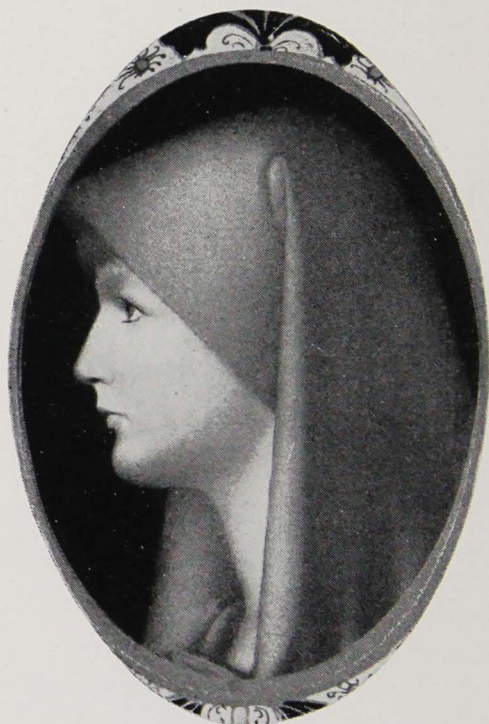




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EDITORIAL

What a long and dreary winter it has been but at last spring is nearly here, or at any rate we hope so, as the lovely early crocuses and snowdrops are showing their heads above the earth. Perhaps the weather has had an effect on the Branches and members, it certainly has not inspired them to write to us of their activities. We must hope for more news for our next edition.

Headquarters and Branch Secretaries, although they are unable to reply individually to all members who have paid twice, by cash and by Banker's Order, convey their most sincere thanks. Unless members wish to repeat this generous gesture next year they are advised to check their Banker's Orders. The Secretaries would also be most grateful if members would please advise of change of address. GAZETTES have been returned by the Postal Authorities as "gone away", "unknown", etc., and until the annual lists arrive the following year from the Branches, the GAZETTES cannot be forwarded.

To all our members who received awards from Her Majesty The Queen in the New Year, our most sincere congratulations and to those who recently passed examinations.

APPRECIATION

Every year there seems less time from one Christmas to the next and once again I am writing to thank you all for the help you give at Christmas with donations and gifts for my parcels.

I don't need to tell you what joy and happiness these gifts bring. Please accept my sincere thanks for all you do to make life seem brighter for many of our members.

Their letters tell me it makes them feel wanted in a world where, as they get older, they feel rather useless.

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

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE COVER is of a famous portrait, sometimes called the Red Madonna but actually a very beautiful and wealthy Italian called Fabiola of the Fabian family. She was born in Tuscany in the fourth century and contracted an early marriage with a dissolute nobleman from whom she obtained a divorce. She re-married but ran away from this husband. This marriage was recognised by Roman Law but condemned by the Christians. On the death of her second husband, she joined the ranks of Penitents at Lateran and confessed before all Rome and was given absolution. Fabiola sold all her estates and used her immense wealth for charity. She founded the first hospital in Rome, actually the first in the Western World, and herself helped there.

In 395 A.D. she went to Bethlehem, enjoying the hospitality of St. Jerome, asking more questions than he could answer. When there was rumour of the Huns attacking Jerusalem she returned to Rome and founded a Hospice for pilgrims at the port, on a model of that of St. Jerome's in Bethlehem. It became famous throughout the world, in the words of St. Jerome "known from Parthea to Britain".

She died in 399 A.D. and was mourned by all the poor in Rome. With some hesitation, some centuries later, she was counted among the saints of the fourth century and some nursing organisations abroad, recognise her as their Patron Saint.

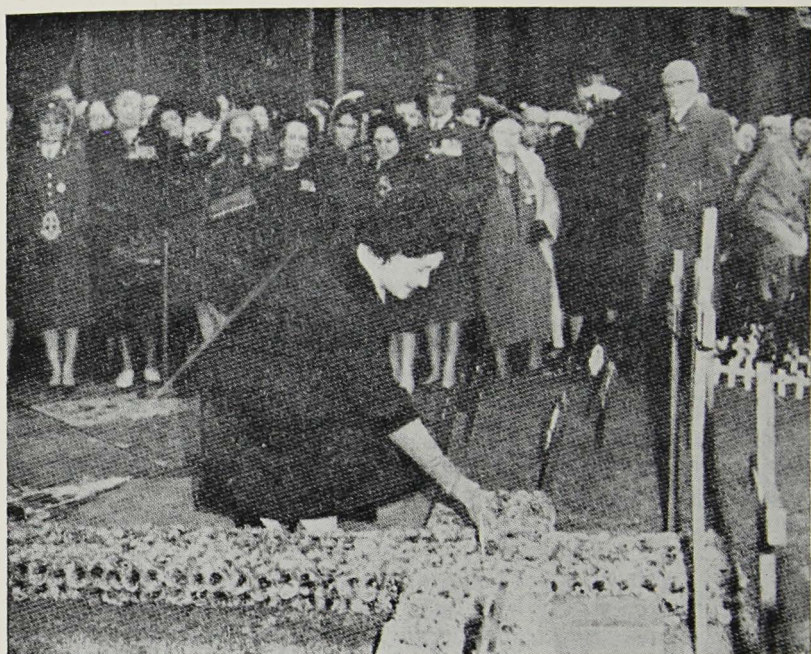
More of her history can be found in *The Book of Saintly Women.*

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE

What a wonderful Christmas 1965 was. The great kindness of serving and non-serving officers, the Association and Millbank Branch were all so kind. As usual Lady Cooper Keys, Lady Roberts, the Army Benevolent Fund, Members of the House Committee and Miss Medforth all remembered us with their generous gifts. Special presents from Shorncliff and others were given us after tea from the gaily decorated tree and were very much appreciated.

On New Year's Day a visit to the pantomime *Alladin* was enjoyed by eight of us. We realised how lucky we were to be thought of by so many and say a great big Thank you, and wish all a very Happy and Bright 1966.

MABEL JOYCE.



Watching Her Majesty The Queen Mother planting her personal cross in the Field of Remembrance are members of the Association. Major Carey planted the cross in memory of the regular members of the Corps. Also in this photograph are Major Mudge, Miss Hamblin, Miss Baldock, Mrs. Hammond, Lt.-Col. Warner and Lt.-Col. Long.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Annual General Meeting, 1966

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association will be held this year at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, June 25th, at 2.30 p.m. (prior to the Reunion). Members wishing to attend please notify us when applying for Reunion tickets and the Agenda will be sent.

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

Term expired members are:—

Lt.-Col. E. W. R. Warner, R.R.C., *Chairman*

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

(who have decided not to stand for re-election)

Lt.-Col. E. F. W. M. Jolly, R.R.C.

Miss H. Hamblin.

The last two are eligible for re-nomination.

Please send your nomination and re-nomination early, which must state the member nominated has given her consent.

21st Annual Reunion

The Annual Reunion will be held at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London, on the 25th June, 1966, at 4 p.m. Tickets for members and guests, 12s. 6d. each; for non-members eligible to join the Association, 15s.

