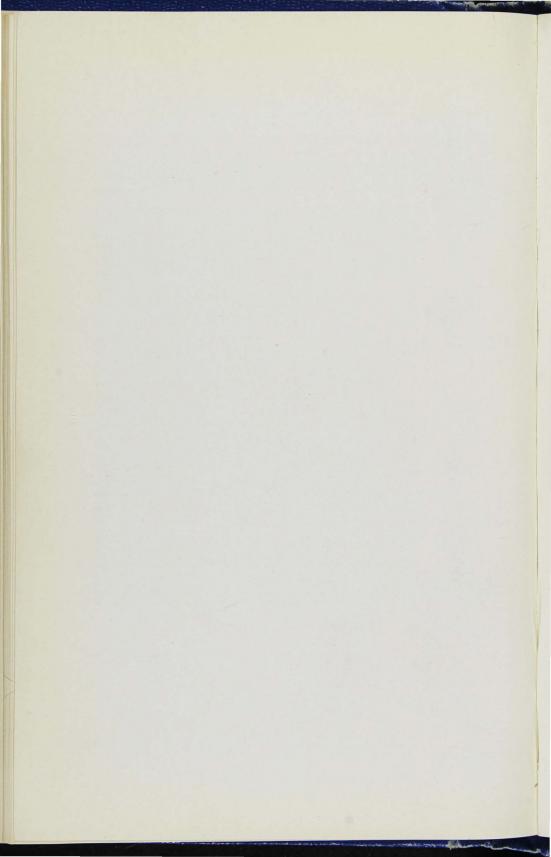


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EDITORIAL

We do regret that this second *Gazette*, 1960 is late. As readers will see it is full of many, and diverse contributions from readers themselves and has been a pleasure to arrange.

The greatest pleasure of all has been the recording, by members, of the marriage of our Patron, Princess Margaret. We wish her, with her husband, every joy in their new life.

We also record with pleasure that since our last issue, Brigadier Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, 1948-1952 has married Doctor L. J. Haydon and we wish them every happiness.

We have said "Goodbye" to our President, Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, who has so graciously and capably presided over us during the past four years. We wish Dame Monica a very happy retirement and know that it will not be long before she is amongst us again. We welcome as our new President, Brigadier Cozens, Director, Army Nursing Services, and pledge our support in the years that lie ahead.

Alas, we have lost our Vice-Patron, Dame Ann Beardsmore Smith. It may not be possible to publish an obituary in this issue, if this is so it will be published in our next issue.

Christmas approaches again and it will soon be time for Mrs. Mills to fill her stockings. Gifts of food, toilet articles and other small gifts always give pleasure. Will readers send or give them to our Friends Secretary at the beginning of December please? A loyal greeting was sent to the Colonel-in-Chief on Queen Alexandra's Day to which a gracious reply was received from the Princess.

BRIGADIER F. B. COZENS, R.R.C.

The photograph on our cover is of Brigadier F. B. Cozens, who is now Matron-in-Chief and D.A.N.S.

We welcome her as the new President of the Association in the work of which she has always shown such a keen and helpful interest.

We wish her every success and happiness in her new appointment.

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

The Reception and Ball given by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace in honour of the marriage of Princess Margaret was one of the great occasions of the year and I was very thrilled when I received an invitation to it. Dame Monica felt equally excited to receive one and we both looked forward to it with pleasurable anticipation.

It was to be evening dress and decorations and on the evening of 4th May we departed from the Headquarters Mess at Millbank for the Palace, but not before Margot Turner had taken some flashlight photographs. We were waved off by some members of the Association who were attending a meeting in the Headquarters offices.

We proceeded slowly along the Mall in a large black staff car, being peered at by throngs of people on each side, and we finally reached the gates of the Palace where there were shouts of "Put on the lights" (inside the car) from crowds waiting to see celebrities arrive.

In the Palace we went up the grand staircase to the State rooms and portrait galleries which looked resplendent in the light of magnificent chandeliers. We met friends and chatted to them on our way to the ballroom. There we found seats on the rose-coloured settees lining the walls. At one end the band was assembled and Joe Loss awaited the signal to begin.

At 10.30 p.m. The Queen and Prince Philip entered the ballroom both wearing the Order of the Garter: The Queen wore the sash over a pale yellow dress, and Prince Philip who was in court dress, wore the garter below the knee.

When, after a few minutes Princess Margaret appeared with Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones the band immediately struck up a foxtrot and the two couples started dancing followed shortly by dozens of couples. The band played continuously all evening. It was a brilliant scene; the women wore beautiful dresses (a few with decorations), jewels, and tiaras on wonderful hair styles. The men were in Court or evening dress.

In the supper rooms, champagne was flowing and we saw many famous and notable people. In one of these rooms Princess Margaret spoke to us and introduced us to her fiancé.

Princess Margaret was wearing a beautiful dress of white satin delicately patterned in rose-colour, and inverted pleats at each side of the full skirt, lined with rose satin to match, were caught above the hem with bows of the dress material. Her jewels were magnificent and she looked lovely and radiantly happy.

Mr. Macmillan arrived with the Commonwealth Prime Ministers after dining at No. 10 Downing Street and one was in a most colourful native dress. It seemed incongruous somehow to see him dancing a foxtrot!

It is not possible to mention the names of all the Royal and notable guests who were present, but among those who spoke to us was the Princess Royal. Many of the younger set were also there.

It was a very gay and wonderful evening and as we left early in the morning we both agreed that it was one of the most memorable for us.

HELEN GILLESPIE,

Colonel Commandant

THE WEDDING OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARGARET

May 6th I awoke to clear blue sky and bright sunshine, with a feeling of expectation.

As I lay in bed and watched the sun streaming across the Thames, I wondered if Princess Margaret were up and about, or still in bed, perhaps a little reluctant to start the day, which would mean the breaking of so many ties and herald a completely new life for her.

After dressing myself with just that extra care in my No. 1 dress for, after all, this was an important day for me too, I went to meet the other two wonderfully fortunate Q.A.s and we set out for the Abbey, joining the crowd which was heading for Westminster.

As we turned into Parliament Square, we found the crowd was immense. The stands were filled to capacity and people were clinging to every vantage point: a happy, joyous crowd on that glorious May morning.

We were stopped many times by policemen, but upon proudly displaying our invitation cards, we were ushered through, only to be stopped again and again. Our policeman were certainly taking no chances of any intruders slipping through their net of navy-blue uniforms and tall helmets.



H.R.H. The Bride, in the Throne Room of Buckingham Palace. Photograph by kind permission of Cecil Beaton and Camera Press, London.

Above the crowd, majestically outlined against the clear blue sky, stood Westminster Abbey, so many times the scene of great pageantry. The grey sombre beauty of the archway of the Great-West Door was further enhanced by the superb draping of mushroom velvet bordered with blue and gold.

After the hot May sunshine, inside the Abbey was a cool haven of quiet, filled with the scent of a myriad flowers.

We were led to our seats and found to our surprise and delight, we were facing the aisle only four rows back.

It was most interesting to watch the constant arrival of the guests through the Great-West Door: The Prime Minister and Lady Dorothy MacMillan, ministers, diplomats, and many from the Commonwealth and foreign countries, a great number wearing their national costumes. The vivid colours of the saris of the ladies and the head-dresses and flowing robes of some of the guests were a spectacular sight.

By 11.30 a.m. the waiting guests had become a little tense and restless. Then the Abbey bells rang out, peel after peel into the May sky, quickening the sense of expectation of the excited crowd. The moment we were waiting for had almost arrived.

