

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Military Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross and the Military Medal, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace :—

MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Commanders (Military Division).

The Order of the British Empire has been awarded to Matron Ethel Ridley, Canadian Army Nursing Service, and to Matron Adelaide Kellett, Australian Army Nursing Service.

The King held an Investiture in the Ballroom at Buckingham Palace on July 12th, when the following ladies were decorated :—

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Military Division.

Commanders.—Matron Ethel Davidson, Australian Army Nursing Service; Matron Ethel Gray, Australian Army Nursing Service; Matron-in-Chief Mabel Thurston, New Zealand Army Nursing Service.

Officers.—Civil Division.—Matron Altamont Smythe, British Red Cross Society.

The Royal Red Cross.

FIRST CLASS.

British Red Cross Society.—Matron Maude Brasier, Matron Roslyn Carr, Matron Margaret Peiniger, Matron Mary Ashlin Thomas, and Assistant Matron Mabel Chittock.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Evelyn Wilson.

New Zealand Army Nursing Service.—Matron Fanny Wilson.

SECOND CLASS.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Sister Marian Burnham, Sister Jean Mair, and Sister Betty Sear.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Sister Margaret McBride.

British Red Cross Society.—Sister Elizabeth Campbell and Sister Fanny Law.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Miss Mary Boyd, Miss Olive Bonham-Carter, the Hon. Dorothy Cross, the Hon. Marjorie Cross, Miss Mary Montgomery, Miss Gertrude Peters, and Miss Edith Tillard.

Australian Army Nursing Service.—Sister Elsie Cooke.

The Military Medal.

Miss Elsie Cross, Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Miss A. M. Dobson and Miss E. de S. Preedy, who for over three years served under the French Red Cross in France, have received the Croix de Guerre for valour under bombardment and the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise for devotion.

For all the few that see truth whole,
And take its endlessness for goal,
And steer by stars as if no shoal
Could mar their firmament.

For all the few that sing and sail
Knowing their quest of small avail,
Thank God Who gave them strength to fail
In finding what He meant. . . .

By Robert Vansittart.

A SPLENDID HEROINE.

The Cross of the Legion of Honour has been conferred by France upon the Princess Marie de Croy for rendering exceptional services during the war, for which Her Highness was condemned to ten years' penal servitude with hard labour by the Germans. The Princess was released by order of the Soldiers' Council at Cologne, but has suffered severely in health by the great hardships she has undergone. It is to the Princess that many British soldiers and officers owe their lives and liberty.

The Princess and her brother remained at their chateau in the north of France, close to the Belgian frontier, when war broke out, in order to be of service to the people. On the retreat from Mons many British strayed or were left behind, some remaining in disguise and concealment for a year. All who aided or concealed them were threatened with death and the burning of their houses; but, knowing the risks, many ventured life and liberty in order to assist our men to escape across Belgium into Holland, and in that way many were saved, till it was eventually discovered by the Germans.

A year after the entry of the Germans, the Princess and the other ladies were arrested, taken to Brussels, tried and condemned.

England as well as France will, no doubt, bestow some signal honour on the heroic Princess Marie de Croy. The Princess is a legitimate descendant of Mary Queen of Scots, and her family one of the most illustrious in the north of Europe. *Noblesse oblige.*

TEMPORARY NURSES FOR INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India makes the following announcement :—

Nurses are required immediately for temporary service with British troops in India. Applicants should be fully trained nurses between the ages of 27 and 35.

The terms will be as follows :—

Staff Nurses, Rs. 200 a month.

Sisters, Rs. 250 a month.

(At the present value of the rupee, *viz.*, rs. 8d., the number of pounds a year is the same as the number of rupees a month.)

Engagement will be on a half-yearly basis. An outfit allowance of £20 will be given and a gratuity of Rs. 100 is granted in respect of the satisfactory completion of each period of six months' service.

Preference will be given to those who have recently served with either the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. or T.F.N.S. Applications cannot be entertained from nurses now serving.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and must be clearly marked "Temporary Nurses" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Original certificates and testimonials should not be sent.

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