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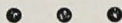
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## Editorial

ALL READERS will be delighted to see by the cover that Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret has become the Association Patron. We offer Her Royal Highness our respectful and grateful thanks for her interest.

The Association hierarchy has added greatly to its splendour in the last twelve months by achieving a Patron and a President. It is for us all to prove worthy of these honours by making the Association one of which our Patron and our President may feel proud.

Appreciation and many thanks to our members who sent in material for the May Gazette. We hope the Spring number will be out in time for Association members to make the necessary arrangements for a visit to London, and that the visit will coincide with the Annual General Meeting and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Re-Union on June 30th, 1956. We look forward to meeting many of our old Service friends.

Members who did not receive their February Gazette should contact their Branch Secretaries and ascertain if their name and address has been sent to H.Q. Office early in the year, and that their annual subscription is in order for 1956. Co-operation from you is the greatest asset H.Q. can have.

## The British Legion

It has been suggested to me that a short article about the British Legion might be of interest to members of our Association, as all ex-Service men and women are eligible for membership. I joined the British Legion as soon as I retired in 1946, as I felt it was my duty as an ex-Service woman to do so, and that if there was any

work locally that I could do in connection with it I should like to help.

The British Legion is a nation-wide organisation which exists to help all ex-Service men and women and their dependents, when in need, especially those who are disabled. The Legion aims at getting all ex-Service men and women to join, as the larger the membership the stronger it becomes and the more influence for good it has in the country. There are branches of the Legion in all towns and many villages, all over the country, and in fact all over the Empire. All branches are expected to help to raise money for the British Legion Schemes.

The Festival of Remembrance, held each November at the Albert Hall, is sponsored by the Legion, and the free tickets for the evening performance each year are available only for members of the Legion and the Womens' Section. These have to be applied for through one's own local branch.

At the beginning of the British Legion Diary, each year, there is a long list of "Objects of the Legion," but the first three seem to sum up the whole object and spirit of the Legion. They are :—

1. To bring about the unity of all who have served in our Navy, Army, Air Force, or any of our Auxiliary Forces, and to establish branches of the Legion.
2. To perpetuate the memory of those who died in the service of their country.
3. To educate public opinion to the view that the maintenance of the disabled and the welfare of the ex-Service men, women and dependents, is a national duty.

I must stress that the Legion does not only give financial help to its members, it gives help and advice in many other ways which concern the welfare of the ex-Service community.

There is also a Womens' Section in many places, which works in conjunction with the local Legion Branch. Besides ex-Service women, the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of ex-Service personnel are eligible for membership.

The Womens' Sections have their own Schemes for which they work and raise money. These include 2 Children's Homes, Convalescent Homes (for members), Widows Pension Fund, etc.

In 1949 a Womens' Section of the Branch here was started and I was elected Chairman and have been Chairman ever since.

Our members come from four scattered villages and we started with 39 members, we now have 80, nine of whom are ex-Service women, the rest are the wives, mothers, daughters, or sisters of ex-Service men or women.

We have meetings monthly and we arrange Whist Drives, Concerts, Sales of Work, Jumble Sales, etc. during the year, to raise

money for the Womens Section's Schemes, and we always get up a Whist Drive for Earl Haig's Fund each year, in October or November. One year we knitted patch work blankets, and pullovers, cardigans and jumpers for the Children's Homes, and we also knitted socks for the troops in Korea, and we send our used Christmas Cards each year to the Limbless Ex-Servicemens' Association, who appeal for them each year in the newspapers, and we do various other things too numerous to mention here.

The British Legion and the Womens' Section in each County are divided into Groups, with 10-15 Branches in each Group, and each Group has a representative on the County Committee who is elected annually. I have been the Group Representative for our Group for the last three years, and we attend the County Committee Meetings quarterly, which is an added interest.

I am afraid this is a very inadequate description of the British Legion and its hundreds of activities, but I hope it may give some sort of idea of what it does and the influence it has, to some who perhaps do not know anything about its work.

C. PYKE (A.21).

## The Wily Serpent

FROM the earliest history snakes have been connected with the art of healing. Moses made a snake of brass, as a symbol for his people. The Greek God of medicine is depicted with a snake in his hand, and a snake entwined around a rod is the symbol of both the R.A.M.C. and the Indian Army Medical Corps.

There are 1,700 known species of snakes, many are harmless, but over 350 are known to be poisonous. Fifty-five of these are water-snakes. They are expert swimmers, and when closely observed, you will see the tail of the water-snake is flattened, not rounded like the land snake.

A snake has no sense of taste. A hedge-hog with its coat complete may be eaten as part of its diet. A python was known to swallow a blanket that a kindly keeper had placed in its cage in the zoo. Two pythons quarrelled over the carcass of a partridge when in captivity, so the larger one just swallowed the nine foot companion, and then finished his meal by swallowing the partridge.

A King Cobra struggled with a python for over an hour and eventually killed it. Then he began to swallow it, actually more than three feet had been taken when the King Cobra was disturbed. It disgorged the python and made off, but returned later for its intended meal and was shot. The python measured half as much again as the cobra in girth. A cobra disturbed a sitting hen and swallowed five of the eggs. It was killed a few minutes later, the

unbroken eggs were removed, replaced under the hen, and in due course the chickens were hatched.

Some snakes fast for lengthy periods, the ability of a snake to take colossal meals is only equalled by its capacity for fasting. The erroneous belief that snakes can hypnotise their prey is due to the steady un-winking stare, a result of having no eye-lids.

Animals, with the exception of monkeys, have no fear of snakes unless attacked. Rats placed in a cage remain completely indifferent and they are the intended meal. Frequently they turn the tables on the snake by killing it. Kraits, cobras and Russell-vipers have been destroyed in this manner. There is a plant that grows in the Hills of India and the stalk bears the resemblance to a snake. Should a monkey in captivity be shown it, he will set up a terrific scream.

Snakes have no external ears, so cannot hear sounds that are conducted through the air. When a cobra sways to music of a snake-charmer, it merely follows the movement of the bin, on which he is charming. This can be proved. Make him cease his wail, but continue to make the movement of the bin, and the wily serpent will still sway.

Vipers are viviparous, but other snakes lay soft-shelled eggs, and they are left to be incubated by the heat generated in the decomposing leaves and rays of the sun. King Cobras and Pythons will incubate their own eggs by coiling round them in clutches. At that time their body heat is said to be raised.

