

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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## **Twenty-fourth award of the Florence Nightingale Medal**

GENEVA, 12 MAY 1973

*Circular No. 488*

*to the Central Committees of National Red Cross,  
Red Crescent, and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In its Circular No. 486 of 23 August 1972, the International Committee of the Red Cross had the honour to invite the Central Committees of National Societies to send in the names of nurses and voluntary aids whom they judged qualified to receive the Florence Nightingale Medal. This invitation, which quoted Article 1 of the Regulations, was accompanied by forms to be completed by the candidates.

The first object of this Medal is to honour nurses and voluntary aids who have distinguished themselves exceptionally by their devotion to sick or wounded in the difficult and perilous situations which often prevail in times of war or public disaster. The Regulations also provide that a maximum number of 36 medals shall be awarded every two years and that the candidates' names must reach the International Committee of the Red Cross before 1 March of the year in which the distribution takes place.

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In accordance with these Regulations, the International Committee, after a careful study of the 56 files submitted by 28 National Societies, has the pleasure of announcing that for the twenty-fourth distribution the Medal has been awarded to the following nurses and voluntary aids<sup>1</sup>:

### COLOMBIA

1. *Señorita María de Jesús Tovar Bermeo*, Enfermera General y Auxiliar de la Sanidad Militar de la República de Colombia. Enfermera Jefe del Socorro Nacional de la Cruz Roja Colombiana.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

2. *Madame Mária Bizíková*, Infirmière diplômée et volontaire de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque. Membre du Comité Central de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque et Présidente du Comité municipal de la Croix-Rouge slovaque à Bratislava.
3. *Madame Ilona Ryšková*, Infirmière volontaire de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque. Présidente de l'organisation de base de la Croix-Rouge tchécoslovaque.

### FRANCE

4. *Baronne Jacqueline Mallet*, Infirmière diplômée. Membre du Conseil d'Administration de la C.R.F. Vice-Présidente de la Croix-Rouge des Yvelines—Directrice d'un Service d'enfants handicapés.
5. *Madame Béatrice de Foucaud*, Infirmière diplômée. Directrice du Service des Conductrices Ambulancières.
6. *Madame Yvonne Deschamps*, Infirmière diplômée. Ancienne Directrice de l'Ecole d'Infirmières et d'Assistantes Sociales de la Croix-Rouge Française d'Alençon.

### GERMANY (Dem. Rep.)

7. *Frau Margarete Hildebrandt*, Diplomierte Krankenschwester, Hebamme und Sozialfürsorgerin.

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<sup>1</sup> Since the desingation, qualifications and duties of nursing personnel do not always have an exact equivalent in the various languages, it seemed to be preferable to leave them as in the original text.

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8. *Frau Generaloberin Ilse von Troschke*, Diplomierte Schwester. Diplom der Wernerschule vom Roten Kreuz. Generaloberin. Vorsitzende der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Schwesternverbände.
9. *Schwester Mathilde Verhall*, Diplomierte Schwester. Diplom der Wernerschule vom Roten Kreuz. Stationsschwester.

GREECE

10. *Madame Virginia Zanna*, Auxiliaire Volontaire de la Croix-Rouge hellénique. Actuellement, Inspectrice du Corps des Infirmières.

HUNGARY

11. *Madame Sagy Ferencné*, Auxiliaire volontaire de la Croix-Rouge hongroise. Ancienne Secrétaire de la Section locale de la Croix-Rouge hongroise à Kecskemét.
12. *Madame Schönfeld Ferencné*, Auxiliaire volontaire de la Croix-Rouge hongroise.

INDIA

13. *Lt. Col. Yeddu Vijayamma*, Registered Nurse, Midwife and Matron. Principal Matron MNS(R) 151 Base Hospital, c/o 99 A.P.O.

ITALY

14. *Mademoiselle Marina Caruana*, Infirmière diplômée professionnelle et volontaire. Ancienne Présidente de l'Association Nationale des Infirmières Professionnelles et Assis-tantes Sanitaires visiteuses.

JAPAN

15. *Mrs. Shima Yano*, Registered Nurse. Assistant Professor of the Junshin Women's Junior College in Kagoshima.
16. *Miss Ryu Saga*, Registered Nurse. Lecturer of the Akita Red Cross School of Nursing.

