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## CONGRATULATIONS

DAME ANN BEARDSMORE SMITH, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Vice-Patron Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S. 1919-1924, celebrated her 90th birthday on 24th March, 1959.

Among the many tributes received by Dame Ann were flowers sent by the Association with their congratulations and affectionate greetings to their senior Vice-Patron.

## EDITORIAL

FOCUS ON NURSING! On Television—"Emergency Ward Ten", in certain sections of the public press and in reports following investigations of the prevalence of cross-infection in our hospitals!

As a profession we have been severely censured in the reports on cross-infection. Our methods of sterilization have not always been able to bear the scrutiny of investigation. Those investigating found so much depended on the integrity of the individual. What a precious quality integrity is! Not always visible and attractive like other qualities, such as humour and kindness; often flourishing unseen in a human heart yet making daily life stable and safe.

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Once again our Corps will be honoured by the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret when she declares the Museum open at Hindhead on 22nd May. The treasures and trophies of the Corps will be displayed.

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We look forward to meeting you all at the annual re-union at the Hyde Park Hotel on Saturday, 27th June, and to renewing the "Friendships" of past days. Let us make this the biggest re-union ever! And perhaps that "someone" we have always wanted to meet again will be there, this year.

We very much regret the unfortunate error which occurred on the back cover of the December gazette stating that a life subscription to include the gazette is 10 guineas. This should read 8 guineas from 1st January, 1959. We do hope potential life members have not been deterred.

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### MAJOR N. ELLISON

Major N. Ellison, whose photo appears on the cover of this Gazette, is a retired Q.A. well known to many of you during her service which extended from 1928 to 1949 and which included tours in India, West Africa, the Rhine and Malaya. Others may only know Major Ellison as the Honorary H.Q. Secretary for Branches which office she has held since September, 1956.

There is a lot of work entailed in keeping all records in connection with Branches and maintaining contact. In addition, and this is much more difficult, Major Ellison is responsible for Association members who are still serving in the Corps and who do not happen to be attached to any Branch. Here she is dependent upon these individual members to make the first move in any necessary contacts with her for payment of their subscriptions, change of addresses or any other matter. Alas, their memories do not always function on time, even when intentions are all that could be desired.

Major Ellison gives two days per week to this work although she has other pressing claims on her time and attention. We are all very grateful to her and although that should be said, it is best expressed by our actions in helping her keep correct records.

### NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

MILLBANK.—The Branch met at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 7th January, at 121 St. George's Square, and our Chairman, Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, R.R.C., who was prevented by illness from being with us, was greatly missed. All Members sent their congratulations to Col. Warner on being awarded the R.R.C., and expressed the hope that she would be well again, before this could appear in print.

Wednesday, 7th, was cold and very wet, but thirteen members attended among them Miss H. F. Stinson from Australia, who was delighted to see many faces she knew and to be able to exchange news and so bridge the gap since she had shared active service with them. Miss Stinson has joined the Branch as a member of the Association for her stay of about 2 years in the Mother-country.

Cards were the order of the evening and many played while others chatted and exchanged news, until Tea-time when home-made chocolate cake and hot home-made mince pies were enjoyed.

Our next Meeting is the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at 121 St. George's Square, on Wednesday, 4th March, and it is hoped that many members will be able to attend. We would gladly



welcome to our Branch any London or District members who do not belong to a Branch but are on the H.Q. list, as our motto is "Friendship" and we are anxious to extend the hand of friendship to all. If any Association Members would like to come to the Meeting in March please just turn up or contact me at: 41 Riverview Gardens, Barnes, S.W.13.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONDONDERRY,  
18th February, 1959.

DEAR MADAM,

I request the courtesy of your gazette to publish the following letter.

I have read with much interest a letter in the *Gazette* of December 1958, from D. M. Hammond, A/603, also the Editor's note and I am in complete agreement with both.

I had, however, the proud privilege of active service in a forward area with a small staff of Q.A. and T.A.N.S. Nursing Sisters in No. 62 General Hospital, Tobruk, for alas, a regrettably short time, approximately early April 1942 until evacuation in June 1942, just before Tobruk fell to Rommel.

Afterwards, in early 1944, I had the privilege of meeting Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery at the Military Hospital, Edinburgh Castle. Monty was charming and spoke very highly of the Nursing Service. He made the identical remark quoted from his book to me. I was too overcome to tell the great man he was "wrong" or even murmur, "Oh, no sir, Nursing Sisters *were* in a forward battle area before you were in command." (I had just reverted to Home Establishment and had not received any 'medal ribbons' so Monty had no reason to think I knew anything of the Middle East.)

In October 1942 I had the good fortune to return to the Eighth Army after the Battle of El Alamein and to take the first General Hospital (No. 4) to a forward area as soon as Benghazi Harbour was freed. I cannot tell you how much I agree that an "Army's spirit changed overnight" and we were not a forward battle area for long under Monty's leadership of the Eighth Army. I still recall vividly the relief and gratitude I felt in the difference in casualties and wounded in the advancing Eighth Army in comparison with the retreating Eighth Army.

Nevertheless, I know I can say for my Nursing Staff and certainly for myself how glad we were to serve to the best of our ability in the hard times of the retreating Eighth Army. I agree most wholeheartedly with the Editor's note that we could not have nursed at any time without the organisation of the R.A.M.C. or the support of the R.A.M.C. orderlies. On being rapidly evacuated from 'No. 62', Tobruk, we could not have been more distressed nor more loathe to

leave the hundreds of wounded or dying in the Hospital. Once again the R.A.M.C. were left to shoulder all the burden and responsibility, this time with the certain fate of becoming prisoners of war. There was nothing but the greatest help and kindness shown us by all ranks for our sudden and urgent journey; and many kind words spoken of the help we had given. Tho' we had "not always agreed about everything", far from it at times, the loyalty which manifests itself between the Medical Services of all Ranks and the Nursing Services in times of stress did not fail us then.

J. A. DUNN, Lt. Colonel, Rtd.

**Appointment of Colonel E. C. Mackay, O.B.E., R.R.C.**

The following correspondence, on the occasion of Colonel Mackay's appointment as Colonel Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps, is published.

THE WAR OFFICE,  
LANSDOWNE HOUSE,  
BERKELEY SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.1.

M-in-C/G.188

15th October, 1958.

DEAR COLONEL,

On behalf of all members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. I should like to offer you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as first Colonel Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps.

I know how well you have deserved this honour and I wish you a very happy and successful tour of office.

Yours,

MONICA JOHNSON.

NURSING DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
P.O. Box 5013,  
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

12th November, 1958.

DEAR BRIGADIER,

I was delighted to receive your letter of good wishes written on behalf of all members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps on the occasion of my recent appointment.

Would you kindly convey my thanks to them and say how pleased I was to receive their message.

Thank you also for your good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

EVE MACKAY.



## OBITUARY

MISS H. M. GOSSAGE

Miss H. M. Gossage was known as "Gossie" to all and sundry Q.A.s. at Millbank. I never actually knew how she came to be at Millbank over all the years. She had been a V.A.D. in the 1914-18 War and had no doubt served in other stations, but to most of us our complete associations of Gossie are "Millbank". I first met her when I went for my "Matrons' exam" in 1936. There were many Q.A.'s from other stations in various stages of 'nerves'. Gossie was putting a hot water bottle in my bed when I arrived in the bedroom allocated to me, a most unexpected and comforting luxury (which Gossie was distributing to all the 'nervous' candidates.) Gossie and I introduced ourselves on this occasion and except for a few flowers and a hasty 'Au Revoir' after the ordeal, I did not see Gossie again until 1945 when I went to stay with the Matron (Colonel E. E. Watkin, R.R.C.) at Stanley, for a night. Gossie was again putting a hot water bottle in my bed when I went to my room. Gossie's life was one of carrying out such kind but by no means trivial service to all she came in contact with.

She had an ever-present naughty twinkle in her blue eyes and nothing "missed" Gossie.

When I was at Millbank, 1949-50, Gossie was still with us, the same faithful service in the Mess where ever she was required in the domestic duties. She must have been the only one who really knew the Millbank Mess over the years, with all its changes from jealously guarded seniority and etiquette down to the time when seniority and etiquette had lapsed to complete informality. There was no change in Gossie's attitude or service.

There must be Q.A.'s in all parts of the world still serving and many who have retired who will remember with kindly amusement many of Gossie's witty and ever cheerful efforts to smooth over excited domestic "tiffs" in a staff which represented many countries and was known as the "League of All Nations". It did not matter what their native language, Gossie seemed to be "understood" and loved by them all.

In the letter from her friend, Miss Esther Meredith, telling me of Gossie's death, Miss Meredith said: "Miss Gossage passed away suddenly on November 25th when out shopping in the village. It was a coronary thrombosis and death was instantaneous". It must have been a great shock to Miss Meredith and for many of Gossie's friends in Lee-on-Solent.

I can picture Gossie tripping along enjoying her walk, looking at the shop windows, especially the florists, scanning with amusement and an inward witty comment anything amusing which came her way and then suddenly to be no more of this world.

I pray a happy and painless end to this world for one who has left many kind, happy and amusing memories in the hearts of those who knew her.

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

#### MRS. LOUISA BEVERIDGE

Mrs. Louisa Beveridge, *nee* Hand, who died in Detroit, Michigan, on 2nd December, 1958, was one of the Army Nursing Sisters sent out from London in 1899 during the South African War, serving the three years, first in charge of the Operating Room at the Base Hospital stationed at the Fort of Majuba Mountain, then in Charles-town and Bloemfontein, finally serving on the Transports Bavarian, Saxon and Avoca between Cape Town and Southampton.