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

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Queen Mary's House Fund

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Queen Mary's House Fund will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21st April, 1966, at Kirkland House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Anyone making an annual subscription to this Fund is a member and therefore eligible to attend the meeting and become conversant with the up-to-date position of the Fund, the House and the Residents.

To become a member of the Fund the smallest annual subscription is £1 1s., but a larger subscription is always greatly appreciated. To help the Fund to meet its commitments, more members are required. Donations also, no matter how small, are always gratefully received.

An urgent need for Queen Mary's House is a passenger lift. This will cost in the region of £2,000. Any donation towards this necessity will be very much appreciated. Please forward donations to: Hon. Secretary, Queen Mary's House Fund, c/o Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

FORTHCOMING CORPS SPORTS EVENTS

Table Tennis Tournament: Wednesday, 16th March, 1966, at the Depot and T.E. Hindhead.

Medforth and Gillespie Challenge Tennis Tournament: Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th June, 1966, at Royal Pavilion, Aldershot.

Corps Sports Day: Thursday, 16th June, 1966, at Royal Pavilion, Aldershot.

Nursing Inter-Services Tennis Tournament: Wednesday, 6th July, 1966, at Royal Pavilion, Aldershot.

R.A.M.C./R.A.D.C. Swimming Gala: Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th September, 1966.

Retired Q.A's and parents of serving members are invited to Tennis and Sports Day. Names of those attending should be forwarded to Corps and Sports Officer, Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Royal Pavilion, Aldershot, Hants, by 1st June, 1966.

NEWS FROM UNITS AND BRANCHES

Combined Units Branch, Aldershot

On Wednesday, 15th December, 1965, we held our Christmas Tea Party at Gun Hill House, it was a very pleasant afternoon, with much chatter from the retired and serving members. We were luckier than last year, the evening was cold, but no fog or snow, so St. Luke's Chapel, Cambridge Military Hospital, was filled to capacity for the Carol Service which followed.

The service was conducted by the Hospital Chaplain, Rev. P. R. C. Abram. Six lessons were read by officers and other ranks of the R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C., (from Cambridge Military Hospital and Louise Margaret Hospital.

Everyone enjoyed singing once again the lovely Christmas Carols.

S. R. TODMAN,.

Millbank Branch

The Branch met in November for the Annual Grand Raffle, at which £202 10s. was made. The draw was performed by Mrs. Gray, wife of the Commanding Officer, Q.A. Hospital, Millbank, and at the end an Auction was very ably conducted by Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., as people who had won prizes handed them back for auction to further the cause. This meeting was very well attended and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The last meeting was in January and then tombola was played and 14s. 10d. was added to the Branches Benevolent Fund. This was a very good evening and, in spite of poor weather and its nearness to the festive season, there were fourteen members present.

HILDA HAMBLIN.

Bournemouth Branch

The weather-man failed to produce the usual lovely day for our Annual Tea-party and Bring-and-Buy Sale, held at the Linden Hall Hotel, Bournemouth, on 9th December, 1965. The heavens opened and a gale blew across the Solent, deterring many of our more mature members (without cars) from coming.

In spite of this, the majority of the goods brought were soon sold and a shilling dip and a raffle for a Christmas table arrangement went well.

An excellent tea was served to the thirty-six members present and their guests.

The remaining gifts were auctioned off by our Vice-Chairman, Victoria Whiteman. Following this our Chairman, Dame Monica Golding, gave a most interesting account of her visit to Australia and the excellent colour slides taken were shown by Marjorie Stonham. The raffle ticket was drawn by the Rev. Harry Golding and the lucky number was held by Dame Monica ! Loud cheers and claps were given for this lucky draw and to mark the members' appreciation of the entertainment given.

The sum of £23 was raised.

JOYCE CHAMBERS.

Brighton Branch

The newly-formed branch of the Association at Brighton held a Christmas luncheon at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, on 26th November, 1965.

Mrs. H. G. Freeman presided and the guests included Dame Louisa Wilkinson and the Misses Elsie and Doris Waters.

Dame Louise spoke of the beginnings and growth and aims of the Association and Misses Elsie and Doris Waters of their experiences with the services in Burma during the late war. They afterwards amused us with some of their well-known character studies.

About forty members of the Association were present and it is hoped to hold the luncheon annually.

A/BRI/16.



Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Freeman and Dame Louisa Wilkinson with Misses Doris and Elsie Waters.

PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL TO W.O.II S. M. BUCHHOLZ, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

B.M.H. SINGAPORE, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1965

When we heard that we were being honoured by a visit from our Director in November 1965, we wished we could think of some way in which we could mark the occasion other than in the accustomed manner of cocktail parties, dinner parties and visits to the wards.

A heaven-sent opportunity presented itself when we heard that W.O.II S. M. Buchholz, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Dental Hygienist Class I, had been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. One of the very few members of the Corps to be awarded this medal and what was more fitting than that she should receive it from Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Director of Nursing Services (Army), and that the presentation should take place in B.M.H. Singapore.

W.O.II Stephanie Buchholz transferred to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. in 1956 from the W.R.A.C., having originally been a member of the A.T.S. (Territorial Army), which she joined in 1942. Except for a very short break in service she has served continuously since. She obtained Dental Hygienist Class I in 1952.

The usual objections were raised when a Quarter Guard and march past were suggested. "The Q.A's are nurses and have not time to practise marching and parading", "It will be Corps Exam week", etc. Nevertheless the response from the Q.A's themselves was tremendous and there was no lack of volunteers. Finally, the Guard was selected, consisting of sixteen nurses and two Dental Hygienists led by Major Mary Pettegree, Detachment Commander.



B.M.H. Singapore, 25th November, 1965.

Inspection of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Quarter Guard. Band of Argyll and Sutherlanders, on occasion of presentation by Dame Margot to W/O. Buchholz of Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Major M. C. Pettegree, Q.A.R.A.N.C., Det. Cmdr.
Dame Margot, Lieut.-Col. B. M. Gordon, Matron.

Rehearsals had to be cut to the minimum because of Corps Exams and Nursing commitments and the R.S.M., W.O.I T. J. Long, R.A.M.C., almost gave up in despair. However we had faith in ourselves and assured him "we'd be all right on the day" and took several steps on our own to ensure we would be. These being trade secrets cannot be revealed !

The Matron, Lt.-Colonel Barbara Gordon, being a true Scot, was especially pleased when the Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders agreed to play for the ceremony and the addition of a live band undoubtedly added to the occasion. As we had foretold "all was well on The Day". It didn't rain, it was not too hot, the commands *were* given loud and clear and if some of us were out of step we hope it was not noticed. When, after the inspection of the guard and the presentation of the medal, we finally marched past our Matron in Chief to the strains of our own "Grey and Scarlet", we felt we had done our best to do honour to a memorable occasion.



B.M.H. Singapore, 25th November, 1965.
Q.A.R.A.N.C. Quarter Guard.

Presentation of Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to
W/O. S. Buchholz, Q.A.R.A.N.C., by Brig. Dame Margot
Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., Director of Army Nursing
Services.

