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## Editorial

It seems no time at all since we were welcoming the first Association President. Now we greet her successor, Brigadier C. M. Johnson, our second President, and look forward to several years of happy and useful relations with her. As our members know, the Director of Army Nursing Services is the ex-officio President of the Association, and Brigadier Johnson was appointed D.A.N.S. last month. We offer our congratulations and wish her every success in that most responsible post.

We think that we are in the fortunate position of not having to say goodbye to Dame Helen Gillespie for, although she has retired as D.A.N.S., and consequently, as the Association President she is making her home in Edinburgh, and there is no doubt the South of Scotland Branch will see to it that she is not lost to us. Our thanks go to her for the help she has given to the Association. Instead of the good wishes for a happy retirement, or rather in addition to them, we congratulate Dame Helen on her appointment as Colonel Commandant Q.A.R.A.N.C. in succession to Dame Ann Thomson to whom perhaps we are safe in offering good wishes for enjoyment of retirement.

All readers will be delighted to hear that Miss E. P. McWilliam, Matron of Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, ex-T.A.N.S. has become Chairman of the Association. We hope that she will enjoy her term of office, and the closer contact with our affairs, which we know will benefit by her interest and advice.

This number of the Gazette happens to be very much a Corps one. Now that we have a civilian as a Chairman cannot our civilian members rally round and do honour to that Chairman and make her feel at home, by sending in material for the next Gazette. No one reading this issue would think for a minute that the main body of our members is civilian.

## Annual Reunion

The eleventh Annual Reunion was held on the 30th June at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge. It was a very friendly party, at which 232 members gathered from all over the country, and some from overseas.

The President, Brigadier C. M. Johnson with Miss E. F. McWilliam, Chairman, and Miss D. C. Bridges, Vice Chairman, greeted members as they arrived. It was very nice to see Miss L. M. Avery from Australia, where for so long she has been a great support of the Branches there. Everyone missed the Dowager Lady Amphill who has been a very faithful Vice Patron and friend from the time the Association started. She has come to all our Reunions but, unfortunately, a chill prevented her being with us this time. Lady Amphill has always presented the Association Cup and personal memento to the winner during this annual function—Dame Katharine H. Jones, another Vice Patron, kindly agreed to make the presentation, Major B. Gordon of the Depot being the recipient.

It was a very great pleasure to meet Miss Harriet Cohen, the celebrated pianist, who, having met many Q.A.s during her concert parties for the troops, had expressed interest in their Association. Owing to an injury, we could not have the pleasure of hearing Miss Cohen play.

This Reunion being the first occasion members from far and wide were assembled together since Princess Margaret became Patron of the Association, a telegram of greeting was sent to Her Royal Highness, to which a gracious reply was received, sending warmest thanks to members.

The floral decorations were very tastefully arranged, and added to the gaiety of the scene.

Flowers were sent with kind remembrances to Dame Anne Beadsmore-Smith, the most senior ex-Matron-in-Chief, who is unable to attend large gatherings, also to Lady Amphill, regretting her temporary indisposition.

Finally, it is good to report that we are about £17 to the good as a result of the Reunion.

## P.N.T.S. - Q.A.R.A.N.C

Last year, when trees around the Depot were turning gold, and the stoves in every hut still the unsullied black or silver of summer's disuse, an advance party left Queen Alexandra's Camp. The nose of the car bearing Colonel F. B. Cozens, Captain M.

Hughes and the last of their luggage was directed towards Aldershot.

In Aldershot, eighteen miles away, the buildings of the former Military Isolation Hospital were undergoing changes in preparation for the transfer of the Preliminary Nurse Training School from the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. The Commandant of the new School Colonel Cozens, and the Administrative Officer Captain Hughes, were soon busy with others military and civilian, working on the required transformation.

About three weeks later, the remainder of the staff arrived to help prepare their own departments. Major V. M. Innes as Sister Tutor, and her assistants Captain M. H. Rundle and four R.A.M.C. Instructors in the training wing. Captain C. H. Teall R.A.E.C. and two Instructors in the Education Department. Soon afterwards, on the 24th October, trucks bearing the recruits and their squad leaders left the rusticity of Hindhead for the comparatively urban surroundings of Aldershot.

After any move, inevitably there is a settling down process. The grounds and buildings that day saw interested groups of recruits exploring, unpacking and exclaiming at the effortless warmth of their new quarters. Regrets at leaving the familiar expanses of Hindhead were mixed with satisfaction at being the very first students in the new School.

The School stands on Thornhill, which must be the highest point in Aldershot. It is bounded on one side by a road which rises steeply from Allison's Road and descends no less steeply to lead towards Ash Vale. On the other three sides beyond the perimeter is hillside, prickly with gorse, and in summer bright with buttercups.

Circling the base of the hill are Families' Quarters and Messes. Beyond them the red brick of Garrison Churches and barracks, and the green of playing fields. A panorama of distant hills and woods surrounds the view from the School; while above around and beyond is the sky. Sometimes blue, often grey, the sky is seldom empty. A helicopter potters over, heavy with V.I.P.'s, or a new aeroplane from nearby Farnborough streaks across with a noise of tearing calico, leaving nothing but a trail of smoke and a feeling of pride that it is 'one of ours'.

From the air, P.N.T.S. must look like an oasis amidst the monotony of quarters, barracks and parade grounds which make up Aldershot. A hedge-lined drive leads to the main building, used for administration offices. Beside this lie the Officers' Mess and Quarters, and behind them are some of the buildings used for accommodation. Covered passages, like red cloisters connect the buildings, leading through little gardens pretty with daffodils in spring, and roses in summer.

The many little gardens around the School are tended by Mr. Reed, the gardener, known to everyone as 'Pop'. He is an ex-R.A.M.C. soldier, (he enlisted in 1902) and worked on the grounds long before the Isolation Hospital ceased to exist. His interest and affection for his plants extends now to the School. He can sometimes be seen on the lawn before the Administration Block, his attention divided between the roses and the pace of the squads as they pass him on their way to the Training Wing.

Opposite the Administration Block is a passage leading to the dining-rooms and servery. Food, prepared by A.C.C. cooks, is taken in electrically-heated trolleys from the spacious cookhouse to the servery. From there it is carried to the small separate tables by civilian helpers.

Small lawns and flowerbeds lie between the Dining-room Block and the rest of the accommodation. The size of the billets varies. In some, recruits have single rooms, in others there may be two, four or more beds. Curtains, bright fresh paint and radiators make the rooms welcoming and attractive. Facilities for washing and ironing are good, and there is a plentiful supply of hot water. It is here that the recruit learns early in her training the importance of keeping her room and uniform as fresh and smart as her personal appearance.

The driveway which leads to the Administration Block curves past the red brick of the Quartermaster's Stores, the accommodation and cookhouse, to rejoin the main entrance near the Sergeants' Mess.

The Sergeants' Mess is a small hedge-encompassed house. The sustained efforts of its R.A.M.C. and R.A.E.C. members with spade, hoe and roller, have transformed it into what an estate agent would call 'A desirable residence, with formal and kitchen gardens.' On the other side of the driveway, is the erstwhile tennis court, now the scene of the C.O's weekly parade, drill exercise and recreation.

