

and sympathy which was its due, and its services were offered as a gift to our French Allies.

Mr. Binyon writes:—

"There was unlimited devotion, immense eagerness to serve, but of trained and expert help there was an inevitable deficiency. The ladies of Paris staffed the Red Cross Hospitals, and did all they could. It was the same in other towns. Some of the most devoted nursing work in those days was done, let it be recorded, by women of the streets. But the crying need was for skill, training, experience. And it is told that a Frenchwoman who knew what nursing requirements really were, and who had seen a well-appointed English ambulance train, sat and wept because so many of her dear countrymen lacked the comforts and the help they so sorely needed."

It was then that an Englishwoman went to the head of the French Army Medical Corps, and proposed to raise the Corps of fully-trained British nurses, known as the French Flag Nursing Corps, an offer which was eagerly accepted.

"It was an opportunity for testing the value of skilled nursing in war time; and the testimony of the French doctors and surgeons under whom they have worked, shows what precious metal the test revealed."

A high official wrote; "The nurses of the French Flag Nursing Corps are considered by the doctors of our armies as assistants of the first class, and their presence in France, in a number the insufficiency of which we regret, is one of the most touching evidences of the sympathy of the English nation towards our country."

(To be concluded.)

## THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King conferred the Decorations recorded below on the following ladies on July 10th, at Buckingham Palace:—

### Bar to the Royal Red Cross.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*  
—Matron-in-Chief Caroline KEER (retired), and Matron Edith NIXON.

### The Royal Red Cross.

#### FIRST CLASS.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*  
—Acting Matron Bertha PERKINS.

#### SECOND CLASS.

*Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.*  
—Sister Isabella LONG.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Assistant Matron Nellie MERRIOTT, Sister Sara BARROWCLIFF, Sister Harriett PERFREMENT, Sister Elizabeth RUSSELL, Sister Lizzie VARLEY, Sister Lillie WRIGHT, Sister Lilian WYNN, and Staff Nurse Grace MANNELL.

*Civil Nursing Service.*—Matron Alice BAYNE, Matron Edith BLAYNEY, Matron Elizabeth BOATH, Matron Florence BORTON, Matron Adeline CABLE, Matron Caroline CATTELL, Matron Emily CARPENTER-TURNER, Lady Superintendent Lucy BINNS, Assistant Matron Sophia SMITH-BEVAN, Assistant Matron Kathleen COMYN, Sister Florence BINGLEY, Sister Margaret BIRT, Sister Gertrude BUTLER, Sister Cargill CAMERON, Sister Elizabeth COATH, and Sister Sophie FRY.

*British Red Cross Society.*—Matron Alice BOTTOMLEY, Matron Frances BROWN, Matron Maria BUXTON, Assistant Matron Clara HENDERSON, Assistant Matron Lois MARSDEN, and Sister Eliza WORKMAN.

*Voluntary Aid Detachment.*—Mrs. Agnes BAYFIELD, Miss Mary BELL, Mrs. Gladys BELLVILLE, the Hon. Mrs. Margaret BIRKIN, Mrs. Katherine BLATCH, Miss Maud BLENKARN, Miss Ada BOSS, Miss Freda BOWRING, Mrs. Margaret BRAMLEY, Miss Edie BROWN, Miss Cicely BURBIDGE, Miss Ellen CARRIER, Miss Anna CARTER, Mrs. Caroline CLAYTON, and Miss Claudia CLOWES.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the military and civil Nursing Services after the investiture.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the undermentioned ladies, in recognition of their valuable Nursing Services in connection with the war:—

#### SECOND CLASS.

EAGER, Miss F. E., Sister, Queen Mary's Hospl. for the East End, Stratford; EDGAR, Miss A., Sister, T.F.N.S., 4th Sco. Gen. Hospl.; EDWARDS, Miss E. A., Supt. of Nurses, Toxteth Park Mil. Hospl., Liverpool; EDWARDS, Mrs. H., Matron, Boothroyde and Longroyde Hospls., Brighouse, Yorks; ELLIOTT, Miss A., Sister, T.F.N.S., 3rd Northern Gen. Hospl., Sheffield; ELLWOOD, Miss P. H., Sister, Red Cross Hospl., Horncastle, Lincs; ELMS, Miss J., Matron, Sussex Eye Hospl., Brighton; EPPS, Miss E. M. T., Lady Supt., Rauceby Hall, near Grantham, S. Lincs; EVANS, Miss B., Supt. Nurse, Jericho Mil. Hospl., Bury, Lancs; EVANS, Miss C., Sister, Aux. Mil. Hospl., Tranmere, Birkenhead.

FANNING, Miss R. G., Sister, Matron's Asst., N.Z.A.N.S., No. 1 N.Z. Gen. Hospl., Brockenhurst, Hants; FARMER, Miss A., Sister, Cyngfeld, Shrewsbury; FARMER, Miss M., Sister, O.A.I.M.N.S.R., R. Victoria Hospl., Netley; FEARON, Miss M. I., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 11 Can. Gen. Hospl., Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe; FITZGERALD, Miss N. A. L., Staff Nurse, War Hospl., Bradford; FRICKER, Miss M., Sister, N.Z.A.N.S., No. 2 N.Z. Gen. Hospl., Walton-on-Thames; FRY, Miss S. C., Sister, R. Sussex County Hospl., Brighton; FERGUSON, Mrs. C. F., Commdt., Bredbury V.A.D. Hospl., Tunbridge Wells.

GALBRAITH, Miss L. E., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 4 Can. Gen. Hospl., Basingstoke, Hants; GALE, Miss E. G., Matron, Hospl. for Sick and Wounded, Boscombe, Hants; GALLOWAY, Miss J., Sister, O.A.I.M.N.S.R., Queen Alexandra Mil. Hospl., Grosvenor Road, S.W. 1; GALT, Miss C., Nursing Sister, Can. Nursing Service, No. 15 Can. Gen. Hospl., Taplow, Bucks; GARDINER, Miss M., Senior Sister i/c., St. John Ambulance, Radcliffe; GAY, Miss F. E., Sister, T.F.N.S., 4th Lond. Gen. Hospl., Denmark Hill; GIBBON, Miss L. C., Matron, R. Infirmary, Blackburn; GIBSON, Mrs. L. M., Matron, Gatcombe House, Isle of Wight; GOOSEMAN, Miss F., Asst. Matron, T.F.N.S., 2nd Western Gen. Hospl., Ducie Avenue, Manchester; GORDON, Miss J. W., Sister, R. Infirmary, Manchester; GOULD, Miss I. M. H., Sister, Pembroke Aux. Mil. Hospl., Lytham; GOWAN, Miss F. W., Sister, Mil. Orthopaedic Hospl., Shepherd's Bush, W.; GRAHAM, Mrs. E. S. (Mrs. W. V. Graham), Matron, Hdqrs., B.R.C.S.; GRAHAM-SMITH, Miss M. M., Staff Nurse, Regent's Park Hospl., Southampton; GREEN, Miss L. M., Sister, Union Infirmary, Darlington; GREEN, Miss L. E., Matron, Ilford Emergency Hospl., Ilford; GRIFFITHS, Mrs. L., Staff Sister, Aux. Mil. Hospl., Quarry Place, Shrewsbury.

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