Excluding the Arctic Regions, New Zealand is the only country in the world where snakes are not found. There are no vipers in Australia. These reptiles are eaten as food by many Africans, Indians, South Americans, and the Aboriginal of Australia.

P.J.G. (L267).

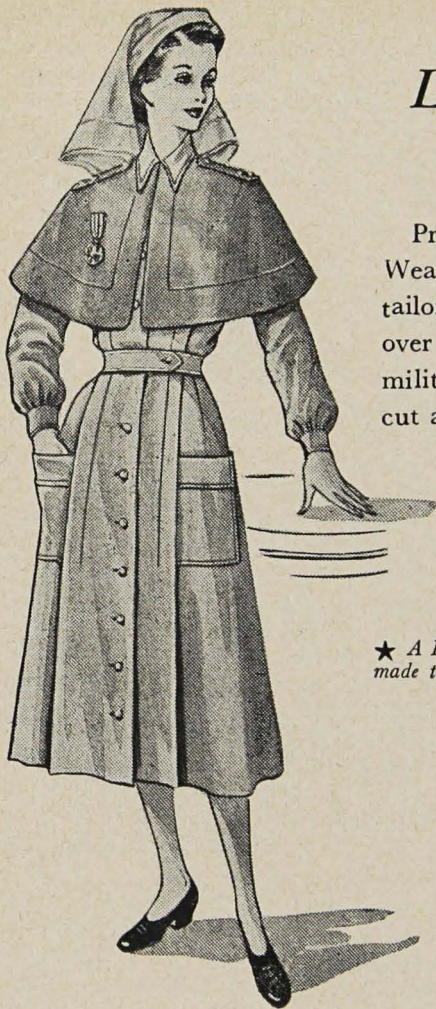
## Q.A. Day, 27th. March 1956

In response to loyal greetings addressed to their Colonel-in-Chief on behalf of all ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C., the following gracious reply was received :—

“ I send my warmest thanks to the Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services for her kind message—I deeply appreciate the loyal greetings which I have received from all ranks of Queen Alexandra’s Royal Army Nursing Corps on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day.

MARGARET.

“ Colonel-in-Chief.”



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Our President, Brigadier Dame Helen Gillespie, retires in July and will be succeeded as Director Army Nursing Services by Colonel C. M. Johnson, who will then become our second President. We offer them both our very sincere good wishes.

The following donations have been received for the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Benevolent Fund from collections in connection with Q.A. Day Church Services :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aldershot	4	10	0	Hamburg	2	12	1
Hannover	4	13	8	Nairobi	3	15	0
Kuala Lumpur	9	16	3				

Corps Day this year being on a Tuesday, enabled us to spread celebrations over three days at Kinrara.

Beginning on Sunday 25th March, Corps Day services were held. In the hospital chapel the R.Cs. celebrated Mass at 9.0 a.m. The inter-denominations at 11.0 a.m. held their service, taken by the hospital padre in the unit N.A.A.F.I., senior officers, their wives and families connected with the hospital from Kuala Lumpur Garrison attended and the service was well supported by the R.A.M.C., officers and other ranks. The floral decorations were in Corps colours, later being sent to one Q.A.R.A.N.C. and two R.A.M.C. other ranks who were at the time hospitalised. The collections from both services amounting to £9 16s. 3d. were sent to the Q.A. Association Benevolent Fund.

The church service was followed by a sherry party in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess, which many official guests attended.

Normal duties were resumed on Monday until after 8.0 p.m. when the officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Mess invited their friends to an informal dance. This went with a real swing from the moment the band struck up.

On Corps Day the patients once more claimed our attention—until 5.15 p.m. when we claimed theirs. Though it was touch and go, due to a torrential downpour earlier in the afternoon, the officers arrived on the pitch for their hockey match versus the other ranks, resplendent in scarlet crepe (paper) gym slips with grey and scarlet sashes, riding upon an elegantly draped M.G. The soccer match being played on the same field immediately lost its entire assembly of spectators.

The first half was quite hard going and at half-time the score was one to the officers. The second half was quite hectic, the officers deciding to assist the other ranks, so that at the final whistle the score was even, the officers having scored 3 for themselves and a like number for the other ranks. The referees looked decidedly harassed and jaded after such peculiar play.

The other ranks then assembled at 7.15 p.m. for their Corps



dinner served by Matron and the officers. They then retired to the N.A.A.F.I., where an all ranks dance was enjoyed by a large percentage of the unit.

Wednesday we returned to "Business as usual," many with stiff muscles and more with sore feet but having thoroughly enjoyed Corps celebrations for 1956.

D. M. PEE A/CAT/9

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Corps celebrations at the Royal Herbert Hospital commenced with a dance at the Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers' mess on Friday 23rd March, which was attended by our brother officers from neighbouring messes of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and friends of mess members.

A small and efficient band together with a very friendly atmosphere made the evening most enjoyable, and I fear some of our guests were reluctant to leave when the party finished.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. parade service was held in the Royal Herbert Hospital Chapel Sunday morning 25th March. Members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. were joined by members of the R.A.M.C., the Chapel was therefore full. Lieut. Gray, R.A.M.C. was parade commander, and all arrangements were smoothly accomplished. The Service was conducted by the Hospital Chaplain, the Rev. E. G. Jones, C.F., and the lesson was read by Lieut. T. A. Hall.

In the congregation were the Garrison commander, Brigadier R. E. H. Hudson, D.S.O., A.D.C., accompanied by Mrs. Hudson, Colonel H. V. D. and Mrs. Isles, Major M. E. Holmes, R.R.C., and Major and Mrs. Hughes from the Families Hospital.

The collection was presented to Queen Mary's House Fund, and after the service Brigadier Hudson took the Salute at the March Past.

Guests were then entertained to Sherry in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers mess.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks entertained their friends to a dance on Tuesday 27th March in the N.A.A.F.I. canteen, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

E. QUINTON. L.351.

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BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL, NICOSIA, CYPRUS.—A parade service was held in St. Luke's Church, B.M.H., Nicosia on Sunday 8th April 1956, having been postponed owing to extra security measures imposed over the period of the 27th March 1956. The service was conducted by the Rev. I. G. Garrett, Chaplain to the hospital, and the lesson was read by one of our officers.

After the service a sherry party was held in the officers' mess.

Colonel E. M. E. Dawe, A.D.A.N.S. together with Group Officer A.M. Williamson, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force, Nursing Service, Wing Officer M. F. Arkell, Women's Royal Air Force, Major I. M. Smith, Women's Royal Army Corps, Miss P. Hill, Senior Welfare Officer, M.E.L.F., and Miss J. Pugh, Chaplain's Assistant, came from Rear G.H.Q. Episkopi which is seventy-four miles away. Having made a very early start they were able to be present at the Church Service and remained to luncheon with us.

