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EDITORIAL

We apologise for the late publication of the GAZETTE. As our President had to attend the International Council of Nurses Conference in Frankfurt, it was agreed at last year's Annual General Meeting that the Reunion and the Meeting this year should be held later than usual. Consequently we thought it better to delay the edition of the GAZETTE to enable us to give an account of the Annual General Meeting and the Reunion. By Christmas it would be such stale news, would it not?

Again little news has come from the Branches. We gleaned some information from the Annual Reports to the Chairman, and in consequence the news is a little sketchy. So come on, Secretaries, give us just a little more to go on. We have said it before and we say it again, news, views and articles to be considered for publication are very gratefully received. Thank you for all contributions received so far.

May we correct the false impression of some Short Service Commissioned Officers that they automatically discontinue membership (and interest) of the Association on termination of service? On the contrary, the aim of the Association is to keep ALL who ever served in the Corps together, and Friendship is the watchword. There are several branches, one of which might easily be near to your present abode. If there is no branch near you, there is always Headquarters, who can keep you in touch with "people, places and things,"

The photograph on the cover is of Commandant of the Depot, Lt.-Colonel E. C. Long, R.R.C., and W.O.I. Bovell hoisting the Corps Flag at the "Topping Out of Contract" ceremony at the new Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot at Aldershot.

Our very warmest congratulations to our President, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, who became a Dame Commander of the

British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

These congratulations are also extended to all those members of the Corps and Association who were honoured by Her Majesty the Queen at that time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF THE 17TH A.G.M. HELD 3RD JULY, 1965, AT THE CAFE ROYAL, LONDON

Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was in the chair and there were seventy-five Members present.

Dame Margot opened the meeting by welcoming the Members and asked the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting. The Minutes of the 1964 meeting were then signed.

Chairman's Report (Synopsis)

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, our new President.

She stated that the Charity Commissioners had now completed the Terms of Reference regarding the administration of the various

Benevolent Funds.

It was decided at the last meeting of the Q.M.H. Fund that the day-to-day administration would continue as before. The Matron-in-Chief being the Chairman, but as the Director General wished to relinquish his position of President, it was suggested that the Colonel Commandant Q.A.R.A.N.C. be asked, and when approached, Dame Monica Golding kindly accepted. Col. Douglass has already taken over the duties of Hon. Secretary, and will be working at the Association H.Q., with the use of the clerical assistant. Mr. Putman, the Hon. Treasurer, very kindly said all meetings could continue to be held at Kirkland House, including the A.G.M.

Three meetings each of the Central Committee, Finance and Grants, and GAZETTE meetings have been held, and were well attended. All Members were warmly thanked for their regular

attendance and interest.

The membership target of 2,000 Members by 31st December, 1964, was reached and, in fact, surpassed by 21, most heartening, and it was suggested that our next aim should be to increase our numbers by 100 each year.

All Branches and individuals were thanked for their generous support during the year, which enabled the H.Q. to extend their help to more colleagues needing assistance.

Miss Lake, our clerical assistant, had left, and Mrs. Crawford had taken over her work and was settling in well.

Appreciation was extended to all Honorary Officers at H.Q. for all the time and work they give to the Association in order to further the work of "Friendship".

Dame Margot thanked Colonel Warner for her report, and Colonel Blair seconded the adoption of this report.

Presentation of Audited Accounts

Madam President, fellow Members, it is with much pleasure that I present the audited accounts of the funds administered by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the year 1964.

The Reserve Fund.—There was an increase of income due mainly to a refund of Income Tax on National Insurance contributions paid over the last eight years. This amounted to £48—and the excess of income over expenditure was £40—but we are still dependent on your generous support in donations for general purposes, or the expenditure would exceed the income. There have been no changes in investments.

The Central Fund.—Receipts from annual subscriptions have risen by £27, which is much better than in the previous two years. The administration expenses rose by £103. This was inevitable, due mainly to an increase in the salary of the clerical assistant and in the cost of travel. The excess of expenditure over income was £66—so we need to increase our membership still further.

The Gazette Fund.—In this fund the increase in membership has resulted in an increase of subscriptions amounting to £50, and although we had slightly less in donations, the excess of income over expenditure was £48—but without the donations there would have been an excess of expenditure, and we are most grateful for the generous support to this fund—and in 1965 the postage will show an increase.

THE ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT FUND.—Although the donations to this fund decreased by £504, we received more from Members, but in 1963, £750 more was from the second instalment of the last

large grant from the Army Benevolent Fund. The contribution of half-a-day's pay from Serving Members amounted to £1,003 11s. 6d., and in addition we had a most generous gift of £1,000 4 per cent Consolidated Stock. This will increase our income from investments in 1965. There were no other changes in investments.

Our commitments rose by £504, and the excess of income over expenditure was £126, which is satisfactory. But as you will see, your continued support is needed and your generosity most appreciated.

THE Q.A.I.M.N.S. BENEVOLENT FUND. In this fund the income remains unchanged. Less was spent on grants, but we shall be increasing this in 1965, and will be paying a smaller proportion of the general expenses.

THE ETHEL HARWOOD TRUST FUND.—We were able to increase the grants from this fund, which has restricted conditions of eligibility, and the excess income over expenditure of £3 is satisfactory, as we are not anxious to accumulate income. There was no change in investments.

THE TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND. More was spent in grants from this fund in 1964, and the excess of expenditure over income was £772, but as the fund is "running down", we expected this. There was no change in investments, but we shall probably have to "realise" more Stock in 1965. As with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund, this fund is now paying a smaller proportion of the general expenses.

Between the four Benevolent Funds, the sums spent on grants and gifts amounted to £3,815, and the income from investments was £924. Not only are we very grateful, but we are dependent on your generous donations if we are to maintain the financial help that is needed and appreciated.

Dame Margot thanked Miss Baldock for presenting the accounts, and Mrs. Hammond seconded the adoption of the audited accounts.

Friends Secretary's Report

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES,

During the past year we have continued to give help and advice to our Members. I will not bore you with a detailed list of the forms or methods of assistance, but I am sure that you would like to know that we made 56 quarterly grants of money and over 170 special grants. Nearly 120 gifts of food or flowers were sent during the year, and at Christmas and Easter 320 cheques and 300 gift parcels were

sent. In addition, all elderly Members receive a birthday card. This all adds up to approximately £3,800. If you could read the many letters addressed to me, you would feel, as I feel, that this effort is well worth while, and that your assistance as individuals, Branches and as a Corps, is giving great happiness to our less fortunate Members, and proving to them that they are not forgotten.

Our visiting scheme is working well, and many older Members now receive a regular visit to ensure that they are well and comfortable. But I would now appeal to any Member who feels able to undertake this work to contact me or their Branch Secretary, as I would like to feel that every older Member has a regular visitor.

I am always very grateful for gifts of clothing, as I never have any

difficulty in finding use for them.

I still find it difficult to arrange suitable homes for Members, and

I would appreciate hearing details of homes in your own areas.

I cannot let this moment pass without thanking the Corps, the Branches and each individual Member for their wonderful support and help so freely given. I would also like to thank Mrs. Burt for the help she has given me. She does all the donkey work, and I can assure you that filing correspondence is no fun. By the time she has sorted out the letters, we find the "odds and ends" box is so full that it needs a filing system of its own. If anyone can tell me how to file a letter in which each paragraph contains a question to a different member of the H.Q. Staff, I shall be very grateful.

Mrs. Mills was thanked for her report and the work she continued to do, and Miss Hamblin seconded the adoption of the report.

Election of Managing Trustees (Members of the Central Committee)

Miss M. Roberts had kindly agreed to stand for re-nomination as Vice-Chairman, and there being no other nomination, she was re-elected.

Miss Bridges, Mrs. Winstanley, Colonel Fitzpatrick, the retiring Members, had not wished to stand for re-election; they were warmly thanked for their services over the past years by Dame Margot.

Voting papers were handed round, and from the nine nominations the following were elected: Miss M. A. Edwards, Matron, Manor Park Hospital, Bristol, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Res.; Lt.-Col. E. F. Davies, R.R.C., retired, and Miss N. K. Allen, ex-T.A.N.S.

Dame Margot welcomed them to the Committee.

Any Other Business

21st Reunion.—Mrs. Mills pointed out that next year would be the 21st Reunion, and it is hoped that our Patron, H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden, will honour us with her presence. The date would be announced later, and Mrs. Mills hoped all Members would make a particular effort to attend.

Miss Allen thanked Dame Margot for taking the chair, and the meeting was closed.

THE REUNION

The 20th Annual Reunion of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London, on Saturday, 3rd July, 1965, from 4 p.m.

