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EDITORIAL

Well done! Members really made the effort in response to last year's appeal and showed that they are interested in the administration of the Association. How thrilled the Honorary Officers at Headquarters were to see so many of you at the Annual General Meeting. Thank you and please keep it up each year.

Time passes and changes occur. It hardly seems possible that it is four years since Dame Barbara Cozens took up the appointment of Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services. But it is, and as her term of office expires, and in consequence she retires as President of the Association, we wish her the very best of good fortune and may her retirement be a very happy one.

Our heartiest congratulations to all our members who were honoured by Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her birthday, and also to those who became members of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

BRIGADIER E. M. TURNER, M.B.E., R.R.C.

The photograph on our cover is of Brigadier E. M. Turner, who is now Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services and becomes our new President.

We send her a warm welcome and wish her every success in her new appointment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 27th, 1964, at the Cafe Royal, Piccadilly. The President, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was in the chair, and ninety-four members were present. The President opened the meeting and invited the Chairman of the Association, Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, to give her report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (SYNOPSIS)

The Chairman said it had again been an interesting and useful year. The draft proposal for the Terms of Reference concerning the Deeds drawn up by the Charity Commissioners had been accepted, and it was hoped they would be completed in the near future.

The War Office has asked the Association to take over the administration of Queen Mary's House Fund, and this we will do when the necessary amendments to the constitution have been made.

Three meetings for each of the Central Committee, Finance and Grants and Gazette are still proving sufficient and satisfactory. All members of these committees were warmly thanked for their regular attendance and interest.

The Special Meeting called for the Branch Secretaries had taken place on 1st May, and proved helpful to all concerned.

The GAZETTE continues to give very interesting reading and pleasure, but is still running at a loss. If the 240 members not taking it, would do so, it could definitely improve our financial situation in that fund.

It is regretted that it would be impossible to get out a list of members and addresses each year. Any change of address can always be inserted in the GAZETTE at the cost quoted on the back page of the GAZETTE.

Our membership has now reached 1,900 and it is hoped to attain 2,000 by the end of the year.

All Branches and Individuals were warmly thanked for all the support they had given during the year and especially the Serving members who have again donated half-day's pay to the Benevolent Fund, which has brought in £900 up to date.

Appreciation was extended to all Honorary Officers at Headquarters for all they do further the work of "Friendship".

The Chairman then said she was sure all present would like her to thank most sincerely Dame Barbara Cozens (our President) for all the interest and help she has given us during her four years' of office and as she was retiring soon, we all wished her every happiness in the future.

The Chairman's report was adopted and the President then asked the Treasurer, Miss E. A. Baldock to report on the audited accounts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Madam President, fellow members, I have much pleasure in presenting the audited accounts of the Funds administered by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the year 1963.

The Reserve Fund.—We received fewer donations for general purposes in 1963. The income of £208 showed a decrease of £115 compared with 1962.

Expenditure, which was on routine commitments, exceeded the income by £42. The sum invested remains unchanged, but £50 held in the name of the Central Fund, was converted from 3½% to 5%

Defence Bonds. The slight increase in interest from this transaction will benefit the Reserve Fund.

The Central Fund.—For the second year receipts from annual subscriptions have risen by £12. This represents an increase of sixty in our membership. Much hard work is done by the Branches to enlist and maintain interest in the Association and this increase is a very gratifying result of their efforts. There was a rise in expenditure, mainly due to an increase in the salary of the Clerical Assistant and a short overlap in this post. In spite of increased fares refunds to the Honorary Officers were less! There was little variation in other expenditure and the total excess over income was £47.

The Gazette Fund.—There was an increase in expenditure, but this was largely offset by an increase of income from subscriptions and also from donations. The excess of expenditure over income was £13. Without the valuable help of the donations it would have been much more. It is sad that some of our earlier Life Members still do not take the GAZETTE. This means loss of contact as well as their subscriptions.

The Association Benevolent Fund.—The situation in this fund is very satisfactory, though it should be borne in mind that £750 of our income was part of the large grant allocated to us by the Army Benevolent Fund in 1962, but received in 1963. The total received in donations was £3,290, of which £888 17s. 11d. was from Serving Members who contributed half a day's pay in response to the Director's appeal. The amount spent on grants and gifts increased by £337. The excess of income over expenditure amounted to £1,163, so we were able to purchase £1,000 of 5½% Funding Stock, and in time to receive a half year's interest from this holding.

The Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund.—In this Fund the income remains unchanged at £267. More was spent on grants in 1963, and expenditure exceeded income by £2, but our cash balance allows for this.

The Ethel Harwood Trust Fund.—In this Fund the excess of income over expenditure was £41, as there were fewer grants made. The conditions of eligibility are very restricted by the instructions contained in the Will. A holding of 112 Fleetway Publications Ltd. shares were converted into International Publishing Corporation Ltd. shares.

The Territorial Army Nursing Service Benevolent Fund.—In 1963 less was spent on grants and gifts than in previous years, but there was £540 excess of expenditure over income. On the advice of the Custodian Trustees we sold £1,600 17s. 3d. of London County 2¾% Consolidated Stock 1960/70, and the cash balance from this will cover our present needs.

Between the four Benevolent Funds the sum spent on grants and gifts amounted to £3,138 and the income from investments was £930. Comparison of these two figures should show how much we depend on donations, and I never cease to wonder at the way these continue to arrive throughout the year.

I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the audited accounts for the year 1963.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

The President then called on the Friends' Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Mills, to report on the benevolent work.

FRIENDS' SECRETARY'S REPORT

Madam President, Ladies,

We have during the last year continued to give help and advice to many of our members. The following is a list of many of the things we do to try and help.

Loans are given, which are interest free; grants and gifts are given; help is given to pay fuel bills; groceries are sent when a gift of money would result in the discontinuation of National Assistance; clothes are given; flowers, fruit and book tokens are sent to sick members, and, if possible, they are visited; holidays and convalescence are arranged; homes for aged are inspected and found; advice is given on many subjects. The subjects on which we tried to help included, this year: debts, matrimonial difficulties, getting home from abroad, application for national assistance pensions, rent, etc.

All grants and gifts are only made with the sanction of the Finance and Grants Committee, and to anyone who applies for help, a form is sent. The application is very fully investigated and quite often the help sought of other Associations. It is only after very full investigations and verification of the facts that the case is presented to the Finance and Grants Committee. They discuss it and decide on our action.

