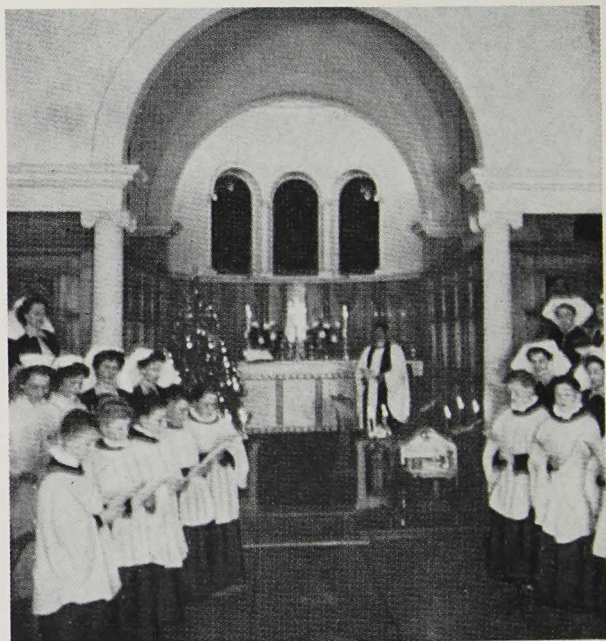




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EDITORIAL

In the words of Peter Sellers, "GOOD-ness! GRACI-ous! ME!" It's nearly Christmas. Oh! No?— But it is, and how the year has rolled away; it seems to have gone before we can realise it has begun. Something *must* have happened, it just cannot have slipped by, surely. From the Association's point of view, we are glad to say our numbers are still gradually increasing and more members are taking the GAZETTE, but we do need still more if we are to remain solvent and continue the GAZETTE in its present form. So keep up the good work, please.

In our last edition we regret we omitted to mention that Miss Daly, from Camberley, had recognised some of the Sisters in the photograph of Sir Winston Churchill talking to the Nursing Staff of a unit in Germany in 1919. They are Miss Susan Daly herself, Miss Margaret Steele, Miss Daisy Barrett, Miss Guthrie, Miss Grierson, Miss Minnie Wood, and the Principal Matron, Miss Hannah Reid. We are most grateful to Miss Daly for this information, which is now attached to the photograph—in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum.

The photograph on the cover was taken in the Chapel at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, in December 1958.

Our congratulations to all those who have been recently promoted, passed examinations, and courses. To those who have not yet become members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, we would like to include "you" on our membership list for 1966.

A very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year to you all.

CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

Once again the festive season is upon us, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your interest and generosity during the past year.

I am sure you will again extend the "Hand of Friendship" to all wherever possible, and so bring happiness and comfort to the less fortunate than ourselves.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

LT.-COL. E. W. R. WARNER,
Chairman.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Next year Corps Day, 27th March, falls on Sunday. It will be the first occasion on which it has been possible for the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. to join forces with the Aldershot Units to celebrate this day. Also it will be the first of many anticipated occasions which may be held by the Combined Aldershot (Q.A.R.A.N.C.) Units.

Arrangements are being made for the following Services to be held:

1. Church of England: Royal Garrison Church, All Saints.
2. Roman Catholic: St. Michael's.

We hope that the congregations will consist of many ex-Q.A.'s who find it possible to get there.

Due to delays in the date of the Depot move to Aldershot, social arrangements following the Services are still under discussion, and the following is a possible plan:

Officers:	Aldershot Club	Buffet lunch, approx. 8/6
Senior N.C.O's:	Sergeants' Mess, Royal Pavilion	Buffet lunch, approx. 6/6
Junior Ranks:	P.T.S., Thornhill	No charge

It is hoped that the new Depot can be opened to visitors during the afternoon.

Further details regarding times of services, lunch tickets, etc., will be forwarded to interested Branch Secretaries in February 1966.

Interest through Branch Secretaries at an earlier date would be most welcome, together with provisional numbers, and would considerably help in our plans.

Communication in this instance should be addressed to: The Commandant, Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Hindhead, Surrey.

Please make this date in your diary.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due 1st January, 1966, and should be paid through Branches, unless not a member of a Branch, when they are paid direct to H.Q. If paid by Banker's Order, please inform the Secretary concerned and do not pay again.

21st Reunion

As this is our 21st Reunion, we are hoping to make it a little different.

Owing to various difficulties, we cannot give you the exact date, but it will be at the end of June or beginning of July.

Please try and find us as many people as possible to attend.

The date is now fixed: 25th June, 1966.

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Members of the Association met once again at the Dedication Ceremony of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster on November 11th.

The Service at the Association Plot was lead by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner. The Badge Cross in memory of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. was planted by Major Cavey, and the Reserve Cross by Miss Holmes. Mrs. Hammond then planted the Badge Cross in memory of the T.A.N.S. and a Wreath Cross was planted in memory of the V.A.D's by Mrs. Stanger.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, who was present at the Dedication Ceremony, spoke to three of our members, Mrs. Hammond, Miss Baldock and Sgt. Graham, and admired the layout of our plot.

We were very pleased to see amongst our friends present representatives of the Corps.

ANNUAL CORPS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Officers of the Corps held their Annual Cocktail Party in the Banqueting House, Whitehall, on 28th October, 1965. They were honoured by the presence of their Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, who was received on her arrival by the Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., R.R.C., and the Matron-in-Chief, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.

On entering this magnificent hall, Her Royal Highness, who wore a beautiful slim nigger-brown velvet frock, was presented with a bouquet of spider orchids and fuchias by Lieut. E. F. Slaughter.

Dame Louisa Wilkinson, Founder Administrator of the Association, was among the many guests, and the Headquarters of the Association was represented by Lt.-Colonel E. W. R. Warner, Chairman, Colonel L. M. Rose, and Miss Hinds.

It was a most enjoyable evening, spent in such a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

NEWS FROM UNITS AND BRANCHES

Millbank Branch

The Branch met on Wednesday, 7th July, at Q.A. Military Hospital.

Colonel Winny, R.R.C., welcomed Mrs. M. Carr, of Barnes Horticultural Society, who gave a talk and demonstration on Floral Arrangements. This was very interesting and enjoyed by all. During question time the nurses produced a very straight vase (Army issue) and asked advice as to the best way of arranging flowers in it. This presented a problem, but was managed, and the arranged vase given to the ward.

The floral arrangements were sold on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Mills concluded the meeting.

In the September meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Mills showed a film (in colour) of their tour of Italy, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

HILDA HAMBLIN.

