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EDITORIAL

Our Twenty-First Reunion is over and how wonderful to see over 300 people there! It was also a record year for the attendance at the 18th Annual General Meeting—110. All this is most gratifying to the Honorary Officers at Headquarters. The reports of both are in this issue.

We are very sad that Lt.-Colonel Warner has decided to relinquish the office of Chairman which she has filled most ably during the past six years. There were many difficult problems through which she had to guide the Committee and she often spent extra days at the office to help with the work entailed. Our very grateful thanks to her.

We extend a warm welcome to her successor, Lt.-Col. E. F. Davies, R.R.C.

The photograph on the cover shows three Q.A's admiring the Depot Foundation Stone, which was laid by H.R.H. The Princess Margaret in 1963, with a glimpse of the now completed building in the background.

Our apologies for dearth of articles they just did not arrive.

MAJOR MUDGE, A.R.R.C.

For twelve years Major Mudge has been Assistant Editor of our GAZETTE, a task that comprises a lot of background work without which the Editors would have found their lot a very difficult one.

Not only has she been responsible for all the pages of "small print" in the GAZETTE and writing all the letters in connection with this, but she also had to compile the GAZETTE list of names and addresses for the publishers every year, a major work in itself. (Anyone who does not believe this come and try it!)

For some time now the state of Major Mudge's health has caused concern to her colleagues at H.Q. but it was not until her doctor spoke firmly to her that she agreed to relinquish the Assistant Editorship.

However she will remain on the Gazette Committee and continue to help us with her advice so we are not losing her completely.

On behalf of all her colleagues and all the readers we wish her a speedy return to health and give her our warmest thanks for these years of hard work.



MAJOR MUDGE AND DAME LOUISA

The photograph is a particularly delightful one of Major Mudge who in her usual cheerful manner was entertaining Dame Louisa at the Brighton and Hove Branch Christmas lunch last year.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF THE 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 1966, AT THE CAFE ROYAL, LONDON.

Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was in the Chair and there were one hundred and ten members present.

Dame Margot opened the meeting by welcoming the members; the notice convening the meeting was read, and the Minutes of the 1965 Meeting were signed.

Synopsis of Chairman's Report

The Chairman said it had again been an interesting and active year for the Association—chiefly on the Benevolent side.

Due to the constant rise in the cost of living our expenses have risen too—not surprisingly. We have to pay more for the Auditors' Fees—which have always been low—then the publishing of the GAZETTE—postage and salary, etc., have also increased.

It has been found necessary to increase the cost of Brooches to 5/-, otherwise we have not had to raise anything else—at present.

Mrs. Crawford, our Clerical Assistant, has left and Mrs. Prior has taken her place and is settling in well.

We have had to replace our duplicating machine, and three arm-chairs have been repaired and given new covers.

Queen Mary's House Fund is running smoothly under its new management, but finances are low and urgently need your help.

If more subscribers could be found to become Members of this Fund, and if possible covenant their subscriptions this would be a great help.

A lift is to be installed in the House in the near future—but this will be paid for by the Army Benevolent Fund or nearly. A Fund has been started by kind donators and is called the Lift Fund—and it will require constant supervision after installation. This lift is not a luxury but a necessity—when so many of the residents are ageing. I think you will agree that any of us here could at some time benefit from this Home and so deserves our support now.

The meetings of each of the Central Committee and Finance and Grants and Gazette Meetings and our Honorary Branch Secretary's Meeting have been held during the year and were well attended—all members of these Committees were thanked for their regular attendance, interest and help given.

Branches were congratulated on all the support they give to H.Q. Millbank is the largest branch, with over 200 members, and Aldershot comes next with over 140 members.

Brighton and Hove Branch has started well and now has over 54 members. Tripoli Branch closed during the year.

All branches and individuals are sincerely thanked for all the help they have given during the year, particularly Millbank, who sent in £175 and Aldershot over £100 for various funds. Without all this money we could not go on increasing our Benevolent Work the way we are doing.

Our membership is still rising and had reached the grand total of 2,126 last December and is up by 105 from last year. This is most gratifying. There are still some 220 members who do not take the GAZETTE.

There were twenty-one deaths during the year.

All Honorary Officers were warmly thanked for all they do for the Association—particularly Major Mudge, who has been Assistant Editor for twelve years and has had to give up on her “Doctor’s” advice. She is already feeling better for her rest.

The Chairman then said as she would be handing over the office of Chairman this afternoon—she would like to take this opportunity of expressing her deep appreciation of the loyal support and help everyone had given her. She realized the honour and privilege it had been for her to serve them all for six years and wished her successor every good wish for the future, and that she would always take a keen interest in the work of the Association.

Dame Margot thanked Colonel Warner for her support and particularly thanked her for the service she had given the Association during her three terms of office as Chairman, for the time given up and the great interest she has always taken in the work. We all hoped to see her often at the various functions.

Presentation of Audited Accounts (Hon. Treasurer’s Report)

Madam President, Fellow Members, I have much pleasure in presenting the Audited Accounts of the Funds administered by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the year 1965.

THE RESERVE FUND.—Although we received more in donations to this Fund, the income was £4 less than in 1964 when we had received £48 refund of Income Tax on National Insurance Contributions—Expenses were slightly higher, but there was an excess of Income amounting to £19. In 1964 it was £40.

£150 of 5% Defence Bonds were converted to National Development Bonds. There were no other changes in Investments.

THE CENTRAL FUND.—Once more it is gratifying that there was an increase in receipts from Annual Subscriptions. General office expenses increased by £34, which is reasonable in view of general rising costs—and not forgetting postage, which was increased last July. Thanks to the Donations which swelled the Income by over £100, there was an excess of Income over Expenditure of £91, which has helped to offset the deficit of the previous two years.

THE GAZETTE FUND.—Expenses have risen by over £150 in this Fund, and in spite of increased Income there was an excess of Expenditure amounting to £29.

This Fund does really need the continued help of donations if we are to maintain the present high standard of interesting and varied items, and the inclusion of pictures—which in many cases “add” so much to the articles.

THE ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT FUND.—The situation in this Fund is very satisfactory and it continues to receive most generous support. Of the £5,629 received in donations, £3,000 was from Mrs. Briscoe's bequest and £882 4s. 2d. was contributed by Serving Members.