Should anything urgent occur between meetings, members are written to for their opinion. We always ask for National Assistance to be applied for, and the result of the request sent to us.

One of the major problems is the finding of suitable homes, and we usually have to obtain help from other societies to obtain sufficient money to pay for suitable homes. I think the greatest difficulty is to obtain single rooms and I sometimes wonder if nurses have been spoilt in always having our own rooms.

We continue to give interest free loans, and so far have always been repaid.

We continue to receive parcels of clothing from members, and I am very grateful to our members who sent us parcels. We have a self-measurement form which is sent to members who ask for clothes—this is very satisfactory.

As I told you last year, Christmas and Easter gifts are sent in a spirit of friendship, and not based on financial requirements. I think many of us would be most unhappy if we received no gifts at Christmas, and the fact that the service that they gave so much to remembers them, gives so much pleasure and happiness. We ask all members to let us know of anyone requiring assistance or help.

It has been suggested that as postage is so expensive many of our members would prefer to send cash—many members already do, but I think this must be left to the individual. We are always grateful for help in any form.

I cannot let this opportunity go without telling you of the pleasure it has given me to have had such wonderful support from members of the Corps who have given us half a day's pay. This has made up the difference of the lowered grant from the Army Benevolent Fund. The Branches have continued to help nobly and without their support we could not go very far.

My greatest wish is to be able to find a visitor for all the members on my books, and to know that they will be visited at least once a quarter, and a report sent to H.Q. after each visit. In the near future each branch will receive the names and addresses of members to whom I hope they will be able to arrange to visit. I think this would really give a new meaning to the word "Friendship".

Madam Chairman. I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of my report.

The Friends' Secretary's report was adopted.

ELECTION OF MANAGING TRUSTEES

(Members of the Central Committee)

Chairman: Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, R.R.C., was re-elected.

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

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

Col. K. M. Blair

Miss H. Hamblin

The President pointed out that the International Nurses Conference is being held in Frankfurt at the end of June next year and suggested that as our new President would be attending that, the last Saturday in June would not be convenient for the A.G.M., therefore it was suggested and passed that July 3rd would be a more suitable date.

Dame Barbara thanked all present for their support during her four years as President and said she would hand over happily to her successor, knowing that the Association would continue to get the support of the War Office.

Colonel Warner, on behalf of all present, thanked Dame Barbara Cozens for presiding at this meeting.

The meeting was then closed.

THE REUNION

The 19th Annual Reunion of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, 27th June, 1964, from 4-7 p.m.

It was a glorious summer's day, the sort one reads about in books described as a "real English summer day" and how good to see so many members and friends there. Two hundred and forty-six of us, the largest number for some years. From the noise and chatter, vocal cords were not affected by the heat, and everyone appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Dame Barbara Cozens presenting the Challenge Cup to Capt. Steele.

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The Challenge Cup, this year, was won by Capt. E. M. Steel, stationed at the Military Hospital, Catterick, with Lt. M. Maddick of the B.M.H. Dhekelia, a very close runner up.



Residents of Queen Mary's House at the Re-union

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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 approached 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. It has been suggested that owing to the growing cost of postage, members might prefer to send cash instead of gifts. This would be quite in order and gratefully accepted by the Friends' Secretary, but she would like it stated what type of gifts should be purchased. Please send them to the Hon. Friends' Secretary, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

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 BRANCHES AND UNITS

Milbank Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th March, with Lt.-Col. A. H. Nicholl, M.B.E., in the chair. There were forty members present and the programme for the year was arranged. As there had been no nominations for the Committee except L/Cpl. Strevon to replace Sgt. Whiteley, it was proposed by Col. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., that all Officers and Committee should be re-elected and this was unanimously agreed.

The first meeting of the year was held on Friday, 8th May, and this was a huge success. Col. Mackay-Dick, O.C. Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, had kindly allowed us to use the Red Cross Room at the hospital for our Jumble, Bring and Buy, and White Elephant Sale.

The Serving Members had worked very hard and erected stalls and displayed all the goods. The Raffles were a great success especially the bottles which varied from Champagne to Shampoo.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, the sellers all working very hard. A vote of thanks was recorded to all members of the R.A.M.C. for their help and support and to the Serving Members of this Branch, for their hard work under the direction of Major M. Gara, our Honorary Treasurer. The result of the combined sale was £124 7s. 0d.

Midland Branch

THE SUMMER MEETING was on 18th May, 1963, when seventeen members visited the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham. The members were received by Mr. Garlick the Assistant Curator, who explained how the Barber Institute was founded. Dame Martha Constance Hattie Barber created a Trust in memory of her late husband, Sir William Henry Barber, Bart., a Life Governor of the University, to promote the study of Fine Arts and of Music in the University, and by her will bequeathed the residue of her estate to build the Institute, to provide for its maintenance, to acquire pictures and other works of art, and to engage first-class vocal and instrumental artists for occasional recitals. The Institute was formally opened by Queen Mary on 26th July, 1939.

After viewing the fine collection of art treasures, the members walked along to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where the Matron, Miss Thould, had very kindly provided tea for us.

THE AUTUMN MEETING, Saturday, 23rd November, 1963. The luncheon was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Hagley Road, Birmingham. Fifteen members present.

In the afternoon the meeting was held at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, by the kind invitation of the Matron, E. I. Jones (our Vice-Chairman). Twenty-three members present at the

meeting were joined by four friends for tea. A Bring and Buy Sale followed, which, with donations and a raffle by Mrs. Mould, £2 10s. 6d., resulted in a nett total of £26.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 10th November, 1963. Several of the members were present at the Civic Centre Service, during which a poppy wreath was laid on behalf of the Midland Branch.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, Town Hall, Birmingham, 10th November, 1963. As usual several members with their friends were present for the evening Festival, but this year was of particular interest as the accent was on all branches of Nursing. Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services was the chief guest, and six serving Sisters of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. in their grey and scarlet took part in the parade, and looked very smart indeed in their new type of duty dress. A photograph of this festival appeared in the last edition of the GAZETTE.

NEW MEMBERS. Miss J. Cleal, in February, 1964.

TRANSFERRED TO BOURNEMOUTH BRANCH: Miss J. M. Robinson, in February, 1964.

