

member of the nursing profession as its victim. Miss Mary Macgill, Matron of the Military Isolation Hospital, Aldershot, has succumbed to the disease which she has done so much to combat in those under her charge. She has been working devotedly for very long hours since the war broke out, and her over-taxed system could not resist the infection to which she was exposed. She was buried with military honours, and our picture shows the coffin on the gun carriage covered with the Union Jack.

#### URGENCY CASES HOSPITAL FOR FRANCE.

The Urgency Cases Hospital Unit left Victoria at 2 p.m. on March 11th, en route for France. Their destination is Bar le Duc, and probably later on Clermont. It was arranged by the French War Office that a special train should meet them at Boulogne and take them straight through.

The party consisted of the following surgeons:—Mr. Cairns Forsyth, F.R.C.S., Mr. K. E. Leveson-Gower Gunn, F.R.C.S., Mr. Alfred Sperrow Robinson, Mr. William Hennaage Ogilvie; anaesthetist, Mr. Robert H. L. Vaughan; radiographer, Mr. Garwood Everett; the Matron, Miss E. H. de K. Curtis, and the following nurses:—Misses E. G. Broad, K. Corcoran, I. M. Cousin, S. Dottridge, F. W. Gowan, K. S. Johnson, M. I. Martin, E. Marshall, M. E. Nicholas, D. K. Okey, N. L. Riddell, I. M. Ross, M. E. Shearing, A. M. Staley, A. M. Upton, O. D. B. Vickers, B. Wise; Cooks, the Misses Hall, Fenwick, Kenyon, Jeans, Street; Laundry Superintendent, Miss Wyman, and 14 male orderlies.

The motor ambulance cars and trollies have gone, or are going, by road.

We are informed that this unit has been formed with the greatest care; every one of the nursing staff is fully trained. It has besides been in touch all through with the French War Office, and their sanction was obtained before any steps were taken.

The party assembled on platform 9, where they answered to a roll call; in spite of this one of them got lost when the move to the boat train platform took place, and only turned up again at almost the last moment. Everyone seemed to have friends to see them off, and the platform was gay with flowers. Miss Eden was presented with a lovely bunch of carnations and La France roses by Sir Arbuthnot Lane, the President of the Hospital. She herself was carrying a box full of white heather and tricolour ribbon favours, with which she decorated each member of the party. A splendid motor lorry, part of the equipment, and marked "Urgency Cases Hospital," one of two presented by Mr. Baird, was to be seen drawn up alongside the boat train. Amongst those who waved good-bye and good luck were Sir Frederic St. John, Sir Lauder Brunton, Sir Arbuthnot and Lady Lane, Mr. Baird, the Hon. Sec., General and Mrs. Jeans, Miss Eyres, Mr. Stephen Paget, Miss Pye, and many others.

#### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

The portrait of M. Millerand, the French Minister for War, in connection with whose department the nurses of the French Flag Nursing Corps have been given the opportunity of serving the sick and wounded soldiers of our gallant allies, is of special interest to English nurses. Our picture shows him inspecting the gift of twelve Ambulances to France by Russia, with the Princess Narischine of Russia who accompanied the gift to Paris.

We have this week received a most practical gift of stores for Bergues, from Miss Winifred Broome, representing an expenditure of £10, from an American donor, Professor Corning, who writes that he is very glad for the money to be spent so, as (in his graphic phrase) typhoid nurses really do "scratch gravel!" The consignment which consists of 30 yards of mackintosh sheeting, 15 yards batiste (double jaconette), 18 enamel bowls, 4 rubber water-bottles, and a large amount of tow, is just what is required; and it has been addressed with other gifts to Sister Carmichael, at the Jeanne d'Arc Hospital, at Bergues.

Miss T. A. Holmes has most generously sent for Sister Lind a parcel of 12 flannel shirts, some handkerchiefs, "Monkey Brand" soap (which she has specially asked for), and some chocolate. We do hope all these nice things will reach their destination without great delay, but transport is far from rapid.

The American Relief Committee have given 1,800 francs towards the equipment of the St. Union Hospital, at Bergues; and recently Lady Hadfield arrived in Bergues, from Boulogne, by a motor car, which was full of supplies. To the great delight of the Sisters she brought flannel shirts, bed jackets, pyjamas, socks, belts, blankets, hot water bottles, dozens of small pillows, cotton wool, surgical dressings, chloroform, cornflour and—of course—Bovril; and all sorts of good things, like cakes, chocolates, tongues, and sardines for the Sisters, and cigarettes for the patients. Everyone was charmed by this most kind action. Sister Lind writes: "I am sure by the time we have got all you have sent us we shall have an excellently stocked place, and the pleasure of putting our very ill patients in soft flannel shirts I cannot express to you. . . . Here we have certainly encountered the conditions for which you prepared us before leaving England; however, we feel we are really doing something; the amount of soap we used at first was amazing, and a copper arrangement has been put up in the yard to heat water, which, it is hoped, will make us happy, seeing we 'could now wash *les malades* to our heart's content,' and I must say the patients take to the treatment very gladly. . . . We are all keeping well and busy and happy; if it is possible to

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