With the expanding work of this Fund it has relieved the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and T.A.N.S. Benevolent Funds of part of the share they contribute to general expenses, hence the large increase in this item. The amount expended on grants and gifts rose by about £100 and there was a large excess of Income over Expenditure.

There were no changes in investments, but part of the large balance has been invested this year and details will be given in the 1966 report.

THE Q.A.I.M.N.S. BENEVOLENT FUND.—In this Fund we spent more on grants and used some accumulated Income so there was an excess of Expenditure over Income for the year—but the situation is satisfactory and in 1966 we shall spend about £50 less in grants, which should make us “draw even”.

THE ETHEL HARWOOD TRUST FUND.—As in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund we used some accumulated Income and had an excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, but the balance is satisfactory and the grants will be reduced by £25 in 1966.

THE TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND.—As anticipated we needed to realise some Capital and a holding of £1,022 0s. 4d. of 3½% Treasury Stock 1977/80 was sold. At the moment there is a loss on most gilt-edged Stock, and the proceeds were £768 4s. 6d. This is shown on the Account as “Loss on Sale of Investments” £187. The purchase price was less than the nominal value of the Stock, hence the proceeds and loss do not equal £1,022 0s. 4d.

Grants amounted to less than in 1964. This decrease may well continue and we are anxious to use the Capital to meet the needs.

Between the four Benevolent Funds the sum spent on grants and gifts amounted to £3,950 and the income from investments was £985, so where should we be without your continued generous support!

In addition to the report, Miss Baldock made the following remarks about our Funds.

Donations to Benevolent Funds were generous but the GAZETTE and Central Funds received very little from this source. The Gazette Fund had no capital to fall back on and had to meet all the increased costs of printing and postage from the subscriptions.

The annual subscriptions had not yet been raised, but unless more donations to these Funds were forthcoming this must be considered.

When branches and units sent donations it would be a help if they would stipulate how they would like them allocated.

Dame Margot thanked Miss Baldock for presenting the Audited Accounts.

Hon. Friends' Secretary's Report

Madam President and Ladies.—Each year I find it more and more difficult to find a new way of telling you what are really the same basic facts. The Audited Accounts will give you the facts and figures, but when I tell you that during the year we have spent nearly £4,000 on grants and gifts you will see that between us we have managed to make life easier for many of our members. I hope you will feel that the contributions you have given so freely are thankfully received and faithfully applied. But the motto of our Association is "Friendship", and this is demonstrated by sending birthday cards and small gifts. A simple action, where time and not money is the factor, and which makes members feel they are not forgotten. At Christmas and Easter parcels of groceries, gift tokens and cheques bring a lot of happiness to members, and in this respect I must especially thank all those who send gifts of food, clothing, etc., to help with these parcels.

I must again thank Mrs. Burt, my filing clerk, personal assistant and odd-job girl. I don't know what I would do without her help. Finally, we must remember that this work is possible only because we are an Association, and that each one of us as a member is sharing in a truly practical expression of "Friendship". I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of my report.

Dame Margot thanked Mrs. Mills for her report.

Election of Managing Trustees (Members of the Central Committee).

Lt.-Col. E. F. Davies had kindly agreed to stand for nomination as Chairman and there being no other nominations she was elected and welcomed by the President.

Colonel Blair had not wished to stand for re-election and was thanked by Dame Margot for her services during the past years.

Voting took place, and of the six nominees the following were elected and welcomed: Colonel J. Howe, Lt.-Col. Jolly, Miss Hamblin and Colonel U. Dowling.

Dame Margot thanked all who had agreed to stand for election.

Any Other Business

Dame Margot suggested that as our Reunion clashed with R.A.M.C. Corps Week, we should consider another date and the middle of June was agreed. Next meeting would be 17th June, 1967.

Major G. Thompson, on behalf of all present, thanked Dame Margot for taking the Chair and after thanking the Committee and Honorary Officers, and all members for coming to make a record attendance, Dame Margot closed the meeting.

THE TWENTY-FIRST REUNION

The 21st Reunion was held at the Cafe Royal on Saturday, 25th June.

This special event was well attended and over 300 members and their husbands sat down to a delicious tea. Dominating the room was a beautiful three-tier birthday cake, beautifully decorated and adorned with ribbon of scarlet and grey and surmounted by the Association Badge. Mrs. Mills deserves our grateful thanks for making the cake, which we all enjoyed and Mr. Mills must be thanked for making the replica of the Badge. The cake was cut by Dame Louisa, who had the first slice as Life Member No. 1 of the Association. The top tier of the cake was not used and so it was agreed to raffle it. I think everyone was very pleased that the cake was won by Miss Joyce of Queen Mary's House, and the raffle made £17 7s. 4d. towards the Association Funds.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Sports Cup, awarded annually to the serving officer or other rank who has contributed most to games and sports in Q.A.R.A.N.C., was awarded to Pte. Sara Elizabeth Ody. The citation read as follows:

"Pte. Ody has contributed a great deal to all sports activities quietly and efficiently encouraging the development of team spirit in the unit.

"Through her keenness and enthusiasm she inspired her colleagues to practice and together they won several cups. They brought great honour and credit to the Corps in this Command and placed the Q.A's in the limelight of the Sporting World in Singapore".

Dame Margot Turner commented that it was one of the best citations she had ever read.

As always, a most enjoyable time was spent, meeting old friends, reminiscing and generally catching up with the news. I am sorry for those who missed this happy occasion and hope they will be with us next year.

NOTICES

Christmas Parcels are now in the process of being organised. Mrs. Mills, Hon. Friends' Secretary, will be pleased to receive any gifts of food, toilet articles and other small gifts, or cash if preferred. If cash, please state that it is for Christmas parcels. The receipt of a parcel gives such pleasure to the recipients, so please send anything, great or small, at an early date, to the Hon. Friends' Secretary, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Headquarters Office at Haig House, 26 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, will be closed during August. Urgent matters may be sent by post, when they will be attended to once a week.

Field of Remembrance. All members are invited to attend Westminster Abbey for the dedication of the Field of Remembrance and the Army Nursing Services Plot afterwards, where crosses will be planted in remembrance of our companions who died during the war. The date is Thursday, 10th November, 1966, at 11.45 a.m.

