

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on October 19th and conferred decorations as follows:—

FIRST CLASS.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Matron ETHEL DAVIDSON, Matron CLARA ROSS, and Head Sister CLARICE DICKSON.

SECOND CLASS.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister GERTRUDE THOMAS and Sister BEATRICE THOMPSON.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Head Sister ALICE DOUGLAS.

MILITARY MEDAL AWARDS.

For distinguished services in the field during air raids the following women have been awarded the Military Medal. We warmly congratulate them upon the recognition of their fine national service:—

Dr. PHOEBE CHAPPLE, R.A.M.C., att. Q.M.A.A.C.—During an air raid she attended to the wounded regardless of her safety.

Assistant-Administrator ELIZABETH S. CROSS, Q.M.A.A.C.—After a bomb fell she was knocked down, but got up at once and worked with the doctor while the raid was going on.

Forewoman Clerk ETHEL GRACE CARLEDGE, Q.M.A.A.C.—Although both her shoes were blown off and she received injuries on one foot, she went on with her work.

Sister ETHEL FRANCES WATKINS, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).—During an air raid lasting four hours she was wounded by shrapnel, but made light of her injury, and set a magnificent example to others.

Staff Nurse AGNES JACK PARKER, T.F.N.S.—Her ward was badly damaged, but she was exceptionally cool, and comforted the patients.

Miss MARY STUBBS, F.A.N.Y.—While getting patients out of a hospital a bomb dropped within thirty yards of her car, and stretcher-bearers who were loading another car called to her to take cover in a dug-out. Regardless of her own safety, however, she stayed in the open with two wounded and finally got them unloaded and to a safe place. During the unloading a second bomb fell on the hospital.

Sister JANE ELIZABETH TROTTER, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).—In a night raid she visited all the wards to reassure the sick and the wounded. Her orderly was killed while standing by her in one of the wards.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

We learn that the Service de Santé, the authority under which the F.F.N.C. works in France, would use many more Sisters if they could be supplied. Now that the Comité Britannique C.R.F. have an active centre in Paris, the Service de Santé turns to it for British nurses, and when

a good nurse is asked for it adds: "All the F.F.N.C. Sisters are *serieuse*," which is indeed a very great compliment.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Miss M. F. Billington, President of the Society of Women Journalists, is acting as Hon. Secretary of a Committee of women formed to bring together, at a Luncheon, a representative assembly of women whose guests will be the Matrons-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service at home and in France, of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and of the Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand Nursing Services, in recognition of the magnificent work done by the Military Nursing Services of the Crown.

The Luncheon will take place at the Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus, on Wednesday, October 30th, at 1.15 p.m. It is hoped H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, will preside. Mrs. Humphry Ward will write the address of appreciation that will be offered.

We think it is a pity that the Head Sister of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, and the Matron-in-Chief of the Nursing Service of the Royal Air Force have not been included as guests of honour on this occasion. Surely those responsible for the care of our heroic defenders on Sea and in Air are equally worthy of recognition with the ladies who superintend our Military Nursing Services of the Crown. We feel sure, had the Nursing Profession been represented on the Committee as the V.A.D.'s are; this omission would not have occurred.

Miss Gladys Slade has been awarded the Special Silver Insignia of Merit instituted by the Military Health Department of the French Republic, on May 1st, 1917. This has been conferred in recognition of long-continued devotion to wounded soldiers under the most trying circumstances. Miss Slade has been nursing the French wounded since March, 1915.

We regret the loss of the following young lives, so usefully employed in the service of their country.

Probationer-Nurse Michael, of Glasgow, who, with Nurse Evans, of Carmarthen, died from influenza, which they contracted while nursing patients at a military hospital, were buried on Saturday last in the Heroes' Corner of Tottenham Cemetery with full military honours. Nearly a dozen nurses at the hospital are on the sick list.

BARRETT.—On the 10th Oct., 1918, drowned through the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster by a German submarine, when returning to duty in France, Sophia Violet, V.A.D., younger daughter of the late Samuel Barrett, J.P., Ba'lintava, Co. Galway, and beloved niece of Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Carrickmines House, Carrickmines.

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