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

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

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## EDITORIAL

A nurse's lot is not a happy one, happy one (apologising to Gilbert and Sullivan) or is it? Some people are definitely trying to make out the former is the case and if they can think of no other reason for the shortage, back they go to uniform. Night duty tights apparently didn't create the stir that they hoped for so now they are starting all over again and this time investigating the question of disposable uniform. That conjures up very lively and perhaps embarrassing situations! You know the Nursing Profession is not really such a bad one, it has many, many compensations and everyone in any walk of life has his or her ups and downs. Now, cheer up and let's stop feeling sorry for ourselves and just think of those disposable frocks!

The number of members taking the GAZETTE still falls a long way short of our requirement, now if *all* the *Life* Members contributed, do you know we would be paying our way? So what about encouraging your fellow "Lifer's" to read and know more of what is going on in their Association?

And now a bouquet. The Secretary for the Branches does thank all Branches and Units for their co-operation in sending in their subscriptions and lists so promptly. It is encouraging and has been very helpful.

The photograph on the cover this month is of the first Gurkha girls leaving Singapore to enlist in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. to train as nurses. They are R. Chettri, C. Tharpa, now stationed at Catterick, D. Larna, and Prodhar, both at Tidworth. All seem happy and are progressing, Chettri and Tharpa sitting the Preliminary State examination this month (Feb.). There are now thirteen Gurkha girls in the Corps training and we wish them every happiness and success.



## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

We have this year received many gifts to add to our parcels, and we are most grateful to all our members, not only for the gifts, but for the time and trouble they must have spent in wrapping them.

It gives us such a satisfactory feeling to know that so many of our members are helping to achieve our object of friendship. The letters that I receive from recipients repeat time and again the joy it gives them to have a parcel to open and many say it is the only gift they receive by post.

We received the wonderful sum of £211 2s. 9d. towards our Christmas gifts.

E. A. MILLS,  
*Friends' Secretary.*

THE RESIDENTS OF QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE wish to thank all Retired and Serving Members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. at home and abroad who so generously contributed towards the wonderful gifts received for Christmas 1963. These and the kind thoughts that accompanied them were greatly appreciated.

A very happy New Year to all.

M. H. JOYCE.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Q.A.R.A.N.C. ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1964

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association will be held this year at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, June 27th at 2.30 p.m. (prior to the Reunion). Members wishing to attend please notify us when applying for Reunion tickets, and the Agenda will be sent.

The most important business of the Meeting will be the election of a Chairman and three Members to fill vacancies on the Central Committee.

Term expired Members are:—

Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, R.R.C. (Chairman)

Col. K. M. Blair, R.R.C.

Lt.-Col. E. F. W. M. Jolly

Miss H. Hamblin

All are eligible for re-nomination with their consent.

Please send your nomination or re-nomination early, and remember that it must state that the Member nominated has agreed to stand.

### 19th ANNUAL REUNION, 1964

The Annual Reunion will be held at The Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London, on Saturday, 27th June, 1964 at 4 p.m. Tickets for members and guests 12/6d. each, for non-members eligible to join the Association 15/-.

As last year, we extend a special welcome to husbands and other guests not eligible for membership.

Please apply as soon as possible, for tickets giving names of both members and guests and enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope to: Reunion, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

**The Annual General Meeting of Queen Mary's House Fund** will be held on 6th April, 1964, at the War Office, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1., at 2.30 p.m.

### **CORPS SPORTS EVENTS**

Table Tennis Tournament: Wednesday, 11th March, 1964.

Medforth and Gillespie Challenge Tennis Tournament Finals: Wednesday, 24th June, 1964.

Corps Sports Athletics Meeting: Thursday, 25th June, 1964.

R.A.M.C./R.A.D.C. Swimming Gala: Thursday, 9th July, 1964.

Nursing Inter Services Tennis Tournament: Wednesday, 22nd July, 1964. R.A.F. Hospital, Halton.

**TEA TICKETS.**—Retired members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. may purchase tea tickets for Corps Sports and Tennis Days at the Depot from the Secretary, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Sports Club, Depot & T.E. Cost 4/- per person.

### **NEWS FROM BRANCHES AND UNITS**

#### **REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WOOLWICH BRANCH**

Rather a long time has passed since a report appeared in the *GAZETTE* regarding the activities of the Woolwich Branch, and so to rectify this omission herewith is presented a summary of the last few meetings.

Commencing with September 4th when a Beetle Drive was held, this was unfortunately not very well attended—perhaps the wrong kind of "Beetles" were being offered ! The dozen or so members who did participate thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

On November 13th an "Any Questions" session was held and was very well attended. The panel consisted of two R.A.M.C. Officers from the Royal Herbert and two ex-members Q.A.R.A.N.C., one a housewife and one a recruiting officer. The questions were lively, and several answers led to discussions between the panel and audience. The evening was ably chaired by Major B. Jones, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

A visit was arranged in December for twelve members to tour the offices of the *Daily Express*. Only seven made the trip, due perhaps to poor publicity, and the few who did go were unfortunately late arriving and had to leave early in order to catch trains, and so had a



vastly reduced tour. What they did manage to see, they found very interesting and were disappointed not to be able to complete the full tour.

The Annual General Meeting was held on January 22nd, followed by dinner at the Wellcome Inn, Well Hall. Our Chairman, Lt.-Col. E. F. Davies, Q.A.R.A.N.C., was unfortunately unable to be present as she was on sick leave—Mrs. Coffer was elected Vice-Chairman. After a gloriously sunny day a swirling fog descended at tea time preventing some of the outside members reaching the venue. About eighteen members braved the elements and partook of a very satisfying meal.

On February 12th a Tuppaware Party was held when members could bring their friends. Orders were freely given and all funds benefited by a certain percentage of the total order.

I think you will agree that our Committee provided a varied programme with something for everyone, but it is very disheartening after all the hard work which is done to prepare these programmes, to have such disappointing attendances. We meet in the Red Cross Centre of the Royal Herbert Hospital at 8.30 p.m. Should there be any ex-serving member living in or around Woolwich, a warm welcome will be given to you. Write a letter to the Secretary at the Hospital, and she will forward dates of activities to you.

Away with this apathy, wake-up all the members of Woolwich—support your Committee by attending as many events as you are able.

No. A. WOOL, 112.

## MILLBANK BRANCH

### Raffle Draw

This was held on Wednesday, 6th November at 20 John Islip Street, when 76 members were present, including the Director—Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C. Lt.-Col. Warner, R.R.C. performed the ceremony amidst great excitement as there were 95 prizes all donated by members.

