

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

"France's Day," in aid of the British Committee of the French Red Cross, will be celebrated in the City, West End, and Greater London on Friday, July 12th. Ladies willing to help should write to the Honorary Secretary, "France's Day," 34, Wilton Place, S.W. 1. The souvenirs will include models of the famous 75mm. French gun. The Lord Mayor is again acting as Honorary Treasurer of the fund, for which last year over £200,000 was raised in the British Empire.

In connection with "France's Day," La Musique du Premier Zouave, the leading Zouave band of the French Army will visit London, being met by Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd, and played through the streets by British bands. The eighty Zouaves, fresh from the battle front, will, on July 12th, play in the City and West-End.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England has sent out a touching appeal for financial support to re-establish the fine Brigade Hospital splendidly equipped and maintained by the Order at Etaples since 1915, and which was barbarously bombed and much of it smashed to atoms by the Germans, when the casualties were sixty-four, including sixteen killed—a colossal crime, for which these murderers are quite impenitent. The circular, approved by H.R.H. the Grand Prior, the Duke of Connaught, gives illustrations of this beautiful hut hospital before and after the bombardment—the former showing its excellent formation in such perfect surroundings—where the best of care and comfort was at the disposal of our sick and wounded men; the latter showing the cruel devastation wrought by outrage and fire—a sorry sight indeed!

The Military Authorities have ordered the evacuation of the hospital, and expressed their desire, that it should be re-erected on another site in France, and the Council of the Order have decided that this shall be done, and with the least possible delay. It will, however, entail heavy expenditure to re-equip the hospital and maintain the high standard of efficiency for which the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital when at Etaples was so widely known. Cheques should be sent to Lord Ranfurly, Director of the Ambulance Department, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C. 1.

### THE MILITARY MEDAL.

The Military Medal has been awarded to the following members of the nursing staff of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital at Etaples.—Miss C. E. Todd (Matron), Miss M. A. Chittock (Assistant Matron), Miss M. McGinnes, Miss M. H. Ballance, Miss J. Bemrose, and Miss C. Warner (Sisters). When the Hospital was deliberately bombed by the Germans, and a number of patients and members of the staff killed and

injured, we may be sure that the nursing staff behaved with heroism, and congratulate Miss Todd, Miss Chittock, and the Sisters on the honour conferred upon them.

### WAR POSTERS DEFACED.

A number of placards issued by the Ladies' Emergency Committee of the Navy League, showing a German Red Cross Nurse wilfully spilling the water for which British prisoners of war, herded in an open truck, are waiting, were found one morning last week to have been defaced. An examination of several of the principal hoardings in London revealed the fact that all the posters were mutilated in the same way. The nurse's face was in each case obliterated—in some cases torn out and in others covered with stamp edging.

The Huns in our midst evidently give short shrift to posters to which they object.

The King of the Belgians has conferred the Médaille de la Reine Elisabeth on a long list of ladies in recognition of "the kind help and valuable assistance personally given to the Belgian refugees and the Belgian soldiers during the war."

### OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

Again we have to mourn with our Canadian colleagues at the determined murder on the high seas of fourteen Sisters who, together with 80 Canadian Army Medical Officers, were on board the Canadian hospital ship *Llandoverry Castle*, deliberately sunk by a German submarine commander about 120 miles from the Irish coast. Of the 258 souls on board only 24 in one boat have been saved alive. The belief is strong among the survivors that of seven boats launched, all, saving their own, were deliberately wrecked by the fiendish way in which the submarine charged up and down among the wreckage, sinking everything in sight.

One more most horrible crime to add to the score that must be paid by these dastardly murderers before they are classed as human beings by a civilised world.

All our sympathy goes out to those who loved these brave Canadian nurses.

### TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Lady Superintendent of Nurses to a friend.—"I think it simply disastrous to the future economic independence of the Nursing Profession to have all this begging upon their behalf. Much better help them to get just remuneration for their work."

Clear-sighted Friend: "My dear, I think the reason the Nation's Fund for Nurses was started by the hospital officials who control the College was that Nurses should *not* put up their fees. Much better give them a dole and control the charity."

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