The N.A.A.F.I. and Games room are two wooden buildings conveniently near each other. Hard practice with the table tennis equipment in the latter may one day produce a star who will make the letters P.N.T.S. ring with dread portent at future tournaments. The N.A.A.F.I. opposite sells Coca Cola to refresh the players, and displays other edible attractions which could greatly impair their nimbleness. Here also are two of the few coke stoves in this Unit, unregretted monuments to chilly Depot days.

The remainder of the grounds is mainly occupied by the Education and Nurse Training Departments. Lieutenant Kemp R.A.E.C. who took the place of Captain Teall when he went overseas in April, has his headquarters in the Study Centre.

The Study Centre, a long brick building, has two important parts. On one side is the Information room. With its well lighted, attractively arranged stands and tables of newspaper cuttings, current matters and Service topics, the recruit is encouraged to keep up to date with world affairs. There is also an excellent library. The sitting-room on the other side of the short passage invites relaxation. It is a pretty room, with pale green walls, curtains and cushions in contemporary design, easy chairs and soft carpet. The tables are full of current magazines, periodicals and the daily newspapers. On the walls are a reproduction of Annigoni's portrait of the Queen, and a Peter Scott water colour. There is a charming photograph of the Colonel in Chief, Princess Margaret, on the piano. A fine radiogram, used for both educational and recreational purposes is the pride of the Music Club, which holds gramophone recitals in the sitting room.

The radiogram was a gift to the P.N.T.S. With the cushions and curtains, the carpet and standard lamp, it was given by the Nuffield Trust. The sitting-room however is not the only place so well-endowed. In the billets, the electric kettles, wringers and hair-driers are evidence of the generosity of Lord Nuffield. He will always be looked on as a friend of the School.

Near the Study Centre are five classrooms of the Training Wing. It is here that the students have both Education and Nurse Training lectures. Each squad has its own classroom, and each student her own place. The Demonstration Room is in another building, in which also is Major Innes' Office.

The Demonstration Room is a long bright ward, equipped for teaching practical nursing. In it are two patients; Mrs. Ponsomby-Smith, glassy eyed and resigned to eternal bed rest; and Rosemary the baby, slumbering between periodic bathing.

Preliminary Nurse Training is carried out in the ten weeks which follow the arrival of a recruit after her first fortnight at the Depot. During her time as a student, she learns Anatomy and Physiology, Nursing, First Aid and Hygiene. She must pass examinations in these subjects to qualify for the first stage in her training, namely, 'Pass Class of Instruction'. Education lectures are given concurrently with Nurse Training, and the student acquires a Certificate of Education Class III in the early weeks, and that of Education Class II at the end of her Preliminary Training.

On completion of her Preliminary Training, the student has nine days' leave. After this, she is posted with the rest of her squad to a Military Hospital for further block training. The days preceding her departure from the School are very busy. She attends final interviews with the Commandant and Sister Tudor; there is indoor uniform to be drawn, a medical examination to be passed, the final kit check completed.

When the last clearance chit of the outgoing squad has been signed, and the last Q.A.—laden taxi driven away, the P.N.T.S. seems strangely quiet. One classroom in the Training Wing lies empty and silent. One accommodation block awaits occupation. There are unfilled places in dining-room and N.A.A.F.I., and a general feeling of incompleteness.

This feeling does not last long. On the following Monday morning a new squad of recruits arrives from the Depot. They fill the empty places in the dining-room, and sounds of settling-in come from the once-vacant billets. After initial interviews with the Commandant and Sister Tutor, the recruits will take their places in the waiting classroom.

But each new recruit fills more than an empty place in the dining room and classroom. Her roots lie deeper than the cheerful billet or quiet garden. She has become a member of the Preliminary Nurse Training School of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

M. H. RUNDLE A942

## Corps Sports

THE MEDFORTH CUP TENNIS TOURNAMENT took place together with the Q.A.R.A.N.C. ANNUAL SPORTS at the Depot and T.E., Hindhead, on Wednesday, June 27. Capt. M. H. Godwin (Cambridge Military Hospital), Capt. E. Scott (Depot), Major B. Turner (British Military Hospital, Munster) and Cpl. A. Naylor (Military Hospital, Wheatley) reached the semi-finals. In an exciting final 6—0, 6—1, Major Turner beat Capt. Godwin and became the proud holder of the Medforth Cup.

THE VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY for the competitor gaining the most points in the ANNUAL SPORTS events was Pte J. Emmett (Cambridge Military Hospital). Lady Erskine, wife of General Sir George Erskine G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. General to THE QUEEN, G.O.C. Southern Command, presented the Cups, Trophies and Prizes.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. ASSOCIATION CUP, given by the Association membership to the serving officer or other rank deemed by the Corps to have contributed most to the sports prestige of the Corps during the past twelve months, was presented to Major B. Gordon (Depot) by Dame Katharine Jones, Vice Patron, at the Reunion 30th June.

Major B. Turner and Lieut. Isard are entering for the Tennis Championships in B.A.O.R. and we are hoping for a repeat of last year's successes, when Lieut. Isard won the Women's Singles.

Congratulations to Capt. Rattee, who has been given a place in





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the Southern Command Women's Tennis Team, and Lieut. Schofield as reserve.

Three existing records were beaten at the Corps Sports. Pte. Harrison from the Cambridge Hospital winning the 100yds. in 13 seconds, Pte. Cragg from the Connaught the 220yds. in 30.4 seconds, and the Cambridge Hospital Team winning the Inter-Unit Relay Cup in 58 seconds.

THE INTER-SERVICES TENNIS TOURNAMENT was played at the Naval Hospital, Chatham, this year, when the Navy were hostesses. Major B. Turner and Capt. M. Godwin were selected to represent the Q.A.R.A.N.C. and to try and keep the cup which we won last year. The contest opened with a fiercely contested match between the Navy and ourselves and this proved to be the hardest fought set of the afternoon. The Navy eventually won this match but the Air Force proved the stronger pair, beating both the Navy and ourselves. As this is their first win for nine years, we don't grudge them their victory although disappointed we ourselves did not manage to keep the cup.

SWIMMING. At the R.A.M.C./R.A.D.C. Swimming Gala in Aldershot on the 20th June, Lieut. Oldham from Cowglen won the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Race and the Others Ranks' Race, after an exciting finish, resulted in a dead heat between Cpl. Olley, Woolwich, and Pte. Smith of the P.N.T. School.

Congratulations to Capt. Milton and Capt. Rattee who came first and second respectively in the Women's Breast Stroke event at Aldershot District Gala.

## B.M.H. Bermuda

The re-opening of the British Military Hospital in Bermuda, 12 June 1955 was a major event, and welcomed by all concerned. The Hospital had been vacated in 1952, shortly before the British Garrison left the island. During the period of vacancy the climatic conditions, together with a hurricane in 1953, caused tremendous damage to the building, warranting extensive repairs, re-decoration and subsequently a certain amount of replanning. This all took time, and it was with great joy, that we were at last able to set feet in the freshly painted building, and start to organise our wards which were to be our very own for the next three years.

