

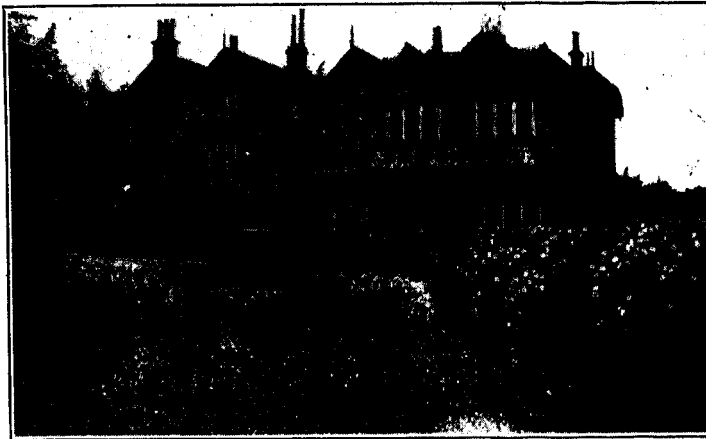
in that country. "Food here," she says, "is very dear and very scarce. It is impossible to buy sugar. Two nurses are starting for Salonica to-morrow to bring the stores with them. We are still getting convalescent patients from the other typhus hospital here. All troops have gone forward from the surrounding districts to Belgrade and vicinity. We are therefore expecting to receive wounded at any time." She also mentions that another British Hospital is going further on to nurse infectious cases and that the Wounded Allies Relief Committee has been asked to take it over for surgical cases. "There is no more typhus in Kragujevac," she adds; "the cases now in hospital having come from a distance."

On Tuesday, June 29th, the following six nurses left England to take up duties at the Wounded Allies Relief Committee Hospital (Hôpital Militaire Anglais) Limoges, France:—  
Mrs. May Davies, Misses Emily Louise Gilchrist, Edith Dorothy Harris, Maude Annie Harris, Ellen Esther Mulville, and Edith Olive Woodward.

### WEST DENE V.A.D. HOSPITAL, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

Life in a V.A.D. Hospital when we are just receiving thirty-eight new cases is quite a rush. I am writing this during a welcome lull of about three days' duration, when we are reduced to ten patients. Since this became an actual Hospital we have had a series of comings and goings on a large scale. It seems that no sooner do we get settled down to a new batch of cases than the summons comes for "general post," and we are busy getting off the different cases to homes or hospitals equipped to suit their various needs. The whole town has the mania for clearing simultaneously, so that we can free about 130 beds ready for the next intake. Some come straight from the trenches; others have been in various hospitals in France previously. We have forty beds at our disposal, and a staff of three trained Sisters, and the rest are members of the V.A.D. Sussex 14. Most of these have been working since October, when the beds were taken up by Belgians, and all show the greatest zeal for work. It is rather disconcerting at first to the trained mind to have to deal with two daily relays of nurses; but as many have home ties and duties, and all help is purely voluntary, that cannot be avoided, though it means more personal work and supervision from the Sisters, and less possibility to the nurses of learning things of real value. The house we occupy is lent by a Mr.

Upson, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude, for it has excellent bathrooms, and most pleasant rooms, while the garden is perfectly lovely. There is a charming lounge where the men sit about and others play billiards. During the lovely weather the convalescents have had meals *al fresco*; but at other times the winter garden is the dining hall. We have a surgeon from the East Sussex Hospital, Mr. Redmayne by name, assisted by Dr. Gerald Ticehurst. Miss Chaplin, the Commandant of the Division, herself a keen nurse, does the secretarial work, and arranges the times of the nurses, &c. In fact, her duties are multifarious; while the rapidly improved look of the patients testifies to the good fare provided by our excellent Quartermaster, Mrs. Villiers Carter. By degrees we are getting quite a nice little operating theatre together, and with the aid of the local Red Cross stretcher bearers we manage to get our cases comfortably carried to and from



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their beds. The men seem very happy, and write most grateful and touching letters. From my own experience I feel sure they could not be better looked after if they were all millionaires, and they certainly deserve anything and everything they can get, for one is bound to admire their pluck and cheerfulness more and more every day. One wrote recently to record his progress, and said that now the nurse did nothing but put on a "wet foundation" every day. As he almost lived in an arm-bath while here that was quite an advance, and we knew what he meant quite well. It may not be so exciting here as at the Front, but certainly the rest and sea air work wonders in a very short time; and wounds heal with amazing rapidity.

FRANCES WAUGH.

As this Journal goes to press we are availing ourselves of a courteous invitation to inspect the King George Hospital in Stamford Street, S.E., and hope to describe it next week.

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