

Thirty-fourth 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 No. 561 dated 30 September 1992, 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-fourth award of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

CHILE

1. *Mrs Carmen Bustos López*, volunteer nurse with the Chilean Red Cross. Director General of nursing with the Chilean Red Cross. Exemplary career in the field of training within the National Society.

COSTA RICA

2. *Mrs Evelyn Jaenstchke Macglakin*, graduate nurse. Director of volunteer nursing staff of the Costa Rica Red Cross.

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Courage and exceptional dedication to disaster victims. Exemplary work in the field of public health.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. *Dr Claudia Adkins*, graduate nurse. Director of nursing care. Promotion of nursing care training. Outstanding career as a Red Cross volunteer.

ETHIOPIA

4. *Sister Tabotwa Tsegaye*, graduate nurse. Head nurse — operating theatre. Exemplary dedication and readiness to help in a conflict situation.

FINLAND

5. *Mrs Sirkka Maija Sorvettula*, graduate nurse. Nursing adviser to the Finnish Federation of Nurses. Outstanding career with emphasis on the promotion of nursing care.

FRANCE

6. *Miss Hélène Le Guen*, graduate social worker. Red Cross volunteer. Exceptional dedication during the Second World War and the Algerian War of Independence.
7. *Miss Marie Rauscher*, graduate nurse and graduate social worker. Centenarian recognized for her exceptional career with the French Red Cross in caring for the wounded during the two World Wars and for her active involvement in the social field.

GREAT BRITAIN

8. *Miss Mary Elizabeth Perkins*, graduate nurse. Field nurse. Missions abroad for the ICRC, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the British Red Cross. Great capacity for work in difficult situations.

GREECE

9. *Mrs Hellen Potamianou*, volunteer nurse with the Hellenic Red Cross. Inspector of volunteer nurses. Special dedication during the Second World War and during the Patras earthquake.

HUNGARY

10. *Mrs Galánthay Emil*, volunteer nurse with the Hungarian Red Cross.
Exceptional courage and total commitment to Red Cross activities during and after the Second World War.
11. *Mrs Marosi József*, graduate nurse. Volunteer nurse with the Hungarian Red Cross.
Exceptional dedication during the Second World War while working as a Red Cross volunteer and, subsequently, as a professional in the field of nursing care and its promotion.

IRELAND

12. *Mrs Ellen Bernadette Keane*, graduate nurse.
Exceptional dedication and pioneering work in the promotion of nursing care at home.

ITALY

13. *Mrs Myriam Mancini*, volunteer nurse with the Italian Red Cross. Health education instructor.
Outstanding career with the Italian Red Cross, particularly during the Second World War.

JAPAN

14. *Miss Yukiko Arita*, graduate nurse. Nursing adviser to the Japanese Red Cross.
A leader in the promotion of nursing care, particularly in the field of teaching.
15. *Miss Toshiko Terashima*, graduate nurse. Nursing tutor.
Exemplary career in nursing, particularly in promoting the teaching of nursing care.

NEW ZEALAND

16. *Miss Philippa Parker*, graduate nurse, member of the New Zealand Red Cross Society. Currently working at ICRC headquarters.
Numerous missions abroad and exemplary commitment in situations of armed conflict.
17. *Mrs Wendy Smith*, graduate nurse, member of the New Zealand Red Cross Society. Head of delegation for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Numerous missions on behalf of the International Federation, particularly for the development of nursing care in the field.

MYANMAR

18. *Mrs Yaw Nam*, graduate nurse. Nurse.
Exceptional conduct and extraordinary dedication during crisis situations.

PAKISTAN

19. *Mrs Sheila Ahsan Nagi*, graduate nurse. Nursing adviser to the Ministry of Health.
Exemplary career as a nursing professional in the fields of management and teaching at a high professional level.
20. *Miss Nisab Akhtar*, graduate nurse. Head of nursing care.
Exceptional career as a nursing professional in the fields of management and teaching, carried on simultaneously with a career as a volunteer with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society.

NETHERLANDS

21. *Miss Cornelia Baas*, graduate nurse. Field nurse for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
Exemplary readiness to play a part in difficult situations during missions abroad.

POLAND

22. *Mrs Eugenia Maria Binzer*, graduate nurse. Retired.
Life devoted to the needy within the context of voluntary Red Cross service.
23. *Mrs Irena Fabiańska*, graduate nurse. Retired.
Exceptional dedication during the Second World War and, subsequently, in working for the promotion of nursing care and teaching.
24. *Mrs Wacława Kamińska*, graduate nurse. Retired.
Exceptional dedication during the Second World War and subsequent voluntary and professional involvement with the Polish Red Cross.
25. *Miss Bohdana Miloslawa Kijewska*, graduate nurse. Retired.
Special distinction during the Second World War.
26. *Mrs Janina Parżnicka*, Red Cross volunteer nurse. Retired.
Exceptional commitment during the Second World War, with total disregard for her own safety. Outstanding work as a Red Cross volunteer.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

27. *Mrs Li Guimei*, graduate nurse. Head nurse.
Excellent example for the young in the field of nursing care. Great commitment in her professional life.
28. *Mrs Zhang Jin Yu*, graduate nurse. Head nurse.
Pioneering work in the field of nursing care.
29. *Mrs Zhang Shuihua*, graduate nurse. Vice president of the Red Cross Committee in Ningxia Hui.
Great dedication and pioneering work in the fields of public health and teaching.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

30. *Mrs Myung-hee Choi*, graduate nurse. Director of nursing care.
Recognized for her dedication and high professional standards.
31. *Prof. Chung-hae Hong*, professor of nursing care with the Republic of Korea National Red Cross.
Exemplary career in the promotion and development of nursing care and in the medical and social field.

EL SALVADOR

32. *Mrs Concepción del Tránsito Guillén de Estrada*, nursing aide.
Outstanding commitment within the local section of the Red Cross, with total disregard for her own safety.

SWEDEN

33. *Miss Ingrid Andersson*, graduate nurse of the Swedish Red Cross.
Exemplary work in Sweden and in several situations of armed conflict.

THAILAND

34. *Miss Somsong Kesonmala*, graduate nurse. Nursing professional with the Thai Red Cross Society.
Special dedication to refugees and to Red Cross activities.
35. *Miss Pattana Meesook*, graduate nurse. Head nurse.
Exemplary volunteer work with the Red Cross in times of disaster and armed conflict.

The thirty-fourth award made on 12 May 1993 brings the total number of medals awarded to 1,075.

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

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