

ROLL CALL FOR INVASION—NO. 3

Mobile Hospitals Prepared
To Give the Best of Care

By 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 medical units 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 building hospitals for the second front just as soon as America entered the war.



Tom Wolf

Before the hospital program could get into full swing, the medical corps had to know the plans of the pending operation in detail. How many casualties must they prepare for? How many sick and non-battle injured? What types of sickness?

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

United Kingdom is the size of the biggest hospitals in the biggest American cities. Its equipment is the most modern and complete in the world.

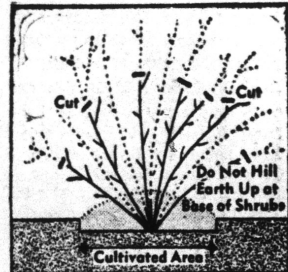
But the hospital program in the United Kingdom, gigantic as it has been, is only one aspect of the medical corps' problem. There's the even more immense problem of medicine in the field. Battlefield medicine starts at the battalion aid station—the forward-most medical unit, literally on the edge of the field—where wounded can be given plasma immediately. Next comes the collecting company; more thorough treatment of wounds; more plasma; ambulances. A collecting company's equipment, including vehicles, weighs over 65 tons.

Back of the collecting company is the clearing company, where the wounded are sorted—the critical going to field hospitals nearby; the less critical to evacuation hospitals further back. The collecting company can perform emergency operations if necessary. There's one collecting company for every division. Its equipment weighs nearly 75 tons.

The field hospital's equipment, less vehicles, weighs nearly 25 tons. It takes 19 two-and-a-half-ton trucks to move it from place to place. Still larger are evacuation and general hospitals. Each of these hospitals not only must be staffed and equipped, but mobile. The secret of successful army medicine is the bringing of the doctor to the patient.

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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.

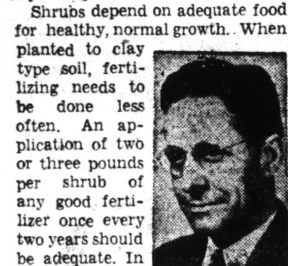


Properly trimmed hedge is narrower at top than bottom, so sunlight can reach lower branches.

By HENRY L. FREE

Times Special Writer

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.



Mr. Free

Shrubs depend on adequate food for healthy, normal growth. When planted to clay-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 peatmoss around their roots.

Shrubs must be kept cultivated especially during the first two or

three years after they are planted. During this time, they can easily be killed by competing weeds and grass. Cultivation of shrubs should only be an inch or two deep.

Hedges are best sheared so that their sides slope toward the top. This contour of the hedge allows the sunlight to reach all branch tips from top to bottom. When hedges are sheared with vertical sides, the lower branches are shaded in summer, which results in loss of foliage near the ground. Many hedge plants, such as mountain currant and barberry, provide a more attractive barrier when not sheared. An unsheared barrier is more economical to maintain, and is less apt to be broken by cross traffic. Often hedges are planted as screens. In these cases, they should be allowed to grow unsheared and varieties such as Amur River Privet, Five-leaf Avelia, Hawthorn and Buckthorn should be chosen.

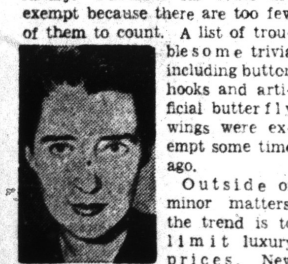
WARTIME LIVING—

Luxury Items Still Held
In Check by Price Ceilings

By ANN STEVICK

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WASHINGTON, April 26.—"Let 'em eat cake and pay for it!" won't do as a war-time 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. Richey, Scottsburg, were killed luxury. Fabulous fur coats are exempt because there are too few of them to count. A list of trivia



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includes some trivia including button hooks and artificial butterfly wings were exempt some time ago. Outside of minor matters, the trend is to limit luxury prices. New price control is coming.

handbags which have splurged into the luxury class. The order is designed to extend price control straight through to the manufacturer and deflate handbag prices. 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

be held. Otherwise the farmer who has been persuaded to grow essential crops under price ceilings will look over the fence and find his neighbor making a lot of money on non-essential crops.