A NURSE'S LIFE

TRAINING DAYS 1906-1910

In these days no woman under twenty-three years of age could enter the London General Hospitals; I applied first to the London Hospital. Miss Eve Tucker was the Matron and I went by appointment to see her.

It was an awesome day for me. She was an impressive figure, extremely gracious and dignified. I was put through a severe physical examination: eyes, ears, teeth, heart, chest, feet, all tested. At the end I was advised to apply to a smaller hospital.

My heart sank. Was I not strong enough I wondered?

The next week I went to see the Matron of the Royal Free Hospital in the Gray's Inn Road, and after another searching interview was accepted. I was fortunate in securing an unexpected vacancy. In these days no London Hospital ever advertised for probationers. The applications far exceeded the vacancies and the hospitals were booked up for two or three years in advance. But occasionally a girl would change her mind about training, or she would become engaged or married and so unable to take up the vacancy when it arose. It was in this way that I was able to get in so quickly; only six weeks after applying.

I had to supply myself with uniform for the first three months. Three dresses, twelve aprons, collars, cuffs, caps, belts.

The great day, April 10th, 1906, came. On the day of arrival when all was new, strange and almost frightening so unfamiliar was everything, I remember putting on my uniform and getting in a hopeless muddle with the cap and the bow strings. I must have looked a funny sight.

Then in the tea-room nobody showed me where to sit, so of course, I must needs choose the senior nurses' table, and start with cheerful remarks to all and sundry. A frozen silence soon shewed me that something was wrong, and I finished hurriedly. Before supper a friendly nurse came in to show me how to put on my cap and to explain where I was to sit.

In the meantime, after tea, I was taken to my first ward. The Sister was busy dressing a little baby with badly burnt arms. She said that I could help her. I did my best to hide how much the sight upset me but she must have noticed for she was very kind, and told me that the more one forgot one's own feelings in helping others the better it would be, oversensitiveness only hindered. After that I was given a long broom and told to sweep the ward, which seemed miles long and nearly as many wide. Then a big pile of plates was put in my hands "for suppers". Several other jobs followed and at 8 p.m. Sister said prayers, the lights were lowered, final tidying up of bathrooms and annexes followed and at 8.30 we went down to supper, followed immediately by prayers, said by Home Sister, at the supper table, and we were free for an hour till 10 p.m. to read, write,

or gossip. We had to be in our rooms at 10 p.m., lights out at 10.30 p.m. A bell was rung in every corridor at 6 a.m., breakfast 6.30 then prayers, wards at 7 a.m.—THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

When I trained hours were very long. A first-year nurse was off duty three mornings a week from 10-12. Lectures sometimes came in these times. She had two afternoons from 2-4.30, one evening from 6.30 till 10 p.m. Occasionally a theatre pass, if she went with a party.

We went to the wards at 7 a.m. and, except for the off-duty mentioned above, we worked till 8.30 p.m., with forty minutes for dinner mid-day and half an hour for tea. But we were very happy and enjoyed every minute of our short leisure time. An opportunity for going to church on Sunday was always given; either morning or evening. My hospital had not then its own chapel.

Discipline was very strict, and hospital etiquette was constantly observed. First-year nurses were not allowed to go out with second-year, or second-year with third-year nurses. And Sisters were beings apart, spoken of with bated breath and having very little to do with one in the first year.

The second-year nurses were always on duty with the Sister. She taught them urine testing, preparation of a patient for operation, dressings, putting up of fractures, poultice-making and the many old treatments in a medical or surgical ward, dry and wet cupping, aspirating, lumbar puncture, the giving of hypodermics. Giving of medicines with correct dosages and the effects to be looked for.

I was early given responsibility and was in charge of a ward at night before I had completed a year's training. The Night Superintendent visited three times in the night, at 10 p.m., 2 and 6 a.m., and also came if urgently required, as, if one of the patients became worse or if haemorrhage after operation occurred, or a death, or an admission. Otherwise one had to manage by oneself.

The wards had from 18 to 22 beds and gave one nurse plenty to do at night. A runner nurse would come if possible for half an hour between midnight and 2 a.m. to give opportunity for the nurse in charge to get a meal, but if no help could be sent this meal was taken in the ward kitchen with eyes and ears on the alert. This is altered now and I think each ward has a relief nurse to help at night.

For some time I had the accident ward at night; this was a very busy place. We were in the Gray's Inn Road, in the thickest of the traffic; Theobald's Road used to be known as Dead Man's Corner, there were so many accidents there, and we got our share. Sometimes I had as many as three admissions in one night; a fractured skull, who was operated upon and died the same night, a fractured thigh, and a man with broken ribs. The usual work of the ward went on and the time simply flew. Many of the cases were brought in by the police who were most helpful and kind. I got to know ever so many of the Highgate Y Division. If we had a case of attempted suicide, Scotland Yard sent an officer in plain clothes to stay with the patient, night and day, this was a great help to us nurses. Some of the

police were most handy. One big fellow could darn very nicely and he mended a lot of towels and tea-cloths for me; he also helped give round the washing bowls in the morning and made himself useful in dozens of ways, always with an eye on his own "case".

I loved the accident ward. Working men are very delightful to nurse. So grateful for anything done and so thoughtful to spare the nurse as much as possible. We had accidents from the railways. The three great termini, Euston, King's Cross and St. Pancras, all had beds at this Hospital. They paid annual subscriptions and were bound to provide railways' beds whenever required. We had engine-drivers, shunters, passengers, window cleaners, Italians from Little Saffron Hill, mostly asphalt workers ; children who had fallen out of windows, or got their legs broken running behind cabs, and hooligans from the Euston Road and Gower Street. All were as "good as gold" when they got to hospital. I think the uniform, the cleanliness, the order and the discipline of ward life quelled their restless spirits and gave them an idea of what decent life could be.

After Accident Ward I went to Casualty, called at The Royal Free Hospital "Gate", and there one saw humanity at its crudest and most pathetic.

The Medical Wards were quieter and the work was more anxious, and in many ways more interesting. The patients were the poorest of the poor from the streets round Gray's Inn Road, and there were many tragic stories to be heard. I remember one poor fellow who had a bad heart and used to come in periodically for treatment. He was a man of education, ruined in the Liberator failure and earned a poor living addressing envelopes at 2s. 6d. per thousand. He was always neatly dressed and his hands and hair beautifully kept. He shewed me his toilet, a 2d. nailbrush, a 1d. comb and a round mirror about the size of a tea-cup.

The Medical Wards specially need skilled nursing and endless patience. Phthisis, typhoid, pneumonia, bronchitis, heart disease, rheumatism, every sort of suffering was met with there.

Every three months the nurses were posted to different wards, so as to get the benefit of all the Hospital had to teach: Surgical, Medical, men, women, children, outpatients' theatre, skin diseases, day duty, night duty.

