

THE WAR.

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." MALACHI iii, 17.

We are always waking up and finding that our ubiquitous and incomparable Prime Minister has flown away to pastures new on war work. What memoirs he will write, let us hope, when comparative peace returns to this unquiet world! Of all the Conferences at which we should like to have been under the table, Teheran intrigues us most. We feel sure that implacable man, Marshal Stalin, expressed opinions after our own heart. He has no delusions about war, and it is indeed a relief to know that together with our own great Premier, and President Roosevelt, a strong and determined policy, in the hope of future peace, was decided between them.

In the meantime, the loss of young manhood in Italy is grievous indeed.

The War Office announces that the Army casualties suffered by the British Imperial Forces from the beginning of the invasion of Italy on September 3rd last up to November 23rd were as follows:—Killed, 3,212; wounded, 9,709; missing, 3,153; total, 16,074.

The American troops have also suffered thousands of deaths and casualties.

Useless to wish a Happy Christmas with so many broken hearts around!

Memorial to War Nurses.

We learn from *Una* with satisfaction, that the Lord Mayor of Melbourne has opened an appeal for £5,000 in memory of the war nurses who lost their lives abroad the hospital ship *Centaur* when she was torpedoed near the coast of Queensland in May.

It is proposed that the interest of this fund will support a scholarship to enable a trained nurse to take the diploma course of the R.V.C.N.

The spiritual influence and love of young women such as those who lost their lives so hurriedly does remain not just a memory but as a vital force with those who carry on. We feel that all nurses, graduate and in training, will give to this appeal worthily and in gratitude.

Contributions, individual or collectively, may be sent to the Secretary of the College, 406, Collins Street, Melbourne.

No doubt at the end of the war we shall all eagerly unite to promote a suitable memorial to our faithful and patriotic colleagues who will have fallen in the war on land and sea. The long list grows from day to day.

The Queen honours Army Nurses' Club.

At the annual meeting of the Returned Army Nurses' Club in Melbourne, members learnt that Her Majesty the Queen had graciously conferred the great honour of sending her autographed photograph to the Club as a gift for the 21st birthday and in grateful recognition of the services rendered to the Empire by members during 1914-1918 war and in patriotic work in the succeeding years.

The President, Miss M. Barter, began negotiations in October, 1942, with the Queen's secretary, obtaining the Governor-General's permission to do so.

Miss Barter has had an interesting personal contact with Her Majesty for she was nursing the child of an American friend who had married an Englishman resident in Scotland. Often the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon came to visit this little child and happy informal gatherings took place which Miss Barter thoroughly enjoyed.

THE PASSING BELL.

*And you, who ventured fearlessly,
Dear life upon the deep,
God rest you where He knows you lie
'Neath all the seas asleep.*

It is with very sincere regret that we record that the following members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service are now presumed to have been killed in action at sea on 7th December, 1942:—

Miss Nadia Mathilda Clement, S.R.N., S.R.C.N., S.C.M., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 1933-1936.

Miss Joan Coulter, S.R.N., trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, 1938-1941.

Miss Cecilia Maude Cribb, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, 1933-1937.

Miss Rosemary Nancy Essex, S.R.N., trained at the Middlesex Hospital, 1937-1941.

Miss Annie Mary Gardner, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Belfast Infirmary, 1935-1939.

Miss Margaret Ann Hodd, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Oldham, 1928-1931.

Miss Grace Louise Knight, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Withington Hospital, Manchester, 1925-1927.

Miss Mabel Douglas McGregor, S.R.N., trained at Ayr County Hospital, 1938-1942.

Miss Hettie Ann Tudor, S.R.N., trained at the South London Hospital for Women, and the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, 1936-1940.

Miss Gladys Waters, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at St. Alfege's Hospital, London, from 1934-1938.

Miss Lilian Maria Ethel Wheelock, S.R.N., trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, Dublin, 1937-1941.

Miss Adeline Rita Wingate, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Bristol Homoeopathic Hospital from 1934-1937.

Miss Eva Emily Bevis, S.R.N., trained at the Central Middlesex County Hospital, 1933-1936.

Miss Enid Kathleen Hollis, S.R.N., trained at King George Hospital, Ilford, 1937-1940.

Mrs. Katherine Daisy McBryde (*née* Richards), S.R.N., trained at King's College Hospital, London, 1927-1930.

Miss Margaret Maxwell, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Municipal Hospital, Birkenhead, 1935-1939.

Miss Dora Mary Morris, S.R.N., trained at the London Hospital, 1934-1938.

Miss Christina Margaret Nicolson, S.R.N., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, 1938-1941.

Miss Margaret Nolan, S.R.N., trained at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, 1932-1936.

Miss Joan Pitt, S.R.N., S.R.C.N., trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen, 1935-1938, and at Guy's Hospital, London, 1939-1942.

Miss Barbara Munro Sutherland, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, 1931-1934.

Miss Kathleen Toohey, S.R.N., trained at the Central Middlesex Hospital, Willesden, 1933-1936.

Miss Winifred Mary Fry Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, 1936-1940.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss Margaret Baker, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Burslem, Haywood and Tunstall War Memorial Hospital, 1933-1936.

Miss Dorothy Muriel Stratford, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1932-1936.

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