

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King decorated the following ladies with the R.R.C. on Saturday last at Buckingham Palace :—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Matron Alice Nye, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. (India); Matron Inga Johnson, Canadian A.N.S.; and Sister Helen Shearer, Canadian A.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Civil Nursing Service (India); Miss Ethel Hutchings, V.A.D.; Mrs. Margaret Sheild and Miss Anne Wavell, Aust. A.N.S.; Sister Ethel Giddings, Sister Annie West, and Staff Nurse Alma Furniss.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies of the Nursing Services for valuable services in connection with the war. Dated January 1, 1919 :—

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Alice Sweeting Bond, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Barnet War Hospl.; Miss Annie Florence Byers, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Devonport Mil. Hospl.; Miss Clara Mavesyn Chadwick, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Ret., Hounslow Mil. Hospl.; Miss Johanna Clay, R.R.C., Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (retired), County of Midd'x War Hospl., Napsbury; Miss Rachel Cox-Davies, R.R.C., Principal Matron, T.F.N.S., No. 1 London Gen. Hospl.; Miss Mary E. Davies, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., King George Hospl., Stamford Street, London; Miss Marianne Catherine Smith Knox, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. ret., Curragh Camp Mil. Hospl.; Miss Hannah Watson Reid, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Royal Victoria Hospl., Netley; Miss Lavinia Eliza Caroline Steen, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Reading War Hospl.; Miss Louisa Watson Tulloh, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Guildford War Hospl.

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Selina Elizabeth Bland, Matron, Civil Nursing Service, Poplar Hospl. for Accidents, Poplar; Miss Lucy Ellis, Matron, Mil. Families Hospl., Portsmouth; Miss Cecilia Ellen Alison Harries, A.R.R.C., Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mil. Hospl., Ripon; Miss Fannie Edith Manfield, A.R.R.C., Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Dartford War Hospl.; Miss Edith Eileen O'Connell, A.R.R.C., Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Croydon War Hospl.; Miss Elsie Schafer, A.R.R.C., Acting Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mil. Hospl., Weymouth; Miss Elsie Thacker, A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Mil. Hospl., Dover; Miss Mary Lillian Tyndall, Matron, Mil. Families Hospl., Devonport; Miss Betty Walker, Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Prees Heath Mil. Hospl., Whitchurch.

ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Miss Lizzie Fletcher, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., King George Hospl.; Miss Maude Plant, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., King George Hospl.; Miss Gwendoline Crofts Quentrall, Sister, T.F.N.S., 5th London Gen. Hospl.; Miss Lillian Meta Wass, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Queen Alexandra Mil. Hospl.

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent

Order of the British Empire, for valuable services rendered in connection with the war. Dated January 1, 1919 :—

C.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Miss Louisa Mary Stewart, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Dover Mil. Hospl.

FRENCH DECORATIONS.

Medaille des Epidemies (en Argent).—Miss Rosetta Miller, A.R.R.C., Acting Sister, Civil Hospital Reserve, Liverpool Royal Infirmary, attached 12th Stationary Hospital.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

A Sister writes :—

Dear Editor,—I am writing to you as I know the Nursing profession have a great supporter in you. The Sisters and Staff Nurses of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve are being demobilised at forty-eight hours' notice, and after that time all their pay and allowances cease. It is true they will be paid their gratuity—Sisters, £10, and Staff Nurses, £7 10s. for every complete year of service, if their reports are satisfactory. Do you consider this a fair treatment? What about the people who have no homes, and are entirely dependent upon their earnings. How are they to live until they find suitable employment? Are the Sisters who have served for three or four years fit to go without any rest and continue to work? Perhaps you can do something for us. I don't want you to publish my name as I have not yet been demobilised, and if they find me making a fuss they may not give me my gratuity, and I cannot afford to lose that."

We disapprove of summary demobilisation at a few hours' notice. Each Sister and Staff Nurse after three or four years' service should be given full emoluments for a month's holiday, the shortest time needful, after the strain of active service, in which to recuperate, as it is not until nurses are demobilised that they realise how tired and often "nervy" they are.

We should like suggestions from several Reserve Sisters and Nurses of what they would consider just treatment. The present Secretary of State for War conceded huge bonuses to the "industrial" army who helped to win the War. It might be well to test his sympathy with the "humanitarian" wing. As through the publicity given by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to the disgraceful "Serf Clause," Sisters and Nurses have now an appeal to the Secretary of State for War—why not ask that a Deputation of Reserve Sisters and Nurses should be received at the War Office to talk the question over with Mr. Winston Churchill? Miss Jentie Paterson could put the matter before him with very convincing force!

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