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

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET, C.I., G.C.V.O.,  
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## EDITORIAL

After three years Major D. E. Price has relinquished the editorship of the GAZETTE, on her retirement from the Q.A.R.A.N.C., on behalf of all members of the Association I wish to thank Major Price for so ably carrying out the duties of Editor and to wish her much happiness and success in her civilian appointment.

The success of the GAZETTE depends on the subject matter members send to us for publication, so I take this opportunity to appeal to each one of you for your help. Articles from ex-members of the T.A.N.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. will be specially welcome, your experiences in civilian life will add variety to the GAZETTE and we shall be grateful to have them.

In this issue we have started a new advertisement column in addition to members' personal announcements; this column is open to non-members.

In "The Golden Years" it is pointed out that during the next five years the schools of nursing in this country will be in a position to be more highly selective in the choice of nursing trainees. No doubt, the person of ability bent on making a good career for herself, will usually reach her objective, but the right advice at an early stage would direct talent into the correct channel and thereby make available a larger number of qualified women with the correct experience and training.

I was pleased to learn from an ex-senior headmistress that there is no lack of information amongst headmistresses on "Nursing as a career."

The progress of the nursing profession during the next decade will form an interesting study, with opportunity, will come increased responsibility and with responsibility, growth of character and fulfilment.

Wishing all members of the Association a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDITOR.

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

The photograph on the cover of our newly-elected Chairman was taken while she was still serving. It is the first time we have had a portrait of an officer wearing the attractive mess kit. Lt.-Col. Warner, who was Matron of Millbank before her retirement, is no stranger to the Association and its work and has taken an active interest in it in the past. We welcome her as Chairman and trust that in calling on her ever-ready willingness to help, we do not overwork her.

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DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

I am deeply conscious of the honour you have shown me in electing me your Chairman. I shall try, I assure you, to do my best to carry on the high traditions of the Association as my predecessors have done so ably before me.

I should like to congratulate all the Branches for the wonderful work they have already done in raising money, but I know in some cases this has been done by the faithful few. If our Association is to grow and continue to serve its members as it should, it must be by the interest of each member in the concerted effort.

Money is always required but friendship to all, especially to the lonely and to those who have out-lived their friends and relations, is equally essential, and can only be carried on by individual effort.

By the time this goes to press Christmas will soon be with us. Let us all put the real aims of our Association into practice during the Festive Season and in the coming year.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish you all joy at Christmas and Peace in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. R. WARNER.

### **THE NEW OFFICES FOR THE Q.A.R.A.N.C. ASSOCIATION**

At the end of this year we also come to the end of a chapter in the Association.

For the past 13 years we have gratefully accepted accommodation for our offices in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. H.Q. Mess at Millbank, but alas, these rooms have to be vacated.

The British Legion came to our aid with a generous offer and we start again in January, 1961, with two rooms at:

Haig House,  
26 Eccleston Square,  
Victoria, S.W.1.

The warmth of the welcome extended to us by the British Legion officers has done much to mitigate the sadness we feel at leaving these lovely spacious rooms at Millbank, and we take this opportunity to thank all the Matrons and Staff, past and present, who have made our stay here so pleasant.

We do hope that members will find our new offices just as easy to locate and will visit us whenever the occasion arises; when we have managed a "lick of paint" our new quarters should be just as attractive as the old.

Writing of "lick of paint" brings me to money matters, a subject one is reluctant to mention so near Christmas, but our rent will be £225 a year plus our normal office expenses, which with membership at 4/- (the present proportion of the subscription) will take a lot of finding, so we do hope our branches will remember this and give us all the financial help they can.

#### **THE VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET TO THE LOUISE MARGARET MATERNITY HOSPITAL**

From the time we heard that we were to be honoured by a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, the atmosphere, both in the Hospital and in the Mess was pervaded with an air of suppressed excitement—so much so—that it soon became obvious to patients and visitors that a "great day" lay ahead. As the days went by preparations were intensified, and soon the buildings began to look fresher, brighter with a coat of paint here and the "extra special" cleaning there.

By October 6th, we could see our efforts culminated by the arrival of beautiful potted plants and flowers in profusion, all of which, artistically arranged and displayed, did so much to brighten the odd dark corner and to give to Hospital and Mess alike, an air of gaiety and happiness.

At last, even to the television cameras being focussed and set, we were ready to receive our Royal Visitor and at 3.15 p.m., on October 7th, Her Royal Highness arrived, was greeted by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Lord Ashburton; the D.G.A.M.S., Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Drummond, K.B.E., C.B., LL.D., Q.H.S., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.L.O.; Brigadier Dame Helen Gillespie, D.B.E., R.R.C., and Brigadier F. B. Cozens, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., after which she graciously consented to inspect a very smart parade of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers and Other Ranks to the accompaniment of music by the R.A.M.C. Band. Her lovely tangerine-coloured



(by courtesy of the *Nursing Times*)

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCESS MARGARET, BRIGADIER DAME HELEN GILLESPIE, CAPT. D. GATENBY, extreme left is MAJOR H. GRANT, MATRON.

coat with matching hat provided a striking contrast to the grey uniforms in the parade—a colourful scene. What a pity the sun could not have shone just a little more brightly!

A bouquet of carnations was presented by Lieut W. W. Thomson, Q.A.R.A.N.C., then H.R.H. Princess Margaret, accompanied by Dame Helen Gillespie and Brigadier Cozens, entered the blue-carpeted corridor of the Hospital to commence her tour.

The wards, at all times bright with their modern decor, on this occasion were more attractive than ever with the addition of flowers and the pretty bedjackets being worn by the excited patients. For all our mothers, the Princess had a warm smile and a few kind words to say—many enjoyed a joke with her—and the visit certainly helped our “labouring ladies” to forget their troubles for a while. The Princess showed great interest in the Nursery, asking many questions on baby care—all ably answered by Capt. Gatenby who accompanied her round this department. As H.R.H. toured the Hospital, all the Nursing Officers were honoured by being presented to her.

The tour of the Hospital over, H.R.H. made her way to the Mess, where she signed the Visitors' Book, adding her name to the many royal signatures which include Princess Louise Margaret, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and her grandmother, Queen Mary.

The Princess then took tea with us and our many distinguished guests and made the most of her opportunity to have a longer chat with some of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers, our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Gavourin, a number of the Medical Officers and their wives. The Princess seemed keen to learn as much as she could of our treatment of maternity cases, our nurse-training within the Corps, in fact, almost every facet of our careers.

H.R.H. stayed to tea for about three-quarters of an hour, then regrettably, it was time for farewells. As she left the Mess, our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, passed between the lines of Nursing Officers in indoor uniform to her car, and thus was our great day concluded—a day which we all hoped had been a great success and one which, I am sure, none of us will ever forget.

CAPT. M. E. BROWN.



(by courtesy of the *Nursing Mirror*)  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS INSPECTING GUARD OF HONOUR



## THE ANNUAL CORPS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Annual Corps Cocktail Party this year was once again held in the beautiful hall at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on the 3rd November.

Her Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, again honoured us with her presence.

She looked radiant and charming in a lovely pink floral dress, and as she entered the room she was presented with a bouquet of red carnations by Lieut. Perrott.

Lieut. Colonel E. W. R. Warner and Miss E. A. Baldock were invited to represent the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association which they did with much appreciation.

