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Message from Brigadier H. S. Gillespie

M.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.

Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services

On assuming the appointment of Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, I wish to take the opportunity, through our GAZETTE, of sending my greetings and best wishes to all present and past members of the Army Nursing Services.

I feel very proud and greatly honoured at having been appointed, and I know that I can count on your loyal support as you have given it so generously in the past.

As this number of the GAZETTE will be issued towards the end of the year, I would also like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

September, 1952.

Editorial

THE END of Volume I of the GAZETTE is now reached, and we are free to make use of accrued experience which we could not very well have done half-way through.

Come with us into next year and those following, and see how we manage. There is no time like the present for subscriptions which are due. A renewal form is provided. Any number of years' subscriptions can be paid in advance, if that is more convenient.

The GAZETTE Committee has been set up and has started work. It will be very glad to consider any suggestions readers care to put forward, though its first efforts must be directed towards ways and means of making the GAZETTE pay without sacrificing members'

interest in it. One intention, previously mentioned, we think—to have a special binding for the GAZETTE—is still alive, but must wait a little. If this appeals to you, be sure and do not mislay the loose numbers. We want the GAZETTE to contain information about the Corps which could make a permanent record, hence we think that it is worth while having a typical binding. Again this depends very much on what members feel about it, and remember, feeling without telling us is not much use.

It is early for Christmas greetings, but as it is impossible to contact every member individually at that time, this is the only opportunity to send you all very sincere wishes for your happiness at Christmas and in the New Year.

Very special good wishes go to the new Editor, whose column this becomes in the New Year.

King George VI Memorial

The Association, knowing that it would be the wish of members, has sent a token donation to the Memorial Fund. The Central Committee in taking this action considered that members would probably wish to make their own contribution to the subscription to be given by the Association, as this would be the only way in which the amount could be suitably representative of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.

Contributions can be added to the sum being sent with renewal forms for membership and GAZETTE subscriptions, marking the extra money sent for this purpose at the bottom of the form "K.G.M. 2s. 6d." or whatever it may be. This method is simple for those sending in renewal forms; others can send their donations in separately. In either case, contributions should be addressed to the Membership Secretary.

The Central Committee is confident that every member would wish their Association to join in this tribute to the memory of the late King.

Sports Notes

B.A.O.R.

Recently the American Army sent their men and women teams from Heidleberg to Bad Ofenhausen to play the B.A.O.R. men and women at tennis.

Two Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers played for the British women. The American women were first class, but our people held their own, and the score after two days' play was four all. Our two officers were Captain R. Clive and Lieut. E. M. J. McCan. Both played extremely well.



THERE must be many serving in the Corps who have not had an opportunity of seeing the Challenge Cups for which they are eligible to compete. As and when it is possible, it is hoped to produce photographs of these trophies, so that all may become familiar with them.

The first to be depicted is the cup given this year to the Corps by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, to be presented annually to a serving officer or other rank nominated by Corps units, as having contributed most to the sports prestige of the Corps during the preceding twelve months. The 1952-53 holder's personal memento is shown with the cup.

R.A.M.C. Reservist Training

EVERYONE will have heard and read of the Army Reservist training scheme. Many "Z" and Army Emergency Reserves have been recalled to the colours for fifteen days this summer. From May to September, at Mytchett, under the direction of the officer commanding the Field Training School, R.A.M.C., in a General Hospital under canvas, eight A.E.R. units, of between 300 and 400 officers and men each, spent their fifteen days in training. In the first twenty-four hours they were documented, kitted, had their first parade and health examination; also certain sections of the Army Act, giving information essential to the wearers of the Queen's uniform, were read to them. Interesting and instructive talks were given to each of the hospital units by the A.D.M.S., Aldershot District, a surgical specialist recently returned from Korea, the Commanding Officer and instructors of the F.T.S. and many others. The Units themselves supplied a number of instructors in the many trades the R.A.M.C. includes in its syllabus, but the major indoctrination and policy of training was done by the Camp Commandant and his Adjutant. These two officers, together with the Quartermaster, R.S.M., and some thirty N.C.Os. and men, comprised the permanent staff. A ninth unit was a General Hospital (T.A.). This included several Q.A.R.A.N.C. (T.A.) officers and other ranks. The annual summer camp of a unit that trains all the year round is rather different from the "Z" and A.E.R., though a similar over-all policy was pursued.

Attached for duty for the duration of the camping season was a Q.A.R.A.N.C. officer to carry out revision of nurse training and to advise in nursing.

Various exercises were set and practised. Generally speaking, in the first seven days the hospital was taken over, G1098 and I1248 (general and medical equipment) unpacked and set out; at the same time officers and men were receiving and giving instruction in lectures on many subjects. In the second seven days the unit put into practice what it had learnt. The biggest exercises involving all departments were those of reception and evacuation of convoys of "patients." At the conclusion of each fifteen days' training the hospital was packed up again. One medical officer very aptly pointed out that, whereas most of the Army spends its time on mock-up exercises in times of peace, the medical services are always able to fight real battles against disease, and therefore find mock-up extremely difficult. The difference between receiving real sick patients and that of making part of their own fit units into a convoy of "sick" proved a test of ingenuity. After receiving the convoy "telegram" the exercise consisted of going through all the detailed routine preparation for reception or evacuation of a convoy, including field documentation of patients, admission from ambulances through reception department into the wards, care of patients in wards by medical officers and nursing staff, routine

admission (kits to pack store, ordering of diets, etc.), making reports and having discussions on treatments. The degree of success depended on the "patient's" knowledge of his condition and how he played his part. Much hard work was put into this "play" by the officers and men in directing all the "actors" correctly and producing a good show. The funniest casualty was a so-called psychoneurotic patient, who on arrival at reception sprang out of the ambulance and ran off into some near-by woods. Later on, having been rescued and brought safely into the tent by several men, he was asked for his field medical documents. "Oh," said he, "I've eaten those." His behaviour, continued in this strain, caused more disruption in that general hospital than many a D.I. or S.I. patient for whom special arrangements had already been made. This "casualty" was an R.M.P.A. nurse, and needed no coaching.

