

RECONNAISSANCE FRANCAISE.

British Nurses who served France during the Great War by caring for its sick and wounded have in certain instances been honoured by the President of the French Republic by the award of the Medal and Certificate of the Reconnaissance Française.

This beautiful Medal presents on its face the figure of a woman caring for a stricken soldier, and on the reverse the words "Reconnaissance Française." The Riband is of white watered silk, bordered with narrow lines of red and blue. The Certificate is very handsome. Headed République Française—France, represented by a typical woman of the people, with her foot on the head of hate and scorpions of war, her right hand extended, and her left over her heart—is wonderfully expressive of gratitude.

Amongst the recipients of the Reconnaissance Française are many Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Superintendent of the Corps, has received with her Medal the following letter from the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, the President of the British Committee of the French Red Cross:—

Madame Bedford Fenwick,
20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.1.

CHERE MADAME,—

J'ai la très grande joie de vous envoyer aujourd'hui une chose que je vous ai souhaitée bien vivement et depuis longtemps.

Je voudrais que cette décoration de la Reconnaissance Française, toute modeste qu'elle soit, vous dise avec la gratitude de mon pays, toute ma profonde et affectueuse admiration pour le bien immense que vous avez fait, en aidant et soulageant mes malheureux compatriotes pendant la guerre.

Croyez bien, chère Madame, avec sentiments les plus reconnaissants, et les meilleurs,

VICOMTESSE L. DE LA PANOUSE.

The British Committee
of the French Red Cross,
9, Knightsbridge, Hyde Park Corner,
London, S.W.1.

TERRITORIAL FORCE WAR MEDAL.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of a special medal, to be known as the Territorial Force War Medal, being granted to members of the Territorial Force and Territorial Force Nursing Service who volunteered for service overseas on or before the 30th September, 1914, and who rendered such service during the war of 1914-19.

2. Provided the claims are approved by the Army Council, the medal will be granted to members of the Territorial Force and Territorial Force Nursing Service who:—

- (a) Were serving with the Territorial Force on the 4th August, 1914; or
- (b) Had completed a period of not less than four years' service with the Territorial Force before the 4th August, 1914, and rejoined

that Force on or before the 30th September, 1914,

Provided that they:—

(i) Undertook either verbally or by written agreement, on or before the 30th September, 1914, to serve outside the United Kingdom, such agreement being operative after the 4th August, 1914, and

(ii) Were passed as physically fit for service overseas between the 4th August and 30th September, 1914, both dates inclusive, and

(iii) Served outside the United Kingdom between the 5th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918, both dates inclusive, and

(iv) Did not qualify for the award of the "1914 Star" or the "1914-15 Star."

3. Officers i/c records will prepare, on printed forms to be obtained from the Secretary, War Office (A. G. 10), nominal rolls, in duplicate, of individuals entitled to the medal, and forward them, as soon as practicable, to the Secretary, War Office (A.G. 10).

4. Officers and nurses if not now serving, will submit their claims direct to the Secretary, War Office (A.G. 10); if now serving, through their present commanding officers or heads of departments, stating the dates of signing the agreement to serve overseas, and first proceeding overseas; also their rank on the latter date.

In the case of deceased officers, nurses and other ranks, applications from their legatee or next-of-kin should, in the former cases, be addressed to the Secretary, War Office (A.G. 10), and, in the latter case, to the officer i/c records concerned.

5. The names of officers and warrant officers will be entered on the rolls in order of rank, and those of non-commissioned officers and men in alphabetical order. The rank and regimental number entered on the rolls will be the highest recorded rank held by an individual on the date of first proceeding overseas.

6. The names of individuals who have forfeited the medal under conditions laid down in the Pay Warrant are to be included in the rolls, their names being entered in red ink and the cause of forfeiture stated in the column for "remarks." The names of individuals who have become non-effective by death, transfer, discharge, &c., should also be entered in red ink, and the cause stated in the column for "remarks."

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(b) *Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Applications giving particulars of service should be addressed to:—

The Secretary,
War Office (T.F.4),
80, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1

It is distinctly understood that the issue of T.F. War Medal riband under this A.C.T. gives the recipient no claim to the medal, if eventually it is ascertained that he or she is not entitled to it.

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