

OUR AMERICAN COUSINS ARRIVE.

THE LAKESIDE BASE HOSPITAL UNIT.

The arrival in this country of a Unit for an American Base Hospital (No. 4 U.S. Army) for active service with the Allies draws attention to the admirable method on which the Unit is built up. Doctors and nurses who have been already accustomed to work together in civil life can do so most smoothly in the novel and often difficult conditions of active service, and Dr. George W. Crile, of Cleveland, Ohio, shortly after the return of the Lakeside Unit from service at the American Ambulance, Paris, in 1915, proposed to the Surgeon General of the United States Army, the organisation of American Base Hospitals and Hospital Units for Military Service, in time of War, from existing Civil Hospital Organisations. A result was the inauguration of the Lakeside Base Hospital Unit.

The value of this organization was evident on the declaration by the United States of a State of War with Germany. On April 28th an advance notice of the impending mobilization of the Unit for Active Service was received, on May 5th Mobilization and Muster-in was started, on May 6th the Unit, with *personnel* complete, entrained at Cleveland; the following day it embarked at New York on the Cunard Line S.S. *Orduna*, and sailed the next for active service abroad. Professor M. A. Nutting and Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins were on board to wish them God speed.

It is, to nurses, a happy coincidence that the first Unit to be despatched since the declaration of a State of War between the United States and Germany, should come from the Lakeside Hospital at Cleveland, where the late Isabel Hampton Robb, pioneer of nursing organization in the United States, great hearted and greatly loved, was, after her marriage, a member of the Board of Managers.

We are glad to know that on arriving at Euston the nurses of the Unit were officially welcomed by the Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, the Countess

of Airlie—representing Her Majesty Queen Alexandra—Miss Lloyd-Still, and Miss Cox-Davies, members of the Nursing Board. Miss Grace E. Allison, R.N., Chief of the Nursing Staff, was presented on arriving with a bouquet of roses, England's national flower. It was a happy symbolism, "As welcome as flowers in spring."

Miss Allison, like the other members of the Unit, is a graduate of the Lakeside Hospital and a registered nurse, and recently has taken an active part in securing a Nurses' Registration Act for Ohio on satisfactory lines. After holding various responsible positions elsewhere she was called back to Lakeside as Principal of the Nurse Training School. She early enrolled as a member of the American Red Cross, and she has further taken

the two years' course at Teachers College, Columbia University which, together with her hospital training, enabled her to graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Miss Allison's Assistant is Miss Harriet L. Leete, and the Roster of Reserve Nurses (Active) of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Company "A" includes Misses Ara R. Agerter, Mabel Allyn, Jennie B. Anderson, Anna C. Baughman, Isabel Bishop, Gertrude Blackman, Minnie J. Bowman, Helen M. Briggs, Elsie Florence Brower, Anna M. Carlton, Edith S. Carman, Betty Clara Connelly, Carrie B. Crites, Josephine Cunningham, Clara Dunlap, Nettie Eisenhard, Anna M. Ellis, Austa W. Engel, Elizabeth Folckemer, La Rue Frederick, Harriet P.

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