The revisional nurse training proved a most stimulating experience. Between two hundred and three hundred men in each hospital were usually in nursing orderly gradings. Many "Z" men, graded N.O.II, had hardly seen a military hospital, and certainly not a ward. This was because their experience had been gained in forward units. They, and not only they, were terrified in case they were going to be asked to nurse in tented wards. Some had carried on with nursing after release from the Army, and had gained certificates: there were S.R.Ns., R.M.P.A. nurses and S.E.A.Ns. The majority had done short periods of nursing during military service and were in other occupations in civilian life. Having attempted to put all at their ease in a general talk about receiving patients in a hospital in a like manner to receiving guests at home, it was found that most of their qualms subsided. After this, training began in earnest; selected men were picked out to help instruct small groups in practical subjects. Gradually students, who thought they had forgotten everything, realized what a great deal they really knew—surely a most heartening discovery. The selected instructors did excellent work, and whether experienced in teaching or not, expressed their pleasure in this opportunity. This year there was no model ward in these tented hospitals. The men's dining tents, or the shade of a tree, were used for talks, and as the tented wards were set out, practical work was done in them. No written tests in nursing were undertaken. Competitions in bed-making, instrument identification, stretcher drill, and the application of the Thomas' splint, were usually held on the twelfth day of training. The competitors were very keen.

This new project developed slowly throughout the summer, and at the end it may be considered that some revisional training in all trades had been attained, and that all these hundreds of officers and men know the set-up of general tented hospitals. It is easy to envisage the enormous possibilities this reservist training scheme opens up. Numbers of visitors, both Service and civilian, were interested in this camp at Mytchett, and many questions were asked on their excursions round the various departments. It is thought that the

value of bringing these units together, comprising as they do numbers of men with varying service experience, cannot be over-estimated. They arrived as sometimes rather bewildered individuals, and left feeling one of their unit. Many were heard to say, "I wouldn't mind going to war with this lot any time—that is, if we *have* to."

This is necessarily an incomplete story of what has been going on at Mytchett this summer. Many colleagues have been interested and asked about the work—here is a small answer.

PHYLLIS G. BENNETT (L130).

Nine Years Ago

(This poem was written nine years ago by Julia R. Lane, then a Second-Lieutenant in the American Nurse Corps.)

In the darkness of the morning
In September of forty-three,
The Hospital Ship *Newfoundland*
Was bombed in the Tyrennian Sea.
In the gloom of the morning darkness,
Lit by the rising flames,
Some hundred nurses climbed the stair
And to the deck they came.
No panic overtook us,
Thanks to our British crew,
Who bravely lowered our lifeboats
As the horrid blazes grew.
In our haven't the ship *St. Andrew*,
When the roll was called that day,
Six British Sisters missing
In the *Newfoundland* were to stay.
They gave their lives and a lesson
For those of us saved that day—
A lesson of ultimate courage,
An incentive to brave the fray.
The bomb had missed its target,
It failed to strike our will :
It only bound us closer
In our purpose to fulfil—
To go into bloody combat,
To render what service we may,
Just as our British Sisters,
Till we all go home to stay.

The Royal Red Cross—2

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Seventhly: It is ordained that a recipient of the First Class of the Decoration shall not afterwards be awarded the Second Class; that recipients of the Second Class of the Decoration, if trained Nurses, shall be eligible for advancement to the First Class as vacancies may arise; and that on such advancement the Second Class Decoration shall be returned to the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

Eighthly: It is ordained that recipients of the First Class of the Decoration, who are Our Subjects, shall be designated Members of the Royal Red Cross, and shall be entitled to the letters R.R.C. following their names; and that recipients of the Second Class of the Decoration, who are Our Subjects, shall be designated Associates of the Royal Red Cross, and shall be entitled to the letters A.R.R.C. following their names.

Ninthly: It is ordained that:

(i) Either Class of the Decoration may be conferred upon ladies (other than those referred to in the Fourth and Fifth Clauses of this Our Warrant), whether Our Subjects or foreign persons, who may be recommended to Our notice by Our Principal Secretary of State for War, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Principal Secretary of State for Air, as having voluntarily undertaken nursing duties, and shown special devotion and competency in the performance of such duties, over a continuous and long period in hospitals which have been specially established for the treatment of sick and wounded personnel of Our Naval, Military or Air Forces, including Our Indian Forces, and the Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas; but the First Class of the Decoration shall be conferred only upon a fully trained nurse;

(ii) Any foreign lady upon whom the First Class of the Decoration is conferred under this Our Warrant shall be regarded as an "Honorary Member," and such person upon whom the Second Class is conferred shall be regarded as an "Honorary Associate"; and

(iii) The numbers of each Class of the Decoration which may be conferred under this Clause shall be additional to the Establishment ordained in the Sixth Clause of this Our Warrant.

