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WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT CHICHESTER.

ANOTHER 230 ARRIVE AT MIDNIGHT.

SCENES AT THE STATION.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT GRAYLINGWELL HOSPITAL.

Following the arrival of the first party of wounded soldiers from the front, as reported in our last issue, another train-load reached Chichester at midnight on Tuesday of last week, and on Wednesday evening there was a third batch, making a total up to that time of about five hundred, all of whom have been accommodated at the Graylingwell Hospital, where they are receiving every possible attention that modern skill can command.

The party arriving at midnight numbered about 230, and practically all were what are called sitting cases. It was known early in the day that they would be coming late at night, but the exact hour was indefinite. Thus it came about that at a quarter to ten the members of the Chichester St. John Ambulance Brigade assembled at the railway station in readiness, but they had to wait a couple of hours before the Red Cross train brought its complement of wounded alongside the platform.

A Cheery Welcome.

All this time a large number of people also awaited the arrival of the train in the precincts of the station, and though some went home to bed after lingering for a while, there was a good crowd present at midnight to give the gallant fellows a cheery welcome after their arduous work for King and country.

The train came from Dover this time—the first party it will be remembered travelled from Southampton—and with the exception of a few the men were able to walk from the train to the motor cars and other vehicles which had gathered to convey them to the Hospital.

Mr. A. E. C. Shippam was again present on the platform distributing chocolate, etc. to those who cared to accept it.

The period occupied in detraining was less than a quarter of an hour, but so great a party required a large number of vehicles to get them away, and it was some time before the last contingent was dispatched.

Major Armstrong, as Registrar of the Hospital, attended to supervise the arrangements, Admiral Holland and Sergeant French directed the Ambulance men in the assistance which they afforded, and the Stationmaster (Mr. H. J. Swan) again saw that every facility was given to ensure the comfort and convenience of those concerned.

From the Dardanelles.

On Wednesday evening the third batch of wounded arrived, and although they numbered only a hundred on this occasion, no fewer than 67 were "cot" cases, the remaining 33 being

of the "sitting" class. Consequently the work of the Ambulance Brigade and others who assisted was rather heavy.

They arrived at seven o'clock and so far as could be ascertained the majority of them had been wounded in the Dardanelles fighting. The men were again representative of all parts—one man belonged to a place so near as Petersfield, others came from Australia and New Zealand.

Many had evidently been badly wounded, and one or two appeared unconscious of what was happening around them.

There was a larger crowd than ever outside the station, and in the streets through which the men were taken to the Hospital, and a cheer was raised as each vehicle passed on its way.

The Stationmaster had the assistance of Mr. W. Dyball, District Traffic Inspector, in the superintendence of the arrangements at the station, and besides the Ambulance Brigade there were Royal Army Medical Corps men, and members of the 1st Sussex Home Protection Brigade, Brighton (Railway Ambulance Section), under Second Officer W. L. Girling, to assist as stretcher bearers. Major Armstrong and Admiral Holland were also present.

Cause for Congratulation.

All concerned at Graylingwell from Lieut-Colonel Kidd downwards, are to be congratulated upon the smooth working of the arrangements inside the great Hospital. The preliminary work had been completed some days before, but it was no small achievement to receive 500 patients within a period of only eighteen hours. It was a real test of the capabilities of those responsible, but they performed the task in a manner deserving of all praise.

Another Hundred on Friday.

There was a fourth party of wounded warriors from the front to arrive at Chichester on Friday evening.

They numbered just a hundred, 72 being cot cases and 28 sitting cases.

Thanks to the arrangements made they were removed from the train in about three quarters of an hour, but there were hardly sufficient motors and other vehicles to convey them to Graylingwell as fast as they detrained, and consequently a little delay was unavoidable in removing them to their destination.