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EDITORIAL

So many changes in every sphere have occurred since our last issue. With the launching of the "sputniks" we are at the brink of a new age, and the science-fiction of the schoolboys' magazine is fast becoming reality. Is it possible that some future generation of Q.As. will serve on a man-made inter-planetary station?

In the field of mental health, modern treatment has brought renewed hope to patients and relatives and a changing public attitude to these conditions. A manifestation of these changes has been the recent alteration in admission procedure for mental defectives. The "open doors", with the voluntary and informal admission of the patient as in a general hospital. Certification being reserved for protection of the patient or public only.

Our military hospitals are changing in appearance, too. Uniformity has disappeared with the skilful use of colour. A "New Look"! But now the creator of the original "New Look", Christian Dior, has left the brilliant scene, but endowed us for ever with this expressive phrase for change.

We are delighted that our President, Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson had the honour of Dame Commander of the British Empire conferred on her in the New Year's Honours and we offer her our heartiest congratulations.

The saddest change of all is the loss of our Vice-Patron, The Dowager Lady Amptill, G.C.V.O., C.I., G.B.E., who died on 12th December 1957. We shall always remember with pleasure that she was able to be with us at our last reunion.

Two of our branches, in Hamburg and Benghazi, have closed, or are about to close, and so in this ever changing world we look forward to another year for the Association. Perhaps it will bring new branches, new friends? We cannot tell yet, but we send greetings to all members as the year 1958 unfolds.

The lady whose photograph appears on our cover this time is a very valuable honorary official. It would be hard to say how we could get along without Miss Baldock now, for on her the accurate recording of our finances depends, and as we all know, that is not everyone's "cup of tea"! Perhaps only those working in H.Q. office or serving on the Committees realise the extent of the work involved and their word can be taken that the Association owes her a very big debt of gratitude.

Miss Baldock has been a continuous member of the Central and Finance Committees since 1950. She has been Honorary (and honoured) Treasurer since 1952. Long may she continue.

Our Treasurer has a full time job apart from the Association work for she is in charge of St. Thomas' Babies Hostel which she took over on coming out of the Army in 1945. Her hours for competing with our finances are frequently on the unorthodox side so it is as well no great distance lies between the two places. Our sincere thanks go to her for the ungrudging and generous service she gives us.

We send our apologies to our Vice-Chairman, Miss T. Turner, A.R.R.C., D.N., whose name was not included with the Managing Trustees in the last issue of the GAZETTE, and to Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C., the retiring Vice-Chairman, whose name should have been deleted.

We also regret that the *Nursing Mirror*, who very kindly lent the photograph of the Matrons-in-Chief Luncheon Party, was not acknowledged, and send our apologies to the Editor, Miss Gordon.

We very much regret the inconvenience caused by these omissions.

A Christmas Card was sent to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief Q.A.R.A.N.C. from Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services and all ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The following reply was received:—

Dear Brigadier Johnson,

Princess Margaret has received with much pleasure the Christmas Card which you sent.

I am to convey a message of Her Royal Highness's very best wishes to you and all Ranks of Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) IRIS PEAKE,

*Lady-in-Waiting to
H.R.H. Princess Margaret.*



Photograph by courtesy of the "Nursing Times"

Princess Margaret, greeted by Dame Helen Gillespie, the Colonel-Commandant Q.A.R.A.N.C., on her arrival.

CORPS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Corps Cocktail Party was held on Wednesday, 23rd October, 1957, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincolns Inn Fields, and was honoured by the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, C.I., G.C.V.O., our Patron and Colonel-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

About two hundred officers and their guests were received by Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Director of Army Nursing Services. Many officers and distinguished guests had the honour of being presented to Her Royal Highness.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND BRANCH held their Annual Reunion Dinner in the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh, on 19th October, 1957. Thirty members enjoyed a happy evening together.

MILLBANK BRANCH has met twice since the *GAZETTE* last went to Press and it is regretted that they have not been quite as well attended as in the past.

1. *Wednesday, 6th November, 1957.*—The Branch met at 7.30 p.m. at 121 St. George's Square, and Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner in welcoming the members present said that this was the meeting at which we all had to say how we had made money for the Branch but if we had been too busy to do so then it just didn't matter. Col.

Warner then went on to say how she had made 15s. by allowing the Officers to sell unwanted clothes in the Mess on the understanding that a commission of 10 per cent was paid to her and as it had only realised the above small amount it proved that the Officers had very little unwanted clothes. Miss L. Schofield, then told how she had started making sweets soon after the Annual General Meeting, starting with her sugar allowance and then with the proceeds had bought more materials then becoming more ambitious packing them in fancy tins ready for Xmas presents and her profits were £4 10s. but since that date Miss Schofield has continued and been able to hand a further 25s. to the Branch, an excellent effort on the part of one member. Miss Austin had been asked to do some running sewing repairs such as re-lining a coat and patching some slacks and so had earned 13s. Major Price and Miss White had decided to make a Xmas cake and to offer it as a prize for the person guessing the exact weight and thus hoped to win at least £2. Miss C. L. A. Robinson said that she had had great difficulty in finding something to do as she neither knitted or sewed but then thought, that as she could play the piano she would give a concert, including a T.V. show and light refreshments. She accordingly invited eight friends charging 2s. 6d. for entry and as all accepted she was able to add £1 to the collection. Miss Webber sent a contribution of £1 but had omitted in her letter of saying how the money had been made. Major Scannell then handed in £1 7s. 6d. from Major Knowles who had made this sum by selling old clothes. Major Scannell then handed in 12s. as her own contribution, saying part of it was conscience money and the other she had made in slot machines while on holiday in Monte Carlo. Miss Gibbs, as a Laboratory Technician of St. George's Hospital, visits the American Embassy for the purpose of collecting blood, etc., and for which she is allowed taxi expenses but instead of indulging in this luxury she had either walked or taken a bus, thus saving 10s. which she nobly gave to the fund. Lt.-Col. Jolly sent 25s. by post and Mrs. Winstanley £3 but neither had told the story of how it had been made. A total of £15 7s. 6d. was made and we still await the result of the cake competition. After relating the various activities members were asked to guess the origin of twenty-two well-known advertisements and this effort was won by Miss Gibbs who was presented with a box of chocolates by Col. Warner. Miss Gibbs handed the chocolates back to be raffled at 1d. a ticket and this was won by Capt. Reynolds. A very enjoyable evening ended with tea and home-made cake and Col. Warner reminded all present of the Quiz which was being conducted at the January meeting.

