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Annual General Meeting of the Midland Branch 1953: Miss Gannon, R.R.C., Chairman, receiving the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

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## Editorial

IT seems an hundred years since the material for the May Gazette was sent to the printers. Looking back, one thinks of Sir Walter Scott—

“ one crowded hour of glorious life  
is worth an age without a name ”

for that seems the only way to describe the last few weeks.

The Corps was represented in the Abbey, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation by the Matron-in-Chief, and by the Colonel-Commandant, and a Detachment of the Corps marched in the Procession. No member of the Association who saw this Detachment, either in the flesh, or on Television, or on the Film, but must have purred with pride at their smart turn-out, and superb precision of drill.

Few of us, indeed, could be present in the Abbey, and probably not very many of us could be even in London, but wherever we were, in our thoughts we were with Her Majesty, offering our love and devotion, and echoing in our hearts the great words of Homage—“ and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folks. So help me God.”

And what fun it was, too ! Has London ever been gayer, the crowds larger or more cheerful, the Police more magnificent, or the traffic more congested, or could the weather have been worse ?

Though this last seemed to be, in a curious way, very much in keeping with the national tradition, and somehow, one had the feeling that if a brilliantly fine day had been added to the glorious news of the conquest of Mount Everest, it would have been almost too much, even a little bit unlucky.

Corps Week has again come and gone, and, from all accounts, has once more been a great success. The credit for this goes, in no small way, to the Organizers of the various events, who put in

a tremendous amount of work beforehand, to ensure that everything went like clock-work.

Our congratulations to the following, whose names appear in the Birthday and Coronation Honours List :

Major N. H. Hodgman, R.R.C., 1st Class.

Major E. A. Horrocks, R.R.C., 1st Class.

Major R. C. Davis, A.R.R.C., 2nd Class.

Major C. J. de Rouffignac, A.R.R.C., 2nd Class.

Major E. Thorpe, A.R.R.C., 2nd Class.

Major P. C. Stewart, R.R.C., 1st Class.

(for service in Korea and Japan).

The Royal review of Ex-Service Men and Women in Hyde Park on July 5th was blessed with glorious weather. Over an hundred members of the Association, headed by Col. Dyson, M.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar, took part in the Parade and March Past. And if the marching didn't quite reach the supreme standard set by the serving Q.A's in the Coronation Procession, well, we hadn't had the practice which they obviously had had, and anyway, most of us, alas, are no longer quite so young as we once were !

The following telegram was received from Marshal of the Royal Air Force, the Lord Tedder, Commanding the Parade :

DAME LOUISA J. WILKINSON, D.B.E., R.R.C., ADMINISTRATOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS ASSOCIATION 20 JOHN ISLIP STREET MILLBANK LONDON SW1

I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL FROM HER MAJESTY QUOTE I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE SPLENDID REVIEW OF EX-SERVICE MEN AND EX-SERVICE WOMEN IN HYDE PARK YESTERDAY AND BY THEIR BEARING BOTH DURING MY INSPECTION AND AS THEY MARCHED PAST STOP I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU AS COMMANDER OF THE PARADE WOULD CONVEY MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE ORGANISATIONS THAT TOOK PART SIGNED ELIZABETH R UNQUOTE I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO HAVE HAD THE HONOUR OF COMMANDING YOU ON SUCH AN OCCASION—TEDDER.

Attention is drawn to the new regulations governing Association Membership and Gazette Subscriptions. These will be found at the end of this number.

*Secondment of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers for service with the Pakistan Army.*

The following extremely interesting piece of information has been received from the War Office.

The undermentioned officers have been selected from volunteers for service with the Pakistan Army.

Major A. Flanagan, A.R.R.C., who is to take up the appointment of Matron of C.M.H., Quetta, in August, '53.

Major G. E. Jones who is to take up the appointment of Matron of C.M.H., Rawalpindi, in August, '53.

Quetta and Rawalpindi are names which bring back hosts of memories to many members of the Association, and the good wishes which accompany Major Flanagan and Major Jones in their enterprise will, in not a few cases, be tinged with wistful envy.

We sympathize with the unsuccessful volunteers, and wish the best of good luck to the two officers who have been selected. We also hope very much that one or other of them (if not both!), in addition to official reports, will feel moved to set down some of their experiences on paper for the benefit of the GAZETTE!

If Branch Secretaries and individual Members could send in news items, either during the last week of December, March, June and September, or before the end of the first week of January, April, July and October, it would be a great help in keeping the Gazette up to date. At present, our "News of Members" has to be winkled out of the Nursing Papers, and if Army Service is not mentioned, it is difficult to know who is or is not, likely to be a Member. Besides, we can't maintain first-hand interest with second-hand news, can we?

We acknowledge, with many thanks, the July Number of the British Army Journal, and the Summer Number of the Army Medical Services Magazine.

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## In which we Sailed

FOR those of us who during the war sailed in the great "troopers" of the Union-Castle Line, it is interesting to note that this year, the Company are celebrating their centenary.

Of dual origin, the Company arose from the amalgamation of the Union Steam Collier Company and the Castle Packet Company. Stern rivals in the early days, these two companies vied with each other for mail contracts at a time when premiums were paid to the fastest ships. Between them they forged some of the strongest links between England and South Africa and they were amalgamated in 1900, since which time there has been built up a fine fleet, now numbering twenty six vessels, ranging from the mighty

“ Pretoria Castle ” and “ Edinburgh Castle ” of 28,705 tons each to the smallest ship, the Roslin Castle a cargo vessel of 7,016 tons.

During 96 of the hundred years of their existence, the ships of the Union-Castle Line have taken an active part in the history of England and South Africa, and have played an important part in all the wars. In the Crimean War, the ships of the Union Steam Colliery Company took over the service between Southampton, Constantinople and Smyrna, left in abeyance by the Government requisitioning of the P. & O. Liners for transports. In the Zulu War of 1879, it was a Castle Liner, steaming at full speed that bore the news of the plight of British troops besieged at Isandlwana, and was thus instrumental in the relief of those forces. Later the Castle ships themselves bore troops and the “ Pretoria ” made a record passage to Natal carrying an entire regiment of the 91st Highlanders (the Argylls).

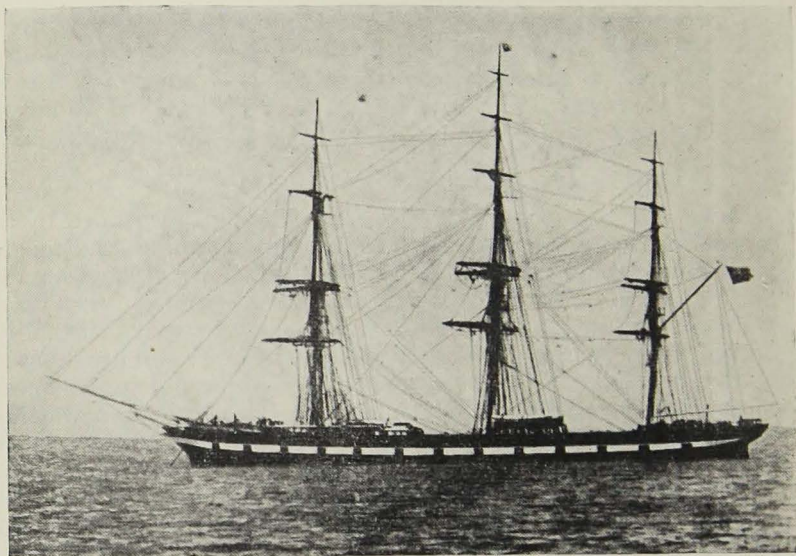
In the Boer War, the Union-Castle ships were used extensively as troop transports and conveyers of sick and wounded, and in the first World War the whole united fleet went to the service of its country, sharing with the other great Shipping Lines the grim tasks of war. Many honours were made for bravery among the Company's staff and 440 lives were lost.