NEWS FROM BRANCHES

Tripoli

Owing to the closure of the Military Hospital on 31st January, 1966, the Branch of the Association has also had to close as there were insufficient members left to form a Branch.

East African Branch

There are seventeen members in the Branch and it remains very active. On 16th January, 1966, a Christmas Party was given for members and their husbands by Mrs. Browse, the Hon. Secretary. On 8th March, 1966, the Annual General Meeting, followed by a tea-party, was held at the home of Mrs. Mellanley.

Millbank Branch

The Branch held its Annual General Meeting on the 2nd March at Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank. This was well attended. In May we had a Bring and Buy Sale which realised £59. At the end Colonel Gordon, R.R.C., acted as auctioneer and her auctioning of a bottle of Sherry caused much amusement.

In September we are arranging a visit to the New Depot.

HILDA HAMBLIN.

Brighton and Hove Branch

On 6th May, 1966, the Brighton and Hove Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. held a Bazaar. Members worked with great energy to produce a most successful result—£267 9s. 9d. It was a great relief, for being "New Boys" we have been struggling financially to get the Branch under way. We now feel launched!

The stalls were laden with a great variety of beautiful things. A most attractive collection of soft toys, the work of Mrs. Ayer, mother of one of our members was greatly admired, as was the stall of handmade gloves, the work of our Chairman Mrs. H. G. Freeman. A splendid tea was provided and well organised by Miss Berrill and her helpers.

Colonel L. M. Rose ran a Premium Bond Raffle, special thanks go to her for her extremely successful result—she raised over £100.

The happy winners were:

- 1st prize £10 (4792) ... Miss Cremor (sold by Mrs. H. G. Freeman)
2nd prize £5 (1788) ... Mr. D. Rogers (sold by Miss Buckle)
3rd prize £1 (4121) ... Miss Oliver (sold by Miss Hill)
4th prize £1 (1273) ... Mr. Vassalli (sold by Miss Amoone)
5th prize £1 (5199) ... Miss Bosloe (sold by Miss Williams)
6th prize £1 (5052) ... Mr. S. Hudson (sold by Miss Wareham)
7th prize £1 (2953) ... Mrs. M. E. James (sold by Miss B. M. James)

So ended a happy afternoon. We all felt our efforts put forth to produce the Bazaar had been very well worth while.

M.M.A.

Bournemouth Branch

With the President, Dame Monica Golding, D.B.E., Colonel Commandant of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., in the Chair, the Annual General Meeting of the Bournemouth Branch took place at the Linden Hall Hotel on March 9th.

She thanked the Committee for their year in office. Extending a cordial welcome to those members who had managed to find the right room, she introduced two newcomers.

The only change in the Committee was that of Colonel Victoria Whiteman, who is prevented by home circumstances from continuing. Mrs. Kay Blenkinsop was returned unopposed to serve in her place.

An outing to visit Romsey was discussed and arrangements made for transport there.

Business disposed of, a vote of thanks to Dame Monica was proposed by Major McMahon, Matron, Bovington, who echoes the sentiments of all, in saying that the branch would not enjoy the success it knows today without her enthusiasm and leadership.

Following the serving of teas, Colonel Chambers showed a most entertaining colour film of her recent visit to Hong Kong.

Linden Hall Hotel being such a popular rendezvous, it was not altogether surprising that a section of the Q.A. party got diverted to the wrong conference room and found themselves among *Our Dumb Friends League*. Their explanation for their lateness caused quite a ripple of mirth in an already gay and informal afternoon.

The last week-end in March may mean the Grand National to some; the Boat Race to others or the General Election, but to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. it usually means the day on which the Royal Charter was granted to the Army Nursing Service.

On 27th March, 1902, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service came into being with Her Majesty Queen Alexandra as its first President. This day is celebrated as Q.A. Day by Q.A.'s all over the world.

At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Corps Day was marked by a special service in the Royal Chapel. As there were similar functions elsewhere throughout Southern Command, members were more widely dispersed than usual, nevertheless the attendance was good. The Lesson was read by Major Old of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Netley.

Following the Service everybody assembled in the Mess for sherry, as a prelude to an excellent buffet lunch.

The Matron, Lt.-Col. Avril Thompson, welcomed guests from Southampton, the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, while her staff circulated freely to ensure that everyone was at ease and enjoying themselves.

Retired members are indeed appreciative of the kindness shown in such generous measure by their serving colleagues in making their motto, "Friendship", so appropriate.

K. A. TYE.

Hong Kong Branch

On the occasion of the visit of her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon to the Colony for British Week, several members of the Corps had the honour of being presented. These included: Lt.-Col. H. Thayer, Major J. Gahan, Capt. O. Read, Lieuts. I. Mills, J. Smith, Cpls. Tranter, Walsh, Ptes. Baker, Allen Browne, Gradwell. A kind letter was received from Kensington Palace on the return of Princess Margaret to England, in which H.R.H. expressed pleasure at meeting the members of the Corps and wishing them a happy tour.

A raffle was held, which resulted in the sum of £15 being realised for the General Purposes and Gazette Funds.

Corps Day was celebrated with a service in the Garrison Church, to which guests were invited. Drinks were served in the Mess, following the service.

Contact has been made with several ex-service members.

THE INAUGURATION OF THE R.N.Z.N.C. CORPS DAY

It was recently decided that the R.N.Z.N.C. would celebrate an Annual Corps Day.

With the approval of Q.A.R.A.N.C. the date chosen was 27th March, the Corps Day of Q.A.R.A.N.C., with whom the R.N.Z.N.C. is affiliated. The celebration of the adoption of this day was held in three centres throughout New Zealand, Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.

In Auckland, a church service at St. Christopher's Chapel, Naval Base, Devonport, was attended by Representatives of the Armed Services, members and former members of the R.N.Z.N.C. and the Chairman and twelve members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association (N.Z. Branch).

The service was most impressive and was conducted by the Rev. R. McKenzie, Chaplain to *H.M.N.Z.S. Philomel*. It included the Collect for Q.A.R.A.N.C., the R.N.Z.N.C. Prayer (especially written for the occasion) and the Naval Prayer. The Lesson was read by Matron J. F. Brown, R.N.Z.N.C., Matron of the Royal Naval Hospital, Devonport. After the service morning tea was served. Many former members of the R.N.Z.N.C. and N.Z.A.N.S. had travelled long distances to attend this function and there were many happy reunions with wartime comrades.