2. *Wednesday, 8th January.*—Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner welcomed the very few members present and Mrs. J. M. Jarrett who had come to officiate at the Quiz. It was impossible to have a Serving and Non-serving members team so Major Mudge and Miss Robinson were asked to choose their teams, Major Mudge being Team A, and

Miss Robinson Team B. Mrs. Jarrett very nobly explained the answers to all the questions we were unable to answer and it was felt that we all learnt more knowledge than we imparted. It was a very pleasant Quiz on general knowledge and of course we could all answer each other's questions but never manage our own. Team B had a very successful win and Col. Warner thanked Mrs. Jarrett for coming along to make the evening such a success. The Meeting ended with the usual cup of tea and as it was the first meeting of the year hot mince-pies had been provided together with a very nice home-made cake. The next Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 5th March, at 7.30 p.m., at 121 St. George's Square, and it is sincerely hoped that as many members as possible will attend as election of new Officers and Committee will take place.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136

WOOLWICH.—A Sale of Work and Jumble Sale was held in the St. John and Red Cross Dept. of the Royal Herbert Hospital on Saturday, 2nd November. The stalls were attractively laid out by members of the staff and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks gave very good support, in selling raffle tickets and helping at the stalls.

The unexpected visit of the Pearly King and Queen of Greenwich was an added attraction, and both took an active part in organising some of the side shows. The St. John and Red Cross Welfare officers organised very efficiently the serving of teas.

Our chairman, Lt.-Col. Somerville, A.R.R.C. presented the winners of the raffles with their prizes in the hall, and the Pearly Queen presented prizes in the wards to winning patients. The proceeds amounted to £44, and a cheque for this sum has been sent to Headquarters.

OBITUARY

MARGARET, THE DOWAGER LADY AMPHILL, G.C.V.O., C.I., G.B.E.

The passing of our first Vice-Patron, the Dowager Lady Amphill, on the 12th December, 1957, marks the end of a definite period for the Army Nursing Services, a period linked closely with Her late Majesty Queen Mary.

Lady Amphill was a Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Mary for 43 years and a personal friend for more than 60 years, many of us remember the moving broadcast made by her after the death of Queen Mary, when she spoke of her long friendship with the late Queen. We of the Army Nursing Services cannot doubt that Lady Amphill's constant interest in our Association evinced in so many ways, was for her a continuation of that long loyal service to her royal mistress and friend.

Members will miss her kindly presence at our Reunions and will be glad to know that the Association was well represented at the Memorial Service at St. Michael's, Chester Square. They will also

like to read the following extracts from a letter sent to me by her daughter, Mrs. Thorold.

"My brothers and I are deeply grateful to Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association for the very beautiful flowers sent to my mother's funeral and which were very close to her throughout the service.

As you know, my mother was very proud of her long connection with the Army Nursing Services and was full of admiration for the courage and devotion of its members in two world wars. She was very interested in the work of the Q.A. Association and was always happy to be amongst you. She treasured the Friendship badge you gave her at the Reunion last July and was most touched by the warmth of the welcome given to her.

We were therefore specially grateful for your kind thought and would ask you to be good enough to express our sincere thanks to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association."

MRS. SELBY TAIT

The death of Mrs. Joyce Selby Tait (*née* Smith) on 9th February, 1958, in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, brought sadness to many, and especially to her colleagues of the Midland Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, for she has been the Vice-Chairman since the inauguration.

Our thoughts are with her husband and two young daughters at this time, for they all shared her interest in the Association, and helped so graciously on the occasions when the meeting was held in their home.

Her kindness and thoughtfulness of others, especially the retired members of the Nursing Profession, was outstanding, and throughout her long illness, her courage and continued interest were a wonderful example of one who had taken "Service" as her Theme of Life.

MISS MARGARET BRENNER, R.R.C.

I had heard of Margaret Brenner during my service but we did not meet until a year or two before her retirement.

Her keen interest in service matters was well known to most of us, so that I was very pleased when I heard of her appointment as Warden of Queen Mary's House, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Her exceptional ability for this post was obvious to all those who knew her. I was to know her very well from this time onwards—finding her a woman of broad minded views, great integrity and utterly reliable.

When first I visited Q.M.H., St. Leonards, some 18-20 months after opening I was most impressed with the way she had tackled this most exacting work and later had every reason to know of her untiring efforts for the comfort and care of all members of the house.

She was always kind and thoughtful for their welfare, helpful and understanding in times of trouble.

Her illness and death have caused deep grief to all her friends in St. Leonards and elsewhere.

She is so greatly missed by us all.

F. M. PERCIVAL, L.363

MAJOR E. A. HORROCKS, R.R.C.

Many members of the Corps, both past and present, will have heard with regret of the death of Edith Horrocks.

Born in Australia, and trained at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, she came to England in 1935, and joined Q.A.I.M.N.S. in January 1936. She served in the United Kingdom, India, Middle East, Far East and B.A.O.R. and was Matron of the B.M.H. Rinteln when she retired on account of ill health in 1957.

All those who knew her will remember her wonderful personality. Her dignity and gentleness, her sense of humour and her great understanding and helpfulness in the problems of others endeared her to us all.

When, at the beginning of her long illness, she was faced with months of suffering knowing full well what the end must be, her courage and wonderful spirit of faith never faltered. She remained calm and serene, and interested in all the doings of her Service friends until her death, in her training school, on February 15th.

To her relatives we would offer our deepest sympathy, grateful for the fact that she was, at least, spared long enough to return to them and to her native land. For ourselves, we shall not forget her. She has left a lasting impression on all with whom she came in contact and her passing is a great loss to us all.

M.K.T., L.169

ROYAL VISITS

VISIT OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Medical Corps, visited the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, on 10th December, 1957.

Following the formal reception of Her Majesty, Matron, Lieut.-Colonel E. W. R. Warner was presented in the entrance to the Hospital. A bouquet of Queen Alexandra roses was then accepted by Her Majesty from Lieutenant A. Catherall.

During the tour of the hospital Her Majesty visited the Memorial Chapel.

After visiting the hospital Her Majesty proceeded to the Headquarters Officers' Mess R.A.M.C., where a number of distinguished guests, including our President, Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson were presented to her.



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Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Medical Corps, during her visit to Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, on December 10. Kenneth, the youngest patient, was flown from Cyprus for treatment at the hospital.

VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET

We look forward with much pleasure to the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, our Patron and Colonel-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C., to the Preliminary Training School, Aldershot, on 21st March, 1958 and afterwards to the Cambridge Hospital.

FROM HERE AND THERE



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Front Row, left to right: Mrs. Bennett, Colonel J. Clynton Reed, Brigadier M. Johnson, Colonel K. M. Blair, Colonel L. M. Rose.
Back Row, left to right: Miss Gilmour (ex-Cpl. Q.A.R.A.N.C.), Cpl. Garroway, Captain E. J. Heul, Major M. M. Trood, Cpl. Cooper, Cpl. Rodgers, Sgt. Halliday.

