



# The Gazette



Three residents outside Queen Mary's House, St. Leonards.

## *Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association*

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

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## EDITORIAL

The photograph on the cover of this GAZETTE is of three members of the Queen Mary's House taken in the garden recently and a short history of the House appears in this edition.

It is a cause of great pleasure of the Honorary Officers that our membership during the past year has increased and our final number for 1962 should be about 1,800. We hope to reach 2,000 in 1963, so what about it, Members? We do really need your co-operation in this.

I have been asked to remind all members that it is their responsibility to choose their representatives on the Central Committee and it would be most helpful if names could be submitted to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible after 1st April.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be very near and 1962 with all its crises will be drawing to a close. We wish all our Members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and peaceful New Year.

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Message from the Chairman, Lieut-Colonel E.W. R. Warner, R.R.C.:

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

Thank you all very much for asking me to remain your chairman for a further term of office, which I am only too willing to accept.

May I take this opportunity of again thanking everyone for their interest and support in the past and I hope we can count on this in the future.

Christmas will soon be here and I hope we may expect the same generous help this year that you gave last year in order to make our Christmas gifts interesting and useful.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. R. WARNER.

Dear Members.

A very happy Christmas  
& New Year to you all.

Are you making good  
resolutions for the New Year?  
Please do - make this one &  
give your Membership Secretaries  
a happy New Year too.

"To pay my Association Subscription  
on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> (or earlier!)"

Please remember -

Annual members pay 10/- which  
includes the Gazette.

Life Member pay 6/- only for the  
Gazette. (If you have paid in  
advance please don't pay again,  
we have a nasty habit of  
keeping money!!)

With all good wishes &  
thanks for your support in the  
past

Yours sincerely

Lillian Rose.

Hon. General Secretary.

## CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Gifts, however small, dry groceries such as tea, sugar, sweets, handkerchiefs and toilet articles would be most welcome for parcels we are sending out at Christmas. Please send anything you can at the earliest opportunity.

E. H. MILLS,  
*Hon. Friends Secretary.*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion will be held on **June 22nd, 1963**. Further details will be in the next GAZETTE. Please keep this date free.

## ANNUAL CORPS COCKTAIL PARTY

Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, our Colonel-in-Chief, honoured the Officers of the Corps with her presence at their Annual Cocktail Party held on 1st November, 1962, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Miss Fiona Myddleton and Major Michael Mitchell were in attendance.

Dressed in bronze taffeta and wearing the Corps Badge Brooch and pearls, Her Royal Highness was received by the Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C., and the Matron-in-Chief, Brigadier F. B. Cozens, R.R.C.

On entering the magnificent Governors Apartments where the guests were assembled, Her Royal Highness was presented with a delightful bouquet of pink rose-buds and gentians, by Captain Y. Dunning.

Dame Louisa Wilkinson was one of the many guests present and the Headquarters of the Association was represented by Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner and Miss F. Holmes who were presented to the Princess.

It was a most enjoyable evening spent in the most charming surroundings.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### Activities of Combined Units Aldershot Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the C.U.A. Branch was held in February and was well attended. At this meeting plans for future activities were made.

A Service was held in St. Luke's Chapel, Cambridge Hospital, to celebrate "Q.A. Day" and this was followed by a sherry party and buffet lunch to which many of our retired members were able to come.

At a later date, a trip to Windsor was arranged, and a visit to the Theatre Royal to see the show *Salad Days*.



Badge presented to Dame Louisa Wilkinson at the Annual Re-Union,



and a happy picture of her lounging as promised, in one of the garden chairs. We liked this snap so much we begged her to let us publish it in this GAZETTE for all to see.

By kind permission of Robert C. Brundell, Esq.

The Commandant of the Depot kindly invited us to see the museum and to have tea in the mess afterwards.

Our Annual raffle was held in September this year to avoid Christmas "Competition." The tickets were drawn by Mrs. Joan Moore, our Vice-Chairman, who finds time with her many other commitments, to take an active part in Branch affairs.

The prizes included an electric blanket, donated by the retired members, a transistor radio, food hamper, woodnet tray, Boots Vouchers, and many other acceptable things.

### **Bournemouth Branch**

A successful first meeting of the Bournemouth Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held at Selwyn Hall, St. John's Church, Boscombe, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1962, at 3 p.m. Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C. presided, 27 members were present.

After welcoming the members Dame Monica explained the object of the Association and its great work of practical friendship to all serving and past members of all ranks.

The committee was then elected, followed by tea.

The next meeting was arranged for 18th October, 1962, when a Luncheon is to be arranged. Eight new members were enrolled.

Committee elected on 10th July, 1962: *Chairman*, Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C.; *Vice-Chairman*, Lt.-Col. V. M. Whiteman, R.R.C. (Retd.); *Treasurer*, Major M. Stoneham; *Secretary*, Col. K. Blair, R.R.C. (Retd.); *Members*, Matron, Bovington Camp, Col. K. M. Blair, R.R.C. (Retd.), Mrs. Z. Rees, Mrs. G. E. M. Pringle.

On 18th October, 1962, the second meeting of the Bournemouth Branch was in the form of a Luncheon held at the Linden Hall Hotel, Boscombe. Twenty-seven members were present and were received by the Chairman, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding.

After a prelunch gathering and an excellent lunch, the Chairman spoke to the members who had come from as far apart as Dorchester and New Milton.

Speaking with regret of the death of Lieut.-Colonel M. A. J. Condon, Dame Monica introduced Major Marjorie Stoneham who had agreed to accept the appointment of Treasurer. She also regretted the fact that, due to illness, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Chambers had had to give up the appointment of Secretary. This was being temporarily filled by Miss V. M. Whiteman, who had done such noble work in helping to form the Branch until a secretary was appointed, and it will be taken over by Colonel K. M. Blair, R.R.C.

Apologies for absence were received from nineteen other members.

This was a most enjoyable social meeting with members from both world wars.

