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Adrian is:

Life Member of the British Society for the History of Radiology

Honorary Historian of the British Institute of Radiology

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the British Institute of Radiology.

Honorary Foreign Professor, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Honorary Doctorate, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest

Awarded the Freedom of the City of London

Distinguished Lecturer, The Congress of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest (2018)

Clothed with the Livery of the Court of Apothecaries, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries (2018)

Member of The Order of Blessed William Laud, Archbishop and Martyr. (2018)

Author or joint author of 6 books, 18 book chapters, 39 papers, and multiple articles. Has given many talks including regularly lecturing on the Medical History course of the Society of Apothecaries (DHMSA).

Presents:

Stobart Unit in Antwerp in 1914

At the start of the Great War a voluntary women's medical unit for foreign service was established with Florence Stoney as the Principal Medical Officer, and Mabel Stobart as Directrice.

On 20 September 1914 the Unit went to Antwerp. The Hospital in Antwerp was located in the Summer Concert Hall in the Harmoniestraat. There was much to be done to convert it into a fully equipped surgical hospital with an X-ray installation.

Within 48 hours of arrival the new hospital received casualties from the trenches at Lierre. The situation became desperate, and the beautiful city of Antwerp was in flames. The group was evacuated in three London motor-omnibuses and were conveyed through the shelled and empty streets with burning houses and they were the last to cross the bridge over the River Schelde only twenty minutes before the Belgians blew it up.