The actual sale of raffle tickets realised £172 12s. 0d., but two smaller raffles were run so that our grand total was £180 1s. 6d. A marvellous effort by the Branch members which we hope to increase on next year. The last prize to go was the bottle of champagne and this was afterwards auctioned, Col. Turner acting as "auctioneer". It was a great gathering and a special thank you is recorded to the Other Ranks, or should we say nurses in training, for their marvellous effort in donating prizes and for their good attendance, it was very nice to have them with us.

In January we had an afternoon meeting, which was disappointing regarding the number of members present, but a very pleasant afternoon. There was a film which included Norman Wisdom, followed by a marvellous tea which must have been heartbreaking for the caterers, such a spread that those of us present simply could not dispose of.

HILDA HAMBLIN (L.136.)

## C.U.A. BRANCH

On December 18th a Christmas tea party was held in Gun Hill House. It was well attended by both retired and serving members. The Chef had made two iced cakes decorated with the Corps badge, much admired by all present. The retired members drew for them and Mrs. Finch and Col. Luxton were the envied winners.

After tea those who were able to do so, attended a Carol service in the Hospital Chapel, which was decorated in time for the event. Everyone enjoyed singing the familiar tunes, sometimes in opposition to the central heating system!

It was then time for goodbyes to be said and as we all went our various ways, we felt that another Christmas had begun.

## TEA AND SYMPATHY

### Bournemouth

Following their customary practice of meeting at Selwyn Hall, Boscombe, the Bournemouth Branch held a successful Bring-and-Buy Sale on December 4th.

Everyone registered pleasure, not unmixed with relief, at seeing the President, Dame Monica Golding, at the helm.

Opening the proceedings, she thanked members for their "Get well" cards and good wishes, while recovering from her recent operation at Millbank.

Introducing more new members, the Hon. Secretary (Col. K. M. Blair) announced that numbers had now passed the sixty mark.

After tea, Major Stonham showed a film of her visit to Oberamergau, of Passion Play fame.

The events of the afternoon were further enlivened by the news that Dame Louisa Wilkinson, Founder of the Association, and Col. Douglas, Editor of the GAZETTE, have graciously consented to visit Bournemouth for the next and subsequent assemblies.

K. A. TYE.

## EAST AFRICA BRANCH

The year 1963 has been a time of great change and many of our members gone to other parts of the world—to Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and U.K. It is very heartening that so many of our ex-members keep in touch with us here, and this cheers us up when at times we are feeling dejected, and cannot see the wood for the trees!

But we carry on, and owe a great deal to the enthusiasm of the Serving Members at the British Military Hospital.

We hope this coming year will cement the friendships even more, and I would like to take this opportunity of sending greetings to all our ex-East African members, and urge them to carry on their loyal support of the Association, wherever they may be.

During the year we have had a film show and a cocktail party—and delighted to be able to send donations to Queen Mary's House Fund, the Christmas Parcel Appeal, the Benevolent Fund and H.Q. General Fund.



## NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

The Chairman and members wish to thank Headquarters and other branches for their Christmas greetings, which were very much appreciated by we folk "down under".

This year we held a Dinner and went to a musical comedy to celebrate Christmas. It was a huge success and members who have not been seen at meetings for many years were able to attend—Mrs. Booth (*née* Betty Wilson) and Miss Phyllis Tonge. The latter has lived in Brisbane for about six years as her mother found the warmer climate suited her. She passed away at the age of 91 years in November—now Miss Tonge hopes to have a trip abroad at the end of 1964.

C. BELL, *Hon. Sec.*

## NEWS FROM SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone, the second smallest country in West Africa, will be celebrating its third anniversary of Independence on the 27th April this year. Many readers will have seen the country, if only from the deck of a passing ship. The sea approach to Freetown, the capital, is one of the most picturesque sights on the West coast—magnificent stretches of golden sands backed by palm trees and other tropical foliage and beyond, the chain of "Lion Hills" from which, many historians say, the country derives its name.

As with all independent countries, many changes have taken place, especially during the past three years. The city of Freetown has seen a vast building programme. Impressive buildings such as the new General Post Office, Information centres and blocks of modern flats and offices can be seen as one views the city from the verandah of the Sisters' Mess, six hundred feet up in the hills behind the city.

The Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces has seen changes also, the latest of which happened on the 11th January this year, when yet another dream was visualized or, to put it in the words of the local press, "History is made in Sierra Leone". On this day the first five Sierra Leonean Nursing Officers received Queen's Commissions in the R.S.L.M.F.

Prior to the great day there was the usual preparation and the Officers-to be, spent many hours learning to march and salute under the critical eye of R.S.M. Boima of the 1st Bn. R.S.L.R. Needless to say the amusing incidents were many. However, the parade itself was most impressive and the Officers appeared on parade in front of the battery of press and television cameras as if it was something they had been accustomed to all their lives.

The parade was commanded by Lt.-Col. D. Lansana and the Force Commander Brigadier R. D. Blackie, D.S.O., O.B.E., took the salute. The Force Commander presented the Officers with their badges of rank and during his speech reminded all ranks of the Force of the important part played by the Army Nursing Staff in nursing back to health, not only soldiers who are ill, but their families as well.

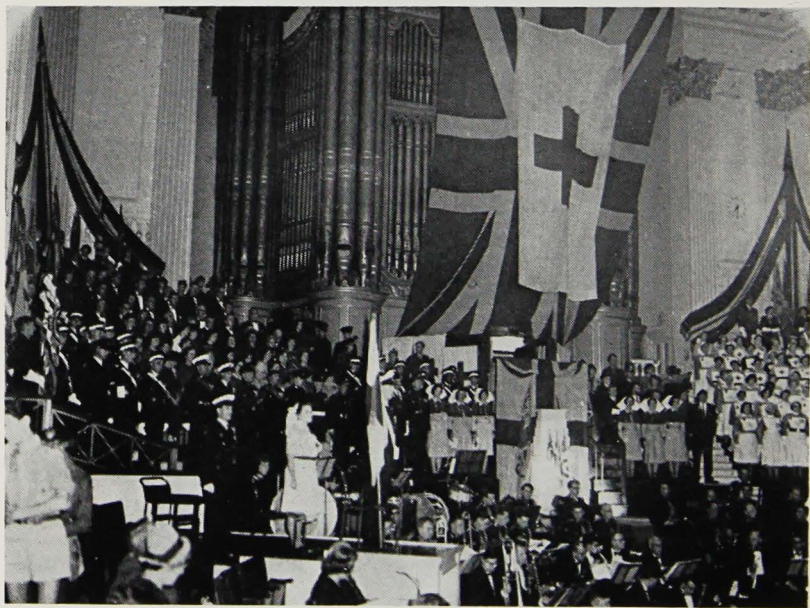
Immediately after the parade a cocktail party was held on the lawn of Myohaung Officers' Mess to which V.I.Ps and relatives and friends of the Officers had been invited and to conclude this memorable day all present in the Mess saw the parade on the local television network.