The Queen entered, looking beautiful in an aquamarine gown, followed by the Queen Mother, in a gown of cream and gold, both adding to the splendid scene inside the Abbey. Prince Charles, trying hard to maintain the solemnity demanded by the occasion, and the remainder of the Royal Family arrived to take their places in the Sanctuary.

Suddenly, the noise of the people cheering came to our ears through the high open windows of the Abbey. Faint at first, but gradually coming closer it mingled with the sound of the bells and was almost drowned by the magnificent fanfare of trumpets, bringing us all to our feet to greet the Princess.

She came along the aisle, on the arm of Prince Philip, a breathtaking vision of ethereal beauty, in an exquisite white gown, a diadem of diamonds encircling her hair. To attempt to describe my feelings when I saw her, would be impossible. She drew abreast of us and to our great delight, smiled at our Director, Dame Monica Johnson, as she passed by. Following her came her bridesmaids, all obviously remembering their well-rehearsed parts. They too, took up their places for the ceremony. We watched this on conveniently placed television screens and the whole of the service was heard plainly through the loud speakers.

During the signing of the register a beautiful anthem was sung by the choir. Never have I heard such superb singing and more than one person was moved to tears.

Another fanfare of trumpets sounded and Princess Margaret came hand in hand with her husband down the aisle; a radiantly

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smiling Princess and a charming serious bridegroom. They passed through the Great West Door to be greeted by a burst of cheering, which will live long in the hearts of those who heard it.

The guests made their way out of the Abbey, leaving it deserted, only the fragrance of the flowers remained as a reminder of the majestic pageantry which had passed.

At the close of that wonderful day, my thoughts turned again to Frincess Margaret and her husband speeding over the water in the Royal Yacht and I said, "God bless you and God speed."

S/SGT HOLTON, P.W. Q.A.R.A.N.C. Q/1002015

DEAR MEMBERS,

The Association was highly honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, inviting me as your representative to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret's Wedding.

To me, this was a great privilege which I deeply appreciate.

It was a wonderful experience to see all the splendour in the Abbey, the many distinguished persons, our beloved Queen with her family, our Patron, Princess Margaret looking very beautiful and happy; and to listen to the lovely service and singing was truly a great and unforgettable occasion—very difficult to translate to you in this brief letter, but I am quite sure you are proud to know that your Association was represented at the Wedding ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH P. MONK

WEDDING GUESTS

Dame Helen Gillespie, D.B.E., R.R.C., Colonel-Commandant, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services together with the following ten officers and other ranks, O.A.R.A.N.C.:—

Col. D. W. Douglass, R.R.C. Major A. O'Neill Lieut. H. M. Edwards Lieut.-Col. P. E. Wilkins,

Captain E. J. Hall Pte. E. C. Linton Lieut. A. T. Henry Lieut.-Col. P. E. Wilkins, R.R.C.

Sgt. P. W. Holton, S.R.N. Major M. M. O'Hara Cpl. M. Hegarty

were invited as official guests to the marriage ceremony of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones in Westminster Abbey on Friday, 6th May, 1960.

Fifty past and present members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. were alloted seats in the Horse Guards Parade to view the processions.

Major N. Ellison and her sister were two of the members who saw the Royal wedding from the Horse Guards Parade. We are so pleased that Major Ellison was well enough to come and hope that the improvement in her health will continue.

WEDDING PRESENTS

The wedding present sent to H.R.H. Princess Margaret by the Chairman and members of the Association was a hand painted Coalport china tea service in maroon and gold with sprays of flowers. We also sent a dozen silver and enamel tea spoons with a flower motif and a silver muffin dish. The photograph of this beautiful tea service is below.



Whitehall 3141

CLARENCE HOUSE, S.W.1 May 3rd, 1960

DEAR MRS MONK,

I am writing to thank you and all the Members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the lovely tea service, the set of silver spoons and the silver muffin dish which you have sent me for my wedding.

I ask you to convey to all the members of the Association my sincere appreciation of these delightful gifts and my warmest thanks for all your kind thoughts which accompanied it.

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET

The wedding present to the Colonel-in-Chief from Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson and serving members of the Corps consisted of a pair of George IV meat dishes and a pair of George III sauce boats. The photograph of this beautiful table silver is seen below, followed by Princess Margaret's reply.



Whitehall 3141

CLARENCE HOUSE, S.W.1 May 4th, 1960

DEAR DAME MONICA,

I am writing to thank you and all Ranks of Q.A.R.A.N.C. for the beautiful Silver dishes and sauce boats which you have sent to me for my wedding.

I am delighted with this lovely present and we look forward to using them in our new home.

Please convey to all Ranks my sincere appreciation of this present and my warmest thanks for the kind thought and good wishes which accompanied it.

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1960

The 12th Annual General Meeting was held on June 25th at the Connaught Rooms and sixty-two members attended.

A warm welcome was extended to our new President Brigadier F. B. Cozens by Chairman and all members present. Brigadier Cozens thanked them and opened the meeting with a message from Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson who said: "Thank you very much for all you have given to the cause of 'Friendship' particularly during the past four years whilst I have enjoyed being your President. I shall continue to actively follow the progress of the Association and look forward to meeting many of you to-day and on future occasions."

The deep appreciation of all Dame Monica had done and good wishes for her retirement were put on record.

Mrs. Monk spoke of the work and social activities of the Association during the past year, and Miss Baldock gave the financial situation.

Before the election of a new Chairman and members for the Central Committee, the President thanked Mrs. Monk for all her help and services to the Association during the four years she had been Chairman.

The results of the voting were:

Chairman: LT. COL. E. W. R. WARNER, R.R.C. (Retd.)

Members of Committee: LT. COL. P. WIDGER, O.B.E., R.R.C. (Retd.), LT. COL. E. F. W. M. JOLLY, R.R.C. (Retd.), MISS T. TURNER, D.N., A.R.R.C. Matron St. Thomas's Hospital.

Colonel Rose spoke of the difficulty of finding suitable office accommodation at a small rent which was all the Association could afford and said suggestions would be welcomed.

Mrs. Mills explained the expenses of the Reunion which the 12/6 ticket had to cover quite apart from the actual tea. After some discussion it was finally voted by all members present that this type of Reunion should continue.

REUNION 1960

On 25th June the 15th Annual Reunion of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held at the Connaught Rooms which proved to be very pleasant and the Reunion was again a most successful function.

After the business of the Annual General Meeting was completed the members joined forces with those who were unable to attend, making a total of about 200.

Before tea was served a message from Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret was read by the President, Brigadier F. B. Cozens who then made two presentations. The first was the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association silver cup awarded annually to the Officer or Other Rank who had contributed most towards promoting sports during the past year and won this year by Lt. D. Hewitson; this was accepted on her behalf by Lt. Col. M. K. Thompson for the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Mess at Catterick as Lt. Hewitson is now serving in Germany and was unable to be present.

The second presentation was a certificate and prize of National Savings certificates presented to Pte. Horton for writing the best paper in the 1st Class examination; this is a much coveted honour and Pte Horton is to be congratulated. After the presentation tea was served and later we all circulated to renew old acquaintances, there was a well represented cross section of Association members and it was a pleasure to see some of our other ranks there enjoying themselves which we hope will encourage many more of their friends to attend future reunions.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Wright, a member of the Millbank Branch who carries her 90 years well, and luckily Miss Mavis Mitchell was able to come having just arrived that day from Australia. Among our guests also was Mrs. Jean Bowden the author of that excellent book *Grey touched with Scarlet*. The 1st July issue of the *Nursing Mirror* has published a very good photograph of our senior members at the top table which gives a general impression of the happy atmosphere of the meeting.

