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FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Ida Peile has taken the place of Miss A. Barry, as supervisor at the Military Hospital, Caen. She writes hopefully, and, as usual, in high praise of the invalid French soldiers, who are

most grateful for gifts made specially for them in England. They greatly appreciate such attention.

The eight Sisters who have been working at Bergues, until by the decrease of the epidemic of typhoid their hospitals were emptied, and the town was bombarded, have, much to their sorrow, been moved to a hospital at Paris-Plage, Pas-de-Calais. It is in a very fine hotel, but they had got greatly attached to their Bergues hospitals, which had been improved so wonderfully by their hard work, and all the gifts of equipment sent from England.

The unit at Château Thierry have had an exciting time, a German aeroplane recently hovered over the station and dropped four bombs, one behind the hospital. One bomb went through the roof of a house in the town, and smashed all the windows in all the adjoining houses. Providentially no one was hurt. Sister Weir, a Queen's nurse who speaks French well, has had the honour

of conversing with the General on hospital affairs. This unit is working in a clearing hospital, having huge improvised wards either side of the railway line. They receive wounded from the trenches, the ambulance trains arriving usually three times a day, the patients being sent off to different hospitals after twenty-four to forty-eight hours' rest. The three Scottish nurses of which the unit is composed are doing exceedingly good work in a very sensible spirit under somewhat difficult circumstances.

The good work of the French Flag Nursing Corps, through the medium of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, is becoming known beyond seas. During the past week



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