



The Gazette



MAJOR G. MUDGE, A.R.R.C.
Honorary Secretary and Assistant Editor for *The Gazette*

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association

Specialising in . . .

Books by Post

to

**ANY PART
OF THE WORLD**



*You can send your orders to us with
every confidence and in the knowledge
that they will be carefully packed.*

WILDING & SON LTD.
BOOKSELLERS . SHREWSBURY
England

THE Q.A.R.A.N.C. ASSOCIATION GAZETTE

Patron

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET, C.I., G.C.V.O.
COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Vice-Patrons: DAME ANN BEARDSMORE SMITH, D.B.E., R.R.C.
DAME KATHARINE H. JONES, D.B.E., R.R.C. AND BAR
MISS C. M. ROY, C.B.E., R.R.C., M.M.

President: BRIGADIER DAME MONICA JOHNSON, D.B.E., R.R.C.,
Q.H.N.S., *Director Army Nursing Services*

Chairman: MRS. A. G. MONK

Vice-Chairman: MISS T. TURNER, A.R.R.C., D.N., *Matron, St. Thomas'
Hospital*

*GAZETTE Readers'
Representative:* MRS. D. M. HAMMOND

VOL. 3 NO. 6

DECEMBER, 1958

EDITORIAL

ANOTHER year draws to its close, and we send Christmas greetings to all our members. May the New Year bring Peace and Prosperity.

We send Christmas greetings also to our kindred journals. To the journal of the Trained Nurses Association of India, who are celebrating their golden jubilee, to the *Nursing Mirror* and *Nursing Times*, who help to make our GAZETTE more interesting by lending us photographs and other material. To all friends and all who chance to read these pages—Greetings !

We remember particularly at this time of year the Ward Sisters preparing to make Christmas happy for patients and staff. Their present-day exacting role is very ably described in an article kindly lent us by the *Nursing Times*. As ever, the Ward Sister remains the central pivot on which the whole in-patient service turns.

We were very much reminded of this fact at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance this year. Eight nursing officers (all with war service) took part in the muster, wearing their indoor uniform. Many were the greetings from old soldiers of both World Wars. It was obvious that grey and scarlet had been a symbol of hope and recovery in dark days.

Several interesting letters have been received, and a "correspondence column" has been started. We do hope to be able to continue this innovation! Please write to us, and like the plea to St. Catherine in our last edition—SOON!

A loyal greeting was sent to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, on the occasion of her birthday, from the Matron-in-Chief and all ranks of the Corps. A gracious reply was received.

MAJOR G. MUDGE, A.R.R.C.

Major G. Mudge, whose picture appears on the cover, joined the Association H.Q. voluntary staff early in 1954, becoming Assistant Editor and, indeed, general factotum, for all GAZETTE matters. She had served with the Army Nursing Services as a Permanent Reserve from January, 1929, up to the formation of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., when she was gazetted Major, retiring in 1954.

Major Mudge is very faithful to the work she has undertaken for the Association. She spends many hours trying to trace members' addresses. They have probably moved several times without remembering to inform her! Another task is attempting to placate members who have not received GAZETTES, although subscriptions have been paid. The GAZETTES are always sent to the last addresses supplied. Let us all show our appreciation of Major Mudge by keeping her informed of our latest addresses!

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

MILLBANK.—At the Branch Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd July, we were very sorry not to have Lt.-Col. Warner with us, who, we learned with regret, was away ill. Mrs. Winstanley, our Vice-Chairman, introduced the Representative from Cyclax, who then proceeded to give us a very interesting talk and demonstration on how to remove wrinkles and tired looks. After the talk we all received individual advice on colour and texture of cream and powder to suit our complexions. The meeting was well attended. Cyclax had presented us with one of their preparations, and this was raffled for Branch Benevolent funds, and the gift won by Major Innes.

Our "Bring and Buy" Sale at the meeting on Wednesday, 3rd September, was both exciting and profitable, as we made £5 10s., which included the raffle of a tray, won by Mrs. Kemble. There were many bargains and sales very brisk; in fact, the table was empty when a rather late member arrived. We were pleased to have Lt.-Col. Warner back with us once more, almost recovered from her painful indisposition. After the sale we had the usual chat and cup of tea, and Col. Warner asked for gifts for the coming jumble, and for offers of helpers.

JUMBLE SALE.—Held on Saturday, 11th October, at St. John's Hall, Monck Street, where we all prepared with serious faces and great trepidation as the proverbial queue was not outside, and we learned that there had been a jumble in the district on the previous Saturday. Two o'clock came, and the doors were open, and a few people straggled in, to be eventually followed by others until we had about seventy-six customers. Our goods were excellent in variety and quality, but our clients had very fixed ideas of prices, and thought us a little dear, but by 4 o'clock the bulk of it had gone,

at least all the best articles, and we had made £30 10s., and hope to make a little more on the "left overs," which we had hoped that a dealer would have come and bought up at the time, but, alas! we had to pack them away and return them to the box-room at the Mess. It was an enjoyable if tiring experience, and we are very indebted to those members who sent gifts, donations, and came to sell. We also learned that if we wished to repeat the performance, we should choose Napier Hall, a little more expensive for rent, but nearer the Jumble clients.

We have two more meetings before the Annual General Meeting in March, and these are Tombola on Wednesday, 5th November, instead of fireworks, and then Wednesday, 7th January, when we hope to see a good number after all the Christmas and New Year festivities.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136.

KINRARA.—It was with some trepidation that we embarked on a raffle to make money for Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association Benevolent Fund. It had been agreed upon at a quarterly meeting of this Branch of the Association, at which many members now living in Kuala Lumpur, or from outlying estates assemble regularly at the B.M.H. Kinrara in a reunion with serving members of the Corps. All were most co-operative.

This country seems to thrive on raffles, or rather, raffles thrive in this country, so when in Rome. . . . A raffle it was. Three months later, after much heart-rending worry and anxiety, we met again and saw the rewards of the past three months. The meeting, presided by Major M. K. Thomson, was a short one, during which the Treasurer, Major B. Turner, told us that as a result of the widespread efforts of members, including those in Alor Star, Penang, Kamunting, Cameron Highlands, Port Dickson and the surrounding districts of Kuala Lumpur and Kinrara, we had made £100, after deducting the expenses.

The draw took place after the meeting in a general air of festivity and ceremony. Our C.O., Lt.-Col. G. R. Marshall, dipped into the drum twenty times, bringing forth a winning ticket each time. The twenty prizes of silverware, linen, cutlery and crockery were given by Association members and friends. These were tabulated and drawn from a second drum by Lt.-Col. Harman, C.O. 39 Field Ambulance. A special mention must be made of one gift of a doll, daintily dressed, in clothes made by Mrs. Foster, and a cot and wardrobe designed by Captain Foster, our Q.M.

It just remains now to pack and post the parcels to the winners. It is fortunate that at least one prize goes to every district in which tickets were sold, even as far north as the Thailand Border.

