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Association Members at the Field of Remembrance opening Service 6th November, 1953.

Planting crosses. Lady Freyberg, G.B.E. (A.2980), Major A. H. Nichol (L.20).

Standing left to right. Dame Louisa Wilkinson, (L.1), Mrs. A. Humpage, (L.357), Miss M. T. McDonnell, (L.410), Col. A.S. Watson, (L.168), Miss E. A. Baldock, (L.288), Mrs. B. Cobden, (L.453), Mrs. E. H. Mills, (A.1693), Miss M. Walden, (L.415) hidden.

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Christmas and New Year Message

To all ranks of the Army Nursing Services, past and present,
I send best wishes for a very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous
New Year.

H. S. GILLESPIE, BRIGADIER.

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Editorial

AGAIN FOR a few months there is a gap in the Editorship. We have had to regretfully say good-bye to Miss Drummond-Hay because she has taken up a post in Scotland. Her breezy chit-chat will be missed but she is not lost to the Association. The Scottish Branch will gain and our good wishes go with her in her new work.

Colonel N. P. de B. Bampton has agreed to take on the Editorship with effect from the February 1954 issue and we are looking forward to fresh enthusiasm. The fort is being held meanwhile by the Headquarter staff who are having a very busy time getting the information out to members about the change in method of subscription due to begin 1st January, 1954. The way in which this change affects members, past, present and future was tabulated out very clearly in the August number. It is repeated for emphasis this quarter. We do not want any member to miss the opportunities offered.

The new simplified subscription, which the members decided upon at their Annual General Meeting in March, is necessary because the present method of having separate subscriptions for membership and GAZETTE has proved most uneconomical financially and also in the amount of time and labour involved without corresponding satisfactory results, a matter of great moment to those who are voluntarily and regularly giving up precious leisure hours to keep the Association work going.

You will readily appreciate that it is uneconomical financially when it is put to you that many members do not take the GAZETTE, although the Association must attempt to order sufficient copies to meet a possible and legitimate demand. Again, the GAZETTE is the normal means of contact when Association information has to

be given to members and if it cannot be done that way, considerable extra expense in postage, stationery, typing, etc., is caused in making individual contacts. This extra expense is on behalf of the members who financially help the Association least.

Contact with members is essential if membership is to mean anything and all members in joining agree to further the interests of the Association. The new conditions whereby the GAZETTE is included in the membership subscription, provide an easy, regular and comparatively inexpensive means of contact. It is the tried and accepted method of most Leagues and Associations to include their periodical with membership subscription, though very few of their subscriptions are at the low level of ours—7s. 6d. per annum, and very few issue a quarterly journal.

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting that no increase on the total of 7s. 6d. would be made for 1954 subscription, although it was recognised that it might not be possible to maintain it at that figure for a longer period if expenses continue to rise. Every effort has been made to protect the interests of existing members for whom generous concessions have been made in the new conditions. You are urged to study these and to take advantage of the concessions applicable to you. We most earnestly seek the co-operation of all our members.

Many have already responded, and evidently some have done a little thinking about it, judging by one Member's Soliloquy sent in for publication.

We are trying out a different set-up for certain parts of GAZETTE contents with the idea of making more space without increasing cost of production. Another idea is that Branches in turn might like to book, say, a couple of pages for their own particular news or short articles. This would be certain to appeal to any Editor. What do the Branches think of one Branch spreading itself each number, the others catered for as usual?

We send you all very sincere wishes for your happiness at Christmas and in the New Year.

The International Council of Nurses

By D. C. Bridges, Vice-Chairman L106.

“EVERY NURSE, I think, should give her active support to the work of the International Council of Nurses and use all the influence she can command to make this body an instrument of a world community and not a mere device for calling pleasant conferences.”

These words were spoken not by a member of the International Council of Nurses, not even by a nurse, but by a lecturer on the

faculty of a British University addressing a meeting of nurses on the subject "The Nurse as Citizen." The words are singularly apt, particularly because a Congress sponsored by the I.C.N. has only recently taken place in Brazil and interest in the I.C.N. is always more noticeable amongst members of the nursing profession when there either has been or there is about to be an international congress or a conference. The sponsoring of congresses, however, is only one of many activities of the International Council of Nurses ; and since members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, and more particularly serving members of the Corps have unique opportunities of spreading abroad the spirit of international understanding, they should be aware of what the I.C.N. is, what it attempts to do, how it works and why it is important that nurses in all parts of the world should support it.

The International Council of Nurses is, or should be, the most important channel of communication that nurses have for the fostering of good international understanding. It was founded 53 years ago in 1899 at the end of a century when organisation for women was practically unknown ; and we have good reason to be proud of the fact that our International Council, which was founded by a British woman, was the first international association ever formed for professional women. Its objectives are quite simple—to help in maintaining the highest standards of nursing service in those countries which are in membership and to help those countries not yet in membership to achieve the necessary standards to enable them to join us.

The activities of the I.C.N., as one would expect, are numerous. It is the organisation which is responsible for collecting information about nurses and nursing from all over the world and for distributing such information around the world as and when required. It is concerned with the promotion and development of good international relationships and it is the responsibility and privilege of the officers of the I.C.N. to represent nurses on other international bodies which are engaged in related fields of work. To carry out this purpose better, the I.C.N. is in official relationship with the World Health Organisation and is used by that Organisation as a consultative body on nursing. The I.C.N. is a member Association of the World Federation for Mental Health in order that nurses may discuss with psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and psychiatric social workers subjects which are of mutual concern to those engaged specifically in mental health work and those engaged in some branch of public health nursing. The I.C.N. is also a member Association of the International Hospital Federation so as to advise on the nursing aspects of hospital administration and, in turn, to benefit from the Federation's activities.

The I.C.N. is regularly invited to send representatives to attend the annual meetings of the World Medical Association and the

biennial meetings of the Nursing Advisory Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies. Nurses have a direct link with the United Nations and its specialised agencies since the I.C.N. is on the consultative register of the Economic and Social Council (one of the six functioning Councils of the United Nations), and this gives us the right to attend meetings of the Council and any of its twelve Commissions.

The I.C.N. has undertaken an outstanding piece of work on behalf of refugee nurses and has helped them to establish their professional credentials in countries all over the world to which they have emigrated. It helps to solve their problems both personal and professional, and in this humane work has obtained results achieved by few other professions.

Every fourth year the I.C.N. sponsors a Quadrennial Congress where the nurses of the world may gather to discuss their problems, share common interests, and make and deepen friendships with nurses from many other countries. In July, 1953, the I.C.N. held its 10th Quadrennial Congress in Petropolis, Brazil. This was the first International Congress for nurses to be held in Latin-America and in all 1,300 nurses attended from 46 countries. Formal papers were presented and discussions took place on many aspects of nursing work—new trends in curricula for schools of nursing; the training and supervision of auxiliary nursing personnel; public health nursing, general medical nursing, pediatric and obstetrical nursing and the relationship between our profession and the World Health Organisation.

