

My will be in letters to hear that our funds for this bit of work
has reached £2025. Socks, Shirts & little towels so gratefully
received if she knows **WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CORPS.**
kind ladies who want to help.

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE
CROIX ROUGE DE FRANCE.

UNION DES FEMMES DE FRANCE.

L'Hopital Auxiliaire
Hotel Claridge
Champs Elysees.

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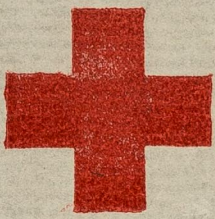
do much harm.
Our two ambulances
brought by Miss Ellis &
the hatters are coming out
this week. Much love
to you. I hope she is keeping
for you with on the children's
frontier. 2/3 work.

Dearest Alan

I hope everything is going well with all my beloveds at
Aldborough & 19 Ravenhill. ^{that Colin did with mind some school} It seems ages since I came
here. We are working incessantly from 8 am - 11 pm or
later & scarcely get out at all but I feel it to be a sort of
holiday. It is so new & so interesting. The difficulties have
been & are considerable but I hope we are steering right
& will come thro'. The Organisation of the English R.A.M.C.
seems v. defective - The intention apparently was to take
all the English wounded home - stopping the worst cases at
one of the ~~base~~ military base hospitals at Rouen
or Versailles if necessary - but the numbers are enormous
& the severity of the wounds so great that this plan is impracticable.
Civilian help was absolutely necessary to clothe & feed the men, as well as to treat them.
Auxiliary hospitals have been started by the French Red Cross (ours
being one of them) but the military authorities dis trust & dislike
~~own~~ them although the R.A.M.C. men actually working at the front are
extremely glad of any well run hospital to which their wounded can be
sent. The difficulties of transport ^{of the wounded} are great as lots of the bridges
have been blown up & the lines into Paris are blocked with transport
of stores etc. By motor the roads are so frightful bad that it is
agonizing to bring bad cases over them. ~~Went to~~ ^{many bit of shock or carriage here} took a day off
on Wednesday & went by car to Braines, a little place near

Every one is fearfully kind
Alan & Helen what we are doing.

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Soissons, also almost at the front - It is about 5 miles from the fighting line - the field ambulances being wound there daily. Deposit them in the church (a sight not to be forgotten) - they are given blankets & cheese & the ones who are not dying are then carted on a gun - after 12 - 24 - 48 hrs delay - They lie on the stone floor. with one doctor & one nurse. No light & nothing. They are simply tragic. The doctor is doing his best. I brought back 2 men in Dussars & they are now recovering.

although they were fearfully ill on the journey. one shot thro the throat the other with a bad compound fracture of the arm.

Lord Escher visited us here today. He had come to Paris last night! We thought him hostile & suspicious at first but he melted when we took him round the wards & he talked to the men & officers - If there is any difficulty about the English wounded being treated by civilians we will get the French Red Cross to move our cots out of Paris to a place conveniently situated for the French wounded.

Lord Escher was most mollified when he found absolute hospital discipline in the wards, & nothing feminine about them & no one holding anyone's hand - but I think it quite possible that the English War Office will remove all English wounded from civil auxiliary hospitals whatever it costs to the men themselves.

It wd be very nice if you & Wey wd come out here for a week and presently bring our dear O.L. If the Germans can be freed back now, Paris will feel its self safe & everything will become quite easy here. Even now the banks are reopening & people are returning. A German ~~shell~~ ^{bomb} was dropped here this morning but it didn't

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