Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Naval, Military and Civil Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Dame Maud McCarthy (Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Force Nursing Service), was also received by Her Majesty.

His Majesty conferred decorations as follows at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, July 23rd:

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.-Miss Ethel Denison, Miss Amelia Dobson and Miss Olive Greenwell.

Civil Nursing Service.-Miss Mary Whyte.

British Red Cross Society.-Myfanwy Lady Hoskins, Miss Agnes Ormiston and Miss Dorothy Philpott.

Civil Hospital Reserve.-Miss Bestie Reid.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.-Miss Ida Pyson, Miss Joan Husey, Miss Maud Kirk, Miss Jane Leresche, Nora Mrs. McLellan, Miss Millicent Norton and Miss Dorothy Ridley.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and Miss Mary Fisher, Voluntary Aid Detachment.

The Royal Red Cross (First Class).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.-Miss Eva Mason, Miss Alice Rowe, and Miss Christine Sandbach.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (India).-Miss Winifred Aldridge, Miss Phoebe Exshaw, and Miss Edith Marshall.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.-Miss Ethel Bock, Nesta, Mrs. Dunlop, Miss Elsie Evans, Miss Mary Gregory, Miss Maud Hopton, Miss Winifred Hughes, Miss Emily Middleton, Miss Hannah Henderson Smith, and Miss Edith Stanton.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.-Phoebe, Mrs Balmforth, Miss Martha Reid-Morrison, and Miss Katherine Todd.

Civic Nursing Service.-Miss Lucy Ellis, Miss Lucy Garnet, and Miss Rachel Paterson.

British Red Cross Society.-Frances, Mrs. Stephens.

Civil Hospital Reserve.-Miss Maud Beverly, and Miss Jessie Robertson.

Civil and War Hospitals.-Miss Mary Tyndall.

The Royal Red Cross (Second Class).

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.-Miss Bertha Martin.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.-Miss Dora Mason, Miss Margaret Riddell, and Miss Jean Todd.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.-Miss Margaret Houston, Miss Jessie MacQueen, Miss Nina Maling, Miss Edith Marshall, Miss Christina McDonald McLennan, Miss Alice Rennison, and Miss Edith Smith.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.-Miss Nellie Hayes, Miss Hilda Purse, Miss Eliza Robertson, Miss Violet Rutter, and Miss Maud Stainton.

Civic Nursing Service.-Miss Annie Gardner, Miss Agnes Greenshields, Miss Mary Millar, and Miss Florence Whitley.

British Red Cross Society.-Miss Ethel Florence, Miss Hannah Gobbet, Miss Emma Jay, Amy, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Denn; Miss Ellen Surman.

Civil Hospital Reserve.-Miss Elizabeth Riach.

Civil and War Hospitals.-Miss Olive Plummer.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.-Miss Gladys Bell, Miss Violet Collett, Miss Kate Firth, Ellen, Mrs. Hardiman, Miss Mary Harding, Miss Gertrude Morris, Mary, Mrs. Peat, Miss Winifred Spencer, Miss Mary Stout, Miss Mary Tracey, Miss Charlotte Walker, Miss Selina Watson, and Miss Eileen Webber.

Uganda Nursing Service.-Miss Ethel Pratt.

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Miss A. B. Smith (Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service) was also received by Her Majesty.

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A NEW CULICIFUGE.

After exhaustive experiments with a wide range of materials, Burroughs Wellcome & Co. have issued the particular combination which proved itself to possess the most effective and persistent properties as a culicifuge under the title, "Skefofax" antiseptic cream.

Not only does "Skefofax" provide protection for those who visit mosquito-infested areas, but it will be most acceptable and undoubtedly most effectual as a protection against the stings of gnats and midges which are most troublesome to many who seek recreation on playing fields, rivers or allotments, etc. Patients going to the country might well be advised to pack a tube of "Skefofax" which not only affords protection against bites of insects, but is a very effective preparation for soothing the pain and reducing the inflammation after an attack.

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UNTRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

DAINTIES FOR THE SHELL-SHOCKED.

I met a worldly little friend in Bond Street recently. We chatted about the gay world, chiffons, old silver, antique porcelain, pictures, prints and what not, so temptingly displayed as we passed along. She appeared as self-centred as usual. Then we stopped at Cadbury’s, and she ordered a whole floor full of dainties—quality no doubt, also prices! "I want the very best,” she kept repeating, “chickens, larks, raised pies, Wiltshire bacon, hand-made butter, Stilton cheese.”

Then she twinkled at me—“Ain’t I a greedy little pig?”

“Well, in these hard times——” I began.

“Usual address, madam?” enquired the shopman.

“Same as usual,” she replied, “care of the matron, Palace Green Hospital for Officers, Kensington.”

Then I remembered the appeal in the press for gifts of dainties for shell-shocked officers, and expressed remorse.

“Now you shall lunch with me for your sins,” said the little tyrant.

I did.

I was ready for my tea!

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