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Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, presenting Army Trained Nurse Certificate to S/Sgt. Grimshaw.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association

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EDITORIAL

Where, oh, where, is that hot summer we were promised? It made a short appearance on the 16th May which was a glorious day in more ways than one, and again for a few days in early June. What part of the world is having our share? Please, please, spare a thought for the poor old U.K. and send us just another glimpse of it. Everyone would be so grateful.

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion are over for another year, but by the number of Members who attend the Annual General Meeting it seems that few are really interested in the general administration of the Association. It is quite certain that this is not true, so what about a real effort next year, and show our Honorary Officers at Headquarters, who do such valuable work on our behalf, that the Association really does mean something to us.

Thank you for all your material to be considered for publication, please continue with the good work. Variety is the spice of life, and so is news, or perhaps, it can add to it.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

I think there may be some of you, who may not have heard that the Army Benevolent Fund has had to reduce their Annual Grant to us from £1,000 to £250 as a basis amount. I understand at times they may be able to assist us in exceptional circumstances as well.

This decision has had to be made, as their Funds are dwindling, and they are not getting the support they had just after the War.

When I informed our President, she kindly sent out an appeal to all serving members, officers, and other ranks asking if they would subscribe "up to half a day's pay" voluntarily. The response up to date, has brought in the magnificent amount of £730 odd.

I feel that as the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Benevolent Fund is available to all serving and civilian members alike, the civilians might also like to have the opportunity to contribute even a few shillings to help keep up our Funds.

I realize only too well how much the Branches have done in the past to raise Funds, and am deeply grateful to them but there may be some members on Headquarters List who are unable to help in Branch efforts and who would like to associate themselves with this all out effort to regularly help narrow this financial gap.

On behalf of all our colleagues whom you have helped in the past, may I say a "big thank you" and trust we may have your continued support in the future.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. R. WARNER (*Chairman*)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1963

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 22nd, 1963, at the Connaught Rooms, the President, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was in the Chair. Thirty-eight members were present. The President opened the meeting and invited the Chairman to give her report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (*Synopsis*)

The Association has again had a successful year but not without its problems, the biggest being the reduction of the Annual Grant from the Army Benevolent Fund.

Our clerical assistant, Mrs. Niedzwiecka, has left to get married and she was presented with a cheque and invited to become an Honorary Member of the Association in recognition of her five years good and loyal service. Miss Lake has taken her place.

The Charitable Commissioners have been approached through our Solicitors and Custodian Trustees, with a view to drawing up a New Deed to cover all four Benevolent Funds. This will give us more scope in administering these Funds, but unfortunately will not reduce the Hon. Treasurer's work.

Thanks to the generous donations to the General Fund the office is now well equipped and we are most grateful to all donors and also the Depot for giving us two large carpets from the closed Messes Store.

We are sorry that Malta and Cowglen Branches have closed during the year, but Bournemouth has opened a Branch and has got off to a flying start.

Only half the Branches Annual Reports have been received to date. It is hoped in future all will arrive in time to include items of interest in this report.

Congratulations to Dhekelia Branch for recruiting 22 new members during the year, of which 20 are other ranks.

After an extensive search Mrs. Mills has booked the "Cafe Royal," Piccadilly, for the A.G.M. and Re-union next year, when the cost will be the same.

The membership remains much the same, as new members barely offset lapsed members. The numbers at December 1962 were 1,811, an increase of 69, as at the same time last year, but already this year the numbers have dropped well below 1,800 again. If your memory is poor, why not use a Banker's Order Form?

Congratulations were extended to all Officers who received Honours and Awards during the year, including Dame Barbara Cozens, who became a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours.

The Benevolent work increases each year, and sincere gratitude was expressed to all Branches and individuals for their generous donations, thus making it possible to give a little joy and comfort to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Appreciation was extended to all Honorary Officers at Headquarters for all the interest and time they give to running the Association.

The Chairman's report was adopted and the Treasurer invited to report on the audited accounts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Madam President, fellow Members, it is with much pleasure that I present the audited accounts of the Funds administered by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the year 1962.

The Reserve Fund. This Fund derives its assured income by interest from investments. The remainder is from life subscriptions and donations. The amount from life subscriptions varies according to the number of new members to this category. Donations also vary. The heaviest commitments of this Fund are £100 towards, the rental of our offices and the annual transfer of a proportion of subscriptions to the Central Fund—just over £100.

As you will see, our income from investments is £143, so I am particularly gratified that we had more new Life Members and that you were so understanding and generous in sending donations for general purposes ; the spending of which included the purchase of necessary office equipment.

There were no changes in investments, which still cover life subscriptions.

The Central Fund. Receipts from annual subscriptions have risen by £12, which means that, at last, our number of new members has exceeded our lapsed ones. We hope for further improvement in

this respect so that we can keep pace with rising costs. Our excess of expenditure over income rose from £5 to £15, though we still had a useful working cash balance of £280.

The Gazette Fund. As in the Central Fund, there was an increase of income from subscriptions and also a substantial increase in donations, for which we were more than grateful. The result of this was that, in spite of an increase of expenditure, our income exceeded it by £27. This Fund will continue to give cause for anxiety until the income from subscriptions exceeds the expenditure. We need about another 350 members to achieve this—a rather large target, I fear. So you will see what a very great help the donations were, and I would repeat our most grateful thanks for them.

The Association Benevolent Fund. In this Fund you will see that our interest from investments amounted to £408, and our expenditure on grants and donations to £2,042. Your wonderful and spontaneous support in the way of donations has enabled us to help those in need. Of the £2,566 received in donations the Army Benevolent Fund contributed £1,250, but their policy has been changed and the large grants will cease. Our excess of income over expenditure amounted to £782, but as over £1,000 was received in the last quarter of the year, no change was made in investments. Although it will not appear until the next accounts, you will, no doubt, be interested to know that we have invested £1,000 this year as it is so important that we should increase our income from this source. At present we are so very dependent on donations. £408 would not go very far.

Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund. There was again an excess of income over expenditure, but this year we are making more grants from this Fund.

The Ethel Harwood Trust Fund. In this Fund the excess of expenditure over income was £15, and now that our cash balance is less than £100, we have slightly reduced our commitments to keep within the annual income of £94.

The Territorial Army Nursing Service Benevolent Fund. The amount spent on grants rose by £13, and again we had to realize capital in order to meet our expenditure. This has reduced our investments by £1,710. We shall probably have to help some T.A.N.S. members from the Association Benevolent Fund, as with the present state of market we would sustain a considerable loss on the sale of our remaining stock.

Between the four Benevolent Funds the amount spent on grants and gifts was £3,158 and the total income from investments £930.

I hope I have not used too many figures and that I have been able to give a clear picture of the position and needs of the various Funds.

The Report was adopted.

FRIEND'S SECRETARY

The Friends' Secretary was asked to give the Meeting some idea of the way in which the Benevolent Funds were administered and she made the following points:—

All grants and gifts were made with the sanction of the Finance and Grants Committee which met three times a year.

Any urgent cases arising between Meetings she could deal with up to the sum of £5, but any larger amount required the sanction of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Founder Administrator. These cases were reported at the next Meeting.

Christmas and Easter Gifts are given in the spirit of *Friendship* and not necessarily based on financial requirements: members who were old, who lived alone, had fixed incomes or received few letters and no parcels, were among those considered—just to be remembered gave them great happiness.

Regular Grants were considered very carefully. A form has to be filled in giving necessary details of circumstances and the member would be visited. In many instances we had to liaise with other Societies to get sufficient money to meet fees for homes, etc.

Interest Free Loans. These were made where required and always these loans were repaid as arranged.

Parcels of Clothing were sent on request.

Grocery Parcels were sent when a monetary grant would cause National Assistance to be stopped.

Sick Members were visited where possible and flowers sent.

Regarding the Reunion Mrs. Mills said:

"I have heard that some of our members feel we have been rather mean with the type of tickets we have used this year.

We are having the greatest difficulty in making ends meet this year. The tickets have been printed for us quite free by a friend who only does this as a hobby and I feel we should be very grateful. When I tell you that over and above the actual bill from the Connaught Rooms we have only spent £5, this includes the cost of the telegram to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, I don't think you can say we have been very extravagant.

As the Chairman has told you, next year we are changing the place for the Reunion. It will be on June 27th, 1964, at The Cafe Royal, Piccadilly Circus, preceded by the A.G.M. at 2.30."

ELECTION OF MANAGING TRUSTEES (Members of Central Committee)

Vice Chairman: Miss M. Roberts, Matron of St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, was re-elected.

Members: There were eight nominations and the result of the election was as follows:—

Miss D. C. Bridges	(Re-elected)
Mrs. Winstanley	„
Col. B. M. Fitzpatrick	„

On behalf of all present, Miss Hind thanked Dame Barbara Cozens for presiding at this Meeting.

THE REUNION

The 18th Annual Reunion of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held in the Connaught Rooms, London, on Saturday, 22nd June, 1963, from 4-7 p.m.



Dame Barbara Cozens presenting the Challenge Cup to Captain J. M. Hodge.

This year one hundred and seventy members were present and from the noise and buzz of voices all were having a most enjoyable time. How very pleasant to see “the husbands,” and we do hope to see even more next year.

It is wonderful to meet old colleagues, if only once a year, and exchange bits of domestic news and often to hear of the whereabouts and activities of others who have been unable to attend. Better luck next time to those unfortunates, and to those who were there “see you on 27th June, 1964.”

The Challenge Cup this year was won by Capt. J. M. Hodge, who did so much while at Millbank to encourage and promote sport in that Unit. She is now stationed at the Medical Reception Station, Edinburgh. A close runner-up was Lieut. N. J. Carr, stationed in Dhekalia.

NOTICES

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Headquarters Offices at Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, will be closed during August. Urgent matters may be sent by post, when they will be attended to once a week.

CHRISTMAS approaches once again and Mrs. Mills, Hon. Friends' Secretary, will be pleased to receive any gifts of food, toilet articles and other small gifts which always give such pleasure to the recipient. Please send them to the Hon. Friends' Secretary, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, as soon as possible.

Field of Remembrance. All Members are invited to attend Westminster Abbey for the dedication of the Field of Remembrance and the Army Nursing Services Plot afterwards where crosses will be planted in remembrance of our companions who died during the war. The date is published in the daily press and is usually the Thursday before Remembrance Sunday.

NEWS FROM UNITS AND BRANCHES

NETLEY

Queen Alexandra's Day was celebrated in the Royal Chapel and was followed by sherry and buffet lunch in the Officers' Mess. There were 96 guests, and these included a number of retired Q.A.'s from Southampton, civilian members and many members of the Bournemouth Branch.

B. M. GORDON (*Chairman*)

TIDWORTH

A social evening was combined with the Annual General Meeting. A Christmas Bazaar was held in December, 1962, and the proceeds from this was forwarded to the Headquarters Benevolent Fund.