On Tuesday 27 March 1956 a QARANC Other Ranks dance was held in the Red Cross Department, and proved to be a most enjoyable evening, well supported by all ranks.

Our final celebration was on 11 April 1956 in the form of a dance held in the QARANC officers mess. We danced to the band of the 1st South Staffordshire Regiment and thus concluded for another year our Corps celebrations.

H. HAEFEY, L/160.

HAMBURG. On a crisp clear Sunday morning Officers and Other Ranks, Q.A.R.A.N.C., together with some members of the R.A.M.C. and their families, made their way through the pine copse to the little hospital chapel, which nestled beneath the dark branches. After the bitter winter weather which had, until so recently, held this most northern B.M.H. in Germany, in a cloak of thick snow, and had hung huge icicles from its eaves and windows, the warmth of the early spring sun had almost over night, freed the cold earth from its white veil and was now urging the bare trees to put forth their green buds, and the birds to sing peons of gladness. So we entered into the chapel with a glad song in our hearts also, to join in worship on this our Corps Week Service.

The promise of spring outside had been brought within by the big bunches of tulips and daffodils on the altar. There was an inspiring address by Padre Roberts, Cpl. Bruce, Q.A.R.A.N.C., read the lesson. The collection was taken by Lts. Mayes and Thomas. Hymns, in which all joined heartily in singing were accompanied on the organ by Capt. W. Bexon, R.A.M.C.

Next day in the gaily decorated dining hall the Q.A. O.Rs. held their dance. This was a great success. A German band provided music for the dancers who performed tangoes, waltzes, foxtrots and indeed many other dances with great zest and much happy laughter. During the evening raffle tickets were sold for the various prizes which had been donated. The sum of £3 15s. 6d. was thus raised and added to the church collection to be forwarded to the Q.A. Association Benevolent Fund.

From the hospital tower beside the Union Jack on Tuesday February 27th our own Q.A. Flag flew in the stiff breeze. By 6.30 p.m. a smiling party of officers, with their Matron, Major

N. H. HODGMAN, R.R.C., were gathered in the anteroom waiting to greet their guests invited to join them at the cocktail party with which they were celebrating Q.A. Day. A delightful evening was spent by one and all, if the sounds of gay laughter and chatter which rose on all sides was any criterion.

As the moon rose above the trees around the Mess, the last guest was bidden God Speed and another Corps Day had slipped into the limbo of the past.

W. G. I. HOBBS A/Hos/27.

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## **A New English Town is Built in Germany . . . and the Church is there**

*by Mrs. Cicely Williams.*

HISTORY is being written in Germany during the present decade. Western Germany has regained its status of sovereign power; the problem of the unification of the whole country is engaging the attention of the Governments of many nations; the occupying Allied Forces have become instead, a co-operating force, and the vast camp at München-Gladbach which comprises Joint Headquarters is virtually a slice of Great Britain superimposed upon the continent of Europe, a state of affairs which will probably continue during the next thirty years.

Throughout the vicissitudes of the post war period in Germany the Church has never failed; wherever the Armed Forces of the Crown have been dispersed the Church has been there to serve them in spite of inevitable lack of accommodation.

Sometimes the only way to provide a Church has been to use a building that could be spared; for example, the Church at Hamelin, of Pied Piper fame, is a converted stable and its dedication, most fittingly, is the Church of the Nativity.

At Iserlohn the Army has possession of a fine German Church, in the lovely old town of Celle, rather ironically the present British Garrison Church was formerly a German Garrison Church. There are today no less than one hundred and forty-six churches and chapels, excluding the Roman Catholic Church, serving the Rhine Army, Three are the magnificent school chapels of the co-educational boarding-schools for children of the members of the Forces at Plön, Wilhelmshaven, and Hamm.

Within the last year the great camp of München-Gladbach has been completed to serve as Joint Headquarters, a tremendous enterprise, which has already a population of 10,000, and where staff officers of four nations work side by side. Joint Headquarters is indeed a "new town" on an immense scale. Nothing has been forgotten; there are married quarters, barracks, schools, sports fields, a swimming bath, families' hostels, shops, clubs, a theatre and two cinemas, and as so seldom seems to happen in a new housing area at home, the Church is there in force. The Church of England, the Church of Scotland in conjunction with the Free Churches, and the Roman Catholic Church.

The English Church is dedicated very appropriately to St. Boniface, the British saint from Devon who took Christianity to the Friesian Islands and the Germanic peoples. Like the Camp itself St. Boniface is a sample of co-operation—it is the Church of Joint Headquarters and belongs equally to all Armed Forces of the Crown.

The entire Camp was built by German contractors and craftsmen, under the supervision of the Royal Engineers; the architect for all three churches was Dr. Varvarovsky, one of the well known leaders in his profession. The whole task of building was achieved in less than a year. In August 1954 there was no sign of a church, except the site on which it was to stand; in August 1955 the Church was complete and already in use; a state of affairs that must be the envy of many a diocesan bishop at home!

The dedication of St. Boniface took place on Sunday September 18th, 1955, the fifteenth anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

It was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury who came to Germany especially to perform the ceremony. It was an historic occasion, a never-to-be-forgotten event in the lives of those who were present. In the congregation were the leaders of the Army and R.A.F. and Flag Officer, Germany representing the Royal Navy. It was a colourful and most representative procession that moved up the nave as the clock struck eleven. First the choir in the attractive blue robes of the Royal Church of Music, to which it is affiliated; then the Garrison and Station Chaplains, a Royal Naval Chaplain, the Pastor and District Supervisor of the German Evangelische Kirche and the Bishop of the Old Catholic Church from Bonn, vividly vested. Then came the Church-wardens preceding the Assistant Chaplain-General and the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, who escorted the Archbishop of Canterbury, resplendent in his lovely Coronation cope and mitre—a gift from the Anglican Church in Japan and made by Japanese women.

St. Boniface stands almost in the centre of the camp at München-Gladbach an advantage not enjoyed by every church at home. It is a modern church, as befits a great modern organisation. The

bell is tolled by electricity ; the organ the latest electronic model ; the lighting is the last word in modern installations. And yet, it is not modern in the surrealist sense, as are so many new churches on the Continent today. Above all, it is not an experimental church, which is the last thing the average National Serviceman would desire. For him everything around him, indeed the very fact of his national service, is such an upheaval in his life, that it is of immense importance to him that the church should suggest something unchanged and unchangeable—the permanent indestructible values which have stood the test of time.