At the end of a year we had to sit for the first examination, Anatomy and Physiology. Belts marked the difference between first and second-year nurses. It was not all work and suffering for us nurses. There was fun and laughter in the wards and much rejoicing as we saw patients gradually getting back to health. The Christmas season was always specially happy. The Students sang carols in the wards and there was a big tree in Outpatients' Hall. Christmas Day itself was one long round of pleasures and tea-parties from ward to ward.

Off-duty was very precious. The day a month gave opportunity for visits to friends or to some of the sights of London. We were very

central, and I learned a great deal about London in those four years. A trip down the Thames from Temple Pier to Cherry Gardens in an evening off, a visit to the British Museum, a visit of exploration to Staple Inn or King's Bench Walk, after pay day (£8 p.a. paid quarterly the first year), tea at the Vienna Cafe, with cream or as the quarter waned, a bun and a cup of tea for 3d. at an A.B.C. were quite welcome treats.

The great social events the Hospitals and their staffs take part in nowadays were unknown to us then. Sometimes one of my fellow-probationers would join me in attending a case at the Court of King's Bench, to see justice dispensed and to learn the procedure. Many a restful afternoon have I spent also, in St. Paul's Cathedral, listening to the wonderful organ.

At the end of three years was held the Final Examination. My great friend, M. McCory, and myself were so sure of passing that we went to Wallis in Holborn to buy our "blue belts" (sign of a staff nurse who had passed the final). We could not go to bed that night till the lists were out, and Matron had mercy on us. She came from her office at 11 p.m. and pinned the list on the notice board. I was tied for top with another nurse, and received hearty congratulations from my friends. My blue belt went on over my night dress and I slept in it that night and went on duty with it on in the morning, to the amusement of the other nurses, who remarked that I had lost no time.

From 1909 till 1910 I was now a full-trained nurse on the Staff, able to take Sisters' duties in her absence and to act on my own initiative in an emergency. Also, I had a course of housekeeping, looking after the students in Mecklenburg Square and taking more responsibility in every way.

In April 1910 I finished my training at the Royal Free Hospital and received its certificate from the Committee.

More from *A Nurse's Life*, by Miss Tyas, in later GAZETTES. The full account, in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum, is dedicated to "The Nurses past and present of The Royal Free Hospital, London, and to all my Fellow Workers, Sisters, V.A.D's, and Orderlies during the War Years".

HOWLERS FROM CORPS EXAMINATIONS

1. "The patient will be in a reluctant or semi-reluctant position".
2. On the preparation of a six-year-old for tonsillectomy: "Remove false teeth and jewellery".
3. "They (the patients) are regularly attended by the physiotherapist who shows them how to stand in a wheelchair".
4. "If a split bed was available this would be a great help in preventing pressure sores in that his weight could be evenly distributed throughout his whole length".

5. Re care of pressure areas: "Soap and water on the bear hand are usually used".
6. "An autoclave is a large vacuum that sterilizes under pressure".
7. An odd result of spelling error: "Articles are placed in wire bastict and pushed into an autoclave".
8. A delightful excerpt from a long, flowery dissertation on cross infection: "... cleaning staff content so long as ward looks clean, whereas nurses so well instructed in Bacteriology and sworn to battle with bacteria ... nurse once viewed scrubbing brush as a surgical instrument ..."

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Miss Kate Lavinia Bigg, a founder-member of the R.C.N., celebrated her 100th birthday on 1st January, 1966 and is now living in Felixstowe. She trained at the London Hospital, served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) during the 1914-18 War and was awarded the R.R.C. At the age of 65 she retired from the nursing profession, and when 98 years old won first prize for handwriting and crochet in the county of Suffolk. To mark her 100th birthday the Association sent her a gift of flowers and our warmest greetings.

Patricia Parker. Extract from a letter from Miss V. Fahy: Many readers may be interested to know that Patricia Parker was clothed in the Habit of a Carmelite Nun on 20th January, 1966. Pat resigned her commission in the rank of Major, Q.A.R.A.N.C., in May 1965, after thirteen years' service.

I attended the ceremony in the chapel of the Carmelite Convent, Kirk-Edge, Bladefield, near Sheffield. The ceremony was conducted by Fr. Fleury. The wedding dress which Pat wore for the earlier part of the ceremony as a Bride of the Church, was provided for her by a Q.A. colleague serving in Cyprus. Pat's name in religion is St. Theresa of the Holy Name.

I would be happy to provide any further information or convey any messages.

Miss May Clarke, aged 85, is an old Territorial of the First World War, now resident in a Nursing Home in Tunbridge Wells. She writes:

"Once again Christmas has come round and I thought you might like to know that I am still in the land of the living and at the same address, but since last Christmas we have gone through a great change in this Home. Miss Wilson, who owned it before has retired, and the Home has been bought by the Church Missionary Society and during the last year they have enlarged the place by having an annexe built so that they could move some of their elderlies from their Blackheath Home here. The building started last November twelve month, that is finished and the old ladies, with their Matron,

moved here last month but the workmen are still here altering the old Home in many ways, putting in a lift and central heating, the noise of hammering and sawing has been terrific and we will all be glad when it is finished. There are signs of carpets going down now so that is more hopeful and the dedication of the Home is to take place on December 12th, when Bishop Maun is to come, he is a retired Bishop and living in Tunbridge Wells.



May Clark, born 18th April, 1880.
With Christmas Greetings from an Old Territorial of the 1st World War.
Christmas, 1965.

“I am enclosing a photo of myself (thinking you might like to see me). A nephew and family came to see me about two months ago and the eldest boy brought his camera. I was so excited at seeing them all, having not seen them for ten years, that I had not realized what Robert was doing when I was talking to his parents. He is 18, the other two children are 16 and 14, so you can imagine what a change I saw in them all after ten years. It was a great joy to see them.

“I do not get up now to sit in my chair. I’m in too much pain if I do in my back, as I have spondylitis of the spine—I can get up and move about the room to do little things for myself and I am very thankful I can do this. I have glaucoma and am quite blind in my left eye and my right very dim, so please excuse bad writing.

“Please forgive me for telling you all about myself but I thought perhaps you would be interested and thank you for your kindness in remembering me every Christmas”.



Miss Ball

Miss D. E. Ball, after receiving the award of the M.B.E. from Her Majesty the Queen Mother on 15th February, 1966.

Miss Ball served in the T.A.N.S. during the Second World War and is now Principal Sister at Wormwood Scrubs Prison Hospital. She joined the Prison Service eighteen years ago and retires in September 1966.

VISIT OF LT.-COL. H. J. T. SLOAN, MATRON-IN-CHIEF CANADIAN FORCES, TO THE U.K.

Lt.-Col. Sloan was in the U.K. for part of October/November last year, and a comprehensive tour was arranged for her by the Ministry of Defence incorporating Military Hospitals, the Depot and the B.T.U. In addition, Lt.-Col. Sloan attended the Matron-in-Chiefs' Conference and was also present at our Corps Cocktail Party at the Banqueting House in Whitehall.



Lt.-Colonel Sloan, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner and Lt.-Colonel E. C. Long
at the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Hindhead.

