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EDITORIAL

The activities of the British Army in many countries are much in the news nowadays.

Their splendid efforts to help stricken people to overcome the disaster of areas laid waste by flood, hurricane or earthquake, has shown another of the functions of a good peace-time army. This function was carried out before the last war but was not so

noticeable, probably due to less publicity.

The medical services have a wide sphere of responsibility during disaster, the aiding of the injured being but a part. By their training, experience and organisation at home and abroad, no professional body is more ably equipped than the Royal Army Medical Corps to check the spread of epidemic disease and to advise on the temporary settlement of the survivors.

I read with pleasure the description of a visit to the Penang temples which I visited a few years ago. I did not have a guide to instruct me, so much that was of interest passed me by. After having visited Buddhist temples, poor and otherwise, in India and Japan, I am apt to wander about on the outside with only a swift glance at the interior. This I did in Penang.

I found great pleasure and interest in watching the traders on the wide steps of the temple approach, the pools of sacred turtles

and carp and viewing the countryside from higher up.

No one considers a turtle graceful but when a turtle takes to the water, stretching his neck as far as it will go and sweeping his flippers in rhythmic fashion by his sides, one is caught up in a harmony which beauty of movement in any creature is likely to evoke. In the temple pool the sacred turtles appear to be left to

multiply in a restricted area so this wonderful movement, due to freedom of action, cannot be seen at its best.

Association members serving in F.A.R.E.L.F. are advised to visit the Aquarium in King George VI Park, Singapore, to see the turtles. This aquarium is one of the best of its kind.

THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

Reproduced by the kind permission of the "Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee", 7 Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.

The statue in bronze of Florence Nightingale, forms part of the Crimea Memorial in Waterloo Place, London. This picture is produced on a hand-bill which is being circulated by the Committee to publicise their function.

Organised for the advancement of nursing education and service, at Florence Nightingale House, a residence established by the Committee, nurses of all nations can live as one family whilst undergoing advanced nursing studies.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE FAIR

CHELSEA TOWN HALL

May 16th—17th

The Fair is due to be opened by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th May, 1962. Two officers and two other ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C. from the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, will form part of the guard of honour.

It is hoped that the Fair will be well attended by both serving and retired members of the Corps.

NOTICES

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE, ST. LEONARDS ON SEA.

A vacancy exists at Queen Mary's House, St. Leonards on Sea. Application forms may be obtained from:—

The Hon. Secretary,

Queen Mary's House Fund, The War Office (AMD4), Lansdowne House.

> Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

It is possible that in the future consideration may have to be given to applying an age restriction on new members taking up residence in Queen Mary's House.

Association members are reminded to put their permanent home address, or a Bank address, on Banker's Order Form, NOT their unit address.

A NEW PUBLICATION.—"LAST BASTION" (Sketches of the Maltese Islands) by Eric Brockman, published by Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd. at 28s. 0d. net.

A book of travel with the right amount of past history.

This book has been publicised widely among the Navy, Army and Merchant Navy, and is likely to prove of interest to Association Members who have served in Malta.

The writer, Captain Brockman, was stationed in Malta and stayed there long enough to know it as a second home, he has a lively interest in the people of the Island and their vanishing customs.

Press Notice No. 10/62

Miss Joan Mary Woodgate, R.R.C., Principal Matron at the Royal Naval Hospital, Malta, since May, 1961, is to become Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service in succession to Miss H. Moore, C.B.E., R.R.C., with effect from 14th July, 1962.

Miss Woodgate, who was born in Surrey in 1912, is a Member of the Order of St. John, and joined Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service as a nursing sister in May, 1938 after training

at St. George's Hospital, London.

In 1953, Miss Woodgate was appointed Matron of H.M. Hospital Ship *Maine* during the Korean War and became a Principal Matron of Q.A.R.N.N.S. in January, 1959, when she was serving at the R.N. Hospital, Haslar, Portsmouth. 5th March, 1962.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Queen Mary's House, St. Leonards-on-Sea, 2nd January, 1962.

The warden and residents of Queen Mary's House would like to offer their sincere thanks to all serving and non-serving officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. for their most generous gifts and kind thoughts for Christmas.

Our best wishes to all for 1962.

A. DICKSON, Warden.

COMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Holborn, London, W.C.2., on Saturday, 30th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m., prior to the Reunion. Members wishing to attend please notify us when applying for Reunion tickets and the agenda will be sent.

The most important business of the meeting will be the election of a Chairman and three members to fill vacancies on the Central Committee. Term expired members are: Lt.-Colonel E. W. R. Warner, R.R.C., Retd., Chairman; Lt.-Colonel P. Widger, O.B.E., R.R.C., Retd.; Miss T. Turner, O.B.E., R.R.C.; Lt.-Colonel E. Jolly, R.R.C., Retd. All are eligible for renomination with their consent, nominations are required as early as possible. All nominations or re-nominations must state that the member nominated has agreed to stand.

17th Annual Reunion, 1962

Saturday, 30th June, 1962, the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Holborn, London, W.C.2. Tickets 12/6 members; 15/- non-members. Members wishing to bring their friends may do so, tickets will be 15/-. Latest date for applying for tickets, Friday, 22nd June. Owing to the necessity of informing the management of the numbers to be present, tickets cannot be sold at the door.

When applying for tickets please state if you wish to sit with another member, we cannot guarantee to do this but we will do our

best.

When attending the Reunion please ascertain the number of your table from the seating plan in the reception room before entering the tea room. We would be grateful if members would sit at the table allocated to them.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Queen Mary's House Fund will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 12th April, 1962, in Room 544, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

Medforth Cup Tennis Finals \ At the Depot and T.E., Gillespie Cup Tennis Finals \ Q.A.R.A.N.C. on Wednesday, 13th June, 1962.

Corps Sports.—At the Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., on Thursday, 14th June, 1962.

Sporting Events

TENNIS

In August, 1961, Q/Cpl. Sutherland played in the finals of the Ladies Singles and the Ladies Doubles in the Army Championships, Aldershot, but was beaten.

