

**HONOURS FOR NURSES.**

The King conferred the following decorations at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, November 13th:—

**THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).**

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Ida Pooley.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Mary Blair (also received the Military Medal).

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Matron Rose Creal.

**THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).**

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Anna, Mrs. Gaze.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Ida Bull, Miss Dorothea Grant, Miss Jane Hawkins, and Miss Winifred Linton.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade.—Miss Nora Dillon.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Ursula Hall, and Miss Hilda Martin.

At the Investiture at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday, November 15th, His Majesty conferred decorations as follows:—

**THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).**

Miss Castalia Gibb, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Miss Margaret Gordon, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; and Miss Mary O'Neill, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

**THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).**

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Susan Clarke, Miss Eleanor Davies, Miss Euphemia Kay, and Miss Evelyn Moore.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Mary Brownlee, Miss Mathilde Bull, Miss Ruby Gilchrist, and Miss Catherine Pierce.

British Red Cross Society.—Miss Harriet Fraser-Macdonald.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Margaret Berry, Miss Marjory Heaton-Ellis, Jean, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Alexandra Ross, Miss Hilda Sandys, Amy, Mrs. Scrimshaw, and Miss Mary Smith.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister May Bartlett, Sister Elizabeth Dalyell, Sister Jessie Gibson and Sister Evelyn Nobbs.

**FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.**

The souvenir wristlet watches presented to forty Sisters of the F.F.N.C. inscribed "For Devotion to Duty," have evidently been greatly appreciated by the recipients who have already received them. Those awarded to Sisters Sutton, Perkins, Conway-Gordon, Richards, M. Jones, Denson and Wood, who are still working in France, have not been sent; they await a safe means of transport.

The Sisters express their thanks in charming little letters. Sister Ellen Bennet writes from Edinburgh: "I have just received my gold wristlet

watch, and for the moment cannot find words in which to return my thanks. I am very, very pleased with it, and so glad to have it as a memento of the years I spent in France, so please accept my most grateful thanks and kind regards."

Sister Agnes Park writes from Belfast: "What a perfectly lovely little gold watch with bracelet has just arrived. All my best thanks to you and to those who agreed to your suggestion that we should have this most delightful memento of four-and-a-half years' work with the French wounded. And they were such happy years in spite of the war. This watch, with its inscription will be one of my most treasured possessions. Again thanking you for all your great kindness to us all in so many ways."

Sister Eleanor Turnell writes: "I am perfectly charmed with the beautiful gold wristlet watch I received this morning. Thank you so much; and also for the very kind letter which accompanied it. It will always be one of my most valued possessions, and will remind me of the time when I was privileged to nurse the brave French soldiers for whom I have so great an admiration and affection."

Sister Annie Willetts says: "Thank you so much for this beautiful gift. I'll never be able to express exactly what I feel about it. I believe I am most glad to have this dear little watch for its associations. I shall love and treasure it tenderly in remembrance of the time spent amongst those brave French soldiers. I wish I could explain what I feel about it all, but it is not easy, and I know you will understand."

**THE BRITISH COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH RED CROSS.**

The Complete Report (1914-1918) of the Comité Britannique, Croix Rouge Française, which has its headquarters in London at 9, Knightsbridge, S.W. 1, and in Paris at 36, Rue de Chateaudun, gives a most graphic and concise account of a vast amount of good work accomplished, which we advise our readers to procure and study. The Committee was formed to administer help given in this country to French war charities, and it has done its work so thoroughly that the President, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, states in her preface to the Report, "Blessés et repatriés français n'oublieront jamais ce qu'il doivent à la Grande Bretagne, ils l'exprimeront dans leur prières, et l'apprendront à leurs enfants."

The Report relates how the number of wounded to be dealt with far exceeded any estimate, and much equipment was lost in the early retreat. So, from the first, France in no small measure, has had to depend upon outside help. In this supplementary service Britain, with her Empire overseas, has borne a great and honourable part, creating an enduring intimacy between the two peoples.

The general Report concludes: "The task is not yet fully accomplished. If fighting has ceased, its

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