Tenthly: It is ordained that if anyone upon whom the First Class of the Decoration has been conferred is subsequently recommended for such approved service as would have rendered her eligible for the Decoration, had she not already received it, she shall be awarded a Bar to be attached to the Decoration.

Eleventhly: It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer the Decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and a Register thereof kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

Twelfthly: It is ordained that reproductions of both Classes of the Cross in miniature which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decoration is awarded shall be half the size of The Royal Red Cross and that a Sealed Pattern of the said Miniature Cross shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Thirteenthly: It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on the recommendation to that effect by or through Our First Lord of the Admiralty or one of Our Principal Secretaries of State to cancel and annul the award of The Royal Red Cross to any person and that thereupon her name in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Decoration when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Fourteenthly: It is ordained that notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the *London Gazette*.

Lastly: We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, interpreting, or dispensing with these regulations, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 5th day of February, in the 21st year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

By His Majesty's Command,
T. SHAW.

GEORGE, R.I.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V, by a Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual dated the 5th day of February, 1931, was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Royal Red Cross, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with those rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual:

AND WHEREAS We are desirous that, in the case of any of Our Dominions, the Government whereof shall so desire recommendations for the award and the cancellation and annulment of the award of the Decorations shall be made to Us by the appropriate Minister of State for the said Dominion.

NOW THEREFORE We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors ordain and appoint that the Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and

[Handwritten Signature]

Thirteenth Clauses of the said Warrant dated 5th February, 1931, shall be amended by the insertion in each of the aforesaid Clauses of the words "or, in the case of any of Our Dominions, the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for the said Dominion" after the words "Our Principal Secretary of State for Air" in the Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Clauses and after the words "Our Principal Secretaries of State" in the Thirteenth Clause.

AND WE do further ordain and appoint that the Fourth and Fifth Clauses of the said Warrant shall be further amended by the substitution of the words "Our military or air forces in the Field" for the words "Our Army or Our Air Force in the Field."

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 17th day of September, 1942, in the 6th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
P. J. GRIGG.

(CONCLUDED)

An Appreciation

by a serving Officer

COLONEL E. M. B. DYSON, O.B.E., R.R.C. and BAR

OPPORTUNITY COMES to many, perhaps to all of us. Some seize it, others let it go—some do not even recognize it for what it is. Colonel Dyson may be said to have grasped it firmly. In the words of the parable, she has been a good and faithful servant. She has used her talents well for the Corps and we who are still serving benefit by what she has accomplished. She has always given her best throughout her service. Since her return from those long, dreary years as a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, she has infused new inspiration and hope for military nursing into those who have the privilege of knowing her, and understanding her aims.

It is with justifiable pride that members of the Corps can look back over the years and remember all the splendid women they follow. In this band Colonel Dyson ranks very high. Her insight into current trends and affairs, her unremitting energy, tenacity of purpose, her exceptional ability, are cause for great admiration. Her achievements for the Corps are in its history for ever. They are part of the advance and expansion of Nursing.

Our appreciative thanks and good wishes follow Colonel Dyson into retirement. May happiness and success be hers in whatever sphere she directs her attributes in the future.

From Here and There

Nursing Circles

Miss D. C. Bridges, R.R.C., ex-T.A.N.S. (L106), Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, has recently been to Delhi to speak at the annual conference of the Trained Nurses Association of India, and also visited Pakistan and Ceylon.

Miss Gwen Padfield, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. (A48), has recently been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the new Health Centre at Bristol, probably the first to be built by a local authority for the use of general practitioners. Miss Padfield is well known among public health nurses as the health visitor member of the Teaching General Practice team connected with Edinburgh University.

Miss Martha R. Wilson, Sister-Tutor at Glanelly Hospital, Cardiff, who served in the Army in the First World War, has recently been honoured by the Cardiff branch of the Old Contemptibles Association, who presented her with the Old Contemptibles' badge.

Miss F. Shaw (A417), who served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve during the war, and then became Deputy Matron, City General Hospital, Sheffield, has been appointed Matron, The Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.

The Friends' Secretary

If any of you have unwanted clothes that are still in good enough condition to wear, I can put them to excellent use within our own Friends' Scheme. Send them to me at the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, 20 St. John Islip Street, Millbank, London, S.W.1. Please bear in mind that the articles must be fit for me to pass on as received.

Gifts, however small, of tea, sugar, sweets, etc., would be most welcome for the parcels we are sending out at Christmas. Please send anything you can by the first week in December.

Memorial Fund Committee

We are informed that the publishers of the Memorial Book have made their selection from photographs made available to them, and now have all the material in hand which is required. The proofs of the book are expected shortly.

Queen Mary has graciously sent a signed message to be reproduced in the book, and Sir Alexander Hood, Director-General of the Army Medical Services during the war years, and now Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Bermuda, is writing the Introduction for it. The title is to be "One Hundred Years of Army Nursing."

Another £500 has been allocated in grants to nurses who served in the last war, to help them with expenses incurred in taking post-graduate or refresher courses. This brings the Grants total to £1,040. N.A.A.F.I.

The Forces Parcel Scheme, which cuts out heavy postage charges, enables friends and relatives of members of H.M. Forces in Malaya (excluding Singapore), Japan and Korea to order one or more of a wide

range of standard gift parcels from N.A.A.F.I. canteens, clubs, shops, or direct from N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters, Esher, Surrey. The order is airmailed to the nearest N.A.A.F.I. establishment in Malaya, Japan or Korea, where the parcel is made up and delivered to the sailor, soldier or airman named.

Dozens of order forms plus postal orders have been received, with a request to send a parcel to a wounded soldier in Korea or in Malaya.