New Zealand

The Annual General Meeting was held in March 1963 and a General Meeting on 15th June, 1963, at which there was an auction of parcels. This realised £6.

The Annual Reunion in Auckland was on 12th October, 1963, and the new members were introduced.

NEW MEMBERS: Mrs. Kathleen Harpum and Mrs. Winifred Munn.

TRANSFERRED: From East Africa, Mrs. Molly Nandrup and Miss Olive Bear.

New South Wales

General and Committee Meetings are usually held at the Returned N.A. & A. Sisters Sub Branch Club Rooms, at Anzac House, College St., Sydney, a meeting place greatly enjoyed by all.

Ex-Service men and women from New Zealand were invited by the R.S.L. to join last Anzac Day celebrations in Sydney and members of our Branch were asked to attend some of the functions arranged.

On 21st June, 1963, Miss Beryl Johns showed some most interesting films, taken by herself, while visiting the Holy Land. She included maps and gave an excellent commentary. The evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed, many of those present having visited the places shown.

We have enrolled four new members and look forward to meeting more ex-Q.A.'s in our midst.

Colchester

Seven new members were enrolled during the year, one member was transferred to this Branch from the Manchester Branch and four members were transferred to other Branches, on postings.

At the annual Corps Day Church Service to celebrate Q.A. Day, Association members, who have retired in the district, were invited and entertained afterwards in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess.

Hanover

Every effort is made to encourage ex-members of Q.A.R.A.N.C. to join the Association. At present there are no civilian members. Activities held during the past year have been a Bring and Buy Sale, participation in the Hanover Station Fête and an outing for members to Bad Harzburg.

Dhekelia

A General Meeting was held in November 1963 to re-elect the committee, as many had been posted since the A.G.M. in March. It was decided to hold monthly social meetings but unfortunately at present, these meetings have had to be cancelled and the General Meeting postponed.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Service was held on 5th April, 1964, in the B.M.H. and all ex-Service members and their families were invited, but owing to the restrictions, few were able to accept.

On 7th April a film show was held, followed by light refreshments.

South of Scotland Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th March, 1964, and there were 38 members present. In May 1963 another most enjoyable outing was arranged to Solpmont. Miss Gray Buchanan had arranged a talk from Dr. Peebles, Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Falkirk, on the planning and labour saving devices of the New Wing, the first of its kind in Scotland.

The Reunion Dinner, on 2nd October, was held in the Adam Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, and was attended by 40 members.

The Edinburgh monthly meetings have been well attended during the winter but unfortunately in Glasgow the numbers have fallen. Membership is now 73. A warm welcome was extended to the two new members and the two members transferred from other branches.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members foregathered for a Bring and Buy Sale.

North-East Scotland Branch

We held a very successful Cocktail Party this winter in the Station Hotel, Aberdeen.

Pictured opposite are some of the guests with our ex-secretary, Mrs. Hendry, Miss Gatt, Mrs. Wypen, Miss C. C. Mitchell and Miss E. P. Mitchell.



Miss Jean Brown and Miss Mary Cormack.

Photographs by permission of the Aberdeen Journals, Ltd.

Talking over old times are Miss Jean Brown, who served with the 1st General Hospital in France and in a C.C.S., for which she was mentioned in dispatches, and Miss Mary Cormack, who served also in a C.C.S. in Salonika. Miss Cormack was invited to become Technical Nursing Officer for the Ministry of Labour in 1943.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our summer outing due to the typhoid outbreak.

THE BRAIN DRAIN

Bournemouth Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held at Linden Hall Hydro, Bournemouth, on the 12th March, 1964. The Committee were unanimously re-elected to serve a further year.

Col. K. M. Blair welcomed yet more new members. The Treasurer, Major Stonham, announced that £25 was the result of the Christmas Fair. Dame Monica Golding outlined a most attractive programme of social events for the year ahead. At this stage, the cameraman opened the door to the crowded conference room and made a characteristic pressman comment "I didn't think that so many of you could be spared from the Palace".

Then speaking to a capacity audience, Col. D. W. Douglass, Editor of the GAZETTE, appealed to members for more material for publication. She went on to describe the machinery of publishing from preparing the raw material for the assembly line, to turning out the finished product.

The magazine undoubtedly helps to focus attention on the activities of the Association, very often stimulating non-members to join as well as keeping a link with serving officers.

In no other field of human endeavour can there be such a wealth of stories yet untold. Why then are the Q.A's so reluctant to give us the benefit of their unique encounters.

We wonder if this can be traced, perhaps, to a hangover from the busy crowded days when writing the report was a chore which had to be churned out in circumstances of fatigue and exhaustion, only to read in the newspaper that the very patient who had brought her to the verge of collapse was described as being fairly comfortable.

Now that no lives are trembling in the balance and we can recollect in tranquility, we look forward to those "eight million stories". Remember that the intake of today may be the output of tomorrow.

At the conclusion of her talk a vote of thanks to the guest speaker was proposed by Col. V. M. Whiteman. K. A. TYE.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1964

The day of the Annual Corps Table Tennis Championship held this year on Wednesday, 11th March, at the Depot, dawned crisp and clear and we were able to greet our guests in bright sunshine.

Sixteen players representing eight units in the United Kingdom contested the Championship Cup.

The standard of play was higher than in previous years and the contestants were well matched.

The Championship was decided in a closely contested final between Lieut. T. Carpenter (the 1963 winner), who represented the Depot and Corporal K. Robertson (the 1962 winner), representing P.T.S.

The attacking play of both contestants made the final an exciting match which resulted in victory and the retention of the title for Lieut. T. Carpenter, who is to be congratulated.

Following the presentation of the cups and trophy by our Director, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, an excellent tea was enjoyed by all.

Altogether a most successful and enjoyable start to our sporting year.

ANNUAL CORPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND SPORTS MEETING

HELD AT THE DEPOT & T.E. ON 24TH AND 25TH JUNE, 1964

Bright and sunny skies greeted us on the morning of Tuesday, 23rd June, 1964, when our thirty-five contestants for the Medforth and Gillespie Tournaments assembled at the Courts to play off the Preliminary rounds.

The entries included six apprehensive, but game young ladies from P.T.S., who had only been in the Corps for five weeks! They were eliminated in the first round, but their efforts must not pass unnoticed, particularly Pte. Channing who played a spirited match against Capt. Durham.