H. D. DUNCAN (Major, Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

CATTERICK.—Military Hospital, Catterick, held a Gala Day at a time when the gardens and lawns looked their best. The R.A.M.C. Band had come from the Depot, and, under the direction of Major Brown, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., set the mood. His Worship the Mayor of Richmond, Councillor A. Dunkley, J.P., performed the opening ceremony, and the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Joanna Vine.

From that moment, stall holders, side-shows, and Dog Show promoters and the Fancy Dress Parades began in earnest. Dogs, children, and mere grown-ups were swept into the fun. There were those who got lost and those who fell into the goldfish pond, and others who were upheld by balloons.

At the mock operation, one small boy swooned—conveniently at the feet of the Matron, and did not thereby get full value for his sixpence.

An ankle competition was held, but it seemed that no one except the winner admitted to having been a competitor. Some whose fondest ambition was to sing before a microphone were able to fulfil this for a small consideration, and the loud speakers drowned the voices of the most able auctioneers.

Stall holders were sold out before tea, and, like everyone else, were grateful to the R.A.M.C. Wives Club, in whose tea-house they received enough sustenance to revive their flagging energy.

There were many people, both in the Garrison and among the civilians in nearby towns, to whose generosity this day owed a great deal. And of course the weather : even that gave a few raindrops, but that was only to remind us that a Gala Day was not really entitled to the one day on which Catterick Camp has for summer. In spite of that, it was an enjoyable day and a most profitable one.

R. HINCHEY, L.15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONDONDERRY,

4th November, 1958.

DEAR MADAM,

With reference "Ice Cold in Alex," may I request the courtesy of your magazine to publish the following letter ?

As a retired Q.A. who was Matron at No. 62 General Hospital, Tobruk, in June, 1942. I should like to draw your attention that the claim, "A True Story," as usually stated at cinemas, has no claim to the truth. No Nursing Sisters were left behind in Tobruk, and I am proud to say there was no Nursing Sister who displayed anything but the highest courage in our regrettably short time on duty in Tobruk.

A review on Christopher Landon's book, "Ice Cold in Alex," describes it as a novel. A novelist may presumably "invent" what he likes and get a publisher to accept it. That, however, does not give any film company the right to describe it as "a true story" verbally or otherwise.

There was much loss of life amongst Q.A's during the 1939-1945 war, which caused grief to parents, relatives, friends and to the Nursing Service. I fear that to recall the war in this way and to proclaim the death of a Nursing Sister under such circumstances can only lead to misunderstanding. It may also cause parents to think that a much-loved daughter may have lost her life through her own lack of courage and from lack of sufficient responsible care from those in authority.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. DUNN, Lt.-Colonel Rtd., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

DEAR MADAM,

With reference to my letter of November 4th, 1958, requesting the favour of publication in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. GAZETTE the impression likely to be created by the film, "Ice Cold in Alex," I should be most grateful if you will publish the following letter received from *The Daily Telegraph*, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. DUNN.

"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH,"
FLEET STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4,
Dated November 6, 1958.

DEAR MADAM,

Thank you for your most interesting letter of November 4.

I quite agree that the film story should not have been put forward as true. It is only one of many examples of producers' lack of taste and scruple.

Yours truly,
CAMPBELL DIXON.

EDINBURGH, 12,
26/10/58.

DEAR MADAM,

I have never written to an Editor. But I should like to write to you and say how interested and touched I was to read the letter from the T.A.N.S. Sister, aged 88, in your August Q.A. GAZETTE, and of the very kind and quick response from the Matron-in-Chief that made that dear old terrier very happy and one of us again.

What an appropriate tribute to your Q.A. Association badge, whose motto is "Friendship."

I am an ex-T.A.N.S., 1939-1946, who loved the Army. I, too, was very thrilled and delighted to receive a ticket for the Golden Jubilee Territorial Army March Past to be held in the Queen's Park, Holyrood, where Her Majesty The Queen was to take the salute.

It was a perfect day, in a perfect setting, with Holyrood Palace in the foreground, and the Crags and Arthur's Seat, that hill that resembles a crouching lion as if it were watching and guarding. In between, in a very green park, and in front of the Royal dais, were drawn up in perfect formation the units of the Territorial Army.

Then what everyone was waiting for! Arrived Her Majesty The Queen, with His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. With one accord the crowds, thousands of them, rose to their feet and let out a terrific roar of welcome to Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The march past began. The pipes and drums (even the English would have loved them that day) playing "Scotland the Brave." The swinging of the kilt. Each Unit carrying their own Colours. As the Colours passed we all stood proudly to attention. What memories rushed through one's mind while standing there.

But now for my grouse. One could not be a member of the British Army without a grouse. Why were the T.A.N.S. not represented at the Golden Jubilee of the Territorial Army?

After the Parade, sixteen of us, all or mostly T.A.N.S., went to the Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, for tea, and there waiting to receive us was Dame Helen S. Gillespie, O.B.E., R.R.C., a charming gesture. At sundown we had sherry, and Dame Helen proposed a toast to the T.A.N.S.

The end of a perfect and thrilling afternoon, a delightful evening spent with old friends.

But what about my grouse ? Och! I had forgotten all about it!

C. C. ROBERTSON.

EXTRACT FROM A MEMBER'S LETTER

I am interested in reading Miss Wright's (T.A.N.S.) letter in the August GAZETTE. I am proud to be one of those Nurses of the past years. I was on the Reserve, hence called up early. I am also thankful to be able to say I have two friends of those days. They are married, and we exchange Christmas cards each year. The memories of those past years are still very green, especially the years we had on the Hospital Ships ; also the year we had at El Aresh. We had a very charming Matron-in-Chief, Dame Elizabeth Oram. Her kindness of thought, help and guidance was very valuable to us. She came to visit each Hospital Ship and gave us a day's visit while in the Desert.

I am very grateful to have found that there is the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association uniting past and present members of the Army Nursing Services. I was grateful to read of the Territorial Golden Jubilee this year. We are not forgotten.

After the war I had an appointment in the then infant Health Service, and worked in one of the then largest boroughs of East End of London, retiring in 1941.

ELIZABETH K. POTTINGER, A/Hind/115.

Dear Madam,

Reading Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's Memoirs, I was delighted to come upon the lines quoted below. They must give great satisfaction—not only to those Regulars, Reserves and Territorials who worked with the 8th Army—but also to all members of Q.A.R.A.N.C.

“ When I joined the Eighth Army in 1942, Nursing Sisters were not allowed in the forward battle area. I cancelled the order—their presence comforted and calmed the nerves of many seriously wounded men, who then knew that they would be properly nursed. No male nursing orderly can nurse like a woman, though many think they can.”

D. M. HAMMOND, A/603.

Editor's Note.—We saw an army's spirit change overnight under Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's leadership, and are proud to have served with the 8th Army, and now to accept this gracious tribute. But we could not have nursed without the organisation of the R.A.M.C. or the support of those male nursing orderlies ! The extract was reproduced by kind permission of the author, the publishers, A. P. Watt and Son, and Messrs. Kemsley Newspapers Ltd.