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17. *Miss Masae Yukinaga*, Registered Nurse. Head of Nursing of the Tenri Yorozu Sodanjo Hospital and Vice Director of the Tenri School of Nursing.

### KOREA (REPUBLIC)

18. *Mrs. Keum Bong Lee*, Graduate Nurse. Chief Nurse, Leper's House, Sorok-do Leper's Colony.
19. *Mrs. Kwi Hyang Lee*, Graduate Nurse. Master's Degree in Nursing Education. Head Professor of Nursing Department, Seoul National University, Director of Research Group and Vice-Chairman, Korean Nurses Association.
20. *Mrs. Soon Bong Kim*, Graduate Nurse. Chief of Nurses, National Medical Centre, Seoul.

### NIGERIA

21. *Mrs. Kofoworola Abeni Pratt*, State Registered Nurse and Midwife. Certificate in Tropical Nursing. Teachers Diploma. Hospital Nursing Administration Certificate. Chief Nursing Officer, Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos.

### PHILIPPINES

22. *Mrs. Angelita F. Corpus*, Graduate Nurse. Senior Nurse, Laguna Provincial Hospital.

### POLAND

23. *Madame Helena Dabrowska*, Infirmière diplômée. Station de transfusion sanguine de l'Hôpital de voivodie à Olsztyn.
24. *Madame Elzbieta-Klementyna Krzywicka-Kowalik*, Infirmière diplômée.

### UNITED KINGDOM

25. *Miss Helen Joyce Cholmeley, M.B.E., A.R.R.C., S.R.N., R.S.C.N.*, State Registered Nurse. Registered Sick Children's Nurse. Former Matron of Queen Alexandra House, Folkestone.
26. *Miss Sonia Lenie Stromwall, M.B.E., S.R.N.*, State Registered Nurse. Presently runs her own Rehabilitation Centre for Stroke Patients in Sussex.

## URUGUAY

27. *Señora María Juana Marchesi de Podesta*, Enfermera y Visitadora Social. Enfermera en la Sección Policlínicas de la Cruz Roja Uruguaya.

## U.S.S.R.

28. *Madame Vera Sergueevna Kachtcheeva*, Infirmière diplômée. Directrice du Service des crèches à Bira, région de Khabarovsk.
29. *Madame Matrena Semienovna Netchiportchukova*, Infirmière diplômée. Infirmière d'internat (école) à Krasnogvardeisk.
30. *Madame Maria Petrovna Smirnova*. Infirmière-en-chef de l'hôpital de district de Leningradskoe, région de Kokché-tavsk, République socialiste soviétique de Kazakstan.
31. *Madame Djulietta Vartanovna Bagdasaryan*, Infirmière diplômée. Inspectrice-en-chef au Ministère des communications, République socialiste soviétique d'Arménie.
32. *Madame Salipa Koublanova*, Infirmière diplômée. Infirmière-chef de la policlinique pédiatrique municipale de Noukousse, République socialiste soviétique autonome des Kara-Kalpaks.

## YUGOSLAVIA

33. *Sœur Dina Urbančič*, Infirmière diplômée. Ancienne instructrice des soins généraux au malade de la Faculté de Médecine de Ljubljana.
34. *Sœur Cita Lovrenčič-Bole*, Infirmière diplômée et conseillère. Ancienne secrétaire du Comité de coordination de la planification de la famille.
35. *Sœur Jugoslava Polak-Bregant*, Infirmière diplômée supérieure. Ancienne infirmière de patronage au dispensaire anti-tuberculeux à Maribor.
36. *Sœur Ruža Stojanova*, Infirmière diplômée. Ancienne infirmière au Conseil républicain pour la santé et la politique sociale.

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The medals and diplomas, accompanied in each case by a photogravure reproduction of the portrait of Florence Nightingale, will be sent as quickly as possible to the Central Committees. The International Committee of the Red Cross would like to receive acknowledgment of their receipt in due course.

The Committee would be grateful if the Medals could be presented in the course of this year and requests the Central Committees to give the ceremony a character of solemnity as the founders of this distinction desired. It would be pleased to publish in the *International Review of the Red Cross* an account of the ceremony organized in this connection. It requests National Societies to send it the necessary material for such publication not later than the end of February 1974.

The International Committee wishes also to call to mind that, in order to be able to assess the merits of candidates, it can only base itself upon reports submitted to it by the National Societies. These reports must therefore be as explicit as possible.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

**Marcel A. Naville, *President***

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