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EDITORIAL

How suddenly spring came upon us this year, after our long winter. One day the larch trees were bare, and the next day a waterfall of delicate green. And very quickly we are into high summer, with its special activities and interests.

This is also a very special year. The Corps has been visited by its Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret; our colleagues in the Royal Army Medical Corps are celebrating their diamond jubilee, and it is also the golden jubilee of the Territorial Army. One very interesting letter has been received from Miss E. J. B. Wright, giving us a glimpse of earlier Territorial days. Are there no other reminiscences or stories from T.A.N.S., past and present, to celebrate this glorious year?

There is little space for a long editorial. Events of this special year and the pleasing number of contributions by our members take priority. Perhaps we shall have so many contributions from our Territorial colleagues there will be even less room next time! Let us hope it will be a real Territorial issue!

LT.COL. M. V. F. HIND, R.R.C.

Lt.-Col. M. V. F. Hind, whose photograph appears on the cover, is a retired Q.A.I.M.N.S. officer well-known to many of you either through service with her or because you are one of her large number of correspondents. She has given very valuable service to the Association. Her responsibilities are particularly towards the widely scattered members who cannot be branch members because none exists within reach of them. This makes her work especially personal and all members on her roll can be assured she will make every effort to deal satisfactorily with any matter they draw to her attention.

The Association has every reason to be grateful to Lt.-Col. Hind and we would like to record our sincere thanks.

Queen Alexandra Day

The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day.

"The Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, on behalf of all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, presents her humble duty and most loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief, on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day, 27th March, 1958."

The following message was received in reply:—

"I have received with much pleasure your kind message of greeting and send my best wishes to all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps on Queen Alexandra Day.

MARGARET, *Colonel-in-Chief.*"

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION

The Thirteenth Annual Reunion was held on Saturday, 5th July, at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, and as usual was a most enjoyable function.

After having been received by the President, Dame Monica Johnson, and the Chairman, Mrs. A. G. Monk, the members joined their friends who were already seated round the tables laid for tea. For me, it was a particularly successful reunion, as I was fortunate in meeting many friends whom I had not seen for a long time. Very quickly we were engrossed in our reminiscences, recalling events which took place in far off places, and, dare I say it, far off times.

After a delicious tea, the members circulated more freely and started looking for more of their contemporaries, very successfully if the increasing volume of noise was any indication—soon there was a general drift to the bar, where once again toasts were exchanged and promises of meeting at the next reunion were made.

During the afternoon Dame Monica Johnson read the citation announcing that Lt. H. R. Taylor had won the Association Cup for arousing the "enthusiasm of officers and other ranks to participate in sport." As Lt. Taylor was unable to be present, Lt.-Col. Kneebone, who is shortly going to Malta G.C., received the Cup on her behalf.

The President then read the telegram which had been sent to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Patron of the Association, and her gracious reply.

In announcing the date of the next reunion, Saturday, 27th June, 1959, Dame Monica said she hoped that the same rooms would be available at the Hyde Park Hotel, so, fellow members, make a note in your diary now.

Finally the time came for us to depart to catch our various forms of transport, and I am sure we were all saying that it was one of the best reunions that had been held.

M. ROBERTS, A.82

Extract from a member's letter:

Perhaps the Association would be interested to hear what impression the Reunion had upon a new member? I should explain why a Territorial (aged 88 years and crippled with an arthritis hip) should not have joined the Association years ago. I had lost touch with my colleagues so did not know that they and the Q.A's had formed one Association.

When I read that a thanksgiving Service, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Territorial Army was to be held in Westminster Abbey I wrote, on the spur of the moment, to Matron-in-Chief to ask if it were possible for me to have a ticket. I told her that I joined the Territorials at the inception, had served as Sister at the 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, and in Egypt from 1914-1919.

Wheels began to turn, and in a few days I had a letter from the Association to say that a ticket would be reserved for me and that an officer would call for me and bring me home. Of course I was thrilled and shall have a lasting memory of a wonderful service.

From then I have received a great deal of kindness which I very much appreciate.

The Reunion was a revelation to me, dare I say, in the old days I think the Terriers had a feeling that they were apt to be considered a little inferior to the Regulars, but things have changed. I was delighted to be amongst such an interesting, friendly and happy gathering.

In my day we had no rank so I felt I couldn't address those to whom I was introduced as I should have done, anyway they gave me a very happy afternoon, and if I can still crawl I hope I may be able to join you all at the next Reunion.

The admirably conducted Annual General Meeting was a pleasure to attend, and I was much impressed by the masterly way in which the balance sheet was presented!

During the last war I joined the W.V.S., and helped to look after the people from Gibraltar at Marlborough Court, also escorted evacuated children to Devon and Lancashire. Later trained nurses were asked to help at Rest Centres, and although I was 69 years of age, I was accepted and worked in the terribly bombed areas of Hackney and Bethnal Green until the Armistice.

I have enjoyed recounting my reminiscences and am proud to be a member of the Millbank Branch.

E. J. B. WRIGHT

Headquarters report that 174 members attended the Reunion and that over £35 ticket money was taken at the door. This is rather perturbing because it does mean quite a large number of the members had to be catered for on the spur of the moment, more tables laid, chairs found and tea provided. This is not very satisfactory and certainly not so welcoming.

It would help greatly if members would as far as possible purchase tickets well beforehand, to enable probable numbers to be given to the caterers and other arrangements made in advance. An excess of twenty-five is always allowed for because we do want everyone to come who can, and we know that for some it must be a last minute decision. Unused tickets can be returned after the Reunion, and the money will be refunded so this need not be the obstacle.

The Hyde Park Hotel staff do a very great deal to help in making the Reunion a success. It must be remembered that the whole floor is at our service for practically all day. The room for the Annual General Meeting is given to us and at our request they have doubled the length of the bar and provided more tables and chairs to ease the congestion always to be found in that area. They make no extra charge for these services and what is so pleasant, we have always found them most co-operative with all our suggestions. Perhaps most important of all their charges for tea are at the rate for the number partaking of same.

The date is fixed for next year's Reunion. Please remember it and tell all your friends. It is SATURDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1959, same place.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

MILLBANK BRANCH.—The Annual General Meeting was held at 7.30 p.m., at 121 St. George's Square, with Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner in the chair. Owing to resignations and postings there were two vacancies on the Committee and these were filled, by Lt.-Col. Jolly, R.R.C., and Major C. Mudge, A.R.R.C. The Officers remain the same, with Mrs. Winstanley as Vice-Chairman, Captain A. Reynolds as Hon. Treasurer and Miss Hilda Hamblin as Hon. Secretary. The meeting was very well attended and it was unanimously agreed to continue to hold the Branch Meetings on the first Wednesday of each alternate month, viz. May, July, September, November, January and March. Many interesting evenings were planned and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend if only to renew old associations.

On 7th May we all approached 121 St. George's Square, wondering if we would be the only ones able to manage it, as this was the first week of the bus strike, but we need not have worried, there were eighteen members there and it was so very pleasant to have so many of the serving members with us. Mrs. J. M. Jarrett,

had again accepted an invitation to conduct a Quiz and two teams were chosen, one of serving members with Major Innes as the leader, and a non-serving team under the guidance of Miss C. L. A. Robinson, R.R.C. It was a very exciting battle of wits, the questions were hard, although everyone could answer the other fellow's question, and I was very pleased to be a scorer. Each member of each team answered or tried to answer seven questions each, and at the end of a very close contest the non-serving members' team won by one point. Everyone then enjoyed a cup of tea and some of Mrs. Burley's home-made cake.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd July, when there is a Beauty Preparation Demonstration by Cyclax, followed by the Bring and Buy Sale on Wednesday, 3rd September.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136

WHEATLEY.—A Bring and Buy Sale was held at Wheatley Military Hospital on 15th May, 1958. In addition there were small side shows, several guessing games and a jumble stall which proved most popular, being stripped within a very short time of the doors opening.

Gifts of a beautiful tapestry stool, hearthrug, toy poodle and cardigan were raffled.

Afternoon tea was served and a nominal charge made, thus adding to the takings.

By 4.30 p.m. the stalls were practically bare, so the raffles were drawn, the President, Lt.-Col. J. Howe, R.R.C., presenting the prizes.

The nett proceeds of this most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon amounted to £40, and a cheque for this sum was sent to Headquarters.

L. E. COWPER, LIEUT.,
Hon. Secretary, Wheatley Branch.

BENGHAZI.—By the time you read this article B.M.H. Benghazi will have ceased to exist, already we have started the "Run Down," and the last Nursing Officers are due to leave Benghazi at the end of July.

It is rather a sad feeling when the troops start to leave a place, one by one the barracks are handed over and every week there are fewer familiar faces in the town and fewer places to visit. We first noticed the change when the M.R.S. Barce closed down in November. It used to make a pleasant afternoon's excursion to drive to Barce, and we always knew that a warm welcome and a first rate meal awaited us. Then in December the M.R.S. at Derna was also closed, and though we were glad to welcome back Capt. Shaw and Lieuts. Ball and Jackson, we were very sorry to think that Derna was closed for good.

Our last Christmas in Benghazi was notable by the amount of hard work that everyone put in to the Christmas decorations, which were of a very high standard, and made the task of the C.O's wife, Mrs. J. S. F. Watson, who was judging them, very difficult. There was an excellent concert organised by the R.A.M.C. and Q./Cpl. Craddock, with Q./Ptes. Ansell, Sellick and Love, took part in several very amusing sketches and a most attractive South Sea Island "Dream." The Nursing Officers surprised everybody with a spirited performance of the Charleston in appropriate costume, which appeared to be much appreciated.

We were very sorry to lose the Matron, Major G. B. Powell, shortly after the start of the New Year, and she was followed by our Sister Tutor, Major P. M. Moran—we shall miss them both very much.

We had a "Farewell" meeting of the Q.A. Association in January, when Miss G. Padfield (ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), who is working for the Libyan Government as a Health Visitor told us of some of her very interesting experiences whilst working with the Arabs. It has been a great disappointment that none of us have been able to accept her kind invitation to visit the clinic which she runs for them in Benghazi.

We now have a Desert Rescue Helicopter service operated by the R.A.F. El Adem. As the landing ground is right outside the Mess we are able to admire the uncanny skill with which the pilots manoeuvre—they have never yet come through the ante-room windows!

We have had a number of distinguished visitors to the hospital in the last few months. The retiring C. in C. M.E.L.F., Gen. Sir Geoffrey K. Bourne, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., inspected the hospital just after Christmas and was much impressed by the variety and extent of the Christmas decorations.

Col. E. M. E. Dawe, M.B.E., R.R.C., A.D.A.N.S. M.E.L.F., paid us a visit in February, and we were so pleased she was able to spend a few days with us, we gave a small cocktail party so that she would have an opportunity to meet the local heads of services. Whilst she was with us we were inspected by Lieut. General Sir Roger H. Bower, K.B.C., C.B., the new C. in C. M.E.L.F.

Early in February the D.G.A.M.S. Lieut. General Sir Alexander Drummond, K.B.E., C.B., Q.H.S., F.R.C.S., D.L.O., inspected the hospital, accompanied by Major General W. J. Officer, O.B.E., M.D., D.M.S., M.E.L.F., and told us a little about the future of the Army Medical Services.

Several of the Nursing Officers have already left us. Capt. Lofthouse, Capt. Caley, Lieuts. Ball, Conway and Galbraith have gone to Cyprus, Lieut. Scharenguival to Tripoli, and Lieuts. Baddeley and Forster R.H.E.

All the families are supposed to leave Benghazi by the end of June, when we shall have run down to twenty beds, the Q.A. O.R's leave at the end of May and there will be only two Nursing Officers left to form a rear party. A lot of the mess property will be travelling to Cyprus with us to help furnish the new mess at Dhekalia, so those of us who may go there will feel that we are in familiar surroundings.