Combined Units Branch, Aldershot

It was unfortunate that only a very small number of members were able to visit the Royal Horticultural Gardens at Wisley on 9th September, 1965, due to the holiday season. Once again the sun shone for this Branch outing; the gardens were a delight to see, particularly the wonderful colours of the Dahlia Trials that were being carried out. The magnificent herbaceous border was a real sight to behold, a frequent remark made by members of our small party was "I have that plant in my garden, but I do not call it that!" The plants were very neatly labelled, but with names quite unpronounceable to we amateur gardeners.

Needless to say, we finished our tour with a delicious cream tea.

The Autumn Raffle was held on 21st October, 1965, at Gun Hill House. The afternoon commenced with a Committee Meeting, followed by a Tea Party, to which a large number of retired and serving members were present. Everyone admired the twenty-four prizes which had most generously been given by retired and serving members of the Branch. Miss Lang very kindly drew the tickets for the Raffle, the sale of which amounted to £120, our target for this year.

S. R. TODMAN.

Bournemouth Branch

The Annual Luncheon has become the most popular and well attended function of the year.

The Branch was honoured to have for their speaker Dame Margot Turner, Matron-in-Chief.

Her subject was her recent trip to America, and her impressions of the Nursing Services there.

The Drum Majorettes and crimson carpet which greeted Dame Margot's arrival in Texas were lacking here, but the warmth of her welcome needed no banners or bands, as most members had some reminiscences of meeting her before in the various stages of her successful climb to the top.

In the absence of the Branch President, Dame Monica Golding, who was delayed in Yorkshire by illness, the speaker was introduced by Victoria Whiteman.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Colonel Hey, who recalled amid laughter her first voyage to India with the speaker.

Colonel K. M. Blair, the Hon. Secretary, recounted the minutes of the last meeting and tendered apologies of nineteen members unable to be present. This number only highlights the strength of the Branch because, despite the absence of so many, the attendance was still excellent.

Major Stonham, the Hon. Treasurer, read the financial statement, showing that she manages to keep her budget balanced.

Finally, Colonel Blair paid a tribute to the memory of the late proprietor of Linden Hall, who had welcomed the Association so cordially in the past, and whose wife is now carrying on the business.

Brighton Branch

This is nearing the end of its first year, and on the whole we are pleased with our progress; we now have 46 members.

The coach tour to Leonardslee Gardens was apparently enjoyed by all in spite of the weather, for the heavens opened and we squelched round in mackintoshes, admiring the lovely rhododendrons and azaleas from the safety of umbrellas! The sun did come out for a few minutes while we were drying out and enjoying a much-needed tea at Winham.

The July meeting was not so well attended, and the members unable to be present missed a treat in not seeing the delightful films shown by Miss Berrill and Major Freeman. The few who were there found them most entertaining.

Our September gathering should have been a Whist Drive, but members preferred to talk, so the prizes were added to the remnants from the March Bring and Buy Sale and were sold to swell our still rather slender funds.

Our next meeting is the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, on November 26th, and equally important, our first Annual General Meeting will be held on January 5th, 1966.

Manchester Branch

The Annual Dinner was held on October 9th at the R.A.M.C., T.A. Officers' Mess, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer.

Twenty members and guests were present, and Miss Yates presided.

Among the guests we were pleased to welcome Mr. Frank Taylor, Conservative M.P. for Moss Side, Manchester, whose wife is a member of the Branch.

A collection was made for the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Christmas Fund.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Manchester Royal Infirmary on March 26th, when it is proposed to also hold a Bring and Buy stall, and we may arrange a Theatre Party for the evening.

It is hoped that some of us will be able to attend the 21st Reunion in London in 1966.

A. YATES.

I have been asked by the Chairman of the Manchester Branch to give a few details concerning the origin of a special toast always given at our Annual Branch Dinner and at Regimental Dinners in Lancashire.

This is the toast, "The Queen, the Duke of Lancaster." The toast will be heard on 27th October when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh join 500 guests at St. James's Palace to celebrate the occasion of the 700th anniversary of a unique historical link with the Crown: the Duchy of Lancaster. It has been linked with the Crown for 566 years, and is an institution almost as old as the Magna Carta.

It began when Henry III gave his son Edmund the possessions of Simon de Montfort and Robert Ferrers, Earl of Derby. Later Edmund took over estates in Leicester and South Lancashire, and these became the Duchy Estates. Edmund became the first Earl of Lancaster in 1267. His grandson, Henry, became the first Duke of Lancaster in 1351. The line has remained unbroken since, and the most famous duke was John of Gaunt, whose son attached the Duchy to the Crown, and it has been one of the royal titles since then.

The Duchy's headquarters remain in London, where John of Gaunt held sway at his Savoy Palace, now the site of the Savoy Hotel.

VERA M. R. ROWLEY (A.3858).

A Message to N.E. Scotland Branch

We are sorry to hear that the N.E. Scotland Branch is finding it difficult to keep the Branch going. We do realise the difficulties in meeting, particularly when distances are great and fares increase; nevertheless, we do hope that the members will manage to hold the Branch together until such time as membership numbers increase, and life is less hectic.

You can be sure of the interest and sympathy of other Branches during this difficult period.

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE HOLLINGTON PARK, ST. LEONARD'S

On 19th June a most happy and memorable afternoon was spent by the Warden and residents at Burnt Wood, Battle, the beautiful home of Sir Neil and the Hon. Lady Cooper-Key.

Lady Cooper-Key had invited us to tea. We were taken in three cars, one driven by Lady Cooper-Key, one by her chauffeur, and one by Mrs. Ryan, wife of Col. Ryan, our late Chairman.

At Burnt Wood we were taken around the beautiful garden, then to see the swimming pool, its lovely sky-blue colour, its situation—surrounded by garden, pillars and vines—delighted us.

We were then entertained to tea, Lady Cooper-Key's small daughter and her school friend adding an atmosphere of happy childish gaiety. Sir Neil took some snapshots before we left.

We so enjoyed Lady Cooper-Key's hospitality. On our return journey Mrs. Ryan took five residents to see Col. Ryan and the lovely rose garden at Roughters, their beautiful home, from which one has a view of the sea, and, in the distance, Rye. It was an added joy to complete the afternoon. Mrs. Ryan brought us back in her car.

MARJORIE WILLIAMS.

Coffee Morning

On 29th September, 1965, a Coffee Morning and a Bring and Buy Sale was held at Queen Mary's House. The stalls were a joy to see, just laden with such saleable goods. Oh, the generosity of the residents and of so many outside friends! Fruit, vegetables and beautiful flowers in great demand—also the cakes and sweets.

Coffee was served in our very own dining room. Many guests asked to see the many treasures in Queen Mary's House, and not forgetting our beautiful garden. Our own bedrooms were on view.