In conclusion I think that although some members may have found Great Queen Street a little more difficult to find than Knightsbridge, the spacious reception rooms and the excellence of the tea, all contributed to the success of the Reunion.

M. M. BRIDGWATER, L.476

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

New Zealand Branch

Our Annual General Meeting for 1960 was held on March 5th as a picnic at the beach home of Mrs. Fitch. It was a warm summer's day and members and families enjoyed a sea bathe before lunch.

After lunch members gathered for the meeting on the lawn. The Balance Sheet and progress of the branch were discussed.

A Bring and Buy Sale at the June meeting of fourteen members realised ± 10 17s. Od. and donations from members living out of Auckland brought our balance up ± 14 0s Od.

Miss M. Campbell-Thomson, a committee member, left in January for a visit to England and Miss Strachan was elected to the committee in her place. Otherwise, officers are unchanged.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m. after tea.

Yours sincerely,

MARGERY M. MARKWELL

Hon. Secretary, New Zealand Branch, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.

Catterick Branch

Catterick Branch of the Association gave a tea party at the Military Hospital on the 14th May, 1960. Lt.-Colonel M. K. Thom-

son came over from H.Q. York and apart from many other serving members we welcomed ex. Q.A.s from as far away as Bradford, Newcastle and Barnard Castle as well as several living in the Camp and the near vicinity. We were delighted to see several old acquaintanceships renewed.

Millbank Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd March at 20 John Islip Street, Millbank.

It was well attended and the Committees were re-elected, the only change being the election of Major C. O'Neill in place of Captain Reynolds who had been posted to Cyprus.

Branch meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each alternate month, at 7.30 p.m., at 20 John Islip Street and we will be pleased to welcome any Association members living in or near London.

The Branch had a "Bring and Buy Sale" on Wednesday, 4th May. Gifts were plentiful and selling brisk so that with the sale and two small raffles, run by individual members, the sum of £16 was raised for Benevolence.

The meetings are 6th July, 7th September, 2nd November, 4th January and then the Annual General Meeting of the Branch on 1st March.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HANOVER CHAMBERS,

12 BUCKINGHAM STREET,

ADELPHI.

23rd April, 1960

DEAR MAJOR PRICE,

I think you are in error in printing in the *Gazette* I have just received that the late Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson was the first Q.A.I.M.N.S. to receive the Military Medal. General Plumer who decorated me in the field told me when he did it, that I was the first Sister to receive it. A friend in Egypt cut out, I believe from a nursing paper, and sent me in France, the enclosed picture of me, in which I am called the first sister to receive the M.M. The National Portrait Gallery in London also wrote to me at the time and asked me for a photo of myself, as they would like it for the gallery (I did not send one) so I don't think there is any doubt that I really was the first. I am not in the least annoyed that you have credited it to the late Mrs. Hutchinson. It is unimportant, but I am letting you know it was me in case you get letters about it.

Please return the enclosed picture to me.

Yours sincerely,

C. L. A. ROBINSON



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SISTER C. L. A. ROBINSON, R.R.C. (The first Sister decorated in the field with the Military Meda! for Bravery.)

III YORK ROAD, WOKING, SURREY. 24th June, 1960

DEAR EDITOR,

The Camel photograph in the last *Gazette* reminded me of the enclosed:

Same Spot, Same Corps,? Same Camels, Different Girls, Year 1942.

L. to R.

K. Evers, T. Jordan, C. A. Bott, M. Williams, I. Hooper, P. Balke, I. Turner.

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Miss Wheeler, and one "Westernised Oriental Gentleman," (W.O.G.).

MRS. B. H. JONES, Ass. No. 3810



1 Shepherd Street, Great Horton,

BRADFORD 7, YORKS.

DEAR MADAM,

21st June, 1960

I enclose a short article which I thought might be of some assistance to the members of the Association if it was published in the *Gazette*. Particularly I was thinking of the retired members who may find it difficult, on fixed incomes, to meet their annual subscription to the Royal College of Nursing, and who may be able to do so with this help.

On enquiry in the Mess, of which I am a member at present, I find there is not a single person who knows of these provisions. It is for these reasons therefore, that I have written it. Should you wish me to furnish the material from which I drew this information to you, I should be pleased to do so.

Yours faithfully,

CAPT. I. M. SPEIGHT, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Membership number: A/SS/411

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INCOME TAX AND YOU

It is not generally known that, under Section 16 of the Finance Act, 1958, annual subscriptions to professional bodies are eligible for deduction from the amount of assessable income. In consequence it is possible to make a claim for your annual subscription to the Royal College of Nursing (£3 3s. 0d.) and, if you are an Associate Member of the Royal Society of Health then this subscription (£1 11s. 6d.) should be entered also as a claim. As far as I am aware the Royal College of Midwives have not yet applied to the Commissioners for this concession. A claim cannot be allowed in respect of a subscription to a Society which has not been approved.

The claims may be made in one of two ways. Either:-

(*i*) Fill in the details on page two of the usual income tax return form in the section marked 'fees and subscriptions to professional bodies, etc.' *or*

(*ii*) if the return has already been made for the year then you may request form P.358, which is designed for this claim, from your Inspector of Taxes office.

Those who are serving officers will find it of use to know that:— 'claims in respect of annual subscriptions to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. H.Q. Mess should be made by separate letter, stating the amount payable to the Mess, (as apart from subscriptions paid to the other Q.A.R.A.N.C. funds).'

As you will be aware this is, at present, a day's basic pay.

I trust that this information may be of some value to you, and assure you that these claims can make a difference of two or three points in your coding and are, therefore, worth making.

OBITUARY

DAME ANN BEARDSMORE SMITH, D.B.E., R.R.C.

John H. Gough, the Sculptor writes:-

I am very sorry to learn of the death of Dame Ann Beardsmore Smith and although she had attained great age it is sad to know of her passing.

It was during the time she was Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., that I was first privileged to meet her when engaged with my sculptor father (the late William D. Gough) on the Memorial which I had designed for the Chapel at Millbank, to those Nurses who gave their lives in the 1914-18 War and she came to the studios at Kennington with Col. Charles E. Harrison to see its progress. It was at the unveiling of that Memorial by Queen Alexandra that Miss Beardsmore Smith (as she then was) presented my father to Her Majesty.

Dame Ann Beardsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C., died on July 12th, 1960 at St. Mary's Convent Guest House, Chiswick, London, W.4., where she had lived for some years. She was 91 years old. Ann Beadsmore Smith trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1890-1894 and became a Ward Sister. On the outbreak of the South African War she obtained permission to go to South Africa with what I think was then called the Nursing Yeomanry, afterwards becoming Princess Christian's Army Nursing Service and then the familiar Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

I met Ann Beadsmore Smith on mobilization at Southsea on August 10th, 1914. She was Matron of our hospital, and by the time we proceeded to France on August 16th, 1914 we all realised how lucky we were. She was the ideal nurse and the ideal nursing administrator. Everything under her hand went so smoothly and happily that in fact it was never necessary to tighten the reins. I never knew her to be cross or ruffled. She dealt as happily and easily with generals as with orderlies, and had a wonderful sense of humour. She was handsome, beautifully turned out, an example to the nursing staff in every way. Miss Beadsmore Smith subsequently became Matron-in-Chief in France and later Matron-in-Chief at the War Office.