We are most fortunate in having such a lovely modern hospital which although small and compact contains departments and equipment for any emergency thus making it a completely independent unit. The building stands on one of the highest spots

in the island and commands a magnificent view of the sea, thus providing all with the advantage of seeing every ship arriving at and leaving from Hamilton. Since our hospital has been functioning, we have been honoured by two visits, the first from the Officer Commanding British Troops here, Brigadier J. Rice-Evans, who seemed very impressed, and the second by His Excellency the Acting Governor, who was paying his first visit to a British Military Hospital. As a civilian, he took a very keen interest in every ward and department asking numerous questions. It was observed by all that he enjoyed his visit immensely. Before leaving His Excellency was entertained to sherry in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess.

This Mess is about five minutes walk from the Hospital, and is an old fashioned white washed house named "Aeolia", situated high up, and offering an equally magnificent view of the sea as from the Hospital. The garden is immense and with the co-operation of all mess members, is gradually taking shape from its wilderness form. Vegetable growing is our main interest, as these cost a fantastic price to purchase locally. Being rather isolated it has been necessary to take on one honorary member in the form of a mongrel dog called Tito, a lovable character, who will insist on helping to dig the garden, but always in the wrong places. As our Mess was not completely furnished by Corps day 1955 we were only able to hold a small cocktail party, but this was compensated in June, when the weather being warm and fine we were able to hold our first big official cocktail party in the garden. It seemed to be enjoyed by all, for weeks afterwards, our guests were talking about the wonderful party held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess.

The weather at home is variable. Here rainfall may be quite prolific, usually when it is least wanted. Rain is most essential, as it is the only source of water supply on the island. Sunshine however is plentiful and one can enjoy it swimming, fishing and cycling.

All Bermuda was very much alive when H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited the island in March last year. Major E. M. Turner M.B.E. and Captain J. Lindsaye, had the great honour of being presented to H.R.H. at the airport. The weather was very dull and overcast and the afternoon ended up in torrential rain, but this did not damp the ardour of the local people, especially the coloured population, who were out in full force to welcome Her Royal Highness.

The local inhabitants of white Bermudians are very friendly.

and go out of their way to entertain the service people, and so make their stay a happy one. We are indeed fortunate in being in such a pleasant station, which although the scenery and landscape is not all it is made out to be, owing to the fact that a ravaging disease has killed all the cedar trees, never-the-less we have the great advantage of the sea and wonderful beaches where we can spend as much of our free time as we like, swimming, fishing, sailing or just lazing on the sand.

Long may the British Garrison remain here!

## Q.A.R.A.N.C. MUSEUM

A Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum has been established at the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., and a Museum Fund and Committee have been formed.

The members of the Committee, all ex-officio, are:—President: Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services. Vice-President: Colonel Commandant. Chairman: ADANS Southern Command. Hon. Secretary: Curator of the Museum. Hon. Treasurer: ADANS War Office AMD 4. Members: Commandant, Depot and TE, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Commandant, Preliminary Nurse Training School, Q.A.R.A.N.C., and one W.O. or N.C.O. Q.A.R.A.N.C., The Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Under "NOTICES" in this edition of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Gazette, an appeal is made to all those interested in furthering the work of the Army Nursing Services, to assist in some way in this interesting project. It is a great pleasure to record that although newcomers into the Corps are ushered into the Museum perforce as part of their early training, they often ask if they may come back again to have another look around.

In its present state the Museum is not open at regular hours and can be seen only by appointment. There are several reasons for this, the chief one being that no protective furnishings have yet been obtained in which to make the exhibition. Another reason is that the display has not reached its dumb self-explanatory stage and therefore a verbal guide is essential. An exhibit of particular value and interest in the museum is a message sent by Queen Victoria (through normal channels) to the sick soldiers in the Crimean War. It is a parchment scroll 32" long by 23" wide which hung in the wards at Scutari and was presented to AMD4 by Colonel Hambrey Sparrow. It came to him through Major Sillery who was Military Commandant of the Barrack

Hospital at Scutari. The Message reads:—'Let Mrs. Herbert also know that I WISH Miss Nightingale and the Ladies would tell these poor noble wounded and sick men that no one takes a warmer interest or feels more for their sufferings or admires their courage and heroism more than their Queen. Day and night she thinks of her beloved troops. So does the Prince. Beg Mrs. Herbert to communicate these my words to the ladies as I know that our sympathy is much valued by these noble fellows.'



ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES MAGAZINE—have kindly allowed us to publish this photograph of Lt. General W. A. D. Drummond, C.B., C.B.E., Q.A.S., F.R.C.S., D.L.O., who became Director General Army Medical Services in April this year. Many of our readers remember the D.G.A.M.S. in various other capacities. All of us join in sending him good wishes and congratulations on his appointment.



A REGIMENTAL DINNER was held at the Headquarters Mess Millbank on 21st June 1956 on the occasion of the retirement of Brigadier Dame Helen Gillespie, DBE., RRC., QHNS.,—Dame Helen being the guest of honour. Colonel C. M. Johnson, RRC the Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services designate, senior and junior officers attended. Guests assembled at 8 o'clock for dinner at 8.30 p.m. The evening was lively from the start and there was a pleasant hum of conversation as old friends greeted each other and exchanged reminiscences while sherry was served. When dinner was announced and everyone entered the Dining Room—the table, looking lovely with a beautiful centre bowl of roses and glistening with silver, was much admired. It was fitting that this was the first occasion that some exquisite new table linen was used, greatly enhancing the dining table. The dinner was excellent and included fresh salmon mayonnaise and roast duckling. After the 'Loyal' toasts Colonel G. Cocking, RRC, made a short witty speech outlining Dame Helen's career and thanking her for her valuable services to the Corps; she ended by saying, "Dame Helen has proved that decorativeness and efficiency go very well together". Colonel Cocking then proposed the toast "Dame Helen", wishing her health, wealth and happiness for the future. Dame Helen replied and thanked everyone for their loyalty and co-operation during her time as Director of Army Nursing Services. She outlined the progress of the Corps during her own years of service and said how sad she was to leave us. She ended by wishing her successor a happy and successful term of office.

Telgrams received wishing Dame Helen every happiness for the future were then read out. A most enjoyable dinner was ended by guests signing each others menu cards, which had been specially printed for the occasion.

Before and during dinner photographs were taken and much to the delight of all were on view by the time liquors and coffee were served. One is reproduced here for Gazette readers which clearly shows the painting of Her late Majesty Queen Mary, first Colonel-in-Chief Q.A.R.A.N.C. A very pleasant evening came to an end too quickly by Dame Helen rather sadly wishing us all goodbye though we were cheered by the knowledge that she becomes our Colonel Commandant from July this year and will continue to interest herself in all Corps activities.