There is a choice of some forty different parcels, ranging in price from 5s. to 30s. each, with contents to suit either a cigarette or pipe smoker. The name and address of the donor is included in the parcel.

The address for inquiries or order forms is Forces Parcel Service, O.C.S., N.A.A.F.I., Esher, Surrey.

H.Q. Office

Many members have written asking about obtaining Coronation tickets through us. We have made, and are still making, inquiries on this subject, but it does seem very doubtful that we are going to be able to help members.

It would be advisable for members to realize this, and to follow up any opportunities which may present to obtain seat tickets from other sources.

A.M.D.4 War Office

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR Q.A.R.A.N.C. CORPS WEEK, 1953

Saturday, 6th June.—Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Reunion : Hyde Park Hotel, 4-7 p.m.

Sunday, 7th June.—Drum Head Service : Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., 11 a.m.

Monday, 8th June.—Tennis, Medforth Cup (eliminating matches) and Corps Sports—heats : Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Tuesday, 9th June.—Tennis, Medforth Cup (finals), Corps Sports and All Ranks Dance : Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Wednesday, 10th June.—Cocktail Party (for serving officers plus one guest) : Tavistock House, 6.30-8 p.m.

Field of Remembrance

The Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey was again attended by our representatives, who arranged the layout of the Army Nursing Service Plot. These included the laying of poppy wreath crosses bearing the badges of the Services—Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., T.A.N.S. and V.A.Ds.

A representative group of Association members attended the Memorial Service on 6th November and afterwards planted individual crosses in token of their comrades, who had so nobly served and died in the service of their country in many distant lands and seas. This simple ceremony was a reminder to the young Q.A. of today of the honour and homage due to those who were trained to give not only their skill in nursing suffering humanity in the toils of war, but

their loyalty and finally their lives in carrying out the ideals of the great Corps to which we all belong.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot

The first Senior Course of Instruction for Q.A.R.A.N.C. Sergeant and Staff Sergeants was held at the Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., Hindhead, from 21st September to 5th November, 1952. N.C.Os. from units throughout the country and from the Depot attended the course; they enjoyed it and derived much benefit from the theoretical and practical instruction. Results will be published in due course.

Promotions

June—Major to Lieut.-Colonel: B. L. Ferrier (9th). Lieut. to Captain: I. T. McGuinness (May 5th), V. W. Cavey (June 5th), M. G. Nicholls (June 16th).

July—Colonel (Acting Brigadier) to Brigadier: H. S. Gillespie, M.B.E., R.R.C. (Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services) (23rd). Lieut.-Colonel to Colonel: F. M. Smith (23rd). Major to Lieut.-Colonel: S. E. Hughes (23rd). Captain to Major: M. Moreton (18th), L. M. Egan (20th). Lieut. to Captain: E. E. Thom (3rd), F. Band (5th), E. J. T. Buckley (5th), J. O. E. Moriarity (9th).

August—Lieut. to Captain: L. E. Saunderson (8th), F. M. Roberts (25th), J. L. S. Montgomerie (6th), M. L. Giles (30th), B. R. Edwards (29th).

September—Captain to Major: E. M. C. Rowston (20th). Lieut. to Captain: M. M. Holt (10th), E. Thomas (26th).

Retirements and Resignations

June—Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Dunn, A.R.R.C., Major W. A. Houston (formerly Napier), Capts. H. Dignan (*née* White), B. A. Hugonian (*née* Loftus), H. Stewart (*née* Burke), I. L. Davies (*née* Corp), Lieuts. B. P. Glenn (*née* Williams), M. O. Le Lieure (*née* Moore), L. M. Blascheck (*née* Pert), B. P. Grant (*née* Walker), L. Laurie (*née* Everett).

July—Brigadier Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.R.C. (Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services), Capt. M. A. Corcoran, Lieuts. E. Wynne, E. A. Ayre (*née* Wilks), J. F. Waygood (*née* Babbage) O. V. Nagel (*née* Ogden), J. S. Christie (*née* Hutchinson), M. S. Durrin (*née* Gardner), M. Balfour (*née* Johnston).

August—Capts. Vera Manson (*née* Jones), P. A. Hathaway (*née* Tibbs), Lieuts. I. K. Hall, T. J. Fairley, J. F. M. Tomilin, E. Boyle, E. M. Franklin (*née* Collins), V. C. Jones (*née* McGregor), P. Bishop (*née* Wishart), B. E. Brindle (*née* Pomroy), J. W. Leigh (*née* Montgomery), J. M. Alvers (*née* Brosnan).

Friends, Please Note

Births

BALL—On July 9th, at Worthing, to Barbara (Judy) (*née* Mitchell), ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.), wife of Dudley C. S. Ball—a son, Alexander Charles. (A1818)