Result: we made £87. Again our thanks to the sellers, the buyers, and to the givers.

A RESIDENT IN QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE.

NURSING INTER-SERVICES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

This year it was held at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. A number of us went down to cheer our two representatives, Captain E. M. Steel and Lt. R. M. Sharp. It started with the Army playing the Royal Navy. After we had won the first set and were 2-1 up in the second, the heavens opened and rain stopped play. We all proceeded to the Sisters' Mess, where we were provided with an excellent tea. As there were no prospects of continuing, play was abandoned, and it was decided to play it off the following day.

Three of us went down with the team, and the sun was shining. Our couple unfortunately lost the second set and were down in the third set and had two match points against them and with some



The photograph is that of Brigadier Dame Monica Golding presenting the Medforth Cup to Lieut. R. M. Sharp after the Tennis Finals at the Depot in July. Unfortunately, this arrived too late to be published with the account of the Tournament in our last edition.

determined play and hearty clapping by their supporters they went on to win, then played the R.A.F., whom they beat quite easily in two straight sets.

Congratulations to the team on an excellent result.

P.C.D.

INTER-SERVICES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Inter-Services Swimming Championships were held this year on the 27th and 28th September.

The swimming events were held at R.A.F., Cosford, and the diving at R.A.F., Cosley.

We were very proud to have three Q.A's included in the Army team.

Q/Pte. Inches, from Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, and Q/Pte. Wyles, from Military Hospital, Catterick, swam well and helped the Army team to victory over the W.R.N.S. and W.R.A.F.

Q/Pte. Ainsworth, from Military Hospital, Catterick, went as reserve with the team. Although she did not swim on this occasion, she and Q/Pte. Wyles have been swimming for the Army team against civilian clubs with great success throughout the season.

These three swimmers also entered the Army Individual Swimming and Diving Championships at Eltham Baths on 7th and 8th September.

Results were as follows:

Q/Pte. Inches: 1st, $66\frac{2}{3}$ yards Breast Stroke.
Q/Pte. Wyles: 3rd, 100 yards Free Style.
4th, $66\frac{2}{3}$ yards Back Stroke.
4th, Individual Medley.
Q/Pte. Ainsworth: 3rd, $66\frac{2}{3}$ yards Breast Stroke.
3rd, 1 metre Diving.

Very many congratulations to these three. To all the other swimmers who entered Championships but have not met with the same success—don't despair! Keep practising hard and (who knows?) it may be your turn to reap the laurels of success next year!

E.M.S.

CAMBRIDGE MILITARY HOSPITAL, ALDERSHOT

Presentation of Certificates and Prizes

During a ceremony at the Cambridge Hospital on Wednesday, 14th July, 1965, Trade Certificates and Prizes were presented to successful R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. students.

The Commanding Officer, Colonel J. J. Sullivan, welcomed relatives and friends, and introduced Major-General P. H. Man, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., General Officer Commanding Aldershot District, who presented the awards. Also on the platform were Colonel M. B. Kneebone, D.D.A.N.S. Southern Command, Lieut.-Colonel M. Fabien, Matron, and Major J. M. Waters, Sister Tutor.

Relatives and friends were invited to tea before the ceremony, and were able to visit the hospital if they wished to do so.

Certificates were presented to students who had qualified as Operating Theatre Technicians Class I and II, Storeman Technical Class I, Army Male Nurse and Army Nurse Class I and II, during the past year.

Army Trained Nurse Certificates were received by:

R.A.M.C.: Cpl. Gray, L/Cpl. Lang, Pte. Adamson.
Q.A.R.A.N.C.: Sgt. Brockway, Sgt. Chalmers, Sgt. Kemp,
Sgt. Pillay, Sgt. McClay, Sgt. Hall,
Cpl. O'Donnell.

Prizes awarded to students for all-round progress:

First Year

1st Prize: Pte. Scott, R.A.M.C.
2nd Prize: Pte. Ross, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
3rd Prize: Pte. Morrison, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Second Year

1st Prize: L/Cpl. Pargin, R.A.M.C.
2nd Prize: Pte. Rouse, R.A.M.C.
3rd Prize: Pte. Plant, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Final Year

Medicine: Pte. Willman, R.A.M.C.
Surgery: Pte. May, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Practical Nursing: Sgt. Wilks, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Tutors' Prize for Academic Achievement:

Pte. Bull, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Matron's Prize for General Efficiency:

L/Cpl. Lang, R.A.M.C.
Cpl. Walker, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

After presenting the awards, Major-General Man gave a most interesting and stimulating talk to the students, and was then thanked by the Commanding Officer.

The Officers who attended the ceremony were afterwards invited to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess for drinks.

FRANKFURT: JUNE 1965

As I had the privilege of attending the VIII Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses, I have been asked to write about my visit to Frankfurt. The Congress has been fully reported in the official Nursing Press, so this will be my impression of the highlights and points of interest, and not in any way a report.



THE FESTHALLE, FRANKFURT

Having completed various forms in triplicate in September 1964, it was most exciting when such things as registration cards, hotel reservations, etc., started arriving in the spring of this year. At last June 15th arrived. I travelled by the special B.E.A. charter flight. We had a very comfortable journey, and an excellent lunch was served. At Frankfurt we were welcomed by members of the German Nurses' Federation, and Customs formalities were waived.

We had time to settle into our hotels before making our way to the Exhibition Grounds and Congress Hall to have a look round and register. On presentation of our registration cards we were given a very nice green document wallet containing the official programme and various other informative pamphlets. We learned later than we became known as "the ladies with the green cases"! Male nurses were, of course, represented—but they were very much in the minority. About 6,000 nurses registered to attend the Congress, 864 of whom were from the United Kingdom. The meetings of the Grand Council (composed of five delegates from each member-country) were held from June 16th to 19th, and all participants were able to attend as observers. Due to the simultaneous translation these sessions proved to be most interesting, and it must have helped to "speed up" proceedings. Eight highly skilled interpreters were employed. The four official languages were English, German, French and Spanish. The ear phones were light and easy to control. The most widely used language was English, so we were fortunate in hearing the majority of speakers in their own voice.

On June 16th the Congress was opened by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Heinrich Lubke. People arrived early in order to secure a good seat, and the doors were to be closed at 9.45 a.m., prior to the arrival of the President at 10 a.m. German student nurses in white and light blue uniforms formed a most attractive guard of honour on either side of the long aisle from the entrance to the platform. There were a number of official guests at this ceremony which, besides the official opening, included speeches of welcome and the "Roll Call" of the fifty-one countries represented; also a report on the work of the International Council of Nurses by the President, Mademoiselle Alice Clamageran. Music of Beethoven, Haydn and Grieg was played as part of the opening session. This gave a light-hearted touch to the officialdom—but at the same time it seemed to make it more impressive.

