

NURSING AND THE WAR.

On Wednesday, 4th inst., the King bestowed the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross on the following Matrons and Nurses at Buckingham Palace, to whom hearty congratulations:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

First Class.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.—Matron Susannah Lamming, Acting Matron Susan Smythe, Acting Matron Amy Willes, Matron Gertrude Larner, Acting Matron Johanna Clay, and Acting Matron Margaret Steele.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY SERVICE (RESERVE).—Matron Melina McCord.

Miss Isabel Patton, late Matron, American Nursing Service.

Second Class.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.—Acting Matron Ellen McAlister, Acting Matron Alice Steer, Acting Matron Flora Macpherson, Acting Sister Edith O'Connell, Acting Matron Edith Monck-Mason.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE (RESERVE).—Sister Daisy Ansell, Sister Emily Lett, Sister Dorothy Rothery, Sister Aileen Moore, Sister Dora Deacon, Sister Gertrude Hawkins, Sister May Alexander, Sister Eleanor Wimbush, Sister Dorothy Creed, Sister Annie Tweedy, Staff Nurse Flora Biggar, Staff Nurse Margaret Lawrence, Staff Nurse Annie Dobbin, Staff Nurse Charlotte Tyler, Staff Nurse Clara Skelton, Staff Nurse Emma Hailey, Staff Nurse Dorothy Woollett, Staff Nurse Margaret Turner, Staff Nurse Anne Ross, Staff Nurse Anne Frame, Staff Nurse Margaret McLean, and Staff Nurse Janie Towell.

NURSING STAFF OF MILITARY AND WAR HOSPITALS.—Sister Fanny Ashworth.

On Saturday last, the King awarded at Buckingham Palace the Royal Red Cross to eighty Matrons, Sisters and Nurses, all of whom are to be heartily congratulated upon receiving the distinction.

First Class.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.—Principal Matron Emma Smale, Matron Kathleen Lloyd, Matron Helen Cottam, Matron Margaret Sinclair, Matron Alicia Kerr, Matron Ida Turner.

NEW ZEALAND NURSING SERVICE.—Senior Matron Bertha Nurse.

Second Class.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE (RESERVE).—Sister Helen Helps, Sister Emily Bolland, Sister Mary Barrow.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.—Sister Dorothy Jones, Sister Lily Ellis, Sister Angeline Dent, Sister Annie Pledger, Sister Annie Ellis, Sister Mary Foster, Sister Eliza James, Sister Frances Wood, Sister Mabel Alibone, Sister Kate Taylor, Sister Edith

Draper, Sister Florence Lupton, Sister Edith Duston, Sister Anne Boddy, Sister Dora Chapman, Sister Anne Simpson, Sister Lily Webster, Sister Kathleen Daye, Sister Harriet Reynolds, Sister Edith Davis, Sister Anita Teague, Sister Martha Barnes, Sister Edith Baldwin, Sister Mary Dowbiggin, Sister Ellen Andrews, Sister Catherine McCallum, Sister Isabel Calder.

Nurse Dora McLelland, Nurse Ethel Jackson, Nurse Laura Dack, Nurse Miriam Cole, Nurse Kate Seagei, Nurse Violet Wardlaw, Nurse Maria Bradburn, Nurse Octavia Allee, Nurse Flora Knight, Nurse Margaret Power, Nurse Agnes Linton, Nurse Euphemia Mitchell, Nurse Edith Livingstone, Nurse Catherine Roberts, Nurse Minnie Barber, Nurse Isabel Berry, Nurse Sarah Tiplady, Nurse Caroline Jackson, Nurse Elizabeth Charles, Nurse Emily Connell, Nurse Lilly Huntley, Nurse Ethel Spencer, Nurse Grace Tait, Nurse Jessie Green, Nurse Ada Bull, Nurse Eliza Walton, Nurse Margaret Bamford, Nurse Sarah Archer, Nurse Elizabeth Hart, Nurse Kate Steel, Nurse Winifred Holroyde, Nurse Molly Paddle, Nurse Mary Mann, Nurse Catharine Brand, Nurse Elizabeth Sim, Nurse Marjory Stuart, Nurse Catherine Yule, Nurse Elizabeth Henderson, Nurse Elizabeth Beaton, Nurse Eleanor Bell, Nurse Mary Donald, Nurse Margaret Connell, Nurse Margaret Ochse.

Miss J. M. Clay, Acting Matron of the Kitchener Hospital at Brighton, one of those who had the honour of receiving the decoration of the Royal Red Cross (First Class) from His Majesty the King last week, has had a varied and interesting nursing career. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and afterwards obtained midwifery training at the Hospital for Women, Brighton, where she subsequently was appointed a Branch Superintendent and Sub-Matron. She was for a time a Sister at the Policlinico Hospital in Rome, and for some years a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Before her appointment to her present position Miss Clay was Matron at Lord Derby's War Hospital at Warrington.

Writing on the British hospital services at the front in France, Lord Northcliffe says:—"It is impossible to convey in words the amazing, untiring activity of the nurses and doctors. I did not know that human beings could work so many hours without sleep at the most anxious kind of work the world provides. No wonder that the women sometimes break down and require hostels and rest homes. Yet during a number of war visits I have met with not one complaint from any member of any medical staff in the field or elsewhere."

Sister Davies, who has been working with the Anglo-Russian Hospital for the past year, has just arrived in England. For a considerable time she was with the field hospital on the Polish front. She speaks in terms of admiration of the splendid

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