

**MISS E. F. PENSE,****MATRON-IN-CHIEF, ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY  
MEDICAL CORPS.**

Naturally the troops which have arrived in England and elsewhere from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are attended by contingents of highly qualified Nursing Sisters, supervised by experienced Matrons-in-Chief from each Dominion. Without question their colleagues in England welcome these Sisters from overseas—it would be unthinkable, after the marvellous advances made in professional nursing in all these Dominions, that they should be superseded by others.

The provision for nursing the troops of the Senior Dominion, splendid and loyal Canada, is to be as thorough as possible.

Miss E. F. Pense has been resident in London for some time as Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. She is attached to the Canadian Military Headquarters in London, which will be placed on duty wherever required.

She was a Nursing Sister with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the last war, and wears the 1914 Star with her other Service ribbons.

She has remained with the Army ever since and has been at nearly every military hospital in Canada.

The 150 nurses coming to England are all graduates from organised training schools, many of whom were occupying important positions.

Thousands of women volunteered for service as nurses with the troops, including many who worked with her in France during the last war.

**RED CROSS HOSPITAL.**

Work on the Canadian Red Cross Hospital will soon be completed. It covers about 22 acres in a quiet and beautiful corner of Lord Astor's country estate at Cliveden on the Thames. The site was occupied by a Canadian hut hospital in the last war.

It is a modern, reinforced brick structure, with the latest fittings and has 15 wards containing 32 beds, which could be increased to 50 in an emergency. There is also a wing with accommodation for 60 officers.

The operating block is fully equipped with every detail which science can provide.

With medical and nursing skill of the highest standard, it is well to know that Canadian sick and wounded will have every chance of recovery, as some of Canada's most eminent surgeons are on the staff.

We intend to accept a kind invitation to visit this up-to-date hospital as soon as it is ready for inspection.

**THE KING WITH THE AUSTRALIANS.**

On July 4th, the King spent six hours with Australian soldiers in camp in the Southern Command.

As the King walked down the ranks he saw many tall men; conspicuous amongst them was 6 ft. 5 in. Private Ball, the second tallest man in the A.I.F.

Another man to whom the King spoke was Private J. Parminter, who won the Military Medal in Flanders 22 years ago. The King, speaking of the number of men wearing decorations of the last war, was told that many had understated their ages when enlisting. "A fine lot," was the King's comment.

The King also inspected a group of voluntary nurses in their very smart uniforms, who have come to England with the Australian troops. His Majesty took the salute at a march past.



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**BOOKS FOR THE  
TROOPS.**

We all realise the value of a good book as a source of recreation in these days, and the *Sunday Times* has done much good work in its system of distribution.

The conditions of active service of our troops make books and magazines their main channels of recreation in spells off duty. The R.A.F. and the Navy are also grateful recipients of books and the Service Hospitals also have need of them.

Many large London stores are collaborating in this good work, or if preferred, gifts can be sent direct to Headquarters, Kemsley House, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. Parcels of books and magazines should bear the name and address of the sender on the outer wrapper.

**COMFORTS FOR THE  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.**

The depot for collecting comforts for the Royal Air Force is at Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1. It is being run by the Royal Air Force Comforts Committee, a representative body under the auspices of the Air Ministry. Comforts of every description are distributed from this centre to all units of the Royal Air Force on active service. The committee takes this opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed gifts and money to this fund.

There is at present a very urgent need for money to supply required comforts which are not available as gifts, and for knitted garments in large numbers, especially over-socks, helmets, fingerless gloves, and scarves. All gifts to meet this demand will be gratefully received by the Officer-in-Charge, Royal Air Force Comforts, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

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