I. F. M. SMITH.

### Q.A.R.A.N.C. AT THE BRITISH LEGION FESTIVAL, ROYAL ALBERT HALL, 1964

This presentation opened to the tune of *Lili Marlene* and a scene from the 1939/45 War, depicting a wounded patient being tended by a Sister under active service conditions, and wearing the khaki slacks and sling bandeau worn by so many Q.A's when normal nursing uniform was so impractical.

Time then went backwards to the 1914/18 War and there was tremendous applause from the audience as two Sisters of that era, to the tune of *Tipperary*, came down the stairs into the stage to chat to a convalescent patient in hospital blues. Following this a tableau was formed incorporating the 1939/45 scene with the 1914/18 Sisters, when Florence Nightingale, a figure from the past century passed by, paused, and looked forward to the future, nodded her approval of the care now available to the soldier and left the arena.



This photograph shows six members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. taking part in the Midlands Festival of Remembrance at the Town Hall, Birmingham, Sunday, 10th November, 1963.

*Birmingham Post and Mail copyright photograph.*



Then to 1902 when the Q.A's were born. Two Sisters, looking charming as they walked in boater hats and carrying parasols and chatting in a pleasant gay manner. Two soldiers of the Royal Horse Artillery in pill-box hats, were so taken with these attractive ladies that they stopped and turned to stare, but quickly came to attention when a Matron in long grey cloak and dress and grey beribboned bonnet moved in a dignified and businesslike manner through the scene.

Having represented the two Wars of this century and taken a peep at the early Q.A's the presentation took a leap forward to 1964 and showed a Q.A.R.A.N.C. Sister and two nurses together with a Chelsea Pensioner, a little girl with her soldier Sergeant father, all representing those who are entitled to care by Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, should the necessity arise.

Throughout the presentation there was the additional background music of the Corps March.

Unfortunately photographs of this Festival were not obtainable.

### GIFT TO THE MUSEUM

We have recently received a gift to our Museum which I am sure will be of interest to many Q.A's.

The medals of Colonel and Mrs. H. Richardson.



Lieutenant H. Richardson, R.A.M.C., who later commanded the Scottish Horse Field Ambulance in Gallipoli and Palestine in the First World War, and was A.D.M.S. of the Yeomanry Mounted Division, was serving in South Africa in the Boer War. There he met Sister E. McLean of the Army Nursing Service and an original member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1902.

After the war Lieutenant Richardson and Sister E. McLean were married and their medals have been sent to us by their son, Major-General F. M. Richardson, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., and he is very proud that they have found a home with the Q.A's, a suggestion which greatly pleased his mother before her death at St. Andrew's at the age of 93. She was always proud of her war service with the Q.A's, and took a great interest in all the changes in her old service.

The photograph shows Lieutenant Richardson, centre back, and Sister McLean seated right. Her companion is Sister Barker, popularly known as Admiral Togo.

### IMPRESSIONS OF A SISTER

Sister: what a host of impressions that word conjures up, colourful mental pictures which began at the age of seven, through a romantic and impressionable adolescence to the grown old age of present time.

My first meeting with a nursing sister did not pre-dispose to a life-long friendship. I had to endure a twenty-four hour confinement within the walls of a hospital just because a doctor had decided my tonsils and I were not inseparable. The Sister was at least seven feet tall, wouldn't allow me to eat or drink, frowned upon my natural efforts to short sheet the beds of the other patients and obviously did not regard life as a joyful game. As the fateful hour approached I distinctly remember it was she who tore me from my mother's grasp, bounced me on a splinted plank at the speed of sound to a room in several confusing shades of green, where two white robed bespectacled giants fell upon me and told me to start counting sheep. I expired after twenty had jumped over the fence; so unfortunately did the lights. I later learned that the doctor had abandoned me to the anaesthetic, and beat a leisurely retreat to his home, ostensibly to find a torch, and I eventually had a tonsilectomy by torch-light, I was revived and returned to this world six hours later.

This experience left an indelible impression on my childish mind and the seven-foot tall Sister still returns to haunt me today.

Then as a teenager Richard Gordon appeared on the horizon with his *Doctor in the House* and the whole picture changed entirely. The Sister became a much more frivolous character, who exchanged an arch look for the twinkle in the doctor's eye, an enigmatic smile as he twirled his moustache, but deftly kept out of pinching range.



Richard Gordon was my hero, the Sister a beautiful creature whose chief occupation was to amuse the rascally doctor. Alas—such an impression was hard to part with.

At the age of seventeen however, Dignity, Dedication and Devotion were the driving forces in life. I gained a new image of a Sister. She was still beautiful of course, serene, dignified, adored by patient and doctor alike, she floated down the ward and with a wave of her hand, a touch to the feverish brow, restored harmony and health. With such a picture in mind I decided to become dignified, dedicated, devoted. I enrolled as a student nurse.

The three D's survived the first few hours in the training school. I learnt to my horror that nasal toilets, enemas and ugh! bowel washouts were to be my long suit for the next three years. That my appearance was no longer my own concern, and the duty of every sister was to deflate my ego, until it withered small, apologetic, and ridiculous; hurt ego is always slightly ridiculous. I was expected to develop study habits, temperate habits, and how did my impression of a Sister emerge from this chaos of habits. She was again seven feet tall, she regarded my off duty hours as superfluous, she had confusing ideas of character which she imparted on ward reports. She did not regard me and my three faltering D's as at all important.

And having finally passed the three years' endurance test and become first a Staff Nurse and then, yes—a Sister, how does she appear to me now?

I see her in less perspective than ever before and the temptation to exaggerate her task is too great. She is now a person who pits her puny wits against impossible odds. She tries to be wise, strong, consistent, and predictable, to treat exuberant young nurses who descend on her ward determined to be dignified, dedicated and devoted, with tolerance, yet retain her humour and sanity.

What is a Sister—is she all or none of these things? If we were to ask patients, student nurses, fellow workers and personal friends what sort of an image would emerge, I wonder?

M. D. GREY.

### KENYA COMES OF AGE

Kenya took her place as an Independent Nation within the British Commonwealth . . . at midnight on December 11/12. The Union Jack was lowered, and the new flag of Kenya raised for the first time. As the lights were lowered, and the Union Jack came down, it was a very poignant moment for many of us. When the lights went on again, the Kenya flag was being proudly raised, and the Kenya National Anthem heard for the first time.

A very impressive series of events preceded the flag-raising ceremony. A display of tribal dancing held the crowds enthralled, and this was followed by an even more impressive parade of troops . . . both the British Army and the new Kenya Army.