But of more importance even than the hearing of formal papers was the fact that the nurses of the world demonstrated once more that they have solved that delicate problem of human relationships over which sometimes even Governments falter. It is assuredly because they are prepared to put their principles above their politics, concentrate on the work they have to do and recognise the right of every nation—indeed of every individual nurse—to have and to express a point of view. We have to remember that with the speed of modern transport and rapid communications the world is becoming smaller and we are all getting nearer and nearer to each other; we cannot afford, therefore, to be insular when our deeds, and even our misdeeds, are known half across the world almost before we have perpetrated them. We have to be prepared to share our problems and our interests with the nurses of other countries as they for their part should be prepared to share theirs with us, and it is our international relationships which we either make for ourselves or which are made for us through such an organisation as the International Council of Nurses which provides the way—the machinery—to enable us to do this better.

Every member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. who is a member of her own National Nurses' Association, which is in turn affiliated to the

I.C.N., is herself a member of the I.C.N. by virtue of her National membership ; and every member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. who can claim such membership inherits thereby a privilege and a responsibility. For when she visits other countries she goes not only as an individual but as an ambassador for the whole nursing profession. She should remember that she has an important function not only as a nurse, not only as a member of the Corps in which she serves, but also as a citizen, and each one has a priceless opportunity to hold out the hand of friendship to the nurses of the countries where she goes, remembering that " although in theory and in practice we are citizens of a particular country, in reality nurses are citizens of the world." Thus we can all be hostesses for our profession in whatever part of the world we serve, and so can the cause of peace and internationalism be fostered and upheld.

International Code of Nursing Ethics

*Adopted by the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses
Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 10th, 1953.*

Professional nurses minister to the sick, assume responsibility for creating a physical, social and spiritual environment which will be conducive to recovery, and stress the prevention of illness and promotion of health by teaching and example. They render health service to the individual, the family, and the community and co-ordinate their services with members of other health professions.

Service to mankind is the primary function of nurses and the reason for the existence of the nursing profession. Need for nursing service is universal. Professional nursing service is therefore unrestricted by considerations of nationality, race, creed, colour, politics or social status.

Inherent in the code is the fundamental concept that the nurse believes in the essential freedoms of mankind and in the preservation of human life.

The profession recognises that an international code cannot cover in detail all the activities and relationships of nurses, some of which are conditioned by personal philosophies and beliefs.

1. The fundamental responsibility of the nurse is threefold : to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.
2. The nurse must maintain at all times the highest standards of nursing care and of professional conduct.
3. The nurse must not only be well prepared to practice but must maintain her knowledge and skill at a consistently high level.
4. The religious beliefs of a patient must be respected.
5. Nurses hold in confidence all personal information entrusted to them.
6. A nurse recognises not only the responsibilities but the limitations of her or his professional functions ; recommends or gives medical treatment without medical orders only in emergencies and reports such action to a physician at the earliest possible moment.
7. The nurse is under an obligation to carry out the physician's orders intelligently and loyally and to refuse to participate in unethical procedures.
8. The nurse sustains confidence in the physician and other members of the health team ; incompetence or unethical conduct of associates should be exposed but only to the proper authority.
9. A nurse is entitled to just remuneration and accepts only such compensation as the contract, actual or implied, provides.

10. Nurses do not permit their names to be used in connection with the advertisement of products or with any other forms of self advertisement.
11. The nurse co-operates with and maintains harmonious relationships with members of other professions and with her or his nursing colleagues.
12. The nurse in private life adheres to standards of personal ethics which reflect credit upon the profession.
13. In personal conduct nurses should not knowingly disregard the accepted patterns of behaviour of the community in which they live and work.
14. A nurse should participate and share responsibility with other citizens and other health professions in promoting efforts to meet the health needs of the public—local, state, national and international.

Attention Please! Association Calling

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Week

CORPS WEEK will probably be the third week in June, 1954.

1945 Members' Reunion.

This function has been provisionally arranged for the last day of Corps Week, Saturday, 19th June, 1954. It will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge. A photographer is expected, not to take official photographs, but to fulfil any orders groups of members may wish to give.

Annual General Meeting.

Association A.G.M. is to be held on the same date, 19th June, 1954, prior to the Reunion, at the same place, Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge.

Christmas.

Last year members sent gifts of tea, sugar, sweets, preserves, etc., to help with the Christmas parcels which the Association sends out annually. Mrs. E. H. Mills, Friends' Secretary, would be very grateful for similar gifts sent in by the first week in December this year.

Personal.

The Personal advertisement column is for the use of members wishing to buy or sell anything, seeking or offering holiday or permanent accommodation, employment, desirous of contacting old friends, announcing change of address or other information.

Clothing.

Your unwanted clothes, including warm underwear, are urgently needed by our Friends' Secretary for distribution. It is of the greatest help if size can be marked on the article, all of which must be fit to be passed on as received.

In this connection we sincerely thank those who recently helped so generously in response to a personal appeal.

Cowdray Club.

Those wishing to join should do so now. There is no entrance fee for those joining before end of March, 1954, and subscription for membership beginning 1st January, 1954, entitles you to use Club for remaining weeks of 1953. Membership is open to trained nurses, other professional women and to student nurses in training for State Registration.

There are reduced fees for nurses and students and further reductions for members of the Royal College of Nursing. Enquiries should be made to Mrs. Flowers, General Secretary, Cowdray Club, 20, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

Membership.

Have you completed and sent in Renewal of Membership and GAZETTE Order Form? It is wanted now. Read the following notice first.

Membership Subscription with effect from 1st. January 1954

1. NEW MEMBERS.

Annual Subscription. 7s. 6d. renewable 1st January each year, includes quarterly GAZETTE.

- Notes (a) Membership ceases 30th June if subscription for current year has not been paid by that date and during lapsed period membership concessions are not applicable.
- (b) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concession of Shared GAZETTE Scheme.

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 - (ii) in advance for periods of 5 years at a static rate being that prevailing at first year of period.
- (b) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concession of Shared GAZETTE Scheme. Within this Scheme Life members can be guaranteed a static rate for 5 year periods paid in advance.

2. REJOINING MEMBERS.

Annual Subscription. 7s. 6d. renewable 1st January each year includes quarterly GAZETTE.

- Notes (a) Rejoining members can only be accepted on payment of subscriptions outstanding at rate prevailing during lapsed period.
- (b) Membership ceases 30th June if subscription for current year has not been paid by that date and during lapsed period membership concessions are not applicable.
- (c) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concession of Shared GAZETTE Scheme.

3. EXISTING MEMBERS.

Annual Subscribers.

- (a) Those who are paid up AND taking GAZETTE in 1953, to be guaranteed 4 years at 7s. 6d., to end of 1957, notwithstanding any increase authorised in that time.
- (b) Those who have paid advance subscriptions AND take GAZETTE to be guaranteed static subscription up to date for which they have paid or to end of 1957 whichever is the later.
- (c) Those thinking of transferring to Life Membership should do so immediately under present ruling which grants deductions of annual subscriptions previously paid. After 31st December, 1953, this ruling is discontinued.
- (d) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concession of Shared GAZETTE Scheme.

