

Ethel Gray, of the Australian Army Nursing Service, greatly appreciates the beauties of the place, both as a feature in the treatment of the patients who come under her care, and as an enjoyable element in her own life and that of the Sisters.

The hospital, the capacity of which was originally 50 beds, has now been extended to the regulation size of a military hospital, containing 520, and huts have been erected in the grounds close by, with well-arranged offices and extra kitchens, although in the house itself the kitchen staff can cook for over 300.

A hospital of this size needs large supplies, and the Australian Red Cross Society has given no less than 1,460 blankets, 1,403 pillow-slips, besides socks, shirts, housewives, and Mrs. Collins, wife of Captain Collins, Secretary for the Commonwealth, has sent pyjamas, shirts, bandages, dressing-gowns, and writing pads, all much-appreciated gifts.



THE URGENCY CASES HOSPITAL, BAR-LE-DUC.
CONVALESCENT PATIENTS ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE.

Amongst the visitors to the hospital have been Sir Edmund and Lady Barton, who brought welcome gifts of cigarettes.

The nursing staff working under Miss Gray wear the distinctive uniform of the Australian Army Nursing Service.

The unit, of which Captain Southey is Medical Officer and Miss Gray Matron, is under the general direction of Sir George Reid, the High Commissioner for Australia.

Recently Mrs. Rita Fiske gave a tea and entertainment to the patients which was greatly appreciated. Our illustration, on page 72, kindly placed at our disposal by the editor of the *British Australasian*, shows a member of the concert party, organised by Miss Tansley, entertaining the patients on the lawn.

Mr. Stephen Paget, Chairman of the Committee of the Urgency Cases Hospital, at Bar-le-Duc, appeals for £1,000, in support of the very good work it is doing so near the fighting line in the Argonne. We also feel a deep interest in it, as it recognises the necessity for a complete fully-trained nursing staff. "The hospital," writes Mr. Paget, "began with 60 beds. In the rush of work between June 27th and July 2nd, it had to find beds for 130 French wounded. The monthly report from the hospital, dated July 10th, says that 208 patients were admitted during the previous month; wounds from bombs, 79; from shells, 65; from bullets, 57; and other wounds, 7. The proportion of fractures is very high—114 cases. Some of them have been truly terrible cases, especially the fractures of the thigh. Deaths, six, all from bad, comminuted fractures of the thigh. . . . The work of the hospital continues to go on very smoothly. Even during the days

when we were hard pressed, everyone worked loyally and well. Our stock of dressings was heavily drawn upon. . . . With the warmer weather, there has been a marked increase in infection of the wounds. Gas-gangrene has again appeared, and no doubt will be more frequent in the future. The new isolation ward has been of the greatest service; all the very septic cases are transferred there at once. . . .

The hospital is only for those who are severely wounded—*les blessés qui peuvent mourir*. The work of the hospital—I have had the privilege of seeing it—is admirable; it has won high approval from the French military authority; it is of real service to the French Army."

Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria visited the headquarters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, and were received by Sir Herbert Perrott, Bailiff of Egle, and Lady Perrott. Miss Swift, the Matron-in-Chief of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society, was presented to Her Majesty, who took much interest in the various arrangements made for the relief of the sick and wounded at the Front, and especially in the nursing department and in the St. John Ambulance Brigade Orderlies.

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