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In the early years of the twelfth century, there arose a military order whose members came to be known as the Knights of St. John or of the Hospital. The Order arose in consequence of the obvious need of caring for the sick and infirm pilgrims who had journeyed to Jerusalem to visit the Holy Sepulchre. The movement was begun by certain Italian merchants who were desirous of helping the hordes of wayfarers who were yearly visiting the holy places in Palestine. Hospitals were established where the sick could be cared for. When the second crusade was inaugurated and the Holy Land became once again the scene of renewed conflicts with the Saracen hordes, those engaged in this charitable work were organized into a military order, being required to take the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, promising to devote their lives to the service of the poor and the sick. Upon assumption of the vow, each Hospitaler (as the knight came to be called) had a black robe put upon him by the patriarch of Jerusalem, upon which robe a white cross was in evidence upon the breast. The Hospitalers served with distinction on the field of battle during the crusades and, perhaps because of their deeds of charity and freedom from the intrigues and the wickedness of their more numerous and prosperous colleagues, the Knights of the Temple, they survived the trying times of the Middle Ages. Indeed, remnants of the order still exist as an honorary title in some of the countries of Europe.

The Knights of the Hospital probably represent the first organized attempt to care for sick and wounded in time of war and therefore are in reality the fore-runners of the medical corps of modern armies. The establishment by this order of military hospitals makes them the progenitors of that particular group of medical

military men who man the base hospitals. It therefore seems fitting that this name, THE HOSPITALERS, should be chosen for this newly born organ of the 47th General Hospital. More than this, the motto DEO ET HUMANITAS which has been chosen for this unit, is in keeping with the aims and purposes of an organization such as ours.

Whether or not the 47th General Hospital is the first unit of this kind to undertake the publication of its own journal is of little importance. It is more vital to the interests, not only of the organization itself, but of the Medical Corps of which it is an integral part, that each officer assigned to this Hospital get some conception of the steadfastness of purpose and earnest zeal which characterized the first Hospitalers eight hundred years ago. The success of the 47th General Hospital will be directly proportional to the degree of interest and activity of its personnel. Let every officer honored with assignment to this unit express his interest in it by regularly attending its exercises, by assisting in its training program and by practicing that brand of professional medicine or dentistry which will be an honor to his calling, his school and the Medical Corps of the United States Army

NEXT UNIT MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1937, 7:30 P.M., Evans Hall, Dispensary Building, Corner Michigan and Boyle Avenues, Los Angeles. If you can come at 7:00 P.M. join us in close order drill. SUBJECT: MOBILIZATION DUTIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE 47th GENERAL HOSPITAL. We are in hopes that Major Carleton Allen will be the speaker of the evening. HOW ABOUT YOU OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENT AT OUR UNIT MEETINGS TO DATE?

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BOOK REVIEW

MEDICAL MILITARY TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS. An Experiment Conducted by Medical Reserve Officers Attached to the 47th General Hospital. By Cyril B. Courville, Major Medical Corps Reserve, Commandant Medical Cadet Corps. Cloth. Price, \$1.25. Pp. 118, with illustrations. Arlington, California: Collegiate Press, 1937.

This little book was written on the basis of the experience of officers attached to the 47th General Hospital this past year in training a group of some sixty civilian volunteers. The chapter headings are: History of the Medical Cadet Corps (by Lieut. Herbert G. Childs, Jr.), estimate of the situation, training program and training schedules, courses of instruction, the day's exercise, headquarters and summary and conclusions. This report gives a brief account of a training program conducted for civilians as adapted from the regular program of training for the Army Medical Corps. Since the first duty of any medical officer in event of mobilization is the training of medical personnel, this treatise should be of interest to every medical officer. Certainly every officer in the 47th General Hospital should secure a copy in order to find out what is going on in his own unit. It may also be of interest to know that a second Corps of Cadets is being trained this year. About one hundred cadets are enrolled. Among other things a sixteen piece band is being trained.

Copies of the book may be purchased at the Hospital Supply Company at the White Memorial Hospital or the book will be sent postpaid on order to the Pacific Union Conference, P.O. Box 146, Glendale, California or to the Collegiate Press, Arlington, California.

SCHEDULE OF COMING MEETINGS

47th GENERAL HOSPITAL

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- Dec. 8 (a) Mobilization of a General Hospital, Duties of Each Officer on M- Day.
 - Jan. 12 (a) A General Hospital Adapted to a Civilian Building (Hotel).
(b) Mess.
 - Feb. 9 (a) Patients Records in a General Hospital.
 - 1. Type of Records
 - 2. How Kept
 - 3. How Forwarded(b) Sick Call and Its Records
 - Mar. 9 (a) Supply Procurement, Care and Records.
Expendable and Non-expendable.
(b) Training Film "Defense Against Chemical Warfare."
 - Apr. 13 (a) Training Program of a General Hospital.
(b) Medical Cadet Corps Activities--Report with Motion Pictures.
(c) Training Film, No. 71, "The Medical Service with Infantry in Combat."
 - May 11 (a) Medical Service in a General Hospital Including X-ray and Laboratory Services.
(b) Surgical Service in a General Hospital.