Early in her career she showed outstanding nursing ability being chosen as the best nurse of the year on her graduation in 1896, and was presented to Princess Alexandra, later Queen of King Edward VII. After retiring from the Army she married Thomas Beveridge. The family lived in England where her three children were born. Later they emigrated to Canada and finally to Detroit where she made her home for thirty-four years.

#### MRS. MARY ANNE ALSTON

Mrs. Mary Anne Alston, *nee* Harvey, was the widow of Dr. W. E. Alston who died in April 1958. Trained as a nurse, she owned a surgical nursing home at Bristol before the First World War. In 1914 she was appointed Matron in the Territorial Nursing Service and was in charge of Southmeads Hospital, Bristol. Later Miss Harvey went to Malta and Calais, serving with the British Expeditionary Force. At the end of the war she was with the Portuguese Nursing service. She was several times mentioned in despatches, also receiving a Portuguese decoration in addition to the Royal Red Cross. In 1920 she married Dr. W. E. Alston of Bewdley, Worcestershire, from where they retired to Crowborough, which has been their home for more than 20 years.

### THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, MILLBANK

#### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Wednesday, December 3rd, 1959, marked the second occasion in Eastern Command at which the presentation of Trained Nurse Certificates and Ministry of Health Diploma in Oral Hygiene was held at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital.

The ceremony was opened by the Commanding Officer Colonel R. St. John Lyburn, who in welcoming the guests and recipients gave a resumé of life in our hospital as seen through the eyes of patients and staff. He stressed the importance of keeping abreast with current trends, not forgetting the comfort and progress of the patient.



The Senior Sister Tutor, Major V. M. Innes, then gave a summary of training in the Command since the last Prizegiving, with special reference and good wishes to those who had left to pursue their studies in other fields.

Before the presentation of the awards, Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., spoke of the pleasure she derived from these occasions.

To those who had successfully completed their training Dame Monica said this was a most important day, a goal perhaps they many times thought they could not attain; for those who so wish, the field of specialisation is now open and their increased knowledge and self-confidence brings with it added responsibility and the remembrance that there is always "Life in your hands". She stressed that in our world the Hospital Service, there are only two groups of people, the patient, and the hospital personnel—only one common ideal—the patients' recovery. She emphasised the importance of "good inter-personal relationship" between patient and staff, and reminded us how privileged we were to nurse the British soldier, because he is so grateful, full of humour and goodwill with an amazing power of recuperation and a spirit of brotherhood which is the essence of the British way of life.

Finally she congratulated them all and wished them every future success and happiness.

The acting Matron, Major A. M. P. Albrecht, A.R.R.C., congratulated the students on their successes and thanked them for all their efforts and loyalty. She told us how happy she was to have had the opportunity of knowing so many of them from their initiation at our Depot to this final step, a threshold to a new road. In conclusion she thanked Dame Monica for so kindly sparing time from her busy life to come and present the awards.

The ceremony was followed by tea, after which the guests were invited by Colonel R. St. John Lyburn to tour the wards and departments of our hospital.

The following received certificates:

*Trained Nurse Certificates:* Q.A.R.A.N.C.: S/Sgt. Ellis, A. M., S/Sgt. Queenan, S.R., Cpl Fuller, M. P., Cpl. Rouse, H., Sgt. Sambrooks, S. M., L/Cpl. Wilson, M., L/Cpl. Napier, A. M., L/Cpl. Welsh, L. J., L/Cpl. Arkley, B., L/Cpl. Whitfield, J.; R.A.M.C.: Cpl. Morgan, J. W.

*Ministry of Health Diploma in Oral Hygiene:* R.A.D.C.: Cpl. Baker, B. B. G.

## BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL SINGAPORE

### CHRISTMAS F-EAST

The sun was shining in a brilliant blue sky—it was Christmas Day. Everyone at B.M.H. Singapore was looking forward with great enthusiasm to the adjudication of the best decorated ward. Weeks of



secret preparation had been spent by the Nursing Staff getting ready for this very popular annual interward competition.

Each ward was gaily decorated each with its own chosen theme, varying from "Neptune's Nook" in Families Ward, followed closely in theme by "The Pirates' Cave" on the main Surgical ward to the very topical "Around the World in 80 Days" in the Medical Wards.

P. Division decided on a local theme, decorating their ward as a Gurkha Village, which included a very cleverly constructed river running down the middle of the Ward, however the prize was awarded to the Orthopaedic Ward whose theme was "Mxas Fair". The Ward was decorated with numerous exciting side stalls, such as Coconut Shies, fortune tellers and even a "Tunnel of Love". Many happy moments were had in this Ward by Staff and patients alike, especially in the "Hula Hoop" contest.

Another highlight of the Christmas Festivities was an original pantomime performed on Boxing night, written, produced and directed by Officers of the Hospital.

The pantomime called "A Lad in a Mess" was based very vaguely on the story of Aladdin, and proceeded via a Chinese Village scene, to the second Act "B.M.H. Puking", a satire on the Staff of any B.M.H. and in particular B.M.H. Singapore.

All parts in the pantomime were taken by Officers of the R.A.M.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C. and Red Cross. The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers received thunderous applause for their parts in the chorus, as Fairies, Japanese Fan Dancers and even as Devillettes.

The whole performance was a great success greatly appreciated by the patients and the boys and girls in the unit.

It is now hoped to make "The Officers Pantomime" an annual event at B.M.H. Singapore.

S. CLAPHAM, A/WOOL/39.



## BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL DHEKELIA

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th November, 1958, the British Military Hospital Dhekelia was officially opened by Lady Bower, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces. The first patient had, however, been admitted on the 22nd September, so that by the Official Opening Day we were a thriving and growing concern.

In the morning the sky was overcast and we were afraid that rain would spoil the day. After lunch the clouds dispersed and although we did not have bright sunshine the rain did manage to keep off.

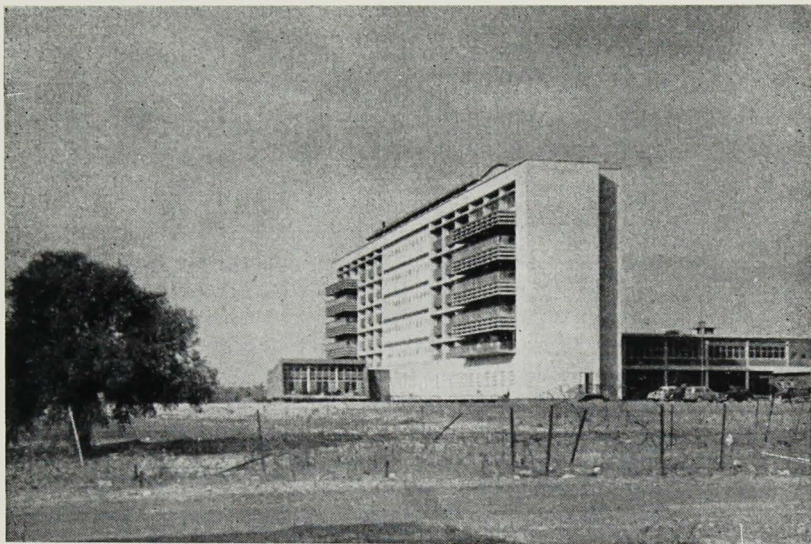
Sir Roger and Lady Bower arrived by helicopter at 2.20 p.m. Lady Bower then drove to the hospital entrance where she was received by the Commanding Officer, Colonel J. A. D. Johnston and our Matron, Lt.-Col. A. M. Hey.

In her speech Lady Bower said "The opening of the hospital has coincided with a renewal of violence by E.O.K.A. and we are most



grateful to the Surgeons and Nurses for their skill in saving so many lives". She also said that it was a day of achievement and fulfilment and that she was amazed at the transformation since her last visit, four months ago.

Lady Bower then proceeded to cut the white ribbon which was held across the entrance hall by Sgt. McEwan, R.A.M.C. and Cpl. Lofthouse, Q.A.R.A.N.C. As she did so Lady Bower said: "It gives me great pleasure to open this hospital and may God bless the work done in it".



Lady Bower was then presented with a bouquet of flowers by Lindsay, 6 year old daughter of our Anaesthetist, Lt.-Col. Bramwell.

After the Ceremony, R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers escorted the guests on a tour of the hospital. With Sir Roger and Lady Bower our guests included the D.M.S., M.E.L.F., Major General Officer and Mrs. Officer, our A.D.A.N.S. Colonel Howe, and many other Officers, Other Ranks and their families stationed in Cyprus.

It was very fortunate indeed that the opening of our hospital coincided with the visit of the band of the Royal Army Medical Corps under the direction of Major L. D. Brown. We hope that they enjoyed their visit to Dhekelia as much as we enjoyed their delightful music from the sunken garden in the hospital.

The day finished with an All Ranks Dance in the N.A.A.F.I. It was a fitting climax to an historic day.

E. CALEY, A/WOOL/25.

### OUR NEWEST HOSPITAL

It will be of interest to our members, both serving and retired, to hear a little about the new Military Hospital at Dhekelia, Cyprus.

This is the first new Army Hospital to be built since the completion of the B.M.H. Singapore in 1939, and is only the second since Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank in 1909.

It is probably known to very few that the building of this large modern Hospital at Dhekelia has been little short of a miracle.



The foundation stone was laid by Sir Robert Percival Armitage, K.C.M.G., M.B.E., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Cyprus, on 26th May, 1955. It was officially opened by The Hon. Lady Bower on 4th November, 1958.

During this time the struggle with the E.O.K.A. terrorists was at its height; and it would be a mistake to suppose that the workmen who were employed in the building were heart and soul in the work. This was clearly not the case, as is shewn by the fact that in many parts of the building, in places not easily discernible, they have left their mark permanently by scoring the word E.O.K.A. into the stone, cement and concrete.

