

NURSING AND THE WAR.

At Buckingham Palace on August the 18th, when the King received a number of officers and invested them with the insignia of the Companions of the Orders into which they have been admitted, his Majesty decorated Miss Violet Kiddle, Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, with the Royal Red Cross, first-class.

Ever since the beginning of the war trained nurses have shown the greatest courage and heroism in exposing themselves to danger when duty and the interest of their patients so demanded. In the casualty list of August 16th, under the heading "Officers Wounded," the following names

just behind the line, and showing the nurse and doctor working together to give skilled treatment and care to the wounded. The picture is from an official photograph issued by the Press Bureau (of which the Crown Copyright is reserved) taken during the British Advance in the West.

In a question put in the House of Commons on August 8th, Major Sir C. Hunter asked if the medical authorities at the War Office would take steps to provide rubber gloves for the nurses who do dressings in the military hospitals at home in order to prevent cases of septic poisoning? Mr. Forster, who answered the question on behalf of the Secretary of War, said every demand made by Medical Officers for rubber gloves for the use



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A PEEP INTO A CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

appeared:—Matron M. M. Tunley, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Sister K. A. Easby and Sister K. A. Allsop, both of the same Service; and Sister J. S. Whyte, Territorial Force Nursing Service. We do not doubt that they will bear these honourable wounds with the same fortitude and uncomplaining courage as the men of all ranks in the Army. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

Trained nurses have always claimed that wherever the sick and wounded are, there their place is, but it is a claim that those in authority have been very slow to admit, and in past wars their work has for the most part been limited to base hospitals. The illustration which we print on this page is therefore specially interesting, affording a peep into a Casualty Clearing Station

of nurses in military hospitals had been met. If the hon. and gallant Member had had brought to his notice any case where such gloves were not available, all that was necessary was for those responsible to make an indent.

Mr. Stanley Washburn, the Special Correspondent of the *Times* with the Russian Forces, writing from Lutsk, as seen from his balcony, says:

"As far as one can see both up and down the street, the surging masses of khaki figures with their fixed bayonets swing with their long stride, roaring out their marching songs at the top of their lungs, those wonderful songs to the cadence of which hundreds of thousands of men have died these past two years.

"The pavements, too, are crowded with those who have their part in war. Sisters of Mercy,

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