As usual the party went with a swing and there was music provided by the R.A.M.C. Band to add to the occasion.

Everyone was obviously enjoying the evening in such a friendly atmosphere.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### Millbank Branch

Miss E. J. Wright, celebrated her 90th birthday on September 4th, with a sherry party, given in her honour by the ladies of Stuart House, which was attended by Lt.-Col. Turner and Mrs. Winstanley. Miss Wright, who trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was a member of the T.A.N.S.

On Wednesday, 6th September, while many members were trying to find the sunshine and dodge the rain, eighteen of us met at 20 John Islip Street for Tombola. Excitement was great and the rounds sometimes very long-drawn out, but at the end of the evening we had made £1 11s. 3d. profit which included donations from two members who had sent them with their apologies for non-attendance.

Raffle Night.—This was on Wednesday, 2nd November, when Dame Louisa Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C., came to "Make the Draw" About 50-60 members attended and among our guests was the Director, Brigadier Cozens, Dame Monica Johnson, Col. Douglas and making her first appearance, Mrs. Mills, who we hope was sufficiently impressed to stimulate her to come again. We were all very pleased to have Lt.-Col. Warner with us again, her first visit since her illness. Fifty-eight prizes had been donated and tickets had been sold to the value of £89 8s. 6d. and in addition a doll donated by Miss Brown, Matron of Ashford Hospital, had been raffled separately realising £18 16s. 6d., giving us a total of £108 5s. 0d. During the Draw Col. Turner won a bottle of brandy which was afterwards auctioned for 43/-, so that by the end of the evening we had made £110 8s. 0d. This goodly sum will enable the branch to once more help the Benevolent Fund and pay the postage for the Christmas parcels sent out by Mrs. Mills.

Col. Turner, in her opening remarks, welcomed the visitors and said how very pleased she was to see such a good number present. She sadly told us that this would be her last attendance with the Branch for the present at least, as she has been posted and then after telling Dame Louisa how very delighted we all were to have her with us asked her to draw the first ticket. At the close of the Draw a vote of thanks to Dame Louisa was proposed by Mrs. Winstanley.

#### LIST OF PRIZES

<i>Winning No.</i>	<i>Prize</i>	<i>Ticket Sold by</i>
1742	Book Token	Lt. Col. Turner
3313	Box of chocolates	Miss Padfield
1957	pr. Nylon stockings	Millbank Q.A. Mess
658	Hand embroidered cloth	Miss Johnson
595	Box of chocolates	Miss Webber
3919	Box of toilet soap	Miss Sutton
3903	1 lb. Ceylon Tea	Miss Sutton
319	Memo-pad	Major Price
138	Tray cloth	Miss Mary Hudson
218	Premium Bond Token	Major Price
3726	Worcester china ash tray	Miss McLennan
478	Scarf	Miss Baldock
1236	French perfume	Millbank Q.A. Mess
1721	bot. Brandy	Lt. Col. Turner
302	bot. Sherry	Major Price
3604	Leather photo frame	Miss Wadmores
149	Leather cigarette case	Miss Mary Hudson
629	bot. Sherry	Miss K. G. Johnson
1880	bot. Sherry	Millbank Q.A. Mess
233	Tin of tea	Major Price
3617	Tin of drinking chocolate	Miss Wadmores
217	Christmas pudding	Major Price
2701	Necklace and Ear rings	Miss Doran
1124	Hong Kong apron	Millbank Q.A. Mess
817	Afternoon cloth	Mrs. Clare
2075	Head scarf	Millbank Q.A. Mess
1656	Portable paper basket	Millbank Q.A. Mess
2241	Bath soap	Millbank Q.A. Mess
451	Morny's soap	Miss Ball
1791	Hot water bottle cover	Millbank Q.A. Mess
2325	4711 Talcum Powder	Miss E. E. Smith
361	Bath Talc Powder	Mrs. Winstanley
237	Perfume No. 5	Major Price
2881	Box of stationery	Miss F. Holmes
2136	Coty soap and Talc	Millbank Q.A. Mess
905	Morny Talc and Soap	Miss Sutton
3970	Premium Bond Token	Miss Padfield
334	Premium Bond Token	Major Price
2069	Blue bead necklace	Millbank Q.A. Mess
1840	Chiffon head scarf	Millbank Q.A. Mess
151	Blue leather writing case	Miss E. J. Wright
1403	Box of chocolates	Millbank Q.A. Mess
2045	Italian china bird	Millbank Q.A. Mess
1488	Box of handkerchiefs	Millbank Q.A. Mess
3744	Hong Kong Linen bag	Miss McLennan
2615	Jet necklace	Miss D. Cumming

<i>No.</i>	<i>Prize</i>	<i>Ticket Sold by</i>
2390 ... ..	Leather waist belt ... ..	Mrs. Bradbury
496 ... ..	Wedgwood vase ... ..	Miss Baldock
3985 ... ..	1 lb. Mincemeat ... ..	Miss Hunt
1247 ... ..	Hand-made pottery bowl ... ..	Millbank Q.A. Mess
3203 ... ..	Shoe accessories ... ..	Mrs. McMannus
3067 ... ..	Half-do. linen handkerchiefs	Col. Jolley
3080 ... ..	bot. Whisky ... ..	Miss Leach
3307 ... ..	Half-do. table mats ... ..	Miss Padfield
2837 ... ..	Soap ... ..	Miss Gibbs
1727 ... ..	Bedside lamp... ..	Millbank Q.A. Mess
3238 ... ..	50 cigarettes ... ..	Miss Macdonald
90 ... ..	pr. Nylon stockings ... ..	Miss Mary Hudson

Raffle for the Doll was won by Capt. Galbraith, Q.A.R.A.N.C., H.Q. Mess.

Miss Schofield then made a donation of £2 14s. 6d. to the funds from the sale of her home-made sweets and jams. A very enjoyable evening came to a close with the usual cup of tea, cakes and a chat.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136.

### OUR GARDEN FETE

"Let's hold a Garden Fête, after all we are not in England, so we don't have to worry about the weather," thus were spoken the famous last words by our Secretary, Lieut. V. Smith, Q.A.R.A.N.C., who immediately started organising.

We set our date for Saturday, 10th September, and believe it or not as fête day approached so did the rain. After five months of cloudless skies, the Heavens opened and down came the rain without stopping from Thursday to Saturday, 1 p.m., and with it was washed away all our hopes of having it in the hospital grounds.

Once again the R.A.M.C. came to our rescue and an unused wing of the hospital was transformed and everything was ready for the grand opening of the Fête at 3.30 p.m. by Mrs. Ritches, the wife of the British Ambassador to Tripoli.

Mrs. Ritches was presented with a bouquet of roses by Kay Anderson, the daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Anderson, ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The gaily decorated stalls were immediately besieged, particularly the bottle stall, which was ably organised by Lieut. M. Watson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The photographer was also exceedingly busy, but managed to catch up with our Matron, Major F. Davies, R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., and Colonel H. R. Miller, R.A.M.C., who were escorting Mrs. Ritches round the various stalls. Capt. R. MacCallum, whose handicraft stall attracted a large crowd with her theme "Shop early for Christmas" greatly contributed to the amount taken.

Great fun was had by all, at the varied side shows organised by C.S.M. No. II R. G. Camp, B.E.M., R.A.M.C., and manned by the R.A.M.C. Other Ranks.

