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EDITORIAL

“Change and decay all around I see”. Change, yes, colossal changes: decay—matter of opinion. Women in Law, Science, the Church, Stock Exchange: Now where else can we get a stronghold? What other changes! The new nurse trainees' quarters in Catterick accommodates male and female nurses—keeping up with the times. In the Nursing Press we read the W.R.V.S. are suggesting that nurses (student, S.R.N.'s and S.E.N.) have an opportunity to have a “holiday” by helping to look after physically handicapped people at holiday centres. A “change” perhaps but surely not a holiday!

Six enterprising pre-nurse students at the Depot, Aldershot, produced and presented in three weeks, a play for the entertainment of the remainder of the nurses in the Depot. Three of the pre-nurse students attended the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Re-union and as a result of the appeal for the Gazette Fund wished to add their contribution and so organised a collection during the performance of their play and forwarded it to the Gazette Fund, a wonderful achievement and we are most grateful and appreciative of their thoughts. A very big “Thank You” girls.

Our warmest congratulations to all our members who received Awards in the New Year's Honours and to all those who have been successful in recent examinations.

PHOTOGRAPH ON THE COVER

The photograph on the cover is of Colonel P. G. Bennett, C.B.E., R.R.C., who retired from the Corps on 6th January, 1967, and was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours, a very high honour indeed and well deserved, and we send her our very warmest congratulations. It will be remembered that Colonel Bennett worked exceptionally hard in starting the Museum and is always very interested in seeing and hearing of all its new acquisitions. She is also one of the staunchest members of the Association.

APPRECIATION

At Christmas time 1966, Dame Katharine Jones received a large number of letters from many old friends in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Unfortunately she has not been at all well and is not able to answer each one individually. Would all kind friends please accept her very grateful thanks through this intimation in the GAZETTE, and she sends them all her very best wishes for 1967. Her present address is:

Dame Katharine H. Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C. and Bar,
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24 Epsom Road,
Leatherhead,
Surrey.

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Once again I am writing to thank you all for the help you give at Christmas with donations and beautifully wrapped gifts for our parcels. The joy with which these parcels are received must repay you for all the trouble you have taken. If there are any of you to whom I have not replied personally, would you please accept my thanks now.

E. H. MILLS,
Hon. Friends Secretary.

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE

The residents of Queen Mary's House wish to express their very grateful thanks to all kind friends for their gifts and good wishes for Christmas 1966, particularly the great kindnesses of serving and non-serving members. The Headquarters of the Association, the Branches and Army Benevolent Fund were most generous in their gifts. From Shorncliffe Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess were special gifts and these were all given out, after tea, from the beautifully decorated tree. Once again, thank you and may we wish you all a very happy time during the year 1967.

E. MCKNIGHT.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Annual General Meeting 1967

The 19th 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 17th, 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 Vice-Chairman and three members to fill vacancies on the Central Committee.

Term expired members are:—

Miss M. Roberts, A.R.R.C., Vice-Chairman.

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

Miss M. Edwards.

Miss N. K. Allen (who is eligible for re-nomination).

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

22nd Annual Reunion 1967

The Annual Reunion will be held at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London, on Saturday, 17th June, 1967, at 4 p.m.

Tickets for members and guests 12/6

Tickets for non-members eligible to join the Association... 15/-

Please apply as soon as possible for tickets, giving names of both members and guests and enclosing payment in the form of a cheque or Postal Order, also a large stamped and addressed envelope to :—

Reunion,
Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association,
Haig House,
26 Eccleston Square,
London, S.W.1.

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, 27th April, 1967, at Kirkland House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

FORTHCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Sports Club

Table Tennis Tournament: Wednesday, 8th March, 1967.

Medforth and Gillespie Challenge Tennis Tournament: Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th and 7th June, 1967.

Corps Sports Day: Thursday, 8th June, 1967.

R.A.M.C./R.A.D.C. Swimming Gala: Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th September, 1967. (Provisional dates—to be confirmed later.)

All Retired and Association members who may like to attend the Tennis Tournament on Wednesday, 7th June and Sports Day on Thursday, 8th June, will be warmly welcomed. In order to make adequate catering arrangements, please inform the Corps Sports Officer, Depot & T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., Royal Pavilion, Aldershot, Hants., as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

The Combined Units Branch, Aldershot

Looking back on the year 1966, one wonders just where all the days have gone! But the year was punctuated by various activities.

In the Spring a visit, that has become popular with all the members here was repeated, the outing to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre at Guildford to see Gladys Cooper in the *Sacred Flame*. Everyone enjoyed this immensely.

Last July, an evening visit was made to the Royal Tournament, Earls Court. The coach ride was most interesting to those of us who had not seen the changing face of London recently. The programme was thrilling as usual.

The Royal Navy was extremely well represented from Portsmouth. Sitting in the seats behind us, we were not really aware of their presence until the very exciting Inter Port Field Gun Competition between Davenport and Portsmouth commenced, we were nearly "blasted" from our seats by their lusty vocal support. The journey back to Aldershot was not without incident, the second coach unfortunately developing trouble with its headlights. Due to this the driver took a wrong turning, and half an hour later, instead of leaving the "Big City" behind, they were fast approaching it again! But by very early morning all members that set out on the trip returned safely, and enjoyed hot soup and a buffet supper at Gun Hill House.

On the afternoon of 27th October, 1966, the Draw for the Raffle took place, at Gun Hill House. A large number of retired and serving members gathered for tea prior to the event. There were a large number of prizes donated by all members of the Branch. The proceeds of the Draw amounted to £155.

Unfortunately, the "weatherman" was not kind to us on the afternoon of 15th December, 1966, when the Christmas Tea Party was held and several retired members were unable to attend due to fog. Captain Marshall had dressed a baby doll, which was raffled for 48 hours only, making £20.

The Annual Carol Service followed in St. Luke's Chapel, Cambridge Military Hospital. The service was conducted by the Reverend P. R. C. Abram, the six lessons being read by Officers and Other Ranks of the R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. from the Cambridge Military Hospital and Louise Margaret Hospital.

This then brought to a close another year. One is now posed with the problem of where will the outings take us, and how can we raise money during the coming year.

S. R. TODMAN.

Millbank Branch

There was a large gathering of members on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1966, the occasion of the Raffle Draw, and the total realised was £203 1s. 6d. Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., was present at this meeting and performed the Draw, which was quite a strenuous business as over 100 prizes had been donated.

Lt.-Colonel J. Paris, R.R.C., Chairman of the Branch, thanked all members for their help and co-operation in making this such a success.

HILDA HAMBLIN.

Woolwich Branch

The Annual Christmas Fayre of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, Woolwich Branch, was held at the Royal Herbert Hospital on Thursday, 17th November. This event was graciously opened by Mrs. Milne, the wife of the Commanding Officer.

The amount of preparation was evident in the variety of stalls, which included fancy goods, toys, plants, home-made cakes, several raffles and jumble. With the cheerful background music, which was voluntarily provided by two members of the R.A.M.C., the afternoon went with a swing.

The efforts of all were well rewarded by the grand result of £190.

