

NURSING AND THE WAR.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

LIST OF REWARDS.

The King has been pleased to give orders for a number of appointments for valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in German South-West Africa. Amongst them is the following:—

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

CREBAGH, Mrs. Elizabeth Rymer, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, South African Military Nursing Service.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies of the Nursing Services in recognition of their valuable services in the campaign in German South-West Africa, 1914-1915:—

FIRST CLASS.

ALEXANDER, Miss I. G., Matron, S.A.M.N.S.; BESTER, Miss H. L., A.R.R.C., Staff Nurse, S.A.M.N.S.; FYNN, Miss M. A., A.R.R.C., Staff Nurse, S.A.M.N.S.; WEISE, Miss H. H., A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister, S.A.M.N.S.; WESSELS, Miss E. S., A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister, S.A.M.N.S.

SECOND CLASS.

BURGESS, Miss E., CHILD, Miss J. C., FERGUSON, Miss J. M., HAWKES, Miss C. J., NEWTH, Miss A. M., PEARSON, Miss E. M., WILDE, Miss B. J., WILSON, Miss E., Nursing Sisters, S.A.M.N.S.; KROHN, Miss G., LANGMAN, Mrs. J. (née Patterson), VAN NIEKERK, Miss D. N. K., Staff Nurses, S.A.M.N.S.

A special supplement to the *London Gazette* contains the following list of honours and awards for valuable services with the British Forces in Mesopotamia:—

ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.

COULSON, Miss M. G., Sister, T.F.N.S.; EARLE, Miss A. L., Matron, T.F.N.S.; GILMORE, Miss M. G., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.I.; McNAB, Miss M. M., A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; RAE, Miss M., Sister and Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; WHEELER, Miss M. K., Sister, T.F.N.S.; WILKINSON, Miss E. S., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

SECOND CLASS.

ARGO, Miss M. B., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; BOTTOMLEY, Miss C. M., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; CROSBIE, Miss M. F. D., Sister, T.F.N.S.; CURTIES, Miss N., Sister, T.F.N.S.; DAVIES, Miss A. M., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; DAVIES, Miss E., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; EMUSS, Miss E. A., Sister, T.F.N.S.; HARTRICK, Miss A. L., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; HUNSTONE, Miss M., Sister, T.F.N.S.; KING, Miss E. S., Staff Nurse, T.F.N.S.; MACLEAN, Miss M. E., Nursing Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.; MARSHALL, Miss E. O., Nursing Sister, Q.A.M.N.S.I.; REID, Miss A. E., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; ROBERTSON, Miss M. A., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; SEACOMBE, Miss B. E., Sister, T.F.N.S.; WADSWORTH, Miss S. E., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; WELLINGTON, Miss A., Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

It is announced in the *London Gazette* of August 23rd that the King has approved of the following

award of the Military Medal for distinguished service in the Field:—Staff Nurse Pearl Elizabeth Corkhill, Aust. A.N.S.—For courage and devotion on the occasion of an enemy air-raid. She continued to attend to the wounded without any regard to her own safety, though enemy aircraft were overhead. Her example was of the greatest value in allaying the alarm of the patients.

Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Chairman of the Committee on Nursing of the Council of National Defence in the United States of America, in making a report to the twenty-first Annual Convention of the American Nursing Association, which is printed in full in the *American Journal of Nursing*, outlined the adoption of a very statesmanlike policy by that Committee. She said: "Women will ask themselves, 'What else is there that needs to be done that anybody could do, since the Red Cross and the Army and Navy are taking such care of the whole situation?'"

"Now this Committee on Nursing has found that while the Army and Navy controlled and the Red Cross mobilised, there was something else to be done, and that was to try to create something to take the place of that which was being called away. Let me say that last June the estimate was, if I remember right, that we would need something like 10,000 nurses for the Army Nursing Service. It did not seem to us that to find 10,000 nurses in this great country would be very difficult; the Red Cross already had about that number mobilised. But before many months an order was made that said the United States Army Nursing Service is going to want 37,500 nurses, and a few weeks ago another body asked for an allowance of 40,000 nurses.

"Now it is perfectly clear that if we were going to put 10,000 into France or into active duty, we could not pick up 10,000 nurses without making 10,000 vacancies, because nurses do not belong to the idle classes, and we would have to have some way of replacing those nurses at their posts, wherever their posts might be. Therefore, one of the first things to be done was to try to find some good and satisfactory way of bringing into our schools more women and training more women, just as rapidly as was practicable, to go into the places left vacant by those nurses who were called to active duty. It was assumed that a good many of the posts in the hospitals would be filled by senior nurses."

After saying that with a very considerable amount of effort a very large number of students had been brought into the training schools, amounting to something over 7,000, Miss Nutting pointed out that the vacancies created pressed most hardly on the training schools.

CHEVRONS FOR AMERICAN NURSES ON HOME SERVICE.

"Some of you, I presume, are shortly going out of the training schools, some of you have come out of them, many of you will face what seems to be the great choice of a great opportunity. You

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