

two months in the beginning she stayed in Washington at her own expense to work it up.

We were exceedingly delighted to handle the enclosed letter signed "Helen Hoy Greeley," who is a member of the New York Bar, and as Counsel for the Committee to secure rank for Nurses in the American Army delivered an astoundingly brilliant Statement in April last before the Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives, U.S.A., on Suggested Changes in the Nurse Corps, published in the *Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine*, which we regret we have not space to republish in full.

Mrs. Greeley stated that the only incidents of absolute rank which the relative rank, contem-

It is as sound in the case of the nurse and her orders as in that of the second lieutenant."

That reminded us of our last glimpse of "Francesca"—no longer in the Nursing Service. She was attired as an officer of the Women's Royal Air Force, and was bubbling over with *esprit de corps*. The daintily smart uniform of "air blue" gabardine, brass buttons and gold lace, and a charming felt hat with badge to match, and across the left breast the ribbons of the 1914 Star, the Russian "George," and the Military Medal made a *tout ensemble tout à fait ravissant*. "Francesca" is quite sure that the "Rank" accorded this Women's Corps will soon make it the most popular, as it will be the most efficient Corps



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plated in the amendment, would confer were:—

1. The dignity incident to the name of rank.
2. The right to wear the insignia thereof.
3. The eligibility to exercise authority within limits set forth in the law which provides that as regards medical and sanitary matters and all work in the line of their duties, nurses shall have and shall be regarded as having authority in and about military hospitals next after the medical officers of the Army.

Amongst the wise arguments used, Mrs. Greeley said, "Prompt obedience to orders is the root of military efficiency. The best insurance of prompt obedience is a badge on a uniform. One gold bar on a shoulder strap is worth two regulations in a book. This is military psychology.

in the service of the Crown. On all sides we hear of loyalty to the new Commandant, Mrs. H. C. I. Gwynne Vaughan, C.B.E., who is apparently the right woman in the right place. We all realize "being in the air" no longer signifies futility, but the most effective environment for national progress.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death, from influenza, of Sister Helen Cole, at the First London General Hospital, Camberwell. Sister Cole was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and her death has caused widespread grief amongst her colleagues. The funeral service which was of a military character and largely attended took place at the Hospital on Tuesday last.

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