Odds and Ends

Lawn clippings and carrot tops will do for rabbit feed, if you want to start a back-yard project. The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior is giving rabbit-raising courses in some 30 states. They estimate that three times as many domestic rabbits will be grown this year as in the year before the war. . . . Don't expect a lot of floor and furniture varnishes. Although shellac supplies are up, there is still not enough alcohol to make much varnish for civilians.

SCHRICKER TO SPEAK

Governor Schricker will be commencement speaker at Wittenberg college, Springfield, O., Monday as the institution holds exercises for the 40th year.

EUROPEAN AID
PLANS REVISEDCivil Affairs Division to
Have Active Role With
Occupation Forces.

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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 our 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 what 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 program 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 government (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.

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.

Sgt. McCullough Dares Japs
In Tiny Plane to Save Yanks

Censorship covering the daring in India and Burma for 14 months while others are part of Col. Philip Cochran's Air Commandos. They fly 65-horsepower Piper Cubs, 185-horsepower Stinsons and a few obsolete Vultee observation planes.

16TH WARD G. O. P.
WILL MEET FRIDAY

The 16th Ward Republican club will meet at 7:45 p. m. Friday in McLain's hall.

Officers are Omar Layton, president; Mrs. Letha Lovinger, vice president; and Mrs. E. W. Curtis, secretary-treasurer.

All candidates present will be introduced.

MOESCH TO GIVE TALK

H. W. Moesch Jr., field representative for the state department of conservation, will give an illustrated lecture at 2 p. m. Monday before the Association of Retired Railway Employees.

WARREN CENTRAL
GROUP INDUCTS

The Warren Central high school chapter of the National Junior Honor society has inducted 22 members.

The 14 freshmen and eight sophomores include:

Misses Alice Amos, Jackie Bernhart, Ann Good, Betty Hamaker, Jane Herold, Georgianna Hyatt, Nell Marie Kinsel, Mabel Ping, Peggy Spriggs, Mary Winslow, Gladys Witte, Jane Bush, Patricia Lons, Virginia Bremer, Patricia Harold and Kuper, Eugene Reeves, Kenneth Tushorn, and James Updike.

The service was planned by R. P. Spurger, sponsor, and Paul Rejko, president.

Miss Eileen Dora was elected president of the newly organized girls' athletic association with Miss Bash, vice president; Miss Bremmer, secretary, and Miss Edith Lou Amos, treasurer. Miss Ruth Shimer is the director.

The Warren Central annual senior for Ivy day ceremony recently held at the school was dedicated to the alumni serving in the armed forces and the dedication speech was given by Miss Esther Connard.

RATIONING DATES

MEAT—Red stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, F8, G8, H8, J8, K8, L8, M8, N8, P8 and Q8 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, F8, G8, H8, J8, K8 and K8 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

SUGAR—Stamps 30 and 31 in Book 4 are good indefinitely for 5 pounds of canned sugar. Applicants applying for canned sugar should send in spare stamp 37, attached to their application, not sugar stamp 37.

SHOES—Stamp 18 in Book 1 expires Sunday. No. 1 "airplane" stamp in Book 3 good indefinitely. Stamp No. 2 in Book 3 becomes valid May 1.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-11 is good for 3 gallons through June 21; B2, C2, B3 and C3 good for 5 gallons until further notice; T. good for 5 gallons; E1 good for 1 gallon; R1 good for 5 gallons only at bulk stations. A, B, C, D and T coupons are not valid until they have been indorsed in ink or pencil with

automobile registration number and state. Motorists need write only 1944 numbers on book and coupons.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons valid through Sept. 30. All changemaking coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Consumers should have used not more than 97 per cent of their ration as of April 15.

TIRES—Inspection on passenger automobiles discontinued. Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months at every 5000 miles, which ever is first. Inspection certificates still will be a requisite in obtaining replacement tires.

ALTAR SOCIETY SETS EVENT

The April committee of the Little Flower Altar society will sponsor a card party at 8 p. m. Friday in the Little Flower auditorium. Mrs. Fred Daley is chairlady.

GROTTO GROUP TO MEET

The hospitality committee of the Sahara Grotto auxiliary will meet for luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Mary Herrick, 851 N. Gray st.

LEG ART, 1944

Quinlan Mist of Dawn Leg Make-up, 1.00*

Tussy Show-Off, 50c*

Milkmaid Leg Make-up, 1.50*

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