

Dardanelles. It is work in which more general experience can be gained in a fortnight than in any average year elsewhere."

The War Office has acquired the workhouse and infirmary buildings of the Mile End Board of Guardians in Bancroft Road, which are to be converted into a military hospital forthwith. Negotiations have been completed for the transfer of the inmates to other poor-law institutions in the East End. In all, accommodation will be provided for about 1,500 wounded soldiers.

The Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute of the United Kingdom are presenting to the Queen the famous Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, for the purpose of a hospital for paralysed and permanently disabled soldiers. It is anticipated that the building will accommodate 200 beds. In addition to the purchase price of very nearly £25,000, about £30,000 will be spent in altering and fitting up the hotel as a hospital. Queen Alexandra has expressed herself as delighted with the property.

Lord Decies has generously placed Beresford Lodge, Birchington - on - Sea, three miles from Margate, which has a private stairway to the sands, at the disposal of the committee of the Services Club as a convalescent home for officers. Admission is not restricted to members of the Services Club, but will be open to all invalided officers of the British and Allied forces, and as far as accommodation will permit they will be allowed to have a relative or friend with them during their convalescence.

The Wounded Allies Relief Committee (Sardinia House, Kingsway, W.C.) issues some figures as to the work accomplished by its department started last December to deal with disabled Belgian soldiers. Since February its Yorkshire Home (Brotherton Hall, Pontefract) has received fifty-

two men, almost all of them residents for the duration of the War; while at 45, Courtfield Gardens, Kensington—opened in April—the Committee has accommodated a hundred and thirteen crippled soldiers who have come to London to be fitted with artificial limbs and surgical appliances. Although the supply of these articles, owing to war time conditions in the trade, is extremely slow, since April sixty artificial limbs and thirty other appliances have actually been supplied, while fully a hundred others are on order. The department has also found work for upwards of a hundred and twenty men; and at Allington Manor, Eastleigh, the Committee is accommo-

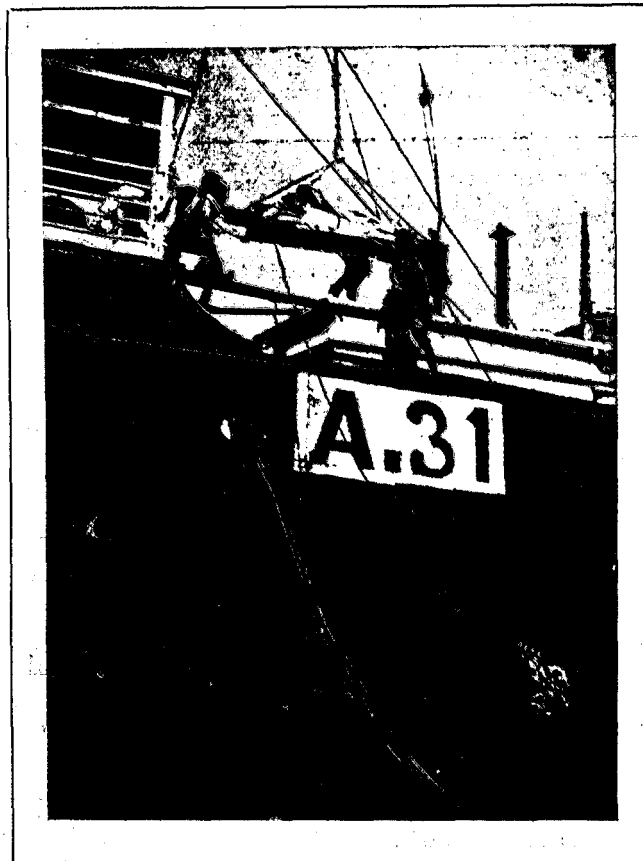
dating twenty-five men who have contracted tuberculosis in the trenches.

The Princess Patricia Hospital, Bray, which is the largest auxiliary military hospital in Ireland outside Dublin was opened last week by the Lord Lieutenant. It has accommodation for over two hundred beds. About one hundred are at present occupied. The hospital is under the control of a Joint Committee of the Dublin Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association, of which Sir Maurice Dockrell, D.L., is chairman.

In declaring the hospital open, the Lord Lieutenant said the idea was to have a relief hospital that could take cases from the general hospitals in Dublin, such cases as did not require constant medical

attention and supervision, and in that way clear the beds in the Dublin hospitals for fresh cases. Then there was another idea of having something in the nature of a convalescent home that would go a long way in restoring to complete health those cases treated up to a certain stage. He could not conceive a better choice than the house and spot selected for the purpose. The Committee had been very lucky in securing the services of Miss Michie as Matron.

Lord Wimborne congratulated the authorities on the name of the hospital. Princess Patricia is a great favourite in Ireland.



WOUNDED OFFICER BEING SLUNG OVER SIDE OF SHIP.

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