

NURSING AND THE WAR.

RECOGNITION OF HOME HOSPITAL WORK.

The names of a very large number of ladies have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable nursing services rendered in connection with the war. The lists are issued from the War Office under dates August 10th and 12th.

AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

GEN. DEVENTER'S LIST OF MENTIONS.

EAST AFRICA.

The names of the following have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War by Lieutenant-General Sir J. L. van Deventer, K.C.B., Commanding-in-Chief, British Forces, East Africa, for distinguished services during the operations from May 30th to December, 1917, described in his despatch of January 21st, 1918:—

NURSING SERVICES.

IMPERIAL SECTION.

CORMACK, Miss J., Sister, N.Z.A.N.S.; ROBERTS, Miss F. N., Sister (A./Matron), R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.; THORNBORROW, Miss M. A., Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.; TOWNLEY, Miss E. J., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; WATSON, Miss E. N., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; WREFORD, Miss K. E., Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION.

FITZHENRY, Miss D., Sister, S.A.M.N.S.; LAMBERT, Miss J., Sister, S.A.M.N.S.

EAST AFRICAN SECTION.

BROWN, Mrs. N. M., Hon. Nurse, E.A.N.S.; DRAYTON, Miss L. A., Nursing Sister, E.A.N.S.; SHELDON, Miss A., Nursing Sister, E.A.N.S.

NORFORCE.

SPENDLER, Miss F., Sister, Nyasaland Fd. Force Med. Serv.; WILSON, Miss R. L., Sister, Northern Rhodesia Med. Serv.

ITALIAN MISSION.

GUNDENE, Nursing Sister.

THE V.A.D.

The Surrey Branch, British Red Cross Society, have passed the following resolution:—

"That in view of the large number of other services now open to women, it is essential for maintaining the *personnel* of Voluntary Aid Detachments that service in such detachments should be placed on a more satisfactory basis. That, as a step in this direction, the opinion of this branch is that approved whole-time service in auxiliary hospitals, for a specified period, should be reckoned to excuse some portion of the training of such members as professional nurses in general civil hospitals."

Lord Ashcombe, Chairman of the Surrey County Committee, writing from Denbies, Dorking, says in the *Times* that concessions of this kind have already been made by at least four of the great hospitals of this category in London, but, the Committee feel that the principle should be

universally adopted by civil hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland. They know that views of a like nature are largely shared by other county branches and persons connected therewith, but that there are difficulties in the way of their expression. They are prepared to take the lead in a movement to forward this purpose if sufficient support is forthcoming, and ask, therefore that those in sympathy with them in this respect will communicate with the Secretary, Surrey Branch, British Red Cross Society, 13, Charterhouse Street, E.C. 1.

We have always foreseen that the claim would be made that war service should rank as systematic training in nursing, but it has not been organised as such, and cannot, therefore, be rightly so regarded.

THE EDINBURGH BRANCH OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The following appointments have been made by the *Personnel* Committee of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Red Cross Society during the past half-year:—Miss Mary Gordon Smith, Kippenross Hosp., Dunblane; Miss McBain, Edenfield Hosp., Fife; Mrs. Allan, Edinburgh War Hosp., Bangour; Mrs. Green, Battery Hosp., Dunbar; Miss Macleod, Edinburgh War Hosp., Bangour; Miss Gordon, St. Leonard's Aux. Hosp., Edinburgh; Miss Stobo, Bowhill Officers' Hosp., Selkirk; Miss Gray, St. Leonard's Hosp., Edinburgh; Miss Farquhar, Dungallon Hosp., Oban; Miss Mitchell, Edinburgh War Hosp., Bangour; Mrs. King, Mayfield Aux. Hosp., Edinburgh; Miss Jennings, Hopeton House Hosp., South Queensferry; Miss E. Forsyth, Marchhall Hosp., Edinburgh; Miss McBain, Leven Hosp., Fife; Miss F. Cameron, Tillyrie Hosp., Milnathort; Miss Methven, Coldingham, Berwickshire; Mrs. Macdonald, Ceres Aux. Hosp., Fife; Miss Doig, Castle Milk Hosp., Dumfries; Miss A. B. Watson, Ranfurly Hosp., Bridge of Weir; Miss Thomson, Ranfurly Hosp., Bridge of Weir; Miss Lorimer, Bowhill Hosp., Selkirk; Miss E. Chowler, Polkemmet Hosp., Whitburn; Miss Cowan, Tayside Aux. Hosp.; Miss Hastie, Mayfield Aux. Hosp., Edinburgh; Miss Torrens, Wemyss Castle Hosp., Fife; Miss Terriss, Edenfield Hosp., Fife; Miss Field, Dunblane War Hosp.; Miss Janet Dickson, Dalmeny House Hosp.; Miss Belcher, The Gables, Gullane; Miss Campbell, Whitehill Aux. Hos., Rosewell; Miss C. M. Grant, Dunblane War Hosp.; Miss Campbell, Morelands, Peebles; Miss Gillon, Wemyss Castle Hosp., Fife; Miss F. Urquhart, Royal Naval Hosp., Peebles; Miss Binnie, Whitehill Red Cross Hosp., Rosewell; Miss Locke, Lochiel Hosp., Banavie, Fort William; Miss Belcher, Kippenross Hosp., Dunblane; Miss M. Thomas, Coldingham, Berwickshire; Miss Wray, Miss Grant, Miss Field and Miss Pearce, Dunblane War Hosp.; Miss Maude Martin, Craiglockhart War Hosp., Slateford, Edinburgh; Miss Macdonald, Dunblane War Hosp.; Miss Ruddock, Marchhall Aux. Hosp., Edinburgh.

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