

although he had already been accepted in a neurosurgery residence, Dr. Kerr decided to forgo it all and joined the Canadian army. Soon after, he was on the Volunteer "Q" list of 43 Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps officers on loan to the British, and on his way over to Europe.

A hand-drawn map and over 25 black and white photographs are used to enliven and enlighten us about Colonel Kerr's travels. The assignments and duties took him to North Africa and England where he trained. Afterwards, he participated in the invasions of Italy and Southern France and in the liberation of Greece. His final assignment prior to returning to Canada was in Palestine, where he was involved in the peace keeping.

During his stay in Europe, he managed to come in contact with several famous personages such as Evelyn Waugh, Ambassador John Winant and Daphne du Maurier. These meetings are always presented with modesty and Dr. Kerr's characteristic sense of understatement. He concludes Uis autobiographical sojourn with several brief vignettes of other Canloan medical officers.

There are many history books about World War II filled with statistics and analyses of various campaigns. This book has none of that. Rather, it reminded me of a grandfather talking to his grandchildren trying to highlight the more humane aspects of being a soldier.

Indeed, this is a book with a gentle spirit which should be read by any and all ages.

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The Cherry Beret

Colonel Ashton L. Kerr, MD. *The Cherry Béret: Distant recollections of World War II as remembered by one of the first Canloan officers.* published privately, 125 pages.

Dr. Kerr has written a light 125 page story of how he became a Canloan officer to the British Army, and thereafter what happened to him during the Second World War.

In 1941, on the day after finishing his internship, and