G. E. JONES (*Chairman*)

COMBINED UNITS ALDERSHOT

On 20th December, 1962, a tea party was held at which the recruiting film *Under the White Cross* was shown. It was most interesting and greatly enjoyed.

V. M. JONES (*Secretary*)

MILLBANK BRANCH

In this branch, meetings are held at two monthly intervals, and all have been well attended. In January, a visit to the Theatre was cancelled and instead a tea party was held at Millbank, and two recruiting films were shown. A most enjoyable afternoon and greatly appreciated by many members who find difficulty to come to evening meetings. The Corps Day Service at Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital was well attended by Branch members, who were invited to sherry in the Q.A. Mess afterwards.

The Branch met on Wednesday, 1st May, at 2.30 p.m. for a "Bring and Buy Sale." It was a pouring wet day but the attendance good. Buying was brisk and gifts plentiful.

During tea at the end of the afternoon Lt.-Col. A. Nichol was able to announce that £29 had been made, an increase of £4 on last year's effort. So thank you all.

It is felt by the Executive Committee that there must be many more members of the Association living in or near London who might be pleased to join the Branch and we would welcome them as being on H.Q. list means they have no contact with other members (except perhaps their own special friends) and we, in the Branch, are anxious to foster and preserve the maxim "Friendship."

H. HAMBLIN (*Hon. Sec.*)

DHEKELIA

In February a film show was given showing coloured transparencies of places of interest in Malta, Israel, Tripoli, Benghazi, Turkey, and Hong Kong. Light refreshments were given by various members—home-made sweets were sold, and the proceeds from this and the small entrance fee that was charged, were forwarded to the H.Q. Benevolent Fund.

In the Unit at their monthly "All Ranks Dance" raffles are held, and in future the proceeds are to be given on alternate months to the R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. Associations.

M. M. BRIDGWATER (*Hon. Sec.*)

MIDLAND BRANCH

For the summer meeting of 1962, a visit was paid to "Ragley Hall," Alcester, the beautiful 17th-century house of the Marquess of Hertford. Twenty-seven members and friends attended. After being greeted by the Marquess, a tour of the Hall was made, at the conclusion of which tea was taken at the Mill House Tea Rooms, where a most welcome "Home Made Tea" was served to round off a most enjoyable afternoon.

The autumn meeting was preceded by a luncheon and the meeting was held at St. Chad's Hospital. At the close of this a "Bring and Buy Sale" was organised in aid of Branch Funds, and Miss Reilly, the Matron of St. Chad's, provided a most delightful tea.

On Remembrance Sunday 1962, several members attended the service at the Civic Centre and a Poppy Wreath laid on behalf of the Midland Branch of the Association. Members were also present at the Festival of Remembrance in the Town Hall in the evening.

At the Annual General Meeting on 13th March, 1963, twenty members were present. Miss M. A. Gannon, R.R.C., who was elected as chairman at the inaugural meeting in 1950 and has continued to hold this office until now, regretted very much having to resign from chairmanship as she is now residing too far away to attend Committee meetings. It was with very deep regret that Miss Gannon's resignation was accepted, as she was such a wonderful chairman and has done so much for the Branch. The blow was softened by the knowledge that she will still remain as one of our

members and attend general meetings whenever possible. Miss J. J. Bell was elected chairman and Miss E. I. Jones, Vice-Chairman.

After the meeting a most interesting talk and demonstration on Floral Display suitably arranged in containers for delivery by post, was given by Mrs. C. L. Potts.

New Members: Miss A. Rennie in January 1963. *Transferred to this Branch:* (from H.Q.) Miss K. Dixon, Miss Y. M. Robinson, Mrs. J. Pickwick. *Transferred to: Manchester Branch—*Mrs. J. Pickwick; *Bournemouth Branch—*Mrs. D. F. Anderson.

E. DUCKITT (*Hon. Sec.*)

EAST AFRICA

There have been three social events during the year and the membership is now 54. Considering the uncertainty of daily life in Kenya at present, the Branch is quite active.

NEW ZEALAND

A general meeting was held in June 1962 and took the form of a "Bring and Buy Sale." The annual Reunion Cocktail Party was held in Auckland in November 1962.

Meetings of this Branch are usually held in the home of one of the members, and when a member living out of Auckland signifies she is visiting, a nice little get-together is organised. One such meeting was arranged last year in February, when Miss Mary Heather, ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C. was visiting from England and she brought messages to members from Dame Katherine Jones.

We lost two members last year. Miss French, one of the first members of the New Zealand Branch died, and Miss Rene Berridge returned to England.

HANOVER

There are at present no civilian members in the Branch. Mrs. Pike has left the district. During the year two sweepstakes have been held (Grand National and the Derby) and a certain percentage of the takings were given to the Q.A. Benevolent Fund. Jumble Sales were held in June 1962 and February 1963. A dance was held on the 18th August, 1962 and on 25th August an outing was organised to Goslar.

The A.G.M. was held on 18th March, 1963, and was combined with a "Bring and Buy Sale."

P. G. BENNETT (*Chairman*)

HONG KONG

Corps Day in Hong Kong

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. day was celebrated here in Hong Kong by two church services held in the British Military Hospital, Mount Kellett. A large percentage of the serving members of the corps were able to attend and we were admirably supported by all branches of the Armed Services in the Colony.

The Roman Catholic Mass was held in the Hospital Chapel; the celebrant was the Rev. I. Duggan, C.F. The Church of England service took place in the N.A.A.F.I. Hall, which was pleasantly decorated for the occasion. Lt. M. Thornton led the singing at the organ and the lessons were read by Capt. D. Stott and L/Cpl. Cranmer: indeed, the Hospital Chaplain, the Rev. G. Holman observed that, had we but a preacher amidst our ranks we could have had a service exclusively Q.A.R.A.N.C.

After church, the congregations made their way, through a mad March gale, tempered by bright sunshine, to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess where we were able to meet, in pleasant and informal surroundings, those who had come to support us. Amongst those whom we were pleased to greet were the C.B.F. Lt.-General R. W. Craddock, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and his wife and daughter, newly arrived in the Colony, the Royal Naval Commodore and his wife, and the Chief of Staff.

LT. A. SQUIRE

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A Garden of Remembrance was opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Brown Black, G.C.H.C., O.B.E., in November 1962, commemorating those who fell during the two world wars.

Lt.-Col. A. O'Connell, R.R.C., attended as the senior representative of the Corps.

The Foundation Stone of the new British Military Hospital, Kings Park, Kowloon, was laid during the latter part of 1962. Work is expected to be completed by December 1964.

A prize-giving for the graduates of Hong Kong Government School of Nursing was held at the City Hall on February 21st, 1963. Prizes were presented by His Excellency the Governor. Lt.-Col. A. O'Connell was invited to attend as senior representative of the Corps.

G. R. DAWE (*Hon. Sec.*)

COLCHESTER

The Colchester Branch of the Association held a "Bring and Buy Sale" and Raffle in aid of the Benevolent Fund on the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess Lawn. Being a warm, sunny day this was well attended. Prizes for the raffle were given by members.

The stalls were run by Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers and other ranks. These included: Bottle Stall, Household Stall, Bring and Buy Stall, Confectionery, Ice Cream and soft drinks Stall. Side shows included: Fortune-telling, Balloon Shy and Buried Treasure. Tea, sandwiches and cakes were served by Mess Staff.

The children, and some adults too, were catered for by Sgt. Burk of the Physical Training Corps, who gave a trampoline display and then allowed the youngsters to try their skill under his supervision.

At the end of the sale, when all stalls were empty, Mrs. Peek, wife of the Officer Commanding the Hospital, kindly drew the raffle tickets and presented prizes. As a result of this sale £114 has been forwarded to the Benevolent Fund.

Visit of the Colonel Commandant to the Military Hospital, Colchester

On the 25th April, 1963, we were privileged to have a visit from our Colonel Commandant, Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C.

She and Colonel Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., D.D.A.N.S. Eastern Command, were met at their hotel in Colchester by Major Liddington, Q.A.R.A.N.C., and escorted to the hospital where they were received by Colonel H. W. Peek, L/R.A.M.C. Commanding Officer, and Major L. Dodsley, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Members of the local press were present and took photographs of Dame Monica's arrival and of her meeting the Q.A.R.A.N.C. and other ranks for coffee a little later.

After an informal talk with all the Other Ranks, Dame Monica visited their quarters and their dining room. She also saw the Dental Department and several of the hospital wards, and she was shown around the new operating theatres which are now nearing completion.

Dame Monica was later joined by her husband, the Reverend H. Golding, in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess, where they lunched with other guests and Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers.

In the evening, a Cocktail Party, followed by a Buffet Supper, was held in the mess. Dame Monica and her husband met several old friends among the retired officers who were able to be present.

So ended the visit from our Colonel Commandant, which had been awaited with great anticipation by all members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. in this unit, which was a very happy occasion indeed for all of us here and which has left us with many pleasant memories.

Rifle Shooting

Major D. Macdonald, Q.A.R.A.N.C., of the Military Hospital, Colchester (now posted to the Military Hospital, Catterick) was a member of the Colchester Civil Service Club. She was a member of the team winning a division in the Civil Service League and Army Women's Trials. Member of the team for March against the Civil Service Ladies and W.R.A.F. Reserve for inter-services match at the R.A.F. Uxbridge. Qualified for Class A Marksman, March, 1963.

BOURNEMOUTH

The first Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on 14th March, in Selwyn Hall, Boscombe. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, the chair was taken by Miss V. M. Whiteman. This was well attended

by thirty-eight members, six of whom were enrolled and welcomed that day. Apologies were received from eight others who sent gifts to help the "Bring and Buy Stall."

This was a very bright meeting, and successful tea party, and sale which provided funds for the Branch.

Bournemouth Belles Visit the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot and Museum

One of the characteristics of a Q.A. gathering which distinguishes it from other social occasions is the world wide coverage of the conversation. From the point of departure at Westbourne, drifts of such enchanting subjects were wafted to my ears as: the waterfalls at Kota-Tengah, house-boat in Kashmir, the view from Cutab-Minhar. Two were even "Talking Turkey" (a representative having been to Scutari for the Florence Nightingale Centenary celebrations). The transportation was so complete that when we passed by a gypsy at Brockenhurst in his horse and cart, one conjured up a tonga walla in Poona who instead of shouting "Any old Rags, Bones, etc." was calling out the number of Rupees and Annas to the bazaar.

Was the "convoy" of Nursing Sisters vying with one another for fabulous topics? Not at all, it was merely that each picking-up point en route, revealed some new member, who evoked a memory of a particular time or place.

Even with such nostalgia, it would be hard to better the scenery through the New Forest on a sparkling May morning. The verdant greens of spring were lavishly adorned with a profusion of multi-coloured blossom. Ponies and foals pranced joyously in their first warm sunshine.