TABLE TENNIS

Q/S/Sgt. Hamblett entered the Command Individual Table Tennis Championships, at Kingston-on-Thames, on 27th January, 1962. She was narrowly beaten in the finals but goes forward to the Inter-Army Championships at 12 Bn.W.R.A.C., Kingston-on-Thames on the 12th and 13th April, 1962.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Millbank Branch

The Branch met on Wednesday, 10th January at 20 John Islip Street. In spite of a very rainy night 16 members were present while many apologies were received owing to the School holidays.

Our Chairman, Lt. Col. Lewis welcomed us and then gave a very interesting talk on a holiday in Malaya which was illustrated by coloured films. This brought back many happy memories to a number of the audience while for the rest it made one long to be away and enjoy the sunshine. The next Meeting is on Wednesday, 7th March.

HILDA HAMBLIN, L.136.

The South of Scotland Branch

The Annual Dinner of the South of Scotland Branch was held in the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, on Saturday, 28th October, 1961.

The guests were Lieut. Colonel K. E. Phillips, A.R.R.C., Assistant Director of Army Nursing Services, Scottish Command, and Mrs. E. O'Shea, member of the N.S.W. Branch, Australia, who was on holiday in Scotland. Only twenty-one members were present, it was regretted that illness prevented some members from participating in what proved a most enjoyable and friendly evening.

J. H. SMITH.

A successful Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd March, 1962. There were thirty members present, we were pleased to see Dame Helen Gillespie and Colonel Smith in the company.

The following are the changes in the Honorary Office Holders:—Miss Pike, *Chairman*. Miss McCubbin, *Treasurer*. Miss H. D. S. Anderson, 13 Montgomery Street, Edinburgh, has taken over as Branch Secretary from this date.

Our branch is certainly observant of the keynote "Friendship".

J. H. G. SMITH.

The Officers at Headquarters thank Miss Smith for all the help she has given them during her time as Branch Secretary; they realise that this has entailed much work in her spare time.

Midland Branch Activities

During the summer several of the members of the Midland Branch met at the Cathedral ruins at Coventry for a conducted tour of the new Cathedral, it was amazing to see the progress that has been made on this magnificent structure.

Although the commencement of the construction actually began in June, 1954, several months were needed to clear away the trees and the old disused graveyard, so it was not until March 1955 that the site was ready for excavation. Thousands of tons of soil had to be moved to make way for the under part of the new Cathedral and six hundred and seventy piles had to be driven twenty to thirty feet before rock was reached.

The foundation stone was laid by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, on 23rd March, 1956.

At the time of our visit the walls of the new Cathedral were up to their full height and the roof completed, but it was not possible to view the interior as the scaffolding was still in position.

The Chapel of Unity, an independent building, when completed will be joined to the Cathedral by a short cloister, this is most unusual with its ten graceful buttresses forming the shape of a Crusaders Tent.

The Chapel of the Cross, so named because eventually the charred wooden cross, which now stands above the High Altar in the ruined sanctuary of the old Cathedral, will be moved to this Chapel.

Almost the whole of the ruins of the Cathedral Church are to be retained as a memorial shrine forming a vestibule to the New Cathedral. The walls have been repointed and repaired to withstand the weather, but still retain the appearance of a ruin. A small cross, made from two large nails found after the bombing, remains as a symbol of destruction, while this beautiful new Cathedral, which is springing up from the ruins, is intended as a symbol of reconciliation.

On the outside wall, near the Baptistry window, hangs a 25 foot statue of St. Michael and the Devil, cast in bronze, designed by Sir Jacob Epstein.

A Tapestry 74 feet 8 inches high by 38 feet wide is being made at Felletin in Central France at a cost of £20,000, donated locally, it is believed to be the largest tapestry in the world. This will hang behind the High Altar, the lower part of the tapestry forming the Reredos of the Lady Chapel. The tapestry was designed by Mr. Graham Sutherland.

At the end of the conducted tour a donation was made on behalf of the Midland Branch to the Restoration Fund, when the Lady Chapel is completed, the spaces now shown as No. 763 and 764 in the 2nd row from the tapestry will be inscribed Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association as a permanent record of our visit, which was most interesting and inspiring and left us with a desire to return on future occasions.

The consecration date is fixed for Friday, 25th May, 1962.

OBITUARY

Miss Clare Acey, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) died 16th September,

1961 at the home of her brother in Yorkshire.

She was assistant matron at 35 British General Hospital, Mount Lavinia, Ceylon in 1945 when I was matron there. She was a "great girl", large in size (I am sure, she was as far round as she was high), with terrific energy. She enjoyed herself to the utmost, and each leave she was off hitch-hiking somewhere, by road, sea and air, she did not mind as long as she got there.

After the war she returned to her civilian post as St. Alfege's Hospital, London. There she encouraged several staff nurses to join the Q.A.'s Whenever I was in London I usually met her for a meal, or a show. We would weave through the London traffic in

her little car with the greatest of ease!

Besides being a member of the Q.A. Association, she was also a member of the Burma Star Club, having served there prior to joining me in Ceylon. She rarely missed the Q.A. reunion, or the "Burma Star" reunion.

J. B. CHAMBERS.

Acknowledgment.

The sisters and brother of the late Evelyn B. Levay wish to return thanks for the many letters of appreciation they have received from members of the O.A.R.A.N.C.

IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE "HATTIE"

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When a 200-mile-an-hour hurricane shattered Belize, capital of British Honduras, British soldiers were the first to bring succour. More troops, flown from home, joined in the task of fighting disease, starvation and destitution . . .

It was a night of horror and helplessness. Then the never-to-beforgotten fury of Hurricane "Hattie" died down—and the battered

people of British Honduras bewilderedly took stock.

Belize, their capital, lay devastated, the pathetic wreckage of thousands of wooden homes engulfed in the mud aftermath of tidal waves which followed remorselessly in "Hattie's" wake. The 30,000 people of Belize and thousands of others in the Central American

colony faced epidemic, starvation and destitution.

