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EDITORIAL

EVIDENTLY we were a little too expectant of "vigour and hope" carrying us clear of obstacles for a time at least. "The chain of casualties" has extended into Volume 3, right at its start—number one casualty is the Editor, Colonel K. M. Brady, who finds that she will not be able to continue. That is sad, but we persist in not being discouraged—our Editor will materialise—any offers or suggestions?

The other casualty is the badge design on the cover which has not turned out quite as expected; for one thing the cross is not our cross—we must accept the design for this and the next issue; after that it will be improved.

Now we want to introduce a lady who is rather important to you. Her photo is on the cover. Mrs. D. M. Hammond (*nee* Abel), ex-T.A.N.S., represents our general readers on the Gazette Committee of which she is Chairman, and on the Central Committee. This work she has been doing for five years. Her priority responsibility is the readers' interest rather than that of the Gazette, though it is obviously impossible to separate the two things and in any case type of production is decided by material available. Mrs. Hammond would be glad to consider and put forward any progressive ideas sent in by readers.

CORPS DAY, 27th MARCH, 1957

A MESSAGE OF LOYAL GREETINGS was sent by the Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services on behalf of all ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C. to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day, 1957, to which a gracious acknowledgment was received.

MALTA G.C.—It rained on Q.A. Day. For weeks before the sun had shone and plans for the twenty-seventh included an outdoor netball match, sun-glasses for spectators and an early tan for all. So urgently has rain been needed in Malta this year though, that it was welcome even on this special day. Wet-weather plans were put into action, and the match took place in the Commandoes' gymnasium lent to us for the afternoon.

The Other Ranks' team, captained by Cpl. B. Bland, was rumoured to be in olympic form, but more than rain interfered with plans for the netball match. One of the team, Pte. Edwards, was admitted to hospital; then Cpl. Bland developed chicken-pox and retired into barrier-nursed seclusion. Pte. Robb, taking her place as Captain, led the Other Ranks' team to victory.

It was not an easy victory. The Officers' team captained by Lt. Howitt, lacked practice, but were strong and active. The game was fast, eventful and colourful. The white sports kit of the officers, mingling with the grey and scarlet of their opponents, brightened the dull gymnasium so long accustomed to the muscle-strained khaki of Commando gymnasts.

S/Sgt. Flynn, R.A.E.C., was the referee. Keeping out of range of the herculean players, he sounded the final whistle when the score was 32-28. The Other Ranks' team had won. Another year must pass before the officers could hope to win back the cup. The other ranks deserved their success though. They had practised on the windswept netball pitch, suffered two serious losses in the team, and produced reserves who had leapt, dodged and fallen down like professionals, though with little or no previous netball experience.

Sitting with Matron, Lt.-Col. P. E. Wilkins, among the spectators who had enjoyed this lively match, was Mrs. M. M. Lewis. She presented the cup to Pte. Robb, and congratulated the players. The victorious team, glowing with triumph and exertion, then limped outside to have a photograph taken before tea.

Tea was in the Other Ranks' Q.A.R.A.N.C. Recreation Room. The room, newly decorated and looking very pretty, welcomed the thirsty teams and spectators who hurried in from the rain and wind outside. Tea, conversation, comfortable chairs and firelight reflected on the silver cup now proudly displayed, erased the darkening day. Too soon it was time to leave the cosy room and prepare for the evening ahead. It had been a happy afternoon, but we were sorry that the invalids and those on duty could not be present as well.

Major M. Daly, who is secretary of the Malta branch of the Association, arranged a very successful evening. A dinner was held in nearby Rabat, a town reached in wet weather, by slithering down one steep hill and sliding up another. A number of cars collected Association members from home, mess and billet and took them to the Hôtel Point de Vieu. Shorts and shirts, tweeds and mackintoshes had been changed for dresses, and the dining room

of the hotel responded as gratefully to colour and laughter as had the gymnasium earlier in the day.

The dinner was made even better by champagne presented by the vanquished to the victors, and sipped from the cup. Then Lt.-Col. Wilkins gave a short after-dinner speech. This was the first Q.A. Day she had spent in Malta and like other comparatively newcomers among the members present, she had found it a happy and united occasion. There were others present, no longer in the Corps, but taking an active interest in the Association. These were Lt.-Col. (Ret.) M. E. Harries, who lives in Rabat, and has been to see us in the David Bruce; Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Lewis, who both live in the adjoining walled-city of Medina, and are equally strong supporters of the Association. The evening showed the companionship which exists between past members of the Q.A.'s, those still serving and those very newly joined.

When Q.A. Day, 1958, comes round again in Malta, the weather may be good. There may be new players bounding around the netball pitch, new faces among the spectators. What is certain though is that the spirit of unity and friendship which comes from belonging to the Association will remain unchanged from year to year.

M. H. RUNDLE, A/HIND/?

BENGHAZI.—I thought you might be interested to hear of our activities during Corps week, when we raised £140 for the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.

We have many non-serving members of the Association here who are interested in their membership. It was at a general meeting that we decided to try and raise money during Corps Week, for the Association Benevolent Fund.

Major G. B. Powell, our Matron, started the ball rolling by organising weekly raffles among the patients and hospital staff.

Sunday, March 24th, was kept as Corps Sunday here. The service was taken by the Reverend A. E. M. Johnson, C.F., who is the hospital padre. Cpl. Hall, who has since been posted to Tripoli with Pte. Tallis and Pte. Sutherland, read the lesson.

On Tuesday, 26th, the other ranks held their dance which was very enjoyable. A nominal entrance fee was charged for gentlemen from units outside the hospital, which we hoped would keep down the numbers. There were prizes for novelty dances and a buffet supper. We had hoped to hold the dance in the open-air, but the weather was too unsettled. A raffle was held during the course of the evening.

On the following day the officers held their cocktail party, which was attended by about 150 guests. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Loewen and Major-General Sir Geoffrey Bourse, who were on their visit to Benghazi, were among the guests.

The biggest attraction of the week was the Charity Ball, held at the Officers' Club in aid of the Benevolent Fund, on Thursday,

March 28th. The numbers had to be limited to 130, though many more tickets could have been sold; unfortunately space was limited. N.A.A.F.I. supplied the buffet. There were many prizes for novelty dances and a grand raffle of gifts which had been presented to us by individuals, officers' messes and various business houses. Major Powell presented the prizes, which I thought were never going to end. Many of the local firms gave donations of money. Capt. L. J. Long, our Admin. Officer, acted as M.C. and was most successful.

The profits from "Radio Tombola" during Corps Week were presented to the Association. Until very recently this programme was organised and run by the R.A.M.C. It is very popular in Benghazi and the profits were donated to some charity each week.

The local Forces Broadcasting Station was "At Home" to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. on March 29th. The greater number of the programmes were arranged for our benefit. Everyone enjoyed hearing their favourite music played for them.

I had quite an interesting time recording "My Kind of Music," which was a half-hour programme. Major Powell then gave a talk on the history of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., and Capt. Runyard ended that programme with Miss Florence Nightingale's speech on the eve of the nurses' departure to South Africa.

The Q.A. officers at Barce M.R.S. took part in our celebrations. Major Turner and Lt. Belcher organised a raffle which contributed £9 10s. towards the fund. I think Barce will miss Major Turner when she leaves for Cyprus in the near future.

The M.R.S. at Derna is too far from Benghazi for the Q.A's there to have joined in our celebrations, but I am sure Capt. Moynahan, Lt. Coombs and Lt. Walsh enjoyed their week.

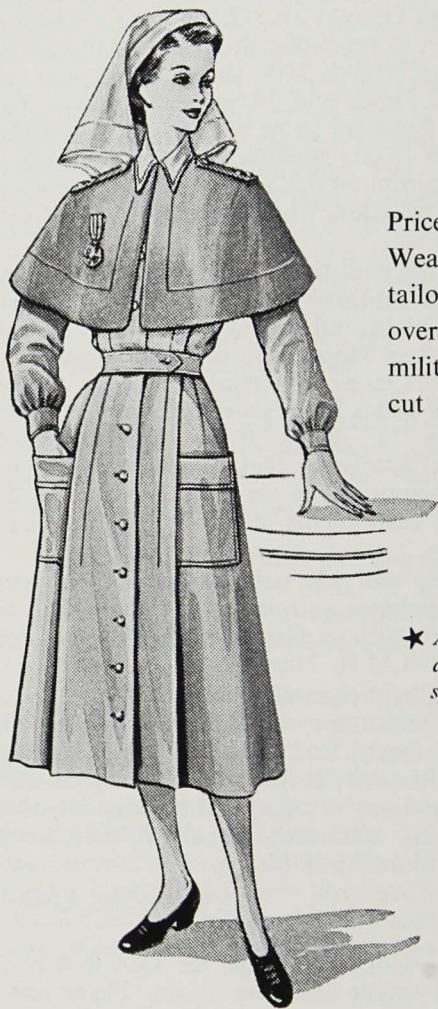
A cheque for £120 has been forwarded to the Benevolent Fund and the remainder retained for running expenses.