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- (a) Those who are taking GAZETTE in 1953 and who agree to take same regularly will pay for GAZETTE
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 - (ii) in advance for periods of 5 years at static rate, being that prevailing at first year of period.

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 - (i) Annually at current rate or,
 - (ii) in advance periods of 5 years at static rate being that prevailing at first year of period.
- (c) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concessions of Shared GAZETTE Scheme. Within this Scheme Life members can be guaranteed or static rate for 5 year periods paid in advance.

One Hundred Years of Army Nursing.

Please buy your Christmas gift copies of this book through the Association which will benefit by the discount. In this way you will be making a donation to the Association at no cost to yourself. Price 21s., postage free to address given. Cheques with order to General Secretary.

From Here and There

B.M.H., Johore, Malaya.

An unusual event took place here on 25th August, 1953. The A.D.A.N.S. Colonel C. M. Johnson, R.R.C., was here on one of her routine visits and we took the opportunity to request her to lay the foundation stone of some new quarters which are being built as a much needed extension to the present buildings. The O.C., Lt.-Col. S. Cranston introduced her with an amusing little speech.

The foundation stone was of white marble with black lettering and measured about two feet square, so it will be clearly visible on the verandah of the new quarters and will be seen by one and all.

Laying a foundation stone may sound very ordinary but this was different in so much that in the concrete box beneath was placed a large glass jar, ably sealed by our dispenser, containing, beautifully written on parchment, a description of the hospital, its work and staff giving details of British and Malay personnel, the names and duties of R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers, the different Units and nationalities for which the hospital caters, the tours and countries of Q.A.R.A.N.C., and other interesting details that may in some hundred or so years hence give a future generation an idea of how the Q.A.R.A.N.C. live to-day. Also included was a hypodermic syringe, a thermometer, a pair of artery forceps, one or two palludrin, sulphaguanidine and other present-day tablets and drugs in everyday use, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Magazine, a local newspaper with an account of the first hydrogen bomb exploded, some illustrations of present day fashions, a field pack used by the men in the field and a nail brush which is in constant use in the wards.

We invited the District Officer, Ungku Hassan Bin Omar, the acting area commander, Dr. Eapen and his wife, in charge of the



civilian hospital and others, not to mention every available member of the staff who could be spared.

A trowel was presented to Colonel Johnson by one of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks, the precious jar by a Malay orderly, whilst a British orderly assisted her to place the jar in the concrete box prepared for it. After this was securely cemented down by the D.C.R.E. the stone was placed in position whereupon Colonel Johnson proceeded to lay it well and truly.

In her closing speech Colonel Johnson repeated the words of Major Hinchey (our Matron), "And because peace may come in a troubled world and the men and women of our army return again to their homes, this hospital may be no more. Perhaps the jungle will reclaim this small piece of land, perhaps here, there will be quiet fields and this alone will be the only trace of the sorrows and laughter of our days.

After this simple, yet moving ceremony, many spectators retired to the Mess for cooling drinks and quite a number stayed for lunch.

A. V. FENTON (L.66).

B.M.H., Hongkong.

Q.A. Day this year was commemorated much after the event by a cocktail party given at the Hongkong Club by the Officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The function was honoured by the presence of H.E. The Governor and Lady Grantham, Lady Airey, The Commodore and Mrs. Dickinson, The General Officer Commanding Land Forces and Mrs. Cruddas, The Air Officer Commanding and Mrs. Field ; and Colonel E. M. Blight, United States Army Liaison Officer and Mrs. Blight with senior staff officers.

The Club was attractively decorated in the Corps colours of grey and scarlet. A feature of the event was the Guard-of-Honour composed of six Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks.

Ten Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks arrived in Hongkong in February, the first of their Corps to serve there. Their arrival and their accommodation was well publicised in the local press with a very nice photograph. They live quite near the hospital in a barrack converted especially for them, very comfortable and with many of the amenities so dear to a woman's heart. The day they arrived was coolish so fires were burning and the rooms were gay with flowers, cretonne curtains and cushions, pictures, etc. A cheerful welcome.

NOTE :—This item was unavoidably held over from the August GAZETTE. Lt.-Col. Dawe's (L.64) kind offer to pay for cost of reproduction of photo is gratefully accepted and her understanding of our difficulties very much appreciated.

A.M.D.4. War Office.

The first three State Registered Nurses of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks are not going to swell the number of Army Nurses. One has married and the other two are shortly returning to the field of mental nursing in which they have previous experience.

Festival Hall.

The story of Nursing was portrayed in pageant on the nights of the 6th and 7th October in the beautiful setting of the Festival Hall. The script of "THEY CARRY THE TORCH" was written by Michael Barsley and the pageant produced by Ralph Reader with John Snagge as the narrator who began by saying :

"To-night we shall see presented in song and spectacle, one of the noblest stories in the history of mankind ; a story whose beginning is lost in the past ; a story which has no end ; the story of nursing through the ages ; the story of those who now, as always, ' carry the torch ' and hand it on."

Sir Malcolm Sargeant was the Musical Adviser for the pageant. There were eighteen epic scenes with a cast of 750 and The United Hospitals Festival Choir was conducted by Colin Ratcliffe.

"They Carry the Torch" was presented by the Royal College of Nursing Educational Fund Appeal in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Royal College of Nursing and as a tribute of devotion and loyalty from the nurses of to-day.

A message was read out from Her Majesty acknowledging the nurses' tribute and sending best wishes for the success of the Pageant.

The part played by the Services of the Armed Forces in the development of Nursing was emphasised in the songs and colourful scenes to which the uniform capes of the Q.As added vivid splashes of scarlet.

Lady Churchill, with the Minister of Health and Mrs. Macleod and Sir Lionel Heald, the Attorney General, were among the guests of honour on the first night, Lady White, wife of the High Commissioner for Australia with Miss Judith White, Mr. J. B. Ross, Deputy High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, His Excellency Mr. M. A. H. Istahani, High Commissioner for Pakistan, among those on the second night, when the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, President of the Appeal, was present with her two daughters, Lady Pamela Mountbatten and Lady Brabourne.

Nursing Exhibition.

I visited the exhibition this year for the first time and was very much impressed. The *Nursing Mirror* must have worked hard upon the programme.

The exhibits were very good and everyone ready to explain most patiently. The Corps ceremonial uniform attracted quite a lot of attention.

The electrical features made me envious. How one wishes our hospitals could be fitted out with some of these things.

The Tubegauz technique of bandaging was demonstrated and appeared to be extremely neat and easy to apply. What a change from the awful carbolic gauze bandages of my training days!

It is impossible to mention all the exhibits but I came away with some good ideas to say nothing of samples. There should be no headaches or sleepless nights among the nursing profession for a little while.