Although our numbers are so depleted we celebrated Corps Week with a Church Service in the hospital chapel on 23rd March, when the lesson was read by Captain Caley, and Cpl. Craddock and Pte. Sellick took the offertory. On 27th March the Q.A. O.R's had a tea party with a magnificent cake baked in the hospital kitchen, and in the evening a most enjoyable All Ranks Dance was held in the N.A.A.F.I.

It is with regret we have to say, that this will be our last news from B.M.H. Benghazi.*

E. R. SCHOFIELD, L.542

MALTA.—Hotel Phoenicia stands outside the old thick walls of Valletta. Modern and tall, it enjoys more varied views than many another urban hotel. Long blue views across the Mediterranean; darker crowded glimpses of the Harbour; steep and colourful slants to the bus terminus, where brightly painted buses jostle and circle the fountain base like excited housewives around a market stall. But the widest view is across the parade grounds of Floriana. Far beyond the roofs and ramparts of the town, the stone walls and prickly pears of the countryside are outlined by two distant hills. The shape of the hills silhouetted against a cloudless sky speaks their character even from afar. On the one, domed and bell-heavy, lies the ancient city of Mdina; on the other, its clock tower pointing like an admonishing finger above barracks, quarters and hospital, is perched the garrison of Mtarfa.

It was from Mtarfa on Friday, 23rd May, that all the Q.A's who could be spared from the David Bruce Military Hospital drove down to the Phoenicia for tea. This was a special tea, being the occasion of the Association Reunion. The Reunion was held in Valletta this year, as the hotel provided the most central meeting place for the Association. Members and ex-Q.A's, whom as many as we knew who were living in Malta, had been invited.

Although last year's Reunion Dinner, held on Q.A. Day was enjoyable in spite of the bleak weather, it was surpassed by this year's tea party. This year, the weather was *hot*. Hot weather (as long as it supplies an occasional coolness) is much more conducive to conviviality than cold, biting weather, which tends to turn the most sociable into an introvert. The coolness on this hot afternoon was supplied by the sitting rooms in the hotel, taken for the after-

*As read in the daily press air crash casualties have recently been received in Benghazi.

noon. After the dazzle and heat of the road outside, the pale green of the large room was like the reflection of ferns by a lake. Comfortable chairs, enticingly laden tables and attentive waiters were the setting for a time of meetings between friends and strangers, past and serving members, and guests from other hospitals.

The Chairman, Lt.-Col. P. E. Wilkins, received the guests. Among these were Miss Allen, Matron of King George V Hospital and her Deputy. Miss Allen has served in Malta for many years and seems almost a part of the gallant hospital which endured so much during the war.

Comparative newcomers to the island (but certainly not strangers to us of David Bruce Military Hospital) were Miss Willoughby, Matron of the R.N. Hospital and her Deputy, and S.Q./Officer Whyte, P.M.R.A.F.N.S. They like everyone else, enjoyed meeting and making new friends.

It was as interesting and pleasant meeting members of our Sister services as it was to see old and new friends among the ex-Q.A's present. Col. Harris was there. She, like many of us had driven down from the "country," and had been generous in the matter of lifts. Mrs. Masters, another staunch member of the Association, had also come. Like Col. Harris, she is very interested in the Association Benevolent Fund, and the proceeds of a Bridge Drive she organised have gone to help this year's contribution to the fund.

Among the other guests at tea were service wives, ex-Q.A's of varying vintage who were married and living in Malta with their families. Sometimes there seemed an almost wistful note to their questions on current life and nursing in the army. As one of them said, looking after one's own young and spirited child is like being an eternal "Special," with no off-duty. They enjoyed this child-free afternoon meeting serving members, both Officers and other ranks, though Mrs. Bates (*nee* Gay) was the only one so recently left the Service, as still to know some of us.

The sun was still blazing when the time came for people to leave the cool room and return to family, ward or office. The guests were very appreciative of their happy afternoon as they said their good-byes to Colonel Wilkins. We hope to see them all again at about the same time, same place, next year. Major Marrinan, Secretary of the Association, who helped to organize this successful Reunion, and wrote to all ex-Q.A's she has been able to trace, now has an address book to which she hopes to add many more Association Members' names.

This year the Association in Malta is having a series of four raffles in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Two raffles, already completed, have realised the sum of £40 and this donation has been sent off to the Treasurer, in London. By the end of 1958, when cold winds shriek over the Hotel Phoenicia, across the rock-studded country to the hill top expanses of Mtarfa, there will be a second donation to send.

By then, the heat of a May afternoon and the enjoyments of the Q.A. Reunion will not only be a happy memory, but a pleasure to anticipate.

M. H. RUNDLE, A.942

NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.—We invited Miss (Major) Joan Paige to join us. She is a member of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps and had recently been granted a Scholarship to England, where she would work with the Q.A.R.A.N.C. She very willingly undertook to convey warm greetings from our Branch to the Parent Association. We have since heard of the wonderful time Miss Paige is having and that she has been presented to Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief of the Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Any news of Q.A.'s visiting Sydney from other States or overseas, or coming to N.S.W. to live, will always be welcome, please advise the Hon. Secretary of their addresses so they may be contacted.

Congratulations to Miss Eve Clark on her appointment as Deputy Matron of the Canterbury District Memorial Hospital, and we wish her happiness and success.

NICOSIA.—Unfortunately the day chosen for our fete, Saturday, 19th April, turned out to be the day of gales. In spite of the very gusty wind, the fete was well attended. The stalls were laid out in the Training Wing, and the side shows were set up in the grounds. Stalls offering cakes, cosmetics, needlework, books and jumble, were swept clean long before the end of the afternoon.

Our Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers and other ranks have now proved themselves excellent saleswomen. Magnificent help was given by the Wives Club, 37 Coy. R.A.M.C., and many friends of the hospital. A raffle run by Capt. Scott was most successful, and the bran tub, organized by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers at Polemedhia, was as popular as ever with the children.

The side shows were well patronized, especially by the fathers and children. The latter loved our local friends—the donkeys. The donkeys, too, seemed to enjoy their visit and were most patient—going at their usual two paces—dead slow and stop! Presiding over the function was our new Chairman and Matron, Major A. M. Hey, and Mrs. Officer very kindly opened the fete. Major General W. G. Officer, D.M.S., and Col. E. M. E. Dawe, A.D.A.N.S., were also with us.

At the end of the afternoon everybody was pleased to know that £200 had been raised and thus Capt. Stephenson the Secretary, and her band of loyal workers, were rewarded for all their hard work.

M. C. PETTEGREE, A/CUA/61.

VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, Q.A.R.A.N.C., TO THE PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE CAMBRIDGE HOSPITAL

The Corps was honoured on 21st March, 1958, by the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief to inspect the training of recruits in the Preliminary Training School, and afterwards to see the work of the Corps in a Military Hospital.

Preliminary Training School, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Following the visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, all students were given, during their education periods, an essay to write on the subject of the visit. The following two essays were selected for publication and record the varying impressions the Princess' visit created in their young minds.

A Royal Visit

"Sleep it is a wondrous thing beloved from pole to pole." But one Friday morning in March sleep would not stay with me. I awakened before anyone else with the feeling that something unusual and perhaps a trifle exciting was going to take place.

Simultaneously regaining consciousness and memory I realised that on this day we were to be honoured by a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret. I also remembered the past night's promise of a beautiful day by showing us a grey and scarlet sky.

We filed to breakfast looking hygenic and exhilarated in our pale grey, brass buttoned ward dresses and crisp, spotless caps. Everyone remarking on how the other person suited their ward uniforms and how smart the general appearance was.

Our Princess was scheduled to arrive at 11.30 a.m. Long before that, however, we were in our positions and watching others who were playing a more important part do likewise.

There was a busy thoroughfare on the road through the camp. Newspaper reporters, TV. vans, members of the R.A.M.C., complete with their ambulance, swords flashing in the sunlight, the swaying of kilts, majors, officers, coaches arriving conveying the marchers of this ceremonious occasion, and to add to our delight eight beautifully groomed horses, their riders' flags colourfully fluttering in the morning breeze.

Suddenly, it seemed, everybody and everything were in their respective positions and, apart from a sergeant opening limousine doors and ushering yet more important people to our presence, everyone was ready and waiting in breathless anticipation.

On the scheduled time Her Royal Highness arrived. Her appropriate choice of dark scarlet contrasted with our grey uniforms.

The moment that this vivacious Princess stepped within the boundary of our camp the morning sun seemed to shine even brighter and a true element of excitement ran through this motionless gathering.

The Princess showed a great interest in everything she was shown and delighted everyone with her dainty shape and serene smile.

She left with a hearty burst of combined cheering from each individual partaking in the ceremony.

“And all at once the scene was changed—the streets no longer rang,” wrote William Blake. The Majestic flag bearing the pattern of the Royal Coat of Arms was taken down and our Corps colours were once more hoisted.

On her departure we were left with mixed feelings. The “feeling” experienced I think, were relief mingled with sorrow. Relief that all had passed so smoothly, and sorrow that all the excitement and bustle was over.

However, the sun still shone and we looked forward to the half day that followed.

E. M. BELL, PTE.

The Visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret to the Preliminary Training School

“Our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, is going to visit the Preliminary Training School on 21st March.” These words were spoken by Major Cross as long ago as the last days in January. A murmur of interest ran through the class as it became apparent that we would see the princess. For some people this would be the first personal contact of any sort with the Royal Family. They would be able to see one of the foremost people of the land—the sister of our Queen.

As women we have a woman’s interest in one whose sense of fashion has been acclaimed the world over. As soldiers, she was our Colonel-in-Chief, a person of great importance to the Corps. A week later we left the depot and travelled to Aldershot.

By the end of February we had settled down at P.T.S. The squad was separated and scattered throughout the school because of re-decoration for the visit. The decorators soon finished and several people were chosen to occupy these billets which were to be inspected by the Princess and the Officers who would inspect with her.

Preparations began in small ways and increased as the days passed. The billets especially those selected for inspection, were

examined regularly. The roads of the camp were re-surfaced and other alterations carried out. About ten days before the visit individual preparations began in earnest. The Guard of Honour of nurses drawn from many military hospitals arrived each day to practice drill movements with the drill instructors from Hindhead and Crookham.

The Commandant was worried under the strain of the responsibility which the visit imposed. As a squad we sensed her anxiety and made every effort to relieve her worries in some way. The days passed quickly until, suddenly it was Friday.

Breakfast was early that morning, the weather was sunny but cold, with a strong breeze blowing. The Guard of Honour arrived, headed by the adjutant of the Depot, Captain Watts. There were two lectures in progress in the classrooms, an education study group at the study centre and a selection of demonstrations in the Model Ward.

At eleven twenty excitement was mounting. The high ranking officers had arrived, headed by the G.O.C. Southern Command and the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Duke of Wellington. Dame Brigadier Johnson and Dame Brigadier Gillespie arrived with the Director of Medical Services, Sir Alexander Drummond. They moved forward to receive their guest.

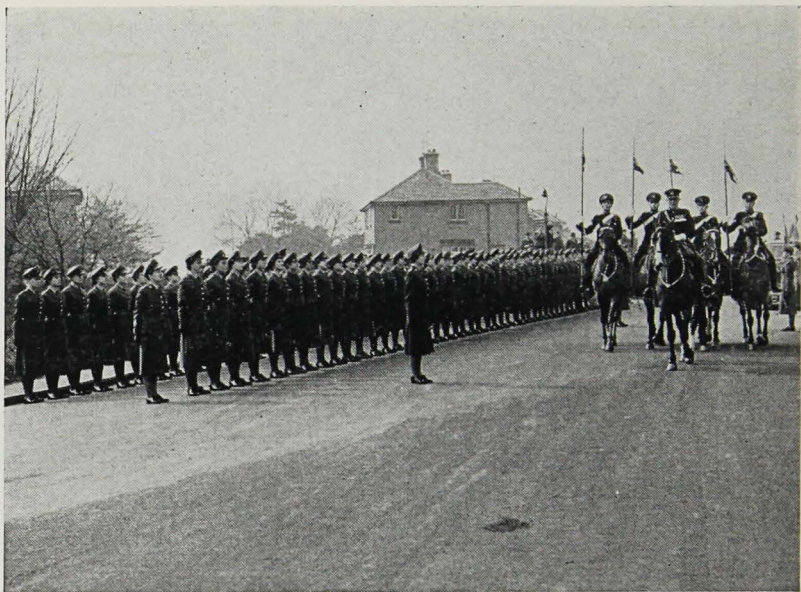
The mounted escort of Military Police appeared over the brow of the hill, headed by their officer and rode four before and four behind the Royal Car. The car drew up at the entrance of the camp, and the Princess stepped out, accompanied by her lady-in-waiting and followed at a distance by the ever-watchful detective.