But relief came quickly, spearheaded by British soldiers who, with their families, had shared that terrifying night. Within 48 hours they were reinforced from Jamaica by more men of their regiment and within a fortnight 1,300 British troops—more than half of them flown the 4,700 miles from Britain in the Army's biggest-ever mercy air-lift—were restoring life and hope to the colony as they fought disease, cleared debris, repaired buildings, reinstated public services and guarded warehouses and shops against looters.



Three quarters of Belize's wooden homes were completely destroyed

First to bring relief to shattered Belize were men of "Z" Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, who, with their families, had safely lived out the hurricane at Stanley Airfield camp, nine miles from Belize. They had to hack their way with axes and machetes through fallen trees blocking the road from the airport to the capital. Another party sailed down a tree-strewn river to Belize in a Nuffield Trust recreation boat.

Meanwhile the regional hurricane relief organisation, centred on Jamaica, had swung into action. The Royal Navy's frigate, H.M.S. *Troubridge*, sailed at full speed from Jamaica, negotiated the buoyless tricky channel into Belize harbour and landed 45 men of the Hampshires, a captain, sergeant and corporal of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the ship's surgeon-lieutenant. The two medical officers assisted American doctors—the United States sent two destroyers, an aircraft carrier and tankers with helicopters, aviation fuel, food, medical supplies and other relief stores—in inoculating the whole of Belize's population against typhoid.

The sceptre of an epidemic receded further as the doctors were reinforced by 19 Field Ambulance, from Colchester; 51 Field Surgical Team, from the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot; and, from the Army School of Health at Mytchett, a light hygiene section which used over 300 gallons of insecticide to prevent contamination of food by flies.

A section of the field ambulance helped with the immunisation, which was completed in ten days, and other treatment at the clinics for the many minor injuries caused by the hurricane, attended to patients in the mental hospital, salvaged hospital equipment and cleared choked drains.

As urgent as the medical need in the first few days of chaos was the maintenance of law and order. Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. Warren, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment, which is stationed in the Caribbean area on a three-year tour, assumed the temporary appointment of Military Commander of British Honduras and organised a system of armed guards and patrols from his Battalion to safeguard wrecked property and protect precious food supplies.

But keeping order was not the Battalion's only duty. Infantrymen found themselves not only controlling food queues but cooking and serving the food, too. At one of the emergency feeding centres, where clothing and accommodation were also provided, over 2,300 people a day were fed by just two Army cooks. Other Hampshires helped to clean the streets, straighten up warehouse stocks, find local civilians to help with relief work, and even bury the dead.

A platoon of "Z" Company, commanded by Lieutenant Robin Tillard, who led the river expedition to Belize, blazed another trail 20 miles south, through fallen timber, to Stann Creek, the colony's second largest community, where nearly 90 per cent of the 3,500 people lost their homes as the eye of the hurricane passed over

the town. On their way the Hampshires, guided by a Sapper corporal had to repair a partially collapsed bridge which blocked their route.

In Stann Creek the Infantrymen's first tasks were to repair the jetty and off-load food supplies from an American destroyer. Then, private soldiers with no previous cooking experience found themselve preparing rice and bean stew for thousands of people, issuing hundreds of blankets, supervising inoculations and cheering up patients in the hospital, one of the few buildings which survived the hurricane. Co-operating with the town's disaster committee, the Hampshires evolved a system of allocating food, in return for a day's work, to the able-bodied section of the population.

But it was quickly evident that more military help was needed in the colony and it was as rapidly forthcoming in the airlift from Britain of the 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment, a Sapper field squadron and small specialist units. The battalion group and 60 tons of supplies were flown across the Atlantic in a shuttle service of 14 Royal Air Force and five B.O.A.C. chartered aircraft.

The choice of the Worcesters was both imaginative and practical for the Battalion had just spent three years in the Caribbean and many of its men were old friends to the people of British Honduras. Among them, on his third visit, was Corporal John Dobbin, who met his wife in Belize when serving there with The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He and other soldiers who married local girls were able to assure them that their relatives were safe, though homeless.

The Worcesters, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel P. G. Hall, D.S.O., set up their headquarters in a tented camp at Stann Creek, strung their platoons out along a valley of grapefruit and orange groves and took over from the Hampshire's platoon. Major H. Knox, the quartermaster, became responsible for food supplies to the civilians, and the adjutant, Major Richard Leman, became "adviser on civic matters" while Captain Arthur Martin took on the duties of harbour-master, on one occasion saving a boatload of 40 women and children from being swept away in a rough sea. Other officers and non-commissioned officers assumed new "appointments" whilst soldier-carpenters helped to repair the hospital roof and build a Red Cross store.

Eventually the Worcesters moved into Belize to relieve the Hampshires. By that time it had become possible to cut down guard duties considerably and, with more men available, Major Michael Ellis, a company commander, had the bright idea of organising goodwill parties to give local people whatever assistance they could. Each section was allotted its own area and, guided by the parish priest, set to work helping the most needy—the aged, infirm and those with no menfolk in the family.

The soldiers were soon fired with enthusiasm for what many of them thought the most satisfying work they had ever done. Roofs, floors, walls and furniture were mended and rubble cleared away from houses. An old fisherman who had broken his arm in the hurricane had lost his boat—the Worcesters retrieved it for him from a swamp. In a village not far from Belize the school lay in ruins; with few tools the soldiers built the framework of a new building.

Flying in from Britain, the Sappers of 12 Field Squadron, a unit of the Strategic Reserve formation, 38 Corps Engineer Regiment, Ripon, found their first job was to repair the runway on which they landed at Stanley Airfield—it had begun to break up after heavy rain and had to be made ready for the rest of the big airlift.

Leaving a section at the airport, the Sappers made for Belize where their priority tasks were to restore services—electricity, water, plumbing and drainage—to hospitals and public buildings. They set up a public water point, pumping 24 hours a day from a reservoir which was not completely destroyed by the hurricane, re-lit the docks and reinstated power poles felled in the disaster. The Squadron's Plant Section brought in bulldozers and other machinery to deal with some of the great piles of rubble. For general transport the Sappers used a fleet of marsh-buggies, designed for the otherwise impenetrable mangrove swamps and bequeathed to them by an oil-drilling company which left British Honduras soon after the hurricane.

