

utmost of its powers, by sending stores of all descriptions to France in large quantities and in the quickest possible time."

At the end of last week the Red Cross personnel posted for war service abroad numbered 1,251, including 94 surgeons, 97 dressers, 298 nurses, 203 orderlies and 440 chauffeurs. Up to the present 411 Red Cross detachments have been mobilized, and 100 partially mobilized, while 189 are employed, but not mobilized.

LETTER FROM DR. H. E. CLUTTERBUCK.

Dr. Clutterbuck, of Toronto, was in Britain studying for his F.R.C.S. diploma, which he has received, and has been in France along with Dr. Perry G. Goldsmith, of Toronto. They have been engaged in caring for the wounded in a hospital at Boulogne. Quite recently he wrote Mrs. Clutterbuck as follows:

"We will redress the sufferings of Belgium in so far as that is possible in a material way, I am certain beyond a doubt, and that before a year is closed. But the nearer view we get of the German culture the more we realize that this is not ordinary war, but involves the honor of our race, and at such a time all private considerations must give place to the common danger. Let no one doubt the magnitude of our task, or he will be living in a fool's paradise.

"The flashlight picture I send shows our ward on Christmas Day. The men had a dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, Brussels' sprouts, and plum pudding, with apples, bananas, and oranges, while those who wished were given ale. After that we had a concert with a graphophone. Three of the French soldiers sang 'La Marseillaise,' and then one of them, as an act of courtesy, made an attempt to sing a German Christmas carol for the benefit of a wounded German prisoner. Afterwards they all shook hands quite cordially.

"Christmas crackers were also distributed, and for the photograph the men wore the funny paper caps contained therein.

"We have quite a few wounded Germans, one poor boy of 19 from Hamburg being shot through the chest. He has since recovered and been sent on to England.

"The hospital is constructed from an old sugar warehouse, and we have in it two operating rooms, an X-ray outfit, laboratory, and sterilizer. It is not an old chateau, and is near the railway yards, just across from two submarines. Yesterday an aeroplane flew overhead.

"The photograph seems to make the ward look smaller than it really is. We have accommodation for about 500 in the hospital. The surgeons dressed as chefs, with paper caps on, to distribute the Christmas cheer. A few weeks ago one of the Canadian hospital units was detached from the base on Salisbury Plain and sent to France, and until such time as they get a hospital of their own individual members have been attached to the various hospitals here, and the one we got at our hospital is no other than Dr. Perry Goldsmith, my old Toronto friend. He is the short man with the woman's apron on. He came into my ward to have his picture taken."