On December 12th, the Instruments of Government were handed over to the Prime Minister by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

This was a morning of great solemnity, and Mr. Kenyatta appealed to all peoples to work hard and to work together . . . to prove that different races and creeds can live together in peace, and together tackle the many problems of building a new nation, and carry on the heritage built up by the British in their sixty-eight years of Colonial Rule.

We pray we may be able to accept the challenge and excitement of being citizens in this new Kenya, a country so dear to so many of us.

E. D. B. BROWSE (A/East Africa/3).

### MUSGRAVE PARK HOSPITAL

On Monday, 21st October, the new Military Wing at the Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast was officially opened by Brigadier Sir Ian Fraser, K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S., D.L., in the presence of a distinguished gathering which included:

Major-General Sir Harold Knott, K.C.B., O.B.E., Q.M.P.,  
D.P.H., L.L.D., D.G.A.M.

Major-General A. E. Campbell, C.B., M.D., D.P.H. (retd.).

Major-General Sir Richard Anderson, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
G.O.C. Northern Ireland.

Colonel E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C.

The Lord Mayor of Belfast and the Minister of Health of Northern Ireland.

This unit is a new venture, a Military Wing attached to a civilian teaching hospital, the Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast.



Military Wing, Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast.

*Through the courtesy of the "Belfast News-Letter"*



The block, a two-storey building, beautifully bright and spacious, very modern in design with the latest and most up-to-date equipment and furniture. All amenities are supplied by the Northern Ireland Hospital Authorities, these include the use of a civilian operating theatre for surgery and an efficient service of supplies from the C.S.S.D. The liaison between Civilian and Military personnel, both medical and nursing, is excellent.

A new Mess is being built in The Musgrave Park, meanwhile Nursing Officers are living in the Belgravia Hotel, Belfast.

### THE REALISATION OF AN AMBITION

WANTED—Lady members for Civil Service Rifle Club. Apply Secretary.

My eyes fell on the above and in me was renewed the urge to shoulder arms. A 'phone call resulted in the invitation to rendezvous on the rifle range suitably clad in old clothes. There, a warm welcome awaited new members and they made the acquaintance of a very patient instructor. He explained the mechanism of the lethal weapon he had handed me, in an attempt to protect others present.

Sandbag rests were allowed to assist beginners, but even so, my target refused to stay in one spot and remained unscathed after my first shots. Despair was not allowed and the encouragement of the instructor eventually led to the evening when my score was 90 out of a possible 100.

So dawned the day when I was considered safe, having received from the police a Firearms Certificate, and I started on the way to realising an ambition by visiting the gunsmith and purchasing my first rifle.

Progress continued and earned me a place in the Club "B" team, to take part in league shooting and the reward of a Winner's Spoon.

Shortly after, the Matron showed me a letter from the Secretary of the Army Women's Rifle Association, asking for names of markswomen—so another step was taken towards my ambition. I applied for trial targets and was surprised to receive a request to attend the Coaching Trials in London for possible team selection.

Alas, lack of experience told its tale and my ambition was not to be realised in 1963.

Undaunted, but more determined than ever that a Q.A. would wear the badge of the Army Women's Rifle Association, I continued to practise and shoot at every opportunity.

December brought the pre-trial targets to be completed and these were submitted. A month later came the request to attend once again the coaching trials.

*Feb. 3rd:* Well protected and armed, I set forth for London, where after four days of intensive shooting I earned a place in the Army Women's Association Rifle Team.

*Feb. 9th:* The team proceeded to Lee-on-Solent, where a warm welcome awaited us from W.R.N.S. Officers at H.M.S. *Ariel*.

*Feb. 10th:* A cold breeze blowing outside but warmed and encouraged by a signal from War Office and telegrams from my colleagues at the Depot, I set out for the range to realise my ambition of being the first Q.A. to wear the badge and take part in the Inter-Services Women's Association Rifle Meeting.

First time nerves made the rifle unsteady in its resting place and unfortunately, I was unable to repeat the remark of a member of W.R.A.F. team who had scored 199/200, "Thought that I would keep the other one for next year".

So back to the Depot, thrilled and exhausted, but determined to try and not leave out even the "elusive one" next year.

Is any other Q.A. interested in this pastime and would like to join the Army Women's Rifle Association and perhaps in due course help build up a Q.A. team?

D. McDONALD.

### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE PRESENTATION

A very active branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade exists in Hong Kong. Cadet training is only one facet of a busy programme carried out by the St. John Officers who devote much of their limited spare time to prepare the young schoolgirls for the annual competitions in First Aid and Home Nursing.

This year we felt quite honoured when Lt.-Col. G. E. Jones, A.R.R.C., was invited to examine the candidates at the Brigade Headquarters, on 5th October, when six Divisions of more than 160 Chinese girls competed for the Arculli Shield and The Lady Hogan Cup. She is seen here presenting The Lady Hogan Cup to Sergeant Tsang Lai-ching, representing the winning Division.

J. TREACY (A/SS 388).



Lt.-Col. G. E. Jones, R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., presenting the awards.



## No. 2 BRITISH GENERAL HOSPITAL

17TH REUNION DINNER ON SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1963, HELD AT THE V.A.D. LADIES CLUB, 44 CREST CUMBERLAND PLACE, W.I.

About seventy members of the Unit turned up and an excellent dinner was followed by a short speech of welcome by the Chairman, Staff Sgt. G. R. Barclay, with responses followed by a "get together" in which old campaigns and experiences were revived and the spirit that sustained the Unit during the dark hours was still evident by the fact that the hours flew by and it was time to break up and go to our homes all over Britain. Reluctant farewells were said with the resolve to try and make it next year.

Next year's Chairman will be Freddie Hanna, the date 17th October, 1964, same venue. We were dealt a great blow this year by the sad news of the death of Sister Kathleen Meen, R.R.C. (our Minnie) who passed peacefully away on the 25th October, our sorrow is helped by the fact that she attended the 1963 dinner, and was in radiant spirits and so happy to be with us all.

## CHRISTMAS UNDER CURFEW

Christmas in Cyprus must have been very different in 1963, to the preceding year.

Preparations in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess and on the wards were going well, when *orders* were issued on Saturday, 21st December, that no one, unless on essential duties, or the married R.A.M.C. who lived in Larnaca, were to proceed beyond the Sovereign Base Area boundary after dark, as trouble was occurring between the Greek and Turkish populations.

Sunday was quiet except for an unusual number of Army vehicles on the roads, and many Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers attended the evening service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Garrison Church of St. Georga, Dhekelia. In fact things appeared so normal, that one did not give a thought to the Curfew being extended, and the situation taking a really serious turn.

