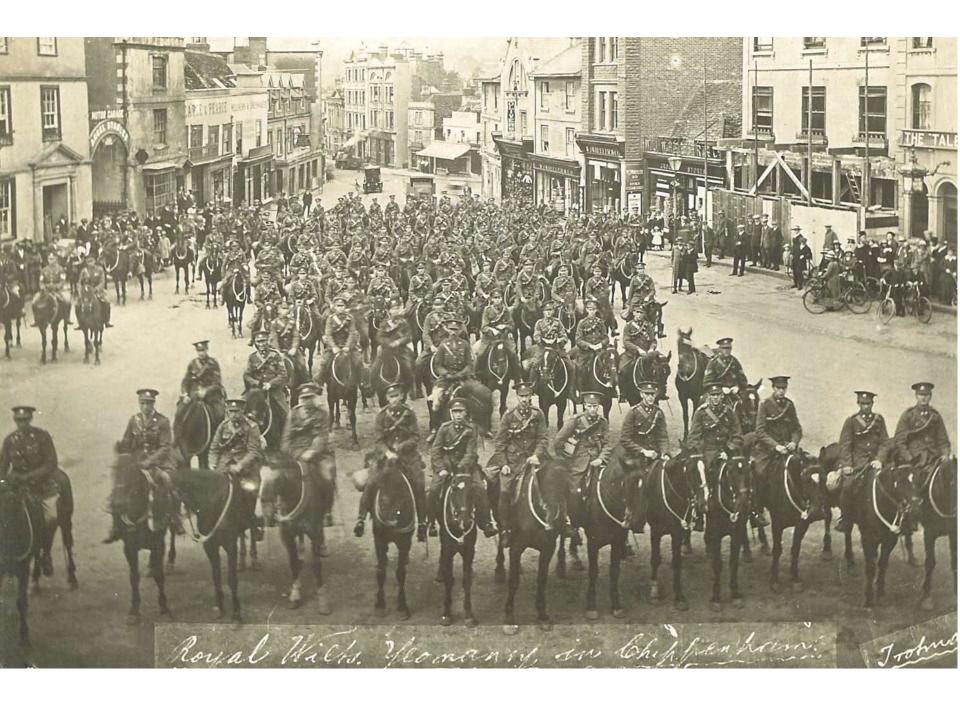
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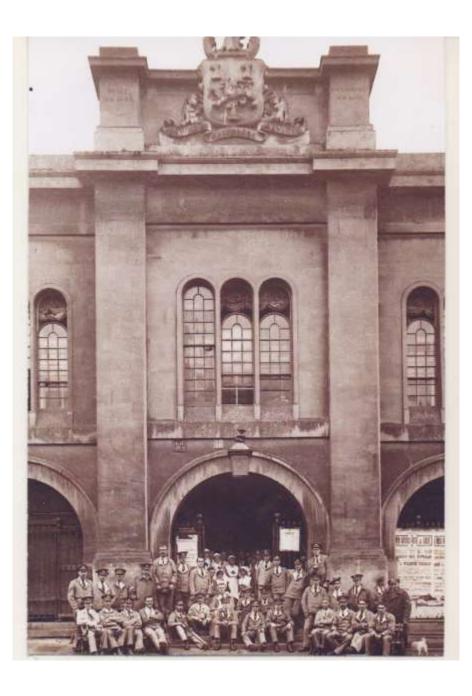
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Now that the Red Cross Hospital is ready for the reception of patients it will be interesting to those who have not visited it to give particulars of the work by which the Town Hall and the rooms adjoining have been converted into a hospital complete for its purpose. The least possible structural alteration was desired, and Mr. F. W. Hulbert, who prepared the plans and carried out the work, has succeeded in embodying the wishes of the Commandant (Mrs. Wilson). In the Town Hall proper this principle was observed by the drawing of a doorway to admit of access to the original lavatory. The dressing-room was divided so as to form an additional lavatory for the other portion of the main ward-the Town Hall. A doorway is formed from the dressing-room window and a passage way connecting the Neeld Hall with the Town Hall. The space on either side is utilised as cupboards for patients' clothing, etc. The two upper dressing-rooms of the Neeld Hall are converted into kitchen, store-room, and bathroom. In the kitchen, which is admirably equipped, three gas stoves are fitted; a large cunboard and dresser are formed on the bulk-



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## Arrival



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## The wards





## CHTPPENHAM

### RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

The admirable work done by the Commandant (Mrs Wilson) and her staff has been highly appreciated by the Commanding Officer of the Southern Division, and at his request provision has been made for an additional 40 patients. This has been done by utilising the Neeld Hall, which is situated at the rear of the subsidiary hospital in the Town Hall, and has been readily placed at the disposal of the hospital authorities by the Town Council. The formal opening on Wednesday evening by Lady Margaret Spicer, the vice-president of the Chippenham Division, was preceded by a short dedicatory service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Maxwell Gumbleton, the hospital chaplain.

