Members of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association were very happy to join in the reminiscences and to share their memories with the members of their Sister Corps.

We wish them every success and look forward to joining them on future occasions.

Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness among the people, be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants and the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps in which we serve. May the love of Christ constrain us to joyful and selfless service, that bearing about His presence with us, we may shine as lamps of hope, and in caring for the sick and injured we may not only heal but bless. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REPORTING FROM WELLINGTON

It was a lovely calm autumn morning of cool sunshine, when everyone began arriving at the new Nurses' Chapel of the big civil hospital here in Wellington for R.N.Z.N.C.'s first Corps Day. The architecturally very new chapel can take about 200, and it was completely full with uniforms of serving officers, both men and women, and as many pretty hats.

The service was taken jointly by clergymen of three denominations, the sermon preached by the Assistant Bishop of Wellington.

We then went by innumerable cars from the service in the centre of the city, four miles out to Fort Dorset near the entrance to this great round harbour to get enough breeze to remind us of the South Pacific Ocean beyond. There were many distinguished guests, past Matrons-in-Chief and wives of senior officers. We were greeted by a gay and informal speech by Principal Matron Mary Wilson, R.R.C., that set the tone of gaiety for that extremely good lunch.

If you ask, "What did you do for Corps Day?" You can get the answer, "Oh, a service and a lunch". That's what happened here.

But it was their first day and in this country where the population is so small compared with the older countries, this was a very large and successful affair. And all the ex-Q.A's were delighted to be included.

There were, of course some nice local conditions, like some serving officers who had to get up *very* early and drive 200 miles—a long way, anywhere, before 11 a.m. and, did, with a few hitches, arrive in time for lunch.

Though the R.N.Z.N.C. is a “young” Corps, they spring from nursing antecedents who were State Registered by law before the “old” country, and now with their increasing commitments outside these long rocky shores and mountains, I’m sure the Q.A’s will be meeting them and spending the same Corps Day with them—somewhere—more often.



Taken at the Luncheon at Fort Dorset in Wellington after “Corps Day” Service, 27th March, 1966.

FORMER Q.A.R.A.N.C.

Left to right: Mrs. E. Woods-Humphrey (*née* Drake), Miss K. M. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Humphrey (*née* Aiken), Miss R. Hinchey, Miss M. Manoy, Mrs. C. Woodward (*née* Pearson).

TO PRINCIPAL, MATRON WILSON, DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES,
ARMY, NAVY AND AIR, R.N.Z.N.C.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF DAME MARGOT TURNER AND ALL RANKS
Q.A.R.A.N.C. SEND GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON OCCASION
OF YOUR FIRST CORPS DAY.

TO MATRON IN CHIEF, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

PRINCIPAL MATRON WILSON AND ALL RANKS, R.N.Z.N.C., EXTEND
GREETINGS TO DAME MARGOT TURNER AND ALL RANKS Q.A.R.A.N.C.
ON THE OCCASION OF Q.A. DAY, 27TH MARCH, 1966.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. CORPS DAY 1966

As the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Depot was scheduled to move from Hindhead to Aldershot early in 1966, it was decided that a combined Aldershot District Q.A.R.A.N.C. Corps Day should be held. After many weeks preparing the Order of Service, Guest Lists and various luncheon parties, the great day was upon us.

Members from Hindhead jumped into their cars and headed for Aldershot, where they joined up with the contingents from the Cambridge Military Hospital, Louise Margaret Hospital and B.T.U. Q.A.R.A.N.C. Our plans had miscarried because the Depot in Aldershot was not ready for occupation, however in all other respects things went according to plan.

Services were to be held in the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints (later to become our Parish Church) and for the Roman Catholics, a service in St. Michael's Church.

We had the great pleasure and honour of having the Chaplain General to the Forces to give an address at the Garrison Church. In the congregation we had our Director, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, our Colonel Commandant Dame Monica Golding and her



Dame Margot Turner with Lt. Col. Fabien, chatting to nurses after the Aldershot Corps day service.

husband, the Rev. Harry Golding, also Major General and Mrs. Douglas, Brigadier and Mrs. P. W. Green and many other notable dignitaries.

To add colour to the day, we had Nursing Officers in Indoor Dress, immaculate in their scarlet capes and grey dresses, officers in No. 1 Dress and No. 2 Dress, interspersed with student nurses from the hospitals in indoor dress and new recruits in No. 2 Dress. In all some 200 Officers and Junior ranks were present, plus many retired members and Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association members from branches throughout the country. After the service our Director chatted informally to nurses on the lawn outside the church. Luncheon was served in the Officers' Club for Guests and Officers. Our senior N.C.O's borrowed the Garrison W.O's and Sergeants' Mess and entertained the Senior Officers before lunch.

Our young recruits returned to the B.T.U. as they were also having a parents' day. This consisted of lunch, followed by tours of the B.T.U. and a showing of our new Corps film *Challenge and Reward*.

Although the new Depot was not open, groups of visitors were allowed in the grounds and thus were able to see the outside of the buildings if nothing else.

Our Q.A. Day was indeed a very happy occasion and we hope that a pattern for the future has been set and we will continue to have a combined Aldershot District Q.A. Day for many years to come.

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

HELD AT DEPOT AND T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. HINDHEAD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1966

In my report on last year's tournament, I stated that our 1966 tournament would be the first sporting event at our new Depot—what optimism!

Nevertheless, we had a very good turn-out, and this year three B.A.O.R. units sent competitors, making a total of sixteen in all.

The competition got off to a flying start at 10.00 hours and the preliminary rounds gave promise of an exciting final.

There was one snag—the lights in one half of the room appeared to have fused. After many frantic telephone calls, the electrician was traced and came post-haste from Bordon on his bicycle. The "fault" was soon rectified—someone had forgotten to try the light-switch! Our sincere apologies to the electrician.

The remaining rounds began at 14.00 hours after both players and spectators had enjoyed an excellent lunch.

The final was between Lieut. Ho, representing B.M.H. Rinteln, and Pte. Lane, representing R.H. Hospital, Woolwich. This was a very spirited match and I think some of the spectators were almost as exhausted as the players by the end of the third game. The final

result was a win for Pte. Lane with Lieut. Ho a very gallant loser for the second year in succession. Congratulations to both players on a very sporting match.