A number of greetings were received. Routine business started in the afternoon and proceeded during the following days.

The various elections took place during the final session, the highlight being that of President. Miss Alice Girard, of Canada, was elected unanimously, and following the announcement she received a standing ovation and was escorted to the platform, where she was welcomed and presented with two lovely bouquets. After this the invitation was given and accepted that the next Congress—in 1969—should be in Montreal, Canada.

Special Church Services were arranged for 7 p.m. on the Saturday.

During these days most people had missed one or two sessions in order to do some sight-seeing. I went on two afternoon tours: one to the beautiful Taunus Mountains, near Frankfurt, and the other on the City tour which included a visit to Goethe's house, now a museum, though a number of pieces of furniture occupied their original positions as used by Goethe. We also went to the lovely Botanical Gardens—rather like a combination of Wisley and Kew.

Being June, we had long light evenings, and a "must" with most people was a visit to the famous Henniges Tower and dinner in the revolving restaurant, from where one had a wonderful panoramic view of Frankfurt and the surrounding country. They served an excellent meal and had most attractive table appointments—I can still see and taste that large plateful of delicious strawberries and cream!

During these first few days the weather had been uncertain and changeable, but Sunday dawned bright and sunny when we set forth for the wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten Rhine trip. We left Frankfurt by special trains for Ringen or Rudesheim, where the nine ships were waiting. Each of these was decorated with garlands and bunting, and at the masts were banners showing the symbol of the world and the Frankfurt "Romer," which was the Congress emblem. A long streamer on each ship announced "International Congress of Nurses."

The theme of the Congress was to be "Communication," and it certainly started on this trip, where the organisers had cleverly mingled the nationalities on each boat. Musical entertainment was provided, and this proved so infectious that most people were soon participating in the dancing and singing. We sailed past fortresses and castles, romantic little villages, vineyards on either side of the river, and as we passed the famous Lorelei rock, the cannon was fired in greeting, and the ships' bands played "Only You." We turned at Koblenz. Lunch and afternoon coffee were served at the invitation of our hostesses, the German Nurses' Federation, and we were each given most attractive souvenir-menus. To sum up, I think I cannot do better than quote from "Boat Trip Comments" printed in the *I.C.N. Express*: "Never have we had such a lovely day since the Congress started. Maybe the God of Africa sent the sun to crown this great day. It was all singing, dancing and laughing on board our boat. How we wished it would never end. How admirable in Nature's handiwork."

The summer weather continued for the rest of the week, and during the lunch breaks the lawns of the Exhibition site were dotted with groups having picnics and basking in the sunshine.

The programme started on Monday morning with the keynote speeches (entitled "Communication or Conflict" by Dr. Magda Kelber of Germany and Miss Jane Muntz of Australia. In the

afternoon professional visits had been arranged, and a fleet of ninety coaches left the Exhibition site—a wonderful feat of organisation. The hostess on each bus acted as liaison officer and was able to communicate with the variety of nationalities of her passengers. I visited a general hospital in Bad Hamburg, where we were greeted by the Medical Director, Matron, and Administrative Director. We were given refreshments on arrival, and the Medical Director told us a little of the local history of Bad Hamburg, as well as the history and functions of the hospital, facilities for joining health insurance companies, and conditions regarding nurse training. We then had a most extensive and interesting tour of all sections of the hospital, which was in the process of expanding and rebuilding.

On Tuesday morning we were divided into small groups to discuss one of the sub-topics to be presented at the Plenary Sessions which were to follow from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday morning. There was an appointed leader who introduced the discussion and reported back to the appropriate panel who would be dealing with that sub-topic during the Plenary Sessions.

The sub-topics were all on "Communication," and were as follows: "With the Patient and Family," "Within the Health Team," "In Planning the Physical and Human Environment in Health Services," "Within and Among Nursing Organisations," "Between Employer and Employee in the Health Field," "With Organised Groups in Society," "With the Local Community," and "Educating Nurses for Communication."

On the Tuesday evening various places of entertainment had been booked for us, and I was fortunate to be in time to get tickets for the opera. These were soon sold out, and there was not an empty seat to be seen. We heard *The Crowning of Poppen* by Monteverdi, and I think the whole audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

On the Wednesday evening there were various invitations to social events—mostly at hospitals. I was at a comparatively small and informal party at the St. Markus Hospital. We had a warm welcome, and our hosts and hostesses were very clever at "moving us round" and ensuring that we "mixed well." An excellent buffet meal was served and there was light musical entertainment.

At the closing session of the Congress there were reports and votes of thanks, and it was announced that the Board of Directors thought the Grand Council would wish to give Honorary Recognition to Miss Daisy Bridges for all her work for the International Council of Nurses. This was received with loud applause. Miss Bridge's book, *A History of the International Council of Nurses. The First 65 Years*, will be available in 1966.

Then there was the impressive ceremony of the admission of the five new National Nurses' Associations (Hong Kong, Peru, Spain, Sierra Leone, and Gambia). The retiring President made a short closing speech in which she gave "Tenacity" as the watchword for



Photograph showing delegates and the interpreters' boxes in the balcony.

the coming quadrennial period. Having received the presidential chain of office from Mademoiselle Clamageran, the newly elected President gave a brief address and concluded with the observation that "It is perhaps time, more than ever, to be critical of our values, for it is in their light that we will steer in the right direction."

Our admiration went to the organisers for the efficient and helpful arrangements, and for their friendly welcome—and as we left, we were resolved to start saving for the next Congress in Montreal.

EILEEN BALDOCK.

HOWLERS FROM A SCHOOL MISTRESS'S NOTEBOOK

1. The "broad arrow" is one that always hits the mark.
2. A "Job's Comforter" is a thing that babies suck.
3. What does a bat do in winter? *Answer:* It splits if you don't oil it.
4. *Coup d'Etat*—a blow that was past and done with.
5. Translate *chemin de fer*. *Answer:* Chimney on fire.
6. Do you know anything for which Stirling is famous? *Answer:* As silver.
7. The work of an auditor is to keep order, to see orders through, and to take orders down.

THE FOURTEENTH MAPLE LEAF MARCHES

Wandeltocht. What a beautiful word, but it means blistered feet, aching thighs and "Oh, wouldn't it be lovely to go to bed!" Because *wandeltocht* is the Dutch word for "marching," which is a serious sport in Holland, and throughout the summer all the towns organise short distance marching competitions.

