Military hospitals in York 1914-1918 – a brief audit
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On Friday September 6th, 1918, a convoy of 160 wounded soldiers arrived by train into York City Station at 3.30am. They were met by members of the newly-formed Women’s Department of Stretcher Bearers, who, under the supervision of Colonel F.W. Lamballe, assisted in the transport of 30 men to York County Hospital. A further 50 men were sent to the Central Military Hospital on Fulford Road, which extended its buildings to meet this additional demand. The largest group of 80 soliders were transferred to the Haxby Road Military Hospital.
York Military Hospital on Fulford Road

There had been a military hospital in York certainly since the early 19thC and this imposing building was built in the 1850s. Served as a military hospital until 1958.

There was also an outstation of the main military hospital called the **Fulford Hospital, St. Oswalds Road** – does anybody know anything about this?
Haxby Road Military Hospital

Created in the Dining Block of the Rowntree’s Chocolate Factory.

Run by the Friends’ Ambulance Unit, a voluntary service founded to provide opportunities for non-combatant service to male Quakers.

The Haxby Road hospital offered 200 beds, along with emergency care for soldiers and citizens injured in France and Belgium.

The Friends Ambulance Unit went on to work with the British Red Cross at the Western Front, as well as a number of other locations across the UK.
Auxiliary military hospitals – the V.A.D.

- Bootham School
- Haxby Road Military Hospital
- York County Hospital
- Clifford Street
- Nunthorpe Hall
- York Military Hospital
- St. Oswald’s Road
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V.A.D. hospitals

Nunthorpe Hall

Sir Edward Green gave over his house to the V.A.D., to be run by his daughter in law, Mrs Lycett-Green.

Opened on the 1st October 1915 with 50 beds with a convoy of men direct from the battlefield of Loos.

Bombed in 1916!

Closed in 1919 having treated 914 patients.
Clifford Street V.A.D hospital

This was in the Friends meeting house, lent by the Trustees.

Commandants were Mrs. Lycett Green, Mrs Watson (mother of Irvine Watson O.B.E. of Fulford) and Miss Helemargles.

This Hospital was opened March 23rd, 1915, with a convoy of soldiers direct from the Front. It started with 40 beds which were later increased to 56. It was closed January 10th, 1919. The total number of patients treated was 819.

Bootham school V.A.D hospital

In 1914, upon hearing rumours of a naval battles in the North Sea, the V.A.D. detachment in York converted Bootham school into a 100 bed hospital in 17 days.

However, the battle didn’t happen and after sitting ready for 6 weeks it was converted back to a school again.

Term was 11 days late!