HERE AND THERE

BROOKWOOD.—At the Brookwood Memorial unveiling by Her Majesty The Queen, the Founder Administrator laid a wreath on behalf of the Association in memory of the ninety-four members of the Army Nursing Services commemorated there among those with no known graves. Lt.-Col. M. V. Hind, Miss E. A. Baldock and Mrs. D. A. Hammond were also present, representing respectively Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), and T.A.N.S. The Chairman, Mrs. A. G. Monk, was also there, and after the ceremony she and other representatives went forward to speak to relatives. Major H. Cattnach, Q.A.R.A.N.C., laid a wreath on behalf of the Corps.

DELHI.—Trained Nurses Association of India celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year, having been founded in 1908. We send our congratulations and best wishes for a flourishing future.

It may not be amiss to remind nurses of India that those who served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. during the war are eligible for membership of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association (I.M.N.S., (M.N.S.(T.), A.I.N.S.R., A.N.S. and V.A.D.).

YUGOSLAVIA AND POLAND.—Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C., General Secretary, International Council of Nurses, L.106, recently visited nursing associations and hospitals in Yugoslavia and Poland.

NEW ZEALAND.—We offer congratulations to Colonel E. C. Mackay, O.B.E., R.R.C., former Matron-in-Chief and Director of Nursing Services for Army, Navy and Air Force N.Z., who has been appointed the first Colonel Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps.

LONDON.—Miss Gwen Padfield, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M.H.V., ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.), A/Ben/29, has been appointed as Assistant Secretary to the Public Health Section, Royal College of Nursing.

INVERNESS.—Miss Janet F. M. Brims, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (November, 1939—September, 1947) has been appointed Matron, Raigmore Hospital.

ALEXANDRIA (DUMBARTONSHIRE).—Miss I. Gordon, S.R.N., R.F.N., C.M.B., Certificate Part I, has been appointed Matron, Vale of Leven Hospital. She served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

CHIPPENHAM.—Miss L. D. Wyatt, S.R.N., C.M.B., Certificate Part I, has been appointed Assistant Matron at St. Andrew's Hospital. She served as Sister T.A.N.S.

ALDERSHOT.—Miss M. A. Edwards, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of the Aldershot General Hospital and Maternity Units. She served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

ALDERSHOT (PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL).—We have been pleased to welcome, and to show the work of our school to colleagues from both Service and civilian life. Air Commandant Dame Alice Mary Williamson visited in October, accompanied by Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson. Miss M. Myers, Q.A.R.N.N.S., Sister Tutor R.N. Hospital, Chatham, also visited in November. Many officers attending the Director-General's Exercise, including two from Yugoslavia, visited us at that time. Miss S. P. White, Matron of Bethnal Green Hospital, accompanied by her Sister Tutor, Miss Challenger, visited in September.

BRADFORD.—Miss M. A. MacInnes, R.G.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, present appointment Sister Q.A.R.A.N.C., previously serving as Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

THE CORPS COCKTAIL PARTY

The annual cocktail party was held this year in the beautiful old hall of the London Apothecaries, on 22nd October. Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, graciously consented to be present, and Lt.-Colonel M. A. V. Hind, Membership Secretary for Association Headquarters Register, was amongst others who had the honour of being presented.

How fortunate it was this lovely historic building was spared the German assault on the City of London during the last war. The ownership of these buildings in the district of Blackfriars, can be traced to 1276, the Society of Apothecaries obtaining possession in 1632.

The cocktail party was held in the oak-panelled Great Hall, and was attended by many officers and their guests. The character and size of the Great Hall imparted an air of intimacy and a very happy evening was spent there.

It is interesting to learn that the Society of Apothecaries have also owned the Chelsea Physic Garden since 1673, although its custody has now passed to a public committee. This lovely old garden used to grow the herbs required by the apothecaries for their medicaments. They were then shipped by barge from Chelsea to Blackfriars!

During a visit about a year ago, we were shown the old river bed at the foot of the garden, and in contrast with the ancient medicinal plants still grown there, a tobacco plant grafted on to a tomato plant for research purposes. An attempt to eliminate the wickedness from Sir Walter Raleigh's "wicked weed"!



*Princess Margaret leaving the Apothecaries Hall, accompanied by
Dame Monica Johnson and Dame Helen Gillespie
Photograph by kind permission of the " Nursing Mirror "*

OBITUARY

MISS JANE AMELIA PATTERSON, C.B.E., R.R.C.
(Member L.28, late Chief Principal Matron India, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
1922—1947)

Miss Jane Patterson was an outstanding member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. On retirement she had reached the second Senior Service appointment of Chief Principal Matron—India. All her life she had been recognised as a kind nurse and expert Ward Sister, and when war came in 1939 she was already of a seniority to take over the matronship of a large 1,200-bedded Military Hospital on active service.

Like others of her colleagues, she experienced the rigours and dangers of torpedoing. On her way to India in 1944 she was delayed in N. Africa, having been landed there as a "survivor." She made light of her sufferings, and as her Matron-in-Chief, I regretted her decision to retire before reaching the age limit.

Later, however, she was to do useful work again as Warden of the International (Florence Nightingale) House for Students in Cromwell Road. Her marked ability—indeed, "gift"—to get on with women of all races enabled her to make a great success of this appointment. It was only the illness and subsequent death of her sister which put an end to her active life of usefulness.

Our sympathy goes out to her remaining relatives.

KATHARINE H. JONES,
Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retired).

MRS. ELLEN RONALD BARRETT

Mrs. Ellen Ronald Barrett was a daughter of the late Dr. Ritchie Brown, of Saltcoats. She trained as a nurse at the Glasgow Western Infirmary, later joining the Princess Christian Army Nursing Reserve. She served in the Boer War, and was later stationed in Mombasa, and then in Nairobi, in those days only a small jungle outpost. In 1914 she was appointed a Matron of the Government Hospital, Nairobi. Her husband was Colonel William Barrett, of the King's African Rifles. They retired to Richmond after the First World War, where her husband died in 1951.

Mrs. Barrett took a great interest in nursing affairs, and was very proud of being a member of the Q.A. Association, in which she held an honoured place. Friends will miss her and treasure the memory of a very interesting old lady.

THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

The Woman of the Year Luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel in October surpassed itself in attendance figures this year. There was an exceptionally large number of the nursing profession at the luncheon, which was organised in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

The possible reason for this outstanding representation of our profession may well have been loyal support for Miss Marjorie Marriott, one of the six distinguished women who were the guest speakers, answering the question, "What makes a woman happy?" Miss Marriott is Matron of the Middlesex Hospital, President of the Royal College of Nursing and Honorary Secretary of the Association of Hospital Matrons. The other speakers were Countess Attlee, Miss Sybil Conolly (the Irish dress designer), Miss Beryl Grey (the ballerina), Miss Edana Romney (*Sunday Express* columnist), and Miss Joyce Grenfell (the actress). The speakers all brought out that happiness lies in something not material—in things one could not buy, and in the joy of expressing oneself through the daily round, whatever it might be. They raised many laughs (Miss Conolly's laconic quotation, "having the right guy around"; Joyce Grenfell's "taking one's stays off at night"). Certainly, Miss Marriott's supporters had every reason to be proud of her. There was depth, sincerity *and* humour in her words, whilst her personality radiated happiness—"love of one's fellows, love of one's work, and a sense of the spirit—the deepest source of happiness is spiritual, and happiness is multiplied in its sharing."

