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New Zealand Nurses in America

Sister Guinness, late of Trentham Hospital, who, with Sister Binsted, recently left to do some work in the United States, writes from San Francisco, as follows:

“We had a very enjoyable trip over, but I was not sorry when we arrived, not being the best of sailors. San Francisco is a wonderful city: I like it. It is hilly, and so far the weather has been very good. We have both been very fortunate as regards work, and we arrived just when the American nurses were having Christmas vacation, and we were called straight away. I am at a very nice hospital, in San Mateo, and have had two very charming women as patients. I believe this is where the nicest people live, but it is rather far from the city. Do you remember Miss Jennings? She is here, too; and Claire Everett is at a private house not far away. Sister Cameron is with the Everetts, and I am with **Sisters Taylor** and Binsted. The apartments here are wonderful little places — very compact and convenient. We met some very nice Americans on the boat, and were given two letters of introduction to doctors here, but so far have not had to use them. The American nurses we have so far met have been very nice to us. I believe there are quite a number of Australians and New Zealanders here.”

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Visit of the Prince of Wales to New Zealand

A visit long looked forward to is now a remembrance of the past. The feelings of loyalty, stirred up by the gallant and gracious demeanour of our future King, will not, we trust, pass away. They will, we hope, influence the generation of young men and women who now, as children, have had the great pleasure and privilege of seeing the young Prince. the khaki and mufti of the returned soldiers and the blue of the military hospital patients. The Prince specially singled out the sisters for a few words of greeting, and congratulated them on their decorations. Most of the military hospitals were visited, and the patients were delighted with the kindly words of the Prince.

Nurses, especially those who served during the war, had unique opportunities of being presented to His Royal Highness. At the various military parades in the different centres the military sisters' units formed a special feature, standing out with their vivid scarlet capes against

At Rotorua there was a special feature in the great camp of 6000 Maoris from all parts of the Dominion. They performed their native dances, the graceful poi-dance, and the warlike haka. The native health nurses from the various districts were drawn together to give them the opportunity of meeting and hearing by

lectures and demonstrations much that would be useful to them in their work. Unfortunately, an outbreak of influenza in the town and among the Maoris prevented anything of the kind, and the nurses were engaged in their actual nursing duties. They had a very busy time indeed, and well deserved the high tribute paid by the Hon. Sir William Herries, Minister of Native Affairs, to the efficiency and devotion of the nurses. Our illustration shows the nurses in their uniforms of serviceable grey tweed made with a divided skirt, which, when not riding, looks like an ordinary walking skirt; a short coat, white shirt and tie, hat with letters "N.H.N." embroidered in green on band.

The senior native health nurse, Miss Ferguson was, unfortunately, not able to be present, owing to sickness in her district. **Sister Taylor, late N.Z.A.N.S.**, from Te Karaka, also could not be spared. After visiting the North Island, the Prince proceeded to the South. At Chalmers Hospital, the patients from Queen Mary's Hospital, Hanmer, were brought down by car and rail, so that they would not miss the opportunity given to other patients. A sister also accompanied them. At Dunedin, besides Sidcup and the other military wards, Monticelli was visited, and the Royal visitor expressed himself as very pleased indeed with the arrangements and the care of the disabled soldiers.

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