Two hundred and twenty of us were able to be present this year, and all seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. An unexpected joy was to have with us Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Browse, Chairman and Secretary of the East African Branch. It was good to see and natter with them again, and they know so many of the present Serving Members, as the B.M.H. Nairobi closed recently. And so many members will remember Nancy Kinsella, from the Victoria Branch, New South Wales, who was also able to make it this year. The questions asked and the answers given were just overwhelming.



By kind permission of The Nursing Mirror
Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, President and Lt. Colonel E. W. R. Warner,
Chairman receiving the guests.

Next year we hope to have with us very many more old friends for our "Coming of Age" Reunion.

The Challenge Cup was won this year by Captain Sheila Burns,

stationed at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.



By kind permission of The Nursing Mirror
Having tea with friends, Captain Sheila Burns after having received the Challenge
Cup.

NOTICES

Christmas Parcels are now in the process of being organised. Mrs. Mills, Hon. Friends Secretary, will be pleased to receive any gifts of food, toilet articles and other small gifts. It has been suggested that owing to the rising cost of postage, members might prefer to send cash instead of gifts. This is quite in order and gratefully received, but please state that it is for Christmas parcels. The receipt of a parcel gives such great pleasure to the recipients, so please send anything, great or small, at an early date to the Hon. Friends Secretary, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Headquarters Office 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.

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 Thursday, 11th November, 1965, at 11.45 a.m.

NEWS FROM UNITS AND BRANCHES

Colchester

At the Corps Day Church Service many civilian and ex-Service Members attended, and this was followed by a Sherry Party held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess.

Woolwich

The A.G.M. was held on the 30th January and the following functions took place during the year:

Bring and Buy Sale in May.
Illustrated Talk on Kentish Town in July.
Demonstration of Floral Arrangements in September.
Beauty Counsellor's Make-Up Demonstration in November.

Tidworth

Q.A. Day Service was held in the Garrison Church on 4th April, 1965, to which many retired Members from far and wide were invited. This was followed by a most enjoyable Sherry and Lunch Party in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess. A very happy day for all, although the weather was unkind to begin with; the sun was shining when we came out from the Service, and remained so for the rest of the day.

Bournemouth

The A.G.M. of the Branch was held on 25th March at the Linden Hall Hotel, which always does everything so well for us. The Chairman, Dame Monica Golding, presided.

There being no volunteers or nominees for the Committee, the

present one agreed to carry on for another year.

Discussions for future activities were held, proposals for visits (behind the scenes) to Marks and Spencers and to Blenheim were most popular, these to be arranged, if possible, in June.

No coach to be run for the Reunion in London because of the

lack of support. It makes a very long day from here.

The hotel provided a wonderful tea, and a pleasant hour was spent renewing friendships and meeting new people.

Combined Units, (Aldershot) Branch

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Day was celebrated here with a service held in St. Luke's Chapel, where a large congregation was present. Following this, sherry and a luncheon party was held in Gun Hill House, where a number of retired members were able to attend.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 23rd March, 1965, at Cambridge Hospital. Lt.-Col. Fabien opened the proceedings

and welcomed many retired and serving members.

Our future activities were discussed; these included a visit to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in June, a visit to Wisley Gardens in September, also the Autumn Raffle.

Everyone read with great interest the press reports on the opening of the new Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and looked forward to

Thursday, 10th June, 1965.

Forty members set off by coach to Guildford in brilliant sunshine. There was a definite air of excitement prevailing, and we were certainly not disappointed by the superb acting of Ingrid Bergman and Sir Michael Redgrave in Ivan Iurgenav's play, *A Month in the Country*.

S. R. TODMAN, Hon. Secretary, C.U.A. Branch.

Millbank Branch

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held at Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital on Wednesday, 3rd March, and there were 60 members present, including the D.A.N.S. Two new members were elected to the Committee. Mrs. Joan Cox to replace Major Mudge, A.R.R.C., who has been transferred to the Brighton Branch, and Miss Barbara Brooks to replace Mrs. Macmanus, who is retiring to Northern Ireland, where she hopes to start a Branch.

Mrs. Macmanus has been a loval and valuable member of the

Branch, and will be greatly missed.

The programme for the coming year was arranged, and the Branch will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each alternate month at 7.30 p.m. in the Welfare Department of the Hospital.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by Members at a "Bring

and Buy" Sale at our May Meeting.

There were many bargains, and Members were very generous. The result of our evening's work being £31 16s.

L.136.

Manchester Branch

In February we held our Annual General Meeting in the Nurses' Home of the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Twelve Members attended.

Miss Gannon, who has been our Chairman since the Branch was transferred to Manchester, did not wish to stand again, and Miss Yates was elected.

The next meeting was arranged for 29th May, and is to be a

visit to Tatton Park, Knutsford.

The Annual Dinner is to take place on 9th October, and, as on previous years, we hope it will be possible to have the hospitality of the R.A.M.C.T.A. Mess.

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Singapore

Singapore now has 65 Members, and Major J. C. Cross has taken

over the appointment of Treasurer/Secretary.

In March an All Ranks Dance was held to celebrate Corps Day, and a Cocktail Party was held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess.

At the Annual Corps Day Church Service, the civilian members of the Association were invited.

East Africa

A quiet year, with a diminished membership. We hope to carry on and keep contact with each other and with our old Members now scattered all over the world.

A Sale of Work was held in April, 1964, at which £246 was raised.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. ANNUAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HELD AT THE DEPOT AND T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1965

Sixteen players, representing eight units, assembled at the Depot on Wednesday, 10th March, to take part in the Annual Table Tennis Tournament. We were pleased to see two players from B.A.O.R. this year—thank you, B.M.H. Munster.

Fortunately the snow, which had almost isolated us a few days

earlier, was well on the way to becoming just a memory.

All the contestants were very evenly matched, and many of the

games in the preliminary round were very close.

After the players (and spectators) had fortified themselves with an excellent lunch, the remaining rounds were played. Again, some of the matches were very close, and the final between Lieut. Ho (Catterick Military Hospital) and Lieut. Carpenter (Cambridge Military Hospital) was a very exciting affair. The spectators were kept in suspense to the very last moment as first one player and then the other appeared to gain the advantage.

The final outcome was a win for Lieut. Carpenter, a worthy champion for the third year in succession. Congratulations to Lieut. Carpenter, and also to Lieut. Ho, who put up such a good fight.

The Cups and Trophy were presented by our Director, Brigadier E. M. Turner. Brigadier Turner said that it was a pity that the

World Table Tennis Championships had already been held, as she thought that some of our competitors might have done well!

Altogether a most enjoyable day. Next year the Table Tennis Tournament will be the first of our sporting events to be held at our New Depot in Aldershot. We hope to see even more competitors and every unit endeavouring to send at least one player.

E. M. STEEL, Capt. Q.A.R.A.N.C.,

Secretary, Sports Club.

DEPOT AND T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

ANNUAL CORPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND SPORTS MEETING

HELD AT THE DEPOT AND T.E. ON 7TH AND 8TH JULY, 1965

On Tuesday, 6th July, the preliminary rounds for the Medforth and Gillespie Cups were played.

There were thirty-two entries in the Singles and fourteen couples in the Doubles, and we were very pleased to see that B.O.A.R. was well represented.

The standard of play was high, and many of the first round matches went to three sets.

The morning of Wednesday, 7th July, was cloudy, and rather dull, and everyone was anxious in case we had rain. Our luck held, however, and by 3 p.m. the sun was shining, and the stage was set for the finals of the Singles and Doubles. We were very grateful to Major Webb, who kindly consented to umpire both our finals matches.

The winner of the Medforth Cup for 1965 was Lieut. Sharp, from Louise Margaret Hospital. She beat Capt. Steel, Depot and T.E., 6-2, 6-2, but this was a much closer affair than the score implied, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Doubles final was an excellent match between Lieut. Sharp and Capt. Stewart v. Captains Davis and Steel. The result was a win for Captain Davis and Captain Steel by 2 sets to 1, but until the last ball was played, the match could have gone either way.

Unfortunately, Miss Medforth could not be with us this year, but we were delighted to welcome Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, who kindly consented to present the Cups and Trophies.

On Thursday, 8th July, we were again fortunate to have a fine and sunny afternoon. We were very grateful for the help of Capt. M. V. Tennuce and other members of the R.A.M.C. Depot, without whom we could not have organised events so efficiently.

The grounds were a kaleidoscope of colour with the tents and the beautiful floral arrangements. For this we have to thank Mr. Glendening and his helpers.

The competitors were very evenly matched, and all worked hard

to give us a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

Please excuse the brevity of this account, but the Editor awaits, wishing to publish this in the current issue of the GAZETTE, and time rushes on.

E.S.