P. R. SHIPMAN.

Bournemouth Branch

Dame Monica Golding, Chairman of the Branch, opened the December Tea Party and Bring and Buy Stall, held at the Linden Hall Hotel on 3rd December, 1966. Members were interested to hear about her audience with H.R.H. Princess Margaret, on the occasion of her relinquishing her appointment of Colonel Commandant of the Corps earlier in the autumn.

There was a very good attendance and those unable to be present were generous in sending donations to the Secretary, Colonel K. M. Blair, for branch funds. As everyone present was involved in the success of the function, having brought or bought something, it would be difficult to select anyone for special mention. The display counter had an attractive array of merchandise and the sales ladies were very helpful with packing and bargaining. With 48 members, a few friends were present and two husbands.

An ample tea was served, after which Mrs. Garrett took the stand to address the assembly on the food, customs and dress of Persia, which she personally observed during a posting to Teheran.

K. A. TYE.

North-East Scotland Branch

Sixteen members braved the cold stormy weather to attend a meeting on 22nd November, 1966. After the business was completed, Mrs. Watt, one of our members, gave a most exhilarating talk, illustrated by colour slides which she had taken herself, on the West Highlands, Ireland and the Zetlands.

A Christmas Dinner was held at the Atholl Hotel, Aberdeen, where members dined lavishly on melon, game soup, fish, choice of turkey, chicken or steak and sundaes and coffee. As well as making the mouths of our Sassenach colleagues water, we feel we must state that twenty-four members had a delicious meal for £25, including wine and gratuities. We think there is a lot to be said for living in Scotland!

Other plans are a Wine and Cheese Party and talks on Glamour and on Holidays on a Budget.

If any member of any other branch should be in the area on holiday, we should be pleased to welcome her at our meetings.

D. M. MOON.

Brighton and Hove Branch

On 25th November, 1966, the members held their annual luncheon at the Royal Pavilion Hotel at Brighton. It was a very happy occasion. The tables looked charming with their scarlet and silver decorations carried out in scarlet carnations with silver ribbons and leaves. There were forty-one members present and amongst the guests were Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, the Matron-in-Chief, Lady Aberdeen, the Deputy President of the Sussex Branch of the British Red Cross, and Miss Vera Lynn, "The Forces' Sweetheart".

The Chairman, Mrs. Freeman, recapitulated the activities of the Branch during the past year and introduced Miss Vera Lynn who, in an amusing and charming way, regaled the company with a resumé of her career. At the age of two she had a repertoire of five songs, of which one was "I am sorry I made you cry". As Vera Lynn said she was even singing sob stuff then. Her first public appearance was at the age of seven and she received a fee of 7/6d. At fifteen, she had her own troupe and hired a Salvation Army hut. Later she was destined to sing with leading bands—Billy Cotton's (from which she got her first and only sacking), Joe Loss, Charlie Kunz, Ambrose and many others. She maintained she had an easy career in which things moved forward gradually and successfully. As a child, she said, "I was always keen on having a lovely house and now I have got one and can go off to Australia if I wish".

We were sorry not to have with us our own Secretary, Miss Stanley. Unfortunately she is ill, but we wish her a speedy recovery and return to our midst.



Marchioness of Aberdeen, Mrs Adam, Vera Lynn, Dame Margot Turner, Mrs Freeman, Miss Dyer

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 900th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

On 11th November, 1966, was held a Service for the Armed Forces of the Crown.

Prior to the Service, the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines played in the Abbey, and music in the Sanctuary was rendered by the Band of the Royal Air Force.

Her Majesty the Queen was represented by Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer (First and Principal Aide-de-Camp).

When all were in their places the Padres' Flag was borne from the Chapel of St. George to the steps of the Sacrarium, where it was received by the Sacrist of Westminster and by him delivered to the Dean, who laid it upon the High Altar.

After the fanfare of trumpets, commenced a united and impressive service of worship in which all present joined.

The Abbey was full. It was touching to see again so many well-known faces both in and out of uniform.

The Director of Army Nursing Services was present, and on a dull, cold November day the scarlet capes of the Serving Officers, who were there added a cheerful touch of colour to this solemn occasion. The Association was well represented by ten members.

The Lessons were read by the Chief of the General Staff, and the Secretary of State for Defence respectively. The inspiring sermon was preached by the Suffragen Bishop of Croydon, the Rt. Rev. John Hughes.

It was indeed a United Service, many of the Service Padres taking part who had come from all over Britain, and one prayer being read by a Roman Catholic Padre.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Padre's Flag was borne in procession to the Great West Door.

We gradually emptied this great building with all its treasures and memories to the strains of the full peal of bells ringing out over Westminster.

The Flag is the Ypres Union Flag which was presented to Westminster Abbey by the Reverend David Railton, C.F. By him it was carried in procession to the High Altar on 11th November, 1921, the third anniversary of the Armistice, when the permanent gravestone over the tomb of the Unknown Warrior was unveiled. The Flag was dedicated by the Dean of Westminster "To the glory of God, and in perpetual memory of all who gave their lives fighting by land, sea and air for their King, for Great Britain and Ireland and for the Dominions beyond the Sea". G.E.T.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN THE NATO DEFENCE

The first conference on this subject was held in Copenhagen a few years ago. The aim of the Conference was: to give and obtain information on the status, organisation and condition of service in the existing Women's Services in the NATO countries and to explain the future possibilities and prospects of employment of women in the NATO Defence.

Invitations for the Directors/Matrons-in-Chief and two officers from each service including the Nursing Service, were issued to eight NATO countries which have established Women's Services, *i.e.* Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. Canada, Turkey and France were unable to participate so only delegates from five of the eight countries were able to attend. Invitations were also issued for the following countries to send observers: Belgium, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, Portugal and the Federal Republic of Germany. Only Italy was able to do so.

An attempt was made to give a summary on the status, organisation and conditions of service of the Women's Services, including the Nursing Services in the five countries represented at the Conference. While various factors such as, *e.g.* constitutional matters, geography, mentality and others influence on the set up of Women's Services, it appeared that these services have one thing in common, namely that they work for the same purpose: to share with their respective services in the defence of their countries.

They do this by making available the special occupational skill of their members who volunteer for non-bat duty.

This extract from the report deals with Nursing Services and the final resolution of the Conference.

Denmark. Has no established Military Nursing Services. Fully-trained professional civilian nurses are employed in the Copenhagen Military Hospital and military sickquarters all over the country. This personnel is expected to serve in uniform in case of war. Nurses employed by the Copenhagen Military Hospital or by the Armed Services are members of the Association of Military Nurses. So far they have not been granted military status nor officer ranks.

The lack of an established Military Nursing Service headed by a Matron-in-Chief is greatly felt.

The Netherlands. The Royal Netherlands Army Nursing Corps (R.N.A.N.C.) is placed under direct command of the Inspector of Medical Services. The Matron-in-Chief of the R.N.A.N.C. consequently has no place within the staff organisation of the inspectorate. The intake of personnel can be divided in two categories:

1. Qualified nurses and chemists' assistants.
2. Unqualified assistants, nurses, dental assistants and X-ray assistants.

The personnel is being integrated within the Netherlands mobilization system and this enjoys full Military status as far as discipline, clothing, duties, etc., are concerned. However, there are still great problems related to the rates of pay and marks of rank.

