

or medal, and is not to be worn on the riband when the decoration or medal is worn in original.

At Barry Red Cross Hospital recently there was a patient in whose case skin-grafting was recommended, and the matron, Miss Tenniswood, promptly offered herself for operation so that a portion of her skin might be removed. Dr. J. King performed the operation of removing the skin and the subsequent grafting, and Miss Tenniswood has now the gratification of seeing the patient nearly restored to health.

The following statements have been made by a member of the R.A.M.C. returned from the Front. He says:—

It is the general opinion in the Army that Sisters should not be employed at any point subject to sudden movement, either backwards or forwards, owing to the difficulties of transport, &c.

For instance, if the Germans retreated and the British followed it would not be considered desirable for Sisters to be pushed forward until the new line had been secured.

Some, Sisters have been sent to Casualty Clearing Stations, but he did not think it was a good plan.

The only new disease discovered at the Front, in France, is French Fever, about which nothing much is yet known, from a scientific point of view.

A matron says that English nurses working in France are also contracting the malady, its chief feature being intestinal disturbance, and great pain in the abdomen and limbs.

So terrible is the record against the hosts of the All Highest War Lord in Europe, that we are pleased to note in the *Daily Telegraph* that Miss Mabel Packhard, an English nurse and a member of the University Mission in East Africa, who has been a prisoner of the Germans for two years, said, in an interview with its correspondent, that she had no serious complaints to make, and had

been subjected to no insult. Miss Packhard said that the Germans were anxious to keep a footing in East Africa and to maintain at least a form of government until the peace negotiations should begin, but the ranks of the whites had been terribly thinned. Miss Packhard spoke of Colonel von Lettow-Vorbeck, the Commander of the German troops in the Colony as a courteous soldier, the soul of the defence, who keeps the force together by his personal example.

With Dar-es-Salaam in our hands the knell of the German overseas Empire tolls warningly in German ears. Although scarcity of transport, fever, dysentery, flies, and horse sickness have fought for the Boche, our columns have pushed on over mountain, river, forest, and jungle to the cry "Ever onward." It's a long, long way to German East Africa, but British heroism burns just as fiercely in Africa as elsewhere, and ultimately it will be our national trait, of tenacity of purpose, which will bear down all opposition and win the war.

"I care nowt about science and the bald-headed old Professors," we recently overheard a Tommy remark in the train, "it's blood as tells."

With reference to a letter written to the *Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant* by Lieut.-General Snyders, a retired officer, comparing the case of a certain Félicie Pfaadt who was executed as a spy by the French and that of Miss Cavell, and affecting to

treat the two cases as parallel, the British Minister at The Hague has communicated a letter to the Press, pointing out that there is no parallel between them, as Miss Cavell was not accused of espionage, but of favouring the escape of a number of British, French and Belgian subjects from occupied Belgium.

The British Minister also condemns in strong terms General Snyders' attempt to cast a stain on the memory of Miss Cavell by stating that she acted as a spy under cover of the Red Cross.



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