The day of the Finals dawned with a promise of warmth and sunshine, which was amply fulfilled. The area around the courts was a scene of colourful activity as the spacious white tents with gay striped linings were arranged and decked with flowers and shrubs.

By 2 p.m. the stage was set, the Corps Flag raised and the first match well in progress.

The semi-finals of both the Singles and Doubles were to be played off before our guests. The enthusiasm of the players and the general skill and high standard of play was a delight to watch and excitement reached its height with the final of the Medforth Cup which finished well after our estimated time schedule. Capt. E. M. Steel (Catterick), performed a marathon in playing 150 games during the day and apart from skinless toes, emerged undaunted and

victorious, having won both the singles and with her partner, Lt. A. Cranwell (Catterick), the Doubles Championships. Special mention should be made of the runner-up, Cpl. R. Ford (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich), in the Singles and Lt. F. Llewellyn (Millbank) and Cpl. M. Giles (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich) in the Doubles, who were worthy opponents and are to be congratulated on a fine display.

We were delighted once more to welcome Miss Medforth, who presented her own and the Gillespie Cup to the weary but happy winners.



Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, Miss Medforth, Capt. E. M. Steele, Lt. A. Cranwell, Cpl. R. Ford

(By kind permission of "The Nursing Mirror")

Bright and glorious, could describe our Sports Day this year and although no records were broken, the enthusiasm of our competitors carried the day.

We were more than grateful for the efficiency of Capt. H. V. Tennuci and his helpers from the R.A.M.C. Depot, in organizing the qualifying heats and final events.

In the afternoon, we were able to greet our guests in brilliant sunshine to a kaleidoscope of colour with gay tents, flowers and sun-protective umbrellas. Music provided by the R.A.M.C. Band added to the general air of gaiety with a most enjoyable programme of music.

The novelty events were most popular and included a hilarious Men's Obstacle as well as a Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Handicap Race. The children were a particular delight, with one sturdy competitor anxious to make an early start.

L/Cpl. Wintle (P.T.S.), who came in first in three events, qualified with nine points to become the worthy winner of the Victor Ludorum. A most popular win, judging by the cheers of her supporters.

The cups and prizes were presented by our Director, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, at the end of a most successful day.

The inscription found on the lid of an empty hat box at the end of the day, proves a most suitable epilogue, "We so much enjoyed your Sports".

M. J. McDERMOTT (Capt., Q.A.R.A.N.C.)

TENNIS WINNERS, 1964

Medforth Cup: Capt. E. Steel (Catterick Military Hospital)

Medforth Cup (runner-up): Cpl. R. Ford (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich)

Gillespie Cup: Capt. E. Steel and Lt. A. Cranwell (Catterick Military Hospital) to represent the Corps in the Inter-Nursing Services Tennis Tournament.

Gillespie Cup (runners-up): Lt. F. Llewellyn (Millbank Military Hospital) and Cpl. M. Giles (Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich).

SPORTS WINNERS, 1964

Victor Ludorum Cup (Best All-rounder): L/Cpl. Wintle (P.T.S.)
Johnson Cup (100 yds.) 3 pts., Cocking Cup (High Jump) 3 pts.,
Trophy Event (Long Jump) 3 pts. Total 9 pts.

R.A.M.C. Cup (220 yds.): Pte. Reed, Military Hospital, Millbank.

Coronation Cup (440 yds.): Pte. Reed, Military Hospital, Millbank.

Stirling Cup (880 yds.): Pte. Green, Military Hospital, Colchester.

Throwing the Discus: Pte. Stagg, Military Hospital, Millbank.

Inter-Unit Relay Cup: P.T.S. Aldershot.

VISIT OF THE COLONEL COMMANDANT TO B.M.H. RINTELN

On 1st May we had the pleasure of meeting the Colonel Commandant, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, when she visited B.M.H. Rinteln on her tour of B.A.O.R.

It turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon. An excellent buffet was prepared, and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. gathered in the sitting-room for Dame Monica's arrival.

Dame Monica proved both friendly and helpful, and we all managed to have a chat with her individually. Several photographs were taken during our conversations with her. Below is a photograph of Dame Monica talking to a group.

After the buffet, Dame Monica had to make her departure. Although we spent only a reasonably short time in her company, I am sure that the visit proved most worthwhile, and we shall remember the very pleasant afternoon we spent.



RETURN TO THE LAND OF OUTREMER

"Sic Transit gloria Mundi!" is whispered in the ear of the Pope as he is carried to his coronation, to remind him that the glory of this world quickly passes. Which sums up my feelings when I was in Israel recently, and stood looking at the remains of the 12th General Hospital, where I served in 1943-44, and saw the almost obliterated sign, "Ward No. 9", on the end of the decrepit crumbling hut which had once caused me so much work and worry—and pride once I had got it to the standard I wished.

There was a lot of remains of 12th General Hospital left among the lush orange-groves and plantations of Bir Jacob. Disintegrating, rotting huts, still flaunted, as though boasting of the days that once were, signs in almost obliterated letters. I read "Sisters Mess"—

“Q.M.’s Stores”; a few more, but none so shattering as that one marking No. 9 Ward! Perhaps people in our profession get pre-occupied too often with things which seem to be of paramount importance at the time. You may get a clearer slant on what is truly vital when you drop out of harness into retirement. My moment came as I stood looking, a little ruefully, at the scene of my labours and worries so long ago.

Maybe it was not completely wasted time. Perhaps the care we Q.A.’s gave this solitary place kept it still fit enough to house the Moroccan and Algerian immigrants, until the Israel Government could send them forward to their permanent homes in this land our Crusading forefathers called Outremer.

I went on to see a more flourishing hospital. The one belonging to the Edinburgh Medical Mission Society on the hill-slope above Nazareth. Here it was a quite different tale. I had known it, when I was serving in Palestine, as a little place with a European matron and never more than two European sisters, who were training nurses, mainly Armenians, because, in 1943, the native Christians still looked askance at girls who chose our vocation. Now it has a European staff of almost forty, with several British doctors and has grown greatly from the two small wards I had once known. I found an old friend there in Nazareth, Miss Gilchrist, whom I had known as a Q.A. Reserve Sister, is the Sister Tutor at the E.M.M.S. Hospital.

