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Editorial

THE TIME is drawing nearer when the final size of Volume 1 of the GAZETTE must be decided. Is it to contain eight or twelve numbers? At the moment opinion veers to the latter, and that would give us plenty of time to decide on what the cover of Volume 2 is to be like. The present colour block depicting representative members has not given satisfaction to everyone, and we ought to be ready with alternative designs in case Volume 2 starts next year. One design has been suggested, plain grey cover outlined in scarlet with the Association badge in its own colouring in centre, GAZETTE title beneath. We would like to receive designs or suggestions for consideration from members.

Another matter that has been suggested is an Association Christmas card, badged. We are dubious as to the demand, which would have to be fairly general to make it worth while, but it can be done if sufficient members make the request quickly. The cost would not be less than 7s. 6d. and might be nearer 9s. per dozen.

It would be nice to receive some more articles telling of the present-day lives of our ex-Army Sisters. "Tree Tops Farm" in this number describes the life of one. There must be many more with interesting tales to tell, some perhaps very far removed from nursing. Send them in, or other contributions on any subject. We want the GAZETTE to present the happenings in the Corps, to record the history the Corps is making; but we also want to hear from our old friends.

There is another aspect to it. If the GAZETTE is to maintain its increased size, material to fill the extra pages is required and that can only be expected to come from or through members and other readers.

Members will be pleased to know that a message was received from Queen Mary acknowledging our loyal birthday greetings to Her Majesty, our Patron.

Tree Tops Farm

A STORY OF PIONEERING

SOMEWHERE IN the heart of a jungle in India lies a farm owned by an ex-Army officer and his wife, an ex-Q.A. They are surrounded by jungle which has become a sanctuary for all types of game, furred and feathered which as long as they do no harm to stock and produce are left unmolested, with the exception of jungle fowl, rabbits and an occasional pig, which may be required for culinary purposes. The house is called "Tree Tops" because it is built on a hill and can only be seen peeping above the tree tops; it was built with "home-made" bricks by local labour under the instructions of the owner, and a very creditable job was done. The kitchen was on one corner of the veranda with a primitive baked mud stove. In order to keep provisions cool an improvised "larder" was made by knocking the sides out of a tea chest and covering them with sacking. On top was a tin tray with water and strips of flannel hanging over the sides so that they were continually damp. This was most effective and kept the flies out as well. Butter was made by shaking milk in a tin canister—this was a laborious business, but produced the desired result.

They had as neighbours only the local Indians who were agriculturalists, owning a piece of land the size of a pocket handkerchief and clothed only in loin cloths, who were nevertheless very high caste and overburdened with superstition. There was also a small colony of Santals, who are the aboriginal tribes of that part, who have neither creed nor caste and hunt with dogs and bows and arrows. It was, therefore, impossible to consider having any house servants and the ex-Q.A. did all the work herself. She then started a charitable dispensary and her efforts achieved more than many medical missionaries hope for. She was up against caste and superstition, but under the magic word "medicine" she managed to get the sick to take chicken broth and all manner of things that they would otherwise not have touched. She had to learn to pour medicine into a patient's mouth without the cup touching his lips—he would have been "contaminated" by the glass if he had drunk it in the normal way. Pills had to be shied in and made sure that the patient had swallowed them. It was found that what suited the cuts, abrasions and burns in the surgery of a hospital at home did not have much effect on the skin of the wild men of the jungle, but other methods were found that were most effective. One of the most difficult superstitions to overcome was the one that as soon as a person has fever or became ill they must not drink! Bad burns were brought already covered with sticky black stuff and leaves. A man appeared one day with an empty bottle and wanted six different medicines in one bottle. Another, who described all the symptoms of dysentery, was given a dose of castor oil and a bottle of