The lectures seemed to be very well attended and in some cases the queues for tickets almost reached Marylebone Station.

Lastly, but not leastly! I must mention the exhibition of Nurses' Handicrafts. The work was really beautiful, and I wonder how nurses found the time to do it. The judges of the *Nursing Mirror* must have had great difficulty in awarding the prizes.

B. M. WEBSTER, (L.72)

One Member's Soliloquy

REALLY, EVERYONE seems determined to get the last penny out of we poor creatures these days. Wherever one turns it is the same old tale, increased costs, and it is we who must meet them! Where do they think the money is coming from I wonder? Somehow I did think that our Association was different. Several members I know have been helped in one way or another through the Association and they sing its praises as something really worth while and because of that I had rather come to believe in it. Now look what is demanded. We are all to take the GAZETTE whether we want it or not. Surely we can please ourselves. I have been a member ever since the Association started but I have not subscribed to the GAZETTE chiefly because I felt that with a small static income I ought not to deliberately add to my outgoings, they mount up as it is without any doing on my part, goodness knows.

I haven't studied that letter from the Association about the new subscription, perhaps I had better read it through carefully . . . 'm m 'm m . . . well, yes, there is something in it from their point of view at any rate. I suppose there is no use having an Association which doesn't attempt to contact its members, and how can contacts be made except generally through a magazine of some sort or individually by post and that means paper, typing, postage, time and presumably paying a salary to someone for doing it. If you come to think of it, a good many members' half-crowns would be wanted to cover even that one item of salary, leave alone all the other things which must crop up. I am afraid I have never bothered to really think about this, except just the cost to me . . . I wonder . . . could I manage to take the GAZETTE? . . . I would like to help keep the Association going if it can be done. I enjoyed my time in the Army—but, oh dear, it means 7s. 6d., instead of

2s. 6d., per year and a possibility of a further increase—no I see that I can avoid that for at least four years if I act now. . . . I really must see what it means brought down to per week. A bit of pencil and paper is needed for that. I never was any good at mental arithmetic. . . . Gracious ! it works out at less than 2d. a week ! Why, my cigarettes come to. . . . No, I'm not going to put the total in words even to myself, but I always remember that one cigarette works out at just over 2d., so one cigarette less per week would settle this Association business. . . . Yes—I'll do it ! I'll write to the Secretary to-night !

Book Review

Nurse and Patient. A Study in Human Relationships

EVELYN PEARCE (Faber & Faber, 10s. 6d.).

An interesting book, stressing the spiritual aspect of caring for the sick and describing the ideal relationship between the nurse and her patient.

The chapter on the first interview is helpful, the writer does great service in emphasizing the loneliness of the patient and his feeling of "difference to other people." Also helpful are the chapters on the Doctors and Nurse as patient.

The Author understands her patients and she describes an ideal, selfless, and deeply religious attitude towards them.

Those readers who have not yet had the benefit of such spiritual experience can feel that training and time are both factors in forming a character capable of accepting and adopting the religious way of service.

There has certainly been a long felt need for a book on this subject and whilst it was probably primarily intended for the student nurse, it also serves as a timely reminder to the trained woman that practical efficiency is not enough.

E. J. ROSEMONT
(A.1051).

Sidelights on nursing knowledge taken from examination papers :—

Place the powder down the patient's throat and then pour some water down.

To prepare a dose of Castor Oil, have a tray with a bowl for vomit, a spoon and a bottle of oil.

To sterilize scissors, wash in warm soapy water and vaporize them.

After giving an inhalation, dry the patient thoroughly.

News from the Branches

There are now six branches and a reasonable expectation of more in the near future.

Australia has formed two branches out of the original one. They are known as the New South Wales Branch and the Victoria Branch, and it may be that later on some other State will follow suit. We send them both our very good wishes.

Some Australian and New Zealand members may well be among those presented to Her Majesty during her visit. The Private Secretary to the Queen has been sent brief information about the Association pointing out that there is a branch in New Zealand and two in Australia, members of which will be in ex-service representation.

The expectation of more branches coming into being in the near future is well justified, for discussions are taking place about their formation in military areas under the chairmanship of Deputy and Assistant Directors of the Army Nursing Service. This would be an excellent development bringing past and present members, in such areas, together and leading to a fuller achievement of the object of the Association.

It will be splendid if several new branches are born in 1954 and if they and their older relatives take up the suggestion in the Editorial of supplying special Branch copy for the GAZETTE, readers can look forward to enjoying this particular column.

Midland.

The Autumn Meeting of the Midland Branch was held on Saturday, 3rd October. Miss M. A. Gannon, R.R.C., presided. Sixteen members sat down to an enjoyable lunch at the Norfolk Hotel, Edgbaston. The Guest of Honour was Mrs. A. Humpage, General Secretary of the Association. Later thirty members gathered at the home of the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Selby-Tait, where the business of the Meeting was conducted. Mrs. Humpage gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on the work of the Headquarters of the Association. This was followed by a Bring and Buy Sale, thanks being due to all members who so generously contributed with gifts and help towards its success. Tea was then served and a very happy day brought to a close.

A man working in his allotment was congratulated by the passing Vicar. "How wonderful," said the Vicar, "is the result of man's co-operation with God." "Yes," said the allotment holder, "but you just should have seen this when God was on his own."

A Journey Back

IN 1944 and 1945, 108 British General Hospital was in Brussels. For 48-hour leaves we used to go to an Hotel in Brussels, run by the Y.W.C.A. Apart from being off duty, which was a great treat, this was not much change for those stationed in Brussels, but early in 1945, just before two of us were due to go for leave, a notice was received saying that Bruges was to open as a leave centre for women as well as for men. We were thrilled! My colleague went hotfoot to the Principal Matron's Office with a request that we might be allowed to go to Bruges instead of Brussels. We hardly dared to hope that we should be allowed to change like this at the last minute. However, permission was given, and away we went. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay at the Hotel Van Eyck in Silverstraat, run by Madame De Meester for the Y.W.C.A. All too quickly, the short leave was over.

Later that year, in Blankenberghe, I managed to get a 72-hour leave, and visited Bruges again. (Please don't think that we were always going on leave! On the contrary, except for 9 days U.K. leave, that was all I had in a year.) I found that the second visit was as good as the first, and despite postings to other Theatres, including India, Bruges remained one of the few places that I wished to visit again.

This year, I got the chance. For various reasons I went alone, This did not spoil my enjoyment, but rather enhanced it, as I went where I liked when I liked, and at my own pace, and yet could join in the party when I wished to do so. The first difference, of course, was getting oneself through the Customs,—rather different from being in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. ! However, it is not difficult, if you are honest.

I had seen that the Hotel Van Eyck was on the list of one of the Tourist Companies, so I booked through them, in order that I could stay there again. It is still run by Madame De Meester, who is a remarkable person. I should think she can speak most European languages, she never appears tired, and is most helpful in every way. She is at her desk from seven in the morning until eleven at night. I think most of her staff work equally hard, at least they always seemed to ! It is a most comfortable hotel, with good food (even tea for breakfast, if desired), and reasonable in price.

