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Mostly in Halifax we were tending the TB ward that was down on Pier 2. And we had to look after them and feed them and bathe them and stuff like that. It was all in the training, you know. My unit was transferred from Citadel Hill up to Wellington Barracks up in the North End. There's where we were the morning of the Halifax Explosion. It was 6 minutes after 9 on December 6th, 1917. When we came down out of our rooms upstairs in the barracks, the fire department was just going by the big gate, and they turned down the next street, towards the harbour. That was the vicinity where the burning boat was coming down, you know, in the stream. Before they got down to the water, the explosion happened and they went over the bank, the firemen were killed. We had just fallen into parade, and the sergeant-major was going around inspecting our shoes and clothing--and away she went off, and there wasn't two of us standing. Before I lost my senses, I knew the next fellow to me went down, face down on the ground. When I came to, I had my hands up over my head, as if I was protecting my head--but I don't think I was ever on the ground. We were scattered. There weren't two or three of us alongside of each other. (You never actually heard the explosion.) No, no, no, no. There was all kinds of pieces of the ship around us. I never got even struck with a nut or a bolt or any? thing . We started to the street and found a man walking, with his arm swinging. And I saw one of our fellows lying down, and he had a broken leg. We then got to looking for a tent or something to carry him out to the street. We took him to the hospital and just dropped him. The windows were all out of the hospital, the windows were all out of the stores, nobody in them. The way we did during the day was, we'd drive along in the truck taking people to the hospital. We were taking them out of the married quarters--families of men who were over? seas. They were all wounded and all smashed up. We were digging them out and taking them to the hospitals, all over the place. And some of them were so badly wounded from glass and other things, we just had to carry the four ends of the mat? tress. Take them to the hospital and back for more. And the nex't day, we were taking glass out of their faces, and there was lots of crying and howling, as all medical supplies for killing pain were all used up. During the day there was a report came a- round to the public, announced over the air or something, for them all to get out on high ground, because they expected the military magazine to blow up. But it

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