The children of Servicemen and of other joint H.Q. personnel are catered for by the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies ; the Mothers' Union is a flourishing affair with a most creative programme. There is a Church Centre where all the normal afternoon and evening activities are held and where the Stag House Club, familiar to so many when H.Q., B.A.O.R. was in Bad Oeynhausien, continues its very active existence. This Club is a fellowship, open to all Ranks of the Army and the R.A.F., run under the auspices of the Garrison Church. Ex-members of the Club have formed a fellowship in England, and from time to time hold reunions in London.

In a congregation which is forever on the move, it is essential that everyone shall play their part. The many duties associated with a vigorous church life are not left to the usual faithful few, but are undertaken by a large band of willing workers. For example the W.R.A.C. and W.R.A.F. and the Sunday school children all take their turn in doing the altar flowers, and the National Servicemen of the Army and R.A.F. form the regular rota of Servers. The same is true of sidesmen and of the excellent choir, which is composed of members of the families resident in the camp, who give their services unstintingly, Sunday after Sunday.

The deeper side of the church life from which the spirit of service springs, lies in experienced and devoted hands. There are the Service chaplains, a truly magnificent Church Army Sister, and a Chaplain's Assistant for special work among the Women's Services. The Garrison provides its normal quota of men who attend the courses in Christian Leadership arranged for the Army at the Church House at Iserlohn, and at the R.A.F. Moral Leadership Centre at Cologne. During the winter the Bishop of Croydon conducted a Mission at München-Gladbach and a few weeks later, farther afield in the Rhine Army he held special courses for warrant officers, and sergeants and their wives. Thus quietly but efficiently St. Boniface seeks to make itself the spiritual focus in the life of the community of which it is already the geographical centre.

## From Here and There

Three officers of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps have been seconded for service with the Pakistan Armed Forces to assist in the re-organisation of their Military Nursing Service.

Lt.-Colonel S. E. Hughes, R.R.C., who until recently was Commandant of the Depot & T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C. is to assume the appointment of Chief Principal Matron (with the rank of colonel) at G.H.Q. Rawalpindi, and Major M.P.A. Albrecht, A.R.R.C., and Major C. P. Maudsley, A.R.R.C., are to be Matrons of Military Hospitals at Rawalpindi and Lahore.

Lt.-Colonel Hughes and Major Albrecht left the U.K. to take up their appointments on 10th March, 1956, sailing on M.V. Circassia. Major Maudsley is serving in Cyrenaica, joined the ship at Port Said.

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May I, through the medium of our Gazette, thank all those who so very generously subscribe to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Funds.

It is such a comfort to old and sick members of the Association to know they are not forgotten—It makes us feel we are still members of a large and happy family.

The wonderful Christmas hamper with so many useful things and so beautifully packed, makes all the difference to our Christmas, at least it does to mine, and at Easter a book token, it means so much to those like myself, with small incomes, who cannot afford to buy books.

I am filled with deep gratitude for all the help I receive from the Association.

E.S.N. A.1571.

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On October 29th, 1955, 42 members attended the Annual South Scotland Branch Dinner held in Allan Water Hotel, Bridge of Allan. Members came from Stirling, Edinburgh and Glasgow. All voted it a very successful evening. In the regretted absence of Matron-in-Chief, Lt.-Col. Mackaness, A.D.A.N.S., Scottish Command, was guest of honour.

Glasgow members have held successful meetings once a month in Overseas Club, Glasgow, except during June, July and August. Annual General Meeting was held there on Saturday, 18th February, 1956. Business of meeting was attended to including election of new committee, and then Members foregathered for Bring and Buy Sale which realized the sum of £41, after which a cup of tea was enjoyed by all.

The United Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. Tel.: Mayfair 4001. This Club, which was a gift to the three Nursing Services after the first World War, affords all the facilities of a Club in the heart of London at a cost below that of comparable Clubs. It is about two hundred yards from Oxford Circus and has twenty-six bedrooms.

Between the wars a profit was made. This has enabled the Directors to maintain its financial stability, and recently the public rooms have been redecorated. It is hoped that all Q.A.R.A.N.C. who contemplate joining a Club will visit and make inquiries about it. I ask your co-operation in our efforts to increase the Membership, which now totals over 1,000. Half of these are in the Nursing Profession, the remainder are friends and acquaintances proposed by members.

As a Founder Member and a frequent visitor to the Club throughout my 27 years of service, I can vouch for its usefulness as a "home from home" in the centre of London and a resting place for those who pass through or return to London from overseas.

The Secretary will be glad to answer any inquiries or to arrange for prospective members to see the Club at any time.

KATHERINE H. JONES. L29. (Matron-in-Chief. Retired)  
Chairman U.N.S. Club,

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HORSE to HELICOPTER Exhibition and Fair in the gardens of Marlborough House, St. James's, 10th and 11th July, 10 a.m.—8 p.m. in aid of Royal College of Nursing Appeals Fund.

Authentic but light-hearted Exhibition full of interest showing means of travel 1756—1956, with parade of travel clothes worn during this period. Commentary by stage or television celebrity at each showing.

The British Transport Commission, the main Shipping Lines, B.O.A.C. and B.E.A. and The Rootes Group, are among the main exhibitors.

There will also be stalls and side shows, a band playing each afternoon, and refreshments will be available.

Admission 1st day 5/- (2/6d. from 5 p.m.)  
3/6d. (1/6d. from 5 p.m.)

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In response to numerous requests for photographs of the portrait of Miss F. C. Goodall C.B.E., General Secretary Royal College of Nursing, painted by James Gunn A.R.A., and presented to the College, mounted matt prints have now been prepared—Two

sizes are available, 8½ in. by 6½ in. 4/6d. each ; 14½ in. by 12 in., 12/- each.

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Miss S. R. Burrell A3736 (4th., from right back row) would like to hear from others in this group taken at Rouen, August 1914.

The following is a short account of the activities of the Millbank Branch. The Branch held a very successful Raffle in November and raised just over twenty pounds for the Benevolent Funds.

In January we had a very pleasant evening when we had a Film Show arranged by Mrs. M. J. Boundy, at which some extremely interesting Films were shown in connection with Shell Products.

The Annual General Meeting was held in March, when new Officers and Committee were elected, and plans for the new year arranged.