By Monday however, all towns were *Out of Bounds*, and the living out personnel arrived on duty with great tales of the shooting they had heard during the night, between the civilian populations. Gun posts were being erected by both parties on all main roads, and N.A.A.F.I., being the only shop open, became immensely popular and busy, with housewives who usually did the greater part of their shopping in Larnaca, frantically laying in stocks for the holiday period.

At tea-time the first helicopter flew in from Nicosia with a British casualty, and from then on it has become part of our daily routine, bringing in all other sick from that area.

Christmas Eve brought the first of Turkish Cypriot wounded from the near vicinity. In times of peace their normal sick had been treated by the Greek doctors and hospitals, but now were virtually

without medical aid, and the British Military Hospital had been given permission to help their wounded.

Christmas Day was *different* to normal, the surgical side immensely busy, and rumours rife about the situation, with a persistent one that Turkey might take "action".

All social engagements of an official nature were cancelled up to and after, the New Year, with tension very predominant amongst the civilian labour who still turned up for work, but had to leave early because of the curfew.

Caring for gunshot wounds has been a great experience for the staff under training, few of whom, have seen such cases before. The theatre technicians in particular, benefited greatly by the scope of the work.

It must be admitted that, although the majority of cases were Turkish Cypriot one Greek Cypriot monk was also taken in, suffering from buckshot in the back. He appeared to settle down quite well amongst the other patients, quickly acquiring the nickname of Father Christmas, due to an enormous beard and long hair. In fact the ward atmosphere was rather like that of a small League of Nations, with all the nationalities giving each other oranges and chocolates, etc.

Language problems were great at first, but thanks to various interpreters, all the British Staff knowing the Greek for O.K., and the usual sign language, the difficulties were overcome.

Life is now more peaceful, a good many restrictions have disappeared although a night curfew is still in force; the shops are mostly open again, and the British troops have been well increased, but as a commentator on Radio Newsreel said a while back, "An uneasy peace prevails".

L.555.

14th Feb., 1964.

### "INQUIRE PACEM ET PERSEQUERE EAM"

Many officers of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. must have had occasion to write to the H.Q. Mess at No. 20, John Islip Street, but has anyone ever wondered who is the street named after?

John Islip was the last of the great Abbots of Westminster. He was born in 1464 in the village of Islip, near Oxford, from which he took his name. He was a man of outstanding ability and reached the position of Abbot while still under forty years of age. For thirty-two years he worked hard for the good of the Abbey. Known as "The Builder" he completed the interior of the Nave and was responsible among other things, for the Henry VII Chapel, also the Abbot's Pew overlooking the Nave where he could "see without being seen".

His "rebus" or crest, was a pun on his name and consisted of a human eye beside a branch of foliage and a man falling from the branch shouting "I-slip". This rebus can be seen in the Chantry Chapel of John Islip, also on the east wall of St. Margaret's, Westminster.



Abbot Islip was much loved by his friends, who called him the "good old Father". He chose for his reason or motto: *Inquire pacem et persequare eam*"—"Seek Peace and pursue it"—which gives some indication of his character. In the Abbey Museum may be seen a photograph of a stone carving thought to be that of the Abbot. The face is calm and kind and radiates goodness—and it is easy to see why his friends called him the "good old Father".

In 1532 the Abbot died and was laid to rest in the Chantry Chapel of Abbot Islip, a two stored structure which was built in his own lifetime. Eight years after his death came the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the Chantry Chapel suffered a long period of neglect and misuse.

In 1948 the lower Chapel was restored, and in 1950 the upper Chapel was dedicated as a memorial to men and women of the British Commonwealth, who gave their lives in the Second World War while caring for the sick and wounded. The magnificent stained-glass window dominates the Chapel, with the figure of the kneeling nurse looking up at Our Lady carrying the Christ Child.

In the lower part of the window are placed the badges of the Nursing Services of the British Commonwealth from which nurses came to serve in the War, with those of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) proudly in the fore.

There seems to be a strong link between Abbot John Islip and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. It is a happy coincidence that the H.Q. Mess is situated in John Islip Street and that members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) who gave their lives in the War should be commemorated in this Chapel.

What more suitable place could have been chosen for the Nurses' Memorial than the Chantry Chapel of John Islip. In it there is an atmosphere of peace and security and the presence of the "good old Father" seems very close.

M. M. BRIDGWATER (L.476).

## HIGH DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Maternity hospitals have a very definite affinity to the original and true sense of Christmas, as all associated with them hope at least one Christmas baby will be born to grace the day.

The Louise Margaret Hospital had five such babies. On Christmas Eve their births were heralded by the Padre and choir of the Garrison Church singing carols around the Wards and departments. Their festive red cassocks blended with the dainty decorations and Christmas tree candle-light.

"Away in a Manger" was of course reserved for the main nursery where later, the Christmas Day babies were to be seen in specially decorated cots, sleeping peacefully and quite unaware of the joy created by their births.

Most of our pupil midwives were experiencing their first Christmas in a midwifery setting, and they found the atmosphere both satisfying and pleasing. Several introduced new and artistic ideas into the decorations, in the form of choir-boy lamp shades and frosted fir tree scenes for each bed table. These appeared to truly delight our patients, who took them home as a reminder of their stay with us.

The majority of our patients were fit enough to really enjoy the delicious looking Christmas fare, most of them having a second helping of turkey to boost the high protein diet!

One of the highlights of course, was visiting time, when the new fathers were to be seen viewing their babies through the nursery windows, their pride and pleasure obviously increased by seeing their particular baby displayed in a decorated cot. Our visitors were given tea with their wives and I think this was more than welcomed by the less domesticated ones.

All this time, in the nursery, three incubators were kept ready for in our Antenatal Ward was a patient awaiting triplets but these chose their time and arrived as a New Year's treat. This somewhat uncommon event caused much excitement. They were born in the late evening and the night staff were on duty but both pupil midwives and our obstetric nurses chose to return to witness their births. The first born, Paul, weighed 4 lbs. 8 ozs., the second, David, weighed 4 lbs. 15 ozs., and last but by no means the least, Michelle, weighed 2 lbs. 15 ozs. All are doing well very and Paul has in fact already gone home. Needless to say they became the favourites of the nursery.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess celebrations included a delicious dinner, held on Saturday, 28th December, and the finale was our cocktail party on Wednesday, 15th January, a night fortunately free of fog, permitting most of our guests to attend, thus providing us with a very happy evening.

N.L. (L.680).

### DO YOU KNOW?

That our use of the word "barefaced" comes from the days when ladies of fashion wore masks in public? It was considered immodest to appear without one.

That our artificially curled hair is by no means new? Isaiah the prophet denounced the use of "crisping pins" by women.

That old cookery books say one peck of peas should be allowed for two persons? One peck equals two gallons!