The B.M.H. is the largest building ever attempted in Cyprus, and this together with the lack of co-operation, not to mention incidents of actual sabotage, of the workmen must have given the R.E. a most unenviable task. That they surmounted these difficulties is evidenced by the beautiful modern hospital of 258 beds which now stands in the centre of the garrison of Dhekelia at the top of a steep valley running down to the sea. In this valley is an old and very beautiful olive grove, and over the whole hillside can be heard the bells of various flocks of sheep as they follow their shepherds to the somewhat sparse pastures.

Nearly all the beds face this valley and look out over Larnaca Bay and it would be hard to imagine a more peaceful scene. As a rule a cool breeze blows up from the sea and one looks out over this beautiful, pleasant and sunny expanse of water.

The building is six storeys high, with the ground floor for the administrative block and out-patients' departments, and there are two wards on each of the upper floors. The colour schemes are in contemporary style, very tastefully carried out in pastel shades.

In most wards there are 28 beds arranged in the following manner:—A main ward, divided into 3 bays, each with 4 beds on either side of the centre and two single rooms and one double room. Each ward has a balcony on the sunny side overlooking the sea which is much patronised by the up patients. Like all present-day Military Hospitals there is a Maternity Ward, a Women's and a Children's Ward.

By Christmas 1958 the work of the hospital was in full swing. The terrorist activities had fortunately abated as there was a truce prior to the final negotiations which, as all the world knows, have happily led to a settlement.

Even so, we were not without fresh terrorist casualties, some due directly to terrorist activity and some due to accidents in the process of searching for wanted men, arms and explosives. With us were also civilians who had been injured in the fighting.

Christmas was celebrated as it always is in Military Hospitals all the world over, either in war or peace.

Great enthusiasm went into the decorating of the wards, and some very fine results were obtained. The prize was won by the



Women's Ward which had produced a rose garden, complete with lily pond in the centre (carried out with X-ray film on the green tiled floor) with realistic water lilies and ducks "floating" on it. The Prize was an enormous cake which was proudly taken round all the wards and distributed amongst the men by an elderly, grey-haired lady in a wheel chair, who was convalescing after many weeks in hospital following an accident caused by a road mine in which her husband had lost his life and she herself had only narrowly escaped.

On Christmas Eve carols were sung by the staff. Officers and O.R.s Q.A.R.A.N.C. with B.R.C.S. supported ably by R.A.M.C., went round all the wards finishing up outside, round the large, lighted Christmas Tree in the compound.

On the morning of Christmas Day presents were distributed to all the patients by "Father Christmas" (the Chief Clerk, as to the manner born) assisted by the R.S.M., and accompanied by the B.R.C.S., who had organized the presents and proceedings.

The Christmas dinner was a tremendous credit to the A.C.C. Not only was the food beautifully cooked and hot, but every ward was visited during the meal by one or other of the cooks to be sure there was no hitch; and truly I doubt if a fault could have been found. Each Medical Officer served the dinner in his own ward, and the team spirit amongst all branches of the staff was one never to be forgotten.

With the patients fed, happy and mostly sleeping, the Officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. and R.A.M.C. then repaired to the Sergeants' Mess for a very pleasant little party. Then on once more to the O.R.s dining room. The serving of this dinner was no mean feat as the staff of B.M.H. share with 2 Field Ambulance; but all were quickly served, and were in very good spirits.

After that, and never to be missed, came the Queen's speech which was heard very clearly.

We none of us know what life in Cyprus will be like after the hand-over of power, but we do know that Dhekelia is to remain with the British, and it seems likely that this will become one of the most sought-after postings for all Q.A.s. And well it may, with its Officers' Club offering swimming, tennis and dancing, its Saddle Club and its Yacht Club. Outside the Garrison there is the historic old island to be explored, and the easy travel to the Holy Land and Turkey amongst many other advantages.

G. M. WILLOUGHBY, L.259.

## WARINGFIELD MILITARY HOSPITAL

### Q.A.R.A.N.C. CORPS DAY, 1959

The day commenced with a service at 10 a.m. on the 22nd March, in the unit chapel, conducted by the Vicar of Moira, the Reverend Canon Hughes. The hymns were chosen by Major M. A. Thompson and played on the organ by Mrs. Hughes.



The lesson, "The Good Samaritan", was read by Pte. Harkness. The service was attended by the officers and O.R.s of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., the O.C., Lt.-Col. E. Gareh, R.A.M.C. and Mrs. Gareh, the St. John and Red Cross Welfare Officer, Miss H. L. Bamforth and R.A.M.C. personnel. Afterwards morning coffee was served in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess and in the Q.A. O.R.'s Recreation Room, for all who attended the service.

A willing band of patients, led by Major Thompson and Major Bassett, cheerfully "spring cleaned" the chapel, in readiness for the floral decorations, scarlet tulips and grey willow in profusion, carried out by Miss Bamforth.

We were delighted to welcome to the church service and to coffee afterwards, visitors from the local village, amongst them, Dr. and Mrs. Parker and members of the Church of Ireland, who showed a keen interest in the Nursing Service.

In the evening, a Social was held by the Q.A. O.R.s in their Recreation Room, to which the Officers were invited, and also the officers and men of the R.A.M.C. The social was enjoyed by all who attended, and provided a fitting conclusion to a very pleasant and successful day. The events at the Social were tape-recorded and were played back the next day. A certain Sergeant was astounded to hear his voice rendering an excellent performance (as a forfeit) of Juliet!

We all appreciated the efforts made by the Officers in making this a happy and memorable day for us all.

W. ARNOLD, Cpl.  
B. A. DAVIS, L/Cpl.

### BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL, PARIS

There was a merry Festive Air at the B.M.H., Paris over Christmas.

A combined R.A.M.C./Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Cocktail Party held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess started the Christmas festivities.

Colonel G. M. Denning, the Officer Commanding, and Major L. E. Thompson, our Matron, made excellent hosts and the party was a great success.

Christmas Carols were sung by all ranks R.A.M.C. and Officers Q.A.R.A.N.C. on Christmas Eve all around the Wards. The decorations had by then been completed and looked most attractive. Drawings by Nurse Kieffer and by a daughter of one of the French Nurses were very much admired.

Christmas Day was given over to the patients as usual, and the French patients were completely overcome by it all, as they apparently do not have anything like that at the French Hospitals except for children.

The troops dinner was a great success. It was served by Colonel W. S. Ritchie, O.B.E., Dep. H.Q. Commandant Shape, Colonel G. M. Denning, O.C. and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers together with one of the French Doctors who was in at this time. He could not get over it and I think he thought we were all a little mad but nevertheless enjoyed it and said what a good idea.

Our Christmas Dinner was held on Boxing Day. We purchased the most stunning of Christmas hats in Paris for all, even to Robin Hood hats for the male guests so it was all very gay.

The French Doctors showed appreciation in many ways. The Obstetrician gave his Maternity Staff plus all Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers a pre-luncheon champagne party with the most delicious eats sent in by a nearby restaurant. The French Surgeons and Physicians showed their appreciation in other ways and we were all made to feel that we had upheld the tradition of the British Nurse which was most gratifying.

We all now look forward to Paris in the spring which, I believe, is delightful.

M. K. DALY, L.222

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

Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret will be opening the Museum at Queen Alexandra Camp, Hindhead, on Friday, 22nd May, 1959, at 11.15 a.m. Admission will be by ticket only. Any member wishing to attend please apply for a ticket by 4th May to:—

The P.A. to D.A.M.S.,  
The War Office,  
Lansdowne House,  
London.

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The Museum has been presented with Volumes 1 and 2 of *Their Name Liveth*, a series of books published for the Imperial War Graves Commission with pictures of our war cemeteries in many countries. Thousands of relatives and friends have never seen the beauty of the war cemeteries and these pictures will give great satisfaction.

It is the intention of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, the donors, to complete the gift as and when further volumes are produced.

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The Curator of the Museum, has written this very interesting article about the annual conference of the Museum Association which she attended as a delegate.

### Visit to the Museum Conference, 6th July, 1958.

It is not very often that one gets the opportunity to take part in such an interesting conference as that held this year in London by the Museum Association when the De Museumdag paid a return visit to this country.



Permission was given at our Annual General Meeting for the Curator to attend this conference during her leave.

In June, the papers, tickets, instructions, and a small badge arrived, but somehow one doesn't get the real feeling and atmosphere until just on the way.

The week really started with the arrival of Delegates on Sunday evening and Monday morning at the various hostels in London. There were I believe about seven hundred of us in all. I was to be accommodated in Bedford College Hostel and on arrival some re-arranging was hastily done as the Bursar had expected a single man! Consequently my room was changed from a lovely old house down the road back to the College itself.

The flowers in Regent's Park and the old trees and lawns in the College grounds made a wonderfully peaceful oasis in the middle of London and our really very hectic week.

The days were divided into meetings in the mornings and working parties at various museums and collections in the afternoons.

On Monday afternoon our first working party was down in the City at the Guildhall Museum in the Royal Exchange where about twenty of us were taken round this very exciting collection, every one of course asked at once for the marble head of Mithras, which was found during excavations in the City of London in 1954. Other rather interesting objects were in the cases containing instruments which do not seem to have altered very much down the ages.

Our party was made up of Dutch and British only on this occasion; a good start but I felt that my "L" plates as a Curator must be pretty obvious to all.

This evening Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was honouring the opening reception with her presence. I had been very fortunate in meeting a couple from Edinburgh who offered to take me with them to the National Gallery, and the excitement of dressing up—long dress with gloves and the men with medals—made one feel like a million dollars.

We had to arrive by 8.0 p.m., and found the pavement and Trafalgar Square packed with people, my first experience of a red carpet!