Most visitors to the fête took advantage of the home-made cakes and the teas which were served by Major T. L. Jeffrey Edwards, Q.A.R.A.N.C. and Major K. Grimshaw, Q.A.R.A.N.C. The background music was contributed by the band of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel R. C. P. Jefferies, M.B.E., R.I.F.

We would like to convey our thanks to Lieut.-Colonel S. Mackenzie, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., for providing first prize for the Grand Draw, to Members of the R.A.M.C. Wives' Club and to all those who assisted or contributed in helping us to make a worth while sum in aid of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Benevolent Fund.

M. R. KNAPTON, Capt. A/SS/207.

**Editor's Note.**—It was really a worth while sum in aid of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Benevolent Fund, £265. Thanks to all helpers in Tripoli!

## OBITUARY

### DAME ANNE BEARDSMORE SMITH, D.B.E., R.R.C.

I have happy memories of Dame Anne as Principal Matron in Malta, when I was there 1915-1916 as Matron of Tigni Hospital. As you may remember, Malta was ready with a number of beds for the soldiers, but the sick and wounded came in such numbers from Gallipoli. Dame Anne, with the help of Field Marshall Lord Allenby, the Governor of the Island, did splendid work together, arranging for barracks and schools to be equipped as temporary hospitals. I remember at one time, we had as many as 2,000 beds on the Island.

Dame Anne's attractive personality so impressed the Maltese people, that they were a great help freely giving us all they could. The Maltese ladies came to help a little in the wards, and would send in for the men, anything we told them we needed. I remember, as the men got well, we needed more cutlery at dinner time, and these ladies soon put this right, and they were a great help before the V.A.D.s came out to help us with the nursing.

Dame Anne helped to keep up "Friendship" and came to our bathing-pool tea parties, to encourage some of the Sisters and V.A.D.s to learn to swim, and this was a great success. We felt she loved us, and loved the soldiers too. Many of the men had dysentery, badly wounded too.

As you know it was very heavy nursing work and in a warm climate, but Dame Anne was there, visiting one hospital after another, always ready to smile and praise us.

She loved the Island, and the beautiful colouring of the sky, at sunset. Often late evening, she would call on me at Tigni. She loved to quote these famous lines:

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A Rainbow in the Sky,  
So was it when my life began,  
So is it now I am a man,  
So let it be when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die.

CECILIA STEVENS, A.196.

I knew Dame Anne as Matron-in-Chief and later after her retirement as Chairman of my Committee at a Convalescent Home where I was in charge; and in both capacities she was indeed a "strength and stay," always so practical and sympathetic. She possessed both wisdom and understanding.

MARGARET J. HEPPLE, A.156.

I knew Dame Anne as Matron-in-Chief in the Q.A.s. I always found her a wonderful help in any difficulty and an inspiration to all of us. Later we became great friends when I served with her at the British Red Cross Headquarters during the last war. She was so wise and understanding and encouraging. It was sad to see her declining of late years and I am happy to know that she is now at rest.

PHOEBE STEEL, A./Hind./120.

I did not know Dame Anne personally until long after her retirement, in fact when 21 years later, I too had become a Matron-in-Chief. I was then greatly struck by Dame Anne's alert interest in the affairs of her "beloved Service" and later as I came to know her better, I realised the depth of her wisdom and insight. It was a time of great changes, consequently of difficulties and struggles also. More than once Dame Anne's clear and far-sighted appreciation of the general situation gave me added strength to carry on.

LOUISA J. WILKINSON, L.1.

During the last years of her life I visited Dame Anne regularly. At first I went because I knew she liked to hear about the activities of the Association, but I soon found that I looked forward to my visit because I came away feeling that I had gained so much. Her philosophy of life was very simple. If what she did or said made others happier, then she was content; otherwise it was better left undone or unsaid. She communicated this outlook on life to all whom she met, with the natural result that others treated her in the same manner, a way of life which serves as her memorial, and could well be copied by us all.

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Only once had I the good fortune to meet Dame Anne, but the memory of that meeting is unforgettable.

Dame Anne had been invited to the Depot Q.A.R.A.N.C. to see the changes that had taken place since the days of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Crippled with arthritis, she was taken in a wheel chair to some of the departments, where she showed the keenest interest in all aspects of the training and life of officers and Other Ranks, and finally she watched a parade of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. on their own parade ground.

Her visit coincided with the last day of a course for newly-joined officers and she was asked if she would like to say a few words to them; she willingly agreed and was wheeled into the classroom where the class was awaiting the Commandant's closing speech.

It was the usual class of about twenty young women, two or three who intended to make the Corps their Career, and the remainder who had joined for a variety of light-hearted reasons such as "to go abroad," "the social life," "a change from civilian nursing," most of them with no intention of committing themselves to anything beyond the short Service Commission.

It was impossible to remember all Dame Anne said, but her enthusiasm for all she had seen and heard, her pride and joy in the progress the Corps had made and her pleasure at having the opportunity to speak to young women who were starting their careers in the Nursing Service which had meant so much to her, made a great impression on all who listened, and her enthusiasm was infectious.

After Dame Ann had been wheeled out to her car, the Commandant returned and asked as usual "who intends to make the Corps their career?"—I was delighted, but not surprised when the whole class rose to its feet—those few words from a wonderful old lady had made all the difference.

L.125.

### MAJOR N. ELLISON

Major N. Ellison died suddenly at her home in South Benfleet, Essex, on 10th October, 1960, after suffering periods of poor health over the past two years; she reached the age of 66 years a few days before her death and is sadly missed by a close circle of friends.

Major Ellison trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bedford, and afterwards qualified as State Certified Midwife at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot. She served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. from 1928 until 1948. For a time after her retirement she lectured in nursing to classes of the British Red Cross Society and the St. John's Ambulance and was well-known to members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association as "The Branches Secretary," an appointment she held for several years.

Her interest and enthusiasm for the work of the Association was untiring.

Major Ellison was a dog lover and had a great interest and a knowledge of gardening and bird life; she was in sympathy with all wild creatures. Service members who knew her in the Simla Hills in India in 1931 will recall the large, wild grey monkeys with their young, scrambling up the steep hillside to eat out of her hand.

The Association has lost a loyal friend and supporter.

E. MACKANESS, L.162.

### MISS ANNABELLE BARRON, R.R.C.

It is with deep regret we hear of the death of Miss Annabelle Baron, R.R.C., age 87. At the beginning of her nursing career she served in the South African War, and later trained at the West Middlesex Hospital. She joined at the outbreak of war in 1914 and served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. in Egypt, and on the hospital ship *Jagus* at the evacuation of Gallipoli, for which she was awarded the R.R.C.

### "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

Those words spoken throughout the land on Remembrance Day mean to most people the Fallen of two world wars, but to me they mean much more. The words "They shall not grow old as we who are *left* grow old" bring to my mind not only the dead, but those who were casualties, but *lived*, having given their health—limbs—youth.

