

tors, nurses, nursing sisters, and others, who served in Belgium and France on the establishment of a unit of the B.E.F. during the period from August 5th, 1914, up to midnight, November 22nd-23rd, 1914.

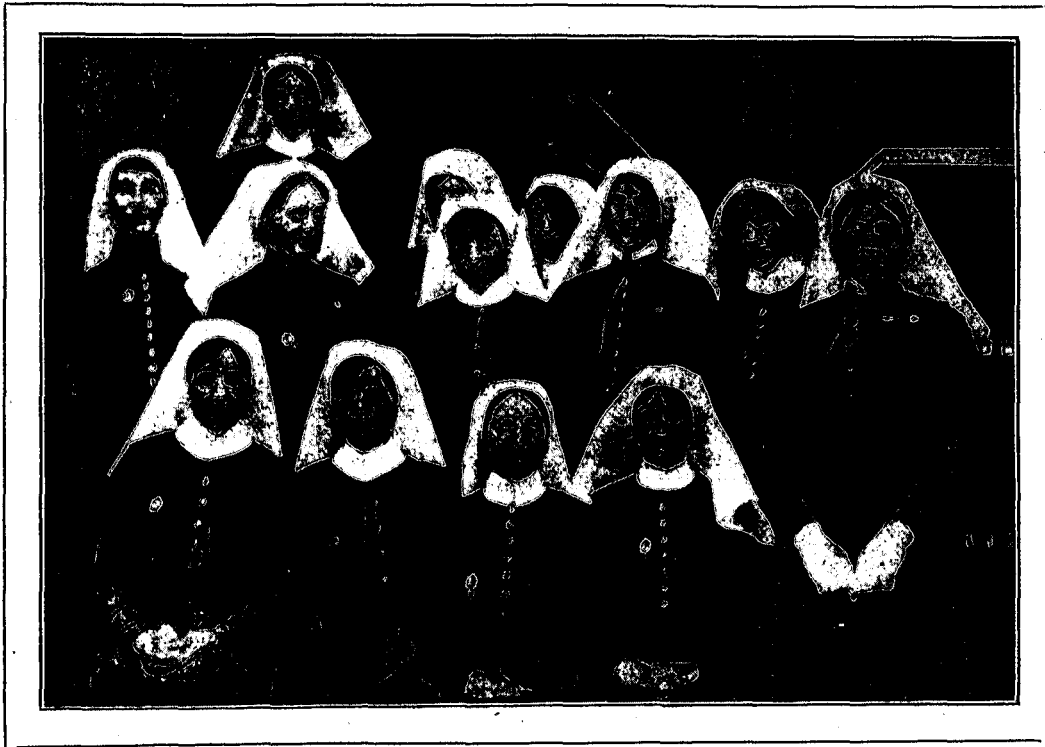
Officers and nursing staffs, excluding the R.A.M.C. rank and file, if not now serving, should send their claims direct to the Secretary, War Office, but if serving their claims must go through their commanding officers.

In the case of officers who have been killed, the next-of-kin should send their applications to the Secretary, War Office.

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heavily on top of one already in the water, and thereby so seriously injured several of the nurses as to kill them outright, or so seriously injure them as to make their subsequent existence in the water impossible.

"On the starboard side one boat after being filled with nurses, assumed a perpendicular position, and emptied many of them into the water. . . . At no time did I see any signs of panic, or any signs of fear on the part of anyone, and I cannot find words adequate to express my appreciation of the magnificent way in which the nurses behaved, not only in the vessel, but afterwards in the water. Their behaviour had to be seen to be believed possible."



NEW ZEALAND NURSES DECORATED BY THE KING.

Some of whom were on the *Marquette* when torpedoed, and were six hours in the water before being rescued.

Our illustration of New Zealand Nurses decorated by the King is particularly interesting, as it includes some of those who behaved with so much heroism when the *Marquette* was torpedoed. It will be remembered that the captain of the French cruiser which went to their rescue, recorded that the nurses exclaimed: "Fighting men first," and Major Wylie, N.Z.M.C., in his official report, said: "As regards the nurses, they assembled at their stations in charge of Lieut.-Colonel M'Gavin and three officers, and were seen into boats. Owing, however, to the unfortunate bungling of the lowering of these boats, a series of catastrophes occurred on each side of the vessel. On the port side one boat descended

### MEDAL FOR NURSE.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Sister Julia A. Herbert, Territorial Force Nursing Service, for conspicuous devotion to duty when, after being wounded in the head by an aerial bomb, she came on duty in the operating theatre, and continued to work there the whole night and all the next day.

Miss Violetta Thurstan, M.M., has been appointed Matron of a hospital in Serbia under the Scottish Women's Hospitals, attached to the Serbian Army. She is leaving very shortly to take up her new duties. Many good wishes will go with her.

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