Lt.-Col. Sloan found tremendous interest in all aspects of our Q.A. life and took back with her many ideas which she hoped to have an opportunity to apply. At the Conference she gave a most interesting talk on her work in Canada, and the many problems of spreading her small force of Nurses over such a wide area. She enjoyed and appreciated the usual good hospitality shewn to her wherever she went and we in turn enjoyed having this charming lady.

DID YOU KNOW

In Georgian England the streets were roughly paved and were without kerb-stones. Posts protected each pathway. Signposts were hung outside every house to announce who lived inside.

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Systems of weights and measures go back thousands of years but by the 18th century there was confusion in Europe because so many different systems were in use. In France they varied in different parts of the country. In 1791 French National Assembly appointed a Commission of twelve famous scientists to devise a standard and simple system.

They decided to find out the length of a quarter of the earth's circumference from the Equator to the North Pole, and from this a new standard of length was agreed upon. It was one ten-millionth of this distance and was termed a metre.

In 1801 Napoleon made the metric system compulsory in France and during the 19th century it spread to most of Europe.

BY BUS FROM BENGHAZI TO TRIPOLI

A week's leave in Libya—two of us from B.M.H. Benghazi decided to get by hook or by crook to Tripoli and stay in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess before the hospital closed on January 31st.

Partly to cut down expenses but mainly for the experience, we decided to go by "Express Arab Bus", to the amazement of half of our friends and the horror of the rest. We duly paid for two seats on the coach (which was almost fully booked). Equipped with mountains of sandwiches and flasks of tea and coffee we presented ourselves at the Bus Station in Benghazi at 10 a.m. ready for the sixteen-hour journey (so we thought) to Tripoli across Libya. A crowd of about forty Arabs was also waiting. The luggage, consisting of paper parcels, boxes tied with string, many battered and much-used suitcases and even a sewing machine or two, was being precariously placed on top of the bus. We watched in silence as our light-weight, air-travel cases were hauled up too.

Eventually we were all ushered into the bus. One of our seats was a pull-down affair in the gangway and the other over a wheel. We settled down in dread to the sixteen hours and 700 miles of bumpy desert road ahead. At 11.30 a.m. we set off only to stop 200 yards down the road to fill up with petrol. At last we left Benghazi and headed westwards.

Two drivers and a mechanic travelled with us (which was fortunate as it happened). It was just two days from the end of Ramadan, the Moslem Festival, when there is fasting from sunrise to sunset, sustenance being taken during the night. Many of the Arabs were travelling home to Tripoli laden with gifts for their families, and very excited at the prospect of the three-day feast which celebrates the end of Ramadan. Not wanting to offend the Arabs we decided to fast as well. It was quite an ordeal despite a few sly "Polo mints" and fruit drops.

The scenery was rather stark—sand as far as the eye could see—but we passed several caravans and Bedouin camps. Also herds of camels.

At about 5.40 p.m. after several short stops, we noticed our fellow travellers gazing with rapt attention through the windows of the bus at the setting sun, a great ball of fire about to sink below the sandy desert horizon. We were particularly interested in the sunset ourselves that day as we were famished by this time. The bus drew up at the side of the road, everyone alighted, and bowed to Mecca and began their prayers. Then they all returned to their seats and the bus moved on. Still we didn't eat.

At about 7 p.m. we arrived at Ben Giswack and at an "hotel" which was really little more than a snack-bar. The sanitary facilities were as one would expect them to be in the middle of the desert. An English-speaking gentleman, who had already been very helpful, assisted the proprietor search high and low for the key of the toilet. We had almost given up hope and the bus was about to travel on when it was found. There were a few Arab ladies in the bus but they were not permitted to eat in the cafe with the men, they are in Purdah. They ate in the bus and rarely seemed to leave it during the whole journey.

We had no sooner set off again when our first setback occurred. A heavy oil-tanker had broken down on the road ahead of us, right in the centre, making it impossible for us to pass. The road was built up several feet each side and only the smaller traffic could squeeze past. We had to wait until a break-down truck arrived, which then moved the lorry to the side of the road and we were able to travel on.

We then settled down to the long drive in the dark. The radio played until midnight. One particular Arab tune kept recurring and as everyone on the bus kept joining in we assumed it was in the Arab "Hit Parade".

At about 2 a.m., awakening from a doze, we noticed that the bus was slowing down and drawing in to the side of the road. The driver

and mechanic got out and climbed underneath. "The clutch has broken", was the verdict and they set to work to repair it. We all left the bus (even the ladies in Purdah). Although the previous day had been sunny and warm, the night air was now very cold and crisp. The sky was beautiful, full of stars. In no time a fire was lit with gorse bushes and petrol. It was a huge bonfire and no doubt the blaze could be seen for miles. Many cars and lorries thundered by on the road before the mechanic announced that the fault was corrected and we all took our seats once more. It was 4 a.m.

The remainder of the journey was uneventful. We passed through Masterat, Zeiter and Sirte, a very pleasant clean-looking town, where the Arabs had their final meal before starting the day's fast. We had decided to wait for our breakfast in Tripoli so just slept in the bus.

At 8 a.m. we arrived in the city itself, which is very impressive with wide streets and Italian-styled buildings and shops.

After a very pleasant sojourn there we returned to Benghazi by Caravelle jet in one hour, but comparing the two journeys, the ease and comfort of one, somehow could not compete with the interest, fun and adventure of our Arab Bus journey.

ANN VARROW (Lieut.).

INFORMATION PLEASE

Mr. P. Stimpson, son of the late Mrs. Kate Stimpson (*nee* Westgate) is writing an account of his mother's life in relation to her many activities and interests and would very much like to contact anyone who may have served with her or in the different areas at the same time as his mother. Kate Westgate trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital under Miss Cann before the 1914 War. During the 1914-18 War she served at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich and in the Mediteranean, being stationed in Malta and Egypt, and went with a party of five to Gallipoli. Here she was seriously ill with typhus and was invalided out of the service.

If anyone can help please let us know. Mrs. Stimpson died in 1961 at the age of 85.

OBITUARY

MISS S. CHARLOTTE DUNNE

Miss S. Charlotte Dunne, whose death at 85 occurred on the 17th November, 1965, in Chepstow, served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. during the first World War and retired in 1935, having served in Mesopotamia, Persia, India and Burma. On the outbreak of the Second World War, she was recalled and posted as Matron of a hospital in the Channel Islands. She escaped from there only twenty-four hours before the arrival of the Germans. Then she became Matron of a hospital near Reading and finally retired in 1946. Miss Dunne went to live in Chepstow and took a very active part in

the community life, belonging to the Debating Society and the Floral Society, and took a keen interest in the Women's Institute and Old Folks' Club. Her love of animals induced her to accept the post of Branch Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. When asked where she found the energy for her many interests she said "A nap in the afternoon and early to bed at night gives me all the energy I need". She was very popular, greatly respected locally and many attended her funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church to pay their last respects to her.

COLONEL O. M. WATSON, O.B.E., R.R.C.

