

Mapletoft first had charge of the tetanus ward, in which all the cases were very ill on admission, but nevertheless, treated with injections of anti-tetanic serum, the results were very good. She next was in charge of surgical wards with 24 beds for surgical cases, with two Voluntary Aid probationers to help her, and latterly was Sister-in-Charge of the operating theatre as well, which was very up-to-date and well equipped.

The Surgeon-in-Charge, Dr. Cope, of Sydney, N.S.W., works on the aseptic system with excellent results. The method employed in connection with septic wounds is to open them up so as to afford free drainage, the wound is then washed out with saline, and dressed with sterilized white gauze.

The Matron of the hospital is Miss Williams, and both patients and nurses are well looked after. The nursing staff live in a villa outside the hospital, and the rooms and beds are comfortable and the food good. The staff consists in addition to the Matron, of six Sisters and one Night Sister, besides probationers. There is also an English house-keeper, with French cooks working under her. Altogether the English colony in St. Malo is to be congratulated on its hospital.

Like most nurses, Miss Mapletoft speaks highly of the French patients, and also of the Algerians who came under her care.

The Nursing Sisters promptly sent out to Egypt in May last at the request of the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon and the Committee of the Military Hospital Fund in Egypt are now working with the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, under the Malta, Egypt and Near East Commission, the Military Hospital Fund being now merged in that of the Central Society. Some of the Sisters have been on transport duty, first on a troop ship and later on a well-appointed hospital ship, and on the journey to Lemnos have time to enjoy the loveliness of the Mediterranean and Ægean Seas. On the return journey to Alexandria or Malta, as the case may be, with hundreds of sick and wounded men, there is no time to think of anything but the work in hand.

Certain Sisters are detailed for duty at the 21st General Hospital, Ras-el-tin, Alexandria, beautifully situated on the shore close to the Sultan's Palace, but wherever the work is, so long as help can be rendered to our brave men it is happy and satisfying.

The Sisters speak warmly of the kindness of Lady Carnarvon, who, it will be remembered, secured for them their standard fees, and say that she does everything possible for them. "We are always," says one, "hearing of kind things she has done."



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We learn that quite a number of hospitals are included in that known as No. 2 General Hospital, Havre, of which the Matron is Miss Stein. The one at the docks is an interesting place, as both trains and boats bring the wounded right there. This hospital is in reality the railway station and the wards are very fine and large. The Casino, also now a hospital, is a huge place on the sea front, with a lovely view of the harbour. It has beautiful wards and balconies. Then there is an officers' hospital a short distance away, as well as the Palais Regattes for minor surgical cases. The Nursing staffs of these hospitals are drawn from the regular Military Nursing Service and its Reserve.

"I was very much surprised," says the writer of an article in a contemporary, "to find one hospital in Petrograd was given up to wounded women soldiers. These women, uniformed and wearing the shoulder badges of their regiments, are not in the fighting corps, but in the transport and commissariat services. In recent retreats, however, they, on more than one occasion, came under the

enemy's fire. The Russians have employed a number of women in the supplies service of the army. In Petrograd the wounded are everywhere. Under one curious regulation they are never allowed out in the streets singly but are accompanied by a nurse. The commonest sight of any in the capital was two or three wounded men hobbling along and the nurse holding up the traffic while they crossed the street, or helping them up some incline."

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