She was tiny in spite of her high heels, and she wore toning shades of plum-red. Her only ornament was the diamond Hibiscus brooch which was a gift of the people of South Africa. She was welcomed by the visiting officers and the Guard of Honour was presented for inspection by Captain Watts.

After the inspection she was greeted by our Commandant and walked to the study centre. In the Model Ward the excitement was intense—even the instructors were nervous. In a few minutes the princess arrived and she was shown the various demonstrations by the Sister Tutor. As she made her way down the Ward the princess stopped before the beds we were making and asked questions concerning the make-up of the different types of bed. She was answered by Major Price. She then inspected the rest of the ward and moved on to tour the classrooms and billets. We all gathered by the entrance to camp during the march past of the Guard of Honour, at which the princess took the salute.

The band of the R.A.M.C. played the Regimental March "Grey and Scarlet." And as the car drew slowly away we gave three rousing cheers for our charming Colonel-in-Chief.

M. S. GARRICK



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ARRIVING WITH ESCORT

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CAPTAIN WATTS REPORTS PARADE CORRECT

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PRINCESS MARGARET INSPECTS THE GUARD OF HONOUR
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ARRIVAL IN THE PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL
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WATCHING TEMPERATURE-TAKING IN THE PRACTICAL ROOM

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VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET TO CAMBRIDGE MILITARY HOSPITAL

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret honoured the Q.A.R.A.N.C., of which she is Colonel-in-Chief, by a visit to the Cambridge Military Hospital on 21st March, 1958.

It was a crisply cold but fine day when the Princess drove up to Gunhill House, escorted by a detachment of mounted Military Police, led by the Provost Marshal.

There the Princess was met by Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, O.B.E., R.R.C., the Director of Army Nursing Services; Dame Helen Gillespie, O.B.E., R.R.C., the Colonel Commandant; General Sir Alexander Drummond, D.G.A.M.S., and by Lt.-Col. Blair, A.R.R.C., the Matron of the hospital. Her Royal Highness passed through a Guard of Honour to Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers, each of whom were presented to her.

The Princess wore a most delightful petunia coloured dress which stood out with great effect against the massed flowers, uniforms and pale grey walls as she passed through to the ante-room.

In here were beautiful flower arrangements against turquoise coloured walls with deep rose curtains, which made a perfect background to the Princess as she talked to the Officers and their guests. Amongst those presented were selected Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers from the Cambridge and Louise Margaret Hospitals, the D.D.M.S., A.D.M.S. and Officers Commanding Cambridge and Louise Margaret Hospitals.

Her Royal Highness showed great interest in the Corps and questioned officers whom she met about the training and welfare of the other ranks. We all felt most impressed by her personal charm and deeply honoured by a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, most appropriately occurring in Corps Week.

Her Royal Highness had lunch in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Dining Room, with thirteen Officers and guests, amongst whom were His Grace The Duke of Wellington (Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire), General Sir Charles and Lady Loewen, General Sir Alexander Drummond, Major-General and Mrs. Bramwell-Davis and over seventy Officers and guests had a buffet luncheon.

The dining room was a beautiful setting for the Princess, with its deep jade green curtains, mushroom walls, with portraits of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the particularly charming study of Princess Margaret herself.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers who have served at the Cambridge Military Hospital will be interested to know that Mrs. Williams, who has just completed twenty-one years' service in the Q.A. Officers Mess, mainly as Matron's maid, had the honour of meeting Her Royal Highness.

After luncheon the Cambridge Military Hospital was visited and the Princess was conducted down the main corridor (lined by Q.A. Officers), by the Matron, Lt.-Col. K. M. Blair, and the Director Army Nursing Services.

At the top of the stairs she was presented with a bouquet of carnations by the most recently joined Sister, in her grey and scarlet uniform (Lt. E. P. McCall). Fourteen paces ahead two Q.A.R.A.N.C. N.C.O's led the way.

The Princess was first taken to a male medical ward and was met at the door by Capt. M. Taylor, Q.A.R.A.N.C., and the Medical Officer, Lt. Grahame, R.A.M.C., she then spoke to the nurses, and the different coloured epaulettes, denoting stages of training, were explained to her by Matron. After speaking to the R.A.M.C.

orderlies, the Princess walked round the ward talking to every patient, even to Josephine, the budgerigar, owned by Cpl. Manning, who was admitted during his Territorial Service last October, and so qualified to be the oldest patient.

Her Royal Highness then went to a Junior Officers ward, and the Sisters-in-Charge, Capt. D. MacDonald, Lt. Foulser, Q.A.R.A.N.C. and also Capt. Lambert, R.A.M.C., were presented to her. The patients had been most excited about her visit and had for some time shown a marked reluctance to be discharged.

As the Princess walked through the corridors to leave the hospital, the route was lined by Q.A. other ranks, the nurses in their indoor uniform. Ambulant patients also crowded to see our important visitor, and in spite of the cold weather, Q.A. Officers (flanked by sightseers) were massed outside the front door to wave to their Colonel-in-Chief as she left.



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On arriving at Cambridge Military Hospital, Princess Margaret was greeted by Lt.-Col. K. M. Blair Matron of the Hospital and Dame Monica Johnson.

MATRONS-IN-CHIEF ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Annual Luncheon, given by the three serving Matrons-in-Chief of the Navy, Army and Air Force, to their predecessors was held at the Naval and Military Club on Friday, 27th June. As always, it was a very happy friendly party and in case anyone believed in "unlucky thirteen" the total of fourteen was achieved by the inclusion of Colonel D. Douglass among the guests.

There were four Matrons-in-Chief—real ones, Dame Monica Johnson, Dame Helen Gillespie, Dame Louisa Wilkinson and Miss M. Medforth, plus the above mentioned hostage against misfortune, who anyway might be in the running one day, so it is particularly good for her to exercise her influence against possible hurtful powers. Five Navy and four Air Force Matrons-in-Chief made up the party and among the latter it was a special pleasure to see Dame Helen Cargill again.

One of the hostesses always gives a brief resumé of recent outstanding happenings in the three Nursing Services, and this duty fell to Miss B. Nockolds, Royal Navy. It was a source of gratification to hear that all three Matrons-in-Chief had been honoured this year, our own Chief, D.B.E., in the New Years' Honours List; Air Commandant Dame Alice Mary Williamson, D.B.E., and Miss B. Nockolds, C.B.E., in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Other interesting items were:

NAVY.—Q.A.R.N.N.S. Auxiliaries are in process of formation. One nursing officer attending N.A.P.T. Conference, July. The R.N. Hospital, Trincomalee has closed.

ARMY.—Non-nursing officer commissions granted. Thirty-eight officers seconded to Ghana, Nigeria, Peking and Pakistan. One officer on exchange with one R. New Zealand A.N.C. officer. One officer R. Australian A.N.C. has been attached to Q.A.R.A.N.C. for one year.

One hundred and eighteen other ranks have qualified for State Registered Nurse up to February, 1958.

Four officers taking Sister Tutor Course, two at Edinburgh University and two at Hull University. Two officers attending N.A.P.T. Conference, July.

Forty-four nursing officers have attended Midwifery Refresher Course to date.

Grey cloaks, scarlet lined, are now available for all O.R. nursing personnel.

The deaths of Miss R. Osborne, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S., 1928-30, Matron-in-Chief T.A.N.S., 1931-36, and of Miss Cecilia Pyke, C.B.E., R.R.C., were noted with deep regret.

AIR FORCE.—Air Commandant A. M. Williamson had the honour of attending the 40th Royal Air Force Anniversary Dinner held at Fighter Command Officers' Mess on 1st April, at which Her Majesty the Queen was present with other members of the Royal Family.

A nursing officer of R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton, was invested with the George Medal of the Royal Humane Society in May.

Two hospitals closed or closing, one in United Kingdom, one in Germany. All Matrons attended a one-day Work Study Conference last October, and a nursing officer has been selected for the Medical Work Study steam, shortly visiting R.A.F. hospitals.

Eighteen nursing officers have attended Midwifery Refresher course and one is attending Sister Tutor Course at Edinburgh.

All guests appreciated hearing of these activities. They, with their hostesses, thoroughly enjoyed an excellent lunch and each other's company. They look forward to meeting again next year, hoping then to see as well those who this year were absent. As far as Q.A's were concerned these were Miss D. Martin, Miss C. Roy, Dame Katharine Jones and Dame Anne Thomson. Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith is always remembered but is not able to attend.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The presentation of his or her Hospital Certificate at the end of three or four years' training is, as everyone knows, an important event in the life of the student nurse. In civilian hospitals it is an impressive ceremony which has been taking place for many years. However, in military hospitals, until very recently, these certificates were merely forms to be issued through the normal channels! This year Colonel E. Mackaness, A.D.A.N.S., Eastern Command, decided to begin a new era and asked Major General D. Bluett, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.P., D.D.M.S., Eastern Command, to present the certificates on 25th February, 1958.

Fortunately in this Command there were several R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks who had qualified to receive their certificates, thus forming a group sufficiently large enough to warrant a presentation ceremony. Queen Alexandra Military Hospital was chosen as the most suitable centre. The St. John and British Red Cross Society Welfare Recreation Room, a bright pleasant room, gay with flowers, was used for the occasion. There Colonel R. St. John Lyburn, Officer Commanding Queen Alexandra Hospital, introduced Major General Bluett, who presented the certificates in the presence of Colonel E. Mackaness, R.R.C., Lt.-General E. W. R. Warner, A.R.R.C., the Matron, members of the R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. and friends and relations of the successful students.

Before the presentation Major General Bluett congratulated the students and wished them every success in their future careers, in the Army or in Civilian life. Afterwards Major M. Innes, O.B.E., R.R.C., the Sister Tutor, gave a short interesting review of nurse training in the Army, with special reference to Eastern Command. Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner then spoke to the students, stressing the

importance of upholding the traditions of nursing and of their two Corps.

An excellent tea was served after which the guests were invited by Colonel R. St. John Lyburn to walk round the wards and departments. Several did and were much impressed by the newly-decorated wards and the modern colour scheme of the hospital.

The following students received Army Trained Nurse Certificates:

No. 18 Coy. R.A.M.C.: S/Sgt. M. McPherson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Cpl. P. A. Bradford, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Cpl. A. S. Lucas (*nee* Bartley), Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Cpl. M. J. Raleigh, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Cpl. P. A. Reilly, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

No. 12 Coy. R.A.M.C.: S/Sgt. J. E. W. Burtenshaw, R.A.M.C.; Pte. C. M. Osland, R.A.M.C.; Sgt. J. Honeysett, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; L/Cpl. E. P. Reynolds, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The Ministry of Health Certificate of Proficiency in Oral Hygiene was presented to the following:

No. 9 Coy. R.A.M.C.: Cpl. B. M. Ludlow, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

No. 18 Coy. R.A.M.C.: Cpl. S. N. Cook, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

It is hoped that this ceremony may now become an annual event, as the number receiving certificates is increasing. It may be possible, as it was this year, to encourage ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C. members to return for the presentation of the certificates instead of receiving them by post.