Miss Marriott reminded guests in one little sally that we use fourteen muscles when we smile, but sixty-four when we frown! Worth remembering, is it not?

The Corps was well represented by the Director Army Nursing Services and other officers in uniform. The Chairman and Administrator of the Association were also there.

The luncheon was a great success socially, most enjoyable in all respects, and must have made a notable contribution to the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

THE WARD SISTER'S EXACTING TASK

The person to whom everyone turns, in any ward, is the Ward Sister. She may have forty or more patients in her care, each with a group of relatives in anxious touch; she may have twelve or more physicians or surgeons visiting the ward daily, each expecting her undivided attention and relying on her experience and skill; she will have a minimum of nursing staff and students who are constantly being changed, often having no other trained nurse on duty with her—and a variety of auxiliary or domestic staff. Yet the work

of the ward must be concluded successfully each day—nothing being omitted and nothing being done inaccurately or inexpertly. In addition, other people will be calling at the ward constantly, delivering letters and flowers, stores, drugs and equipment, collecting order forms, diet sheets, laundry lists, etc. Administrative staff, ministers of religion, family doctors and occasionally members of Management Committee or Board all come to the ward and ask for Sister, expecting her immediate and undivided attention. To each person the Sister must give courtesy and help, information or instruction, guidance, encouragement or criticism as required and at once—not in half-an-hour's time in her office, but when anyone happens to see her. Between 8 a.m. (when she probably goes on duty whether she is resident or non-resident) and 11 a.m., the Ward Sister will have spoken directly or by telephone to some fifty different people—each of whom has expected something from her which only she can give.

Perhaps the people most aware of this are the patients in an open ward, who lie and watch the life of the ward as it unfolds with daily regularity and precision or is suddenly disturbed by drama or some unexpected happening. The Ward Sister is unlikely to stop and count the number of people to whom she speaks during a morning, or the distance she travels during a day. But this could be done. What would be more difficult would be to measure the mental and emotional as well as the physical exertion expended by any one Ward Sister in any one ward each day over the years. Such an analysis would no doubt produce a report which would question why there was not greater wastage from nursing of those most suited to it and skilled in it.

The Ward Sister's task is impossibly exacting, in the present stage of medical and surgical practice ; one person has to be administrator and nurse, teacher and leader, adviser and friend, employee and manager. She must be protector of the nurses against the excessive demands of the work, protector of the patients from over-solicitous relatives, enthusiastic students, technicians or research specialists ; protector of the doctors from aggrieved patients or relatives and, every moment of every day, the protector of the good name of the hospital. No matter that she may be off duty, she is still responsible for any action of any nurse in her ward. She is still the key person for whom every problem waits. She is still the person in most direct and constant contact with the patient, the parents or relatives, the doctors, the ward staff and the students.

Having recognized this task to be well-nigh impossible for one person, every action referred to must still be performed, so wherein lies the solution? The Sister has a dual role: administrative nursing and teaching. In domiciliary work the district nurse or midwife calls on the Home Help to assist in the non-nursing care of the patient and the control of the environment ; so the Ward Sister needs to be provided with someone to assist in the home or hotel

care of the residents in her ward. In order to lighten the duties of the Sister, many experiments have already been tried. Some hospitals have introduced ward clerks, others have introduced auxiliaries, while dietitians, almoners, linen supervisors and domestic supervisors have all taken some responsibility from the Sister. No one particular category of staff can do all the tasks which need doing in any home, or comparably, in any ward ; a mature woman could do many of them, and a discussion at a Ward Sisters' meeting on the subject of the ideal ward help would undoubtedly be of interest. Each Ward Sister would no doubt have an opinion as to what help would be best suited to her particular ward and how it could be attained. Above all, she needs a stable basic staff.

The sister's role as teacher is more difficult to delegate, but assistance through the appointment of a clinical instructor, who could give one day or half-day each week in each of a group of medical wards, for example, would immediately lighten the burden of teaching responsibility for the Ward Sister and add to her support, by providing a colleague who can at least share to some extent her problems and difficulties, and the teaching for which she may have had, as yet, no training and little inclination.

We published recently a study of a five-year scheme of group assignment nursing which showed another method of relieving the Ward Sister's work without lessening her overall responsibility. Lack of trained staff is the difficulty in adopting this type of scheme generally, and it is therefore the position of staff nurse which must be made attractive to the newly qualified nurse, both as a position satisfying in itself, and as a preparation for the post of Ward Sister eventually. Must we wait many more years before the work of the Ward Sister is so adjusted to modern hospital life that it is seen again as the satisfying and rewarding task every nurse believes it should be ?

Reproduced by kind permission of the Editor of the " Nursing Times "

THE Q.A.R.A.N.C. MUSEUM

As most members are aware, our Corps Museum continues to grow towards the day of an official opening. Many of you who have been around when in transit at the Depot may be interested to know of some of the new exhibits, amongst which is a whole panel of the swing frame containing the official invitation card sent to our Director, then Brigadier C. M. Johnson, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., the Special District Order of London District, Menu Card, and an excellent photograph of the arrival of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the dinner offered by the Army at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on 27th November, 1956, with a personal account of this very memorable occasion.

We also have been given the flag flown by the 14th Mobile C.C.S. in North Africa on the eve of the last battle there, and some interesting snapshots taken of that Unit's " life."

Many other items, photographs, press cuttings and generous gifts of family treasures in the form of medal collections have been coming in, in particular the uniform worn by Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., in the 1914-18 war. This has been sent us by Miss Turner, Matron of St. Thomas's. It is in wonderful condition and has added a great deal to our collection of that period.

Any gift of Regular or Territorial Uniform would be most welcome for either of these Corps collections. Those of the 1920 to 1939 period are especially needed to complete the Pageant Collection.

For the interest of visitors to the Museum, a short " history " of any gift is most gratefully received by the Curator.

THE FUTURE

Nurses from the Cambridge and Connaught Hospitals and the Preliminary Training School took part in the Director General's Exercise. The latter were given this topic as exercise in essay writing, and the following was selected for publication.

DEMONSTRATION OF TREATMENT FOR MASS CASUALTIES

Every year, under the leadership of the Director-General of Army Medical Services, Sir Alexander Drummond, the Royal Army Medical Corps stage a demonstration which shows the latest methods of treating wounded on the field of battle.

This year, for the first time, an all-female unit was introduced as a support team. It consisted of forty-eight women, namely, one Medical Officer, three Nursing Officers, and forty-one Nursing Orderlies Q.A.R.A.N.C., with the addition of three members of the W.R.A.C. as cooks. The support team was detailed to set up a Casualty Clearing Station and care for wounded personnel, numbering one hundred, for eight days.

