

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

On Thursday, 23rd inst., the King decorated the following ladies with the Royal Red Cross:—

#### FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Matron Christina Bilton.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister Annie Baird and Staff Nurse Estelle Keogh.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Matron Rosina Smith, late Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister Maud Abraham, Sister Betty Angel, Sister Anna Boyd, and Sister Alice Young.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Esther Brander.

Civil Nursing Service.—  
Matron Margaret Macmillan.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Janet Giles.

New Zealand Army Nursing Service.—Sister Mary McBeth.

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

Sister E. A. Woodward, whose name appears in the honours list as the recipient of the Royal Red Cross, and whose portrait we publish on this page, was trained at St. Giles' Infirmary, Camberwell (commencing her career in 1904), where she gained the gold medal of her year, and was promoted to the post of Sister, going from there to the Withington Hospitals, Manchester, as Assistant Matron. She joined the Territorial Force Nursing Service on its formation, and on the outbreak of war was called up for duty at the Territorial Hospital, Manchester, and was drafted to Alexandria in the autumn of 1915, and after a few months there was sent on to East Africa.

Sister Woodward has done two years' continuous service without a break, and is still serving in East Africa, a record which indicates not only a sound constitution, but tenacity of purpose, as the East African climate is at all times enervating, though the scourge of malaria, owing to the light thrown by science on the methods of its communication by infected mosquitoes, has been greatly reduced of recent years.

### CHIEF MATRON, FRENCH RED CROSS.

The appointment of Miss E. M. Roberts, R.R.C., as Chief Matron under the British Committee of the French Red Cross, at 9, Knightsbridge, S.W., is one which will be received with sincere pleasure by the large number of nurses who know her.

Miss Roberts was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and held the position of Matron at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, before coming to London as Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, where her courtesy, equable and sunny temperament and tact, as well as her professional knowledge, sound judgment and business capacity, made her probably the most popular Superintendent the Nurses' Co-operation has ever had, and when she resigned that position she was invited to take a seat on its Committee, of which she is still a member.

Since the outbreak of war, Miss Roberts worked for some time, first as one of the Matrons under the Order of St. John, and then with the Joint War Committee, at 83, Pall Mall, S.W., and later as Matron of King Albert's Hospital for Belgian soldiers in Storrs Street, W.C.

The British Committee of the French Red Cross are to be sincerely congratulated upon securing Miss Roberts' services. From the President downwards the atmosphere at 9, Knightsbridge, is not only one of hard work, but of charming courtesy, and Miss Roberts will, we are sure, maintain this reputation in her own department and deal with those with whom she comes in contact, and with the

problems which will confront her, with the wisdom and courtesy which have characterised her throughout her career. It is an atmosphere which will be grateful to trained nurses, who, in their dealings with various war charities, are too often treated with complete lack of appreciation of their professional position.

The King has been pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal to the following lady for bravery and devotion to duty on the occasion of a hostile air raid on a casualty clearing station. Although wounded, she continued to give directions for the care of the wounded:—

Sister Eileen King, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

The King awarded a large number of Royal Red Cross decorations on Tuesday to trained nurses and others, in recognition of their valuable nursing services in the United Kingdom.



MISS E. A. WOODWARD, R.R.C.

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