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75,000 Miles on Hospital Service.

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Miss Ethel Bray

Miss Ethel Bray, the second daughter of Mr John Bray, who resides at Royston, Buckhurst Road, has returned to Bexhill after nearly two years war work in connection with her duties as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Order of Nurses. She has applied to be engaged on home service, and has received an appointment to Colchester Military Hospital, proceeding there on Tuesday. When the war broke out Miss Ethel Bray went across to France with the very first contingent of the British Army, and was there for four months. On December 1st she was appointed to the famous hospital ship "Astorias" and crossed the Channel with the wounded soldiers, being on board the vessel when the Germans made the attempt to sink her with a submarine. During the intervening months she had crossed many times, nearly eighty, with wounded men. Early in 1915 she was sent out in a hospital ship to Gallipoli, and has since made five voyages home with wounded soldiers. On the last occasion, while in the East, she crossed in HM hospital ship with wounded men no fewer than thirteen times from Sulvia Bay either to Alexandria or Malta. Since the evacuation of the Dardanelles she has spent two months nursing in the military hospital at Alexandria. Consequently her service includes four months in France, eighteen at sea, and two in Alexandria, and during the three periods she has travelled no fewer than 75,000 miles by sea alone. Fortunately she was able to spend Christmas 1915 at her home in Bexhill, arriving two days before the festival, but early in January she was outward bound to the Mediterranean, returning a fortnight ago for a short respite from her duties.

Two other daughters, Miss Evelyn Bray and Miss M. Bray, are also nurses, the former being in charge of the operating theatre at the Royal Herbert Hospital at Woolwich, and the latter having been for some time engaged in assisting in

a large nursing home maintained by the Government on the Northumberland coast for the reception of wounded soldiers and sailors.

Gunner Morgan, who was married to Miss Gertrude Bray, another daughter, is with the South African Heavy Artillery at the front.

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