Relief supplies sent by the Red Cross and from Britain, the United States and other countries, were handled at Stanley Airfield by a forward air supply organisation. A captain and nine men of 142 Supply Platoon, Royal Army Service Corps, unloaded aircraft and transhipped supplies to American helicopters or sent them to civilian distribution centres. Other Royal Army Service Corps units in the relief work were 732 Stores Transit Platoon and a new unit—32 Field Bakery Platoon—which was hurriedly withdrawn from a Corps exercise at Aldershot and given its first taste of air-portability

Also working with the forward air supply organisation were a detachment of 158 Southern Command Provost Company, Royal Military Police, and 468 Courier and Postal Unit, Royal Engineers, which dealt with military mail and also helped Belize General Post Office to clean up its flooded premises and open its doors again.

For much of the emergency a joint Army-Navy command controlled all military operations, with the soldiers and sailors from the frigates H.M.S. *Troubridge* and H.M.S. *Londonderry* working closely together. Sailors of the survey ship H.M.S. *Vidal* joined forces with the Sappers in delivering building materials and food to villages along the swampy coastline.

But while the wreckage was still being sifted, the troops were helping the civil authorities to rehouse the homeless. Belize, twice hit by hurricanes in 30 years—the town was destroyed in September, 1931, and rebuilt—may never rise again on its present vulnerable site only a few feet above sea level. There are plans to establish a new capital on higher ground either farther inland or farther south.

Meanwhile 5,000 homeless will live on a new estate 16 miles inland from the capital. Here at Milestone 16, a troop of Sappers drove in the first stakes, mixed concrete for floors and helped with the plumbing, drainage and electricity installation. Three men worked in a Sapper-built sawmill cutting up timber for new homes; two more pumped water from a well into temporary reservoirs. The new town has been officially christened Hattieville. At Stann Creek other Sappers put up prefabricated Army buildings which had been sent from Jamaica and piped water in from a nearby river.

Throughout the military operations the policy was to return full responsibility to the civil authorities as quickly as possible. The 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment, came home after just over a month in the colony, to be followed before Christmas by the remainder of the relief force.

Now only the small garrison, based on a company of The Royal Hampshire Regiment, remains in British Honduras to share in the long recovery from disaster and to accept, on behalf of the Army, the colony's heartfelt thanks.

-From a report by WILLIAM CASTELL,

Army Public Relations.

REPORT ON CORPS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Annual Corps Table Tennis Championships were held at the Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C. on Wednesday, 14th March, 1962; it was a particular pleasure that the Director, Brigadier F. B. Cozens, R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was able to be present.

The number of competitors this year were comparatively few—only six units in all being represented; despite this, the spectators were given a pleasing and at times exciting display of Table Tennis the Championship was decided in a closely contested match between Cpl. Robertson of the Depot and T.E. (a last minute entrant) and Pte. Dodson of the Military Hospital, Tidworth. Cpl. Robertson's attacking play finally earned her the title and she is to be congratulated, as is Pte. Dodson, on her spirited display.

Following the presentation of the trophies by Brigadier Cozens, an exhibition match was played by Mr. Peter Madge and Mr. Michael MacLaren, both of whom are well known County players and during a short coaching session after the match it was clearly demonstrated how expert teaching can improve a person's game.

A. K. WISDOM.

NURSING WITH AN OIL COMPANY IN ADEN

The Oil Company's Hospital is situated approximately twenty miles from Aden. All employees, European and Arab, including Arab dependents, are cared for in this 130 bed hospital. Both patients and staff are thoroughly spoiled, the hospital and sisters' quarters are fully air-conditioned. Arab and Somalis occupy the majority of the beds. The Arab children's ward and the outpatients prove to be the most interesting departments, with malnutrition, gastro-enteritis and respiratory infections most prevalent amongst the illnesses.

The nursing sisters are the only trained staff, in fact, the only "Nurses" available. Somali Ayahs assist in the wards under strict supervision, many of these girls given correct training and opportunities would become excellent nurses. Male nurses, mainly Arab, assist in the male wards and the operating theatre, one or two are trained.

Unlike many hospitals overseas, when patients are admitted the relatives return to their mud huts and do not set up house at the cot or the bedside. After many weeks of strict nursing, when complete recovery has taken place and an infant is ready to go home so often it is welcomed into the arms of an irresponsible mother. No matter how much advice has been given, frequently the child is returned after a brief period nothing but skin and bone.

Visiting hours cause much amusement, the usual rules for visiting, although known, are not often obeyed. Visitors often smuggle Arab delicacies between the cot rails. On one occasion an anxious mother grabbed her little black bundle plus intra-venous

apparatus and attempted to escape, but of no avail.

The out-patients' department for Arab females rather resembles Baker Street Station during the rush hour. Bus loads of mothers clad in their black purdah veils and swarms of gaily dressed children run laughing and shouting to reserve their seats ready for treatment. Here I feel a turn-stile would be useful! The children are always very happy, unspoiled and well-behaved, all of them enjoy their bus ride to the hospital and the sweets they receive after treatment.

Sailing and swimming are the most popular of the many sporting activities available and a very modern, open-air cinema proves

popular with both Europeans and Arabs.

Several of us ventured up country and were quite impressed to find it so green, fields of long grass and banana plantations at La Hej with sheep, camels, goats and lambs lazing everywhere in the heat of the day. From there we took a very warm but pleasant drive along 20 miles of beach to Abyan and several surrounding villages, here we saw cotton plantations and the oxen lazily drawing ploughs over the land. At this stage we settled down to an excellent picnic tea and cool drinks before making ready for our homeward journey.

After fifteen memorable months nursing in Aden I returned to England and winter leaving the sun and the warm sea behind.

J. ELLIOTT.

THE HOLIDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

My friend and I decided that a Holiday Rally with the London Motor Club was an ideal way to see six countries. The fact that it was to be filmed for a documentary added to the glamour.

After a cocktail party in Dover to meet the other contestants, we departed on the car ferry to Boulogne on a heavenly Saturday morning in July. The crossing was excellent and we sped on during the afternoon across the champagne country to Soissons. Here we visited champagne cellars and after an interesting tour and sampling the goods, we drove on to Reims, so closely associated with St. Joan of Arc. However we visitors were interested in the French Grand Prix, which was held there that weekend.