Norway. Each of the three Services has its own Medical Service which in professional matters comes under the Joint Medical Services. A Nurse Section directed by a Matron-in-Chief is included in the Joint Medical Service Central Staff. The Matron-in-Chief is assisted by a small staff of her own. She is adviser to the Director-General of the Joint Medical Service and deals with all matters concerning nursing equipment, building and layout of hospitals, etc., inspection and training.

The nursing personnel comprises nurses employed by the Services and Reserve personnel. All female health personnel employed in health institutions are liable for duty in war. Norway has no Military Nursing Schools. There is a considerable shortage of both doctors and nurses, a situation which will be disastrous in case of war. For the purpose of trying to solve the problem it is assumed that civilian doctors would have to work partly in a military capacity and nurses take over some of the functions of doctors; this implies that auxiliary personnel will have to take over some of the functions of the nurses. It will appear that special attention is attached to the availability of well-trained nurses and auxiliary corps which in case of war must be fully prepared to solve the tasks with which

they might be faced. All female nurses have civilian status while male nurses have a military status. The pay-conditions of nurses, are the same as those of the nurses in public health institutions. The nurses rank as officers.

United Kingdom. The three Armed Services each have their own Nursing Service: Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Army), Q.A.R.N.N.S. (Navy), P.M.R.A.F.N.S. (Air Force). The nursing branches form part of the overall Medical and Dental Services of each arm of the Force. Each Nursing Service is headed by a Matron-in-Chief, who holds the rank as the Director of the corresponding Women's Service. Officer candidates must hold the qualification of a State Registered Nurse. It is of great importance that a large proportion of the Nursing Officers hold the State Certified Midwives' Certificate. Every officer candidate comes before a Selection Board for personal interview. The selected candidate is appointed to a Short Service Commission which enables her to develop both as a nurse and as an officer. At the same time it provides officers who consider taking a permanent commission with adequate time to become thoroughly acquainted with all aspects of service life. Q.A.R.A.N.C. have been seconded to new member countries of the Commonwealth where they helped and advised in the nurse training in the countries' Armed Forces Medical Services. Trained nurses from those countries come to the United Kingdom to be trained in Officers' responsibility and are attached to the Army Depot. The P.M.R.A.F.N.S. have the responsibility of the nursing care in the Aero-Medical Evac. scheme—a branch which affords most interesting work.

The Nursing Officers play a very important part in the training of young service men and women within the Medical Branch in the trade of nurse attendant and as assistant or auxiliary nurses and in the training of State Registered Nurses in their own Service.

Non-Commissioned Officers. State Registered Nurse training is given to women who have achieved the educational standard set by the General Nursing Council. After basic training and a period in the Preliminary Training School, they are posted to an approved teaching hospital where they continue their training on the lines laid down by the General Nursing Council. After qualifying as a State Registered Nurse a suitable woman may be considered for commissioning as a Nursing Officer.

In the Naval Nursing Service, officers are not Commissioned Officers. They have officer status and are given rank equivalent to those of Naval Officers.

In the Army and Air Force, nurses join as a commissioned officer and are granted ranks and titles equivalent to the men and are subject to the same disciplinary code. On duty however they are known by their professional title, *i.e.* Sister, Matron, etc. Pay and allowances are better than in civilian hospitals and leave entitlement is also more favourable. On retirement a terminal grant and pension in proportion to rank and length of service is given.

United States. The U.S. Nursing Services comprise: Army Nurse Corps, Navy Nurse Corps, Air Force Nurse Corps. Each Nurse Corps has a Matron-in-Chief/Director, whose primary responsibility is developing and co-ordinating policies concerning the nursing services and the activities of her Corps. She is responsible to her respective Surgeon General. The organizational structure from this point on varies in each of the Corps according to the administrative framework of the military service concerned.

Training. Each Nurse Corps conducts a basic military and medical orientation course of short duration for all new appointees. Educational opportunities are offered in each of the Nurse Corps but the amount and degree of speciality training is determined by each service, which also establishes the eligibility criteria of applicants and the obligated service commitment in return for the military sponsored training.

Conditions of Service. Members of the Nurse Corps of the three services are commissioned officers in both the Reserve and Regular components of the individual military establishments. These officers may hold the rank of Second Lieutenant/Ensign through Colonel/Captain depending upon the requirements as established by the Department of Defence Secretary of the particular service. Criteria for appointment in each of the services is basically the same, viz.: (a) a citizen of the United States, (b) graduate, registered nurse, (c) 21 years of age, (d) physically, mentally and morally qualified.

The minimum service commitment on accepting an appointment and requesting active duty is a two-year period. Living conditions vary. At some military establishments quarters on base are provided—while at others the nurses are permitted to live on the civilian economy and receive a quarters allowance commensurate with their rank. Women officers in the military services of the United States enjoy all the rights, privileges and benefits of their male counterparts with the exception of grade structure, which is limited to the rank of Colonel/Captain.

CONCLUSION

United Kingdom, U.S.A. and the Netherlands find their system adequate and consider full military status and full integration necessary for recruiting in their countries.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.—

1. Confirms its faith in NATO as being an instrument with the ultimate aim to preserve peace.
2. Takes cognizance of the fact that within the common NATO defence there is an increasing requirement for women to fulfil military posts in which they are skilled and efficient, thereby making full use of man and woman power.
3. Takes note that of the fifteen NATO member countries, only the following eight countries have established Women's Services: Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

4. Agrees on the desirability of holding future conferences at regular intervals with participation by representatives of the Women's Services of NATO countries and by observers from those member countries still without established Women's Services.
5. Agrees further that the Nursing Services, as well as in all other Women's Services, there is a need for proper leadership and status and for the maintenance of high professional standards.
6. Stresses the importance of contact between NATO countries by exchange visits between the Women's Services.
7. Expresses the hope and wish that the appropriate NATO and national authorities will discuss and consider wider scopes and fields for the military employment of women within their Services to the common benefit of NATO.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW DEPOT (Royal Pavilion)

Royal Pavilion was originally the residence of Her Majesty the Queen Victoria when inspecting her troops in Aldershot and it is situated in large grounds full of trees and shrubs. The actual building is built from pre-cast concrete treated with a substance for fire-proofing. It was designed by the Building Design Partnership and was built by Gee Walker Slater. The cost to build the building was approximately £600,000.

On 16th May, 1963, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, layed the Foundation Stone in front of the administration block.

The billets are on separate floors and in each billet there are twenty separate rooms. Also on each floor there is a shower, two bathrooms, a drying room and a washing area where there is a large stainless steel sink and iron and ironing-board. Overlooking the grounds at the end of each billet is a small sitting-room. The Junior Ranks Club is very light and bright and above it there is a lounge and television room. The Dining Hall is spotlessly clean with all stainless steel units and heated compartments for vegetables, which ensures hot meals. There is a good washing-up machine and a disposomatic in the sink which disposes of all the waste except tins.

In the Preliminary Training School the class-rooms are spacious and there is a hobby room and a good library. The building itself has caused little trouble except for one or two minor faults with the water system.

We have been the first squad in the building and we have been delighted with our rooms and it is lovely to be in such a modern building with beautiful grounds.

Pte. WHEATCROFT (Q.A.R.A.N.C.)