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## Millbank Branch

The Branch met on its usual evening in September when in spite of the fact that holidays were still in progress there was a good attendance. Tombola was the order of the day and this was very ably run by some of the Serving Members. A very enjoyable and exciting evening was spent by all and the outcome was £1/1/0 being added to our Benevolent funds.

During the summer months Members have been very busy selling raffle tickets to their friends and then on Wednesday, 7th November, the exciting draw took place. On this occasion about 50 members were present including the Director, Brigadier B. Cozens, R.R.C. Lt.-Col. Lewis, A.R.R.C., our Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and then proceeded to introduce Col. Rose, R.R.C., who was to draw the winning tickets. Sixty-seven prizes had been donated by members so that the draw was very exciting. At the end of the proceedings Col. Rose announced that the result was £137/17/6 for the Raffle, £6/4/6 for a doll which had been made and raffled independently of the grand one, and won by Dvr. James, and £1/12/0 for a Polar Bear which had been made by Mrs. Otway and raffled by her at the meeting. In order that we should have a round sum to declare a member kindly donated 6/- making our total for the evening £146. Col. E. Mackaness proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Rose for her hard work, to Col. Lewis for organising the raffle, and to Major Cross, Major Gara and Miss Hamblin for their help. The winning numbers and prizes were:—

<i>Ticket sold by</i>	<i>Winning No.</i>	<i>Prize</i>
Q.A. Mess ... ..	32	Book token.
„ ... ..	111	Table cloth.
„ ... ..	172	Cruet
„ ... ..	177	Necklace
„ ... ..	179	Cut glass vase
„ ... ..	236	Dundee cake
„ ... ..	414	Ronson lighter
„ ... ..	557	Compact
„ ... ..	695	Ear-rings
„ ... ..	713	Stockings and Gloves
„ ... ..	778	Tea
„ ... ..	820	Box of chocolates
„ ... ..	895	Bottle wine
Mrs. Boundy ... ..	1175	Tray cloth
Mrs. Martin ... ..	1333	Handkerchiefs
Miss G. Brown ... ..	1415	Leather book cover
Miss English ... ..	1547	Perfume. Chanel No. 5
Miss English ... ..	1537	Nylons
Miss English ... ..	1565	Corkscrew
Miss Sutton ... ..	1609	Dundee cake

<i>Ticket sold by</i>	<i>Winning No.</i>	<i>Prize</i>
Mrs. Bennett ... ..	1827 ...	Handkerchiefs
Major Thomson ... ..	1851 ...	Picture
Major Thomson ... ..	1875 ...	Bottle Whiskey
Miss Bridges, R.R.C. ...	1900 ...	Bottle Sherry
Miss Aldwinckle, M.B.E., A.R.R.C. ... ..	1916 ...	Handkerchiefs
Mrs. Mills, R.R.C. ... ..	2101 ...	Picture
Col. Rose, R.R.C. ... ..	2147 ...	Handkerchiefs
Miss Schofield ... ..	2177 ...	Gift Tokens
Miss Schofield ... ..	2188 ...	Handkerchiefs
Miss Schofield ... ..	2205 ...	Bed jacket
Miss K. G. Johnson... ..	2278 ...	Guest towels
Miss Webber ... ..	2312 ...	Handkerchiefs
Miss Webber ... ..	2337 ...	Toilet bag
Major Coates ... ..	2366 ...	Bottle Port
Miss Robertson ... ..	2446 ...	Bottle Brandy
Miss Laister ... ..	2468 ...	Nylons
Miss Holmes, R.R.C. ...	2618 ...	Evening bag
Miss Hunt ... ..	2670 ...	Box of soap
Mrs. J. Hamilton ... ..	2723 ...	Box of toilet soap
Miss Hart ... ..	2747 ...	Nylons
Miss Hensman ... ..	2755 ...	Cardigan
Miss Webster... ..	2919 ...	Bottle Plum Brandy
Mrs. Watts ... ..	3129 ...	Perfume
Miss H. Fletcher ... ..	3436 ...	Gift voucher
Col. Ferrier, R.R.C....	3451 ...	Table cloth
Mrs. Gentry-Birch ... ..	3505 ...	Evening bag
Miss Kerr ... ..	3601 ...	Voucher for chicken
Miss Melliush ... ..	3686 ...	£1
Mrs. J. Martin ... ..	3744 ...	Bottle Sherry
Miss Mallins ... ..	3800 ...	Waste paper basket
Mrs. Rafter ... ..	3901 ...	Set of table mats
Miss H. Stinson ... ..	3958 ...	Notepaper
Miss H. Stinson ... ..	3971 ...	Handkerchief sachet
Miss C. B. Scott ... ..	4010 ...	Box of soap
Mrs. Owen ... ..	4112 ...	Scarf
Miss Emerson ... ..	4145 ...	Bottle Sherry
Miss Webber ... ..	4177 ...	Voucher for turkey
Mrs. Otway ... ..	4236 ...	Compact
Mrs. Divett ... ..	4400 ...	Apron
Miss English ... ..	4582 ...	Brooch (costume)
Miss E. Baldock, R.R.C.	4637 ...	Ear-rings
Miss C. B. Scott ... ..	4676 ...	Talc. and Handkerchiefs
Mrs. Otway ... ..	4747 ...	Premium Bond token

H. HAMBLIN (L.136)



## QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE

In 1931, through the generosity of Her Majesty Queen Mary, Queen Mary's House Fund was founded, to provide accommodation for retired members of the Army Nursing Services, who for one reason or another are unable to provide themselves with a real home. As a result of Her Majesty's personal example and interest, many generous donations were received from numerous sources and in 1933 the first Queen Mary's House was opened at Fleet, Hants. Not only did Her Majesty start the Fund but she also presented select pieces of furniture to the House for use in the public rooms.