The C.C.S. was made up into three wards, each accommodating thirty-three patients. Linking each ward were kitchens, store rooms and a treatment room. Also attached was an operating theatre staffed by members of the Paratroop Field Ambulance.

Another highlight of the demonstration was the introduction of the new Fairy Rotodyne, a helicopter designed, not only for speed, but also for the carriage of a complete medical unit in comparative comfort. A smaller plane was used for the transportation of medical equipment and supplies to the site chosen for the Casualty Clearing Station.

On arrival at the site, the support team went into immediate action. The normal hospital routine was carried out even under field conditions, and the only marked difference was the absence of

dressing trolleys and intravenous stands. However, these items were not missed as infusions were set up from the tent poles and improvised lockers were useful as trolleys. Smaller trays were set up than normally would be at a hospital, but, nevertheless, the same care was taken in setting up the various trays.



By kind permission of the Central Press Agency and the " Nursing Mirror "

Each nurse was trained for the job she was doing, and went about her task diligently, not forgetting to reassure the patients and see that they were all comfortable.

Representatives from the Commonwealth and N.A.T.O. countries were present at the demonstration, and were shown around in organised groups. They were all very impressed, and many photographs were taken.

Every member of the support team felt honoured and privileged to have been chosen to take part in the exercise and to be able to play a small part in such an important organisation.

Britain has again proved that she can lead the world. No other nation has anything like the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps who, in turn, have proved they can take the place of men in treating patients at the scene of battle, thus relieving the men and enabling them to carry out their duties, knowing that they have every confidence in the all-female support team operating the Casualty Clearing Station.

PTE. M. E. JAINE.

Today the emblem comprises a small plaque bearing the crown and Royal cipher, with a silver greyhound hanging below. It is surrounded by the Garter motto and hangs from a Garter-blue ribbon. The plaque must be surrendered on resignation or retirement.

For official functions the Queen's Messengers wear the diplomatic uniform of a first secretary, fourth class : dark blue, trimmed with lace, with black velvet collar and cuffs.

The Corps has a venerable history, having been a distinct unit within the Royal Household since the late 1100s. A document of 1485 records the appointment of one John Norman as Messenger to Richard III at a salary of 4½d. per day.

Under Cromwell, messengers were paid £45 a year, but were charged with many more duties than carrying messages. They also had to arrest persons for high treason, collect money from Crown property, and take care of other tasks requiring delicate handling. The Corps as we know it today dates from 1824.

The nineteenth century was the heyday of the Queen's Messenger, when Victoria was Queen and Britain ruled the world.

This was the age which saw the growth of the romantic legend of the dashing Messenger of the Queen, expert with sword and pistol. These, too, were great days for coaching, and one member of the Corps, a Captain Martin Haworth, was a leading spirit in the revival of stage-coaching in England.

In those days many influential persons paid large sums for the privilege of travelling at speed with the Queen's Messenger, but the journeys were often real tests of endurance—particularly the run from Berlin to St. Petersburg, which took nine days and nights without a stop. Occasionally there would be some excitement when a Messenger perhaps had to swallow an important letter to save it falling into the wrong hands, but in the main the journeys were humdrum affairs. In the course of his travels, one Queen's Messenger found time to make half-a-dozen woollen rugs ; another ploughed through the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* from A to Z.

Sometimes, however, the life of a Messenger had its lighter moments, as when one was entrusted with eight canaries, a gift to the Sultan of Turkey.

In World War One there was a considerable increase in the number of highly confidential despatches entrusted to the Queen's Messengers, but not one bag or one life was lost. One Messenger crossed the North Sea thirty times, the Mediterranean twenty-two times, and the Channel eighty times on duty.

In World War Two the work of the Corps again increased, and several Queen's Messengers lost their lives.

NEW UNIFORM

A new everyday uniform for our Other Ranks is contemplated. One of our corporals is seen modelling the new coat and skirt of grey worsted. The epaulettes have scarlet piping to maintain the Corps colours. The shirt is white, the tie grey, and black court shoes are worn. The handbag is black and adjustable to shoulder or carrying length.



L/Cpl. J. C. Myers, of Millbank

THE SILVER GREYHOUND

In these days of the radio-telephone and submarine telegraph, the romantic and shadowy figure of the Queen's Messenger seems an unpractical survival. Yet the Corps of the Queen's Foreign Service Messengers still plays an essential part in maintaining the diplomatic communications of Her Majesty's Government.

Of the thousands of communications sent weekly to and from the Foreign Office and the British embassies and legations abroad, there are some which must go in the utmost secrecy. No one has yet invented an unbreakable cipher, and, in any case, coding and decoding is a long and arduous job. Top-secret letters have to be sent in the "diplomatic bag" in the personal charge of a Queen's Messenger.

At present there are some thirty-six members of the Corps—most of them former officers of the Armed Services with a first-class knowledge of foreign languages—whose activities are a closely guarded secret. Their names never appear in the newspapers, and they have no public life, and very little private life either, for they must live near the Foreign Office and are always on call. They are appointed by the Foreign Secretary, with the Queen's approval, and receive a maximum salary of £900.

Until comparatively recent years they had to deliver proof that they were expert horsemen. This was usually supplied by a Master of Fox-hounds or a riding master of a cavalry regiment.

Usually travelling alone, each Queen's Messenger averages one round trip a fortnight. The diplomatic bags in their custody are similar to Post Office bags, reddish in colour; the confidential bags, in the messenger's personal charge, are marked with a conspicuous black cross, fastened by a strap, and locked with the messenger's own key. They are punched with eyeletted holes, and have pockets for weighting with lead so that they will sink if they have to be thrown overboard at sea. A Messenger who loses one is instantly dismissed from the Corps. The other bags, sometimes as many as fifty, and weighing perhaps a ton, hold routine communications and accompany the messenger by van, train or aircraft to the various capitals.

The Messenger's authority is his Certificate of Journey—a large sheet of stout paper, headed with the Royal Arms, and listing the bags and their destinations. He carries a special passport, printed and bound in red and embossed in gold with the words, "Queen's Messenger's Passport."

He also wears as his badge of office the coveted "Silver Greyhound," the emblem of swiftness, and symbolic of the Corps' ancient motto, "The shortest way in the shortest time."

This badge is said to date from the time of Charles II's exile in the Netherlands. To enable his Dutch and English messengers to recognise each other he broke off four tiny carved greyhounds from the lid of a silver dish and gave one to each.

In peacetime, too, the job has its hazards. Recently the Foreign Office disclosed an attempt by a foreign intelligence agent on the trip from Moscow to Berlin to steal a confidential bag when the aircraft refuelled at Minsk. In fact, the work of a Queen's Messenger today is considered to be so dangerous that no company will insure his life.

D. J. GROGAN.

Reproduced by kind permission of "The Soldier"

CHRISTMAS RECIPE

Have you tried Topsy Cake? It is much nicer than a trifle! Take one frozen sponge sandwich cake, or any light sponge, place in a glass bowl, and dose with two glasses of sherry and a little brandy. Leave overnight in a cool place (not a refrigerator).

