



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SHEEP

**LT.-COL. SHEEP  
RELIEVED**

Lt. Col. W. L. Sheep, commanding officer of Base Hospital No. 54 has been relieved of duty with this organization per telegraphic instructions of the War Department. He is to report shortly to another station for duty.

It is with the sharpest of regrets that the members of the hospital bid farewell to their esteemed commander and they trust that he will meet with further success in the future.

Editors note—To the service of the Red Cross nurses, Nichols O'Tyne has written a gripping poem which is being used extensively in the present Red Cross drive. It pertains so strikingly to the mission of all the volunteer nurses that we think this the most appropriate place to introduce the worthy verse entitled:

**THE MOTHER OF MEN.**

O'er her heart, the emblem of mercy—  
The deep crimson cross, shining bright  
As the blood from the wounds of the  
Savior—  
Gleams forth on a field of snowy  
white.

Compassionate mother of sorrows,  
Enduring her travail again,  
She walks in the valley of shadows,  
This Red Cross mother of men.

She reaches her arms forth in pity,  
She gathers her sons to her breast,  
She binds up the wounds of the stricken.

Her heart is a haven of rest.  
Wherever man fare forth to battle,  
Wherever the crimson tide flows,  
Wherever the needs is the gravest,  
On errands of mercy she goes.

Profound is the love of this mother,  
E'er seeking the broken to mend,  
As great as the love of that other  
"Who girth his life for his friend."  
'Midst the shriek and crashing of  
shells,  
She bears back her battle torn children  
From the wide flung portals of hell.

On her brow a diadem royal,  
All builded of deep-biting thorn,  
Gethsemane's garden of sorrow  
She knows, and the glory of morn.  
For Christ and the cross is her labor.  
'Midst the war-torn valley and glen;  
She is love and pity incarnate—  
This merciful mother of mine.

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