

NURSING AND THE WAR.

On Saturday last, the following ladies had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace, when His Majesty invested them with the following decorations:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Acting-Matron Eliza Barrett.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Staff-Nurse Angela Ford.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Staff Nurse Annie Bruce.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Marguerite Bunyard, Mrs. Kathleen Mansfield, Miss Mary Merrell, and Miss Edith Payne.

Queen Alexandra afterwards received the members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services, who received these decorations, at Marlborough House.

In an official communiqué about 300 names have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable nursing services connected with the care of the sick and wounded.

The undermentioned members of the Almeric Paget Military Massage Corps have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered during the war:—

Campbell, Mrs. H., Ampthill; Charlesworth, Mrs. S., Blandford; Kempe, Miss K., 4th London General Hospital, Denmark-hill; Leith-Ross, Miss K., 2nd Scottish General Hospital, Edinburgh; Lloyd, Miss M. K., Officers' Massage Home, 30, Cavendish Square, W.; Morton, Miss A. S., Military Convalescent Hospital, Ashton-in-Makerfield; Patteson, Miss K., Headquarters, London; Peavor, Mrs. L., Headquarters, London; Smith, Miss I., Eastbourne; Tindall-Lucas, Miss G. E., 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds; Woodman, Miss E. M., Officers' Massage Home, 30, Cavendish Square, W.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSTEL NO. 3.

Although No. 3 Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses, which is located at 50, Warwick Square, S.W., has only been opened about three weeks, it already keeps full of guests.

The object of this particular Hostel is to provide bed and hospitality for one night only for nurses, irrespective of unit, and also for V.A.D.s who are passing through London, or who have come up for one day's leave.

It was found that accommodation at the Mother Hostel at 39 and 40, Bedford Place (the primary object of which is to provide rest and holiday for nurses staying in London) was becoming so much taken up with one-night guests that its original purpose was getting obscured, and the authorities therefore decided to open No. 3 Hostel. The

house in question has been selected for its near vicinity to Victoria Station, whence most of the "leave" trains arrive and depart. It is commodious, and can normally lodge twenty nurses, but an extra three emergency beds can be put up if necessary.

Free hospitality is offered, and there are no rules.

The sitting-room, which occupies the first floor, overlooks the pleasant garden of the Square. The rich blue of the wall-paper and curtains, and the gay chintz covering the numerous couches and easy chairs give a cheerful and at the same time restful effect.

The light, airy bedrooms each contain four beds, and the pretty down quilts and bedspreads help to make them look very inviting. The white enamel combination dressing tables are arranged down the centre of each room, which, with the aid of screens, helps to give privacy to the occupants.

On Saturday last Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Mary honoured the Hostel with a visit of inspection and spent some time examining and approving the arrangements made for the comfort of the guests. Her Majesty specially admired the bedroom christened by the nurses the "Sweet Pea Room," in consequence of its dainty colour scheme of green and pink.

Her Majesty sent for the domestic staff and spoke to each one of them, asking them to do their best to make the guests comfortable.

Lady Gladstone, who is acting as Hon. Superintendent of the Hostel, has taken a keen interest in its arrangements.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss Frances Smith, although she is not a trained nurse, keenly appreciates the special needs of her nurse-guests and lays herself out to supply them with every comfort in her power, and to abolish the semblance of any kind of restriction.

When it is remembered that a full house means twenty fresh guests every day, it will be recognised that the Lady Superintendent has no light task to keep the house spick and span, but Miss Frances Smith not only accomplishes this work in a most satisfactory manner, but takes a keen pleasure in the doing of it.

Our military nurses are very fortunate to have such charming *pied à terre* in London, and such kind hostesses to welcome them.

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WHY NOT A RAID STAR?

The French nation has been swift to recognise the heroism of nurses in the recent air-raids in Paris, and has conferred the Legion of Honour on Dr. David, and the Croix de Guerre on several nurses who sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duty, as well as on a number of other injured during the bombardment. This is the way they do things in France.

We think it is high time that some recognition was given to the nursing staffs of civil hospitals in London and elsewhere, upon whom devolves the care of the patients during air-raids. To work

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