The events were as follows:-

Obstacle Race—1st, Pte. Bull (Cambridge Military Hospital); 2nd, Pte. Jackson (A.B.T.U., P.T.S., Aldershot); 3rd, Pte. Walker (Colchester).

Q.A.R.A.N.C Officers' Handicap—1st, Major Rattee; 2nd, Capt. Milford; 3rd, Lieut. Carpenter.

Handicap Race (Men)—1st, Sgt. Steer (R.A.M.C., att. Q.A.R.A.N.C., P.T.S.); 2nd, Cpl. McBride (R.A.M.C., Depot R.A.M.C.); 3rd, Pte. Seddon (R.A.M.C., Depot R.A.M.C.).

Wheelbarrow Race—1st, Cpl. Tetlow and Pte. Whitehead (Catterick); 2nd, Pte. Homes and Pte. Baites (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot).

100 Yards—1st, Pte. Grierson (Tidworth); 2nd, 2/Lieut. Wintle (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.); 3rd, Pte. Banford (A.B.T.U., P.T.S., Aldershot).

200 Yards-1st, Capt. P. C. Davis; 2nd, Pte. Sloman; 3rd, Pte. Payne.

400 Yards—1st, Pte. Sloman (Tidworth); 2nd, Pte. Bull (Cambridge Military Hospital); 3rd, 2/Lieut. Wintle (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.).

880 Yards—1st, Pte. Bull (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot); 2nd, Pte. Dale (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot); 3rd, Pte. Delaney (R.H.H., Woolwich).

High Jump—1st, 2/Lieut. Wintle (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.); 2nd, Lieut. Bateman (Tidworth); 3rd, Pte. Banford (A.B.T.U., P.T.S., Aldershot).

Long Jump—1st, 2/Lieut. Wintle (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.); 2nd, Pte. Branagh; 3rd, Capt. P. C. Davis (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.).

Throwing the Discuss—1st, Capt. P. C. Davis (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.); 2nd, Lieut. Carpenter (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot); 3rd, Sgt. Graham (Catterick).

Throwing the Javelin—1st, Lieut. Carpenter (Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot); 2nd, Pte. Fellows (A.B.T.U., P.T.S., Aldershot); 3rd, Capt. Anderson (Tidworth).

Relay Race—1st, A.B.T.U., P.T.S., Aldershot; 2nd, Military Hospital, Tidworth. Winner of the Victor Ludorum Cup for 1965—2/Lieut. Wintle (Q.A.R.A.N.C., Depot and T.E.).

TOPPING OUT OF CONTRACT

On Monday, 15th March, I attended a small social function at the

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot site in Aldershot.

It was an invitation to myself and a friend from the Agent and Staff of Gee, Walker & Slater Limited, the Building Contractors. The invitation said for a Topping-Out of the Contract. I was asked to bring a Corps Flag.

We climbed to the top of the new Admin. Block, up a ladder, for the final stage, together with representative Q.A's from Aldershot

units, who came to watch the ceremony.

After a few words on the progress of the buildings by Mr. Robert Smart, architect, I was asked to assist with the completion of

cementing the roof top, and Mr. Dickens, Agent of Gee, Walker & Slater, completed the operation.

Two flags were then hoisted. That of the Contractors, and a

Oueen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Flag.

After a presentation of bouquets to myself and my friend, Major Mary Marrinan, I endeavoured to say how pleased we were with the progress of the buildings, and how much we were looking forward to taking up residence later this year.

We admired the view from the heights of the building, discussed various aspects of the project, and then found our way to the

Oueen's Hotel, Farnborough, for a very excellent lunch.

E. C. Long, Lieut.-Colonel, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Commandant, Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.



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1965 S.H.A.P.E. MEDICAL CONFERENCE

For the first time in the history of the Conference, two lone female figures were to be seen in the lecture theatre surrounded by some 150 male delegates from all the S.H.A.P.E. countries—Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Turkey, United States of America, and the United Kingdom.

We felt proud to be the first representatives of a Nursing Corp., and the S.A.C.E.U.R., General Lemnitzer, in his opening address, extended a special welcome to our Director, and voiced the hope that this would be the first of many such attendances. I was there in the role of a speaker, the subject of my presentation being "The British Army Nursing Services," and it was with no little fear and trepidation that I rose to address this very learned assembly; so kindly and welcoming were they that after the first five minutes all fears vanished, and I began to enjoy speaking to such a receptive audience.

The Conference covered three days and many subjects were presented in either French or English, simultaneous interpretation

going on through earphones.

The social event of the Conference was arranged for the Monday evening, when all delegates and their wives were invited to a very successful Cocktail Party. On the Tuesday evening the Senior Medical Officer, Colonel Dick, gave a party for all the British delegates, and Colonel Pace, Assistant Chief Medical Officer and Medical Advisor, gave a series of luncheon parties over the three days. It was certainly a very tired and rather jaded Officer who saw the Director off at Le Bourget Airport on the next leg of her journey, to tour B.A.O.R.

B.J.R.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATION DAY SERVICE

The Florence Nightingale Commemoration Day Service was held for the first time in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, 11th May, 1965, at 6.30 p.m., and attended by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, who is Patron of the National Florence Nightingale Committee of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It was an inspiring and most successful occasion, and the many nurses present made an unforgettable sight in their different coloured uniforms of blue, mauve, yellow, pink and navy with white starched aprons and caps of varying styles from severe to frilly, against the background of towering stone pillars of the lovely ancient building.

In the absence of Brigadier E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., D.A.N.S., and Matron-in-Chief, I was privileged to represent the Q.A.R.A.N.C. as one of the Nursing Services of the Crown, who

acted as escort to the Nurses' Roll of Honour.

Arrangements were made for a rehearsal to take place during the afternoon, and members of the Committee met the Matrons and Nurses who were to take part in the procession at 3.45 p.m. near the Unknown Warrior's Tomb, and introduced us to the Sacrist, who conducted the rehearsal. Before this started, an announcement was made over the loudspeakers requesting members of the general public to leave the Abbey, and we noted with great interest the many

people of different nationalities streaming out before the doors were closed.

After rehearsal we were given tea in the Jerusalem Chamber—a handsome imposing room with high walls hung with splendid tapestries and a long red-covered table down the centre of the floor set with solid armchairs.

To reach this room we had to pass through the Clergy's Robing Room—a small dark room with stone mullioned windows and beautiful oak linenfold panelled walls where the gorgeous richly embroidered scarlet and gold vestments were laid out in readiness for the evening service. A room off one of the cloisters was set aside as a nurses' changing room, but as the evening was fine and dry, most nurses arrived ready dressed. Time passed quickly in looking round the Abbey, and watching the congregation and dignitaries arrive. Among them, the Mayor of Westminster in his robes and chain of office looked very impressive, and the Chelsea Pensioners resplendent as ever in their scarlet tunics and tricorne hats, and the Queen's Almoners in brilliant scarlet and blue robes made a vivid splash of colour as they assembled to take their seats in the chancel.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers who acted as ushers looked particularly smart, the grey and scarlet standing out in striking contrast to other darker coloured uniforms.

H.R.H. Princess Alexandra arrived at 6.20 p.m., and was met at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, who, after making several presentations, escorted her up the aisle to her seat in the Sanctuary. The Service started with the Hymn 376, A. and M.R., "O Praise Ye The Lord," sung by the choir and congregation accompanied by the glorious swelling volume of music from the organ. During the singing of this hymn, the Nurses' Roll of Honour, carried out on a white and gold embroidered cushion by the Matron of St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, and escorted by the Matrons-in-Chief of the three Nursing Services of the Crown, was taken from the Chapel of St. George near the Great West Door, up the aisle and handed to the Sacrist who, in turn, handed it to the Dean, who placed it on the High Altar.

The Form of Service, hymns and prayers were particularly appropriate to the occasion, and the beautiful singing of the Anthem by the choir added to the dignity of the occasion. During the service the Lamp of the Nightingale Fellowship was carried up the aisle to the Sanctuary by a Staff Nurse, followed by a procession of twenty Student Nurses, where it was handed to a Sister, then to a Matron, who in turn handed it to the Sacrist to be received by the Dean and placed on the High Altar.

The Lessons were read by the Lord Luke of Powenham and Matron of Westminster Hospital, and the Dean took the Lamp as the theme for his address, and said that just as the Lamp is a symbol of the work of Florence Nightingale, so nurses were a symbol of dedicated service, and their work an inspiration and sign of hope in the world today.

The collection was taken in aid of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund, and it was most heartening to see that the bulging collecting bags were too numerous to be laid on the Alms Plates held by the Servers.

After the Service H.R.H. Princess Alexandra was conducted to the Great West Door by the Dean, and the Abbey Bells were rung. Before leaving, H.R.H. met more members of the Committee and with the Matrons-in-Chief Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, I had the honour of being presented. We were all charmed by her delightful, natural manner and enchanting personality.