Major Shine and Lieuts. Dulson, Grieve, Rees, Ireland and Galbraith are our recent arrivals to Benghazi. We have lost Major Coppack, Capt. Revell, Capt. Parker and Lieuts. Banister, Goodey and Pugh this year. The Other Ranks to leave us have been Cpl. Hall, Ptes. Sutherland, Tallis, Hall, Jones, Robertson and Davies. Ptes. Love, Watson, Ansell and Barber have joined us.

Brigadier C. M. Johnson, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., and Col. E. Dawe, R.R.C., A.D.N.S., M.E.L.F., visited Benghazi the following week and spent three days with us. We entertained them for their visit in our Mess. On the night of their arrival a cocktail party was held to enable Brigadier Johnson to meet heads of Services. I think they were interested in their visit to the local Suk, though it cannot be compared with the Mousky at Cairo.

P. M. MORAN, L.448

POLEMEDHIA.—A small M.R.S. right in the middle of a large Army camp not far from Limassol, on the south west coast of Cyprus and a long way from B.M.H. Nicosia in the north.



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Although we are such a small family, living near the foothills of the Trodos mountains both Officers and O.R's were anxious to celebrate Corps Week in what is becoming the traditional manner. Therefore on Sunday morning, March 24th, three officers and two O.R's accompanied by Col. Dawe and Major Fabian, who had come up from Rear G.H.Q. Episkopi to be with us, went together to the little Garrison Church of St. Nicholas, Polemedhia, where Padre Gravelle held a most helpful service with hymns, prayers and a small address suited to the occasion. There were officers and men and some families there with us.

After the service we left the cool little Church and walked out into the warm Mediterranean sunshine to make our way back to the M.R.S., where Major Knight and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers gave a small sherry party in their Mess, from the open windows of which glimpses of the Troodos mountains could be seen. On the inside of one of these window panes friends were shown a beautiful copperplate writing signature "C. Percy, R.E., 1878," and told that the Mess was an original Kitchener Hut still in use and good repair. Another Kitchener memory kept very green is that of his pack of hunting hounds, the descendents of which are to be heard and met all over the island.

The O.C., Capt. Hamlet, and his wife, were unfortunately unable to be present due to sickness and were sadly missed by all, but we were delighted to have with us Capt. and Mrs. Nixon (*nee* Gaston), so lately married at B.M.H. Nicosia.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. O.R's held their Celebration Tea Party on Wednesday, March 27th, to which they invited their friends. The "pièce de résistance" was a lovely iced cake, bearing the Corps badge, made by "Tommy," the cook, in his kitchen with great skill. The party went with a swing and was voted a great success. Members were looking forward to joining other nurses at the B.M.H. Corps Day Dance which is being held on April 4th.

M. A. KNIGHT, L.480

KINRARA, MALAYA.—Corps Day of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., at B.M.H., dawned fine and bright and very warm. There was a warm and friendly spirit too as we prepared for the Church Service in the Hospital Church of St. Luke, and members of the Corps assembled with their guests and filled the Church. The D.D.M.S. Colonel Brennan, the C.O. and his wife, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Mackay-Dick were present, and many R.A.M.C. personnel. Colonel Kingston, D.A.C.D., conducted the service for us and gave a very apt and stirring address, reminding us of the importance of our service under the White Cross, depicted in the badge we wear.

The lesson was beautifully read by Q/Cpl. Langrish, who was highly complimented. After the service there was coffee for the O.R's and guests in the Q.A. O.R's dining room, and the officers

foregathered with their guests in the Officers Mess for refreshments and a curry lunch with all the etceteras.

To make the most of Corps Day we extended the celebrations to two more days. A mock rounders match was played in fancy dress, Officers v. O.R's, at the B.M.H. Padang, spectators welcome. The officers effected American style dress of jeans, check shirts and red-peaked baseball type caps. The O.R's paraded in striped shirts and trousers, and waxed moustachios looking a mixture of Spanish cabaleros and "The Dead End Kids," but arrived singing "The Gentle Maiden" from the Q.A.R.A.N.C. march, just to remind us they were not quite as tough as they had made themselves look. They twirled a sunshade of which only the framework remained to keep off the sun's scorching rays. This was eventually used as the implement for hitting the ball, when the wrong end of a tennis racquet proved too cumbersome to manipulate. Capt. Bland stole the show when she arrived late dressed as a Mexican gunman, wearing an outsize in somberos, and played on whichever side happened to be winning. The score, after half-an-hour's wild hitting and running, was never quite unanimous, but we agreed to differ.

After the match, which was played according to whatever rules anyone thought of at the time, the O.R's invited the officers to tea in their dining room on condition they provided the tea, which they did, so a riotous time and strawberries and cream were enjoyed by all.

The All Ranks Dance which rounded up the celebrations the following day was a great success. The Q.A. O.R's had dinner at 8 p.m., served by A/Matron Major Ballesty and the Detachment Officer, Lt. Pickett, before the dance. The highlight of the evening was a mannequin parade of Vogue gowns displayed very professionally by Q/Ptes. B. Ord and J. Leech, under the direction of the management of Vogue Model Gowns in Kuala Lumpur. Rock and Roll took second place for three-quarters of an hour, and the ladies were in their element. Husbands decided to keep a closer eye on their bank balance and sleep with their wallets under their pillow !

H. D. DUNCAN, L.502

NICOSIA.—Our Corps Day celebrations commenced with a Sunday Service held in the pretty little hospital chapel of St. Luke. How lovely the altar looked with its vases of fresh spring flowers. The warm sunshine, piercing the stained glass windows, shone with brilliance upon the uniforms of the officers, men and women who work in this hospital, and upon the bright summer clothes of wives and families who had come to join with us in giving our thanks to God for yet another year spent in His Service and in that of our Corps.

The Lesson was read by Pte. Kimpton, while Cpl. Anson and Pte. Peacock ushered the people to their seats, and took the offertory.

An inspiring address was given by Padre Garrett. This will be the last Q.A. Day service that he will take in Cyprus this tour, as he is leaving us shortly, to go home to the U.K.

Father Dick held a service at the same time for the Roman Catholic members in the little chapel in the Hygiene Wing.

After the services many friends visited the Officers Mess, and were entertained to a small sherry party. Amateur photographers were kept busy making records for their snapshot albums and for friends at home of this birthday of our Corps.

On Wednesday, March 27th, Major Heafy and officers, gave a cocktail party to which over 100 guests were invited. The ante-room was gay with flowers and a bright fire burned on the hearth, for after sundown it gets very chilly here in Cyprus at this time of the year. For the hardier members the verandah was decorated with coloured lights. Saffragi and Cypriot waiters deftly handed round drinks and dainties. If the merry laughter and chatter in the ante-room is a criterion, then both guests and hostesses were thoroughly enjoying their party.

A slight postponement, in order to obtain the services of the band of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, did not dampen the zest of the Q.A. O.R's for their dance, which they held in the Company Dining Hall. This was gaily decorated by Sgt. Wright, R.A.M.C., who also acted as M.C. for the dance. A special Thank You to him and other friends who helped with this very successful evening. Dancing took place from 8-12 p.m. One half-hour was given over to the exponents of Rock and Roll, and they gave an expert show. There were two Spot Dances, the prizes for which were presented by Major Wood. During the evening a raffle was held for the Q.A. Association, which brought in the sum of £4 12s., and was won by a member of the band. One of the highlights of the evening was the cold buffet arranged by Captain Moore, A.C.C.

Thus our celebrations came to an end for another year, but although past, they will be remembered with pleasure by all of us who were here to take part and to enjoy them.

W. G. I. HOBBS, A/HOST/27

A NOTE OF THANKS

This is a tribute which I had meant to write some time ago, and which has often been in my thoughts. It is to the members of the South Scotland Branch and I would like, through the medium of the Gazette, to thank them for all their good wishes, care and kind thoughts during the long period when I was "off sick." If all the branches look after their members the way mine does then the Association certainly lives up to its motto "Friendship." On two occasions when I had to leave my own home town to become a patient in a hospital in Glasgow, the members of the branch in Glasgow were never failing in their visitation. I never knew when

one was going to pop in, and I was so heartened and uplifted by their visits I felt that I was one of them and that they really were my "associates." Goodness and mercy certainly followed me and I would so like them to know just how much I appreciated all their kindness and how often I remind myself of their genuine concern for my well being; it makes one feel very humble indeed, and very proud to be a member of an association whose members really care for one another.