Our Director, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, was unable to be with us this year.

The Cup and Trophy was presented by Colonel E. Pullom and bouquets were presented to both Colonel Pullom and our Commandant, Colonel E. C. Long.

E.M.S.

ANNUAL CORPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND SPORTS MEETING

HELD AT THE DEPOT AND T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. ALDERSHOT

ON 15TH AND 16TH JUNE, 1966

The annual Corps Tennis Tournament on 14th and 15th June, 1966, was the first of the sporting events to be held at our new Depot.

A week before the tournament, we began to think that we would have to enrol the services of six stalwarts to hold the nets in position, as the tennis posts had failed to arrive. Luckily, however, they arrived with five days to spare, and we were able to try the new courts out the day before the tournament.

There were twenty-one entries for the Medforth Cup (Singles) Tournament, and early on Tuesday morning the tennis courts were a scene of feverish activity as competitors tried to get in some "last minute" practise. The weather was extremely kind to us on Tuesday, and we were able to play off many of the preliminary rounds. It was so hot in fact, that certain pessimists amongst us insisted that it was "too good to last" and would probably pour all day Wednesday! Fortunately, this prophesy proved false, and Wednesday dawned in a blaze of blue skies and sunshine.

By 2 p.m., spectators began arriving, and very soon the area around the courts was very colourful with all the brightly coloured dresses and flowery hats. The players were provided with a very welcome supply of orange squash, which, incidentally, proved almost as popular with spectators. Unfortunately, we had forgotten to provide refreshment for our four-legged friends (!) but this was quickly rectified and everyone was happy.

Play began with the semi-finals of the singles between Capt. Fennell and Major Myers, and Capt. Stewart and Lieut. Blundell. Capt. Fennell and Capt. Stewart proved too strong for their opponents, although both Major Myers and Lieut. Blundell put up very spirited performances.

The doubles semi-finals followed between Capts. Daldy and Webb opposing Capt. Stewart and Lieut. Blundell, and Capts. Duffy and Anderson against Major Myers and Capt. Steel.

Players and spectators then retired to the Royal Pavilion to enjoy the traditional strawberry tea.

The day ended with the finals of both singles and doubles. Capt. Fennell was a worthy singles champion and Major Myers and Capt. Steel won the doubles.

We were fortunate this year to have the services of Col. M. Reynolds, who did a magnificent job of umpiring. Our six ball-girls, although appearing to be as nervous as the players at first, soon settled down and made an excellent job of retrieving the balls.

The Medforth and Gillespie Cups and Trophies were presented by our Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Dame Monica Golding. It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death of Miss Medforth. Miss Medforth gave us our singles cup, and was, for many years, a familiar figure at our tennis occasions.



Dame Monica Golding presents the Gillespie Cup to Major Myers and Captain Steel.

Sports Day

Thursday, 16th, our Sports Day, started off cloudy and dull, and many anxious faces were turned skywards during the morning.

Fortunately, the rain held off, and we were able to run off preliminary heats without getting wet. At lunch time, however, the rain began in earnest, and it was a very subdued gathering of spectators and competitors who gathered on the sports field at 2 p.m.

The first event of the afternoon was the high jump, which was won by Q/Pte. Marder with a jump of 4 ft. 2 in. Congratulations to Pte. Marder and also to her opponents who gallantly braved the elements.

At 2.30 p.m. the rain stopped, the clouds broke and we were soon all basking in the warm sunshine and feeling much more cheerful.

Once more the R.A.M.C. Depot Staff came to our aid and organised the events most efficiently. Our grateful thanks to Capt. Phillips, Lieut. Francis and all their helpers.

On the sporting side, although no records were broken all the competitors acquitted themselves very well and gave the spectators a very good afternoon's entertainment.

Our special congratulations go to Lieut. J. Wintle, winner of the Victor Ludorum for the third successive year, and to Colonel Gordon, a worthy winner of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Handicap Race.

After an excellent tea (strawberries again!) competitors and spectators repaired to the Gymnasium where our Director, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, presented the prizes.

E.M.S.

TRIP TO PARIS

15TH MAY, 1965

We left "la ville militaire" on Sunday, 15th May, at 5.30 a.m. and the Clerk of the Weather deserved promotion for the sunshine and blue skies which he provided for our trip to Paris.

Spirits were high on the journey to Gatwick airport, for even at this early hour the day promised to be a beautiful one.

On arrival at Beauvais airport, we passed through customs, exchanged English money for French currency, and then met "Nicole", our very attractive and very French courier, who pointed out places of interest on the journey from Beauvais to Versailles. This journey took us through thick forests, lush green countryside and exceptionally clean villages where French women carried home the typical French, unwrapped loaves.

After a pleasant meal in Versailles, we were taken to the incredibly beautiful Palace of Versailles. I may be wrong, but I doubt if anything in England could quite compare with such awe-inspiring splendour as this majestic building with its equally arresting grounds.

We journeyed on to Paris with rather more than average enthusiasm, and we were not disappointed, for Paris has so much to offer the tourist.

We saw almost everything—the Eiffel Tower, the Sacre C'Oeur, the Seine and Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Moulin Rouge and other places which had previously been names to us, or rather to many of us.

We sampled the French "le pain et le vin", we wandered along the boulevard and admired the paintings of the pavement artists, and all too soon, it was time to return to the airport.

However, the excitement of the day was not yet over. We were served a delightful meal of salad on the flight over to Gatwick and as this was the "Clarkson's Champagne Flight", we were each given a small bottle of champagne to drink with our meal.

Corks popped and the champagne bubbled, but it was a day to remember—for always.

M. C. B. DICKINSON (Lieut.),

WOMEN'S INTER-UNIT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1966

The Q.A's of B.M.H. Rinteln decided that this year they would have a team to represent them in the Inter-Unit Table Tennis Tournament.

Lieut. C. S. S. Ho, Lieut. P. A. Hughes, Pte. S. L. Dibb and Pte. E. J. Woodhouse were selected for the team.

The first hurdle was to be the B.A.O.R. Championships, to be played in Rheindahlen on February 26th, and so after much hard practising the team presented themselves for the tournament.