In 1939 the Union-Castle Line again went to war and a gross tonnage of 383,000 tons was poured into Britain's second struggle for victory. Bereft of their bright paint, these proud ships, built by British hands and mostly of British materials were disguised for the role they were to play. Grey and grim, they were fitted with guns and they went out to serve as armed merchant cruisers and transports. They all served with courage, and many with distinction.

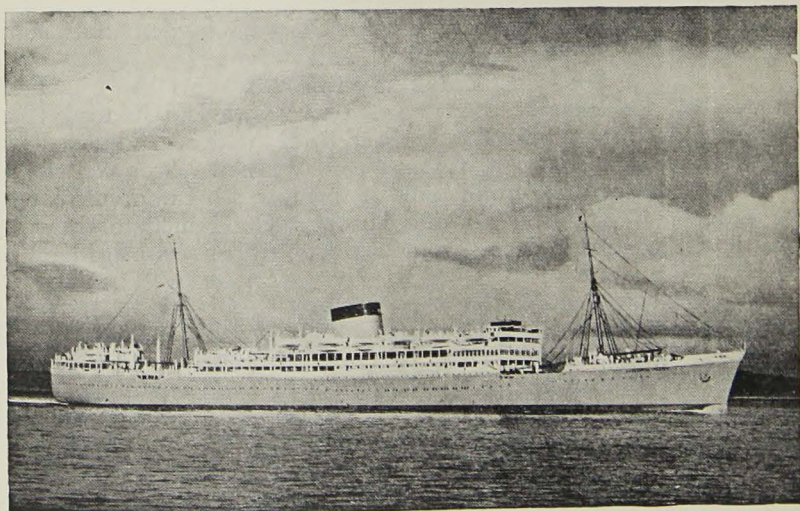
Of them all, the “ Llangibby Castle ” seems to have had the most adventurous career. She travelled 3,400 miles in the North Atlantic, during winter, with 1,400 service personnel and crew on board, after her stern, rudder and gun had been blown away by a torpedo. In this precarious state she reached the Azores, but on leaving Gibraltar under escort she was attacked by concentrated enemy action. During the affray, a U-boat was sunk, and two others probably sunk. Her Master, two officers and eight ratings were decorated for their services. She was later bombed in port, shelled from the North African coast, and was involved in a collision. Yet she lived to tell the tale and took part as an assault ship carrying about 100,000 men between Southampton and Normandy. Quite a record for a small ship—she was only 12,039 tons.

Another ship with distinctive service, and in which many of us must have sailed at a later stage, was the “ Carnarvon Castle.” As an armed merchant cruiser, she fought a 90 minute battle in the South Atlantic in 1940 against the heavily armed German

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CARNARVON CASTLE 1,200 tons.  
*Built in 1867. One of Donald Currie's East India traders.*



CARNARVON CASTLE 20,141 tons.  
*Built in 1926, when she had two funnels and a straight stem. Photograph shows the ship as she is today, after alteration and re-engining in 1938.*

raider "Thor," which she repeatedly hit with her 6 inch guns, and put to rout.

But nearest to a Q.A's heart would be the "Llandovery Castle" which served as a hospital ship. She carried over 38,000 wounded men, evacuating casualties from the East and from North Africa, and after the invasion of Normandy she carried the Allied wounded, including two complements of Canadians whom she took direct to Canada.

And of the smallest ones, the "Rochester Castle" took part in the famous Malta Convoy of 1942, and although torpedoed by an E-boat and badly damaged by continuous bombing, she fought her way through to Valetta with her precious cargoes intact. The "Dundrum Castle" a small cargo steamer sent out her boats at the time of the fall of France, and rescued 120 survivors from the Cunard Liner "Lancastria." Right down to the "baby" of the fleet, the little "Walmer Castle" of 906 tons, the bravery and courage of these ships was outstanding. This little ship was lost from bombing and machine gun fire in 1941, but her crew fought back with their guns from her blazing decks until she went down. Her Master was killed, along with many of his crew, and the First Radio Officer was awarded the George Medal for the rescue of three of his comrades from the shattered cabin.

Such then, were the ships in which we sailed to war. They carried us well, and although in the later stages of the war much of the glamour and adventure was left behind, their caution and their concern for our safety we remember with gratitude and with pride. They are now no longer grey and grim, but have returned to their former finery, carrying between the United Kingdom and South and East Africa, passengers, mail and cargoes.

So, as we gaze upon these luxury Liners, it is well to remember that they too have seen days when there was no luxury, when death stalked them from the skies and from the deep and days when they braved the hazards of wind and weather. It is well to remember that in the proud lines of them, lies a hundred years of courage and pioneer sea-faring history. Good luck to the ships of the Union-Castle Line—we do remember them with pride.

J. E. VINING



## Exercise "Flash"

Held at BMH Fayid on May 22nd to 24th, 1953

EXERCISES are usually held by the teeth arms of the Services, the object being :—

1. To train personnel for warfare.
2. To test the efficiency of men and material.
3. To see where improvements can be made in organisation and administration.

Exercise "Flash" was different from the usual run of exercises as it was centred on a Military Hospital and Q.A.R.A.N.C. personnel of all ranks actively participated.

On Monday 21st May, the participants in Exercise "Flash" arrived in Fayid, some were unable to make the journey owing to operational transport difficulties and a few arrived late for the same reason.

Among those attending were officers of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, P.M.R.A.F.N.S., Order of St. John, and B.R.C.S. Welfare Workers, and also civilian doctors from the Suez Canal Company.

Senior officers of all three services attended as spectators.

The aim of Exercise "Flash" was to test the capacity of a Military Hospital to cope with a major emergency in peace or war, and took the form of a theoretical and practical test, the hospital staff being concerned with the practical side and the participants in the exercise with the theoretical side.

Five syndicates of seven members were formed. Each syndicate comprised an O.C. Hospital, Matron, Surgeon, Physician, G.D.M.O., Quarter Master, and Welfare Worker, in fact, the people responsible for the organisation and administration of the Unit.

A model of the BMH FAYID was displayed in St. Luke's Hall, where all members assembled, details were given as to wards occupied, empty beds, empty wards, number of operating theatres available, blood supply, central sterile supply and reception of patients, etc.