MARGARET DEVLIN, L.317

U.S. AIR FORCE HOSPITAL

The new U.S.A.F. hospital at Wheelus Base, Tripoli, was opened in October, 1956, and recently Major G. S. Ray, A.R.R.C., and myself visited it with the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. M. H. Sawyer, United States Medical Services. On arrival we were received by Col. Sawyer and the Head Nurse, Major Smith, who later accompanied us on an extensive visit of the hospital which lasted four hours, including time for a most excellent lunch in the spacious, well-equipped cafeteria used by hospital staff and up-patients.

The tour consisted of visits to administrative offices, Medical and Isolation wards, Operating Theatre, Central Supply Depot, Maternity Ward, Surgical Wards, Kitchen, Out-patients' Department, Red Cross Department, Laboratory and X-Ray Departments.

This is a single-storey building, and the most striking thing about it is the excellent planning to avoid waste of effort on the part of staff. Walls are light coloured and washable and fairly low height of ceilings makes all parts of wall accessible for washing. Floors are laid with linoleum squares of cheerful colours. The obvious value of this is that parts of the floor which get more wear than others can be replaced without waiting until all the floor is threadbare and dangerous. Each square, 8 in. by 8 in., costs about 7d. to replace.

Lighting is excellent, being fluorescent bars, at a useful height from the ceiling, and glare is well dispersed to avoid eyestrain. Ward and corridor night lights are about 18 in. from the floor, and composed of small round globes built into the wall. The saving in electricity by this method must be considerable.

On first entering the hospital we were impressed by the wide glass door leading into a well-equipped comfortable waiting room. Specialist Medical Officers' consulting rooms lead off from this. The Kit Store is attached to the admission unit. It has changing room and shower, and ambulant patients are able to wash and change into hospital clothes before proceeding to the ward. The clothes they are wearing on admission are left behind for laundering.

Each ward has a long corridor with some single rooms leading off, and at the head of the corridor is the main ward of about twenty beds. Each bed has curtaining, so that carrying of screens is unnecessary. The ward is divided into two halves, front and back.

Each part has a fitted hand basin with taps which are turned on by a foot pedal—useful this—no running taps. The Nursing Officers' Duty Room is about half-way up the corridor and is glass-partitioned. Patients' case notes are hanging by a steel folder on a type of trolley which is wheeled into the ward during daily medical rounds. There is a steel folder numbered for each bed. Treatment orders are on a special form which is kept in the Nursing Officers' Duty Room.

Treatment rooms are not large but they are well equipped with glass-fronted cupboards for medicines and lotions. Drawers are fitted to a dresser-like ledge which runs along the whole length of the room. They run on a ball-bearing system and cannot stick.

Annexes are large and airy, with a minimum of fittings for easy cleaning. Bedpan sterilisers are fitted to the walls, dirty linen bags are on steel rings attached to a steel upright with castors, so that it can be wheeled round the ward during linen change.

The Ward Kitchen is a dream, stainless steel fittings everywhere which are large and easily cleaned. There is an automatic dish washer on every ward and also a large refrigerator.

All windows are finished off with attractive slack blinds of white perspex to prevent entry of strong sunlight. The only thing of special note in the isolation wards was the single cubicle with its own wash basin and a door leading into a small dressing room and sluice room, another cubicle opening out on the other side.

There are several rooms with cots for children attached to the wards. One parent must accompany the child, and remain in hospital with it; whilst there they are responsible for its hour-to-hour needs, but all medical treatment is of course carried out by the ward staff. This arrangement can, as we know be a mixed blessing.

The operating theatre has restful green walls and floor of green rubber, low ceiling and no windows. Central Supply Depot is next to the Operating Theatre. It is a large room fitted with plenty of ledges at easily accessible height and its own autoclaving plant. A small room is available for cleaning, repacking and sterilising syringes. These are packed in small tin containers for sterilising, each holds about 12-18 \times 5 or 10 mil. size, suitable for distribution to wards for daily needs. An inner tray is perforated to hold the syringes and no other wrapping is used, a saving of lint and time.

The Maternity Unit contains four, two and one-bedded wards and a delightful glass-fronted nursery. It has the usual excellently equipped offices including a small isolation nursery.

The Out-patients' Department for military personnel and dependants is well arranged. On each side of a doctor's office is a door leading into a room divided into three cubicles fitted with examination couch and trolley. The end cubicle leads into another doctor's office. In this way no time is lost waiting for one patient to change before another can be seen. Each set of six cubicles has necessary steriliser, drawer and cupboard space for dressings, medicines and lotions.

We noticed, in going round, that the staff looked fresh and rested. The ward staffs work on a three-shift arrangement: 3-11, 11-7, 7-3, which gives plenty of time for leisure and rest.

This was a most enjoyable and instructive visit. Nothing was too much trouble for the staff to explain and it was all done during the busiest hours of a working day. One last thing must be said, wherever we went throughout the hospital we were warm, corridors and wards were the same temperature and we did not see one radiator where dust could collect.

F. MACDONALD, A/HAN/14

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

MALTA G.C.—See item from Malta G.C. under Corps Day Celebrations.

NICOSIA.—At a Mess Meeting members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. B.M.H., Nicosia, decided that they would like to start a branch of the Association in Cyprus. At the same time they felt that it would be a good thing to give the new branch a flying start with a Grand Bazaar.

Plans went rapidly ahead. Gifts of pottery, dainty embroidery, knitted garments and toys arrived, turning Major Ratcliffe's room into a fancy goods store, while Captain Bindloss was kept busy collecting bottles, jars and packets of provisions of all kinds. On the morning of the opening, delicious cakes were delivered and last but not least, everyone had a spring cleaning of drawers and trunks, showering Lt. Edmonds with gifts for her Jumble Stall. Three fresh air fiends even gathered bunches of the dainty wild anemones which grow on the hillside just outside the hospital gates, during their afternoon stroll and produced these for sale. R.A.M.C. staff and their wives rallied round nobly and to them we give most grateful thanks for their many kind gifts and help.

The morning of the sale dawned dull and cold after days of warm, glorious sunshine. However, eager listeners heard with relief, the Cyprus Broadcasting Station announce fine weather.

Our many helpers went to work with a will and the Nurse Training Wing was transformed. Desks and blackboards disappeared and attractively laid out stalls took their places in the largest classroom, while a smaller room was adorned with second-hand garments. Somehow when the room was cleared, a chart showing the muscles had not been removed and some wag had decorated it with a costume for sale, leaving the head, hands and legs exposed in the correct places. A truly quaint sight. Incidentally this Paris model brought in 7s. 6d. for the fund.

Outside, members of the R.A.M.C. worked hard decorating the verandah and lawn with bunting, and erecting a skittle alley and other outdoor side shows. Alas! Just before time for the opening the Clerk of the Weather decided that he would give a demonstration of exactly what Cyprus can do in the way of rain. The Kyrenia Mountains disappeared into a bank of dense black cloud, and a veritable deluge descended, turning the Training Wing and its gay

bunting into an island amidst a sea of mud and water. Would the weather ruin our Bazaar? was the question on every lip. But no! By three o'clock many taxis and cars had arrived and were discharging their goodly crowd of prospective buyers, as well as the numerous hardier visitors who waded up the drive clad in mackintoshes and Wellington boots.

Col. Dawe, the A.D.N.S., had come all the way from Rear Headquarters, Episcopi, to open the Bazaar. She gave a short but very interesting speech on the aims and work of the Association and thanked everyone for coming. She then declared the Bazaar open. Lt. Gilmore stepped forward and presented her with a bouquet of daffodils, irises and violets.

Lt. Eriksen, who was selling the admission tickets, which included tea, had an extremely busy time as the long queue filed past her and spread out round the tempting stalls, behind which stood officers and O.R's ready to serve their prospective customers. Selling was very brisk and many lovely or useful articles were bought. The stalls grew emptier and emptier while the tills became more and more full.

A very popular attraction was the Bran Tub contributed and run by Major Knight and Q.A. staff of the M.R.S. Polemedhia. Treasures found in it were designed for both old and young. Of course occasionally a gift reached the wrong age group, as was seen when Col. C. Marsdon, R.A.M.C., spent the rest of his stay after taking a "dip" walking around wearing a celluloid doll in the waistband of his raincoat.

For several weeks prior to the Bazaar, and also during the event raffle tickets were sold for those who wished to take a chance to win lovely prizes donated by kind friends here in Cyprus. A shaving kit, a Parker pen and pencil set, a huge iced cake and a box of biscuits. The winning numbers were drawn from a drum by Col. Dawe while tea was being served. She then presented the prizes to their lucky owners, except for one which had to be sent to Aqaba where the holder of a winning number was then stationed.