It was a great day for the Q.A's as not only did the Rinteln team get through to and win the finals, the other Q.A.R.A.N.C. team from B.M.H. Munster were the runners-up.

Col. H. M. Carroll, R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., presented the Shield to the Rinteln team and wished them luck for the finals which were to be held in England at the end of April.

After coping with a change in dates and difficulties with air passages, the team set off for the finals, to be played in Chester.

The two days in Chester were hectic ones with the team playing about twenty-four games between them. They did not manage to win the Cup but they certainly enjoyed the two days and came back determined to practise harder and have another try next year.

P. A. HUGHES.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Two thousand nurses watched the Ceremony of the Lamp in Westminster Abbey at the Annual Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service on 17th May, 1966. The Lamp was carried up the Nave by a procession of student nurses and placed at the foot of the Cross on the High Altar. During the Service the Nurses' Roll of Honour was carried by Miss M. B. MacKellar, Matron of Moorfield Hospital, London, to be placed on the Altar and was escorted by the Matrons in-Chief of the Services of the Crown. Miss Helen Downton, Matron of University College Hospital, read one of the Lessons and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Chester.

As this is the Abbey's 900th Anniversary Year, the Chancel was a blaze of light and colour which was added to by the vestments of the clergy and the distinct uniforms of the Chelsea Pensioners.



Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service

TIT-BITS

Walk down any East End street and on the door posts of Jewish homes you will see tiny bulges on the woodwork. These bulges are there because Deuteronomy commands their presence. Each of those slanting shapes, so covered by the paint of the door post that you can hardly see it, is *the sign on the door*—the *Mezuzoh*. It is a flat, narrow metal case three inches long and inside it is a passage from Deuteronomy written in Hebrew!

“Hear oh Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord and these words which I command thou this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates”.

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Irish Customs House Officer to old woman with shawl over her head: “And what have you there?”

Old Woman: “Sure its nothing I have”.

C.H. Officer, producing a bottle from under her shawl: “ ’Tis a bottle!”

Old Woman: “Ah, ’tis a drop of Holy Water for me old mother’s rheumatism”.

C.H. Officer (smelling): “ ’Tis whiskey!”

Old Woman, hastily crossing herself: “Ach! Glory be to God— ’tis another Holy Miracle!”

BRITISH MILITARY MATERNITY HOSPITAL, PENANG

VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER,
C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E.

On Monday, 17th January, 1966, we were honoured to be visited by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E.

It was a bright, sunny morning and the Duchess looked charming in a floral chiffon dress with a Breton style hat of sage green colour.

Accompanying Her Royal Highness was her lady-in-waiting, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott and Mrs. Avril Bramall, wife of the Garrison Commander, Penang. The Duchess was met by the Officer Commanding, Major J. F. S. Batson, R.A.M.C., and Matron, Major D. Gray, Q.A.R.A.N.C. After signing the Visitors' Book Her Royal Highness toured the hospital.

At the Sister's duty station the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers were presented to the Duchess, who spoke to each in turn and asked when our new Depot would be moved to the Royal Pavilion.

All the patients were delighted as Her Royal Highness, spoke to them all, also the Duchess showed great interest in the nursery. It was fortunate all the babies happened to be peaceful and quiet at that particular time.

On leaving the hospital, Eleanor Gordon, the daughter of our Administrative Officer, presented the Duchess with a bouquet of orchids.

Excited school children of the B.A.C. School lined both sides of the road as the Duchess returned to her car to leave amid their cheers.

D.G. (L.494).

OFFICERS' PENSION SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Officers' Pension Society was held on Wednesday, 22nd June, at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, W.2. As usual, before the Meeting members who wished to do so, were able to take luncheon at the Victory Club with Members of the Council.

General the Lord Bourne, G.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., the Chairman opened the meeting and the annual report was given. Membership was now over 28,000. When, on 1st January, 1966, pensions were increased, the Society still did not consider that the Government had dealt fairly with the older retired officers and the widows. There was no change in the policy of the Society and parity remained its principal aim, but the stock reply from the Government if comparison with other countries was stressed, was no other country had the National Health Service. It was largely due to the representation made by the Society that the Government eventually rescinded the ruling regarding the non-payment of pensions to individuals now resident in Rhodesia.

After general discussion on several issues the Chairman announced that Captain Bullock was retiring after serving for over

twenty years as General Secretary. He thanked Captain Bullock for his excellent and untiring work on behalf of the Society and this was endorsed by all members present.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m. The Association was represented at the meeting by Lt.-Colonel E. W. R. Warner, the Chairman and Colonel D. W. Douglass.

MISS INSTONE

Miss Instone, whose death was announced in our last issue, will be remembered by many of our older members who served at Millbank. As she has bequeathed her cottage and land to the Association we thought other members might be interested to know something of her history.

The following is an extract from a letter written by her cousin:

“Her Christian names were Agatha Evangeline, but she was always known as Eva. She was born on 4th June, 1884, in South Kensington, I believe in Cromwell Road. She was an only child; her father died when she was quite young, and she lived with her mother, whose maiden name was Jane Tilleard, until the latter's death a year or two before the second world war. She started going to Millbank Hospital in a voluntary capacity in the early part of the first world war, became Honorary Almoner there, and held that position for twenty-five years. She was also interested in the Star and Garter Home, and I remember paying a visit there with her in 1921. She had a wonderful capacity for getting on with soldiers, and her main work and interest in life was in helping them and giving them advice. The two main events in her year were the Trooping of the Colour, for which she was always given two seats, and taking a party of soldiers from Millbank to the Royal Tournament. I believe she never missed these two events for over forty years, and last year was the first time she was unable to go to them; and the most important event in her life was the Coronation of King George VI, for which she was given a seat in the Abbey. After the death of her mother she moved to a flat nearby. In 1940 a bomb fell close by and rendered the flat uninhabitable, and she moved to Westbury in Wiltshire. During the rest of the war, and after the end of it, she did voluntary service driving soldiers, and civilians, to hospitals at Bath, Shaftesbury and elsewhere. After several moves she settled about fifteen years ago at Quarry Cottage, Marnhull, Dorset. Apart from the Army, and Millbank Hospital, which were always in her thoughts, she was a lover of animals, and always had a black cocker spaniel, which was always named “Sniffer”. She fell ill at Easter-time last year. After being in several hospitals she managed to return to her cottage in September, having an ex-nurse to look after her; but about a month later had to go to hospital again, and remained in hospital until her death on 20th February of this year. She was buried at Marnhull on the following Thursday.”