The first day of the exercise was concerned mainly with the theoretical side. After listening to some build-up lectures including an account of Col. P. Sayers' recent experience of assisting in the treatment of burn cases from a Valetta crash a very loud "bang" was heard, undoubtedly an explosion. Five minutes later a report was handed in to Colonel Ahern who dramatically reported the "crash." The narrative was that a plane carrying fuel had crashed on to a parade ground while men of the 1st Blankshire Regt. were on parade. Casualties approximating 150 burns and other cases could be expected within the hour. The first question

paper of the exercise was given out after which the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the syndicates were tested with various problems put before them.

Syndicates were banished to their respective study rooms to work out their methods of dealing with the situation, and received during their conference the latest information from the scene of the crash, and further details as to the casualties expected.

On the following day at the same time as the syndicates were informed of the calamity, the hospital staff were briefed and organised teams of officers, both medical and nursing, and orderlies set about cleaning and equipping the two wards which contained only beds, mattresses and lockers. Within 50 minutes the wards were fully equipped and ready to receive the casualties. Everything was in position, bed cradles, fracture boards, drip stands, sterile syringes of useful sizes, all had appeared like magic, even the folder by each bed containing all the necessary medical documents.

The syndicates, having worked out their own method of procedure were now able to visit reception, wards, theatres, etc., to see how the Directing Staff had solved the problem. The patients then commenced arriving in a steady stream, mainly burns of all degrees.

In the wards Nursing Orderlies were busy carefully cutting away clothing from the burnt areas, sisters helping with the more serious cases, medical officers assessing the priorities of patients for the operating theatres, reception clerks documenting, etc.

Of great interest was the ward demonstration how pre-arranged and well organised teams could get through with apparent ease what at first appeared an insurmountable amount of work; stripping, assessing, resuscitating teams undertook their work like clock work. Orderlies taking and recording blood pressures, making fluid balance charts and blood typing gave an impression of a well controlled industry. There was a sense of realism throughout the demonstration. The staff, Officers and Other Ranks knew their jobs and could discuss with confidence the work they were undertaking.

The patients, para troopers from 23 Para Fd. Ambulance, certainly entered into the spirit of the exercise and increased the already realistic atmosphere by acting their parts as seriously ill patients. One patient was asked if he felt as bad as he looked and replied "Gee I hope not."

There was also a number of playlets arranged by the Directing Staff, depicting the briefing action in the various offices on receipt of the news.

"The Matron Manages" was the scene in the Matron's office on return from her summons to the O.C. as she selected her team officers for the emergency. The Matron was Lt.-Col. E. M. Sommerville and her deputy, Major M. J. Scannell. The playlet was regarded as one of the best.

A demonstration on "The Admission of a patient into Hospital" was given as a playlet, those taking part were Capt. J. L. S. Montgomerie and Cpl. Gallant Q.A.R.A.N.C. and one R.A.M.C. officer and nursing orderly.

There was also a demonstration on "Routine Ward Dressings." The procedure was described by Major H. M. Carroll and carried out by Captains J. M. Orford and J. L. S. Montgomerie, using the non-touch method.

During the Exercise there were many interesting talks "The Present Conception of the Treatment of Burns by Exposure," was given by Lt.-Col. A. G. D. Whyte, was the first of the series and was most interesting.

One of the highlights was a talk by the Chief Sister Tutor MELF, Major H. M. Carroll on "The Q.A.R.A.N.C. and Team Work." This was delivered in a very finished and impressive manner and won great applause.

The early diagnosis of Anterior Poliomyelitis was the subject of a talk by Capt. R. P. Fletcher, R.A.M.C., and was combined with a practical demonstration of putting a patient into the mechanical respirator, and the subsequent treatment, including detailed nursing procedures skilfully carried out by the nursing team, directed by Capt. L. S. Lindfield, Q.A.R.A.N.C. This demonstration was a great success, especially as new nursing procedures were demonstrated and discussed.

The Rev. J. R. Youens gave a brief talk on "The Padre in Hospital" and spoke of the chaplain's duties and explained some of the many ways in which he could help the patients and the staff nursing them.

Yet another interesting talk was given by Capt. J. L. S. Montgomerie, Q.A.R.A.N.C., on "Hospital Improvements," she said "It is essential in the present century to keep astride the fast moving pace of progress and development, this is impossible if out of date methods and equipment are accepted and used." A demonstration of a new layout for sluice, sterilising and treatment rooms and a ward pantry which was almost complete was given.

A very interesting address was given by Capt. J. Lapper, R.A.M.C. on "The Future of the Male S.R.N. (or C<sub>344</sub>) in the R.A.M.C." He suggested that there were many ways in which they could be employed in military hospitals, as NCO's or as commissioned nursing officers, without having to divorce themselves from the nursing profession and still attain advancement in the Corps.

The Exercise was brought to a close at midday 24th May, by a

short address by Major-General W. A. D. Drummond, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., who said he intended holding no post mortem, but hoped that we would endeavour to take advantage of any lessons learnt in our sphere of work, and pass them on to those who could not attend. Certainly as far as the Q.A.R.A.N.C. attending were concerned, those three days were not wasted, and all unanimously agreed that things seen and heard would be of great value in the future administrative and nursing duties.

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## Association Re-union 1953

THE Association Reunion was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on June 6th. 236 members were present, not quite so many as last year, but this year the function was the first of the events held in connection with Corps. Week, and owing to the Depot's "Big Day" being held on the following day, not many Q.A's, including other ranks, were able to attend, but it was nice to see that a good number of Serving members were present.

The Chairman of the Association, Dame Louisa Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C., welcomed the members, and the honorary officers and committee members once again acted as hostesses.

The Dowager Lady Ampthill, D.C.V.O., C.I., G.B.E., Vice-Patron of the Association was guest of honour, and three former Matrons-in-Chief were among those present, Miss M. F. Hodgins, C.B.E., R.R.C., Dame Katherine Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C., and Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.C.C., as well as the present Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Brigadier H. S. Gillespie, M.B.E., R.R.C., D.A.N.S., Q.H.N.S. We were indeed pleased to have with us Lt. Col. Grindlay of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps., and Major Sherrard of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, both of whom appeared to be enjoying the party.

After tea, which was followed by ice-cream, Lady Ampthill paid a tribute to Her late Majesty Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps., and Patron of the Association. Dame Louisa thanked Lady Ampthill, and said how glad we were that she had been able to come to the Reunion. Bouquets of flowers were afterwards presented to Lady Ampthill and to Dame Louisa.

The Association Cup was won this year by Lt. J. McGann, who is at present serving with B.A.O.R, and was therefore not able to be present. Lady Ampthill presented the Cup to Col. K. M. Brady, R.R.C., who accepted it on behalf of Lt. McGann.

This part of the proceedings being over, and photographs having been taken, the bar was found to be open, and everyone present seemed to have found, and be talking to, at least one person whom

she knew. The floral decorations were charmingly arranged and were much admired.

In a word, the Reunion was, once more, most successful, and to the great satisfaction of the Hon. Treasurer, has again paid for itself!

B. COBDEN.

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## Corps Week at the Depot

ON SUNDAY morning 7th June, '53, a Drum head service and ceremonial Parade was held at the Depot & T.E., Hindhead at which many distinguished guests were present. The Service was conducted by the Reverend F. Hilborne Deputy Chaplain General to the Forces and the salute was taken by Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Harris, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Q.H.S. The Parade was commanded by the Commandant of the Depot, Colonel N. P. de B. Bampton, R.R.C. There were 250 Other Ranks and Officers on Parade. After the ceremony the guests were entertained to lunch in the Officers and Sergeant's Messes. In the afternoon the Semi-finals of the sports and Medforth Cup took place.

