

Crosland Hill Knitting Circle - Source 1

SEWING ROOM.

Since September, 1943, 2,394 garments and other articles have been made in the Sewing Room, with the outside help of the Shepley and North Bank Working Parties. They include men's and women's dressing gowns, dressing jackets, balcony coats, bed jackets, pyjamas and night-gowns. Curtains and cushions, for the A.T.S., tablecloths for the R.A.O.C., despatch riders' gloves and padded jerkins, children's coats, dresses, knickers, skirts, trousers and blouses, etc., for S.S.A.F.A., and the Greenhead, Milnsbridge and Southgate War-time nurseries.

Total number of articles made to date, **12,235**.

RED CROSS.

Garments made from materials supplied by the Red Cross and returned:—

30 pairs of Men's Pyjamas.	395 Children's Vests.
128 Pullovers.	28 Women's Night-gowns.
28 Scarves.	656 Casualty Bags.
56 pairs of Socks.	
28 pairs of Gloves.	1,349 Total.

Gifts:—

Men's Garments.

312 Pullovers.
224 Scarves.
58 pairs of Gloves.
67 pairs of Mittens.
17 Cap Mufflers.
75 Helmets.
40 pairs of Slippers.
83 pairs of Socks.
6 Miscellaneous
167 Khaki Shirts.

Women's Garments.

21 Bed-jackets.
52 Dressing Gowns.
7 Dressing Coats.
1 pair Ankle Socks.

81

Bandages.

34 Knitted Bandages.
34 Eye Masks.

1,043	68	
	Total number of returns	... 1,349
	Total number of gifts	... 1,198
	Total	... 2,547

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GENERAL REPORT.

Steady work has been the keynote during the fifth year of war, and in spite of all the difficulties of the times, working parties and others have kept up the level of achievement. Requisitions from all the Services have been constant, and urgent demands not infrequent. Among these was a sudden request from W.V.S. for 1,000 pairs socks for the Merchant Navy, these were completed in two months. Goods have been sent in fairly equal quantities to the Army and the Royal and Merchant Navies, and there is still a stock of 3,480 knitted garments awaiting instructions from the Director of Voluntary Organisations whose own depot was blitzed.

Letters of thanks from all fronts testify to the very widespread distribution of comforts by the Service Organisations. For instance, during the worst of the fighting in Italy a great number of messages of appreciation were received from men at the front. The issue of comforts is limited only by the number available, and in view of the continued official ban on personal parcels, it will be realised that the goods are rightly sent where the need is greatest. The obvious conclusion to draw from this is, that the more comforts that are made, the more needs will be met.

So many of the letters from men—personally quite unknown—stress the pleasure they have, not only in the comforts themselves, but in the realisation that they are not forgotten and that women at home are finding time still, to knit and work for them. Officers have repeatedly emphasised the value of morale of this link with home. There can be only one response from the workers at the Bureau.

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