

### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

We are very pleased to learn from the following letter that nothing was left for the Huns by the ambulance mentioned. A Sister writes:—

"We are here all packed up. . . . We have done a wonderful and hardly conceivable thing, which is to have got away (from the war zone) with *all* our material intact, including our huts.

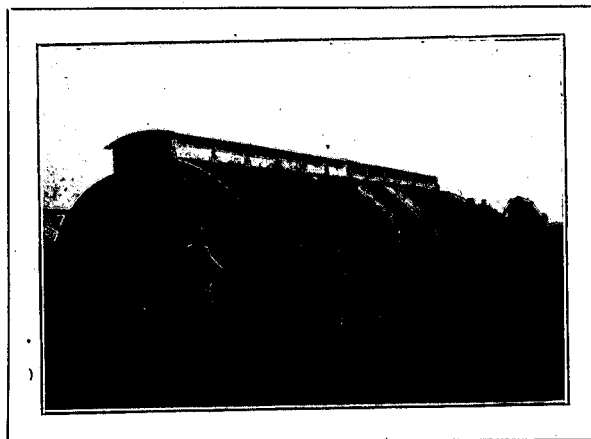
The wonderful part of it was getting a train, at the time we did, in the midst of this retreat. We actually had a train of 48 goods wagons and one passenger coach all our own! We spent two nights in the train and a day and a half travelling. We never stopped at any stations, only occasionally in some goods track. We journeyed in easy stages and had quite long stops at times; in fact, some stops were so long that our orderlies were

able to get out and pick dandelions to make themselves salad! We had a few amusing incidents *en route*. At our first stop one of our sergeants got out to answer the telephone and the train went on without him. The poor man ran after the train, but couldn't catch up. Then one day our lieutenant got left behind at a station with a corporal, and so we reached here minus three men. We have 34 of our men with us, and they have worked hard unloading our material, which is stored in a school where we have also a room for our mess, otherwise we are billeted in this little suburb. It reminds me of our days of 1914 and of our billet in Rouen. We are hoping in a few days to get our orders, and very much wonder what our fate will be. I hope we shall get back the position we have held for so many years of this

war, and where we shall be able to do the good work we have always done, as it means so much to the men to get proper care at the very first operations. . . . I was in Paris when the bombardment began, and we had our air raid alarms just after dinner. Such is *la guerre*."

"We are, of course," writes a Sister, "forbidden to write of the present situation, but the experi-

ences of the last fortnight will never be forgotten by me. . . . We have some English soldiers in. I know it will interest you to know how splendid they are [When were they otherwise?—E.D.] and how nice the Frenchmen are to them. It is quite pleasing to see how well they understand one another, in spite of Tommy's very limited knowledge of French."



A NISSEN HUT OUTSIDE.

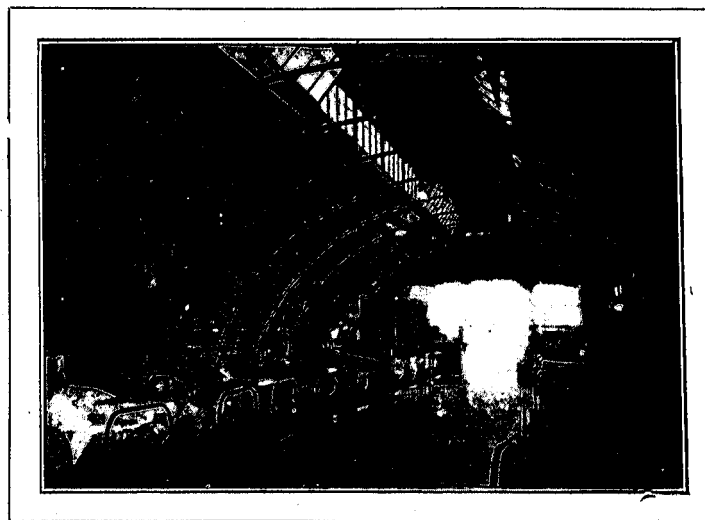
THE NISSEN HUT.

The Nissen Hut has been largely used in the war zone with mobile ambulances, and has been found most satisfactory; it is spacious and airy and can be well ventilated without draughts. The F.F.N.C. Sisters who have worked in these huts speak highly of them.

### A NEW CHIEF.

As all military nurses are under the control of the War Office, the change of a Secretary of State for War is of importance to them. Since our

last issue the Earl of Derby, sent as Ambassador to France, has been succeeded by Viscount Milner at the War Office. Lord Milner is a strong man; let us hope he will realise that the Imperial Nursing Services as an integral section of his Department require and deserve his sympathy and consideration. Will he continue to enforce the Serf Clause? Let us hope not.



A NISSEN HUT WARD.

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