The House was run very much on the lines of a residential club. Each resident had a bed-sitting room, which she furnished and adorned with her personal treasures. Each room had hot and cold water, a gas fire and a gas ring. The Fund equipped the kitchen, domestic quarters, the common dining, sitting and writing rooms. The latter being used for quiet, cards or entertaining personal friends. It had a large pleasant and productive garden.



AT THE ANNUAL RE-UNION, 1962

Miss Newton, Miss McKnight and Miss Joyce, residents in Queen Mary's House; Miss Baldock, Hon. Treasurer Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association and Miss Livingstone now in India.

Unfortunately, the Fleet House could only accommodate 10 residents and the waiting list for vacancies increased. In 1946, again largely through the generosity of Her Majesty Queen Mary, another house was purchased at St. Leonards and this could accommodate 18 residents. The same conditions apply as in Fleet House.

Friends of the residents, past and present members of the Army Nursing Services are eligible as guests, and many happy holidays have been spent at these houses.

The residents pay fees according to their means and a great effort was made to make the Houses self-supporting, but with rising costs in all fields it became evident that the Fund could not maintain two houses. Also the need to retain the two houses was diminishing and in 1959 it was decided to close the one at Fleet. It was sad and many heart-rending cries were heard at the decision, but Fleet was the smaller and in need of a great deal of repair and therefore, it was the only practical thing to do.

Mrs. Dickson is now the Warden at St. Leonards and has the health, comfort and happiness of the residents very much at heart. She served in the Q.A.R. during the war and completed a ten-year Short Service Commission in 1959. Recently an Assistant Warden has been appointed and she is Miss P. Arthur, also an ex-Q.A.R.

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to Mrs. Dickson, Miss Arthur and all our colleagues who are resident in Queen Mary's House, St. Leonards.

### WOMEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON, 1962

The 8th Annual "Women of the Year" Luncheon was held at the Savoy Hotel on 4th October, 1962.

Unfortunately, the Chairman, the Marchioness of Lothian, who originated these Luncheons, was unable to be present owing to illness. We were welcomed, therefore, by the Acting-Chairman, Lady Georgina Coleridge, and Vice-Chairmen, the Countess Attlee and Mrs. Odette Hallows. We mingled and chatted with friends and acquaintances over a glass of sherry before going into lunch in one large room. It was a very good meal laced with white and red wine and finishing with a good cup of coffee.

It was an interesting gathering as distinguished women from all walks of life were invited, and included our own Director of Army Nursing Services, Brigadier F. B. Cozens, and several other senior Q.A. Officers serving and retired, and also representatives from the other two Services.

The seating arrangements were well organised and the placing of the guests was cleverly mixed. At our table we had a Doctor, five Matrons, Civilian and Army, a Solicitor, J.P., Musician, Retired A.T.S. Officer, and a Past Master of Arts and Crafts.

Usually six guests of outstanding merit are asked to give a brief talk on a given subject. This year it was "What is Women's Place in Space?", and the speakers were the Reverend Mother Clare, Deaconess of the Community of St. Andrew (Anglican), Miss Josephine Barnes, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Mrs. Marjorie Proops of the *Daily Mirror*, Mrs. Ann Welch, glider pilot and Vice-Chairman British Gliding Association, Mrs. Hazelden, wife of a famous test pilot and Miss Tessie O'Shea, artiste. All gave interesting and amusing talks. As one would expect the Reverend Mother's speech struck a serious and spiritual note, while Miss Tessie O'Shea's had a light humorous touch.

These Annual Luncheons are held to help raise money for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. Last year they made a profit of £1,897, and as the total number of guests present this year was about 580, which was more than last year, they hope to exceed last year's record.

### BRIEF ENCOUNTER

*Letter received:*

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot, Hindhead, Surrey.

August, 1962.

DEAR MADAM,

While travelling across London from Waterloo Station this morning it was my pleasure to have chance conversation with a trainee nurse from the Depot under your Command proceeding to Millbank Hospital prior to extending her period of service.

May I be allowed to express the hope that her interview was satisfactory and that she will be successful in her future career, for girls of her type are a credit to the Service.

In the chance encounter she had no idea of my name or identity nor do I know even her name, but I should be grateful if my wishes could be conveyed to her.

*Letter despatched:*

Holland Park Avenue, London W.11.

August, 1962.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter regarding one of our Q.A. Nurses was received this morning, and your thoughtfulness in writing to me is greatly appreciated.

I have conveyed your message to the lass in question.

We have very many excellent young girls in the Q.A.s doing their Nurse training. They serve, whilst training, in Military Hospitals throughout the world, and they take the frustrations and the joys of service life in their stride.

Sometimes people are quick to report on any lapse in behaviour that might occur, but an encouraging letter such as that received from you, could give many young Nurses some additional boost to their morale that no reprimand could ever hope to achieve, and for this reason I would like to be allowed to forward your letter to be considered for reproduction in our Corps Gazette, for I would like to feel that you would have a similar impression from any one member of our Corps.

## HOW I SHALL REMEMBER THE Q.A.R.A.N.C. DEPOT

BY A RECRUIT

I shall always remember the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot, mainly because it is my first camp in the army, and because it is everything I had imagined the depot would not be.

I was surprised when I first arrived, to find a public road running through the camp, and huts were pleasantly scattered around the grounds—not as I had imagined in straight lines. To find the girls were split up into huts also surprised me, instead of one long hut, with the beds laid out in dormitory style, I found the huts divided into two large rooms for sleeping in. Again I was surprised how attractive these rooms were, with their vases of flowers, and comfortable beds, and most surprising of all, the large easy chairs scattered at the top of the billet. In all, the living quarters please me, and helped to make the first few strange days much more comfortable.

Perhaps, what pleased me most were the meals. At each meal we are offered a good variety of dishes, but instead of being laid out unattractively, they are beautifully decorated; the meat dishes suitably garnished, and the sweet dishes made tempting by their elaborate decorations. The dining hall looked so gay and informal with its tables for four, laid with colourful cloths; and the huge vase of flowers at the top of the room, although artificial, they still cheered up the room, which was also decorated by a large picture above the vase of flowers, as well as smaller ones hung on the other walls.

