ROYAL RED CROSS.

His Majesty has conferred decorations as follows, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Buckingham Palace :-

FIRST CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.-Superintending Sister MARGARET GOODALL-COPESTAKE. Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve.-Sister MURIEL HUTTON.

Royal Naval Auxiliary Hospitals .--- Matron Ellen FINNEMORE.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.--Matron KATHARINE MERRIMAN.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.— Sister SARAH McCLELLAND.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister VERA SPARK and Sister ZOE STRONGE. Royal Naval Auxiliary Hospitals .- Matron MARGARET TOD, Matron Elsie Philp, and Matron Elizabeth RITCHIE.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Matron Melita Martin, Sister Henrietta Daly, Sister Edith Davies, Sister Annie Ellis, Sister Ann Gibb, Sister Florence Hale, Sister Lizzie Haxell, and Sister Maud Revnolds-Knight. Tarritarial Force Neuron Science Sister Composition

Territorial Force Nursing Service.-Sister CHARLOTTE KIRKPATRICK.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.-Miss Bessie Ernest and Miss Selina LLOYD.

Canadian Army Nursing Service.—Sister MARY BLOTT, and Sister MILDRED PARKINS.

SPLENDID COURAGE OF CANADIAN NURSES.

MEDALS FOR MATRON AND SISTERS.

The King has been pleased to approve of the . award of the Military Medal to the following ladies for distinguished services in the field :-

Matron Edith Campbell, R.R.C., C.A.M.C., and Sisters Leonora Herrington, Lottie Urquhart, Janet M. Williamson, Meta Hodge, and Eleanor J. Thompson, all C.A.M.C.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W. 1 ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE,

The appointment of Miss Emma Maud McCarthy, R.R.C., to be a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, announced in the London Gazette of the 7th June last, is hereby cancelled, and in lieu thereof the King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment :-

TO BE A DAME GRAND CROSS OF THE SAID MOST EXCELLENT ORDER.

Miss Emma Maud McCarthy, R.R.C.

Miss M. A. Harvey, Matron of Base Hospital No. 1, who was formerly Matron of the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol, before she went to France, is, says the *Lancet*, the first woman to be mentioned in Portuguese despatches.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

This is Italy's week. On Monday the very splendid Prince Colonna, Syndic of Rome, arrived in London, as the guest of our Lord Mayor. The Italian Carabinieri Band is here, and, as we go to press, Italy's Day is in full force. We hope piles of money will be gathered in for the Italian Red Cross, and thus help to comfort the stricken in war.

The Queen of Rumania, in an interview accorded to a representative of the Budapest paper Az Est, says :-

"The accusations that I have been working against the Central Powers do not trouble me at all. I have simply done my duty in encouraging my soldiers, in cheering up a defeated army, and in distributing food and clothes to a starving people.

"My conscience is clear, and I defy all calumnies. No one can rob me of the love of my people. Our common sufferings have but brought us more closely together."

It is to be hoped that this loyal Queen will soon have the happiness of sharing in the national rejoicings when her adopted country is wrested from the clutches of the unspeakable Hun. Queen Marie of Roumania has been the only European Queen of British blood who has shown its great qualities. Britain should have her specially in mind when it helps to dictate peace.

Sir Edward Ward is asking through the Pressfor winter comforts for the troops in France. Thanks to the loyal support of a large number of workers who have continued to knit during their summer holiday, he has already been able to meet the entire requirements for warm comforts of the every knitter to send to the depôt of their local voluntary organisation or to the Comforts Depôt, 45, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. 1, regular contributions of knitted comforts each week during the next three months. Such support will provide all the articles required and I am convinced our great home army of voluntary workers will see to it that ' nothing is wanting.' "

The hospital authorities in Salonika have sent urgent requests to V.A.D. Headquarters in this country for a considerable number of trained laboratory assistants, and also for several dis-pensers holding either the Pharmaceutical certifi-cate or the Apothecaries' Hall certificate. The rates of pay are 39s. 6d. per week and 49s. 6d. for head dispensers, with a deduction in all cases of 14s. for board and lodging. Application may be made to the V.A.D., Department, 18, Devon-shire House, Piccadilly, London, W. 1.