At four o'clock the tea, arranged by Major Fabian and Captain Bindloss, was served and much appreciated by all. After this the few remaining items were sold and the visitors splashed their way to cars. and homes The stall holders handed the contents of their tills to Major O'Gara, the treasurer, who received £105 from them, and a further £50 from the sale of raffle tickets. To this sum was added yet another £17, by Major Wood, who had made this from the sale of tickets for a whist drive which she had held the week before, and which had been greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

We are very grateful to our Matron, Major Heafey, and to the O.C., Lt.-Col. Milne, O.B.E., for allowing us to hold this very profitable and enjoyable bazaar, and to Col. Dawe for performing the opening ceremony. We hope in the future to be able to hold others, but in better weather.

W. G. I. HOBBS, A./HOST/27

TRIPOLI.—Members of the branch, in order to make funds for the Association, between them bought materials for a rug, which the Chairman, Major G. S. Ray, made, semi-circular in shape with a rose pattern on a creamy white background. The finished product was excellent, admired and coveted by everyone. In a protecting cellophane bag it proceeded on a tour of the hospital wards, local units, clinics, etc., to bring in purchasers for its raffle tickets. The actual draw was held at a St. Valentine's Dance in the R.A.M.C. Sergeants' Mess, this being announced by broadcast. Mrs. Fountain, wife of the Commanding Officer, agreed to draw the tickets and the Branch Secretary's ticket was drawn as the winning ticket. Alas, this could not be, much as I should have liked to own that rug. Another ticket had to be drawn, this time the winner was a Warrant Officer from one of the local R.E.M.E. units. This too was announced by broadcast. The raffle realised £25 which I enclose.

H. E. KEELAN, A/NET./34

MILLBANK.—The Branch Annual General Meeting was held at 121 St. George's Square, on Wednesday, March 20th, and there were thirty-three members present. The members were welcomed by the Chairman, Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, who said how delighted she was to see so many there. The election of officers and committee resulted in only one change, that of Pte. M. M. F. Mountain to replace S/Sgt. A. E. Blake, who had resigned due to posting. It is with regret that we now have to report that Ptes. Mountain, Bennett and Freeguard have been posted to F.A.R.E.L.F., and we are very sorry to lose them from the branch. In her report Lt. B. Terry, Hon. Treasurer, said that the branch had donated £80 to H.Q., since our last annual general meeting. It was agreed that the branch would hold a meeting on the first Wednesday of each alternate month, except in January, when it would be the second Wednesday so as not to clash with the Christmas and New Year festivities.

A meeting of the branch was held on Wednesday, May 1st, at 121 St. George's Square, at 7.30 p.m., and again there was a good attendance. It had been hoped to have a Beauty Preparation Demonstration by Cyclax, but owing to their many commitments this had to be postponed to another day. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all, many playing cards while some of the newly-joined members took on a team of the older members at darts and eventually won the match. The evening closed with the usual tea and biscuits and the never-ending chat of old times and friends.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 3rd, when we are having a "Bring and Buy" sale, and each member is invited to bring a guest.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND.—The Annual General Meeting, held on February 9th, 1957, was attended by forty members. The business meeting was followed by a "Bring and Buy" sale and tea.

The sum of £36 was realised at the sale. A very happy afternoon was spent on May 11th, 1957, when twenty-eight members visited Miss Gray-Buchanan in her home, Parkhill Palmant. After tea Dr. Joan Horne, of Stirling, who recently returned from a visit to America, gave an amusing and interesting talk on her experiences there.

H. D. B. ANDERSON, A/SOS/1

NEW ZEALAND.—It has been a great pleasure to meet Mrs. A. E. Hatfield who is over here on a long visit. Mrs. Hatfield has been associated with the New Zealand Branch since its formation in 1951, and for four years at least was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. She is very anxious to have news of Miss Ruth Drabble (first world war). Can any members help?

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held in April. Elected officers were: Miss L. M. Cliffe, Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Paterson and Miss M. E. Wynne, Vice-Chairmen; Miss M. C. Thomson, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Arrangements were made for the laying of a wreath at the Anzac Day Service. It was decided that a 6-8 p.m. party is to be held in July or August in preference to a date near Christmas, and it is hoped that more members living at a distance may then be able to attend.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—Their 6th Annual General Meeting was held at the Nurses' Memorial Centre, 431 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, on April 24th, following the Annual Reunion Dinner. Chief items of business of general Association interest were:—

1. It was decided that those who had served in the 1914-18 war could attend the Annual Reunion Dinner.
2. It was agreed an effort should be made to raise £100 to be donated to the Nurses' Memorial Centre by the Association, and thus have a Q.A. room.
3. It was agreed to have a "Welcome Home" to Miss Mavis Avery.

UNVEILING OF THE SINGAPORE WAR MEMORIAL

Colonel E. J. Stirling, Chairman of the Singapore Branch, D.D.A.N.S. Far East Land Forces, laid a handsome chaplet of grey and scarlet flowers on behalf of the Association in memory of the forty-five members of the Army Nursing Services whose names are engraved on the Singapore War Memorial.

Q.A.I.M.N.S. (13) Principal Matron V. M. E. Jones, Matrons W. Russell, C. L. M. West, Sisters E. K. Carroll, L. Coward, M. R. Finley, M. H. T. Fowler, M. A. Hodgson, B. Le Blanc Smith, H. L. Montgomery, E. D. Pedlow, D. H. Tombs, B. I. Wells.

Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve.—(12) Sisters E. N. Ayers, C. F. Black, M. Brand, C. H. Clewett, M. Cooper (now known to be buried in Dutch War Cemetery, Sumatra), D. V. Dunlop, A. J. Hervey

Murray, A. M. C. McClelland, A. W. Muir, N. Sullivan (Mrs.), L. S. Symonds, I. Wright.

T.A.N.S.—(5) Sisters M. E. Gale, A. A. Ingham, A. Macgregor, E. Strachan, E. M. Wilson.

I.M.N.S.—(13) Matron N. Sweeney, Sisters G. M. De Souza, E. Eastwood, B. H. Hollands, L. E. James, B. M. Joyce, S. Kantha, J. Lim, N. T. Lord, P. M. Sebastian, Sutharisanam A. Arivannandam R. A. Taylor, I. G. Woolger.

A.I.N.S.R.—(2) Sisters L. H. M. V. Anderson, N. C. St. J. Hussey.

The following account of the Unveiling comes from Major James Bell, Public Relations, Singapore.

Sir Robert Black, Governor of Singapore, unveiled the Singapore War Memorial at an impressive hour-long ceremony on March 2nd. The memorial commemorates by name 24,000 men and women of the Commonwealth armies and Air forces who fell in south and eastern Asia during the last war, and who have no known graves.

Situated on a hilltop in the Kranji War Cemetery, among the graves of some 4,000 other soldiers and airmen, this memorial of white Portland stone and granite overlooks to the north an area where some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign took place.

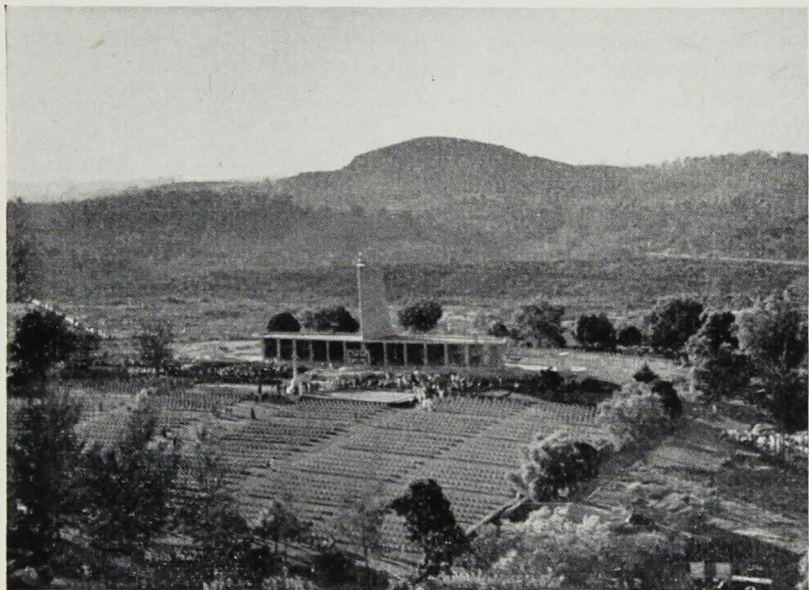
One can see in the blue tropical haze the distant mountains of South Malaya over which the domed-helmeted Japanese invaders, in their ill-fitting uniforms and split-toed sandals advanced; the trek from Kota Bahru nearly over. And south to the coast of Johore from where they crossed the Straits in improvised landing crafts to Kranji Creek on Singapore Island. Brown and muddy, even under a cloudless sky, it appears but a stone's throw from the white panelled walls of the memorial. To the south a panorama of green, cultivated land, stretches to the boundary of the city. This, too, was fought over, and Malayan veterans will remember names like Bukit Timah and Gillman.