Most of its patients are Arabs, both Moslems and Christians, from the town and the surrounding countryside. I spoke to many of them and found they were content under Israeli rule; many said they were far better off than they had ever been before. One hears so much about the way the Arab minority is treated by the Israelis that it was very pleasant to find out, for myself, that most of the lurid tales I have heard about this are just not true. For instance, if you see TV aerials above a house, or clustered over a modern-looking village, you can be sure that the people owning it are Arabs. There is no TV service in Israel; they will have it later, but they prefer to spend their funds on essentials until they can afford a national TV network. The only programmes those aerials can receive are the Arabic ones from Syria and Egypt, carrying violent and bitter propaganda against Israel. But it shows the toleration of the Israel Government that they make no objection to their Arab fellow-citizens watching what is put on their screens by their deadly enemies.

I was invited to visit the great new Hadessah Hospital, now almost completed, and already functioning, on the hilltop near Jerusalem. The Chief Nurse (we would call her Matron, but American titles are in operation) and the principals of each department, as well as the senior medical officers, gave me every facility and treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I spent two days visiting the various departments, wards and offices. A wonderful place with some of the brightest medical and surgical brains in the world practising there. One little detail may surprise anyone who served in

Palestine—malaria is now so rare a disease in Israel that, when a case does occur, it is considered interesting enough to merit specialist attention and the attendance of every medical student.

The maternity services, both inside the hospitals and outside them, are exceptionally good and a great insistence is made that all mothers should have their babies born in a hospital. The training of student nurses at the Hadessah is on a very high plane, though the Israeli hospitals share our British problems of a high wastage to matrimony after qualification and, also the tendency to give inadequate pay by insisting on the vocational aspect of our profession to the detriment of fair dealing.

After qualifying, the Registered Nurse must do her National Service in the Armed Forces. I was taken around many of the depôts and training camps of the Israeli Army, Navy and Air Force, and I was most deeply impressed by much of what I saw. There is a spirit, a morale, an eagerness among these men and women I have seldom seen, at least not in peace-time, during my twenty-two years in the British Army. The conscripts do three months of military training, the girls having just the same instruction and duties as the young men in handling weapons and waging war. But there is nothing equivalent to our own Q.A.R.A.N.C. No organization of nurses and nursing-staff as a section of their Armed Forces. This is because Israel is so small that, if another war ever comes, their casualties can be evacuated to one of the regular hospitals within a couple of hours, consequently there is no need for field or military general hospitals on our pattern.



Mrs. Duff outside Ward 9, No. 12 General Hospital, Bir Jabob, December 1963

They have magnificently trained Field Medical Teams, much on the style of our Casualty Clearing Stations, able to collect and give first aid to the wounded. Once the nurses, like other girl conscripts, complete their basic military training, they pass the last twenty months of the National Service working in frontier Kibbutzim villages, learning the essentials about citizenship before they return to ordinary civilian life. I have no space to tell you about so many things and matters which I saw during my visit as the guest of the Government of Israel, but I know that many of our own people who once served in Palestine would be very impressed if they go there and look squarely and fairly at the immense developments of the Land of Outremer which have happened since 1948. Most of all by what is being done to build an Israeli nation—itsself a complete surprise to anyone like me who had thought of Israel only in terms of what I recalled of the Jewish settlers I had known long ago.

MRS. D. V. DUFF (*née* ROWSTON)

Q.A.R.A.N.C. CORPS DAY AT NETLEY

Corps Day at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, was celebrated on 22nd March, 1964.

The service, held in the Royal Chapel, was very well attended. This simple, but lovely chapel provides an ideal setting for such occasions. One cannot help but feel the atmosphere of the past and yet there is a sharp sense of the continuity of service which has gone on at Netley for so many years. A small choir was formed of R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Among the many guests we were delighted to welcome our Colonel Commandant, Dame Monica Golding and her husband, the Rev. Harry Golding. The Bournemouth branch of the Q.A. Association was well represented, some of the members had been to our Corps Day previously, for some it was a first visit and we like to think it a measure of their enjoyment that they all expressed a wish that they might come again next year.

Following the service everyone met in the Mess for sherry, followed by an excellent buffet lunch. Within minutes there was a great buzz of conversation—many old friends to greet and new ones to meet. What a great wealth of experience and news changed hands in a short space of time. There was, of course, much chat of old times and also a great interest in the new developments within the Corps. Many of our guests were thrilled to meet friends they had not seen for many years. For the young serving members of the Corps it was fascinating to catch a glimpse of the past as tales were told and memories unfolded.

The whole atmosphere of the day was gay and friendly, one felt a common bond between the young and the not so young which was pleasing and fitting for the day on which we commemorate the founding of the Corps.

Collections at the Royal Chapel and Roman Catholic Church amounted to £16 5s. 6d., which will be sent to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Benevolent Fund.

A WATCH OF NIGHTINGALES

At Netley, Q.A. Day, March 22nd was marked by a Service of Commemoration in the Royal Chapel.

In his sermon, the Chief Padre, Aldershot, Lt.-Col. Metcalfe, related the ministrations of the Corps in healing physical afflictions, to his own ministry in the saving of souls. The Lesson for Palm Sunday was beautifully read by the Matron, Major A. Thompson.

Past glories were reflected from the gleaming brass plaques on the hallowed walls. The grey and scarlet of the time-honoured uniform adorned the front pews; while other arms of the Services and civilians made up a representative congregation.

Those attending were afterwards entertained to a cocktail party, followed by a buffet lunch in the Officers' Mess. Retired members from Southampton and Bournemouth reminisced in familiar territory.

The visitors individually thanked Major Thompson for the cordial reception and for so generously allowing them to share in the festivities on their special day.

P.S.—“Watch” is the collective noun for nightingales, like a pride of lions, for instance. I learnt this in helping the children with their homework and considered it very apt. K. A. TYE.

EXTRACTS FROM “LIFE’S ENCHANTED CUP”

BY MRS. PEEL

Letters received at the Separation Allowance Department of the Ministry of Pensions—declared to be genuine:

1. I have not received any money since my husband was confined in a *constipation* camp in Germany.
2. If I don't get my husband's money soon, I shall be compelled to go on to the streets and lead an *imortal* life.
3. My Bill has been put in charge of a *spittoon*. Will I get any more pay?
4. You have changed my little boy into a little girl. Will it make any difference?

