

and in Egypt. She is assisted by Sister Patricia Oakley Williams, S.R.N., S.C.M., F.B.C.N., who was selected to work in French Military Hospitals during the last war as a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps, on which she earned commendation for devoted service to sick and wounded French troops.

The others who will accompany the unit are Miss Beatrice Fergusson, who with linguistic ability combines nursing experience and driving, and the Misses E. Hall and Sylvia Crowe, both of whom have had long experience as ambulance drivers. Miss Hall served in the last war in France with the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit and with the 2nd Serb Army. Miss Crowe has recently been working as an A.R.P. ambulance driver.

A contingent of thoroughly trained Polish nurses who escaped from their native land to France during the horrors of the German and Russian invasions are awaiting the arrival of the Canadian Polish Ambulance Unit in Paris.

The unit will soon be at work with the Polish Army in France which is now ready for service in the front line. Their immediate chief will be Professor Jurasz, of the Polish Red Cross, one of the most distinguished Polish surgeons who escaped being deported with the other Professors of Cracow to a concentration camp because he was too busy to attend the meeting at which they were arrested. He then escaped from Poland and made his way to France.

COMFORTS FOR SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

It is well to know that through the influence of Alderman Sir Godfrey Warr, the Lady Mayoress of London has been interested in the Polish Canadian Unit, and has already made a most valuable gift of comforts from the Lord Mayor's Fund, for the use of the Polish sick and wounded.

There is no doubt that, situated as it is, the Polish Army in France will need all the material help that can be given to it from this country, and it is indeed good to know that the munificent Mansion House Fund is prepared to offer further help. We all know the beneficence of our historic City of London, and feel sure that the Polish Canadian Unit may rely upon its generosity.

EXPERIENCED NURSING AND AMBULANCE STAFF.

We all realise that it is of the utmost importance that the personnel of the Canadian Polish Ambulance should be carefully selected, and we congratulate the Committee in securing so experienced a nursing and ambulance staff.

MISS PATT TUCKETT, R.N.

Miss Patt Tuckett, R.N., who has been appointed Commandant, is a Canadian lady of wide experience. She was trained at Toronto Western Hospital, and was Operation Superintendent at the Edmonton Hospital. She came to England with the Canadian Red Cross in 1914, transferred to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve and left on *Mauritania* for the Dardanelles. After the evacuation of the Dardanelles in 1915, she went to Egypt, returned to England on Hospital ship in 1916, and transferred to C.A.N.C., and did duty in Polish Camp, Niagara, 1919.

Miss Tuckett returned to England last July and enjoyed a holiday for the first time since the last war. She visited Finland, returned to England two days before war was declared and helped with the evacuation of London. When the *Athenia* was sunk she left for Glasgow and took care of *Athenia* survivors (voluntary service) until they left for America, when she returned to London and continued her A.R.P. work until she was appointed Commandant of the Polish Canadian Unit. It is apparent that with such vast and varied experience Miss Tuckett can face any vicissitudes which may arise in her new sphere of duty.

SECOND IN COMMAND.

SISTER PATRICIA OAKLEY WILLIAMS, S.R.N.,
S.C.M., F.B.C.N.

Sister Patricia Oakley Williams, S.R.N., has been appointed second in command to specially help Miss Tuckett with nursing duties. Sister Oakley Williams, recently engaged in private nursing, has on two occasions served with military nursing units. She was a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps, composed of English, Scottish, Irish and Canadian Units, who were selected by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Superintendent of Nursing and Treasurer, to work directly under the French War Office, from 1914 to 1918, and whose services were so highly valued that many of them continued to serve in France after the end of the war.

Sister Oakley Williams was also one of the Unit of six Sisters requisitioned by the late Queen Sophia of the Hellenes from the Registered Nurses' Society to help nurse the Greek soldiers at the Front in Asia Minor in 1921, and for which she, with her colleagues, was awarded the Silver Cross of the Knights of the Royal Order of the Redeemer, "because, during the operations from June to September, 1921, they served at the Nursing Centre of Dorylaeon with admirable self-denial, indefatigable zeal and exemplary devotion for our wounded soldiers regardless of fatigues, in order to carry out the noble task that they had undertaken." Signed, The Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army in Asia Minor, Anastasis Papoulas.

The work of organising the Unit has naturally been of an arduous nature, and we looked around to note who had put "heart" into it, as nothing worth having, so far as the sick are concerned, is ever really of value if devoid of sympathetic inspiration. Just here the energy and devotion of the Secretary, Mr. Gregory Macdonald, would appear to have been invaluable, and thanks are due to him for his sacrifice of time and energy in promoting a somewhat difficult task, which, we feel sure, will be recognised by his fellow workers. His courtesy and kindness have been an inspiration to the women who have been selected to form the Unit, and when on duty in France it will be well to realise they have a friend at Headquarters in London.

The Editor of this Journal makes these announcements with the sincerest satisfaction and wishes success to this patriotic Polish movement.

It is specially commendable that the Poles in Canada have generously provided financial support in aid of the care of sick and wounded nationals in France (and maybe in Poland). We urge the British people to give generously in support of the Polish Relief Fund in London.

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