ALDERSHOT.—Certificates were presented by Mrs. B. A. Bennett, O.B.E., Principal Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Labour and National Service on 5th November, 1957, at the Cambridge Hospital. The successful students were: Cpl. Gilmour, Cpl. Garroway, Cpl. Cooper, Cpl. Rodgers, and Sgt. Halliday, R.A.M.C.

DUNBARTONSHIRE.—Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria. Miss G. M. S. Davidson, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., S.T.D., has been appointed Sister Tutor in sole charge. Served in Q.A.I.M.S./R. during the last war.

INVERNESS.—Craig Dunain Mental Hospital. Miss A. Falconer, R.G.M., R.M.N., S.C.M., has been appointed assistant matron. Previously in Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

SHEFFIELD.—The City General Hospital. Miss M. E. Jobbing, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Nursing Hospital Administration Certificate) has been appointed Matron. She was Nursing Officer in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. and assumes her new duties on March 17th, 1958.

GREAT BOOKHAM.—Miss K. E. Pottinger who was a Territorial Sister in the 1914-18 War would very much like to hear from, or see if that is possible, any of her old wartime friends. She

is over 80 now but still active, is living at Graham Lodge, Great Bookham, Surrey, and is a member of the Hindhead Branch.

MILLBANK.—The Assistant Editor thanks the members for sending Gazettes asked for in the November 1957 issue. No more are required at present.

The Gazette Committee regret that no alteration, in the interest of economy, has yet been effected to the badge on the cover.

ALDERSHOT.—The Preliminary Training School and Cambridge Hospital. Dame Elizabeth Cockayne, D.B.E., Chief Nursing Officer, the Ministry of Health and Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C., accompanied by Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, visited the Preliminary Training School on 5th February.

The visitors took a very lively interest in individual students, members of the staff, the curriculum and accommodation. They were afterwards entertained, with much pleasure, to luncheon in the officers mess. In the afternoon they visited the Cambridge Hospital.

DAGENHAM.—Readers will be very sorry to learn that Colonel G. Cocking, R.R.C., L.188, was injured in the rail accident on her way home from the War Office. On behalf of all members we send Colonel Cocking our good wishes for a speedy recovery and return to full mobility.

ASHFORD, Middlesex.—Members, particularly past members, of Number One General Hospital will be interested to learn that Miss G. Brown, ex-T.A.N.S. has succeeded our Chairman, now Mrs. Monk, as Matron of Ashford Hospital.

ALLIANCE BETWEEN Q.A.R.A.N.C. AND THE R.A.A.N.C.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve an alliance between Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING CORPS

The history of the Australian Army Nursing Service commenced in Australia in May 1899 when in the "Colony of New South Wales" twenty-six nurses were enrolled to initiate the "Army Nursing Service of New South Wales" under a Lady Superintendent, Miss E. J. Gould. Australian nurses from New South Wales and Victoria accompanied the Australian troops during the South African War of 1899-1902.

The Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve was organized in 1902, and adopted the familiar grey and scarlet uniform of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Members served in both World Wars with Australian Army Medical Units.

The Service was carried on during the years of peace by the maintenance of a Reserve, and was placed on an active footing at the outbreak of hostilities in 1939. Army ranks were adopted by the A.A.N.S. in March 1943.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1945, and the Service was granted the title "Royal" in November 1948 in recognition of its services in the two World Wars.

The Service was designated as a Corps in 1951 and became the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. At the same time the Australian Army Medical Women's Service which had provided nursing orderlies and clerical assistance in military hospitals during the 1939-45 war, was disbanded. In the reorganized Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps commissions are granted to fully qualified nurses, while nursing orderly duties are undertaken by the other ranks. When this reorganization was complete the R.A.A.N.C. was firmly established as an integral part of the Australian Regular Army.

At the time of her Coronation Her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to accept appointment as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.

THE FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall was, as always, an impressive and moving ceremony.

It began with "The Muster", representative detachments of the three services marched across the arena and took up their positions each side of the massed Bands of the Brigade of Guards. Each Service was represented.

Standard bearers of the British Legion were followed by the Royal Navy and Marines with the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Women's Royal Naval Service ; then came the Scot's Guards, the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps and the Women's Royal Army Corps. Members of the Royal Air Force were followed by Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service and the Women's Royal Air Force. The muster was completed by a detachment of Chelsea Pensioners who were given a very warm welcome.

A fanfare then played as the Queen and Royal Family entered the royal box. After the National Anthem everyone took their seats to enjoy a display by each of the Services.

It began with a musical programme by the band of the Royal Marines. Then came a display of arms drill and gymnastics by the Royal Air Force followed by the band of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, and a display of matwork by members of the Army Physical Training School.

Community singing preceded the service which was conducted by the Bishop of Birmingham.

The climax of the service came after the Last Post and Act of Remembrance when the poppies fell over the arena. After a short silence came the Blessing and the service ended with the hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*.

The National Anthem ended the ceremony which paid tribute, once more, to those who gave their lives in war.

CPL. REILLY, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Millbank

CARE OF POT PLANTS

The Editor of *Popular Gardening*, Mr. Gordon Forsyth has very kindly allowed us to reproduce this most useful article, which appeared as "Pot Plants as Christmas Gifts" on 7th December, 1957.

Pot plants given as Christmas gifts will give months—perhaps years—of delight if the conditions they like are understood and a little time can be spared every few days to tend them.

The many types of foliage plants available can be given with the assurance that they will be appreciated in any home. Most of them do not need sunny conditions, but flourish best in full light and away from draughts and gas fumes.

No precise instructions can be given for watering, but the soil should be kept just moist and water with the chill off should be used always. If by mishap it becomes dry, stand the pot in a bowl of water up to the rim for half an hour. The plants need less water in winter than in summer. All room plants are the better for an occasional spray overhead. To do this, stand them in the bath once a week and spray them there.

AZALEAS

Although it is one of the most expensive of pot plants, the "Indian" type of Azalea has flowers that are long lasting, and the plant can be kept for several seasons with careful handling. When received, this plant should be placed in the coolest position possible, as flowers will last longest under these conditions. Do not place it in a draught, and certainly not where it will be very warm by day, and very cold by night.

Watering must be done after first tapping the pot to see if it rings, which it will if the compost is dry. When water is needed, fill up the space available, allow to drain, and tap again to see if that is sufficient.

If too much water is given, some of the leaves will fall, and should this happen, give less water for a few days. Some leaves at the base of the plant may turn brown in any case; these can be shaken off from time to time.