But the *Wandeltocht* in Hoogeveen, a small, neat, provincial town in central Holland, is a rather special one for the Allied Forces in Europe, as it commemorates the contribution of the 1st Canadian Army to the liberation of Holland in the Second World War. Each year a substantial contribution from the profits of the march, organised by a special committee of the Hoogeveen Police Force, is made to the Netherlands War Graves Committee. These funds, in turn, have been used to help defray the cost of bringing a large number of Canadian pilgrims to Holland to visit the graves of husbands and sons who died in the Liberation. For the past thirteen years the marches were named after General Crerar, the Commander of the Canadian campaign, but this year, the fourteenth, the name was changed to the Maple Leaf Marches, after the adoption of the maple leaf as the National Flag of Canada.

There were four classes for 10, 15, 25 and 40 kilometre marches. Besides individual marchers, there were teams representing schools, Women's Institutes, Youth Clubs, the Girl Guide Movement, including Brownies, with ages ranging from seven to seventy. Each team had its own uniform: there was the Judy Club with baggy trousers and padded jackets tied with coloured belts, a girls' grammar school team in Courreges-length white, pleated skirts and scarlet, double-breasted blazers, and a primary school wearing white blouses with long puffed sleeves and kilts in McGregor tartan. They all looked very smart. And their gay lively singing accompanied us all along the route, contrasting sharply with some of the soldiers' songs.

There was a large number of entries from B.A.O.R. and R.A.F. Germany, including our team of eight men and two women, representing B.M.H. Rinteln, all vying for the prize for the best military team, which had been carried off the previous year by the B.A.O.R. Command Pay Office. I think I ought to explain here that this was not a speed march, but was judged on marching style, precision and smartness. What chance did our mixed little squad stand against platoons of highly trained infantry and artillery? Some of them wore No. 1 Dress with their officers carrying their swords "at the ready"; and most carried weapons of some sort. We felt that we, too, should be carrying the tools of our trades, and be armed with syringes, test tubes and Thomas's splints.

We were one of the last teams to start, and as we waited in the market place, watching the others assemble and march off, we were filled with trepidation. The civilian teams were all so gay and confident. And the military teams were highly amused at the prospect

of competition from the R.A.M.C. Pte. Luffman and I, who were the only representatives of the Women's Services present, were the object of much teasing and comment, and although this added to our nervousness, it increased our determination to acquit ourselves well.

At last we started, away through the packed streets of Hooegeveen to the music of the Band of the Canadian Black Watch. Shoulders back and down. "Left, right left!" Swing those arms, "Left, right left!" Oh, why do these men take such long strides? I can't keep this up for twenty-five kilometres. "Eeeeyees left!" Oh, dear, I'll never learn to tell my left from my right, and I'm out of step now. "Left, right left!" What do I do on a "Halt"? But it was too late to think about that; we had already concertina-ed into a miserable huddle wishing that we had never heard of this wretched competition.

The twenty-five kilometres took us through the town and on a circular route along canal towpaths, through farmland and plantations, on cobbled roads and rough stone paths with dangerous potholes. It would have been a pleasant evening stroll in June, but it was a bleak day in early May. The wind was cold and gusty, and I longed for ear-muffs and a chin strap to my beret. It had started to rain before we had left the town, and within half-an-hour we were soaked to the skin. The men's shirts clung to their backs and our skirts to our thighs: the rain dripped off our noses and our bare arms became scarlet with the cold and wet. Sometimes we sang, but our repertoire of songs was poor. It was an ideal time to philosophise when the monotonous concentration on swinging the arms and keeping up the pace became almost unbearable.

But three hours later we were in sight of the town again, and with that renewed vigour which comes at the end of the road, we lifted our chins and marched as smartly as we could back into the market place. That final "Halt" was perfect. And no sooner had we "fallen out" than we were being congratulated on all sides. None of the soldiers had thought that we would finish the course; some had even doubted that we knew how to march. It was with great pride that we pinned our medals on to each other with numbed fingers.

But we soon revived after a hot shower and a meal, and that evening saw us walking jauntily back to town to meet the rest of the team. Once again we were the centre of attention wherever we went, and compliments flew thick and fast. No woman could resist such admiration as was bestowed on us that night: all we could do was smile sweetly and say deprecatingly, "Oh, it was only twenty-five kays."

At last we went home to the Dutch family with whom we were staying. All the visiting teams had been billeted with Dutch families, and this was an experience never to be forgotten. We two stayed with a family of twelve in a tiny house on the main canal. Language was a problem at first, but before we left we had made up our own, a combination of Dutch, English, German and French.

There was plenty to laugh about together. We never discovered where they all slept, or whether there was a bathroom other than the

bleak and temperamental shower at the back of the outhouse. Our double bed was only five and a half feet long and five feet wide with a slatted wooden mattress, but we soon contrived to share out the bedclothes and sleep diagonally quite comfortably. We had to inspect all the children's collections, which ranged from cigar labels and birds' eggs to old and foreign coins. In turn, great interest was shown in our cleaning of brasses, and the "spit-'n'-polish" method of "bulling" shoes. And all the time there was a constant supply of excellent coffee, Dutch Edam cheese and "airy" gingerbread.

Nothing was too much trouble, and their hospitality could not have been greater. When we left, we exchanged many mementos, amongst which were two of "father's" prize amaryllis plants.

It was not until the day after our return that we heard the results of the competition on the radio. The winners of the military section were appropriately the Canadian Black Watch. But imagine our surprise to learn that we had been placed sixth, above many of the artillery and infantry teams.

Marching is one of those things you hope you have left behind with the R.S.M. at Depot and P.T.S. At Hoogeveen we swore that we would never go through such agony again; but it must be "catching" for only a couple of weeks later we were planning and training for the long distance marches at Nijmegen. Despite the blisters, the stiffness and the ridicule one suffers, it is satisfying and fun. Try it and see!

D. M. HICKOX (Pte., Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

THE HAZARDS OF TESTIMONIALS AND REFERENCES

It is, or probably will be, the task of everyone reading this article to write either a testimonial or a reference occasionally. Perhaps it would be as well to have a reasonable idea as to what is required and to be aware of any pitfalls, particularly legal which can be avoided.

A testimonial means a statement about a person's character, work, etc., given to that person by the writer. Giving a written testimonial does not prevent a prospective employer asking for a direct reference in order that you may write more frankly than you felt able to do in the testimonial. For this reason most employers feel a reference is more reliable than a testimonial.