HERE AND THERE

EXETER.—Miss R. M. Furze, Assistant Matron St. Thomas's Hospital, who has been one of the two general membership representatives on the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Finance and Grants Committee since January, 1957, is taking up the appointment of Matron at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Furze and thank her for all her help and interest.

BECKENHAM.—Miss P. O'Sullivan has been appointed Matron.Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.

BIRMINGHAM.—Miss E. I. Jones has been appointed Matron Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.—The sum of £142 5s. noted under donations, June-December, 1957, was contributed by all branches in the command.

OBITUARY

MISS ROSABELLE OSBORNE, C.B.E., R.R.C.

Miss Osborne, who died on 8th May, 1958, had an interesting Army career. She was Matron-in-Chief at the War Office, 1928-30, for Q.A.I.M.N.S. and from 1931-36 for T.A.N.S., but way back in 1917 she was Matron-in-Chief in Salonika. At that time there were seventeen General Hospitals each over 1,000 beds, four Stationary Hospitals, five Casualty Clearing Stations and one Field Ambulance. In addition there were with the Royal Serbian Army, four General Hospitals and one Stationary Hospital. The nursing staff included Canadian and Australian Army Nursing Services and V.A.D's.

Her own record of this period is quoted:—

"Ten days after my arrival was the 'Great Fire,' which commenced in the Turkish quarters and, fanned by a Vardar wind, the flames quickly spread. It was estimated that the homeless numbered nearly 100,000. The kindly help rendered by the British Tommy to the refugees at this time was a revelation to the Macedonians, who, I think, rather expected that our men would have seized the opportunity to loot their belongings. We all felt justly proud of our countrymen. Four of our General Hospitals were huts and the rest under canvas. The hospitals were scattered over a wide area and soon many others had to be started to meet the increase of sickness from malaria and dysentery. Early in the autumn of 1917, owing to the activity of submarines in the Aegean Sea and the Gulf of Salonika, it was decided to use the Bralo-Itea route for the evacuation of patients to the U.K. and for reinforcements. A hospital was then opened at Bralo.

"During the spring of 1918 accompanying the reinforcements of nursing staff that arrived for the summer expansion of hospitals, were the first instalments of the General Service V.A.D's, thus relieving more R.A.M.C. men for duty at the front. The autumn of

1918 was a very busy time for our hospitals, heavy fighting—rapid advance of troops, simultaneous with the terrible influenza epidemic, kept the hospitals crowded. Our resources were further taxed helping the Greeks, owing to the inadequate arrangements made by them, for sick and wounded and we temporarily took in many hundreds of Greek sick and wounded.

“With the advance of troops, the C.C.S’s moved forward to Doiran, Strumnitza,* Radomir, Rabrova, and later opened at Kavalla, Dedeagatch and Sofia. Nursing staff had to be provided for temporary duty at ‘field ambulances’ to look after serious non-transportable cases. In addition, six surgical groups, consisting of a Medical Officer, three Nursing Sisters and two R.A.M.C. orderlies, were held in readiness to proceed from base at short notice to help at C.C.S. By the end of June, 1919, all hospitals, except the 43rd General Hospital, had been moved to Constantinople, Chanak, Batoum and Tiflis. I paid a last visit to Salonica in January, 1920, and visited the graves of the thirteen women members, two of whom were killed in an enemy air-raid. Considering Macedonia was such an unhealthy country and many Nursing Staff were invalidated home nearly every month, the mortality was very small. Yet in spite of malaria and dysentery, mud and mosquitoes, and many other discomforts, there was a special fascination about active service in Macedonia. The beautiful mountains, wild and rugged country with exquisite sunsets and a wonderful variety of wild flowers, were among the many compensations.”

It was only during the latter part of her life that I came to know Miss Osborne so well. I, like most others coming in contact with her, immediately fell under the charm of her personality, so did my small daughter who several times visited with me.

Miss Osborne had the gift of making people feel that their visits were such a joy to her. Her sense of humour was acute and many things that would upset other people she found amusing. She was generous to a degree in helping others in need. She had not only found the secret of growing old gracefully, but she knew how to accept peacefully and happily what life had to offer her as the years went by.

Apart from all she accomplished in her chosen career she has set a personal standard that many of us would like to emulate in our own declining years.

E. H. MILLS, L.478

COLONEL CECILIA PYKE, O.B.E., R.R.C.

Having had a distinguished career in the Military Nursing Service, Colonel Cecilia Pyke died on 13th May, 1958. She received her nursing training at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge, joined Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1929, and completed twenty-six years’ service. Since her retirement she has

*Please refer to map page 26.

been living at Farnham All Saints where her parents previously resided. She was actively associated with the local British Legion and had been Chairman of the Women's Section at Hengrave since its formation.

I am sure that many of us will mourn the passing of Colonel C. Pyke, who died a few weeks ago. She was a much admired Matron, and also a very dear friend to so many Q.A's. During the past twenty years, I have both served under her and counted her as a very special friend of my husband, myself and our two children.

At her funeral, and during the days which followed it, dozens of memories of "Pyke" flashed through my mind. I thought of the first time I met her, when she gave such a wonderfully kind welcome, in 1938, to eight very dishevelled and weary sisters, after a dreadful journey across Sinai, arriving at Haifa railway station, during the Palestine Emergency. She took us to a comfortable hotel and arranged hot baths and a day off to recuperate, before going on active service. I remembered a very happy year in the B.M.H. in Haifa, when she often went to the beach with us all, to swim and picnic, and hectic days in the wards, when she came to help us with the heavy casualties.

Then came the dark war years 1940 and 1941 at the 64th General Hospital in Alexandria, B. Ground ward with its 136 beds all full of seriously wounded men, from the Western Desert and the Mediterranean. I heard again Miss Pyke's words: "All right Sister, carry on with dressings, I will go round by myself this morning." I remembered her journeys on the tram into town, to try to find dressings and instruments for us when supplies were very long delayed, or for strawberries and cream, or steak for badly wounded men, who had expressed a longing for something from home. I thought of many nights when we sat up very late with her, addressing the envelopes for the many many letters she had to write to the relatives of the dangerously wounded patients. What tact and patience she showed in dealing with all the difficulties and trials which beset a combined naval and military hospital—the 64th General. She showed the wisdom of Solomon in pouring oil on the inter-service, inter-colonial and inter-national arguments which developed among that cosmopolitan community. She was popular with all ranks of all services, and with all nationalities, even the most difficult of our prisoner-of-war patients. She discussed decks, bays and galleys with L.S.B.A's, as easily as floors, wards and kitchens with the R.A.M.C., much to our admiration.

Since my marriage, Miss Pyke shared many of our happiest moments, she came to our wedding, she was with us when my husband arrived back on the last Sunderland evacuating our forces from Greece, after he had been posted "missing." I watched them both decorated at the same Investiture at Buckingham Palace in 1943, and we had a joint celebration later. She was our little son's

godmother at his christening, during which a violent thunderstorm raged. Her nonchalance, when all the lights went out, while she was holding him at the Font, was so typically "Miss Pyke." She has visited us in most of our many and varied homes with the R.A.F., both at home and overseas, and we have all spent many happy hours with her at her home in Farnham-All-Saints. I saw her visiting patients who had called on her for help, in her own village. She often accompanied me too, when I was called out in emergencies among the R.A.F. families. I remembered her great joy when her little dog "Binkie" was released from quarantine kennels, at Chilbolton, when we were stationed there. Many Q.A's and orderlies must have known "Binkie."

Those of us who knew Miss Pyke in Haifa and Alexandria heard so much of her home and family in Suffolk, and I am glad to say that she spent several happy years there with her sister, during her retirement, taking an active part in local organisations. I saw how greatly loved she was in the village, when she visited the sick and injured people. The large congregation in Church, at her funeral, and the beautiful flowers they all carried, to lay personally on her grave, gave their own tribute.

Her coffin was covered with scarlet carnations and geraniums, tied with the grey and scarlet ribbon of the Corps. Two standards were borne above it by British Legion members, and she was laid to rest in a quiet country churchyard, almost within sight of her home. I overheard one of her former colleagues say, after the committal, "We have lost one of the most popular members of the service," and I know that many of us would echo these words.

M. DYSON (*Treasurer*).

The death of Miss Pyke came as a shock to her numerous friends, most of them did not know that she had been so ill for months beforehand.

I first met her in Palestine before the war, where we worked together for a very happy year in the Medical Reception Station, Jerusalem. Here although I was many years her junior, she always treated me as a friend and colleague. Later I was to serve under her when she was Matron of the Hospital in Haifa. The junior members of her staff realised her great kindness, she was always there to help and encourage, her great understanding of our problems of those days, and the gentle way she dealt with us endeared her to us all.

A true nurse, she was always deeply interested in every detail that concerned the patients, they loved her deeply.

In her gentle charming manner she loved people, and she went out of her way to carry some greeting or renew an old friendship.

Those who mourn her will pray to use the fruits of her gift, her good example of true friendship, to the honour and glory of God who gave them Cecilia Pyke as a true friend, counsellor and Matron.

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SALONICA REVISITED

Some members of the Salonica Reunion Association wondered if they could muster enough of their members to make it worthwhile to re-visit the "Terrain" known to so many of us during the 1914-18 war.

They hoped that perhaps about forty or fifty might go, and as the initial response seemed to be promising, preliminary arrangements were started months beforehand. However, the Suez incident came along. Some withdrew and others, I think, on reflection, found that although the spirit was willing the flesh was weak and the number was finally reduced to fourteen seven, only of whom had been in Salonica or Gallipoli. The others of the party were near relatives.

We had a most interesting time. Leaving London one Saturday morning, 25th May last year, for Paris. We went on by the Simplon Orient Express to Venice where we spent one-and-a-half days doing and seeing what each of us wanted to do. We left Venice in the evening in a Greek ship, and while at dinner heard a dreadful commotion. The Italian pilot had run us into a wharf, and the consequent righting of the ship sounded to the uninitiated as if the engines were bursting and the ship was being rent asunder. We had to return to Venice for examination of the ship and the attendance of the captain at a court of enquiry. We started off again seventeen hours late.

We sailed down the Adriatic Sea and into the Gulf of Corinth. Here again we had another unexpected thrill. Dense fog held us up for hours going dead slow, sometimes stopping and the fog horn moaning drearily. Visibility at times was almost nil and it was rather gruesome watching the ratings taking soundings. Something we had heard of but not expected to see. Quite suddenly the fog lifted and there we were just about fifty yards offshore. Again the ship shuddered with the propellers racing backwards. We were, however, quite near to the entrance of the Corinth Canal. A tug came out to take us through and we arrived at Pireas in the evening about twenty-four hours late. We had missed the morning plane, which had been booked to take us to Salonica and we spent the night in Athens. There were no seats available the next morning so had to wait for the afternoon plane which further curtailed the time we had arranged to spend in Salonica. That, however, could not be helped.

We enjoyed the air trip to Salonica. It took rather less than one-and-a-half hours. On the way we had a splendid view of mountains and sea and felt like meeting an old friend when we looked down on Mount Olympus. Rooms had been booked at the Mediterranean Hotel on the waterfront and again we greeted Mount Olympus from our windows. This was, however, a faint outline as it was very hazy.

As we had lost a good deal of time part of our programme had to be scrapped. We went around Salonica by coach and saw many

BOOK REVIEWS

A Brief History of Nursing in India and Pakistan. By A. WILKINSON.

I have read with great interest Miss Wilkinson's account of nursing in India and Pakistan, and it is surely a story of great achievement in a comparatively short time.

India's history in the matter of nurse training may be short, but to read of prophylactic medicine being practised as early as 1600 B.C. is surprising information, and the early records of standards required in the care of the sick are remarkably near our own of the present day.

As in England during the early days so in India the rise and fall of medicine was greatly influenced by the religious bias of the period and it must be remembered that "modern nursing" had to contend with a deep-rooted "aversion on religious grounds to any kind of physical contact which would involve 'pollution' . . ." together with a rigid caste system which probably accounted for the fact that it was not until late in the nineteenth century that India's own daughters began to be trained in nursing.