The coach wended its way through Romsey and nearby Alton, the homes of two of our most famous leaders, Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

Arrived at Hindhead the Commandant gave us a most cordial welcome to the Training Establishment. In helping to make the introductions, Dame Monica showed an unrivalled genius in finding some link between the past and present to span the years separating the old and new generation.

For some, who have not seen the Officers' Mess for maybe two decades, curry and rice with chapatties would not seem out of place, with the Khitmager in the background greeting us with "burra salaams memsahibs." However, a more sophisticated array of delicacies, preceded by an aperitif, made us aware of the wind of change.

Following coffee, a visit to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum in the same grounds, revealed a wealth of treasure more fascinating than the Crown Jewels, because of their personal associations. Members, in whatever age-group discovered among the photographs some scene from her own years *in the Service*. Even when cameras were

banned, press cuttings preserved some episode grave or gay. One couldn't help feeling that no matter what small part each played in the panorama, all contributed in the making of history.

Returning to the Mess (more like a drawing room really) a delicious tea was served with that effortless ease which is second nature to the Q.A.'s.

Col. Long displayed a model (not a gown this time) of the new Preliminary Training School, the foundation of which was laid the previous week, by Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret.

Before resuming our homeward journey, photographs were taken, one of which will, I trust, grace this article.

A well deserved bouquet to Col. Long and Major Thayer who reshuffled their schedule and mealtimes to give the visitors maximum pleasure. So often an outing of this kind makes no impact, but so marked was the friendliness of our reception at the Depot, one forgot there was such a thing as an Ex-Q.A. "Out of this world" is no longer a meaningless phrase. We did not take off in a capsule but our excursion was certainly a carefree fling, untroubled for awhile by the rising rates or the price of sugar.

In conclusion, what really brought the author down to earth was that there were no orderlies in the kitchen to carry on where she left off to write her report.

K. A. TYE (*nee* K. A. WHITE)

Appreciation

May I say "Thank you" to all concerned for enabling us to have such a very happy day on 21st May, 1963. Every moment was enjoyed and it was a great pleasure to be able to renew acquaintances with members I had not seen for so many years.

E. M. SOMERVILLE.

ANNUAL CORPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND SPORTS MEETING AT THE DEPOT & T.E.

ON 19TH AND 20TH JUNE, 1963

For the first time in many years, the weather clerk was unkind to us and the tennis was marred by blustering wind and frequent showers. In spite of this, twenty competitors played the preliminary rounds of the Medforth and Gillespie Championships on Tuesday, 18th, and in the morning of Wednesday, 19th.

Unfortunately, by lunch time, the weather had deteriorated so much that further play was impossible. This did not prevent a goodly gathering of "would be" spectators collecting round the fires in the Mess. Many happy reunions took place, followed by the traditional Strawberry Tea, which was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

Miss Medforth was photographed with the competitors, but was, of course, unable to present the trophies.



Medforth Cup finalists with Miss Medforth, donor of the Cup.

Left to Right: Dame Monica Golding, Cpl. P. Sutherland, Miss Medforth, Major W. Myers, Colonel E. M. Pullom.

The finals were played on Thursday morning in rather doubtful weather. Cpl. P. Sutherland carried off the Medforth Cup after a hard-won victory from Major W. Myers.

The Gillespie Cup was won by Cpl. P. Sutherland, partnered by Pte. M. Giles, both from the Royal Herbert Hospital in Woolwich, the runners-up being Major W. Myers and Capt. J. Robinson of Tidworth. It was an excellent match and all are to be congratulated on their fine performance.

The Cups were presented that afternoon by our Colonel Commandant, Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C.

TENNIS WINNERS, 1963

<i>Medforth Cup</i>	...	...	...	Cpl. P. Sutherland (Royal Herbert Military Hospital, Woolwich)
<i>Medforth Cup (Runner-up)</i>	...	...	...	Major W. Myers (Tidworth Military Hospital)
<i>Gillespie Cup</i>	...	...	...	Cpl. P. Sutherland and Pte. M. Giles (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich)
<i>Gillespie Cup (Runners-up)</i>	...	...	...	Major W. Myers and Capt. J. Robinson (Tidworth Military Hospital)

Whilst the Tennis Finals were being played on Thursday morning, there was great activity over on the sports field, where Major Hampson, R.A.M.C., was organizing the qualifying heats, there being a fair number of entries. In spite of the rather cold and doubtful weather, enthusiasm was high amongst all competitors.

After lunch, we were pleased to welcome the R.A.M.C. Staff Band with their Director, Lt.-Col. L. D. Brown, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., who provided a most enjoyable programme of music during the afternoon.

There were some good performances in the athletic events, although no records were broken. Pte. Reed of the Cambridge Military Hospital qualified with eight points to win the Victor Ludorum Cup for 1963.

Owing to the inclement weather, the novelty events were limited, but nevertheless, the wheelbarrow and obstacle races caused considerable entertainment to competitors and spectators alike.

At the conclusion of our programme, our Director, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., presented the cups and trophies to the winning competitors.

SPORTS WINNERS, 1963

<i>Victor Ludorum Cup (Best All-rounder)</i>	Pte Reed (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot)	
<i>Coronation Cup (440 yards)</i> ...	Pte Reed ditto	3 points
<i>Trophy Event (Long Jump)</i> ...	Pte. Reed ..	3 ..
<i>High Jump (Second Placing)</i>	Pte. Reed ..	2 ..
	Total ...	8 ..
<i>Johnson Cup (100 yards)</i> ...	Pte. Wintle (P.T.S. Aldershot)	
<i>R.A.M.C. Cup (220 yards)</i> ...	Lieut. C. Tucker (Tidworth Military Hospital)	
<i>Stirling Cup (880 yards)</i> ...	Pte. Richardson (Military Hospital, Catterick)	
<i>Cocking Cup (High Jump)</i> ...	Pte. Wintle (P.T.S. Aldershot)	
<i>Throwing the Discus</i> ...	Cpl. Murray (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich)	
<i>Inter-Unit Relay Cup</i> ...	P.T.S. Aldershot	

CORPS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1963

The Annual Corps Table Tennis Championships were held at the Depot & T.E. on Wednesday, 13th March, 1963, it was again a pleasure that our Director, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens was able to be present.

Sixteen players representing ten units contested the championship cup. These included representatives from two units in B.A.O.R.

The standard of play was high and spectators were given an interesting and at times exciting display of table tennis.

The Championship was decided in a closely contested final between Sgt. Carpenter of the P.T.S. Aldershot and Pte. White of the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Sgt. Carpenter's forceful play finally earned her the title ; and she is to be congratulated, as is Pte. White on her spirited display.

Following the presentation of trophies by Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens a splendid tea was served in the Officers Mess and Other Ranks' Dining Hall. Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

CAPT. M. J. McDERMOTT
(Sports Secretary)

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE DEPOT AND PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL, ALDERSHOT

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, our Colonel-in-Chief, very graciously laid the Foundation Stone of the Depot on 16th May, 1963. What a heavenly day it was after a week of appalling weather and the many difficulties that accompany it. They went rather like this:—

Monday. A cold miserable day, tents were pitched with much heaving and pulling to the accompaniment of some rather dubious language, but all was in place by the afternoon.

Tuesday. Very cold and wet. The preparations of the site continued, the tents had been lined with striped material and looked so gay and must have been the envy of many who recall days spent under canvas of rather a muddy hue.

Wednesday. Very cold and extremely damp underfoot. Final arrangements were in full swing and rehearsals under way. Recipients of certificates in one tent and outside the hundred nurses to line the route, practising hundred curtsies so as to resemble a breeze blowing a field of wheat as might be achieved by a Corps de Ballet.

With the constant coming and going of trucks and cars the ground around the site was very churned up and slushy, so ashes and sacking were placed over the same to try and improve the situation.

The Foundation Stone was now *in situ* and the concrete surrounds prepared.

The last straw was the disappearance of a tipper truck plunging into the fishpond followed by a bulldozer that had been sent along to extract the truck. Officials were assured that all would be right on the day, even if the vehicles had to be camouflaged with a tent or a bank of flowers, should they still be awash. Trust the Q.A.'s (we wondered about those lovely banks of heather around the site).

Thursday. The day of days dawned bright, clear and warm. What a memorable day it was, and not only for the weather, but in the history of the Corps.

The most beautiful flowers decorating the Presentation Marquee included roses which matched the ensemble worn by the Princess.

The orchid decorations in the Royal Tea Tent had been especially flown from Singapore and these rare blooms were very daintily arranged by Miss Whittle, the Stewardess of the Officers' Mess at the Depot.

The appointed hour arrived, and all guests were seated and among those who had the honour to be invited, were retired members of the Corps who are members of the Aldershot Branch of the Association. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret, accompanied by Miss Fiona Myddleton, arrived by a helicopter of the Queen's Flight, and when it landed soon after 3 p.m., in a sports field close to the Royal Pavilion, Her Royal Highness was met by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Ashburton, and the Director of Army Nursing Services, Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.

They proceeded to the site by car where Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C., the Colonel Commandant, was presented to Her Royal Highness. Dame Barbara, accompanied by Dame Monica and Lord Ashburton, escorted the Princess along the line of immaculate nurses to the Foundation Stone.

Wearing an attractive tangerine ensemble, consisting of a pleated silk hat, a suit of a paler toning shade with three-quarter length sleeves, a matching printed tie blouse, the Princess was here invited by Dame Barbara Cozens to lay the Foundation Stone. The giant stone, fifteen feet in diameter, bears the crest of the Corps incised in polished marble aggregate and also bears a commemorative inscription. Her Royal Highness pulled a lever and the eight ton circular stone sank softly into position, lowered by a system of compressed air.

The dedication ceremony followed, conducted by the Rev. B. D. Price, O.B.E., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain General to the Forces. At the conclusion of this, Dame Barbara presented to Her Royal Highness senior Officers of the Corps and official guests.

While all the guests made their way to the Presentation Marquee, Her Royal Highness was taken on a tour of the site and shown a scale model of the new building.

Then came a proud moment in the lives of those nurses who had qualified as Army Trained Nurses and had the honour of having their certificates presented to them by their Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Margaret. They were:—

Private A. K. Duffill
Corporal I. V. Bass
Sergeant S. A. Whiteley
Private J. Walshaw
Sergeant E. C. Cook
Corporal E. Knox
Staff Sergeant J. Grimshaw

Corporal J. M. Wilson
Private D. A. M. Eagies.
Corporal T. Clarke
Corporal H. T. Cahill
Lieutenant F. T. Llewellyn
Lieutenant M. Rutherford

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Prize is given annually by the Corps Officers to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Warrant Officer, non-commissioned officer or Other Rank who is deemed to have done the best written examination in any Class 1 qualification. Her Royal Highness presented the prize to: Private P. Gibbs, a nurse.