Sod. Sulph and instructed how much to take, when he piped up and said, "It is not I that is sick of the dysentery, but my cow!" It was found that by making them pay a pice into the Red Cross box they would keep their bandages and dressings on and take their medicine, as it was instinctive to get their money's worth! The filthy habit of spitting was controlled within the compound by refusing to treat a patient who disobeyed the order. Eventually, a small allowance was given by the Indian Red Cross for the procuring of drugs, bandages, etc., and the money collected from the patients went back to the Red Cross. All the water for drinking, cooking and baths had to be brought up from a well which the owner had sunk. None of the farm workers had ever done a whole day's work in their lives before, but gradually they even consented in turn to sleep in the farm buildings in order to do the early morning work, and were given a ration of tea, sugar and milk each night so that they could make their own "gunfire" in the morning. A hot drink before starting, plus a daily dose of quinine, was found to keep malaria at bay.

There were always many alarms and excursions to combat. One day a small boy driving the cattle and sheep home at dusk hit a loitering form on the rump to hurry it up, to find it was a leopard up to no good, but which got such a shock at this cavalier treatment it ran off into the jungle. There were nightly marauders, but all animals were safely behind wire or in sheds. The grain field was a lovely pasture for the deer, who cleared the six feet wire fence with absolutely no difficulty, so a fine trip wire was fixed which rang a bell, then the owner would go down with his gun—there was venison to be eaten for several days after.

The domestic animals were all chained up at dusk, including the cats! Even then, leopards would come round the bungalow looking for a tasty morsel and they would hurl themselves at the wire doors to try and get at the dogs. Then was the time to take action, and poor "spots" got more than he bargained for, but one had to be a very sure shot as there is nothing more dangerous than a wounded leopard.

One afternoon while a visitor from up country was staying with them they heard the sound of crashing in the jungle and the distress call of a barking deer, then the roar of a leopard. The owner picked up a gun and he and the visitor went silently into the jungle; the wife tied up the dogs who were sniffing the air and trembling. The two hunters crawled noiselessly through the sun-dappled jungle until they suddenly saw, 15 yards ahead, a leopard dragging the deer it had just killed; they waited, and when it stopped in a small clearing and got the deer by the throat to suck its blood, the hunter fired, the leopard gave a terrific roar and sprang in the air, but quick as lightning a lethal shot broke its back. To be certain another shot was put over and then, after an interval, to make sure he was dead stones were thrown at him, but he did not move. The two hunters found they had got a good sized leopard and a spotted deer, so they had them carried in and there and then set about skinning them and partially preserving

the skins with salt and alum, pegged them out to dry on the north veranda. It was necessary to put hurricane lamps all round the skins to keep off the jackals and hyena. The leopard's carcass was given to the Santals who will eat anything, though leopard is pretty tough. Judging by the sound of feasting that came from the village that night the Santals must have found the meat quite acceptable.

The produce grown, too, has a good market. When they first started the owner bought a cow from the local natives. It looked like a walking hat rack and he paid five rupees for it. What they did not know was that it was in calf; the owner fed it upon oil cake and it soon looked quite respectable and produced a small, but very nice little calf which being the first became the pet of the farm. They now have quite a good sized herd. Sheep they found were a nuisance, but have concentrated on chickens and imported settings of Rhode Island Reds and have several incubators going. The eggs sell very well in Calcutta which is the nearest big town. They have something of everything that is necessary, and can produce a full scale Christmas dinner off their own land—even to ground nuts.

All goods are transported to the nearest station which is sixteen miles away either by "fast coolie," if the goods are perishable, or by bullock cart which is much slower.

Intending visitors are advised to take a bicycle to cover the sixteen miles. There are four rivers to ford, which are in flood during the rainy season. In spite of the close proximity of the jungle, a holiday at Tree Tops can be a real rest cure, as the turmoil of the outer world does not penetrate the fortress of the jungle.

HILDA L. PYSTER

Friends, Please Note

Marriages

BARBER-BREEN.—On 12th May, 1951, at Mackinnon Road, Kenya, Mr. W. Barber, F.R.C.S., to Lieut. D. M. T. Breen, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

HYEZ-WILSON.—On 2nd June, 1951, at Voi, Mackinnon Road, Kenya, Mr. H. Hyex, East African Construction Forces, to Captain Muriel M. Wilson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

DAY-ROWLANDS.—On 20th June, 1951, at Fareham, Lieut.-Colonel P. G. Day, The York and Lancaster Regiment, to Lieut.-Colonel Anne Rowlands, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

We regretfully announce the death of two of our members :

ROTHWELL, Miss E., of Withington, Manchester, in September, 1950. A.898.