Members of the Corps present were Colonels C. M. Johnson, C. Cocking, L. M. Rose, Lt. Cols E. M. Somerville, E. Mackaness, I. B. Hazlett, K. M. Blair, O. W. Douglass, B. Cozens, B. Fitzpatrick, J. M. Clarke, M. E. Holmes, H. M. Carroll, Majors E. W. R. Warner, E. U. Wallace, Y. K. Davey, K. Thomson, N. Pratt, P. G. Bennett, D. Dryden, M. J. Scannell, B. Gordon, S. C. Burnett, H. F. Payton, M. M. Mount, C. Moseley, Captains E. Scott, J. O. Moriarty, M. Stephenson.

## From Here and There

MALTA G.C.—I have been asked by Lieut.-Colonel P. Wilkins, A.R.R.C., our Matron, who recently arrived to take over from Major E. W. R. Warner, A.R.R.C., to write an article for the Gazette, describing our efforts in holding a Fete on the 3rd of May, in aid of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, when we made a profit of £65.

The decision to hold one was made at the last general meeting in April.

May 3rd was a bright sunny day, but the high wind which we hoped would have dropped, persisted throughout the afternoon. All members of the Association in Malta did their utmost to make the afternoon a success. We are all very grateful to the R.A.M.C., who did all the heavy work in preparing the site and erecting a marquee in the face of that high wind. I might add here that a small tent, specially acquired for the fortune tellers, did not stand up to the wind.

The civilian sisters employed in the hospital and our patients, spent many busy hours making articles for sale and helping to buy them later.

Mrs. Humphreys, the Commanding Officer's wife, consented to open the Fete. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Sgt. Slade QARANC, our senior NCO.

Major Daly, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Masters made themselves responsible for the teas, which were served in the marquee and were greatly appreciated. Major Carson with the help of Cpl. Richardson and Pte Pope sold soft drinks and ice cream. Capt. Cahill and Lieut. Barnes attracted a large crowd to their "Competition" stall. Cpl. White, helped by our C.O., Lieut. Colonel Humphreys, made a great success of the "Tin and Bottle" stall. The Fancy Goods stall was well stocked with a variety of articles, of which babies clothes seem to predominate—a most popular necessity in Malta judging by the Maternity Wing. Capt. Ward and Lieut. Thompson must have been well aware of this. The cake and sweet stall displayed a delicious variety of home-made cakes and sweets supplied by members and their friends. I do not know how Lieut. Burroughs and Lieut. Hickman resisted them all afternoon. There were the usual "Aunt Sally", Shove Half Penny and many other games to amuse the young and old. Capt. Boyle and I dressed as Gypsies, foretold the future. The queue was long and patient all afternoon (we were given a small corner of the marquee after the disaster of our own tent). Unfortunately there was a time limit and many of our would



be patrons had to be disappointed. Colonel Robinson, the A.D.M.S., was one of the gypsies' first customers.

I feel a special word of thanks is due to Lt.-Col. Humphreys, Major Lewis and Sgt. Lomas, who stayed to help behind the scenes, after the Fete.

The members of the Association Branch here are most enthusiastic. I have already heard discussions on what we should do next year, for we are hoping this is going to be an annual event.

The Association dinner held at the "Point de View" Hotel in Rabat on the 25th March, was a great success. Among the 34 members present were many non-serving members of the Association.

The Net Ball Challenge Cup presented by Major E. W. R. Warner, A.R.R.C., was won by the QARANC officers this year.

I hope my news will be of interest particularly to other members of the Association who have been in Malta.

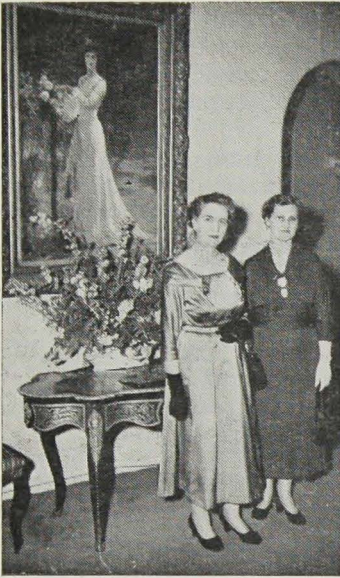
P. M. Moran L448

MALTA G.C.—The Queen's Birthday Parade was held on the Floriana Parade Ground on 1st June 1956. Detachments from the three services were on parade and also a platoon of the Malta Police, Civil Defence and W.R.N.S. The Q.A.R.A.N.C. detachment (1 Officer and 13 other ranks) made up the formation of the right wing with the W.R.N.S. in the open end square formation. The inspection was carried out by His Excellency The Governor, Lieut.-General Sir Robert Laycock, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who with the parade commander and the second i/c were mounted. The traditional Feu de Joie was carried out faultlessly and after due respects had been paid to Her Majesty The Queen, His Excellency created a precedence by leading the parade off the parade ground to the saluting base opposite the Palace. The Q.A.R.A.N.C. detachment was led by Captain M. A. Boyle, who was congratulated by many senior officers on her smart detachment and their faultless drill. A photograph was taken of the detachment marching to the saluting base.

J. Carson L.82

It is regretted that photograph could not be included—Ed.

UNITED NURSING SERVICES CLUB. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the United Nursing Services Club in Cavendish Square, has been graciously pleased to appoint Helen Duchess of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., to be President of the Club in succession to the late Lady Airlie.



The Nursing Times has most kindly allowed us to reproduce this charming little photo for many of our readers who might not otherwise see it. Dame Helen Gillespie, the outgoing Matron-in-Chief with Brigadier C. M. Johnson, her successor, are standing together in the H.Q. Mess at Millbank under the beautiful picture of Queen Alexandra, first President of the Army Nursing Service and to whom the Service owes its name.

**SOUTH OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.**—Miss Grey-Buchanan held open house at her lovely home in Parkhill, Palmont, Stirlingshire on Saturday, 2nd June when a very happy afternoon was spent by 28 members of the Branch.

**MILLBANK BRANCH.**—It was decided at the Annual General Meeting, held in March that the Social evenings should be held on the first Thursday of each alternate month, viz: May, July, September and November. Unfortunately this was impossible for the May Meeting which was postponed until the last Thursday.

On Thursday 31st, May we had a Beauty Demonstration by Atkinson's of Old Bond Street at which many useful hints were given in how to make the most of oneself. Major Moseley kindly volunteered to be the model and the result well repaid her for her patience. The Demonstration was followed by the usual cup of tea and chat and a visit to the Demonstrator for advice and a colour chart for future use.

On Thursday 5th, July, we enjoyed a Film Show kindly arranged by Mr. L. Boundy. The films were very interesting and I am sure that all present went away having gained quite a lot of knowledge. The films shown were:— Horse Show in Dublin in the Spring and August of 1950, A clean Milk production, The Car Race at Aintree and the Fight to destroy Locusts and other Insects before they destroyed all our food.

The next Social evening will be at 7.30 p.m., at 121, St. George's Square, S.W.1., on Thursday 6th, September when it is hoped many more Members will be able to attend.