The camp itself is set in the beautiful countryside of Surrey, and with some of my friends, I explored the woods at the back of the camp. Most of the woods around my home town have been pulled down to make room for the building of housing schemes, so I was especially delighted to find the depot so much in the heart of the country.

Although I had heard jokes of how early we had to rise in the morning, I shall always remember my feeling the first day when I jumped out of bed at six, to find it was freezing cold, and outside it was still dark. Breakfast was indeed a welcome meal for, by the time we had stripped and made our beds, washed and dressed, and walked down the road to the dining hall, we were all very hungry.

When I leave this depot, I shall always remember the huge parade square, where every morning we did our drill, marching up and down, up and down, and then performing turns. At first we all thought we would never remember how many steps to take before halting, and which foot to turn on, in a turn; but now these manoeuvres have become almost automatic. On our first lesson of drill, it took a little time for us to become used to the R.S.M.'s loud, barking voice, but now we know that his bark is worse than his bite, and that he really has a good sense of humour.

While the first week was spent issuing us with our kit, the second was just as busy when we started our lectures, and Army Education. These lectures have proved very interesting, and most of the information given will be very useful to us in later years in Q.A.R.A.N.C., although it took us a little time to get used to sitting in a lecture room again, and having a lecturer give us notes.

In all, I shall look back with pleasure on the main part of my stay at this Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot, and the pleasures of meeting new people, learning new things makes up for the unpleasant part of having injections, and getting up at six in the morning.

### THE DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO KENYA

No records exist to show when a Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services last visited Kenya. We were therefore delighted when it was announced that Brigadier Cozens was to spend ten days with us in June.

It was a lovely day as I waited at Embakasi Airport, Nairobi, for the *Britannia* to arrive. With me were the A.D.M.S., Colonel Dunkerton, and Canon and Mrs. Bown, personal friends of the Director and who were to be her host and hostess during the first part of her stay in Nairobi.

The day after her arrival she visited the B.M.H. and, although I know she did not expect to see a modern hospital, I think she was surprised at the rather dreary collection of Nissen huts and wooden buildings.

The Director visited European and African Hospitals in Nairobi, Nakuru and Nanyuki and met many Matrons and Sisters who had served in the Q.A.s during the war.

We had a most interesting day at Nanyuki with 70th Brigade King's African Rifles, which is commanded by Brigadier the Hon. FitzAlan-Howard. We were his guests at his lovely home, situated on the foothills of Mount Kenya. We were indeed fortunate to have a most wonderful view of the Mountain which makes very rare appearances out of the clouds and mist.

The Director was most interested in the excellent work done by the Nursing Orderlies of the K.A.R. (We train them at the B.M.H. up to and including N.O.I. standard.) Under the direction of an R.A.M.C. Medical Officer, they run a small hospital for Other

Ranks and their families, do welfare and family clinics and, of course, routine sick parades. While we were there a families' clinic was in progress. The women and children had obviously been told to expect a V.I.P. visitor as they were dressed in their Sunday best and enjoyed being photographed by Brigadier Cozens. The children were particularly charming—they were lined up for a dose of medicine and a sweet!

We could not leave Nanyuki without visiting the Mount Kenya Safari Club which was the "Mawingo Hotel" before it was bought by an American called Ryan and William Holden, the film star. What a luxurious Club it is, the type one would expect to find in Hollywood. The Manager took great pride in showing us the suites Capucine and William Holden occupied during the filming of *The Lion*. The gardens were really beautiful, with a heated swimming pool (Nanyuki is over 7,000 ft. above sea level and can be bitterly cold), peacocks strutting on immaculate lawns, and graceful white swans gliding on the many ornamental lakes. What it is to be rich!

Mrs. Wilfrid Barber, who is Deputy Chairman of the East Africa Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, gave a tea party in her house in Nairobi. There were over forty members present, both ex-Officers and Other Ranks. The Director gave a most inspiring talk about the Q.A.R.A.N.C. and the Association. We had the honour of having tea with the Archbishop of East Africa, the Most Reverend L. J. Beecher and Mrs. Beecher at "Bishopsbourne," their Nairobi residence.

There were, of course, numerous parties given for Brigadier Cozens, the trouble was to fit them all into such a short space of time.

In the last few days of her stay in Nairobi the Director was the guest of the G.O.C., Major General Goodwin and his wife at Flagstaff House—a lovely place commanding an excellent view of the Ngong Hills.

East Africa is a photographer's paradise. Brigadier Cozens, who is an enthusiastic amateur, had plenty of opportunity to use her camera. She visited the "Brown Trout," on the South Kinangop, the famous "Outspan Hotel" at Nyeri and, of course, the Game Park.

I do hope she enjoyed her visit to Kenya. She may well be the last Director to visit this lovely country in an official capacity.

A. H. NICHOL, L.20  
*Lt.-Colonel Q.A.R.A.N.C*  
*Matron B.M.H., Nairobi.*

## THOUGHTS ON THE PASSING OF THE TROOPSHIPS

Now that troopships have ceased to carry Service personnel, many Q.A.s will regret that they can no longer look forward to a nice leisurely Mediterranean or Far East cruise to and from their overseas station.

Those among us who have travelled by "trooper" will remember with affection such old friends as the *Nevasa*, *Neuralia*, *Dilwara* and *Lancashire*, and picture the familiar sight of the white-painted hull with the broad blue stripe and yellow funnel, and remember with pleasure the spaciousness and excellent standard of comfort in the new *Nevasa* and *Oxfordshire*, and the varied programme of entertainments planned to interest and amuse passengers at sea.

A most welcome refinement in the post-war ships were the stabilizers which when put into use during a rough or swelling sea, performed feats of magic to steady the rolling deck and heaving stomachs in a few moments.