I will remember with pride taking an active part in this unique occasion, which proved to be a deeply moving experience.

M. B. KNEEBONE (L.121).

Q.A.R.A.N.C. MUSEUM

Plans are in hand for the move of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum to Aldershot when the Depot moves later this year.

The new museum will have a very central position in our new Depot in the Royal Pavilion grounds; in fact, the entrance to the Admin. Block is part of the Museum, and so will be very accessible for both visitors and staff. It has been agreed that this Museum must be good. We want to modernise it and make it much more interesting (and it has been most interesting).

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Museum on the 9th June, and the Curator's and Hon. Secretary's Report on the work which is being carried out by Major Marrinan and Major Rattee, discussed.

Major Rattee demonstrated the layout of the Museum by mean^s of a blackboard drawing previously prepared.

The Committee approved the proposals, but considered that the estimated costings were very modest, and that, in fact, considerably more £ s. d. would be required. It was agreed that a representation should be put to the H.Q. Mess for a grant of money to be made available, and that together with what is already in the Museum Fund, might cover the proposed expenses. In case this is not yet sufficient, we have some large collecting boxes which will be well placed in our new surroundings, ready and waiting to gobble up the spare pennies of all those visitors, coach parties, etc., which we hear are going to descend on us. No more details of our plans can be given here; you must come and see for yourself, and bring your friends.

"LEST WE FORGET"

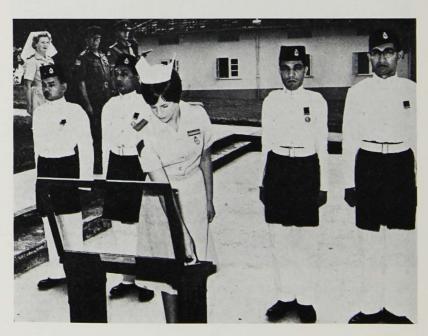
In the war-torn early months of 1942, as all the world knows, tragic events took place in Singapore.

In 1965 a new generation of Q.A's, many of whom are too young to have known those war years, nurse at the B.M.H. Singapore where their gallant predecessors nursed, suffered and, in many cases died, twenty-two years ago.

Some years ago the Singapore Branch of the R.A.M.C. Association presented a Memorial Book in which are inscribed the names of those members of the medical and nursing services who gave their lives while serving at the B.M.H. in 1942.

On the first Monday of every month, in the comparative peace of present-day Singapore, and in the shadow of the building which was the scene of so much suffering, but which today is the Hospital Chapel, a reverent ceremony is held. A page of the Book is turned by a member of the hospital staff. The busy life of the hospital stops for a moment while we remember.

In the accompanying photograph Corporal Ann Croft, Q.A.R.A.N.C., is seen turning a page, flanked by her Malay companions of the R.A.M.C., and watched by the Commanding Officer, Matron and Company Officer, R.A.M.C.



PRIZEGIVING AT B.M.H. SINGAPORE

Certificates and prizes were presented to personnel of 32 Coy R.A.M.C. on 11th March, 1965.

Presentations were made to the successful candidates by the Director Medical Services, Far East Land Forces, Major-General W. A. Robinson, C.B., C.B E., Q.H.S., M.D., who also gave an address.

The Prizegiving was opened with an introductory speech by the Commanding Officer, Colonel R. L. Marks, O.B.E., and a vote of thanks after the ceremony was proposed by Matron, Lieut.-Colonel B. M. Gordon, R.R.C.

Senior Sister Tutor, Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Orford gave a report on the progress in nurse training for the past year.

The guests included Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Colonel A. F. H. Keatinge, M.C., A.D.M.S., H.Q., Singapore Base Area, and Mrs. Keatinge, Mrs. R. L. Marks, Colonel P. G. Bennett, R.R.C., D.D.A.N.S., Principal Matron, Ministry of Health, Singapore, Principal Nursing Officer, S.A.A.F.A., F.E., Matron R.A.F. Changi, Catering Adviser FAR.E.L.F.



The Prize-winners after the presentation with Lt.-Col. J. Orford, Sister Tutor Maj-Gen. W. A. Robinson, D.M.S. FAR.E.L.F., Col. R. L. Marks, O.C. Hospital and Col. B. M. Gordon, Matron.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

ARMY TRAINED NURSE:

A/Sgt. D. S. Purvis (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. J. M. Doyle (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. P. J. Dunn (Q.A.R.A.N.C.), Pte. V. C. White (Q A R.A.N.C.), Pte. B. Goodman (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

CLERK, CLASS I:

L./Cpl. P. M. Mathiot (R.A.M.C.).

PRIZES AWARDED

R.A.M.C. Officers Prizes (for the best R.A.M.C. Corps examination results, 1964)

ARMY MALE NURSE, CLASS II (joint best):

Pte. W. R. Selby (R.A.M.C.), Pte. Lee Guan Ching (R.A.M.C.).

CLERK, CLASS I:

L/Cpl. P. M. Mathiot(R.A.M.C.).

MATRON'S PRIZES (for best Ward Reports)

Senior Nurse: Pte. B. Goodman (Q.A.R.A.N.C.). Junior Nurse: Cpl. C. E. Stuart-Lyon (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

Sister Tutors' Prizes (for highest marks in Corps examination—Nursing—1964)

May 1964 AMN/AN Class I Pte. V. C. White (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

AMN/AN Class II Pte. A. White (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

Nov. 1964 AMN/AN Class I Pte. S. J. Richardson (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

AMN/AN Class II Pte. D. M. Quarrington (Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

R.A.M.C. Officers Prizes (Command Examination, (Nursing) for locally enlisted personnel)

1st Prize Pte. Abdullah bin Bakar.

2nd Prize Pte. Kalimuthu.

ARMY CATERING CORPS PRIZE (for the outstanding Cook of the year)

Cpl. T. Sillett (A.C.C.).

DID YOU KNOW?

- —That the first mention of beer was as long ago as 1300 B.C.? There is a record of an Egyptian being punished for over-indulgence in beer.
- —That the term "common people" was not originally an expression of inferiority, but that it meant "those serving together"?
- —That the first underground public conveniences were called Halting Stations (a concession to Victorian modesty)? A charge was made, and so comes the expression "spending a penny."
- —That Hammersmith was so named from Saxon days because it had an unusual number of smithies?
- —That soap was taxed by Oliver Cromwell, as he considered it an effeminate luxury?
- —That the right to strike was initiated by sailors? When their grievances were not righted they struck, *i.e.*, lowered sails so that the ship could not go to sea.
- —That plantain was long known as the healing plant, as it was said to cure whitlows and heal cuts?

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

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, NETLEY, 1965

Those of you who have served at Netley will be able to imagine our magnificent grounds in the spring sunshine, with the daffodils bobbing their yellow heads and the trees beginning to blossom. This is how Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Day, March 28th, 1965, dawned for us. With our gracious Mess, lovely old Royal Chapel and grounds, I cannot think of a more perfect setting for Corps Day.

The day began early for many Mess members. Those with cars meeting buses and trains, and going to various localities to drive guests to the hospital. The housekeeper, Miss Reynolds, herself an ex-Q.A., and her staff busy preparing food in the kitchen, whilst the P.M.C. and her helpers arranged the dining room with extra chairs and tables.

The Roman Catholics had their service early morning, when Father Sutherland, M.B.E., preached about the work of the Q.A's.

The Royal Chapel congregation held their service at 11.00 hours when most of the guests had arrived. The choir was made up of Q.A. Officers, R.A.M.C., N.C.O's and children of unit staff—a very colourful picture they looked in the beautifully carved choir stalls, the Q.A's in their indoor uniform, and the children, both boys and girls, in red and white surplices. Lt.-Colonel M. A. Thompson, our Matron, read the lesson of the parable of the Good Samaritan, which made an excellent forerunner to a most inspiring address preached by Padre D. B. Dougall on the importance of the Cross taking as an example the cross in the centre of the Q.A. Badge. His final remark caused some amusement. "The collection will be

taken in aid of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Benevolent Fund. Give as much as you can afford and not as little as you think you can get away with "! It certainly produced results, as the collection was a record! The collection was taken by Q.A. Officers during the singing of the last hymn.

After Church, some of us enjoyed the walk in the sunshine from Church to the Officers Mess, where we all assembled for sherry. Conversation overtook shyness when friends and acquaintances met after years of separation, and the older guests became interested in hearing of life in the Services today. The noise of many tongues

rapidly reaching a crescendo when lunch was announced.