In her address after this ceremony, Princess Margaret said she was delighted to be there on that day as the Colonel-in-Chief, and it gave her great pleasure to lay the Foundation Stone and present the certificates on this historic occasion. Her Royal Highness pointed out that in the Victorian days the accommodation in the Corps was at least, not lacking in variety. Members of the Corps have worked in primitive conditions in many parts of the world and over the past twenty years the Corps Depot has been housed in many places from Holmwood to their present hatted quarters in Hindhead. She continued, "It is a splendid thing that now, for the first time, the Corps will have a permanent home of its own, and it seems entirely appropriate it should be on the site of the Royal Pavilion, which was built for Queen Victoria.

I am confident that when the building is in use it will be of immense benefit to the Corps, and to its great work.

I hope you realize that in the future it will be your responsibility to maintain the very high standards and reputation of the Corps. I wish you every success in the years to come."

A bouquet of Lilies of the Valley and pink Roses was presented to Her Royal Highness by Private A. K. Duffill.

Among the selected guests who were privileged to have tea in the Marquee with Her Royal Highness were the Mayor and Mayoress of Aldershot, Councillor and Mrs. S. C. H. Gibbs and probably, the oldest guest present, Miss Phoebe Steele, who served in the Corps for 27 years, retiring in 1931.

At 4.45 p.m. guests lined the route to wave "Goodbye" as Her Royal Highness escorted by Lord Ashburton and Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, left by car to return to the sports field where the helicopter awaited her. Great was the joy and delight of everyone when, although flying away to keep an important dinner appointment in honour of their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, our Colonel-in-Chief found time to circle low over the site and give a final wave to us all as she passed out of view.

Throughout the celebrations, the Staff Band of the Royal Army Medical Corps, conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel L. D. Brown, M.B.E., had provided a wonderful selection of music.

And so ended a never-to-be-forgotten day in beautiful surroundings, warm sunny weather and delightful, distinguished company.



Demolition of the Royal Pavilion watched by members of the Staff of the Preliminary Training School.



Her Royal Highness pulling the lever to lower the Foundation Stone into place.

A HUNDRED YEARS—MORE OR LESS

“Can anybody take books out of the Prince Consort Library?”

I answered that question the first time for another Q.A.

“Why, of course.”

I took little notice because we often become immersed in our own routine and manage to find, by devious means, enough reading matter, somehow.

Then I heard the same rather diffident question asked again in the library. The officer said in amazement, “And to think, for twenty years, I have been buying these books and transporting them from the tropics to the poles. And they are all here!”

They are all there. All the professional books a soldier could possibly need, and the library will post them on loan, to the tropics and the poles. There are all the books his family would like, fiction, detectives, westerns and children’s books. And amongst them are all those written on nursing in the Services, even to an original by Florence Nightingale, herself.

There are, of course, libraries in all garrison towns and stations. It is simply that I have never heard of anyone doubting their ability to belong.

Back in 1860 when the Prince Consort presented the first collection of books, the rules were stringent. No book could be taken out of the library. In 1873 officers were permitted to borrow. And in 1935 it was opened to all ranks and their families.

That was twenty-seven years ago!

At frequent intervals that information has been published in orders. It makes little difference. It is as if the British Army, having got it firmly into its head in 1860 that the Prince Consort Library was for keen Staff Officers only, still think it is.

Information and instructions reach down to most of us in Part One Orders. They are nicely and tidily tabulated and numbered. Everyone learns to read them quickly, remembering and acting upon those that directly impinge on our own orbit. When we light upon a heading, ‘Prince Consort Library’ the soldier skips the rest, “Not me—Officers.” The nursing officer flicks over it, “Men only,” or if she thought to make any further mental comment, it would probably be, “Tactics and strategy and things.”

I have found the people who do know they can come, fascinating.

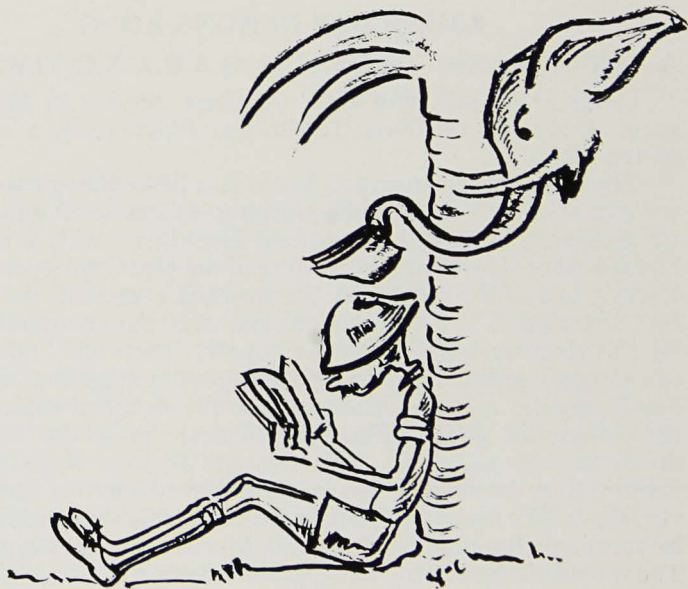
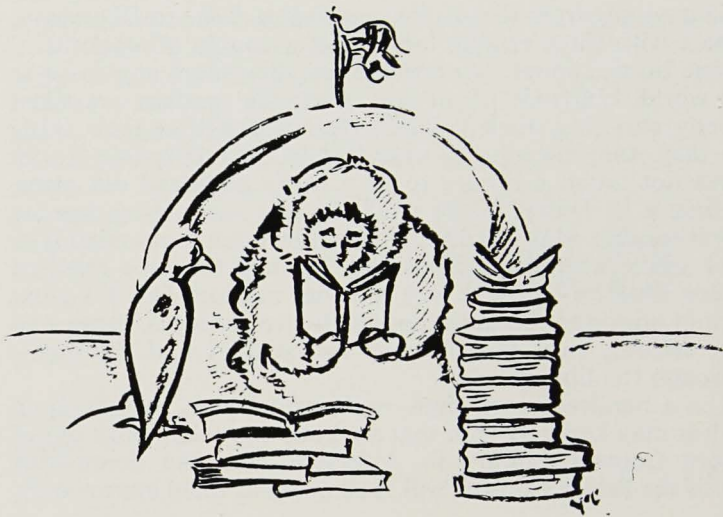
Two private soldiers came. I watched them wander in. They were very young. Like many British soldiers, they did not *look* tough or self-reliant or brave, they looked hesitant and not really very bright. I half-expected them to tell me they had come with tonsillitis. I asked them if I could help them.

“Miss, have you got any map of Germany and Switzerland?”
‘Miss,’ very new to her job, found one of the map sections. The maps were of old, far-off battlefields.

“Could you tell me what sort of maps you would like to see?”

“Well, we’re going on a walking tour.” Suddenly for me they became adventurous explorers.

To the Poles



To the Tropics

Two little girls looked up at me. "We do so love Enid Blyton, haven't you got any more?"

Officers and senior N.C.O.s come and sit, deeply silently absorbed in anything from the *Decline and Fall of Rome* to *Electronics*, and depart with three erudite tomes and a couple of westerns.

No one bustles about. No one hurries, they stand engrossed in another world, oblivious of all else. Even the mothers are silent and quietly choosing, their children do not clutch at their skirts because they, too, are equally absorbed in their fairy-tale world.

I have not found a library to be a dusty half-dead old place. Old as time it is. Dusty? There is all the new vacuuming-cleaning equipment for that. Half-dead? How can it be when every mind is so alert and awake with ideas? Somebody has said that in a hundred years' time libraries will give way to other medium like T.V., but they cannot altogether because those with creative ideas, those who plan the actions, must first like my two soldiers find the way—back through the library.

And in a hundred years' time—well, who knows, everybody in the services may know by then that anybody can take books out of the Prince Consort Library in Aldershot, and the dominating portrait of the Prince Consort will look down at them approvingly.

R. HINCHEY

CORPS DAY IN HONG KONG

A Visit to the New Territories by Q.A.R.A.N.C./O/Rs.

Corps Day 1963, and eight members, serving in Hong Kong, spent it touring the New Territories, which form a major part of the Colony.

The day dawned overcast, but it is a little difficult to judge the weather at eight o'clock in the morning. After several minor hitches, we eventually started away around nine-thirty, with a driver who knew little of Kowloon and nothing of the places we wanted to visit. Luckily one of the girls knew the way and eventually we arrived at our first stop, a small police outpost near the communist border. By this time we were out in the country where the "farmers" still use ploughs pulled by oxen. After photographing the barbed wire that keeps the so-called idealists from the so-called capitalists; and the communist paddy fields that conceal the border artillery, we drove to our next stop. This was the famous walled village at Kamtin and the road to this place was very narrow, very old, and very dusty. We arrived at Kamtin feeling a little shaken and followed by seemingly hundreds of American tourists complete with cameras. The walled village is truly an experience. With our own high standard of living one marvels at the ability of people to live in a tiny hovel and share it with the family domestic creatures. The main street (of this village) was no more than three yards wide and the side turnings were just big enough to allow two people to pass side-way

on if they were slim. The whole place smelt like a barnyard and it was a veritable flies paradise. We were glad to get out and breath in the fresh air.

By this time it was lunch time and as we were beginning to feel the pangs of hunger, we decided to adjourn to the beach where we planned to spend the afternoon. The weather had improved greatly and we were glad to plunge into the cool water at Castle Peak beach. Some of the girls braved the chilly depths and swam to the moored raft while the rest paddled in the shallows. We ate our lunch on the beach and then sunbathed for a while and listened to the fascinating chatter of the numerous grubby, little children that clustered around us. It was then decided that our daily exercises could be done on the beach and so we bent and stretched in time to the waves that lapped the shore. Photographs have regrettably been taken to prove this. Around five o'clock the bus took us back to the hospital and we arrived in time for tea.

All told we had a very good day but the days after were spent with aching limbs and burnt shoulders eased only by liberal doses of calamine cream.

L/CPL. CRANMER, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Typhoon Wanda

Little did the people of Hong Kong realise, when the number three local storm warning was flown on August 31st, that they were about to experience the worst typhoon ever to hit Hong Kong. For some people it was just another false alarm but the newcomers and wise folks felt a little apprehensive.

Throughout Friday, August 31st, the winds and local storm warning signals rose, and the number seven signal was flying at midnight. All day long preparations were made to ensure that the least possible amount of equipment would be damaged, and everything that could be lashed down or put away was dealt with. Crash teams were alerted and emergency rations were issued. This was the real thing and people could feel the tension in the air as the storm drew closer. Throughout the night the winds rose again, now accompanied by driving rain, and by morning the storm warning, ten, was being flown. The harbour was virtually empty as most of the larger ships had sailed to weather the storm at sea; and the smaller vessels headed for the typhoon shelters. Those ships that did not leave the harbour either ran aground or collided with other ships. One tug collided with an ocean-going vessel and sank with all hands.

