

THE KING DECORATES SISTER THOMAS FOR GALLANTRY.

On Thursday, March 29th, the King and Queen paid a visit to Middlesex Hospital, and His Majesty decorated Sister D. L. Thomas with the Medal for Gallantry of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire, and from a photograph of the event, here reproduced, it is evident that the Fount of all Honour was well pleased to pin on the decoration for valour attached to its purple ribbon. As we reported in our last issue, the medal was awarded to Sister Thomas for her heroic action in averting a catastrophe after an explosion in the main theatre of the hospital.

Sister Thomas was presented to the King by the Matron,

A Memorable Day for Middlesex Hospital.

On their arrival at the hospital, the King and Queen were received by Prince Arthur of Connaught, the chairman of the hospital. Prince Arthur informed the King of two new gifts to the hospital, in addition to the £30,000 received from Mr. E. W. Meyerstein earlier in the week. The new donations are £10,000 from Lord Woolavington, making his total benefactions to the hospital £135,000; and £10,000 from Mr. W. H. Collins, the donor of the Collins X-Ray Diagnostic Unit. This gift brings Mr. Collins's benefactions up to £35,000 and is intended to ensure that the X-ray unit shall be as efficient as possible.

Their Majesties made a short tour of the hospital. After walking through operating theatres and children's rooms in the Woolavington Wing, they inspected the plans



The King decorating Sister D. L. Thomas with the Medal for Gallantry, Civil Division, Order of the British Empire, at Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.

Miss D. M. Smith, in the main courtyard, where the ceremony took place, in the presence of her fellow Nurses, students, and members of the public, amidst applause.

The King and then the Queen shook hands with Sister Thomas, and congratulated her on her brave act, the King observing that he was very happy to meet such a courageous woman.

£100 Cheque for Holiday.

Later in the day Mr. E. W. Meyerstein, who presented £30,000 to the hospital a few days ago, gave Sister Thomas a cheque for £100. "I think you ought to have the chance of an extra good holiday this year," he said.

of the X-Ray Diagnosis Department and were shown how far the building has progressed. Dr. Graham Hodgson, the King's Radiologist, explained how this department, of which he will be the head, will be arranged, and presented Mr. Collins. A memorable day for Middlesex Hospital.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

As a mark of his appreciation "of her care and kindness to my dear wife during her last illness," Mr. Thomas Hulme, of Endon Bank, Endon, Staffs, who left £15,008, bequeathed £100 and £2,000 on trust for life to his nurse, Annie Eleanor Pounder.

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