The table looked too delectable to touch and disturb, with chicken and beef curries, chicken, ham and tongue salad with all the trimmings, fresh fruit salad and cream, sherry trifle, cheese board, assorted biscuits, and wine to drink. It all looked and tasted perfect. and a great credit to the organisers. During lunch everyone ate and talked well, those of us in the Mess helping to serve guests, and so meeting many people while moving around, and, of course, we all managed to enjoy our meal as much as the guests. Like others during lunch, I was able to look around to see who had joined us for the day, and saw Lt.-Col. M. Winny, Major O'Sullivan, P.A. to Col. Kneebone, a Q.A. from Colchester Military Hospital, and several recent ex O.A's. Also many representatives and their husbands from the Bournemouth Branch of the Q.A. Association. the Matron and Deputy Matron from the Naval Hospital at Haslar, Portsmouth, and our own R.A.M.C. and Naval M.O's and their wives making about 140 of us altogether. I noted with regret Dame Monica and her husband, the Rev. H. Golding, were not with us. I heard later that the Rev. Harry had been ill, and was convalescing. with his wife, in Worthing. We all wish him a complete recovery to good health. Elderly and young mixed remarkably well together, and conversations covered many grounds, the older ex-Q.A's delighting in telling us their experiences of their Army days during the various wars. Of serving in India, Gallipoli, and other parts of the world, and, for those of us who knew guests, we enjoyed talking about our adventures and postings since we last met.

The guests' children, under nine years of age, had *their* party in another room with all the ice cream, jelly, etc., they could consume.

They were allowed to join the rest of us just before the end. They literally burst into the ante-room, led by the "Pied Piper"—Matron's black poodle, Pongo.

They all looked so happy, and didn't seem to mind in the least

being parted from Mummy and Daddy.

Many of the guests seemed reluctant to leave this setting of "Ancient and Modern," but by 3.0 p.m. most of the cars had driven away from the Mess, and we were able to sit down to rest our feet, survey the well-depleted table and talk about the last few hours. Some of our more energetic members went for walks, others had regrettably to return to duty, and the remainder—we just sat in the sunshine.

Whilst I sat looking over Southampton Water and admired yet again our truly lovely grounds, I was able to say to myself that I'm certain both guests and Mess members alike had very much enjoyed and benefited from this Q.A. day at Netley, which seems to become more friendly and homely year by year.

HELEN M. WOOLLAM. St. John and Red Cross Welfare Officer.

EDUCATIONAL CRUISE

The frontiers of the world have been drastically changed in consequence of two great wars, and it is no longer practical for the student to refer to any old atlas or globe in learning Geography.

One famous Shipping Line had a flash of inspiration in inaugurating educational cruises for schoolchildren. These are now firmly established, enabling pupils to combine a holiday affoat with understanding foreign currency, modern languages, and links with History and Geography.

The advantages are unlimited in observing the customs and fashions of other lands, savouring strange foods, and enjoying

warmer climates.

In recent months I had the opportunity to join one of their ships

as Relief Nursing Sister on a voyage to Spain and Portugal.

When I set foot on the companionway at Cardiff, the ship looked tranquil and serene, its glossy white paint reflecting glints of sunshine, and quite empty. Two hours and two trains later, it resembled nothing so much as a beehive. Swarms of teenagers in jeans and woolly sweaters rushing everywhere in a tearing hurry, some finding themselves on the wrong deck and rushing madly to find the right one; others finding the right deck with time in hand to see where their friends were.

They were soon recalled from their explorations for a practice Lifeboat Drill. Every individual Mae West was checked and explicit instructions given, because the ship's officers would soon be needed to get underway.

The activities of the next few days could be summed up as lectures, meals, finding the ship's shop, and writing letters home. Each evening a film, concert or dance, or a choice of these three, was

available.

On the fourth day out we woke up in the massive shadow of Gibraltar. It seemed to be the dividing line between the grey drizzle in the Bay of Biscay and the brilliant sunshine ahead.

Dormitories were deserted, bikinis unpacked, cameras clicked, and sun glasses disguised everyone. The swimming pool became an enormous goldfish bowl, with bright flashes of colour darting hither and thither as spirits soared in the rising temperature.

After Gibraltar, the ship called at a different port each day, and sailed on again at midnight. Vigo, Cadiz, Madeira and Tangier all had different charms. Colour is one of the most striking features of Southern Spain. The sea is an intense sapphire blue in contrast to the dazzling white of the cliffs and beaches, just like a travel brochure. No two villas share the same hue. Pink, blue, lilac, yellows and greens blend well with the exotic blooms in the gardens. A huge cactus tree standing aloof looks unreal enough to be a prop for a Hollywood movie, while the overpowering perfume from a grove of eucalyptus trees can be equally breath-taking.

The Casbah, which was once a market for slaves, remains mysterious and romantic from the outside, while within its dim interior lies a thriving souvenir trade, full of Eastern promise, containing everything from Turkish delight to a priceless Aubusson

carpet.

Yet another excursion took us to a bullring, but as it was out of season for bull fights, our guide left nothing to the imagination in describing this sanguine sport, even to showing us round the operating theatre, where the gored matadors were stitched up again.

After the Casbah, the camels and the bullring, our next port of call, Lisbon, seemed not just twenty-four hours but centuries ahead.

As they say in television jargon, it combines the finest of the new with preserving the best of the old. The boulevards are spacious and tree-lined, presenting a picture of a model town. It was completely rebuilt following an earthquake which would account for it differing so vastly from the narrow streets and Moorish aspect of other cities we saw.

Portugal is one of England's oldest allies, and its greatest monument of Henry the Navigator dominates the entrance to the River Tagus. Also one of its parks is called after Henry VII. Another historic spot shows whence Vasco da Gama set sail on his voyage of discovery of India, 1498.

Yet another excursion took us to Estoril, where some chose to watch Real Madrid play a friendly game of football, and others viewed the Casino, where millionaires are reputed to play for

fabulous stakes.

After the organised tours, parties of children with their teachers explored the town to purchase mantillas, Moorish headgear and leather goods. These all provided original ideas for the Fancy Dress Ball on the final night of the voyage.

Three weeks had fled, leaving impressions of sunny lands and smiling people, regardless of the distant rumblings in Gibraltar.

An unexpected sidelight for me was that the ship's crew were mostly from Calcutta. With their usual love of medicines, they were frequent visitors to the surgery, and I soon found myself answering their queries in their own language. Their ailments were different from the gunshot wounds and malaria of my years in a hospital ship in the Burma Campaign, but they still point to their favourite bottle of medicine in the dispensary, which is the infallible panacea for their every ill.

K. A. Tye.

BRITISH MILITARY MATERNITY HOSPITAL, PENANG

The official opening of the new British Military Maternity Hospital at Minden Barracks, Penang, was on 7th May, 1965. The hospital was officially declared open by Lieut.-General Sir Alan Jolly, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander of Far East Land

Forces, who was accompanied by Lady Jolly.

Amongst those present were the Mayor of Georgetown, Mr. C. Y. Choy, and Mrs. Choy, Major-General and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, D.M.S. FAR.E.L.F., Brigadier P. A. L. Vaux, Commander H.Q. Malaya Area, and Mrs. Vaux, Brigadier and Mrs. E. H. P. Lassen, Colonel and Mrs. C. C. Corfield, Colonel P. G. Bennett, D.D.A.N.S. FAR.E.L.F., and many other distinguished guests.

Lieut.-General Sir Alan and Lady Jolly with the guests as they arrived were received by Major J. F. S. Batson, R.A.M.C., Officerin-Charge of the hospital, and Matron, Major D. Gray, Q.A.R.A.N.C., who then introduced the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers.

After the unveiling of the plaque by Sir Alan, the Reverend L. E. M. Claxton, M.C., M.A., C.F., Assistant Chaplain General of

FAR.E.L.F., conducted the dedication ceremony.

Lady Jolly then presented a silver chistening cup to S.A.C., and Mrs. W. A. Bryan, parents of Michaela, the first girl born at the barrital on 21st March, 1065

hospital on 21st March, 1965.

Cheryl Morling, daughter of Sgt. Morling, R.A.M.C., presented Lady Jolly with a posy of orchids. The official party and guests then toured the hospital.



Lt.-General Sir Alan Jolly, being introduced to Matron, Major D. Gray and the Nursing Officers, Major Kirwan, Capts. S. G. Jones, P. J. Morley, Lieuts. Fennell and Horder-Despard.

This new hospital, although only 20 beds, is an ultra-modern design, the architect, Mr. Iversen, has taken full advantage of an excellent sloping site. There are two internal courts at separate levels, the lower court is laid out as a square decorative pool, complete with fountains, plants and goldfish. Around this pool the building is in two storeys. The out-patients' clinic and administrative offices at the lower level with the maternity wards above. Extending back as a one-storey building, are the nursery, delivery suite and theatre, these surround the upper court which is planted with shrubs and flowers.