During the morning the staff were all busy mopping up water that had seeped in during the night, and trying to plug broken windows and doors. The night duty staff could not get home so they stayed in reception and helped by dealing with minor casualties and serving tea. Signposts from all over the hospital could be seen in the most unusual places, acting as covering for broken windows and

“duck” boards. The roof of Children’s Ward was blown off and the place had to be evacuated whilst the crash team tried to put a tarpaulin over it.

At nine-fifty a.m. the typhoon passed over, and the maximum speed has been estimated at 145 knots (167 m.p.h.). The hospital was lashed by driving rain which seemed to penetrate everything and everywhere. No-one was wearing dry clothes and where shoes were concerned, “flip-flops” were the order of the day. Ward six was still being moved to ward five and as fast as dry beds were made up they were filled.

Hong Kong itself was severely damaged. Fire and ambulance services were receiving calls for help at the rate of ten a minute. Severe gusts brought down advertising signs, roof iron, and scaffolding, blocking those parts of the roads that were not already blocked by falling trees. A cyanide store on the waterfront was broached by an 8,000 ton ship, out of control releasing lethal gas. Firemen in breathing apparatus worked for five hours to render the gas harmless and to remove the undamaged containers. At Shatin in the New Territories, a tidal wave broached the sea wall causing extensive flooding and damage. It has been estimated that around 200 people lost their lives, 72,000 people were made homeless, 484 boats sank or were destroyed and a further 509 boats damaged. 134 people were injured.

Luckily the hospital had only one casualty for most people escaped with cuts and grazes. This particular case occurred when a nurse, returning to her quarters, stepped onto a live electricity cable that had been blown down and subsequently buried. She was admitted to hospital and recovered quickly.

The typhoon was an experience that some people could have done without but one that I wouldn’t have missed for the world. It took months to clear away the damage and to repair everything, but all is in order now.

L/CPL CRANMER, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. That sterling which we hear so much about was originally an old English Penny marked with a star?
2. That when we say something is “earmarked” we are speaking figuratively, but slaves and cattle did have their ears bored as laid down by Mosaic law?
3. That Richard Coeur de Lion was said to have carried out a successful campaign feeding his troops on wax, nuts and fallow when the enemy tried to starve him out?
4. That the flower “pink” is not so called because of its colour, it is mostly white, but because it has scalloped or pinked edges?

GOODBYE GIBRALTAR

On 1st April, 1963, after sixty years, the Military Hospital in Gibraltar became the Royal Naval Hospital.

The sign-board had already been prepared previously and covered with the Union flag.

The ceremony took place at 1100 hrs. in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, the Second Sea Lord, the Flag Officer Gibraltar, the Deputy Fortress Commander, the Air Officer Commanding and many other senior officers and guests.

Men of the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry sounded a bugle fanfare, the alert, which is the traditional Naval accompaniment of a change of command.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. flag had already been flown and lowered, and the R.A.M.C. flag was lowered for the last time during the bugle fanfare.

The effect was quite moving to the small handful of R.A.M.C., and still less Q.A.R.A.N.C. who had been privileged to be the last of their Corps to leave The Rock.

The new Commanding Officer, Surgeon-Captain Forbes-Guild then spoke for a few minutes, telling everyone how impressed he had been by the friendliness and co-operation he had experienced from the beginning of the inter-Service relationship. He then invited Colonel Lyburn, as his final contribution to the hand-over, to unveil the new plaque.

After the ceremony the numerous guests were entertained to sherry in the new, delightful, Red Cross Department of the hospital.

It is sad to realise we have lost one of our best and most up-to-date hospitals. The new twin-operating suite embodies the latest ideas in the design and equipping of operating theatres. A suspended ceiling over the whole area into which are recessed all lighting fittings, conceals a complete air conditioning system providing fully automatic control of temperature and humidity throughout.

Other concealed services include a piped anaesthetic, oxygen and vacuum gas system and high-speed automatic sterilizing facilities. The walls, floors and ceilings are in plastic providing long life joint-free surfaces.

The major problem during construction was the close proximity of the existing theatre which was constantly in use throughout the contract, and the end result has only been achieved by the close co-operation of all parties. (The groans of more than one exasperated theatre sister will appear at this point).

The hospital Chapel of St. Luke was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Gibraltar—the Right Reverend Stanley Eley, M.A., on Sunday, 3rd March, 1963, at 8 p.m.

The internal construction of the wards was nearly complete when we left. Cubicalisation in the male medical and surgical wards had been brought into effect before the hand-over.



The Q.A. Flag being lowered for the last time, 1.4.63.
Gibraltar.

Left to Right: A/Sgt. Hall, Lieut. Margaret Doyle, Major
Avril Thompson. The last three Q.A.'s to leave the Rock.

The Maternity ward was a "show piece" and Colonel Lyburn's pride and joy. Indeed it was the envy of civilians and visiting Service colleagues alike.

To leave the hospital now and touch on "Public Relations" in the Q.A. Officers' Mess.

The first two Naval Sisters to arrive were Miss Nancy Tynan (acting Matron) and Miss Maureen Corrigan. They were met at the airport, as usual, by one of our number. The amalgamation was complete before the party returned to the Mess!

It was a pleasure to meet and work with the Naval Sisters and to compare our different methods of administration. We gained many useful pointers from one another.

The famous Rock Apes are still on Army Rations and being cared for by Cpl. Holmes of The Gibraltar Regiment, but their medical treatment will continue as before, at the hospital. The Navy has solemnly sworn to deal with all their ills. Those of us who knew the big ape, Mandy, with the huge hernia, may be interested to learn that a second attempt to catch her and operate, was made in March, before we left. Colonel Norton (Gib. Regt.) produced a large cream sponge cake which was soaked in Vallergran. This was placed near a brand new cage which had been weighed all ready, so that Mandy's weight could be acquired accurately afterwards, in preparation for the anaesthetic. Cpl. Holmes and other interested parties watched her enjoy every morsel of that luscious cake, and waited around hopefully for some signs of drowsiness whereby they could catch her unawares, and inveigle her into the cage. Mandy just preened herself and enjoyed being the centre of attraction *as usual*. Then suddenly, she saw the "writing on the wall" for she leapt on to the swing and vanished up The Rock amongst the trees, not to be seen again for a week, and eventually emerged as fresh as a daisy!

During the poor winter the apes were apt to leave their dens on the upper rock, and pay odd visits to town—they missed the tourists' titbits and admiration.

Patrick unlawfully entered a quarter near the Moorish Castle. There was nobody at home, and he couldn't find anything to eat, so he amused himself by methodically tearing the curtains into dozens of strips and left them hanging and wafting in the breeze. Then he spotted a bowl of "fruit." How was Patrick to know it was plastic fruit! It was unfortunate that the mistress of the house returned, just as he had finished sampling most of it. He was so disgusted he merely "let her have it" as she entered the door and found herself being bombarded with applies, oranges, bananas and a bunch of black grapes. Next day there was a wee apology in the local paper: "Cpl. Holmes and Patrick apologise, etc., etc."

Another younger ape, named Jeremy, had a badly lacerated upper arm. This was sutured and put into plaster, and the young thing didn't like it a bit. Then, quite suddenly, he discovered he was in possession of a lethal weapon. The corporal was finding

"knocked out" young apes all over the place. Jeremy was making good use of his indisposition and hated the private cubicle to which he was then condemned.

M. A. THOMPSON

Two Naval doctors were the first to infiltrate. The first Round they were about to experience by our Commanding Officer was an unknown quantity to them. The following conversation took place:

Naval Doctor (on Male Ward): "Sister, are the heads alright?"

Q.A. Sister: "Heads? I suppose so."

Naval Doctor: "Haven't you looked?"

Q.A. Sister: "No, should I?"

Naval Doctor: "We'll look together."

And he led her in the direction of the toilets!

VISIT OF DAME MONICA GOLDING, D.B.E., R.R.C., COL. COMMANDANT, Q.A.R.A.N.C., TO THE ROYAL HERBERT HOSPITAL, WOOLWICH

Fittingly, Corps Week began with a church service in the beautiful hospital chapel, where the memorials dating back to days of the Boer War reminded us all that we were carrying on the great traditions handed down to us by those who had worshipped here before us, then passed on to work, or sometimes as the brass plaques showed to die, for their country. The address was given by the Rev. L. E. M. Claxton, C.F., our Matron, Lt.-Col. E. F. Davies, R.R.C., read the Lesson. Four Q.A./O.R.s representing the Nursing staff, the Block Trainees, the Physiotherapy and Radiography Schools, took the collection for the Queen Mary's House Fund and showed Members of the congregation to their seats.

Mass had been celebrated by the Rev. Father Gwinnell for the Roman Catholic members of the staff, earlier in the day.

After the service guests joined us in the Mess for coffee, they included several ex-service members of the Q.A. Association who had come with their husbands. We were delighted to have them with us once again.

Lunch was a special occasion for the Q.A. other ranks. The cooks had sent up a more than appetising three-course meal. Everyone heartily concurred with the message of congratulation and thanks given afterwards to the Cook Sergeant.

On Wednesday afternoon in bright sunshine, Dame Monica Golding arrived with her husband, in time to have tea and a rest before attending the cocktail party which was to be the highlight of the week for the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers. Everyone remarked how well and happy she looked.

The party was a great success, guests and hostesses mingled happily together in the flower-decked anteroom, meeting old friends and making new ones. At times the chattering and laughter were nearly deafening. For many people it was a chance to renew their old acquaintanceship with Dame Monica and to greet her husband, while for others it gave an opportunity to speak to someone of whom they had so often heard but until now had not had the chance of meeting.

Gradually the clink of glasses, the laughter and buzz of conversation diminished, the sound of cars on the gravel died away as the last guests bade farewell. The officers gathered round the fire and agreed that it had been a most successful and enjoyable party.

At 10 a.m. the next morning there was a cheerful rattle of cups as the Q.A. other ranks handed round coffee and biscuits to their guest of honour, Dame Monica Golding, who was now able to meet each one of them giving them all encouragement and good advice.

Later, accompanied by Col. Crosse, O.B.E., the Commanding Officer of the Unit and Lt.-Col. Davies, she was escorted round the Q.A. other ranks accommodation which has recently been altered and redecorated, so that she could see the improvements that the completion of this work has made. Her tour ended in the spacious dining room, gay with flowers and brightly coloured cloths, where lunch was being served.

She and her husband joined the Q.A. Officers for lunch and then, after coffee, departed for their home, amidst a chorus of farewells.

The finale of the Corps Week was an All Ranks Dance, held in the N.A.A.F.I. and the Gymnasium, at which a good time was had by one and all. As the tired merrymakers made their way to their beds, the memory of yet another Corps Week slipped away to join those of the past.