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## The Soldiers



Wounded in two legs left thigh and left am broken had twenty six pieces of Thrapel taken out. Wounded on the 26 April 1915 at Thres, De MG Persett it Somerset Let Red Cross Hospital Chipponham Wills 20/3/1916















Extract: The West Australian Newspaper, Perth, Western Australia Thursday 5 December 1918, page War Casualties

Mr K F Waterhouse of Cottesloe is in receipt of a cable message from his youngest son Jack of the 11th Battalion stating that he is now convalescent and at Chippenham (Wilts).























#### MILITARY FUNERAL

WELT

#### THE FIRST FROM THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL

Since the opening of the Red Cross Hospital. in November, 1915, out of the hundreds of cases that have been admitted to the institution during that period, not until the 14th inst had a single one proved fatal. That is not because the cases were trivial; on the contrary many were serious, some very serious, and it is testimony to the skill and care of the medical staff, the Commandant and nurses, that the record has been so satisfactory. The soldier whose name is on the Roll of Honour, and who gave his life for the Motherland as if he had died on the battlefield facing the enemy, was Private Raymond Stubbert, of the 829 Company (M.T.) A.S.C. He came to Chippenham with the Company only a few weeks ago, and having the misfortune to contract double pneumonia, he was removed to the Red Cross Hospital on the 7th inst. His condition on his admission was precarious, and despite the skill of Dr. Lawrence, the medical officer in charge of the troops stationed in Chippenham, and the devoted attention of the Commandant (Mrs. Wilson) and her capable staff, the patient passed away on the night of the 14th inst. The deceased, who was 28 years of age, and whose parents are English, was born and bred at Prince Albert, a small town in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada; like thousands of others, in January, 1915, he heard and patriotically responded to the call of the Motherland for her sons to stand by her in her struggle of Right against Might, and to uphold the honour and integrity of the British Empire in whatever part it was assailed. On his arrival in this country his skill was utilised in the manufacture of munitions at Woolwich. and in this occupation he continued till the death of his brother in action in October last, when he decided to step into his place, and joined the A.S.C. Private Stubbert had not a single relative in this country, and this, combined with the sad circumstances of his death, when it became generally known, awakened a degree of sympathy such as has seldom been manifested before in the town. Arrangements were made for the usual military honours to

he observed at the funeral, and the only thing lacking was a gun carriage, which, owing to the demands at the moment, was not obtainable. The Commandant is indebted to the co-operation of her staff and the patients for the efficient fulfilment of the last offices.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and if Private Stubbert had been one of the leading and the most respected of our cities on the people of Chippenham could not have paid a greater or more touching tribute to his memory. All classes of the community, with the Mayor and Corporation at their head, were represented, business was practically suspended, tradesmen put up mourning shutters, and the blinds of private houses were everywhere drawn. The hour fixed for the cortege to leave the Hospital was two o'clock, and by that time there were assembled all those who were to join the procession, while the neighbourhood was crowded with spectators. The body was enclosed

RAYMOND STUMBERT, A.S.C. Died February 18th, 1917. Aged 28 years.

The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, on which lay several beautiful wreaths, was placed on a bier, and, being taken outside, the cortege to the strains of the Dead March in "Saul." moved off in the following order: -Supt. Wells: and Inspector Eels (Wilts Constabulary); firing party, Wiltshire Volunteer Regiment, with arms reversed; Salvation Army Band (leader, Mr. James); Rev. D. B. Barclay (chaplain to the troops in Chippenham), Rev. Lawrence Parsons (chaplain of the Evelyn Ward in which the deceased died); coffin on bier; members of the Army Service Corps as pall bearers; patients of the Hospital and comrades; hospital nurses and cooks; Lady Superintendent of Hospital (Mrs. P. W. Hulbert); Men's Voluntary Aid Detachment, Sectionleader Reed in command; members of the Chippenham Detachment 1st Wilts Volunteer Regiment, officers, Captain Mills and Lieut, Coleman; officers of the Fire Brigade (Captain J. H. Buckle and Lieutenant H. Slade); officers of the Hospital (Quarter Master Miss Evelyn Belcher, Assistant Quarter Master Miss Dora Belcher, Assistant Commandant Miss Wishaw, Commandant Mrs. Wilson). Sisters Reed, Davis, Viebourne and Houlston attended as mourners.

