

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following ladies had the honour of being received by the King last Saturday, when His Majesty invested them with the Insignia of the respective Divisions of the Orders into which they have been admitted:—

FIRST CLASS.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Nannie McArdle, Matron Helen Milne, Matron Mary Ross, and Matron Maude Smith.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Matron Alice Alban, Matron Georgine Jacob, Sister Lily Ferrier, and Sister Maud Stewart.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Matron Annie Macpherson, Assistant Matron Jessie Porter, Sister Elsie Curtis, Sister Mary Davitt, Sister Beatrice Earle, Sister Louisa Mackenzie-Lawrence, Sister Ethel May, and Staff Nurse Margaret Fox.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Elizabeth Adams, Sister Jessie Wakefield, Sister Margaret Worthington, and Staff Nurse Olive Summerhill.

Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Annie Burgess, Matron Emilie Carter, Matron Marianne Dann, Matron Emily Dean, Matron Alice De Ville, Matron Elizabeth Dobie, Matron Bertha Domville, Matron Rose Hutton, Matron Jane Jeffrey, Matron Ada Kearvell, Matron Catherine McGee, Matron Margaret Latimer, Matron Mary Laver, Matron Ida Mackintosh, Matron Margaret Matthewson, Matron Constance Morris, Assistant Matron Edith McClernon.

Sister Lucy Broady, Sister Emma Bunton, Sister Olive Cooper, Sister Ethel Gemmill, Sister Emily Harlow, Sister Mary Kennedy, Sister Gertrude Lees, Sister Isobel Mackintosh, Sister Mary Matthews, Sister Laura May, and Sister Ethel O'Connell.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Florence Hunt, Matron Gertrude Jerrems, Matron Margaret Keith, Matron Olive Langhorn, Matron Susanna Mothersole, Sister Mabella Johnston, and Sister Lilly Nazer.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Doris Ashby, Miss Eleanor Biggs, Miss Ethel Burgess, Mrs. Eliza Clegg, Mrs. Ellen Cooper, Miss Mary Courtenay, Miss Elizabeth Davies, Mrs. Katherine Davies, Miss Linda Ditcham, Miss Ethel Downing, Mrs. Elizabeth Hand, Miss Alice Hunter, Miss Esmé Jackson, Miss Marion Johnston, Miss Katherine Jones, Mrs. Mabel Macnaughton-Jones.

Mrs. Margaret Kidd, Miss Laurie King, Mrs. Nellie King, Miss Sarah Laidlaw, Mrs. Millicent Lang, Mrs. Edith Langley, Miss Evelyn Lavington, Miss Jean Leask, Mrs. Susan Lermite, Mrs. Louise McClintock, Miss Florence Manning, Mrs. Mary Marriott, Mrs. Mary Martin, Miss Laura Masters, Mrs. Amelia Midgley, Miss Gertrude Milne, Miss Dorothy Molesworth, Mrs. Katherine Guise-Moore, Miss Nellie Owen, Mrs. Anne Sadd, Mrs. Agnes Smith, and Miss Eleanor Whistler.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

OUR HEROINES.

MILITARY MEDAL.

The Supplement to the *London Gazette* for April 18th announces that the King has approved of the award of the Military Medal, to Staff Nurse Sarah Evelyn Johnson, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., for gallantry, consistent good work, and devotion to duty. When the casualty clearing station was struck by a bomb from an aircraft she displayed great courage and coolness, and set a splendid example to all, showing absolute disregard of danger.

The distinction of winning the Military Medal has been achieved by a Sheffield nurse, Miss M. A. Brown, who is attached to a casualty clearing station in France. Miss Brown is a member of the Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Service. She was trained at Firvale Infirmary, and when the war broke out was on the staff of a nursing home in London. She joined the Forces soon after the beginning of hostilities, and has seen much service. For some six months she was on Red Cross trains in this country, for eighteen months at Netley Royal Hospital, then for a year at Boulogne, and was recently transferred to a casualty clearing station. She has lost two nephews in the war, and has three still with the Forces.

The commandant of her casualty clearing station, writing to one of Miss Brown's brothers in Sheffield, says: "Please accept the heartiest congratulations from all members of this C.C.S. on your sister, Miss M. A. Brown, winning the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery. On March 21st a hostile bomb fell within a few yards of her, fatally wounding one sister and severely wounding the matron. Miss Brown gallantly attended to them under fire of machine guns and bombs until help came, and later on worked hard for hours in the operating theatre. We are frightfully proud of her. Several men have told me that if they had half her pluck they would consider themselves heroes, and they think she ought to have the V.C. It gave me the greatest pleasure in recommending her brave work to the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief for recognition."

The *Globe* recently published "Hold on. He, She, It," by M. Glyn-Stewart. We take the liberty of republishing the second verse:—

SHE.

She's weary and faint, and her brain is like lead—
She'd barter her leave for an hour on her bed—
Her heart is one ache, but no tear will she shed—

Hold on!

The stretchers are coming in—rows upon rows—
And the air is sick with the reek that she knows;
Will she falter or flinch when her care is for—

Those?

Hold on!

And She (who is England) will stick it, no fear!
O game little "Sister"—I know you, my dear!

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