

Third Contingent of Nurses from New Zealand

Owing probably to the extension of the war area of our armies into Servia, the War Office has intimated through the High Commissioner that another 100 trained nurses would be gladly accepted in Egypt. This was in response to a cable from the Hon. Minister of Public Health in which he enquired if the services of more trained nurses were required.

Statements had been made that there were not enough nurses to care for our wounded, and an agitation got up to send unqualified women to act as orderlies and assistants to the nurses. This the Government did not consider, so long as there were trained nurses available in New Zealand, would be for the advantage of our troops, and the Matron-in-Chief having just returned from Egypt was able to confirm the decision. Unqualified women are not needed sufficiently to justify the expense of sending them so far, and there are already many such workers residing in Egypt who can help at the hospitals in all ways that are possible for women in an Eastern country.

To send one trained nurse rather than three or four unqualified women is of more advantage. In order, however to satisfy those who were clamouring to go, the Minister cabled an enquiry as to whether untrained women were wanted and received an emphatic reply that they were not.

The selection has now been made of the staff for the Hospital Ships Marama and Maheno, and of the nurses to go in those ships to Egypt. Notification has been sent to them and it is hoped that no alteration of the personnel will be needed; but as it is intended as far as possible to study the convenience of the hospitals which are losing sisters and staff nurses it may be necessary.

The list for December is as follows: —

Nursing Staff for Hospital Ship Marama.

		Training School.
Miss M. Broun	Auckland Hospital
Miss A. Rudd	Auckland Hospital
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Miss E. Richardson	Timaru Hospital
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Miss B. Rawlings	Timaru Hospital
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Nurses recommended for first Division of Third Contingent to go in Hospital Ship Marama.

Miss E. White	Napier Hospital
Miss S. Morley	Guy's Hospital
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Miss H. Flynn	Hawera Hospital
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Miss E. McKenzie	Timaru Hospital
Miss E. Adamson	Timaru Hospital
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Miss M. Templer	Timaru Hospital
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Nurse E. McKenzie, of the Reefton Hospital staff, received a wire on Monday night from the Hon. J. Allen, Minister of Defence, to report herself at Wellington, on December 3rd. Nurse McKenzie therefore left yesterday morning for the Empire City. The military authorities in England sent to New Zealand for 100 trained nurses. Nurse McKenzie offered her services and was accepted. She carries the very best wishes from the Inangahua Hospital Board, medical and nursing staff, also the inmates, who will greatly miss her kind, cheerful presence. We join the many and wish her good luck and a safe return to New Zealand.

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Nurse McKenzie, who has been accepted by the Government for service on the hospital ship, left Reefton yesterday, and carries with her the best wishes of a very wide circle of friends. The young lady was very popular with both the staff and patients in the hospital, and had endeared herself to all by her attention to her patients.