

# AMERICAN WOUNDED ARRIVING IN LONDON

## Comfortable Ambulances Take Them with British Tommies to Hospitals in Various Districts.

LONDON, July 13.—American wounded are now arriving in London in considerable numbers from the sections of France where the Americans are brigaded with the British. They reach the various main line stations on British hospital trains, together with the hundreds of British wounded with which the trains are laden.

At each station a long line of British ambulances is waiting and they take away the men in rotation as they are detrained. The Americans take their turn with the rest and are transported to whatever London hospitals their particular ambulance happens to represent. The automobile ambulances used in London are of the latest type and usually accommodate four men.

Cigarettes are often given the soldiers as they detrain, and they are permitted to smoke as they lie on the ambulance stretcher for a pleasant ride of from one to four miles from the railway station to the hospital.

Most hospital trains arrive in London in the evening and the ambulances with their brilliant headlights and roomy electric-lighted interiors are a familiar sight in the London streets at night. The person afoot catches a glimpse of the patients through the open rear of the ambulance, and in the last few evenings it has been often possible to see American soldiers lying at the side of English, Australian, and Canadian Tommies, all cheerfully smoking cigarettes.

As soon as the American patients reach the hospital their arrival is reported to the American Army Medical Service and to the American Red Cross.

It is expected that as soon as the American authorities take over the two London hospitals which the American Red Cross recently announced were to be used exclusively for American wounded, most of these men will be transferred from the hospitals they are in at present to a hospital which has a staff of American doctors and nurses. Two new American hospitals in the London suburbs will be taken over within a fortnight.

The American soldiers already are receiving the best of care and are being visited by American women members of a committee formed to look after them, as soon as the hospital authorities give their permission.

Most of the American cases arriving in London are classified as serious. About one-fourth of the men received their wounds while in the fighting line, the remainder being accidents or sick cases. In the latter category are a considerable number of men who have pneumonia or appendicitis.