I resigned from the Army in 1921, but on my appointment as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in March, 1927, Dame Ann, then Matron-in-Chief T.A.N.S. invited me to be Principal Matron, (1st London) T.A.N.S. Hospital, so I was lucky enough to work with her again and on various Committees for the next twenty years or so. My only regret is that I was able to see so little of her in her last years.

I end by saying she was full of the most lovely Christian compassion, and who can say more?

HELEN DEY

MISS A. F. THOM, R.R.C.

It is with deep regret that we learn on going to press that Miss A. F. Thom, R.R.C. has died. Miss Thom was Secretary of the N.E. Scotland Branch and will be greatly missed by all who knew her and a great loss to the Association.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. MEMORIAL WINDOW

It was hoped to include in this issue a photograph of the window to be erected in the Garrison Church of St. Patrick and St. George (R.C.) at Tidworth, but this is not possible

The response to the circular letter giving particulars of the project to Catholic Officers Q.A.R.A.N.C., has been magnificent. By the 1st June, 1960, £95 had been subscribed. (This included a generous subscription from the Chaplains in Southern Command).

The provisional estimate for the window which is in 3 panels, each measuring 39 ins. x 15 ins. was $\pounds 150$.

The original design, beautifully executed by Captain Irene Welsh at short notice, was to include a figure of Our Lady in the centre panel. This was thought by the contracting firm's artist to include too many figures, and he reproduced the design with the centre panel given over to the Corps badge and the inscription. On the left is a "Q.A." Officer in indoor uniform; a small child clasping her hands. On the right a "Q.A." Other Rank with a "wounded soldier patient" in a wheel chair.

There is much colour in the design. In addition to that of the uniforms, the child's dressing gown of midnight blue with red and white striped pyjamas peeping from underneath, blue slippers and golden hair, add greatly to it. The faces of the figures, all looking toward the centre, are very good indeed.

Before proceeding with the stained glass work Bows and Bartlett, the contracting firm, submitted drawings of the actual size of the panels. There is such detail in these, that certain alterations had to be made in order to get each item correct including the pocket badge on the Other Rank's ward dress. It was not anticipated there would be such detail. The work is to be done in antique glass in rich colours, painted and fired-in.

The last estimate received stood at ± 175 . It is hoped to reduce this figure by having the made panels installed by the Royal Engineers.

The fund is still open. Should any officer who has not already done so wish to subscribe, cheques should be made out to Q.A.R.A.N.C. Memorial Window Fund, crossed and sent direct to the Manager, Lloyds Bank, Tidworth.

The work is to be completed by the end of July. A photograph of the window will be published in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

W. A. DOWLING, L.156

HERE AND THERE

LONDON.—Major G. Mudge, A.R.R.C. (Retd.) and Miss V. B. Foulger were present at the first Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 9th, 1960.

CO. ANTRIM.—Miss A. C. Duncan, S.R.N., R.N.M.D., R.M.P.A., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of Muckamore Abbey, Co. Antrim, she served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

CORPS DAY, 1960 Military Hospital, Catterick

"Q.A." DAY began with mounting excitement, at 1 p.m. as everyone prepared for the afternoon's activity—a comic netball match, and it was comic!

The first team to arrive at the "battle ground" (which on other days is a tennis court) were the other ranks, "Bats Babes" led by their captain, Cpl. Batty. They marched on in fine style to the tune of Colonel Bogey, carrying banners with notices to the effect that "They were in Charge." Their dress for the "battle" was initially pyjama trousers and red P.T. shirts but to these were added a great variety of football socks and nightcaps to keep unruly hair tidy! After the O.R.'s had given their "war-cry" and had a quick discussion on their line of attack—their opponents arrived.

The officers' team "Tommies Kats" led by Major Thompson. It was some time before everyone recovered after their arrival as they were absolutely hilarious! The officers were dressed as "The Girls of St. Trinians!" Any school "Marm" would resign if she had had to put up with such a class!!

After the presentation of a "goodwill" scroll from "The Babes" to "The Kats." the referee blew her whistle for the game to begin.

Matron had kindly consented to referee, and looked very professional in white blazer and striped peak cap.

It was quite impossible to keep any order as the other ranks had a team of thirteen and the officers only seven! and although Matron blew her whistle when she *did* see a foul it seemed as if everyone had suddenly gone deaf.

The court was in utter chaos for three quarters of an hour, but at least the spectators were kept amused, even if half the players looked as though they would never have strength to "grace the wards" again.

Luckily there were no serious mishaps, and after half-time it was decided to play in the orthodox manner with RULES, a word which was completely disregarded in the first half. The riot ended in a draw and the other ranks won 3-2 in the second half.

Tea (which was indeed very welcome) was served for everyone, both players and spectators. But the days excitement had only just

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begun; in the evening there was a "tramps ball" for all ranks and their friends. The evening was a huge success with non-stop dancing to a Jazz Group, and rounded off with a fish and chip supper tramp style—eaten out of newspaper with fingers! and a parade of tramps. Prizes for the trampiest tramps were given to Corporal Batty Q.A.R.A.N.C. and Corporal Dugdale, R.A.M.C.

After this very hectic day it was a weary crowd of girls who staggered to bed, feet aching and corns throbbing!!!

Funny? Well you try dancing with a tramp wearing hob-nail boots about six sizes too big!!!

J. C. WIDDOP (née Batty) Corporal Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Q.A. DAY, 1960

Preliminary Training School

March 26th, 1960 dawned fine and sunny. It was to be the start of a weekend of celebrations commemorating the eleventh anniversary of the formation of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps at Preliminary Training School, Aldershot.

We spent the Saturday morning cleaning, making everything look spick and span for the afternoon's inspection and chattering excitedly at the prospect of seeing our parents and friends again.

Early in the afternoon, groups of girls began assembling to await the arrival of their visitors. After arrival they were proudly shown around the camp, looking at the billets, the classrooms, taking part in the various games and watching the demonstrations of bed-making in the model ward. Later the Q.A. film "While Angels Watched" was shown in the television room.

A delicious tea, prepared by the A.C.C. was served in the dininghall to end the afternoon's festivities.

On Sunday morning we all assembled outside the Administrative Block at nine-forty-five sharp to be inspected before marching down to St. Luke's Chapel at the Cambridge Hospital for a special Q.A. Day service.

Both officers and nurses from the Cambridge Hospital and Preliminary Training School attended. As I stood with the many brave women who had contributed so greatly to the history of the Corps, I realized how proud I was to be a member on this, its eleventh anniversary.

PTE R. LYNE

CORPS SPORTS NEWS

Table Tennis Championship Tournament-2nd March, 1960

In the Corps Table Tennis Championship Tournament held at the Depot, eighteen enthusiastic players from eleven units took part and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by competitors and spectators. The Championship Cup and Prizes were graciously presented by the Director, Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., who as well as congratulating the winners in their very fine display also said that she considered the standard of play throughout the afternoon had been higher than ever before in a Q.A.R.A.N.C. Table Tennis Championship Tournament.

Winner: Cpl. Brown, Connaught Hospital; Runner Up: Lt. Houston, Military Hospital, Caterick.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Swimming Championship—26th May, 1960

Twelve Other Ranks took part in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. 66²/₃ Yards Championship Race at the R.A.M.C./R.A.D.C. Swimming Gala at the Military Swimming Baths, Aldershot.