FAIRLAND, Miss G., of Horley, Surrey, in August, 1950. A.495.

Nursing Chiefs, War Office

WE HAVE been asked to record a list of the Matrons-in-Chief, and give them below :

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service

Dame Sidney Jane Browne, G.B.E., R.R.C.	1902-1906
Miss Caroline Helen Keer, R.R.C. and Bar	1906-1910
Dame Ethel Hope Becher, G.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar	1910-1919
Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar	1919-1924
Miss Florence May Hodgins, C.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar	1924-1928
Miss Rosabelle Osborne, C.B.E., R.R.C.	1928-1930
Miss Marguerite Elizabeth Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C.	1930-1934
Miss Daisy Maud Martin, C.B.E., R.R.C.	1934-1938
Miss Catherine Murray Roy, C.B.E., R.R.C., M.M.	1938-1940
Dame Katharine Henrietta Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar	1940-1944
Dame Louisa Jane Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C.	1944-1948

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps

Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services :

Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.R.C., K.H.N.S. 1948-to date

Promotions

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors :

M. H. McPherson, 1st January, 1951 ; (T./Lieut.-Colonel) A. Flanagan, 4th February, 1951.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains :

A. Boad, 3rd January, 1951 ; A. E. Leinster, 13th February, 1951 ; J. E. M. Godfrey, 16th July, 1949.

Short Service

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains :

H. John, 25th December, 1950 ; C. B. Mackerron, 1st January, 1951 ; R. Clive, 15th January, 1951 ; K. J. Roberts, 3rd January, 1951 ; M. A. Lett, 23rd January, 1951 ; H. P. Jones, 11th February, 1951 ; M. A. Pinson, 17th February, 1951 ; M. Summers, 24th March, 1951 ; E. Wadmore, 30th November, 1950 ; U. M. Cox, 6th March, 1951 ; G. E. Jenkins, 25th May, 1951.

NOTE 1.—A number of officers are due for consideration for advancement in rank under the time promotion system. When decision is received the promotions will be gazetted and the officers notified individually by War Office.

NOTE 2.—Apologies to Lieut.-Colonel N. K. Smyth whose name was incorrectly printed in the last issue.

NOTE 3.—Other Rank promotions as yet are only acting ranks. We hope to publish lists when substantive promotions are made.

Reunion

THE THIRD Association Reunion held on 16th June at Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, was well supported and we hope enjoyed by everyone present. This was the first reunion attended by Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks who looked very smart in their uniform.

Our guest of honour was the Dowager Lady Amphill, who has been connected with the Q.As. since 1912 and is Vice-Patron of the Association.

Four Matrons-in-Chief were with us : Miss F. M. Hodgins, Dame Katharine Jones, Dame Louisa Wilkinson, and the present Matron-in-Chief, Brigadier Dame Anne Thomson.

This reunion, we are very happy to say, has paid for itself and with the more expensive tickets has accomplished what we hoped for—it has covered the small deficit on the two previous reunions.

There are some photographs if anyone is interested, a group with the veterans, another of the guests listening to a speaker, one of the Matrons-in-Chief with Lady Amphill, and also one of the group of other ranks intent on ice-cream.

The following extracts from members' letters are of interest :

This is to thank you for a very pleasant afternoon. It was so nice to meet Miss Hodgins again, and although not knowing most of the other Nursing Sisters it was delightful to meet and to see so many there, linking up with the past and the future of the Army Nursing Service of which I am very proud.

S. A. CLARIDGE,
*Princess Christian's Army Nursing Service
Reserve, Boer War.*

Just to say how much I enjoyed the party. It was heartening to meet many old friends when I had thought I would know few. Lady Amphill is so nice ; fancy 40 years in attendance on Queen Mary.