While the large congregation was assembling the organist (Mr. George Dear) played Markenzie's Funeral March from the "Bream of Jubal." Among those present were the Mayor (Councillor W. J. Hiscock) Alderman



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### The Nurses





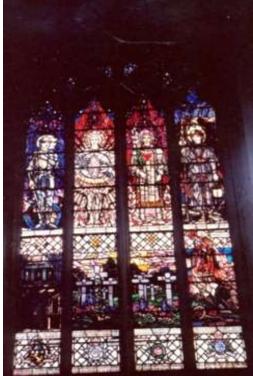




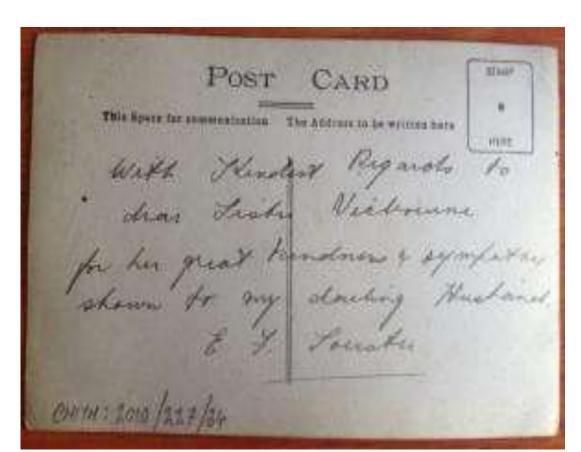
#### CHIPPENHAM DOCTOR'S DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT

TWO SONS MAKE THE GREAT SACRIFICE.

Dr. M. S. Wilson, of Chippenham, who last week received the soft none of the death of his youngest con. Cappin Georgey Wilson, in Irahic, on Wedneslay was informed of the death of amiliar ron-Cappin Regiment. He was educated at St. Peter's School, Weshesh appearance to Sandhurst. He joined the Army before the war, and at Mariborough, attorwards proceeding to Sandhurst. He joined the Army before the war, and after occurrence to some time in Yorkshire he was two pasts in India, being invalided to England with the rank of first hericannt in December, 1911, with his hattalion. In June of this year he joined his buttalion in France as captain. He was an anthoniastic crickwer and footballer and played for the Maribotrough School XI. He followed the Tuke of Beautort's Hounds at the age of six years.













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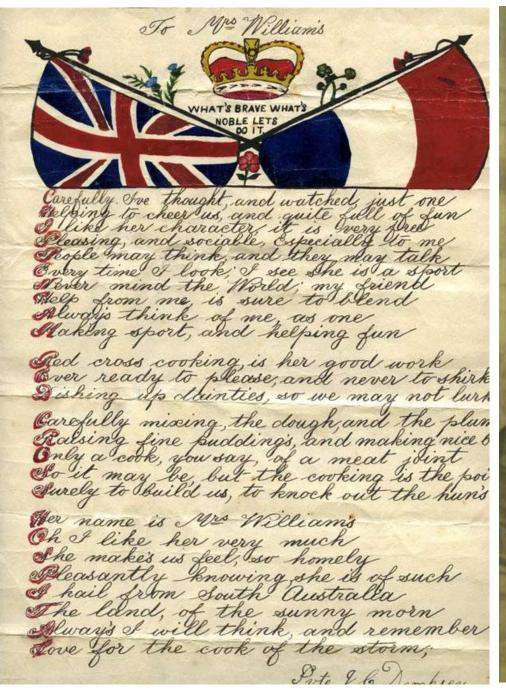
ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.—Miss Evelyn Belcher, quartermaster of the Chippenham Red Cross If sepital, is among those who have just roceived the distinction of membership of the Order of the British Empire. To our representative the Commandant (Mrs. Wilson) said: "Myself, the staff, and patients feel proud and delighted that Miss Belcher has received this mark of Royal recognition. She has worked very hard for the Hospital, and thoroughly deserves the honour." These sentiments will be endorsed by the townspeople. When the V.A.D. movement was inaugurated in \$190 Miss Belcher became a member and passed the examinations qualifying her to assist in nursing the sick and wounded. In those days there were many who thought the services of those connected with the movament would never be required. There came tragic proof to the contrary, and when the Chippenham Hospital was established in September 1915, Miss Belcher was among the many ether ladies who ware roady to put their knowledge to practical us. The duties of quartermaster were then ensattuated to Miss Ennis, but coon leaving the town, she held the position for a few months only. The duties of quartermaster were then ensattrated to Miss Ennis, but coon leaving the town, she held the position for a few months only. The duties of quartermaster in a sumportant as those of any member of the staff on Miss Beicher devolves the whole of the aministrative work of the Hospital, and her business capabilities enabled has to carry it out in such a manner as to receive the sacciniums of her Commandant, and all connected with the Hospital. How her duty have increased may be gathered from the fact that the number of beds is now 10s compared with 40 two years are Miss Helcher becomes and assistant quartermaster. A few months are less that during the mater and the state of the months are the such as any total state of the manner of beds is now 10s compared with 40 two years are set to but the position of a selection and her start master. A few months are the such that the number