This split level planning is most attractive, and patients are admitted at the upper level without having to use any stairs.

The architect also has used colours to advantage, painted cream and grey walls, roof tiles are dark brown, windows and doors a gay orange.

The main entrance door is of a trellis design, orange with black surrounds.

On completion of the tour of the hospital, the official party and guests attended a reception at the Runnymede Officers' Hostel to mark the occasion.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel E. N. W. Bramall, O.B.E., M.C., the band of the 2nd Green Jackets played at the opening ceremony and at the Reception.

D.G. (L.494).

CORPS DAY AT QUEEN ALEXANDRA MILITARY HOSPITAL MILLBANK

Corps Day at Q.A. Military Hospital, Millbank, was celebrated on 28th March, 1965, with Church Services held in the Hospital Memorial Chapel, which were attended by past and present members and R.A.M.C.

This lovely Chapel, with memories of the past inscribed on its walls, makes an ideal setting for such occasions.

We were honoured by the presence of the Director-Brigadier E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., who read the lesson.

Padre Michael, our Chaplain for many years at Millbank, said in his address that, with many regrets, this was his last Service as an Army Chaplain, and how proud he felt that it should be at a Q.A.R.A.N.C. Service.

After the Service, pre-lunch drinks were served in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Mess. We were delighted that some of our older members were able to be with us. Dame Katherine Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar, Miss Roberts and Miss Hart. All appeared to enjoy themselves.

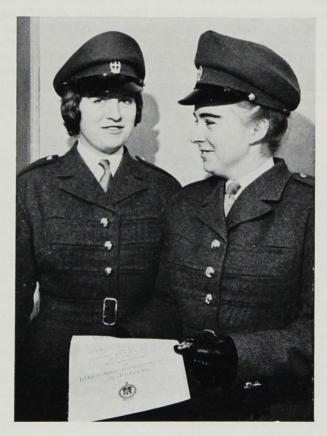
Afterwards many of the guests remained to lunch and by the chatter, many experiences were no doubt exchanged by all. The collections at the Services were donated to Queen Mary's House Fund.

MAJOR M. PEEL, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (A./S.S./300).

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

On May 11th, 1965, Pte. Mary Tucker, Q.A.R.A.N.C., of 14 Carlton Road, Torquay, went to Buckingham Palace to receive from the Duke of Edinburgh her Gold Certificate for his Award Scheme for young people. Q./Pte. Shirley Lister accompanied her.

Q./Pte. Tucker started working for the Award in 1961 after hearing about the Scheme at school, and, encouraged by the staff of the school, she has taken part in a wide variety of enterprising activities



Pte. Tucker showing the certificate to Pte. Lister.

since then, among these; Rifle Shooting, Astronomy, playing the trumpet in the Girls' Life Brigade Band, taking part in and helping to plan and organise camping expeditions and gaining the award of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society.

An enthusiastic member of the British Red Cross Society, she also achieved very good results in First Aid exams., and showed herself to be kind, considerate and capable of looking after the needs

of the disabled.

Having reached a high standard of proficiency in these pursuits, a Board of Assessors awarded the Gold Medal, which was presented to Pte. Tucker at a Civic Ceremony in Torquay in November 1964.

Pte. Tucker joined the Corps on 6th October 1964, and is now serving at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

THE MEDICAL CARE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN MALAYA IS IN GOOD HANDS

BY MARY WILSON, ROYAL N.Z. NURSING CORPS

It was with mixed feelings that I left Auckland in April 1963 to join the staff of the British Military Hospital, Kinrara, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Kinrara was not a strange name to me, often mentioned in endearing terms by people of my acquainta ce. It was a hospital of the hutted system which opened in 1948, and has had an important role for many years, particularly during the emergency, the fine work carried out there being well known by service people and civilians alike. It was a sad day when Kinrara closed in May of this year.

I worked at Kinrara for 12 months, caring for families of servicemen, and found this year one of the happiest in my nursing

experience.

The staff, the bulk of which was supplied by R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C., including members of the Australian Medical and Nursing Corps, two Nursing Officers of Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps and supplemented with Malaysians. There was a contented atmosphere throughout the hospital, and no effort was spared to ensure the well-being of the patients—British, Australian, New Zealanders, Gurkhas and Malaysians.

This hospital latterly had one disadvantage, in that it was at a distance of nearly 100 miles from the Commonwealth Camp at Terendak, near Malacca, necessitating much travel for patients, but a new modern hospital within this camp was steadily nearing completion, while Kinrara's days were numbered.

So it was that in April 1964 the move began, and although very sorry indeed to say goodbye to Kinrara, I looked forward to the experience of playing my small part in the setting up of this new Military Hospital; a lovely looking modern building which is an

arresting sight, commanding a beautiful view of the Malacca Straits. Being in the Commonwealth Camp, it is financed by the three Governments, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

I moved there with the first group and remained until my return to New Zealand in July, continuing with the nursing care of families, work which I found most satisfying and rewarding. This care involved all types of illnesses, medical, surgical and gynaecological, so that there was plenty of variety.

The birth of any new hospital is not without many difficulties, but the work was a challenge, and gradually with the untiring efforts of all members of the staff, things fell into place.

The official opening on 5th May, 1964, was a moving occasion, with a simple dedication ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque at the foot of the flagpole on which subsequently flew the R.A.M.C. Flag. And so the stage was set for yet another hospital to build its tradition.

Terendak Garrison, comprising a population of approximately 10,000, has great need of this hospital, and one felt humbled to hear the comments of warm welcome extended to the medical and nursing staff by the camp personnel.

I would like here to pay tribute to all those with whom I worked both at Kinrara and at Terendak, and feel glad that the opportunity and experience of being with them came my way.

It is with contentment that I look back on my tour of duty in Malaya, and can say without hesitation that the medical care of our troops and their families is surely in good hands.

M. W. WILSON,

Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps.

Footnote.—There were many things that impressed me in these two hospitals; two, I believe, may be of interest to nurses in New Zealand.

Firstly there is the Meal Service. This is controlled by the Catering Officer, under whom is a well trained staff of cooks. One of the cooks visits the wards at least twice daily to check and discuss the diets with the Ward Sister.

Every meal is individually served, labelled and placed in heated trollies for the respective wards; this is time-saving for the wards, as all that the Sister need do is to check each plate before it is transferred to the patient's tray.

The second matter that I think might be of interest is the "Commentary Form," that is given to each patient prior to his discharge. The form invites comments (good or bad) and any suggestions that the patient might care to offer, which might help to improve the hospital administration. Each morning the Commanding Officer has an interview with patients about to be discharged.

FANCY DRESS HOCKEY MATCH

VICTORY OR DEFEAT AS VIEWED BY THE GOALKEEPER

"All is fair in love and war." This statement will provide the

necessary licence for the record which follows.

The air was furtive at Military Hospital, Tidworth, for weeks before the eventful day (from the time the Junior Ranks were challenged to play fancy dress hockey against the Q.A. Officers,

actually).

However, the Officers were so bent on victory that I feel I must expose their villainy through the press. "They" thought we would be outnumbered, and so volunteered a few lieutenants to play with us (for them). Secondly "they" took all the hockey sticks to the Mess, therefore we had to practise with umbrellas, crutches and walking sticks, etc. We decided to even the odds by kidnapping one of their best players and demanding ransom. However, even she "chickened out" by getting German Measles at the last moment. We may have seemed hard on the Officers of Tidworth, but remember this was war.

However, at 1430 hours, 27th March, the two parties arrived on

the battlefield to be "reffed" by the R.S.M.

The pageantry was really something to behold: everyone who was anyone was there—Long John Silver, Knights in Armour, Schoolgirls, Mummies (Daddies were excluded that day), cats and kids. A Celtic half-back, a pukka polo playing padre and a well-nourished fairy. The game was played with little incident, apart from the R.S.M's insistance to stand to attention when pulling "them" up. When the game was being dominated by one side, the Ref. assisted the other side by throwing the ball in the direction of the goal which they were attacking. I do think it was a bit much, though, when the "Bed Pan Trotters" (Junior Ranks) were winning, about five Officers overpowered the goalie, who was in fact me, and placed the ball in the goal, making the score 3-all!

Never mind, it was only a game, and with tired limbs but light hearts the two teams moved off to the Junior Ranks Quarters, Cavell House, for tea. Following the unmasking and informal introductions to the "enemy," tea was drunk and cakes eaten, in the

now friendly atmosphere.

All too soon the afternoon's hilarity had ended. We have returned a challenge to the Officers for a fancy dress rugby match. "They" seem reluctant to accept—I wonder why!

JEAN HOWARD, Cpl., Q.A.R.A.N.C.

OFFICERS PENSION SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Officers' Pension Society was held at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, on 23rd June, 1965, 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.