I trust the reunion was a financial success. . . . The present day young folk have great ideas. . . .

F. MAY HODGINS,
Matron-in-Chief, 1924-28.

A few weeks ago several of the Other Ranks from the Depot attended the first Q.A. Reunion, where Other Ranks were invited. Beforehand we were a bit dubious about it and thought that usually being an all officer reunion we would be made to feel that we were intruders.

This was not the case, the moment we stepped into the hotel we were made to feel that we belonged, everyone, whatever rank they held came up to speak to us. They told us of the old times when the Corps was still considered to be quite a baby ; they also spoke of what they hoped to do in the future and in the latter they said that we would take an important part.

No, this was no ordinary meeting of officers and other ranks, this was a meeting between friends, something that would blossom out and become more important to us as each year passes.

In the future we hope to attend many more reunions, but no matter how many we do attend none will be quite the same as our first for it was at this that we were made to feel part of the Q.A.R.A.N.C.

For this Ma'am we offer to you and to all officers in the Q.As. our thanks, and hope that in future years we will have the same opportunity as officers to welcome others of our Corps.

J. P. MILLER, *Corporal*

D. BROWN, *Private*

K. A. BROADY, *Private*

K. M. GIBLIN, *Sergeant*

I feel I cannot let the occasion of the Reunion this year pass without first thanking you and your assistants for a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon, and do hope you feel that the tremendous success of the occasion justified your efforts. Speaking as one of the many "T.A.N.S." present I can only say that I thoroughly enjoyed meeting old colleagues, and hearing news of many others who, unfortunately, were unable to be present. I was particularly pleased to see other ranks present, and hope that they, too, will enjoy meeting colleagues at future reunions.

I think the Friends' Scheme of the Association is a grand idea and do sincerely hope more members will find time to pay visits in their locality, and so give a little pleasure, particularly perhaps to those "senior members" of the Service who through ill-health, age or change of circumstances, are often very lonely in retirement. Personally, I have derived and hope to continue to do so, great pleasure and enjoyment from my visits to members in this area; especially the very elderly ones whose views on Nursing during the last half century have been both entertaining and enlightening. I know they do sincerely appreciate the visits and the great work being done on their behalf by the administrators of the Association. Again thanking you for the splendid work.

DAISY MARGARET CHANDLER,
née Johnson, ex T.A.N.S., 1940-47.

I come from Wales and have been to every one of the Reunions and enjoyed them all, but I do believe this last Reunion was the best. I met many friends and was introduced to one Sister, and we found that we had been girls together. It was a great help having the name cards. I hope to come again next year.

What impresses me most in the Association is the friendly spirit between old and young, past and present.

I stayed in Queen Mary's House at St. Leonards for a fortnight after a four-months' illness and met great kindness from the warden

and residents. It is a beautiful house, so comfortable and clean, good food and plentiful.

Among the residents were three of my old matrons with whom I had served in India, Aldershot and France. They had not changed, except to look younger. We had little tea-parties in some of the bed-sitting rooms, and I do thank them for all their friendliness. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at Queen Mary's House.

I wish more who could be members of the Association would join. I tell all I meet about it.

CATHERINE JANE LEWIS,
Q.A. Reserve, World Wars I and II.
I.M.N.S. (T.), 1919-1921.

Not Cross But Candid

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Some of you may remember the "Ode to Confused Males" given in the April issue of the GAZETTE last year. The following, being the Confused Male's reply, reached us rather belatedly and for one reason or another has never managed to get into print, but we thought that you might like to have it at last.

My dears! Why always be so blind?
These ranks in Army Womankind
(And all of the attendant fuss)
Remain anathema to us.

"Commander" 's bad, and "Captain" 's worse,
But "Sister" meant to us a Nurse.
The reason that the ranks us vex
Is that they do not suit your sex.

Our Majors ooze with vanity
And utter much profanity.
It's better you remain as "Nurse."
Leave us the bombast and the curse.

