

The Nursing Sisters.

Nursing Sisters were attached to this Hospital for duty in February, 1916, and proved a most important adjunct to the welfare and happy progress to normal health of the patients cared for here.

Matron Smith, R.R.C., Nursing Sisters Mattice, R.R.C., Stronach, R.R.C., and Nichol were the first to report for duty, Mrs. John Walter making personal inquiry and provision of furnishings to assure their bodily comfort in quarters. Matron Smith, R.R.C., was soon withdrawn to take charge of the Ontario Government Military Hospital, Orpington, Nursing Staff. Nursing Sister Mattice, R.R.C., became acting sister in charge and was soon followed by Nursing Sister Stronach, R.R.C., who was succeeded by Nursing Sister Wylie, R.R.C., This nursing sister was succeeded as acting sister in charge by Sister Fletcher, who in turn was followed by Nursing Sister Robertson, whose service was temporarily interrupted by a short term of charge-ship by Matron Cameron Smith. Nursing Sister Wilson, of London, Ontario, is acting sister in charge at the time of writing.

The stay at Bear Wood of the Nursing Sisters has, on the average, been short.

Many were posted simply to await transport duty to Canada.

Passing from the sisters in charge to the members of the nursing staff, it is interesting to note the number who actually have been domiciled here or posted for duty. Nursing Sisters Hamilton and Ruddick, R.R.C., come first, closely followed by Nursing Sisters McKinnon and Pense, R.R.C., and then in close succession Nursing Sisters Ree, Pelford, Everard, McLaren, Galbraith, R.R.C., McCue, McPhee, Edgcombe, Nicholson, Ellis, Brennan, Hutson, Fellows (who, by the way, was married while here), Wood, Dunn, Robley, Leamy, Hurst, Greenwood, Morriss, Milard, McNeil, Green, Bennet, Debellesfeuille, R.R.C., Mulholl, Brown, (also married while here), Gerrard, Home Sister Scatchard, Nursing Sisters Purcotte, Graves, and Gilchrist (who married Capt. Nathaniel McDonald while here.)

The Nursing Sisters at Bear Wood since January, 1918, are Nursing Sisters L. L. Gillis, M. J. Leitch, V. M. Donovan, R.R.C., L.D. Percy, L. M. McCleave, E. L. Craig, E. B. Etherington, E. Regan, S. Johnston, E. A. Anderson I. Wilson, G. M. Carvolth, E. E. Little, E. A. Thompson, F. M. Hocken, E. A. G. Bishop.



Rufus with Repatriated Canadians from Germany.