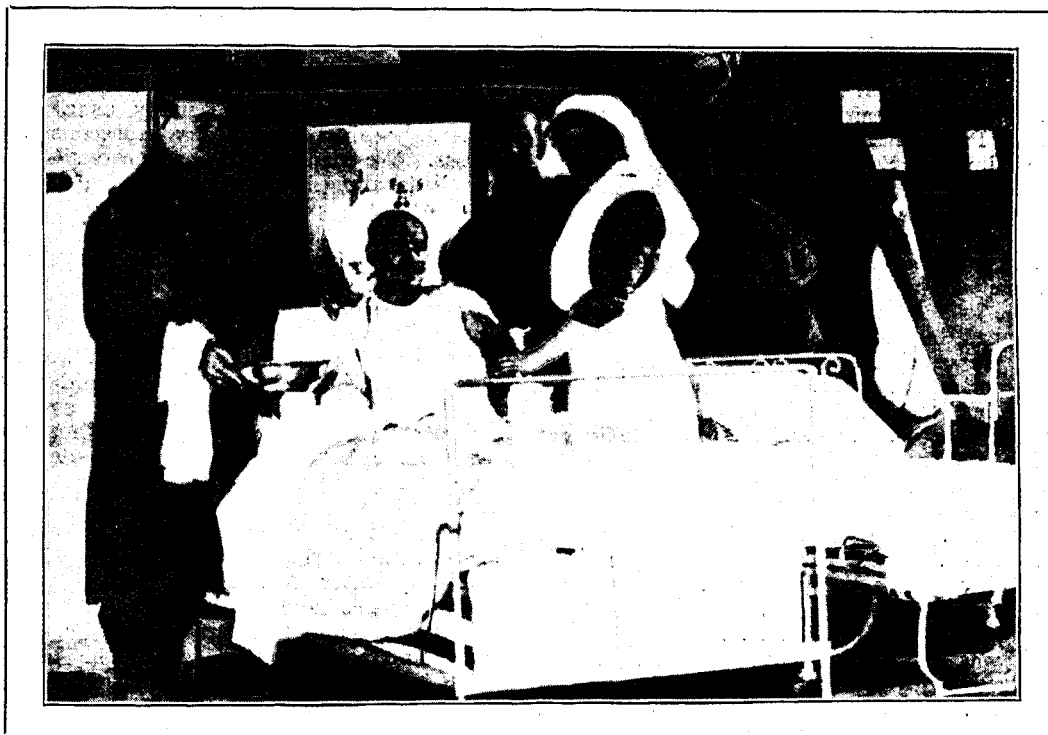


the idea 'took on,' I offered a prize for the best decoration. They all set to and worked hard, and several kind friends gave me as much holly and mistletoe as I needed. It was a great success, so much so that the Commandant came and after visiting the wards, congratulated me, and had the other section where the concert was given decorated also. It was easy to get up the concert as amongst our staff we have several artistes from Paris. Everything went off well, I got Christmas cards from England and little Union Jacks and cigarettes; all gave a great deal of pleasure, and they are to have socks as gifts for New Year's Day. We had a Déjeuner for the men. I enclose the Menu:—

we all went to midnight service at the Catholic Church. The music was most beautiful, and the church packed. Miss Eadey's Hospital gave a tea to the officers' wards, and the ladies of the Red Cross and our artistes gave them an entertainment.

Miss C. P. M. Tod, cert. Western Infirmary, Glasgow (Supervisor, N.U.T.N. Unit), Miss Evelyn M. Beau, cert. Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and Hospital for Women, Soho, W., and Miss Mabel W. Pope, cert. Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, are leaving London for Bordeaux this week. Other nurses will complete the requisition for the Talence Hospital at an early date.



SISTER SIMPSON (SCOTTISH UNIT), F.F.N.C., AT WORK IN HER WARD IN L'HÔPITAL TEMPORAIRE, NO. 8, LE HAVRE.

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Huitres de Marenne; Potage Crécy; Aloyau roti; Pommes Sautées; Paté de lapin de garenne; Crème des Alliés; Gateaux; Oranges; Café. Vieux Calvados. Vins: Médoc en carafes; Sauterne; Champagne.

"The wards have been photographed and I enclose a copy, marking those to which the 1st and 2nd prizes were awarded [Alas! we have not yet received them.—Ed.] The men gave us three cheers and said they would never forget our kindness. It was but little we did.

"Sisters Cooke and Roberts were asked to sing our National Anthem at this entertainment, and

"By the side of a young French cavalry officer who had been hit in a fight on the Aisne we found the body of a pretty girl," says Sergeant Payne, who is at Bristol, wounded. "Both were dead. Their story was as sad as anything I have heard of in a war full of tragedies. When the young man joined his regiment the girl left a convent school and attached herself to the Red Cross.

"Hearing that her sweetheart had not returned from a charge in which his regiment was engaged, she had gone out with the ambulance men to look for him. Going in advance she had found him, and while attending to his wounds was hit by a stray bullet, which penetrated her right lung and killed her. They were buried side by side."

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