The memorial was designed by Mr. Colin St. Clair Oakes and built by the Imperial War Graves Commission. It consists of twelve wide columns bearing the name panels and supporting a flat roof. Rising through the roof in the centre, to a height of eighty feet is a granite pylon, surmounted by a star. On a curved panel at the foot of the pylon is a dedicatory inscription in English, with the additional words "They died for all free men," in Hindi, Urdu, Gurmukhi Chinese and Malay. Of the 24,000 names over 12,000 are Indian and Pakistani, 9,295 are British and 1,645 Australian. 1,047 are Malayan, and the remainder are from other Commonwealth countries.

For the ceremony the columns were draped with the flags of the Commonwealth, and the curved panel covered by the Union Jack. The Guards of Honour were provided by the 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the R.A.F. Changi.

Sir Robert Black, in plumed helmet and white tropical uniform, told the invited spectators that the Singapore War Memorial was

one of a great chain stretching half way round the world. "From Hong Kong and the Pacific Islands in the East through Singapore, Rangoon, Delhi, Karachi, Alamein, Malta, Cassino, Bayoux and Runnymede to Ottawa in the West." He said that the traditions so worthily upheld by those commemorated on the memorials live on in the hearts and minds of those who follow them. He concluded "And now, to the glory of God and in honour of brave men, I unveil this Memorial."



The Union flag fell away from the panel, and to the roll of drums the columns of the memorial were unveiled in simultaneous pairs. As the end columns were exposed to the brilliant tropical sun fifteen buglers of the 1/2 King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles sounded the Last Post. As the notes of the bugles died away the strains of the bagpipes of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers took over. Lochaber no More. A lament of those whose names fill the panels. After the lament the Chaplain General to the Forces, the Rev. Canon V. J. Pike, Chaplain to the Queen, dedicated the memorial. Reveille was sounded and the Union Flag at the Cemetery entrance was raised to full mast. A dignified but simple service followed, with prayers said by Christians, Muslims, Hindu and Buddhist priests.

The pipers of the K.O.S.B. began the second lament as the official wreath laying party approached the curved panel. Sir Robert Black representing the Queen, Lt.-Gen. Bower the Army, Air Marshall Sir Francis Fressanges the Royal Air Force, followed

by the Chief Minister of the Government of Singapore, and representatives of the Governments of Malaya, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan. Then Admiral Sir Alan Scott Moncrieff on behalf of the Royal Navy—the Navy's unknown graves are commemorated at the manning ports in England. Finally, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, representing the Imperial War Graves Commission.

The service over, Sir Robert Black inspected the memorial and moved to the relatives enclosure. Some mothers and widows had travelled from England and Australia by airliner, others from the towns and villages of Malaya by train, and others a mere fifteen miles from the city by 'bus. As Sir Robert was speaking to the relatives, representatives of Regimental Associations placed their wreaths.

The ceremony over, the 24,000 men and women had been accorded the rites not available to them at the time of their death.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Q.A.R.A.N.C. PRIZE, 1956.—Congratulations to A/Sgt. P. K. M. Creaner, A/Ches./62 (Nursing Orderly Class I), who has won this award for the best written examination in any Class I qualification for the year. The prize consists of a parchment certificate and Savings Certificates to the value of £10.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.—Old trainees must be very interested to hear of Knutsford House, the new six-floored block of self-contained furnished flats built for the senior nursing staff of the hospital who wish to live out. Each flat has living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, fitted with cupboards, gas stove and stainless steel sink. The block has central heating and a lift. There is a laundry room in the basement with washing machine and spin dryer, also a locker and space for trunks, etc., for each resident. Rent ranges from £2 10s. to £3, the residents providing their own linen, china and cutlery. The block is close to the hospital—no rush hour bus or tube travel for these sisters and staff nurses.

MISS E. McG. K. WELSH, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), at present Principal Tutor, City Hospital, Belfast, has been appointed Inspector of Training Schools to the General Nursing Council for Scotland, with effect from August 1st.

11TH QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.—May 27th to June 1st in Rome. The Gazette goes to press too early for any news of the actual events in Rome to be given. Five hundred nurses are attending from this country, these include our Association President, Brigadier C. M. Johnson, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, and the Naval and Air Force Matrons-in-Chief. In addition a number of British nurses working in countries

overseas will be sent as representatives of those countries. The total expected is nearly 3,000 nurses from fifty-six countries. The Commissioner of Health in Italy would welcome them and the subjects to be discussed at the conference included nurse education and training, hospital and public health nursing services and the urgent topic of nursing the mentally ill. The theme of the Congress is "Responsibility."

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Patron of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, graciously consented to meet the nurses going to the Conference from this country at a reception held on May 6th in the Queen Mary Nurses' Home of Westminster Hospital. There were also present a group of international nurses visiting Great Britain before going on to Rome, among whom was Mlle. M. Bihet, of Belgium, President of the International Council of Nurses.

Nursing and nurses have a vital contribution to make to the well-being of any nation and the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland very properly decided that the press should be given prior information on these important professional activities. A press conference was held on May 3rd, in the Board Room of the Middlesex Hospital. It was a model of well-thought-out efficiency. Miss M. J. Marriott, Matron of the Middlesex Hospital, welcomed the meeting. There was a panel of distinguished nurses on the platform with the President (N.C.N.), Miss L. Duff-Grant, in the Chair, all excellent speakers who each contributed a concise resumé from different aspects of the subject, which together with the leaflets and script given out produced a very clear overall outline picture of the scope and *raison d'être* of the International Council of Nurses. Mlle. Bihet related how fifty years ago Edith Cavell introduced a nursing service and education in Belgium based on our English tradition.

The Executive Secretary I.C.N., Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C., spoke of the arrangements for the Congress, the general set up of the International Council of Nurses and reminded the audience that it had been founded by a British nurse, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in 1899.

Miss Helen Bunge (U.S.A.) told of the research work being done by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation (the Educational Division of the I.C.N.) in studies with basic and post-basic education of the nurse, also the compilation of the letters of Florence Nightingale. She said that there were probably 20,000 of these letters in existence which would make it the largest collection of letters known.

Miss M. J. Smyth, O.B.E., Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, spoke of the development of nurse training, registration and constantly revised schemes of training to meet the changing requirements of the community.

Questions followed. There were not many as the main ground had been well covered by the speakers.

It was the first press conference of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Council, together with their Press Officer, Miss M. L. Wenger, should certainly be heartily congratulated.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING.—Miss F. G. Goodall, C.B.E., relinquished her appointment as General Secretary on May 31st, after twenty-two years in that office. Her outstanding personality and remarkable abilities have been devoted to the expansion and strengthening of the work of the College and her notable career is a source of great pride and inspiration to nurses. Miss Goodall continues as chairman of the Staff Side of the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council. Her many friends and admirers of her work will appreciate the words of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Royal College of Nursing for their records:

“The Council of the Royal College of Nursing places on record its profound gratitude and indebtedness to Miss Frances G. Goodall, C.B.E., on her retirement from office as general secretary. It records the unique contribution which she has made to the development of the Royal College of Nursing and to the raising of its prestige at national and international level throughout twenty-nine years of devoted and loyal service.

Miss Goodall was appointed assistant secretary in 1927, succeeding Miss Rundle as secretary in 1935, and becoming the first general secretary in 1942, and the various stages in the history of the College throughout these years bear the mark of her rich personality, creative mind, breadth of vision and tenacity of purpose.

The outstanding qualities of the general secretary were never more manifest than in the exacting war years, with their diverse problems. In the period of post-war readjustment Miss Goodall has been a moving spirit in raising the status and standard of nursing, in promoting the interests of the profession through legislation and Government regulations and in securing recognition of the contribution of nursing within the National Health Service. Nurses owe her a great debt of gratitude for the lead she has given in the establishment of national negotiating machinery and for the exceptional services she has rendered, and continues to render, in this particular sphere.

The Council would pay tribute to the wise leadership, initiative and resourcefulness shown by Miss Goodall in a period of rapid advance in the nursing profession, and to the manner in which she has met the heavy and increasing demands made upon her. Deep appreciation is also expressed for the whole-hearted and generous way in which she has carried out the many and varied duties of general secretary of the College guided by the objects of the Royal Charter and ever seeking to interpret its spirit. She is held in high regard and affection not only by the members but by the profession in general.

The Council take pride in the knowledge that Miss Goodall is

recognised as one of the leading professional women of her time. This has redounded to the honour of the College and has been a source of pleasure and satisfaction to the membership no less than to the Council."

Miss C. M. Hall, who was appointed general secretary designate last year, succeeds Miss Goodall and all good wishes go to her in this important post.

