

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

### AWARD OF ALBERT MEDAL.

The King has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Sister Gertrude Walters Carlin and Staff Nurse Harriet Elizabeth Fraser, both of the Territorial Force Nursing Service; and to Sister Gladys White, of the British Red Cross Society, in recognition of their gallantry in saving life at a casualty clearing station in Belgium last October.

Early in the morning of October 1st, 1918, a serious fire occurred in No. 36 Casualty Clearing Station at Rousbrugge, in Belgium. At the time some of the patients were undergoing serious operations in the abdominal and general operating theatres, the walls of which were composed of wood. The first intimation of danger in the theatres was the extinction of the electric light, accompanied by volumes of smoke, and almost immediately the wooden walls burst into flames. The two Sisters and the Staff Nurse assisted in carrying the unconscious patients to safety, and returned to the burning wards to assist in carrying out other patients. During this time ether bottles and nitrous oxide cylinders were continually exploding, filling the air with fumes and flying fragments of steel.

### AWARD OF MILITARY MEDAL.

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

**NURSING SISTER HELEN ELIZABETH HANSEN, C.A.M.C.**—For gallantry during an enemy air raid at Etaples, May 19–20, 1918. She worked devotedly in the operating room throughout the period of the severe bombardment, which lasted for two hours. Sister Hansen was ready for any duty, and exhibited qualities of coolness and courage.

**NURSING SISTER BEATRICE MCNAIR, C.A.M.C.**—For gallantry during an enemy air raid at Etaples, May 19–20, 1918. She carried on her duties throughout the night without interruption, and throughout the period of the severe bombardment, which lasted for two hours, Sister McNair showed great solicitude for the patients in her wards, and was wholly unmindful of her personal safety.

### MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

The following names have been brought before the Secretary of State for War by Lieut.-General Sir G. F. Milne, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief British Salonika Force, for gallant conduct and distinguished services rendered during the period from March 1st to October 1st, 1918.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Cameron, A./Matron Miss A. B., R.R.C.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE, RESERVE.

Barnes, S./Nurse Miss L.; Bebb, S./Nurse, Miss M. H.; Campbell, S./Nurse Miss H.; Habgood, Sister Miss H. M.; Jamieson, S./Nurse Miss E.; Levitt, S./Nurse Miss L.; Marshall, S./Nurse Miss D.; Noakes, S./Nurse Miss M. R.; Rielkie, S./Nurse Miss M. E.; Seymour, S./Nurse Miss C. E.; Simpson, Sister Miss M. O.

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Billing, Matron Miss V. A., R.R.C.; Duston, Sister Miss E. A., A.R.R.C.; Fraser, S./Nurse Mrs. J. A.;

Hall, Sister Miss E., A.R.R.C.; Jarvis, S. Nurse Miss E. K.; Moore, S./Nurse Miss J.; Nichols, Sister Miss E.; Powell-Evans, S./Nurse (A./Sister) Miss H.

#### AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Bowman, Sister Miss I.; Burns, S./Nurse Miss I. A.; Readford, Sister Miss M. J.

#### VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT.

Acheson, Miss F. A. E.; Bladworth, Miss M. D.; Cholmeley, Miss D. F. (Frmly. Prin. Commdt.); Cummings, Miss G. E.; Green, Miss V.; Gregory, Miss E. M.; Lord, Miss D. E.; Mountain, Miss M.; Sturgeon, Miss K.; Tomes, Miss E.; Walters, Miss D. E.; Ward, Miss D.

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

### ARMY CHILDREN'S HOMES.

Homes for Orphans are being established by the Army throughout the country. Such work should, and will, we feel sure, appeal to many patriotic nurses. It is essential that the Matrons and Nurses of these Homes should have had special experience in the care of children. We invite trained nurses to apply for further information concerning this work to the Secretary, Army Children's Homes Committee, British Columbia House, 1, Regent Street, London, S.W. 1.

### SERVICE UNDER BRITISH COMMITTEE, FRENCH RED CROSS.

It may not be generally known that nurses who served one complete year in France during the War, guaranteed under the Anglo-French Certificate, and through the Comité de Londres, later the Comité Britannique Croix Rouge Française, are eligible for chevrons, and should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, British Committee, French Red Cross, 9, Knightsbridge, London, S.W. 1.

Sisters who have completed twelve months' complete service in the French Flag Nursing Corps, and who are not now members of it, should send dates of service to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., when she will verify their terms of service and requisition the number of bars to which they are entitled.

## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

**GLADSTONE.**—On the 24th January, at 48, C.C.S., France, of pneumonia, Elsie Mabel Gladstone, Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., daughter of the late Cecil Ernest Gladstone, Bengal Civil Service, and Mrs. Gladstone, St. Heliers, Jersey.

### TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Sister of Ten Years' standing:—"A solicitor friend said to me recently, 'I consider it perfectly scandalous the way in which the V.A.D.'s have been overworked in Red Cross hospitals during the War.'

"'They have worked hard, no doubt—just as we *always* work,' I replied."

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