Foreign influence was responsible for the establishment of hospitals, so we read that it was in connection with the East India Company and Fort St. George that some provision for the care of their sick was first made.

The early beginning of a military nursing service is brought to our notice though not until the second world war "did it really come of age and emerge as a fully constituted independent service," and became known as the Indian Military Nursing Service, including Indian and Anglo-Indian nurses in its ranks, and with provision for training of nurses.

For a number of years the supervision of nursing in Government hospitals was given into the hands of Sisters of Roman Catholic communities who, with the help of their own Order, would train and supervise the orderlies and women who were willing to undertake some form of nursing.

Looking back to the religious prejudices and rigid caste system we find that it was with the establishment of Christian Mission hospitals that there came the possibility of training Indian women and girls as well as men to be nurses. It was inevitably small and elementary in the beginning but together with the progress in nurse training throughout India rapid strides have been made in the last twenty years, as witness the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore.

India and Pakistan have been able to receive the highest standards from other countries and for several years now have been in a position to make those standards their own, for their own trained women to take the leadership and to work through their own

changes. Many houses have been built on the slopes down to the city and the new roads did not always follow the old tracks which made it difficult to be quite sure where hospitals and camps had been. By no means the least enjoyable part of our afternoon's outing was our visit to Floca's—not the old Floca's, which disappeared in the fire in 1917—where we had a tall glass of chocolate, topped by whipped cream as of yore for "Old Times Sake," this to the accompaniment of many reminiscences.

Early next morning we set out to Yugo Slavia for which we had obtained special visas from the Yugo Slav Embassy in London. We reached the Greek Frontier at Guevgeli, were passed through, crossed No Man's Land and reached the Yugo-Slav Military Post and were allowed to go on after the usual formalities were completed. The roads were rough and there were little in the way of sign posts. We did eventually reach a police post and that was as far as we got. They had had no instructions about us and we were not allowed to go further. The language too was a difficulty. Many Serbians were nursed in British Hospitals, and we would have enjoyed seeing some old veterans. The country looked bare and the people poor, but they were friendly. We saw a great many storks nesting in their natural habitat on the roofs of houses. But the little storks in their nests were somewhat different from the ones on the roof of Queen Charlotte's Hospital. In these circumstances we got back to Salonica sooner than we expected, and we therefore went up Mount Hortiach in a coach, not on our two feet or on the back of a donkey as in the days of long ago. From the coach as we mounted we saw slightly below us parts of the old tracks which many old Salonicans have trod.

Next morning we left Salonica again on the Simplon Orient Express for Constantinople (now Istanbul), the journey taking twenty-five hours. We were second class passengers by rail, but decided by the end of the day that it would be a good investment to have first class sleepers, but there were none available.

In the morning we saw with interest the Turkish Guards placed at frequent intervals along the railway line and along the frontier common to Turkey and Greece, and thought how lucky we were to live at the other end of Europe. In Constantinople we went to many of the most notable mosques. They have wonderful histories and the mosaics are famous, but it would require a much more knowledgeable pen than mine to attempt a description of them. The city is in a beautiful setting overlooking the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora, and the Golden Horn and its hundreds of slender minarets enhance its beauty. In the warm dusk of evening the ships are lit from stem to stern, this and the reflection of every imaginable colour in the water make a breathtaking picture.

We intended going up the Bosphorus by boat as far as the Black Sea, that is as near Russia as we would be allowed to go. For some reason we missed the boat and so went by cars along the European

coast. Turkish guards were there and we looked with interest at the guard ships and the naval boom across the Bosphorus at the entrance to the Black Sea. This was open whilst we were there, but it is closed at night against the Russians, and again one felt thankful for the distance separating us from them.

In the afternoon we went by ferry to Scutari (now Uskudar) on the Asian Coast of the Bosphorus. We did not have much time but we did include a visit to the bazaar and a little shopping was done. From Istanbul we flew to Chanak (now Chanakale) at the upper end of the Dardanelles and on the Asian side of the Straits. The plane took about fifty minutes. It is a forbidden area and we had to have special permission to go there, obtained for us through the Foreign Office from the Turkish Authorities.

We arrived at about 10 a.m., and after lunch we went by coach to Ancient Troy. It was hot and I must confess exhausting. We saw excavations of seven cities of Troy and we did feel we had been very lucky to have got there. Back at Chanak in the evening at sunset we heard and saw the Muzzin from a platform high up on a minaret calling the faithful to prayer. That was the only one we saw and it revived a very old memory.

Chanak is a small place and we were the source of much friendly curiosity at the cafe where we had our meals except breakfast. The Turkish Admiral was most helpful perhaps on account of our semi-official status and he put his motor launch at our disposal for the day with a staff officer in charge. We went down the Dardanelles to land at Morto Bay. This really was the peak of our pilgrimage tour. It was a great moment for the men who had been there forty-two years ago and those of us who had not been there felt it was a great privilege to have landed on Gallipoli.

The Admiral's good offices did not stop at providing the launch. A lorry had been provided and we were hoisted up into it by the sailor-boys of 17 or thereabouts. We were not so nimble as we were forty years ago! There seemed to be no roads and we bumped along some track till we came to the Turkish Memorial, which is just now being built. They were our foes in those days. Two wreaths of poppies had been brought out and the simple little ceremony took place of reading the inscription, first in Turkish and then in English, and placing the wreath on the memorial. All six men who had been there in 1915-16 participated in the presence of the Turkish sailors as well as of the workmen. We then went to the British Memorial and laid the wreath we had brought, the simple ceremony being repeated.

The Memorial is an impressive one. The long column 100 feet high rests on a broader base which in turn rests on a much wider platform of stone. The inscription reads: "In Memory of those who fell from Home, the Dominions and the Colonies." Surrounding

the column at some distance are panelled walls on four sides, the names of the Regiments heading the panels with the names underneath of the men who did not come back. They were a staggering number. We were reminded of the ghastly attempts at landing and climbing to rocky ground to secure positions under murderous fire and then to hold them and more, which has to be read to get a glimmer of realisation of the conditions. To this were added dust, dirt, thirst, heat, disease and flies. Water had to be brought from neighbouring islands and sometimes there was none. It was "a heroic failure more glorious than victory," an epic.

There are over thirty cemeteries on the peninsula—I think that figure is correct, and Major Millington, of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who was an "Anzac" has, for thirty-eight years, cared for, developed, and beautified the cemeteries and memorials. The Australians have a memorial, and also the New-Zealanders, and the British one is all comprehensive.

I have dwelt rather on Gallipoli, but it was the focus of our tour and brought home to us the necessity sometimes to remember, "Lest we Forget." After laying the wreaths we went back on the lorry to our starting point and having brought a picnic lunch with us the sailors conjured up a table and a few forms and carried them up to a small shady plateau with running water quite near. They did everything they possibly could for our comfort and so pleasantly, and then disappeared appearing in a short while with a little posy of wild flowers for each member of the party. We certainly liked the boys!

Going up the Dardenelles on our way back to Chanak we looked back at the Memorial towering into the sky! It looked grand and lonely.

We left Chanak that evening at about ten o'clock to board the Italian ship *San Marco*. To save the ship time we had to board in mid-stream. As she appeared we chased along in a small launch to reach her. We several times had to circle round in our attempts as a police launch and a customs launch kept butting in. However, an accommodation ladder was lowered. It was quite dark at this time so we just grabbed a rope and hoped for the best. Spectators on the deck must have thought it very funny.

We sailed down the Aegean Sea and arrived at Smyrna (now Izmir) next morning and spent the day there. Some of us went to Ephesus by coach, taking about two hours. Here St. Paul founded the first great Christian Church of Asia, which was the Mother Church of the Seven Churches mentioned in Revelations. There was much to see here and so little time to do it in, and the heat was intense. I came away wondering how I would remember half of what the guide had told us, but again feeling very lucky in having the opportunity in seeing all we did. We left that evening on

the San Marco for Pireas, where we had disembarked on our way to Salonica. We went to the Lido Hotel at Old Phaleron on the sea front. This is a popular summer resort a few miles from Athens. Many appeared to spend all day in bathing suits, going in and out as they wanted to and it was delightful to have one's meals under a shaded verandah. It is well worth saying at this point that the food was excellent on the ships and in the hotels and the fruit delicious. The oranges were balls of sweet juiciness. We never get anything like them—not in North Britain anyway.

Having lost the time we did on the way out and missing the the plane we had booked we had spent half a day in Athens and the other half at Eleusis and Daphne. This left us more time now for the archaeological feast which was in front of us. We went to the Acropolis and had a guide, a lady who had her subject at her finger tips. Two or three of us had an opportunity, after the armistice in 1919, of going to Athens, and after such a long interval it was a pleasure to see it again. A visit to a night club was arranged for us. As we were looking forward to a free evening for a change none of the party were particularly keen. However, we went at about ten o'clock and enjoyed it very much. At times it was very very funny, and it was well into the morning when we left. We left Athens for Delphi, going by coach crossing the Parnassus not very far down from the peak, ground that some of us had been over before, at the time the sea journey was shortened on account of the submarine blockade.

That evening we made a few purchases in the village of Delphi, and looked down on Itea—a port on the Gulf known to many 1915-18 people. Next day, our guide still with us, we went to Delphi. One could not hope in a few words to give the story of Delphi. Its hey-day was some centuries B.C., and it was only in 1890 that excavations were started by the French, and a wealth of evidence found of the culture of ancient days. I was not alone in having a bout of mental indigestion. It would have been a help if we had done a bit of reading beforehand for that part of our tour. We returned to Pireas where we went aboard, leaving at about 5.30 p.m. We arrived at Corfu the next day, spending about two hours there. A few of us went for the nearest tree and sat under it. It was terribly hot but a few hardier spirits went to see the house where the Duke of Edinburgh was born.

From Corfu we went to Brindisi, on by train to Rimini on the east coast of Italy for the night, thence to Milan, Paris and home, arriving on Saturday evening, 15th June. I had only one regret on reaching Victoria that I could not turn round and go back again.

I have meandered on I hope not too long, or too fully, but less I think would hardly have given a very good idea of the very interesting time we had.

G. FRASER

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DAY

B.M.H. TRIPOLI

A very successful cocktail party was held at the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess. The guests included His Excellency the British Ambassador in Libya and Mrs. Graham, the District Commander and Mrs. Laing, and also some ex-Q.A.'s and their husbands. They included Mrs. Aldridge (*nee* Bolland), Mrs. Mason (*nee* Ogston) and Mrs. Price (*nee* Curran).

The Commanding Officer of the hospital, Lt.-Col. Fountain, R.A.M.C., left for U.K. earlier in the week and was represented by Major Parker, R.A.M.C.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. O.R.'s had a party in their sitting room and danced to the radiogram.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association has had many changes in membership.

In November a tea party was held to which all Q.A.'s were invited, past and present, whether members or not. It was a pleasant occasion and as the results of a raffle, a donation was sent to Headquarters to help with the Christmas parcels. Non-serving members present included Mrs. Rees (*nee* Hartgill), who has since left us, and also Mrs. Dungworth (*nee* Pte. Martin).

B.M.H. NICOSIA, CYPRUS

Q.A. DAY COCKTAIL PARTY

On Thursday, 27th March, a Cocktail Party was held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess; we were honoured by the presence of Lady Foot, wife of H.E. the Governor of Cyprus.

About 100 guests from all over the island were received by Major V. A. M. M. Morgan, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Deputy Matron.

The Mess was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, and everybody enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. CORPS SUNDAY

The Corps Day Service was held on Sunday, 23rd March, in our hospital church. Unfortunately the sun did not shine, but the blaze of colour from the scarlet and grey uniforms helped to brighten the church. The service was very impressive and everybody joined in the singing of well-known hymns. The lesson was read by Lieut. A. Williams, Q.A.R.A.N.C., and the collection in aid of Queen Mary's House Fund was taken by Cpl. Smart and Pte Shaw. Col. E. M. E. Dawe came from Episkopi, and one officer from Polemedhia, to join in our simple family service. Also present were the commanding officer and officers of the R.A.M.C. with their wives and children.

