



# HOSPITAL VISITS

The Salvation Army visited wounded soldiers in hospital. They often left them gifts such as chocolate, toiletries or writing paper. Volunteers may also have given them a Bible and offered to pray with them. They wanted to bring a little bit of happiness to these soldiers who were in a bad way and help them recover.

Some Salvationists would try and visit as many as 400 beds per visit - giving gifts and helping soldiers write letters home.

On one visit a female Salvationist sang 'There is sunshine in my soul today'. One soldier wrote in his letter to his mother: 'You will be surprised to hear that I am in the hospital but I am getting well quickly and am having a good time. But best of all, some Salvation Army people came and sang and talked about sunshine, and while they were talking the sunshine came in through my window - not into my room alone, but into my heart and life as well, where it is going to stay. I know how happy this will make you.'

One mother, whose son was returning home, wrote: 'I can hardly find words to express my feeling towards you and your Army for the visits paid to my son, and the comforting words in your letter to me. I do thank you, and may you live long to minister to many a mother's son, for it makes things much easier for us all here when we think our heroes in France are receiving kindness and comfort from such God-fearing people.'