### *Sports Meeting*

The finals of the Corps Athletic sports were run off on Tuesday afternoon in which the representatives of the Depot were in competition with competitors from other Units, Chester, Millbank, Catterick, Netley, Aldershot and Woolwich. At the end of the meeting the Victor Ludorum was announced to be Pte. Osborn of the Depot.

### *Medforth Tennis Cup*

The closing rounds of the Medforth Cup were played at the same time, in the Semi-finals, Major E. M. Turner (depot) defeated Sergeant Douglas (Depot) and Lieutenant Izaard (Millbank) defeated Sergeant Maaz (Woolwich). In the splendidly fought finals Major E. M. Turner beat Lieutenant Izaard by 6—4, 6—3.

Music throughout the afternoon was provided by the band of the R.A.M.C. (Director of Music, Captain L. H. Brown, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.).

The Medforth Cup together with the prizes for sports was presented by Lady Down.

### *Coronation and Corps Week Dances*

Coronation and Corps Week coming so close together and the great urge for celebration festivity demanded the highest enthusiasm from all ranks at the Depot. No celebration could pass without DANCES. Organisation was on a high scale, all shoulders to the

wheel and best foot forward suddenly transformed the Drill shed into a ballroom, beyond recognition as an annexe to the barrack square. On Thursday 4th June, '53 the Depot held a Fancy Dress Ball, the key word was ingenuity and economy. The results were stupendous even unto three recruits scantily clad in sacking carrying the loose bones of the preliminary nurse training school, parading as cave men. Too numerous were the delightful costumes to describe. Chick Henderson and his eight piece orchestra played for dancing. The barrack square rapidly became a coach car park bringing guests from surrounding units numbering about 300. A very gay evening was had by all. Prizes were presented by the Commandant for the best single, double and tableaux entries.

On the 9th June, '53 a Corps week dance was held again in the newly acclaimed ballroom 300 guests were invited and despite the numerous celebrations of the previous week dancing continued until 1 a.m. when tired Q.A.'s happily retired to their barrack rooms and to well earned rest.

To complete the Corps week celebrations the Q.A.R.A.N.C. were represented on the Queens Birthday Parade at Aldershot for the first time by 250 Other Ranks and 14 Officers.

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## Coronation Review of Ex-Service Men and Women, Hyde Park

HITHERTO, I had no idea at all of the vast size of Hyde Park ! Dutifully, as bidden in the instructions, I entered the Park by Entrance "A" shortly after 1200 hours. Thousands of Ex-Service men and women, singly, in parties of twos, of tens and of fifties, were streaming in all directions. I found an officer with a map who appeared to be i/c traffic control. "Division M?" he replied, in answer to my question, "Now, let's see ; oh, I'm afraid that's over by the Serpentine " I thanked him, with a sinking heart, it sounded an awful long way off, (and it was !) and set off in a westerly direction.

After what seemed hours of time and miles of grass, I came to a tarmac path, running North and South. Here there was a kindly military policeman ; "Division M? Follow to the end of this track, (which seemed to stretch to a far distant horizon), and then bear left." On and on I went till I came to a cross ways and another traffic controller. "Division M? Go down that track, and turn right when you get to the Serpentine." I plodded on, wishing heartily that I had brought my bicycle, and after a while found another traffic cop and he said : "Go on to the bridge, don't cross

it, but turn sharp right." At the bridge, I found a finger-pole, directing to all the letters of the alphabet except M, and felt almost in despair. I found another military police man, and asked anxiously for Division M. "There, madam" said he, and there, of course, was an enormous M, right in front of me!

I saw a group of women, sitting on the grass, and ran over to them, and asked if they were Q.A's, but they said that they were F.A.N.Y's. I went a little further, and found another group, but they were W.A.A.C's. By this time I had begun to feel a little like the Old Woman and her Pig, and that not only should I "never get home to-night," but that I should never find any Q.A's at all. Then a voice behind me said, "Look, there are the Q.A's, over there," and sure enough, there they were, in a group under some trees, and Miss Baldock and Mrs. Mills giving out programmes. It was thrilling to find that we each had our own, with our names, beautifully inscribed. The lettering was the work, I understand, of one of Miss Baldock's nurses at St. Thomas's Babies' Hostel.

We sat on the grass, and ate sandwiches and boiled sweets and smoked, and began to find friends. Then we were called to our feet, and stood, more or less, at attention, in more or less straight lines, but I'm afraid none of us stopped talking for one moment. (What would the Serjeants at the Depot have thought of us!) Then a hoarse whisper in the background bade us stand properly at attention, and stop talking, as the Princess Royal was coming round. Her Royal Highness had been, we were told, to see the ex-service women of her own Corps, and we were very touched to think she had remembered that Queen Mary was our Colonel-in-Chief and Patron, and had taken the trouble to come and see us also, for it meant quite a bit of extra walking, under a very hot sun, and I hope she realized how greatly we appreciated her kind thought.

Soon after this, we moved off to our Review station; the going was rough, and our ranks uncertain, but we got there all the same, taking up our position at about 1330 hours. We were then allowed to sit down, until shortly before Her Majesty's arrival.

It was very pleasant, sitting in the sun and gossiping. Everyone seemed to meet at least half-a-dozen unexpected friends, the usual opening being "I can't remember your name, but weren't you at so-and-so?"

In a short time, we were called from the semi-recumbent to the vertical, and stood stiffly to attention as the Royal Standard was broken, the Royal Salute played, and Her Majesty arrived.

Then followed a short Service, with an address by the Archbishop of Canterbury. We heard him clearly over the loud-hailers, he spoke very well, and did not go on too long. We sang a couple of hymns. It seemed to me that the Q.A's, with long

traditions of ward Services behind them, were the only people singing, but that was probably, because we sang with such terrific vigour, that we couldn't hear anyone else! I know we finished one verse quite five bars ahead of the band!

After this came the Review. Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, drove very slowly round the immense parade, in a sort of glorified jeep, and every one could see her very well. We definitely broke ranks for this, and cheered wildly as she passed by. She looked as lovely as she always does, and delightfully cool in her blue dress and hat, a great contrast to her devoted ex-service men and women, who by this time were distinctly hot and sticky!

When the Review was over, Her Majesty spoke to us, and gave us great pleasure by saying that though we were officially "Ex-Service," she knew that we did not consider ourselves so very "Ex," and that she knew that she could count on us again in any future emergency.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Commander of the Parade then called for three cheers for Her Majesty, which were given in no uncertain manner, and must have been heard, I think, from Richmond to the Tower of London.

Then began the March Past. It seemed a long time until it was Division M's turn to move. A serjeant of the Royal Artillery miraculously shepherded us into six ranks of 20 abreast, and with Colonel Dyson at our head, we suddenly found ourselves marching off. Our progress over grass was uncertain and irregular to begin with, but once we got onto the even surface of the East Carriage Drive, we settled into our stride, and "eyes-right"-ed smartly as we passed the Saluting Base.

