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useful consignment of comforts-sent off so long ago-especially the roll of mackintosh; we feared it had gone astray. It cost \pm 10, and was the gift of a generous woman, who was herself unable to do active work for the sick and wounded; asked us what she could send to Bergues. All's well that ends well.

BRITISH UNITS IN SERBIA.

News has been received of the arrival at Salonika of a British Red Cross party, including the first British Field Hospital, of which Miss Annandale, from South Africa, is Matron, and Miss Lewis, from England, a Nursing Sister. The com-mandant is Dr. J. Hartnell Beavis. The arrival at Salonika of medical men and

women, nurses and orderlies, belonging to various British units, is also notified.

It is believed that members of the Scottish Women's Hospital, the Stobart Unit, the Wounded Allies Relief Unit, and the second Farmers Unit are on their way to Montenegro.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in home hospitals :-

Gifford House, Roehampton.-Miss E. M. Cordner. Bere Hill, Whitchurch, Hants.-Miss E. L. Roe. Mulgrave Castle, Whitby.-Miss M. C. Parminter. Princess Christian Hospital, South Norwood Hill. Miss K. Fenwick,

Red Cross Hospital, Bricket House, St. Albans .-Miss J. K. Lewin.

De Walden Court Hospital, Meads Road, Eastbourne .- Miss M. J. Horan.

Kingston Red Cross Hospital, New Malden, Surrey.-Miss M. Meadley.

Victoria Hospital, Keighley.-Mrs. D. Unwin. Red Cross Hospital, Emsworth, Hants.-Miss

C. A. Lawson. Boxmoor House, Boxmoor, Herts.-Miss M. A.

Blackmore. Red Cross Hospital, Mere, Wilts .-- Mrs. Winni-

fred Smith.

Red Cross Hospital, Waterloosville, Hants.— Miss E. H. Reed.

Military Hospital, Yateley, Hants.—Miss A. Sim. Military Hospital, Grove Road, Richmond.— Miss A. M. Stevens.

Vernon Institute Hospital, Great Langhall, Chester.—Miss M. L. Frith.

V.A.D. Hospital, Wardown, Luton, Beds.-Miss F. M. Neale.

St. Mary's Hospital, West View Road, Worthing. Miss H. G. Fleming.

Red Cross Hospital, The Barracks, Grantham.-Miss M. E. Nolais.

It is proposed on December 4th, Miss Edith Cavell's birthday, to start a fund to establish an "Edith Cavell Home of Rest for Nurses." Her sister, the Matron of the Convalescent Home at Withernsea, will, at first, act as secretary and treasurer.

OUR TERRITORIAL HOSPITALS.

One of the most satisfactory pieces of work for the wounded during the present War has been the mobilization of the twenty-three General Hospitals of the Territorial Force, for the reason that their control is in professional hands, and a large amount of professional knowledge, skill and conscience has been available for their organization. The result is that their scope is being enlarged and their capacity in regard to beds in many instances doubled.

This is the case at the 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, where huts for another 520 patients have recently been erected in Myatt's Fields. The architect of to-day loves long wards; indeed, it would almost appear that the longer the ward the greater he considers his triumph to be, and the new huts at Camberwell follow the present fashion, but the bathrooms and lavatories are arranged in annexes placed half-way down the wards on either side, which lessens the work of the nurses.

Many gifts obtained through the Standing Committee of the hospital have supplemented the official supplies, and the wards are brightened by scarlet and other blankets, which the patients can draw over them when lying on their beds; and small pillows and pillow cases, locker cloths, flower vases and pots add to their comfort and pleasure.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that easy chairs are needed for convalescents, as well as cushions, mufflers, unlimited soap, writing paper, post cards, pencils, pens-and, of course, tobacco, pipes, cigarettes and matches.

THE MORTUARY.

The arrangements of the hospital mortuary must impress the relatives of patients who pass away there with the care and reverence with which their bodies are treated after death. It is arranged as a chapel, and, indeed, the first part of the service is held there, if the relatives do not wish the funeral to take place elsewhere. The body is covered with a white linen pall, on which a cross is outlined in red, and over it the British flag, for which the soldier fought and died. The Sister of the Ward in which the patient was nursed always attends the service in such a case.

RECREATION HUT.

On Thursday, November 25th, a meeting, at which Lieut.-Colonel Tooth, the Officer Com-manding, presided, was held at the hospital, with the object of furthering the erection of a recreation hut in Myatt's Fields, for the more convalescent patients. Such a hut is urgently necessary, for many of the patients are well enough to be up and about, and, indeed, the wards in which patients are acutely ill, do not lend themselves to the recreation of convalescents, who must sit or lie about on their beds, as the War Office regulation allowance of chairs for a hospital of 520 beds is 40.