BOOK REVIEWS

A Brief History of Nursing in India and Pakistan. By A. WILKINSON.

I have read with great interest Miss Wilkinson's account of nursing in India and Pakistan, and it is surely a story of great achievement in a comparatively short time.

India's history in the matter of nurse training may be short, but to read of prophylactic medicine being practised as early as 1600 B.C. is surprising information, and the early records of standards required in the care of the sick are remarkably near our own of the present day.

As in England during the early days so in India the rise and fall of medicine was greatly influenced by the religious bias of the period and it must be remembered that "modern nursing" had to contend with a deep-rooted "aversion on religious grounds to any kind of physical contact which would involve 'pollution' . . ." together with a rigid caste system which probably accounted for the fact that it was not until late in the nineteenth century that India's own daughters began to be trained in nursing.

Foreign influence was responsible for the establishment of hospitals, so we read that it was in connection with the East India Company and Fort St. George that some provision for the care of their sick was first made.

The early beginning of a military nursing service is brought to our notice though not until the second world war "did it really come of age and emerge as a fully constituted independent service," and became known as the Indian Military Nursing Service, including Indian and Anglo-Indian nurses in its ranks, and with provision for training of nurses.

For a number of years the supervision of nursing in Government hospitals was given into the hands of Sisters of Roman Catholic communities who, with the help of their own Order, would train and supervise the orderlies and women who were willing to undertake some form of nursing.

Looking back to the religious prejudices and rigid caste system we find that it was with the establishment of Christian Mission hospitals that there came the possibility of training Indian women and girls as well as men to be nurses. It was inevitably small and elementary in the beginning but together with the progress in nurse training throughout India rapid strides have been made in the last twenty years, as witness the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore.

India and Pakistan have been able to receive the highest standards from other countries and for several years now have been in a position to make those standards their own, for their own trained women to take the leadership and to work through their own

Registration Councils and the nation-wide Trained Nurses Association of India and the Trained Nurses Association of Pakistan.

A College of Nursing with a B.Sc.(honours) degree course; courses for Nursing Administration and Sister Tutor training, now a part of Delhi University, is surely an achievement of which to be justly proud.

Miss Wilkinson has been untiring in her search for facts and in the wideness of her survey. She presents us with a history of great things done but leaves us with a picture of much still to be done especially in the field of Preventive Medicine and Mental Nursing. The list of hospitals recognised as Nurse Training Schools is very impressive, but we have only to turn to page 93 and glance at the comparative figures of medical and nursing personnel with population in India and the U.K. to realise that much remains to be done.

Anyone who has any contact at all with nursing in India or who is interested in the progress of nursing will find a wealth of information in a readable form in Miss Wilkinson's book.

G. I. LAWRENCE, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.T.

(Principal Sister Tutor, Ashford Hospital, Middx.)

Copies of the above book may be obtained from the S.P.C.K. Bookshop, 60 Great Peter Street, London, S.W.1, price 10s. 9d., post free.

The Nurse and the Diabetic. By JOAN B. WALKER, M.D., M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

It is very obvious from reading this book that Dr. Joan Walker has made a study of the condition of diabetes, and is very interested in the treatment and care of the diabetic patient.

Throughout she has shown how a team of specialists led by the physician can work together to help these patients, in order that they may understand their condition and be encouraged to lead normal lives.

The different preparations and strengths of insulin are dealt with in detail, the length of time they are active within the body, and the importance of measuring insulin accurately without wasting.

Dr. Walker has given in detail the treatment for all diabetic conditions, with the need to adjust this for individual requirements.

The complications associated with diabetes are all mentioned, and in particular the care and attention which should be given to the patient's feet, not only by physician, chiropodist and nurse, but the education of the patient in this matter as well.

The photographs are an excellent guide for demonstrating care of the feet in the positioning of cradles and slings, while the use of

sterile paper bags in the out-patient department shows how cross infection can be minimized.

The section devoted to diets is helpful as it gives foods with a low caloric value which can be eaten in addition to a prescribed diet.

The alternative food values in three separate sections encourage variety in any diet with a carbohydrate control, but these lists would have been clearer if arranged in alphabetical order. Household measures help to ease management of controlled diets, but "cups" are as variable as teaspoons in Great Britain, and can lead to confusion.

The diets which have an ascending carbohydrate and caloric value are a good basic pattern which can be made to suit any diabetic with plain or more elaborate tastes.

The information given in this book is clearly set out, it deals not only with the diabetic patient in a ward, but also attending an out-patient clinic.

Nurses in training should find this book of great value in helping them to understand the condition and treatment of diabetic patients. If, after their training, they decide on Health Visiting, District Nursing or Midwifery this book will continue to help and guide them in the many problems they will meet in the home of the diabetic patient.

E.P.S.
G.M.W.

ST. CATHERINE

(THE PATRON SAINT OF SPINSTERS!)

St. Catherine, St. Catherine,
O lend me your aid,
And grant that I never
May die an old maid!

A husband, St. Catherine!
A good one, St. Catherine!
But any one better
Than no one, St. Catherine!

A husband, St. Catherine!
Handsome, St. Catherine!
Rich, St. Catherine!
Young, St. Catherine!
SOON, St. Catherine!

TRADITIONAL.

EPITAPHS

Here are some epitaphs which are a weird mixture of candour and spite, of love and simplicity.

Here is either a delightful "howler" or evidence of a disgruntled tithing payer:—

"Here lies the body of the Reverend A. B. C. who was accidentally shot by his servant, on the Third day of December, seventeen hundred and seventeen. Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

And was it, we wonder, a wife of the "nagging" variety, who put these ominous words on her husband's tombstone:

"Rest in peace 'till I come to thee."

In St. Thomas' Cemetery, St. Helens, there are some quaint gems. Here is one which re-echoes an old economical grouse:

"The burial place of William and Alice Bickley. The above served his country under General Moore at Corunna in the 10th L.D., with Wellington during the Peninsular War, and at Waterloo, and received sixpence per day pension. Died aged 89 years. The body and bones of this old warrior lie here and hope to meet a better reward in the next world."

But we shall go a long way to better the following gem, to be found, we are told, somewhere in Scotland:

"Erected to the memory of John MacFarlane. Drowned in the waters of Leith. By a few affectionate friends."

And finally, to a dentist:

"Stranger! Approach this spot with gravity. John Brown is filling his last cavity."

THE UNITED SERVICES CLUB

CLUB TO MOVE FROM CAVENDISH SQUARE

The United Nursing Services Club, of which Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is Patron, will be moving this year from No. 34 Cavendish Square, its lease having been sold to the Land Securities Investment Trust.

The Club has just acquired the lease of 40 South Street, and when vacant possession is given at the end of September work will begin to transform these premises into an attractive club for ladies, with dining and drawing rooms, bar and about sixteen bedrooms for members. It is hoped that everything will be ready in spring or at latest early summer next year.

The United Nursing Services Club was founded in 1921 by Dame Ethel Becher for the Nursing Services, and the Matrons in Chief of the three Nursing Services are active members. It is now, however, open to women of other professions and has also social members, provided that they have a personal introduction. Visitors from overseas are specially welcomed.

SPORTS NEWS

(Received after going to press)

Tennis Tournament

For the second year in succession, Pte. J. D. Peak from Chester won the Medforth Cup at the Annual Tennis Tournament held at the Depot & T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Hindhead, on 2nd July. This young player who has played in the Junior Wimbledon Tournament is a joy to watch, so effortless her style, so faultless her shots. In the three matches that she played, Pte. Peak lost only two games.

Eighteen competitors played off the preliminary rounds on Tuesday the 1st July, no mean feat when one thinks that the clerk of the weather tried to put a stop to the whole thing. The semi-finals and the finals were contested on Wednesday, 2nd July.

In the final, Pte. Peak beat Capt. V. Conolly (Royal Herbert), 6-1, 6-0. Later in the doubles match Pte. Peak with her partner Pte. Nelson (Tidworth) won the Gillespie Cup awarded for the first time and presented by our Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Dame Helen Gillespie, D.B.E., R.R.C. The runners up were Major M. Turner (Commandant, P.T.S.) and Major M. Pratt (The Cambridge Military Hospital) who were beaten 6-0, 6-4.

Lady Drummond, wife of the Director General Army Medical Services, Lieut.-General, Sir Alexander Drummond, K.B.E., C.B., Q.H.S., who was himself among the spectators, very graciously consented to present the cups to the winners and prizes to the runners up. Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., and a number of the senior officers of the Corps were at the Depot for the Tennis Tournament of 1958. Unfortunately neither Miss Medforth nor Dame Helen were able to be present.

Inter-Services (Nursing) Tennis

The Royal Navy won the Inter-Services Nurses Tennis Tournament played at the Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, on the 16th July, 1958. Capt. W. Myers (Connaught Hospital) and Capt. V. Conolly (Royal Herbert) put up a very good fight against Miss Mallis (Plymouth) and Miss Williams (Haslar) and took them to 5-7, 3-6. The Army pair played straight on and were really getting into their stride against the Royal Air Force represented by Ft. Officer A. Moens (Ely) and Ft./Officer M. A. Marsh (Wroughton) when rain stopped play. The weather improved after tea and games continued. The Army then took the R.A.F. into three sets to lose 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

The Royal Navy then played the R.A.F. This too was quite a battle ending in a victory for the Royal Navy 7-5, 11-9.

Athletics

The Corps Sports were held on Thursday, 3rd July, at the Depot, the weather once again being very kind to us. It had rained the night before making the ground soggy but as if to redeem it's character, the afternoon was cloudless. Probably the only summer we will get in 1958. There were fewer entries this year and it was disappointing that so few parents and spectators were able to visit the Depot.

Lieutenant Stewart, from York, who had been ear-marked while attending the Officer's Basic Course as a future Corps athlete, took back with her the Victrix Ludorum Cup, Stirling Cup for the 880 yds., Coronation Cup for the 440 yds. and the R.A.M.C. Cup for the 220 yds., a very fine feat for one hospital. The 100 yds. Johnson Cup was won by Pte. Phipps from Colchester. This hospital also won the Inter-Unit Relay Race. The Cocking Cup for the high jump was awarded for the first time to Pte. McNally, Cambridge Military Hospital.

Once again the novelty races were very popular with the competitors and gave much amusement to the spectators. This year the tug-of-war team was entirely Depot Staff. They came on to the field to their Corps March, played by the band of the R.A.M.C., fanned out and picked up the rope in a very business-like manner. Amid the usual jests and quips from the crowd they very bashfully received large lollies as prizes.

Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., for the second day in succession visited the Depot and kindly consented to present the cups and prizes.

Swimming

Two cups were competed for at the recent Swimming Gala held at Aldershot on Wednesday, 18th June, 1958.

The Thompson Cup for Officers was won by Lieutenant Stanner (Louise Margaret Hospital) in 12.7 seconds and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. O.R.'s Cup by Pte Copus (The Queen Alexandra Hospital) in 54.5 seconds.

THE WIMBLEDON FORTNIGHT

Till our dying day we shall never know just how we came to be the only Q.As at Wimbledon. But far be it from us to penetrate the mysteries of the War Office—suffice it to say that we spent a most interesting, hard-working and not infrequently amusing fortnight among the deadly battlegrounds of the tennis courts.

For two glorious weeks we revelled in the privilege of watching first-hand, games for which people queued from early morning and often all night to see. We delighted in airing our knowledge of the

grounds and generally misguiding the poor misguided public. We gloried in our frequent encounters with the stars and smugly criticised their game with all the propriety of proud parents. For one memorable fortnight we became a part of that colourful and dramatic battle for success which is Wimbledon and we *loved* it.

