

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS.

FURTHER DENIAL OF GERMAN FALSEHOODS.

The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement:—

The constant repetition in the German Wireless Press messages of falsehoods concerning British hospital ships necessitates a further categorical denial.

There are 42 British hospital ships working to and from Mediterranean—not 70 as stated.

No hospital ship has carried other than sick and wounded, nurses, and medical staff, and medical stores.

All are fully ballasted to secure safety and comfort, but are *not* deeply laden. On the contrary they are generally some feet higher than deep draught.

All are permanently painted as required by Geneva Convention, and duly notified to belligerents. No temporary arrangements, such as those suggested, exist.

The whole report and its insinuation is absolutely false. Great Britain has strictly adhered to the Geneva and Hague Conventions.

Previous experience suggests that this series of falsehoods foreshadow attacks on British hospital ships by German submarines.