View of Entrance to Building



View of Grounds from the Billets

THERE'S FUN IN OPENING A NEW DEPOT

One problem of starting a new establishment is ensuring that the plumbing is in good working order.

One of the funnier incidents occurred at the Depot & T.E. Royal Pavilion during such a check on the plumbing. Early one afternoon the water in the Officers' Mess was turned off so that the workmen could repair a leak in the kitchen. It was turned on again some four or five hours later, but without due notice to mess members. Meanwhile, a mess member returning from her place of duty, and having no knowledge of the lack of water attempted to run a bath, to no avail.

Later on, while we were all at dinner, we heard a peculiar noise but were not unduly worried, peculiar noises abound in a new building! Then realization dawned, *that* noise was running water! But where from? "Heavens, my bath". Everyone leaped from the table and out of the dining room, and there it was . . . *water*, it was everywhere, in the hall, in the office, in the bedrooms, and was even wending its way along the corridor bridge and so seeping down into the well of the entrance hall.

It was all hands on deck. The Fire Brigade was called in, but water has to be deep for their equipment to be effective. Fortunately, last week's laundry hadn't been sent off, so relays of Officers used the sheets to soak up the floods. (Our picture shows some of the mopping-up operations.)

Two hours later all was over and we all sat down to a very welcome cup of tea. The Depot had been well and truly christened!



A First Day

When two units amalgamate most of the awkward situations are envisaged and provision made for them. However, when the Depot amalgamated with the B.T.U. one situation occurred that no-one had foreseen.

It was an "Intake" day and forty or so recruits were expected to report into B.T.U. and Instructional Wing were expecting a dozen or so Student Officers on the same day.

By three o'clock, when a quick roll-call was taken, Instructional Wing discovered they were one officer short, but at the same time B.T.U. discovered they had an extra recruit. Could there be a connection? The name's the same!

A visit to the Q.M. store, where the recruits were receiving their initial items of kit, revealed the Student Officer about to sign for her kit. She was quickly rescued and taken into the custody of her Course Officer, none the worse for her few hours as a recruit.

(Editors note. B.T.U.—Basic Training Unit.)

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Those of you that know W.O. II Bovell, one of our most senior members of the Corps, will know "Scrap", her much-beloved dog. At Christmas, Scrap had to have a leave-pass made out for him to proceed on leave with her. For Scrap now does night-duty with the patrol-men, and is very valuable as an extra pair of eyes—and nose—for them when patrolling our extensive grounds, so of course had to receive prior permission to leave his place of duty. It was granted, of course!

C. R. BIRTLES (Lt., Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

EXTRANJERO

In February 1966, the Province of Misiones, Argentina, came briefly into the news when weeks of torrential rain led to floods, and Yellow Fever broke out in neighbouring Brazil and Paraguay, spreading into Argentina.

As I type this we are in the throes of another rainstorm now in its third day, similar to the one that preceded the above epidemic.

Misiones projects like a sore thumb between Paraguay and Brazil, half the size and as long as England, a subtropical region bordered by the Paraná and Uruguay rivers, with forested mountains and rolling grassy plains. The summers are hot and wet, the winters mild. The developed areas are largely given over to plantations of yerba mate, tung, tea and citrus. Red clay roads of varying quality

traverse the hills and valleys and cross torrents by low wooden bridges. The National Forest Park of Iguazu contains the magnificent Iguazu Falls, which are higher than Niagara and wider than Victoria, breaking up into 273 waterfalls, in a truly exotic tropical setting.

We live beyond these falls, seventy miles of dirt roads away, climbing 2,000 feet into the Parana pine forests until it reaches the last town, San Antonio, before it enters Brazil. The forest station is four kilometers from the town.

San Antonio is a scattered community of approximately 3,000 people, who have drifted in from Brazil and Paraguay, with a few immigrant settlers from Europe. The town boasts a frontier post that is manned by one officer and a handful of men, there is a sub-post office (the nearest post office and telephone is in Iguazu, seventy miles away), a few dry goods stores, two saw mills, three schools and a clinic.

A doctor visits the clinic twice a week—weather permitting, daily it is manned by one Argentine nurse and the Administradora, who has a variety of other duties, among them registration of births, marriages and deaths.

When the epidemic threatened, I had been in the country only three months, still struggling with the language and just beginning to get accustomed to the local dialects, a mixture of Portuguese, Guarani and Spanish—with the immigrant families of European origin more often speaking German. A day in the clinic administering injections to all comers was good experience in making oneself understood—even if it was mostly sign language !

Our Forest Station employs and houses about thirty men and their families. I was naturally interested in their health, but they were accustomed to going to the chief clerk for first aid and injections. Visits to the two small hospitals in the neighbouring town of Santo Antonio, across the frontier in Brazil, were a daily occurrence, all I could do was watch and learn. My first opportunity occurred during one of these deluges which cut us off from the outside world—even from the doctors across the border. One of the really “old hands” asked me to see his child. Accompanied by my husband, armed with my “nursing kit” we crossed the compound which was a sea of mud and entered the old man’s dwelling, typical station house of rough timbers, with main living room, communal bedroom, and kitchen at the rear. Here my torch came in handy, for the house was completely battened down and not a twinkling of daylight was visible. In a rather fetid humid atmosphere a young girl (who turned out to be the mother) and her child became visible. A pale underdeveloped child of three years. Observation and examination revealed nothing too serious—two days of fever from infected bites from bichos, and

hunger! (In Argentina the term "bichou" is used for everything from a sandfly to a sea-elephant.) They had nothing in the house but cooking oil, maize and tomato paste. Treatment for the fever and bites, and a tin of milk were accepted—but clean the child's fevered body—no!—"she'll die from cold". The next day the old man came to thank me and offered to pay for the visit. This incident followed up with more people asking for help and my bathroom became a regular clinic, with the chief clerk quite willing to hand over the first aid kit and syringe and give full-time to the duties for which he was best qualified.

Odd situations arose, one workman, asked for an injection in the arm (pointing to the vein) and handed me an ampule wrapped up in a bit of brown paper—after much discussion in which I tried to explain that I should not give any injections, particularly intravenous, without a doctor's permission, he eventually volunteered a prescription he had received that day on his visit to the hospital which advised intramuscular injections for three days. On a visit to town one day, our chief clerk felt faint and requested to be taken to the hospital across the border. This done, I was advised to collect him in a couple of hours. I returned two hours later to the hospital he had entered, a large square wooden building like a mansion house with a large sign up front reading MATERNITY. A gaily-dressed woman, but wearing a nurse's apron, directed me upstairs at the top of which was a corridor leading to numerous bedrooms, *all* occupied by men! Our clerk was on a bed, looking rather pale, being fed by intravenous saline drip. Startled, I asked him if it was serious, but at that moment someone came into the room, dismantled the apparatus, and the patient apparently feeling much better, hopped off the bed and returned with me to the station to the office to work. Injections are the only form of treatment in which the local populace has any faith.