Everyone had been given a position in the rooms which made it possible for all to see the procession of Her Majesty who looked charming, and captivated everyone.

This sort of occasion is really the setting in which to sit and admire these very beautiful pictures with lovely ladies in dresses or saris and their escorts in evening dress wandering from room to room. The evening closed with the departure of the guest of honour and we all watched the police trying hard to make a lane for the royal car while what seemed like half of London's inhabitants did their best to prevent the car moving. When we left to get a taxi ourselves a woman from the crowd rushed up to tell us that her husband



had some wonderful photographs of Her Majesty's departure and "please: what was she attending this evening?"

Next morning the business proper commenced with a meeting in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House. An official welcome by the Minister of Education and Presidential Addresses by Sir Phillip Hendy and Dr. A. B. d' Vries.

After lunch on what must have been the hottest day of the year, I went to Lincoln's Inn Fields to Sir John Soanes' Museum. This private museum collection, to which not a thing has been added for many years, is in the house which Sir John occupied for the last twenty four years of his life. Never has so much been put into so small a space. In the picture gallery one whole wall opens like a book giving a great deal more space than this very small high room offers. It is a fascinating collection but a very sad feeling house, a place one would have to go back to, though I for one would not wish to spend a night in the crypt alone with the Egyptian Sarcophagus of Seti I, which was installed in 1824 by Sir John Soanes.

The Lord Mayor's Reception and Ball at the Guildhall took place on the second night and it was just as if one had stepped back into the past—the wonderful uniforms certainly from another age—the gold plate on show and many (I nearly said all), of the City Treasures out for us to see, with officials there to tell the history of each piece, and for full measure, the Thornhill Collection. Then the fascination of hearing the arrival of the guests announced by the Toastmaster, "The honourable Master Fishmonger and Mrs ?" I was not quite sure what to expect. All this does not mention the Ball and Buffet, the main hall or the crypt. Walking away afterwards I, for one, would not have been surprised to see the Prince Regent passing in his carriage, or some famous beauty of bygone years stepping daintily into her coach. This peaceful atmosphere was very soon dispelled when we at last found a taxi, the driver of which was a true son of the jet age.

Every morning was spent at meetings or discussions—one of the most amusing was the address given by Sir Mortimer Wheeler, F.M.A.—and another day was devoted to regional affairs. When not used to such meetings it's a wonder anything ever gets settled with all the very diverse opinions held, and held so passionately at that. However, the lunch break always seemed to restore the planning urge.

On Wednesday our party met in the entrance of the British Museum and were then taken to the casting rooms. This was really very interesting and the men doing the casting took great trouble explaining the whole process to us. From there we went to the coin department where our party was divided into two groups and our group had a very instructive and fascinating talk about coins, fakes and treasure trove. This, we learnt, must be reported to the proper authority, who is the Coroner in the district in which the find is made. This is from the Coroner's Act 1887. I hoped that our guide and lecturer realised how enthralled we were with the seemingly



endless information he could give as if he had lived at the time he was talking about.

After the morning session I made my way to Richmond by train, and feeling the need for what I thought was a short walk, decided to walk from the station to Ham House along the river bank. By this stage I had become wiser and carried Museum shoes for which I was very grateful as on this occasion. This lovely house is more than a short distance from Richmond !!

The outside promised so much that I was disappointed to find all the rooms except the long gallery and entrance hall so small. The really interesting things were the costumes, and some of the pictures. The grounds are a haven for the birds, and the lawns most beautifully kept. After tea in the garden, several of us combined to take a taxi back to the station and our train to town, getting back in time to attend the Welcome Foundation Reception in the early evening.

This medical museum is very modern and a wonderful example of what lovely display results can be had if there are funds to spend. The whole is so clear and well lit, and one is led from one point to another with no mental effort. I always thought that our three letters of Miss Nightingale's were rather amazing until I saw and read a letter written four hundred years ago. Ours now seem mere children !

The cocktail party which followed was held downstairs in the theatre room and we left about 9 o'clock, after a most enjoyable evening, with modern medicine and witchcraft mixed in our minds, not to mention the party.

The week was now coming to a close. On Friday morning I went to the Imperial War Museum, and then on to catch a bus to Hampton Court Palace. Our visit here took place on a really lovely day. We gathered outside and started off, a really enormous group but the heat and distance took its toll. As it was my first visit I found it too large to think of as a place of residence and so many hundreds of people hurrying in all directions is rather distracting. However we were lucky in one respect, the gardens round the side on the way to the famous vine were one of the most lovely sights I have ever seen. We seemed to have arrived for once, not a week too soon, or a fortnight too late, but right on the day. Tea had been arranged some little way away through the park. After tea I took the river steamer as far as Twickenham, the only possible way to leave this beautiful palace.

The week ended with a visit to Petworth House and Brighton. We started from Russel Square about 9 o'clock. Our bus was rather like the League of Nations,—American, Dutch, West African, German, Scottish, English and I think, Welsh.

After a lovely run through the Sussex country we reached this magnificent house which dominates the village and has the church just outside the walls. One is struck at once by the "lived in" feeling, in very marked contrast to the empty and waiting atmosphere of many other places we had seen.



The main Hall, staircase, and Grinlin Gibbons' room were the most outstanding memories carried away from here, with the wonderful view across the park to the lake. Just a thought, but how do they keep these enormous rooms warm in winter with stone and marble floors ?

We had not a great deal of time for this visit and were in fact late in reaching Brighton for the Reception, but not for lunch. This was held in the Conference room, Royal Pavilion by invitation of the Mayor.

After lunch we were taken round the exhibition which as a whole is quite magnificent. One does not like to mention any one thing but the costume display by Mrs. Langley Moore was so real that I wished sometimes they would move to give us a better view. There was also a temporary exhibition of paintings, some lent by Mrs. Geoffrey Hart.

I was not able to go on, after tea, to the rest of the museum as my leave was up. Catching a train back to Town and Bedford College, to collect luggage, I felt very small indeed. When one thinks of all the things which have gone on for so long the present is not as important as we think. I shall always be grateful for this opportunity of, even for so short a time, being able to mix with the people whose job it is to be custodians of the past, and who are able to talk of history as if they were really there at the time. Who knows maybe they were ?

#### HERE AND THERE

NEW ZEALAND.—Miss M. Butcher, ex-T.A.N.S., one of the early members of the Association who joined in January 1949, came over from New Zealand on the outbreak of War in 1914. She has recently returned there and it was very nice to hear from New South Wales Branch, Australia, that two of their members met her en route. They took her to their Club for a few hours and then put her on her plane for Auckland. They thought her very brave travelling such a long journey alone (Miss B. has the disability of amputation right above knee). Miss Butcher told us before she sailed that she had already received an invitation from the New Zealand Branch to attend their annual picnic in March.

INVERNESS.—Miss E. Thomson, R.G.N.R.F.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron by the Board of Management for Inverness Culduthel Hospital. She served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S/R.

SWINDON.—Miss M. H. Davies, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron-in-charge, St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, St. Margaret, nr. Swindon. She served as Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S/R.

REIGATE.—Throughout the Christmas period a robin sang the whole night long. His pure cadences were loud in the night air and he was much sought after. He always chose a tree or bush in some



garden immediately under a street lamp. A small admiring crowd would gather round him in the early evenings. Unperturbed, he would look them straight in the eye and delight them with his song. Was he the spirit of Christmas? Have any other readers heard such a nocturnal chorister?

ALDERSHOT.—Preliminary Training School. The school now has its own newspaper named *The Drawsheet*, managed by the education instructors and edited by Lt. Pegg, R.A.E.C., published weekly. The aim of *The Drawsheet* is to give the nurses a resumé of the events of the week to help them with their study of "Current Affairs" and also to encourage them to write for their newspaper! Members of the staff also contribute. The management will be very pleased to publish any contributions sent in by past members of the school or by anyone else wishing to subscribe. Two extracts are published below by kind permission of the editor of *The Drawsheet*:—

#### Q.A.'s DREAM

I dreamt I was a codeine pill wooed  
By decimal point  
He serenaded me each night  
'Pon a synovial joint  
And as he plucked the fibrous strings  
I grew both light and gay  
Twas walking by the Sewage Works  
He stole my heart away.

A louse played at our wedding  
His name was Thomas Splint  
The bridesmaid's name was Lysol  
She wore a gown of lint;  
We drunk a toast of Mercury,  
The day was fine and clear  
So how many gallons of solution  
Will swab out a sick cow's ear?

PTE. REID, M., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

#### CLASSMANSHIP

BY PTE. D'ARCY BREAM

To be able to make an instructor feel uncomfortable under any circumstances is a most necessary art for any student nurse to acquire. A short account of some interesting methods which might be used with great success by the P.T.S. league of instructor-shredders follows.

Just before a beginning of a lesson, when the instructor is still out, those students who happen to be present should be standing around the classroom in untidy groups discussing topics of general interest.

Such topics will, of course, exclude any mention of the subject of the lesson, and the most striking effect can be obtained if all speak at once and "in full voice". When the instructor enters the room he is immediately depressed and confused by the rising crescendo of the noise; and if the groups have been strategically placed, he can be made to circle the Classroom at least twice before reaching his desk. When he is in position, group discussions should not cease but tend to become heated. If the more enterprising group members act on these suggestions, the start of the lesson may well be delayed for several minutes. Once the lesson has begun there should be silence for five minutes—during such time rough notes should be copied into best books or letters written to boy friends. On no account should any nurse look at the teacher during this time. Those nurses not otherwise occupied should yawn noisily or gaze out of the windows.