No feeding will be required at this stage. It will be a help, however, to pick off any dead flowers, or better still, pick them off as they fade. Under evenly cool conditions and with correct watering an Azalea will last in flower for several weeks. When flowering is finished, continue to water, but keep the plant indoors until spring.

When the plant is in full flower, turn it round each day so that all the blooms will be exposed to the light equally in turn. These colourful subjects are normally free of any pest or disease troubles at this stage.

CHRISTMAS CHERRY

The well-known and well-liked "Christmas Cherry", *Solanum capsicastrum*, is a colourful pot plant at Christmas time, and is one of the easiest to look after under home conditions. If a plant is being bought some time before Christmas, choose if possible one on which the berries are not very highly coloured.

Solanums will stand rather more variations in temperature than other pot plants, but will be happiest in an even temperature; avoid extremes as far as possible. Should the window sill or room be warm by day, move the plant to the coolest position possible.

If the leaves become dusty, wash the dust off with a soft cloth, using tepid soapy water. The berries can be treated similarly. A small plant can be dipped in water to clean the foliage.

Watering should be done with care, although *Solanums* are not so susceptible to extremes as some pot plants. Tap the pot to ascertain if the compost is dry; the familiar "ring" indicating dryness is the best guide. Should some of the lower leaves turn brown, give the plant a shake to remove these, or pick them off by hand as soon as noticed.

If the plant is an especially good one, seed may be saved from one of the best berries, which must be allowed to ripen fully.

DAFFODILS

There are usually some varieties of both *Narcissi* and *Daffodils* available for Christmas sale as pot plants, and *Paper White* and *Soleil d'Or* are frequently seen. A 5 in. pot of either variety makes an attractive present.

The appearance of both *Daffodils* and *Narcissi* in pots or bowls is improved by careful, hidden staking if the growth is fairly tall. For this purpose, a thin cane and thin green raffia are ideal.

Some fresh green moss placed between the bulbs on the soil surface add to the appearance of the pot, especially if one is giving this as a present.

These plants need rather more water than the average pot plant, and the pots are best stood where they can drain freely, before being stood back in their saucers or shallow containers.

Cool conditions are best for long-lasting blooms, and, as with other pot subjects, the flowers will be better if the pots or bowls are turned around daily, so that they do not "draw" to the light.

PRIMULAS

The Christmas season brings two types of *Primulas* into the shops in bloom, which are well adapted to living-room cultivation—

Primula obconica, with clusters of large flowers at the top of the stem, in shades varying from white through pink and lavender to crimson and blue; and the dainty *Primula malacoides*, the Fairy Primrose, with whorls of pink, lilac or red flowers in tiers.

Both like a position on a sunny windowsill and a fairly moist soil. Their leaves transpire readily; the best method of watering them in the home is to stand them in a basin of tepid water for a while every five or six days. Remember, however, that over-watering causes the leaves to discolour.

HYACINTHS

Hyacinths grown in 3 in. pots make welcome Christmas gifts. The scent is attractive to most womenfolk; the favourite colours are usually red and pink, though the blue or white varieties have their followers.

Should the flower spike not be staked, place a thin cane behind the stem, so that the best flowers face the front. Hyacinths are frequently grown under warm conditions to get them in flower in time for Christmas, and will last longest if grown as cool as possible after purchase.

Often, the surface of the compost in the pot is covered with moss, so that watering will have to be done extra carefully, as the presence of the moss may mask the condition of the compost beneath. Sometimes, grass seed is sown there.

In general, the same points will apply to Hyacinths growing in a bowl, except that watering will need extra care if there are no drainage holes. Drain off any surplus water by resting the bowl on its side.—*P. M. Routledge.*

CYCLAMEN

No plant is sold on a greater scale at Christmas than the Cyclamen, and none gives greater pleasure when it is grown successfully, for it can be flowered ceaselessly for several months; but none seems to give greater trouble as a room plant.

Yet its needs are fairly simple. Success is most likely to follow an understanding of its dislikes. Gas fumes and draughts it abhors, and it will respond to them by very early collapse. It also suffers in a widely fluctuating temperature and is actually better placed in a room which is unheated than one that is raised to 70 degrees level at times and allowed to fall 20-30 degrees.

Of course, it cannot abide low temperatures, and while it is best kept on a sunny window sill or in full light during the day, except when it is frosty outside, at night it should be brought into the room.

The pot must never be allowed to stand in water, though the plant likes to be kept fairly moist. Any flagging of the foliage can be quickly corrected by standing the pot in a bowl of tepid water for a little while, then allowing it to drain. Always pour water round the corm, never over it, for water resting round the buds and leaf stalk bases is liable to set up rotting.

With all this apparent fickleness, however, the Cyclamen is in fact a delightful and accommodating room plant, and if these points are followed closely there is no reason why a Christmas gift plant should not be kept in flower until Easter.

One last and essential point: when you bring home a Cyclamen from the shop, see that it is wrapped up completely. Exposure to the outside air may give it a check from which it may never recover.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO YOU

I had a really wonderful response to my appeal in the GAZETTE for small gifts and groceries for my Christmas parcels. We are very grateful to all our members, not only for the gifts but for the thought and trouble taken to get suitable articles and the care with which the packing was done. If there are any to whom I have not replied personally would they please accept my thanks now?

I was able to send out twenty extra parcels containing an assortment of toilet articles, made up entirely of gifts I had received from our members.

The joy with which these parcels are received by some of our lonely members will, I am sure, more than repay you for all the trouble you took.

E. H. MILLS, Honorary Friends Secretary

The following extracts taken from letters I have received may be of interest:—

“I have never had such a parcel before. The most wonderful chicken—I am most grateful for the tea and butter.”

“Your beautiful card with its enclosure inspires in me a feeling of deep gratitude—many good results are achieved in addition to the material help. It keeps up my morale at a time when my physical energy is at a very low ebb.”

“Thank you for the lovely box of good things. Though I am alone in the world when things like this happen I realize there are still people who remember me.”

“Your box of good things were a great joy. For the first time I was able to give a Christmas dinner to a friend who had previously done it all for me.”

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Perhaps a few words of repetition or further explanation might not come amiss. First and foremost—there is no increase in any subscription for this year 1958—the increases takes effect on the 1st January next year, 1959.

The rates this year remain at 5 guineas Life membership plus 5s. Gazette and 7s. 6d. Annual membership inclusive of Gazette.

Secondly: a generous concession is being made to Life Members

during this year only in an effort to combat the serious position caused through lapsed annual memberships, by encouraging as many Annual Members as possible to transfer to Life before the increases take place on 1st January 1959.

Existing Life Members and those becoming Life Members this year may if they wish pay $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas for Gazette for period 1958-67. Any Gazette payment already made for any part of that period may of course be deducted. Advance Gazette payment other than this may not now be accepted. Otherwise these Life Members pay for Gazette yearly at current rate (see above).