This aspect of nursing worried me and when I was on my next visit to the town of Eldorado (where we go for monthly shopping, 140 miles away), I tackled our English-Argentine doctor friend for advice, who calmly squashed all my "ideals" by telling me that my qualifications are not recognised in Argentina and I should not be working at all—but went on to say that Misiones is still a pioneering country and with social services so limited that any help was welcome—"learn to adapt and improvise" was the advice I received. I always keep a good stock of simple medicines, aspirins for fevers, etc., liniment for arthritic pains, a form less irritating than the local rub, turpentine in oil, which is always on hand for cattle! Washing starch is the elixir for all skin troubles including nappy rash. Everyone has a "liver", loose stools, etc., are treated with burned toast. Jiggers are extracted with a fine needle (care being taken not to break the eggs) then the area bathed in the most convenient form of spirit. Machete wounds, fortunately, are not as frequent as we have

been accustomed to in Africa or Central America, though tetanus vaccine is much in demand. Snake anti-venome is kept "on ice" in case we have to use it. Doubtful cases I refer to the clinic or a doctor and carry out any instructions given by them, but no personal contact is ever made with the "official body", a situation which suits everyone.

The main scourges are parasites and malnutrition. Malnutrition would appear to be due to superstition and ignorance for, most of the men are in some sort of employment and earn a reasonable wage. The gaucho of yesteryear who protected the cattle in the huge estancias, living for weeks in the saddle carried with him a block of cooked dried cassava, grown on the home farm and prepared by his wife, his meat was a cow slaughtered on the spot and roasted, and what could not be eaten on the spot was stripped and dried for another day. That practice still influences their diets today, but in this area meat cannot be bought everyday as it is expensive by Argentine standards, so the men are inclined to fall back on the block of cassava, or beans, as staple diet. Meat is eaten in quantity at grand "Asadas", prepared for fiestas, birthdays and football matches, when a cow or pig is slaughtered and roasted on wooden stakes, which are lined up alongside a huge fire pit, boiled cassava and local wine complete the meal.

The staple diet is varied with rice and fideos in various forms, flavoured with cheap tins of meat sauce, tomato paste and sardines. Babies would appear to be weaned on bean and pea soup and cornflour. Some of the employees keep a cow, but usually for "bife". Some grow spinach and lettuce but greens or vegetables of any kind are usually frowned upon. This starchy diet does little to improve their health and epidemics fall down on them with every change of season.

The people seem unconscious of the need for change—ill health and death are just the misfortunes of life. They are an independent, hardworking and generous people, primary schools are full of children learning the three R's and the wonders of their truly magnificent country.

Misiones is the most isolated yet the third most densely populated province in Argentina. Health education has started in the provincial capital—it will one day reach this furthest point on the northern frontier.

MYRA FRITH.

DO YOU KNOW?



1. Whose portrait this is? It was found in the storeroom of the Q.A. Mess at Millbank, but no records with it. The lady is wearing an armlet on which appears to be the badge of the Territorial Army Nursing Service. It is a beautiful coloured portrait and is now in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Museum at the Depot, and the staff would be so grateful for any information concerning it.
2. That Miss Jerrard was one of the first recipients of the Royal Red Cross in May 1883? It was first instituted by Queen Victoria In April 1883.
3. The cost of the Association Brooch has been 5/-, not 3/6, since June 1966.
4. Did you know that on ancient tombs: crossed legs signify crusaders; legs resting on lions, death in war; legs resting on dogs, death in peace?

CAREERS CONVENTION 1967

How lucky are the school leavers of today, not only have they got Careers Advisory Officers ready to fill their heads with ideas and suggestions of what to do once they leave school, but now in many areas, careers conventions are organised so that the school leaver can meet the representatives of the many trades and professions that he or she may choose.

So it was that on February 15th, three of us set off for the France Hill Secondary Modern School at Camberley to represent the Q.A.R.A.N.C., and possibly to coax a few would-be Army Nurses into our Corps.

The long day started at 2 p.m. when we were installed in what was apparently the Geography room but was now taken over by the representatives from the Navy, Army and Air Force, the Surrey Constabulary, Surrey Fire Brigade, the Veterinary Service, Hospital Services including Civilian Nursing and, of course, us! Our stand was in between the Guildford School of Nursing manned by a trained S.E.N. and a second-year Student Nurse, and a lone representative of the Retail Motor Trade. At this point I will introduce ourselves: there was Major McDonnell, myself, and L/Cpl. Parry, who was in indoor uniform.

The afternoon session proved to be our busiest time and children from 12 years to 17 years of age stood and pondered in front of our glossy photographs depicting episodes in the life of a Q.A. with great emphasis on the shots of Hong Kong and Singapore! Some girls were interested and others were influenced by overbearing mothers who firmly announced to their teenage daughter that "You don't want to be a Nurse", and whether teenage daughter liked it or not, she was dragged off in the direction of the "Retail Motor Trade" or the "R.A.F." still firmly clutching our recruiting pamphlet all the same!

I found that the pay we offer our trainee nurses was almost the only thing these girls were really interested in, that, and whether they had to "live in" or not. The prospect of travel overseas seemed to take second-place.

After a tea-break, we started again for the evening session which was to last until 9 p.m.

This period was not so busy, and we three spent a lot of time looking at the stands belonging to the many other trades. By the time we had finished we had decided that our real vocations lay in the Diplomatic Service, Cartography, Hospital Administration, or possibly the Law Society. Not to worry, we're all safely installed back at the Depot again.

We found the other representatives very friendly and kind, and all interested in each other's trade, and I am sure we've got a prospective Student Officer from the Guildford School of Nursing stand.

The school staff thanked us all for coming along, indeed, we had enjoyed it and were looked after extremely well.

Having seen so many harrassed parents and bewildered children wandering around with the one aim—to find junior a niche in life—the only conclusion I came to was, who'd have teenage daughters!

J. WINTLE (Lieut., Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

What was in the box? And would the weather be fine? These were the two questions that caused a tremendous amount of excitement and anxiety at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, on several days leading up to the 7th December, 1966.

The massive, impressive Royal Victoria Hospital, which has dominated an expanse at Southampton Water since the days of Queen Victoria is being demolished. On December 7th the Foundation Stone, laid by Queen Victoria herself in 1856, was to be raised.

Documents have stated that underneath this stone was a casket containing "plans, coins, medals and cross". On 29th January, 1856, the Victoria Cross decoration was instituted by Royal Warrant. Four months later Queen Victoria laid the stone. Was the "Cross" mentioned the prototype of the Victoria Cross?

December 7th was kind to us. The weather was sunny and mild. A ceremony of raising the Foundation Stone had been arranged and this was to be preceded by a champagne buffet luncheon. The magnificent dining room of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess at Netley had never I am sure, seen under its glass-domed ceiling so many high ranking officers at one time. Our present Matron-in-Chief, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S., was among the eight generals and an admiral, with several brigadiers, whose uniforms, along with our own scarlet and grey, made a very colourful and impressive-looking luncheon party.

The ceremony started at 2.30 p.m. The part of the building surrounding the foundation stone had already been demolished and this quarter-mile long hospital had by this time been split into two halves. The stone was in the middle of the gap under the original Sisters' Mess.

No one noticed the mud and rubble. The V.I.P. enclosure and the public one seemed to merge and by 2.30 p.m. an unusual crowd of people, everyone very curious and tense, waited for the excavator to move forward and lift the 2½-ton Welsh granite Foundation Stone from its 110-years-old resting place.