After those five minutes, the students not present when the lesson began should begin the late entry routine, which should spread over the next twenty minutes or so. For this the door of the classroom is forcibly kicked open, the first student enters and says to the one following, "Oh" (the tone of this word must be stressed to imply utter surprise that anyone is in the room at all) followed by "It's all right Joan, it's only old Blowfly". If the instructor's name is Blowfly he will get an idea of his own inferiority; if his name is not Blowfly then he will receive the impression that he has a nickname which, to say the least, is somewhat peculiar. Embarrassed he will begin to muffle his lines.

At this stage everyone in the room should begin to realise that there is an instructor present. More than this an instructor who is muffling his lines, and so they should look at him, stare at him—to enable him to realise that they realise he is muffling his lines. When the teacher writes on the board the murmuring noises in the background should begin. With his back to the class the instructor, puzzled and bewildered hears noises and murmurs from all parts of the room . . . he believes he may have made a mistake on the board and turns to the class with an inquiring look. This should be the signal for complete and utter silence. Not a sound should be heard and the instructor, after an awkward pause, will turn to the board once more, believing his own hearing to be at fault. The murmur trick may be repeated depending on the inexperience of the instructor.

During the middle part of the lesson various other tricks may be attempted. One nurse might drop off to sleep with gentle snores, another nurse might blow her nose in a coarse fashion. Singing or whistling is not recommended, as this gives the impression of deliberate inattention.

A note of warning must be inserted concerning the instructor with a sense of humour who may attempt to liven up the lesson with a joke. It is an essential rule that any joke should be greeted with absolute silence and expressionless faces. Some nurses may assume a puzzled expression but this is not recommended since it gives the instructor



the impression that you are trying to understand—a bad thing. The difficulty of discovering when a joke has been made can be overcome; if the instructor turns or looks up with an expectant smile . . . then there has been a joke.

Some ten minutes before the lesson ends a new routine should begin. Papers should be rustled, books snapped shut, pencils dropped, feet shuffled, and alarm clocks previously concealed in desks should ring. The general murmur at this time must then swell into a continual roar, in the face of this only the most courageous of instructors will continue.

One last word, the campaign of the classroom should be transferred outside. When meeting an instructor outside stare at him coldly implying that you do not know him, but that you clearly wish things to remain that way. Alternatively if two or more nurses are together and an instructor appears ignore him completely until just after he has passed and then burst out into uncontrollable laughter and leave him to figure it out.

This then is "Classmanship"—how to make your instructors feel small and unwanted. May your efforts receive their just rewards.

#### REMINISCENCES OF THE ARMY NURSING SERVICE IN 1900 BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Called up early months of 1900 for duty at Aldershot. One other Sister and myself doing Night Duty. Traversing the long corridors doing our best for a great number of pneumonia's. We had the joy of receiving the brave men from the Ladysmith Garrison. The memory of those poor brave skeletons will ever live with us.

Then orders for South Africa—temporary duty at Hynerburg. Tents full of Dysentery cases—so emaciated. Was amazed to see the Sister in charge bodily lifting them out of bed into sunshine.

Later orders came for a Sister (Irish) and myself to proceed to Bloemfontein. Started a few hours later with a supply of tea, Bovril, biscuits, etc. All the way thro' Cape Colony it rained heavily. Two kindly Padres came to our carriage whenever they thought there was a chance of getting some meat (about once a day) at some wayside stations usually the place was full of Dutchmen who did not appear pleased to see us.

About the third day we got to Kroonstaad and had some hours to wait until an armoured train came to protect the train we travelled in as the journey onwards was much more dangerous. We went over to the hospital. The Sister I worked with at Aldershot was on real "Active Service". Very little water—sterilizing instruments with a few drops of meth. spirit. Sanitation most primitive. Chief diet "Bully and Biscuits". We were three more days before arriving in Bloemfontein, which we expected was the end of the journey. We gave the troops guarding the railway lines what supplies we had left. They were so wet and in such lonely spots.



Arriving at Bloemfontein fairly late in the evening, we were told by the R.T.O. that we were to remain on the train and go to Pretoria in early morning. The train moved off while we were asleep, hours went by and we kept expecting to hear of a stopping place where we could get breakfast. At last a Staff Officer came along and in answer to our enquiries said "Oh there is no place to get refreshments, every station has been blown up". After explaining we had given away the few stores we had—he came back with part of a loaf, some margarine, said there were several other sisters on the front part of the train. Later they came with some rations for us. Afterwards we heard that Lady Roberts and Sister were on the front part of the train. There were constant delays as bridges were blown up and railway lines damaged. When we got to Germiston (the junction for Johannesburg, several Sisters got off whose orders were for the Rand. There Miss Beardsmore Smith, who was travelling with Lady Roberts, introduced us.

At last we arrived at Pretoria. After a time we were very surprised to see Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. Both charming. Lord Roberts said that as No. 2 (our unit) had been blown up would we go to the Irish Hospital in the "Palace of Justice". They were not able to put us up that night, but we made arrangements for supper and breakfast in refreshment room, and to spend one more night on train.

We had two excellent meals. Transport arrived in morning. We commenced duty in "Palace of Justice" with other Sisters (Irish Staff). A dear little Sister with myself were told to prepare top floor for the less serious medical cases.

The lower and better equipped floors were for operation cases and Pneumonia and our floor for enterics.

We commenced on top floor, but no blankets, sheets, and very few feeding cups or sanitation equipment!! Although several cases dysentery. The bed covering most novel!! Curtains, plush Damask table cloths, pieces of rich upholstery materials and a few gaily coloured Kaffir blankets, anything washable we could get hold of for drawsheets. After a few weeks as other trains got through equipment dribbled in, but nursing on a third and fourth floor was difficult.

A week or two later Lord Roberts formally opened the hospital while the ceremony was proceeding heavy firing was heard. a despatch rider came up with papers for Lord Kitchener who immediately left.

Twice during the night attempts were made to shoot the sentries who were guarding us. On the closing of Irish Hospital we joined our own unit No. 2 camp and nursed chiefly enterics and dysentery. Not many surgical cases.

The diet for the nursing staff consisted mainly of Bully Beef and Biscuits, until later we got beautiful tinned food from the Colonies. For enterics, dysenteries and acute medical cases, we had excellent



medical comforts, milk foods, port wine, jellies. Usually plenty of milk for the sick.

Many were the little invalid dishes made on the oil stove in our duty tents. Nights were very cold and on Night Duty we were kept busy making and running round with hot cocoa.

At the end of December 1901 on account of having had dysentery I got orders to proceed to Durban and report for duty on Hospital Ship "Simla". It was a very busy voyage and I do not remember a great deal about it except that we came in for rather stormy weather.

After a period of leave to my delight I was to be stationed at Military Hospital, Edinburgh Castle. I spent some happy though strenuous years there. Only two Sisters.

As there were no available quarters for Sisters we had rooms in the city and took it in turns to do Night Duty for acute cases.

While there the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing service was inaugurated.

L. P. DIXON, A.R.R.C.

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### THE EXPEDITION TO THE IRON MINES AT CHIRIA

We were told to be ready to catch a train on the single-gauge line at 7.30 a.m., so after a hurried breakfast, and dressed in clothes that would wash easily, we walked down to the railway line and along it across the narrow footbridge that spans the river to the station for the Indian Iron and Steel Co. Mines Railway. Here we had to wait about an hour and a quarter, but we used the time to explore, to watch and take photos of the women who loaded the coal trucks, and of the funny little "Puffing Billy" engine which took the coal up to the mines and brought down the trucks laden with red iron ore. Eventually three chairs were put into an open truck with iron bars at the side which had been decorated with flowers as if for a Harvest Festival, and we set off in state just behind Puffing Billy. At every station at which we stopped we saw the women loading baskets with coal, or with stones, from one heap and carrying them on their heads to empty them on to another heap a few yards off. I was told that the question of mechanisation had been gone into in great detail but that the hand labour was found to be much cheaper—so hand labour remained, for which we were secretly glad as it gave employment to thousands of people who might otherwise starve. Our little engine chugged away uphill through the thick jungle, where bamboos grew in clumps as tall as our elm trees in England, where creeping plants pulled themselves up to the tops of the chestnuts and oaks, and crowned them with blossoms, and where cosmos grew wild along the embankments.

I had been told that elephants lived in a wild state here, and various kind of deer, wild pig, and cheetahs roamed free—but, altho' I looked carefully, not a sign of them could I see.



At the end of the journey by train, we came to a small town with its Canteen, Club, School and Crèche and workers' houses. We were met by Mr. Cassell, the manager, and taken to the foot of a cable-railway on which the loaded tips full of iron ore came down and were emptied into the tiptrucks of the railway waiting below by a very simple arrangement of planks and cords rather like the inside of a piano or organ. Sacks were put on the front of a truck and we made the ascent to the first level. Here we had a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside. We saw the First-aid Centre, another Crèche and school, which was very poorly patronised in spite of providing good meals and free baby food. There were only 40 on the roll out of a possible three or four hundred. Then we went onto a truck drawn by a rather smelly Diesel engine and went round the hillside visiting the various cuttings. We learned that the bluish mould was the richest in iron content, and the bright yellow the poorest, but that the hill was almost solid with iron and would last for another 200 years. According to regulations they must only cut in shelves about 20 ft. deep, to avoid accidents caused by falling rock. The women can carry a basket load of 80 lbs. of ore on their heads, and often husband and wife work a shift together. They are paid by results—a tally of baskets and trucks is kept—and they also receive rations of grain and food on pay day as well. As Saturday is pay day, the bazaar people come from surrounding districts and spread out their wares, and the manager assured us that it was not until Wednesday morning of every week that the people settled down to a good day's work! We noticed that many of the women were very beautiful, and some of the babies were bonny curly-haired little cherubs.

The Ajeeta Mine alone had a pay roll of over three thousand, and with the families made up a community of over 5,000 people. We met several Christians, which we were able to distinguish by the handshake and the greeting "Jesu sehai" (Jesus saves), as well as by the nobility in their faces.

