

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### REWARDS FOR GALLANTRY AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for gallantry and meritorious service on the occasion of the mining of a hospital ship:—

#### ROYAL RED CROSS.

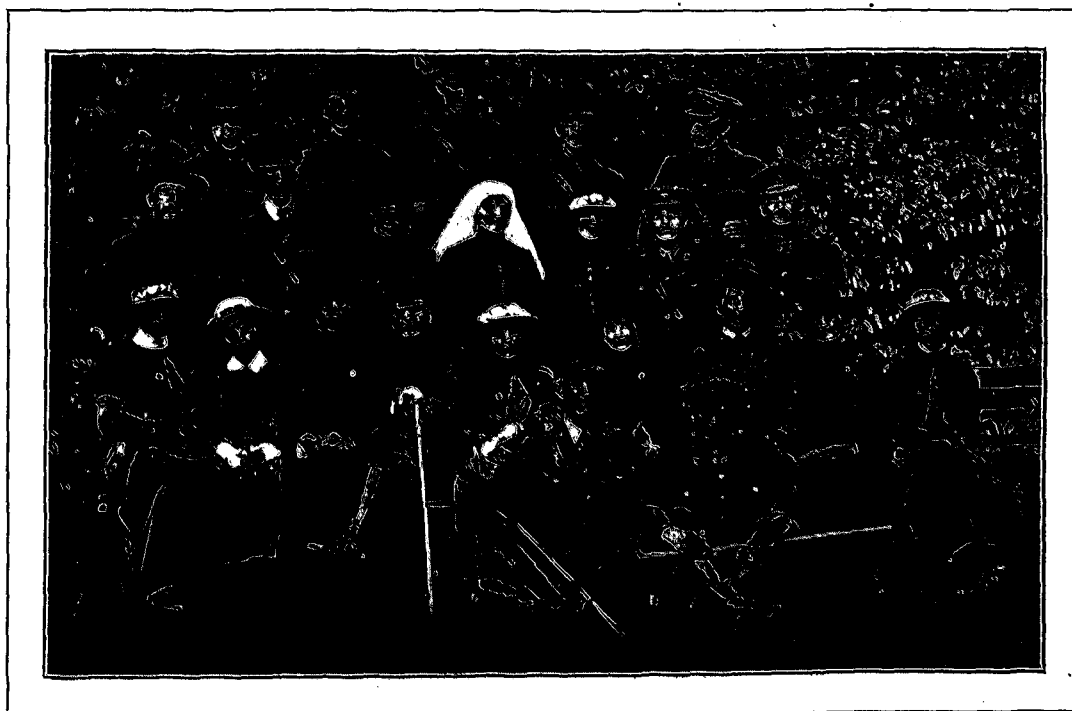
FIRST CLASS.—Matron Miss Katherine Conway-Jones, A.R.R.C., T.F.N.S.

SECOND CLASS.—Sister Miss Edith Passmore, and Sister Miss Fanny Boulton, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

The award of the Meritorious Service Medal has been conferred on four men of the R.A.M.C. in recognition of devotion to duty on this occasion.

will be treasured by those who were present on that memorable occasion.

"Observer" again urges in the *Times* the promotion of V.A.D. probationers to posts of responsibility, and, incidentally, objects to the professional press expressing the trained nurses' point of view. We have received several letters from Sisters in France during the past week, protesting against the responsibility for the nursing of our sick and wounded soldiers being placed in the hands of partially trained women. One writes: "If V.A.D.s are to be advanced to the position and authority of Staff Nurse or Sister in this hospital, the trained and certificated nurses will resign, not from the ignoble motive of jealousy



AMERICAN UNITS VISIT THE NEW ZEALAND GENERAL HOSPITAL AT WALTON-ON-THAMES.

The very interesting illustration which we publish on this page was taken on the occasion of the visit of members of three of the American Units to the New Zealand General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames. The group includes Miss M. Thurston, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief in this country of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service; Miss M. C. Macdonald, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Canadian Army Nursing Service; Miss E. A. Conyers, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief Australian Army Nursing Service; Miss Wilson, Matron of the Hospital; Miss Dunlop, Miss Stimson and Miss Urch, Matrons of Nursing Units in the United States Army; Colonel Milne, O.C., Colonel Parkes, D.D.M.S., and Colonel Bradley, Medical Corps U.S. Army. It is an historical picture, which, in days to come,

ascribed to us by 'Observer,' but because we mean to stand up for the rights of these brave men to be provided with efficient nursing by the State; we are spending millions a day, and if the Army Nursing System were overhauled and re-organized on a war footing, instead of the routine system now in force, the 'lower standard of nursing' in military hospitals condoned by 'A Trained Nurse' need never have been tolerated. We want fresh up-to-date methods, a creative brain at the War Office; the Nursing Boards are, apparently, jogging on with the old routine, diluted with V.A.D.s, bolstered up with autocratic power over the Reserve. Naturally, the regular Q.A.I.M.N. Sisters look upon us as something very inferior."

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