H. HAMBLIN. LI36.  
Hon. Sec.

## Corps Sports News

Very little news has come in from the units during the winter months of sporting activities, but it is hoped that with the better weather and the longer days, sports officers are starting training for the Corps Sports to be held on 27th June, 1956, and for the Medforth



Cup and Inter Services Tennis Tournament. The Cup for the latter must not be allowed to leave us after only one year's tenure.

Capt. E. M. G. Scott from the Depot is to be congratulated on being selected to be a member of the Southern Command Badminton Team. She played with the team in the Inter Command Competition at Aldershot in January.

Pte. Gee from No. 1 Company, Aldershot is to be heartily congratulated on being one of the ten women from which the Army Women's Netball Team. was finally selected. This distinction was achieved in spite of an appendicectomy in the middle of the Netball Season. She was finally selected as 1st reserve for the Inter Services Tournament on 20th March.

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The most important business of the meeting will be the election of a Chairman and three members to fill vacancies on the Central Committee (Managing Trustees of the Association).

It is very much hoped that a Chairman may be elected from ex-Reserves or T.A.N.S. as since the Matron-in-Chief became *ex-officio* the Association President, it is no longer essential to restrict the Chairmanship to retired senior Regulars.

NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR CHAIRMAN AND THREE MEMBERS AND SHOULD BE SENT IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE—ALL NOMINATIONS OR RE-NOMINATIONS SENT IN BY MEMBERS MUST STATE THAT THE MEMBER NOMINATED HAS AGREED TO STAND.

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Lt.-Col. M. E. Harris Q.A.R.A.N.C. retd. „

## The Royal Visit to Kaduna

THE personnel of West Africa Command frequently feel that they belong to a forgotten Army and that they are in an isolated and disregarded corner of the earth. It was therefore, with feelings of complete incredulity, followed by those of the liveliest anticipation, that they heard of the impending visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Nigeria. The itinerary for the tour was eagerly awaited and nowhere more so than in Kaduna. Kaduna, far removed from the Westernised Coastal areas ; Kaduna, capital of the vast Northern Region with all its vivid contrasts ; that region of splendid and ancient Muslim Emirates and of the most primitive pagans ; of eager desire for knowledge and dismal belief in Ju-Ju.

The time for preparation was not very long and work commenced at once. Decorating here where buildings are few and far between and routes are long, offers a vastly different problem from that of built-up areas. Even the gardens could not provide very much in the way of colour, for the long dry season had reduced practically everything to brown and shrivelled scrub. The road from the airport to Government House was lined by standards draped in red white and blue and each decorated with a shield depicting either the Union flag or the Royal Standard. In the township itself triumphal arches were erected, each bearing the Royal Arms, and in two cases having large crowns suspended from them. At the corner of the Military Hospital compound was a superb arch erected by the neighbouring inmates of the Technical Institute and Trade Centre. This arch consisted of a triple span in pale blue metal. A most magnificent crown was suspended from it and by an arrangement of vanes, the crown revolved in the breeze. To add the finishing touch both arch and crown were illuminated with red and white and blue electric lights every night of Her Majesty's stay in Nigeria. Stands were improvised in the grounds of the hospital for convalescent patients and for wives and children. These stands were either painted or draped to add to the festive air. Beds were sited along part of the route and raised on concrete blocks for those patients who were unfit to get up for the occasion.

Meanwhile a great camp was being built on the outskirts of Kaduna, a camp to accommodate over 6,000 men and 2,000 horses of the provincial contingents, who already in December, were on

the move towards the capital. By road, rail and river, on foot, in canoes and on horseback they came. Those who journeyed with their horses probably had the hardest time of all, for some of them were over five weeks on the road and sometimes did more than twenty miles a day between staging posts—a gruelling trek in country such as this. Though the hardships of the journey were well understood, there was nevertheless, very keen competition for inclusion in each contingent. Thus by the end of January those chosen to take part in the Durbar were converging on the camp which awaited them. This camp was wonderfully organised. Roads had been cut and sign-posted for every contingent so that each could remain as a compact group. Water and fuel were laid on for the men and fodder for the horses. A veterinary surgeon was in constant attendance. The mountains of wood and fodder which had been stock-piled had to be seen to be believed, and horse-lines containing 2,000 horses—not to mention a few camels—were a sight that few are likely ever to see again. The health authorities were very busy, for apart from taking preventative measures against likely epidemics, they had to bear in mind the fact that the horses had passed through the dreaded tsetse belt, and they had to arrange all extra precautions on this score. At the same time thousands of school children were brought in from the outlying provinces and housed in and around Kaduna. The fact that all went well reflects the greatest credit on the authorities concerned.

In our own small way at the hospital, we were busy too. We provided crash teams to be at the airport on the arrival and departure days, and first-aid posts for the Durbar and Children's Parade, and the operating theatre was held in readiness to deal with any casualties. Accommodation was provided for some members of Her Majesty's entourage and for air crews, in the various hospital Messes. The R.A.M.C. mounted a half company for route lining and on the days of arrival and departure the Q.A.R.A.N.C. also mounted a contingent of five officers who were stationed at the hospital main gate. The hospital is situated very near Government House and so the patients and personnel were privileged to see the Queen each time she passed, without having to leave their own compound.

The long awaited day dawned at last, and to everyone's delight the harmattan which had been blowing strongly for several previous days, had ceased entirely. Nature was even bountiful enough to provide a cool breeze, which was much appreciated, especially by the route-lining party. Her Majesty's plane touched down at 12-15 p.m. and whilst a fly-past of Canberra bombers took place at the airport, excitement mounted steadily, particularly among the Africans who in their native dress, waving their flags, provided

great patches of vivid colour against the background of dry and withered bush. Colour was added to the scene also by the dark red tarbooshes and scarlet Zouave jackets of many of the troops. Then from the distance came the sound of cheering and that strange ululation by which African women give vent to their feelings. A few minutes more and the Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh at her side, passed us by, travelling in an open car. As they went slowly down the road and into the grounds of Government House, we told ourselves that they were actually here among us in Kaduna.

In the late afternoon the Queen and the Duke drove out to the Polo Ground. This visit was not on the official programme and so few people were thronging the road. Those in the hospital who happened to be available, thus had an unexpected and completely unimpeded view of the Royal visitors, both now and again when they returned about an hour later to attend a State Dinner at Government House that evening.