And have you stopped to think of this?
Generals would salute a "Miss";
But now, Captain Florence N—
Stand up! Salute these Major men.

One thought howe'er may cheer us all
Since men are men and Eve *did* fall—
Our Colonels we are glad to say
Will still your Captains lead astray.

J. T. MOORE (R.A.M.C.)

News from the Branches

WE ARE coming along. Two more branches forming and none could say the Association is restricted in a geographical sense, for our latest recruits embrace East Africa and New Zealand. We are all delighted to welcome these two new branches which were approved at the July Central Committee. We hope that they will flourish exceedingly, and we shall look forward to hearing from them.

Scottish Branch

Miss E. McIntosh, the Secretary, writes as follows :

The Scottish Branch is well and truly on its feet. The numbers have risen considerably, we now have 145 members. Every effort is being made to create a friendly spirit amongst these members and informal tea parties have been taking place. Edinburgh rose nobly and organized one on a large scale, a most successful undertaking. Glasgow has given two more modest ones, but hopes to have a third in September. The problem is how to advertise these informal teas.

EDITOR.—Use the GAZETTE if dates can be fixed far enough ahead.

Australian Branch

Sixteen ex-Q.A. Reserves living in New South Wales held a reunion last December at the Women's Club, 167, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, to recall war-time events and renew the friendships of those years. They planned to have another meeting in April, but so far there has been no news of what happened then. Miss G. Hope Hearn gave us this information and mentioned that one of their number, Miss Katie Codd, is taking up medicine and is now in her first year at Sydney University. Good luck to Miss Codd in her new career.

Major H. J. Kirkwood, Q.A.R.A.N.C., spent a recent leave in Australia and on 3rd April was the guest of honour at a party given by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association in Victoria. There were about twenty members present, including one 1914-18 Q.A. All were keen to hear first hand of the Corps today and the introduction of the Other Rank element.

Branch membership for Australia now stands at over forty.

Midland Branch

Membership stands at eighty-four. This branch managed to send a representative, Miss M. B. Hall, to the meeting of the Central Committee at 20, John Islip Street, S.W.1, on 16th July. Every Branch Chairman is an ex-officio member of this Committee, but may send any member of the Branch Committee as her deputy.

Miss Hall gave the branch half-yearly report and told us many other little bits of news.

They are really very enterprising and have made the proposal that the Association Reunion might be held in Birmingham next summer

when, of course, the Midland Branch Committee would be chief hostesses. It is a splendid idea and would be particularly convenient for those members who live in the North, Wales and the Midlands, besides offering opportunity for members in and around London to prove that they, too, are willing to make a journey to meet old friends. Details are being investigated and it is hoped to announce something more definite in the next GAZETTE.

The first informal Branch Luncheon was held on Saturday, 23rd June, at the Norfolk Hotel, Hagley Road, Birmingham, before the quarterly meeting. Miss W. B. Mountain, Hon. Secretary, writes: "Nineteen members were present and two potential members. They came from as far afield as Oswestry, Malvern and Leamington, and though most of them were not known to each other during their Service years, they were soon reminiscing and found that they had mutual friends in India, Egypt and other foreign parts and memories of the lovely journey by Nile steamer from Wadi Halfi to El Shalal, and the Sisters' Mess of Poona and Cairo. Some of the members had served in the 1914-18 war, and it was very nice to have them with us.

"After lunch the members crossed the Hagley Road to the home of Mrs. Selby Tait, *née* Joyce Smith, Q.A.I.M.N.S., our Vice-Chairman, who had made arrangements for a short business meeting to be held there, and for tea in the garden, which all members thoroughly enjoyed. The weather was most kind to us. There were twenty-six members at tea, as a few who were unable to come to lunch came for tea. Mrs. Selby Tait very kindly provided the tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per person was made, thus enabling us to start our own funds. In October a Bring-and-Buy Sale is to be held, and it is hoped to arrange for another informal lunch, and the date of this will be 20th or 27th October.

