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Halifax N.S., Dec 17, 1917,

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General Geo W L. Mason,  
Augusta, Maine.

My dear General:-

Just a line this evening  
we are located and doing business since  
yesterday noon, Col Bell gave us two days to  
get ready and we had accommodations for  
20 at noon and fifty at night; and today  
we have completed the house and are ready  
for 200 the capacity of the house. We have  
12 regular Nurses from Ontario and 3 V.A.D.'s  
from here also 4 orderlies from the Barracks  
have 8 bed patients and have treated something  
like 50 cases that have come in. Have a dressing  
Station (#5) in Charge of Mr Hill, the people in  
the neighborhood of the Station think he is a  
wonder. and other Mr's have been at the  
Various Hospitals especially Camp Hill. everything  
I have delivered and our Quilt and Blankets  
have the others here in the house and and giving  
out to social workers (old) for people who are  
destitute. I am not trying to take receipts for  
anything except in large lots as it would necessitate  
too much bookkeeping. we know these goods are  
being placed where they are doing good. Congestion  
is about the same as when you left. Hope  
it will be better soon. Everybody is well and busy.  
will write again in a day or two if you so desire.  
looks as though we would be here two to four weeks  
I'll stay until I find I am in the way and  
can't be of any more use. Yours W.C.H.