

# RED CROSS SOCIETY'S WORK FOR PRISONERS

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## Prisoners of War

"There appears to be a somewhat general misunderstanding in Canada as to the connection of the Prisoners of War Department under Mrs. Rivers-Bulkney with the Canadian Red Cross Society. This department was the logical outgrowth of the Information Department of the Red Cross, which followed the wounded Canadians (and certainly until lately, if at all, there was no Canadian a prisoner who was not wounded) into the camps of the enemy and then provided him with weekly parcels of bread, fortnightly parcels of other food, and clothes as required. Special funds have been raised for this purpose and many people have "adopted" prisoners by undertaking to defray expenses of a particular man, but if no special funds are forthcoming, the general funds of the Red Cross are available for the prisoners. This work is organized and carried out by the Red Cross under the terms of the Hague convention, which included the care of prisoners in the scope of the Red Cross. Many other organizations—notably the Women's Canadian Clubs—have rendered generous assistance in this work, but it is essentially the Red Cross Work and we are proud to reckon Mrs. Rivers-Bulkney as a member of the staff of the C. R. C. S."

## Prisoners of War Department

"As we have been sending bread from Switzerland for the last nine months, it has been decided that a change might be desirable. It is getting somewhat difficult to vary the food parcels which we send, so we think we can provide a slight variety by a different form of bread. We have had loaves from Messrs. Dudney & Johnston, Bedford, for several weeks in the office to taste them, and at the end of this time they are perfectly good. The bread seems excellent, and we hope very much that this new experience will be successful.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the excellent arrangements made by the British Legation at Berne nor of the quality of their bread, and we feel very reluctant to give up sending through them, but feel perhaps it may be of advantage to the men to make at least a temporary change. The Irish Women's Association have been sending Messrs. Dudney & Johnston's bread for many months to their prisoners, and have found it unfailingly satisfactory."