

THE WAR

Wrens in the Pink.

The group of Wrens smiling at us on this page will, we feel sure, arouse gratitude and pride in this women's corps. Here is a type of British girl not to be beaten anywhere. Their faces portray sense and humour, their uniform is worn smartly, as it should be. We feel sure duty is their watchword. Let our Government guard them safely on and off duty from the manifold dangers of war.

Compliments of the British Nation.

We all read with pleasure and approval the following message sent by telegram, by the Prime Minister, to Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean:—

"I shall be glad if you will convey to Admiral Vian, and all who sailed with him, the admiration which I feel at this resolute and brilliant action by which the Malta convoy was saved.

"That one of the most powerful modern battleships afloat, attended by two heavy and four light cruisers and

Congressional Medal for General MacArthur.

President Roosevelt has awarded to General MacArthur the Congressional Medal of Honour for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action in the Philippines.

The President has directed that the presentation be made in his name to General MacArthur by the United States Minister to Australia.

The citation accompanying the award is as follows:—

General MacArthur, commanding general of the United States Army Forces in the Far East—For conspicuous leadership in preparing the Philippine Islands to resist conquest, for gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the invading Japanese forces, and for heroic conduct of the defensive and offensive operations in the Bataan Peninsula.

He mobilized, trained, and led the army which received world acclaim for its gallant defence against a tremendous superiority of enemy forces in men and arms.

His utter disregard for personal danger under fire and aerial bombardment, his calm judgment in each crisis, inspired his troops and galvanised the spirit of resistance in the Filipino people, and confirmed the faith of the American people in their Armed Forces.



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A GROUP OF WRENS IN THEIR NEW HATS.

A petty officer with the tricorne and two ratings in the beret, which resembles the sailor's cap.

a flotilla, should have been routed and put to flight with severe torpedo and gunfire injury, in broad daylight, by a force of five British light cruisers and destroyers constitutes a naval episode of the highest distinction and entitles all ranks and ratings concerned, and above all their commander, to the compliments of the British nation."

"The Navy is Here."

We nurses have followed the fortunes of Admiral Vian since his historic rescue of hidden British prisoners from their desperate plight in the German ship *Altmark*. We recognised in this historic feat the spirit and action of the first-class fighting man, without which victory is not to be attained.

K.B.E. for Admiral Vian.

The King has appointed Rear-Admiral P. L. Vian, D.S.O., to be an additional Knight Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Heartly congratulations to Sir Philip L. Vian, K.B.E.

"We Win or Die."

Naturally our thoughts and sympathies have recently been with Australia in its campaign of self-preservation, and there can be but one result of any struggle with the treacherous Japanese. General MacArthur is the very man to tackle them, and he will have the valiant Australians to support him at every turn. On his recent visit to Canberra General MacArthur struck the right note of victory. "We win or die," he exclaimed, "and I pledge you all the power of my country and all the blood of my countrymen." This declaration was made at a dinner given by the Commonwealth Parliament in his honour.

Much of our interest has been centred in our colleagues in Australia during the past month, and we note in the *Australian Nurses' Journal* that they are organising splendidly throughout the Commonwealth to serve sick and wounded, realising that the Japanese attack will be made with every possible cruelty to men and women alike. The Australasian Trained Nurses' Association and the Medical Committee of the National Emergency Services are working in complete unity. Many Australian Nurses

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