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It's not too late to order the hospital crests which are now being accepted by the War Department. The price: 50 cents (with post and screw), 60 cents (pin and safety clasp) in the silver plate; one dollar, fifteen cents (with post and screw) and one dollar, twenty-five cents (pin and safety clasp) for sterling silver crests. The price stated is for each crest. You will need at least three of these insignia, one for the campaign hat (best get post and screw for this one) and two for the shoulder straps of the shirt and blouse (some prefer pin and safety clasp for these two). If you do not want to go to the trouble of changing pins from shirt to blouse and vice versa, get two more.

It is well for our officers to remember that it is a ruling of the War Department that all officers assigned to an organization **MUST** wear this special unit insignia when in uniform. You **MUST** have it if you expect to take training on an active duty basis this coming summer. Get your order in now and save yourself grief later.

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SERGEANT SAM SPOOFER SAYS --

"I suppose every outfit has got to have its 'dead timber' but you don't have to be it."

PERSONNEL 47TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

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LANCE AND BASIN

This Hospital has reason to be grateful for the assistance of a number of medical students who are loyally serving as cadet officers at Headquarters of the Medical Cadet Corps and who are carrying much of the routine work of this training organization. These men are working without remuneration and most of them have gone to the expense of purchasing a cadet uniform. Their patriotism and spirit are deserving of special mention and the Commanding Officer takes pleasure in expressing herewith his pleasure and gratitude to this group of men. It is his hope that some day they may have their reward, even though their names at present are inscribed on no official military roles. The men now serving with honor are as follows:

Cadet 1st Lieut.	C. Don Platner	Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Ralph Glass
Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Ed. Mitchell	Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Marshall Rockwell
Cadet 2nd Lieut.	William Evans	Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Mark Fowler
Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Donald LaTourette	Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Mortimer Haskell
Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Ralph Giddings	Cadet 2nd Lieut.	Delmer Brown

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The Commanding Officer of the Medical Cadet Corps wishes to express his personal appreciation as well as that of his staff for the cooperation of the managers of the White Memorial Hospital, Mr. G. H. Curtis and Mr. G. S. Luther, and President Percy T. Magan and Dean Walter E. Macpherson of the College of Medical Evangelists in furnishing the Corps with space for its Headquarters. This space has added greatly to the efficiency and esprit de corps of our organization. The spirit back of this courtesy demands special comment and it is with pleasure that we give recognition to it.

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May we remind all officers of the 47th General Hospital that this organization is responsible for the demonstration of Military Customs and Courtesies of the Service at the Los Angeles County Medical Building on Wilshire Boulevard at 7:30 P.M. on the evening of December the twentieth. We put on a pretty good program last year and want to do even better this year. Come in your uniform and give the rest of the medical officers an opportunity to see what our outfit looks like. This is one way that you can support this organization.

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The 47th General Hospital stands a pretty fair chance of training as a unit at the Letterman General Hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco this coming year. Is it necessary to remind you that your chances of securing this training will be directly proportional to the interest shown in the training program this current school year? This training program has been planned to help the officers know what their duties will be in event of mobilization as well as to prepare them for the active duty training this coming year. So, if it's active duty you are interested in, let's see you turn out to the meetings of the organization.

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As was emphasized in the first meeting of the year, we are going to keep a schedule of the correspondence courses completed by each officer in the organization. If you have not already turned in the list of courses completed to Lieutenant Childs, do so at this coming meeting. If you cannot be there (but be there) send in this data to Lieut. Childs on receipt of this notice.

THE HOSPITALERS hasten to congratulate Lieut. Col. S. A. Townsend, Cavalry, U. S. A., our highly esteemed Unit Instructor, on his recent promotion. The medical reserve officers in this community know that Col. Townsend deserves this honor. He couldn't be a better Unit Instructor for the medical units if he were a medico, and that's saying something. Our best wishes, Sir, for your future success. Hope the folks higher up won't take you away from us now that you have been promoted!

The Executive Officer would like to express the appreciation of the unit and himself to Colonel Albert E. McEvers, Commanding Officer of the 81st Evacuation Hospital, R.A.I., for his courtesy in speaking to our group on the training program of his unit at Letterman General this past year. He has given us an excellent idea of what to expect this coming summer and what we should do to get ready for it. Thank you, Colonel McEvers!

THE MEDICAL CADET CORPS

For a second year, the nonofficial program of medico-military training is being conducted by reserve officers assigned to the 47th General Hospital. The group of volunteer civilian trainees are collectively designated as the Medical Cadet Corps. This year one hundred and five men have signed up and are now undergoing active training every Sunday afternoon at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. These men are giving their own time to this training and have purchased their own uniforms, showing their desire to fit themselves adequately for medical service in event of national crisis.

The training program is divided into three types of training: (1) didactic talks on military and medical subjects, (2) stretcher, splint and bandaging drills which require practice to attain proficiency and (3) close order drill.

A sixteen piece band is under the direction of Lieutenant Thomas Wright, Dent-Res., who was former band master of the 160th Infantry, local National Guard Unit.

All officers assigned to the 47th General Hospital are welcome to visit our Corps on Sunday afternoon and, if their time permits, to assist us in the training program.