"A photograph was taken of members being helped to tea by Mrs. Tait and her charming small daughter, Frances, who, the local paper states, will follow in her mother's footsteps and become a member of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps."

It is a pity we cannot produce this photo in the GAZETTE for you all to see, but at the moment we are not allowing ourselves the extra luxury of pictures.

Miss M. A. Gannon, Chairman of the Midland Branch, would be delighted to welcome Association members visiting the area at any luncheon or meeting.

New Zealand

With commendable zeal twenty ex-Army Sisters held an Inaugural Meeting on 16th June, forming themselves into a branch and immediately applying for acceptance into our Association.

They decided to meet quarterly, one occasion to be an annual dinner. GAZETTE and Association badges were ordered. Their Secretary (address given in this issue) would be glad if members who are visiting New Zealand, or who intend to settle there, will contact her.

East Africa

The Inaugural Meeting for this branch was to be held on 15th June. No details are to hand yet.

This branch will probably be able to recruit some Associate members for many who served in the East African Army Nursing Service would be eligible. Applications for Associate members have to be approved individually by the Central Committee.

Sports Notes

Swimming

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. summer events took place at the R.A.M.C. Gala at Aldershot on 5th June. The officers' contest, 66½ yards free style for the Q.A. Cup, was won by Captain B. J. Rattee.

A cup, which was presented to the Q.A.I.M.N.S. pre-war, has now been given over for a Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks' Cup. Pte. E. J. Bell, of Catterick, carried off the cup in the 66½ yards free style Other Ranks' race, with Pte. E. M. Radford from the Depot coming in second.

Tennis

The Medforth Cup Tournament, held this year on 22nd June at the United Services Club, Chatham, was won by Captain B. Rattee from the Depot, who beat Captain R. Clive from B.A.O.R. in the final 6—1, 6—2.

The Inter-Nursing Services Cup Tennis Tournament was also held at Chatham on 20th July. Each year the winner and runner-up of the Medforth Cup are entered for the Inter-Nursing Services Cup, but this year, at the request of Captain Clive, Major E. M. Turner, who has frequently partnered Captain Rattee in doubles, took her place.

(Incidentally, Captain Rattee was selected to play in the Army Women's Tennis Trials, but the result of selections made are not yet known.)

In brilliant weather, with the Q.A.R.A.N.C. as hostesses, a gay crowd of supporters from all three Services watched the play. The Army were openly anxious that their players should redeem the Q.A. record with this Cup. They have only won it once, in 1939. The first set, between the Navy and the Army, produced many tense moments—it was a ding-dong battle—but the Navy won the well-deserved triumph, 8—6, 6—4, and maintained this position by next beating the Air Force 6—1, 6—1.

The final struggle was between the Army and Air Force, resulting in the Army being victors, 6—4, 6—4. Games won overall: Navy 26, Army 22, Air Force 10. This is the third year in succession

Postings From and Reversions to Home Establishment, January to March, 1951

From Middle East

Colonel A. S. Watson
Major M. K. Thomson
Major E. M. Neale
Captain K. M. Dallas
Captain J. Paris
Captain E. M. Thompson
Lieut. F. W. Messiter
Lieut. M. Dixon
Lieut. M. D. Bradley
Lieut. J. Gilroy
Captain A. Kirwan

From FARELF

Lieut.-Colonel A. Dexter
Major G. B. Powell
Captain M. C. R. Herkis
Captain A. V. Fenton
Captain J. Monteath
Captain C. O'Rourke
Captain M. P. Albrecht
Lieut. C. G. McMullen-Pearson
Lieut. D. C. A. Andrews

From Gibraltar

Lieut. A. Roberts

From Jamaica

Major B. M. Fitzpatrick
Captain D. Hunt

From West Africa

Major G. M. Clarke
Major P. A. Jones
Captain F. M. L. Brasse
Captain K. A. Lang
Lieut. W. A. Newbrook
Captain E. K. Wood

From East Africa

Major M. B. Skehan
Major G. M. Willoughby
Major D. A. Jones
Major A. T. Hayes

From B.A.O.R.