At each recurring Remembrance Day ceremony, when I hear these words reverently spoken, my immediate surrounding fades and I hear again the voice of a young soldier whose arm had been blown off by a shell, telling me about a diamond ring given to him for his 21st birthday, wintering in the Desert sand on the hand which was no longer his, and which was left there because he didn't like to ask his friends to take it off. I see the suffering face of a trapeze artist who lost a leg, and who knew that never again would he thrill the crowds on the high wire, and dreaded going home. The young boy who picked up a "booby trap" and whose maimed hands, permanently bulging cheek and a stutter were memento of that terrible moment for him . . . The lad who had been run over by a tank, begging us not to make him laugh, as another, whose eardrums had been blown in by bomb blast, and myself, did a "mother and baby act," at 6 a.m. in the morning. So many, whose bravery and never failing cheerfulness kept their nurses going, as well as their comrades, the badly burned, the maimed, the shell-shocked, who had to return and *live*—in a very different world from the one which they had left full of hope and courage.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning," we *should* remember them too, and hope that the Peace has not been too hard on them as *they* grow old. We who were with them, I know will remember them, not only once a year, but always.

E. FEHNERS, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

### 13th NOVEMBER, 1960

Today is Remembrance Day. I am here in Singapore and have just been to the Remembrance Service in the R.A.F. Church, Changi, where I found the service most impressive.

I was in Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. in India and Ceylon, 1940 to 1945, and knew some of the Army personnel and in particular Army Nursing Staff who came to Singapore and were left here and to whom there is a beautiful memorial at Kranji.

Also I have seen the gaol where so many were imprisoned.

I do count myself fortunate to be able to see these places in peacetime and will never forget those who came here to do their best for mankind, but were taken away from what must have been impossible conditions.

My prayers were for their peace too.

M. A. CROMBIE, A.861.

### WOMEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON, 1960

The Sixth Annual Women of the Year Luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, was held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on 6th October, 1960.

A picture specially drawn for the occasion by Dame Laura Knight, D.B.E., R.A., R.W.S., was reproduced on the 2nd page of the programme, this picture depicts two small girls sitting on the ground with legs crossed and hands clasped gazing in front of them with wide, unseeing eyes, on the opposite page above the name of Dame Laura Knight, D.B.E., are the words "Thrice Blest are they that know the morning light."

The women of the year luncheon is a particularly popular and efficient means of raising funds for the blind, last year the fund benefited to the extent of over £2,000. This year there was an attendance of about 550 women.

Colonel Mary Booth, C.B.E., said grace, then after an excellent luncheon the speakers took the floor in their turn. Six distinguished women were told to ask themselves the question "If not me, who?", and let us know their conclusions.

The first speaker was Commandant Dame Elizabeth Hoyer Miller, D.B.E., Hon. A.D.C., whose choice was "Helen of Troy," her ideas were amusing, facile and ingenious in summing up the advantages of being Helen.

Next came Miss Ailsa Garland, fashion editor of *Vogue*, who appropriately enough chose "Eve", she enlarged on the theme and wittily wrung every advantage from being the only girl in the world with a wardrobe of an unlimited supply of fresh fig leaves.

Third on the list was Mrs. Margaret H. Thatcher, M.P. for Finchley, who turning to the more serious side, chose Anna of the King of Siam fame. I was enlightened by this choice and learned that the real Anna was not the pretty lady of film and novel, but a rather



plain woman with the self-imposed mission to abolish slavery in Siam. Through her teaching and her influence on the heir apparent she eventually achieved her objective.

The fourth speaker, the Lady Pakenham, chose "Florence Nightingale," although we are all familiar with her life and work we never tire of hearing her name mentioned amongst the great.

The fifth speaker, the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, G.B.E., C. St. John, chose Helen Jane Waddell, authoress and fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, whom she had known personally during her lifetime, and admired both as a great personality and for her acute awareness of all that was beautiful in nature, verse and prose.

The last speaker, Miss Evelyn Laye, chose Madam Curie, and in developing her theme expressed her intense admiration for someone so unlike herself, someone who could endure poverty, hardship and ill-health with patient indifference while achieving her aim.

So let us all ask ourselves "If not me,—who?" and in doing so perhaps uncover what we would, if we could, aspire to most.

E. MACKANESS, L.162.

### THE GOLDEN YEARS

The next five years can be the golden years for the nursing profession in this country. Between now and 1965 those who were born in the highest-ever birth-rate years between 1942 and 1947 will become 18 and old enough to start their nursing training.

Already nursing takes a large share of school-leavers and it may be that the proportions will not alter. But the numbers coming into the profession should be greater within the next five years; are we ready to receive and welcome them into the training schools?

During the same five years that these young people will be leaving school, the pattern of nurse training will be altering, as the proposals of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales come into force. From 1962 all trainees for the Register, except those in psychiatric hospitals, whose position the Minister is keeping under review, will need the equivalent of the General Certificate of Education with two passes at O level. This should mean that a higher proportion of grammar school leavers will be coming into nursing. The prospects for them are bright indeed. Are grammar school headmistresses fully aware of the openings that nursing offers? Is a close liaison kept between schools of nursing and grammar schools?

The ladder of promotion in nursing today extends far beyond the level envisaged by the man and woman in the street. We need the girls, who, in the upper forms of schools all over the country, are already showing the qualities of leadership and character and a sense

of service. We need to be able to recognize some of these qualities in the preliminary training school, not waiting until promotion to senior posts has been reached.

"Talent spotting" has not always been a practice in the nursing profession. Avenues of professional advancement are too often chosen *faute de mieux*, both by the individuals themselves and by their seniors. Promotion should be planned.

From trainees for the Register we need to select our future ward sisters, our tutors and our matrons; from them also will come our health visitors, our occupational health nurses as well as nursing officers of the Crown, the prison and colonial nursing services. Posts with regional boards and at the Ministries, as well as for work study officers, are becoming vacant daily for intelligent, well-trained registered nurses.

We can only harvest the golden years if we are sure we know the kind of candidate we wish to attract. We must make our selection carefully. Having chosen our candidates, we must be alert to see that their capabilities are developed to the full.

By the courtesy of the *Nursing Times*.

### CONVENTION IN SCOTLAND

Scottish Command held a Convention in Dreghorn Camp, Edinburgh, on 6th May, 1960. The aim was to show the kind of girl we want to recruit, and the variety of work offered to women in the Army.

The Convention was attended by headmistresses, headmasters of mixed senior secondary schools or their representatives, members of the Youth Employment Service and of Women's organisations in Scotland.

It took the form of short talks by twenty-one members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. and W.R.A.C., introduced by Captain Margaret Hudson, W.R.A.C., with Lieutenant Pamela Aubertein, Q.A.R.A.N.C. The speakers were chosen to represent their different trades, and we were specially grateful to those who took the long journey from the South, as well as to the Commanding Officers who allowed them to come.

It seemed a formidable number of speeches on the printed programme, but all the talks were finished in ninety minutes. After seeing W.R.A.C. accommodation, guests had tea, prepared by 1 Indep Coy, W.R.A.C., and were able informally to question the speakers.

One headmistress wrote afterwards: "In every way it was a most satisfying and instructive experience and I personally was greatly impressed, not only by the comprehensive nature of the opportunities offered to a girl in the Army, but also by the easy and attractive

performance of each speaker." The speakers would be surprised to know how many compliments of the same kind were made, both during the afternoon, and afterwards by letter. Because none of them have found it easy, and probably none of them realised how attractively they performed. Their efforts have certainly given many people in Scotland a new idea of the work of the Women's Services in the Army.

