

again received to evacuate at once, and the unit moved to Reni, from which place Miss FitzRoy writes:—"I am in charge of the two straw wards," and on January 22nd: "Heavy day; three cases in my ward desperately ill. Dr. I. went off to Odessa on business."

"*March 7th.*—I took a rather pleasant photograph of the Sisters in their typhus kit."

On March 20th Kropenski, Prince Dolgoroukov, the Commanding Officer of the troops at Reni, the Commander-in-Chief of the whole front, "and all his gilded staff" arrived. "After they had inspected the hospital we were all lined up in a row and—decorated. We have got the 'George,' the same as the soldiers get, which adds to their value, and when we returned to the wards we created a far greater sensation than the Revolution ever did."

"*May 12th.*—In the Train. Left Reni. Miserable."

"*June 3rd.*—In the Train. Stockholm—Christiania. We left about 9 p.m. The Russian (?) Sister who tried to pump me as to when the boat left Bergen has disappeared."

"*June 6th.*—The boat left amidst sympathetic and eternal farewells, and now, in the words of the gunner, 'Ye can just go to yer-r bunks and sleep, for ye're as safe as churches and ye'll be in A-berr-deen to-morrow after-r-noon.' In other words, 'Je m'en fiche bien des Boches.'" M. B.

### JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed to duty in home hospitals:—

*Officers' Hosp., 27, Berkeley Sq.*—Miss W. E. Benson.

*V.A. Hosp., Cirencester.*—Miss M. Fielding.

*Officers' Hosp., Devizes.*—Miss I. White.

*Northbrook Aux. Hosp., Bishop's Waltham.*—Miss M. J. Hawes.

*Cawston Manor Aux. Hosp., Norwich.*—Miss C. L. Masterman.

*7, Percival Terrace, Brighton.*—Miss E. M. Heywood.

*Princess Christian Hosp., Weymouth.*—Miss L. Oakes.

*High Beach Hosp., Westgate.*—Miss J. Mullaby.

*Cottesmore Hosp., Haverford West.*—Mrs. J. Moore.

*Town V.A. Hosp., Rugby.*—Miss J. E. Rollo Macpherson.

*Fulham Palace Freemason's Hosp., Putney.*—Miss M. T. Mitchell.

*Garden Suburb Aux. Hosp., Golder's Green.*—Mrs. J. M. Gregson Rankin.

*V.A. Hosp., Up Lyme, nr. Lyme Regis.*—Miss E. Shipsey.

*Cluny Red Cross Hosp., Swanage.*—Miss M. Sheret.

*Aston Hall Aux. Mil. Hosp., Aston-on-Chun.*—Miss M. A. Blackmore.

*V.A. Hosp., Plymouth.*—Miss D. Doone.

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The abominable cruelty with which British prisoners of war have throughout been treated by the Germans was well in evidence when a batch of these martyrs arrived at St. Pancras recently from Holland. Most of the men belonged to the original British Expeditionary Force, and many of them were captured at the battle of Mons. A number had spent the whole time in German military hospitals. Eighteen of them had to be carried on stretchers to the military ambulance cars. Others presented a pitiable appearance owing to semi-starvation. The crowd gave them a rousing reception.

We were glad to note that at last, on May 1st, Colonel Staveley-Hill asked the Under-Secretary of State for War in the House of Commons whether he is aware that convalescent officers have been obliged to purchase their meals outside the convalescent hospital at Birchington-on-Sea, in which they were placed, owing to the shortage of food supplied to the commandant; and, seeing that the Voluntary Aid Detachment sisters have experienced the same difficulty in this hospital, would he say what action he proposed to take? Mr. Macpherson replied that the hospital referred to had been closed.

Not before time. Of course no one was to blame. Voluntary Aid Detachments can do no wrong.

A "Soldiers' Comforts" Day, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary Force, will be held on May 21st.

The Bishop of Norwich has placed his palace at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society, and an auxiliary hospital with forty beds has been formed.

The determined destruction by German airmen of the splendid ambulance near the war zone organised by Dr. Carrel, and paid for by Mr. Rockefeller, has naturally aroused deep indignation in France.

The hospital was in a forest with a big Red Cross flag on the roof and a great white cross painted on the lawn in order to leave no doubt. After unsuccessful attempts the German machines returned two days later, circled above the hospital, and bombed it thoroughly. The wounded had fortunately been removed to the cellars, but all Dr. Carrel's plant was destroyed. The Rockefeller millions will no doubt soon replace the equipment.

The charming hospital at Ris-Orangis, near Paris, most generously financed by Mr. Reckitts for three years, has been closed as a private venture, and has been taken over by the Service-de-Santé. We hear the matron and nursing staff greatly regret this decision. Naturally so, as they have all been treated with much kindness and generosity.

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