Travelling south through the valley of the Saone, past the signs that say TABAC and DUBONNET, etc., we were guests of a wine family and entertained at Le Hosteliere de Jehu. This was a night of

grandeur which will be long remembered.

Driving towards the French Alps we reached Lake Annecy. Here in this breath-taking unspoilt spot we were guests of the Mont Blanc Automobile Club for a few days. Le Petit Rally was held in the Alps, this was thrilling and included a hill climb for drivers only where crash helmets were much in evidence. A day was spent "climbing" Mont Blanc (15,782 ft.) by cable car. We had lunch, with wonderful views of this "white top" majestic mountain before us. Before leaving Annecy the Lord Mayor held a Civic Reception in our honour.

From Annecy, via Chamonix and the Simplon Pass with the silent mountains on all sides of us we entered Switzerland. This clean well-lighted little land is such a contrast to grubby, artistic, noisy Italy next door. As we soon discovered whilst staying at Lugano on the shores of Lake Como for four days. Here we spent our time resting, climbing, boating, sun-bathing and shopping in the de-luxe shopping centre. We were guests of the Automobile Club of Milan and enthusiastic contestants had the thrill of driving round the Racing Circuit at Lanza. Whilst others were able to admire the gothic glory of Milan Cathedral.

Leaving Lake Como we journeyed north via the St. Gothard Pass, more wonderful scenery and jersey cows ringing their bells. On reaching Adermatt we had the opportunity to purchase beautiful

Swiss hand-made sweaters, slippers, and alpine horns, etc.

Driving on towards the Swiss-Austrian border via Chur we stayed on the shores of Lake Constance. From this centre we visited the magnificent Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen, also the delightful village of Steim-am-Rhein where they paint gaily-lettered proverbs and murals on the house walls.

Journeying on through the tranquil Black Forest some members deviated from the scenic beauty and went to Stuttgart where they visited the Mercedes Benz museum. Others drove through the Rhine Valley, admiring the intricate wrought iron signs over shop

doors and sign posts. As we neared Heidelberg we met the first shower of rain and found it necessary to put up the car "lid". However this did not damp our spirits as we entered this lovely town of the Student Prince with its famous red-bricked castle and medieval "Old Town", which surpassed our expectations. We asked ourselves how there could have been a Kaiser Wilhelm or Hitler?

From Heidelberg we left Germany and travelled through Luxembourg into Belgium, with its cobbled streets, the fact that they are picturesque is enough said. Our last day was spent in Brussels spending our very mixed currency and then via the auto-

bahn to Ostend.

A nightmare of a 6-hour crossing was just an added experience, we were fortunate in not being victims to sea-sickness. We came home reluctantly, but the proud possessors of a cup, rose bowl, salver and lovely collection of colour slides.

Verdict—the Rallye des Lacs was the holiday of a lifetime.

J. C. Hoskins.

GIZA INTERNMENT CAMP, EGYPT

For Turkish women and children, families of prisoners of War.

I was Matron Commandant of the Giza Internment Camp for Turkish women and children, families of prisoners of war, from 1919-1920.

Situated in an old political prison surrounded by high walls with a moat almost all the way round. From the commencement I was given a wonderful opportunity (which amazes me now, but I did not turn a hair then) of organising and preparing the whole place, transforming it from a dirty and abandoned prisoner of war camp, into a place suitable for the reception of a big convoy of Turkish women and children.

With a squad of Turkish prisoners and a British sanitary squad the wards were cleaned, the compound cleared and good tents and marquees erected. A group of offices and a guard room with armed guard were arranged on the ground floor of the entrance block with the sisters quarters above, the windows at the front overlooking the moat and the main road towards the Pyramids. The hospital, together with the dispensary, eye wards and maternity section which were set up in two large marquees were all wonderfully well equipped.

As a temporary measure we converted the old mosque in the grounds into a school for the children with two good teachers.

I had to find my own staff. I was fortunate in obtaining the services of a highly qualified Rumanian nurse, who was American trained and had been in charge of a hospital in Shanghai, also a few Red Cross nurses, some Syrian girls and two women teachers, who had taught at the college in Beirut; two Armenians and one of the



Matron (Mrs. M. Walker—nee Drake) with some of the staff at Giza Internment Camp.

internees who was the wife of a Turkish Colonel Doctor also joined us. The latter lady had been educated in France and studied at the Sorbonne where she had met her husband. She offered her services as an interpreter, although she knew very little English at the time, however, I could speak sufficient French and we managed fairly well. I also knew some Arabic and quickly became fluent by concentrated study with the Syrian teachers. In the mess, Arabic, Rumanian, Armenian, French and occasionally a little English was spoken.

It was an exhilerating experience with many amusing and some alarming incidents, which I would not have missed.

M. HUDSON WALKER.

PRIVATE MOH'D BIN NAZIR LONG

(A True Story)

I was not expecting him; he appeared on duty that afternoon like a gift from heaven; we were terribly busy, at least he could do the washing up. The thought of the mountainous pile of crockery stacked in the kitchen, with the greasy remains of a mixed grill smearing the plates depressed me. I did find time however to try to organise a system for him.

So Moh'd was banished to the kitchen. I reckoned that he had a

good two hours work ahead of him.

I had had a busy and exhausting afternoon when about two hours later I ventured into the kitchen to see how he was getting on.

There was Moh'd attacking the inside of the refrigerator in full frenzy with one of the best dinner knives. The refrigerator was shaking with furious indignation and bits of ice were flying in all directions. "Stop", I yelled and snatched the knife from his hand only to find that I was paddling in two inches of water.

I looked around the kitchen. The sink was full of greasy water hiding from view the remains of the washing up, half clean, unwiped plates decorated the draining boards, trays and crumpled tray cloths littered the side and the stove's sullen resentfulness of it's day old grime filled me with despair. For a moment I felt weak with fury, suddenly tired with the concentrated effort of the afternoon, the thought of tackling the kitchen myself filled me with a resentment which was hard to control.

