

There was a good deal of musical talent on board and the sounds of mandoline and banjo filled the evening air. We also had a Zanzibar monkey "Mr. Jonathan" whose antics cheered and entertained our idle moments. On the fifth day of anchorage we received our share of wounded, chiefly Indians. Among the invalids were some Chinese labourers, speaking "pidgeon English." Their signs were most graphic and one could easily picture the scenes they were describing. On the way back we touched at Muscat, a quaint-looking town with houses built along the sea face and having as a back-ground sand-hills rising in tiers. A most noticeable feature of the landscape was a large black rock with names of ships cut in it, so that all who visit the port may know what steamers have been there before them. The setting sun bathes the sand-hills in a golden haze. As soon as the ship dropped anchor diving boys came clamouring for us to throw pice. They are adepts at diving and never miss a coin. From Muscat we had rough weather and the patients suffered, but there were no casualties. We landed all our patients safely in Bombay and then went ashore ourselves, glad to be on *terra firma* once more.

THE MILITARY MEDAL

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

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A SPECIAL supplement to the *London Gazette* issued on July 30th states that the King has approved the award of the Military Medal to the undermentioned ladies for distinguished services in the field. In each case the act of bravery recorded was performed during enemy air raids on hospitals.

Sister C. E. A. Robinson, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.—A stationary hospital was struck by four bombs from an enemy aeroplane and one wing was practically cut in two, many patients being buried in the debris. Sister Robinson, at very great personal risk, went in amongst the ruins to assist in recovering the patients, quite regardless of danger, her one thought being the rescue of the patients. She displayed magnificent coolness and resource.

A.-Sister N. Galvin, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Four enemy bombs were dropped on the building occupied by the hospital, causing much damage to the ward in which Sister Galvin was on night duty. She remained in the ward attending to the sick, several of whom were wounded, and carried on her work as if nothing had happened. She displayed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty.

A.-Sister M. M. de Guerin, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—The building occupied by the hospital was hit by four bombs, which cut in two the ward in which Sister Guerin was on night duty. Several patients were wounded and buried in the debris of the destroyed building, but she remained on duty in her ward, displaying the greatest coolness and courage in attending to the wounded and helping to rescue the buried.

Sister L. A. Wilkinson, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Although her ward was demolished, she continued to attend to the wounded whilst the raid was still in progress.

Staff Nurse B. Dascombe, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Her ward being destroyed by a bomb and herself wounded, she insisted on remaining at her post and attending to the wounded.

Sister (A.-Matron) L. M. M. Toller, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.—When the sisters' quarters were wrecked and nurses wounded, Sister Toller collected the staff and placed them in comparative safety. By her fine example she undoubtedly saved life.

Staff Nurse A. M. McGrath, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—In charge of a ward of serious cases. She showed throughout a quiet confidence and set a fine example during a most critical period.

Sister M. E. Davis, Q.A.I.M.N.S.—When the sisters' quarters were wrecked and bombs were falling, she showed a fine example and assisted materially in controlling the situation and attending to the sisters who were wounded.

Staff Nurse S. D. Munro, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—An enemy air raid wrecked three of her wards. She showed coolness and contempt of danger and a solicitude for her patients which was invaluable.

Staff Nurse K. R. Lowe, T.F.N.S.—Bombs destroyed a large portion of the ward in which she was on night duty, wounding and burying many of the patients. She continued to carry out her duties with great composure, and showed much resourcefulness in looking after the injured.

Miss M. Thompson, F.A.N.Y., Miss W. M. Elwes, F.A.N.Y., Miss E. A. Courtis, F.A.N.Y., Miss M. Richardson, F.A.N.Y., Miss M. O'Connell-Bianconi, F.A.N.Y., Miss H. M. Dickinson, F.A.N.Y., Miss E. B. Callander, F.A.N.Y.—All these lady drivers were out with their cars during the raid, picking up and in every way assisting the wounded and injured. They showed great bravery and coolness, and were an example to all ranks.

Miss K. M. Freshfield, V.A.D.—The ward in which she was working was destroyed by a bomb, but she continued to attend to her patients, and was herself very severely wounded.

Miss L. A. Gregory, V.A.D.—Her ward was destroyed by bombs, but she insisted on remaining at her post, and attended the wounded during the progress of the raid.

Miss K. Fabling, Miss S. Dickson, Miss J. Pennell, Miss M. Davidson, B.R.C.S. (V.A.D.)—All these lady drivers were out with their cars during the raid, picking up and in every way assisting the wounded and injured, and showed great bravery and coolness, and were an example to all ranks. They also carried to safety and helped in every way many French civilians.

Miss W. A. Brampton, B.R.C.S.—This lady continued at duty throughout the raid, although the ward in her charge was almost completely wrecked, several patients killed, and she herself was wounded.

Miss D. M. L. Crewdson, B.R.C.S. (V.A.D.)—Although herself wounded, this lady remained at duty and assisted in dressing the wounds of patients.

Commandant W. E. S. Mount Batten, B.R.C.S.—She superintended the work of the convoy, drove an ambulance car herself during the raid, and by her coolness and disregard for her own safety ensured the prompt removal of the wounded to hospital.

Sub-Section Leader G. M. Cuthbert, B.R.C.S.—She showed exceptional coolness and courage in directing her section.

Section Leader G. F. Johnston, B.R.C.S.—She directed her section with coolness and courage under very trying circumstances.

Senior Section Leader J. V. Mellor, B.R.C.S.—She showed exceptional courage and efficiency as senior section leader.

Nurse M. G. Campbell, B.R.C.S.—During a raid buildings were set on fire. She moved about in full glare, regardless of imminent danger, taking patients to safety, and inspiring confidence in all.

V.A.D.M. Cavanagh, St. John's Ambulance Brigade.—Miss Cavanagh was in charge of four wards, two of which were entirely wrecked. She continued to perform her duty; in addition was very active in removing the wounded to a place of comparative safety.

Nurse E. Hounslow, A.R.R.C., St. John's Ambulance Brigade.—A bomb fell between two of her wards and injured many patients. She behaved with the utmost coolness, and set a fine example, attending wounded under most trying circumstances.

Asstt. Matron M. Chittock, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—She displayed great presence of mind, and instilled courage and confidence throughout a very trying time.

Matron C. E. Todd, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—She moved freely about the wards during the bombing, encouraging the sisters and patients and displayed great bravery and presence of mind throughout.

Sister G. Warner, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—She displayed the utmost coolness, and maintained a cheery spirit throughout, showing great bravery.

Sister J. Bemrose, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—She showed disregard of danger, and continued to attend the wounded in her charge during the heavy bombardment.

Sister M. McGinnis, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—She showed great courage, took charge of a ward, and sustained her patients.

Sister M. H. Ballance, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hospital.—Her fortitude and courage were most conspicuous. She devoted herself entirely to her patients.

Messrs. Ingram & Son, The London India-Rubber Works, Hackney Wick, E. 9, London, are advertising this month some excellent "Aseptic Bed Sheeting" made in drab and red colouring; it is impervious to blood, urine, alkalies, acids and ether; it is also guaranteed not to peel, crack, harden or discolour and can be easily cleansed by soap and water or sterilized. The same firm are also advertising "A Vaginal Syringe", for self-cleansing purposes; it is guaranteed not to split.