After a very delicious meal with the manager and his wife, and a short rest, we boarded our "State Saloon" for the downward journey. As we were at the end of a long train of loaded trucks this journey was far more jerky than the morning one, and we were surrounded by girls and families returning to the Plains, and in spite of a sparse knowledge of Hindi, were able to join in the many jokes that kept us laughing and cheerful, in spite of the slow rate of travel.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### New Year's Honours List

- R.R.C. Colonel K. M. Blair, A.R.R.C.
- Lt. Colonel E. W. R. Warner, A.R.R.C.
- A.R.R.C. Major R. V. Hepburn
- Major C. Moseley
- Major D. M. Wilson



## APPOINTMENTS

**Willoughby**, Lt. Col. G. M., to M.E.L.F. Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Dhekelia, on 2nd December, 1958.

**Walshe**, Lt. Col. W., R.R.C. to B.A.O.R. Appointed Matron Military Hospital Hostert, 14th January, 1959.

## PROMOTIONS

### REGULARS

#### To Colonel

Lt. Col. (T/Col.) F. B. Cozens, R.R.C. 16.12.58.

#### To Lt. Colonel

Majors:—U. A. Dowling, R.R.C., 5.11.58; M. K. Thompson, R.R.C., 16.12.58

#### To Major

Captains:—B. J. Rattee, 16.10.58; M. Moynahan, 25.11.58; M. F. Stephenson, 18.11.58; B. W. C. Norman, 13.12.58; A. Boad, 3.1.59.

#### To Captain

Lieutenants:—B. M. Butler, 30.8.58; I. M. Speight, 8.9.58; M. E. Smart, 13.10.58; A. T. E. M. Howitt, 13.12.58.

### PROMOTIONS S.S.

#### To Captain

Lieutenants:—N. M. L. Bass, 31.7.58; M. I. Corkhill, 4.10.58; S. G. Tyack, 29.11.58; J. G. Gould, 30.11.58; B. Johnson, 17.9.58; S. Butler, 21.9.58; A. S. M. McAllister, 1.12.58; P. G. Burge, 15.10.58; E. K. O'Sullivan, 10.11.58; H. R. Taylor, 12.1.59; P. M. Coventon, 5.1.59; M. J. McDermott, 5.1.59.

### Retirements and Resignations

Major H. Heafey, A.R.R.C. 16.9.58.

Lt. Col. Y. K. Davey, R.R.C. 5.11.58.

Major H. J. Kirkwood, M.B.E., A.R.R.C. 5.11.58.

Major G. S. Ray, A.R.R.C. 30.11.58.

Col. E. M. E. Dawe, M.B.E., R.R.C. 16.12.58.

## OVERSEAS POSTINGS

### Q.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS

1st OCTOBER, 1958—31st DECEMBER, 1958

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

Majors:—A. T. Hayes, B. M. Gordon, N. Marson, J. M. S. Wilson, M. Moreton, E. M. Godfrey.

Captains:—V. J. Church, W. Myers, J. M. Waters, F. Hyde.

Lieutenants:—A. McQuade, E. J. Thompson, M. N. A. Nash, P. M. E. Grant, A. Catherall, S. M. Cooper, M. Duncan, O. E. Pinion, J. M. Venning, M. R. Westley, P. A. Delahunty, I. M. Jinkerson, P. M. Molloy, T. C. Roddy, J. Smith.

**M.E.L.F.**

Lt. Colonel G. M. Willoughby.

Majors:—D. Gray, E. Roche.

Captains:—B. Grubb, M. L. Taylor, B. D. Waller, G. M. Clark.

Lieutenants:—K. E. Hirst, E. A. Bishop, J. P. Eley, S. J. Jones, M. J. Lonergan, J. D. Gough, S. M. Allen, H. Grimshaw, M. M. Rutter, P. M. Whittington, J. R. Wolstenholme, W. L. Blackmore, A. M. Guy, J. Hawkins, M. Wallace.

**B.A.O.R.**

Majors:—P. C. Heymann, B. J. Tadman, A. W. Dickie, V. K. Turner.

Captains:—A. Denith, M. M. Paddon, B. Galvin.

Lieutenants:—M. M. Watkins, J. L. Dorrington, D. A. Buncle, R. E. Johnson, P. M. Waterworth, J. M. Field, M. A. Geraghty, D. M. Walsh, M. M. Anderson, F. P. Jones, J. Williams, B. E. Bell, M. J. Clune, R. S. Godfrey, K. M. Howarth, V. E. Partridge, M. Sawyer, J. I. Holland.

**Gibraltar**

Lieutenants:—B. M. Coveney, M. M. O'Leahry.

**Malta**

Lieutenant H. M. Harrison.

Captain A. Roddy.

**Ghana**

Lieutenant K. B. Dean.

**Jamaica**

Captain M. Letch.

Lieutenant P. M. Broad.

**Nigeria**

Major R. Pugsley.

Lieutenant F. K. Slack.

Lieutenants:—D. Whitehead, J. H. Ross.

1st JANUARY, 1959—31st MARCH 1959

**M.E.L.F.**

Majors:—E. Taylor, P. M. Martin, A. V. Fenton, K. Duncan.

Lieutenants:—M. A. Canning, D. E. Price.

**Malta**

Major M. R. Fougere.

Lieutenants:—M. Priest, E. Bramwell, P. Green, A. Williamson.

**Gibraltar**

Lieutenants:—B. V. Farrell, O. P. Grant.

**B.A.O.R.**

Lieut.-Colonels:—E. Pollom, W. Walshe.

Majors:—E. K. Wood, D. F. Duckworth.

Captains:—M. E. Pugh, D. F. Taylor, C. H. Waddell, M. J. Minion, M. Porter, J. E. Pease, E. V. O'Sullivan.



Lieutenants:—R. J. Clarke, A. Moffitt, J. Pickering, M. W. Watson, M. E. Williams, L. E. Cowper, U. V. de Laval Walker, M. Scott, M. M. Stewart, J. A. Williams, B. F. Fitzgerald, M. H. Martin, E. P. McCall, A. P. Walsh.

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

Majors:—M. E. Lewis, E. Quinton.

Captains:—M. Potter, E. M. Bryans, A. R. Richardson.

Lieutenants:—M. Bell, S. M. Lockey, M. F. Patton, E. E. Andrews, D. E. T. Davies, J. I. Laverick, K. M. Henton, A. M. Wright.

**Jamaica**

Major J. Carson.

**E. Africa**

Lieutenant P. A. Mitchell.

**Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS**

1st October, 1958—31st December, 1958

**B.A.O.R.**

Corporals:—Evans, M., Cotton, J., O'Kell M. T.

Privates:—Carruthers J., Willis C. J., Todd G. E., Alexander M. L., Bishop S. V., McGinn K., Moncrieff F., Hollis D. A., Rudolph D. M., Mills, E., Reid K. M., Pickthall J., Watson M., Payne B. A., Godfrey P. R., Witter R. C.

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

Privates:—Jackson S., Stopforth J., Phizacklea D. A., Staple D. J., Temperley B. G., Thompson P. E., Henry W. H., Barter V. M., Norbury P. M. B., Williams, C. A., Stevens J. A., Fearn M., Dandie M. G., Cain, M. M., Wilson J. S., Bartholemew R. L., Naughton A., Storear A. S., Evans C., McTurk E., Marven J., Slack E., Woods D. E., Ingham A. C., Storey P., Jackson P. H., Bunce P., Bond M. B., Arnold E. V., Clarke J. E., Cook S. L., Drinkall M., Hughes P., Kneen P. E., Shaw B., Butts M. E., Bradley N., Donlin E. A., Turland M. J., Murphy R., McLachlin B. H., Woolcock, S. M., O'Donovan M.

**Malta**

Privates:—Reid S. E., Boyd I., Pemburton M., Toon B. M., Whelan H. J., Grose S. E., Swales B., Herron H., Adams G. D.

1st JANUARY, 1959—31st MARCH, 1959

**M.E.L.F.**

Corporal McInnes A.

Privates:—Lane G. E., Newsham N., Barnard S., Handley H., Shand B. H., Smith E., Brandrick M. K.

**B.A.O.R.**

Privates:—Whitlock N., Dodd P. J., Earl B., Moore E., Andrews J., Young J., McCrory M. T., Hickson R. A., Robertson K., O'Malley P., Lang J. D.

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

Privates:—Wall I., Wetherall P. M., Wordsworth D.,

**Malta**

Private McFetridge A. C.

**Gibraltar**

Privates:—Yeoman E. M., Peters C., Smyth C., Taylor A. M., Rump E., Horton M. R., Malkinson P. A., Marchant J.

## REVERSION TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

### Q.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS

1st OCTOBER, 1958—31st DECEMBER, 1958

#### **B.A.O.R.**

Lieutenant Colonel Y. K. Davy.

Majors:—E. R. Barnett, G. S. Ray.

Captains:—L. C. Jacobs, F. M. Mitchell, M. Jones, A. R. Richardson.

Lieutenants:—E. M. Dalby, M. Pierce, M. R. Holley, M. E. Murphy, R. M. Jackson, S. M. Lawson, P. A. M. Cassidy.

#### **M.E.L.F.**

Colonel E. M. E. Dawe.

Majors:—B. Spencer, A. M. Hey.

Lieutenants:—Z. M. Gilmore, J. Williams.

#### **F.A.R.E.L.F.**

Major J. B. Chambers.

Captains:—A. Dalby, E. C. Morgan, D. M. Dudfield, M. C. O'Sullivan, E. C. Deeley.

