

## OUR AMERICAN COUSINS ARRIVE.

### THE NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY UNIT OF CHICAGO.

BASE HOSPITAL NO 12 UNITED STATES ARMY.

The sixth Hospital Unit to arrive in this country is the North-Western University Unit, of Chicago, Base Hospital No. 12 United States Army, of which the Commanding Officer and Administrator is Major C. C. Collins—a medical man—and the Medical Director, Major Frederick Besley, Professor of Surgery in the North-Western University.

The Unit, of which Miss Daisy B. Urch is Matron, mustered-in with 63 nurses, trained at the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and the Evanston Hospital, affiliated to the North-Western University. The nurses are now, alas, reduced to sixty, as it will be remembered that two of their number, Miss Edith Ayres and Miss Helen B. Wood, were killed on board, during a gun-fire practice, about 24 hours after leaving New York, and a third, Miss Emma Matson, injured.

Miss Urch, who is a graduate of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, now holds the position of Instructor in the School, where she not only gives theoretical instruction, and practical demonstrations, but, as time permits, supervises the work of her pupils in the wards, and observes how they benefit by her instruction.

The following nurses compose the Unit:—

Miss Daisy B. Urch (Matron); Misses Bertha Alexander, Emma Applegrin, Florence Edna Baker, Clara Beihler, Daisy Burcham, Ada L. Crawford, Isabelle Caruthers, Harriet Chapman, Anna M. Collins, Eliz. Cleveland, Rebecca Cohen, Sarah M. Deuel, Myrtle Dean, Eliz. Greenwood, Bessie Gambee, Louise Hostman, Frances Hampton, Florence Hinton, Laura Huckdeberry, Clara Hoffman, Aileen Jensen, Stella Maude Judy, Albina M. E. Jacques, Margaret B. Jones, Carrie G. Krost, Ernestine Kendel, Freda W. Larson, Elizabeth C. Lyon, Emily R. Lyon, May Morrissey, Helen McDonald, Lena Miller, Katherine Mahony, Edith Maude Murray, Edith McMillin, Bess L. Prouty, Frances M. Poole, Sarah E. Purcum, Lucile Pepoon, Belletta Paulson, Helen I Pfaff, Margaret M. Powers, Ella Pawlisch, Alice M. Radcliffe, Minnie Rettke, Clara D Ruden, Theda Richter, Ruth Spencer, Edna Silcox, Olive B Sweet, Nellie M. Stahl, Helena Sparks, Budy

Streitmatter, Ellen Thomsen, Grace Umberger, Annis Van Alstine, Bessie Van Ark, Julia Wilson, Pearl W. Thompson, and Miss Mary A. Lindsley, Dietitian.

The nurses, who spent a week in London, and left for active service on Monday, made the best use of their opportunities, and visited many places of interest. The Unit was entertained by Mrs. Page, wife of the American Ambassador, and spent a pleasant afternoon at the New Zealand Base Hospital, Walton-on-Thames, Miss M. Thurston, the Matron-in-Chief, travelling down with them, and with the Matron conducting them round the hospital.

On Sunday, by the kindness of the Archdeacon of London, special seats were reserved for members of the Unit at the morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral, and in the afternoon, Sir Thomas Lipton, sent carriages to take them to New Southgate, and entertained them at tea.

Miss Urch relates that the accident which unhappily resulted in the death of the two nurses was due to a defective shell. A group of 25 nurses were interested spectators of the gun practice, when a shell exploded, and fragments dropped into the midst of the group, so that, although appalling, the result might have been much worse. The boat went back to New York, and stayed there 24 hours for the funeral ceremonies.

On her passage over, the boat was attacked by two submarines, but happily was not hit. Miss Urch was much impressed by the efficiency of a British destroyer, which was on the horizon when the attack took place, but, in an incredibly

short space of time was on the spot, and in its action resembled a terrier on guard appearing to be everywhere at once. Both at the time of the accident, and also during the attack by the submarines, the nurses displayed admirable discipline.

On Thursday, June 7th, Miss Dunlop (Matron, Pennsylvania Hospital Unit), Miss Stimson (St. Louis Unit) were entertained by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick at a quiet dinner at the Holborn Restaurant to wish them Godspeed and success, with Miss Mabel Thurston, Matron-in-Chief New Zealand Army Nursing Service. There were present to meet them Miss M. Mollett, Miss B. Cutler, Miss Eden, Miss A. E. Hulme, Miss B. Kent, Miss H. Hawkins, Miss C. Lee, and Miss M. Breay.

The Units left London last Saturday for destinations in France. Good wishes go with them.



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