M. Hamblin L136

KINRARA BRANCH, MALAYA, was formed in April.—Funds were started off with a Ball and Side Shows which resulted in £60—£70 in hand, besides giving a lot of pleasure to many people (and a lot of hard work too, but it was worth it). The total number of branches is now thirty.

WAR OFFICE (A.M.D.4) Fourteen other ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C. were successful in passing the State Final Examination in February 1956—They are now State Registered Nurses. Congratulations.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Prize, consisting of a parchment certificate and Savings Certificates to the value of £10 (ten pounds), has been awarded to Q/1000442 Corporal B. Young (Physiotherapist Class I) for the best written examination in any Class I qualification for the year 1955. Q/1001367 Corporal W. Green and Q/1001757 Lance Corporal B. Townson were highly commended.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE—KURE. With the disintegration of Forces in this theatre the day had an even more stirring appeal because of the departure of so many Commonwealth units who had worked together so successfully and happily. It was also the Commander-in-Chief General R. Bierwirth's last opportunity of viewing all his troops as he sails for Australia in a few days' time. As many as possible were asked to attend and Lieut.-Colonel E. F. W. M. Jolly and Major J. Veitch, R.A.A.N.C., had the honour of being the General's Guests at the Parade and also at the Reception at Kure House after the Parade. It was a most interesting gathering because not only were all the Commonwealth Forces from Japan and Korea represented but also the American and Japanese Forces and the civilian bodies from all round this area. The General gave a very stirring speech which was translated into Japanese and after the speech the Royal Toast was drunk and it was moving to see how gladly everyone present raised their glasses. General Bierwirth has done much to foster international relations and I'm sure everyone will leave Japan with the feeling we shall be missed and will always be welcome in America and Japan through our associations here.

SOUTHERN COMMAND BRANCHES combined to hold a Bazaar and Fete on Wednesday, 25th July, in the gardens at the back of Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot.

They were blessed by a lovely hot day which brought out the gay frocks to add to the overall effect. The weather, together with the setting and the music provided by the R.A.M.C. Band produced a delightful atmosphere for the well organised stalls, side shows, raffles, competitions, rides in a decorated horse-drawn country cart for the children, to say nothing of a dog show.

It was a magnificent effort on the part of Southern Command Branches. Colonel L. Rose, Lieut.-Colonel K. Blair and everyone else concerned are to be congratulated. The Association Funds are to benefit by the proceeds. More details will be given in the next Gazette.

**THE STOOGES AT HEADQUARTERS.** We are your humble servants and your loyal sincere friends—We work hard for you and wish to continue doing so—You are so very good to us in ways we greatly appreciate, but Oh! the frustration, exasperation of having to spend much of the time we give to the Association in looking for initials, membership numbers, addresses, deciphering illegible words, trying to fathom how odd amounts of money are made up, why full subscriptions due are not sent, whether a member is serving or not—Please help us by always giving title/rank, membership number—have a permanent address if possible, home or Bank—it saves notifying changes—give details in explanation of money sent, with reasons for any deviation from full subscriptions etc. and Oh! do put names and addresses in block letters if handwriting is not easily decipherable to others—Do not forget the amending quarterly address Gazette lists, giving only additions and changes since full list sent in.

These and similar points, little and unimportant to you, perhaps, are of tremendous concern to us—We would be so grateful if you will help in this way too—It would give us more time to attend to your interests, which is our sole purpose in working here.

**THE ADMINISTRATOR AT HEADQUARTERS.** I am very concerned that the number of non-subscribers to the Gazette does not lessen—It lies chiefly among the original LIFE members, since, when they joined, the Gazette had not started—Now no one is allowed to become a member, either Annual or Life without taking the Gazette — Can we not do something to encourage these others to subscribe? After all it is just giving money away to become a member without taking the Gazette, for the Gazette is the main means of contact for members. It is very difficult, in the majority of cases, to believe that it is the cost — The charge 5/- has remained stationary since Gazette started in January 1950, more than six years ago — There is very little else in expenditure



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anywhere, of which the same thing could be said, certainly not the cost to us, which has gone up and up like most other things — None of it has been passed on to the membership as yet, though there must be a limit to this one-sided arrangement. The first step clearly is more subscribers. Please help to bring them in.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Sultan of Johore

There just wasn't a room to be found in Johore Bahru for the night of September 16th last year when these Celebrations were due to begin. The Thanksgiving Service started at 7.30 a.m. on the 17th and I had 55 miles to drive and the roads would not be opened until 7 a.m. But no! there was just one corner left in the house of our very good friends the Missionaries to the Chinese.

This young couple, with 2 bouncing children gave me a great welcome. Their house is only half a mile from the Palace grounds so I was able to drive down on the previous afternoon.

The problem was which road to take, but as the terrorists had recently been very busy with ambushes on both roads there was little choice. In any case they haven't much interest in civilian cars but one does tend to drive with one's weather eye amongst the rubber trees on either side of the road, just in case.

The morning was hot and sunny and I slid quietly into the queue of cars bound for the Istana Besar where the Celebrations were to be held in honour of the Diamond Jubilee and Birthday of His Highness the Sultan of Johore and the Coronation of her Highness the Sultana, surely a most historic occasion. The journey took just half an hour and I was in my place in the Pavilion opposite the Throne Room at the appointed time.

Waiting to receive Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Malay States and the High Commissioner stood a Guard of Honour headed by the eldest son of the Sultan, Prince Ismail, who is 62.

The band of the Malay Regiment and other detachments stood on parade.

A most impressive sight it was as each of the Sultans arrived and alighted from his car together with his Lady (or Ladies).

There were seven Sultans—of Perak, Kelantan, Kedah, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Pahang, The Rajah of Perlis, and the representatives of the Sultans of Brunei and Trengganu respectively. Each was welcomed and his national Anthem was played whilst he stood at the salute; a golden opportunity to study the superbly coloured, hand woven brocades of the royal robes and head dress—their national costume. One wore a royal

yellow costume whilst an attendant carried a yellow sunshade. The others wore beautiful mauves, blues and purples, only one of these had the yellow sunshade. One would have liked to see the blending of the colours as they sat together in the Throne Room.

After the National Anthem each Sultan was escorted up the twenty-five steps to the throne room, and the next car would arrive. It was like a scene from a fairy tale. Suddenly one was brought back to reality and the present day by the arrival of Sir Donald McGillivray in smart uniform and "The Queen" was played.

Preceded by a procession, consisting of 17 contingents from the Imperial Forces which included the bands of the Queens, East Yorks and Gurkhas and the Police, Home Guards, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, B.R.C.S., Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, came the Royal Party of Johore.

There was the Sultan of Johore, Major-General Sir Ibrahim, accompanied by the Sultana, Lady Marcella, and beside them with her Nannie, their daughter the little Princess Meriam, celebrating her own 5th birthday. One could hardly realize that the smart erect figure, in the uniform of a Major-General, was indeed celebrating his 82nd birthday.