I turned towards Moh'd and was about to give him the full vent of my fury when suddenly the little man looked as if he might burst into tears. His long, apish hands were hanging forlornly at his sides, his large splayed feet encased in clumsy army boots at least four sizes too large peeped incongruously from below his large white

orderly gown. I helped him to clean the kitchen.

Moh'd never spoke unless spoken to, he was the most silent orderly I have ever had on my staff. If he asked a question it was in a half-hearted word of one syllable. He looked unhappy, dejected and unsmiling. He silently plodded on now in flat heeled ward shoes which looked two sizes too large. He did only what was absolutely necessary and that with poor grace. Everything he did was badly done. I had to watch him carefully, all my tuition, scolding, encouragement and tolerance had no effect upon him whatsoever.

Suddenly we were quite slack so I decided to make some fudge for the patients. The smell interested Moh'd, he sniffed curiously but remained silent. Appearing to take no more interest he vanished from the ward into the annexe at the back. Later I found him talking shrilly in Malay to Raminai, the sweeper.

"Moh'd" I said, "I want you in the kitchen". Moh'd's animated features at once became sullen and resentful as he turned his head in my direction and followed me into the kitchen.

I offered him a piece of fudge. He backed suspiciously away like a frightened animal, his large black eyes never left the fudge.

"Take some, Moh'd" I said, smiling persuasively. Still he backed away.

"Here" I said decisively, wrapping three pieces of the fudge in a

paper serviette and thrusting them into his hand.

Later, I was honoured with a dazzling smile, I hardly recognised the owner. For the first time those slow black eyes looked straight into mine. For the first time I saw his perfect set of pearly, white teeth. "Sister" he said, "How you make that?"

From that day forth Private Moh'd Bin Nazir Long was a different person. Every time he saw me he gave me a dazzling smile.

He started to ask questions in halting English and one day he appeared on duty proudly sporting a red cloth badge with an "E" embroidered boldly in black; he had passed his examination in English.

His step quickened and his sullen moods completely disappeared.

He became one of my most valued orderlies.

The new moon rose early welcoming in the Malayan New Year. I had no sooner arrived on duty than Moh'd appeared. Instead of the usual white gown he wore a freshly laundered while silk blouse, fastened at the neck with four tiny white pearl buttons, the sleeves were full and gathered into a cuff at the wrist. Over white drill trousers, a cobalt blue sarong was swathed around his slim hips, a navy blue sonkok, worn at a sensible angle on his head, completed the outfit.

He had come to say "Selamat Hari Raya", and to shake me warmly by the hand. Once more he gave me a dazzling smile and asked me to have 'machen' with him and his wife and family, I felt very honoured, but unfortunately I was on duty and could not go. Instead, I received a gift of four single stems of artificial flowers be autifully made by his wife and a little rice basket made of bamboo.

JOYCE HAMILTON.

BENGHAZI CALLING

"Benghazi, you are not going to that awful place!" That was the remark made by some of my friends, but undaunted, I went on with my preparations looking forward to a tour of only two years

with a leave to the U.K. during the period.

Benghazi is situated in Cyrenaica, Libya, in the North of Africa, it is populated by Arabs, or Libyans as they prefer to be called. Many a hard battle was fought over these parts during the war. The old residents say that in the peaceful pre-war days it was a very beautiful place. During this period it was an Italian Colony, the Italians lived in lovely villas with well kept gardens.

The largest building in Benghazi is the Roman Catholic, Italian Cathedral, unlike a Cathedral as we know it, it presents two large domes to the sky. (These are jokingly called Mae West by the serving soldiers). The construction of domed buildings is common in this part of the world due to the scarcity of timber. The Cathedral fortunately survived the war with only a few holes to show that it

had sustained some minor hits.

Most Libyans are Mohammedans so there are many mosques throughout the countryside. The people of the country are simple and unworldly. Only yesterday, we passed through a charming village, the doors of the little houses were locked and everyone seemed to be away at work or resting indoors. All was quiet and peaceful, a camel sat lazily with a load upon his back, his master resting by his side. When the camel-man saw us he immediately

aroused his poor animal and posed ready for a photograph to be taken. Suddenly, there was a flutter and a crowd of little children appeared as from nowhere. They were so friendly, pretty and gay in their bright clothes and twinkling ear-rings, their lovely brown eyes alive with fun and their perfect teeth flashing smiles of welcome. Not to be undone, with the ingenuity so often found amongst the poverty stricken of this world, here and there a safety pin took the place of an ear-ring; this would serve the purpose till better days.

Leaving the village we walked over the salt flats and across the sand dunes under the palm trees, towards the sea. What peace one found here! What a sanctuary for a busy city man, or perhaps, a place of contemplation for a monk. Only the twitter of birds and the roll of the sea broke the silence. Beauty was around us in this most beautiful season of the year. The unbelievable blue of the transparent sea and the desert wild flowers in reds, yellows and blues. At eastertide purple predominates, reminding one of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

There are numerous little donkeys in the desert. Returning, we passed a woman on a donkey wearing a barikan with only one eye visible, as all women must do in this part of the world. A man walked

behind, a scene reminiscent of Mary and Joseph.

It is a poor living for the people of the desert, one often wonders how they manage to survive, with their goats and sheep. Further towards the interior camels are more prevalent. "It is the will of Allah" sustains them in the face of adversity but together with malnutrition, weakens their will to fight their way out of it. The seasons too can be cruel when the great heat of the summer dries up the soil and almost all that grows upon it and the winter Ghibli (a cold, dry wind) sweeps across the country carrying with it a fine, red dust which fills the air and settles everywhere. One breathes dust, eats dust with one's food, and feels wretched till it has passed.

But there are many compensations for the European in Benghazi. To sit on the sand in the sunshine in November, while one's friends are suffering the cold and fog in England. To gaze at the sunsets, with the wonderful colouring that only sand and sea can produce.

To be grateful and to know that God's world is good.

