

A Great Work

The Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John is the only institution which carries voluntary aid to the sick and wounded of the British Forces on land and sea in *every region of the war.*

Its work is therefore the concern of all classes of British subjects, whether living at home, in the Dominions and Colonies, or in foreign countries.

It is the pride of the Red Cross that in every crisis in the campaigns of Great Britain and her Allies, it has been able to bring prompt and efficient aid to supplement the untiring work of the official services.

The work may be divided into three broad divisions: (1) The transportation of the sick and wounded; (2) Hospitals, rest and convalescent homes; (3) The provision of countless hospital and medical supplies, clothing and other comforts.

1.—TRANSPORTATION

Ambulances.—Their usual duty is to convey the sick and wounded from the field hospital to the clearing hospital, and thence to the hospital train, which brings them swiftly and smoothly to the coast. The British Red Cross has also taken over the whole of the work on the lines of communication of our troops in France, carrying the wounded and sick from the trains to the hospitals and thence to the hospital ships.

Altogether the Society has provided over 2,000 motor ambulances and 600 other vehicles for use abroad and at home. There are between 700 and 800 paid drivers, and over 600 volunteer drivers.