

THE VOLUNTARY NURSING TEAM FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN CLEVELAND

The Voluntary Team in this area is unique in that as far as we know, it is the only ENTIRELY voluntary team of nurses still in existence in the Country which continues to staff daily blood collections for the Transfusion Service, providing every function of care on the blood donor session. The Team was formed after the first collection of blood took place in the North Riding Infirmary in Middlesbrough on the 2nd September 1941. From small, and often erratic collections in those early days, the Team has continued in strength so that today, they staff DAILY blood collections, excepting Saturdays and provide the Service with a valuable intake of blood which can vary from 70 pints a day to say 120 or 140 pints a day, to produce that vital one fifth of the blood collected for the Region as a whole.

