

INVALUABLE HELP GIVEN BY WOMEN OF EASTERN STAR

Provide Clothing, General
Supplies and Mobile
Canteens

SPLENDID RECORD

Working quietly behind the war scenes to join in the invaluable work of the women of democracy, the Eastern Star Patriotic association has compiled an impressive record of service, and district No. 6, which includes Hamilton, Smithville, Grimsby, Dundas, Hagersville, Caledonia and Burlington, and comprises 20 separate chapters, has reason to be proud of splendid accomplishment.

With Mrs. Blanche Thomson, of this city, as general convener for the district, this organization has engaged steadily since the outbreak of the war in the manufacture of clothing of all kinds, for use in the bombed areas of Britain, and some 3,500 hours have been spent to date this year in the Rotary Ann rooms, where sewing and the preparation of shipments destined for overseas and elsewhere proceed continuously.

Send Two Ambulances

Of 11 mobile canteens sent overseas by the Grand chapter, the Hamilton and district groups have furnished one. Of seven ambulances sent from the province, the local group has provided two. In addition, some \$1,750 has been donated to the Lord Mayor's fund, and the sum of \$235 has gone to the Civil Defence Workers' fund. Books have been donated in large numbers to the Army Trades school here, and the Eastern Star organization has a constantly growing work on its hands in providing boxes to sailors, soldiers and airmen and to civilians, with kits and equipment of all kinds being supplied.

Aid to Hospital

One of the generous services rendered by this organization is apparent at the new Hamilton Military Hospital, where nurses' and doctors' quarters have been brightened considerably by furnishings provided by the Eastern Star, and in addition to the more prominent types of war and general service work undertaken daily, there are many lines of endeavour, seldom mentioned, that come under the general heading of service to humanity.

It is interesting to note that this organization, with some 23,000 members in Ontario, carries on entirely through its own efforts, using various means to raise the needed money, so that all credit for the grand work being accomplished is due solely to the members and their generous impulses.

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