

They could hear the men digging, the sounds of street traffic, the roar of 'planes overhead, but the rescue party could not hear them.

"It is an appalling thought that the lives of thousands of people may be ebbing away while rescuers are trying to find them," said Dr. Swan.

"Given a sound-magnet arrangement which will register the depth at which people are trapped and give an accurate idea of their position, it should be as easy for the man at a control panel above ground to 'tune in' to people's voices as he tunes into a radio programme."

Books and Magazines Needed for Hospitals in the Middle East.

The British Red Cross and Order of St. John Hospital Library War Organisation is in need of books and magazines to send to the hospitals in the Middle East. At present 20 bales a fortnight are being sent, apart from bales which are sent specially to Nairobi, Iraq, and R.A.F. sick quarters. An appeal is made for clean books, light in weight, as each bale is limited to 56 lb. Books should be modern, varied, and suitable for all tastes of hospital reading.

More than 500 musical instruments, the gift of women's clubs in Canada, have been presented to the Forces in this country; and further such gifts would be welcomed by all the Services.

A Glorious Heritage Despoiled.

Only those who were privileged to live in the City of Westminster—the heart's core of the British people—can realise the grief and indignation which the destruction of its historic monuments has aroused—the Abbey Church, lovely little Cloisters, the Deanery, Westminster School, Westminster Hall and the House of Commons Chamber. In no square mile of the Metropolis was so vast a congregation of sacred places extant, and the heart bleeds when we realise that, even with restoration, never again can we touch those consecrated stones—or find rest and refreshment for the spirit from association with the beauty of their environment.

For seventeen years the privilege of living in a lovely little eighteenth-century house in Westminster was ours. Of nooks and corners, rosy walls and diamond windows—little gardens, and silvery fountains, we knew and loved them all; and now this earthly Paradise lies desecrated by the unhallowed hand of the Hun. Alas! that our glorious heritage was not in more conscientious keeping!

Fourteen Nurses Die in Raid.

Already the fine City of Manchester has suffered grievous injury from raids, and the Whitsuntide holidays were signalled in the district by a sharp attack from the German Air Force. Three hospitals were damaged, and at one a bomb fell upon the nurses' quarters.

A number of nurses in their own shelter were buried, and five bodies were recovered during the course of the morning. Military Servicemen and civil defence workers succeeded during the course of the day in making a passage through the rubble, through which a doctor from the hospital was able to crawl to a nurse who was trapped by the arm.

By the light of portable electric lamps he was able to administer an anaesthetic and amputate the crushed arm. The nurse was taken out, but she died from shock later.

Another nurse was rescued alive after being buried for nearly 12 hours.

Alas! fourteen nurses were killed, and their bodies have been recovered. The victims were:

- Dorothy Magdalen Bursted, 24;
- Philomina Mary McCrossan, 19;
- Edith Haslam, 29;
- Doris Tyson, 19;
- Martha Stott, 25;
- Doris Preston, 28;
- Maureen Lynch, 22;
- Veronica Margaret Creighton, 22;
- Bridgett Leonard, 21;
- Margaret Mary Lowery, 19;
- Rose Helen Moffat, 18;
- Helen Sheridan, 19;
- Margaret Alice Owen, 20;
- Elsie Okell, 20.

The list of nurses who have died for their country is indeed now a formidable list—their names will be honourably recorded when victory makes an end of these ruthless murders.

Epilepsy from Wounds.

Examination of 317 last-war cases of gunshot wounds in the head shows that 34 per cent. developed epilepsy, says *The British Medical Journal*. The first fit may be delayed for 20 years.

MOTOR MASSACRE OF OUR CHILDREN.

The number of children killed in road accidents has increased by more than half in a year. Children are being killed at the rate of more than three a day.

Which of our innumerable Ministries is responsible for this wholesale massacre? Surely the road hogs and incapable drivers should be more severely punished. We believe it is not now necessary that drivers must be carefully taught and tested before being permitted to drive a car. It is high time these selfish people were placed under lock and key.



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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN PAYING HER FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE "WRENS" AT A NAVAL BARRACKS.

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