Lieutenants:—M. Pinder, M. I. O'Reilly, M. J. McDermott, H. M. Whatmore, Skyh Turpin, M. C. Lloyd, E. Ord, J. L. Lamb, M. Stanley, A. M. Monger, J. M. Woods, H. Hodgson.

#### **Mauritius**

Major E. M. Coppack.

#### **Ghana**

Captain E. M. Boyle.

Lieutenants:—A. King, J. Schofield.

#### **Gibraltar**

Major B. P. Penny.

Lieutenant M. O'Donnell.

#### **Jamaica**

Captain M. M. Daly.

#### **Paris**

Captain D. F. Liddington.

Lieutenant R. Bishop.

#### **East Africa**

Lieutenant G. E. Houghton.

1st JANUARY 1959—31st MARCH, 1959

#### **M.E.L.F.**

Majors:—M. A. Knight, M. Fabien.

Lieutenants:—S. M. Jackson, E. M. King.

#### **Malta**

Major M. Marrinan.

Captain S. Sawyer.

Lieutenants:—O. Lees, H. R. Taylor.

#### **Gibraltar**

Captains:—B. E. Brooks, V. W. Cavey.

#### **Nigeria**

Major E. F. Bryan.

#### **B.A.O.R.**

Majors:—R. V. Hepburn, E. Quinton, K. Duncan.

Captains:—V. A. Horsefield, J. Newsome, J. P. Ballantyne, B. Molohan, M. Y. Keeling.

Lieutenants:—P. P. Sheard, T. J. Stockdale, B. Terry, M. T. O'Hagan, O. A. Bevan, M. J. Manjan, J. K. J. Milligan, M. H. Whitford, E. A. Carlton, J. M. Moore, K. Twomey, D. Worth, J. E. Bowan.



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

Majors:—M. A. Thompson, A. H. Nicol, B. Turner, H. D. Duncan, P. G. Bennett.

Captain M. Noonan.

Lieutenants:—D. E. M. Chatt, A. Morgan, G. D. Chambers, M. H. Rehill, F. E. McLaurin, K. M. Drought, J. C. Barrett.

**Jamaica**

Major M. I. Newbury.

Lieutenant C. A. Berkery.

**Ghana**

Major A. A. Williams.

Lieutenant E. M. Madin

**Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS**

1st OCTOBER, 1958—31st DECEMBER, 1958

**B.A.O.R.**

Corporals:—Dean M. E., Herd J.

Privates:—Brunskill S., Bradley P. D., Hull B. M., Harker J., Ayres M. L., Francis G. A., Wilmot D. J., Whitfield M. B., Mullen I. E.

**M.E.L.F.**

Sergeant Peacock E. V.

Privates:—Prescott J. E., Ellis E., Williams A., Melton V., Simpson, M. Pettijean F.

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

Corporal Davies H. A.

Privates:—Arkley B., Moreton V., Nicholls I. M.

1st JANUARY 1959—31st MARCH, 1959

**M.E.L.F.**

Corporals:—Lyons M. M., Lofthouse I. A.

Privates:—Phillips E., Lewis I. M., Kemp G. N., Stanton P. C., Price F., Ansell A., Bloomer E. A. A., Calderbank M.

**B.A.O.R.**

Corporals:—Curry M. B., Andrews S. E., Helm C. D.

L/Corporals:—Greening J. M., Wadham R.

Privates:—Bushell D., Hollis D. A., Moorhouse J., Anderson I., Crabb P. C., Moncrief E.

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

Corporal Morris T. H.

Privates:—Williams J. F., Bray M. J., Sowter J. M., Randall J. E., Crick A. M.

**Gibraltar**

Private Smith C. A.

**DEATHS**

**Alston**, Mrs. Mary Anne, *née* Harvey, R.R.C., aged 85 years, widow of Dr. W. E. Alston, Matron in the Territorial Force Nursing Service 1914-18, on January 3rd, 1959, at Crowborough.

**Baxter**, Miss Elizabeth Gertrude, late Q.A.I.M.N.S., and Matron under the Egyptian Government, on February 8th, 1959, at Hove.

**Beveridge**, Mrs. Louisa, *née* Hand, Princess Christian's Army Nursing Reserve, aged 86 years, on December 2nd, 1958, at Detroit, Michigan.

**Esden**, Miss Anne Harriett, R.R.C., of Queen Mary's House, Fleet. Life Member 421. Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service 1909-29, 1939-45, during the night of 16th March, 1959.

**Hay**, Miss Emily Henrietta, R.R.C., late Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, retired June 1924, died on 23rd January, 1959.

- Lupton**, Miss E. M., R.R.C., has died in her 90th year, during the first World War served in the Western General Hospital Territorial Nursing Service.
- Mann**, Miss T. J., has died aged 78. In the first World War served with T.A.N.S. was mentioned in despatches for "gallant and distinguished service in the field" at Gallipoli.
- McAllister**, Miss Ellen Louise, A.R.R.C., of Queen Mary's House, Fleet. Member A/CUA/29. Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service 1904-25, during the night of 16th March, 1959.
- McLaren**, Miss J., at Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, in November 1958, after a long illness.
- Patterson**, Miss Jane Amelia, C.B.E., R.R.C., of Fareham, Hants., on 12th November, 1958. Member No. L28. Late Chief Principal Matron, Army Nursing Services, India. (It is greatly regretted that this notification was omitted in error from last Gazette.)
- Patterson**, Nan Ramay, late Q.A.I.M.N.S., widow of Captain Alan Patterson, R.F.A., on March 4th, 1959, at Guildford.
- Tripp**, Miss Ruth Amy, R.R.C., aged 81 years, Matron Broughton Military Hospital 1914-18, on February 15th, 1959, at Vyners, Pitchcombe.
- Tweedle**, Mrs. Ceinwen, *née* Edwards, Q.A. Reserve 1944-47. Member No. A3787, on January 21st, 1959, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

### BIRTH

- Coward**, on 9th March, 1955, at Port Harcourt, Eastern Nigeria, to Marigold (*née* Brand) and John a Coward a daughter, Lynn Deborah.

### MARRIAGES

- Meeks**, Lt. A. E., to Mr. W. Kennedy, at Erdington, Birmingham, on 20th Sept., 1958.
- Grubb**, Lt. E. M., to Mr. P. F. Prevett, B.Sc., D.I.C., A.R.C.S., F.R.E.S., at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 4th October, 1958.
- Gilmore**, Lt. Z. M., to Lt. D. P. J. Lavender, R. Sigs., at Chelsea, London, S.W.3., on 25th October, 1958.
- Helps**, Lt. J. B., to Capt. R. A. McCormick, R.Sigs., at Richmond, Yorkshire, on 1 November, 1958.
- Tyler**, Lt. J. E., to Capt. N. H. Jackson, R.E.M.E., at Hong Kong, on 8th October, 1958.
- Castle**, Lt. C., to Capt. E. C. Smart, R.A.M.C., at Aldershot, Hants., on 12th November, 1958.
- Thomas**, Lt. M., to Mr. D. A. Hancock, at Westbury Park, Bristol, on 22nd November, 1958.
- Guthrie**, Capt. F., to Sqn. Ldr. T. B. Walker, M.B.E., R.A.F., at Andover, Hants., on 6th December, 1958.
- Wells**, Lt. P. A., to Capt. P. S. Mears, at Jinja, Uganda, on 20th December, 1958.
- Ord**, Lt. E., to Dr. A. I. Booth, at Southsea, Hants., on 20th December, 1958.
- Upfold**, Lt. B. S., to Mr. W. F. Beardsmore, at Yaba, Nigeria, on 22nd December, 1958.
- Curling**, Lt. G. B., to Lt. J. A. Ashley, Canadian Army, at Fort Chambly, Kreis Soest, Germany, on 20th December, 1958.
- Rew**, Lt. V. E., to Lt. M. D. Andrew, Royal Ulster Rifles, at Plaines Wilhems, Mauritius, on 6th January, 1959.
- Payton**, Major H., to Mr. John Horsfield Otty, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), D.L.O., at Chebsey Parish Church, nr. Stafford, on 12th April, 1958.

### STATE FINAL EXAMINATION

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



## INFORMATION REQUIRED

The Association has made an earnest effort to contact the following Life Members or to obtain some knowledge concerning their whereabouts from other members. Will our readers please help if they have any information which we could follow up. Send it in to the General Secretary, H.Q. Office Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, 20 John Islip Street, Millbank, London, S.W.1. After a considerable period of no contact and fruitless efforts to obtain information, these members' names will have to be transferred to the PRESUMED DEAD LIST.

We are very grateful to those members who have sent us information and addresses of some of the members in the list published last December. Please accept this acknowledgment in lieu of individual letters.