Television and newspaper cameramen, boy scouts, generals, patients, reporters, mothers with babies, nursing sisters and visitors from Netley village, side by side, waited. As the R.A.M.C. band from Mychett played the *Washington Post* the stone was lifted. Demolition contractor, Mr. Bill Perry, crawled underneath it to bring out a small black box. This he handed to our Commanding Officer, Colonel J. F. D. Murphy. As Colonel Murphy took a screwdriver to prise open this famous casket, the curiosity of nearly everyone got the better of them as they surged forward to surround the table on which it was placed. A few waited patiently in the background until Colonel Murphy came to the microphone and disclosed the contents—parchment plans of the hospital, so wet that no one would attempt to open them, coins of the Realm, the silver Crimea medal with four clasps—and finally, the prototype of the Victoria Cross. There was no inscription on the back. It was one that no one had won.

The Commanding Officer very proudly held up the two medals for everyone to see before replacing them and handing the casket to Major-General A. Sachs, representative Colonel Commandant of the R.A.M.C., for safe keeping. Standing to attention immediately behind Major General Sachs was R.S.M. J. McCran. He in turn was waiting to receive the casket and, with an escort of two nursing sisters, two apprentices from the R.A.M.C. depot at Mychett and two R.A.M.C. Sergeants, carried it on a red cushion to the Unit Social Centre, where its contents were placed on display.



Part of the social centre had been designed to give a "museum atmosphere", displaying photographs, old prints and other items of historical interest to do with Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and the Royal Victoria Hospital from the R.A.M.C. museums. The contents of the casket were set out on a flag-covered sloping table, on either side of which stood a young soldier dressed in the uniform of the Army Medical Service of the 19th century.

Once more this unusual collection of people, all realising the historical significance of this day, came together to have a close look at what may be the first ever Victoria Cross.

The next day someone unknown placed a cross of red poppies on the wire netting surrounding the ruins of this old hospital.

M. W. PEDLEY.

A WAR-TIME MEMORY (A STRANGE COINCIDENCE)

Shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, while training in a London hospital, I first met Beatrice—better known as "Triss". Being a little older than the other "new" recruits, we became firm friends, and Triss who already had several years of nursing to her credit was a wonderful help to me in every way. She shared with me her home and her family, and taught me to know and love London as much as she did herself.

Training completed, Triss joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and I had to return to Ireland owing to the illness of my mother. During the next few years, I heard from her occasionally, but never knew where she was, as the hospital had a number only.

One day, four years later, by which time I was also in the Q.A.'s, just out of the blue, she walked into my hospital ward in Dacca, India.

It was wonderful seeing her again, and we spent a happy evening together talking over old times. Triss was en route to Singapore, and her stay in Dacca was for *one night only*. However, she was spending some time in Calcutta, so I decided to take a week of my leave and we arranged to meet there in a few days' time.

Arriving in Calcutta, as arranged, I phoned the hospital and discovered to my horror that my friend was dead—the result of a tragic accident.

The matron and staff were very kind to me, and arranged for a driver to take me to the cemetery—a forsaken spot a long way out of town. And there, beside a heap of newly-turned soil, topped by a little white cross, and a few withered flowers, I said goodbye to the best friend I had ever known, sad to think that she must lie there for ever, so far away from home and loved ones . . .

A few years ago I paid a visit to London, and went to see Triss's mother, now an old lady with white hair and bent shoulders (she had also lost her eldest son in the war). One afternoon she took me to Westminster Abbey and showed me the magnificent stained-glass window which had been erected to the memory of the nurses who died in the war, and beneath it the Roll of Honour, with their names in gold . . . Together we turned the pages, and found hers . . . With tears in her eyes the old lady said, "I miss her still, after all the years, but I am very proud that a daughter of mine has her name in Westminster Abbey". It was only then that I realized that the lonely grave in India did not matter at all. It was here, in a place that she had loved so much that her memory would live on.

Before leaving the Abbey I knelt and thanked God for every lovely memory of her, because to me she was "a friend indeed".

As we left the quiet of the old building and stepped into the hustle and bustle of the busy London street, the words beneath the window echoed in my heart:

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left, grow old;
Age shall not wither them—or the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We shall remember them".

(Mrs.) JANE LOWTHER.

333 Currie Road, Durban.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Colonel Pat Brett, who retired last September, is now back in her home country, New Zealand. Before deciding on a final place of residence, she did an extensive tour of both Islands. During her travels she was able to contact Major Rose Hinchey, Major Kathy Bland and Colonel Gaunt (now Mrs. Moran). The latter is living in Palmerston. Colonel Brett has now settled in South Island: 1 McDonald Street, Geraldine, South Canterbury, New Zealand.

Major K. G. Cowan, we hear, has moved from Bath to Hove and **Mrs. Holt** (*née* Catherall) is now living in Crowborough.

On 9th September, 1966, at Christchurch, Esher, **Colonel Edith Constance Long, R.R.C.**, was married to Major Ian Vick, R.A. (Retd.). The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and friends of both families and a delightful reception was held afterwards at their very pleasant temporary home in Esher. It was a heavenly day, warm and the sun shining, as we hope it will continue to do for them in the future. From 1st April, 1967, their address will be: "Chatters", Sturford Lane, Corsley, nr. Warminster, Wilts.



Major & Mrs. Vick

SYLLABUB

For eight people:

$\frac{1}{2}$ pint Double Cream

3 oz. Castor Sugar

Half whip.

Then add $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Fresh Lemon Juice

$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Brandy or Sherry.

Whip slowly until thick.

Add Grated Rind 2 Lemons

1 oz. Finely Grated Dark Chocolate

1 oz. Crushed Hazel-nuts.

Decorate with Grated Chocolate and Half-wafer Biscuit.

MORE FROM A NURSE'S LIFE BY MISS M. TYERS

After completing General Training I decided to do Midwifery, and took a three-months' course at the new—now the Garrett Anderson Hospital in the Euston Road. For this course I was entered as a student midwife. Another nurse from St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, took the course with me and we were great pals. We paid 21/- weekly for board and lodging to the hospital, 6 guineas for lecture fees, 2 guineas for examination fee and paid our own laundry expenses, bus fares to cases, etc. The only expense allowed us was a taxi to any case after midnight as the buses and tube stations ceased work then. In all the course cost me about £30, a big sum to me in those days.

We were externe, worked entirely on the district and only attended unusual cases in the hospital, or for diagnosis. The district went as far as the Caledonian Cattle Market North Road out to Chalk Farm, and west as far as Osnaburgh Street. With only two students it was a wide district to cover, and although I started my morning rounds prompt at 9 a.m., it was often 3 p.m. before I could get back to a hasty lunch, followed by lectures, and evening visits.

Night after night I was called out to a case, sometimes twice in the night and the day after work had to be done just the same, so that 36 hours at a stretch was not an uncommon duty. I have fallen asleep over meals often, but I loved the work which was most interesting. We visited very poor homes where brown paper and clean rags formed the principal bedding, other homes though poor were very neat and a good layette was prepared for the baby.

We met with much gratitude and many funny adventures I attended the wife of the proprietor of a fish shop at King's Cross.