Winner: Pte. Kett (Time 49.5 secs.) of Military Hospital, Cowglen; *Runner* U_p : Pte. Llewellyn of Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Special congratulations go to Pte. Kett, whose time in the final race was 49.5 secs. but in the heats the previous evening was 48 secs. This appears to be a Q.A.R.A.N.C. record.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE $66\frac{2}{3}$ Yards

Winner: Lt. Aubertin, Military Hospital, Cowglen; Runner Up: Capt. Howitt, P.T.S. Aldershot.

Congratulations to those two, but where were the other contestants? Entries to this race were disappointing considering the opportunities abroad and at home for this sport. We do hope to see more officers competing next year.

Corps Sports Athletic Meeting-21st June, 1960

Bright and glorious could describe our Sports Day this year. A day of brilliant sunshine and record breaking events enlivened also by the splendid entertainment of the Band of the Coldstream Guards under their Director Lt. Col. Pope, A.R.C.M., P.S.M.

The enthusiasm of the competitors and the general high standard was a delight to watch. Obviously tribute is due to the Matrons and Unit Sport Officers for their encouraging support.

WINNERS

and the

Victor Ludorum Cup—Best All Rounder—Lt. Davis, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Winner 220 Yards Race (3 points) Winner 440 Yards Race (3 points) Runner Up—Throwing the Javelin (2 points) Total 8 Points

Johnson Cup-100 Yards Championship Race. Pte. Gibbs, P.T.S.

R.A.M.C. Cup—220 Yards Championship Race. Lt. Davis, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Coronation Cup-440 Yards Championship Race. Lt. Davis, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Stirling Cup-880 Yards Championship Race. Pte. Hepworth, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Cocking Cup-High Jump Championship. Pte. Smith, P.T.S.

Long Jump Championship. Pte. Green, P.T.S.

Putting the Shot Championship. Pte Hanson, Cambridge Military Hospital. Throwing the Discus Championship. Pte. Chapman, Cambridge Military Hospital.

Throwing the Javelia: Pte. Gawthorpe, P.T.S.

Inter Unit Relay: Lt. Davis, Pte. Llewellyn, Pte. McGeachen, Pte Moffat., Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

New records created this year

100 Yards Race: Time of 12.2 secs by Pte. Dove Edwin and Pte. Palmer, both Cambridge Military Hospital in semi-final heats this year. (Winners time in Finals 12.3). Previous record 12.8 secs held by Pte. Phipps of Colchester in 1957.

Long Jump: Distance of 14ft 9ins. by Pte Green, P.T.S., was achieved. Previous record 14ft 7ins., by Pte. Emmett of Cambridge in 1957.

Throwing the Javelin: Distance of 79ft 2ins. by Pte. Gawthorpe of P.T.S. Previous Record 73ft 3ins. held by Pte. Carpenter of Colchester in 1959.

220 Yards Race: Time of 30 secs. by Lt. Davis equals previous record of Lt. Davis of Catterick in 1957.

The Commandant of the Depot, Lt. Col. E. M. Walsh, A.R.R.C., welcomed the Director Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., who again graciously presented the prizes.

It was an added pleasure to have our Matron-in-Chief Designate, Colonel Cozens present.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Tennis Tournament—22nd June, 1960

Again enthusiasm in this sport was very marked. Preliminary rounds were played from 11.00 hours on Monday 20th June, and on that day as in the Finals, the standard of play was very high. In fact all matches were strongly contested and a pleasure to watch as was also the smart turn out of all the players.

Certainly the players to reach the semi-finals had to be very good and they worthily upheld the standard that carried them through the preliminary rounds. A worthy audience including the D.G.A.M.S. Lt. General Sir Alexander and Lady Drummond, the D.D.M.S. (Southern Command) Major General and Mrs. T. F. M. Woods were delighted with the skill and grace displayed.

WINNERS

MEDFORTH CUP SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner—Pte. Alison Carter, Cambridge Military Hospital; Runner Up—Lt. Davis, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

GILLESPIE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Winners—Lt. Davis, Royal Herbert Hospital; Pte. Sutherland, Woolwich. Runners Up—Pte. Llewellyn, Royal Herbert Hospital; Pte. Horder-Despard, Woolwich.

The Director Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., welcomed all those present and asked Mrs. J. F. M. Woods, wife of the D.D.M.S. (Southern Command) to present the Cups and Prizes.

I. J. ROBERTSON, Captain, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Secretary, Q.A.R.A,N.C. Central Sports Club. Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

INTER SERVICES (NURSING)

Tennis Tournament

Lieut. P. Davis (Royal Herbert Hospital) and Lieut S. Blows (Louise Margaret Hospital) represented the Q.A.R.A.N.C. at the Inter Services (Nursing) Tennis Tournament played this year at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich on 13th July.

The first match R.A.F. versus the Army was won by the R.A.F. (7-5, 6-2). The Army although beaten played very well indeed especially in the first set.

The R.A.F. players appeared to gain strength and in their second match strongly opposed the very capable R.N. team who required all their undoubted skill to win (8-6, 8-6).

In the third match the R.N. won against the Army (6-0, 6-3), so proving themselves winners for another year and retaining the cup.

The cup was graciously presented by our Director, Brigadier Barbara Cozens amidst a celebrated audience including the Directors of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Services, and the Army Medical Services.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed despite the weather clerks unkindness.

Great credit is due to the Matron, Lieut. Col. P. E. Wilkins and the staff of the Royal Herbert Hospital not only for their excellent hospitality but for their untiring efforts to combat the rigors of a wet windy afternoon.

ARMY NURSING SERVICES MUSEUM

Can You Help?

Did you know that Museums sometimes exchange articles, rather after the manner of small boys "swapping" cigarette cards? Our Museum has had a request for badges of the Army Nursing Services to complete a collection, but unfortunately we have not sufficient for our own needs, let alone "spares."

Also did you know that our Museum keeps a number of spare uniforms which are let out on loan for pageants, etc.!

The Curator sometimes finds it difficult to send out uniforms complete in detail and would welcome any gifts of badges complete with ribbon, collar badges, unbadged caps, in fact any uniform in good order of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve or T.A.N.S.

Good photographs of the Corps Sports and Tennis Tournament would also be welcome, previous years as well as 1960.

The Museum is still open to the public Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—2-4.30 p.m., and well worth a visit.

PRINCE ANDREW'S BIRTHDAY

There were three babies born at the B.M.H., Bowen Road, Hong-Kong on the 19th February, 1960 and to commemorate this auspicious event they were each presented with an engraved christening mug. Lady Bastyan, wife of Lieutenant-General Sir Edric Bastyan, K.B.E., C.B., C.B.F., Hong Kong, very kindly officiated at the ceremony and present were the Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Dick, the Matron Major B. M. Gordon, Major R. G. Emerson and Captain T. Healey, the Obstetricians and the Nursing officers headed by Captain E. Burroughs. The fathers of the lucky babies are all serving with 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, namely a Captain of 1 R.T.R., a Sergeant of 5 Field Regt, R.A., and a Signalman of the Gurkha Signal Squadron. It was felt that the good fortune had fallen on a very representative and happy selection.



Present in the group are left to right the three lucky mothers and babies and Lady Bastyn, Major B. M. Gordon, Captain E. Burroughs, Major R. G. Emerson, Lieut. J. Cleal, Captain T. Healey, and Lt. Col. A. B. Dick.

"THIS IS OUR LIFE"

A *Revue* presented at *Preliminary Training School* in the *Alexandra Club* by A 45 Squad. As far as we know this is the first *Revue*. Congratulations to the Squad. The programme told us that "All characters in this Revue are fact, and any resemblance to living persons is intentional!" We realized and feared that on this occasion we were to see ourselves as seen by others.