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One extremely cold night a man put a rug over the front of his car. The following morning it went first go. How bucked he was, and then what do you know—he remembered—the car had its engine at the rear.



*And here's another—*

A motorist stopped to help a fellow motorist, who appeared in trouble. Her car had stalled. He found her shovelling sand around the front wheels. "It ought to go under the back wheels", he told her. Sneeringly she replied, "The back ones go round alright, it's the front ones that won't turn".

### CHANCE ENCOUNTER

If I had not tripped over a table leg, it would never have happened.

A friend and I went to have a coffee in order to fill in time before an appointment and at the only possible table was one man reading, so we edged our way in at the opposite end, and that was when I tripped. He looked up from his book and asked "did you hurt yourself?" I said "No" and apologised for disturbing him. After that we chatted and somehow got on to the subject of Customs Officials. I said an amusing thing happened when I came down from Iceland . . . and got no further. "Iceland", he said, "I was there during the war".

"What in?" I asked, thinking in terms of R.E.s or R.A.'s.

"The 50th General Hospital", he replied.

"You were", I asked amazed, for I did not recognise him. "So was I—I came home with them".

After confessing that neither recognised the other, we established the fact that he had been the anaesthetist there and I had been a replacement for six months before the Unit left Iceland.

Had we not both had time to kill and been at the same table, and had I not tripped over that table leg—an acquaintanceship of twenty years ago would not have been renewed.

D. M. HAMMOND (*nee* Abel, A.603).

### OBITUARY

MISS KATHLEEN MEEN, who died on October 24th, 1963, aged 71 years, served with No. 2 British General Hospital from 1940 to 1945 in Egypt, Tripoli and Italy.

During the busy periods of convoy intakes from the Western desert, and the Italian campaign, the pressure of work was tremendous, and dear "Minnie" as she was affectionately known to us all, worked tirelessly throughout those frequent busy periods as Sister i/c Operating Theatres, in a most harmonious relationship with all.

Miss Meen attended the No. 2 B.G.H. reunions regularly, travelling from her home in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, to London for the occasions, the last of which she attended on October 19th, five days prior to her decease. It was typical of her that she made the great effort needed to be present and meet her "old comrades" for the last time, for Miss Meen was obviously a sick woman. Her

enthusiasm for the reunion she maintained to the end, for on her return to Ashbourne she remarked "I have enjoyed the reunion tremendously and I would not have missed it for anything".

We shall all miss "dear Minnie" at the Annual reunions, and regret the passing of a dear and kindly soul, who was held in great esteem by all ranks.

We offer our sincere condolences to Miss Meen's sisters and other relatives.

E. A. W. FIDO (ex-T.A.N.S.),  
No. 2 British Gen. Hosp.

MISS A. M. BIRCH, M.B.E. (late Matron T.A.N.S.)

It was with great sadness we heard of the death of Miss Birch, M.B.E., on December 20th, 1963.

I know she was beloved by many who were fortunate enough to come in contact with her.

During the latter part of the first World War Miss Birch worked with Dame Ellen Musson, at that time Principal Matron, 1st Southern Hospital, stationed with 500 beds in the Great Hall of Birmingham University; Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, where Miss Birch received her training: then at the outbreak of the second World War she was recalled, posted to the 14th General Hospital, T.A., of which Professor Humphreys was Colonel. I can do no better than quote Professor Humphreys' remarks: "During my nine months contact with Miss Birch she made an indelible impression on my mind of her ability, stirring character, high ideals, and always her thought of others". After returning from Boulougne she was posted to the 32nd General Hospital to serve in the Middle East, Palestine, where I and many others were privileged to serve under her leadership until, unfortunately for us, she was posted to a Hospital Ship.

At the end of "hostilities" she returned to her former hospital, but soon retired and went to live near Wellington, where she was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone in need.

Her passing will be much mourned.

ADA W. OWEN.

I feel I would like to pay a tribute to Miss M. Birch, M.B.E., R.R.C., T.A.N.S., who died on the 20th December, 1963.

I went out to the Middle East with her in 1940 when she was Matron of the 32nd General Hospital. I served with her as her Assistant in the Sudan during the Kassola-Kerch Campaign in Eritrea and in Palestine before, and during the El-Alamein battles. She worked tirelessly throughout, and during difficult times and emergencies her calmness inspired confidence and admiration.

She was held in affection by her staff and it was with great regret I said "good bye" to her when she left the Unit after nearly three years, to become Matron of a Hospital Ship. I have kept in touch with her and was very sad to learn of her death from her sister.

MARGARET WILLIAMS (ex-T.A.N.S.).



MISS M. M. SINCLAIR

Mary M. Sinclair and I met in Quetta and began a friendship which, though we were parted for the rest of our working days, has been a very rewarding part of our lives.

Wherever Mary went, either to other stations in India, Egypt, York, Woolwich and Edinburgh Castle, she always made new and lasting friends. She was generous with these too, we all met one another whenever possible.

And so, when it came to writing to tell many of these of her approaching death, I found I knew them and that we all had that one thing in common, our affection for her.

She never lost her pleasure in travelling. When in India, she suddenly decided she would like to visit Australia and off she went.

She had a grand sense of humour too. When I wrote to her four years ago, telling her that I planned to visit the German Alps, she wrote back to say that curiously enough, she had booked at the same hotel and for exactly the same dates and she understood that we were to have adjacent rooms.

The next year she was the one to decide we must go to Venice, and alas there she became ill and never really recovered her health. She loved nursing and also life with the Army, but she told me the most gruelling job she ever had was on a hospital ship in World War I carrying the sick troops from Basrah to Bombay.

Yes, she had a full and good life, and during her fifty years of service to others she showed dignity, personality and integrity, so let us be glad that our friend is not at rest as the hymns say, but alive and happy in the presence of our Lord. AGNES K. WILSON.

MISS E. V. FORREST, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.

It was sad indeed to see the obituary to Miss Forrest in the *Daily Telegraph*, and feel there are a great many who will share this sadness.

I was a very junior member of the staff in B.M.H., Rawalpindi, where Miss Forrest came as Matron. She was very popular, kind, but firm when required and she certainly brought out the best in her staff. One felt one could approach her with our problems and she was always ready to help and advise—I admired and respected her greatly.

She had a great understanding and a very great charm of manner. Her sense of humour was infectious, it was always a pleasure to see her smile often break into laughter at some amusing incident on or off duty.

We did not have her long with us there and though we felt proud to think she had been chosen for the higher post in Delhi, she was indeed greatly missed by all her staff.

Since those days alas, I have never met her, though for some years afterwards it was always a joy to be remembered by her at Christmas time.