### **Pte. Hamilton, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Cowglen Military Hospital**

Nearly 12 months ago, after a lot of thought and much consideration, I signed a form which altered the whole course of my life. This signature made me a serving member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. I had little first hand knowledge of what life in the Army would be like, so it was not without some trepidation that I arrived at the Depot and Training Establishment in Hindhead, Surrey. At the Depot, I found I was one of twenty girls who had enlisted on the same day, and during our first hours together, we shared our hopes and fears for the future. For the following fortnight we were initiated into the mysteries of Army drill and discipline and given an indication of what our lives would be like for the next three years.

Perhaps the most thrilling moment came when we donned our new khaki uniforms and paraded before the Commandant at a "passing out" parade. She assured us we were the smartest squad ever to pass through the Depot. We learned afterwards that she said this to most squads, but it didn't lessen our pride.

From Surrey, we went to the P.T.S. in Aldershot and went through an intensive course of instruction in Anatomy and Physiology, nursing and hygiene, for three months. Those of us who needed to, were given tutoring in Educational subjects, Arithmetic, English, etc., and at the end of our course there, managed to pass our nursing and educational exams, and when we did, we felt very proud and full of knowledge. Our days were very full at this time, but sport and P.T. were always encouraged and we spent many sunny afternoons out of doors, being coached in a variety of sports. A strict eye was kept on our health during this time, and we were required to be indoors by ten o'clock each night. This discipline considerably relaxed after posting, but there is always concern on the part of our Officers for our health and welfare. During my time at P.T.S. I was fortunate to be chosen to take part in a Guard of Honour for our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret, when she visited us. This was a great thrill for all concerned and will be long remembered.

Since posting to Cowglen Military Hospital, I have got down to the real business of our Corps—Nursing. Work on the wards is varied and interesting and I have nursed lads from all parts of Britain and overseas who are members of H.M. Forces. We hear stories from all over the World, and as most of us hope to go abroad sooner or later, these stories are doubly interesting.

Lectures of course continue, and during my seven months at Cowglen I have passed my first year examination and hope to sit my second year examination in May of this year. I have also sat and passed my Corporal's course and examination. This was taken rather early in my Army career, but Matron advised it as she thought I was suitable for promotion later on.

Looking back on my 12 months in the Army, I have no regrets about my decision. I have met a great variety of people, both as colleagues and patients in that time, have learned a lot, and am increasingly proud to wear this uniform as a member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C.

#### **Pte. Sutherland, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Woolwich Military Hospital**

Before coming into the service I was employed for several years in a civilian hospital as a dark-room technician and became very interested in the work of the department, namely, radiography.

I was a little bored with my daily routine and when it was suggested that service with the Q.A.R.A.N.C. would afford facilities for training in radiography and also provide an opportunity to see other countries, I made further enquiries. It was pointed out to me that I would be paid while training and that I would eventually be able to obtain my civilian diploma.

On entering the Q.A.R.A.N.C., I spent a short period at the Corps Depot being fitted for my uniform and given an introduction to service life. I went from there to our P.T.S. in Hampshire where I was given basic training in nursing prior to going to the Royal Herbert Hospital in London, attached to which is the Army X-Ray School.

It was at this school that I began an intensive six months' course which I hoped would provide me with my first qualification in radiography.

I found the work very absorbing and was taught a great deal about the many varied subjects namely, Anatomy, Physiology, Radiographic technique, Physics and apparatus construction and photography. The time passed very quickly and periodically we were given progress tests. The first four months were spent on demonstrations, lectures and private study periods and for the final two months I visited local civilian hospitals to gain practical experience and learn something of departmental routine which remains the same in both Army and Civilian hospitals.

At the end of the six months we sat our final exams and it was with great relief I had learnt I had qualified as a Radiographer Class III. I am now studying to reach the standard required to obtain my civilian diploma. This will provide me with excellent prospects of a worthwhile and well-paid position within the profession when I leave the service.

The pay and conditions within the Corps compare most favourably with those offered outside the service and can be substantially improved as one gains in experience and obtains promotion.

For anyone interested in sport, every encouragement is given and there is in all units facilities for all types of games.

### **Cpl. C. T. Duckett, Q.A.R.A.N.C., A.M.R.U., Chester**

I joined the Q.A.R.A.N.C. on the 28th December, 1956, hoping to train as a physiotherapist. After two weeks at the Depot at Hindhead, Surrey, drawing kit and learning a little about the Army, I went to the Nurses' Preliminary Training School and there was selected for training as a physiotherapist.

As the next course did not start until September 1957, I did general nursing on the wards at Tidworth and the Royal Herbert Military Hospitals. This experience taught me hospital etiquette and routine which helped me considerably as a physiotherapy student.

For the first four months of the course we had lectures all day on Anatomy, Physiology, Electrotherapy, pathology, exercise and massage, all our practical work being done on each other, but in 1958 we began work under supervision in the physiotherapy department, or the wards.

Having passed the first Army examination after 10 months I was selected for full civilian training and am now in my final year, having passed both the Preliminary and Intermediate examinations of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

As the final examination is purely a practical one I spent my first three months of my final year at Millbank Hospital, London, dealing with major surgical and cancer patients, then two months at the Army Medical Rehabilitation Unit in Chester dealing with bone and joint injuries and in particular hand injuries. Now I am at the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, for general medical and surgical experience, and lastly I go to the Brook General Hospital in Woolwich to work in the poliomyelitis, chest and neuro-surgical units followed by a month's intensive coaching for the final examination.

My cousin has been training as a physiotherapist in a civilian hospital as long as I have been in the Army. My training has cost me nothing except examination fees, and I have in fact been well paid according to my rank and the examinations I have passed. I have seen quite a bit of Britain and met many people, both service and civilian, and later may have the opportunity of travelling abroad. As for the training I think the Army push you harder and quicker towards your goal and you are given responsibility sooner.

I enjoy physiotherapy, it is a vocation and an extremely interesting one. To get the sick and injured soldiers, treat them, and watch

them achieve the high standard of physical fitness required in the Army is most satisfying. I am a member of a team in which the patient is the most important member, and I one of the least, but I see the patient a lot, help raise his morale and coach him to that extra bit of effort that tips the balance in his favour. Each day with experience I feel I am improving in my work and I have the satisfaction of knowing I am being really useful to these patients.

In the Army as in civil life the opportunities are there and it is up to the individual to make the most of them.

### **Dental Hygienist Cpl. J. M. Kirby, Colchester Military Hospital**

I did my training through the Army at the R.A.D.C. Depot in Aldershot. Every girl or boy who decides to specialise in Dental Work, has, first of all, to do a ten weeks' Dental Clerk's Assistant's Course and is then posted as a D.C.A. to a Dental Centre or Dental Department of a Military Hospital. One may be required to return to the R.A.D.C. Depot for a six weeks' course in Dental Radiography and may at any time be selected to train as a Dental Hygienist.

The Hygienist Course lasts for ten months and at the end of it the Ministry of Health Diploma in Oral Hygiene is taken. There are civilian as well as Army Examiners and the passing of this examination gives the qualifications necessary to work as a hygienist in the Army or Civil life. Having passed, you get posted to either a Dental Department or Dental Centre, and work with a Dental Officer who prescribes and supervises the work you do. The standard of work required is very high and is considered to be of more importance than the number of patients seen.

My work entails:—

1. Scaling teeth.
2. Cleaning and polishing teeth.
3. Treating gum infections.
4. Looking after the Oral Hygiene for fractured jaws and splinted patients.
5. Giving talks on Oral Hygiene.
6. Correct method of toothbrushing.
7. Assisting with Dental Operations as in the Operating Theatre.

