

RED CROSS SPEEDS UP PRISONERS' PARCELS.

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The grounds of St. James's Palace staged a garden gathering, held as part of the organizations of the forthcoming flag day for the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross War Fund. In the Duke's absence the Duchess graced the assembly. One of the speeches was made by Lady Louis Mountbatten, whose husband is happily reported to have survived the sinking of his destroyer off Crete.

The Duchess inspected some of the Red Cross vehicles, typical of the thousand now in the British Isles. Many girl drivers have been at the wheel through the worst nights of the blitz.

Parcels for prisoners of war is another Red Cross activity. The contents are planned to make good what is lacking from the diet and canteens of the German camps. The food in each one costs ten shillings. It reaches the prisoners by way of the International Red Cross organization at Geneva. Most of the packers are voluntary workers hard at it to dispatch about a hundred thousand parcels every week. Letters home prove that the men really get them. It's easy to imagine how much brighter life must be when the weekly parcel arrives.