I only hope her end was peaceful, and that she had not suffered too much before her final departure. E. M. SOMERVILLE.

## APOLOGIES

We offer our sincere apologies to Mrs. de Burca for any inconvenience we may have caused by the mis-spelling of her name and that of the late Mrs. Cawthorne (*née* Arnott) in our August edition.

## NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

R.R.C.—Lt.-Col. A. M. Hey, M.B.E.; Lt.-Col. B. M. Gordon.

A.R.R.C.—Major K. Duncan, Major M. H. M. Jolliffe.

## BIRTHS

CARSON.—To Wendy (*née* Warner) and Major J. Carson, R.A.M.C., on November 24th, 1963, a son, Robin John.

## MARRIAGES

GOFF, Lieut. C. M., Q.A.R.A.N.C., to Capt. L. E. Drewe, R.E.M.E., at St. Mark's Church, Nairobi, on the 7th December, 1963.

## DEATHS

FORREST, Miss E. V., R.R.C., Chief Principal Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), died at Mellifort Abbey, Wookey, on January 6th, 1964.

MCCABE, Miss L. A., A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), died 3rd January, 1964, at St. Leonards on Sea, aged 84 years.

JOHNSON, Miss F. M., ex-V.A.D. and T.A.N.S., died 28th October, 1963.

GREENGRASS, Miss, died 17th November, 1963, served with T.A.N.S.

WILLIAMS, Miss D. G., ex-T.A.N.S., died at Frenchay Hospital on 10th May, 1963.

LEAMON, Miss E. M., ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.), died on the 9th December, 1963.

PLIMSAUL, Miss A. L., R.R.C., late Q.A.I.M.N.S., died 16th October, 1963, at Hayes House after a long illness, aged 87.

BIRCH, Miss M., M.B.E., R.R.C., late T.A.N.S., died December 20th, 1963.

SINCLAIR, Miss M. M., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), died 18th January, 1964.

CAISTOR, Miss H. M., R.R.C., Hon. Principal Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), died 25th September, 1963.

WINTERINGHAM, Mrs. Eveline A. G., died on 4th December, 1963, at her home in Wai Hi, New Zealand. Served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) during World War I.

CHAVE, Miss C. N., died 6th October, 1963.

WILSON, Miss A. A., R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., died 26th September, 1963.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

### PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I, OCTOBER, 1963

Lieut. M. Rutherford.

### PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I, FEBRUARY, 1964

Capt. J. Beauchamp.

Capt. I. B. Cooper

Capt. J. I. Laverick.

Lieut. M. C. Crilly.

Lieut. V. P. Hannagen.

Lieut. C. V. L. Tucker.

S/Sgt. J. Grimshaw

A/Sgt. J. E. Goodier

A/Sgt. C. A. Pollard.

Sgt. A. J. Quirke.

A/Sgt. L. A. Savage.



## PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II, DECEMBER, 1963

Lieut. M. E. Morton.  
Major M. R. Knapton.  
Lieut. E. P. O'Keefe.

Lieut. A. H. Tippett.  
Lieut. J. P. Skelton.

## B.T.A. CERTIFICATE, DECEMBER, 1963

Capt. A. O'Mahoney.

## STATE FINAL EXAMINATION

Twenty-two Other Ranks passed Final State Examinations in October, 1963:—

Barrett, Dorothy Mary.	Cook, Elizabeth Cora.
Broadhead, Jean.	Cochrane, Maureen Joyce.
Chalmers, Helen Ferguson Brown.	Eagers, Davina Alison Martin.
Gummer, Iris Mary.	Jenkins, Maisie.
Harris, Shirley.	Knox, Ella.
Jowett, Pauline Roberta ( <i>née</i> Rawcliffe)	Larkin, Mary Ann.
McCormack, Margaret Rose.	Organ, Rose.
Raynes, Eileen Ann.	Parker, Lynda Anne.
Rooke, Kathleen Elizabeth.	Robertson, Eleanor, Jeanne.
Stables, Freda.	Staley, Evelyn Marie Jane.
Williams, Pamela.	Whiteley, Sylvia Ann.

## SERVICE APPOINTMENT

Lt.-Col. M. H. McPherson, appointed A.D.A.N.S. Northern Command, 10th January, 1964.

## CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

Major G. E. Thompson, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.), has been appointed Matron of Erith Hospital, Kent.

Miss M. A. Rice has been appointed Matron of Hove General Hospital, she served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in Burma during the War.

## SERVICE RETIREMENTS

### REGULAR OFFICERS

Colonel S. E. Hughes, 10.10.63.

Majors:—E. B. Bryan, 20.10.63; A. G. Pegg, 1.11.63; E. Phillipson, 1.11.63; B. D. Waller, 1.12.63.

Captains:—M. E. Smith (*née* Pugh), 29.10.63; P. M. Pollock (*née* Whittington), 21.12.63.

### SHORT SERVICE

Captains:—R. A. Rodger, 1.10.63; V. M. Fahy, 5.10.63; V. M. Bates, 5.10.63; I. J. Tynan, 5.10.63; K. H. Wheelan, 5.10.63; B. Wright, 5.10.63; N. M. Tulett, 7.10.63; H. M. Edwards, 7.10.63; M. A. Garvie, 7.10.63; J. Robinson, 7.10.63; C. M. Ayo, 7.10.63; M. N. Stevens, 7.10.63; D. M. B. Wesolowski (*née* Szpakowski), 28.9.63; P. Simpson (*née* Marshall), 12.10.63; N. M. Steer (*née* Saunders), 26.10.63; E. Lloyd, 25.11.63; P. M. Jenkins, 12.11.63; H. Maher, 2.11.63; M. N. G. Watkins, 29.11.63; A. Sunderland (*née* Jenkins), 30.11.63; C. Clarke (*née* Kearney), 16.11.63; J. M. Fiander (*née* Venning), 20.11.63; P. Quarterley (*née* Conway), 1.12.63; C. M. Drew (*née* Goff), 7.12.63; J. Harman, 10.1.64; D. M. Green, 10.1.64; S. M. Clarke (*née* Isles), 10.1.64.

Lieutenants:—H. J. Cull, 30.10.63; C. E. Whale, 5.10.63; M. E. Cummings (*née* Odell), 12.10.63; Reid (*née* McKecknie), 26.10.63; A. L. Prest, 26.12.63; A. M. Pitkin (*née* Everest), 23.11.63; M. Goggs, 29.1.64; S. M. P. Bowers, 28.1.64; E. Owen, 29.1.64; K. E. Bevan, 29.1.64; S. E. Baker (*née* Trinder), 18.1.64; Hampson (*née* Feeney), 18.1.64.

## PROMOTION—OFFICERS'

### To Majors

Captains:—E. Boyle, 28.11.63; S. R. Todman, 28.12.63; U. O'Sullivan, 6.1.64.