I have my own surgery and my own scale of equipment. The equipment provided is good and quite adequate for the work that I do. The work is very interesting and it makes me feel part of the team and not just an individual. I look after my surgery myself and always see that it is clean and tidy. Chances of promotion are very good, as nearly every Hygienist is a Corporal or above.

I am always posted to live at Hospitals where other Q.A.R.A.N.C. student nurses are working and I live with them. At the moment I am

at Colchester and the quarters there are excellent. There is a large sitting-room with a Television and a kitchen where we can make hot drinks at night. There is a washing and ironing room and we also have an electric hair-dryer and a sewing-machine. There is a Q.A.R.A.N.C. officer in charge of all of us and she looks after our welfare and if we have any troubles we can always go to her.

There is every chance of going abroad as we have Hygienists in Hong-Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus and Germany. I myself have been to Singapore and I served two years there. The quarters there are very modern and well-designed for living in a hot climate. In some of the shots taken of the film *Whilst Angels Watched* you can see the sort of life I enjoyed. Whilst I was there, I spent my leaves in Penang, which is the most glorious spot imaginable, with lovely beaches and a Hill Station overlooking the town.

You get plenty of opportunity for sports such as swimming, netball, hockey, tennis and badminton.

Lastly to uniform:—

You probably know that the Army uniform is designed by fashion experts, and even in our working dress we are not only expected to look tidy, but our clothing is designed to give the



(by courtesy of the *Nursing Mirror*)

MAJOR V. LANE, CAPT. S. A. BINLOSS, CAPT. A. T. E. M. HOWITT, CAPT. M. I. O'REILLY, LT. A. E. HUGHES EMBARKING FOR THE CAMEROONS. THE FIRST Q.A.R.A.N.C. OFFICERS POSTED TO THIS STATION.

appearance of being completely up to date. For working, we wear these white dresses like the one I am wearing, and which I think is very nice. Appearance is considered to be a most important factor in the approach to patients, who may feel a little apprehensive when they attend for dental treatment.

There is plenty of interesting work and wonderful opportunities to employ one's leisure hours in a sensible and enjoyable manner. It has been a great experience for me and I think it is a jolly good life.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

At a dinner party a young man was bored stiff with both the young ladies who were his neighbours, so tried a new source of possible interest, "My great grandfather was killed at Waterloo" he told them.

"Oh, what a shame," cried one, "Which platform?"

The other whispered, "How silly she is—as if it mattered which platform!"

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A British airman had been forced to land near a lonely village in Northern Ireland. While petrol was being sent for, he was very hospitably treated by an old Irish woman. Later when all was in order again, he by way of showing his gratitude suggested taking her for a short flight.

"No, no, sir," she said hurriedly, "Thank you very much young gentleman, but glory be to God, the first time I go up yonder, I go up for good!"

## OVERSEAS POSTINGS

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

1st JULY, 1960 to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1960

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

Majors:—L. Dodsley, M. A. Brown, M. Moynihan, J. Parsons.

Captains:—P. M. Merriman, E. Thomas, M. N. G. Watkins.

Lieutenants:—M. Whiteside, M. Daly, P. M. Reid, D. R. King, E. Lloyd, M. N. White, J. Preston, M. E. Down, A. H. M. Flannery, S. M. Dobbs, D. A. Freeman, M. Furzer, G. D. Heywood, K. M. Gibson, P. Heslop.

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

Colonel S. E. Hughes.

Majors:—R. M. Hinchley, H. O. Duncan, M. Fabian, B. W. C. Norman.

Captains:—R. Sutton, G. R. Dawe, K. A. Kiggins.

Lieutenants:—A. M. Garvie, M. Houston, G. M. Rees, J. A. Daniels, E. E. Harrington, F. Cairns, J. Boylan, E. Taylor, C. D. Grosse, J. J. Cross, P. H. Symmons, M. Morgan, M. J. Daish, P. Mair, M. J. Martin, S. A. Sanders, B. Rowland, M. O. James, M. Vaughan.



**Cameroons**

Major V. Lane.

Captains:—S. A. Bindloss, A. T. E. M. Howitt, M. I. O'Reilly.

Lieutenant A. E. Hughes.

**Katmandu, Nepal**

Major E. Ballesty

**Peking**

Major J. Lindsaye.

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

Colonel K. M. Blair.

**Malta**

Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Dowling.

Captains:—M. A. Geraghty, J. Battersby.

Lieutenants:—P. H. Aubertin, O. S. Hannaford, W. M. Warner, G. Strunkis,  
I. V. Christie, R. A. Rodger.

**Gibraltar**

Major E. O. Bassett.

Lieutenants:—K. B. Ayres, M. M. Storey, M. H. Whitford.

**Sierra Leone**

Captain D. N. Morton.

**Benghazi**

Major M. Ryan.

Captain C. M. M. Holmes.

Lieutenants:—M. L. Gibson, S. Pinder, S. E. Aitken, M. H. McGhie.

**Tripoli**

Major Grimshaw.

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

1st APRIL to 30th JUNE, 1960

**Cyprus**

Privates:—Jenkins J., Mitchell J., Lawrence P. J., Maginnes H., Mainer J.,  
Larmer J., Jackson M., Divers E., Tyson M. E., Gilling V. T., Sparrow  
M. M., Barrett D. S.

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

Privates:—Jenkins M., Phillips W.

1st JANUARY, 1960 to 31st MARCH, 1960

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

Privates:—Cook E. C., Moore J., Norris L., Stait F.

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

Privates:—Nelson D., Oxley F. D., Watt H. M.

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

Privates:—Beattie D., Borrowdale M., McPhail M., Bradley J., Bullock A.,  
St. John J. T., McPhail N., Pearson R., S'Bernard B. M.

**Gibraltar**

Private Mackenzie M.

**Malta**

Private Bruce H.

1st JULY, 1960 to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1960

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

Sergeant Gowing U.

Private (A/Cpl.) Hegarty M.

Privates:—Donnelly J., Flower D. R., McCormick M. A., Garbutt G., Stuart M., Taylor P., Blakey H., Godfrey D. M., Grant M. E., Holt P. A., Kimpton B. V., McNichol F. K., Muir M. D., Seaton A. P., Rolland J. I., Summers P., Learoyd M., McCourt W. T., Wilson A. E., Hamilton E., Kett M. Y., Graham, Wood I. R.

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

Privates:—Nicol A. E., Roberts J. M., Watson D., Morris E., Hayden E., Taylor I., Relf M. E., Fraser, Smith M. A., Mount M. (A/Cpl.), Rump E. E.

**Cyprus**

Privates:—Murray K. E., Elliot M. C., Tregent M. P.

**Tripoli**

Privates:—Barratt E. J., McMullan E.

**Gibraltar**

Corporal Bennett P. J.

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

Corporal Mulhall M.

Privates:—Pringle, Rees C. G., Cini M., Maxwell J. V.

**REVERSION TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT**

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

1st JULY to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1960

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

Majors:—J. L. Salmon, M. Seabrook, E. M. Hewson.

Captains:—M. Chamberlain, E. D. Harte, B. Wood.

Lieutenants:—M. E. Cardwell, J. W. Adams, D. M. Redjab, D. F. Righton, P. Elliot, Y. H. Robinson, E. J. Thomson, W. M. A. Nash, P. M. E. Grant.

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

Captains:—J. E. Pease, J. M. Egerton, B. E. Bell.

