


**LOCAL HUMANE WORKER
GETS BRITISH DECORATION**

Miss Nina Halvey Wins Blue Cross Medal for Animal Welfare Service



MISS NINA HALVEY

Because of her tireless work for the welfare of war horses and dogs used in France, Miss Nina Halvey, of 1730 Diamond street, has been awarded the Blue Cross in Philadelphia. She was appointed to that position by Mrs. Elizabeth Matland, of the society in London, who came to America early in the war to enlist the active sympathy of American horse and dog lovers in the cause of the animals who were in service on the battlefield.

The medal is shaped like a shield, done in white and blue enamel. The blue cross is on a background of white and is suspended from a gold bar pin on which is inscribed "merit." Accompanying the medal was a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Matland, written for Lady Smith Dorrien, president of the Blue Cross Fund. General Sir Leslie Huddle, treasurer of the organization, added his personal thanks to those of Lady Smith Dorrien and Mrs. Matland, and stated that Miss Halvey's support had made it possible to do far more extensive work on behalf of the war animals than was anticipated when the war started.

The Blue Cross was the first humane organization on the field to receive official recognition from the British Government. Through Miss Halvey's efforts, Philadelphia was able to provide and maintain a Blue Cross unit on the field where the horses and dogs were given skillful treatment or put out of their misery when their lives could not be saved, without loss of time.

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