

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King, on Wednesday, December 17th conferred decorations, at Buckingham Palace, as follows:—

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Sarah Brown, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Una Lee, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Lavinia Badger, Miss Ina Humfrey, Miss Louise Remnant, and Miss Kate Underwood.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Pauline Barnard and Miss Isabel Eveleigh.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Joan Wells.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Lily Baldwin, Miss Mildred Beale, Miss Elizabeth Betts, Miss Charlotte Black, Miss Beatrice Brice, Miss Eileen Byrne, Miss Kathleen Cambridge, Miss Norah Connolly, Miss Mary Farmer, Miss Helen Fisher, Miss Margaret Griffith, Miss Beatrice Hall, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Miss Agnes Lithgow, Miss Christian Valentine, Miss Sara Wadsworth, Miss Jessie Warnock-Walker, Miss Mary Welch, and Miss Audrey Wellington.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Alice Bunch, Miss Effie White, and Miss Nona White.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Helen Walters.

British Red Cross Society.—Miss Dorothy Sweet and Miss Joan Van de Weyer.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade.—Miss Kate Bradford and Miss Grace Broadhead.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Letitia, Mrs. Breese, Miss Margaret Gale, Miss Kathleen Grimby, Harriet, Mrs. Llewellyn, Kate, Mrs. Talbot, and Miss Una Ward.

FINAL HONOURS LIST. ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Canadian Army Medical Corps.—Miss A. G. Hogarth, A.R.R.C., Acting Matron, 16th Canadian General Hosp., Orpington, Kent; Miss B. A. Merriman, A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister, Assist. Matron, Canadian Red Cross Officers' Hosp., North Audley Street; Miss E. W. Odell, A.R.R.C., Nursing Sister.

New Zealand Army Nursing Service.—Miss S. L. Clark, Sister; Miss A. C. Ingles, A.R.R.C., Sister.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Lily Gregory, Voluntary Aid Detachment.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH.

INFLUENZA PRECAUTIONS.

The Ministry of Health has issued a Memorandum on the prevention of influenza, as it has been suggested that a recurrence may occur this winter; it is a revised edition of the document formerly issued by the Local Government Board. The Memo. advises that Nursing Associations should have plans ready in advance and Local Authorities are advised to take action along the following lines:—

1. The appointment of a small emergency committee (e.g., three members of the Public Health Committee) to whom, with the Medical Officer of Health, should be delegated full powers to act and incur necessary expenditure.
2. Medical practitioners and any voluntary health workers in the district to be consulted through their respective local organisations and their co-operation invited in determining the practical methods to be adopted.
3. A scheme as regards the provision of nursing and other assistance to families stricken with influenza to be formulated, such scheme to be carried out under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.
4. Division of the town or district for this purpose into areas, to each of which one or more trained nurses are allotted for domiciliary nursing, the nurses to act in regard to individual patients solely under the direction of the medical practitioner in charge of the case.
5. Women to be enlisted as "home helps" to assist with cooking, care of children, and ordinary domestic work. Inquiries to be made to ascertain where such assistance is most urgently needed.
6. Utilisation to the best advantage of health visitors and other members of the staff of the authority and of institutions under the control of the council; improvisation of temporary crèches and of special kitchens in which food and invalid diet can be prepared.
7. Allocation to influenza patients of one or more wards in the isolation hospital or in some other available and suitable emergency hospital.
8. Issue of notices and leaflets to the public.
9. Prevention or mitigation of overcrowding, and securing adequate ventilation in public buildings or conveyances under the control of the council.
10. School closure may be specially useful in rural and smaller urban districts.

The Public Health Committee of the London County Council have authorised the payment, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health of a grant of £500 to the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, for lectures to trade and other large firms, school teachers, working women mothers, social workers, etc.; addresses, conferences, meetings, the distribution of free literature, and the exhibition of posters in connection with the treatment and diagnosis of venereal diseases. The expenditure will rank for the payment of the usual Government grant 75 per cent.

The Public Health Committee of the London County Council have also recommended additional grants to Westminster and St. Thomas's Hospitals for work in connection with the treatment of venereal disease.

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