Marriages

- On 28th June, 1952, at Romford, Essex, John A. G. Davies to Capt. Ivy L. Corps.
- On 21st June, 1952, at Upton, West Ham, Major Albert P. Dignan, R.A.M.C., to Capt. Helena White.
- On 9th June, 1952, at Lagos, W. Africa, Major H. S. Houston, R.E.M.E., to Major Winifred A. Napier.
- On 25th June, 1952, at Perth, Scotland, John Anderson to Lieut. Mary A. MacLellan.
- On 5th July, 1952, at Westbury, Glos., Colin C. Ayre to Lieut. Elizabeth Wilks.
- On 12th June, 1952, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, Chas. Usborne Blascheck to Lieut. Lottie M. Pert.
- On 5th July, 1952, at Morden, Surrey, Major George Christie to Lieut. Josephine Hutchinson.
- On 28th June, 1952, at Beddington, Surrey, Capt. John T. Durbin to Lieut. Mary S. Gardner.
- On 21st June, 1952, at Huddersfield, Peter W. Grant to Lieut. Barbara P. Walker.
- On 26th June, 1952, at Wakefield, Eric Hepworth to Lieut. Margaret Rogerson.
- On 7th June, 1952, at Malacca, Malaya, Lieut. David C. Hugonon to Capt. Bridget A. Loftus.
- On 28th June, 1952, at Manchester, Robert B. Laurie to Lieut. Lilian Everett.
- On 28th June, 1952, at Coulsdon, Surrey, Lieut. Peter M. Le Lievre, R.A.M.C., to Lieut. Mary O. Moore.
- On 5th July, 1942, at Swindon, A. H. Nagel Heinz to Lieut. Olive V. Ogden.
- On 28th June, 1952, at Cuddington, Surrey, Flying Officer Jack Tyas, R.A.F., to Lieut. Helen Saich.
- On 11th July, 1952, at Eastbourne, Lieut. Bernard M. Waygood, R.N., to Lieut. Joan F. Babbage.
- On 5th July, 1952, at Nairobi, E. Africa, Flying Officer John Macdonald Balfour, R.A.F., to Lieut. Mary Johnston.
- On 8th August, 1952, at Birmingham, Leslie P. Jones to Lieut. Violet C. McGregor.
- On 2nd August, 1952, at Kowloon, Hong Kong, Capt. Patrick T. Franklin, R.A.D.C., to Lieut. Elizabeth M. Collins.
- On 14th August, 1952, at Solihull, Warwicks, John M. Bishop to Lieut. Phyllis Wishart.

- On 16th August, 1952, at Little Marlow, Bucks, Capt. Norman Brindle, R.A.D.C., to Lieut. Beryl E. Pomroy.
- On 5th August, 1952, at Lichfield, Staffs, Capt. Rev. Richard P. Hathway, C.F., to Capt. Patricia A. Tibbs.
- On 30th August, 1952, at Windsor, Arthur Alvers to Lieut. Jane M. Brosnan.
- On 29th July, 1952, at Waterford, Eire, Edward J. Hanahan to Capt. Hannah J. Connors.
- On 10th September, 1952, at Dundee, Scotland, Dr. John A. McK. Stewart, to Lieut. Winifred Mcl. Glass.
- On 13th September, 1952, at Didsbury, Manchester, Leslie H. Cowderoy to Lieut. Mary Eileen Richardson.
- On 13th September, 1952, at Pontypridd, Wales, Dr. Alum R. Evans to Lieut. Lilian B. G. Marchant.
- On 13th September, 1952, at Hendon, London, Lieut. James D. Mackworth to Lieut. Marjorie Wilding.
- On 12th September, 1952, at Putney, S.W.15, Capt. Peter Shaw, D.L.I., to Capt. Meta W. McConnell.
- On 9th August, 1952, at Chatham, Kent, Lieut. Douglas T. Manson, R.A., to Capt. Vera Jones.
- On 3rd June, 1952, at Cricklewood, London, Herbert W. Hirst to Emily Pinder, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R) (A244).
- On 14th August, 1952, at Reading, Robert Todd Rowland to Kathleen Busby, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R) (A460).

Other Ranks marriages :

- On 21st June, 1952, George Henry Carter to Pte. G. H. McKill.
- On 28th June, 1952, James McCahill to Pte. J. Brain.
- On 12th July, 1952, Christopher Michael Miller to Pte. C. Wren.
- On 4th July, 1952, William McIntyr-White to Pte. J. Pearce.
- On 17th July, 1952, Michael Lyons to Pte. A. Bishop.
- On 19th July, 1952, Michael Cane to Pte. P. M. Gaffney.
- On 12th July, 1952, W. J. Sumber to Pte. W. Templeton.
- On 26th July, 1952, J. C. Dobbie to Pte. J. Holloway.
- On 26th July, 1952, R. F. Brittan to Pte. M. Duck.
- On 9th August, 1952, Harry Stanley Smith to Pte. H. McLaughlin.
- On 2nd August, 1952, Gordon Eric Bryan to Pte. J. I. Rose.
- On 2nd August, 1952, Morvyn James Evans to Pte. M. Bulley.
- On 13th August, 1952, Kenneth Turner to Pte. K. Norton.
- On 22nd August, 1952, Kenneth Langford to Pte. J. Munro.
- On 11th August, 1952, Rowland Stanley Foster to Pte. A. Tandy.
- On 14th August, 1952, William S. T. Stevenson to Pte. D. Gawne.
- On 23rd August, 1952, Alfred George Lewis to Pte. A. McClurg.
- On 16th August, 1952, Arthur Roy Powell to Pte. B. Hosker.
- On 29th August, 1952, C. T. Gill to Pte. S. Day.
- On 4th August, 1952, Lawrence Anthony Hutchings to Pte. M. Carey.
- On 20th September, 1952, Dudley Alfred James Rowley to Pte. M. N. Frost.