A reference is an opinion on the person's character, work and suitability for the post being offered, and is given direct to a prospective employer or other interested person. It is perhaps not generally known that no employer is under any obligation in law to give a reference or, for that matter, a testimonial. However, if you decide to give a reference then you have, in legal terms, a "duty of care," and you become liable for negligence if a good reference is given where you know it is not justified. When giving a reference,

therefore, care must be taken to ensure that it is fair and accurate, because this is a duty owed to the person for whom it is intended, and a protection for yourself. In any case it would be pointless to do otherwise.

It is true that there can be serious repercussions after giving a poor reference, and it is tempting to refrain from the duty of stating the truth in consequence. It is comforting to know that, basically the law is on your side if you do give a poor reference where it is justified, because the reference is given "on a privileged occasion." The aim is to help the person to whom the reference is addressed, and it is helpful only if the true facts as you see them are stated. It follows that, providing you can justify any statement made, there should be no problems. However, there is no necessity to give an opinion on the person's character and, where you are doubtful, it might be wise to omit this in your reference. This could lead the recipient to read more into this omission than you intend, as it would appear that you prefer not to give one at all rather than a bad one, which may not be so.

The safest course is to give what you consider to be a fair and reasonable reference designed to be of genuine help to the person requiring it, but containing a "disclaimer of liability." It is a simple matter to add at the bottom of the reference a sentence to the effect that the reference is provided without responsibility. The House of Lords, who were once asked to rule on this, took the view that "where a person gives a reference, and disclaims responsibility, nobody can impose a responsibility on him." With this disclaimer on any reference you should be spared any legal complications if you have made a mistake or misjudged a particular situation.

I. M. SPEIGHT.

No. 2 BRITISH GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, 16th October, 1965, at the V.A.D. Ladies Club, Great Cumberland Place, and approximately fifty members of the Unit were present.

The Chair was taken very charmingly this year by Miss Pye Baker, recalling many and not so amusing incidents, such as moon-light picnics with no moon, truck headlights making a reasonably good substitute.

Unfortunately, owing to illness, Miss Bessie Jones, Mac and Hay were unable to be with us again this year. Many messages were read from absent members. Time for train and buses came far too quickly, and eventually there was a mad rush of hurried "Good-byes" and such remarks as "See you next year." The date will be the 15th October, 1966, same place, and the Chair will be taken by Stan Reid.

On going to press, we have just heard that "Bessie" passed peacefully away on 17th October, and that she had been most insistant that a message to "the Unit" was sent on the 16th.

A DAY IN BRUGES

It was Margaret Stephenson and Dorothy Wordsworth who had the brilliant idea of a day trip to the Continent. Last month they were talking about things to do on a day off, and thought that most people needed to get "out of a rut" on occasions and do something different.

The trip to the Dutch Bulb Fields of 1963 was remembered, and so the idea grew. The agent was contacted, but could only offer Bruges and then only if 36-40 people could be mustered. This the organisers duly did, but only, of course, with persistence, energy and courage. Blackmail did not exactly enter into it at this or any other stage, but given the necessity it would have done, as a last resort no doubt.

Eventually the required number of people were gathered in, and Saturday, 9th October, was the settled day.

The coach was organised to collect the Depot party at 5 a.m. and then pick up the other members *en route* to Manston Airport, where the plane was due to take off at 9.30 a.m., arriving Ostend about thirty minutes later. Another coach was there, complete with an English-speaking guide, to look after us for the rest of the day.

The pamphlets say that Bruges is unique, particularly in the way that Medieval and Renaissance worlds have miraculously survived in this Flemish city. Here, encircled and intersected by quiet canals and waterways, it has been preserved for the enjoyment of the present. Though there are a few other medieval towns in Europe which are relatively untouched, none is quite so accessible for the tourist as Bruges, being only fifteen miles from Ostend and sixty miles from Brussels.

The medieval atmosphere can be felt as soon as one enters the city. Our first stop was at a cafe by the Market Square, for a much-needed coffee, which was served in individual percolators, then on to the canal, where we embarked in various boats for a trip along the waterways, fascinating and colourful, but just a little terrifying when we came to the very low bridges and had to crouch in the bottom of the boat to save a fractured skull! After this we were taken to the Lake of Love, and were fortunate enough to see two brides in full regalia feeding the swans according to tradition. The lace shops were most intriguing, and to watch the lace-makers was an education.

After lunch the party split up into groups and explored the town and, of course, the shops.

At 4.30 p.m. everyone collapsed thankfully into the coach and set off for the coastal town of Blankenburge, passing through Zeebrugge (where a First World War battle was fought). After exploring the shops, etc., we continued down the coast back through the town of Ostend for plane to England. The Customs were reasonable. One member was "hailed off," but it was for nothing more exciting than an extra passport check.

The Depot staff were the last to alight, and finally reached Hindhead at 11.30 p.m. very weary, but everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful day and well worth the effort. Even the weather had co-operated and been really delightful.

A.N. (L.555).

VISIT OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH TO SENNELAGER

On Wednesday, 26th May, 1965, two nursing officers and six Q.A.R.A.N.C. student nurses from B.M.H. Rinteln travelled to Sennelager to help provide medical cover for the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to the British Army of the Rhine at Sennelager.

It was an extremely overcast day and everyone was hoping fervently throughout the morning that the sun would manage to break through. Very fortunately it did so, and the Review took place in bright sunshine. It consisted of three sections: Review of Dismounted Parade at the Bad Lippspringe Sports Arena, Inspection of Equipment Display, and Review of Mounted Parade at the Windmill, Sennelager.

For the Dismounted Parade, no less than 6,500 troops had been assembled. Detachments on parade were from seventeen different units, nine of whom had their Bands and Corps of Drums with them. In addition there were the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Greys, the Black Watch and the Queen's Own Highlanders.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, drove to the arena in a Rolls Royce escorted by two armoured cars of the Royal Horse Guards.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., met Her Majesty at the dais, where she took the Royal Salute before mounting an open Landrover from which to inspect the very large number of troops on parade. The Queen, who was dressed in a turquoise blue ensemble, stood out very clearly as the Landrover moved slowly along the files of khaki-clad men.

On the Queen's return to the dais, there was a fly past by light aircraft of 1 Wing Army Air Corps. Then the massed bands played whilst official guests were presented to Her Majesty.

After the Royal Salute the Queen re-entered the Landrover to inspect the static Display of Equipment which was provided by various units of the Royal Artillery, the Royal Engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps. The display consisted of a light anti-aircraft gun with fire control equipment, a Thunderbird missile with launcher and launcher control post, an 8 in. howitzer and tractor, an Honest John missile with launcher and windset, a Corporal missile with erector and servicing platform, Gillois amphibious bridging equipment, a heavy floating bridge carried on a 10 ton truck and trailer, with Coles crane, a Centurion bridge layer, and a Stalwart amphibious high mobility load carrier.