General The Lord Bourne, G.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., the Chairman, opened the meeting by announcing that the membership was now 26,430, but there were another 27,000 retired Officers who could become Members.

All problems had been discussed with the Ministry of Defence in December, but owing to the financial position, no change could at that time be contemplated. Further meetings had taken place, and to remove anomalies, it was suggested by the Society that all pensions should be reviewed at the same time. Replies were noncommittal, and the question of parity was still under review. War widows and disability pensions had been raised on 1st April this year. The Society is also trying to have war widows' pensions exempt from taxation, so far with no success.

After discussions on parity and other points, the meeting closed

at 3.30 p.m.

The Association was represented at the luncheon and meeting by the Chairman, Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, Colonel L. M. Rose and

Colonel D. W. Douglass.

If any retired Officer wishes to know more about the Society or join, she should write to: The General Secretary, Officers' Pension Society, 137 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, 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, present 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, 1965.

The following reply was received:

DEAR BRIGADIER TURNER,

Thank you very much for your letter which I have laid before

Princess Margaret.

Your Colonel-in-Chief received your kind message on the occasion of Queen Alexandra's Day with great appreciation, and I am to send you and all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps an expression of her best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JANE BENSON,

Lady-in-Waiting.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Prize has been awarded to Mrs. I. J. Davies (formerly Q./1004810 Private Argyle I. J., Q.A.R.A.N.C.) for the best written examination paper in any Class I trade for the year 1964.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MISS HEPPLE

My knowledge of Miss Hepple dates back to the earliest days of my own service. Her gaiety, kindness and common-sense attracted my liking then; later, as the years went on, we met at intervals, sometimes serving in the same stations, and that liking deepened into affection, with added admiration for her courage and steadfast sense of duty and service to others, which she never forgot in spite of personal difficulties.

Remembrance of her will always be to me that cheerful gameness which carried her through her service and retirement, and was with her to the end. Only a few days before that, Miss Margery Loughnan and I visited her, and though not able to recognise us at first, our harking back to old days soon brought recollections and with it that gay smile and the words, "Oh, isn't it nice to have a good

old Q.A. natter." She loved the "Q.A's."

LOUISA WILKINSON.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

D.B.E.

Brigadier E. M. Turner, M.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.

R.R.C.

Lt.-Colonel V. K. Turner.

A.R.R.C.

Major W. Polson, J. M. Waters, M. E. Wainwright.

BIRTH

Poole (née deWardt, Q.A.R.A.N.C.), on June 7th 1965, at the Battle Hospital, Reading, to Greta Mary and Peter Buchanan of Erlegh Lodge, Crowthorne, Berkshire—a son.

DEATHS

BETTANY, Major M. J., died at Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on 18th April, 1965.

BLOORE, Miss Anne, died 27th September, 1964, at Shrewsbury; served in T.A.N.S.

HARDY, Miss Olive C., died 9th February, 1965, in the University College Hospital, late Q.A.I.M.N.S. Res. 1939-1946. Served in Hospital Ship, Somersetshire, and 63rd General Hospital, M.E.L.F.

Lyle, Miss Edith Maud, R.R.C., died at Home of Compassion, Thames Ditton, Surrey, on 8th April, 1965; ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), aged 85 years.

WATKIN, Colonel E. E., R.R.C., died on 3rd April, 1965, in hospital; served in Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.).

STEPHENSON, Miss E. F., R.R.C., died on 9th May, 1965; late Matron of Q.A.I.M.N.S., aged 84 years.

HEPPLE, Miss Margaret J., R.R.C., died on 10th June, 1965; late Matron (Retd.) O.A.I.M.N.S.

DONALD, Miss M., died suddenly on 6th June, 1965.

O'Driscoll, L/Cpl., while serving in Dhekelia, met with fatal accident on 8th June, 1965.

REYNOLDS, Miss Bertha, A.R.R.C., died on 1st July, 1965, in hospital near her home at 29 Gleneldon Road, S.W.16. She served in the T.A.N.S. from 1915 to 1920 and in the O.A.I.M.N.S. from 1930 to 1946.

APPOINTMENTS, SENIOR OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. H. M. Grant, R.R.C., appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Catterick, w.e.f. 2.3.65.

Lt.-Col. M. Ryan, A.R.R.C., appointed Matron, Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, w.e.f. 1.4.65.

Lt.-Col. E. M. Litherland, A.R.R.C., appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Hannover, w.e.f. 19.5.65.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

FEBRUARY 1965

Eighteen Q.A.R.A.N.C. other ranks passed the State Final examinations in February, 1965:

Best, Patricia Lynne
Bullock, Anne Aline Winifred
Conroy, Kathleen Ann
Crowson, Elizabeth Anne
Deacon, Susan Carol (nee Pryor)
Dobson, Rosalie (nee Olson)
Golding, Dorothy
Hall, Dorothy Anne
Haskins, Kismet Nina Mary

Holling, Elaine Rose Kells, Irene Hazel Kemp, Christine Margaret Kingdon, Josephine Mary McIver, Mary Robinson, Rachel Jean White Staple, Stella Mary Walker, Pamela Margaret Whitfield, Joyce Heather

PASSED MIDWIFE TEACHER DIPLOMA, PART I

Capt. P. A. P. Walters, O.A.R.A.N.C.

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I, FEBRUARY 1965

Capt. J. D. Lang Lieut. J. N. Wilson Lieut. M. I. Booth Sgt. R. E. Strevens

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I, APRIL 1965

Lieut. M. M. Forsyth
Lieut. J. M. Mortimer
Lieut. H. E. Young

A/Sgt. P. M. Sullivan
Pte. M. M. Vallely
Miss V. Stansfield (ex-Sgt. Q.A.R.A.N.C.)

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II, 1965

Capt. F. Bellerby
Lieut. E. P. Lynch
Capt. M. C. J. Russell
Capt. P. M. Smith

Capt. J. Waters
Capt. I. B. Cooper
Lieut. D. Luckett

PROMOTIONS—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Major

Captains: D. P. Ingleton, 23.3.65; E. A. Meaden, 13.4.65; M. Ord, 21.4.65.

To Captain

Lieutenant O. F. Read, 16.4.65.

To Captain

Lieutenants: E. A. Robertson, 25.2.65; E. M. T. McCloskey, 9.2.65; M. Harrington, 4.3.65; E. Straughan, 4.3.65; B. Likely, 4.3.65; B. Jessup, 29.3.65; B. Forbes, 30.3.65; A. I. Lynch, 10.4.65; T. P. O'Keefe, 12.4.65; Y. Jarvis, 15.4.65; S. L. Robinson, 16.4.65; G. V. Hearn, 16.4.65; S. A. Power, 16.4.65; K. McKenna, 16.4.65; M. K. Cummings, 16.4.65; K. M. Noland, 6.5.65; M. K. Blackwell, 24.5.65.

RETIREMENTS—REGULAR OFFICERS

Majors: M. I. Wilmhurst, 18.2.65; H. Grimshaw, 25.3.65. Major (Hon. Lt.-Colonel) M. M. Trood, 25.2.65. Major (Hon. Colonel) C. P. Maudsley, A.R.R.C., 13.5.65. Captain L. M. Casebourne (nee Burns), 6.3.65.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS TRANSFERRED TO R.A.R.O. ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE

Captains: M. A. Delahunt, 5.2.65; R. K. Hickman, 5.2.65; V. R. Neale, 7.2.65; A. McQuade, 27.2.65; S. M. Cooper, 11.3.65; I. V. Faddon, 7.3.65; E. Shaughnessy, 7.3.65; M. E. Williams, 27.3.65; M. D. Ault (nee Quinn), 27.2.65; S. N. Dempsey (nee Rodger), 6.3.65; M. J. Gill (nee Lonegan), 9.4.65; V. J. Carr, 4.4.65; S. M. Sambrooks, 24.4.65; W. W. Thomson, 27.4.65; M. Wardle, 24.4.65; A. M. Carter, 24.4.65; E. M. S. Bolger (nee Murphy), 24.4.65; M. Sawyer, 27.5.65; E. O'Hare, 16.5.65.
Lieutenants: S. F. Mayo (nee Calton), 20.2.65; F. A. Winter (nee Rafferty).

Lieutenants: S. E. Mayo (nee Calton), 20.2.65; E. A. Winter (nee Rafferty), 8.2.65; H. M. Connatty, 4.3.65; D. A. Robinson, 4.3.65; W. Bishop, 26.3.65; A. Shuel, 26.3.65; J. W. Moore, 24.4.65; F. M. Thornton, 23.5.65.

OFFICERS POSTED OVERSEAS BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MAY, 1965

FAR.E.L.F.