Well over 100 Service personnel were engaged as Stewards and of the many positions allotted, ours proved by far the most advantageous. We still cannot decide whether this happened through sheer luck or whether we just didn't look capable of anything more complicated! However, through some means or other we found ourselves in the Committee and Members' Box on No. 1 Court. As all the occupants of this particular corner knew exactly where they were going we did precisely—nothing! Now and again we would take pity on the harassed R.A.F. man stationed outside the entrance to the Box in the Main Entrance Hall and send him off for a much needed rest. The main job here was to prevent the general public from entering the Members' box. Frankly we found it positively fascinating to see the number of people who attempted to invade our precious domain with subtle falsehoods such as "Oh, I am a Member but I've left my badge behind." Or, with innocent amazement "But I could have sworn this is where we came last year". And then the most persistent of all—PRESS. To these ebullient young men we ceased to be "gentle maidens" and adopted strong-arm tactics—a transformation at which we became surprisingly proficient! In addition to these duties we also had to answer an astonishing number of questions. These would range from "Who won the Men's Singles in 1932" (The Chief Steward had already briefed us for this sort of thing and it could be found at the back of our programmes anyway!) to "Who led the raid on Tokyo in 1943—an American?" Completely off the record of course, but we did eventually find the answer.

Probably the subject most dear to every woman's heart is the intriguing one of Fashion. Not a day passed without something to arouse our admiration or amusement. We saw short skirts in the Trapeze Line, the Sack Line and the Chemise Line. We might also add that there were a number of other Lines so obscure that they had not yet found their way into any geometry book. The hats were frivolous, sophisticated and generally delightful. It would appear that the more outrageous the fashion, the more acceptable it is—at Wimbledon.

Tennis? The enthusiasts will have read that the general standard was comparatively low and indeed we must agree that it did not quite reach our expectations. There were, of course, the occasional surprises, as in the Men's Doubles Match between the two Mexicans, Contreras and Llamas who beat the old favourites Brichant and Washer of Belgium in a truly exciting game. Llamas particularly

reminded one of a rather amiable panther springing around the court, white teeth flashing and body crouched—waiting to pounce. We were very fortunate in having sufficient free time to see many of the more spectacular matches and to explore the general layout of Wimbledon.

It was genuinely intriguing to see the various moods of the players and come to know them not just as names on the sports' pages but as ordinary people with very real emotions. The temperamental Mike Davies, who set such a high standard for himself that failure to achieve it sent him into a fit of childish tantrums. Althea Gibson, the confident conqueress, but oh so nervous at the beginning of her finals match. After the game we stood but a few inches away from her outside the Ladies' Dressing Room and heard Miss Gibson herself admit just how nervous she was. Again there was the hard-hitting, often uncertain Christine Truman—very much the darling of the crowds; but totally unaffected by all the praise which came her way. And of course that supreme artist, Mervyn Rose—wholly masculine, exasperatingly confident and seemingly contemptuous of the enraptured onlookers—and tennis as well.

The Gods, it appears, most certainly favoured us at Wimbledon, for in addition to our easy tasks, we also had the honour of admitting into the Committee Box the Duchess of Kent and Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret. Both were quite charming, and Princess Margaret, in particular, dressed in vivid yellow, drew many sighs of admiration for she is indeed quite beautiful.

But how very soon it all came to an end. We made many friends, including Press Correspondents (the *Daily Express* was one of the most communicable!) and the Duchess of Kent's chauffeur, who bought my partner an ice-cream! It only remains to be said that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, met many, many people of all nationalities and came into close contact with practically all the famous names of Wimbledon.

I would urge anyone who may have the same opportunity next year not to hesitate in volunteering—if they like tennis that is. As for us, it was an experience which twice tasted would lose its piquant flavour. Suffice it to remain in the memory as an unforgettable fortnight.

CPL. PETERS, *Catterick Military Hospital*.

DONATIONS

JANUARY — JUNE, 1958

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Benevolence							
Malta Branch ...	2	2	0	Nicosia Branch ...	150	0	0
Mrs. M. Cornish ...	15	0		Iserlohn Branch ...	40	0	0
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Colchester Branch ...	50	0	0	Miss K. D. Roberts ...	5	0	
Miss Garrard ...	13	6		Netley Branch ...	4	19	6
Miss Ling ...	2	6		Malta Branch ...	40	0	0
Miss Simpson ...	7	6		Mrs. M. I. Freeman ...	2	6	
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Colchester Chaplain's Dept. (Corps Day Collections) ...	6	11	5	Lt.-Col. J. A. Dunn ...	1	0	0
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B.M.H. Kinrara (Corps Day Collections) ...	11	11	1	Mrs. J. M. Canny ...	10	0	
Singapore Branch ...	57	16	6	Major E. E. A. Butterworth	10	0	
Iserlohn Branch (Corps Day Collections) ...	11	10	0	Dame Louisa Wilkinson	1	1	0
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Netley Hospital (Corps Day Collections) ...	3	0	6	Mrs. A. M. Shaw ...	12	6	
Miss Prescott ...	15	0		Mrs. R. A. MacCallum	1	2	6
Miss Ely ...	2	14	0	Miss M. Dewlin ...	10	0	
Miss Freeman ...	7	6		Hamburg Branch ...	8	10	4
Miss Pottinger ...	5	0	0	Mrs. E. E. Milne ...	2	6	
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				Miss I. M. Risden ...	2	6	
				Miss M. G. Lever ...	2	6	
				Per South of Scotland Branch ...	12	6	
				Nicosia Branch ...	50	0	0
				Mrs. M. A. Morris ...	2	19	0
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				Dame Ann Beardsmore- Smith ...	2	0	0
				Miss E. R. Leavy ...	10	6	
				Miss F. M. Percival ...	7	6	
				Miss E. A. Baldock ...	1	0	0

All the above gifts are acknowledged with very grateful thanks. Many of those for general purposes are by Bankers Order and will be recurring. This indication of continued interest and support, by friends as well as members, gives us great encouragement for the future of the Association.

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

BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

R.R.C.—Lt. Colonel M. B. Kneebone.

A.R.R.C.—Major E. H. Litherland, Major J. L. Salmon.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

OPERATIONAL AWARDS

MALAYA

A.R.R.C.—Capt. K. Bland.
M.I.D.—Major W. D. McCracken.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SECONDMENT TO PAKISTAN

ON 29TH JANUARY, 1958

Major M. A. G. Cameron, A.R.R.C., Major E. Roberts, M.B.E., Major I. Wrightson.

SECONDMENT TO FOREIGN OFFICE FOR NURSING DUTIES AT H.M. EMBASSY, PEKING

ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1958

Major B. M. Robertson.

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

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Majors:—M. M. Bridgewater, H. M. Carroll, E. M. C. Rowston, M. C. Bell, D. M. Wilson, J. F. Herbert.

Captains:—A. Boad, M. Peel, J. O. E. Moriarty, B. A. Emmett, M. Forster.

Lieutenants:—J. C. Barrett, D. E. Brooker, A. C. Dempsey, P. Gibson, M. P. Miller, B. Stack, E. Ball-Dodd, S. A. Brooks, G. D. Chambers, J. Cleal, A. H. Lively, J. M. Ryan, P. C. Davies, R. M. Finmore, E. O'Brien, G. A. Gadd, M. Collins, E. Spence, E. Walls, E. Cardwell, M. L. Marshall, D. A. Megaris, B. Reed, B. Wood, B. Clifton, B. M. Shortland.

Cpl. Phillips P. S.

Ptes.:—Brown D. R., Milne C. E., Smith B. R., Davies J. B., Freeland J., Allen B., Rigby I., Cochrane M. J., Carney P. A., Sterry E. A., Greenwood B., Emery M. E., McCallie C. E., Barnes D. O., West E., Brace V. M., Cartwright S. A., Doyle M. M., Fowler J., Barker J., Harvey M. L., Sutherland I. A., Bray M. J.

M.E.L.F.

Majors:—L. Potter, P. C. Stewart, K. J. Roberts.

Captains:—M. F. Stephenson, J. Godtschaik, I. T. Cowan.

Lieutenants:—M. C. Mole, B. K. Utridge, M. C. Pettegree, T. S. Flint, R. D. Swales, B. I. Mitchell.

Cpl. Lyons M. M.

Ptes.:—Kemp G. N., Harrison L., Picking A., Prescott J. E., Chamberlain I. M., Gordon G., Kirk S. A., Jones E. G.

West Africa

Majors:—K. M. Knowles, L. M. Tibbs.
Capt. J. J. Milton.
Lieut. E. H. Williams.

H.M. Embassy, Peking

Major B. M. Robertson.

Pakistan

Majors:—M. A. G. Cameron, E. Roberts, I. Wrightson.

Jamaica

Major E. A. Thomson.
Lieut. A. E. O'Grady.

Paris

Major G. M. Willoughby.

East Africa

Lieut. S. Gamble.

Gibraltar

Major M. H. Hodgman.
Lieut. P. H. Turner.

Malta

Major M. W. Lewis.
Lieutenants:—M. E. L. Birnie, S. M. Jones, G. McNab, G. A. Staines, D. J. Simpson.
Ptes.:—Akers C. E., Benson P. W., Dalton M., Hill Z. I.

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Major D. M. David.

Ghana

Lieut- L.M. Joss.

REVERSIONS TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

B.A.O.R.

Col. I. B. Hazlett.
Majors:—E. Roche, L. M. Egan.
Captains:—M. L. Taylor, C. P. Mills, A. McCain, J. Smith, S. E. O'Dea, G. M. Clarke.
Lieutenants:—R. E. Andress, J. L. M. Clarke, E. M. Knight, J. Carroll, O. D. N. A. Beaumont, M. McCleod, M. S. Milne, M. Feighan, M. R. McKenzie, J. Gray, J. S. McQuown, P. S. Oliver, P. M. Lapham, E. D. Jarvis, E. D. Tooth, E. O'Kane, M. A. Nason.
Sgt. Queenen S.
Corporals:—Harrison H., Green J. S., Horsman O. M. T., Yorke S. M.
L./Corporals:—Andrews P. J., Otterburn K.
Ptes.:—Hopkins K. M., Metherell M. (*nee* Hughes), Price E. A., Robertson M. M., Cross J. R.

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

Col. E. J. Stirling.

Lt.-Colonels:—E. M. Gaunt, R.R.C., A.R.R.C., E. M. Walsh.

Majors:—E. Ballesty, W. Walshe, H. J. Kendall, A. G. Pegg, A. M. Looram, M. Ryan, W. D. McCracken.

Captains:—S. A. O'Shee, D. Watkinson, J. M. Harker, Y. M. Griffiths, B. Patterson, E. M. Munro, M. O'Donnell, R. M. Brown, M. Waddington.

Lieutenants:—B. F. Fitzgerald, E. K. McMahon, E. K. O'Sullivan, M. J. Peel, T. Clarson, J. C. White, E. A. Simmonds, A. G. Bingham, E. L. Taylor, D. M. Pee, D. M. E. Hammond, C. A. Curley, S. C. Tyack, B. G. Morgan, A. S. M. McCallister, R. A. Dobbs.

S/Sgt. Cross J.

Sgt. Ferguson S.

Corporals:—Holton P. W., Mason J., Robinson P. M., Stannard D. L., Wells D. M., Stewart A. G.

L/Corporals:—Price B., Waddell M.

Ptes.:—Berry J. H., Phipps P. J. A., Rudolf B de M., Austin R. E., Nutbeem S., Pugh R. D.,

M.E.L.F.

Lt.-Col. F. B. Cozens, R.R.C.

Majors:—F. Macdonald, F. M. Marsh, G. B. Powell, P. M. Moran, M. G. Lawrence, V. Lane.

Captains:—M. E. Brown, S. A. Bindloss, M. Clarke.

Lieutenants:—N. M. Funnell, D. M. Forster, J. Baggeley.

Corporals:—Byford B., Sutherland E. K., Bradley M., Macey F. E., Smart T., Williams S.

L/Cpl. Norris I. L.