There was a special atmosphere common to all troopships composed of the barracks and passenger ships' routine, and in recent years, with the enormous increase in Service families, the schoolroom and kindergarten were added.

Who will not remember the thrill of standing on deck listening to the music of a military band playing off a departing regiment, and recapture again the emotions and feeling of sadness as one waved goodbye to friends ashore, the strains of "Now is the Hour" sounding clear and loud above the noise of departure and the rattle of the anchor and throb of the engines, as the ship slowly pulled away from the dockside. Then, as one got one's sea legs and settled down to the routine, how blissful it was to lounge lazily in a deck chair and gaze out on a calm, dazzling sea and blue sky, and to enjoy one's first real rest in months, and to see the beauty of the magnificent sunsets and look down with fascination at the glow and sparkle of the phosphorous in the ship's wake.

There was also the excitement of going ashore at the ports en-route and seeing new places for the first time, or visiting and seeing again scenes and places where one had been stationed before.

One remembers the fun and laughter over the lively back-chat between troops and the bum-boat wallahs, as these crafty traders came alongside at Port Said in their colourful boats loaded with curios and handcrafts for sale. And the Gulli-Gulli man, who has delighted and entertained generations of children and adults of all ages with his age old tricks and appearing and disappearing chicks, and how he then vanished over the ship's side with our halfcrowns and a smartly cracked joke before we could realize that he had gone!

There was Aden, with its glaring heat and barren rocks and chance to shop cheaply. Many of us have returned to the ship in triumph with our bargains after a visit ashore.

Singapore, and the long slow approach and last, but not least, lovely Hong Kong, with the green trees and white buildings rising out of the sea and bustle of hundreds of ships, ferries and junks plying to and fro to Kowloon on the mainland; and at night, the blaze and dazzle of the lights against a background of the black sky and sea, giving the effect of huge jewels flung down on black velvet—I first saw this in 1939 and it is one of my most unforgettable memories.

Along with all these memories we shall always remember with gratitude the unfailing help, kindness and courtesy of the ships' masters, officers, crew and staff who with endless patience did so much to make our trips happy. We hope that the Q.A. badge on the *Oxfordshire* will remind them of their many Q.A. friends, and we wish them good sailing and many safe voyages.

M. B. KNEEBONE (L.21).

## THE SINGAPORE INTER-SERVICES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Singapore Inter-Services Swimming Championships were held at the Nuñfield Pool, Beach Road, Singapore, on the afternoon of the 26th September, 1962.

We were part of the Army team and were swimming with the W.R.A.C. against the W.R.A.F.



Pte. Spooner, W.R.A.C., Cpl. Day, W.R.A.C., Pte. Gibbs, Q.A.R.A.N.C.,  
Pte. McBride, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (in front), Sgt. Watt, W.R.A.C.



The results were as follows:

50 *Metres Backstroke*.—1st, Cpl. Spooner, W.R.A.C.; 2nd, Q/Pte. Gibbs, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

50 *Metres Breast Stroke* (Record 52.7 secs., Cpl. Rodwell, W.R.A.F., 1959).—1st, Sgt. Watt, W.R.A.C., 48.8 secs.; 2nd, Q/Pte. McBride, Q.A.R.A.N.C., 49.5 secs. Both record breaking times!

50 *Metres Freestyle*.—Q/Pte. Davies obtained fourth place.

The W.R.A.F. retired from the Medley Relay so Sgt. Watt, Cpl. Spooner, Q/Pte. McBride and I swam an exhibition race for which we derived not only much pleasure but also a silver medal each on maximum points!

How thrilled we all were at the end of the afternoon when the points were added up and it was discovered we had won the Challenge Cup from the W.R.A.F. after eight years! The W.R.A.C. will hold it for six months and then we shall have the honour to display it in our unit.

It had been a very hot afternoon and we were very tired, but we made our way back to B.M.H. a very happy team.

P. E. GIBBS (Pte. Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

### SINGAPORE BASE DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1962

The Singapore Swimming Championships were held at the Nuffield Pool, Britannia Club, Singapore City, on Wednesday, 29th August.

Despite the fact that this swimming pool is situated in the centre of a great city, it made a colourful setting for this occasion, with its gay table umbrellas, palm trees and broad blue pool.

The events were many and varied, straight races, relays, children's races, and some spectacular diving—all culminating in a really rousing water polo final.

The Women's Services 50 *metres Freestyle* was won by.—1st, Pte. J. Davis, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (53.0 secs.); 2nd, Pte. J. McBride, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; 3rd, Pte. P. E. Gibbs, Q.A.R.A.N.C. This was an all-nurses race.

The Women's Services 50 *metres Breast Stroke* was won by.—1st, Pte. J. McBride, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (55.3 secs.); 2nd, Pte. S. J. Hepworth, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Harris, wife of Major-General I. C. Harris, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C., Singapore Base District.

L. M. BURNS (Lieut. Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

### CAMBRIDGE HOSPITAL, ALDERSHOT

#### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

During a ceremony at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot on Saturday, 8th September, 1962, trade certificates and prizes were presented to successful R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. students.



*Back row:* Sgt. Hall and Cpl. Webb, R.A.M.C.  
*Front row:* Pte. Stables, Pte. Bass, Pte. Shearsmith, Sgt. Tucker  
 and Cpl. Robinson, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The Commanding Officer, Col. J. J. Sullivan, welcomed relatives and friends, and introduced Brigadier J. Clynton Reed who presented the awards. Also on the platform were Col. U. A. Dowling, D.D.A.N.S. Southern Command, Lt.-Col. A. M. Hey, Matron, and Major J. M. Waters, Sister Tutor, who gave a brief summary of training in the hospital. After the ceremony relatives were entertained to tea and the hospital was open to visitors.

Prizes were awarded for the two best all-round students in each year of training, and Q.A.R.A.N.C. who received prizes were:

*1st Year:* Ptes. Stables and Shearsmith.

