

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY.

The King has awarded the Military Medal to the following for conspicuous gallantry displayed in the performance of their duties on the occasion of hostile air raids on casualty clearing stations in the field:—

Act. Sister Ellen Byrne, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).  
Staff Nurse Elizabeth J. Eckett, T.F. N.S.  
Sister Winnieford M. Hawkins, T.F. N.S.  
Sister Alicia M. Kelly, Aust. Army Nurs. Sec.  
Sister Rachel Pratt, Aust. A.M. Corps.  
Act. Sister Catherine M. Roy, Q.A.I.M.N.S.  
Sister Minnie Wood, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Miss Byrne received her training in the Birmingham General Hospital, where she was a Sister when war broke out; went to France in October, 1914, and has remained there since. She was mentioned in despatches in June, 1916, and is now in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service.

### ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following members of the nursing profession had the honour of being received by the King on Saturday last at Buckingham Palace, when His Majesty decorated them with the Royal Red Cross:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service—  
Matron Frances Mowat.

Territorial Force Nursing Service—Sister Katherine Jones.

Canadian Army Nursing Service—Matron Annie Hartley and Matron Jean Matheson.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve—Staff Nurse Edith Pearce.

Territorial Force Nursing Service—Matron Mary Cowie, Sister Gertrude Arthur, Sister Catherine Miller, Sister Helen Ryder, and Staff Nurse Gertrude Dingwall.

Australian Army Nursing Service—Sister Ethel Peters.

Canadian Army Nursing Service—Sister Laura Gamble and Sister Mary Morrison.

The King has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Red Cross decoration to the under-mentioned lady, in recognition of her valuable services in connection with the war: Senior Nursing Sister Miss Mabel Anna Stroughill, Q.A.M.N.S. for India.

### THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES OF NURSES.

Colonel Hepburn, commanding the 3rd Western General Hospital, has received from the Prime Minister a letter of appreciation of the work of the hospital, in which he says:—

"It is time I think for all of us to recognise more fully how splendidly the needs of our wounded men have been met by those who have undertaken hospital work in all parts of the country. The courage and devotion of our soldiers have certainly been met by courage and devotion on the part of all those occupied in the care of the wounded. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the medical, nursing, and other staffs of all our military hospitals, who through three long and tedious years have helped to restore to health those who have fought for freedom's cause. I am very glad to find that Wales has not only kept up but so greatly extended the efforts she made in this direction at the beginning of the war."



MISS MURIEL DAMS,  
SISTER CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.

### LIST OF COMMENDATIONS.

A long list of nurses and others whose names have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services in connection with the war has been issued by the War Office and published in successive issues of the daily papers.

Three Sisters at Charing Cross Hospital—Miss Muriel Dams, whose portrait we publish on this page, Miss Amy Hall and Miss Bland—all in charge of military wards, have been mentioned for the efficient way in which they have managed their wards and patients.

They all three hold the certificate of Charing

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