Everybody in Bruges, in Belgium, in fact, is very helpful, and there is no difficulty, even if you speak nothing but English. In fact, as soon as they find that you are English, they are even more kind. If you speak a little French, it is easier still.

I was there during the first week in May, and so was able to see the Pageant of the Precious Blood, which takes place on the first Monday after May 2nd. It is well worth seeing. The Procession and Pageant take about three hours to pass. It has been done every year for hundreds of years, and will go on, I expect, for many more.

Because of this, there was a Fair in the Burg, and odd bits of the Fair were scattered about the town. It was funny, suddenly to come across a "Dodg 'Em" in a quiet side street!

When we arrived, on Sunday night, the Fair was in full swing, but it did not keep me awake! Normally, I sleep badly, but had no difficulty in Bruges. Of course, walking on cobbled streets makes one tired, and for this, I recommend a very comfortable pair of flat heeled shoes. It was heavenly to wake to the sound of the bells from the Carillon, feeling really refreshed. It was so remarkable, that I, who loathe getting up, and never eat breakfast, found myself getting up at seven, going for a walk, or to Mass, and coming back to eat an enormous breakfast of coffee and rolls. Tea is available, at no extra charge, and not bad tea at that, but coffee seemed to go better with rolls, so I, a confirmed tea-drinker at all hours, stuck to coffee, and never even missed tea!

During the week, I explored the town. This is where the advantage of being alone comes in—one just cannot rush away from a Van Eyck or a Memling picture!

The local Agent arranged a trip by road to Walcheren Island. We started at 8 a.m., went up into Holland, crossed by ferry from Flushing, and then drove around the Island. The hotels provided packed lunches, and we stopped and ate these at a cafe, for the price of a cup of coffee, or something stronger, if preferred. This seems to be a common practice, as workmen of the locality do the same. It seems better, I think, than our regimentation in Works Canteens. After this, we drove to Middelburg, where it was Market Day. Walcheren had been inundated by the February floods, but there was very little trace of it. There is a tremendous amount of building going on, for much was damaged or destroyed in 1945.

The women still wear traditional costume, and our driver told us that one can tell which Island the women come from, and even whether they are Catholic or Protestant, by their costume. Whenever we passed anything interesting, he told us as we drove, through a loud-speaker arrangement. This was nothing like so bad as it sounds, and made our tour much more interesting.

Save for the costumes, the market was like one in an English country town. There were nylons galore, plants, dress materials and china, and everything was priced in English, Belgian and Dutch Currency, any of which was taken. The stall-holders were absolutely honest, and did not take advantage at all. This was most kind, as we had only Belgian money and our £5 in sterling for

emergencies, so we were able to buy small souvenirs of our trip, and to take a few snapshots. A word of warning—the local ladies, I understand, expect to be paid if asked to pose for pictures when in costume.

We arrived back at the hotel in time for dinner, pleasantly tired. The price for this trip was only about 15s.

The other organized trip was to Brussels, and cost a little more, about 25s. For this, we left at 9 a.m., picked up the other people, some of whom had been on the previous trip, from their hotels, and travelled via Ghent and Alost. We stopped for coffee between Alost and Brussels at the Cafe de Tapir de Sable. Here, an artist copies pictures by Old Masters in coloured sand on a blackboard. After three months they are swept up, and a new one begun. Some had been set with gum and framed, and looked as if painted.

We arrived in Brussels about lunch time, and drove around the City. Thanks to our driver, I saw more than than I saw in all the months I was stationed there.

Brussels today is very different from 1945. It no longer appears poor; on the contrary, it looks very prosperous compared with London. Everywhere there were new cars, American and British, and a fair number of Volkswagons, which are rather smaller than a pre-war Austin 7. They cost about £100, and can be bought at Bon Marché! I think I saw them next to the Book Counter!

The shops, Bon Marché and L'Innovation, so well loved by war-time Q.A's are just as fascinating as ever they were. W. H. Smith still have their shop, but there is no C.W.L. tea-room above! I had time for a glimpse of the Plaza, which was an Officers' Club, but is now back to its old status of an expensive restaurant.

I was sorry there was not time to visit the Hôpital Brugman. I should have liked to have seen it in its peace-time array, and the Plaque put up when the Army left it for good, but I saw the Trams that go past there, and heard the conductors inviting people to "stepin" and "welkoom." That is probably not the spelling, but is what it used to sound like. I was sorry, too, not to hear a conductor blow his brass horn, an object much desired by a certain Pathologist of my acquaintance. Who knows, perhaps they lost too many to British souvenir hunters!

On our return journey we stopped at Ghent for tea, English tea, at a tea-room under the Town Hall, where the walls sported bills telling us that the Arsenal and Blackpool were playing there in the near future! The Belgians are very keen on football, and, I understand, now run football Pools, based on English League games.

There was just time to visit the Cathedral and see Van Eyck's wonderful picture, the "Adoration of the Lamb." It is magnificent and well worth a visit. It was taken by the Germans, and recovered after the war from Austria, luckily undamaged.

Please do not get the impression that the whole week was spent

looking at pictures—though it could have been. All around Bruges are beautiful historic buildings. There are lovely walks, and it is very easy to get by train or tram to the coastal resorts, like Ostend and Blankenberghe. These places are back to peace-time activity. The whole coast was flooded in February, but already in May, there was little sign of damage. The whole road was washed away in places, but was soon repaired.

For a week like this, the cost for fare and hotel is only about £18. In addition, if you go there in May, June or September there is a rebate on your hotel bill. It was nice to get 28/6d. back just before leaving, and be able to buy oneself a small present. As well as this, certain shops give a rebate of 5% during these months ; this only applies to the coast and one or two inland places, like Bruges. Further details are obtainable through the Tourist Agencies or the Belgian Office in London.

If by this, I have inspired you to go to Belgium, especially Bruges, for the first time, I am sure you will not be disappointed. Mountaineers will not like Northern Belgium, for the country is flat, but this makes it marvellous if you wish to cycle, as many do. There is a wonderful new road, built since the war, like a German Autobahn, which runs from Brussels almost straight to Ostend, ideal for speeding, should you so desire !

If you go, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

D. E. Meredith, A/2931.

A small boy would not eat his supper sweet. Mother was displeased and so was Father but nothing either said made any difference. He was then told that God would be angry with him if he continued in his naughtiness. He remained adamant and was sent off to bed. In the night there was a violent thunderstorm and his parents went to his room in case he should wake and be frightened. The room was empty. Eventually they found him in the larder eating the sweet he had previously refused. His only comment was " Hell of a racket for a couple of prunes ! "

Postings from and Reversions to Home Establishment, July - Sept. 1953

POSTINGS OVERSEAS—OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS

To B.T.A.