It was a long march down past Hyde Park Corner, and we dispersed in Rotten Row, in a cloud of dust that made some of us feel that we were back in the desert. Colonel Dyson said she was very pleased with us, and we took our several ways, feeling that "the old ladies of Millbank," as a member's small daughter once described the Association, had not done too badly on the whole.

M. C. DRUMMOND-HAY

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## Book Reviews

### **One Hundred Years of Army Nursing by Ian Hay**

THIS is a book that should be a source of enjoyment and interest not only to every member of the Army Nursing Services—past and present—but to every professional nurse, for the story of endeavour, enterprise and advance against opposition and lack of understanding is the story of professional nursing which, after all, had its foundation



in the Crimean Campaign as surely as did the Army Nursing Services.

The book should have a wide appeal. It gives a clear picture of the Army Nursing Services from their inception in that small band of indomitable women under the inspiring if somewhat ruthless leadership of Florence Nightingale up to the present day, and I think, will for the first time give the general public a knowledge and appreciation of the Services which have been so sadly lacking heretofore.

The book is dedicated to those members of the Services who gave their lives during the various campaigns and we are fortunate in having in Ian Hay a writer who had such an intimate knowledge of the Army and its Nursing Services and the ability to put forward his knowledge in such an interesting way. The book should prove a source of pride to the relatives of those in whose memory it has been written.

The contents are factual—compounded from official records and from the letters and diaries of nurses on active service. These last provide points of real interest, some amusing and some poignant.

The differences in the pattern of warfare through the years are shown clearly, with the resulting necessary changes in the Medical Services,—changes which are reflected in the Nursing Services ; in the conditions of service and in the working methods of the nurses of the nurses themselves, even in the frequent and—to the lay person—bewildering changes in uniform.

A comparison of the casualty figures of the main campaign show in dramatic form the amazing advances in medicine during the century covered in the book, advances reflected in the professional skill of the nurses. But to this must be added the qualities which shine out through all campaigns whatever the circumstances and wherever the fighting,—a constant courage amounting often to a quiet heroism, a deep compassion for their patients, an inventive power amounting almost to genius in improvisation when stores and equipment were lacking.

To me, the layout of the book seemed at first somewhat patchy ; the division into various areas and types of duty (e.g. hospital ship, general hospital, area of warfare etc.) produced a seeming confusion of dates and localities. But the final impression is of several distinct pictures, each complete in itself.

The co-ordination and growing co-operation of the Medical and Nursing Services is well demonstrated ; and it is pleasant to note the many references to the devoted work of the nursing orderlies of the R.A.M.C. upon which the ward sisters depended in no small degree.

The rapid improvement in conditions within the Service is a great achievement, and the present high standing of the Corps a matter for real pride, but owing so much to the achievements of all those who have served in the past, and to the great traditions which

have been built up throughout the years. And now, as always, the *raison d'être* remains the same, just as in those long-ago days in Scutari, the skilled nursing care of the sick and wounded of our Army under all circumstances and conditions.

A reason for special gratification, and one which is most ably demonstrated by Ian Hay in this book, is the growing realisation that the sooner a wounded man can receive skilled medical and nursing care, the greater his chances of recovery, and consequent upon this, the acceptance of the fact that, on active service, a nurse in the performance of her duties is, most surely, far more of a help in the forward areas than she is a hindrance by reason of her sex.

The gracious foreword by our revered Colonel-in-Chief Her late Majesty, Queen Mary will be a treasured inspiration to all who serve or have served.

ANNE THOMSON.

*The Rommel Papers, Edited by B. H. Liddell Hart. (Collins, 25/-)*

This is a book which will appeal most to the specialist in military strategy. The ordinary reader, who will, perhaps, find some of it rather heavy going, will find much that is of great interest. It is well supplied with maps and photographs, and it is always illuminating to "see ourselves as others see us." Members of the Association, on application to Association Headquarters at 20 John Islip Street, may have their copies autographed by Frau Rommel.

*Atomic Warfare: The Nurse's Part. (Nursing Mirror, 1/9 by post 2/-)*

This consists of articles by specialists on the staff of the Royal Naval Medical School, Alverstoke, which originally appeared in the "Nursing Mirror." These are highly technical, but extremely interesting. One cannot but hope that Atomic Warfare, like the Chemical Warfare which we studied so earnestly before 1939, will not be used "again," but that, perhaps, is merely "wishful thinking," and anyway it is our duty to be prepared for the worst that can happen. But one does hope it won't.

M.C.D.H.

## Q.A. Day, 1953

CONTRIBUTIONS from the following Hospitals were sent to the Benevolent Fund after the material for the May Gazette had gone to press.

David Bruce, Military Hospital, Imtarfa, Malta	...	...	...	...	...
B.M.H., Hanover, B.A.O.R.	5	...	...	...	...
B.M.H., Kamunting, FARELF	...	...	...	...	...
B.M.H., Cyprus	...	...	...	...	...

The Kamunting donation arrived in an envelope marked "Salvaged Mail Comet air crash, May 2nd, near Calcutta."

## News of Members

THE International Committee of the British Red Cross Society has awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal for 1953 to Miss D. C. Bridges, R.R.C. This is the only one awarded to a British nurse. Miss Bridges, who was recently elected Vice-Chairman of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Central Committee, received the R.R.C. for service during the 1939-45 War.

Miss E. Nora Clatworthy, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron of the Accident Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Clatworthy served during the late war with the T.A.N.S.

Miss A. M. W. White has been appointed Nursing Officer to the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority. Miss White served with Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) from 1942 till 1946.

Mrs. A. Humpage, Hon. Gen. Secretary, was present in the Abbey on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation, as representative of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, and Miss M. A. Gannon, R.R.C., Chairman of the Midland Branch, representing the Royal College of Midwives.

The detachment of Q.A.R.A.N.C. taking part in the Coronation Procession consisted of 4 privates, 2 corporals, 1 serjeant, 1 W/O II and the following officers: Major E. M. Turner, Capt. H. M. Rundle, Capt. D. M. Wilson, Capt. A. Jones, Lt. R. D. Jackson and Capt. B. Redhead (T.A.).

The following Officers of Q.A.R.A.N.C. were on duty at various First-Aid Stations in the Abbey: Capt. J. C. Moriarty, Lt. J. M. Brooks, Lt. O. H. Brunton, Lt. M. L. Barnes and Lt. R. V. Munday.

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## News from the Branches

### *East Africa*

On May 15th the Branch gave a party to say farewell to Major Davey, R.R.C., and to welcome Major Douglas, R.R.C. Among the 67 people present were the Mayor of Nairobi, Dr. J. F. Gregory, several Nairobi Doctors and their wives and a few husbands of members. The remainder were members of the Association.

The first part of the evening was a cocktail party, and this was followed by a medical film show, of films lent by Dettol Products (these were on Obstetrics), and by the U.S.A. Information Service, one on Public Health Work and one on Vaccination.

The party was a great success, and many old acquaintances were renewed.

### *Midland Branch*

The Summer meeting was held at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham, when thirty members were welcomed by was Hon. Secretary.