Deaths

- GARBETT.—On July 23rd, at West Bromwich, Staffs, Miss E. M. Garbett, ex-T.A.N.S. (A1985).
- EARLE.—On 5th June, at Sheffield, Miss A. L. Earle, R.R.C. and Bar, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- MAY.—Recently, Miss M. F. May, R.R.C., ex-P.C.N.S.R. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- FRIEND.—Recently, at Ryde, Kent, Miss M. F. Friend, R.R.C.
- GOOD.—On 25th July, at Chelsea Hospital for Women, Capt. Rose Good, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (R.A.R.O.) (A2415).
- PALIN.—On 13th June, Miss Helen Palin, O.B.E., R.R.C., ex-T.A.N.S. and British Red Cross Society.
- ROGERS.—In January, 1952, at Lincoln County Hospital, Miss Betty Rogers, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R).

N.A.A.F.I. Clubs for Other Ranks

THE WAR years showed the great value of the temporary N.A.A.F.I. Clubs, and led to the decision to erect permanent Clubs in traditional Service Centres in U.K. So far seven have been built. H.R.H. Princess Margaret opened the latest Club at Plymouth in July this year, a very fine building and a wonderful addition to the City's amenities for the thousands of Service men and women who come to Plymouth from all over the world.

The Club contains a ballroom, a restaurant and a cafeteria, games room, complete with three full-sized billiard-tables, comfortable lounges and a writing room with individually lighted desks, a W.V.S. Information Bureau and a modern cocktail bar. The residential wing, named Raleigh House, contains forty-two double rooms for Service married families, and five first-floor bedrooms for members of the Women's Services. There are four two-room suites specially designed for the convenience of families with children. There are Utility Rooms where necessary chores can be carried out.

The charge is 2s. 6d. per night for members of the Women's Services. The Club is open to all ranks other than commissioned officers, and can be used by members of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces in uniform. (In full-time training of more than one week, they may use the Clubs in civilian clothes.)

Similar Clubs exist at Portsmouth, Chatham, Aldershot, Catterick, Oswestry and Colchester. Four more permanent Clubs are planned for Lincoln, Chippenham, Glasgow and Salisbury. All these Clubs are built, furnished and equipped at the expense of N.A.A.F.I.—one more way in which N.A.A.F.I.'s trading profits are returned to the Service men and women.

News from the Branches

Scottish Branch

Are holding a Reunion Dinner on 18th October. We hope to have details about the party later.

Australian Branch

Send their half yearly reports, January—June, 1952.

The Australian Reunion took the form of a Cocktail Party, held on 24th April, and members had a very pleasant evening. Many members later adjourned to the Returned Nurses' Club, and met friends who had collected there, previous to taking part in the parade to commemorate Anzac Day. Q.A. members marched with the Australian Nursing Sisters in the parade to the Shrine.

Miss Sonnenberg, their Chairman, placed a wreath on the Edith Cavell Memorial on that day.

The Sydney members are conducting their own Branch affairs, and Victoria and New South Wales will take it in turn to act as headquarters for the Australian Branch.

East African Branch

On 16th July we held a most successful Social Evening, in the form of a Film Show cum Cocktail Party. This was held at the house of Mrs. C. M. Giles, one of our Committee members, whose enterprise made this possible.

Mr. R. Hargreaves, the local representative of Messrs Abbott Laboratories of Perivale, London, and U.S.A., provided the two films shown—one on Pentothal Anæsthesia in General Surgery, and the other, Pentothal Anæsthesia in Obstetrics. Both these films were very interesting and most instructive.

About fifty members and friends were present. Refreshments of tea, coffee and snacks were provided by the Committee, and drinks for the party provided gratis by Abbott Laboratories. We made a small charge for the Film and Refreshments, and this has gone to help our funds.

New Zealand

The Secretary writes stating that Miss B. E. Dawson stayed with her during August, whilst she was in Auckland, prior to leaving for Australia *en route* for England. She is going to get in touch with the Secretary of the Australian Branch. She hopes to remain in Australia until next March, and then return to England. Miss Cliffe, the past Chairman, will come and see us at H.Q.

The next Reunion of this Branch is being held on 20th September.

Midland Branch

A Luncheon and Bring and Buy Sale was arranged for Saturday, 25th October, which it is hoped will be very successful.

Officer Courses in Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The following professional courses are available for Q.A.R.A.N.C. serving officers :

Operating Theatre Course—Grades I and II
Psychiatric Nursing Course
Neurosurgical Nursing
Neurosurgical Operating Theatre
Chest Surgery
Ophthalmic Nursing
S.C.M. II
Sister Tutor
Health Visitors—Now discontinued
Radiological Defence

Operating Theatre

This course is taken at selected hospitals, in two parts :

- (a) O.T.C. II : This qualifies the officer to perform operating theatre duties and is of three months' duration.
- (b) O.T.C. I : A three months' course for officers holding O.T.C. II. It qualifies the officer to become Sister-in-Charge of an operating theatre and to train other ranks in theatre duties. Specialist pay is granted to officers holding this certificate and employed as Sister-in-Charge of an Operating Theatre.

Psychiatric Nursing

A six months' course taken at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Officers successfully completing this course and passing the examination may be selected to remain at Netley for a further six months following the course, for psychiatric nursing duties.

Neurosurgical Nursing

This course is taken at the Military Hospital (Head Injuries), Wheatley, and is of three months' duration.

Neurosurgical Operating Theatre

A six months' course for officers holding O.T.C. I, also taken at the Military Hospital, Wheatley.

Chest Surgery

Two officers are posted to the King Edward VII Sanatorium, Midhurst, every three months to take this course.

Ophthalmic Nursing

This course is for Regular officers only and is taken at the Royal Eye Hospital, Surbiton. It is a six months' course with an examination at the end.

S.C.M. II

Also for Regulars only. Officers must be in possession of S.C.M. I.