OBITUARIES

MISS ELIZABETH MABEL BICKERDIKE, R.R.C.

Miss Elizabeth Mabel Bickerdike, R.R.C., died in a nursing home in Wallington on March 25th, at the age of 93. She retained her interest in world affairs and in the Q.A. Nursing Service, of which she was proud to be a member till the end. I was privileged to have been asked by Miss Hamblin to visit her about eight years ago.

A.L.,AS No. A MIL/40.

DAME ANNE HAYDON (*née* THOMSON), D.B.E., R.R.C.

To those of us who had the privilege of working under this outstanding lady, her passing will bring back memories of a very efficient, kindly but firm Matron, who was blessed with a good sense of humour. Her wise administration when working as a senior staff



DAME ANNE HAYDON

officer, and later as Matron-in-Chief during the difficult post-war years, together with her gift for imparting knowledge to some of us who had to learn by "trial and error" will always be remembered with gratitude.

Her last illness spent in the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital was a period of great pride in her Corps, a deep interest in the "new look" of Q.A. Nursing and its training, and a profound gratitude to all members of the Army Medical Services who so lovingly cared for her.

To all members of the Army Nursing Services who served under her, her memory will live on, and always be a source of inspiration and encouragement in their service to others.

L.515.

My most vivid memories of Dame Anne go back to pre-war Poona days where she was one of the most popular sisters in the Unit, both on and off duty. A most understanding person with a strong sense of humour she always considered the happiness of her staff and inspired their loyalty, and at no time would she be bound by "red tape". Her organising ability made the Mess Christmas Party, at which she would introduce new and hilariously funny games, one of the most talked of events of the season.

When her small Scottie dog produced about six unwanted pups (in a Mess where dogs were restricted to four and the quota was already fully taken up) her nursing instinct to preserve life was so strong that she hastily washed and resuscitated the last of the litter which had been dropped on the gravel path before remembering it really wouldn't matter if it died!

It was not my privilege to work closely with Dame Anne again, but whenever we met either socially or on her visits as Matron-in-Chief there was always the same warm welcome that made one feel her genuine liking for and interest in all the Q.A's.

L.125.

MISS MEDFORTH

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death, and with his sickle keen he reaps the bearded grain at a breath".

I had a letter from Miss Medforth in April, in which she told me she had been to her club, where she was a Director, and had been presented to the Duchess of Sutherland. A very happy letter! She said she was having a friend from Torquay to spend Easter with her, and she would return to Torquay with the friend after Easter. She was looking forward to seeing all her friends there and hoped to have some rubbers of Bridge at the Torquay Club. She loved Torquay and spent many holidays in this beautiful town. She begged me to join her in a Bridge Holiday there, but unfortunately I never got there.

On 22nd May, I wrote to Miss Medforth asking her whether she would be presenting her Tennis Cup at the Royal Pavilion, Aldershot. I said that the retired Q.A's had been invited to tennis on Sports Day, and I hoped this might be an opportunity for us to meet again after several years. As no answer came to this letter, I wrote again enquiring after her health. I might say I was worried as my friend was punctilious in her correspondence. Again there was no reply, and several days later a friend sent me a newspaper cutting with the news of Miss Medforth's death on the 29th May. I was shattered! I had lost a very good and kind friend, but I was glad she was so gay and happy shortly before her death. She was a generous



Miss Medforth at Tennis Finals 1963.

and charming hostess and I met many delightful people at her Bridge and Cocktail Parties. She had such a young spirit and she was very modern in her ideas, and also in her dress.

She loved Queen Mary's House, and as everyone knows she was on the Q.M.H. Committee for many years, although latterly her increasing deafness was a handicap in following committee procedure. Her flat was luxurious and so comfortable. It commanded a view of the sea, playing fields and swimming pool, and she was able to watch the Firework Displays and Swimming Sports which took place very close to her flat.

Miss Medforth was very proud of the Q.A.'s Service and she was most generous at all times to Queen Mary's House and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. She was a very great Christian and much beloved by those who knew her. "They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies, nor can spirits be divided that live and love in the same divine principle".

Yes, a very grand old lady has left us!

SALLY WADE WADE.

Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S., who died unexpectedly while on holiday was buried in Torquay Cemetery on Friday, 3rd June, 1966. A simple Requiem Mass was held in the Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay, before the burial service at the graveside. A few of her friends and two service officers Q.A.R.A.N.C.—Colonel M. B. Kneebone, R.R.C. and Major M. Warrilow, who represented the Corps—were present. The day of the funeral was bright and warm and the sunshine of a perfect June day seemed to be the right setting to pay a last tribute to a wonderful lady who enjoyed life to the full and who up to the last was looking forward to personally presenting her Challenge Cup at the 1966 Q.A.R.A.N.C. Tennis Championships. Among the lovely floral tributes were colourful sprays and posies of spring and summer flowers, including one from the United Nursing Services Club, of which she was a Director and one from Queen Mary's House Fund, a wreath of pink and white carnations and blue scabious from the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, and one of deep red and white carnations and blue irises from Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., and all serving members of the Corps.

M. B. KNEEBONE (L.121).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

R.R.C.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Paris.

A.R.R.C.

Majors: G. R. Dawe, T. L. Jeffreys-Edwards, B. V. Farrell.

BIRTH

HOLT.—To Anne (*née* Catherall) and John Holt, on 13th April, 1966, at the City General Hospital, Sheffield, a daughter—Rachel, sister for Sarah and Ruth.