A most interesting tour of the Hospital was followed by a delightful tea. This last, owing to rain, had, unfortunately to be held indoors.

After tea, Miss M. A. Gannon, R.R.C., Chairman, presented Miss Mountain, on behalf of the Branch, with a copy of Ian Hay's book, "One Hundred Years of Army Nursing" and a "Gift-Token" on Marshall & Snelgrove's, in gratitude for all her work since the foundation of the Branch.

The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, 1953. There will be a luncheon, then the meeting, then a "Bring-and-Buy" Sale, the whole to be rounded off by tea.

### *New Zealand*

The second Annual General Meeting was held on June 27th at the N.Z. Returned Army Sisters' Club. Unfortunately, owing to duty and very bad weather, only 14 members were present.

After the election of Committee and Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, the meeting agreed that the date of the next Annual General Meeting should coincide with the Annual Dinner, and decided to advance the date of this from June to May, in order that the report of this should reach London before the Annual General Meeting there.

The next meeting of the Association has been fixed for September 5th, when the Chairman, Mrs. Webster, hopes to be able to have a guest speaker.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Hatfield, was presented by the Chairman and members with a very attractive duchesse set in Cluny lace.

The meeting closed with afternoon tea and a Limerick competition on newspaper advertisements, which was won by Mrs. Paterson and Mrs. Hatfield.

Miss Kingston introduced a new member, Mrs. Speggall, who was a V.A.D. from 1916 to 1919.

### *Scotland*

The Monthly Social Meetings in Edinburgh have been discontinued for the summer months.

The Reunion Dinner will be held on Saturday, 12th October, 1953, at the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh, when it is hoped that the guest of honour will be the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Brigadier Gillespie, M.B.E., R.R.C., D.A.N.S., Q.H.N.S.

# Postings from and Reversions to Home Establishment, April - June 1953

## POSTINGS OVERSEAS—OFFICERS

### *To F.A.R.E.L.F.*

Major A. McGerry  
Capt. K. Burke  
Capt. D. Drury-Mettham  
Capt. P. J. Smith  
Capt. Rattee  
Capt. B. Jones  
Capt. K. Duncan  
Lieut. B. R. Bolton  
Lieut. E. Withers  
Lieut. E. M. Murphy  
Lieut. P. B. Underwood  
Lieut. B. J. Gilliard  
Lieut. M. Dancer  
Lieut. M. A. M. MacInnes  
Lieut. P. M. Watkinson  
Lieut. M. Godsell  
Lieut. R. H. Reeve  
Lieut. D. F. Liddington  
Lieut. E. E. Morgan  
Lieut. L. H. Squires

### *To B.A.O.R.*

Capt. M. F. Browning  
Capt. M. Murphy  
Capt. K. Grimshaw  
Capt. F. M. L. Brasse  
Lieut. A. L. Jones  
Lieut. M. Carr  
Lieut. E. S. Barr  
Lieut. M. J. Plummer  
Lieut. F. Guthrie  
Lieut. M. P. M. Hulbard  
Lieut. B. Kelly  
Lieut. A. B. Mills  
Lieut. B. Potts  
Lieut. E. J. Patterson  
Lieut. A. Grimshaw  
Lieut. B. Brown  
Lieut. J. A. Brown  
Lieut. F. R. M. Browning  
Lieut. N. Habergam

Lieut. D. Rumney  
Lieut. P. Bushby  
Lieut. D. M. G. Bickford  
Lieut. J. A. Mackenzie  
Lieut. J. A. Tait  
Lieut. M. K. Campbell

### *To M.E.L.F.*

Major M. J. McMahon  
Major H. W. Slater  
Major D. F. Duckworth  
Capt. E. J. Thomas  
Capt. J. L. S. Montgomerie  
Capt. J. McLoughlin  
Capt. E. T. Kerr  
Lieut. K. D. Cambell  
Lieut. A. E. Black  
Lieut. P. K. James  
Lieut. F. E. Hilliard  
Lieut. J. P. Ballantyne  
Lieut. J. E. Farmer  
Lieut. K. T. Brassey  
Lieut. M. de Piro  
Lieut. M. F. Treacy  
Lieut. F. M. Lee  
Lieut. J. A. Coleman  
Lieut. E. C. Stewart  
Lieut. H. M. Hall  
Lieut. M. Boyle  
Lieut. E. Mills  
Lieut. M. J. Brennan  
Lieut. E. M. O'Brien

### *To B.T.A.*

Capt. D. M. David  
Lieut. F. B. Rowland  
Lieut. S. D. Bamford

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

Capt. N. M. Kinsella  
Lieut. E. Dolan  
Lieut. D. S. McBryde  
Lieut. M. Morphet

## OTHER RANKS

### *To F.A.R.E.L.F.*

Sgt. L. Thurlbeck  
Cpl. M. McLeod  
Pte. M. Rac  
Pte. B. Olwey  
Pte. P. Rowlands  
Pte. O. Coleman  
Pte. M. Gelder  
Pte. M. Comerford

Pte. S. Drain  
Pte. E. Stewart  
Pte. O. Drummond  
Pte. S. M. Collins  
Pte. L. F. Sims  
Pte. A. Baynton  
Pte. P. D. Charles  
Pte. M. Finlay  
Pte. H. S. Grantelli

## OTHER RANKS

<i>To M.E.L.F.</i>	Pte. J. Charlton
Cpl. A. Smyth	Pte. I. Coles
Cpl. S. E. Teed	Pte. J. Gaffney
Pte. H. A. Mulchinock	Pte. A. Harrison
Pte. W. Donnelly	Pte. C. Hureum
Pte. P. M. Dixon	Pte. Lloyd
Pte. A. J. Curtis	Pte. P. Moore
Pte. J. M. Slater	Pte. B. Tooke
Pte. V. Shakesby	Pte. M. Heald

## OFFICERS

<i>Reversions to Home Establishment</i>	Capt. —. Stockley
Lt.-Col. E. D. A. McHardy	Capt. A. F. Green
Major J. McDonald	Capt. W. H. Huss
Major G. S. Ray	Capt. M. E. Warrilow
Major Y. K. Davey	Capt. J. Godtschaik
Major U. Dowling	Lieut. A. L. Moffatt
Major A. H. Nichol	Lieut. J. L. Page
Major M. Neish	Lieut. D. M. Ashton
Capt. B. M. Mitchell	Lieut. H. J. McBeath
Capt. M. M. Berry	Lieut. B. M. Rowley
Capt. M. J. Tully	Lieut. B. L. Morgan

# Promotions

## OFFICERS

- April*—Major to Lt.-Col. : P. Widger (5th) O.B.E., R.R.C.  
 Capt. to Major : E. L. F. Coates (7th). M. Fabien (10th).  
 Lieut to Capt. : M. Waddington (11th).
- May*—Capt. to Major : C. C. Cosh, A.R.R.C., (31st). D. Hancock  
 (31st). Lieut to Capt. : N. Lofthouse (18th). M. Ryan (18th).  
 A. C. Gillespie (18th).
- June*—Major to Lt.-Col. : K. E. Phillips, A.R.R.C. (17th).