*2nd Year:* Pte. Bass.

*3rd Year:* Sgt. Tucker.

Other Q.A.R.A.N.C. who went up to the platform to be congratulated were:

*Preliminary State Examination:* Cpl. Staple, Ptes. Collins, McBeth, Massey, Shearsmith and Stansfield.

*Final State and Army Trained Nurse:* Sgt. Tucker.

*Army Training Nurse:* Cpl. Robinson.

*Nursing Orderly Class II:* Ptes. McBeth, Stables, Thatcher, Cummins.

*Nursing Orderly Class I:* Sgt. Harris, Cpls. Cook, Knox, Ptes. Boland, Stott.

*Clerk Class I:* Cpl. Maleary.

*Dental Clerk Assistants Class III:* Ptes. Bergin, Brennan, Yescombe.

*Dental Clerk Assistant Class II:* Pte. Josse.

## HOW TO TRAIN IN THE ARMY

Many of our ex-service members may be interested to hear something of the way in which training for State Registered Nurse is carried out in the Corps.

When a girl joins the Q.A.'s she goes to the Preliminary Training School. After a basic training lasting twelve weeks she takes an examination. If she does well in this she becomes an "indexed" Student nurse with the General Nursing Council—and this means that she will normally sit for her S.R.N. examination after completing three years' training with the Q.A.'s.

If she does not reach a certain level in this preliminary examination her training will take a different form. She will study for the Army Trained Nurse Certificate over a practical and academic course. This course gives special help and personal encouragement to girls who, perhaps might not otherwise succeed in their chosen career. Once they have obtained the Army Trained Nurse Certificate they sit for the Preliminary and then final State Examination.

Here are the stories of two girls who trained in the Corps; one taking the long way and one the short.

### THE GIRL FROM SCOTLAND

Norah Doyle from Lanarkshire, not far from Glasgow. She made up her mind at twelve that she wanted to be a nurse and she was impatient for the years to pass until she would be old enough to start. That time came in 1958. Norah wanted to travel as well as to nurse and after a great deal of thought she realized that she could best combine the two in the Q.A.'s. So she joined.

She took her preliminary training at Aldershot. Of course, it was a big change. Quiet after her home town. She only took three evenings out per week in the twelve week training period. Then she took her exam and passed with flying colours.

First experience of work in the wards at the Cambridge Military Hospital at Aldershot, where she stayed for three months. Then to Tidworth, near Salisbury, for a year, gaining experience and confidence all the time.

Then came the big chance. She was flown out to Singapore where she worked in the big military hospital on general nursing duties. An interesting new experience was work on tropical diseases and paediatrics—soldiers' families being an important responsibility of the Army Medical Services.

As every Q.A. who has been to Singapore knows, social life is a great feature. There are sailing, swimming, dances and barbecues, visits to the islands. There is a fascinating world of oriental food and customs to try for the first time. It was a great time.

Her nursing experience broadened considerably while she was in Singapore. She nursed patients of many nationalities, including Australians, New Zealanders and Malaysians.

The most important event in Norah's career on her arrival back in England was sitting for her S.R.N. finals. Now, she is a fully qualified S.R.N. She considers that the Q.A.'s have given her as fine a training as she could have got anywhere in the world. And she's travelled. Now she intends to leave the Q.A.'s and take up Industrial Health work, specialising in casualties. Norah may even re-join after she's experienced the other side of nursing. It's up to her.

#### THE GIRL FROM KENT

Jacqueline Freeland is twenty-two. At seventeen she was working in an old people's home near Hythe, in Kent. She decided she wanted to be a nurse and at eighteen she joined the Q.A.'s. Jacqueline spent her preliminary training period at Aldershot. Although she was keen and eager to get on . . . "I just never shone at exams," she said. So, after the preliminary tests, she started the longer course to the S.R.N. via the Army Nursing Examinations.

Her first posting was to Colchester—not so very far from home, and she spent a year in the wards, learning, studying, getting used to a new way of life. She liked the work partly because she prefers being with young people—and geriatric nursing plays only a small part in the work of the Q.A.'s.

After a year she found herself at Hindhead, a very different experience. There she learned the latest Tuberculosis treatments used at Hindhead Chest Centre. She stayed there about nine months before the news came of her next posting—Singapore.

Jacqueline travelled to Singapore by ship, aboard the *Empire Fowey* which was so well known to thousands of troops. She soon got a chance to use her nursing experience. En route, there was an outbreak of German measles and the Q.A.'s were urgently needed to help in nursing. However, she found time to enjoy going ashore at Gibraltar, Malta, Aden and Colombo, none of which she had dreamed she would ever see.

Nursing and life in Singapore followed a similar pattern to that of Norah in our first story. In addition, she worked for short spells in hospitals up-country, and in this way learned a great deal about nursing in different conditions—from large urban hospitals to small buildings in tropical areas. Socially, Jacqueline had a wonderful time. She was particularly keen on sailing and became a second class helmswoman in "Sprites."

After two years in Singapore, Jacqueline was flown back to Britain, to take up duties in the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, with all its historical associations. She had to work very hard on her return as she was still none too happy about academic work, but she received extra instruction and gradually grew more confident. After nine months at Woolwich, she was promoted to Corporal, and then Acting Sergeant. She passed her Army Trained Nurse examination last year and is now a S.R.N. She has found that Q.A.'s have given her a great taste for travel and her next ambition is to take up midwifery and perhaps settle in New Zealand. She's made the grade as a qualified nurse, and she will find her Q.A. training invaluable anywhere in the world she chooses to go.

Here are two girls with different backgrounds, different temperaments, different ambitions joined the Q.A.'s. Each took a different route. Both have achieved the same object—S.R.N. certificates.

### FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Once again members of the Association met outside Westminster Abbey to do homage to their companions who died during the war.