Sister Tutor

This course is taken at the Royal College of Nursing. In the past it has been taken at the London and Scottish Branches and also at King's College of Household Science. It is for Regulars only. These officers sit for the Diploma of the Universities of London or Edinburgh.

Twenty-four officers have attended these courses and all have passed.

In July, 1952, two officers sat the examination for the Sister Tutor Diploma of the University of Edinburgh and both passed successfully. These officers were in the Guard of Honour at the Royal College of Nursing, Scottish Branch, when the Queen visited in July, 1952.

The following officers have qualified as Sister Tutors :

Qualified 1946 : Major (T./Lieut.-Colonel) H. M. Grant, Major F. Ratcliffe, Major A. Flanagan, Major A. M. Hey.

1947 : Major G. C. M. Gill, Major V. M. Innes, Major V. K. Jones, Capt. F. McDonald.

1948 : Major E. Thorpe, Capt. B. J. Tadman.

1949 : Major H. M. Carroll, Capt. D. M. Wilson.

1950 : Major N. V. Davidson, Capt. J. M. Orford, Capt. H. Walshe, Capt. B. J. Rattee, Major M. M. Trood, Capt. M. Quinn, Major H. P. Brett.

1951 : Capt. D. E. Price, Capt. M. I. Wilmshurst.

1952 : Capt. C. O'Neill, Capt. J. Monteath, Lieut. O. H. Brunton.

Health Visitors

This course has been taken at the Royal College of Nursing or at Battersea Polytechnic. Twenty-one officers have taken the course and all have obtained the Health Visitors Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute. Eight of these officers qualified in July, 1952.

The following officers have qualified as Health Visitors :

Qualified 1949 : Major E. H. Litherland, Capt. J. Lindsay, Capt. F. M. Sands, Capt. H. J. Connors, Capt. A. Jones, Major M. Ryan.

1951 : Major E. M. C. Rowston, Major M. I. Newbury, Capt. C. Moseley, Capt. J. L. Salmon, Capt. D. J. Drury Mettham, Major M. C. Bell, Capt. J. C. Otway.

1952 : Major M. P. A. Albrect, Major M. L. Holt, Capt. M. C. R. Herkis, Capt. D. Gray, Capt. D. I. M. C. Corbyn, Capt. A. Kirwan, Major C. P. Maudsley, Capt. B. C. Wharton.

Radiological Defence

This is a three-day course at the R.N. Medical School, Alverstoke.

Ave atque Vale

IT IS not the first sacrifice I have made for my nephews, but it is by far the bitterest. Tomorrow they take over the command of my army of tin soldiers. If I am asked, as I ought to be but never am, what it was that inspired me to take up my military career and what vision has led me ever on to my present rank of lieutenant (with two pips), my reply must be, "My gallant lads in the nursery cupboard." With them I received my baptism of fire (never mind how); with them I first shed my blood in warfare, when I punctured my hand on the cocked hat of their commander-in-chief; and with them I first evolved and perfected my own particular system of tactics, which always lands me in such trouble on manœuvres.

Last night I held a farewell parade. Laffan's Plain was rather big for my purpose, so I held it on the grand piano. From the wardrobe where they have been quartered for the past twelve years or so there paraded for the last time under their old commander these veterans of a thousand fights—painful ones, chiefly between me and my brothers. In the years that have elapsed they have been decimated from such varying causes as housemaids and jumble sales; but the survivors held their heads high as ever, especially those who, having lost them at some time or another, now carried them on match-sticks which had been insufficiently pared.

The parade was headed by the remnants of the brass band. Many of its members were absent, and I cannot account for their disappearance; but we still mustered the big drummer—armless, poor fellow—one side-drummer, one euphonium and a couple of trombones, which last were being rather uncannily played by men without heads. At the saluting base stood the commander-in-chief, sitting sideways on his horse just as he always did in the good old days. I was delighted to see the old fellow again, for in spite of the awkward question of precedence between him and me I had never had any trouble with him. His staff consisted of old and tried campaigners; but they were rather a scratch lot, as their only qualifications for a staff job was their common distinction of being the only survivor of their unit. In each case, as there didn't seem to be anybody else from their regiment, the staff appeared to be the only place for them to go. This was the reason why, all told, the staff considerably outnumbered the rest of the parade. Prominent among them was a veteran Highland Colonel who insisted on remaining kneeling throughout the proceedings. This, I remember, has been a fad of his all through his service. He used to have a pair of field-glasses from which he was inseparable until the day he lost them, along with his arms, at the Battle of the Standard Lamp, away back in '16. Then there was an officer of some Rifle regiment with a broken sword, the hilt of which he had retained with some acumen to use as a knuckle-duster. With these and the other staff officers there was a large number of orderlies from different units

and even of different nationalities—a cosmopolitan and representative lot.

Our allies were also strongly represented on the actual march. Some of them were rather a nuisance as a matter of fact. The Greeks insisted on lying down the whole time on the line of march, and some French tirailleurs caused confusion and apprehension among the ranks immediately in front of them by carrying their rifles at the aim. The Red Indians were an impressive sight; there were about ten of them, and a very striking spectacle they made, stripped to the waist, and not one pair of trousers the same colour. Their chief, whose name, if I remember right from childhood days, was Lieut.-Colonel Shining-Big-Sea-Water, V.C., was rather better dressed in traditional fashion, though, like the Bruce, he had broken his good battle-axe. There were a few more of them in the mounted section of the parade, round at the keyboard end of the piano, while another one, who had lost his horse, lay, bowlegged from a lifetime spent on horseback, in an R.A.M.C. waggon, which was piled with non-walking wounded to a depth of several inches. Behind this waggon, tender and stout-hearted as ever, walked half-a-dozen hospital nurses, evoking general admiration from those who knew their story. They were bruised and battered; their red cloaks, white aprons and grey dresses bore the marks of a many hard fight; and this is why.

