

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

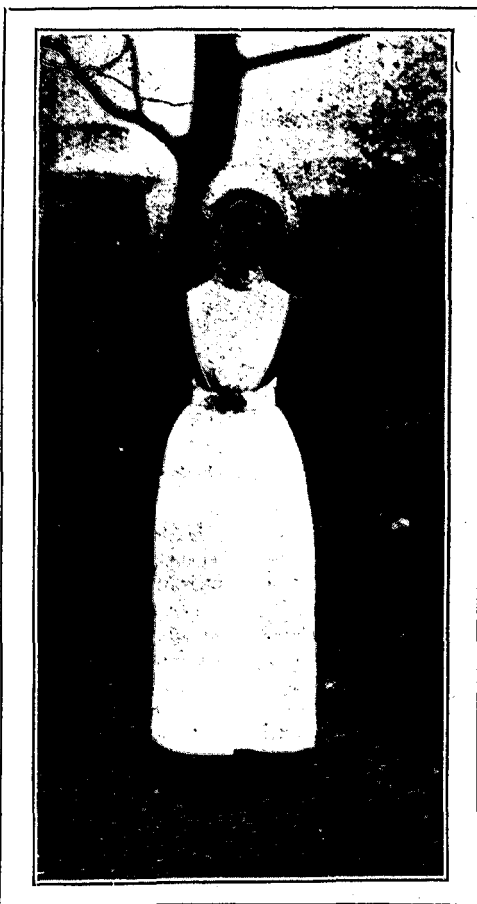
Trained nurses are beginning to learn that in War time their orderly arrangements are often scattered to the four winds. Thus just as the Unit (No. 13) of the National Union of Trained Nurses was ready to start on Sunday last, the weekly boat to Bordeaux thought otherwise and put off sailing at all! The Unit has therefore had to put off its departure until Friday. It will be composed of the following nurses: Miss C. P. M. Tod, Supervisor, cert. Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss F. A. Sparrow, cert. Bethnal Green Infirmary; Miss F. Urquhart, cert. Charing Cross Hospital; Miss L. Atkinson, cert. Chester Royal Infirmary; Miss M. A. Drennan, cert. Royal Infirmary, Oldham; Miss P. Roussin, cert. General Infirmary, Macclesfield, and Miss M. F. Eason, cert. Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

The Irish and Scottish Units (Nos. 11 and 12), which left London by boat on Sunday, December 6th, did not land at Bordeaux until the following Thursday. The nurses received "a charming reception" on the quay from Sir Thomas Barclay, Miss Grace Ellison, and the head doctor, M. le Colonel Martin du Mangny, to whom the two Supervisors, Miss Gargan and Miss Cargill, were duly presented, and who extended to them and the nurses the kindest welcome. The Hospital Militaire 25, Talence, Bordeaux, was originally a Lycée, and contains 700 beds, which is to be nursed by French ladies and others. The new annexe, quite recently built, planned by Dr. Mangny on the pavilion plan, and also to contain 700 beds, is to be given over to the British nurses

of the French Flag Nursing Corps, who must be on their metal, as no doubt statistics will be made of the results of trained and untrained nursing. The nurses express their satisfaction at this arrangement as they will be able to organize the work on the system on which they have been trained. The annexe is not yet quite finished, nor the nurses' quarters, but they are occupying temporary accommodation whilst their own quarters are being finished. The doctor is most anxious that the nurses should be happy and comfortable, and has made enquiries as to if their food is good and sufficient; considering the chef from the Hotel de France is in charge of the commissariat, the cooking, all agree, is excellent.



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The Lingerie, as in so many French hospitals, is reported to be perfect in every detail, all managed by soldiers, one head woman and half a dozen others busily getting everything ready for the use of the hospital. Our English nurses have much to learn from the French in the management of linen, and we hope they will avail themselves, if permitted to do so, of the opportunity to study French methods. In this connection a nurse writes: "We consider ourselves very fortunate. I think the hospital will be ideal when finished — as one part is to be exclusively English, we shall have the pleasure of arranging our wards, operating theatre, &c. We are all happy that our Doctor calls us 'his nurses.'"

Miss E. J. Haswell has been summoned to Bordeaux from Rouen, and will act as Surveillante of the whole annexe of the new hospital. Miss Gargan and Miss Cargill took letters of introduction to Dr. Anna Hamilton, of Bordeaux,

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