After the dedication of the Field of Remembrance, they moved to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association plot where 220 individual crosses had already been placed. The Service was taken by the Matron-in-Chief and D.A.N.S., Brigadier F. B. Cozens, Q.H.N.S., R.R.C., and the following crosses were planted: Q.A.I.M.N.S. by Lt.-Col. Lewis, Matron, Millbank; Q.A.I.M.N.S. Res. by Major S. Mudge, Retd.; T.A.N.S. by Miss D. Bridges, O.B.E., R.R.C.; V.A.D. by Mrs. Haines, who served with the V.A.D.'s in 1914-18 war.

Members from some of the civilian hospitals were also with the Association members.

### OBITUARY

#### JOEY CONDON

Joey Condon's sudden death came as a great shock to all of us who knew her well; she seemed so full of life and very happy during her short retirement and up to the day she died was making plans for a holiday in Ireland.

Joey stayed with me occasionally and amongst my happy memories of her visits one incident will always stand out. She arrived on a Saturday evening and said "I must find my church, I'll take the dog with me for a walk." So having been warned of the hour for supper she departed with my little dachshund. By nine o'clock my initial irritation regarding the burnt offering in the oven had turned to real anxiety for Joey and I was thankful when she appeared. "Where have you been?" I asked. "It's alright, I've found the church and been in," she replied. "But what did you do with dog?" "I took her in of course—we've both been to confession!"

Joey was thrilled to have her own home and loved her little garden. She still found time to help the Association and had just become Treasurer of the Bournemouth Branch. In her quiet way she was very generous and I know many will have cause to remember her generosity and kindness. L.344.

#### FUNERAL OF LIEUT.-COLONEL CONDON

It was with deep regret that the Bournemouth Branch heard of the sudden death of their Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel M. A. J. Condon, R.R.C., on 6th August, 1962.

Besides members of her immediate family, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C., the Chairman and other Members of the Association attended the funeral on 9th August, 1962, in Bournemouth.

Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Jones, A.R.R.C. represented the Serving Members of the Corps and Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Chambers, R.R.C. (Retd.) the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Headquarters.

Among the floral tributes were: wreath from the Colonel Commandant and Officers of the Corps, one from Headquarters Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association and one from the Bournemouth Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.

#### MRS. MARION MARSH JONES, R.R.C.

We have heard from our New Zealand Branch of the recent death of Mrs. Marion Marsh Jones (*née* McNeill) at the age of 84. Mrs. Jones served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. during the first world war and was awarded the R.R.C. for her devotion to duty at Plymouth. After the war she married an Anzac Veteran and has lived in New Zealand since 1932. Although an invalid for many years Mrs. Jones was always interested to hear of the activities of the Branch and welcomed the members who visited her.

She died peacefully in her sleep.

#### MRS. FRANCES SMITH

We are very sorry to hear on going to press of the sad death of Mrs. Frances Smith (*née* Power), who died on the 21st October, following a Caesarian Section for the delivery of her second child.

Mrs. Smith, who trained in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. before her marriage, will be sadly missed by her many friends in Woolwich and in the Corps. The cremation took place on October 26th.

We send our deepest sympathy to all members of her family.

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We are very grateful for these donations and never cease to wonder at the steady flow of gifts that continue to arrive throughout the year. We thank you all, most sincerely.

EILEEN A. BALDOCK.

## APPOINTMENTS

MISS L. M. MACPHERSON, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, from August 1st, 1962. During the war she served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.).

LT.-COL. H. P. K. BRETT, A.R.R.C. Appointed Senior Sister Tutor, May 1962.  
 LT.-COL. M. M. WINNY, A.R.R.C. Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Munster, 7th June, 1962.  
 MAJOR F. V. HYNES, A.R.R.C. Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Dharan, June 1962.  
 COLONEL U. A. DOWLING, R.R.C. Appointed D.D.A.N.S. Southern Command, 23rd July, 1962.  
 MAJOR E. BALLESTY, M.B.E., A.R.R.C. Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Rinteln, 10th September, 1962  
 MAJOR J. M. S. WILSON. Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Hostert, 18th September, 1962.  
 MAJOR L. DODSLEY, A.R.R.C. Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Colchester, 23rd September, 1962.  
 MAJOR E. F. PORRITT. Appointed Matron, Hong Kong, 25th September, 1962.

### RETURNED GAZETTES

Miss J. A. Stewart, 14 Mayfield Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire.  
 Miss J. A. Newton, Glemfer, 57 Merrylee Road, Newlands, Glasgow.  
 Mrs. J. Rayner, 89 Springhill Avenue, Glasgow, S.1.

### DEATHS

GARRARD, Miss P. N., died on August 17th, 1962. Ex-Q.I.A.M.N.S./R. in the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars. Life Member of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.  
 CONDON, Lt.-Colonel M. A., R.R.C., died suddenly on August 7th, 1962, at her home in Bournemouth.  
 WALLACE, Miss M., A.R.R.C., at Saltcoats, Ayrshire, on August 8th, 1962, during the first world war she served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.  
 FRENCH, Mrs. E. A., died recently in Coromandel, New Zealand.  
 MARSH JONES, Mrs. M. (*née* McNeill), R.R.C., age 84, in October 1962 passed away peacefully in her sleep after long illness, at Auckland, New Zealand. She was an ex-Q.A.  
 SMITH, Mrs. F. (*née* Power), died on 21st October, 1962. Ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C.

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### PROMOTIONS

#### REGULARS

#### To Colonel

Lt.-Col. U. A. Dowling, R.R.C., 23.7.62.

#### To Lt.-Col.

Majors:—A. H. Nichol, 19.7.62; M. Ryan, A.R.R.C., 23.7.62; A. Flannagan, M.B.E., A.R.R.C., 26.9.62.

#### To Major

Captains:—F. K. Slack, 5.8.62; M. Whitworth, 16.8.62. (1.4.62).

