

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.**CIVIL NURSING RESERVE.**

MADAM,

1. I am directed by the Minister of Health to state that, on the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Civil Nursing Reserve, he desires to send the following message to all members of the Reserve:—

“To all members of the CIVIL NURSING RESERVE—a message from the Minister of Health.

The sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Civil Nursing Reserve gives me a welcome opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation of the service you have given in the many fields of nursing. To all of you—trained nurses and other members who answered the call in the early days and came back from retirement, right down to those most recently recruited—we all owe a great debt.

The need for nurses has, through the war, become far greater than ever before—nurses in hospitals, maternity hospitals and sanatoria, nurses in first-aid posts and medical aid posts in shelters and rest centres, in casualty evacuation trains and in the various medical services of the reception areas. In all these and many other services, the Reserve has for six years played a most valuable part. Indeed it is a plain fact that without you many of the war-time difficulties could never have been surmounted.

To each and every one of you; whether mobile and so available for the most urgent tasks, or immobile, whole-time or part-time, paid or unpaid, the Government is most grateful and on their behalf I say “Thank you.”

I know that so long as the need continues—and you will be needed for some time to come—the Nation can rely with full confidence on the Civil Nursing Reserve.”

2. I am to ask you to be good enough to take the necessary steps to bring this message to the notice of all members of the Civil Nursing Reserve employed by your authority. Local Emergency Organisations are requested to bring the message to the notice of members employed in the district nursing service.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
T. LINDSAY.

NURSES' AND MIDWIVES' SALARIES COMMITTEE.

Further recommendations and points of interpretation amending or supplementing those contained in the previous reports have been issued.

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DO NOT LET US FORGET.

We hope the suggestion that the many years' work for the Nursing Profession of Miss A. M. Bushby, S.R.N., will materialise; she had many friends.

By will she left £50 to Sister O'Flynn “for small kindnesses” during the last months of her life when residing at the R.B.N.A. Club in Queen's Gate, S.W.

Miss Bushby's knowledge of “Nightingaliana,” and her personal interest in the nursing of children as a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for ten years should not be forgotten.

As we go to press, we have received the Report of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, to which we shall give publicity in our next issue.

THE PASSING BELL.**MISS AGNES HADDEN.****An Ideal District Nurse.**

News of the passing of Miss Agnes Hadden, ex Queen's Nurse, and at one time Superintendent of the Bloomsbury District Nurses' Training Home, will have brought back to nurses trained there, between the years 1899 and 1919, recollections of an ideal Superintendent.

Miss Hadden was trained at the Glasgow Western Infirmary and at the Queen's District Training Home in Edinburgh. She spent three years at the latter Home as Assistant Superintendent and was awarded the Queen's Institute's silver badge for excellent conduct and work. She then proceeded to the Bloomsbury Home as Superintendent, which post she held for almost 20 years. On her retirement she was awarded the Queen's Institute's gold badge in recognition of outstanding good work and faithful service.

Miss Hadden was attractive both in person and manners, but above all she was a woman of fine character and of great integrity of mind. She set before herself a high standard of duty and good work and expected her trainees to do the same, and they all regarded her with affectionate respect.

Successful as a Superintendent she was probably seen at her best and happiest in the homes of the poor. There her kindness of heart, skilful nursing and natural gifts of inspiration had full play. She was not one of those who consider that their duty begins and ends with the patient only. Wherever she thought it necessary she took on the whole family and the atmosphere of many an unhappy and thriftless home was changed owing to her patient encouragement, wise advice and understanding sympathy.

She was indeed an ideal District Nurse and an ornament to the whole Nursing Profession.

MISS ELLEN EDITH FOWLER, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

Many colleagues will regret to hear of the death of Miss Ellen Edith Fowler, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., which took place in the hospital at Canterbury on February 12th, associated as she was for many years with the Registered Nurses' Society and the movements for the organisation of Nursing.

Salisbury House, Canterbury, her residence, was twice bombed in recent years—shocks difficult to survive.

Ellen Edith Fowler will be long remembered by those of us who owe her gratitude.

IN MEMORIAM.**Army Nursing Services, 1939-44.**

In constant memory of our colleagues who are no longer with us, Q.A.I.M.N.S. and T.A.N.S.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE AND RESERVE.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the deaths of the following Sisters in the service of their country:—Sister Audrey Mary Blackman, S.R.N., S.R.F.N., Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., who is presumed killed in action in Western Europe on November 26th, 1944. Miss Blackman received her general training at the Hammersmith Hospital, and fever training at the North-Western Fever Hospital, Hammersmith.

Sister Lois Dalton, S.R.N., Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., after a very short illness whilst serving in North-West Europe. Miss Dalton was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, London.

Sister Dorothy Garn, S.R.N., S.C.M., died at Northampton; she was trained at the Peterborough and District War Memorial Hospital, did private nursing, was Night Staff Nurse at the Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, before being appointed as Sister to Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

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