It was a Saturday night, a very busy one in this district. The baby was a lovely boy—the first child—and both parents were delighted. As I passed through the shop on my way out all the customers were congratulating the proud father. He beamed on me, seized a big piece of fried fish in a great square of newspaper, sprinkled it with pepper and salt and a dash of vinegar, and handed it to me: “There’s a tasty bit for your supper, Nurse, and well you deserve it”. I accepted gratefully, blushing as the customers in their turn gave me friendly grins. I could not put fish in my instrument bag so I had to cross from Kings Cross to Euston Road with my precious supper in full view.

I got to know “London by night” quite well. Not the West End and its pleasures but the working end; where the workmen’s trains ran all night, where the road-menders were busy and the Town was swept and washed down for the next day’s work. I have seen the coffee stall flaring at Kings Cross at 2.30 a.m. and have had to walk home after a long case at all hours of the night. Taxis did not come my way and if a tired taxi man was making for his home, I could not expect him to turn back for a shilling or two from a tired nurse. Another night I was with a case, the mother of ten children, right up the Caledonian Cattle Market Buildings. I had 117 steps to climb, and it was 2.30 a.m. when I left. The eldest boy, a youth of 17, insisted on coming with me as far as the hospital. He did not like me to go alone down the York Road, and would not listen when I told him that my cloak and bonnet would be my protection anywhere and anytime. He carried my bag and waited till he saw me put my key in the door of the hospital. He was employed at a fishmonger’s and had to be at work at 7 a.m.

The children on the District loved their nurse. I got to know all the roads or streets leading off Pentonville Hill. The children used to run after me and clutch hold of my cloak. “We’ve got a nurse in our house”, they’d yell to some less lucky comrades, these latter were not allowed to come too near nor to touch the sacred cloak.

When I had taken all my cases, I sent my name in for the examination to the Central Midwives’ Board. This examination was held at the Engineers’ Institute in Savy Street and about 360 candidates were up at the same time. I arrived very cheerful and assured but my spirits were damped at once by a nurse from the north of England who told me this was her sixth try for the examination. It gave me a shock, it had literally never entered my head that I should or could fail; but immediately I decided that I should not pass—I did. So another phase of my training was completed.

Now my ambition was realised, I became a “Sister” going as Night Superintendent to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Bournemouth. After 13 months of night work I was appointed Day Sister of the Men’s Surgical Ward and made many friends. My salary was £30 per annum, with no uniform or allowance for it. As sister of a

ward many little expenses fell to my share. Looking back I sometimes wonder how I managed to pay my way. Of course, everything was much cheaper then. A good pair of ward shoes could be bought for 6/11, walking shoes for 16/-. A tailored coat and skirt could be had for 3 guineas, a good stockings 1/6 a pair and plain ones for general use 1/-. But even then it left little for saving, especially as four weeks' holiday a year had to be paid for out of salary.

In 1911 I had joined the 5th Southern General Hospital at Portsmouth (Territorial) as Sister. The Territorial Force had been enrolled in 1909 by Lord Haldane, after his return from Germany—he was a great friend of Kaiser Wilhelm. He did away with the old Volunteers. One of the Sisters at Bournemouth was a Territorial Sister and when she went to India in the I.M.S. she asked if I would put in for the vacant post (one had to resign from a Territorial unit on going abroad), I applied and was accepted and was proud to wear the badge, the crossed As of Queen Alexandra with the Crown. None of us ever thought we should be called upon to serve so soon.

In 1913 I had my only private case at Bournemouth—I stayed for 4½ months, but my heart was always in the hospitals—so when my private patient was well enough to have only one nurse I made up my mind to return to hospital as soon as I could.

After travelling on the continent with the daughter of my last patient for a short while, I returned to London for an interview with the committee of the Home of Recovery at Cobham, Surrey. The committee consisted of sixteen elderly gentlemen. They told me solemnly that they wished for a Matron who would “settle”. Evidently they had had many changes and they asked me if I meant to stay if appointed. I replied that there was one thing which would mean I might have to move if necessary, that was as a Sister in the Territorial Force Nursing Service I should be called up if England went to war. Did they wish me to resign from the Territorials? I can see the smile now that went round amongst those old gentlemen. At last the Chairman spoke: “No, you need not resign this appointment. There won't be a war in our time”. That was April 1914. In August 1914 England declared war on Germany and I received my calling-up papers. I wonder what those old gentlemen thought? Perhaps that I had secret information.

The Home of Recovery was a convalescent hospital of sixty beds, thirty men and thirty women. We took patients from eight of the London Hospitals quite soon after operation. In the case of hernia or simple appendicitis from four days to a week, some operations the next day. They came on air beds in Tillings ambulances and a nurse from the hospital sending came with them. The patients convalesced very well in the quiet and good air and were very happy there. I had lovely quarters and made some good friends. There was plenty to do. The grounds were beautiful and I felt my lot had fallen in pleasant places.

On August 4th England declared war on Germany. The Territorials were called up at midnight and on August 5th by the first post I got my calling-up papers.

OBITUARIES

MAJOR AGIUS

The death of Major Agius has come as a great shock to her many friends. During the last War she served as a V.A.D. in Malta and after S.R.N. training joined the Corps. Her family have been overwhelmed by tributes from all over the world. Letters from people who had seen the announcement in the press and who started their letter by saying "you will not know me but Marie nursed me in Accra—Singapore—Kuala Lumpur, etc." One mother wrote to say that she considered it was Marie's nursing and care of her son at Netley that restored his sanity—the boy was now happily married in Australia. The Corps and Service life meant everything to her and she was proud to be a member of the Q.A.'s.

Major Agius always took a keen interest in the work of the Association and will be greatly missed at the Secretaries' meeting.

MISS LUCY MAY CLIFFE

Miss Lucy May Cliffe died in Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, on 20th December, 1966.

She served in Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. in both World Wars and during part of the second was Home Sister in a camp for Polish refugees.

She was the first Chairman of the New Zealand Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association, in which she maintained a close interest until her death. All members had a great regard and affection for her and she will be much missed from the Association gatherings.

The funeral was attended by representatives of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association (N.Z. Branch), the N.Z. Returned Army Sisters' Club and the Returned Services' Association.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

COLONEL P. G. BENNETT	...	...	...	C.B.E.
LT.-COLONEL H. C. THAYER	...	...	...	R.R.C.
MAJOR M. O'HARA	...	...	...	R.R.C.
MAJOR B. M. MITCHELL	...	...	...	A.R.R.C.
MAJOR M. J. P. WEBSTER	...	...	...	A.R.R.C.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

M. M. J. CARTWRIGHT AND MISS H. F. EVANS

The engagement is announced between Michael John Cartwright, Royal Signals, elder son of Mr. A. Cartwright and the late Mrs. D. D. Cartwright of Crowborough, Sussex, and Hazel Francis Evans, Q.A.R.A.N.C., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Evans of Hatch End, Middlesex.

DR. D. C. S. PARSONS AND MISS F. H. MCAINSH

The engagement is announced between Donald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Parsons of Skegness, Lincolnshire, and Lieut. Felicity Heather McAinsh, Q.A.R.A.N.C., only daughter of Mr. A. McAinsh, M.R.C.V.S. and Mrs. McAinsh of Dorchester, Dorset.