The Sultana who is Roumanian born, wore European dress, to the disappointment of the Malay women. She arrived in an afternoon dress of flowered lace and a black picture hat. She looked very dignified and regal as she ascended the steps on the arm of her husband with the Princess beside them. That was all we in the Pavilion could see, as Television has not yet come to this country. The service was relayed but was of course in Malay. In a very clear, strong voice the Sultan made his speech, and fortunately for us ended it in English. Being British, I thought it a good, sensible speech, but the Federal Leaders seem to have thought otherwise and refrained from appearing at the Banquet that night.

If this marred, for the Sultan, the happiness of his birthday celebrations, perhaps it was offset by the delightful surprise he had when, after the dinner Sir Donald came forward and presented him, on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, with a beautiful silver salver. He appeared quite overwhelmed with this simple birthday gift and message of good-will.

L259. G. M. Willoughby

## Annual General Meeting

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on Saturday, 30th June, prior to the Reunion, 58 members were present. The President, Brigadier C. M. Johnson took the chair—the Report for the preceding twelve months was given by the retiring Chairman, Lt.Col. P. Widger, to whom thanks were voted for her interest and work on behalf of the Association during her period of office. Miss E. P. McWilliam, ex-T.A.N.S., Matron of Ashford Hospital, Middlesex was elected Association Chairman. Miss W. L. Aldwinckle, ex Reserve, Matron Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Mrs. S. A. Hughes, ex Reserve and Major N. Ellison, Retd. were elected to the Central Committee. All these members were warmly welcomed and our thanks go to those others who kindly allowed themselves to be nominated, also to the retiring members, Lt.Col. M. E. Harris, Miss I.C.C. Withers, Miss G. R. Bailey.

Particular items brought to the attention of members was the need to decide on a design for the Association Standard—the design has to be simple, uncluttered and adaptable to the use of any Branch if required. One design was passed round for comment. The design shown consisted of the Association badge in the centre with the word FRIENDSHIP on scroll of badge at the bottom. At the top of standard appeared name of Association and at the bottom a scroll for the word Headquarters or the name of the Branch. Background was scarlet with silver bottom fringe. The rough idea was approved but proportion of size of badge, lettering etc. required to be more balanced. Other suggestions would be considered if received in the near future.

A car badge (Q.A.R.A.N. Corps.) was also displayed—a similar one could be made with Association badge if sufficient demand by members exists. The number of names given in at the meeting would not alone warrant ordering a supply.

Members not present at the Annual General Meeting may if they wish apply for copy of Audited Accounts.

## Honours

We congratulate the following Officers on being included in the Queen's BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

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Capt. E. Thomas

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NOTE: It would give us great pleasure if Branches sent in names of Civilian Members appearing in any Honours List. ED.



## Notices

**PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENT COLUMN**—This is rarely used. It is always available to members—Charge is 1/- for first 12 words, each extra word 1½d., extra charge of 1/- if name and address is not to be published, and correspondence is to come through Association H.Q. Advertisements should be sent to the Assistant Editor with cheque/postal order by 1st of month previous to month of publication—i.e., by 1st January, April, July and October. Membership number to be quoted.

**THE Q.A.R.A.N.C. MUSEUM** is now being formed. The help of all past and present members of the Army Nursing Services is being sought in furthering this project. Contributions and/or loans of material suitable for exhibition in a museum will be welcomed. Items which illustrate any of the work and experiences of the Army Nursing Services in peace or in war will be of historical interest, these include:—Pictures, portraits, photographs, letters, books, documents, albums etc.; badges, medals and decorations, uniforms, especially those not of the present period.

Items should be sent to:—The Commandant, Depot & T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Queen Alexandra Camp, Hindhead, Surrey. A label should be attached to each exhibit sent, showing the name and address of sender, relationship, if any, between donor and the origin of the exhibit; and a description of the exhibit, giving the fullest possible details. Monetary donations to the Museum Fund will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by:—The Hon. Treasurer, QARANC Museum Fund, ADANS, War Office AMD 4, London S.W.1.

**CAR BADGES**—A specimen car badge (Corps) was displayed at the Annual General Meeting and at the Reunion following—one similar, with the Association badge can be made provided a minimum number of 50 can be ordered—the price is 37/6. Will car owners amongst our members please notify us quickly if they would like to purchase a badge, and please do not wait until the price goes up—a bad habit with prices these days.

**SOUTH OF SCOTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER** will be held in the ROYAL BRITISH HOTEL, EDINBURGH on Saturday, 20th October 1956 at 7 p.m.

**SOCIAL EVENING**—Millbank Branch 7.30 p.m. at 121 St. George's Square, S.W.1. on Thursday, 6th September, when it is hoped members and potential members will attend.

**ADDRESS WANTED** by Mairi Edkins (MacRae) of Joan Fisher, ex Q.A./R. and Dorothy Hollings, Q.A./R. Write Carswell Farm, P.O. NYABIRA, S. Rhodesia.

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## A Visit to South America

In February this year I embarked with two friends on a voyage to South America. It was intensely cold and we felt delighted that in a week or so, we should be away from the drawbacks of an English winter. We sailed in a cargo ship taking about sixty passengers and though I was prepared to find my own amusement, we were very well entertained by an occasional film, a cocktail party by the Captain or dancing.

Our first call was at Lisbon where never before had such low temperatures been registered. We had only a few hours in Madeira where we admired the beautiful flowers, bought some embroidered goods, as well as a bottle of Madeira.

We fuelled in Las Palmas and though Grand Canary is not so beautiful as Madeira, there is a great industry in fruit and vegetable growing.

It was my first experience of the tropics at sea and most of us found our feet sizes larger, but we eventually reached Rio de Janeiro where some friends were waiting. As it was Sunday, it was not much use exploring the town, but we drove forty miles into the mountains to Petropolis where the Emperors of Brazil had their summer Palace. It is a nice old fashioned town with beautiful gardens and the main road from Rio de Janeiro runs through tropical forest. On the return journey we were able to see something of the City. The aerodrome is only five minutes walk from the city centre and air travel seems to be cheaper than third class rail in this country. Planes took off every few minutes. I had heard so much about the beauties of the harbour which is very lovely, but on the first occasion it was misty and on the second it rained. Added to the weather there was a strike among the staff of the famous Sugar Mountain Railway.

Next day we reached Santos which is a rapidly growing town and is a great coffee and banana port. We drove to Sao Paulo forty miles up in the hills and at a high altitude there is not the great humidity of the sea ports. There are dual roads—masterpieces of modern engineering. One leads to Sao Paulo and the other returns to the coast. The traffic is very speedy and several times each hour there is a huge air conditioned coach. A few years ago Sao Paulo was quite a small place, but now there are over three million inhabitants. Sky scrapers are the main feature and more are being built. The traffic is dense and appears highly alarming. There are many growing industries and it seems weird to see this sort of Chicago in rather wild country. This is also the busiest airport in the world; in fact one man said that Brazil had gone from candle to atom power in a leap which is not too

much of an exaggeration. I have never seen such a mixture of races, but there is no colour bar. There appear to be no coins, just huge quantities of dirty notes for trifling sums.