#### To Captain

Lieutenants:—J. D. Gough, P. Elliott, S. M. Cooper, F. M. Loomes, M. M. Stewart, R. E. Johnson (all 1.4.62).



## RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Majors:—K. M. Knowles, 12.6.62; E. F. Shine, 30.6.62; E. H. Thompson, 30.6.62; E. M. Stoneham, A.R.R.C., 13.7.62.

Colonel B. M. Fitzpatrick, R.R.C., 23.7.62.

Lt.-Colonels:—G. B. Powell, R.R.C., 19.7.62; K. E. Phillips, A.R.R.C., 26.9.62.

Captains:—T. S. Francies (*née* Flint), 7.7.62; E. D. Harte, 16.9.62.

## REGULARS

### SHORT SERVICE

Captains:—J. K. J. Milligan, 20.6.62; O. Carpendale (*née* Lees), 22.6.62; A. M. E. Williams, 7.9.62; M. J. Daish, 3.10.62; J. T. Bartley, 7.10.62; M. O'Keefe, 7.10.62; P. M. Culliton, 15.10.62; M. Furzer, 15.10.62; P. L. Wood, 15.10.62.

Lieutenants:—Burgess (*née* Bradfield), 1.5.62; K. Buckingham (*née* Lee), 9.5.62; E. A. Price, 21.5.62; P. D. Green (*née* Russell), 2.6.62; D. J. Bullock, 3.6.62; A. Mills, 3.6.62; P. M. Sale, 3.6.62; M. H. Jones (*née* White), 9.6.62; I. C. Matheson, 20.6.62; P. A. Thorne, 20.6.62; A. W. Tuttle, 20.6.62; H. Service, 20.6.62; M. U. Anderson (*née* Nolan), 23.6.62; J. J. Bryant (*née* Aldrich), 23.6.62; P. E. M. Clatworthy, 24.6.62; J. A. Durham, 24.6.62; M. H. Abrams, 25.6.62; A. M. Guy, 25.6.62; M. A. Canning, 25.6.62; D. E. Price, 25.6.62; A. I. Williams (*née* Russell), 30.6.62; O. Ward, 4.7.62; V. A. Winmill (*née* Garraway), 7.7.62; E. W. Niblett (*née* Unmack), 7.7.62; A. M. Bradbury (*née* McCambridge), 21.7.62; S. B. Mullan, 26.7.62; J. P. Abate (*née* Black), 28.7.62; D. A. Freeman, 30.7.62; A. E. Macdonald (*née* Evans), 3.8.62; A. K. Wicks (*née* Beale), 4.8.62; M. Beynon, (*née* Martin), 7.8.62; J. Dudson, 10.8.62; W. Reid, 10.8.62; J. Graham, 10.8.62; M. A. G. Mayes (*née* Roche), 11.8.62; C. Fox, 12.8.62; E. Simpson, 12.8.62; K. Dixon, 20.8.62; P. A. Mitchell, 20.8.62; J. G. Oates, 24.8.62; M. Picken, 30.8.62; M. Kerr, (*née* Daley), 1.9.62; D. M. Lee, 7.9.62; E. D. Palmer, 7.9.62; B. Howard, 9.9.62; C. M. Dobbyn, 9.9.62; M. M. Crowther, 3.10.62; P. A. Bedder, 5.10.62; S. P. Clancy, 5.10.62; A. F. Wheatherley, 5.10.62; S. D. Wilson, 5.10.62; P. A. Wooder, 5.10.62.

## EXAMINATIONS

Candidates who were successful in examinations of the Central Midwives Board in August and September 1962:

C.M.B. Pt. I Q/1001111 S/Sgt. S. Nutbeem, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

C.M.B. Pt. II: Lieut D.A. Grant (471951), Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Lieut. M. J. Lonergan (455734), Q.A.R.A.N.C.

S/Sgt. Nutbeem is now taking the second part of midwifery training at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, Brigadier F. B. Cozens, was a guest at a dinner given by the Army Council in the State Apartments of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on 5th November, 1962.

Three Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers obtained the Sister Tutor Diploma in July, 1962: Major M. J. P. Webster, Capt. M. E. Smart, Capt. M. J. Joyce.

Seventeen Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks passed the State Final Examinations in June 1962: Aldred, Norma Irene; Eskdale, Beatrice; Harrington, Joan; Harrison, Julia Ann Wolseley; Horder-Despard, Sybil Monica; Lamb, Irene Ann; Lofthouse, Jacqueline Fiona Juliet; Peate, Jean Patricia Dew; Roberts, Dorothy May; Small, Mary; Smith, Mary Alison Laura; Stuart, Moira; Taylor, Irene; Thomas, Frances Helena; Tucker, Christine Victoria Lockwood; Moore, Ann Claire; Philbin, Geraldine.

The following hospitals have closed during the past year: British Military Hospital, Jamaica, August 1962; Military Hospital, Cowglen, October 1962; David Bruce Military Hospital, Malta, October 1962.

Retired Officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. are re-employed in the following Medical Reception Stations: Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst; Junior Leaders Schools, Aborfield, Kinnell Park, Rhyl, Oswestry, Nuneaton, Tonfanau and Troon; Army Apprentice Schools, Harrowgate and Carlisle; W.R.A.C., Lingfield.

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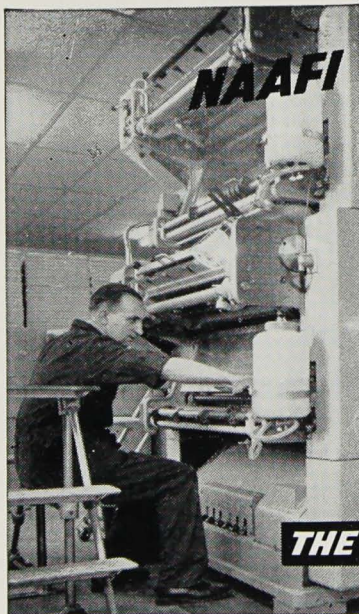
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