is to limit luxury prices. New price control is coming on handbags which have splurged into the luxury class. The order is designed to extend price control straight through to the manufacturer and inflate handbags. Prices on imported goods have been nipped, too.

OPA is going ahead under difficulty with price orders on luxury fruits. Announced strawberry prices are reported to be in controversy. Melon ceilings are promised soon. Mr. Scanlon says prices on frivolous foods must

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Sgt. McCullough Dares Japs In Tiny Plane to Save Yanks**Civil Affairs Division to Have Active Role With Occupation Forces.**By HELEN KIRKPATRICK
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LONDON, April 26.—A remodeled civil affairs division of AMG (allied military government) stands ready today to accompany the allied armies in their march on Europe. Perfected into a full-fledged administrative organization and tailored to the expected needs of western Europe and Germany, civil affairs will be a vital adjunct to the forces of occupation.

Whatever criticisms may have been offered of AMG's policies as pursued in Sicily and Italy, the original skepticism of old-line army men has been completely overcome as a result of its accomplishments there.

Military Aid Recognized

The field commanders know that a tremendous burden has been lifted from combat units by the work of civil affairs officers in dealing with civil populations in the conquered areas. As a result civil affairs detachments will be attached to the regular army units to be dropped off at each town and city as allied forces advance on the western front. "Civil Affairs" has a new chief, Canadian-born Arthur Edward Grasset, formerly in charge of the northern command of Britain and a major general in the British army (succeeding Lord Francis James Rennell of Rodd); and a new program, evolved through a series of trials and errors since AMG's inception last July.

Improvements Made

Roughly, the major differences in the programs as it now stands from that originally envisaged, are as follows:

1 The problems ahead are quite different from those presented in Sicily and Italy since the allies in the coming campaign will require CA officers in both the Nazi-occupied countries of western Europe and in Germany itself.

Consistent with assurances given the allied governments-in-exile and that made to the French by Cordell Hull in his April 9 broadcast, no plans are being made for the administration of France, Belgium, Holland and Norway. CA officers will serve as liaison between Commander-in-Chief Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and French, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian officers in their respective countries.

Inner Group Formed

2 A civil affairs division has been organized within the army. It has all the attributes of a regular division with its own transportation, communications and supplies. Its jeeps, command cars and trucks represent an assembly of which many combat units could be jealous. Its enlisted men and officers will be paid, fed and provided with mail through division headquarters set up at some central point in the same way as an army division is handled. Food, clothing, drugs and materials needed for the civilian population will be provided through the services of supply.

This will obviate difficulties encountered in Sicily and Italy where AMG officers went into towns and villages as individuals or pairs dependent on American or British divisions in their vicinity for transportation, communications and supplies. As a result of transportation shortages they were often greatly hampered in their work.

3 Training is being received by hundreds of American and British officers at three centers here. It differs in many respects from that being given at the school of military administration (University of Virginia, Charlottesville) and other institutions in the United States, as well as two training schools established last summer in North Africa for Sicily and Italy.

Practical Training

More than nine months of practical experience has enabled the CA staff under American Brig. Gen. Frank J. McSherry to give practical training in civil administration, with the help of men from Italy and Sicily.

At the head of the program is Col. Hardy C. Dillard, former head of AMG's school at Charlottesville, a West Point graduate and former professor of law at the U. of Va.

4 AMG schools previously laid little emphasis on languages on the assumption that the men of the older age brackets chosen for these jobs could not master new languages in the short time available. Dillard was chiefly instrumental in introducing language classes at Charlottesville. At the largest CA school here—at one of the British army's newest and finest posts—there are 94 language classes a week. French, German and Russian are taught.

5 Innovations have been introduced in the military and physical training program for CA officers. This new physical training will serve to weed out those who would not be able to stand the pace in the field.

In Sicily and Italy it was found that the physical strain involved was great. Today a tour of certain English country lanes reveals lines of men whose average age is near 40 marching with full packs. Prominent bankers and lawyers are dropping weight fast.

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MISSIONS TALK LISTED
Mrs. F. B. Stickney will speak on "Echoes from Missions" to the missionary society of the Garfield Park Baptist church tomorrow in the church auditorium.

CARD PARTY TOMORROW
Indiana Old Age Pension group 3 will sponsor a card party at 8 p. m. tomorrow in McKinley clubhouse.

SCHRICKER TO SPEAK
Governor Schricker will be commencement speaker at Wittenberg college, Springfield, O., Monday as the institution holds exercises for the 50th year.

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