M. RYAN.

THE TEMPLES OF PENANG

Whilst on leave in Penang my friend and I visited the village of Ayer Itam. It was a pretty village, from which we crossed a wooden bridge to the largest Chinese temple in Malaya. A Chinese girl was selling lottery tickets from a wooden kiosk at the foot of the steps leading to the temple.

The name of this temple is KEK LOK SI. It is not one temple, but many temples, climbing tier upon tier up the side of Penang

Hill.

We climbed many white, shallow, stone steps with stalls on either side. Chinese were selling post-cards, sweets, drinks and the usual refreshments, also novelties for tourists. Beggars sat on the steps begging for alms.

As we approached the first temple we were met by an obsequious soft-spoken guide, who claimed that he spoke five different languages fluently. Before we knew what was happening he had cleverly swept us into a fascinating survey of the Buddhist Religion. First we had to admire a large, ornate copper urn standing in the centre of the temple. Behind the altar were the Five Goddesses of Mercy. On either side of them were nine Disciples. At one side was a little stream where Holy Water flowed, and further along was a counter where joss sticks were sold by a priest. This temple was named the Kuan Yin temple, among the coral alcoves were the Three Kuan Yins and the Gods of Lightning, Thunder, Birth and Death.

Between the first and second temples were two ponds, one contained the Holy Tortoises and the other the Holy White Carp. One tortoise was said to be one hundred years' old.

The second temple contained the mighty statues of the FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS who guard the world against the main evils which they crush beneath their feet. The Devils they crushed were the *Thief*, the *Warmonger*, the *Opium Smoker* and the *Drunkard*, the *Bad Woman*, the *Gambler*, and the *Murderer*.

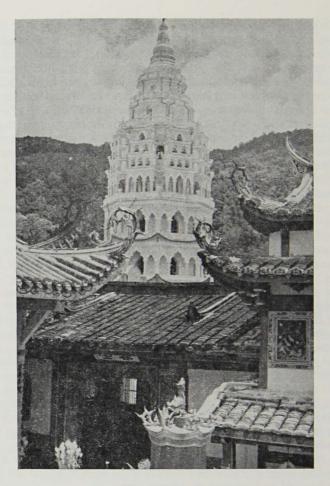
The third temple was the main one completed sixty years ago. There were more statues of the Teaching Buddhas and the Sleeping Buddha. Also the gold filligree Siamese Buddha. Adorning the large altar was the cold, marble, Burmese Buddha, in front of which stood a priest clothed in gold, praying and chanting to the chime of a little bell. The guide urged us to take photographs of the priest, but the temple was gloomy and there was insufficient light.

In this temple we were asked to put our names in the visitors' book, and to give something towards the upkeep of the temple. We came out of the temple into the bright sunshine and into a courtyard, quiet, secluded and peaceful. On either side were very nice clean rest rooms. One side for men and the other for women. Newspapers lay neatly on the tables, and there were books in the library to hand. Tables and chairs were set for 'machen' which was served with Chinese tea. By this time I was beginning to feel like having some myself. It was very hot!

Immediately above this temple was a small room containing ancestral tablets; they were made of wood, coated with a gold paint, and bore the Chinese symbols.

In another courtyard we saw the sleeping quarters of the priests with curtains drawn across the doorways. Clothes lines held their underwear and towels, hanging out to dry in the hot sun.

On the way to the Pagoda we saw a priest selling post-cards in his rather moth eaten vest. The post-cards were expensive and we



The Kek Lok Si Temple, Penang

passed them by. We were shown a large wooden gong in the shape of a fish, which called the priests to 'machen'.

We kept entering little rooms; one had wax images of rich benefactors made by one of the priests himself. The priests also made the candles which burnt at the altars. We saw them hanging in their store room, all waxy and red.

One room held the images of New Buddhas which were wrapped around in celophane, waiting to go to their new home in a new temple which was being built further up Penang Hill. The images were made in Italy.

At this point of our climb we had a wonderful view of the valley and the hills.

By this time we were feeling very thirsty indeed, but at last we came to the Pagoda where we were invited to sit down and drink China tea out of tiny dishes. It was sugarless, milkless and green, but very refreshing. The priest's assistant replenished our dishes six or seven times. The priest, himself, was hanging his washing out to dry in the temple courtyard. Once more we were asked for funds for the upkeep of the temple, and to sign another visitor's book. The guide told us that the pagoda was built thirty years ago; he also told us that there were over three hundred Buddhas and that the Chief Buddha and the Mother Buddha were here. Flowers and a leaf were placed on the altar in front of them. We climbed a spiral staircase up into the pagoda, and our guide told us of two suicides who had thrown themselves from the top.

In small alcoves all around the pagoda, on each floor, were the marble Buddhas of Burma. The Japanese had wrought havoc amongst them, knocking off a head here and there, and many arms and fingers were damaged. The priests had tenderly repaired the images as best they could, covering the scars with garish orange

silk.

We came to another small room where golden plaques were standing very orderly. One represented the women who were killed by the Japanese—there were many. Another plaque represented the men—there were many more. The third plaque represented the

children, mostly killed by the bombing.

The guide told us that not only were the Chinese Buddhists, but also the Indians, Burmese, Japanese and Siamese. He also pointed out the spots where the two suicides had fallen from the top of the pagoda, taking a morbid delight in telling us in lurid detail exactly the extent of the injuries inflicted upon them by the fall. The people had stopped coming to the pagoda for a time, saying that it was unlucky.

At last we reached the first temple again, this time by a short route. The guide extorted two dollars from each of us for the temple

before bowing and waving us on our way.

JOYCE HAMILTON.

Note.—'machen' is food.

one dollar equals two shillings and four pence.

N.A.A.F.I. NEWS

New Naafi Council

A new Naafi Council has been appointed. It is composed of the following members: Vice Admiral J. M. Villiers, C.B., O.B.E.—Fourth Sea Lord, Admiralty; Mr. J. M. Mackay—Deputy Secretary (General Policy and Finance) Admiralty (Appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty); General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E.—Quarter-Master General to the

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The former Council comprised 12 members—four appointed by each of the three Service Ministries. The present Council has been reduced to seven members (with the possibility of an eighth still to be appointed) in consequence of a recommendation of the Corbett Committee set up last year to consider the administration of Naafi

in the era of all-Regular Forces.