The next day brought the great Durbar and a truly magnificent spectacle it was. From every corner of the wide Northern Region the contingents had come to pay honour to their Queen. On their arrival at the Durbar arena escorted by mounted outriders of the Native Authority Police, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness first drove round the Provincial contingents and then inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by the 4th Battalion, Nigeria Regiment. The Queen in a beautiful evening dress and wearing the blue sash of the Garter, with the brilliance of her tiara and parure flashing in the sun, presented a regal figure indeed. When His Royal Highness had finished his inspection, the Queen mounted the steps of the Royal Pavilion and took her seat, with the Duke at her side. The Guard of Honour and Band marched past and then began the procession of the Provincial contingents of which there were twelve. The order of march past was Plateau, Kabba, Benue, Ilorin, Niger, Zaria, Katsina, Adamawa, Bauchi, Kano, Bornu and Sokoto. Each contingent was led by its Chief or Emir. They marched past on a circular route, saluting as they passed the Royal Pavilion. Each Chief detached himself there from his contingent, rode up to Her Majesty, saluted whilst in the saddle, then dismounted and took his seat in the stands. The procession itself took over two hours to march past the Queen and what an incredible sight it was. Truly it has been called a unique spectacle. Here indeed was all the ancient splendour and variety of the North. Colours beside which a rainbow would pale, materials whose richness is seldom seen in the modern world, all combined in this unforgettable panorama. The horses were caparisoned in unbelievable fashion; some had glittering satin trains floating out behind them, some had their legs encased in velvet trousers! Many of the riders wore centuries' old chain-mail dating from the Crusades, which

had been carried over the ancient caravan routes from Palestine and Egypt, across the desert to the shores of far Lake Chad, to remain in the proud custody of certain families there for eight centuries, and now to be brought yet another thousand miles to add to the splendour of this Durbar. Interspersed among the riders were trumpeters and other musicians whose instruments seemed to be as old as time, witch doctors and jesters, snake-charmers and tumblers, pagan tribesmen wearing only grass skirts and the body guards of the Emirs ceaselessly twirling the great State umbrellas over their master's heads and fanning them with ostrich and peacock feathered fans. Stepping disdainfully through it all were the camels, several of them carrying two drummers. Contingent followed contingent and the noise and the colour never for a moment abated until all had passed. Then indeed for a few moments, silence and stillness descended and the spectators felt suddenly as though they had awakened from a trance. After the procession came the Jahi, that famous charge of horsemen. In one wave after another they galloped to within yards of the Royal Pavilion and brought their horses up rearing, whilst they raised their right arms in salute and their cry of "Salaam Saraunia" echoed across the arena. Finally there raced past a band of mounted spearmen, half leather-clad, half naked, emitting blood-curdling and ear-splitting cries till they were lost in an enveloping cloud of pursuing dust. After this Her Majesty was graciously pleased to address the assembled company, over the public address system. Her speech was then broadcast in Hausa and thus the great Durbar was brought to a fitting close.

That afternoon there was a garden party and Investiture at Government House. Three fortunate Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers were among the guests and were privileged to witness the Investiture.

The following day saw the Children's Parade. The children were drawn up under the banners of their respective provinces. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived and entered the Royal Pavilion after being greeted by the Premier and the Minister of Education. The Queen was then presented with a bouquet by an African school girl, after which she and the Duke drove around the ranks of school children in the Royal Land-Rover. There was a display depicting a typical street scene in a Northern Nigerian village. A model village had been constructed and some of the children portrayed the everyday life of such a village. Some worked in the plantation laid out nearby, some spun cotton whilst others wove cloth. One group of boys was engaged in wood-carving and another in leather work. The girls pounded corn and decorated calabashes whilst others cared for the goats and hens, and the inevitable donkey took advantage of the occasion to kick up his heels and be thoroughly frisky. The Royal visitors appeared

greatly interested and spent a considerable time in going around the village. After they had returned to the Royal Pavilion, a schoolboy and schoolgirl presented gifts for Prince Charles and Princess Anne. The Queen and the Duke then left the arena and proceeded by car to the West African Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research, where they were told of the work being done on the problems of sleeping sickness and testse in Nigeria. They saw work going on in the various laboratories and heard of the research taking place on the changes in the human body after infection by trypanosomes. They also heard of experiments which are being carried out with new drugs, to prevent cattle from becoming infected. Afterwards a demonstration of trypanosomiasis treatment was given and the Royal visitors saw some of the Fulani cattle. On leaving the West African Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research, the Royal procession visited the Officers Mess of the 4th Battalion, the Nigeria Regiment where they met officers of that Unit before returning to Government House.

At five o'clock that evening the Queen and the Duke went to Lugard Hall, where the President of the House of Assembly was presented. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then entered the Chamber of the House and took their seats on the Royal Dais. The Loyal Address was read by the Premier in both English and Hausa and Her Majesty replied, a translation being read by the Clerk to the Legislature. The Queen and the Duke were then escorted out of the Chamber and up to the balcony of Lugard Hall, where they were pleased to acknowledge the greetings of the crowd. On re-entering the Hall, the senior Chief and one elected member from each province were presented. The Queen and the Duke then returned to Government House, where, later on that evening they saw a display of traditional tribal dancing. Meanwhile in another part of the town there was a very successful firework display, which gave the populace great enjoyment.

So, all too soon, came the day of departure and for the last time the Queen and the Duke drove past the hospital. Life in Kaduna seemed very dull indeed for the next few days, until everyday routine once more asserted itself. Our regret at their departure was mixed with pleasure in the knowledge that they were going to Jos, high up on the plateau and much cooler, for a short rest, before continuing their tour of the other regions.

The vivid memories of these few wonderful days will remain with us always and indeed Her Majesty in a farewell speech broadcast from Lagos, left with us a constant reminder of this Royal Visit, for she was graciously pleased to honour the Nigeria Regiment by conferring upon them the title of "The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment." For our part we venture to hope that the Queen and the Duke themselves, will always recall with interest and pleasure, their brief visit to this great and widely diverse country of Nigeria.

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## Obituary

MABELL, LADY AIRLIE.

Many of our older members will have read with regret of the passing of Mabell Countess of Airlie who died in London on the 7th April at the age of 90. Lady Airlie was a striking figure, her white hair, large picture hat and regal bearing remembered by many of us when we were interviewed by the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Nursing Board as applicants for the Army Nursing Service, and again in attendance on Her late Majesty Queen Mary, at some of the pre-war Q.A. At Homes honoured by The President, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Lady Airlie was on the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Nursing Board for twenty-four years from 1910-34, and for eighteen years was the Board President.

