

Returning Members of N.Z.A.N.S.

The following sisters have recently returned from active service:—

Sisters F. Abbott, A. L. Maclean, M. A. Eaddy, P. P. James, A. J. Mackay, G. M. Metherell, F. Hart, A. B. T. Fabian, M. Park, M. Montgomery, Mrs. Seaward (nee McAllum), A. M. Kenny, S. M. V. Fogelin, A. Fulton; Matron C. Anderson, Mrs. Hay (nee D. M. Gunn), Matron E. G. Brooke; Sisters Gould, L. P. Cumberworth, K. A. Woodward, E. M. Lewis, L. H. Donald, B. H. Forrester, A. E. Kirkpatrick, S. Nicholas, E. M. O'Loughlin, E. Bouskill, H. Morgan; Matron McLean, V.M.R.; Sisters Barnes, V. R. R. Bayley, A. H. Holmwood, J. E. Lewis, A. M. Paterson, E. M. Fitzgerald, R. M. Gebbie, S. J. Hetherington, E. P. Knight, L. Trumble, P. M. Warner, A. Keyte, H. North, B. Shaw, E. Smailes, M. Wright, T. d'Emden, Child, L. Newell, Mrs. Marshall (nee Broadbent), S. E. Morley.

Among those who arrived by the *Prinzessen* yesterday was Matron V. M. K. MacLean, R.R.C., who was with the New Zealanders in Samoa and afterwards joined the staff of the New Zealand General Hospital, Cairo. In recognition of meritorious services during the months when our wounded New Zealanders were being taken from Gallipoli to Cairo she was mentioned in despatches and awarded the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, Second Class. After being for seven months on the staff of the No. 1 General Hospital, Brockenhurst, Matron MacLean was promoted to her present rank and took over the Convalescent Hospital at Hornechurch. In March, 1917, she was mentioned in despatches and transferred to the more important post of matron at No. 1 General Hospital, Brockenhurst, where, after receiving the order of the Royal Red Cross, First Class, she remained until her departure for New Zealand. Matron Vida MacLean will take charge of Trentham Hospital, vice Miss Bertha Nurse, R.R.C., who has requested a transfer, and who will after a short term of leave, take the matronship of the military hospital at Rotorua, additions to which, as well as a nurses' home, are now being erected on the Hill, where hitherto King George V Hospital has been for

convalescents only, with no nursing staff.

Among members of the Army Nursing Service recently returned to the Dominion was Matron Cora Anderson, A.R.R.C., who came out in charge of the nursing staff on the *Rimutaka*. Miss Anderson was one of the first fifty nurses, and has received mention in despatches for her services, as well as the award of the R.R.C., second class. She was, until departure, acting as matron of Hornechurch Military Hospital. Also on that ship was Mrs. Fulton, who had been home sister at Brockenhurst Hospital, and whose kindly interest in the nurses is warmly remembered by the many who were at different times attached to that hospital. It will also be remembered that Mrs. Fulton was matron at Trentham before leaving for England. Deep sympathy is felt with Mrs. Fulton in the sad loss in France of her husband, General Fulton.

Miss A. Smart, R.R.C., who has been, since 1915, when she proceeded to England at her own expense, a sister in Q.A.I.A.N.S.R. returned to New Zealand by the "*Corinthic*" recently. Miss Smart, together with the Matron of the War Hospital, Reading, received her decoration in 1916. Since leaving Reading in 1917, she had charge of a convalescent unit at Llandrindod Wells in Central Wales, and later was at the Military Hospital, Harrow, near London, until it closed. Miss Smart's many friends in Auckland, and nurses of this Branch of the T.N.A., are glad to welcome her back to New Zealand.

Sister Cora Turnbull, who has been with the Australians in Egypt and France for over four years, returned to the Dominion on June 30th. She has gone to her home in Dunedin for her leave.

Sister Fraser also returned by the *Manuka*, and is in Auckland.

Sister Guthrie could not get on from Sydney by the *Manuka*, but hoped to leave by the *Moeraki*.

All these sisters have been away for over four years and wear their five chevrons.