

NURSING AND THE WAR.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Last Saturday the King invested the following ladies with the Royal Red Cross:—

FIRST CLASS.

Miss Helen Rait, Lady Superintendent, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service for India.

We wonder if it is true that many patients in military hospitals are suffering with bed-sores. We know of one masseuse who reports that in the hospital in which she works the bed-sores are terrible. Let us hope this condition is an exception. Any way, every patient who gets a bed-sore after admission to a military hospital is a sure sign of inferior nursing and means lack of supervision.

It is always expected of nurses that they should be "adaptable." The latest instance of the exhibition of this quality which has been brought to our notice is in a picture in a contemporary, in which a French Red Cross nurse is seen entering an aeroplane; and, in answer to a call, is preparing to fly to the aid of the wounded. She seems to be stepping into the machine in a most purposeful way.



A WOUNDED FRENCH SOLDIER KISSING THE BRITISH FLAG ON EMPIRE DAY.

SECOND CLASS.

Miss Dolores Knight, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The picture of a "Poilu" in the French Hospital, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C., saluting the British flag, is characteristic of the simplicity and charming dignity which seems to be instinctive in the French nation. Different nations have different characteristics. We all know that "Tommy Atkins" is superb, but we cannot imagine him sitting up in bed and kissing the Tricolor with the serious grace of his comrade-in-arms.

A message from Milan states (according to the *Daily Express*) that the Duchess of Aosta recently visited the British Red Cross nurses near the Italian front and congratulated them on the splendid work they have been doing, particularly among the ever-increasing arrivals of wounded since the beginning of the Austrian offensive. The women carried many men down from heights of 10,000 feet, risking death from avalanches.

We have brought to the notice of our readers from time to time the splendid work of the nurses at Verona, trained by Miss Snell at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome.

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