The next morning cover with stiffly whipped cream, and stick all over with blanched almonds. This gives the appearance of a hedgehog, which is its other name!

EVERYBODY'S FRIEND!



By kind permission of "The Soldier"

DONATIONS

JULY — OCTOBER, 1958

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Benevolence				Miss M. Roberts ...		4	0
Legacy, per Executors of				Miss E. M. Phipps ...		5	0
Major E. A. Horrocks	50	0	0	Miss E. Ross ...		5	0
Hanover Branch ...	60	0	0	Miss E. J. B. Wright ...	1	1	0
Army Benevolent Fund	400	0	0	Army Benevolent Fund			
Millbank Branch ...	50	0	0	(received in January			
Millbank Branch for				and omitted in error			
Christmas parcels ...	20	0	0	from last list) ...	500	0	0
Kinrara Branch ...	100	0	0	Gazette Fund			
Miss K. I. Truman (for				Dame Ann Beadsmore			
T.A.N.S.) ...		1	0	Smith... ...		8	0
Capt. Luke ...			7	Col. E. F. W. M. Jolly... ..	1	0	0

We are most grateful for all the above donations. In acknowledging these gifts, we wish to record how much we appreciate the part played by all members. We realise that where the gift is the result of a money-raising effort, such as a bazaar or fete, Civilians, Officers and Other Ranks give much valuable time and thought to help their colleagues in the Association.

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

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

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

Majors:—J. L. Salmon, E. M. Hewson, M. E. Seabrook, M. E. Hewson.
 Captains:—M. Chamberlin, E. D. Harte.
 Lieutenants:—W. J. Adams, V. Pritchard, M. E. Williams, P. Elliott, D. F. Righton.
 Corporals:—Chambers L., Hill S. J. R.
 Privates:—Evelyn F. A., McGowan P., Rice B. A., Stanbra B. A., Forsythe G. P., Nuttall C. A., Peake J. A., Patterson M. W., Smith G. E., Callaghan M. M. (A/L. Cpl.), Faulkner B., Eadie B. J., Williams J. F., Robson F. M. J., Bagley E., Edwards M., Towlson A., Stevens A., Boland M. A., Savage T. A.

B.A.O.R.

Majors:—M. M. Mount, C. Fisher, J. E. Hamilton, T. L. Jefferys-Edwards, M. Downing, E. Curry, C. O'Neill.
 Captains:—G. N. Smith, J. M. Edgerton, D. M. Morton, R. A. MacCallum.
 Lieutenants:—A. O'Mahney, T. Gillard, A. Gaule, M. A. McQuade, A. McJannet-McKay, P. Humble.
 Privates:—Wilmott D. J., Oliver P. J., King E., Denholm S., Davies P. A., Blythe M. F., Franks P. M., Mashitter, M., Miller J., Watson P. M.

M.E.L.F.

Lieutenant-Colonels:—M. B. Kneebone, J. Howe.
 Majors:—A. Flanagan, J. C. Cross.
 Captains:—J. M. Steer, M. J. P. Webster, E. Stoker, E. M. Thompson.
 Lieutenants:—S. M. Coupe, E. Logan, K. E. Hirst, V. J. Smith.
 Corporals:—Martin V. G., Cotton G. L., Cairns J. M.
 Privates:—Calderbank M., Logan M., Cooper M., Threlfall P., Nellist M. E., Swales B. A., Armstrong F. L., Phillips E., Gaudion P. E., Clague T. E., Ball H. M., Gitton S. E.

East Africa

Major E. J. Millington.
Capt. J. Drury-Metham.
Lieutenant M. Vaughan.

Gibraltar

Captains:—E. Swinburne, C. E. L. Jones.
Lieutenants:—E. Bramwell, M. J. Pendleton, R. K. Hickman.
Privates:—Foster H. A., Duncan A.

Nigeria

Major J. Paris.
Capt. E. M. Mockley.
Lieutenants:—M. Lupton, R. T. Nicholson.

Ghana

Major W. Delaney.
Captain E. E. M. Hazell.

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Lieutenant V. C. Cross.

Malta

Privates:—Gumbs Y. R., Philbin G., McGlynn S., Pile C., Bissett A., Cook S., Herrick B.

Singapore

Privates:—Staple P. J., Temperli B. G., Thompson P. E., Jackson S. C., Stopforth J., Phyakley D., Henry H. W., Barter V. M., Norbury P., Williams C.

REVERSIONS TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

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

Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Walsh.
Majors:—F. M. Bowring, D. Hunt.
Captains:—K. Toohig, I. Back, M. Kieron.
Lieutenant A. B. McCormack.
Corporals:—Finch B. M., Hall M. V.
Privates:—Daley P. R., Alexander J. E.

B.A.O.R.

Captains:—K. T. Brassey, E. M. Thomson.
Lieutenants:—S. M. Hemphill, P. Ruddigan, M. E. Nilan, I. J. Tynan, C. Hardman-Burrows, E. Spencer, A. Timbey, J. E. Pinder.
Sergeant Bannister J. M.
Corporals:—Baker C. M. I., Davies A.
Privates:—James P. Y., Fraser E., Merser I., Campbell E. F., Small M., Barratt R. C., Kearsley J. M., Simpson R. P., Welsh J., Whitfield A. W., Brown A. J., Smith E., Hoyle M. G., Denton J.

M.E.L.F.

Captains:—C. Shaw, M. Lofthouse, B. M. Diplock, R. Dolman.

Lieutenant G. E. Dulson.

Privates:—Cookson P., McInnes A., Smith P. A., Edwards R. D., Pike J. E.,
Kimpton J. I., Shaw B.

Gibraltar

Major M. E. Warrilow.

Captains:—M. Flint, J. Barclay, M. E. Hitchcock.

Lieutenant M. Riley.

Privates:—Cooke S., Walker A.

Ghana

Major C. M. Bokenham.

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Lieutenants:—C. M. Birtles, E. M. Grubb.

Malta

Corporals:—Noble E. N., Andrew D. T. M.

Privates:—Waldron J., Akers C. E., Milligan E. J., Dalton M.

APPOINTMENTS

Gaunt, Lt.-Col. E. M., R.R.C., to Western Command as A.D.A.N.S. and Matron, Military Hospital, Chester, 2nd May, 1958.

Powell, Lt.-Col. G. B., R.R.C., to Military Hospital, Wheatley, 4th September, 1958.

Somerville, Lt.-Col. E., A.R.R.C., to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, 15th September, 1958.

Wilkins, Lt.-Col. P. E., R.R.C., to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, 17th September, 1958.

Fitzpatrick, Lt.-Col. B. M., R.R.C., to B.A.O.R., 24th September, 1958.

Walsh, Lt.-Col. E. M., A.R.R.C., to Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., 1st September, 1958, as Commandant.

Howe, Lt.-Col. J., R.R.C., to G.H.Q., M.E.L.F., on 28th September, 1958.

PROMOTIONS

To H.M. Short Service Commission (N.M.)

Garraway V. A.

To Warrant Officer, Class II

Cross J.

To Staff Sergeant

Lewis L., Queenen S. R., Browning M.