Lieut. B. Clifton

To B.E.T.F.O.R.

Lieut. C. B. Ronald

To B.T.E.

Capt. K. C. Redgearn

To B.A.O.R.

Lieut. S. A. Grace

Lieut. A. M. Quigley

Lieut. M. J. O'Shee

Lieut. I. A. Esplin

Major M. M. Trood

Major F. M. Sands

Major W. Walshe

Capt. A. G. Balmforth

Major L. E. Miller

Lieut. J. M. Allen

Lieut. M. J. Maguire

Lieut. M. M. Curran

Capt. V. Lane

Lieut. M. J. Harris

Major M. F. Mallett

Capt. A. C. Gillespie

Lieut. M. Elliott

Lieut. N. Eastwood

Lieut. J. M. Harker

Lieut. M. Johnson

Lieut. M. Ness

Lieut. P. R. Short

Lieut. D. S. Flett

Lieut. M. M. O'Shea

Pte. P. Y. Mason

L./Cpl. M. R. Singer

Pte. S. D. Carey

Pte. E. Bell

Pte. A. S. Bartley

Pte. B. F. Douglas

Pte. B. F. Foulger

Pte. N. P. Horton

Pte. M. C. Isenschmid

Pte. J. L. Kirk

L./Cpl. A. C. Keohane

Pte. J. Scott

Pte. W. Timms

Pte. I. E. Cooper

Pte. G. A. Craig

Pte. B. G. Martin

Pte. B. J. Sutherland

Pte. M. K. Wicks

Pte. S. M. Yorke

To B.A.O.R. (cont).

Pte. M. H. Simms

Pte. J. Hunter

Pte. B. Moulton

Pte. H. M. Mortimer

To F.A.R.E.L.F.

Lieut. J. M. Adams

Sgt. P. Hamilton

Cpl. P. James

Pte. J. D. C. Davis

Pte. P. A. Hansen

Pte. E. M. Johnston

Pte. J. E. Jones

Pte. J. Munroe

Pte. S. Nutbeem

Pte. M. Parker

Pte. S. C. Stevens

Pte. M. Turner

To M.E.L.F.

Major P. A. Jones

Lieut. J. Newsom

Lieut. A. M. Proctor

Lieut. M. M. Paddon

Major J. Howe

Capt. M. E. Wainwright

Capt. H. M. Stewart

Major I. I. Scruton

Pte. L. Albery

Pte. F. Chadwick

Pte. J. E. Coleman

Sgt. I. B. Cooper

Pte. E. P. Dietrich

Pte. L. F. Garner

Pte. K. M. Gibson

Pte. M. Hewson

Cpl. C. S. Kitching

Pte. C. Lea

Pte. D. M. C. McInnes

Pte. C. McCabe

Pte. J. E. S. Sansum

Pte. C. Matthews

To Japan.

Major M. Downing

Capt. M. M. O'Hara

Lieut. D. E. Beale

Lieut. A. T. Coyle

Lieut. R. V. Munday

Lieut. U. Somerville

Capt. V. M. Jones

Lieut. J. M. Blunt

Lieut. J. Sutherland

To Japan, (cont).

Lieut. J. Leigh
Lieut. M. P. Guinane
Capt. T. L. Jeffreys-Edwards
Lieut. M. J. Bowles

To Gibraltar.

Capt. M. Hill
Cpl. G. Pearson
Pte. J. M. Smith
Pte. M. Limbert
Pte. B. Swinnerton
Pte. A. Wallis
Pte. P. Goodall

To Gibraltar (cont).

Pte. C. Kearney
Pte. P. Bowley
Pte. C. Keast

To East Africa.

Lieut. E. M. Castellain
Lieut. E. M. Mockler

To Malta.

Lieut. M. Stephens
Pte. J. Riley
Pte. A. Phelps
Pte. J. Lyle

REVERSIONS—OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS

Lieut.-Col. E. M. E. Dawe
Lieut.-Col. D. Hanney
Lieut. M. M. Sharpe
Lieut. G. Neary
Capt. B. Mungovan
Lieut. M. I. Latham
Lieut. S. Skinner
Lieut. M. Bickford
Lieut. N. G. Nichols
Lieut. M. C. Forres
Lieut. E. Fowles
Capt. E. E. Williams
Lieut. D. Armstrong
Lieut. E. Gormley
Capt. E. E. Thom
Lieut. E. M. Thompson
Capt. L. S. Lindfield
Lieut. E. C. Morgan
Lieut. M. Kieran
Lieut. C. Hulme
Major L. E. Thompson
Lieut. J. Richards
Lieut. K. Ault
Lieut. F. W. Bades
Lieut. C. M. Gould
Lieut. J. Melvin
Lieut. I. McKenzie
Lieut. C. P. Mills
Capt. A. M. McCormick
Lieut. D. M. Ashton
Lieut. S. M. Rule
Lieut. E. M. Boyle
Capt. P. M. Martin
Lieut. D. C. Hinde
Capt. M. H. Godwin
Lieut. M. Davies
Capt. J. Milton
Capt. M. Lett
Lieut. F. R. M. Browning
Lieut. E. A. Senior
Lieut. B. Bailey
Lieut. M. M. Gibson
Capt. C. Moseley
Lieut. M. Betts-Gray
Pte. K. E. Pugh

Pte. A. M. Collingwood
L./Cpl. K. M. McIntyre
L./Cpl. A. Smith
Pte. P. Rayner
Pte. A. Brown
Cpl. S. M. Marshall
Cpl. E. Thomas
Pte. S. M. Cassar
Pte. M. D. Douglas
Cpl. D. Rispin
Pte. L. Wilkinson
Pte. W. Moseley
Pte. J. Skinner
Pte. A. E. Blake
Pte. A. P. Gibbs
Pte. H. R. Peden
Pte. M. Landale-Wilson
Pte. M. McCarter
Pte. M. A. Hardy
Pte. H. M. Paull
Pte. M. Burnett
Pte. M. Hutton
Pte. J. L. Kress
Pte. M. C. Wilford
Pte. A. Armstrong
Pte. B. D. Rigby
Pte. M. E. Livsey
Pte. M. L. S. Guy
Pte. D. Brown
Pte. P. B. O'Kelly
Pte. C. Sacki
Pte. D. Temple
Sgt. J. Rutherford
Cpl. E. M. Serle
Cpl. F. E. McLaurin
Pte. R. M. Jacobs
Pte. J. P. Tracey
Pte. E. A. Grant
Pte. M. Waller
Cpl. E. Greenhill
Pte. L. Gordon
Cpl. A. Harvey
Sgt. I. D. Fox
Pte. M. D. Douglas

Births Marriages and Deaths

Births.

RAY.—On August 14th, 1953, in Calcutta, to Margaret Ray (A.2210) (*née* Osborn), ex Lieut. Q.A.R.A.N.C., wife of John M. Ray, a daughter Anne Cameron.