MAJOR W. G. I. HOBBS, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

LET'S GO SKI'ING

I know it sounds ridiculous to be reading about snow and ski'ing holidays, when we are all making plans for the summer, but I get the impression that the Editor doesn't mind how odd the subject matter is, and having just returned from a week in the Cairngorms of Scotland, I feel there may be many Q.A.'s who are not aware of the excellent facilities for a ski'ing holiday which are to be had in this country without the expense of going to the Continent.

There are three areas in Scotland which have been developed for ski'ing, but the only one of which I have personal knowledge is the Cairngorms, and it is also the area which is most accessible by train from England. Incidentally, even if the Beeching plan is carried

through, the line to Inverness and the stations connected with the ski'ing slopes, will still be open. The area has been developed in the last two years to a tremendous degree, and providing there is adequate snow, which there has been for these past two years, the possibilities for beginner, old hands, and even experts, are excellent. If you are a beginner you can hire all the equipment, boots, skis and sticks, from a store in one of the half-dozen villages, and arrange ski lessons with one of the schools under expert tuition, from Norwegian, Austrian or Scottish instructors. All the hotels run buses to within walking, or rather climbing, distance of the slopes. Before I went up there, I was inclined to feel rather sceptical of the snow conditions, but having spent Easter week there, I have seen with my own eyes, and I am no longer a "Doubting Thomas." This year there were two tow ropes working all day, and a chair lift unless there was a gale blowing. One rope works on the lower slopes, thus enabling the skier of even a few days experience to enjoy the thrill of down-hill ski'ing without being forced to expend all her efforts on the exhausting and somewhat disheartening struggle to get back up the slope. The second rope functions a little higher up the Corrie, and enables the more experienced or more adventurous spirits to be whisked up to the steeper slopes and of course to the better snow. Finally, there is a chair lift by which the experienced skier is carried up to within 200 ft. of the summit of Cairngorm, and thus to a magnificent plateau of snow fields and the ensuing exhilaration of the run down again to the base.

The local hotels have entered into the spirit of the venture, and have organised entertainment and dances for the evenings, and there are all the signs that next year, there will be more tow ropes working, and that the Scottish Ski Club and the local hoteliers really intend to develop the area to its fullest extent.

If you use one of your warrants, it can be a very cheap ski'ing holiday, a night in the train, and you will arrive in time for breakfast at either Aviemore, Carrbridge or Boat of Garton, to mention only three of the suggested centres all possessing good hotels, ski-ing instructors, and hire facilities for gear. If you have your own car, and want to be independent, then any of the Post Offices will supply names of cottages and houses where you can obtain bed and breakfast.

I hope I have not made this sound too much like a travel agent's brochure, and that I have convinced some of you, beginners or experts, that a visit to the Cairngorms for nights off, or leave, preferably in April or March, is well worth the train journey. If your interest has been aroused and you want more details, every Command Headquarters has a ski-ing representative and he or she will, I am sure, fill in the blank, so serving members please note.

R. M. GORDON (L.199)

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,
That no man shall be hurt when I pass by,
Thou gavest life, and I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company
From the wiles of fear and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need
Nor miss through love of speed
The beauties of Thy world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

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DAME KATHERINE JONES, D.B.E., R.R.C.

A BALTIC TRIP

A breathless figure literally hurled itself through the office door. "Will you come on a Baltic trip for four days? Matron says we can use our Whitsun leave. We go on Friday."

That was how the adventure began—for adventure it was. We had neither of us sailed before; but the opportunity of visiting the Baltic and Denmark was too good to miss.

Then came the frantic rush to borrow sleeping bags, extra sweaters and all the equipment we were told we would need.

Friday morning dawned and we met the skipper and the rest of the crew at the rendezvous, loaded the car and drove to Kiel. As the rest of the ship's company had experience in sailing, we were a little anxious about their reactions to our inexperience and were determined not to let them have cause for complaint!

On arrival at Kiel, some seven hours later, we viewed the ketch *Brynmere* lying at anchor. Then came the job of loading the kit and the stores. We were given the two berths up "foward." Now we could see why we had been told to keep packing to a minimum! That evening we had our first taste of cooking in a confined space.

After the shopping for bread and fresh milk on Saturday morning we set sail. The lessons began in real earnest and when the wind died and our motor gave up the ghost, the frustrations of the sailor were experienced with a vengeance. Because of the lack of wind, we reached Sonderberg (a delightful little harbour on the Danish coast) late that evening.

On Sunday morning, the skipper decided we should not make too early a start, but take the opportunity to view the town. We visited the ship's chandler who caters for the boats, bought our stores, had lunch and then sailed out of harbour. The plan was to reach another small town on the coast and meet up with the other boat, which had left Kiel before us. Our hopes were doomed. Not far from Sonderberg, the fog came down and visibility was considerably reduced. Having no modern navigational aids, we were all employed on looking for buoys, land-marks and even the bottom! There was

only one course open and the skipper decided to return whence we had come. We felt our way back and tied up once more.

By this time "Prepare to go about," "Pull in that jenny—twice round the capstan and tug"—were familiar orders and we even felt a little proficient in this procedure. Hands were a little sore and nails had long been cut to size! That evening we had a meal in a Danish restaurant. The open sandwiches were delicious, but the exchequer suffered considerably!

The next day, repairs to the engine delayed our start. Again, further out of harbour the fog descended. The buoys were elusive the wind, negligible and we got off course. In the drifting fog reports came in from the bows, starboard and port—"Can see the bottom, skipper," "I've just heard the bell buoy to starboard, skipper," "We've only 2.5 metres under us skipper" (We shipped 1.5 metres).

At that point someone said "I can hear the waves breaking on the shore, skipper." Without more ado, the anchor was run out! There we were anchored in the fog, hearing cars to the port side and waves breaking on the shore to starboard. Hourly anchor watches were the order of that night. It's an eerie sensation sitting in the cockpit of a boat at 2 a.m. noting visibility, watching lights on shore (once the fog cleared) checking the depth of the water (willing the plumb line to measure 2.5 metres, or more). Two fishing vessels visited us thinking we were aground.

Just before dawn the wind freshened and skipper decided to sail. We set course for Kiel and now we really sailed! The wind was Force 4-5, the sails filled with wind, the boat keeled and *Brynmere* showed us her true colours. It was an exhilarating experience to be cleaving through the Baltic at eight knots, watching the dawn break. Breakfast was served at 5 a.m. that day!

We reached Kiel in record time, cleaned the boat from stem to stern, packed the kit, laid out the equipment for checking (impossible to get away from inventories!)—we had lost one saucepan lid overboard.

A wash and change of clothes were most welcome before the homeward journey.

So ended our four days afloat. We had experienced nearly all weather conditions, except for gales and learned something of sailing. We can now understand the compulsion and fascination of "messaging about in boats." Time ceases to exist—there is only the boat, the sea and the prevailing conditions.

Our troubles were not at an end. On the ride back we had tyre trouble on the Autobahn. It was a weary party that rode into port that night! Did we detect an expression of frustration in the skipper's eye? Could we blame him? Part of his crew was "scratch" (to say the least of it!), the sailing had not been good from his point of view. He had the responsibility of £10,000's worth of boat.

We only hope he realised that we had the most enjoyable time and that this compensated in some measure for all the other irritations.

MAJOR E. M. LEE (A/SS/12)

NORTH OF PERTH

Here in England, Australia seems a very remote, vast, empty, land, a land of incredible dryness, heat drought, distance and "tall stories." It is the image, rather than the image of growing, thriving cities and industrial expansion which holds the appeal. The following article was printed by a hospital journal after the writer had spent a year on a sheep station covering half a million acres. It is submitted now in the hope that it may prove to be of some interest:

"Now this is the creed from the Book of the Bush,
Should be simple and plain to a dunce;
If a man's in a hole you must pass round the hat
Were he jail-bird or gentlemen once."

—HENRY LAWSON

The North West of Australia, proportionally the largest area and the least densely populated is perhaps nearer to the Australia painted by Henry Lawson than any other part. Here it is still possible to meet characters like "Clancy of the Overflow"—lean, taciturn, riding a horse as if the pair were one; the spirit of "Long Un" in *Send Around the Hat* is still evident. Life is an unhurried casual affair, where one has time to enjoy other people; time and distance are not ruling factors.

For local colour—an abundance of "characters" tale spinners with a supply of improbable stories which never run out, the North West is unsurpassed. One could never meet people like this in the City; the old pioneer bush type, who is unfortunately dying out, would never be at home amongst traffic lights, television aerials and peak hour traffic.

He is used to measuring distance in millions of square acres; the nearest neighbour may be a hundred miles away. The Pedal Wireless, Flying Doctor, the current price of wool or beef—these are familiar terms; summit conferences, the firing of the latest rocket—these are remote.

The pioneering spirit is still very much apparent in the inhabitants of Northern Australia. Although the incredible invention of the Pedal Wireless has shortened distances, made it possible to communicate with neighbours and obtain skilled advice on health problems, there remain many hardships to endure, particularly for the women. Young children must be taught by correspondence and lessons maintained with the distractions of mustering shearing teams, and in summer, soaring temperatures. Fresh fruit and milk are virtually unobtainable, remote stations may receive mail, papers and supplies perhaps once a fortnight.

One station may suffer a drought whilst surrounding stations have a good rainfall, the loss of stock through drought, the blow fly and the dingo can be heartbreaking. Dust storms, cyclones, fire and flood may be met in the space of a few months. Yet the North

Westerner regards these seeming calamities as a city dweller regards the hazards of crossing the road, or missing the early morning train.

The fascination of Northern Australia and the love it evokes are hard to define; perhaps it lies in the stark beauty of the landscape, mile after mile of red dust plain broken only by occasional clay pan, windmill or outcamp. Indurating creek beds, dry and caked which in the wet can swell and flood the surrounding plain, making roads impassable. Spinnafez scrub, anthills, the rich red loam of the soil which lays a dust red covering over everything, yet with a few pints of rain incredibly will yield forth sweet green shoots for the stock, and wild flowers of extraordinary beauty.

Perhaps it lies in the contrasts it presents, in the isolated distances and the oneness of its people, the unyielding drought and the first touch of rain, the blazing glory of the sunset after a day of scorching heat, the first taste of beef after months of sheep and kangaroo meat.

Or perhaps it lies in the dependence of people upon one another; in the warm welcome and hospitality of the station owner—for the traveller or neighbour, the eager anticipation of local race meetings where one can exchange tall stories over a mug of beer and place a bet, indifferent of the outcome. A time to get together and relax after a year of hard work.

Perhaps it lies in the simplicity of the life in the dependence upon the soil and the season. In the equality and spirit of "mateship" which has become the conception of the Australian. Perhaps living close to the earth making time instead of fighting to meet it, free of the pressure and tension of the city dweller, the North Westerner is closer to discovering the truth behind the puzzle that is life.