DEATHS

- MISS E. A. CURTIS (A.2099). On March 8th at Northgate Hospital, Bridgewater. Ex-T.A.N.S.
- MISS ELIZABETH MABEL BICKERDIKE, R.R.C. (L.594). On March 25th at Wallington, Surrey, aged 93 years. Served in Boer War and at Gallipoli.
- MISS ETHEL BRAY. On May 4th at St. Leonards-on-Sea. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve.
- MRS. LOUISE GORDON KEANE (A/BRI/27). Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. On May 5th at Petersfield. Widow of Colonel M. Keane, R.A.M.C.
- MISS OLIVE FLORENCE STINTON, R.R.C. (A.3856). On May 9th at Castle House, Torrington. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- MAJOR E. A. THOMSON (L.101). On January 23rd at Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast. Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.).
- MRS. KATHLEEN CATER (A.4057). On April 7th. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve.
- MISS V. E. R. LEE. On May 18th at Dene Extension.
- MISS G. M. GRIFFITHS. On May 21st, aged 83 years. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve and Q.A.M.N.S.I.
- MISS MARGUERITE ELIZABETH MEDFORTH, C.B.E., R.R.C. (L.228). On May 29th at Torquay. Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S. 1930-34.
- MISS EVELYN MARY BEAN (A.3997). On June 1st in Pembury Hospital. Ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve.
- MRS. ISABEL BAIRD BARKER (*née* Ferguson). On March 23rd, 1966, at Hamilton, New Zealand. Served in Egypt and on Hospital Ships sailing the Persian Gulf during the First World War.

We have also received notification of the following deaths:

- MRS. E. P. CONWAY, Q.A.I.M.N.S., on 20th March, 1966.
- MISS M. E. HURST, Q.A.I.M.N.S., on 20th March, 1966.
- MISS C. MACLEOD, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., on 2nd January, 1966.
- MISS H. MACWILLIAM, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., on 28th October, 1965.
- MISS H. WILLIAMS, Q.A.I.M.N.S., on 3rd April, 1966.

CORRECTIONS

In the last edition we published the death of Miss B. Lowe at Victoria, Australia. This should read Mrs. Robin Lowe (*née* Barlow).

Miss E. Somerberg should read Miss E. Sonnenberg (Het) Ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The announcement regarding Miss N. P. de B. Bampton should, of course, read Colonel de B. Bampton, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.).

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience or distress we may have caused to relations and near friends.

APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS

- Col. H. M. Carroll, R.R.C.: Appointed D.D.A.N.S. H.Q. B.A.O.R., 7th February, 1966.
- Lt.-Col. B. M. Gordon, R.R.C.: Appointed D.D.A.N.S. H.Q. Eastern Command, 10th April, 1966.
- Lt.-Col. M. Pratt, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Tidworth, 21st May, 1966.
- Lt.-Col. F. M. Sands, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Colchester, 12th March, 1966.
- Major H. D. Duncan: Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Berlin, 26th April, 1966.

- Lt.-Col. D. M. David: Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Munster, 7th March, 1966.
 Lt.-Col. C. Fisher, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Rinteln, 2nd May, 1966.
 Major I. Wrightson: Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, 12th April, 1966.

CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

- Major B. Emmett, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.): Appointed Assistant Matron of the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, and Associated Hospitals.
 Miss M. Braddock: Appointed Assistant Matron, Lord Mayor Treloar and General Hospitals, Alton. Last appointment: Nursing Officer, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
 Mrs. G. W. Holloway (*née* Fearis): Appointed Principal Tutor, West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven. Served in Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) in U.K. and Far East during the Second World War.
 Miss Mary Macfee: Appointed Matron of the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary and Associated Units. Served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) in North Africa and Italy during the Second World War.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

STATE FINAL EXAMINATION—FEBRUARY 1966

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| Bryant, Maureen | Watkins, Treba Anne |
| Chapman, Barbara Mary | Wilson, Pauline |
| Costinean, Eugenia | Wright, Patricia Blanche Martha |
| Croft, Ann Elizabeth | Bolsover, Jennifer Sadie |
| Daly, Christine, Angela Margaret | Craig, Emily Ruth |
| Dillon, Vicky | Goodman, Barbara |
| Hamilton (<i>née</i> Nichols), Sheila Elizabeth | Hunter (<i>née</i> Harris), Sylvia Rose-marie |
| Harper, Margaret Anne Elizabeth | Larkin, Elizabeth Teresa |
| Hubbard, Janice, Audrey Meborn | Leigh, Heather June |
| Judkins, Marion Louise | Levett, Patricia |
| Linge, Rosemary Arnold | McCoy, Margaret Mary |
| Marchant, Linda Olive | Muir, Janice Barrie Wilson |
| Mellars, Carol Margaret | Samson, Antoinette Jeannette |
| Miller, Mary Lyn | Taylor (<i>née</i> Jones), Daryll Patricia |
| Nevins (<i>née</i> Greer), Judith Maureen | Thatcher, Marion |
| Richardson, Sarah Jane | Vital, Alise |
| Smith, Eileen Dorothy | Walker, Jennifer |
| Sutherland, Grace Margaret Helen | Pitchforth, Ann Christine |

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I—FEBRUARY 1966

- Lieut. M. V. Robertson Lieut. C. M. Palmer Lieut. W. Hall
 Cpl. M. M. McIvor

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I—MAY 1966

- Lieut. A. P. Bancroft Lieut. J. M. Kington Lieut. A. H. Morgan

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II—MARCH 1966

- Lieut. S. A. Whiteley Lieut. G. M. Drewe

AWARD OF A PRIZE ANNUALLY TO Q.A.R.A.N.C. OTHER RANKS BY OFFICERS OF Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The prize for 1965 has been awarded to Q/1004735 Pte. May, J. M., Q.A.R.A.N.C. As Miss Way is no longer serving a Certificate and National Savings Gift Token to the value of £10 will be forwarded to her.

PROMOTION—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Colonels

Lieut.-Cols.: E. C. Long, R.R.C., 1.3.66; H. M. Carroll, R.R.C., 4.5.66.

To Lieut.-Colonels

Majors: D. Hunt, A.R.R.C., 17.2.66; J. Paris, 16.4.66; D. M. David, 17.4.66; C. Fisher, A.R.R.C., 4.5.66; N. Marson, 22.5.66.

To Majors

Captains: B. M. E. Milford, A.R.R.C., 4.2.66; J. B. Cochrane, 7.2.66; S. Clapham, 28.2.66; S. M. Jackson, 2.4.66; S. Y. K. H. Turpin, 17.4.66; M. J. Roberts, 25.4.66; M. Stephenson, 21.5.66.

To Captain

Lieut. M. French, 20.4.66.

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To Captains

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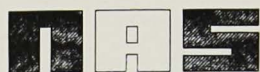
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