

General Order just issued, G.R.O. 1381, states: "1381. Allowances. The Army Council have decided that none of the allowances mentioned in Army Order No. 501 of 1914 . . . shall be drawn by members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. and other nurses after January 31st, 1916."

We learn that no saving can be effected by the nurses out of their salary of £40 to £45 per annum, and they have looked upon their allowances as part salary from which they can, with good management, save. One nurse reports from France having been able to send home £50, about what she would have saved as a private nurse; her mind has been, therefore, relieved of anxiety as to her financial obligations. Let us hope it is not too late to prevent these hard-working women being deprived of the emoluments promised upon signing their agreement for military service. Should the new General Order be put into force by the Army Council, it, of course, relieves Sisters and nurses from their obligations in so far as further service is concerned, and their senior officers will have no right to allude to those who resign as has been done in writing in the past, as deserters. The Matrons-in-Chief of both Services are generously remunerated, and it is their duty to see that their subordinates are equally well treated. We hope they have made a vigorous protest against that new "Order"; if not, the sooner it is done the better.

Miss Bertha Smith and Miss Miriam Hitchcox, who recently came over from Canada, have been appointed to the Canadian Army Medical Contingent Nursing Service. Friends will be pleased to know of these appointments.

Dr. Elsie Inglis and the first unit of the Scottish Women's Hospital, who have arrived in London after an adventurous journey, have many interesting details to tell of their experiences. The party included, in addition to Dr. Inglis, Dr. Elsie Holloway, Dr. Katharine Corbett and Dr. Jessie Scott, with the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield administration, and Sisters Wright, Leuchars, Andrews, Ewart, Strange and France.

Dr. Inglis has been in Serbia since May of last year, when she took over the surgical hospital at Kraguievatz from Dr. Eleanor Soltau, and in October moved down to a Serbian Hospital at Krushevatz, from which they were ejected when the Germans entered the town; but as their wounded were taken to the Serbian Military Hospital they worked there as prisoners until February 9th, when they were told by the Austrian authorities, who took over the control, to leave. The Austrians had given them permission to leave about Christmas, but as they had over 1,000 wounded on their hands they felt this was impossible. "There was," Dr. Inglis relates, "an enormous lot to do, for the cesspools were flowing over, and the rubbish heaps had not been

cleared away for months. Amputated legs and arms were lying about among the rubbish, and altogether it was a most disagreeable job to tackle. The highest praise is due to three of our orderlies, Miss Wardle, Miss Madan and Miss Whitehead, who dealt with this work. They were specially trained as orderlies. They were just three ordinary English girls who took over this terrible work and saw it through. We were afraid of an outbreak of typhus at one time, and we opened an isolation hospital in the grounds, but, as it proved, we only had two cases, and they were both civilians." The members of the party who arrived at Waterloo on March 1st received a warm welcome.



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All the four Principal Matrons of the Scottish Territorial Hospitals now possess the Royal Red Cross. Miss Gill (2nd Scottish General Hosp., Craigleith) has held it since 1901, when it was awarded her for services in the South African War, and Miss Edmondson (1st Scottish Hospital, Aberdeen), Miss Gregory Smith (3rd Scottish), and Miss Melrose (4th Scottish Hospital), both at Stobhill, Glasgow, have recently received the new decoration of the first class from His Majesty the King.

Writing from Malta, a Sister tells of the exciting time experienced on a hospital ship at Salonika when the Zepps came and dropped bombs around. She says: "I shall never forget that night as long as I live. We woke up about 3.30 a.m. hearing

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