CAPTAIN V. M. SCOTT AND CAPTAIN D. W. SAMSON

The engagement is announced between Captain John Michael Scott, Royal Signals, son of the late Mr. C. H. L. Scott and Mrs. E. M. Scott of Cannock, Staffordshire, and Doreen Winifred Samson, Q.A.R.A.N.C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Samson of Winchester.

MR. M. R. COCHLIN AND MAJOR B. M. COVENEY

The engagement is announced between Maurice Reginald, son of the late Mr. R. G. Cochlin and Mrs. E. Cochlin of Taunton, and Brenda Mary Coveney Q.A.R.A.N.C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Coveney of Hove.

MARRIAGE

LT.-COLONEL E. M. GAUNT (Retd.) married to Alexander Moran on the 23rd August, 1966, at Palmerston North, New Zealand.

BIRTH

PULLAN.—To Michael and Daphne (*née* Brown) a daughter, Rebecca Ann.

DEATHS

CROSBIE, MISS G., R.R.C., and ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. 1915-19 and 1939-45, died 17th February, 1967.

CHANDLER, MRS. DAISY M., S.C.M., Q.A.I.M.N.S.

WATSON (*née* Kitson). Ex-Q.A.R.A.N.C., wife of Major I. A. R. Watson, R.A.M.C., died at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, on 25th October, 1966.

VENNING, MISS G. E., died 21st November, 1966. Miss Venning was a committee member of the Midland Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association.

CLAYTON, MRS. KATHLEEN (*née* Shorter), Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., died 6th November, 1966, at Rotorua, New Zealand.

TAYLOR, MISS F. M., A.R.R.C., died 30th November, 1966. Served during Second World War with Army Nursing Service in Middle East.

HUNNINGS, COLONEL, C. M., C.B.E., R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., died 5th December, 1966, in hospital after a long illness.

STROUGHILL, MISS MABEL ANNA, O.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S., died 12th December, 1966, at Church Crookham, aged 97 years.

CLIFFE, MISS LUCY MAY, ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., died 20th December, 1966, at Middlewore, Auckland, New Zealand. Served in both World Wars.

THOMPSON, MISS A. K., aged 81 years, died 2nd January, 1967. Served with Army Nursing Service 1915-1918.

POPE, MISS SABINA, died 2nd January, 1967, in Lausanne, Switzerland. Served in the Army Nursing Services during the First World War.

STRONACH, MISS E. M., aged 89 years, died 9th January, 1967. Served with Army Nursing Service 1914-1918.

RUSSELL, MISS AMY (Lovey), ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., died 20th January, 1967, at Heathcote Hospital, Warwick, after a long illness. She was a Permanent Reserve for a number of years and many who have served with her in different parts of the world will be sad to know of her death, and will remember her with affection.

AGIUS, MAJOR M. M., A.R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C., of Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, died 26th January at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. Retired voluntarily 30th December, 1966.

HARVEY, MISS ALICE MAUD, died 11th February, 1967, aged 76 years. Served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during Second World War at No. 1 General Hospital, B.E.F. and No. 27 General Hospital, Middle East.

APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS

Colonel P. C. Stewart, R.R.C.: Appointed D.D.A.N.S. F.A.R.E.L.F. 29.9.66.

Lt.-Colonel J. Gahan: Appointed Matron, Military Hospital, Terendak, w.e.f. 4.12.66.

Lt.-Colonel T. L. Jeffreys-Edwards, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, w.e.f. 18.1.67.

MAJOR B. GOODRICK-CLARKE: Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Benghazi, w.e.f. 10.11.66.

Lt.-Colonel A. A. Williams: Appointed Matron, Military Maternity Hospital, Penang, 21.1.67.

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Lieut.-Colonels: P. C. Stewart, R.R.C., 7.11.66; L. Dodsley, R.R.C., 6.1.67.

To Lieut.-Colonels

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MISS PHYLLIS MARGARET WALLER, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron from September 19th to Manor House and Inverforth House Hospital, London. She trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, etc. Served in Q.A.I.M.N.S./R. during war years and served in France, Ireland and India.

CIVILIAN RETIREMENT

MISS W. M. MORRIS, Matron of the Montgomeryshire County Infirmary, Newtown, for 19 years, retired at the end of August. She trained at Staffordshire General Infirmary and nursed there for a number of years, later moving to the West Country. During the war she went through the Dunkirk evacuation. Subsequently she served in India before returning to her home town and the Matronship of its hospital.

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To Singapore

Major G. Godtschaik.
Captain M. McGloskey.
Lieutenants: M. Gibson, B. Heaton, P. A. Hughes, A. D. Lindsay, M. M. Walley.

To Benghazi

Majors: S. B. Goodrick-Clarke, M. M. Ledger.
Captains: G. M. Drewe, M. M. Whitford.
Lieutenants: S. F. Capsey, V. Pooley.

To Terendak

Captain N. C. J. Russell.
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To Penang

Lieut.-Colonel A. A. Williams.

REGULAR OFFICERS POSTED TO HOME ESTABLISHMENTS

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Major C. B. Fraser	...	21.11.66	Military Hospital, Tidworth
Major J. V. Grieve	...	26.10.66	Military Hospital, Tidworth
Major D. N. Morton	...	20. 1.67	Military Hospital, Tidworth
Major P. M. Morley	...	23. 1.67	British Military Hospital, Hannover
Major J. O. E. Moriarty	...	7. 1.67	Military Hospital, Tidworth
Major M. L. Taylor	...	15. 9.66	Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich
Major E. M. Thompson	...	26.10.66	Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot
Captain V. J. Smith	...	1.11.66	Military Hospital, Colchester

CORRECTIONS

In the last edition of the GAZETTE we published the appointment of Major M. A. Boyle, Q.A.R.A.N.C. (Retd.) to M.R.S. Nuneaton. This should have read Major E. M. Boyle.

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A/Corporal S. L. Woodland.

A/L/Corporals: M. M. Bennett, D. Shambrook.

Privates: S. E. Ovenden, N. J. Branagh, A. Carter, K. G. Dodd, J. A. Kelsey, H. M. Robinson.

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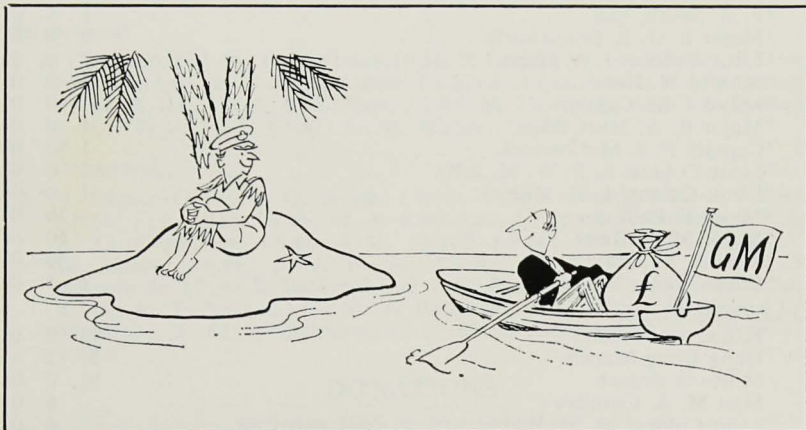
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