

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The following ladies had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last, when his Majesty decorated them with the Royal Red Cross:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Matron Cordelia MacKay. Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Matrons Florence Raynes and Grace Thompson. Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sisters Jean Fortune and Dorothy Laughton. Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Marion Sutcliffe.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Matrons Jessie Jackson and Florence Yoxall, Sisters Fanny Barnard, Gladys Burroughs, Mary Davis and Jessie Morris. Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Matrons Alice Walker and Katherine Wilson, Assistant Matron Minnie Wilcox, Sisters Isabel Baillie, Meta Gregg, Mary Jones, Rachel King, Catherine Kippax, Emily Kirby, Dora Leech, Georgina Litton, Mary Loughlin, Edith Lusted, Mary McCullum, Joan MacDiarmid, Mary McInnes, Ellen Millard, Ann Moor, Jean Morrison, Esther Murch, Edith Overstall, Kathleen Pomeroy, Harriet Skinner, Helen Smith, Grace Thompson, Ruth Tripp, Mary Turnbull, Katharine Seymour-Ure, Turzah Vaughan, Mary Warburton, Hannah Whittles, Maud Wilkinson, Catherine Wilson and Katherine Wooler, and Staff Nurses, Annie Blackburn, Bertha Cooksley, Elizabeth Gilfillan, Mary Hughes, Emily Lancaster, Gladys Miller, Janet Niccol, Marianne Roundell, Agnes Stoddart, Ruth Waite, Kathleen Wallis, Marie Wilson, Katherine Woods, and Alice Wooley. Civil Nursing Service.—Matron Mildred Nodal and Sister Ada Nicholson. British Red Cross Society.—Matron Alice Palmer, Sisters Katherine Ogilvy and Jane Owen. Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Ethel Foster, Miss Kleo Friend, Miss Frances Lloyd, Miss Olive Montgomery, Miss Edith Niblett, Miss Georgina O'Neill, Mrs. Katherine Orme, Miss Mary Owen, Miss Gladys Palmer, Miss Kathleen Sanders, Miss Kate Seabrook and Miss Mabel Theobald.

The following had the honour of being received by the Queen:—Miss Margaret Macdonald, Matron-in-Chief, Canadian Army Nursing Service; Miss Evelyn Conyers, Matron-in-Chief, Australian Army Nursing Service; and Miss Mabel Thurston, Matron-in-Chief, New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture.

The Duchess of Aosta has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre for her devoted Red Cross services.

The valuable services of Miss Helen Milne, the well-known Matron of the Cornelia Hospital, Poole, who, for many years, has endeared herself to all who have come in contact with her, have been recognised by the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, 1st class. This recognition is a source of great gratification to all her friends, and especially to the committee of the hospital. Miss Milne's work since the commencement of the war has been most arduous, and the responsibility exceptionally great. Upwards of 2,000 wounded soldiers and sailors have passed through her hands.

Between fifty and sixty trained nurses, who have been doing war work at the Southport Infirmary, have been presented with medals by Mr. J. W. Paton, chairman of the institution.

Many friends will have learned with pleasure that Mrs. A. E. Kidd, Commandant and Matron of the Caird Hospital, Dundee, has received the Royal Red Cross.

Mrs. Kidd, who is the wife of Major Kidd, medical officer to Dundee School Board, was trained at Dundee Royal Infirmary, and later acted as Queen's nurse at Loch Awe. She has given herself wholeheartedly to the duties of matron at the Eastern Hospital and the Caird Hospital for the past three-and-a-half years.

Hundreds of wounded men who have passed through the Caird Hospital have gratefully acknowledged their indebtedness to her care and kindness, and only the other day a soldier, writing from the front, in the course of an appreciative letter, added, "But the Dundee people are worth fighting for."

The combined office of commandant and matron, should, as in this instance, be held by a well-qualified nurse; by no other organization are the best results possible, so far as the patients are concerned. The present system of permitting untrained women to hold either office is one of the greatest anomalies of the war, and has been productive of innumerable abuses.

Sister Nellie M'Kenzie has been awarded the Royal Red Cross, and the decoration was presented to her by the Duke of Connaught last month. Sister M'Kenzie was mentioned in General Murray's dispatches, dated June, 1917, and was recommended for the honour by General Allenby. She is a native of Inverness.

The 1914 Bronze Star of Mons has been awarded to two nursing sisters at No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hospital in France. This was the first Canadian unit to reach France after war was declared, embarking in November, 1914. Twenty-four non-commissioned officers and men were also decorated. The members of the staff thus honoured are all who are left of the original hospital staff.

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