Or perhaps each person will find in the North what he wants to find. Who knows?

LIEUT. M. D. V. GRAY

A VISIT TO THE VICTORIA FALLS AND KARIBA

The Victoria Falls in Southern Rhodesia are exactly as Mr. David Livingstone saw them over a century ago. As you approach the Falls by air, you are filled with a sense of wonder that such beauty can exist surrounded by thick jungle. As Livingstone described them "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight." The thunder of the falls can be heard many miles away and the "smoke that rises" makes an impressive sight as one approaches by air.

There is a continuous rainbow across the falls and in one part a rain forest, where the spray from the falls makes continuous rain necessitating the use of oil-skins. These can be hired from the house at a reasonable charge.

The different views of the falls are numerous as one drives to see them and as they finally rush into the Great Zambesi River, the scenery is quite as beautiful. Baboons surround the Falls in the thick forest and are quite harmless, even accepting food from visitors.

To miss Kariba in a tour of Rhodesia would be sad and indeed who would have ever imagined that the Zambesi River could have been tamed to make the largest man-made lake in the world.

The lake covers an area of 2,000 square miles and in length is 175 miles. The waters of Kariba are well-stocked with fish which makes the lake a fisherman's paradise.

It was in March, 1955, that a decision to proceed with the dam was made. Here was a project that if successful would supply the whole of the Rhodesians with electricity. How to persuade the Africans living there to leave their homes for higher ground was another matter. The Touga race were a kindly race of people—proud of their land and lived a peaceful life. To leave the land required for the Dam would mean up-rooting their families and villages. District Commissioners and even the Governor came to the villages personally to try and persuade the people to leave. Eventually the only way was to move the villages by transport before the waters of Kariba flooded the area.

Animals were moved to higher ground also, and even dangerous snakes qualified for rescue. A rope was inclined to cut the animals, an S.O.S. for nylon stockings was sent out and these fastened together were much kinder and more effective.

Many setbacks in the building of the Kariba Dam were experienced and in 1958 the Suspension Bridge was washed away in the floods at that time. Lives were lost as in any great project of this nature.

The Italians played a great part in building Kariba and as often happens they built a beautiful church on the hillside overlooking the lake.

Many other nationalities made the labour force a miniature "United Nations." Villages were built to accommodate the thousands of workers and a beautiful hotel overlooks the Lake to give the many tourists who come to see the Dam a fine view.

The Kariba Dam took only four years to build, and as one gazes across at the beautiful structure one cannot help realizing that here is one of man's greatest achievements of Africa, and thus combined with such overwhelming beauty—a tourist's delight.

M. PEEL

OBITUARY

ELSIE CAWTHORN

The death of Elsie Cawthorn (*nee* Arnot) in Melbourne, on May 31st, 1963, will sadden the hearts of all who knew her. Few people can have endured ill health and tragedies with more fortitude and cheerfulness than Elsie. Her buoyant spirit rose above all misfortune and enabled her to enjoy life to the full. From the time we shared a cabin on our first voyage out to India in 1935 until I last saw her three years ago she was always brimful of kindness, fun and friendship. Her service in the Q.A.'s was short but after her

marriage she always remembered her friends and offered hospitality to them whenever possible. The world be will a sadder place without her.

L. E. DE BENCER (*née* Day)

LEONORA G. HUGHES

Miss Leonora G. Hughes, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., passed peacefully away on the 18th April after nine months severe illness most bravely borne. To those who knew her and served under her, particularly during her war and post-war service as a Principal Matron in Burma, India, and the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, her passing will revive memories of a most efficient kindly personality, always ready to listen, to give practical help and sympathy, and most approachable to all serving under her. To those who were with her as a Sister the remembrance will be of a born nurse, a most capable theatre sister and midwife, loved by her patients—in fact, an outstanding example of a lady of our noble profession.

MONICA GOLDING.

APOLOGIES

Our sincere apologies to the relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Richmond-Coggan (*née* Campbell) for any distress we may have caused by printing her Christian name as “Viola” in our last edition. It should, of course, have been “Vida.”

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services left U.K. on 25th March to visit Cyprus, Benghazi and Tripoli. She returned to U.K. on 9th April, 1963.

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The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund.—The sum of £67 19s. 5d. was collected by Q.A.R.A.N.C. units for the above fund.

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Secondment to Foreign Office for Nursing Duties at H.M. Embassy, Peking: Major J. McLoughlin.

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The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Q.A.R.A.N.C., on Queen Alexandra Day:

“The Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services on behalf of all ranks of Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps presents her humble duty and most loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day, 27th March, 1963.

The following reply was received:

“Dear Dame Barbara,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 25th March which I have been able to lay before Princess Margaret.

Her Royal Highness received the message which you sent on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day with the greatest appreciation and your Colonel-in-Chief has asked me to convey to you and all ranks of Queen Alexandra’s Royal Army Nursing Corps an expression of her very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) FIONA MIDDLETON,
Lady-in-Waiting.

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Recruiting Officers (Women’s Services)

The following vacancies will occur in the normal course of events in 1964:—

Southampton July, 1964

Devonport August, 1964

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant should satisfy the following conditions:—

(a) *Age*—be under 50 years of age (but see note below).

(b) *Service*—have a minimum of 5 years’ service on the Active List including not less than 3 years’ service as a commissioned officer.

NOTE.—Consideration may be given to lieutenant colonels who retire at the age of 50 years if a vacancy on the recruiting staff coincides with the date of their retirement.

The normal age for termination for AROs(WS) is 55 years.

The present salary scales are:—

London (Inner) £980 p.a.

(Outer) £965 p.a.

National £925 p.a.

Additional allowances include uniform and travelling allowances as for serving officers.

Application forms can be obtained from The War Office MP6(c), London, W.1.

ARMY TRAINED NURSES WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS IN Q.A.R.A.N.C. SINCE JANUARY, 1963

Lieut. M. McPherson	(472772) S.S.C. 3	4 Feb. 1963
„ C. V. L. Tucker	(473090) S.S.C. 4	„
„ F. J. Llewellyn	(473089) S.S.C. 4	„
„ H. M. Connatty	(473284) S.S.C. 2	4 Mar. 1963
„ P. E. Gaudion	(473307) S.S.C. 2	„
„ M. Rutherford	(473274) S.S.C. 4	„
„ C. Suter	(473187) S.S.C. 4	„

Lieut. D. T. Brown	(473570) S.S.C. 3	16 April 1963
„ A. L. Prest	(473363) S.S.C. 2	„
„ H. T. Cahill	(473856) S.S.C. 3	4 June 1963
„ S. M. Horder-Despard	(473298) S.S.C. 3	18 Feb. 1963
„ E. C. Temperli	(473299) S.S.C. 3	„
„ W. Matcher	(473057) S.S.C. 3	7 Jan. 1963
„ M. Edwards	(474154) S.S.C. 3	4 June 1963

GRANTED A SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION AS A NON-NURSING OFFICER

Lieut. D. Wordsworth ... 9 April 1963

EXAMINATION RESULTS PART II MIDWIFERY TRAINING JUNE, 1963

Captains: M. I. O'Reilly, Q.A.R.A.N.C.; C. J. Gilman, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Lieutenants: C. M. T. Candler, P. A. Crossley, E. L. Curtin, P. E. Gaudion,
W. A. Matcher (all Q.A.R.A.N.C.)

BIRTHDAY HONOURS AND AWARDS

R.R.C. Lieut.-Col. E. F. Davies; Lieut.-Col. M. H. McPherson.
A.R.R.C. Major F. M. Sands; Major F. M. Treasy.
M.B.E. Major D. C. Gatenby.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all.

SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

LT.-COL. A. H. NICHOL, appointed Matron, Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank.
LT.-COL. M. RYAN, appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Catterick.
LT.-COL. M. E. LEWIS, appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Iserlohn.
MAJOR K. N. ROBERTS, appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Tidworth.
MAJOR E. A. THOMPSON, appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Kluang.
MAJOR V. K. TURNER, appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Berlin.
MAJOR M. J. MCMAHON, appointed Matron, Medical Reception Station, Bovington.
T/LIEUT.-COL. J. M. ORFORD, appointed Senior Sister Tutor, F.A.R.E.L.F.

CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

MISS H. RUANE has been appointed to The War Memorial Hospital, Cliff Gardens, Scunthorpe, Lincs., and is most anxious to contact any members of the Association.

SERVICE RETIREMENTS

REGULAR OFFICERS

Lieut.-Colonels:—C. M. McMinn, R.R.C., 28.3.63; E. M. Gaunt, R.R.C., 7.4.63.
Majors:—M. G. Davidson, 18.2.63; E. M. Hammence (*nee* Bryans), 16.3.63; R. M. Hinchey, 31.3.63; M. A. Knight, 1.5.63; A. Y. Fenton, 17.6.63.
Captain R. M. Holmes (*nee* Finmore), 17.4.63.

SHORT SERVICE

Captains:—L. E. Cross, 5.2.63; G. D. Heywood, 3.2.63; G. D. M. Anderson, 4.2.63; S. M. Johnson, 4.2.63; M. J. Clune, 5.2.63; J. C. W. McKeracher, 7.2.63; H. L. Hayton, 1.2.63; K. M. Gibson, 2.3.63; M. R. M. Blair, 4.3.63; D. S. Woodcock (*née* Hannaford), 1.3.63; E. A. Xenakis (*nee* Kettle), 4.2.63; M. A. McPhillips, 14.3.63; A. P. L. Vickery, 8.4.63; S. O. Monger, 8.4.63; F. Ridley, 30.3.63; A. Shearing (*nee* Harrison), 11.3.63; P. W. Lidgett (*nee* Hammond), 30.3.63; I. V. Christie, 27.4.63; G. M. Nichols, 30.4.63; M. E. Sloan (*nee* Allen), 30.3.63; H. A. F. A. Woodcock (*nee* Wenzlik), 6.4.63; D. I. R. Burris, 6.5.63; M. Cox, 6.5.63; M. T. Hanratty, 6.5.63; C. M. Lenthall, 6.5.63; A. P. Davidson (*nee* Preston), 15.4.63; J. Johnston (*nee* Morton), 23.4.63; S. M. Sanders, 3.6.63; J. Spencer, 20.6.63; A. P. Walsh, 22.6.63; H. J. Dobson, 24.6.63; M. Johns (*nee* Goodwin), 1.6.63.

