

Thirty-fifth award of the Florence Nightingale Medal

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*To the Central Committees of the
National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In Circular N° 578 dated September 1994, the International Committee of the Red Cross invited the Central Committees of National Societies to submit all relevant information on qualified nurses and voluntary aides who are active members or regular helpers of a National Society or of an affiliated medical or nursing institution and who are considered suitable candidates to receive the Florence Nightingale Medal.

The object of this medal is to honour male and female nurses and voluntary aides who have distinguished themselves, whether in time of peace or in war, by their exceptional devotion to the wounded, the sick, the disabled or persons whose health is at risk.

The International Committee, after careful study of the candidatures submitted by the National Societies, is pleased to announce that the nurses and voluntary aides listed below have been selected for the thirty-fifth award of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

AUSTRALIA

1. *Ms Mary James*, graduate nurse and midwife. Missions abroad for the International Federation and the Australian Red Cross Society.

CANADA

2. *Miss Vera Roberts*, graduate nurse. Senior public health positions in the service of isolated population groups.

CHINA (People's Republic of)

3. *Mrs Zou Ruifang*, graduate nurse. Director of the Nursing Department of Huzhou First People's Hospital.
4. *Mrs Sun Jingxia*, graduate nurse. Technical nursing adviser of Changzhou Hospital, President of Changzhou Branch of the Nursing Association of Jiangsu Province.

DENMARK

5. *Ms Lone Jacobsen*, graduate nurse. Head nurse at the Rehabilitation and Research Center for Torture Survivors, Copenhagen.

FRANCE

6. *Mrs Hélène Delpon de Vaux*, graduate nurse. Active during the Indochina War. Volunteer nurse with the French Red Cross. In charge of volunteers going on international missions and reserve staff for the Army Medical Service and the Ministry of Health.
7. *Miss Magdeleine Marie-Louise Gosset*, graduate nurse with the French Red Cross. Active during the Second World War.

GERMANY

8. *Sister Edith Gehlert*, nurse with the German Red Cross. Active during the Second World War. Head nurse of the home for retired members of the Bavarian Red Cross Nurses' Association in Munich.

GREAT BRITAIN

9. *Mrs Jennifer Ann Hayward-Karlsson*, graduate nurse. Member of the British Red Cross. Missions abroad for the ICRC and the International Federation.

GRENADA

10. *Mrs Hilda Elizabeth Mascoll*, volunteer social worker. Member of the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of Grenada. Principal superintendent, St John Ambulance Brigade.

ITALY

11. *Sister Maria Cristina Luinetti*, volunteer nurse with the Italian Red Cross. Died while on active service in Mogadishu in 1993.
12. *Sister Adriana Bertini*, volunteer nurse with the Italian Red Cross. Active during the Second World War.

JAPAN

13. *Miss Uta Iwata*, graduate nurse. Member of the Council of the Japanese Red Cross Academy, Honorary Member of the Teishin Medical Society.
14. *Miss Kimi Tsuzuki*, graduate nurse and midwife. Member of the Board of the Council of the Japanese Red Cross Academy. Vice-President of the Central Nursing School of Social Health Insurance. Member of the Board of the Foundation of Public Health Promotion.
15. *Miss Kiyō Hisamura*, graduate nurse. Chairwoman of the Red Cross Volunteer Service Corps, Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Prefectural Chapter.

JORDAN

16. *Mr Mansour Mohammed Abu-Hanieh*, member of the Red Crescent Rescue Team. Field officer with the Jordan National Red Crescent Society and UNHCR.

KOREA (Republic of)

17. *Mrs Hyun-Kwon Park*, graduate nurse. Superintendent of the Nursing Department of the Leprosy Mission, Jesus Hospital, Taegu.

MADAGASCAR

18. *Mrs Marcelline Razanamparany*, graduate social worker. Chairwoman of the Provincial Red Cross of Majunga. Member of the Board of the Malagasy Red Cross Society.

MEXICO

19. *Mrs Maria del Pilar Servitje Montull de Mariscal*, volunteer nurse with the Mexican Red Cross. Chairwoman of the National Committee of Nursing Schools of the Mexican Red Cross.

NEW ZEALAND

20. *Ms Judith Christine Owen*, graduate nurse. Numerous missions abroad for the ICRC.

PHILIPPINES (The)

21. *Mrs Lydia M. Venzon*, graduate nurse, adviser. Professor in several universities and colleges of nursing.

POLAND

22. *Mrs Anna Kowalska*, graduate nurse. Director of and teacher at the State Nursing School in Warsaw.
23. *Miss Rachela Huther*, graduate nurse. Active during the Second World War. Development of education programmes. Lecturer at and responsible for managing the Nursing Faculty of the Medical Academy. Expert in nursing at the European office of WHO.
24. *Mrs Ewa Bednarczyk*, graduate nurse. Active during the Second World War and her exile in Siberia and Kazakhstan. Member of the Polish Red Cross.
25. *Mrs Irena Czyzycka*, graduate nurse. Member of the Polish Red Cross. Head of the Governing Board for day nurseries.

SWITZERLAND

26. *Miss Emilie Grosjean*, secretary at the Swiss Red Cross, Yverdon-Les-Bains branch. Active during the Second World War in transferring to Switzerland children from Austria, Hungary, France and Italy.

THAILAND

27. *Miss Anan Tongchareon*, graduate nurse. Deputy chief of the Sawanganivas Rehabilitation Center, Thai Red Cross Society.
28. *Miss Somboon Pruksaraj*, graduate nurse. Head nurse, Chulalongkorn Hospital, Thai Red Cross Society.

UKRAINE

29. *Dr Maria Vassilivna Rozhoniuk*, voluntary nursing aide during the Second World War. Graduate from the Medical School of Crimea. President of the Regional Committee, Section of Crimea, Ukrainian Red Cross.
30. *Mrs Antonina Yakivna Soloviova*, graduate nurse. Active during the Second World War. Head of the Commission of Women-Veterans of Kiev.

The thirty-fifth award made on 12 May 1995 brings the total number of medals awarded to 1,105.

The medals and diplomas, accompanied in each case by a photogravure of the portrait of Florence Nightingale, will be dispatched to the Central Committees as soon as possible. The International Committee of the Red Cross would like to receive acknowledgement 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 invest the presentation ceremony with a character of formality in keeping with the founders' wishes.

The International Committee of the Red Cross requests the Central Committees to convey on this occasion its warmest congratulations to the nurses and voluntary aides who are to be awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal.

With high consideration.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS
Cornelio Sommaruga
President