Captain A. M. MacCormack

To FARELF

Captain W. V. Peters
Lieut. O. Berry
Lieut. M. M. Rutter
Lieut. P. Butler
Lieut. B. M. Clifford

Lieut. A. M. Corbett
Lieut. W. E. M. Mason
Lieut. M. E. Campbell
Lieut. B. M. Holmes
Lieut. M. D. Harris
Lieut. B. M. Grubb
Lieut. D. E. Aufray-Jones

To East Africa

Captain B. I. Burns
Captain F. G. Hill
Lieut. D. M. Eldridge
Lieut. K. O'Donoghue
Lieut. G. S. Raitt
Lieut. G. R. Dawe
Lieut. C. M. Wilkinson
Lieut. C. Sullivan

To West Africa

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Major W. Napier
Captain B. Spencer
Captain E. Philipson
Lieut. S. Farrell
Lieut. J. Lockwood
Lieut. N. Lozman
Lieut. G. Maybery
Lieut. B. P. Richards
Lieut. E. Edmond
Lieut. E. Pringle
Lieut. M. Maguire
Lieut. G. M. Clarke

To M.E.L.F.

Lieut.-Colonel E. D. A. McHardy
Major J. B. Chambers
Major M. H. McPherson
Major L. E. Thompson
Major C. M. Bokenham
Major H. Kirkwood
Captain A. F. Greene
Captain P. M. Martin
Captain I. G. Mitchell
Captain A. H. Nichol
Captain H. John
Lieut. M. M. Berry
Lieut. J. W. Montgomery
Lieut. E. C. Morgan
Lieut. E. E. Williams
Lieut. A. I. Welch
Lieut. M. O. Moore
Lieut. I. P. Davies
Lieut. N. E. Slack
Lieut. N. Rendell

To B.A.O.R.

Colonel E. M. B. Dyson
Major D. M. Dryden
Major H. H. A. Hudson
Captain M. Summers
Captain G. M. Davies
Captain J. Parsons
Captain W. Delany
Lieut. I. M. Russ
Lieut. M. L. Omerod
Lieut. I. M. Mayo
Lieut. C. B. Baldwin
Lieut. P. M. G. Fricker
Lieut. M. C. Hattle
Lieut. E. M. Johnson
Lieut. H. McMartin
Lieut. M. E. Burrows
Lieut. J. M. Carey
Lieut. J. M. Davies

Lieut. J. McMinn
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To BETFOR

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To Gibraltar

Captain E. M. Makepeace
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To Japan

Lieut. M. Keenan
Lieut. I. M. Shaw

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Any further names coming in will be published later.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to our members whose work for the Corps was recognized in the Birthday Honours List :

M.B.E. ... Captain M. M. Church
R.R.C. ... Major Dorothy O. Wakeham
A.R.R.C. ... Captain Margaret G. Davidson, Captain Winifred
M. Hall

A Visit to Cloud Cottage

RIGHT ON the Equator lies Mount Kenya with its snow-capped peak within full view of the Mwingo, a luxury hotel renowned for its comfort and cuisine. Five miles up the slopes of the mountain the manager of the hotel has built a cottage 30 feet up in the trees. The journey to Cloud Cottage is taken in a specially sprung station wagon through the dense forest where a path has been cut, more than that you cannot say, as the surface is indescribable—lumps and bumps and slopes that it would seem impossible for a vehicle to negotiate.

To gain access to the Cottage a double length of wooden steps has been built, the bottom half sliding up as soon as the adventurers have taken up residence. On three sides is dense jungle—on the fourth is a natural glade—and a veranda in the Cottage looks straight out over the glade. You can see tunnels, pathways into the jungle used by the wild animals. The Cottage consists of two double rooms and one single, a kitchen, lounge and veranda—modern sanitation—cold water laid on actually pumped up from the river each day.