Our next call was at Monte Video and we had only time for a drive round the city. There are beautiful bathing beaches and the climate is pleasant and I should imagine Uruguay is a happy land to live in.

Next day we reached Buenos Aires. It is a stupendous city. There are about four million inhabitants and endless sky scrapers and very wide streets. In the New World, nobody seems to think much of old buildings as such and in hotels each bedroom has its own bathroom. As it is summer most of the year round, women wear very gay dresses and beautiful shoes. Hats are not seen much, everybody has beautifully dressed hair and nobody seemed shabby or untidy. Men were also very well dressed and shorts were worn only when playing games.

We had several drives in the city and surrounding districts and one night we went to see some gaucho dancing. The men were the main performers, not the women and they did some very complicated steps in heavy boots and huge spurs.

I was very pleased to be asked to a tea party in a large and beautiful flat of which there seem to be a huge number as the well to do in Buenos Aires enjoy great comfort and luxury.

I had longed to see the Andes, but felt they were too far away and that our foreign travel allowances might not permit it. The office of the ship in which we had sailed said that nothing could be simpler so our passages by air were booked and I was given a packet of coupons for three days in a hotel in Mendoza as well as several drives, including one into the Andes. It was a flight of about seven hundred miles and as we flew rather low over the Pampas, we saw endless cattle.

Mendoza is a wine growing district and large lorries filled with grapes were to be seen as we might see loads of coal at home. We visited a wine factory where few hands are needed as so much is mechanised and certainly no grapes are trodden by foot. It was a dry, but very hot climate, but at the same time the Andes with their eternal snow were to be seen.

Our return by air was put off three times owing to atmospheric conditions in the Andes and we got thoroughly alarmed, as the ship was due to sail from Buenos Aires in two days. There are only two trains in the week so we had to charter a car. We were told the journey would take about fifteen hours, but it actually took twenty. We set off merrily with a spare driver and two spare tyres and got on splendidly for the first half of the journey. The roads were not too bad, but there were a great many petrol tankers

with trailers as well as wine tankers equally big and the drivers just stuck to the crest of the road—so did the long distant buses. Meanwhile heavy rain began and we saw two horrible skids between a tanker and a car. Shortly after that we ourselves were involved in one and really thought the end had come. It was raining furiously and we were stuck in the mud and other vehicles just drove past, but at last a private car owner and the driver of a tanker showed the Christian spirit and after about an hour we set off again. Lightning kept up all the night which at least showed us the scenery which is very like Spain in the small towns where there are no sky scrapers. Our drivers were thankful to leave us at our hotel in Buenos Aires after such an arduous journey.

Next day we were taken to see the largest meat packing station in the world which is beside the docks. We asked not to see the killing of the animals, but we saw an endless flow of sides of meat on conveyor belts. Veterinary Surgeons inspect each piece before it is put into cold storage; in fact from the time the beast is killed until it reaches the refrigerator, it is only fifty minutes and over three hundred are killed in an hour. We then saw the process of canning and afterwards had luncheon in the Manager's dining room where we enjoyed an excellent grilled steak. What quantities of meat the people of Argentine eat!

The voyage back was similar in many ways, but when we landed in April on a cold spring day, the South American women who looked so glamorous in their own country appeared no better than we did wrapped in warm coats. We have seen so much and have much to think about, but it is wonderful to be at home again.

B. J. SOMERVAIL L34

## Obituaries

BIRDSALL, MAJOR M. I feel that many members of the Association will, like myself have been grieved to hear of the sudden death of Major Birdsall at her home at Threshfield, Yorks, on April 30th. She was trained at Guy's Hospital and came into the Service in 1935.

I had known her for many years. She possessed many fine qualities. She had a broad outlook on life and was of a friendly disposition, a very true and sincere friend. A true Yorkshirewoman, she had a great sense of humour. After her retirement she took a great interest in many things, always with a view to helping other people. Nothing gave her greater pleasure than to have her old Q.A. friends stay with her in the lovely village in the Yorkshire Dales which she loved so well.

She retained her interest in the Corps and always looked forward to the Reunion and meeting her old friends. Three days before her death she came and spent a day with me and gave a most interesting and enjoyable address on the working of a Hospital ship to a Women's Welfare Centre in our village.

Her death will be a great loss to many friends but one can remember her as having lived a useful and helpful life, a true and loyal friend, and a loyal member of the Corps which she served for so many years.

K. B. Davies A/CAT/38

I met "Birdie" for the first time during the last war and in a very short time we had become firm friends. Her keen brain, sense of humour and Yorkshire common sense made her a most stimulating companion and as she was also a very competent Assistant Matron I soon realised my luck in having her with me.

In spite of the war we spent some very happy days in that particular desert hospital, and one almost forgot the desert when admiring Birdie's garden. She had what I call "green fingers" and she called "a green thumb" but whatever it was her gardens grew a profusion of flowers, and her enthusiasm was such that even I wielded a watering can and picked off dead flowers for her!

Home and parents meant a great deal to Birdie and I particularly remember one incident that made me realise this. It had been a day when everything and everybody seemed "agin us" and our troubles were out of all proportion. Suddenly Birdie said wrathfully "I'll write to Father!" "What good will that do?" I asked from the depths of depression and she answered in broad Yorkshire "He'll say, Come home at once luv, if they aren't treating you reet!" Home! A three months journey away! The absurdity of this solution suddenly struck us and our troubles dissolved in laughter.

When her posting came to take over a hospital for an unknown destination she was very excited and convinced she was really going to the war—but there was no sign of disappointment in the letter that came back a little later. She wrote "Thousands of refugees to be cleaned, clothed and fed, one cold water tap and nothing but suits of blues for the new born babes! Please send old clothes for the women and children and any old rags for babies' nappies!" Birdie with her usual energy was cheerfully tackling another new job.

As the years passed our paths diverged and met again in the usual Army style, but our friendship strengthened with each meeting. Wherever Birdie went there were amusing tales as she made a success of each new post and—planted new gardens.

It was no surprise to her friends when she finally decided to retire so that she could look after her parents in their lovely Yorkshire home, although many of us felt that the Corps was losing one of its most competent officers.

With many women, parents, home and garden would have been a full time occupation but not for Birdie. She joined in all aspects of village life, sitting on committees, taking German lessons, cookery and handicraft classes, not to mention occasional nursing help for sick neighbours. Her interest in the Corps was as keen as ever and she could always give me the latest Corps news.

That someone so vital should be taken thus suddenly came as a shock to all the friends who knew and loved her. They—those who could—gathered in the little Yorkshire village on a day misty with rain and the clouds low on the hills, to follow her through the countryside she had loved so much to the little church by the rushing river and on to her last resting place. There with the bright Spring flower tokens seeming to symbolise the vividness of her memory, we said Farewell to Birdie, a loyal and loving friend.

L. M. R. L125

MACKINTOSH Miss Jessie, Most of her service was with the 23rd Scottish General Hospital. Many Sisters of her own Unit and from others, whom she looked after so well in Palestine as Sister i/c Sick Sisters Ward, will remember her with gratitude and affection.