CORPS DAY IN CYPRUS, 1964

Owing to the Corps Day this year falling over the Easter weekend, it was decided to hold the usual celebrations the following week.

The main function was a Cocktail Party to be held on Friday, April 3rd. With the present situation as it is on the island, there were many new arrivals to be invited, many old friends absent due to either early repatriation to the U.K. or duties calling elsewhere and a few, such as those from Akrotiri and Episkopi unable to come due to distance, curfews and road blocks. Altogether, there were about 180 guests who joined us for a very pleasant evening. The evening was quite warm and we were able to use the verandah to entertain our guests. The garden was a mass of colour and the sky, a royal blue coverlet embroidered with millions of stars.

On Saturday the finals of the Table Tennis Tournament were held. These matches had been played off over the previous week or two between Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers and Other Ranks, and men from all branches of the R.A.M.C. I am glad to say, that two of our Corps, namely Lt. Finch and Q/Pte. Callick managed to reach the finals of the Mixed Doubles title. After a close game, which went to three sets, it finally went to Q/Pte. Callick and her partner, Cpl. Crawford, A.C.C. A great deal of work went into the organization of the tournament, and many thanks go to Lt. Maddick, Sports Member, for a very pleasant afternoon's sport.

Sunday brought our own service, held this year in the hospital. After the service, Association Members and Officers of the R.A.M.C. were our guests for sherry. A retired member of the Corps, Major Phyllis Heyman, and her friend, Major Hunter Cowan, who lives in Kyrenia, joined us for lunch before travelling home.

A film show was organized by Major Bridgewater, Secretary to the Association in Cyprus, on Monday evening. This was the American comedy, *It's Only Money*, with Jerry Lewis. Unfortunately, as so often happens with films shown outside a cinema, the sound was poor although the film itself was quite amusing.

LT. MARY J. TAYLOR, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED

Lord, thou knowst better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs, make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowst Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point, seal my lips in my aches and pains, they are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness. When my memory seems to clash with the memories of theirs, teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet, I do not want to be a saint, some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people, and give me Oh! Lord, the grace to tell them so.

The above prayer was found in the magazine of the English Church, Oslo, by a traveller, whilst waiting in the lounge of the Hotel Norge, Bergen.

**VISIT OF DAME MONICA GOLDING, D.B.E., R.R.C.,
COLONEL-COMMANDANT, Q.A.R.A.N.C., TO B.M.H.,
HANOVER ON MONDAY 4th MAY, 1964**

We had been looking forward to the visit of our Colonel-Commandant, Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C., for many weeks for it was to be a big event in our lives and outshaded the huge Trade Fair which is held here every year. As the day drew near we realised that the amount of road traffic was abnormally heavy and we began to wonder if our visitors would arrive on time, and by the "grapevine", we heard they had been much delayed elsewhere. At eight o'clock on the day we had a message to say Dame Monica was coming by helicopter—weather permitting! It was a blustery day with heavy showers interspersed with spring sunshine. We watched the sky anxiously whilst the landing signals were put out and the ambulance stood by and it was with relief and excitement that at ten-twenty we heard the characteristic noise and out of the clouds appeared the helicopter. As it circled we could see Dame Monica seated next to the pilot, with Col. Dowling sitting behind. At last, like a hovering dragon fly, the machine settled and out stepped our visitors who had thoroughly enjoyed the flight and the unusual view of all the glorious spring colouring with the many shades of green as they travelled over the woods and forests.

We had a very happy day. The Colonel Commandant saw the other ranks at work on the wards, had luncheon with the officers, and then paid a visit to the other ranks' sitting room, where she spoke to everyone individually, hearing of achievements and plans for the future and giving much helpful advice and counsel.

All too soon we heard the noise of the returning helicopter, and after a hurried cup of tea it was time for our visitors to depart. As we said our farewells the heavens opened, but this did not deter us from going out to wave them off. Through the heavy rain we saw them rise gently and disappear into the cloud leaving us, sorry that the visit had been curtailed but very thankful to have had the opportunity of meeting and talking to our Colonel Commandant.

A BURMA STAR HOLDER

1939.—Threats of war were overshadowing England. Six weeks before the fatal day of 3rd September when Neville Chamberlain announced to the world that England was at war with Germany, I had commenced my nursing career at the Westminster Hospital, London.

Those four eventful war years of training were spent with air raid sirens, air raids, balloon barrage, bombs, blitzes, casualties, tragedies—and periodic evacuation to one of our base hospitals at Basingstoke.

In 1943, training days completed, in the month of November I became a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.=Reserve. Mobilization at Shaftesbury Military Hospital followed, being initiated into the art

of being an Army personnel and being fitted with English and tropical uniform.

After six weeks, I was drafted overseas and on 6th January, 1944, we sailed from Liverpool on S.S. *Orduna* to West Africa Landing Depot, Freetown.

Here the "152 West African General Hospital" was formed, comprising twenty-seven Nursing Sisters and one Matron, to sail with the 82nd Division, made up from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Gold Coast and Nigerian Regiment.

Freetown to Lagos by air and from there we set sail with the various regiments on 8th July, 1944, on the S.S. *Donnator Castle*. Back along the West Coast to Gibraltar, through the Mediterranean, via the Suez Canal to Bombay on 16th August, then a train journey to Calcutta, whence we were driven sixty miles north to an Indian General Hospital at a native village of Chas. Here we remained for a period of time until orders were received to sail from Calcutta in the November on S.S. *Rajulla* to Burma—destination Chittagong. This involved being caught up in the Japanese War with the 14th Army. Nursing the English, West Africans, Indians and the Japanese prisoners of war until V.J. Day declared on 16th August, 1945, and the liberation of all the prisoners of war from Singapore, Hong Kong and many other encampments, from all the atrocities perpetrated on them by the Japanese.

Gradually we all returned to the native soil of our beloved England. I was fortunate enough to return from Burma via India, an interlude of two months in Kashmir, a flight around India and over the Himalayas, over the Khyber Pass, circling around Afghanistan, staying at Lahore, Delhi, Agra, Calcutta and on to Poona.

We sailed from Bombay on S.S. *Llandoverly Castle*, filled to capacity with prisoners of war, and on a bleak, cold November day we returned to England, docking at Southampton.

I was home on leave for Christmas 1945 and then returned to nursing at the Cambridge Military Hospital, later being posted to Netley Military Hospital, Southampton, where I completed my Army career and was released on 9th January, 1947.