MISS E. A. WALSH, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), Assistant Secretary, Student Nurses' Association, Royal College of Nursing, has been appointed Assistant to the Nursing Officer, South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL, PARIS

This British Military Hospital was formerly the Hertford British Hospital, which had to close owing to lack of funds. The original hospital building has been reconstructed and redecorated, and a new wing added at the back to give operating theatres, maternity wards, etc.

We arrived on February 12th, and were delighted to find that we were to be housed in this beautiful building, so very different to anything we had expected.

We are charmed with our Mess, which is situated in the upper part of the building. It is most pleasant and leaves little or nothing to be desired. We are full of praise and appreciation for all the R.A.M.C. have done to make us welcome and comfortable, and they had done much, nevertheless we felt that it lacked the feminine touch or could it be that we wanted to arrange, disarrange and rearrange the place? In any case we spent a very happy time doing precisely that. Having established ourselves in our own inimitable fashion we sallied forth to inspect the hospital and were greatly pleased with it all. It was gratifying to be told by so many of the R.A.M.C. that they were glad to see us, and we like to think that they are still of the same opinion.

The Hospital has an establishment of sixty beds and caters for military and civilian patients. Two of the wards are cubicles and the remainder mostly single-bedded. The kitchen, bathrooms and ancillary offices are very modern and should make for easier working arrangements. The Day Rooms are very pleasant and the scheme of decoration throughout is charming, the pastel shades being restful and pleasing, doing much to diminish the clinical atmosphere generally associated with hospitals.

On April 16th Countess Mountbatten paid us a visit, she was her usual delightful self, full of enthusiasm. She very much admired our Mess, where she had coffee. Her tour of the hospital was characteristic of her and every detail was noted. The keen interest Countess Mountbatten takes in all things connected with the welfare of patients and staff, already so well known to us, makes her visits an inspiring occasion.

We were very delighted when the Director-General Sir Alex

Drummond came to inspect the hospital on April 27th. New and modern the hospital might be, but he soon changed its face. His visits are at all times stimulating and encouraging and we have long since come to recognise him as the man to whom the impossible is just a matter of course. A house-warming party was given in the evening at which Sir Alex and Lady Drummond were the guests of honour. Sir Charles Handerson, the chairman of the Civilian Committee, was present and also a number of officers from S.H.A.P.E. It was a most enjoyable evening.

On May 3rd the hospital was officially opened and the ceremony was performed by Lady Alexander of Tunis. A distinguished gathering of 200 guests filled the grand stands in the courtyard. A guard of honour was formed by the Royal Signals and music was provided by two French bands. On the arrival of Lord and Lady Alexander, Lord Alexander inspected the guard of honour. Speeches were made by Sir Gladwyn Gebb, the Ambassador, Sir Charles Handerson and Lord Mancroft, and prayers were said by the Padre, Lt.-Col. Sexton. Lady Alexander was then handed a pair of gold scissors by Mr. Anderson, the architect; she cut the scarlet ribbon and the doors were opened by Lt.-Col. McSheehy, C.O., and Lt.-Col. Holmes, Matron. The hospital was officially open. Lady Alexander was presented with a bouquet of red roses by Lt. Jefferson, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Colonel McSheehy and Lt.-Col. Holmes then escorted Lady Alexander and a party of V.I.P's through the main corridor to unveil a plaque outside the maternity ward. A grand tour of the hospital took place and it certainly looked very pleasant, with masses of beautiful flowers everywhere. A reception was held in our Mess, and among those present were the Ambassador and Lady Gebb, Sir Alex Drummond, Sir Bernard and Lady Docker, Col. Mackaness, A.D.N.S., and many from Eastern Command, of which we form a part. The nursing, welfare and medical officers each took a group of twenty-five people over the hospital before joining the party at the reception.

During the afternoon, the hospital was open to visitors and tea was served for them in the patients' sitting room. All were impressed with what they had seen.

A very pleasant and proud day for us had ended. The hospital was well and truly opened and all the preparations being completed, it only remains for us to resume our work, and to pray that we shall continue to maintain the high standard expected of us.

F. HYDE, A/MIL./4

NURSING IN THE NAVY

With acknowledgments to the Chief of Naval Information and to the "Nursing Mirror"

The townfolk of Portsmouth, Greenwich and Chatham in Charles II's reign must often have seen the quaysides lined with the sick and wounded sailors from the naval actions against the Dutch.

Carried on stretchers, or as walking wounded, the seamen were "farmed out" in taverns or lodging houses to be treated by civilian doctors who cannot have been very pleased to receive patients from a government that lacked ready cash for their fees.

EARLY NAVAL NURSING STAFF

In this way, or sometimes under contract with a hospital, on a "so much a head" basis, were the casualties of the Royal Navy treated until 1689, when the first hospital was taken up for the care of the sick and wounded at Plymouth. Soon after, Sandown Castle, Deal, was fitted up as a hospital and others established at all the principal ports. Reference is made, too, in records to the Fortune Hospital at Gosport near the site of the present Forton Barracks, where, in 1713 some 700 beds were available for the treatment of sailors at a "per capita" charge. The building there of Haslar R.N. Hospital was begun in 1746, and completed in 1762. Two years later a new naval hospital at Plymouth was begun.

In these early naval hospitals the nursing staff consisted of women only, chiefly widows of seamen and marines, and few, if any, had any training. As in the Army so in the Navy, these early nurses were often the dissolute type that Dickens portrayed in *Sarah Gamp*. The records contain many references to the misdemeanours of these women—theft, drunkenness, the sale of drink, helping patients to escape and inducing the dying to make wills in their favour. We read of one, Miss Elias Smith, in March, 1759, being caught stealing a silk handkerchief, a pair of silver buckles and 3s. 6d. from a seaman patient. It was strongly suspected that they connived at the frequent desertions of the men from the wards, the wines and spirits ordered for the patients being the bribe.

In those days of the press gang method of recruitment a spell in hospital ashore offered favourable opportunities for desertion. Even an armed naval guard at Haslar Hospital could not keep patients from getting out or hard liquor from being smuggled in. On one occasion three patients found a means of escape "down the closet and thence through the drain into Haslar Lake, at low tide." It is interesting to know that "the drains were well contrived, and were washed by the tide every 24 hours"!

If most of the naval nurses were drawn from a low social stratum, of poor education and often of low moral standards, it must be remembered that the pay and conditions of service were not attractive, even by eighteenth century values. In 1756 a matron was appointed to each hospital, and in 1763 her salary is recorded as £25 per annum. The nurses were paid 2s. 6d. a week, later increased to £12 a year, and they drew rations on the same scale as a patient's full diet, plus four ounces of butter. It is known, too, that when these nurses were discharged they could not always get their wages from the steward's office without paying a premium. The nurses were not

safe from the more violent patients, who sometimes beat them. One case is on record where a nurse was so badly treated that her life was endangered.

For a hundred years the nursing at the Royal Naval Hospitals of Haslar and Plymouth was done by untrained women, but men labourers were employed to wash the patients and keep them clean. In 1854 these nurses were replaced, with one or two exceptions, by men who were almost all pensioners and were engaged or dismissed locally as the number of hospital patients fluctuated; they were quite distinct from the nursing staff afloat.

The nursing methods of those days were, to say the least, crude. Any cleaning to be done was done by the patients themselves; men with fractured legs and other injuries were made to turn out and do their share of the work.

In the Crimean War more soldiers and sailors were dying from cholera, typhoid, phthisis and even starvation than from the Russian attacks. The Admiralty established a hospital at Therapia on the Bosphorus, staffed at first with volunteer naval ratings, most of whom neglected the patients and stole the stores and rations in time-honoured fashion. The volunteers were usually the type of men who could be well spared by their ships.

MRS. MACKENZIE AND THE FIRST SISTERS

Everyone knows the outcome of the public outcry at the muddle in the Crimea. Whilst Florence Nightingale fought "red-tape" and service hostility at Scutari and laid the foundations of a well-organised army medical nursing service, a less well-known, but no less zealous woman, arrived at Therapia early in 1855. Mrs. Eliza Mackenzie and her six nurses were an experiment that soon proved its worth in improved conditions and efficiency.

Although women nurses, led by a woman, had proved themselves and won official commendation under the grimmest of active service conditions, it was not until October, 1884, that women were received back into peace-time naval hospitals. The new nurses were, however, very different material from what had gone before the Crimean episode. In this year the trained and certificated Naval Nursing Service was instituted, with six sisters appointed to Haslar Hospital, and a head sister and four nursing sisters to Plymouth.

Though these nurses set the standards that are associated with modern nursing they were still resented by their medical officers, and the views of the civil male nurses were even more pronounced.