DALLAS-SMITH.—On September 24th, at Nottingham Women's Hospital, to Joan (*née* Whittle), ex Capt. Q.A.R.A.N.C., wife of Dr. W. Dallas-Smith, a daughter.

Marriages.

<i>Bride</i>	<i>Bridegroom</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>
OFFICERS			
UNDERHILL, D. L., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.)	Major G. S. Briscoe, D.S.O. (Retd.)	Devon	17.9.53
O'NEILL, A. T., Lieut.	Capt. W. J. Wells, K.A.R.	Nairobi	19.6.53
PETERS, W. V., Capt.	Major A. F. Gregory, A.C.C.	Singapore	20.6.53
HENNESSY, M., Lieut.	A./Superintendent D. C. Boa, Malayan Police.	Singapore	2.7.53
ANDREWS, E., Lieut.	Major F. B. E. Kampfner, R.A.M.C.	Hongkong	3.7.53
TANNER, D. A., Lieut.	D. A. Norris, Esq.	Bournemouth	4.7.53
MASON, W. E. M., Lieut.	F./Lt. A. J. Archibald, R.A.F.	Kuala Lumpur	4.7.53
CASSON, M., Lieut.	Surg.-Lt. P. W. Ruggles, R.N.	Singapore	11.7.53
JOBSON, E., Capt.	A. Jemmett, Esq.	Singapore	14.7.53
BENNETT, A., Lieut.	Capt. W. D. Garbutt, 14/30 Kings Hussars.	Tripoli	4.8.53
HAWTHORNE, C. G., Lieut.	Capt. R. F. Muggleton, R.T.R.	Hampshire	5.8.53
BEATON, K. M., Lieut.	P. Barnes, Esq.	Singapore	7.8.53
AULT, K., Lieut.	G. Shorrock, Esq.	Yorkshire	7.8.53
NEARY, G., Lieut.	J. E. W. Bartlam, Esq.	Richmond	15.8.53
ROBERTS, A. T., Lieut.	Lieut. M. B. Symons, Canadian Rifle Battn.	Hanover, Germany	29.8.53
McMINN, J., Lieut.	Capt. L. W. Colebrook, R.A.	Khartoum	10.9.53
McEWAN, M. E. (ex Capt.) (A.1138)	W. J. Pool, Esq.	Auckland, New Zealand	26.9.53

OTHER RANKS

Henderson, A. B. D., Pte., to Duncan Macrae, 17.6.53; Blow, F. D., Pte., to W. F. Roberts, 13.6.53; Greenhalgh, O. P., Pte., to Thomas Allan Hughes, 20.6.53; Thomas, A. V., Pte., to W. Playfoot, 6.6.53; Walker, J., Pte., to William Patrick Turner, 13.6.53; McAllister, A., Pte., to Sgt. James Waldrop (U.S.A.F.), 20.6.53; Gordon, M., Pte., to C. Bilverstoke, 22.6.53; Campbell, H. Mc., Pte., to J. A. Paull, 30.6.53; Collins, E. J., Pte., to D. J. V. William, 11.7.53; Tozer, Pte., to L./Cpl. Thompson (R.A.M.C.), 3.7.53; Douglas, Pte., to Cpl. Smith, A. D. (R.A.S.C.), 18.7.53; Earl, W. C., Pte., to D. J. King, 13.7.53; Fleming, M. E. M., Pte., to G. D. Blackburn (R.M.), 11.7.53; Roe, I. M., Pte., to Cpl. R. M. Cleaves (R. Sigs.), 15.7.53; Curry, E. B., Pte., to Pte. R. B. Ferguson (R.A.M.C.), 7.7.53; Frisbee, B. M., Pte., to Derek Ditchburn, 30.7.53; Gill, M. D., Pte., to L./Cpl. Waite, L. W. (R.A.S.C.), 31.7.53; Forster, P. M.,

Pte., to Cpl. R. Newell (R.E.M.E.), 18.7.53 ; Packer, M., Pte., to G. Wood, 3.8.53 ; Davidson, S., Pte., to J. C. McCrone, 3.8.53 ; Shaw, M. S., Pte., to P. A. Harrison, 31.7.53 ; Piggott, P. M., Pte., to S/Sgt. Clare, 8.8.53 ; Ferguson, Pte., to B. L. Elwick, 17.8.53 ; Gailbrath, M., Pte., to John McPhee, 21.5.53 ; Marshall, D. S., Pte., to Thomas Stewart (R.M.), 15.8.53 ; Venable, J. G., Pte., to Isaac Bonyunes, 25.8.53 ; Leask, I. W., Pte., to Albert Ernest Stunt, 22.8.53 ; Larkman, I. M., Pte., to Pte. K. D. Drake (R.A.M.C.), 1.9.53 ; Taylor, T. C., Pte., to J. M. Hyndman, 9.9.53 ; Knight, H., Pte., to Pte. B. Pitt (R.A.M.C.), 22.8.53 ; Shaw, J., Pte., to Pte. G. Gricol (R.A.M.C.), 5.9.53 ; Yates, J., Pte., to B. Parry, 5.8.53 ; Gore, J., Pte., to L. A. Free, 12.9.53 ; Forster, J. C., Pte., to Pte. Kress (R.C.A.S.C.), 11.9.53 ; Turrent, M. P., Pte., to L./Cpl. J. W. Meadows, 12.9.53 ; Andrews, D. I., Pte., to Keith Williams, 17.9.53 ; Beevers, J., Pte., to Sgt. J. D. West (R.A.E.C.), 16.9.53 ; Gleghorne, L., Pte., to Frank Kenealy, 5.9.53 ; Harvey, A., Pte., to Douglas Arthur Wilde.

Deaths.

HARVEY.—On June 23rd, 1953, at Barnet Green, Worcs., Miss M. E. Harvey, late Q.A.M.N.S. (India).

HILLIER.—On August 12th, 1953, in hospital, Miss Alice Mary Hillier, ex T.F.N.S. (A.2009). A Midland Branch Association Member.

MATE.—Alice Ann, Q.A.I.M.N.S., in October, at Eastbourne.

ROBERTS.—On October 10th, 1953. Miss Maria Roberts ex Q.A.I.M.N.S., (R). A2021., Midland Branch.

SMYTH.—Margaret Helen, R.R.C., late Q.A.I.M.N.S., on October 19th, at Wavertree, Liverpool.

WALL.—On 2nd October, 1953 at St. Helens, Isle of Wight. Capt. Margaret Wall, late Q.A.R.A.N.C., (A.1363).

THE LATE LIEUT. COL. C. L. BARKER, R.R.C.—With the death on July 27th at Bexhill-on-Sea of Lieut.Col. C. L. Barker, many of the older members of the Association must, like myself, have felt a great personal loss, for loyalty to her friends, as to the Corps, was one of Charlotte Barker's outstanding qualities.

It was in 1927, in Mhow, Central India, that I first met her, when we were both Staff/Nurses in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. At that very first meeting I was struck by her kindness and quiet efficiency.