Destiny—fate—call it what you will, all led to this result—that I became a "Burma Star Holder".

This knowledge was to mean very little to me until 1959, when here, in my own town, seven men and I formed the Brighton, Hove and District's Burma Star Association. Now, in 1964, from the original number we are over one hundred members, and I still maintain the position of being the only lady member.

From its infancy, the Committee have worked hard to maintain a worthwhile organisation. Meetings held each month at "The Bath Arms", the Lanes, concluding with a social evening.

Social entertainment of parties, outings and dances have been introduced for the wives and girl friends to attend and all and sundry enjoy themselves to the full.

To consolidate the Association, a Burma Star Standard had to be obtained. Through the generosity of a kind benefactor, plus enough money in the funds, we were able to have our own Standard Dedication Service at St. Peter's, Brighton, at 3 p.m. on March 22nd, 1964. The Mayor of Brighton, Mr. Stanley Deason, had been more than generous towards our Association, lending us "The Corn Exchange" in which to entertain our guests. Prior to the service, the Mayor gave a luncheon party in the Royal Pavilion, to which forty of us were invited, the guest of honour being Major A. H. J. Snelling, C.B., C.B.E., who deputised for Lord Louis Mountbatten and General Slim, and we were graced by the presence of Elsie and Doris Waters, who did so much to cheer and raise the morale of the troops in Burma and S.E.A.C.

After luncheon, our Association assembled outside the Corn Exchange where men from branches from all over England, with twenty-eight standards, were waiting to march with us to St. Peter's Church, which was filled to capacity. We had a delightful service and "Our Standard" was dedicated. Proudly we marched, with "Our Standard" flying ahead of all others, back to the Corn Exchange.

A social tea, with speeches and presentations—bar open at 6 p.m.—variety entertainment—dancing to a fine band and our memorable day concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Since that day "Our Standard" has been to the Dedication Services at St. Albans and Bolton and proudly joined all the other Burma Star Standards from all over the British Isles at the Burma Reunion at the Royal Albert Hall on 9th May.

As we Burma Star holders cheered and shouted as the great war leaders—Lord Louis Mountbatten, Field Marshal Viscount Slim—came across the auditorium followed by distinguished guests and foreign leaders, until the Branch Standards were majestically carried by the various standard bearers, to repose magnificently in formation behind the stage.

All this made each one of us feel that the dreadful agonies of war and the sad trials behind it, the part each one of us played on behalf of our country, had really been worthwhile.

On 12th July, the Standard and members of the Brighton and Hove Branch will attend the Southampton Dedication Service in the morning, then at a Drumhead Service at Worthing, and so our Standard will continue to go wherever there may be a Dedication Service, or wherever it may be required to go.

It can now be said:

"Brighton and Hove have a Burma Star Standard of green and gold.
Stories by the Standard Bearer are often told
Bringing back memories—now beginning to fade and grow old
As the legends of the Japanese War episodes begin to unfold.
For the reward of our services—
The Burma Star we rightly hold".

And so, twenty years after, to be a proud possessor of the "Burma Star" is in itself an accolade, and a new life of interest, service, enterprise, ambition, old comradeship and companionship, has been opened up to me.

Field Marshal Viscount Slim is eager for all Burma Star holders to join their nearest local Association and come to the Burma Reunion at the Royal Albert Hall each year.

So, all you Burma Star Q.A. Veterans—how about joining your nearest branch of "The Burma Star Association"?

P/297736 P. N. DYER, Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

AU REVOIR KENYA

In order to make a final effort before B.M.H. Nairobi closes in December we decided to hold our last Jumble Sale, Bathroom Stall, Produce and White Elephant Stall.

For weeks Major Marson collected all our jumble and we each contributed towards the various stalls. Our Mess Staff begged to be allowed to purchase items before the day!

The day dawned, 4th April, and we had crowded stalls full of every imaginable item to eat and wear. The Africans came at 3 p.m. in full force—the women with tiny babies strapped to their backs, wide-eyed at the new surroundings and people. One African gentleman purchased a red velvet dressing gown and promptly decided to wear it, and as we knew the owner of it, this made it all the more humorous. Another wished to know if we had any "chest covers" and after much demonstration we concluded he meant *bras*. Another Kikuyu lady purchased a white petalled hat and occasionally held it up proudly to see the effect at a distance.

The teas were held in an adjoining room but trying to tempt the Africans to buy a luscious piece of cake and tea for 6d. was most difficult. The White Elephant Stall, with its beads, etc., held much more fascination for them. Eventually, after we reduced the teas to 3d. they decided to eat! The children looked adorable with cream cake all over their faces.

Our final total was £123, which delighted us all. Our civilian members who have so faithfully in the past helped the Association are determined to try and keep the Branch alive when we depart—depending, of course, on circumstances here.

We shall leave Kenya with many regrets and memories of a most beautiful country full of interest. Most of us have travelled widely during our tour and have seen many wonderful places.

MAJOR M. PEEL, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

OFFICERS' PENSIONS SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Officers' Pension Society was held in the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, on the 19th June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m. Before the meeting, members who wished, were able to take luncheon at the Victory Club, with members of the Council.

Lt.-General Sir Ernest Down, K.B.E., C.B. (Chairman), presided and opened the meeting. Membership now totals 24,890 an increase of 2,000 on last year. The Society has been instrumental in obtaining an increase in disability pensions and war widows' pensions, and all widows' pensions are now assessed on the present basis, that is one-third of the husband's pension instead of this only referring to widows whose husband's death took place after 1958. This took five years to achieve.

Approach is now being made to the Minister of State to remove the anomaly by which the rate of pension is related to the date of retirement. It might interest members to know that the last increase in pensions for retired officers was due largely to the efforts of the Society.

After discussion on several points, the meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.

The Association was represented at the luncheon and meeting by our General Secretary, Colonel L. M. Rose, and Colonel D. W. Douglass.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day:—

The Colonel Commandant on behalf of all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, presents her humble duty and most loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day, 27th March, 1964.

The following reply was received:

Dear Dame Barbara,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 25th March containing the message to the Colonel-in-Chief on Queen Alexandra Day.

