

# About English evacuation infirmaries and hospitals during the First World War

## Introduction

Here follows a series of simultaneous renderings, which are to illustrate the parts of the "Wounded's Way" that lie behind the battlefield.

## No. 1 British Red Cross Hospital (Duchess of Westminster's Hospital)

The Duchess of Westminster opened in October 1914 the hospital at Le Touquet [1](#)), which until July 1918 bore the designation *No. 1 British Red Cross Hospital (Duchess of Westminster's Hospital)*. Patients could be admitted here until they were strong enough to handle transport for further treatment in England.



*The Duchess of Westminster along with parts of the staff at No. 1 British Red Cross Hospital [2](#)).*

The Duchess of Westminster personally headed the hospital, which was described as one of the best of its kind in France.

Le Touquet was a popular resort for the English upper class, and everyone who was - or wanted to be - spent their holidays here. One of the obvious attractions of the place was the Casino, the closest legal option to London. Some sources state that there were often more MPs in Le Touquet than in Parliament...