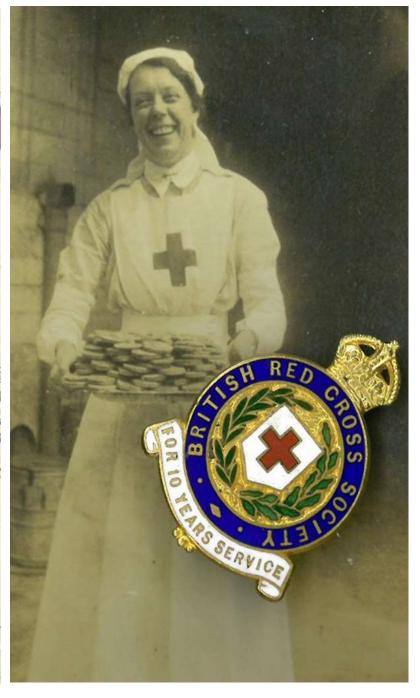
From April 3th, 1917, he March 7th, 1918, the tennumber of articles secreted at the Depth was 7,277, a which Lair things see Databated locally between the End Cross Hoppitals at Compendum, Corchan as Came and Membana, and 5,000 few-world by Heaquirters. The resignation of Mr. V. T. Taylor, hes revealary, was received with regret in Angust, and Mr. illustrance was asked to undertake the work.

I regret to say there is rather a falling off in the number of things sent in during the bat 12 mouth compared with the provious year, and it is hoped that all will make as much effort as possible to increase their work, as the needs of the Red Cross Hospitals or greater than ever.

MARGARRY SPICER, Vice-President, Chippenham Director, B.R.C.S.





















# Other helpers



V.A.D. Hospital,

PERIOD OF SERVICE. Etc. Chippenham,

From Nov. 1916 To Jan. 1919

Commission or Department or County

WILTS. 56

Henry Gardner is a poor man, with one leg. He drives a pony and cart, and conveyed washing free of charge between Chippennam V.A.D. Hospital and Stanton village, 6 miles each way, for one year. For the last 14 months he was paid a small fee.



THE WORKERS UNION. SOCIAL AND DANCE RED CROSS FUNDS. NEELD, HALL, CHIPPENHAM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1916, at 6:30 p.m. ADMISSION 6d. Refreshments at Moderate Prices DANCING at 8:45 M.C. Mr. T. Grainere



Bill (standing in front of car) organising agricultural activity during the 1st World War

### Chippenham Times. 1918

THE MISSES BARROW and CLEMENTS, being unable to obtain awests to give their customers the usual Christman box, have some a cheque for \$10 for the Comforts Fund of the Chippenham

Red Cross Hospital.

