

HEROINES ON THE "LLANDOVERY CASTLE."

A Memorandum in pamphlet form has been issued and presented to the next-of-kin of the personnel of the Canadian Army Medical Corps who died in the performance of their duty on H.M.H.S. *Llandovery Castle*, destroyed at sea by enemy action, June 27th, 1918, with the high admiration and profound regret of the Director-General of the Medical Forces. We have to thank the Matron-in-Chief of the O.M.F.C. for a copy, which we greatly value.

Official verification of the facts surrounding the sinking of H.M.H.S. *Llandovery Castle* confirms two main points—the extreme devotion and valiant sacrifice of the medical personnel and the ship's company, whose courage and resignation were in keeping with the proudest traditions of the British Army and Merchant Marine Service; the utter blackness and dastardly character of the enemy outrage on this defenceless institution of mercy—a crime surpassing in savagery the already formidable array of murders of non-combatants by the Germans. The story of the heroism of the fourteen Sisters who lost their lives is most touchingly told by Sergeant Knight. How magnificently they faced the final ordeal when their boat was carried towards the stern of the ship, when suddenly the poop-deck seemed to break away and sink, when the suction drew it quickly into the vacuum, when the boat tipped over sideways and every occupant went under.

"It was," concluded Sergeant Knight, "doubtful if any of them came to the surface again."

It is recorded that the whole eight minutes they were in the boat the Sisters were calm and collected. Everyone was perfectly conscious. There was not a cry for help or any untoward evidence of fear.

The following is the list of these heroic women of whom Canada and the whole Empire are so justly proud:—

NURSING SISTERS LOST.

- N/S. Campbell, Christine
- " Douglas, Carola Josephine
- " Mussault, Alexina
- " Follette, Minnie A.
- " Fortescue, Margaret Jane
- A/Matron Fraser, Margaret Marjory
- N/S. Gallaher, Minnie Katherine
- " McDiarmid, Jessie Mabel
- " McKenzie, Mary Agnes
- " McLean, Rena, R.R.C.
- " Sampson, M. Belle
- " Sare, Gladys Irene
- " Stammers, Anna Irene
- " Templeman, Jean

With the exception of six survivors—Major Lyon, Sergeant Knight, Privates Hickman, Pilot,

Cooper, and Taylor—the list of casualties include the entire medical personnel.

OFFICERS LOST ON H.M.H.S. *Llandovery Castle*.

- Lt.-Col. MacDonald, T. H.
- Maj. Davis, G. M.
- " Enright, W. J.
- Capt. Leonard, A. V.
- Capt. Sills, G. L.
- Hon. Capt. and Chaplain
Macphail, D. G. (attached).

The *South African Nursing Record* says: "The Hun has committed such revolting outrages that sometimes one wonders if one has any capacity for horror left; but an affair like the sinking of the hospital ship *Llandovery Castle* was so unspeakable as still to bring a gasp of shame and surprise from all the world. Surely, there is nothing to do with a beast like that but annihilate him completely!"

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

Every woman is asked to send now a knitted article for a soldier to a local Voluntary Organisation Depot, or to the Comforts Depot, 45, Horseferry Road, S.W. 1.

The Rt. Hon. John Hodge, M.P., Minister of Pensions, says Great Britain is to-day faced with the difficult problem of what to do with the hundred thousand officers and men discharged from the Navy and Army owing to tuberculosis.

Obviously it is not practicable to keep these consumptives in a sanatorium for the remainder of their lives. Nor would it be wise to allow them to return to their former occupations; the risk of infection to other people is too grave.

We agree with Mr. Hodge that these men should work in the open, and the Ministry of Pensions and the Ministry of Reconstruction are two departments which must work hand in hand in rebuilding lives temporarily wrecked in the horrors of war. Disabled men must be given the chance to help themselves, under conditions conducive to their recovery. Where are the hundred thousand women prepared to help to pay their debts to these sufferers by giving time to solve this problem? We hope they will come forward and help the Minister of Pensions. Thousands of them have lovely gardens—others land—let them see what they can do.

The atrocious murders on the high seas by our brutal enemies have inspired our loyal and patriotic seamen with the determination to pursue the only policy the barbarian understands, and his latest crime in torpedoing the *Leinster* and murdering hundreds of women and children in cold blood has added one more knot in the halter. The victims amount to 600, and a friend writing from Dublin says: "Dublin is in mourning to-day

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