Once upon a time I added to my scanty armament a trench mortar. It cost me a lot of money—quite two-and-sixpence. But the situation was precarious; my artillery had sunk, or rather been trodden on, to a minimum, and my cousins, a few miles away, subsidized by an indulgent parent, were rapidly arming and becoming quite insufferable about it. It was incumbent on me to stage a better war than theirs. With the trench-mortar I purchased a stock of cannon-balls, but this was rapidly exhausted, owing to some going into the fire, some under the wardrobe, and a good many down the back-stairs when the nursery door was open. Within a week I had no more ammunition and the defenders of the fort (what has happened to that fort, by the way?) were immune from attack. At this moment of crisis the hospital nurses stepped literally into the breach and without a murmur allowed themselves to be used as ammunition and fired into the fort. They were dumpy little heroines; the range was speedily found; and, after suffering enormous casualties in a half-hour's bombardment of nurses, the defenders were only too glad to capitulate. They had as a matter of fact greatly assisted the attackers by courteously returning to them each hospital nurse as she came over, thus ensuring an unflinching supply of ammunition for the mortar. For the benefit of those technically interested who may wish to try the experiment for themselves, the officer at the attackers' O.P. reported that the trajectory was, in view of all the circumstances, surprisingly high and that the best results were achieved when the ladies arrived head-first. From then on I always employed them in this way, returning them to casualty clearing stations at the close of operations. And from

then also I date my admiration for this particular branch of the service.

You must forgive, dear reader, these memories of an old campaigner. I shall not offend again, for tomorrow, as I say, my nephews will be taking over their new command, and after that I shall not be able to bear recalling them to mind. Besides, if they take after their uncle, there will be pretty heavy casualties among my old comrades before the week is out.

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The London Coach

WHAT A BORING prospect it seemed. I had been on a visit to my brother at Gosport, and now came the part that I had almost taught myself to dread—the very tiring journey home by the coach.

It has always seemed an endless ride to me; Holloway College (where we alight to take the bus for Windsor) seems like something in the dim future. It was a summer's day. As usual my people saw me safely on the coach, and as always came that question.

"Do you think that you will be all right?"

"Yes, she will be all right," answered my young sister, who was travelling with me, after which she opened her book and was lost to me for the rest of the journey.

I began to look around me. Goodness, I wished that I was safely at home. I looked at my fellow travellers. An unenterprising lot, very unapproachable. I thought that I might as well look at the scenery as we passed, although I was quite certain that I knew every inch of it. But what a surprise! We were passing through a tree-lined lane; they were young trees and I tried to count the number of different greens that I saw. It was impossible. It seemed as if the sun was having a little game among them. They were dabbled in sunlight as they leant gracefully towards the road. Then I saw a man mowing some grass. He stopped his work for a moment and looked towards the coach in a puzzled manner, as if he was wondering what the London folk were like.

We stopped at a little village, just outside a small cottage. An old lady was sitting at the window, reading her Bible. I could tell that it was her Bible, not only by its appearance, but by the careful and reverent manner in which she held it. Her little grandson ran out to look at the coach. She carefully placed a marker at the place that she was reading, and looked up, rather thoughtfully. She returned almost at once to her book, and sitting there in the coach, I realized that she felt absolutely safe and comfortable and contented, and that in her world we had no place.

We passed fields of buttercups, some with tiny streams ambling through them. We passed sellers of strawberries *en route*.

At another village there was a Garden Fete being held in the Vicarage grounds. There was a pond right in the middle of the village, with huge water-lilies floating upon it. There were young cattle in the fields.

As the coach made its way homeward, I noticed the old stone walls—the groups of thatched cottages, all covered with lovely roses. The wild roses growing along the hedges. The purple-looking hills in the distance. The old churches. Square patches of land, some almost red, as they are in Devon and Somerset. We went through the Jane Auster country, and I wondered what made her write. I saw her house, and I think that she must have written out of sheer boredom, or frustration, but I wished that I could write half as well.

I hope that this rather weak attempt will bring a picture of home to readers abroad. I live at Windsor, towered over by our massive and, let me not forget, historic castle. If anybody wants any information about the castle, I can give it to them. I was born there and it was my most disliked task as a child to take our visitors over it.

If there is any reader who has no people and would like little bits of news from home, I should be very glad to write from time to time.

I wish you all the very best and I wish that I was still serving with you.

AGNES K. WRIGHT (A23)

A Question of Time

With acknowledgments to the Nursing Journal of India

A Cairo Headmistress recently called her staff together to emphasize the disruption that would occur in the school curriculum in the event of their taking maternity leave except in the month of June.

“My subject is babies,” the Principal said
To her feminine staff, with a frown.
“Of late, the confinements of those who are wed
Among you have let the school down.
All women want babies to cuddle and kiss,
But I, as your Head, must affirm
One paramount rule for my staff and it’s this :
You mustn’t have babies in term.
Your place during term is the class room, and not
The local maternity ward ;
You mustn’t desert, for a babe in the cot,
Your text-books and easel and board ;
The summer vacation’s the time, if you’re wed,
For babies, not springtime or fall ;
While as for you spinsters, so long as I’m Head,
You must not have babies at all.”

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