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HOSPITAL FILLED. FULLY EQUIPPED.

FAMOUS BUXTON SPA SECURES GREAT CANADIAN INSTITUTION.

With the dedication on Friday, August 11th, of the Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital by the Duchess of Devonshire, accompanied by General Sir Sam Hughes, there was handed over to the Red Cross Society one of the most complete institutions of its kind in England. On that date the hospital was, for the first time, filled to its capacity, two hundred and seventy-five patients being enrolled.

When, on March 20th of the present year, the hospital was opened, a new feature in Canadian Red Cross work was begun. Situate in Buxton, Derbyshire, the mountain spa of England, its site is ideal for the class of patients, those with rheumatism and kindred diseases, for which it was intended. To the natural thermal mineral baths, for which Buxton has long been famed, have been added every modern device, including extensive electrical equipment, with a special department for X ray work and a competent staff of masseurs.

Long before the day of the official opening this institution had been thoroughly systematized. Hours for baths and various other treatments had been regulated in such a manner that confusion was impossible, despite the large number of patients constantly arriving, and, at the conclusion of various periods, discharged as cured. Patients are equipped with hospital clothing, assigned to their beds, and acquainted with the routine of their new home in the shortest possible time. And during their stay everything possible is done for their convenience and comfort. Perhaps in no other similar institution in England are more efforts made to provide suitable amusement for the patients, or more pains taken for their comfort and health. And in these efforts the commanding officer, the matron and staff have been most generously assisted by the citizens of Buxton. And these efforts have always been appreciated by the patients. The large recreation room and concert hall is provided with billiard and



Major FREDERICK GUEST,
Commanding Officer.

bagatelle tables, and other games, with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of magazines and Canadian newspapers. The hospital has its own orchestra, all patients, a newly organized Glee Club, and a baseball team. All these features are encouraged and really organized by officers and members of the staff, to be later solely conducted by the patients themselves. The patients are also, as they are able, given light physical drill and are encouraged to do light duty in the hospital. The latter carries the privilege of wearing khaki.

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LIFT STRETCHERS!

Through Col. Hodgetts, the Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, the Peak Hotel, Buxton, was secured for the purpose of organizing a Hospital for the treatment of special diseases such as Rheumatism, injured joints and muscles, shell shock, and other nervous troubles.

This commodious building was formally opened for patients on August 11th, 1916, by her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, and handed over to the Director of Medical Services, Canadians, and accepted by him for the Canadian soldiers to be used as a Special Hospital.

The equipment is complete in every detail, consisting of the most modern kind being used in Hydro-therapeutic, and Electric treatment. There is also a most complete X Ray outfit.

It is the desire of the Staff to render a good account to the Canadian Red Cross of the work they have entrusted us to do.

We will endeavour to render the best services to relieve the sufferings of those placed in our care, to restore them to health and strength.

In our beautiful Recreation Hall we hope to be able to enliven and entertain those afflicted, and in that way make their time of treatment as enjoyable as it is possible.

We are presenting to our readers the first copy of a weekly edition (name to be selected at a later date) which will give the news from time to time of the Staff and patients and their friends, and we will appreciate any assistance in the way of news items most heartily that will have a tendency to make it a success.

FREDERICK GUEST, Major.
Commanding Canadian Red Cross Special
Hospital.



C. F. MACALISTER,
Matron.



Left to Right—(front)—Sister Weatherup Macalister (matron), Sister Manchester.
(Rear)—Sisters Tanner, Popham, Sewell, Handly, Maillard, Davis.