It was a great shock to read that Olive had died suddenly. Her many friends will feel this deeply as she had such charm and her personality was magnetic. She endeared herself to all around her—she will be sorely missed by those who loved and admired her and the emptiness left for her relatives will be hard to bear. Olive was so capable and had a great zest for life, whether on or off duty, she loved beauty of all kinds, furniture, art, nature, and was a keen gardener. She could create a garden from literally nothing and certainly had "green fingers". Having known her since 1930—I shall miss our exchange of letters and the occasional meeting at the Reunion (where I last saw her). In her delightful home in York, Olive was a charming hostess and the happy memories of hours spent there with her cannot be taken away, and I am sure there are many others who will feel the same.

E. M. SOMERVILLE.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lt.-Col. G. E. Jones ...	R.R.C.
Lt.-Col. H. M. Carroll...	R.R.C.
Major J. Godtschaik ...	A.R.R.C.
Major A. Boad ...	A.R.R.C.
Major P. Heyman (Ret.)	M.B.E. for services to the British Community in Cyprus.
Miss D. E. Ball... ..	M.B.E.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MAJOR I. V. VICK AND LIEUT.-COL. E. C. LONG

The engagement is announced between Major Ian Hampton Vick, R.A. (Retd.), 15 Lancaster Grove, Swiss Cottage, N.W.3, and Lieut.-Col. Edith Constance Long, R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., Queen Alexandra Camp, Hindhead, Surrey.

BIRTHS

WHELPTON.—To Captain and Mrs. A. P. Whelpton (*nee* Brooks), 1 Forresters on 16th October, 1965, at the B.M.H. Colchester, a son—Andrew Paul.
 CARSON.—To Major and Mrs. J. Carson (*nee* Warner), in B.M.H. Kluang, on 4th February, 1966, a son—Michael Warner.

MARRIAGE

MESSENGER-FIRMAN.—At Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, on 7th August, 1965, Graham Messenger, 2 R.T.R. to Annette Firman, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

DEATHS

- KENNEDY, Miss M. G., R.R.C., died on 26th November, 1965. Late Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- BAMPTON, Miss N. P. de B., R.R.C., died on 24th November, 1965, at Dett, Rhodesia. Late Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- DUNNE, Miss S. C., died on 17th November, 1965, at Chepstow, Monmouth. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- PALMER, Mrs. (*nee* Earle), B.M.W., R.R.C., died on 16th November, 1965, in Victoria, Canada. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, 1914-1919.
- GIRDLESTONE, Miss D., O.B.E., R.R.C., died 22nd January, 1966, aged 73 years, at Knutsford Cottage Hospital, Cheshire. Late Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- BLACK, Mrs. M. (*nee* Hale), died on 2nd January, 1966, at Hastings, in her 83rd year. Q.A.I.M.N.S. retd. Mentioned in Despatches in 1915.
- LOWE, Miss B., died on 1st January, 1966, at Brighton, Victoria, Australia. Ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C.
- WATSON, Colonel Olive Mary, O.B.E., R.R.C., died suddenly at 5 Park Street, York, on 9th February, 1966. Served in Q.A.R.A.N.C. from 1926 to 1953.
- SOMERBERG, Miss E., died in Victoria, Australia, in October 1965.
- INSTONE, Miss A. E., died on 20th February, 1966, at Marnhull, near Sturminster, Newton, Dorset.
- HAYDON, Brigadier Dame Anne (*née* Thompson), retired D.A.N.S. and Matron-in-Chief Q.A.R.A.N.C., in Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, on 17th March 1966.

APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS

- Temp. Lt.-Col. J. Paris: Appointed Matron, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank, on 10th January, 1966.
- Lt.-Col. E. O. Bassett: Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Singapore, 5th January, 1966.
- Lt.-Col. E. Carter: Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Benghazi, 18th October, 1965.
- Lt.-Col. A. Loomam: Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Dhekelia, 21st February, 1966.
- Major B. McMillan: Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Dharan Cantonment, 21st January, 1966.
- Major J. Gahan: Appointed Matron, B.M.H. Mount Kellet, 15th November, 1965.

CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

- Lt.-Col. M. P. A. Albrecht (Retd.): Appointed Nursing Matron-in-Chief in the Prison Service. Lt.-Col. Albrecht served in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. from 1938 to July, 1965.
- Major A. Pegg: Appointed Matron of the Maadi Hospital, Cairo. Served in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. from 1941 to 1st November, 1963.
- Miss Mary B. Mitchell: Appointed Matron, All Saints' Hospital, Chatham, w.e.f. 1st March, 1966. Served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and is at present Matron of Harrow Hospital, Middlesex.
- Major I. Wilmshurst (Retd.): Appointed Sister Tutor at St. George's Hospital, London. Served in Q.A.R.A.N.C. from 1942 until 1965.
- Miss Patricia O'Sullivan: Appointed Matron, Memorial Hospital and Brook General Hospital, Woolwich, on 15th March, 1966. After training at London Hospital she served for nine years in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. before being appointed Administrative Sister at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

MIDWIFE TEACHER'S DIPLOMA

Capt. P. A. P. Walters (455301), Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The a/n officer has been successful at Part II of the Midwife Teacher's Diploma Examination held on Wednesday, 19th January, 1966.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 1965

Baker, Elaine Rosemary	Lawlor, Veronica Mary
Bakewell, Mary Elizabeth	Loveridge, Marion Irene
Callick, Wendy Ellis	Onn, Corrinne
Chappell, Margaret Ann	O'Sullivan, Philomena Mary
Cherkasky, Tanya Terence	Oliver, Janet Patricia
Day, Anne Churchill	Palmyre, Ann Medge
Ferns, Sylvia Lynne	Peet, Joyce Elaine
Fishpool, Sonia Margaret	Riddell, Margaret
Grosset, Maureen Martha Lindsay	Slooman, Maureen June
Grebbly, Margaret	Smith, Patricia Mary
Hawkins, Carole Mary (<i>nee</i> Lillis)	Spinks, Patricia Kay
Howard, Anne	Stanley, Susan Josephine
Jordan, Eleanor Margaret Elizabeth	Storrie, Isabella Stevenson
Jenkins, Valerie Mary	Tirant, Marguerite Monique
Jenkins, Ann Francis	White, Anne
King, Eileen Sylvia	Whittle, Josette Ann (<i>nee</i> Le Monde)

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I—NOVEMBER 1965

Lt. J. F. Ennals Sgt. D. A. Hall Sgt. D. Wilks

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II—DECEMBER 1965

Lt. E. H. Ashworth Lt. H. E. Young Lt. J. M. Mortimer
Lt. R. E. Stevens Miss J. Broadhead

PROMOTION—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Lieut.-Colonels

Majors: E. O. Bassett, 15.10.65; E. Carter, 12.10.65.

To Majors

Captains: M. I. O'Reilly, 26.1.66; D. W. Galbraith, 13.1.66; G. A. Staines, 4.1.66; J. P. Edmonds, 6.12.65; J. V. Grieve, 21.12.65; B. M. Coveney, 30.11.65; A. K. M. Wisdom, 30.11.65; E. E. Walsh, 30.11.65; B. V. Farrell, 16.11.65; M. P. Barrows, 5.10.65; M. A. Geraghty, 5.10.65; M. C. Pettegree, 5.10.65.

