

## Too Many Visitors Retard Patients Hospital Reports

The attending staff of the United Hospital has become increasingly concerned over the fact that patients are now being subjected to too many visitors and too long visits. The doctors are unanimous in their opinion that this condition is retarding the patient's progress.

It is apparent that there has been a misunderstanding of the recent liberalizing of the visiting hours—which should not be interpreted as meaning that the patients can have more visitors and longer visits for, actually the change was made for the sole purpose of reducing the number of visitors at any one time. While this has been accomplished, the evils of the multiple visitors and lengthy visits still persist.

Doctors know, from experience, that patients are usually tired by too much company and that, frequently, both visitors and patients are entirely unaware of this—patients urge the visits and may seem to enjoy them, only to feel tired and depressed after the visits are over.

Certain basic principles have been found to be sound, and are the basis of visiting rules in all hospitals, the length and breadth of the land. They are:

First: During the early days of any illness, and during or soon after an operation or child-birth (that is, until the patient is well on the road to recovery) visiting should be limited to the immediate family.

Second: No more than two visitors should ever be in the patient's room at one time; and

Finally: Except for special reasons, visits should be brief—a cheery word or two; a visit to keep the patient aware that everyone is behind him and doing everything needful for his recovery; a few words to assure him that all is well at home with the children and the dog—these are visits that will help the patient and will keep the Hospital the quiet, restful place it should be.

**College Swimming Captain**  
Allen Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eliot G. Hall of 48 Adelaide Street, a senior in the Health and Physical Education Division at the State Teachers College at Brockport, was co-captain of the college swimming team which has finished its season winning six out of eight meets.

## Brunton Radio Manager At California Air Base

(MATHER AFB, Calif.)—A/1c Tony Brunton, son of Mrs. Mortimer Bryans of Blind Brook Lodge, has been chosen as station manager of KVOM, the Mather Air Force Base radio station.

Brunton, a former program director of the Armed Forces Radio Service Station in Nome, Alaska, arrived at Mather to take charge of KVOM this week.

A former student at Stowe School, England, and a graduate of Rye High School in 1950, he joined the Air Force in December, 1950. Upon completion of basic training he was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, where he worked as a reporter and entertainment editor on the base newspaper, the Sheppard Senator.

He was assigned to the AFRS Station in Nome in January, 1953. Brunton was in Rye recently on leave before reporting to Mather for his present assignment.

## Rye Marine Lieutenants Complete Basic Training

QUANTICO, Va. (FHTNC) — Among the Marine second lieutenants completing the five-month officers' basic course at the Marine Corps School here were Robert L. Brown, Jr., of Griswold Road, and Dan W. Lufkin, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey F. Lufkin of Kirby Lane.

Brown attended Syracuse University, and Lufkin attended Hotchkiss School and Yale University. Brown has been assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and Lufkin to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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