

**AWARDS FOR WAR SERVICES.****Royal Red Cross.**

His Majesty the King has awarded the Royal Red Cross, First Class, to Acting Matron Miss J. M. Cruickshank, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

**Foreign Honours.**

Conferred by the President of the French Republic:—

**Medaille Des Epidemies (En Vermeil).**

Miss R. Osborne, M.B.E., R.R.C., Acting Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

**Retirement of Dame E. M. McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C.****QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.**

Matron-in-Chief Dame E. M. McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C., is placed on retired pay (September 19th).

**MILITARY NURSING NOTES.****CERTIFICATES FOR NURSES.**

In response to enquiries, the War Office states that Nurses whose names are mentioned in Despatches will receive a certificate of the King's appreciation of their services, provided they are mentioned for work in France, Egypt, or other places overseas.

**INCREASED UNIFORM ALLOWANCE.**

An Army Order announces new rates of uniform allowances for nurses. New members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.), and T.F.N.S., who have joined since December 18th, 1918, will receive £20 for the first year's service, £5 for the second year, and £10 for each subsequent year of service. In the case of serving members of these services the upkeep grant is increased to £10 per annum. The allowance for V.A.D. Nursing Members and Special Military Probationers is increased to £4 10s. each six months, payable in advance, the conditions as regards refund remaining as before, except that the amount to be refunded is increased to £2 5s.

With the exception of the initial grant to new members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., the Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Reserve), and the T.F.N.S., the increases will take effect from September 18th, 1919, and will continue only so long as the present conditions exist.

**BONUS FOR Q.M.A.A.C. NURSES.**

An Army Council Instruction provides that nurses serving with the Q.M.A.A.C. under paragraph 58 (c) of the Q.M.A.A.C. Regulations and V.A.D. Nursing Members in Q.M.A.A.C. sick bays in France, serving under the conditions of Army Council Instruction 423, 1919, are eligible for the bonus given to nurses retained on military service.

The bonus as laid down in the Royal Warrant of August 18th last, is as follows:—Staff Nurse, 8s. 9d. a week; Sister, 10s. 6d.; Assistant Matron, 17s. 6d.; Matron, 17s. 6d.; Principal Matron, 24s. 6d.; Matron-in-Chief, 28s.; Voluntary Aid Nursing Member, 3s. 6d.

Major-General Sir G. P. T. Feilding, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the General Commanding the London District, has conveyed to the administrative staff, medical and surgical staff, and the nursing staff of King George's Hospital, S.E., his sincere thanks and appreciation of the valuable and excellent work that has been performed while the hospital has been in military occupation.

**FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.****A MEMENTO OF THE GREAT WAR.**

Forty Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps who completed three years' service and upwards in France between the years 1914 and 1919 are to be presented with a gold wristlet watch and linked bracelet on which is being inscribed: "Presented to Sister —, French Flag Nursing Corps. For Devotion to Duty. 1914-1919." The date will correspond with date of service. All the Sisters entered the F.F.N.C., between 1914-1916. It is hoped that the gift will be ready to dispatch this week, and should any of the aforesaid Sisters have changed their addresses since communicating with the Hon. Superintendent of the Corps, she will be obliged if they will forward them to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, October 10th, when much business of interest on the Nurses' Registration Bill was before the meeting. The President spoke at some length on the present situation, and the future policy of the Society was considered and agreed. The hope was expressed that the Minister for Health would introduce the Government Bill for the Registration of Nurses, to which it is pledged early in the adjourned Session, and that it would become law before Parliament was prorogued. To accomplish this it was realised that the nurses' organisations affiliated to the Central Committee must give all the expert help in their power to support a just Bill.

The President also reported on the work of the Special Committee on the Economic Position of Nurses, initiated by Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Dr. Crouch, and advised members to obtain a copy of the very useful Report issued by the Committee. New members were elected.

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Secretary.

**THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.**

A quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council, will be held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, October 31st, at 3 p.m.

Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., Matron, Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, N., will speak on "The Economic Position of Nurses," followed by a discussion in which the members are asked to take part and give their opinions in "five-minutes' speeches." Tea at 5 p.m. at Selfridge's Cafeteria.

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