

Our Wounded Flown to England.

With all speed, the wounded are brought from the Front across the Channel to be treated in hospitals in England.

Private J. Bowman, of South Shields, seems to be thoroughly enjoying the expert attention of Sister J. Lockyer, who is taking his pulse.

Sister Lockyer, who was born in Sydney, Australia, served throughout the last war. While nursing at an advanced dressing station at Etaples, France, she was wounded in the face and hands by shrapnel, when a nearby ammunition dump exploded.

She continued to serve with the Australian Military Nursing Service until 1929, re-enlisting at the outbreak of the present war. Sister Lockyer, who is known to large numbers of wounded soldiers, is still on duty.

Sister Lockyer is here seen wearing the British Red Cross Medal, the 1914-1915 Star, and General Service and Victory Medals.

National Nursing Groups.

Naturally nurses from all the great Dominions — whose men are in the front rank of armies fighting for freedom—wish to be on the spot to care for them when sick and wounded, and we are glad to know that contingents of highly efficient nurses are in France and elsewhere enjoying this privilege. Naturally the Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, South African and Indian troops love to have nurses they know to look after them when sick and wounded. This is natural, and the highly qualified members of Q.A.I.M.N. Service and its Reserve do all in their power to welcome their colleagues from afar.

U.S.A. nurses have, of course, been given every facility for medical and nursing equipment by its wonderful Government. The current strength of its Army Nursing Corps is 39,671.

On July 1st, 1943, there were in the A.N.C. 18 Lieutenant-Colonels, 36 Majors, 146 Captains and 1,125 First Lieutenants. Since that date, 3,124 nurses have been raised to higher grades; 92 nurses have shared with other members of the military personnel in decorations and awards for wounds received in action, outstanding devotion to duty, heroism, and for exceptional ability in organisation. The decorations include the Purple Heart, the Soldiers' Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Silver Star.

On July 1st, 1942, nurses were serving in 327 stations. At present they are serving in 1,071 stations.

Navy Nurse Corps.

The present strength of the Navy Nurse Corps is five times what it was two years ago. The Navy has seen a steady and regular expansion and perhaps will continue to do so for the rest of the year. Navy Nurses follow close behind the war front wherever the Navy is found.

North American nurses are now stationed in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, Colombia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

London Still in the War Zone.

London and the South of England are still suffering from the results of "flying bombs," and the complacent tone of the inspired press naturally infuriates hundreds of victims, who have not only lost all their worldly goods, but their nearest and dearest.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announcement issued on August 29th, stated:—

"During the week ended 6 a.m. to-day it is estimated that the enemy launched some 450 flying bombs against this country, making a total of approximately 7,700 launched since the attacks began."

An authoritative statement issued recently said that some reports have spoken of our troops destroying the flying bomb sites, and have implied that the flying bomb



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WOUNDED FROM THE FRONT AT A HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND.

menace will soon be at an end.

The flying bomb is one of Germany's principal propaganda weapons. The German and enemy controlled Press contains glowing accounts of devastation in London and other cities, and morale is being boosted up by the hope that the flying bomb may still be Germany's war-winning weapon. That being so, the Germans are bound to use it as long as they can.

We desire to enter the very strongest protest against this "bloodless" ministerial attitude, but presumably, as our Minister of Home Security is a "conscientious objector," he is in no immediate danger of being blown to atoms, as those around us have been from hour to hour. The only Government advice advanced is one of scuttle, and this thousands of mothers have adopted to save the lives of their children.

May we plead with ministerial potentates to refrain from platitudinous commendation.

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