For Annual Members, who do not feel that they can make use of the offered concession in transferring to Life Membership, Bankers' order forms are introduced to make the annual payment easier. The subscriptions are 7s. 6d. this year, 10s. next year from 1st January, 1959. Advance payments may not now be accepted, subscription will be at each year's current rate. This involves correction of Bankers' Order in the event of a change of subscription rate.

Lastly, in line with the general procedure in associations for professional personnel a special rate of subscription is introduced for those not gainfully employed or in particular circumstances apply for special form to Branch Secretary or Membership Secretary at H.Q. We want all who are eligible to join.

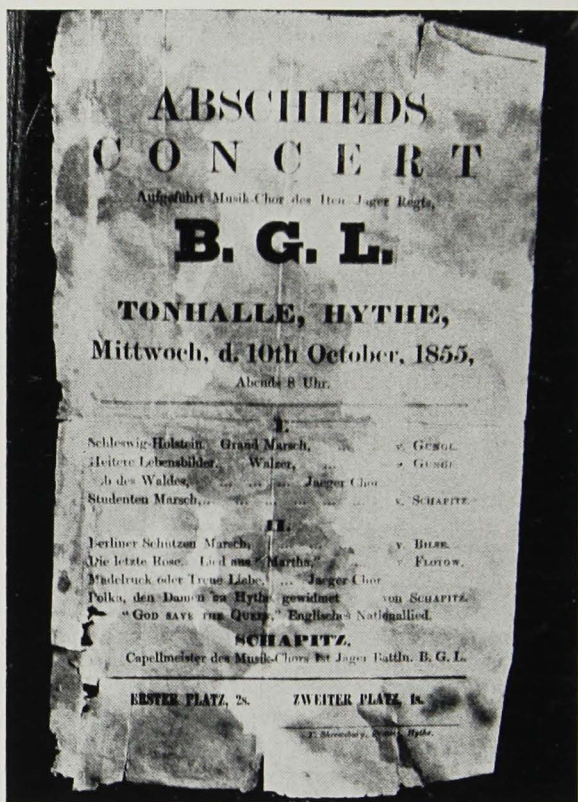
It has been noticed that some members are sending in their subscriptions for this year, or in advance, and have not taken into account payments previously made. Some have stated that the difference is to be taken as a donation in response to the appeal in the November Gazette, others leave us in some doubt as to their real intention. It is not possible to write to each individual member on this subject though this has been done in every case where more than a few shillings are involved, but we will gladly go into any record if a member writes thinking a mistake has been made. Otherwise these small sums will go into donations. This procedure will very greatly simplify records of advance payments as those made this year or previously will in the main be brought up to one date, viz., end of 1967.

THIS BRITISH CAMP WAS BUILT FOR THE GERMANS

By kind permission of the Editor of "Soldier" Magazine, The War Office

The biggest of many surprises that Captain Roy Brook, of the Royal Army Educational Corps, discovered when he set out to write the history of Shorncliffe Camp, Folkestone, one of the Army's oldest nerve centres, was that it was built for a German Army which came to Britain at our invitation.

It was during the Crimean War when an army of mercenaries raised in Germany was brought to England to be trained and equipped. Builders rushed up a permanent camp at Shorncliffe and the German soldiers took possession of the nearby town of Sandgate.



A reminder of the days when the 1st Jaeger Regiment of German mercenaries occupied Shorncliffe: A poster advertising a regimental concert.

Captain Brook has found old posters, printed in German, advertising concerts, parties and dances, for the mercenaries. In their spiked *pickelhaubes* and smoking cigars made from German-grown tobacco the German soldiers monopolised the streets and filled the taverns.

In 1855, Queen Victoria herself paid them the honour of visiting Shorncliffe and inspecting the army drawn up on Sir John Moore's Plain where the Light Brigade first drilled.

“But this army never did any fighting,” says Capt. Brook. “It drew a good deal of pay but was never sent to the Crimea.” Eventually it was disbanded and the men were given passages to South Africa where white settlers were badly needed.

The old camp at Shorncliffe is full of history—but the Army has always been too busy to write it. Most of the old records have been destroyed or lost and Captain Brook has a big task on hand. He has been collecting material for a year now and is still not within sight of being able to sit down to write about it.

Now he has moved to the Institute of Army Education at Eltham Palace where he hopes to be able to find time for long months of research in various libraries.

To hundreds of thousands of men and their fathers in Britain and in Canada, Shorncliffe is the vast old brick camp, high on the cliffs above Folkestone and Hythe and overlooking the Channel, which was used as a mobilising point in the South African War and the two World Wars.

It is from Shorncliffe throughout World War One that men marched down to the little steamers waiting to carry them across to France. In World War Two men waited there patiently and trained for the time when they would be able to storm into Europe.

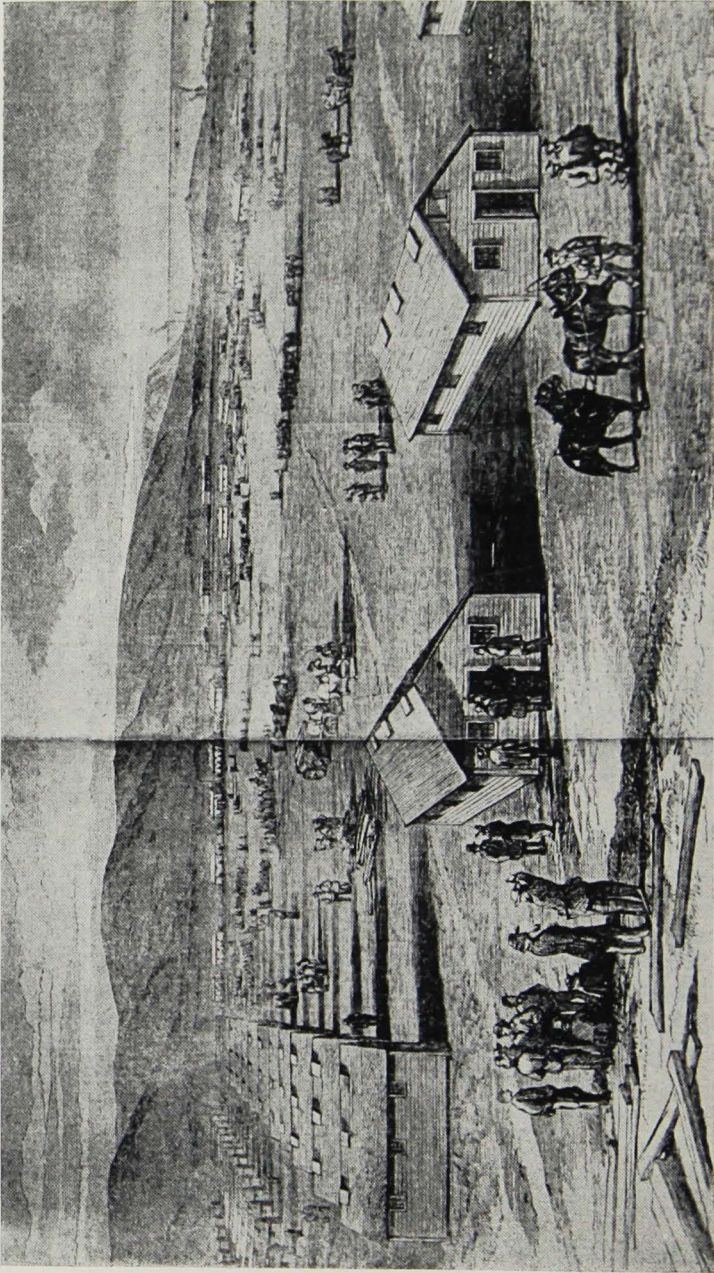
To-day it is a big home station and recently the headquarters of the First Guards Brigade. In the great hutted camp of St. Martin's Plain and the tents of Dibgate Camp alongside, Territorial Army units spend their training periods each summer.

