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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL AWARDS

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AWARDS OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL

This report consists of three separate parts as follows :

- I. Regulations in force for the awarding of this medal.
- II. List of recipients of the twentieth (1965) and twenty-first (1967) awards.
- III. Report on the administration of the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund since the last International Conference of the Red Cross, held in Vienna in 1965.

I. REGULATIONS

The Regulations in force were adopted by the XVIIIth International Conference of the Red Cross in Toronto in 1952. They figure in extenso in the Handbook of the International Red Cross, page 377, and have been applied since then in that form.

According to these Regulations, the Florence Nightingale Medal is awarded to :

- trained nurses who have distinguished themselves exceptionally by their devotion to wounded or sick in time of war or of peace;

- matrons or nursing organizers who have rendered exceptional services in connection with the care of the sick or wounded in time of war or of peace;
- voluntary aids duly registered with the Red Cross who have distinguished themselves exceptionally by their great devotion to wounded or sick in time of war or of public disasters;
- nurses and voluntary aids of any one of the above categories who have fallen on active service.

Only the National Red Cross Societies can themselves submit one or more applications and the ICRC bases itself exclusively on the details supplied by these Societies of their respective applicants. It is therefore essential that the submission of applications be made in as comprehensive a manner as possible by laying emphasis on the exceptional circumstances in which they have displayed special devotion to duty.

In order to maintain the high significance of the Florence Nightingale Medal, the greatest distinction for a nurse, it is essential for the ICRC to make an objective selection based on justification as explicit as possible, submitted to it by National Societies.

In view of the increase in the numbers of National Red Cross Societies and also because of the limited number of medals to be distributed, the ICRC retains the right to award this distinguished honour only to nurses whose merits are evident.

By "merit", the ICRC means the covering of acts of outstanding devotion and courage of which the nurse has given proof in particularly difficult circumstances and not only for success in a professional career, however brilliant, due above all to the applicant's intellectual capacities.

II. LIST OF RECIPIENTS

Having, in 1965, received 45 applications submitted by 26 National Societies and, in 1967, 39 applications from 25 Societies, the ICRC awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal to the following nurses and voluntary aids :

AUSTRALIA

Miss Lucy Wise MacIntosh	1965
Matron Mary Dorothy Edis, M.B.E.	1965
Miss Betty Constance Lawson	1967

BELGIUM

Mademoiselle Gabrielle Revelard	1967
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CANADA

Miss Alice M. Girard	1967
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CHILE

Señora Inés Yuraszek Cantin de Schmidt	1965
Señora Joaquina Escarpenter de Segeur	1967

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Madame Anna Knapčoková	1965
Mademoiselle Marta Anna Sindlerová	1967

FINLAND

Miss Aino Jenny Durchman	1967
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FRANCE

Madame Lilia de Vendevre	1965
Mademoiselle Lucie Roques	1967
Mademoiselle Marie Loprestis	1967

GERMANY, Democratic Republic

Frau Toni Stemmler	1967
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GERMANY, Federal Republic

Frau Oberin Gertrud Baltzer	1965
Schwester Irene von Scheel	1965
Frau Oberin Henni Thiessen	1967
Frau Jula Müller	1967
Schwester Anna Kellner	1967

GREAT BRITAIN

Mrs. Mary Sheelagh McConnel Folke, M.B.E.	1965
Miss Elaine Hills-Young, M.B.E.	1967

GREECE

Madame Maria D. Eleftheriou	1967
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HUNGARY

Mademoiselle Irène Komarik	1965
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INDIA

Lt.-Col. Florence St. Claire Watkins	1965
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IRELAND

Miss Elizabeth Kenny	1967
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JAPAN

Mademoiselle Kikuyo Uchiyama	1965
Mademoiselle Kiyō Ushioda	1965
Mademoiselle Kise Makita	1965
Mademoiselle Shizu Kaneko	1967
Mademoiselle Iwano Niki	1967
Mademoiselle Moyo Suzuki	1967

KOREA, Republic

Mrs. Chung-Sun Kim	1965
Mrs. Bo-Shin Lo	1965
Mrs. Ahn Kuy-Boon Kim	1967
Miss Eul-Ran Kim	1967

NEW ZEALAND

Miss Muriel Jessie Jackson	1965
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PHILIPPINES

Major Honorata P. Seraspi	1965
Miss Basilia Hernando	1965
Mrs. María Meñez Concepción	1965
Mrs. Socorro Salamanca Diaz	1967

POLAND

Madame Wladyslawa Steffen	1965
Madame Luba Blum-Bielicka	1965

SOUTH AFRICA

Miss Victoria May Freeman	1965
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SWITZERLAND

Mademoiselle Hélène Nussbaum	1965
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THAILAND

Miss Tawinwang Dutiyabodhi 1967

U.S.S.R.

Madame Maria Savelievna Chkarletova 1965
Mademoiselle Maria Dmitrievna Serdiouk 1965
Mademoiselle Agnia Ivanovna Khablova 1965
Madame Faïna Khoussaïnovna Tchanycheva 1965
Madame Zenaïde Mikhailovna Toussnolobova-
Martchenko 1967
Madame Evgenia Maximovna Chevtchenko 1967
Madame Anna Romanovna Kousnetzova 1967
Madame Irena Ivanovna Klykova 1967
Madame Clauda Vassilievna Boutova 1967

III. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL FUND

<u>R E C E I P T S</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Income from securities	931.20	931.20	931.20	960.--	960.--
Other receipts	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>11,330.86 *</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>931.20</u>	<u>931.20</u>	<u>931.20</u>	<u>12,290.86</u>	<u>960.--</u>
<u>E X P E N D I T U R E</u>					
- Administrative costs	1,051.95	754.75	1,007.50	805.40	1,841.15
- Purchases, engraving, distribution of medals and cases	--	292.--	13.20	316.--	--
- Reprinting of Florence Nightingale plate	--	--	--	940.50	--
- Printing of new diplomas	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>196.--</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>1,051.95</u>	<u>1,046.75</u>	<u>1,020.70</u>	<u>2,257.90</u>	<u>1,841.15</u>

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<u>A S S E T S</u>		<u>L I A B I L I T I E S</u>	
- Swiss Government securities valued at par	32,000.--	- Capital	25,000.--
- Deposit at Swiss National Bank, Geneva	3,993.50	- Reserve	9,602.85
- Administration of taxes, Berne (tax paid in advance 1968)	<u>288.--</u>	- ICRC funds in current account	<u>1,678.65</u>
	<u>36,281.50</u>		<u>36,281.50</u>

* Due but waived by the ICRC