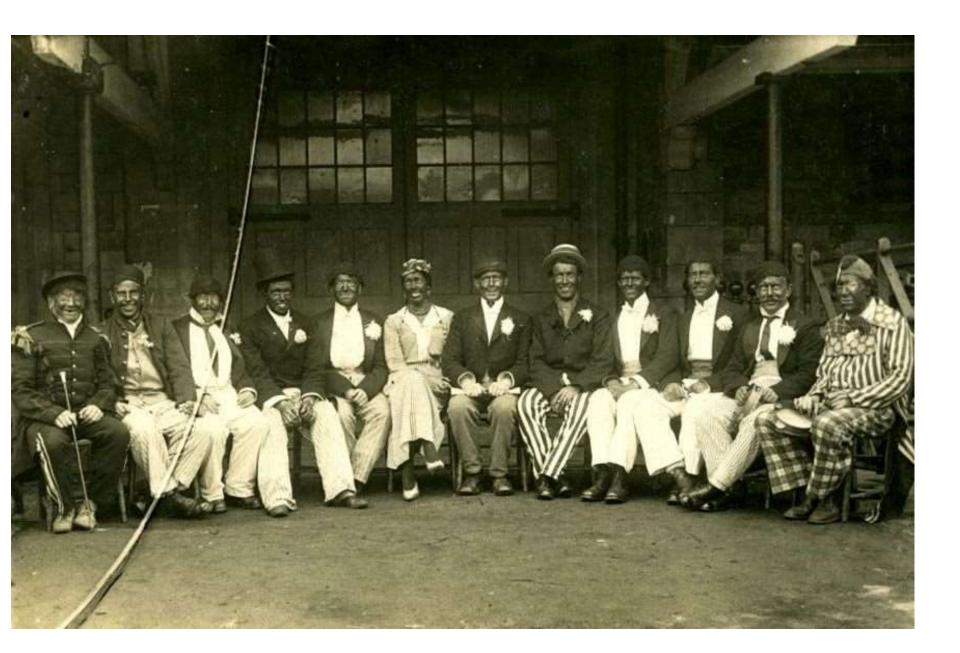
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### Leisure









#### CONCERT AT THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL

The patients at the Red Cross Hospital and the public are initelized to Lieutement Walter Munday, who is home on suck loave, recovering from the effects of the atrum at the feast, for the splendid concert he organised, which was given at the Red Crues Hospital last (Wedness day) evening. There was no charge for admission, but an appeal was made to the andience to contribute to the fund for providing coma gratifying response. Lieutenant Munday, in sivilian life, was a well known artist, and his vocal and histrionic talents were always readily given for any descript object. His musical friends gladly accould to his request for their services, but unfortunately there was one dis-appearament, Mass Wilds Blake, of Bath, the well known West of England seprano, being abliged to cancel the engagement owing to a severe attack of largingitie Lieutenant Manindisposition, informed them that through the kindness of Mr Cariton Fredericks he was able to make what he was sure would be considered on acceptable addition to the programme by the appearance of the Elfin trie, who are performing with immense success in "Alad-

ding, at the Picture Palace, and who would give a skilled and graceful exhibition of the art of toe danning. He would also like to position that these young artists and brought with them a quantity of porture post-carde of themselves. which would be offered for ease nuring the eventog and the amount realized would be placed to the credit of the fund for which he earnestly pleaded their generaus support. Others who had kindly given their services were Mrs. Corderoy, of Calmy, who has a rich contracto volce, and had a great reception; Mass Dorothy Himcook! who is a favourste with Lhappenhau. positioners, pave evidence of her numberanty ability, in her princetures where there Mr. George Proofs, Mus. Do., whose shift as a value of the proof of the princetons, was in spicable vice, and the business are common to a provided by Mr. W. Rectards on a department, who was see west. The distance of the principal of the Mrs. G. H. Williams Subjected was the pre-grames - Planeforte duct, Post and Penants. Miss Doubtby Hissock and Mr. G. H. Fredhi shoul mann ther Manua









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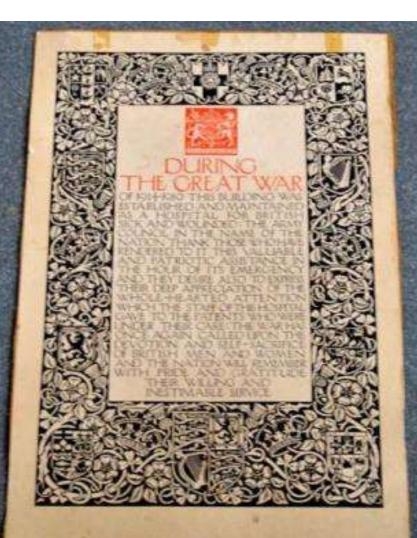






### The Peace





### ARMY'S THANKS TO V.A.D.s.

### "KEENNESS, SELF - SACRIFICE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY."

The Army Council desire to convey to all members of Voluntary Aid Detachments who have worked so hard and with such devotion, their appreciation of the valuable help unstintingly given during the long and trying period through

which the country has passed.

The keenness, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed at all times and in all circum stances has, says a Council communique, been most marked. Without the help of these workers the difficulties regarding the furnishing of adequate care and attention to the sick and wounded would have been immensely increased.

The calls made on the members of the V.A.D.s have been many and various, but they have invariably been met with the atmost ability, tack

and goodwill.