### To Captains

Lieutenants:—A. M. N. Wilson, 9.10.63; M. A. Williamson, 9.10.63; D. Thistleton, 9.10.63; H. A. McLaurin, 9.10.63; J. F. Philp, 6.11.63; J. Moss, 6.11.63; B. A. Burt, 6.11.63; P. M. Jones, 27.11.63; B. M. Webb, 27.11.63; A. H. M. Flannery, 1.12.63; P. M. Feeney, 11.12.63; A. L. Squire, 19.12.63; E. Robinson, 29.12.63; M. Crow, 1.1.64; H. Whitwell, 1.1.64; M. E. Taverner, 15.1.64; C. H. Nunn, 21.1.64; D. M. C. Macinnes, 21.1.64; M. O'Callaghan, 27.1.64; W. B. Jackson, 29.1.64; J. C. Hoskins, 20.1.64.

## PROMOTION—OTHER RANKS

### To Sergeants

M. Lake, 7.9.63; H. M. Bennett, 7.9.63; D. M. Aherne, 7.9.63; I. A. F. Nairn, 25.9.63; P. M. Longstaff, 25.9.63; S. P. R. Thatcher, 25.9.63; A. V. Philbrick, 13.11.63; D. Milligan, 13.11.63; K. E. Murray, 13.11.63; S. E. Harris, 13.11.63.

### To Corporals

E. S. King, 5.9.63; J. M. Walk, 7.9.63; M. A. Boland, 4.10.63; E. R. Craig, 7.10.63; Y. E. Sumner, 2.11.63; A. A. W. Bullock, 2.11.63; M. MacDonald, 2.11.63; M. L. Marrast, 1.12.63; J. Stead, 22.1.64; M. Cini, 24.1.64; M. Houlihan, 24.1.64; J. D. L. R. Scotland, 24.1.64; J. Broadhead, 24.1.64; A. Wray, 24.1.64; V. M. Shirley, 31.1.64; J. A. Le Monde, 31.1.64.

### Lance Corporals

B. Bradley, 1.12.63.

## OFFICERS POSTED OVERSEAS BETWEEN OCTOBER, 1963 AND JANUARY, 1964

### B.M.H. Kinrara

Lieutenants:—A. W. Patience, M. M. Wall, P. C. Owen, M. Dale.

### B.M.H. Singapore

Majors:—T. L. Jefferys-Edwards, W. Myers.

Captain E. A. Price.

Lieutenants:—S. M. Fitzpatrick, M. D. U. Grey, M. Rutherford, S. M. Horder-Despard, E. C. Temperli.

### B.M.H. Kamunting

Captains:—E. Boyle, B. V. Farrell.

Lieutenants:—H. Ingram, Y. Jarvis.

### B.M.H. Kluang

Captain P. M. Molloy.

Lieutenant H. M. Corbett.

### M.R.S. Terendak Camp, Malacca

Lieutenant M. McPherson.

### B.M.H. Hong Kong

Captain S. Y. K. H. Turpin.

Lieutenants:—E. Howey, E. A. Rafferty.

### B.M.H. Dhekelia

Captain M. B. Lynott.

Lieutenants:—G. C. Hearn, C. H. Nunn, W. A. Matcher.

### B.M.H. Tripoli

Lieutenants:—P. A. Buck, C. Suter.

### B.M.H. Nairobi

Lieutenant E. Robinson.



## REGULAR OFFICERS REVERTED TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

Capt. P. M. Waterworth ...	...	Posted to	Shorncliffe.
Capt. J. P. Edmonds ...	...	„	Cambridge.
Major M. B. Burroughs ...	...	„	Tidworth.
Capt. A. Johnson ...	...	„	Royal Herbert Hospital.
Major E. Carter ...	...	„	Depot & T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Major B. Molohan ...	...	„	Royal Herbert Hospital
Major E. M. Boyle ...	...	„	Catterick.
Major M. Ledger ...	...	„	Cambridge Military Hospital.
Capt. K. M. Kiggins ...	...	„	Military Hospital, Tidworth.
Major I. Wrightson ...	...	„	Military Hospital, Colchester.

## DRAFTING PROGRAMME, Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS

1ST NOVEMBER, 1963 TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1964

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

Corporals:—C. Rendall, A. C. C. Graham, W. J. Crocker.

Privates:—P. A. Lockett, I. F. Bremner, A. J. Bugler, N. Butler, J. A. Coxon, S. Morris, J. Barber, P. M. Charles, P. V. Lavers, J. L. Pattenden, B. M. Redhouse, J. R. Tubb, D. Laing, S. H. Parsons, J. G. Jarvis, J. I. Woodley, D. J. Robinson, M. Smith, J. Buchan, M. D. Dawkins, A. Jones, M. Taylor, C. F. Loft, C. S. Monsey, N. C. E. Brough, C. M. Mellars, A. M. Sneddon, M. Thatcher, V. M. Lawlor, B. E. Tirrell, M. L. Judkins, P. M. Smith, A. M. Palmyre, M. P. Gray, J. P. W. Muir, A. Baugh.

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

Privates:—C. Moore, A. Coughlan, M. L. Hollingsworth, J. M. Davies, J. Firth, W. Metcalfe, J. V. Hamilton, P. M. White, A. Wilson, S. M. Treacy, M. J. Bailey, R. S. Scott, B. Goodman, M. Bryant, M. Le Guilcher, J. A. W. Askew, V. J. Stanley, M. Grebby, L. Naughton, A. White.

### To Cyprus

Privates:—C. M. Bayly, J. Foreman, C. M. Lillis, S. M. Staple, B. R. Conroy, A. Eddington, A. K. Middleton, C. Steel, M. H. Kerr, S. Forster, J. Clark, M. C. McKee, G. F. Gaynor, J. M. Griffiths, P. M. Wright, N. A. Baglin, C. A. W. Robinson, S. Jamie, P. A. Wilmott.

### To Tripoli

Privates:—J. Holmes, I. M. MacDougall, M. J. De Latour, M. A. Hill, P. M. Sanger-Stevens, P. A. Lackenby, I. Patterson.

### To Benghazi

Privates:—S. A. Burns, G. R. Farrar, J. M. Allan, B. Ellis, C. Chesterton, M. H. McLean, J. A. Stevenson.

## POSTING OF Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS

1ST NOVEMBER, 1963 TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1964

### To Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital

Corporals:—D. K. Dodson, I. A. Nairn.

Lance Corporal D. A. M. Eagers.

Privates:—K. E. Rooke, D. A. Hall, P. M. Kemp, A. McClay, J. Broadhead.

### To No. 1 Coy., R.A.M.C.

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