On completing her inspection of the equipment display, Her Majesty left to review the Mounted Parade.

This again was a most spectacular sight, which, due to the unsparing efforts and superb training of all involved, went off without a hitch. Gathered together for Her Majesty's inspection were 2,500 officers and men of armoured regiments with 300 vehicles—mainly tanks, Centurions and Saracens.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in a Rolls Royce, which gleamed in the by now brilliant sunshine. Stretching away to the right, almost as far as the eye could see, were row after row of formidable looking tanks and scout cars with troops all wearing combat dress, lined up in front of their vehicles.

On her arrival at the dais, Her Majesty the Queen was greeted by Major General B. O. P. Eugster, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and other senior Army officers were then presented to her. The Queen mounted the dais and took the Royal Salute once again. The combined bands of three regiments made a vivid splash of colour immediately in front of the dais. To hear the National Anthem beautifully played in such surroundings and in the actual presence of the Queen was a most moving experience.

Following the Royal Salute, Her Majesty again mounted a Landrover and proceeded to review the Mounted Parade. At one stage the Queen, obviously thought that the speed of the Landrover was a little too fast, for she was seen to lean over to speak to the driver, and he promptly slowed down considerably.

During this review we were privileged to have a close and lengthy view of the Queen and Prince Philip. Being members of the nursing staff covering this event, we were accommodated in a beautifully equipped caravan, like a house on wheels. We were the envy of every one else on duty, particularly as we had such a splendid view in complete comfort. As the Landrover drew near our position, the Queen smiled and waved, and Prince Philip gave us a superb salute.

When Her Majesty had returned to the dais there followed what was generally agreed to be the most spectacular event of the whole parade—the Advance in Review Order. At a given signal the troops dispersed in orderly up speedy fashion to mount their vehicles. This was done to the accompaniment of very lively music from the massed bands. Then the engines of the tanks revved up in remarkable unison, making a fearful and deafening noise. In perfect formation they all slowly reversed across the huge range for approximately a hundred yards and then wheeled right with incredible precision. This stupendous mass of mechanical armour then advanced steadily in columns of four, passing in front of Her Majesty, whilst the officers stood at the salute, in the turrets of their vehicles. Meanwhile the noise of the tanks as they passed over the gravel tracks had to be heard to be believed. After each line of tanks had passed the Queen, they swung slowly away and resumed their original positions. It

took exactly twenty minutes for the Advance in Review Order to be completed.

Afterwards the bands again played the National Anthem for the final Royal Salute. This time the troops were all mounted on top of their vehicles—an unforgettable sight.

The Queen and Prince Philip then drove away very slowly to the accompaniment of enthusiastic cheers and clapping from all present.

CAPTAIN F. E. MCLAURIN (A/5314).

LIEUTENANT J. A. D. FORSYTH (A/SS/1274).

A VISIT TO THE GOLDEN JUBILEE NURSING EXHIBITION AT SEYMOUR HALL

After a journey somewhat lengthened by dense fog, a party of nine Q.A.'s arrived at the Fiftieth Annual Nursing Exhibition, held at the Seymour Hall. We had come up from the Depot on the last day, Friday, 22nd October, and spent most of the day there, touring this extensive exhibition and, as usual, finding plenty to interest us. We had many complimentary remarks made upon our Number Two Dress uniform by our fellow-nurses and the Visitor of the Day, the Lady Mayoress of London, Lady Miller, was kind enough to say a few words of greeting to some of us when she arrived at mid-day.

Several of us met people with whom we had trained or worked in the past, and we were hard at work asking them to come and join us! Some of the people who talked to us were themselves former "Q.A.'s," two of whom were on the *Nursing Times* stand, and had been respectively in France and in India during the war years. They were all pleased to see the Q.A. uniform and, had time allowed, we could have had many an interesting chat, but both crowds and the clock were pressing, and we had to move on again. A very fascinating personality whom we met was another person who recognised the uniform and told us, in the course of a thirty-minute conversation, that she had been brought into the world by Dr. W. G. Grace ninety-four years ago, and was a god-daughter of Florence Nightingale, and had done her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. It was unanimously agreed by the six of us who met her that it had been one of the shortest half-hours ever spent!

Among other people whom we met whilst going around the different stands was the Principal Nursing Officer of S.S.A.F.A., Miss E. Beattie, B.Sc., H.V., Dip.Soc. Sciences, with whom we had an interesting talk. A number of the people on the stands asked us about our uniform and where we came from on the day; we made sure that they would be in no doubt again.

One of the stands which attracted the eyes of those of us who were camera-minded was the stand of Camera Talks Ltd., showing

and demonstrating the 35 mm. Mini-Minolta slide and film strip projector, weighing only three pounds and able to deal with an audience of up to twenty. This was a real gem, and one could well imagine a rush on this machine, selling at 17 guineas, for purposes other than teaching! There was a mass of other photographic aids to teaching, and all were being demonstrated at some time or other. Another of the stands, that of Oxygenaire, had an infant resuscitation kit, which is suitable for use by midwives on the District. Only just perfected, it will manufacture at around £50, we were told. On the same stand was a resuscitation unit for the new-born, and a new portable incubator, both of which were in process of being demonstrated when we saw them. Another stand was displaying some of the medical equipment now being produced as the result of an association between an American and an English company. This included a most impressive infant incubator, having one "power-pack" unit to replace, instead of a complete fresh incubator which has to be prepared for the infant before it can be used. This incubator used the forced-air principle, as opposed to the former more conventional convector principle. It was priced at approximately £450, total £575 with all extras possible, and had also an air filter which, it was advised, should be regularly changed. There was also a respirator which was proving very popular as it was a working model and had a continual stream of interested onlookers, including a group of nuns. The price was around £2,000, we were told. It had a life-size model of an infant inside, and the heat around the stand from both this exhibit and the incubator behind it being in constant use was very noticeable.

After a good lunch in the Exhibition restaurant, we went back to "re-cap" on some of the stands which were of particular interest to us. The midwives in the group made a bee-line for the incubators again, and the theatre enthusiasts disappeared in the direction of a stand with an eye-catching display of instruments! The remainder spent their time visiting some of the stands with food and drink to sample and looking at some of the many books available. It seemed no time at all that it was the arranged rendezvous time for our departure. A pleasant last touch as we left the Exhibition was a friendly greeting from the commissionaire at the door, who had three most impressive rows of medal ribbons. Our two groups nearly became separated at Waterloo on the way back to Hindhead again, but the second group made the train with two minutes to spare, trying to look as if we had all the time in the world! We arrived back at the Depot, and at supper were besieged with questions on what we had seen. Fortunately we had the commemorative Guide publication to help our memories of an eventful day at the Nursing Exhibition.