To Captains

Lieutenants: R. Rawat, 7.10.65; B. Tansley, 7.10.65; K. Warren Perry, 7.10.65; M. Agate, 7.10.65; M. Keating, 7.10.65; B. Johnson, 7.10.65; J. Woodward, 7.10.65; J. Smith, 22.10.65; M. Morris, 4.11.65; V. Bridgman, 4.11.65; S. M. Stewart, 4.11.65; W. M. Burgess, 4.11.65; R. D. Dyer, 14.11.65; J. A. D. Forsyth, 25.11.65; M. A. Jenkins, 28.11.65; A. Hawke, 3.12.65; S. K. Gale, 4.12.65; J. M. Gilden, 5.12.65; M. A. Jackson, 13.12.65; E. Dale, 14.12.65; D. W. Samson, 30.12.65; A. J. Emslie, 31.12.65; V. A. Vernon, 2.1.66; N. Erickson, 6.1.66; A. K. M. Hophthrow, 6.1.66; R. M. Roberts, 6.1.66; M. E. Parker, 6.1.66; M. G. Hudson, 6.1.66; M. M. Wall, 16.1.66; M. A. Gregory, 17.1.66; H. S. Powell, 18.1.66.

RETIREMENT—REGULAR OFFICERS

Lt.-Colonels: K. N. Roberts, R.R.C., 12.10.65; M. W. Winny, R.R.C., 17.2.66.
Majors: K. M. Cross, 27.1.66; B. P. Penny, 23.10.65; E. M. Boyle, 3.11.65;
M. T. Sullivan, 9.11.65; M. Peel, 31.12.65; R. Carter, 31.12.65; E. A. Thomson, 24.1.66; A. Kirwan, 15.1.66; B. A. Bowring, 12.2.66; B. A. Emmett, 20.2.66.
Captain I. T. A. Edmonson (*nee* Doyle), 6.10.65 (marriage).

RETIREMENT ON MARRIAGE

Captains: M. Ingles (*nee* Diamond), B. K. Jessup (*nee* Lott), M. E. Bruce (*nee* Westley).
Lieutenants: J. Morris (*nee* Clark), C. P. Hayne (*nee* Langlands), J. A. Prowse (*nee* Logan), G. Brooke (*nee* Fairless), C. M. Shand (*nee* Breese), C. M. Falle (*nee* Place), M. A. Parkinson (*nee* Murray), E. P. Herbertson (*nee* Miles), A. P. Downing (*nee* Tomalin), P. A. B. Duff (*nee* Watson), M. C. Cook (*nee* Waggott), H. R. Colenso (*nee* Cahill).

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Transferred to R.A.R.O. on completion of service

Lieutenants: B. Finlay, 16.9.65; P. J. Dupond, 1.10.65; K. M. Gaines, 8.10.65; M. M. E. McNeill, 8.10.65; B. E. Pearson, 8.10.65; M. M. Roberts, 8.10.65; J. M. Stevens, 8.10.65; G. K. Fincham, 7.10.65; P. A. Trueman, 7.10.65; H. P. Curran, 7.10.65; M. R. Smyths, 5.10.65; B. A. Yorke-Starkey, 6.11.65; S. G. Campbell, 26.11.65; A. W. Patience, 26.11.65; L. M. Murdoch, 4.11.65; E. M. Hanly, 4.11.65; E. Miller, 1.11.65; A. M. T. Bourke, 26.11.65; M. Braddock, 22.12.65 (voluntary); M. Henderson, 10.1.66; H. M. Corbett, 7.1.66; T. A. O'Rourke, 7.1.66; S. K. Gale, 7.1.66; W. A. Matcher, 7.1.66; A. Jordon, 6.1.66; B. I. Davies, 6.1.66; S. A. Morgan, 6.1.66; J. C. Hoskins, 29.1.66; M. McPherson, 4.2.66; M. D. U. Grey, 4.2.66; R. Neil, 3.2.66; H. Armstong, 3.2.66; Y. C. Tan, 3.2.66; K. M. Brown, 3.2.66; J. Ryans, 3.2.66; R. Spratt, 3.2.66; E. A. H. Shapter, 3.2.66; P. C. Owen, 12.2.66; S. L. Payne, 16.2.66; D. Luckett, 16.2.66; M. E. Faulkner, 20.2.66.

OFFICERS POSTED OVERSEAS

To B.M.H. Hong Kong

Majors: A. O'Neill, M. S. Shaw.

Captains: G. Strunkis, D. E. T. Davies, R. T. Nicholson.

To B.M.H. Singapore

Majors: B. J. Rattee, I. J. Robertson, K. Curry, M. Chamberlain, M. Potter.

Captains: M. Watson, M. E. Sexton, M. N. Morgan, M. Daly.

Lieutenants: C. V. Richards, M. C. Burgess, B. Jones, M. A. White, B. J. Green.

To Kluang

Majors: S. A. Bindloss, M. A. Brown.

Lieutenants: D. Lorrimer, C. A. Pollard.

To Terendak

Captain: F. E. McLaurin.

Lieutenants: D. Luckett, E. M. D. Ekman, B. Ashwood, J. M. Day.

To Penang

Captain S. M. Jackson.
 Lieutenants: M. P. Loe, C. A. Williams.

To Butterworth

Lieutenants: P. Pinder, B. J. Tinsley.

To Dhekalia

Lieutenants: G. M. Fisher, M. A. Redgrove, M. Steele, A. E. Garrett, A. C. Wade.

To Benghazi

Lieutenant A. K. I. Varrow.

OFFICERS POSTED TO HOME ESTABLISHMENTS**From F.A.R.E.L.F.**

Major B. V. Farrell ...	5. 1.66	Military Families Hospital, Woolwich
Major J. M. Orford ...	4.11.65	Depot & T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Major T. L. Jeffreys-Edwards	28.12.65	R.H.H., Woolwich
Major W. Myers ...	13.12.65	Military Hospital, Catterick
Major E. Boyle ...	8.12.65	Military Hospital, Catterick
Capt. J. M. Sowter ...	11. 9.65	Q.A. Military Hospital, Millbank
Capt. E. M. Madin ...	14.12.65	Q.A. Military Hospital, Millbank
Capt. S. Y. K. H. Turpin ...	16.11.65	Military Hospital, Tidworth

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

1ST NOVEMBER, 1965—28TH FEBRUARY, 1966

To B.A.O.R.