Lieutenants:—O. M. M. O'Higgins, 7.2.63; P. M. Tibbs, 7.2.63; D. Ormsby, 1.2.63; E. A. Persse, 9.3.63; E. A. Harrison, 10.3.63; S. G. L. Regler, 7.3.63; R. Stickle (*nee* Eagland), 16.2.63; M. M. Good, 23.3.63; A. S. Heap, 4.4.63; P. M. Binks, 4.4.63; A. McFarlane (*nee* Hall), 25.3.63; J. P. Kilmartin, 25.4.63; W. M. Garrick (*nee* Corless), 30.3.63; S. A. McElroy (*nee* Connolly), 20.4.63; J. C. Goolding (*nee* Russell), 27.4.63; S. E. Taylor, 20.5.63; J. M. G. McHugh, 28.5.63; L. M. Backhouse, 4.6.63; J. M. Dodge, 5.6.63; M. B. Whitfield, 20.6.63; C. D. Hope (*nee* Stanley), 7.6.63.

CIVILIAN RETIREMENTS

Miss M. A. Gannon, R.R.C., from the Birmingham Maternity Hospital. She joined the staff there in 1935 and remained until 1940, then served with the T.A.N.S. in the Army 1941-1945, returning to the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, being appointed Matron there in 1946.

SERVICE PROMOTIONS

OFFICERS

To Lieut.-Colonel

Major Ballesty, E. M.B.E., 28.3.63; E. F. Porritt, 7.4.63.

To Major

Captains:—F. K. Slack, 1.4.62; M. Whitworth, 1.4.62; E. M. Bryans, 1.4.62; R. Carter, 10.1.63; E. B. Odell, 11.1.63; M. Chamberlain, 10.3.63; A. Y. A. Healey, 9.3.63; M. L. Taylor, 7.3.63; M. Sword, 20.5.63; J. E. Pease, 27.5.63; D. M. G. Bickford, 2.6.63; B. Brewster, 5.6.63; C. M. M. Holmes, 30.6.63.

To Captain

Lieutenants:—C. R. Brown, 23.1.63; C. M. Ayo, 1.2.63; M. M. O'Rourke, 2.2.63; C. C. S. Collie, 7.2.63; M. V. Curran, 7.2.63; F. E. Eades, 7.2.63; V. R. Neale, 7.2.63; N. M. Smyth, 7.2.63; B. A. Butcher, 9.2.63; D. J. Simpson (rejoin), 11.2.63; E. Simpson (rejoin), 18.2.63; G. Sproston 24.2.63; I. V. Fadden, 7.3.63; E. Shaughnessy, 7.3.63; J. Collier, 4.4.63; B. Bowen, 4.4.63; G. E. Hughes, 4.4.63; P. T. A. Clarke, 5.4.63; J. Emmerston, 26.4.63; V. M. Saunders, 13.5.63; B. Finlay, 23.5.63; J. McFadden 23.5.63; M. D. Quinn, 25.5.63; M. Cavanash, 13.6.63; M. M. Brennan, 17.6.63; R. Epps, 20.6.63; D. N. E. Green, 20.6.63; A. Johnson, 20.6.63; E. A. Shearer, 20.6.63; E. A. Price (rejoin), 24.6.63; C. A. Boyle, 30.6.63.

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

1ST MARCH, 1963 TO 30TH JUNE, 1963

To W.O. II

Covington A. G., 2.5.63.

To Corporal

McNicol, F., 20.12.62; Chalmers, H. F. B., 20.12.62; Organ, R., 21.12.62; Le Neveu, 21.12.62; Crocker, W. J., 23.12.62; Collins, G. M., 12.1.63; Shearsmith, P. L., 12.1.63; Williams, R. A., 23.1.63; Walshaw, J., 23.1.63; Aitken, A. W., 23.2.63; Brewer, B. M., 26.3.63.

To Lance Corporal

Robertson, E. J., 21.12.63.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

Hong Kong.—Lieut. D. Szpakowako announced her engagement in November and leaves in July, 1963, to be married in England.

The following have also announced their engagements this year:—Privates Stirling, Toluise, Duffy, Marrast, Southworth, Stirland and L/Cpl. Cranmer.

BIRTHS

To Mrs. Woods (*née* Bath, Q.A.R.A.N.C.), and Pte. Woods, R.A.M.C., a son, in November, 1962.

To Mrs. Gibson (*née* Sladden, Q.A.R.A.N.C.), and Pte. Gibbow, R.A.M.C., a son, in December, 1962.

To Mrs. Poole (*née* de Wardt, Q.A.R.A.N.C.). On July 4th, 1963, at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, to Greta Mary and Peter Buchanan of Erleigh Lodge, Crowthorne, Berkshire—a son.

DEATHS

EARDLEY, Miss W. E., died on March 5th, 1963, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

DAVIS, Miss M., R.R.C., died on March 22nd, 1963, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

GRAYSON, Miss D. G., died on April 16th, 1963, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

HUGHES, Miss L. G., R.R.C., died on April 18th, 1963, at Southampton, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

IRVINE, Miss A. M., late Q.A.M.N.S.I., died June 5th, 1963.

BROWN, Miss G., died in January, 1963. T.A.N.S. of 13th B.G.H.

SMITH, Miss M. E., R.R.C., died recently, ex-Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S.

CAWTHORN, Mrs. E. (*née* Arnott), late Q.A.I.M.N.S., died in Melbourne, Australia, 31st May, 1963.

MOORE, Miss A. F., R.R.C., ex-T.A.N.S., died on 21st January, 1963. She had been in a Nursing Home in Bournemouth, for many years.

WHEATLEY, Miss K. H., ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) died at Bexhill on 21st June, 1963, after a long illness.

OVERSEAS POSTINGS

Q.A.R.A.N.C.—OTHER RANKS

1ST MARCH, 1963—30TH JUNE, 1963

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Pte.	Adams, G. I.	7 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Deadman, J. A.	7 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Hume, Z.	7 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Rutherford, M.	7 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	McTear, A.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Mullany, C.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Carter, M. M.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Pte.	Ellis, D. E.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Martin, S. M.	Depot & T.E.	B.O.A.R.
Pte.	Pidler, E. A.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Stephenson, J. M.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Sweet, M. J.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Weekes, M. E.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
A/Cpl.	Brewer, B. M.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Cpl.	Ashworth, E. H.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Cpl.	Allen, L.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Braden, P. A.	1 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	George, S. E.	1 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Brunner, M.	9 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Hayes, J.	9 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Smith, W. E.	9 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Hurley, A. P.	9 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Osborne, M. J.	9 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Gell, E. J.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Woodhouse, H.	7 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Francis, G.	Depot & T.E.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Button, J. C.	12 Coy.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Kirkup, D. I.	Depot & T.E. R.A.D.C.	B.A.O.R.
Pte.	Brennan, Q.	Depot & T.E. R.A.D.C.	B.A.O.R.
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Pte.	Morrow, M. E.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	Percival, V.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	O'Driscoll, P. M.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	Richards, J.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	Wakeley, A.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	Swindle, M. F.	7 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
Pte.	White-Robinson, R. J.	20 Coy.	F.A.R.E.L.F.
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Pte.	Lillis, V. D.	1 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Murr, M.	1 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Nolan, A. P.	1 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Greer, J. M.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Kinloch, E. W.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Pillay, J. C.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Wilkinson, C.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Harvey, R.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Johnson, S.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Schofield, A.	9 Coy.	Cyprus
Pte.	Brown, A. M.	1 Coy.	Benghazi
Pte.	McAndrew, A.	18 Coy.	Benghazi
Pte.	McCoy, M. M.	18 Coy.	Benghazi
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Pte.	Wedmore, J. F. R.	1 Coy.	Malta & Libya

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1ST MARCH, 1963—30TH JUNE, 1963

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Sgt.	Grimshaw, J.	P.T.S. Q.A.R.A.N.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
Pte.	Stansfield, V.	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
Pte.	Mulhern, M. A.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Pte.	Sullivan, P. M.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
Pte.	Trebilcock, I. B.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
Cpl.	Otway, H.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
A/L.cpl.	Stevens, R. E.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
Pte.	Verrecchia, M. T.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital
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Pte.	Stables, F.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Cpl.	Williams, L. A.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Sgt.	Cashmore, P.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital	18 Coy, R.A.M.C.
Cpl.	Nairn, I. A. F.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital	18 Coy., R. A.M.C.
Sgt.	Martin, M. C.	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Hyslop, M. J.	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.	P.S., P.T.S., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Pte.	Morris, A. A.	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.	P.S., P.T.S., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Pte.	Wilkinson, M. E.	1 Coy., R.A.M.C.	P.S., P.T.S., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Pte.	McGrath, E. C.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.
Pte.	Lockett, P. A.	9 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Morris, S.	9 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Murray, B. M.	9 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Hutcheson, O. M.	12 Coy, R.A.M.C.	10 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Spivey, C.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.	10 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Webb, M. L.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.	10 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Wray, A.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.	P.T., P.T.S., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Pte.	Melville, R.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.
Pte.	Emsom, P. A.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.
Pte.	Davies, J. E.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.	15 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Semple, P.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.	15 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Watson, L. A.	20 Coy, R.A.M.C.	15 Coy., R.A.M.C.
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Pte.	Brewster, D. F.	Depot & T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.	10 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Emson, P. A.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.	9 Coy., R.A.M.C.
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Pte.	Bailey, H. J.	B.M.H., Rinteln	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
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Pte.	Button, T. M.	35 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy, R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Smith, P. M.	37 Coy., R.A.M.C.	20 Coy, R.A.M.C.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Pte.	Smith, M.	Depot & T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.	9 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	O'Callaghan, C.	37 Coy., R.A.M.C.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Wilson, J. N.	37 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Cpl.	McNicol, F.	27 Coy., R.A.M.C.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Harrison, M. I.	32 Coy., R.A.M.C.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Paul, M. M.	32 Coy., R.A.M.C.	18 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Riding, J.	32 Coy., R.A.M.C.	20 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Cpl.	Smith, C. B.	32 Coy., R.A.M.C.	12 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Kirkup, D. I.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.	B.M.H., Rinteln
Pte.	Brennan, P. A.	1 Coy, R.A.M.C.	B.M.H., Munster
Pte.	Ah-Thew, C. F.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.	32 Coy., R.A.M.C.
Cpl.	Pillay, J. M.	Depot & T.E., R.A.D.C.	34 Coy, R.A.M.C.
Pte.	Woodhouse, H.	7 Coy., R.A.M.C.	B.M.H., Munster
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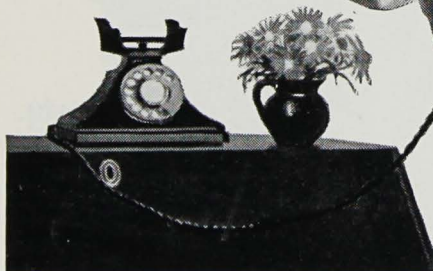
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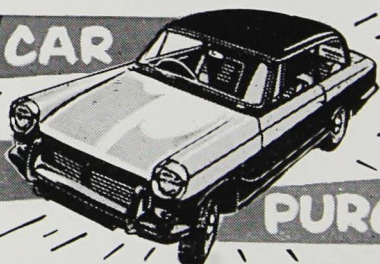
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