

My Experiences at C.P.S. #69.

After having made a tour of the wards the day after having arrived here I felt somewhat let down as my first impression after seeing the hospital was that it could be worse. Especially after having seen the ward I was to start working on the next morning I didn't feel too happy but felt somewhat encouraged ~~up~~ after finding out that there was another C.P.S. man on the same ward.

After arriving on the ward the next morning and listening to some of the stories the state employee on duty had to tell me I kept a close lookout to make sure nobody would

try to slip up on me from behind and kept glancing over my shoulder repeatedly every time I walked through the ward. After spending two days on the ward I began to feel a good deal better as I lost most of my fear of the patients by this time.

After spending ten days on this ward I was ~~as~~ sent to another ward. This made me feel a good deal better again as this ward was much cleaner and orderly than the first one and being a hospital ward it had more help and was more interesting to me as this was the type of work I was most interested in.

I also liked the attendants on this ward much better and respected them and the way they cared for their patients a good deal more.

Here I also came in contact with patients in much better mental conditions and was able to ~~to~~ carry on conversations with them which was very encouraging to me after my first experience.

I had ~~decided~~ decided before coming here that I would do whatever was possible for the patients and was determined to make good wherever I was placed and do what I could in the way of improving the conditions of the place. And after spend -

^{ing}stone year here I feel that I
have at least helped out
and accomplished a little
though it may not be
much. I at least feel it was
a good deal more than I
could have accomplished had
I remained in base camp.

Having been released after
three years and five months of
service in ^{this} hospital and several
base camps, I feel that the
experiences and my association
with other C. P. S. men as well
as other people who I came
in contact with during this
time will prove to be of great
value to me in the future. But
after all is said and done
I'm certainly glad it's over, (for
me at least) and am sure

I don't care to go through the whole thing again. I'm thoroughly happy to be able to write finis to my C.P.S. career and return home and live as an ordinary human being once more.

I thoroughly enjoyed being with the fellows and am glad I was able to go through this experience with them, though I would have done many things differently had I known in the beginning what I have learned since. It is my earnest desire to be able to see as many of the fellows at some future date as is possible. And I certainly hope as many of them that can will

look me up some time
in the future. I wish each
and every one lots of luck
and a release in the
near future.

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