The sick berth staff was started soon after the arrival of the nursing sisters; six youths were the first to join and each sister was given one to train, but within a short time, the number was greatly increased and they were distributed amongst the different wards under the supervision of the sisters. These men gradually completely replaced the civil nurses.

From the first those patients who required skilled nursing appreciated the sisters' work and the additional little attentions which they were able to give; this knowledge compensated the sisters for the many difficulties with which they had to contend, just as it does in the present day. Slowly, but no less surely, they overcame much of the prejudice against them, and the majority of the medical officers began to appreciate their conscientious work and to realise the reliable assistance the sisters gave them, and also to notice the good effect their presence had on the language and behaviour of the patients and the discipline of the ward.

Gradually the number of sisters increased, and they were appointed to R.N. hospitals at Malta and at Gibraltar and, in 1904, to Hong Kong.

In the days of H.M.S. *Britannia*, sisters were in charge of the sick quarters at Dartmouth. The new scheme for the entry and training of naval cadets which resulted in the opening of R.N. Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth occasioned the appointment of nursing sisters to both these.

In 1902 Her Majesty Queen Alexandra intimated it was her gracious pleasure to assume the Presidency of the Staff of Sisters in Naval Hospitals; consequently from that date the Service has been designated as Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (Q.A.R.N.N.S.) and the Geneva Cross on the sleeve was replaced by an embroidered badge consisting of a Red Cross on a white ground in a gold border, and above the Queen's monogram, viz., two A's in red interlacing an anchor and cable in gold, the whole surmounted by the Imperial Crown; this was worn on the cape, as it is in the present day.

For some years Queen Alexandra personally signed the Appointment confirming each nursing sister found suitable for appointment in the Naval Nursing Service.

NURSING IN WARTIME AND AFTER

In the first world war 200 nurses served, of whom nine lost their lives. The total of the second world war was 1,341 nurses, and 110 honours and awards were gained, including two D.B.E's, two C.B.E's, one O.B.E. and twenty-one R.R.C's First Class or Bar.

Members of the Q.A.R.N.N.S. have seen active service in many hospital ships and in the royal yacht, and carry out very important administrative and instructional duties in the wards and training sections of the male sick berth staff, Royal Navy. Members of the Reserve of the Q.A.R.N.N.S. have contributed greatly to the performance of nursing duties in times of war or other emergency.

Nurses who, to-day, wish to nurse in the Royal Navy must have completed at least a year's practical experience after obtaining State Registration. Successful applicants (and there are seldom more than a few vacancies) are appointed to one of the three base hospitals

(Haslar, Chatham and Plymouth) for at least six months, after which they may move to one of the smaller outlying establishments, or possibly overseas to Malta, Hong Kong, Trincomalee and elsewhere. Hospital ships are sometimes in commission in peacetime, and a succession of *Maines* and other ships have won fame in wartime. The Royal Navy has no hospital ship in commission at present.

The status of a nursing sister on entry is similar to that of her opposite number in a civilian hospital, and promotion follows length of service up to fourteen years, after which it is by selection. Instead of the initial short-service term of four years, engagements may be changed into periods of six or eight years. From the short-service engagements are drawn the permanent establishment that number seventy-five out of a full strength of, at present, 219.

The Q.A.R.N.N.S. is a very happy service, whose members enjoy many outside amenities such as tennis, sailing and swimming, and entertain their friends in their extremely comfortable quarters. The hospitals at Plymouth and Haslar are, of course, vastly improved from the bad old days described above, nevertheless extensive reconstruction is in hand to bring them up to the standard, or ahead, of the modern up-to-date hospital at Chatham.

Two years ago Princess Alexandra of Kent consented to become Patron of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. The last royal Patron was Queen Mary, who graciously assumed the Presidency on the death of Queen Alexandra in 1925. Thus, seventy-two years from its inception, a royal Alexandra, the great-granddaughter of its first President, is again associated with the Naval Nursing Service.

A NURSE IN KENYA

In 1954 when Mau Mau terrorism was at its height in Kenya, the British Red Cross Society were asked to send out personnel to assist in helping in the rehabilitation of the Kikuyu women and children. I was fortunate enough to be chosen to take part in this work.

The Mau Mau organisation was very powerful at the time, and protective measures taken by the Government entailed a completely new way of life being introduced to the Kikuyu tribe. Instead of living on their own shambas, and cultivating their own land, the tribe was forced to live in villages, which could be protected from attacks by the Mau Mau, and from the often-unwelcomed visits of oath administrators.

To prevent food being stolen by the Mau Mau, cultivation was limited, and famine relief introduced. Movement of people within the Reserve was restricted, the loyal Kikuyu formed Home Guard units to protect themselves.

As a result of these measures, the morale of the people was low.

overcrowding in the villages gave rise to increased ill health amongst the children, and because the stocks of cattle had been sadly depleted by Mau Mau raiders, supplies of milk for the children became low, and resulted in a state of malnutrition amongst the younger members of the tribe.

Our main task was to help these children, the innocent victims of a strife they did not understand.

Equipped with a Land Rover, vast supplies of dried skimmed milk, and a medical box, I was assigned to an area in the Fort Hall district, covering 142 square miles, and containing some fifty-nine villages, each having some 3,000 souls.

At first, the going was hard. The women were suspicious, and the children frightened. Some areas were worse than others, but in the beginning it was necessary to visit all the villages and learn whose needs were greatest.

It took several months to persuade the women that our intentions were honourable, and that we had come to help, but when they eventually realised the benefits we had to offer, their co-operation was given freely, and several women in each village appointed themselves voluntary assistants.

Our first problem was to allay the state of malnutrition amongst the children, and we did this by issuing them with supplies of dried skimmed milk, which was the most beneficial diet their under-nourished bodies could assimilate. Improvement in the condition of the children was noted after the first six weeks of regular feeding, after which our work extended to forming child welfare clinics and the treatment of minor ailments, such as measles, whooping cough and dysentery.

Because of the low morale of the tribe, and the strangeness of living a community life, the standard of cleanliness was very low, but persistent reference to the relationship of dirt to disease provoked a desire amongst the women for better conditions. Children were taken to the river for bathing daily, they were taught to help keep the village clean, and to burn their refuse. The daily dispensaries, which were held in most villages attracted large attendances, and the women became more health conscious. As conditions improved, so did the morale of the people, and the fear of the Mau Mau decreased. Our work was then extended to the formation of Women's Groups, which met each week, and the members could be taught child management, health maintenance, sewing and cooking their own foods to the best advantage.

Competition between the villages became very keen, and interest was encouraged by presenting the best village in each area with a prize.

Later, we were able to start clinics for tubercular patients, supplementing their diet with full cream milk, taking them to hospital for X-rays and checking on contacts. This work was greatly appreciated by the Kikuyu, who have always feared the stigma of

being tubercular, and the fact that some of them were cured, and a vast number improved in health, helped them to realise there was still hope left for them.

Women in the villages have become conscious of the many advantages in their new way of life. As well as additional security afforded, there are far greater facilities for social exchange and welfare for their children.

The two years I lived with the Kikuyu tribe were marked by a great advancement in their living conditions, made possible mainly by their own desire and efforts for a better way of life. The general standard of health amongst the children had improved, instances of undernourishment were rare, and suspicion and fear had given way to a spirit of friendliness and co-operation.

The "Red Cross," I feel, will be long remembered by the Kikuyu tribe.

MARJORIE HOUGHTON, A.2869

PROMOTIONS

JANUARY 1st, '57—MARCH 31st, '57

Captain to Major

January: L. Potter (7th), A. Jones, A.R.R.C. (16th), F. M. Marsh (31st).
March: M. G. Lawrence (5th), B. P. Penney (13th).

Lieutenant to Captain

January: B. O'Shea (7th), B. A. H. Goodey (7th), M. H. Hope (7th), M. Williams (7th), W. O'Gara (7th), P. Coates (7th), K. Twohig (11th), J. Sutherland (23rd), A. Roddy (30th).
February: M. E. Pugh (11th), E. B. Odell (11th).
March: M. L. Taylor (7th), A. Y. A. Healey (9th), M. Chamberlain (10th), M. Dunne (18th), J. A. Newton (18th).
April: J. H. Runyard (4th).

To S. Sgts.

Keenan, M., Ellis, A. M.

To Sgts.

Buchholz, S. M.

To Cpls.

Buchholz, S. M., Burns, D. I. R., Cotton, J., Byford, B. E., Brady M. P., Smart, T., Watson, S., Mullard, M. S., Hogg, A. B., Howitt, I. J., Brook, S. I., Dean, N. E., Rouse, J. B., Sawyer, W. L.

