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Last year, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth award, the ICRC announced that the Florence Nightingale Medal would be presented to nurses or nursing auxiliaries of eighteen countries, among them seven nurses from the U.S.S.R. They are *Vera Ivanovna Ivanova, Ludmila Antonovna Rodionova, Nadeja Andreevna Boyko, Sophia Vassilievna Goloukhova, Razia Chakenovna Iskakova, Evdokia Pavlovna Vartzaba and Ekaterina Efimovna Sirenko.*¹

The Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies kindly sent us details which will indicate to our readers the importance attached in the U.S.S.R. to the distinction conferred by the ICRC. Thus, several major newspapers published either an interview with one of the medallists or articles recounting the missions performed during the Second World War by these nurses, who often saved wounded persons at the risk of their own lives. Likewise, the *Soviet Red Cross* printed articles about them in several issues, and it was leading personalities of the Red Cross who presented the medal and the accompanying diploma. To give one example, at a well-attended ceremony the President of the Red Cross of Bielorussia, having made an address praising the spirit of sacrifice, pinned the medal on Madame Sirenko.

¹ Plate.



The Florence Nightingale Medal and citation presented to Mrs. Vera Ivanovna Ivanova...

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... and to Mrs. Ekaterina Efimovna Sirenko.





Congratulations to two recipients of the Florence Nightingale Medal, Mrs. Razia Chakenovna Iskakova...

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... and Mrs. Sophia Vassilievna Goloukhova.