To Sergeant

Bannister T. M., Peacock E. B.

To Corporal

Jones M. E. D., Walsh M. R. M., Watson D. M., Wheeler J. D., Room E. A.,
Charity V. A., Rouse H., Reilly M. S., Terry M. E., Rutland M.,
Kimpton J.

Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel

Lieutenant-Colonel D. W. Douglass, R.R.C.

Major to Lieutenant-Colonel

Major G. B. Powell, R.R.C.

Captain to Major

Captains K. Grimshaw, R. Pugsley, M. O'Hara, J. M. McDonnell.

SHORT SERVICE PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant to Captain

Lieutenants M. J. Davidson, M. T. McGloin, J. Randall, J. M. Battersby,
V. J. Church, M. C. O'Sullivan, D. M. Dudfield, M. J. Plummer.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

27th July, 1958: Colonel E. J. Stirling, R.R.C.

15th June, 1958: Major M. E. M. Melville.

25th June, 1958: Major A. Jones, A.R.R.C.

1st September, 1958: Captain F. H. Wither.

SISTER TUTOR DIPLOMA

Two Officers passed the examination for Sister Tutor Diploma, Edinburgh
University, July, 1958.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION

Sixteen Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks were successful in passing the State Final
Examination, June, 1958.

REGULAR COMMISSIONS BOARD

Q/1000459 W.O. I. M. Stephenson, Q.A.R.A.N.C., successfully passed the
Regular Commissions Board.

MARRIAGES

Creaser, Capt. Y. M., to Capt. R. T. Smith, East Lancs., at Kowloon, Hong
Kong, on 17th May, 1958.

Bevan, Lt. D., to K. M. Chapman, Esq., at Sea Mills, Bristol, on 24th May,
1958.

O'Dea, Capt. S. E., to Capt. P. J. Quigley, R.A.M.C., at Salthill, Galway,
Eire, on 17th June, 1958.

Clarke, Capt. M., to D. Leech, Esq., at Feniscliffe, Blackburn, on 21st June,
1958.

Ellis, Lt. W. A., to P. D. Hipwell, Esq., at Dean, Bedford, on 21st June,
1958.

Hammond, Lt. D. M. E., to 2/Lt. A. G. Hibbert, R.E.M.E., at Richmond, Yorks., on 21st June, 1958.
Pee, Lt. D. M., to A. W. Crawford, Esq., at Brookworth, Gloucester, on 21st June, 1958.
Brennan, Lt. M. C., to J. C. Paton, Esq., at Chiswick, Middlesex, on 27th June, 1958.
Gowen, Lt. D. H., to T. G. Toomey, Esq., at Romford, Essex, on 4th July, 1958.
Phillips, Lt. N. M., to A. Conway, Esq., at Yaba, Lagos, on 12th July, 1958.
Budd, Lt. V. W., to R. D. Brittain, Esq., at Nicosia, Cyprus, on 12th July, 1958.
Bilson, Lt. J. M., to A. Campbell, Esq., at Leicester on 19th July, 1958.
Melliss, Lt. P., to F/L. R. G. Smalley, R.A.F., at Clare, Suffolk, on 19th July, 1958.
Adams, Lt. C. K. M., to A/I.C. R. D. Larsen, U.S.A.F., at Tripoli, on 24th July, 1958.
Dulson, Lt. G. C., to R. Knott, Esq., at Middlesbrough on 12th August, 1958.
Lofthouse, Capt. N., to R. W. Holman, Esq., at Milton, Southampton, on 16th August, 1958.
O'Brien, Lt. M. M., to B. J. Furlonger, Esq., at Lisburn, N. Ireland, on 26th August, 1958.
Gervis, Lt. S. M., to Capt. J. W. Gray, Royal Malay Regt., at Negri Sembilan, Malaya, on 27th August, 1958.
Rance, Lt. J. M., to M. F. Badham, Esq., at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, on 30th August, 1958.
Shiner, Lt. N. M. L., to Dr. A. L. Bass at Brentwood, Essex, on 30th August, 1958.
Balcombe, Lt. G. M., to T. F. Weaving, Esq., at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, on 6th September, 1958.
Hardman-Burrows, Lt. C., to Capt. P. J. Gillies, R.A.M.C., at St. Albans, Herts., on 12th September, 1958.
Birtles, Lt. C. M., to Dr. A. S. Valentine at Cirencester, Glos., on 18th September, 1958.
Gudgeon, Capt. M., to C. W. Lambert Esq., at Oxford, Oxfordshire, on 19th September, 1958.
Valentine, Pte. J. P., to Pte. A. Gibbon, R.A.M.C., on 24th May, 1958.
Knowlton, Pte. G. A., to Pte. D. Watson, R.A.M.C., on 4th June, 1958.
Jones, Pte. E. R., to L/Cpl. G. Neale, R.A.M.C., on 17th June, 1958.
Powell, Cpl. A., to J. Donnelly, Esq., on 23rd June, 1958.
Luxton, Cpl. M., to B. W. Parsons, Esq., on 16th August, 1958.
Gillett, D., to D. Morris, Esq., on 9th August, 1958.
Eighteen, Pte. B. E., to A.B. T. Gordon, R.N., on 30th August, 1958.
Lazenby, Sgt. E. P. E., to Sgt. Raworth, R.A.M.C., on 8th August, 1958.
Fidler, Pte. A. D., to Sgt. D. Griffiths, R.A.M.C., on 23rd August, 1958.
Knight, Pte. Y. K., to Cpl. A. G. Samuel, R.A.M.C., on 30th August, 1958.
Smith, Pte. H. M., to L/Cpl. R. C. Brooks, R.A.M.C., on 12th September, 1958.
Arthur, Pte. C. M., to M(E.) E. P. Rowe, R.A.N., on 19th May, 1958.
Dunn, Pte. M., to Tpr. F. W. Shelley, Royal Scots Greys, on 27th May, 1958.
Ford, Pte. G. T., to A.B. J. Sidebottom, R.A.N., on 18th May, 1958.
Sinclair, Pte. B. I., to Rfn. W. J. O'Leary, R.U.R., on 26th June, 1958.
Cross, Pte. J. R., to R. A. J. Fleming, Esq., on 21st June, 1958.
Sylvester, Pte. S. M., to Cpl. F. Kearnan, A.C.C., on 5th July, 1958.
Brady, Sgt. M. P., to F. C. Cuell, Esq., on 4th June, 1958.
Hallett, Pte. S. M., to Sgt. S. M. Whitehouse, R.A.M.C., on 8th August, 1958.
Stubbs, L/Cpl. E., to W. Grant-Wood, Esq., on 30th August, 1958.
Parker, Pte. B. M., to Pte. B. C. Manley, R.A.M.C., on 30th August, 1958.
Freeguard, Pte. M., to Cpl. K. Ashley, A.C.C., on 6th September, 1958.
Simpson, Pte. R. P., to Cpl. J. W. Arthur, R.A.M.C., on 30th August, 1958.
Canning, Pte. J. M., to R. J. Pope, Esq., on 17th May, 1958.
Smith, Pte. P. A., to H. Toumaian, on 14th June, 1958.