APPOINTMENTS

Howe, Lieut.-Colonel J., R.R.C., to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, as Matron, 30th December, 1956.
Somerville, Lieut.-Colonel E. M., A.R.R.C., to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, as Matron, 2nd January, 1957.
Davis, Lieut.-Colonel R. C., to Military Hospital, York, as Matron, 7th January, 1957.
Holmes, Lieut.-Colonel M. E., R.R.C., to British Military Hospital, Paris, as Matron, 12th February, 1957.
Mallett, Lieut.-Colonel M. F., to Military Hospital, Colchester, as Matron, 14th March, 1957.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

January: Major E. E. M. Saunders (6th).

April: Major H. M. Elliott (11th).

MARRIAGES

- Cowley**, Lt. V. M., to Lt. J. F. Haw, East Surreys, on 15th December, 1956, at Garrison Church, Nicosia.
- Lee**, Lt. H., to Captain J. O'Connor, Royal Signals, on 22nd December, 1956, at Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.
- Greenall**, Lt. M. M., to J. A. Brown, Esq., on 2nd January, 1957, at Newtown, Lancashire.
- Milner**, Lt. D. I., to Capt. M. Beck, Royal Hampshire Regt., on 15th December, 1956, at Tanglin Garrison Church, Singapore.
- Armitt**, Lt. B. A., to M. S. Stephenson, Esq., on 5th January, 1957, at Mobberley, Cheshire.
- Hall**, Lt. M. W., to I. Leatherbarrow, Esq., on 14th January, 1957, at Darlington, Co. Durham.
- Brook**, Lt. S. N., to F. L. Bruen, Esq., on 1st December, 1956, at Nanyuki, Kenya.
- Bays**, Capt. M., to D. Lightbody, Esq., on 19th January, 1957, at Hull, Yorkshire.
- Underwood**, Lt. W. F., to E. P. Grace, Esq., on 5th January, 1957, at Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- McRitchie**, Lt. E. M., to E. Holt, Esq., on 29th December, 1956, at Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- O'Sullivan**, Lt. K., to Capt. A. M. Hewson, Royal Signals, on 19th February, 1957, at Corfe, Somerset.
- Sexton**, Lt. P. T., to Capt. J. D. West, R.A., on 16th February, 1957, at Sidcup, Kent.
- Dunn**, Lt. P., to Capt. M. Snow, R.E.M.E., on 2nd February, 1957, at Singapore, Malaya.
- Munday**, Capt. R. V., to Major A. W. Stone, R.A.O.C., on 2nd March, 1957, at Chelsea, London, S.W.
- Gaston**, Lt. M. I., to Capt. G. O. Nixon, R.A.O.C., on 8th March, 1957, at Nicosia, Cyprus.
- McLoughlin**, Lt. E. M., to Capt. R. B. Johnson, Queen's Regt., on 23rd March, 1957, at Marylebone, London.
- Nicolle**, Lt. A. M., to James T. Brown, Esq., on 2nd March, 1957, at Walton, Aylesbury.
- Verdigi**, S. Sgt. V., to Mr. C. A. Collett, on 17th November, 1956.
- Hamilton**, Pte. C. W., to Mr. G. E. Cullimore, on 2nd March, 1957.
- Ion**, Pte. B. M., to Pte. D. Allen, R.A.M.C., on 16th February, 1957.
- Smallwood**, Pte. A. M., to Sgt. G. [Atkins, R.A.P.C., on 16th February, 1957.
- Richardson**, Pte. M., to L/Cpl. Baseley, R.A.M.C., on 19th January, 1957.
- Bevan**, Cpl. H. R., to Mr. A. R. Wells, on 16th February, 1957.
- Smith** (230), Pte. E., to Mr. R. S. F. Fairley, on 16th March, 1957.
- Noble**, Pte. A., to Sgt. B. S. Chute, R.A.M.C., on 2nd March, 1957.
- Owen**, Pte. S., to Pte. J. Larocque, Canadian Army, on 7th March, 1957.
- Lewis**, Cpl. E. F., to Sgt. D. H. Elsey, R.A.S.C., on 1st March, 1957.

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

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REVERSION TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

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NOTICES

CAR BADGES.—This project has been taken up again and we have been able to place an order for an attractive car badge which members will appreciate. The design follows that of Association Brooch, but with lettering at top and bottom of badge rim, not up one side and down the other, thus making for easier reading.

The price is very reasonable, 18s. 6d., plus packing and postage, another factor for appreciation. The badge will make a very nice gift. It may be ordered only for an Association member, membership number being quoted on order. Initial supplies are expected in July. Branch members should order through their Branch Secretary; others, on H.Q. Register, direct to Head Office.

NO. 2 (BR.) GENERAL HOSPITAL, R.A.M.C.—Reunion Dinner will be held at the Eccleston Hotel, London, S.W.1, on September 28th. Tickets 15s., from Dr. Easton, 25 Biddenham Turn, Bedford.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—It is proposed that one of the seven nave windows in the new Cathedral should be devoted to nursing. Cost is likely to be round about £1,000. Anyone wishing to contribute should send donations to Lady Heald, O.B.E., c/o Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND BRANCH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER will be held in the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, October 19th, 1957.

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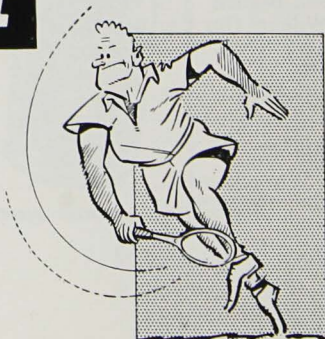
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DEATHS

- Claridge, Sarah Alice.**—Princess Christian Army Nursing Service Reserve. In London, on March 25th, 1957, aged 85 years. A.1608.
- Regan, Ann.**—On 21st April, 1957, at St. Anne's Nursing Home, Tralee, Co. Mayo, Ireland. Ex-T.A.N.S.
- Davies, Ethel Margaret.**—On 26th March, 1957. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S., of Queen Mary's House, Fleet. A.R.R.C.
- Roper, Elsie Smith.**—Wife of Stanley Roper, on 16th April, 1957, at Blantyne, Nyasaland. Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R). Dear friend of Margaret Devlin, 2 Upper Craigs, Stirling.
- Johnson, Constance Grace.**—At Dulwich, on 8th May, 1957. Ex-Q.A.M.N.S.I., R.R.C.
- Nunemaker (nee McIlrath), Martha.**—At the Siskiyou County Hospital, California, U.S.A. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), R.R.C.
- Davey (nee Frances McMillan).**—Wife of the late Charles E. Davey. A./Sos./8.
- Luker, E. H. A.**—Suddenly on 28th May, 1957. Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, Hyde stile, Godalming. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), A.R.R.C. A.68.

OBITUARY

It will have come as a great shock to her many friends to hear of the sudden death of Helen Luker. One had only to meet her to sense, at once, that personality of charm, and integrity of character—and the love and respect grew with the years. One cannot help but wonder why someone so vital should be taken from our midst, but we know her influence will continue.

Miss Luker was a keen member of our Association and served, for some time, on the Central Committee.

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DONATIONS

JULY, 1956—MAY, 1957

BENEVOLENCE—	£	s.	d.
Southern Command Branches (proceeds of Fete)	236	11	1
Benghazi Branch	25	0	0
Catterick Branch	10	0	0
East Africa Branch	10	0	0
Army Benevolent Fund (in two instalments)	1,000	0	0
Assistant Chaplain General (B.A.O.R. Church collections)	2	10	0
Brigadier C. M. Johnson (for Christmas)	5	5	0
Colchester Branch	56	0	0
Millbank Branch (for Christmas)	10	0	0
Millbank Branch	30	0	0
New South Wales Branch	6	12	0
Hong Kong Branch	1,600	Hong	Kong Dollars
Benghazi Branch	25	0	0
South of Scotland Branch	10	0	0
Miss E. P. McWilliam (for Christmas)	1	0	0
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Kinrara Branch	120	0	0
Rinteln Branch	45	0	0
Benghazi Branch	120	0	0

CORPS DAY CHURCH COLLECTIONS—

Colchester Branch	...	...	...	...	...	4	9	6
British Military Hospital, Berlin	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	0
Cyprus Branch	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Aldershot Branch	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	0
East Africa Branch	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	0
Millbank...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	0
Kinrara Branch	...	...	...	...	...	17	8	5
Chester Military Hospital	11	0	9
Hamburg Branch	2	2	0
Catterick Branch	2	2	0

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Southern Command per Col. L. M. Rose—proceeds of raffle	97	0	0
A Well Wisher ...	2	0	0
Hanover Branch	38	0	0
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Miss B. Jones (for tea "fund")	1	1	0

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NEWS WANTED of a Sister Brown, believed was a Regular in first world war. Nursing at 8TH MICHELAM CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL (OFFICERS), CAP MARTIN, MENTONE, S. FRANCE, in January-February, 1917, and possibly at No. 2 Red Cross Hospital, Rouen previously. Can anyone help? Box 26.