Lieutenants:—P. Gliddon, J. Coleman, E. B. B. Shooter, M. M. Dunn, M. M. Moloney, J. M. Bandy, M. Scott, K. M. J. Casey, J. B. Cooper, F. M. Wells, M. V. Wright.

**Tripoli**

Major M. Mount.

Lieutenants:—P. W. Hammond, V. J. Smith, S. M. Coupe.

**Benghazi**

Lieutenant E. Logan.

**Nairobi**

Majors:—D. J. Drurymetham, J. Millington.

**Gibraltar**

Lieutenants:—A. M. Haley, M. A. McPhillips, R. K. Hickman, M. J. Pennington.

**Cyprus**

Lieutenants:—J. P. Elye, D. M. Rich.

**Malta**

Lieutenant Colonel Kneebone, M.B.

Major M. Fougere.

Captain A. Roddy.

Lieutenants:—K. A. Prior, T. W. L. Kaye, A. Williamson, I. T. Cowan,  
C. Lander, H. M. Harrison, D. J. Simpson, N. M. Brown.

**Mauritius**

Lieutenant D. M. Whitehead.

**Sierre Leone**

Lieutenant V. C. Cross.

**Accra**

Captain D. B. Butcher.

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

1st JANUARY, 1960 to 31st MARCH, 1960

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

S/Sergeant Chambers L.

Corporal Brown R.

Privates:—Cochrane M. J., Donlin E. A., Forsythe G. P., Freeland J.,  
Jackson S. C. W., McTurk E. M., O'Donovan M., Slack E. V., Stevens  
J. M., Henry H.

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

Corporals:—Bishop S. U., Jones B. N., Stocker B. A., Thomson H. C. G.  
Acting Lance Corporal Watson M.

Privates:—Andrews S. E., Cooling B. A., Harrison H., March Nee, Scaife E.,  
Scholes J.

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

Privates:—Bull M., Chamberlain I. M., Gartshore, *nee* Arnold, E. V., Picking  
A., Price B. A., Smith E., Fearn M.

**Malta**

Private Toon B. M.

1st APRIL, 1960 to 30th JUNE, 1960

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

A/Lance Corporal Barker J.

Privates:—Emery, M. E., Robson V. H. J., Bagley J. E., Evans C., McLachlan  
B. H., Brace V. M., Barnes D. O.

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

Corporal Johns J. M.

Privates:—Scholes J., Mills E., Faichney J. B., Dalton M., Crowhurst V. F.,

**Malta**

Private Bisset A.

**Gibraltar**

Lance Corporal Yeaman E. M.

**Cyprus**

S/Sergeant Cotton G. L.

Private Lane G. E.

**Tripoli**

Private Nellist M. E.

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

Corporal Arnold W.

Privates:—Threlfall P., Harrison L., Reid K. M.

1st JULY, 1960 to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1960

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

Sergeant Palmer P. S.

A/Sgt. Huty E.,

Corporals:—Faulkner B., Cartwright S. A., Bartholomew R. L. M., Gill L. B.

Privates:—Turner M. T., Savage L. A., Stopforth J., Blakey H., Ball H. M.,

Gaudion P. T., Edwards M., Towlson A. D., Doyle M. M., Harvey M. L.,

Rice B. A., Wall I., Callaghan M. M., Patterson M. W., Wetherell P. M.,

Griffiths, *nee* Temperli, Grant M. E., Hopkins S. P. E., Roe *nee* Emmett J.

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

A/Sergeant Carruthers J. F.

Corporals:—Witter C., Hogan *nee* McCauley.

Lance Corporals:—Taylor A. M., Payne B. A., Ship *nee* Adams, Mashiter I. M.

Privates:—Mullen I. E., Mattocks P., Jones M. E., Waters *nee* Harkness W.,

Rawlings D. S., Tinker *nee* Petherick, Jarman *nee* Curtis, Tempest A.,

Brogan F.

**Cyprus**

Corporal Ludlow B. M.

**Dhekelia**

Private Largan M.

**Cyrenaica**

Corporal Storey P.

**Malta**

Corporal Philbin G.

Private Thomas M.

**Gibraltar**

Privates:—Rump E. E., Marchant J. R.

**Benghazi**

Private Hall G. A.

**PROMOTIONS**

**REGULAR OFFICERS**

**To Brigadier**

Colonel F. B. Cozens, R.R.C., 23.7.60.

**To Colonel**

Lt.-Colonel B. M. Fitzpatrick, R.R.C., 23.7.60.

**To Lt.-Colonel**

Majors:—A. M. Hey, M.B.E., A.R.R.C., 23.3.60; M. E. Lewis, A.R.R.C., 23.3.60; E. C. Long, R.R.C., 23.7.60.

**To Major**

Captains:—J. O. E. Moriarty, 9.7.60; V. W. Cavey, 26.7.60; V.M. Jones, 3.9.60; E. Thomas, A.R.R.C., 26.9.60.

**To Captain**

Lieutenants R. A. Dobbs, 28.7.60; R. Martin, 8.8.60.

**S.S.C. OFFICERS**

**To Captain**

Lieutenants:—J. S. Scott, 1.6.60; A. Jefferson, 20.6.60; J. K. J. Milligan, 20.6.60; M. N. G. Watkins, 12.5.60; Y. J. M. M. Dunning, 11.8.60; M. T. Rees, 25.6.60; E. M. Madin, 21.8.60; M. E. Cardwell, 5.9.60; E. Walls, 16.8.60; T. C. Roddy, 17.9.60.

**Retirement**

Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., 23.7.60.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Brigadier F. B. Cozens, R.R.C.**, Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, has been appointed Honorary Nursing Sister to the Queen (Q.H.N.S.), in succession to Brigadier Dame Monica Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., who has retired.
- Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C.**, General Secretary International Council of Nurses, has been appointed by the North West Metropolitan R.H.B. to the Northern Group H.M.C. Miss Bridges is to serve for the period ending March 31st, 1962.
- Miss M. B. Mitchell, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M. and Housekeeping Certificate**, has been appointed Matron at the General Hospital, Hove. She served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Miss I. K. Thorburn, S.R.N.**, has been appointed Matron at the Bruntfield Hospital, Edinburgh. She served as Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Miss D. I. Whiteley, S.R.N.**, Housekeeping and Administrative Course, has been appointed Matron at Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. Sister, Q.E.O.N.S., N. Rhodesia, and served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Miss C. A. Jordan, S.R.N., R.S.C.N.**, has been appointed deputy Matron at the General Hospital, Bedford. She served as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Miss L. M. Macpherson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Housekeeping Certificate**, has been appointed first Assistant Matron at Scarborough Hospital, Yorkshire. She served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Miss A. J. Dickens, S.R.N., S.C.M., O.N. Certificate**, has been appointed Night Superintendent at Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester. She was a member of the T.A.N.S.
- Miss M. R. Bloomfield, S.R.N., S.C.M.**, has been appointed Night Superintendent at the South Western Hospital, London. She served as Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Mrs. R. E. Mason, M.B.E., S.R.N., H.V. Certificate**, has been appointed Superintendent School Nurse at the City of Stoke-on-Trent. She served as Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Mrs. Mary McMahon** has been appointed Education Officer to the Committee. Mrs. MacMahon, after serving with the Q.A.R.A.N.C., obtained her Tutor's Diploma from Edinburgh University. She is at present Tutor at the Royal Belfast Hospital for sick children. We wish Mrs. MacMahon every success in her new appointment in Northern Ireland.