## OTHER RANKS

- 1952—A/Sgt. to Sgt. : I. D. Fox (Nov. 4th). A/L/Cpl. to Cpl. :  
 C. Chrisp (Sept. 29th). Pte. to Cpl. : M. Moss (July 2nd).  
 M. J. Irving (Sept. 29th). A. Harvey (Sept. 29th). J.  
 Tweed (Dec. 14th).
- January*, 1953—Pte. to A/Cpl. : B. M. Young (23rd).
- February*—L/Cpl. to Cpl. : M. L. Grindle (24th). L/Cpl. to A/Cpl. :  
 M. Sanders (9th). Pte. to Cpl. : C. E. Smith (24th). Pte. to  
 L/Cpl. : D. I. Walmsley (27th). Pte. to A/L/Cpl. : W. B.  
 Hart (27th). M. M. Moloney (27th). A. Goldthorpe (27th).  
 V. Verdigi (27th). E. McGready (27th).
- March*—L/Cpl. to A/Cpl. : P. Hillsdon (31st). Pte. to A/Cpl. :  
 M. J. Hicks (23rd). M. Tarpey (26th). S. Smith (2nd).  
 B. Burdett (7th). Pte to L/Cpl. : J. C. Hutchinson (17th).

*April*—Sgt. to A/S. Sgt. : T. M. Gibbin (17th). J. Miller (17th).  
L/Cpl. to A/Cpl. : L. Wilkinson (15th). H. Irving (17th).  
D. S. Marshall (17th). Pte. to Cpl. : L. Lewis (18th). Pte.  
to A/L/Cpl. : M. Lester (17th). S. Singer (25th). A. C.  
Keohane (30th).

## Retirements and Resignations

*April*—Lt.-Col. C. M. Coneys, A.R.R.C., Major M. M. B. Skehan, R.R.C., Major M. Birdsall, R.R.C., Major M. Dobson, A.R.R.C., Capt. D. I. M. C. Corbyn., Capt. H. E. Jenkins, Capt. E. Ferguson, Capt. M. Lewis, Capt. M. J. Comport (*née* Anthony), Lt. J. A. Blau (*née* Scott), Lt. S. M. Paget (*née* Trusson), Lt. S. Tippet (*née* Raitt), Lt. G. Gourlie (*née* Mee), Lt. E. M. Mouat (*née* McQuade), Lt. P. I. Paterson (*née* Lingley), Lt. A. Wallisch (*née* Milner), Lt. K. Y. Price (*née* Curran), Lt. E. M. Mahoney (*née* Fairon), Lt. N. S. Stevens (*née* Mossop), Lt. A. W. Forster (*née* McGregor), Lt. E. M. Merchant (*née* Gerguson).

*May*—Major M. H. A. Hudson, R.R.C., Major H. Crerar, A.R.R.C., Capt. M. E. Williams, Capt. M. Stewart, Capt. M. C. Gannon, Capt. E. Sciver, Lt. O. W. Hawkins, Lt. E. Moynihan, Lt. D. M. Davies (*née* Irving), Lt. M. H. Tyrer, Lt. O. M. Denham (*née* Berry).

*June*—Lt.-Col. E. D. A. Hardy, R.R.C., Capt. M. J. Inglis, Capt. R. Denby, Capt. J. C. Mackay, Capt. M. Stracey, Lt. A. K. Wier, Lt. M. Dowd, Lt. E. Rendall, Lt. U. D. Davies.

## Births Marriages and Deaths

### *Births*

DIGNAN.—On April 18th, in London to Eileen (*née* White, ex-Capt. Q.A.R.A.N.C.), wife of A. P. Dignan, M.B.E., F.R.C.S., a son Terence Patrick.

TAIT.—On June 17th, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham to Joyce (*née* Smith, ex Q.A.I.M.N.S.), wife of Selby Tait, F.R.C.S., a daughter—sister for Frances. (A.492). (Mrs. Tait is the Vice-Chairman of the Midland Branch.)

WOTTON.—On June 29th, at Ashcombe House, Weston-super-Mare to Betty (*née* Redfearn, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.), wife of Bruce Wotton, L.D.S., R.C.S.Eng., a brother for Simon and Stephen—Andrew John. (A.903.)

### OFFICERS

#### *Marriages*

On 27th February, 1953, at Hamburg, Germany, Herr Werner R. Wallisch to Lieut. Audrey Milner, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

- On 28th March, 1953, at Benghazi, Capt. Victor R. Paget, R.A.S.C. to Lieut. Sheila M. Trusson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 30th March, 1953, at Singapore, Capt. Keith G. Stevens to Lieut. Nora S. Mossop, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 31st March, 1953, at London (Westminster), Mr. Sydney J. C. Hawkins to Lieut. Olive W. Martin, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 4th April, 1953, at Iserlhorn, Germany, Capt. Robert A. Price to Lieut. Katherine Y. Curran, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 18th April, 1953, at Edinburgh, Mr. Robin H. Forster to Lieut. Agnes W. McGregor, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 22nd April, 1953, at Hong Kong, Capt. John S. V. Mouat, R.A.M.C. to Lieut. Eunice M. McQuade, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 25th April, 1953, at Singapore, Major Bryan J. Mahony, R.A.M.C. to Lieut. Ethel M. Farrow, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 24th April, 1953, at Perth, Scotland, Capt. Norman E. J. Gourlie to Lieut. Gwendoline Mee, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 28th April, 1953, at Angus, Scotland, Major Lawrence Tippet, R.A.M.C. to Lieut. Jean S. Raitt, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 30th April, 1953, at Celle, Germany, Lieut. Thomas J. Patterson, R.A. to Lieut. Patricia I. Lingley, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 2nd May, 1953, at Hong Kong, Capt. Michael T. Dennon, R.A. to Lieut. Olive Berry, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 16th May, 1953, at Wandsworth, London, Dr. Vincent J. E. Davies to Lieut. Dorothy M. Irving, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 22nd May, 1953, at Glasgow, Capt. Reginald A. Merchant, R.E. to Lieut. Elizabeth McV. Ferguson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 9th June, 1953, at Kensington, London, Mr. Niall F. McCabe to Lieut. Mary E. Trotter, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 10th June, 1953, at Catterick, Yorks, John H. Metcalfe to Joyce M. Coates (ex-Lieut. Q.A.R.A.N.C.) (A.1410).
- On 10th June, 1953, at Eaton, Scotland, Dr. Peter M. L. Burne to Lieut. Mary R. Scobie, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- On 18th June, 1953, at Bentham, Glos., Lieut. Michael F. Hart to Lieut. Sarah A. George, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

#### OTHER RANKS

- On 21st March, 1953, Francis Baker to Pte. F. R. V. Chattey.
- On 4th April, 1953, George William Grimmer to Pte. J. Walker.
- On 8th April, 1953, Mr. Coward to Pte. M. A. Perryman.
- On 21st March, 1953, Jack Collin Martin to Pte. E. E. Porrett.
- On 2nd April, 1953, Sgt. Bishop, R.E.M.E. to Pte. R. Forshaw.
- On 3rd March, 1953, Pte. Ayling, D.W.R. to Pte. Tucker.
- On 4th April, 1953, Geoffrey Gordon Tourson to Pte. Singleton.
- On 12th March, 1953, Eric Charles Dixon to Pte. Bryson.
- On 4th April, 1953, William Baillie to Pte. D. E. Brown.
- On 20th March, 1953, William Dunn Ashe to Pte. E. McFern.
- On 18th April, 1953, Robert Henry Ledbury to Pte. I. L. Kirk.



