



**British
RedCross**

Working Party's Efforts

At the beginning of the war Mrs. Walsh organised a working party for the purpose of making garments for the Red Cross. With few breaks, a party of ladies have assembled at the Manor House each Wednesday and much work has been accomplished. During October and November, two consignments, totalling 109 articles, were sent to the local branch. Included in these were: 12 operation shirts, eight nightshirts, six "helpless" shirts, four pairs of pyjamas, 19 pairs of operation stockings, 17 pairs of bed socks, three bed jackets, bandages, many tailed bandages, day socks, etc. In addition another consignment of articles is nearly ready for delivery. Since November the Working Party have extended their activities to making comforts for the Forces (including socks, scarves, helmets and mittens), for the Army, Navy and Air Force and the minesweepers. A parcel has already been despatched to the Wilts Yeomanry and one to the "Royals" (the late regiment of Col. F. Wilson FitzGerald, DSO., of Purton House) and there is a large number of articles, again ready for despatch. The only difficulty encountered is the necessary funds to buy the materials to supply the many offers of knitting and sewing in the village. So far all that has been done has been covered by private subscription, with the addition of funds realised from a very successful dance organised by Mrs. Walsh and held in the Angel Hotel on Boxing Night. The work done so far has been considered very gratifying.

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