Turnbull, A/Cpl. J., to J. A. Hammett, Esq., on 19th July, 1958.
Walker, Pte. S. S., to A.B. A. Benhaim, R.N., on 4th August, 1958.
Love, Pte. M. D. A., to G. Lightfoot, Esq., on 9th August, 1958.

BIRTH

Allsop.—On 20th October, 1958, at Geraldton Maternity Hospital, W. Australia, to Robert and Margaret Allsop (*nee* Frew), twins (boy and girl). Present address: 132 Eleanor Street, Geraldton, W. Australia.

DEATHS

Barrett, Mrs. E. R., on 3rd October, 1958, at St. Augustine's Nursing Home, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.
Binney, Miss M. S., ex-Q.A. (R.), Queen's Nurse and Health Visitor at Crowborough. Killed by falling from a cliff in Devon whilst on holiday in September, 1958.
Holmes, Miss F. E. P., at Fonthill, Reigate, at the age of 93. Miss Holmes served in the Boer War, Nursing Sister A.N.S.R., was awarded Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps (Cape Colony and Transvaal), and the King's South African Medal with clasps, 1901 and 1902.
Carnegie, Miss C. L., R.R.C., age 84. She served as Territorial nurse in 1914 with the Q.A.I.M.N.S., and in France as Army Sister throughout the First World War. She had been Nursing Superintendent of the County of Fife for twenty years, before her retirement in 1945.
Smith, Miss Mary Jane Leslie, on 29th October, 1958, at Woodbridge, Suffolk. Member No. A.1076. First World War Territorial.
Wardle, Miss Jane, on 31st October, 1958. Q.A.I.M.N.S., 1927-1947.
The following members have died, but we have no particulars:—
Mrs. F. G. Nevard, L.216, died in 1958.
Miss G. M. Butler, L.413, died in September, 1956.
Howard, Marjorie Rose, S.R.N., on 18th November, 1958, at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, after nearly twenty-four years' illness, bravely borne.
Gossage, Miss Georgina, on 25th November, 1958, suddenly at Lee-on-Solent. Of long service with Q.A.I.M.N.S., and Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Watson, Miss Joyce Christabel, A/Mid/28, on 27th November, 1958, Q.A.I.M.N.S., 1927-45.

AUGUST GAZETTES RETURNED

Lt. E. Bryce, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey—insufficient address.
Lt.-Col. L. E. Miller (Retd.), gone away from Silveston, Devon.
Major D. M. Dryden, gone away from North Lancing, Sussex.
Mrs. R. I. Dickson, gone away from Haslow, Essex.
Sgt. E. B. Peacock, gone away from Sth. Fleet, Gravesend.
Mrs. A. Edwards, gone away from Clevedon, Somerset.
Mrs. G. A. Stageman, gone away from Fire Station Road, Aldershot.
Pte. A. Smith—not known.
Lt.-Col. D. E. Richards (Retd.).
Miss K. Hogan—left this address, Hampstead Way, London.
Mrs. D. Cavey—not known.
Miss W. Wood—two copies returned from Rachel Forster Hospital, Redfern.
Miss M. E. Hicks—not known.
Mrs. O. Oliphant—not notified change of address from Oxney, Watford.
Miss E. M. Cloudsley—not notified change of address from Henley-on-Thames.
Mrs. C. C. D. Robertson—not notified change of address from Streatham Common.
Mrs. A. Wood. Address: Glyn Mills & Co., Whitehall—cannot trace it.
Miss K. G. Brown, Ashford Hospital, near Staines.
Miss M. M. Elliott, 145 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh.
Capt. G. B. Patterson, Linthorpe, near Middlesbrough.
Lt. P. M. Molley, 7 Kneller Hall, Twickenham.

NOTICES

The Association has tried to contact the following members, but there has been no response. Present address or any other relevant information would be gratefully received at H.Q. Office

- L.65 Capt. D. E. Bollard
- L.296 Lt. O. F. Benn
- L.22 Lt. D. M. Clayton
- L.223 Capt. A. Carr
- L.142 Major N. Donlan, A.R.R.C.
- L.91 Lt. M. Dawson
- L.258 Lt. D. I. Dunning
- L.66 Major A. V. Fenton
- L.384 Capt. K. E. P. Fox
- L.290 Capt. J. F. Gunn
- L.52 Lt. J. Haley
- L.305 Major P. M. Holt
- L.534 Major A. Jones
- L.509 Major V. K. Jones
- L.171 Lt. C. B. Jones
- L.120 Lt.-Col. E. D. A. McHardy, R.R.C. (Retd.)
- L.165 Major M. E. Oconnor.
- L.562 Lt. N. M. Phillips
- L.220 Colonel E. G. M. Reynolds
- L.131 Major M. J. Thomson
- L.346 Capt. A. F. Adamson
- L.395 Capt. G. Thomas
- L.158 Lt. P. Wood

- Miss M. M. Adam, R.R.C.
- Lt.-Col. M. Badgeley (Retd.)
- Lt.-Col. C. M. Coneys (Retd.)
- Major J. Everett (Retd.)
- Major G. Carruthers (Retd.)
- Lt.-Col. M. E. Harris, M.B.E., R.R.C. (Retd.)
- Miss D. M. Martin, C.B.E., R.R.C. (*ex-Matron-in-Chief*)
- Capt. M. C. Maquire (Retd.)
- Lt.-Col. E. M. Neale (Retd.)
- Major M. M. B. Skehan, R.R.C. (Retd.)
- Capt. H. Walsh (Retd.)

- L.392 Miss J. L. S. Ayres
- L.378 Mrs. E. Beveridge
- L.377 Miss M. G. Carew
- L.328 Miss C. C. Fleming
- L.550 Mrs. M. A. Forsyth
- L.564 Miss C. Geraghty
- L.13 Miss M. S. Jump
- L.30 Miss E. Johnson
- L.56 Miss H. F. McFeat
- L.87 Miss M. R. Mair
- L.435 Miss E. J. Newton
- L.126 Miss G. S. H. Pike
- L.272 Miss F. W. C. Paton
- L.397 Miss A. Russell
- L.343 Miss A. E. Read
- L.101 Miss E. A. Thomson
- L.94 Miss E. W. Wyncoll
- L.520 Miss M. W. Wood
- L.36 Miss A. B. McKessack
- L.128 Miss P. McEwan
- L.450 Miss D. J. MacGregor

Information about the GAZETTE, or any changes of addresses, please send to Assistant Editor, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Millbank, 20 John Islip Street, London, S.W.1.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Staff/Sergeant Eileen Marriott and L/Cpl. Barbara Shaw on obtaining their S.R.N. Certificate at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot.

The complete Q.A.R.A.N.C. Uniform

correct in every detail, made to individual measures, outstanding in cut, fit and wear

Our Cutters call at most of the Military Hospitals and take measures or fit by appointment



Boyd-Cooper

LIMITED

12, Bruton Street,

London. W.1.