

Considerable indignation has been expressed by British patients at a certain Military Hospital that when a batch of German prisoners were discharged they entered the brakes which took them away, "full of beans, with spring flowers in their buttonholes, waving their smiling good-byes."

We learn that these men were partly nursed by V.A.D.s, more than one of whom apparently made a most sentimental fuss of these patients. In our opinion sick German prisoners should be nursed by male orderlies with, perhaps, one elderly Sister to supervise, and, while everything necessary and humane should be done for them, gush, extra food, and spring flowers are entirely out of place when our own sick prisoners are suffering a veritable martyrdom in prison camps in Germany.

If Military Hospital Matrons are permitted a free hand in the control of V.A.D.s we hope they will deal firmly with such emotional folly in the future.

The authorities at the 1st Northern General Hospital, Newcastle, have been very anxious to increase the facilities for the treatment of wounded soldiers by electricity, massage, &c., but, up to the present, the lack of accommodation has prevented the matter being put in hand. Now, however, that the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, have been taken over as a hospital, the requisite accommodation is forthcoming, and it has been decided to establish there a department fitted up with an adequate supply of modern apparatus, which will be the means of giving to patients the advantage of efficient massage, light treatment, and exercises, thereby lessening subsequent disabilities and fitting them for a return to civilian life.

A list of donations to the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses, received during the month of February, includes a contribution of £5,000 from the Joint War Committee.

M. Justin Godard, Under Secretary of State for Health in France, visited the Canadian Hospital at St. Cloud on April 8th, when he presented a medal for services in connection with the care of epidemic diseases to the Matron, Mdlle. Decornier, and silver medals to 23 other nurses. The medal will, we are sure, be greatly valued by the recipients.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following casualty in the Nursing Service, is reported on April 14th:—

DIED.

MUNRO, Staff Nurse W.,
South African Medical
Corps.

Germany is continuing her ruthless war on hospital ships. Not only was the *Gloucester Castle* torpedoed without warning in the Channel on March 30th—31st—mercifully all our brave wounded were saved through splendid organization—but the hospital ship *Salta* was mined on April 10th. Happily there were no wounded on board, but five medical officers, nine nursing sisters, and 38 members of the personnel of the R.A.M.C. are missing, and presumed drowned. Heinous as the crimes of Germany have been in the last three years none are more dastardly than the war she has waged in defiance of all her obligations under the Geneva Convention, on sick and wounded men, and on doctors and nurses in attendance upon them.



MISS A. MURIEL FRANK, R.R.C.
Nursing Sister Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval
Nursing Service.

The following casualties in the Nursing Service were reported on Monday, all those mentioned being members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

MISSING, BELIEVED DROWNED.

Sister T. Cruikshank, Matron E. M. Dawson, Sister E. L. Foyster, Sister G. Jones, Staff Nurse C. McAlister, Staff Nurse A. G. Mann, Staff Nurse F. Mason, Staff Nurse J. Roberts.

We offer our deep sympathy to the relatives of these nurses.

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