Mabell, Countess of Airlie, mother of the present Earl of Airlie was a close friend of Queen Mary to whom she was Lady of the Bedchamber for 50 years. Eldest daughter of the fifth Earl of Arran, she married the eighth Earl of Airlie in 1886. He was killed in action in the South African War. Two sons and two daughters of the marriage survive.

Lady Airlie was the witty author of three books of historical reminiscences "In Whig Society 1775-1818," "Lady Palmerston and her Times" and "With the Guards we shall go." The latter volume gives an account of the fashionable beauties who flocked to the Crimean War, and Lady Airlie mentions her cousin, Lady Erroll, sharing with her husband a very small tent with no room for more than the one camp bed. "His Lordship had the bed and Lady Erroll slept on the ground."

## The First Step Forward

A new Q.A.R.A.N.C. Mess was officially opened at Colchester on the 27th January 1956, by the Director-General of Army Medical Services, Lt. General Sir Frederick Harris K.B.E., C.B., M.C., Q.H.S., in the presence of Brigadier Dame Helen Gillespie D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., and many distinguished guests.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Colchester, Alderman and Mrs. Craig, and the Matron of the Essex County Hospital, were among the guests, also many high ranking officers from Command and District.

Sir Frederick Harris expressed his delight in officially opening the first Q.A.R.A.N.C. Mess built and completed since World War II.

A silvered key carried by the P.M.C. Major C.E. Rowles on a scarlet velvet cushion edged with silver grey cord, was presented to the D.G.A.M.S. to perform the opening ceremony. Accompanied

by the Matron, Major U. A. Dowling R.R.C., he unlocked the main door leading into the spacious hall and lounge. After the opening the guests toured the building and returned to enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon in the Mess.

The Mess, which will accommodate twenty three officers is a modern, centrally heated building, decorated in pastel shades and equipped with modern style furniture. French windows lead from the ante and dining rooms on to a paved terrace which runs along the front of the building looking South across the fields. Lawns and garden are still in the initial stage.

The furnishings and appointments are attractive and the rooms were gay with lovely spring flowers. The bedrooms are light and with a pleasant outlook, and other rooms and offices conveniently situated. Cost is understood to have been about £50,000.

We wish the Q.A.R.A.N.C. every success and happiness now and always, but it is impossible not to wonder how long the Corps is to wait before new accommodation, particularly that for senior staff is equated to that of other officers of similar rank, or to that now enjoyed by civilian nursing staff of comparable seniority, also occupying modern quarters.



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## An Achievement

Congratulations are offered to Miss Elsie Stephenson, at present chief nursing officer City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on her appointment as first Director of the Nursing Teaching Unit of the University of Edinburgh. This news is of very considerable importance in the nursing world, as it is the first appointment of a nurse as a member of the faculty of a British university.

Miss Stephenson is a widely travelled, experienced public health nurse, well known at home and overseas as a lecturer and member of conferences concerned in the development of health.

The Directorship as advertised was not limited to nurses, and this makes Miss Stephenson's appointment all the more significant.

We wish her every success in the work of preparing nurse teachers and administrators, in this first university nursing teaching unit in Great Britain set up at the University of Edinburgh.

### A REQUEST TO CONTRIBUTORS

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## MARRIAGES

- Lieut. D. S. McBryde to Capt. W. A. M. Hall, R.A.M.C. on 23rd December, 1955, at Westminster.
- Lieut. C. J. M. Edwards to Capt. V. P. Hinton, on 18th December, 1955, at Shoeburyness.
- Lieut. M. Forrest to M. F. Cowan, Esq., on 24th December, 1955, at West Hartlepool.
- Lieut. B. O'Malley to Lieut. J. C. R. Hyde, R.E., on 14th January, 1956, at Singapore.
- Lieut. B. Burgess to 2/Lt. V. Midgley, Manchester Regt., on 18th January, 1956, at Haslingden, Lancs.
- Lieut. A. L. Briggs to N. Leighton, Esq., on 28th January, 1956, at Hereford.
- Lieut. A. P. B. W. Cockaday to Capt. G. W. C. Joyce, R.A., on 1st February, 1956, at Chester.
- Lieut. Y. P. de Lacy Cuffe to Capt. R. J. E. Wilcox, R.A., on 21st January, 1956, at Kowloon.
- Lieut. H. T. Peters to Dr. D. C. Hodgson, on 28th January, 1956, at Norton, Kent.
- Capt. A. Moss to Dr. B. W. Holbrook, on 8th February, 1956, at Solihull, Warwickshire.
- Capt. M. Stephens to W. Thorpe, Esq., on 11th February, 1956, at R.V.H. Netley.
- Lieut. H. G. MacMillan to A. E. Findlater, Esq., on 9th February, 1956, at Aberdeen.
- Lieut. H. Devonport to Lieut. A. R. Armstrong, S. Staffs., on 11th February, 1956, at Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Lieut. M. E. Flynn to Capt. E. C. W. Hall, Int. Corps, on 4th February, 1956, at Nairobi.
- Capt. M. F. Eldon to Lieut.-Col. R. T. Wordingham, R.A.M.C., on 28th February 1956, at Folkestone.
- Lieut. S. Carmichael to G. A. L. Burne, Esq., on 11th February, 1956, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- Lieut. M. F. Bird to R. J. D. Elston, Esq., on 3rd March, 1956, at Bolton Abbey, York.
- Capt. J. M. Brooks to Dr. A. C. Wilson, on 3rd March, 1956, at Nairobi, Kenya.
- Lieut. H. R. Reeve to H. S. G. Johnstone, Esq., on 10th March, 1956, at St. Mary Le Tower, Suffolk.
- Lieut. M. S. Thomas to Capt. R. W. Parry, A.L.S., on 10th March, 1956, at Narbeth, Pembroke.
- Lieut. J. C. Chapman to D. J. Davies, Esq., on 10th March, 1956, at Greenwich.
- Pte. M. W. Stevens to Mr. J. K. Keen, on 5th January, 1956.
- Cpl. S. M. Smithson to Mr. L. D. Shapcott, on 14th January, 1956.
- Pte. A. S. T. Baillie to Mr. G. W. Charlesworth, on 7th January, 1956.
- Pte. G. A. Turnball to Mr. P. Arstall, on 14th January, 1956.
- Pte. F. R. Miller to Sgt. L. S. Appleby (R.A.S.C.), on 7th January, 1956.
- Pte. S. M. Thompson to Mr. J. Gardner, on 7th January, 1956.
- Pte. M. Graham to Mr. F. J. Bruce, on 13th January, 1956.
- L./cpl. M. E. McGregor to L./cpl. C. R. Harries (R.A.S.C.), on 28th January, 1956.
- S/Sgt. S. A. Jacques to Mr. J. MacQuarrie, on 11th February, 1956.
- Pte. L. C. McKee to S/Sgt. K. W. Henson (R.A.M.C.), on 18th February, 1956.
- Pte. S. Eckersley to Pte. M. Morgan (R.A.M.C.), on 3rd March, 1956.
- Cpl. E. D. P. Marks to Fus. W. B. Sanders (R.I. Fus.), on 25th February, 1956.
- Pte. S. O'Brien to Sgt. F. Baron (R.A.M.C.), on 18th February, 1956.
- Cpl. A. Merrick to Cpl. H. J. Hooper (R.A.F.), on 7th February, 1956.
- A/Cpl. S. Stone to Pte. M. J. Gibson (R.A.M.C.), on 18th February, 1956.