New Chairman for Naafi

Sir William F. Beale, O.B.E., who has been Chairman of Naafi's Board of Management in an honorary capacity since 1953, resigns on 1st January, 1962. Mr. R. A. L. Cohen, O.B.E., who joins the Board on that date, has been appointed Chairman in the same capacity. Mr. H. P. T. Prideaux, O.B.E., will continue as Managing Director.

Mr. Rex Arthur Louis Cohen is the present Chairman of the Lewis Group of companies (including Selfridges, Ltd.) and a Director

of Lewis's Bank Ltd., a subsidiary of Martins Bank Ltd.

Aged 55, Mr. Cohen has spent his entire adult life—apart from military service—with the Lewis Group. Educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge, he joined Lewis's Ltd. in 1928. In 1938 he was commissioned in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry (T.A.) and finished the war as A.Q.M.G. 2nd Army.

On his return to civilian life in 1945, he was appointed Joint Managing Director of the Lewis Group. The previous year he had received two decorations—the O.B.E. and Officer, Order of Orange

Nassau (Netherlands).

For the past three years he has served on the London Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, V.C., concerned with the problems of civilian employment and rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen, following the run-down in the strength of the Services.

Mr. Cohen is married and has one teenage daughter. He seeks his recreation in the open air and is particularly keen on racing and

shooting.

End of a Search

Two civilians, one of them a Naafi clerk, successfully ended a R.A.F. bird hunt.

Seeking a mounted white Icelandic falcon, the unit emblem, were 120 Squadron Kinloss, Coastal Command's famous wartime sub-killers. One man who heard of the Commanding Officer's quest was Mr. Donald D. Macrae, a Naafi clerk at the station. He had such a bird and presented it to the Squadron. A second falcon was presented by a Pitlochry woman after her son also read of the unit's search. One falcon has been housed in the Squadron's headquarters at Kinloss and the other in the Officers' Mess, recently opened by the Queen.

As a token of the Squadron's gratitude, a mounted crest was

presented to each of the donors.

Flying Haggis

On St. Andrew's Day (30th November) Naafi became the toast of two regiments who almost had to forego their traditional haggis.

Special arrangements were made to supply haggis to officers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, in Tripolitania and officers of the 1st Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers in Malta. But Malta's health regulations prevented Naafi from supplying exactly what the customer ordered; fresh haggis was barred from being imported into the island. So Naafi supplied tinned haggis; 10 lb. was flown to each Regiment.

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Benevolence	£	s.	d.
From Bequest—Mrs. Thaine Allen Trust	 250	0	0
The late Monsignor Stevens & the Principal R.C. Chaplain	 25	0	0
Miss M. F. Murison (for Christmas)		10	0
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Millbank Branch							75	0	0
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Mrs. A. Ling (for Christn	nas)						1	0	0
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E. A. BALDOCK.

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Col. E. Pullom, R.R.C., appointed D.D.A.N.S. W.O., 1st December, 1961. Col. B. M. Fitzpatrick, R.R.C., appointed D.D.A.N.S., Southern Command, 24th October, 1961.

Lt.-Col. A. O'Connell, R.R.C., appointed A.D.A.N.S., Honk Kong, and Matron Military Hospital, Bowen Road.

Lt.-Col. E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., appointed Matron, Royal Herbert Hospital Woolwich, 13th November, 1961.

Lt.-Col. P. E. Wilkins, R.R.C., appointed Matron B.M.H. Iserlohn, 1st December, 1961.

Lt.-Col. C. M. McMinn, R.R.C., appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Catterick, 22nd October, 1961.

APPOINTMENTS

Miss L. M. Lacy, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of Wayland Hospital, Atleborough, Norfolk. Late Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R). Miss A. M. W. White, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron

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MARRIAGES

- Berry, Miss M. M., to Mr. William M. Noble, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, 26th August, 1961.
- Hooper, Miss E. M., M.B.E., to Mr. Kelvin J. Cummings, J.P., of Malaya. The marriage took place on 18th March, 1961 at St. Michael's Church, Bishop Stortford, Herts. The brother of the bride, Vicar of St. Michael's, officiated. Miss E. M. Hooper was Principal Matron Federation of Malaya and served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), 1941-1946.

DEATHS

- Barrow, Miss Lilian, R.R.C., died on January 13th, 1962, at Hampstead, aged 88. Ex T.A.N.S.
- Barrow, Miss E. J., on December 31st, 1961, at St. Leonards-on-Sea. Late O.A.I.M.N.S.
- Mutton, Miss L., on December 19th, 1961, at Bexhill-on-Sea. Ex T.A.N.S.
- Moggarth, Miss G., on January 1st, 1962.
- Page, Mrs. F. H., on January, 12th, 1962, in Nursing Home at Worthing, aged 96. Ex Princess Christian Army Nursing Service.
- Wright, Miss E. J. B., on February 5th, 1962, in St. Bartholomew Hospital, age 91. Ex T.A.N.S., member of Millbank Branch.
- Neal, Miss L. D., on February 10th, 1962, at her home in London. Ex Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R).
- Stephenson, Miss I., died on February 9th, 1962. Ex Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- McLennan, Miss M., A.R.R.C., died suddenly 6th February, 1962. Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R), 1939-47. Late Matron Yeatmans Hospital, Sherborne.
- Bulfin, Miss E., on February 13th, 1962, at St. Joseph's, Hackney. Latc of Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Stronach, Miss C. Geddes, C.B.E., R.R.C., on February 16th, 1962 in a Nursing Home in Swindon. Late Principal Matron of Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service, aged 86.
- Watkins, Miss G. M., R.R.C., on March 13th, 1962 at St. Leonards-on-Sea. Late Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S., aged 81 years.
- Wooler, Miss S. W., R.R.C., on March 4th, at Weston-Super-Mare. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S. Retd., aged 85 years.
- Toller, Miss L. M., R.R.C., M.M., Medaille d'Honiueure, on March 15th, 1962, at Southbourne Rest Home, aged 87 years. Ex Q.A.I.M.N.S. Retd.

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