To a full house, in a series of short scenes rapidly following upon each other, we were taken through the young Q.A.'s early life in the Corps (as see by A 45) from her interview with her Company Officer at the Depot ("Why *did* you join the Army Pte B_____?") to her going home on leave at the end of Preliminary Training School training. Most of the scenes included musical lyrics accompanied on the piano, works composed by the Squad and sung to well known tunes. Has anyone kept a record of them? We have since learned that the words were the fruit of after lights-out brain washing.

The well rehearsed items were a well kept secret until the night of production. though two members of the staff were co-opted as assistant wardrobe managers in order to produce the necessary red capes and other properties. This revealing performance of unmistakeable caricatures, never overplayed, gave much pleasure and no offence. The result of careful observation and much hard work, this Squad included in their portraits a well known Corps pet, one Honey. Could Honey's Mistress have seen her dog-a ball of tow in a giant glass jar with collar, the whole on a lead; led by her foster-mistress (as portrayed) she would surely have joined in the gales of laughter which threatened to interrupt this and other scenes. The enthusiastic enjoyment of the audience never put the actresses off-but once they did show signs of joining in the general laughter. Another highlight of this polished performance was the scene which featured the most miserable specimen of two trailing plants (of present popularity)-no doubt studiously un-nurtured for this occasion—where O. and A. were exchanged between Sister Tutor and Student on the part played by floral decorations in the patient's recovery.

"A 45" are all members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association. The Revue was produced with the intention of their being active members from the commencement of membership. At their request the proceeds of a *Silver Collection* taken at this Revue was sent to Association Headquarters.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNITED NURSING

SERVICES CLUB

40 South Street, London, W.1

The Queen Mother's congratulations

The Annual General Meeting of Members took place on Wednesday, March 16th, with Helen Duchess of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., presiding. Her Grace brought a special message of greeting and congratulations from the Club's Royal Patron, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Her Majesty was very glad to learn of the first annual meeting of the United Nursing Services Club in its new home. She hoped one day to be able to visit the Club, but was meanwhile sending an autographed photograph of herself as a token of her good wishes.

Prolonged applause greeted the President's announcement and Mrs. D. M. Pierce, from the Chair, asked her to convey to Her Majesty the Club's humble and grateful thanks and appreciation.

House Committee

The House Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. E. D. Jack (Chairman), Lieut.-Col. E. F. W. M. Jolly, R.R.C., Miss E. J. Merry, O.B.E. (Director and liaison with the Board), Mrs. E. P. Monk, Mrs. M. M. Perry, Miss G. M. Stettauer, M.B.E., and Lieut.-Col. E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C. (officially representing the Nursing Services):

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

Miss M. G. Lawson, Chairman of the Board, was absent owing to illness and her address was read by the Vice-Chairman. It referred to the large gap at present existing between the Club's running expenses and its income. The Meeting agreed that Entrance Fees should be raised forthwith to £3 3s. 0d., but asked for a year's grace before subscriptions were raised. The Directors had decided that on September 1st the subscriptions of new Nursing Service members should be £6 6s. 0d., per annum, and of new social members, £8 8s. 0d., but Mrs. Pierce promised that members' views should have the careful consideration of the Board.

The Meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the President by Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., and to the Board and House Committee by Lieut.-Colonel P. G. Bennett. All those present at the Meeting were afterwards entertained to tea.

The accompanying photographs of the new Clubhouse may be of interest. The Secretary is always particularly glad to hear from members of the Q.A. Association. All the photographs were kindly lent to us by the Nursing Times.



ENTRANCE HALL



Part of the Dining Room, the Portrait is of Dame Ethel Becher, Founder of the Club

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DRAWING ROOM



COCKTAIL BAR

ROYAL NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES

There was a good gathering of members at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses held at the Cowdray Hall, London, on 5th July.

Sir Charles Hambro, K.B.E. Chairman of the Council, presided and drew attention to the main features of the Fund's report for 1959. During the year 10,926 new policies were issued and the premium income reached the all-time record figure of £1,805,377. For the first time in its history the income derived from investments exceeded one million pounds. The total Fund increased during the year by £1,349,409 and at the end of last year amounted to over nineteen million pounds. The expense of management were again exceptionally low, being at the rate of less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the total premiums received.

Sir Charles mentioned that while the provision of pensions continued to be the main business of the Fund, it moved with the times and catered for all needs in the annuity, endowment and life assurance field. More and more Nurses and registered medical auxiliaries were buying annuities to give themselves additional guaranteed income on retirement. The Fund also provided "Last Survivor" annuities and met, in approved cases, a demand for House Purchase schemes and Children's Education policies. In a brief reference to the new Government graduated pension scheme (which comes into force next April), Sir Charles emphasised how important it was that Nurses should be able to move about freely without fear of loss of pension. In this respect, he said, Nurses were protected by the flexible provisions and global cover of the Federated Scheme; and he was glad the new scheme also provided for preservation of pension on any move to new employment.

The Rt. Hon. M. P. Hornsby-Smith, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, was the guest Speaker. In a witty and impressive speech, Miss Hornsby-Smith spoke of the new Government Scheme as a new and natural development of social insurance and set out with masterly clarity the principles and main provisions of the new Act. The Government wanted to preserve and encourage well-run private superannuation schemes but they attached great importance to the principle of pension preservation, and they wanted to "fill the gap" for those who did not at present enjoy the benefits of superannuation.

A vote of thanks to Miss Hornsby-Smith, moved by Sir Frank Morgan, was warmly received. Miss M. B. Powell (Matron of St. George's Hospital), in a speech of singular grace, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Council.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Queen's Birthday Honour Awards: R.R.C.: Major L. Dodsley A.R.R.C.: Major K. Grimshaw Major F. MacDonald

and the

APPOINTMENTS

Lt.-Colonel L. E. Thompson, R.R.C.—Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Hanover. 24th March, 1960.

Lt.-Colonel E. Pullom, R.R.C. To Hong Kong, 17th April, 1960.—Appointed A.D.A.N.S. Hong Kong and Matron B.M.H. Kellet, Hong Kong.

Lt.-Colonel E. M. Gaunt, R.R.C.—Appointed Matron, Military Hospital Gibralter. 20th April, 1960.

Lt.-Colonel B. M. Fitzpatrick, R.R.C. to F.A.R.E.L.F. as D.D.A.N.S., May, 1960.

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

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

1st JANUARY, 1960 to 31st MARCH, 1960

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

Majors:-H. P. K. Brett, E. Curry, H. C. Thayer, E. H. Thompson, E. K. Wood.

Captains:-M. Agius, M. P. Barrows, B. Galvin.

Lieutenants:--M. J. Addis, L. M. Backhouse, C. R. Brown, M. Cox, J. A. Durham, C. Fox, M. B. T. Hennessy, J. M. Hodge, B. Howard, A. Johnson, F. M. Loomes, C. A. Maudesley, G. Morris, D. S. Pelling, P. D. Russell, P. M. Sale, S. M. Sanders, D. M. Savage, B. Smith.

B.A.O.R.

Majors:—L. Dodsley, M. M. Heaney, A. Looram, A. H. Nichol, B. P. Penney. Captains:—E. A. Deeley, D. M. Dudfield, M. C. O'Sullivan, U. O'Sullivan, M. T. Treacy.