So far as Captain Brook has been able to discover it was in 1790 that first preparations were made to build an armed camp at Shorncliffe. A few huts were put up and the first troops arrived in 1798. It was just an ordinary camp until Sir John Moore came on the scene there in 1803, filled with his new idea to create “light infantry”—men to be specially trained and equipped so that they could move fast and sure to strike at Napoleon.

Britain had been involved in long struggles on Europe before but they had never been faced with such a situation as when Napoleon dominated the whole Continent. Sir John Moore found himself in the same position as the Allied leaders in 1940. Britain was the only free base from which a powerfully defended Europe could be attacked. Light Infantry was to be one of the sharpest weapons he could find to knock holes in the fortress wall.

Captain Brook is still sorting the evidence but it does seem that the 95th Foot were the first body of men to be trained in this new form of fighting. It is clear, at any rate, that by 1808 there were at Shorncliffe three regiments (or battalions as they would be to-day) trained and composing the Light Brigade.

When Waterloo brought peace, Shorncliffe lost its importance. Economy became the public cry. The camp fell into disuse. The Army began to sell large tracts of land back to neighbouring farmers.



Shorncliffe Camp in 1855 from a print published in the
Illustrated London News.

Large flocks of Kent's famous sheep peacefully grazed where the conquerors of the Peninsula had learned their trade.

It is this period which Captain Brook is finding most difficult to fill in. Regretfully, he says, local police records of military wrongdoers are proving his best means of finding out what units were stationed there then.

Then came the Crimean War and the Germans. A modern, and well-equipped for those days, camp of wooden huts was run up at great speed. The Germans arrived, filled the air with brass band music, cigar-smoke and guttural orders for a time and departed in due course for South Africa.

The Army had a camp on its hands and used it generally as the home for the equivalent of a modern brigade. "There seems to have been, for most of the time," says Captain Brook, "three battalions of Infantry, some Artillery units, a few Sappers and a wagon train."

But in the 1880s came a great change. Someone decided (there is yet no trace of who was responsible) to spend £250,000 on a new camp. The old wooden huts came down and permanent brick structures went up in their place (some are still in use). Married quarters arose and a hospital.

Twenty years later, in the South African War, Shorncliffe Camp housed holding battalions. In still another 15 years it was one of the main assembly points and training grounds for Kitchener's New Army.

After that it was taken over completely by the Canadians who remained there until 1920. It was there also that in the early 1920s the Army School of Education was founded.

Shorncliffe had four children's schools by this time run by the old Army schoolmasters. But when the British Army took over again from the Canadians, the schoolmasters were abolished and the new Education Corps began its work.

When Captain Brook moved to the Institute of Army Education last month, he began to get down to analysing every Army List in the War Office Library.

"In less-security-minded days," he says, "they fortunately included the locations of units in the lists. From these I hope to discover which people did occupy the camp. Then I can settle down to the real job of writing my history."

JOHN HALLOWS

DONATIONS

JUNE — DECEMBER 1957

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Benevolence				Mrs. M. Black	...	5	0
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Iserlohn Branch	...	50	0	Miss J. E. Jealouse	...	10	0
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New South Wales				Lt.-Col. K. E. Shaw	...	2	0
Branch	...	5	5	Chaplain's Branch			
Miss Holder	...	1	0	(B.A.O.R.)	...	2	0
Associated Rediffusion	...	25	0	Miss A. G. Johnston	...	10	0
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The above are acknowledged with gratitude. The ever rising costs affect all aspects of our work and your support is most encouraging in helping us to meet the growing demands on our resources.

E. A. BALDOCK, *Hon. Treasurer.*

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

- D.B.E.**—Brigadier C. M. Johnson, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.
R.R.C.—Col. E. Mackaness, A.R.R.C.; Lt.-Col. F. B. Cozens, A.R.R.C.
A.R.R.C.—Major H. Heafey, Major E. Longworth, Capt. E. M. G. Scott.

OPERATIONAL AWARDS

MALAYA

A.R.R.C.—Major E. Ballesty.

M.I.D.—Major W. Walshe, R.R.C.

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

B.A.O.R.

Majors:—H. Payton, L. A. Baker, E. R. Barnett, E. J. Millington.

Captains:—M. Jones, A. R. Richardson, A. B. Miles, J. Newsome.

Lieutenants:—R. Bishop, E. A. Carlton, C. Hardman-Burrows, R. M. Jackson, E. Mason, J. E. Smith, M. Wallace, J. E. Bohem, A. Harrison, J. J. M. Vickers, J. M. Moore, M. C. Brennan, S. M. Donovan, L. C. Jacobs, J. Romanis, P. P. Sheard.

Ptes.:—Scholes J. M., Davis P. J., Dolding R. M., Bannerman C., Such M., Anderson I., Crabb P. C., Bradley P. D., Whitfield M. B.

F.A.R.E.L.F.

Lieut.-Colonel K. E. Phillips.

Majors:—E. C. Long, M. Hughes, F. V. Hynes, M. G. Davidson, E. F. Porritt.

Lieutenants:—B. Devos, G. V. Griffin, S. P. Linton, F. N. McGarrie, M. C. J. Russell, E. O. C. Perrott, M. L. Brook, S. M. Gervis, D. E. M. Chatt, E. A. Jackson, V. Trennery.

Cpl. Davis H. A.