A. TAGGART.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following message was despatched to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of her birthday:

"The Colonel Commandant and all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps with their humble duty send their loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief, on her birthday."

The following gracious reply was received:

"To you and all ranks Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps I send my sincere thanks for your message of birthday greetings which I received with much pleasure."

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Lt.-Colonel Hilda R. Fletcher, Q.A.R.A.N.C., T.A., Matron of No. 17 General Hospital, has won the Johnson & Johnson Travel Award and will visit the American Association of Operating Nurses Convention next February. We send her our very warmest congratulations.



By courtesy of "The Nursing Times"

Lt.-Colonel H. R. Fletcher receiving the prize from the Mayor of Harrogate.

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Army Trained Nurses who have received Commissions in Q.A.R.A.N.C. during the period February-September 1965

Lt. Jean Nina Wilson (February 1965), Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Lt. Rosemary Evelyn Stevens (March 1965), Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot.

- Lt. Isabella Boyd (September 1965), Catterick Military Hospital, Yorks.
Lt. Elizabeth Anne Crowson (September 1965), Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.
Lt. Josephine Mary Kingdon (September 1965), Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

OBITUARY

COLONEL E. E. WATKIN, R.R.C.

The death of Colonel Watkin, Wattie to her many friends, came as a great shock to us all.

I met her first in the early 'thirties, when we were stationed in Mingaladon, just outside Rangoon. This was a small hospital with only a staff of four, and was one of the easy stations that one very occasionally encountered.

With Wattie there, we had no chance of getting bored, as with her energy and cheerful spirits, she was always ready to join in parties, games and even walks in the jungle to exercise the dog.

Her love of music and considerable ability in playing the piano added to her popularity, and she was much in demand for playing at local concerts.

Our friendship dated from those happy days, and although, unfortunately, we did not often meet again, we did keep in touch.

After Wattie retired, her life seemed to become even busier, and she worked for the Red Cross and such-like organisations. For years she was a member of the House Committee for Queen Mary's House and was always available to help them day and night.

Wattie lived in a delightful little cottage next to the Church, and, as was inevitable, became the church organist. It was this church that was packed with her relatives and friends who had come to the funeral service, to say farewell to one they could ill afford to lose.

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Mrs. D. L. Briscoe

It was a shock to me to learn of the apparently sudden death of Mrs. D. L. Briscoe, better known to us as Underhill. It was not long since I had received the usual "newsy" letter from her, and I had hoped to visit her.

I served for some years with Underhill, first as a Sister in her hospital, and then as her Assistant Matron, and I came to know her well and to appreciate her integrity. Before meeting her I had heard of her and her nickname, "The Battle Axe," but how often was her battle on behalf of her staff, to whom she was always loyal. She had a "fund" of knowledge, and ready humour, which she produced spontaneously from what she termed her "rag bag" mind, and indeed this mind stored an amazing amount on a variety of interesting subjects.

She did not manage to attend a Reunion after her retirement, which was a source of regret to many of her former staff, but she was extremely interested in the Association, and appreciated and enjoyed the GAZETTE.

EILEEN A. BALDOCK.

Footnote.—We have learned that Mrs. Briscoe has left about half her estate to the Association. Although we do not yet know the exact sum, it will be a considerable amount. E.A.B.

BIRTH

THOMPSON.—To Captain and Mrs. E. C. Thompson (*nee* Llewellyn), R.T.C., on 1st August, 1965, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, a son, David Richard.

MARRIAGE

PARRATT—MCDONALD.—At St. Margaret's Church, Roy Bridge, Arthur R. Parratt, of Wrecclesham, Farnham, to Major Dinah W. McDonald, Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire.

DEATHS

NEWTON, Daphne, died on September 15th, 1965, suddenly at Brentwood Hospital, aged 38, late member of Q.A.R.A.N.C.

GIBB HOLMES, Mrs. Francis M. (*nee* Barker), died in September, 1965. Served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. during the First World War and was awarded the Military Medal.

DODDS DUNN, Miss Janet, died in September, 1965. During the war she served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in India and Tripoli.

DOWNIE.—Miss Elizabeth H. Manners, R.R.C., late Q.A.I.M.N.S., died on October 20th, 1965, in her 91st year at Amara, Staple Cross, Roberts-bridge, Sussex.

LUFF, Miss K. E., died January 1st, 1965, after a short illness, at Sea Marge, Overstrand, Norfolk, T.A.N.S. 1915-1919.

JONES, Miss Bessie, R.R.C. (Hon. Chief Principal Matron), late Q.A.I.M.N.S., died in her sleep at her home in Newquay after a long illness on 17th October, 1965.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION, JUNE 1965

Twenty Q.A.R.A.N.C. Other Ranks passed the State Final Examination in June 1965:

Atkin, Shirley Ann
Chapman, Deanna Claire
Clark, Jennifer Sheila
Davies, Julie Margaret
Hall, Wendy
Hillerby, Wendy Elsie
Hitchman, Christine Elsie
James, Christine
Laing, Dorothy
Lyons, Ann

May, Judith Marian
Morgan, Andrene Hutcheon
Murray, Wendy (*nee* Tate)
Palmer, Christine Mary
Probert, Eleanor Iris
Roberts, Mary Valerie
Seaward, Marylyn Ann
Sherlock, Hazel M. P.
Stewart, Olive W. A.
Walker, Anita Patricia

PASSED MIDWIFERY—PART I, MAY 1965

Capt. M. M. Forsyth
Lt. J. M. Mortimer
Lt. H. E. Young

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

PASSED MIDWIFERY—PART I, AUGUST 1965

Capt. J. C. Hoskins
Lt. L. M. Drewe
Lt. S. A. Whiteley
Lt. B. A. Yorke-Starkey
A/Sgt. A. W. Aitken

A/Sgt. D. J. Brockway
A/Sgt. M. Brunner
A/Sgt. C. M. Kemp
A/Sgt. J. N. Pillay
A/Sgt. E. M. Potter

PASSED MIDWIFERY—PART II, JUNE 1965

Capt. I. B. Cooper

Lt. D. Luckett

APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. H. M. Grant to Headquarters, Northern Command, 14.9.65.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Jones appointed Matron of Military Hospital, Tidworth, 10.65.
Lt.-Col. M. Moreton, appointed Matron of Military Hospital, Catterick, 9.65.
Lt.-Col. H. C. Thayer, A.D.A.N.S. Hong Kong, Matron B.M.H., Bowen Road, 6.65.

PROMOTIONS—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Captains

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