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|-------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| L.211 | Miss K. M. Allison      | L.230 | Miss F. M. Ridley                                |
| L.396 | Mrs. J. W. Allison      | L.269 | Miss J. K. Ricketts                              |
| L.176 | Mrs. M. M. Adam, R.R.C. | L.315 | Miss E. Shanks                                   |
| L.385 | Miss H. M. Besant       | L.295 | Mrs. E. A. Statter                               |
| L.401 | Mrs. J. Beaumont        | L.337 | Miss E. E. Seager                                |
| L.90  | Miss B. Brocklebank     | L.365 | Miss E. Stinson                                  |
| L.123 | Miss V. D. Baker        | L.236 | Miss J. Tozer                                    |
| L.276 | Miss E. Borrett         | L.389 | Miss E. Trenarry                                 |
| L.278 | Miss N. Barlow          | L.520 | Mrs. M. W. Wood                                  |
| L.294 | Miss H. M. Bryne        | L.89  | Mrs. J. N. Watts                                 |
| L.367 | Miss J. I. Blair        | L.231 | Miss H. Wood                                     |
| L.486 | Mrs. J. Betts           | L.264 | Miss V. H. Wainwright                            |
| L.581 | Mrs. M. Brunt           | L.270 | Miss E. A. Wren                                  |
| L.377 | Miss M. G. Carew        | L.332 | Mrs. J. M. Woodcock                              |
| L.5   | Miss M. B. Clelland     | L.342 | Mrs. E. M. Wootton                               |
|       | Miss M. Crabtree        | L.41  | Miss M. A. Young                                 |
| L.398 | Mrs. G. F. C. Campbell  | L.511 | Mrs. E. M. N. Young                              |
| L.163 | Mrs. G. M. Cameron      | L.180 | Lt. Col. M. Badgley (Retd.)                      |
| L.274 | Miss N. Chamings        | L.65  | Capt D. E. Bollard (Retd.)                       |
| L.293 | Miss A. B. Cubitt       | L.296 | Lt. O. F. Benn (Retd.)                           |
| L.277 | Miss M. E. Drake        | L.225 | Major Carruthers (Retd.)                         |
| L.328 | Miss C. C. Fleming      | L.23  | Lt. D. M. Clayton (Retd.)                        |
| L.335 | Miss N. Freeman         | L.223 | Capt. A. Carr (Retd.)                            |
| L.564 | Miss C. Geraghty        | L.142 | Major N. Donlan (Retd.)                          |
| L.409 | Miss P. M. Gaye         | L.91  | Lt. M. Dawson (Retd.)                            |
| L.390 | Miss B. J. Bolightly    | L.258 | Lt. D. I. Dunning (Retd.)                        |
| L.47  | Mrs. S. A. Hayles       | L.219 | Capt. M. Forde (Retd.)                           |
| L.368 | Mrs. J. S. R. Hill      | L.384 | Capt. K. E. P. Fox (Retd.)                       |
| L.436 | Miss E. M. Homan        | L.290 | Capt. J. F. Gunn (Retd.)                         |
| L.134 | Mrs. R. M. Haddad       | L.305 | Major P. M. Holt (Retd.)                         |
| L.214 | Mrs. G. I. Harvey       | L.45  | Lt. Col. M. E. Harris,<br>M.B.E., R.R.C. (Retd.) |
| L.387 | Miss H. M. Higgins      | L.132 | Major M. C. Hilson (Retd.)                       |
| L.470 | Miss M. M. Jupe         | L.92  | Lt. J. Haley (Retd.)                             |
| L.88  | Miss I. A. Johnson      | L.171 | Lt. C. B. Jones (Retd.)                          |
| L.327 | Mrs. E. R. Knox         | L.100 | Lt. Z. Lear (Retd.)                              |
| L.338 | Miss M. I. King         | L.208 | Capt. N. E. Loythorpe<br>(Retd.)                 |
| L.333 | Miss E. H. Malthy       | L.102 | Lt. D. M. Mason (Retd.)                          |
| L.379 | Miss A. Monks           | L.114 | Capt. M. C. Maguire<br>(Retd.)                   |
| L.262 | Mrs. M. M. McAulay      | L.165 | Major M. E. O'Connor<br>(Retd.)                  |
| L.60  | Miss E. N. R. MacDonald | L.562 | Lt. N. M. Phillips (Retd.)                       |
| L.410 | Miss M. T. McDonnell    | L.172 | Major M. M. B. Skehan,<br>R.R.C. (Retd.)         |
| L.175 | Miss N. E. Newton       | L.83  | Capt. W. M. Sheard (Retd.)                       |
| L.438 | Miss E. J. Newton       | L.121 | Major M. J. Thomson<br>(Retd.)                   |
| L.128 | Miss P. McEwen          | L.27  | Capt. N. Walsh (Retd.)                           |
| L.126 | Miss G. S. N. Pike      |       |                                                  |
| L.272 | Miss F. W. C. Paton     |       |                                                  |
| L.391 | MiWs E. Potter          |       |                                                  |
| L.341 | Miss E. Potts.          |       |                                                  |
| L.405 | Mrs. F. M. Palmer       |       |                                                  |
| L.343 | Miss A. F. Read         |       |                                                  |

## GAZETTES RETURNED

Lt. Col. L. E. Miller, Westerlands, Silverton, Devonshire.  
Col. M. M. Mountain, 20 North Road, Pontywarn.  
Sgt. E. B. Peacock, The Black Lion, Sth Fleet, Gravesend.  
Mrs. A. J. Pressley, 48 Munus Lane, Dover.  
Mrs. C. G. D. Robertson, 2 Barrow Road, Streatham Common, London, S.W.16.  
Mrs. A. Stageman, Gun Hill Lodge, Fire Station Road, Aldershot.  
Cpl. A. K. Sutherland, 31 Warwick Road, Olton, Birmingham.  
Lieut. R. Bishop, B.M.H., Paris.  
Mrs. E. J. Birse, 13 Grange Way, Rochester.  
Major J. Cross, 155 Lode Lane, Sale Mill, Warwickshire.  
Miss B. J. Caines, Laura Cottage, Rectory Place, Guildford.  
Lieut. Clifton, Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot.  
Cpl. N. E. Dean, Kettle drum Inn, nr. Burnley, Lancs.  
Major D. M. Dryden, Coombe Down, Ring Road, Worth, Lancing.  
Lieut. M. Feigham, 5 Blackhill St., Springhill Shotts, Lanarkshire.  
Miss K. Hogan, 33 Waterloo Court, Hampstead Way, London.  
Capt. F. Hyde, B.M.H. Paris, B.F.P.O. 6.  
Mrs. V. H. Hughes, 12 Marden St., Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.  
Miss A. Hindlay, 4 Sedgeford Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12.  
Miss F. G. Hill, 24 Weldon Crescent, Harrow-on-the-Hill.  
Mrs. R. A. M. Kay, Belgrave Nursing Home, Chelsea.  
Miss M. D. Anderson, Vancouver 9, B. Columbia, Canada.  
Capt. I. M. Back, 38 General Hospital, B.F.P.O., W.O.1.  
Major M. Murphy, B.M.H., P.O. Box 4026 Nairobi.  
Lieut Stanner, Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot.  
Mrs. E. Beveridge, 7 Greyfriars Gdns., St. Andrews.  
Mrs. Maris Wheat, 6 Castleveuron Flats, Whistler St., Marley, N.S.W.  
Lt. A. E. O'Grady, Cowglen M.H. Pollock, Glasgow.  
Mrs. E. M. Daley. Unknown.  
Pte. A. Smith, 11 Warwick House, Southwold Road, Clapham.  
Miss K. G. Brown, Ashford Hospital, Middlesex.  
Miss P. Arthur, c/o Miss Browne, Stylecroft Road, Chalfont St. Giles.

## NOTICES

### REUNION

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 4-7 P.M.

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Members wishing to bring friends (who are not eligible for membership) may take extra tickets at 12s. 6d. Early application for tickets will be greatly appreciated. Any tickets not used may be returned after Reunion when money will be refunded.

Apply quoting Membership number to: Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association (Reunion), 20 John Islip Street, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Saturday, 27th June, 1959, at 2.30 p.m., prior to the Reunion. Members wishing to attend please notify us when applying for Reunion tickets and Agenda can be sent.

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

Term expired members are: Miss T. Turner (Vice-Chairman), Miss D. C. Bridges, Miss S. P. White and Miss F. Holmes, with the possibility of a fourth member being required. All are eligible for re-nomination with their consent.



Nominations are required as early as possible.

**All nominations or re-nominations must state that the Member nominated has agreed to stand.**

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#### QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE

The Annual General Meeting of Queen Mary's House Fund, 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th April, 1959, in Room 539 Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Medforth Cup Tennis Finals and Gillespie Cup Tennis Finals.—At Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Hindhead), on Wednesday 1st July, 1959.  
Corps Sports.—At Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., on Thursday, 2nd July, 1959.

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#### PERSONAL COLUMN

The whereabouts of Sergt. Frankie Hunter, last heard of in Hanover 1955; enquiry by Miss Eva Pirella, 303 Wenlock Street W., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

Permanent Address:—Friends please note: Colonel L. M. Rose (Retd.), 94 Sandy Lane, Woking, Surrey.

Old nylon stockings would be gratefully received for making toys by Miss A. K. Wright, 4 Helena Road, Windsor, Berkshire.

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#### EDINBURGH

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held in the Royal British Hotel, Princess Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

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#### PUBLICATION

*Grey Touched with Scarlet*, by Jean Bowden. Published by Hall at 18s.

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#### PARIS

Matron, B.M.H. Paris, invites serving or retired members to stay in the Mess, when visiting Paris. Accommodation here would be very inexpensive as compared with hotel or pension rates.

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#### A HELPING HAND IS NEEDED

It is increasingly difficult for us to find vacancies in suitable homes for some of our elderly members who are no longer able to do everything for themselves. Many are very independent and only require to be relieved of seeing to domestic chores, etc., others require assistance in some degree or other because of disability.

Are there any among our readers who can offer to take one such into their homes, or do they know of anyone, not necessarily connected with the Army, who might do so? In all cases reasonable rates would be paid.

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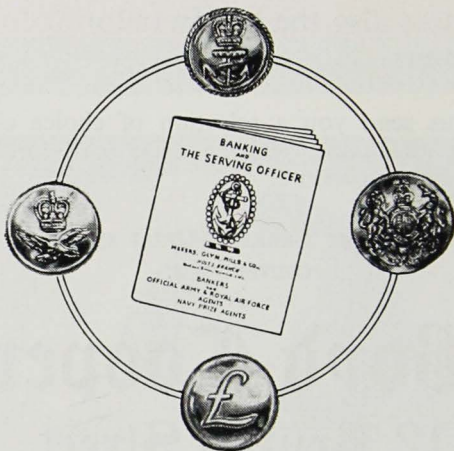
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