

**BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST.****HONOURS FOR NURSES**

His Majesty The King has conferred many Birthday Honours upon his subjects; amongst them are the following awards to members of the Nursing Profession to whom we offer our sincere congratulations.

**ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.****D.B.E.**

Miss Matilda Goodrich, R.R.C., and Bar, Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

**O.B.E.**

Miss Margaret C. Marshall, A.R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

**M.B.E.**

Miss D. E. M. Coleman, lately Superintendent Nurse, the Central Home, Leytonstone.

Miss N. B. Deane, Matron, Bristol Maternity Hospital.  
Miss Amy Gambier, lately Matron, Graylingwell Mental Hospital, Sussex.

Miss Ethel Hutchings, R.R.C., Matron, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Musgrove Park, Taunton.

Miss J. H. Thomson, Ward Sister, Ashludie Sanatorium, Monifieth, Angus.

Miss H. C. Turnbull, Assistant Matron, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

Miss A. C. Miller, lately Colonial Nursing Service, Matron, Zanzibar Hospital.

Mrs. L. E. Connolly, nurse and midwife of Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. For services to the coloured community.

Miss D. L. Deacon, Staff Matron, Department of Public Health, S. Rhodesia.

Miss T. E. P. Kawharu, District Health Nurse, Dargaville. For services in N. Auckland and Rarotonga.

Mrs. L. G. McLean, District Nurse, Great Barrier Island.

**ROYAL RED CROSS.****QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.****Second Class, A.R.R.C.**

Miss B. F. Bailey, Nursing Sister; Miss T. E. Simpson, Nursing Sister.

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.****First Class, R.R.C.**

Matron Zillah Scott.

**Second Class, A.R.R.C.**

Sister D. O. Wakeham.

**PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.****Second Class, A.R.R.C.**

Acting Senior Sister M. E. Hale.

**INDIAN MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.****First Class, R.R.C.**

Principal Matron (Acting) Dorothy Davis.

**Second Class, A.R.R.C.**

Senior Sister B. E. Burke; Senior Sister F. St. C. Watkins.

**NEW ZEALAND ARMY NURSING SERVICE.****Second Class, A.R.R.C.**

Senior Charge Nurse (Miss) V. M. Price.

**KAISAR-I-HIND GOLD MEDAL.**

Sister Mary Elizabeth Affentranger, Sister Superior, St. Anne's Hospital, Bezwada, Kistna District, Madras.

**NURSING ECHOES.**

A very happy reunion for past and present Nursing Officers, Regular and Reserve of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service was held on Saturday, June 21st, at 6, Stanhope Gate, W.1. By 4 p.m. the guests were arriving in numbers and were most graciously received by Miss Taylor, S.R.N., Matron-in-Chief (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) and Miss Cargill, Principal Matron. Some 230 nursing sisters were soon enjoying a lovely tea and reminiscences of old and happy times abroad. These were indeed a party of globetrotters and judging by fragments of conversation which reached my ears, the Air Force Sisters were to be found in all parts of the world where the war was in progress. This was their first reunion since before the war.

Four Matrons-in-Chief honoured the occasion. They were, Dame Joanna Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C., Dame Emily Blair, D.B.E., Dame Kathrine Watt, D.B.E., R.R.C., and the present holder of high office, Miss Taylor. There was no doubting the fact that the Royal Air Force Nursing Service is a Service for younger registered nurses. The majority of the guests were young, and very smart young women, and we could not but notice that their travels abroad had obviously made them dress conscious. There were some beautiful hats and dresses to be seen and when we remarked about the smartness and glamour of the dresses and suits Miss Taylor smiled very proudly and told us that all her sisters were "hand-picked," and the best in the profession. She told us that P.M.R.A.F.N.S. is now recruiting and that sisters may volunteer for a period of three years only, if they so wish. The best ages are between 25 years to 30 years, but no doubt special consideration will be given to individual cases. Young registered nurses wishing to see service in other lands and perhaps in the Orient could only benefit by joining this most desirable Service.

We are pleased to read in the pages of *The Times* that our old sick people are at last to receive, in full measure, the skilled nursing care to which they are entitled. A Special Committee, set up by the B.M.A., "proposed that special wards in selected general hospitals" will be for the care of the aged sick. Also "residential homes for those well enough to leave hospital, but unfit to live in their own homes," will be set up.

The B.M.A. might be interested to know that in this Journal of February 1st, 1942, one of our members put forward these very ideas in an article, after visiting institutions for the chronic sick under the authority of one of our County Councils.

America has given the lead in this direction. On a lovely island, just outside New York, old and infirm people have their own community life. They live in little cottages and have their own gardens. Workshops are provided for occupational therapy, cinemas and theatres for recreation. There are no drab uniforms, and the people are not called "inmates." There are buses to take them for drives, and libraries for browsing, churches for their devotions and shops in which to buy luxuries. If America can do this for the old and infirm people, why cannot we? Does Sir Ernest Rock Carling know of this?

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