

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

On Saturday last His Majesty the King decorated the following nurses with the Royal Red Cross:—

### FIRST CLASS.

Matron Sara Bills, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Matron, Lavinia Steen, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service; Matron Hannah Suart, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; and Sister Evelyn Luard, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

St. George, in recognition of the services rendered by them in the hospitals during the air raids by German airmen.

On Saturday, November 4th, a little knot of friends were on the platform at Charing Cross to bid farewell to Miss Violetta Thurstan, who left by the boat train *en route* for La Panne, where she will take up the duties of Matron of the hospital of which Dr. Depage is Medical Director. Miss Thurstan wore a dark blue coat faced with red, and a brassard bearing the Red Cross and her official number; in her felt hat was the little white enamel badge, with the Red Cross, and the



A BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY AT THE FRONT.

### SECOND CLASS.

Sister Clara Griffin, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Sister Cecilia Harries, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Sister Christine Hodson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; and Sister Lily Reeves, Nursing Staff of Military and War Hospitals.

By order of the Tsar the Russian officer who is attached to the Rumanian General Headquarters has presented to the Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Marie the medal of

black eight-pointed Cross of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem inset.

So far as we are aware, Miss Thurstan was the only trained nurse to travel by the train; but a crowd of V.A.D.s—some twenty-five or so—were being seen off by Lady Oliver. It made one feel sad to think of the highly skilled nurses who might have gone instead, to the real relief of our sick and wounded; for, outside official circles, the dearth of nurses for this purpose is generally regarded as lack of organization. The glorification of the V.A.D. in the present war is creating very serious problems for solution in the future; for if

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