

100 Infants Sick Daily During Scythia Voyage

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Halifax, March 1 (CP).—The "stork" transport, Scythia, docked here today in spring-like weather with another contingent of Canadian war brides and their children in a movement which will see approximately 3,000 dependents of Canadian overseas veterans arrive in Canada over the week-end. Aboard the big ship, which was battered by heavy seas on the Atlantic crossing, were more than 800 new Canadians.

Sea-sickness plagued the passengers, and the busiest man on the ship was Capt. F. J. Hogg, an army doctor from Montreal, who stated more than 100 children required hospital treatment every day. So rough were the seas that many of the babies' milk bottles were broken, but army ingenuity soon straightened the situation out in a novel way. A search of the ship was made and empty beer bottles were found, sterilized and quickly rushed to hungry mouths. Doctors and nurses chuckled at the sight of rows of babies feeding away on the milk-filled beer bottles.

Purse for Ill Passenger

The Scythia sailed from Liverpool Feb. 19, but after a day at sea engine trouble developed and she was forced to enter Belfast harbor for repairs. After a 24-hour delay she finally got under way, but misfortune struck again when Mrs. A. C. Wills, wife of Spr. A. C. Wills of Doe River, B.C., was stricken and had to be taken off the ship. As heavy seas lashed the vessel, Mrs. Wills was lowered with difficulty into a waiting tender and rushed to land and hospital.

"It was the saddest sight I have ever seen," said one war bride. "She had waited so long for this opportunity of joining her husband."

So affected were the women aboard the ship they immediately passed a purse among the passengers, and as a result more than \$500 was raised for Mrs. Wills.

The first war bride to land in Canada from Holland was aboard the Scythia. She was Mrs. Bertha

Allan, wife of former army Capt. K. V. Allan, a Toronto dentist. A pretty blonde, speaking fluent English, the native of Dordrecht, Holland, was anxiously awaiting reunion with her husband.

"All I ask in Canada is to enjoy the liberty that Canadians find so commonplace," stated Mrs. G. A. Evoy, the first Belgian war bride to enter the Dominion. Mrs. Evoy is on her way to join her husband, Capt. G. A. Evoy of Winnipeg.

Asked if she would go on a shopping splurge in Canadian stores, the Belgian bride said: "No, you see rations in Belgium are not scarce and certainly are far ahead of those the English people receive. I was greatly surprised to find food such a difficult proposition in England."

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