A. JOHNSTONE, A/SOS/101.

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Headquarter offices now have some excellent durable waste-paper bins and the next purchase is to be some strong blotting pads for use of our workers.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA—The members of the South of Scotland Branch send their very best wishes to Miss Elizabeth McIntyre, A/SOS/37, who sailed on May 11th on the S.S. "HIMALAYA" for Sydney, Australia, where she is to marry Mr. Basil O'Shea. Miss MacIntyre who lived at 55 King Street, Stirling, was in charge of the Out-Patient Department at Stirling Royal Infirmary. She was a very able member of our Association, and has worked on several Committees. We will all miss her very much, but will be interested in her letters from Australia about her new life out there. She has enjoyed her outward sail, revisiting old haunts in India, where she served in B.M.H. Colaba, Bombay in 1944-46.

Rheda M. Johnston A/SoS/23

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## MARRIAGES

- Capt. E. M. Seppings to Dr. W. A. Mahon, on 31st March, 1956, at Raynham, Norfolk.
- Lieut. D. J. Tutton to Flying Officer B. Wood, R.A.F., on 2nd April, 1956 at West Coker, Somerset.
- Lieut. D. J. Moore to Lieut. B. C. H. J. Curtis, on 31st March, 1956, at Stainton-in-Cleveland, Yorks.
- Lieut. J. E. Wicks to P. Rickard Esq., on 31st March, 1956, at New Cieethorpes, Lincs.
- Lieut. A. Grimshaw to J. P. Timbrell Esq., on 24th March, 1956, at Longton, Lancaster.
- Lieut. G. Stoney to Lieut. F. M. H. Faulder, Border Regiment, on 3rd April, 1956, at Durham.
- Lieut. P. D. Whelan to Capt. R. Y. Calne, R.A.M.C., on 2nd March, 1956, at Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- Lieut. C. Gailey to J. Sadler Esq., on 26th March, 1956, at Kure, Japan.
- Lieut. P. Priddy to Lieut. C. L. N. O'Connell, R.A.S.C., on 2nd April, 1956, at Valetta, Malta.
- Lieut. B. E. C. Worthy to Lieut. R. F. Lukey, Pioneer Corps, on 17th March, 1956, at Walton, Aylesbury.
- Lieut. S. Senior to Major D. Gill, R.A.M.C., on 22nd March, 1956, at Singapore.
- Lieut. E. M. Castellain to H. E. Parry, Esq., on 25th February, 1956, at Nairobi.
- Lieut. J. M. Ottaway to A. E. Fox Esq., on 28th April, 1956, at Gosport.
- Lieut. J. M. Stapler to Lieut. R. L. Kinny Ran, on 26th April, 1956, at Kure, Japan.
- Lieut. M. D. C. Lee to C. Dooy Esq., on 30th April, 1956, at Chapelizod, Dublin
- Lieut. L. H. Squires to Capt. J. L. Hunter, R.A.M.C., on 9th June, 1956, at Victoria, Hong Kong.
- Lieut. I. M. Powell to Capt. J. R. Appelt, R.A.M.C, on 20th June, 1956, at Richmond, Yorks.
- Litut. E. K. Taylor to T. R. Vanner Esq. on 23th June, 1956, at Bedford.

Note.—It is regretted that no information concerning other ranks has been received for publication.

## DEATHS

- MACKINTOSH, Miss Jessie, A/SOS34, ex-T.A.N.S. in ELGIN in March 1956.
- HUTTON, Mrs. Ethel Mary, recently, Q.A.I.M.N.S. 1914-18.
- DOBREE, Mrs. Jean, nee TODD, on May 13th, late Q.A.I.M.N.S., widow of Commander A. H. Dobree of Fairwinds, Silloth, Cumberland.
- DRUMMOND-HAY, Miss Mary Charlotte, on July 11th, suddenly while travelling. A.829. Sometime Editor Gazette.

## PROMOTIONS

### **Captain to Major.**

April—Capt. P. M. Martin (11th Jan.), Capt. J. L. Salmon (12th Jan.),  
Capt. M. E. Seabrook (26th Feb.).

May—Capt. J. M. Orford (8th), Capt. W. G. I. Hobbs (8th).

June—Capt. K. Duncan (11th), Capt. K. M. Knowles (12th), Capt. B.  
Turner (26th), Capt. M. M. Bridgwater (27th).

### **Lieutenant to Captain.**

April—Lieut. M. F. Treacy (16th), Lieut. M. A. Boyle (22nd), Lieut. M.  
Porter (16th), Lieut. E. M. Hobson (24th), Lieut. D. Watkinson (16th),  
Lieut. E. O. Caley (16th).

May—Lieut. B. Galvin (7th), Lieut. C. S. Nolan (22nd), Lieut. L. B. Wicks  
(11th), Lieut. E. D. Harte (28th), Lieut. J. P. Parker (28th).

## RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

**April**—Capt. R. A. Clappen, Lieut. J. C. Davies (née Chapman), Capt.  
E. M. Mahon (née Seppings), Lieut. D. J. Wood (née Tutton), Lieut. D. J.  
Curtis (née Moore), Lieut. A. Timbrell (née Grimshaw), Lieut. G. Faulder  
(née Stoney), Lieut. J. E. Rickard (née Wicks), Lieut. P. D. Calne (née  
Whelan), Lieut. C. Sadler (née Gailey), Lieut. B. E. C. Lukey (née Worthy),  
Lieut. P. O'Connell (née Priddy), Lieut. S. Gill (née Senior), Lieut. E. M.  
Parry (née Castellain), Lieut. J. M. Fox (née Ottaway), Lieut. J. M. Kinny  
(née Stapler), Lieut. M. C. D. Dooley (née Lee), Capt. A. E. Leinster.

**May**—Capt. I. G. Mitchell, Capt. T. L. M. Newman, Lieut. J. Aitken,  
Lieut. P. G. Burnhill (née Hobbs).

**June**—Lieut. L. H. Hunter (née Squire), Lieut. E. K. Vanner (née Taylor),  
Lieut. I. M. Appelt (née Powell), Lieut. K. Mearns (née McInerney).

## APPOINTMENTS

Lieut.-Colonel B. M. FitzPatrick, R.R.C., to Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C.  
as Commandant on 9th May, 1956.

Lieut.-Colonel P. E. Wilkins, R.R.C., to David Bruce Military Hospital,  
Malta, as Matron on 29th April, 1956.

Lieut.-Colonel E. Mackaness, A.R.R.C., from A.D.A.N.S. Scottish Com-  
mand to A.D.A.N.S. Eastern Command, 13th June, 1956.

Lieut.-Colonel I. B. Hazlett, R.R.C., from Matron Q.A. Hospital, Millbank,  
to A.D.A.N.S. Scottish Command, 10th June, 1956.

Major (T/Lieut.-Colonel) E. W. R. Warner, A.R.R.C., from ex-overseas to  
Matron Q.A. Hospital, Millbank, 9th July, 1956.