- On 8th April, 1953, John Leonard Sheridan to Pte. S. A. Godfrey.  
 On 22nd April, 1953, Pte. Smith, R.A.M.C. to Pte. D. M. Griffiths.  
 On 11th April, 1953, Pte. J. W. Trevealen (Canadian) to Pte. J. M. Brant.  
 On 15th April, 1953, Raymond McClure to Pte. M. Diggle.  
 On 28th April, 1953, Sgt. Hurley, R.E.M.E. to Pte. E. M. Yeoman.  
 On 9th May, 1953, Mr. Robert Reid to Pte. P. E. Hill.  
 On 18th April, 1953, Mr. Robin Roy Cunnington to Cpl. C. Crisp.  
 On 25th April, 1953, Robert Shields Frew to Pte. J. E. S. Gullen.  
 On 9th May, 1953, L. Cpl. W. H. Tolen to Cpl. R. L. Danby.  
 On 18th April, 1953, Sgt. G. Thorning, R.A.P.C. to Pte. D. A. Crump.  
 On 11th May, 1953, Gdmn. Grove, F. L. W. Guards to Cpl. H. J. L. Eagle.  
 On 23rd May, 1953, Pte. Twilley, R.A.S.C. to Pte. B. Hoskisson.  
 On 22nd May, 1953, James Hyde to Pte. J. M. Hammersley.  
 On 23rd May, 1953, George Frederick Walton to Pte. P. J. Hurlin.  
 On 6th June, 1953, Joseph Edward Tannant to Pte. J. B. Bridges.  
 On 7th June, 1953, Mr. K. V. Thomas to Pte. M. Hutesson.  
 On 13th June, 1953, L. Cpl. P. C. Wilmlink (Can. Rifles) to Pte. J. D. Pusey.  
 On 1st June, 1953, Gordon Alexander Wallace to Pte. J. S. Woodward.  
 On 17th June, 1953, Edward Ernest Chedzey to Sgt. D. C. Bradfield.  
 On 30th May, 1953, Patrick Arthur Lee to Pte. R. Timmermans.  
 On 31st May, 1953, Robert Mifsud to Pte. C. A. Beardmore.  
 On 13th June, 1953, John Pentland to Pte. M. Powell.

### *Deaths*

- ABBOTT.—Recently, Miss C. M. Abbott, who served with the British Red Cross (Army Nursing Division) in the 1914-18 War.
- BARKER.—On July 27th, 1953, at Bexhill, Miss Charlotte L. Barker, R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retired).
- BONE.—On 24th March, 1953, in London, Miss K. L. Bone. Miss Bone's valuable with the Seamen's Hospital Society began in 1914 and lasted until her retirement in 1940. During the 1914-18 War she served in France with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. and was mentioned in Despatches.
- DAVIDSON.—Recently, in London, Miss Amy Davidson, R.R.C. Miss Davidson was 87 at the time of her death, and at one time served with Princess Christian's Nursing Service Reserve.
- DODD.—Recently, at Ryhope, Durham, Miss E. L. D. Dodd. Miss Dodd served with Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during the 1914-18 war.

- DUNDAS.—On April 20th, 1953, at Derby, Miss Isobel Dundas. Miss Dundas belonged to Caithness, in Scotland, and served with Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during the 1939-45 war in the Middle East and in Germany.
- FOSTER.—In April, 1953, at Liskeard, in Cornwall, Miss Dorothy P. Foster, R.R.C., M.M., J.P. Miss Foster served with the T.A.N.S. during the 1914-18 war.
- HEMPHREY.—On April 19th, 1953, at Rhyl, North Wales, Miss Edith Hemphrey. Miss Hemphrey served with Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during the 1914-18 war.
- HOPWOOD.—Recently, Miss A. Hopwood, A.R.R.C. Miss Hopwood served with the T.A.N.S. during the 1914-18 war.
- MARR.—Recently, in Scotland, Miss M. Marr. Miss Marr served with Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during the 1914-18 war.
- WILSON.—On May 26th, 1953, at B.M.H., Berlin, Lt. Elizabeth Evelyn Wilson, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Lt. Wilson was trained at the Bolton District General Hospital, 1941-45. She joined Q.A.R.A.N.C. in May, 1952, and had served at home and in Germany.

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## 2. *Rejoining Members*

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

## 3. *Existing Members*

Annual Subscribers (a) Those who are paid up AND taking Gazette in 1953, to be guaranteed 4 years @ 7/6d. to end of 1957, notwithstanding any increase authorised in that time.

- (b) Those who have paid advance subscriptions AND take Gazette to be guaranteed static subscription up to date for which they have paid or to end of 1957 whichever is the later.
- (c) Those thinking of transferring to Life Membership should do so immediately under present ruling which grants deductions of annual subscriptions previously paid. After 31st December, 1953, this ruling is discontinued.
- (d) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concession of Shared Gazette Scheme.

Life Subscribers

- (a) Those who are taking Gazette in 1953 and who agree to take same regularly will pay for Gazette :
- i Annually at current rate or,
  - ii in advance for periods of 5 years at static rate, being that prevailing at first year of period.
- (b) Those who are Gazette subscribers and have paid for an advance period, to be guaranteed static rate for 5 years to end of 1958 or to date for which they have paid whichever is the longer.

Thereafter payment for Gazette will be :  
i Annually at current rate or,  
ii in advance periods of 5 years at static rate being that prevailing at first year of period.

- (c) Any member not gainfully employed may apply to be considered for concessions of Shared Gazette Scheme. Within this Scheme Life members can be guaranteed a static rate for 5 year periods paid in advance.
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## Commendation—Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Appreciation by The Commander-in-Chief, Northern Army Group, of the gallant conduct displayed by the m/n.

On the morning 22 Nov., '52, Q/1000446 Pte. H. Campbell, Q.A.R.A.N.C., was on duty in the Families Ward, British Military Hospital, Hanover. On entering a single bedded ward she found that the patient occupying that ward had climbed out of the window in a suicidal attempt to end her life and was hanging by her arms from the window sill about 120 feet from the ground.

Without hesitation and showing great presence of mind, she immediately rushed to the window and grasped the patient's arms and prevented her from falling to the ground and certain death. Another nurse entered the ward some time after, and Private Campbell, still holding on to the patient, asked her quietly to go immediately and bring the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Nursing Officer on duty to the ward.

Private Campbell by her prompt and cool action in holding this patient on her own during these vital minutes, though much smaller in stature, and at considerable risk to her own life by being pulled out of the window, undoubtedly saved this patient's life.

This young Other Rank member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. showed great courage and devotion to duty.

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## STATE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

We hear that three "Other Ranks" Q.A.R.A.N.C., have passed the State Final Examination and are the first S.R.N's of the Corp. We are looking forward with interest for confirmation and hope to report more fully in the next issue.