Lieutenants:-D. I. R. Burris, M. Eden, M. H. Exelby, A. M. Fox, P. M. Gliddon, K. A. Garrigan, M. D. Hawkes, C. E. Kyle, M. B. Lynott, K. M. Madin, M. V. Nolan, N. M. Tulett, J. Waters.

M.E.L.F.

Major:—E. F. Davies. Captains:—M. R. E. Knapton, M. O'Malley. Lieutenant:—M. W. Watson.

East Africa

Lieutenant P. J. Hoyland.

Ghana

Lieutenant M. J. Clune.

Gibralter Lieutenant P. Reditt.

Malta Major B. Jones. Lieutenant M. R. M. Blair.

Nigeria Captain V. M. Jones.

Paris Lieutenant-Colonel L. E. Thompson. Major A. M. Hey. Captain V. M. Conolly. Lieutenant Y. J. M. M. Dunning.

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

1st APRIL to 30th JUNE, 1960

F.A.R.E.L.F.
Lieutenant-Colonel E. Pullom.
Majors:-B. Morgan, A. N. Dickie, V. K. Turner, M. M. Winny.
Captain M. A. Hilliard.
Lieutenants:-N. T. Cleary, M. R. A. Sexton, A. M. McCambridge, B. Terry, L. Britton, P. E. M. Clatworthy, E. D. Stuart, J. A. Deeble-Rogers, A. Mills, M. M. Stewart, C. E. Elias, E. Vickers, M. P. Rea.
B.A.O.R.

Majors:-H. J. Kendall, F. M. Bowring, M. P. A. Albrecht, R. M. Hinchey. Captains:-T. Clarson, E. M. Boyle, M. Ord, J. M. Woods.

Lieutenants:-J. P. Grace, S. Russell, M. O'Keefe, K. Davis, J. A. W. Lincoln, C. M. Dobbyn, J. Wrigglesworth, J. T. Bartley, D. Hewitson, C. A. Berkery, S. Kirwan, M. E. P. Swain,

Cyprus

Captain L. P. K. Marshall.

Lieutenants:--M. N. Geraghty, M. A. Delahunt, J. E. Newman, M. J. Deekes, M. H. Martin.

Paris

Captain V. M. Connelly. Lieutenant N. Combe.

Malta

Lieutenants:-A. M. Hartley, C. M. Ayo.

Tripoli

Lieutenant E. Simpson.

Nairobi Lieutenants:-D. Bullock, F. M. McNiffe, L. E. Cross.

Benghazi Major M. Clarke.

Dhekelia Captain A. E. Reynolds.

Jamaica Lieutenant J. Sutton.

Gibralter Captain M. Porter. Lieutenants:---M. J. Smith, A. C. Foley.

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

1st FEBRUARY to 31st MAY, 1960

B.A.O.R.

Privates:-Scott, J., Trevithick, M., Laverick, I., Crowhurst, V., O'Keefe, K. N., Scotland, J.

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

Corporal Townend, C.

Privates:—Bowe, G., Garrick, M., Shorracks, M., Warum, C., Brown, D., Butler, J., Doyle, E., Greenhalgh, V., Matthews, V., Jackson, J.

Gibralter

Privates:-McFarland, Cooke, P.

Malta

Privates :- Harrison, G., Lake, M., Covington, A.

M.E.L.F.

Corporal Tyson, M.

A/Corporal Larmer, J.

Privates :- Maginnes, H., Mainer, J., Jackson, M., Divers, E., Jenkins, J., Mitchell, J., Lawrence, P., Barrett, D., Sparrow, M., Gilling, J.

REVERSION TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

1st JANUARY to 31st MARCH, 1960

O.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS

F.A.R.E.L.F. Majors:-M. M. Bridgewater, H. M. Carroll, M. C. Bell, A. Boad,

Gaptain A. K. M. Wisdom
Captain A. K. M. Wisdom
Lieutenants:—D. E. Brooker, V. W. Chandler, A. C. Dempsey, P. Gibson,
B. Stack, I. Smith, M. Vaughan, M. J. Wagstaff, E. O'Brien, E. Balldodd,
J. M. Ryan, A. H. Lively, J. Cleal, S. A. Brooks.

Major M. Downing.

Captains:-R. S. Godfrey, D. Watkinson, B. G. Morgan, B. J. Gillard. Lieutenants:---V. Humble, A. Moffat, J. Poulter, A. B. Russell, J. M. Rutter, D. M. Walsh, S. M. L. Williams, M. T. Rees, J. I. Holland, A. Bowyer.

M.E.L.F.

Majors:-M. F. Stephenson, P. C. Stewart,

Captains:-J. M. Steer, B. Shepherd.

Lieutenants:-S. M. Allen, R. A. Mitchell, S. M. Williams, B. M. McKenna, P. J. Dupont, M. C. Pettegree.

Gibralter

Captain C. M. Ward.

Ghana

Major V. Delany.

Pakistan

Major I. Wrightson.

Nairobi

Lieutenants:-M. Vaughan, K. Seed.

REVERSION TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

O.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS

1st APRIL to 30th JUNE, 1960

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

Colonel E. Mackaness.

Majors:-J. E. Herbert, E. M. C. Rowston, D. M. Wilson.

Captains:-M. Peel, R. H. Cage, R. M. Finmore, M. Foster, B. Emmett, J. E. O. Moriarty, A. B. Campbell, B. Clifton.

Lieutenant Colonel Holmes.

Lieutenants:-G. A. Gadd, P. C. Davis, E. Wallis, A. Campbell, M. L. Marshall, M. Collins, B. Reed, M. E. Williams, J. A. Bell.

B.A.O.R.

Majors:-W. D. McCracken, D. M. Dryden. Captains:-B. Waterman, O. Mahoney. Lieutenants:-U. De Laval Walker, M. Sawyer.

Tripoli

Majors:-J. Godtschailk, P. C. Stewart. Captains:-M. C. Pettegree, B. M. Grubb.

Malta

Major M. W. Lewis. Captain G. A. Staines. Lieutenants:--M. E. L. Birnie, P. J. Dupont, G. McNab, A. M. Hartley.

Benghazi

Lieutenant F. Cairns.

Gibralter

Majors:-H. H. Hodgman, E. Swinburne. Captains M. M. O'Leary.

Nigeria

Captain E. M. Mockeer. Cyprus Majors:-L. Potter, E. Phillipson. Captains:-B. Shepherd, E. Boyle. Lieutenants:-A. Jenkins, B. I. Mitchell.

Jamaica

Lieutenant O'Grady.

PROMOTIONS

REGULAR OFFICERS

To Major

Captain E. B. Connor, 22.12.59; Captain D. V. Drury Mettham, 24.2.60; Captain R. E. Jackson, 12.4.60.

To Captain

Lieutenant B. M. E. Milford, 4.2.60.

S.S.C. OFFICERS

To Captain

Lieutenants:-A. M. E. Williams, 6.2.60; P. H. Merriman, 14.2.60; S. M. Jackson, 28.2.60; S. Clapham, 28.2.60; E. M. Stead, 29.3.60; R. H. Cage, 4.4.60; A. B. Campbell, 4.4.60; S. Y. K. H. Turpin, 17.4.60; P. Green, 20.4.60; M. J. Roberts, 25.4.60; C. A. Berkery, 13.5.60; S. M. Hemphill, 23.5.60.

Retirements, Resignations, etc.

