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Dear Bro Gaeddert:

It would like to write you a general letter of information concerning some of the conditions existing in our unit #66.

I believe these are the sentiments, feelings and observations of a goodly number of the Unit men.

That the purpose of our being here has achieved a high degree of success and that administrative officials are glad of the results. Their response to this has been that of neglecting to maintain adequate help to maintain even safe and sensible care and protection even of employees.

No one individual should be allowed to care for several hundred semi-violent patients through the long hours of the night. We fellows want to do our part but we feel that duty requires our best only under conditions favorable of success. Hospital authorities know we are capable of this service and instead of respecting common sense your on greater responsibilities.



The fact if our churches are interested in this program as we who are actively participating they would send a man of seniority and shrewd business judgement to be one of us and advise actively in this place of work. We need someone to represent us who has authority rather than one who merely passes things by in an uninterested manner. We need unity and our unit has little or none at all. We are helpless.

We work 12 hrs a day and serve gladly but when the hospital takes advantage of our status by riding us for more work. We as a unit want to know how much time selective service requires of us.

The boys know we are at fault and wish to correct if possible but we have no one to rally around.

To you of the Mennonite Central Committee, we solicit your attention to these problems. This is no a complaint. It is a true statement of facts. It is the thoughts of those who are interested in a successful program. Asking for consideration,  
Thanking you in advance

A brother in Christian Faith  
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