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L/Cpl. J. E. Martin to Mr. F. E. Lilley, on 24th March, 1956.  
Pte. J. L. Snow to Pte. J. D. Lewis (R.A.M.C.), on 26th March, 1956.

## BIRTHS

On November 19th., 1955 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London to Elaine (*nee* Scholte) ex-Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.,/R.A.771., wife of Ian Buchanan-Bateman, daughter, Susan, sister for Andria.

## DEATHS

TURNER, on March 1956, at Bury, Lancashire. Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, A. 3752,  
BIRDSALL, on April 30th., suddenly, at Threshfield, Yorkshire, Marjorie  
Birdsall, R.R.C., Major Q.A.R.A.N.C. Retd. L.43  
SMITH,—on April 30th. at Budleigh Salterton, Helen Gregory Smith, C.B.E.,  
R.R.C.

## PROMOTIONS

*Lieut.-Colonel to Colonel.*

February—Lieut.-Colonel L. M. Rose, R.R.C. (11th).

*Major to Lieut.-Colonel.*

February—Major P. E. Wilkins, A.R.R.C. (11th).

*Captain to Major.*

January—Captain B. Mungovan (7th).

*Lieutenant to Captain.*

January—Lieut. C. J. Peake-Cottam (2nd), Lieut. M. G. M. Rowley (2nd),  
Lieut. L. P. K. Marshall (6th), Lieut. M. B. Utlely (7th), Lieut. M. Stack  
(22nd), Lieut. V. Cameron (29th).

February—Lieut. M. E. King (6th), Lieut. A. M. Ward (9th), Lieut. I. H. Reid  
(11th), Lieut. E. P. Fitzgerald (13th), Lieut. M. A. M. MacInnes (21st),  
Lieut. R. A. MacCallum (22nd).

March—Lieut. E. M. Holmes (5th), Lieut. A. B. Findlay (5th).

A/Cpl. J. M. Pursey to Sub./Cpl., 30th January 1956.

A/Cpl. B. Townson to Sub./Cpl. 17th January, 1956.

## RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

*January, 1956*—Capt. J. C. Clark, Lieut. D. S. Hall (*nee* McBryde), Lieut. B. Midgley (*nee* Burgess), Lieut. R. Robinson, Lieut. R. M. Drummond (*nee* Jackson), Lieut. C. J. M. Hinton (*nee* Edwards), Lieut. M. Cowan (*nee* Forrest), Lieut. B. Hyde (*nee* O'Malley), Lieut. A. L. Leighton (*nee* Briggs), Lieut. H. T. Hodgson (*nee* Peters), Lieut. Y. P. Wilcox (*nee* De Lacy Cuffe).

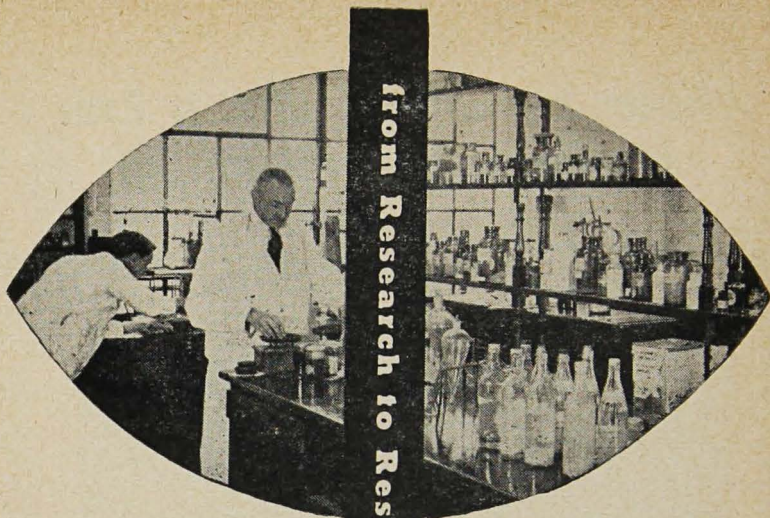
*February, 1956*—Colonel F. M. Smith, R.R.C., Lieut. D. B. Harvey (*nee* Gale) Capt. M. F. Wordingham (*nee* Eldon), Lieut. A. Holbrook (*nee* Moss), Lieut. H. Armstrong (*nee* Devonport), Lieut. M. E. Hall (*nee* Flynn), Lieut. K. C. Swayne (*nee* Fitzpatrick), Lieut. S. Burne (*nee* Carmichael), Lieut. M. Thorpe (*nee* Stephens) Lieut. H. G. Findlater (*nee* MacMillan), Lieut. A. P. B. W. Joyce (*nee* Cockaday).

*March, 1956*—Lieut. M. F. Elston (*nee* Bird), Lieut. H. R. Johnstone (*nee* Reeve) Capt. J. M. Wilson (*nee* Brooks), Lieut. M. S. Parry (*nee* Thomas).

## APPOINTMENTS

Colonel E. M. E. Dawe, M.B.E., R.R.C., to M.E.L.F. as A.D.A.N.S. vice Colonel F. M. Smith, R.R.C., on retirement in February, 1956.

Colonel E. G. M. Reynolds, M.B.E., R.R.C., to B.A.O.R. as D.D.A.N.S. on 14th March, 1956.



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Pte. J. Cotton  
Pte. M. Dawson  
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Pte. B. N. Poole  
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Pte. J. H. Leech  
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Pte. J. L. Payne  
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Pte. H. M. Rushworth  
Pte. V. D. Ward  
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