Ptes. Twizell K., Levins J., Rutherford P. F., Hawksford M. M. (*nee* O'Brien), Craig A., Watson J., Mort M., Tallis E. A., Hutcheson J. E.

Malta

Captains:—M. T. Sullivan, D. M. G. Bickford.

Lieutenants:—N. E. Davey, M. M. Tisdall, A. T. Howitt, M. Ord.

Ptes.:—McColm J. O., Robb M., Bain M. A., Lindsay J., Rangeley S. O., Williams J. V.

Gibraltar

Major H. Cattanach.

Cpl. Cook J.

Pte. Davis B. A.

West Africa

Major L. Dodsley.

Capt. M. M. Ledger.

Lieutenants:—M. J. Roberts, A. Moffatt, M. M. O'Brien, J. S. Scott.

Paris

Capt. F. Hyde.

Lieut. A. Jefferson.

Ghana

Lieutenants:—M. A. Fletcher, A. P. Walsh, Y. J. M. M. Dunning.

Jamaica

Major W. Polson.
Lieut. J. P. McGeown.

East Africa

Major A. O'Connell.

Nigeria

Major M. E. Thompson.

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Major H. M. Grant.

APPOINTMENTS

- Douglass**, Lt.-Col. D. W., R.R.C., to War Office A.M.D. 4 as A.D.A.N.S., w.e.f. 28th February, as T/Col.
- Hughes**, Col. S. E., R.R.C., to H.Q. Southern Command as A.D.A.N.S., 26th March, 1958.
- Cozens**, Lt.-Col. F. B., R.R.C., to H.Q. Eastern Command as A.D.A.N.S., 30th March, 1958.
- McMinn**, Lt.-Col. C. M., A.R.R.C., to Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot as Matron, 22nd March, 1958.
- Willoughby**, Lt.-Col. G. M., to B.M.H. Paris, as Matron, 28th March, 1958.
- Maudsley**, Major C. P., A.R.R.C., seconded to Pakistan for second tour. Selected by D.G.M.S. Pakistan for post of Chief Principal Matron in the rank of Colonel.
- Blair**, Col. K. M., A.R.R.C., to B.A.O.R. as D.D.A.N.S., 9th April, 1958.
- Mackness**, Col. E., R.R.C., to F.A.R.E.L.F. as D.D.A.S., 16th April, 1958.
- Holmes**, Lt.-Col. M. E., R.R.C. to F.A.R.E.L.F., 19th April, 1958.
- Walshe**, Lt.-Col. W., R.R.C., to Connaught Hospital, Hindhead, 24th April, 1958, as Matron.

PROMOTIONS**Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel**

Lieutenant-Colonels S. E. Hughes, R.R.C., K. M. Blair, A.R.R.C.

Major to Lieutenant-Colonel

Majors Y. K. Davey, R.R.C., W. Walshe, R.R.C., C. M. McMinn, A.R.R.C., G. M. Willoughby.

Captain to Major

Captains E. Boulter, E. D. Keith, B. M. Mitchell, E. M. G. Scott, A.R.R.C.

Lieutenant to Captain

Lieutenants J. Gudgeon, D. Taylor, J. A. Francis, T. Spooner, D. N. Morton, M. H. M. Paddon, L. C. Jacobs, K. J. Minion, D. B. Butcher, J. Y. Cruickshank, B. J. Gillard, E. M. Munro, B. Sawyer, K. A. Kiggins, M. J. Day, D. P. Ingleton.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1st February: Major N. V. Davidson.
7th February: Lt.-Col. R. C. Davis, A.R.R.C
25th February: Lt.-Col. M. F. Mallett, R.R.C.
1st March: Col. I. B. Hazlett, R.R.C.
29th March: Major H. F. E. Payton.
31st March: Col. L. M. Rose, R.R.C.
16th May: Major C. T. De Rouffignac.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Twelve Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks were successful in passing the State Final Examination in February, 1958.

AWARD OF Q.A.R.A.N.C. PRIZE, 1957

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Prize consisting of a parchment certificate and Savings Certificates to the value of £10 (ten pounds), has been awarded to Q/1002298 Cpl. S. I. Brook (Radiographer Class I) for the best written examination in any Class I qualification for the year 1957.

MARRIAGES

Daniel, Lt. M. E., to Capt. T. L. Dunn, R.A.M.C., at Hong Kong, on 1st January, 1958.
Newton, Capt. J. A., to Lieut. P. S. Herbert, R.A.S.C., at Freetown Sierra Leone, on 25th January, 1958.
Driscoll, Lt. E., to Capt. A. Hoghen, R.E., at Singapore, on 1st February, 1958.
Wayte, Lt. A. A., to S. Smith, Esq., at Singapore, on 20th February, 1958.
Funnell, Lt. N. N., to R. Arnold, Esq., at Shrewsbury, Salop, on 8th March, 1958.
Seddon, Lt. M. A., to Capt. N. P. Thomas, R.A.D.C., at Nicosia, Cyprus, on 25th March, 1958.
Roud, Lt. M. A., to D. L. Ogilvy, Esq., at Remuera, New Zealand, on 29th March, 1958.
Simmonds, Lt. E. A., to G. A. K. Watson, Esq., at Barnstaple, Devon, on 5th April, 1958.
Beckett, Lt. M. E. R., to J. E. Foxwell, Esq., at Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, on 5th April, 1958.
Deut, Lt. M., to E. W. Moran, Esq., at Boothe, Cumberland, on 19th April, 1958.
Crabtree, Lt. B., to W. W. Warr, Esq., at Bredbury, Cheshire, on 26th April, 1958.
Gardner, Lt. J. M., to D. L. Swann, Esq., at Whalley Range, Manchester, on 3rd May, 1958.
Eriksen, Lt. M. L., to E. T. R. Cawsey, Esq., at Larnaca, Cyprus, on 7th May, 1958.
McGeown, Lt. J. P., to Lt. B. C. M. Bigelow, R.A.N., at Hendon, Middlesex, on May 10th, 1958.
Griffiths, Capt. L. M., to J. A. Swarbrick, Esq., at Stratton, Cornwall, on 17th May, 1958.
Care, Margaret, to J. Blair, Esq., at Caxton Hall, on 7th June, 1958.
White, Pte., to A. Shepherd, Esq., 27th September, 1957.

Davies, L/Cpl., to Cpl. E. J. Toombs, 30th October, 1957.
 Glenn, Cpl., to D. Frank, Esq., 28th December, 1957.
 MacFeggan, Pte., to Pte. E. J. Coker (R.A.M.C.), 4th January, 1958.
 Morrison, Cpl., to D. W. Swann, Esq., 7th April, 1958.
 Lee, Pte., to L. T. Pickworth, Esq., 29th March, 1958.
 Lloyd, Pte. C. M., to R. R. Bell, Esq., 29th March, 1958.
 Richards, Pte. P. A., to P. N. Chandler, Esq., 23rd October, 1957.
 Easterbrook, Pte. C., to K. A. Thompson, Esq., 28th October, 1957.
 Spence, Pte. O. H. M., to R. Mulvey, Esq., 9th November, 1957.
 Callaghan, Pte. L. A., to W. G. Lambert, Esq., 23rd November, 1957.
 Green, Pte. J., to A. McLeary, Esq., 30th November, 1957.
 Prater, Pte. C., to E. D. Saunders, Esq., 11th December, 1957.
 Mann, Pte. L. U., to S. J. Daykin, Esq., 25th January, 1958.
 Parker, Cpl. N. M., to Cpl. B. Causby (R.A.M.C.), 25th January, 1958.
 Hoare, Pte. F. A., to Pte. R. J. Robinson (R.A.M.C.), 8th February, 1958.
 Markham, Pte. E. M., to Pte. D. Gee (R.A.M.C.), 17th March, 1958.
 Rimmer, Pte. M., to A. R. Rentoul, Esq., 29th March, 1958.
 O'Brien, Pte. M. M., to G. Hawksford, Esq., 21st December, 1957.
 McCraun, Pte. P., to Pte. C. Wearmouth (R/M), 8th March, 1958.
 Rickard, L/Cpl. P. J., to P. Andrews, Esq., 19th March, 1958.
 Layzell, Pte. V. J., to Pte. J. A. D. Bugg, 5th October, 1957.
 Willis, Pte. H. A., to N. Scott, Esq., 2nd November, 1957.
 Robinson, Pte. R., to S. W. C. Poulton, Esq., 21st December, 1957.
 Allen, Pte. A., to J. Frudd, Esq., 4th January, 1958.
 Harrison, Pte. A., to Cpl. A. Jackson, 21st December, 1957.
 Jones, Pte. D. M., to C. O. E. Chamberlain, Esq., 18th January, 1958.
 Rhodes, Pte. L. M., to Van Buerle, Esq., 25th January, 1958.
 Pearl, Pte. E. M., to L/Cpl. D. A. Astbury (R.A.M.C.), 15th February, 1958.
 Stenton, Cpl. J., to R. K. Hopwood, Esq., 12th April, 1958.
 Hughes, Pte. M., to Cpl. Metherell (R.A.M.C.), 23rd December, 1957.
 MacPherson, Pte. E. S., to Cpl. Bruce (Canadian F.), 14th February, 1958.
 Turner, Cpl. A., to L/Cpl. K. G. Bullock (R.A.M.C.), 1st March, 1958.

DEATHS

Findlay, Muriel, on 25th May, 1958, after short illness; late member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, N.S.W. Branch, Australia, when she was a most ardent worker. She will be very much missed by all members.
 Pyke, Cecilia, O.B.E., R.R.C., on 13th May, 1958, at All Saints, Bury St. Edmunds, Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
 Osborne, Rosabella, O.B.E., R.R.C., on 8th May, 1958, Matron-in-Chief (Rtd.) Q.A.I.M.N.S., also Matron-in-Chief (Rtd.) T.A.N.S.
 Chace, Marianne Olive, R.R.C., on 21st June, at Derby, aged 73; served in 1914-18 Sino Japanese war and 1939-45.
 Barlow, Mrs. (*nee* Bryant), R.R.C., on 1st February, 1958, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

GAZETTES RETURNED AFTER LAST ISSUE

March GAZETTES belonging to the following members have been returned. Last known address is stated.
 Miss E. Coates, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.
 Miss R. E. Address, 71 Great George Street, Glasgow, W.2.
 Mrs. E. Beveridge, 7 Greyfriars Gardens, St. Andrews.
 Lieut. E. M. Ball, 49 Salcombe Road, Lipson, Plymouth, Devon (2 sent and returned).

Mrs. C. G. D. Robertson.
Miss V. Shennan, Rose Cottage, Longlands, Stourbridge, Worcester.
Miss K. Hogan, 33 Waterlow Court, Hampstead Way, London.
Miss H. M. Lang, R.R.C., Military Hospital, Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire.
Major A. H. Balmford, c/o Lloyds Bank, 348 Hyde Street Bank, London, E.15.
Miss J. C. McLaren, Aberfeldy, Perth.
Miss K. G. Perown, Ashford Hospital, Staines, Middlesex.
Mrs. A. A. Selkirt, c/o Bank of Scotland, London.
Lieut. E. D. Davies, Lichfield Court, Sheen Road, Richmond.
Pte. A. Smith, 11 Warwick House, Southwold Road, Clapham.
Cpl. A. K. Southerland, 31 Warwick Road, Olton, Birmingham.
Miss M. Slim, Edinburgh.
Miss M. C. Hicks, The Black Lion, Gravesend, Kent.

PERSONAL ENQUIRY

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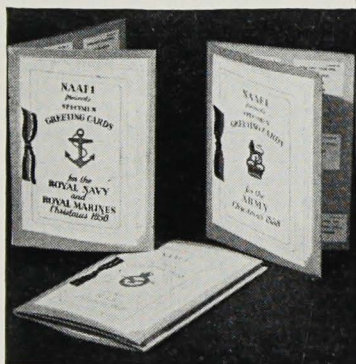
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