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Dear Miss Wilshere

I thought you might be interested in the article in our Trust Acute News - Page 8. As you can see, the photo of your aunt has come out very well. Thank you once again for returning the badge to the Trust. It has made a very interesting article for our staff.

Yours sincerely

Denise White
Director of Nursing & Midwifery

OLIVE SHARMAN WILSHERE

1888-1945

Born in Leicestershire, Olive, the fourth child in a family of six, spent most of her life in Kirby Muxloe, a village west of Leicester.

At the outbreak of the First World War she became a VAD in Leicester, but later in 1914 went to Kettering Hospital to train as a nurse. On completing her training in 1917, she moved to Ashbourne Cottage Hospital in Derbyshire, but returned to Kirby Muxloe when the war ended.

Olive retained her interest in nursing, becoming a member of the Leicester branch of the Royal College of Nursing, and later a governor of Leicester Royal Infirmary.

In World War Two she was a volunteer at the Kirby First Aid Post, and was on duty there when two landmines were dropped on the village in November 1940.

With a strong interest in the Scout movement, Olive was the Assistant Cub Master of the Kirby Muxloe Cub Pack, and Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs for West Leicester.

From her childhood she was a keen naturalist and later in life she contributed to ornithological publications. Olive was involved in many aspects of the village's life, and was an active member of the Kirby Muxloe Free Church.

She died of cancer in 1945.

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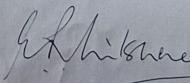
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Dear Mrs White,

Hospital Nurse Badge 1917

Last December, when you accepted my offer to donate my late aunt's Kettering Hospital badge to your nursing archives, I said that it would be sent after Christmas. Please accept my apologies for the delay, after searching through boxes of old family photos I eventually found this one, and promptly mislaid it. It has at last come to light, and is enclosed with the badge, together with a piece about my aunt, as requested. If it is too long, please amend it as you wish.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E R Wilshere