Small, fair, and socially inclined to shyness, as I remember her in those distant days, on duty she was a pillar of strength and much loved by her patients ; the ayahs too had a real affection for Barker Miss-sahib.

She was fastidious without being fussy, and I can clearly recall her trim figure moving about ward or Labour Room ; her hands were remarkable, dainty with slender tapering fingers, beautiful even when encased in prosaic rubber gloves, yet so sure and capable.

She spent many leaves with me here in Scotland, for which country she, although a true Sassanach, had a deep affection.

A year before her death she invited me to spend a week with her in London, and what a happy time we had, and how courageously and successfully she hid from me any sign of pain which it is almost certain she was suffering. She loved a good theatre or film, and what a congenial companion she was ! There must be many Association members who will recollect her happy presence at the 1952 Reunion, an event she so thoroughly enjoyed.

Her last year was one of much suffering, borne with great fortitude, and one would not have wished it to be prolonged. But what a blank her going has left ! Yet, while great our loss, we who knew her friendship have most surely had our lives enriched by it.

E. B.

Promotions

OFFICERS

- June*, 1953—Captain to Major : E. O. Bassett (25th), M. Walshe, R.R.C. (25th), P. M. Moran (25th), J. M. Dawson (23rd). Lieut. to Captain : K. C. Redfearne (8th), M. F. Duncan (8th), M. J. P. Webster (14th).
- July*, 1953—Captain to Major : E. F. Shine (4th). Lieut. to Captain : K. D. Campbell (4th), J. M. Brennan (5th), S. A. Bindloss (9th), D. Barrett (24th).
- August*, 1953—Lieut. to Captain : J. Westmore (2nd), G. P. Mayberry (3rd), M. Dwyer (5th), J. Knight (16th), M. J. H. Cowan (23rd), E. M. Thompson (31st), A. E. Gregory (31st), G. Anderson (31st), S. M. Rule (31st), E. M. Reynolds (31st), E. B. Welsh (31st), E. Gormley (31st).
- September*, 1953—Captain to Major : L. Dodsley (1st). Lieut. to Captain : M. B. Burroughs (3rd), P. M. Whelan (14th), T. L. M. Newman (19th), P. M. McCormach (28th).
- October*—Lieut.-Colonel (Temporary Colonel) to Colonel : N. P. de B. Bampton, R.R.C. (1st). Major to Lieut.-Colonel : G. M. Luxton, A.R.R.C. (1st).

OTHER RANKS

- October*, 1952—A./Cpl. to Cpl. : F. Davidson (7th), B. Douglas (7th). Pte. to Cpl. : M. A. Rae (7th).
- November*, 1952—Cpl. to Sgt. : P. Harris (5th), D. Cameron (5th), L. Miller (5th), G. Giblin (5th).
- December*, 1952—Pte. to Cpl. : J. Conway (2nd).
- January*, 1953—Cpl. to Sgt. : P. Whitlam (7th).
- February*, 1953—Pte. to Cpl. : B. J. Taylor (24th).
- March*, 1953—Pte. to Cpl. : P. James (17th), M. Perella (17th), P. Rowland (17th), A. Catherall (24th), E. Gallant (24th).
- April*, 1953—Sgt. to A./S. Sgt. : K. Giblin (17th).
- May*, 1953—Cpl. to A./Sgt. : T. P. Mills (20th). Pte. to Cpl. : V. Verdigi (13th), C. Underwood (23rd). Pte. to A./Cpl. : G. Pearson (27th), J. McKim (27th). Pte. to L./Cpl. : W. Leaky (14th).
- June*, 1953—Sgt. to A./S. Sgt. : B. Sprickley (4th). L./Cpl. to A./Cpl. : P. Stevenson (12th). Pte. to A./Cpl. : J. Deakin (9th), W. B. Hart (12th), E. B. Stevens (12th), M. J. E. Williams (11th). Pte. to A./L. Cpl. : L. Bustard (9th), D. Robinson (11th).
- July*, 1953—Cpl. to A./Sgt. : M. Allen (22nd), J. Rutherford (12th), C. Hearne (22nd), P. Stevenson (28th), W. Blackmore (23rd). Pte. to Cpl. : E. Crump (29th). L./Cpl. to A./Cpl. : P. Millhouse (23rd). Pte. to A./Cpl. : O. Rispin (11th), E. Robinson (24th). Pte. to L./Cpl. : D. Brown (23rd), V. Baird (23rd), M. Kesteven (3rd), L. Slater (23rd), D. Smith (23rd), D. Greene (23rd).
- August*, 1953—Sgt. to A./S. Sgt. : J. Harris (13th). L./Cpl. to A./Cpl. : G. Millard-Spencer (28th). Pte. to A./Cpl. : M. Buckley (6th). Pte. to L./Cpl. : J. M. Milne (7th), M. White (8th), M. James (8th), F. Wilkie (8th), C. J. Hughes (10th), M. Whyte (28th).

At an East End Mission a lad told the priest that there was a boy in his school nicknamed Isaiah, "because one eye's 'igher than the other."

Retirements and Resignations

July, 1953—Capts. A. L. Arthur, M. Summers, W. V. Gregory (*née* Peters), E. Jemmet (*née* Newman), Lieuts. M. J. Brown, E. R. W. Robinson, M. C. E. McCora, E. M. Lieper, G. A. Foster, J. W. Stevens, M. R. Burne (*née* Scobie), S. M. Hart (*née* George), D. A. Norris (*née* Tanner), M. Boa (*née* Hennessey), E. E. Kampener (*née* Andrews), M. Ruggles (*née* Casson), M. E. MacCabe (*née* Trotter), W. E. M. Archibald (*née* Mason), T. A. Wells (*née* O'Niell).

August, 1953—Major O. A. Marchant, Capts. M. B. Wall, E. E. Thom, Lieuts. J. Richard, T. M. Russ, M. E. Buckley, K. Shorrocks (*née* Ault), A. Garbett (*née* Bennet), G. Bartlam (*née* Neary), K. M. Barnes (*née* Beaton).

September, 1953—Capt. E. Hebden, Lieuts. J. Ginn, M. A. MacKenzie, I. McKenzie.

October, 1953—Colonel O. M. Watson, O.B.E., R.R.C.

Retirement.

Miss C. M. Courtenay—L.416—a very active member of the Association, has retired from the post of Principal Tutor at the Group Preliminary Training School for the Dartford hospitals. She is a trainee of Guy's Hospital, holds a teaching diploma from the University of London and has held many important posts both as a nurse teacher and a hospital administrator in Great Britain and Overseas. During the 1939-45 War Miss Courtenay was a Territorial Principal Matron. She took a big part in the scheme for training A.N.S. in India and was one of the Examiners for Indian Male Nurses.

She is an active member of the Royal College of Nursing and Chairman of the Dartford Branch. She is a member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Central Committee.

We hope very much that leaving Dartford will not entail losing contact with us. Our good wishes go with her whatever she may undertake.

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