A./Cpl. Eves V. P.

Ptes.:—Smallwood R. M., Robinson M., Hicklin M., Prest A., Borrowdale J.

M.E.L.F.

Major V. A. M. M. Morgan.

Captain M. Clark.

Lieutenants:—V. W. Budd, T. Everett, C. Coakley, Z. L. Gilmore, R. A. Mitchell, S. M. P. Bowles.

East Africa

Lieutenants:—V. E. Rew, M. N. Morgan.

Gibraltar

Major C. Moseley

Lieutenants:—C. M. Ward, F. E. McGibbon.

Ptes.:—Howgill B., Walker A. M., Cooke S., Smith E.

West Africa

Lieutenants:—B. H. Coleman, E. A. Swan.

Jamaica

Lieutenant J. P. McGeown.

REVERSIONS TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

B.A.O.R.

Major E. M. Hancock.

Captains:—E. Boulter, M. O. Jackson, G. M. De Wardt, C. E. Saunderson.

Lieutenants:—D. E. Butler, M. B. Hawes, A. R. Jackson, B. M. James, M. A. Burke, G. A. Staines, P. A. M. E. Brown.

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L./Cpl. Copeland M. S.

Ptes.:—Layzell B. S., Morrison E., Jones M. E. D., Sullivan M. M.

F.A.R.E.L.F.

Majors:—M. M. Heaney, C. B. Fraser, P. Heymann, M. V. Symmonds, E. J. Rosemont.

Captains:—E. Mason, L. Cooper, V. Wells, K. Bland.

Lieutenants:—K. Kiggins, V. O'Sullivan, M. E. Bradbury, T. Carson, P. M. Coventon, H. A. E. Thayer.

Ptes.:—Folkard E. A., Grant F. M., Ball M. E., Hewer M., Jeffs J. C., Welch J.

M.E.L.F.

Majors:—F. Ratcliffe, F. M. Marsh.

Captain M. Moynaham.

Lieutenants:—J. Quigley, E. M. Coombes, M. Button, M. L. Conway.

A./Sgt. Brady M. P.

Cpl. Fox M. D.

A./Cpl. Sprake M.

Ptes.:—Willis H. A., Tidmarsh H. M., Downs H., Jones D. M., Barber B.

Malta

Captains:—E. Burrows, A. M. Ward.

Cpl. Lyne J.

Ptes.:—Aldred J. M., MacAlister M. S., Offwood E., Shaw K. S.

Gibraltar

Major H. Cattanach.

Lieut. A. M. Ogilvie.

East Africa

Majors:—R. M. Hinchey, M. Fort.

Lieutenant M. J. Mann.

West Africa

Lieutenants:—J. G. Mitchell, W. P. Paterson.

Bermuda

Major F. M. Sands.

Jamaica

Major E. F. Davies.

Captain E. Connor.

APPOINTMENTS

Condon, Lieut.-Colonel M. A. J., R.R.C., to Military Hospital, Cowglen, 1st January, 1958.

Howe, Lieut.-Colonel J., R.R.C., to Military Hospital, Wheatley, on 29th October, 1957.

Phillips, Lieut.-Colonel K. E., A.R.R.C., to F.A.R.E.L.F., November, 1957

Wallace, Lieut.-Colonel E. V., R.R.C., to Military Hospital, Colchester, on 21st January, 1958.

PROMOTIONS**Major to Lieutenant-Colonel**

Major M. B. Kneebone.

Captain to Major

Captains J. C. Cross, E. A. Thomson, M. J. Symonds, A. M. Balmforth, M. H. Godwin, M.B.E., E. Curry, J. E. M. Godfrey.

Lieutenant to Captain

Lieutenants M. C. E. Taylor, E. M. O'Donnell, E. Connor, E. Burrows, S. M. McElroy, E. Boyle, E. M. Mockler, R. Todman, C. H. Waddell, V. D. Smith, U. O'Sullivan.

RETIREMENTS

October 31st: Captain P. J. Smith.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION

Ten Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks were successful in passing the State Final Examination in October 1957.

APPOINTMENT OF Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS TO COMMISSIONS AS NON-NURSING OFFICERS

A limited number of specially selected Other Ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps may now be appointed to commissioned rank as non-nursing officers for administrative duties.

MARRIAGES

Crips-Villiers, Lt S. A., to C. A. Shoop, Esq., at Kabul, Afghanistan, on 9th August, 1957.

Varley, Lt. E. M., to J. F. Goymer, Esq., at Coventry, Warwicks., on 14th September, 1957.

Lawton, Lt. I., to Capt. G. A. Adamson, R.A., at Dortmund, B.A.O.R., on 17th September, 1957.

Ingram, Lt. E. G. D., to I. A. Barnes, Esq., at Feltwell, Norfolk, on 21st September, 1957.

Phillips, Lt. R. P., to B. J. Harrison, Esq., at Cilcain, Flintshire, on 21st September, 1957.

Kanaar, Lt. M. A., to A. M. Forbes, Esq., at Dover, Kent, on 28th September, 1957.

Rees, Lt. F. E., to J. A. Neville, Esq., at Southall, Middlesex, on 28th September, 1957.

Etherington, Lt. W. E., to A. H. Salter, Esq., at Kingston, Jamaica, on 28th September, 1957.

Collins, Lt. B. M., to Capt. G. Masters, R.A.M.C., at Ploughley, Oxfordshire, on 28th September, 1957.

McAllister, Lt. J. E., to D. H. Hills, Esq., at Choppington, Northumberland, on 5th October, 1957.

Preston, Lt. B., to L. G. Pinyon, Esq., at Marske-in-Cleveland, Yorks, on 12th October, 1957.

Delahunty, Lt. P. M., to Dr. M. P. O'Dwyer, M.D., at Upton Park, East Ham, on 19th October, 1957.

Romney, Lt. J., to Dr. D. B. Clarke, at Purley, Surrey, on 26th October, 1957.

Conway, Lt. M. L., to R. Higginbotham, Esq., at Huddersfield, Yorkshire, on 26th October, 1957.

Ponsonby, Lt. L. A., to Capt. G. Millington, R.A.E.C., at Christchurch, Southampton, on 6th November, 1957.

Williams, Lt. E. M., to A. Daltry, Esq., at Brynmawr, Breconshire, on 16th November, 1957.

Campbell, Capt. M. K., to Capt. I. B. Lyon, R.A.M.C., at Nicosia, Cyprus, on 16th November, 1957.

Archer, Lt. D. M., to Dr. D. C. Hughes, at Southampton, Hants, on 30th November, 1957.

Bateman, Lt. H. T., to C. J. Goodwin, Esq., at Carrigtino Hill, Cork, Eire, on 30th November, 1957.