This has been laid before Princess Margaret, and Her Royal Highness wishes me to thank you most sincerely, and asks if you will convey to all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, the Colonel-in-Chief's appreciation and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) FIONA MIDDLETON
Lady-in-Waiting

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The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Prize has been awarded to Q/1004234 Cpl. L. H. Duffy for the best written examination paper in any Class I trade for the year 1963.

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British Military Hospital Kinrara closed, 1964.

Military Hospital Terendak opened, May 1964.

CONNIE PREEDY (née BAYMAN)

When Connie Bayman left the Q.A.s to be married, we were sorry to lose her from the Corps but glad that she was so happy.

Such happiness was not to last for long. Her husband, Roland Preedy, died early in their marriage and her own pain and treatments became darkening shadows in the background of her life. But she achieved a different happiness through returning to nursing. As Matron of Trimmer's Hospital in Farnham she became as respected and loved by her patients and staff as she had been during her time in the Q.A.s.

Whether nursing in the busy maternity or general wards of military hospitals or serving at the Depot in Hindhead in charge of newly-joined officers, Connie was unfailingly conscientious and determined to keep herself and others to the highest standards. With these sterner qualities she had such gaiety and enjoyment of life that the news of her death in Farnham on 10th May was as if a light had gone out.

All of us who knew Connie will miss her. But her laughter, courage and endurance will not be forgotten.

ANN RUNDLE

DEATHS

SINCLAIR, Miss M., South Scotland Branch, died April 1964, after a prolonged illness.

WILSON GREEN, Miss M. A., R.R.C., passed peacefully away on April 9th, 1964, at St. Leonards-on-Sea, late Q.A.M.N.S.I.

LAWFORD, Miss Helen G., O.B.E., Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), on April 22nd, 1964, died at her home in the Isle-of-Wight.

WRAY, Miss Mary J., died on April 28th, 1964, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

JACOB, Miss Mabel E., passed peacefully away on April 27th, 1964, at Woodside Hall, Hailsham, late Q.A.I.M.N.S. Aged 81.

DRAKES, Miss Mabel E., died on May 1st, 1964, at Southampton Chest Hospital, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.

CARE, Mrs. M., died on 7th November, 1963, aged 79. A/Millbank 80.

PREEDY, Mrs. C. M., died on May 10th, 1964, at Farnham, Surrey. Late Matron of Trimmers Cottage Hospital and late Q.A.R.A.N.C.

DAVENPORT, Miss Jean Mildred, late Q.A.I.M.N.S., died on May 30th, 1964. She trained at Kings College Hospital, London, from 1918-24 and served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. from 1924-36.

LYDALL, Miss A. M., died 3rd July, 1964, in Johannesburg, South Africa. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S., Res. membership No. A.3534.

BIRTHS

PULLAN.—To Daphne (née Brown) and Sgt. M. A. I. Pullan, R.A.M.C., on March 2nd, 1964, a daughter—Karin Ruth.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:

Lt.-Colonel E. C. Long, Officer (Sister).

Major D. Hunt, Officer (Sister).

Birthday Honours:

R.R.C.—Lt.-Colonel A. Flanagan.

A.R.R.C.—Major M. Murphy, Major J. M. Adams, Capt. B. M. C. Milford.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I, FEBRUARY 1964

Cpl. I. M. Nairn (4 months only. Taken obstetric course)

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II

Capt. F. E. Eades

Lieut. S. L. Payne (June)

Lieut. J. Clarke

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 1964

Sixteen Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks passed the State Final Examinations in February, 1964:—

Adams, Jane

Aherne, Doreen Maude

Allen, Lorna

Graham, Jean McLeod

Ashworth, Elizabeth Helen

Green, Dorothy Anne

Day, Pansy Eugenie

Lenihan, Mary Anastatia

Falconer, Marie Francis Margaret

Murray, Kathleen

Marrest, Mary Louise

Parfitt, Gillian Glenys

Shearsmith, Patricia Lillian

Smith, Gladys

Spears, Mary Christine

Wilson, Joan Nina

PART I MIDWIFERY TUTOR'S DIPLOMA, JUNE 1964

Capt. C. A. Staines, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (passed)

SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

Colonel E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., to be Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, Ministry of Defence, in succession to Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.S., who will retire in August 1964, on completion of tenure of her appointment.

Lt.-Colonel H. C. Thayer—appointed Matron B.M.H. Hanover.

Lt.-Colonel M. M. Winny—Matron, Q.A. Military Hospital, Millbank.

CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

Miss Rosemary A. Waldron, S.R.N., S.C.M., Army Psychiatric Cert., has been appointed deputy Matron at Greenwich District Hospital, she served with Q.A.R.A.N.C. in Malaya and at the Military Maternity Hospital, Woolwich.

Miss Mary A. Rice, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of Hove General Hospital. During the war she served with Q.A.I.M.N.S. and was mentioned in dispatches.

Miss M. A. Edwards, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of Manor Park Hospital, Bristol. She served five years with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and three years as Matron of the Government of Quator Hospital in the Persian Gulf.

Miss D. J. Roberts, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron of Langthorne Hospital Leytonstone, she served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.).

PROMOTION—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Colonel

T/Col. H. P. Brett, 28.1.64.

Majors:—V. K. Turner, 28.1.64; H. C. Thayer, 7.2.64.

To Major

Captains:—D. Taylor, 8.2.64; D. N. Morton, 3.3.64; B. Sawyer, 21.4.64; K. A. Kiggins, 21.4.64.

To Captain

Lieutenants:—J. M. Souter, 1.2.64; L. M. Burns, 13.2.64; C. Thomas, 6.3.64; D. Pattow, 14.3.64; M. A. Jones, 26.3.64; E. B. Pengel, 30.3.64; D. M. Brooks, 8.4.64; P. Carmichael, 9.4.64; M. M. Forsyth, 17.4.64; J. Clarke, 23.4.64; D. E. Moss, 24.4.64; B. M. Powell, 24.4.64; M. Wardle, 24.4.64; R. M. M. W. Frizelle, 3.5.64; D. Spooner, 7.5.64; M. A. Nesbit, 15.5.64; E. O'Hare, 15.5.64; P. R. Parnham, 28.5.64.

RETIREMENTS

REGULAR OFFICERS

Lt.-Colonels:—E. V. Wallace, 7.2.64; A. H. Nichol, 1.6.64.
Majors:—M. Clarke, 4.2.64; J. M. S. Wilson, 11.3.64.

SHORT SERVICE

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