

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The Secretary of State for War has received a dispatch from Lieut. General G. F. Milne, C.B., D.S.O., Commander in Chief, British Salonika Force, in the following terms:—

MY LORD,—I have the honour herewith to submit a list of the names of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Men, and Nursing Staff whose services I wish to bring to notice for distinguished service rendered during the past six months in this theatre of operations. Amongst those mentioned are the following trained nurses, and British Red Cross workers:—

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Humphreys, Matron E. C.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

Lumsden, Sister (acting Matron) R. E.; O'Curran, Sister (asst. Matron) P.; Gardiner, Sister S. S.; Griffith, Sister P. M.; Linton, Sister W.; Robinson, Sister C. M.; Storey, Sister M. P.; White, Sister R.; Morris, Sister J. M.; Rapson, Sister F. H.; Ross, Staff Nurse E.; MacFadden, Staff Nurse E. M. L.; Stacey, Staff Nurse K. E.; Sayell, Staff Nurse F. E.; McLeod, Staff Nurse A. T.; Grant, Staff Nurse D. E.; Marshall, Staff Nurse M. B. (killed); Dewar, Staff Nurse M. S. (killed).

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Jones, Sister (actg. Matron) M.; Taylor, Asst. Matron A.; Davidge, Sister G.; Martin, Sister M. L.; Smales, Sister J.; Williams, Sister A. E.; Coupar, Sister M.; Heinrich, Sister H. F.; Litton, Sister G.; Martin, Sister E.; Spittal, Sister J.; R.R.C.; Wilson, Sister C. W.; Wallace, Staff Nurse V. E.; McIlwrath, Staff Nurse M. J. A.; Miller, Staff Nurse G.; Niccol, Staff Nurse J.

#### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

James, Miss W. M.; Stephenson, Miss M.; Scott, Miss G. M.; Bryant, Esq., G. E.

#### VOLUNTARY AID DEPARTMENT.

Plummer, Nurse K. C.

#### GOLD BRAID FOR NURSES.

Approval has been given by the War Office to the award of the gold braid distinction to officers, soldiers, members of the Military Nursing Services, members of Voluntary Aid Detachments, and special probationers employed in military hospitals, who are wounded by the enemy while serving in this country.

#### A NURSE M.P.

An election of extraordinary interest to nurses of a representative of Alberta in the Dominion Parliament is about to take place in this country, for Lieutenant Roberta MacAdams, of the Canadian Army Nursing Service, now stationed at the Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, Kent, is soliciting the suffrages of the Albertan soldiers and military nurses now in England. There are

38,000 Canadian soldiers and 75 nurses now in Europe, qualified to vote, to whom Lieutenant MacAdams is personally known. Her candidature is based on her thorough acquaintance with the needs of the soldier electors, and their dependents, and, before the war, she was in touch with the women of Alberta through the women's institutes which she organised in that State. She is also concerned in the formation of the Albertan next-of-kin association, which aims at securing for soldiers, and more especially disabled soldiers, the rights to which they will be entitled after the war.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING heartily wishes her candidature all success.

Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, in a recent speech at the Red Cross Hospital, Ongar, was reminiscent as to his experiences as a patient in a hospital near Constantinople sixty-two years ago, and his comparisons were much to the advantage of the modern nurse. He lay between life and death for five months, and the medical staff invited his mother to come out to him, intimating that his recovery was practically impossible. She was the guest of the Lady Superintendent, and, opening the door of his ward inopportunistically one day, saw his nurse strike her unconscious patient a severe blow on the face with her clenched fist—an incident which terminated her career as a nurse. "Think of me," said Sir Evelyn Wood, "seventeen to eighteen years of age, months in bed, with each hip bone through the skin, under such a brutal woman, and then of the tender, devoted care lavished on every serious case in this hospital."

Dublin is a great city for hospitals even in times of peace, and in this time of war, which entails such terrible suffering, wonderful preparations have been made to meet the needs of our sick and wounded. We learn that on the 18th inst. the Irish Counties Hospital was opened by Lady Wimborne. The building, which was a training College for female teachers, situated in a fine elevation near Phoenix Park, with a lovely view, has been carefully adapted and fitted, and contained 150 patients on the opening day.

Miss Huxley, who is on the Committee, has taken the greatest interest in seeing to the nursing arrangements.

The Matron is Miss Wyse, who was trained at Mercer's Hospital, and has since been ward sister, night superintendent, Home sister, and assistant matron at Chelsea Infirmary, London. Miss Barton went over to Dublin for the opening ceremony.

Rest Clubs for military nurses have proved very popular in France—and the Queen paid a visit to one during her recent visit. The first club was started at Wimereux, in 1914; and since then they have been established at Etaples, Rouen, Camiers, Abbeville, Calais and St. Omer. It is hoped to start others at Boulogne and Deauville. These clubs are managed by a committee, of which Princess Victoria is President.

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