

## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

### THE CROIX DE GUERRE.

We have all been rejoicing with the Sisters so long attached to the 36ème Corps d'Armée with Ambulance 16/21. News has come that the whole Unit has been decorated with the coveted Croix de Guerre.

The Sisters who have received the "Croix" are:—

Miss Agnes Louise Warner (the only American Member of the Corps).

Miss Annie Mildred Hanning, who has the "1914 Star."

Miss Helen McMurrich, Supervisor of the 1st Canadian Unit.

Miss Mabel Constance Jones.

Of the high estimation in which the services of these Sisters to the French Army are held, we quote the "Citations" presented to them with the Order, by the General of the 36ème Corps d'Armée.

### THE CITATIONS.

Le Médecin Inspecteur Reboul-Lachaux, Directeur du Service du 36ème Corps d'Armée, cite à l'Ordre du Service de Santé du Corps d'Armée:

"MISS WARNER (Agnes Louise). Infirmière Major, Ambulance 16/21, has been in the 'formations sanitaires' of the French Armies for four years, where she is well-known as a model of enduring energy, of disinterestedness and of devotion. Spent day and night attending to gassed and severely wounded cases, regardless of fatigue and bombardments. Has commanded the admiration of all."

"MISS HANNING (Annie Mildred) British Volunteer Nurse, Ambulance 16/21, having since the outbreak of hostilities, hastened to the help of the French Armies, fell in the hands of the enemy, as soon as she was liberated resumed the task of charity and devotion in the advanced 'formations sanitaires,' giving proof in every circumstance of an astonishing activity and of perfect competence."

"Has preserved under several bombardments a most admirable composure and has continued to show proof of the same qualities in the course of the operations of the last two months."

"MISS MACMURRICH (Helen), Canadian Volunteer Nurse, Ambulance 16/21, has spent night and day attending to severely wounded cases, whose wounds she dressed, whom she soothed and comforted with an admirable perseverance and the utmost abnegation. Has helped many precious lives in the struggle against

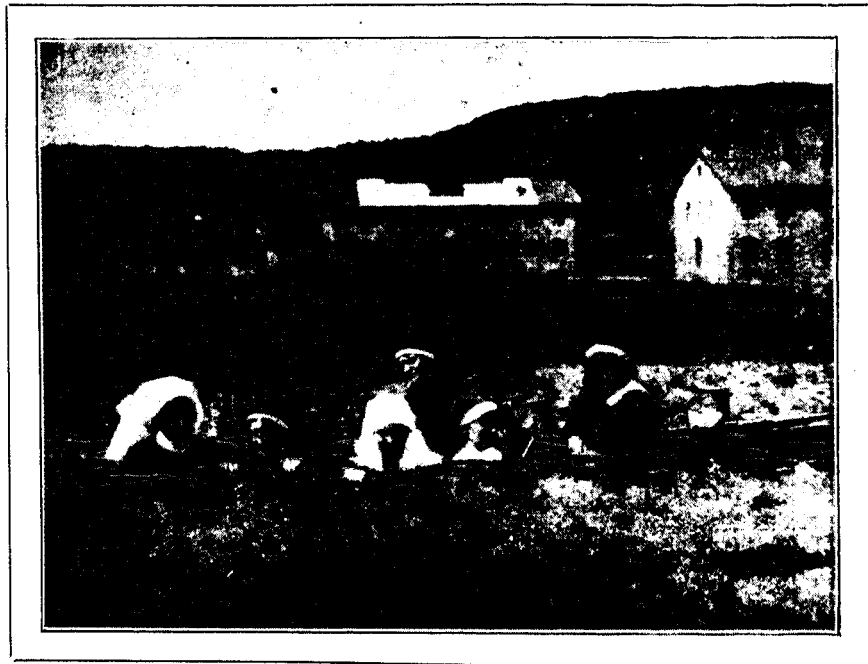
death, never allowing herself to be vanquished either by bombardment or by fatigue."

"MISS JONES (Mabel Constance), British Volunteer Nurse, Ambulance 16/21, has spent night and day at the bedside of the severely wounded, whom she attended, soothed and comforted with an admirable fortitude added to the utmost self-abnegation; has toiled without ceasing for four years as insensible to hard work as to bombardment."

### THE CEREMONY.

On December 20th, the General of the 36ème Corps d'Armée sent an order to say that he wished to come and decorate the Sisters of the Ambulance 16/21.

On December 21st, the Inspector of the Service de Santé of the 36ème Corps sent an order to have all the orderlies and stretcher-bearers lined up for inspection, previous to the decoration of the



SISTERS IN THE HOME DEFENCE TRENCHES AT NANCY.  
All decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

Infirmières Anglaises, and that all was to be in readiness by 2 p.m. that day.

It was not easy to find a suitable spot, as the ambulance is "en repos," in a remote little straggling village; but finally it was decided to fix on a field opposite the Sisters' "messroom," and there the men were lined up. At 2 p.m. the Inspector arrived and reviewed the men, and at 2.30 the General arrived. The Sisters had been told where to stand. After the review of the men they were called up to stand facing the General, and with them was one of the Aumoniers of the corps. The General read out the citations and pinned on the Croix de Guerre, after each citation he told each Sister what pleasure he had in presenting her with the decoration which she had so well-earned.

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