

# THE QUEEN VISITS NAYLAND

## Opens British Legion's First Service Women's T.B. Sanatorium

### NAYLAND HALL "A BEACON OF SERVICE"

Standing on a sun-bathed terrace fronting the lawn, and looking radiant in a charming blue ensemble, the Queen, surrounded by famous veterans of the last war, and by young women of the services of this, spoke words of comfort, and hope to those service women who are now patients of Nayland Hall unfortunately incapacitated by tuberculosis.

Her Majesty was, on Wednesday, opening this, the first institution of its kind established by the British Legion, to be devoted to the care and restoration of young women from the Women's Auxiliary Services incapacitated by tuberculosis.

It was a postponed visit from November when the death of her father prevented her attending.

After inspecting a guard of honour of patients and watched through open windows by many of other bedridden inmates in the main block overlooking the scene, Her Majesty touched the hearts of all with a brief, yet gracious message. She said: "I am very glad to come here to-day to visit the newest British Legion house of three, whose purpose is to care for those who suffer from tuberculosis and to lead them towards the goal of health and towards independence. In the task at Preston Hall and Douglas Hall for men, and now at Nayland Hall for women, the British Legion is lighting new beacons to guide all who strive to help their fellow men and women who have served, and who are still serving

in H.M. Forces. In this centre of healing those who come here will find not only all the modern methods of science and medicine, but something else at least as valuable. They will find, I trust, a new purpose in life, and a fresh start, so that every woman, however ill, may learn a trade or occupation and feel with hope and confidence, that there is always use for her skill. It is comforting when there is so much destruction in the world about us, to come to a place where science and goodwill are working together to build up, rather than destroy."

#### A TOUR OF THE WARDS

Sally Nolan, one of the youngest of the A.T.S. patients, presented Her Majesty with a choice bouquet of flowers, and then the Queen made an extensive tour of the buildings in which she saw all the latest scientific devices. She chatted with many of the patients before being entertained to tea—the end of a memorable day, and when the words of the Queen were re-echoed in the hearts of all, "I pray that all who come to Nayland will be given strength, courage and renewed health, and that all who work here may have the reward of their unselfish service."

Among the distinguished visitors present were the President of the British Legion (Gen. Sir Fredk. Maurice), the Patron, (Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, the President of the Women's Section (Lady Apsley), and the chairman of the Legion (Brig.-Gen. E. R. Fitzpatrick.)