Privates: A. Emmerson, S. Griffith, S. Quinan, E. Rook, V. C. Trevethan, J. Kirkbright, J. C. Miles, H. M. Sands, A. E. Clarke, D. G. Friend, J. L. Kadwell, R. Massey, J. R. Shearlaw, J. E. Venstone, L. C. Bridges, V. S. Downey, M. Duckworth, R. C. Geeleher, E. A. Gosnold, L. Parrington, B. A. Perrin, H. R. Shrimpton, M. Sims, M. M. Stretton, H. Weston, J. E. Dingle, M. K. Erasmus, M. J. Goodwin, C. A. Moss, M. Murphy, W. E. Robson, M. Stark, M. G. Thomson, L. Truesdale, E. A. Ellam, J. A. Larder, M. A. Morris, S. R. Thomas, P. J. Winkfield, S. Woolley, M. P. Alderson, M. Blatchford, L. B. Jamieson, H. M. Johnston, M. E. Stokes, J. E. Fenton, M. C. Marshall, M. A. McNeil, I. Shreene, P. E. J. Smith, J. A. Sloman, V. C. Wallace, N. Watson, K. A. Atherton, V. M. Burden, E. M. Dalton, G. E. G. Game, G. M. Lyle, K. A. Martin, S. E. Quinn, E. A. Rickaby, C. E. Sharpe, L. Sowden, L. M. West, E. Cairns.

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

Privates: S. A. Bishop, R. M. Delaney, C. Hopkins, C. M. Inches, M. R. Mayes, M. R. Pleace, E. C. Van Weegan, D. M. Amies, S. Band, A. C. Crabb, C. D. Mercer, I. N. Wilkinson, J. D. Lord, S. P. Bailey, D. K. Bass, P. J. Edgson, M. Gregg, D. J. Pearce, A. Grayson, C. Dunn, J. Whittle, J. J. Cotterill, M. M. Arrigan, S. Bailey, J. E. Heslop, K. A. Johnston, R. Jones.

To Hong Kong

Privates: I. Allen, S. M. Browne, M. Gradwell, C. M. Hotchkiss, G. J. Humphries

To Cyprus

A/L/Cpl. M. Treacey.

Privates: M. Goodall, P. M. Henriquez, P. A. Kirrage, E. Moncrieff, I. G. Lund, L. Marsden.

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

1ST NOVEMBER, 1965—28TH FEBRUARY, 1966

To 18 Coy.

Sergeant J. B. Muir.

Privates: M. Donnelly, J. Foreman, A. Farrow, R. E. Linge, A. R. McSporrán, B. P. Parrott, A. C. Pegg, J. M. Stacey, C. M. Taylor, S. J. Woodhouse, P. M. Wright, D. M. Whelan, G. Coleman, V. Nelson, E. M. Loughry, S. C. Walters, K. Evans, J. Batty, D. I. M. Gould, S. A. Jennings, J. Yeomans, S. P. Bunn, M. J. Docksey, V. Dillon, S. L. Dibb.

To No. 9 Coy.

Corporals: M. McKee, S. D. Clarke.

L/Cpl. A. Wilson.

Privates: M. I. F. Guthrie, G. F. Gaynor, I. M. MacDougall, D. J. Robinson, G. Shubrook, D. E. M. Waddell, J. P. Gibbons, L. Y. Mackay, D. C. Woodhams, J. Bolsover (A/L/Cpl.), M. Robinson, B. R. Conroy, R. Crossley, D. J. Channing, J. E. Carr, J. M. Deacon.

To No. 7 Coy.

Privates: P. A. Hyne, P. A. Robinson, B. A. Browne, K. Burke,

To No. 20 Coy.

Cpl. J. G. Jarvis.

Privates: J. K. Hardman, J. Mitchell, R. M. Neilson, L. Parr, E. J. Sharples, M. Le Guilcher, M. Baker, C. H. Choisy, B. R. Conroy, C. Moore, M. M. J. Pillay, F. M. Spires.

To No. 1 Coy.

A/Sgt. D. C. Chapman.

Cpl. A. E. Croft.

Privates: J. V. Hamilton, P. A. Lackenby, S. C. Law, I. I. Mabey, J. I. Phillips, G. M. H. Sutherland, S. M. Treacy, P. B. W. Wright, J. E. Wilkinson, J. Williams, C. Cairney, M. Cooper, M. Sandrawich, F. C. Walton.

To No. 12 Coy.

Privates: S. J. Richardson, M. R. Sevenoaks, S. Sinha, M. Bryant, B. M. Chapman, K. E. Costineau.

To No. 10 Coy.

Privates: C. A. W. Robinson, R. Crossley, A. Wilson.

To Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital

Privates: E. M. E. Jordan, M. Sandrawich, M. Cooper, W. E. Hillerby, I. S. B. Storrie, J. Batty, A. Howard, C. Cairney, D. I. M. Gould, S. A. Jennings, F. C. Holmes, J. Yeomans.

To B.M.H. Munster

Private C. Moore.

To B.M.H. Hanover

Privates: A. Carter, S. Rodd.

To No. 35 Coy.

Privates: M. E. Cowie, S. Groves.

To Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Private B. E. Corrigan.

To P/Staff B.T.U.
Private D. A. Carling.

To Depot R.A.D.C.
Private F. Jameson.

To Basic Training Unit
Privates: V. D. Lillis, M. A. Johnson.

To No. 15 Coy.
Private B. R. Conroy.

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

1ST NOVEMBER, 1965—28TH FEBRUARY, 1966

To Sergeants

W. J. Crocker, 2.10.65; J. Barber, 2.10.65.

To Corporals

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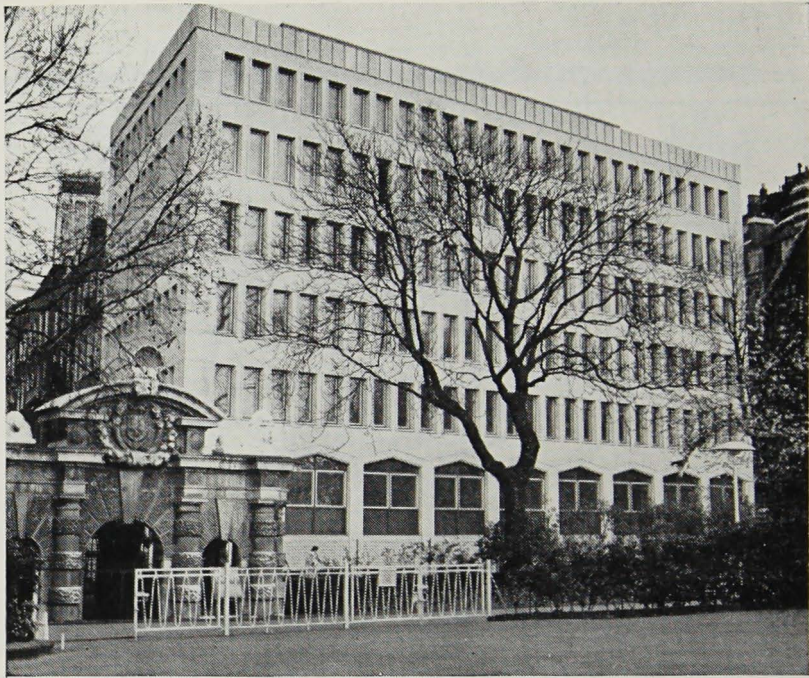
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