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### *Appointment of Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services*

- Brigadier F. B. Cozens, R.R.C.**, succeeded Brigadier C. M. Johnson, D.B.E., R.R.C., as Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services on 25th June, 1960.
- Lt.-Colonel M. E. Holmes, R.R.C.**, appointed A.D.A.N.S. Western Command and Matron, Military Hospital, Chester, on 23rd June, 1960.
- Lt.-Colonel E. C. Long, R.R.C.**, appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Tidworth, 30th June, 1960.
- Colonel S. E. Hughes, R.R.C.**, appointed D.D.A.N.S., H.Q. B.A.O.R., 30th August, 1960.
- Lt.-Colonel U. A. Dowling, R.R.C.**, appointed Matron, David Bruce Military Hospital, Malta, 23rd July, 1960.
- Colonel K. M. Blair, R.R.C.**, appointed D.D.A.N.S., M.E.L.F., September, 1960.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following message was despatched to her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of her birthday:—

“The Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services and all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps with their humble duty send their loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret their Colonel-in-Chief on her birthday.”

The following gracious reply was received:—

“I thank you and all Ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps for your kind message of birthday greetings, which I have received with much pleasure.

MARGARET,  
Colonel-in-Chief.”

Lieutenant D. Hewitson, Q.A.R.A.N.C., was awarded the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Challenge Cup for 1959-60.

### Sister Tutor Diploma

Two officers passed the examination for Sister Tutor Diploma at Royal College of Nursing, London, July, 1960.

### State Final Results

Thirteen Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks were successful in passing the state final examination in June, 1960.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Prize for 1959 has been awarded to Nursing Orderly Q./1002945, Pte. M. R. Horton, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

## BIRTH

On 22nd October, 1960, at B.M.H., Singapore, to Patricia (*nee* Biggs), wife of Captain I. Ramsay, R.A.M.C., a son—Martin.

## MARRIAGES

Clarke, Lt. R. J., to Capt. B. J. Marsh, R.A., at Ninfield, Sussex, on 11.6.1960.

Spence, Lt. A. N. to Mr. A. M. Sutherland, at Dundee, Scotland, on 18.6.1960.

Redith, Lt. P., to Mr. N. J. Dixon, at Gibraltar, on 23.6.1960.

Greenhalgh, Lt. C. M., to Capt. A. W. C. Stewart, R.A.M.C., on 24.6.1960, at Belfast, N. Ireland.

Hartley, Lt. A. M., to Capt. W. S. Allan, R.A.M.C., at New Loughton, Lancashire, on 2.7.1960.

Williams, Lt. E. H. F., to Mr. C. E. Byers, at Lagos, Nigeria, on 4.6.1960.

Megarís, Lt. D. A., to Lt.-Commander S. H. Glenny, R.N., on 4.7.1960, at Victoria, Hong Kong.

McEvoy, Lt. E., to Mr. T. Pinfold, at Petersfield, Hampshire, on 9.7.1960.

Maughan, Lt. J., to Capt. D. H. S. Reid, R.A.M.C., at Victoria, Hong Kong, on 28.7.1960.

Brown, Lt. J. N., to Mr. S. G. Campbell, at Southampton, Hampshire, on 2.8.1960.

Olivey, Lt. B., to Capt. T. C. J. Llewellyn, R.A.D.C., at Gosport, Hampshire, on 29.7.1960.

- MacEachen**, Lt. A., to Mr. B. A. Langstaff, at Glasgow, Scotland, on 30.7.1960.
- Eley**, Lt. J. P., to Capt. J. D. S. Taylor, Royal Pioneer Corps, at Winchester, Hampshire, on 6.8.1960.
- Lander**, Lt. C., to Capt. M. Sheridan, R.A.M.C., at Exeter, Devon, on 6.8.1960.
- Harrison**, Lt. H. M., to Dr. J. D. Earp, M.B., Ch.B., at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on 13.8.1960.
- Smith**, Lt. R. A. M., to Mr. J. A. Markham, at Winchester, Hampshire, on 20.8.1960.
- O'Donnell**, Capt. M., to Mr. J. Edwards, at Basford, Nottingham, on 3.9.1960.
- Green**, Capt. P. to Mr. D. Conway, at Slierna, Malta, on 3.9.1960.
- Bickersteth**, Lt. R. M., to Revd. J. C. Allen, at Ripley, Yorkshire, on 19.9.1960.
- Eden**, Lt. M., to Mr. D. R. Gilbert, at Ordsall, Nottingham, on 24.9.1960.
- Ball**, Lt. E. M., to Mr. P. A. Simpson, at Market Bosworth, Leicester, on 26.9.60.

## DEATHS

- Barber**, Miss Ethel, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., died on September 22nd, 1960, at a Nursing Home, Scarborough, aged 88.
- Davidson**, Major Nancy, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.), died peacefully on the 19th August, 1960, after a long illness, in the Isle of Wight.
- Vassall**, Mrs. M. A., died suddenly on Friday 21st October, 1960. Served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., was a member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Millbank Branch.
- Elison**, Major Norrie, died on October 10th, 1960, at South Benfleet, Essex.
- Lowe**, Miss Katharine, R.R.C., died on October 28th, 1960, at Spalding. She served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Hardy**, Mrs. Mary E., died on Saturday October 8th, 1960. Widow of Walter Hardy, late of Tientsin, North China. Beloved mother of Joyce, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S., last surviving Sister of Welsh Field Hospital, South African War.
- Musson**, Dame Ellen, D.B.E., R.R.C., L.L.D., S.R.N., died on November 7th, 1960, at Badlesmere, Eastbourne, aged 93. Late Principal Matron, Territorial Force Nursing Service, 1st Southern General Hospital 1912-23. Treasurer, International Council of Nurses 1925-47, Vice-President, Royal College of Nursing.
- Baron**. Miss Annabelle, R.R.C., aged 87, died in August 1960. She served overseas in the First World War with the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.
- Foster**, Mrs. Beatrice Margery, *nee* Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., died suddenly on June 20th, 1960. She served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in Rawalpindi.
- Ross**, Miss Elizabeth, A.R.R.C., on November 8th, 1960, at Leamington Cottage Hospital, after a short illness.
- Buck**, Major N. A., A.R.R.C., died on November 28th, 1960, at Weston-Super-Mare, late Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- Schick**, Edith M. Miss, on November 10th, 1960, at 41 Abbey Road, N.W.8., aged 80 years, late T.A.N.S.
- Johnson**, Miss E. died on December 6th 1960. Matron of Outwoods Hospital Burton-on-Trent, L30. ex T.A.N.S. Donations to Cancer Research Fund, if desired.

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The Annual General Meeting and Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1961, at the Connaught Rooms, Holborn, London. Further details will be given later.

## PERSONAL COLUMN

**Permanent Address.**—Friends please note Major G. Mudge, A.R.R.C. (Retd.), 19 The Barons, St. Margaret's, East Twickenham, Middlesex.

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Miss A. K. Wright, 4 Helena Road, Windsor, wishes to thank all who have so kindly sent her old nylon stockings for making toys and does not require any more for the present.

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There are two vacancies as residents at Queen Mary's House, St. Leonard's, for ex-members of the Army Nursing Services. Enquiries should be made by January 20th, 1961, to:—

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