

NURSING AND THE WAR.

On Saturday His Majesty the King invested, at Buckingham Palace, Sister Vida McLean, of the New Zealand Nursing Service, with the Royal Red Cross (second class).

Not a few of the patients from the Antipodes

Extraordinary disclosures of German harshness and brutality are made by a Russian Red Cross nurse, who has just returned from imprisonment in Germany, says a Central News Petrograd message.

The nurse was one of several captured near Lake Narotch in April last and taken to the German headquarters. Afterwards they were shown the Russian wounded.

"It was a horrible picture," the nurse states. "In a wooden shed on the bare ground, which was covered only with sawdust, there were regular rows of our wounded, and amongst them were several men who had died from their injuries. We told the German doctor that it was impossible for us to work amongst this dirty sawdust, but he shrugged his shoulders impatiently, and remarked, 'Soldiers do not need antiseptics. Besides, we are at war.'

"Toward evening we obtained permission to bandage the wounded in a tent which had been set apart for German wounded.

"In one of the field hospitals our wounded were lying and dying without assistance. Some of them had been unbandaged for four days, and even simple wounds resulted in gangrene and death. Complicated fractures of the legs and feet were treated by tying two sticks over the wounded men's boots. In this manner those who remained alive were taken to Vilna or Kovno.

"Subsequently, we were taken to a concentration camp in Germany. Here there

was a hospital for 2,000 men. Outwardly there was great cleanliness and order, but inside there was a chaotic condition of affairs. The bandaging material supplied to us was terribly dirty.

"After a time, my sister and I were accused of conducting an anti-German agitation, and we



RETURNING FROM THE STEWARD'S STORES.
HELPING NURSE—A SNOW-TIME IMPRESSION.

in Military Hospitals in this country have never seen snow before. By the kindness of the Editor of the *Third London General Hospital Gazette* we are able to publish the accompanying illustration of a snow-time impression, the sketch for which was made by L.-Cpl. W. R. S. Stott.

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