

Canadian Army Nursing Service: Conlin, Nursing Sister F.; Courtice, Nursing Sister I. P.; Didion, Nursing Sister B. M. M.; Fiay, Nursing Sister W. H.; Heaney, Nursing Sister S.; Martin, Nursing Sister (Acting Asst. Matron) E.; McBrice, Nursing Sister M.; McCort, Nursing Sister M.; McDiarmid, Nursing Sister J. M.; McKiel, Nursing Sister T.; Reid, Nursing Sister E. J.; Richardson, Nursing Sister M. I.; Rogers, Nursing Sister E. K.; Sampson, Nursing Sister M. B.; Stirling, Nursing Sister A. M.; Upton, Nursing Sister E. F.

British Red Cross Society: Beauchamp, Miss A. F.; Cummings, Miss G. E.

Most people will agree that the Military Medal has been thoroughly well earned by Sister Julia Ashbourne Herbert, of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, on whom the King has been pleased to confer it, "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."

It requires endurance and tenacity to continue on duty for so long a period, and, at such high tension as is involved in the work of an operating theatre, after the accident described. We congratulate Miss Herbert on the recognition bestowed upon her.

The Territorial Force Nursing Service, a new and untried Service until the present war, is certainly winning its spurs. It has at least two military medals to its credit, many Royal

Red Crosses of both classes, and innumerable "mentions," as well as the grateful thanks of thousands of sick and wounded men.

Amongst those who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross is Miss Annie Cook Rastall, Matron of the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne. Miss Rastall was at the Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool, when the town was bombarded, when the hospital rendered splendid service to many of the injured. Subsequently she was Matron of the Grimsby and District Hospital, and it was there she nursed Jack Cornwall, V.C., the hero of the battle of Jutland. The

Commander of H.M.S. *Chester* was also brought to the hospital, and Miss Rastall possesses an interesting memento of that time in a silver trinket box with a model of the *Chester* in bas-relief on the lid, presented to her by him.

Amongst the Matrons of important County Hospitals who have received the Royal Red Cross (First Class) is Miss M. E. Sutcliffe, Matron of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. Altogether, 114 nurses trained at the Infirmary are engaged in war-work, and of these Sister L. Peet and Sister C. M. Gambradella have received the Royal Red Cross (First Class), Sisters G. Bulman, H. Tirrell, S. Vulliemez, and D. Grant have been awarded the Royal Red Cross (Second Class), whilst many others have been mentioned in dispatches.

Polling by Canadian soldiers and nurses on the "Conscription or no Conscription" election in Canada has begun in England and France, and will continue till December 7th.

Colonel Armstrong is the presiding officer for the counties of London and Middlesex, and has appointed several deputies to cover the various units and hospitals in these two counties, the hospitals alone numbering 185. There are also presiding officers for the counties of Kent, Surrey, Hampshire, and Sussex, and one to cover all the rest of the British Isles.

There is very little doubt which way our patriotic Canadian sisters will vote. For the Government and Empire,

Honour and Freedom and the world's salvation—that is their ticket. We women are not to be deluded by the Lauriers and Lansdownes in politics. It is high time these old gentlemen retired to the chimney corner, and no further meddled with the vital affairs of a generation who will have to live out their lives after the war. Any way, we do not see Canadian women under the heel of the Hun.

*The Times*, ruthless in its boycott of nursing opinion, appealed on Tuesday in a leaded leader to Canadian nurses to vote for the Union Government!

We smiled.



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