

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 458.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,

8th August, 1919.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit for your information a copy of an Army Order dated 9th May, 1919, containing a Royal Warrant of 8th May, 1919, respecting the grant of a War Gratuity to members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, Territorial Force Nursing Service, Nurses in Military Families' Hospital, Voluntary Aid Detachment Nursing Members, Special Military Probationers and Assistant Nurses.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

The Officer Administering the Government of

HONGKONG.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We desire to recognize the War Service of Members of Our Military Nursing Services :

Our Will and Pleasure is that gratuities, as laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the appended Schedule,* shall be issued to all members of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and of the Permanent Nursing Establishment of Our Military Families' Hospitals; and gratuities, as in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the appended Schedule,* shall be issued to all members of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve and Territorial Force Nursing Service in lieu of those laid down in Article 735 of Our Warrant of 1st December, 1914, for Pay, &c., of Our Army, and paragraph 23 of Appendix XXIII of the Regulations for Our Territorial Force. The rates shown in the aforementioned article and paragraph are amended accordingly for the present War.

Gratuities, as in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the appended Schedule,* shall be issued to the temporary Nursing Staff of Our Military Families' Hospitals.

And Whereas We deem it expedient to recognize the War Services of Voluntary Aid Detachment Nursing Members, employed in Military Hospitals and paid from Army Funds, Special Military Probationers and Assistant Nurses :

Our further Will and Pleasure is that a special gratuity shall be issued to them at the rates shown in paragraph 6 of the appended Schedule.*

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 8th day of May, 1919, in the 10th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

* Not published. May be seen on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.