B.M.H. Singapore

Majors: D. W. Galbraith, A. T. E. M. Howitt, A. Boad. Lieutenants: C. M. Place, E. A. H. Shapter, M. E. Parker, J. B. Gillies, P. M. Smith, H. M. Symes.

B.M.H. Hong Kong

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M.H. Terendak

Major E. Stoker. Captains: M. R. M. Blair, M. J. Clure.

Military Maternity Hospital, Penang Major D. Gray.

B.M.H. Kluang Lieutenant M. A. Murray.

Seconded to Foreign Office with the Office of Charge d'Affaires, Peking Captain M. B. T. Hennessy.

M.E.L.F.

B.M.H. Dhekelia

Major B. M. Mitchell.

Lieutenants: J. K. Norbury, P. A. Greenwood, M. J. Ford.

B.M.H. Benghazi

Captain: M. B. Lynott.

Lieutenants: S. K. Gale, J. A. Thewlis.

B.M.H. Tripoli
Lieutenant C. Littler.

REGULAR OFFICERS REVERTED TO HOME ESTABLISHMENT

Posted to

Major E. M. O'Brien, 21.2.65 Capt. S. P. Linton, 21.2.65 ... Capt. R. A. Dobbs, 1.3.65 ... Major J. McLoughlin, 19.5.65

Military Hospital, Colchester Military Hospital, Tidworth Military Hospital, Catterick Military Hospital, Colchester Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot

Capt. R. E. Johnson, 19.5.65... Louise Margare

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

1st MARCH, 1965, TO 30th JUNE, 1965

To B.A.O.R.

Privates: Y. M. Allen, A. M. Browne, B. A. Farmer, P. V. Haigh, F. J. Hibbitt, P. Morris, A. M. Ross, E. C. Wood, P. C. Glanville, N. M. Black, C. E. Bruce, A. M. Burrup, M. F. Fisher, J. R. MacTavish, C. Mitchell, E. R. Morrison, M. M. O'Callaghan, E. Richardson, P. A. Ryal, M. Ward, R. Brockbank, C. M. O. Nicholson, B. Richards, C. L. Rowley, E. J. Williamson, M. A. Degans, B. P. Ennis, A. L. Harding, I. Marshall, J. McIntosh, J. M. Scott, C. M. Anderson, L. Camies, B. A. Chapman, J. Christian, A. Edge, S. A. Lewis, A. J. Magill, P. L. Payne, A. M. Robinson, D. Y. Rogers, V. G. Spence, M. J. A. Walker, B. Watson, D. H. Ellis, M. W. Evans, G. M. Brooker, E. Lovell, H. Mullard, S. J. Smith, C. S. Thompson, P. A. Wise, J. A. M. Yescombe, W. Aughton, V. J. Bearne, E. E. Fulker, C. Goulden, I. W. Gower, M. L. Lamphier, K. F. MacLean, J. M. McKenzie, J. Y. Parkinson, M. E. Quay, G. C. Simpson, E. Tennant, E. A. Williamson, S. E. Boxall, C. D. Fox, D. C. Gower, N. Kilpatrick, C. McMurdo, P. J. Michie, J. Morley, M. J. E. Paynter, S. W. Smith, M. E. Jones, P. A. Hynes, P. Wilson.

R.A.D.C.

To B.A.O.R.

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To FAR.E.L.F.

Privates: S. E. Ody, M. J. Scott, C. F. Loft, J. Hayes, J. E. Chambers, F. E. Taplin, M. Walters, J. M. Absolon, I. N. Atkinson, V. G. Briggs, S. A. Ford, M. E. Baker, D. L. Burke, J. M. Tranter, J. F. Coleman, M. M. Fagan, C. L. Pickard, J. E. Wright, C. I. Simpson, S. A. Hodson, C. S. Monsey, V. McMillan, M. Walsh, P. Lee, L. Ellerton.

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Corporal S. J. Ptak.

Privates: V. A. Catherall, J. J. Aby, C. M. Jeffrey, S. Parry, S. Powell, P. J. Dick, J. T. Metcalf, V. A. Reddish, D. Shambrook, S. Bristow-Jones, P. Maitland, L. Y. Mackay, H. M. Seaman.

To Benghazi

Privates: J. Stewart, M. J. Sweet.

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

1st MARCH, 1965, TO 30th JUNE, 1965

To No. 18 Coy., R.A.M.C.

Privates: A. C. Day, G. Armstrong, M. Bell, E. Brown, A. E. Clarke, C. R. Davies, A. Emmerson, D. G. Friend, S. Griffiths, B. A. Hercus, J. L. Kadwell, S. Quinan, L. Rook, J. R. Shearlaw, A. T. Sheridan, V. C. Trevetham, J. P. Vanstone, S. J. Yarker., J. E. Peet, C. A. M. Daly, E. R. Frith, J. M. Greer, M. M. D. Hunt, , A. E. Smith. Corporal M. J. Nicholson.

To Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital

Privates: M. W. Lawrie, K. J. Plant, B. A. Green. L/Corporals: D. Wilkes, V. A. Poole. Corporal (A/Sgt.) C. M. Chalmers. Corporals: C. A. Kemp, A. McClay, J. M. Whitfield.

To 1 Coy R.A.M.C.

Privates: D. M. Bradley, S. E. Bull, S. E. Hamilton, A. P. Walker, C. M. Smith, C. Heron, J. M. Davies, S. M. Fishpool, A. P. Nolan., V. C. White, M. E. Williams.

To No. 10 Coy, R.A.M.C.

Privates: J. J. Evans, N. E. Stephens, D. Cairns, D. M. Keene, A. McAndrew, E. A. Pidler, J. L. Pattenden, J. Richards.

Corporal R. Bywater.

To No. 7 Coy, R.A.M.C.

Privates: A. Hilton, L. M. Whitehand, G. I. Adams, J. A. Deadman, S. Morris, P. A. Partridge, M. J. Pilcher, M. F. Swindle, G. S. Saunders, B. E. Tirrell. Sergeant A. C. C. Graham.

To Depot and T.E. R.A.D.C.

Private J. Richards. Corporal M. T. Bergin.

To No. 15 Coy., R.A.M.C.

Corporal J. Carruthers.

To. No. 12 Coy., R.A.M.C.

Privates: N. E. Stephens. L/Corporal E. W. Kinloch.

Corporals: J. E. Peet, P. J. Dunn, C. M. Palmer.

To No. 9 Cov., R.A.M.C.

Privates: I. B. Trebilcock, M. M. Vallely, S. L. Ferns, B. Goodman.

Corporal (A/Sgt.) P. M. Sullivan.

Corporal E. C. Kennedy.

To No. 20 Coy, R.A.M.C.

Privates: V. A. Brown, V. Percival, A. Wakeley, J. F. R. Wedmore. Corporal M. A. Seaward.

To No. 37 Coy, R.A.M.C.

Privates: C. P. N. Breed, C. P. N. Dunn, J. J. V. Ellis, J. J. Evans. Corporal S. J. Ptak.

PROMOTIONS—OTHER RANKS

1st MARCH, 1965, TO 30th JUNE, 1965

To S/Sgts.

C. Rendall, 2.11.64.

To Sgts.

S. Hardy, 3.11.64; M. Chalmers, 1.3.65.

To Corporals

C. M. Kemp, 5.3.65; A. McClay, 7.3.65; D. Wilks, 7.3.65; J. N. Pillay, 7.3.65; D. A. Hall, 7.3.65; A. P. Walker, 6.5.65; S. L. Ferns, 29.6.65; W. E. Callick, 29.6.65; M. C. McKee, 29.6.65.

To L/Corporals

M. A. Chappell, 3.3.65; J. Muggleton, 3.3.65; J. B. Muir, 8.3.65; W. E. Smith, 8.3.65; C. M. Mellars, 11.3.65; P. A. Lockett, 18.3.65; S. R. Hunter, 1.4.65; M. J. Docksey, 30.6.65; J. Walmsley, 30.6.65.

DONATIONS

Many donations, for which we are very grateful, have been received for the Association's various funds during the quarter. A list of donors will appear in the next edition of the GAZETTE.

E. BALDOCK.

LATE NOTIFICATION

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. D. L. Briscoe, R.R.C. (née Underhill) on June 21st 1965.

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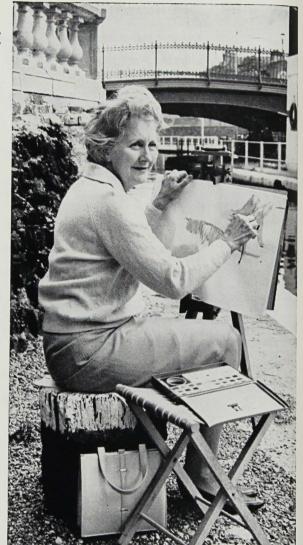
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