Harris, Lt. J. M., to T. N. T. Mansfield, Esq., at Tanglin, Singapore, on 30th November, 1957.

- McClymont**, Lt. A. M., to J. M. Bowen, Esq., at Singapore, on 11th December, 1957.
- Hickman**, Lt. P. A. K., to G. B. Chamberlain, Esq., at Cheltenham, Gloucester, on 21st December, 1957.
- Quigley**, Capt. A. M., to J. Leeson, Esq., at Netley, Hampshire, on 26th December, 1957.
- Ewart**, Lt. A., to Capt. C. G. B. Downie, R.A.M.C., at Dover, Kent, on 4th January, 1958.

DEATHS

- Amphill**, Margaret, The Dowager Lady Amphill, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., on December 12th, 1957, at Royal Masonic Hospital, after a long illness. Vice-Patron Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.
- Anthony**, Eliza, R.R.C., in January, 1958, served in 1914-18 war. T.F.N.S.
- Bremner**, Margaret, R.R.C., Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., on November 24th, 1957, at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank.
- Brown**, Annie Rose, T.F.N.S., 1914-19, A./M.I.D.3 on 3rd January, 1958, at Leamington Spa.
- Brett**, Clara Louise, on 1st May, 1957, Q.A.I.M.N.S., at Brighton.
- Cullen**, Mary Ellen, on December 31st, 1957, at Ringwood, Hants., T.A.N.S., 1924, World War II, 1939-44.
- Dawson**, Major J. M., Q.A.R.A.N.C., L.145, died British Military Hospital, Hamburg, 25th November, 1957.
- Edgar**, J. L., A.R.R.C., in November, 1957, in 1914-1918 War, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), Silver Medal for Merit of the Italian Red Cross.
- Horrocks**, on February 15th, 1958, at Adelaide, South Australia, Miss Edith Adrien Horrocks, R.R.C. (Major Q.A.R.A.N.C.), dearly loved sister of Arthur and Eardley Horrocks, of 7 Church Terrace, Walkerville, South Australia. A./R.W./L.6.
- Kerridge**, Dorothy, R.R.C., on December 21st, 1957, suddenly at Norwich. Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (retd.).
- Macdonald**, Anne, R.R.C., on January 6th, 1958, at Merthyr. Mentioned in Despatches.
- Matthews**, Gladys Mary, Q.A.I.M.N.S., on 21st January, 1958, as the result of an accident.
- Musson**, Anne Elizabeth, M.B.E., A.R.R.C., War service with the British Expeditionary Force in France during World War I. Founder Member Royal College of Nursing. Matron Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast until 1946. Died 3rd February, 1958, in Belfast, after a long illness.
- Nicholson**, Elizabeth, at Worthing. War service with Q.A.I.M.N.S., on hospital ships and trains, in Europe. Afterwards joint owner of a Maternity Home, Worthing. After retirement continued to serve on various committees concerned with nursing.
- Nicholson**, May, R.R.C., on September 16th, 1957, at Clifton, Robin Hoods Bay. Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Oxley**, on February 2nd, in hospital, Sister Frances Evelyn Oxley, of Chalfont Colony, late Langham Nurses' Co-Operation and Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.).
- Reid**, Rachel C. M., Matron of St. Andrew's Memorial Cottage Hospital, Fife, 1904-1939. Served with Q.A.I.M.N.S. during 1914-1918 War and awarded Croix de Guerre for service in France.
- Tait**, Joyce Katherine Selby, on February 9th, 1958, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Chairman Midland Branch. (A.Mid.30). Ex Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Webster**, Nora May, on June 23rd, 1957, at Malvern Link. Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. 1914-1919 served in Salonika.
- Williams**, Mabel Alice, R.R.C., on November 30th, 1957, at Northwood. Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Williams**, F. Mildred, T.A.N.S., on 16th September, 1957, at Sompting, Sussex.

RETURNED GAZETTES

November GAZETTES belonging to the following members have been returned. Last known address is stated.

- Major N. O'Neill, Hong Kong
(also returned from Netley).
Miss M. C. Hicks, Birmingham.
Pte. S. E. T. Kay, Malta.
Lieut. W. O'Gara, Millbank.
Capt. M. Clarke, B.F.P.O.40.
Lieut. E. M. Ord, Hayling Island.
Mrs. M. Wood, c/o Glyn Mills and
Co., Whitehall.
Pte. E. Offwood, Malta.
Pte. K. S. Shaw, Malta.
Major A. A. M. Adkins, Wilhersley,
near Sheffield.
Miss A. Kilmartin, West Kensington.
Miss M. E. Scott, Brixton, London.
Mrs. E. Ball, Plymouth.
Capt. J. L. Bell (3), Millbank.
Mrs. M. K. Clynych, Morpeth,
Northumberland.
Major H. M. Elliott (Retd.),
Edinburgh.
Mrs. L. Fowler, Chester.
Miss I. D. C. McPherson, Edinburgh.
Lieut. A. Maher, Glasgow.
Lieut. B. M. Collins, Aylesbury.
Mrs. B. Watson, Richmond, Yorks.
Miss A. Edwards, Clevedon, Som.
Capt. M. Peel, Petersborough.
Miss E. Matthew, Aberdeen.
Miss L. E. Miller, Silvertown, Devon.
Lieut. M. H. Bryce, West Lothian.
Miss P. Wilson, Hartlepool.
Lieut. J. Bushby, Co. Durham.
Lieut. Hawes, Catterick.
Mrs. E. J. Buse, Rochester.
Mrs. V. Shennan, Stourbridge.
Lieut. M. Pearce, Loughton.
Mrs. P. Bryan, Mackworth.
Pte. B. E. Bland, Co. Durham.
Lieut. N. Thomas, c/o Bank of New
South Wales, London, W.1.
Cpl. M. A. H. Foster, Glasgow.
Lieut. K. A. Kiggins, Singapore.

CORPS WEEK

- 27th June Matrons-in-Chief Luncheon Party.
2nd July Final Round Medforth Cup, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot, Hindhead.
3rd July Corps Sports, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot, Hindhead.
16th July Inter-Service Tennis Final, R.A.F. Hospital, Halton.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Saturday, 5th July, 1958, at 2.30 p.m., prior to the Reunion. Members wishing to attend please notify us when applying for Reunion tickets and Agenda can be sent.

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

Term expired members are Mrs. A. G. Monk (Chairman), Major N. Ellison (Retd.), Mrs. S. A. Hughes and Lieut. Colonel E. Jolly (Retd.). All are eligible for renomination.

Nominations are required as early as possible. All nominations or renominations must state that the Member nominated has agreed to stand.

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE FUND

The annual general meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th March, 1958, at Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

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