- Major R. Leonard née Pugsley, 8.2.60.
- Major A. M. Balmforth, 1.3.60.
- Major E. Rosemont, 31.3.60. Major E. Swinburne, 1.4.60.
- Major M. Downing, A.R.R.C., 13.5.60.
- Major D. M. Dryden, 1.5.60.
- Major N. Pratt, 7.4.60.
- Captain B. George née Shepherd, 29.3.60.
- Captain A. I. Welch, 1.4.60.
- Captain B. M. Grubb, 30.4.60.

MARRIAGES

Allen, Lt. S. M., to Dr. R. M. Badderey at Portchester, nr. Portsmouth, Hants. in April, 1960.

Marshall, Lt. A. C., to Capt. J. P. Allan, R.N.Z. Dental Corps at Dundee, Scotland on 23rd January, 1960

Patton, Lt. M. F., to Capt. D. McDonald, E.A. at Hong Kong, Kowloon, on 6th February, 1960.

Pugsley, Major R., to Capt. J. J. Leonard, R.A.P.C. at Nigeria Yaba, on 8th February, 1960.

Lane, Lt. K. M., to Dr. A. T. Cook, at Swansea, S. Wales, on 20th February. **1960**.

Boyes, Lt. J. J., to Mr. J. Bain, at Dartford, Kent, on 22nd February, 1960.

Seed, Lt. K., to Mr. G. N. Davies at Durham on 22nd February, 1960. Hirst, Lt. K. E., to Mr. R. A. Swayne at Tripoli, Libya, on 27th February, 1960.

Wagstaffe, Lt. J., to Dr. J. Pollock, at Purtsdown, Hants., on 12th March, 1960.

Bowyer, Lt. A., to Mr. J. G. Cotterill, at Lunesdie, Oldham, Lancs., on 27th February, 1960.

McAllister, Captain, A. S. M., to Mr. T. Scarfe, at Ayr, Scotland, on 21st March, 1960.

Myers, Lt. B., to Mr. W. M. Perry, at Hampton Wick, Middlesex, on 26th March, 1960.

Shepherd, Captain B., to Mr. A. George, at Newcastle on Tyne, on 29th March, 1960.

Wright, Motion, Lt. A., to Dr. P. McCormack, at Buxton, Derbyshire, on 21st April, 1960.

Duncan, Lt. M., to Mr. Carlos Maria de Lourdes Svares, at Kowloon, Hong Kong, on 7th May, 1960.

Dulton, Lt. S. A., to Mr. D. E. A. Lonergan, at Spilby, Lincoln, on 14th May, 1960.

O.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS

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Scaife, Pte. E., to Mr. Marsh, on 31st December, 1959.

Routledge, Pte. M. V., to Pte. Andrews, on 30th January, 1960.

Sellers, A/Cpl R., to L/Sgt Rix, on 22nd January, 1960. Doherty, Pte M. E., to L/Cpl T. M. Barlow.

Arnold, Pte E. V., to William Gartshore, Esq.

Mahoney Cpl (A/Sgt) P., to Thaddius Joseph Wozniak, Esq., on 13th February, 1960.

Morphew, Pte V. J., to L/Cpl Kerevan, G.E., on February, 1960.

Cairns, Sgt. J. M., to W.O.I.I. Cryer, J. M., on 6th February, 1960

Elgy, Pte J., to Pte Hazleden, E. A., on 20th February, 1960.

Herrick, Pte B., to Pte Milton, C. C., on 20th February, 1960.

Dandie, Pte A. G., to L/Cpl Day, G.N.

Green, Cpl J. S., to Christopher John Rudd, Esq., on 5th March, 1960.

Secluna, Pte, to Peter Johnson, Esq., on 22nd February, 1960.

Ruck, A/Sgt, to David Frank Johnson, Esq., on 26th March, 1960.

Taylor, Pte E. F., to Frederick James Small, Esq., on 26th March, 1960.

Stevens, Pte J. R., to Jeffrey Robert Edwards, Esq., on 26th March, 1960.

Swift, Pte E. M. A., to Cornelius John Ward, Esq., on 19th March, 1960.

Rolfe, Pte D. M. R., to Lawrence Anthony John Hitchman, Esq., on 26th March, 1960.

Brack, Pte. P., to Cpl. T. Heighway, on 11th April, 1960.

Bentley, Pte D. E. M., to Mr. Baldwin.

Cameron, Pte R. K., to Cpl. Kittridge, K., on 16th April, 1960.

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Evans, Pte C., to A/Cpl, Wilkinson Robert, on 26th March, 1960. Phillips, Sgt., to S/Sgt. Renwick, on 26th March, 1960. Martin, Pte M., to Clive Russ Frase-Nash, Esq., on 2nd April, 1960. Morrison, Pte J. G., to Kenneth Monk, Esq., on 8th April, 1960. Batty, Cpl. J. C., to George Herbert Widdop, Esq., on 2nd April, 1960 Woolcock, Pte S. M., to Pte T. J. Taylor, on 16th April, 1960 Stacey, Pte J. L., to Cpl. Roweth, on 27th February, 1960. Hunter, Pte C. A. S., to John Ivon George, Esq., on 16th April, 1960

NOTICES

THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

Miss Jessie Dicksee (ex. Q.A.R.) has written a charming little story called. "A Message from Valhalla" in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. This booklet which also contains one of her poems is only 1/- and well worth the money.

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SISTER TRESILLIAN OSBORNE

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the above, who served in Egypt from about 1941 onwards? Enquirer is the author, Mr. Antony Brett-James, 65 Victoria Road, London, W.8., who would like information for his new book.

We regret that in our last issue we did not mention that the photograph on page 3 had been taken by a *Nursing Mirror* photographer.

DEATHS

Foley, Mary Gladys Miss, O.B.E., R.R.C., M.M., on April 9th, 1960 at Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings. She was a member of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Davie, K. E. Miss, died on March 17th, 1960.

- White, Elsie Florence, Miss, on March 28th, 1960 at a Nursing Home, Peacehaven, Sussex. Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Burgess-Winn, Elsie Edwards, Mrs. on March 19th, 1960 at Edinburgh after a long illness bravely borne.
- White, Lucy Angela, Miss. O.B.E., R.R.C. died on March 24th, 1960 at Nursing Home at St. Leonards on Sea, late Q.A.I.M.N.S. (India), aged 83 years.

Garrod, Cecily Evelyn, Mrs. A.R.R.C., died on March 23rd, 1960. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S. of Edinburgh Hotel, St. Leonards on Sea.

Tippetts, Melanie Elaine, Miss. R.R.C., on April 21st, 1960 at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Graham, Jane, Miss. A.R.R.C., has died aged 51 years. She was a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.) and served in North Africa and Italy.

Lewison, S. B., Mrs., died after long illness, 8th March, 1960. A/EA/26.-One of our oldest members in E.A. Branch. She was a member of the O.A.I.M.N.S./R. from 1939-1945 and part of her Service was in East Africa Command.

Thom, Ann F. Miss, R.R.C., has died after long illness. She served with the T.A.N.S. during the second World War.

Allsop, K. A., Miss, R.R.C. died on May 17th, 1960 at St. Augustine's Nursing Home, St. Leonards on Sea. Aged 86 years. She served in Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Shearer, Ann, Miss on May 9th, 1960 died peacefully in her sleep at Hythe, Kent. She served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Beardsmore Smith, Ann. D.B.E., R.R.C., O.S.J.J. Chevalier Legion of Honour, died on 12th July, 1960 at Saint Mary's Convent Guest House, Chiswick, W.4., very peacefully in her 92nd year. Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (1917-1924), and of T.A.N.S. (1925-1931).

Smith, C. M., Miss, c/o Overseas Club.

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