

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross Decoration to the following ladies of the Nursing Services in recognition of their valuable services with the Armies in the Field:—

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

#### FIRST CLASS.

Miss Eliza Vera Louise Clarke, A.R.R.C. Staff Nurse (A./Matron), Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Miss Phoebe Exshaw, Nursing Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.I.; Mrs. Annie Groves-Nash, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Gertrude Haines, A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.; Miss Elsie Maud Kingston, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Esperanza Nelson, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Edith Mary Parsloe, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss Kate Worger, Sister, T.F.N.S.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Miss Lucy Sarah Bowman, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss Mary Elizabeth Francis, Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.; Miss Ethel Elizabeth Goddard, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Ethel Green, Nursing Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.; Miss Gladys Mary Harrison, Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.; Miss Jane Elizabeth Hawkins, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Jessie Hoskins, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Rose Alice Kenyon, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Annie Josephine Leech, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss Eva Catherine Elizabeth Lindsay, temp. Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Miss Margaret MacDonald, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Lily Millar, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss May Cantlay Ross, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Dorothea Rowan-Watson, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Clara Lorne Somerville, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Marie Glen Stuart, temp. Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.; Miss Mary Welsh, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss Dorothea West, Nursing Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.

At the Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on February 23rd, the following members of the nursing profession were decorated by the King with the Royal Red Cross:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Matron Margaret Whitson, British Red Cross Society.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Miss Rubie White, late Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Staff Nurse Marie Harris, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Miss Janetta Riddell, late Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Sister Amy Coward, Territorial Force Nursing Service; Sister Helena Morrigh, Territorial Force Nursing Service; and Sister Elsie Gascoigne, Civil Nursing Service Reserve.

After the Investiture, the recipients were received at Marlborough House by Queen Alexandra.

### THE STAR OF MONS.

We offer hearty congratulations to Miss Beatrice Cutler, Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and those members of the little band of British nurses enrolled, through this Journal, early in August, 1914, in the "International Nursing Corps" for active service in war, who have been awarded the coveted Star of Mons.

On Friday, August 14th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick received a request from the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to select a party of twelve nurses asked for by the Belgian Red Cross Society. The requisite number were quickly selected, the International Nursing Corps, though of such recent date, proving most helpful and the party were ready to start on the following Monday evening, when a telegram arrived postponing their departure. Meanwhile Mrs. Fenwick received a telegram from Dr. Marcelle, Director of the Hospital of St. John at Brussels, saying that the hospitals of Brussels would be glad to have thirty trained nurses as soon as possible. On being consulted, the authorities at St. John's Gate generously undertook to finance the party, to give it an official introduction to the Belgian Red Cross, and official facilities in every way. A party of 14 nurses—Miss Cutler being in charge—consequently left Charing Cross on August 19th and were in Brussels the evening before the German Army made its entry into the city, an historic event of which they were witnesses.

The following are the members of the International Nursing Corps who formed the Brussels party and who, we believe, are all eligible for the "Star":—Miss Beatrice Cutler (Matron), Miss K. F. Wilkinson (Sister Surgery, St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and Miss Lilian Farley (Cert. Rotherham Hospital, Resident Staff Quarters, St. Bartholomew's Hospital), Miss E. J. Haswell, Miss Elsie Evans, and Miss E. M. Reid (Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London), Miss Frances M. Waugh, and Miss B. A. Brewin (St. John's House), Miss Ella Young (South Kensington Co-operation), Miss Sylvia Corby, Miss Frances L. Brown and Miss Christina Smith (Galen House, Guildford), Miss Annie M. Hanning (Sister-in-Charge Nursing Home, Bexhill), and Miss G. K. Gillon (Nurses' Co-operation, Leicester).

This Corps did excellent work in Brussels, where they had some exciting experiences, the majority returning later by way of Cologne, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Newcastle-on-Tyne to London.

Another party, organised by the National Union of Trained Nurses, went to Belgium to join Miss Violetta Thurstan, who had preceded them, they, too, were sent from St. John's Gate, and are eligible for the Star which Miss Thurstan has already been awarded.

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