The day our party went was gloriously sunny. We arrived about 4 p.m. after a hair-raising trek through the forest. The steps were drawn up, and the African "boy" got busy making tea. The birds were of every hue and description; the forest was vibrating with their different songs, and one could hardly bear to sit back and relax. Presently a deer came stealthily across the glade and disappeared the other side. No more game were seen till nightfall. It was full moon and as clear as day. After dinner we again took up our posts. A Game Warden was also on the lookout, and we saw a black object come lumbering into the glade, which we were told was a rhino. Later on two more came; the stillness of the forest could almost be felt, it was as if the whole forest was holding its breath. By this time it was distinctly cold and we hugged our big coats round us, but, on the Equator, the clear air got the better of us and we retired to bed leaving the Warden on guard in case anything interesting appeared. Elephants of a hill type with short tusks are sometimes seen, and buffalo, which are among the most dangerous of animals.

The birds awakened us in the morning and, sitting on the veranda sipping our tea, we saw one after the other a herd of Impala (deer) come out very, very stealthily. A grunting noise from the jungle set them on the alert and they remained motionless for twenty minutes absolutely frozen, facing the direction from which the noise came—then, for no apparent reason, leapt one after the other back into the far side of the forest.

Presently we heard the car approaching to take us reluctantly back to the hotel for breakfast, thus ending a never-to-be-forgotten experience of nature unspoiled.

MEMBER EAST AFRICAN BRANCH

Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women Nursing and Hospital Appointments Section

THERE are good opportunities for State Registered Nurses throughout the British Commonwealth. The Society is able to obtain information about specific hospitals in the Dominions and Colonies, and advise any applicants who are qualified to take up hospital appointments.

Canada.—Vacancies for State Registered Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Radiographers, Laboratory Technicians and Nursing Aids.

Employers usually require a personal interview. The S.O.S.B.W. is in touch with the Registrar of Nurses in each Province, and with all professional associations. The Society has representatives in all the larger cities, who are glad to advise and help any settlers carrying letters of introduction.

A Government Assisted (Loan) Passage Scheme has recently been inaugurated which applies to nurses and workers in certain other fields of employment.

Labrador.—The Grenfell Mission requires State Registered Nurses with S.C.M. Certificate for pioneer work. Passage paid on three years' contract.

Union of South Africa.—Vacancies for Private Nursing Sisters, Staff Nurses, Sister Tutors, Theatre Sisters, Radiographers and Dietitians, Teachers of Physiotherapy (T.M.M.G. and T.M.E.), Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists.

Southern Rhodesia.—Staff Nurses (Part I Midwifery) and qualified Mental Nurses required. Outward passages provided, but in the event of a nurse resigning within three years of appointment she will be liable for the whole or a proportion of the fare. There is a cost of living allowance, which is at present 20 per cent. of salary.

Kenya Colony.—There are from time to time vacancies for State Registered Nurses with the S.C.M. Certificate in small general European Hospitals, also for State Registered Nurses with the R.S.C.N. Certificate at the Gertrude's Garden Children's Hospital, Nairobi. Agreements are usually for four years, at the end of which £120 towards the double passage is contributed by the employer.

Australia.—Openings for Nurses in this Dominion are usually in private wards of general hospitals or in country hospitals. Salaries vary in different States. Candidates appointed travel under the Assisted Passage Scheme.

Syria: Altoumyan Hospital, Aleppo.—A Sister with teaching experience is required to train Syrian probationers. Fare on three years' contract. Annual leave six weeks.

NOTE.—Application for the above posts will be dealt with only by the Nurses' Panel, Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women, 43-44, Parliament Street, London, S.W.1, to whom all inquiries should be addressed, and by whom candidates will be interviewed on behalf of the respective employers. No fees are charged by the Society.

New Zealand.—There are a limited number of openings for State Registered Nurses between 20 and 45 years of age. Nurses travel out under the Free Passage Scheme. Nursing Trainees, with Secondary School education, between 18 and 30 years of age, are required for general training and can travel under the Free Passage Scheme. All applications should be made to the Chief Migration Officer, New Zealand Government Offices, 415, Strand, London, W.C.2.

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