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EDITORIAL

Once again a very successful Annual General Meeting and Reunion has been held and in consequence, we hope, the birth of another branch of the Association. It is hoped to form an East Kent Branch in the near future. This will cover the whole of the East Kent Area. If any member hears of anyone who is interested in joining this branch, contact should be made with:

Major M. C. Bell,
7 The Shrubbery
Upper Walmer
Deal,
Kent.

Any change of circumstances, *i.e.*, marriage or place of abode, Headquarters would be so grateful to receive the information as soon as possible in order that the GAZETTE could be sent to a correct address.

As you will see by the Chairman's Report at the Annual General Meeting, subscriptions have had to be raised, and the details are published in this issue.

We have a new Vice-Chairman this year, Colonel P. G. Bennett, as Miss Roberts did not stand for re-election. We would like to thank Miss Roberts most sincerely for all her hard work and helpful advice in the past.

To all our members who received Awards in the "Birthday Honours" we send our most sincere congratulations, and to all those who have been successful in recent examinations.

PHOTOGRAPH ON OUR COVER

The photograph on our cover is of our Assistant Editor, Mrs. Joyce Hamilton, who very nobly stepped into the breach when Major Mudge was obliged to give up. She is doing valuable work with great enthusiasm, and we are most grateful for her help.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
ON JUNE 17TH 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 ninety-two members present.

Dame Margot opened the meeting by welcoming the members; the notice convening the meeting was read, and the Minutes of the 1966 Meeting were signed.

Synopsis of Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed the opening of two new branches of the Association, East Sussex and Northern Ireland branches, and reported a continued rise in overall numbers of members.

At December 1966 there were : Life members, 654; Annual members, 1,514—a total of 2,168.

Expenses were also rising, and it had therefore reluctantly been decided to increase subscriptions from January 1968, for without generous donations received this past year, Central and GAZETTE Funds would show a deficit. Details will be published in the GAZETTE.

Regular meetings of the Central, Finance and Grants, and GAZETTE Committees had been held during the year, and all members of these Committees were thanked for their attendance.

The annual meeting of Branch Secretaries was held at Haig House in November, was well attended, and felt to be useful.

Those branches and members who helped so magnificently with donations to all Association Funds were warmly thanked. A special mention was made to Hannover, which had sent over £200, Woolwich £170 and New Zealand £65. This latter such a generous gesture from a long way off.

Some branches were congratulated on their imaginative programmes, and all members urged to support their local branch meetings.

Sadly the deaths were announced of thirty-three members over the past year.

All Honorary Officers were most sincerely thanked for their devoted work throughout the year.

Queen Mary's House Fund was mentioned, and an appeal made for more members to this Fund, whose annual subscriptions would increase its regular income.

A reminder was given that there was accommodation for guests in Queen Mary's House, and anyone wishing in this way to take a holiday by the sea would be made most welcome.

Dame Margot thanked Colonel Davies for her interesting report.

Presentation of the Audited Accounts (Hon. Treasurer's Report)

Madam President, fellow members, it is with much pleasure that I present the audited accounts of the funds administered by the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association for the year 1966.

The Reserve Fund.—As we had more new Life members than in 1965, the income from this source rose by £105 and from donations by £52. The expenditure was only £5 more, which resulted in an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £64. Life subscriptions are still covered by investments. There were no changes in investments.

The Central Fund.—The annual subscriptions were down on 1965, which was disappointing, and indicates a great number of lapsed subscriptions. We received £162 more in donations, for which we were more than grateful, as administrative expenses rose by £185—but in spite of this we had an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £105.

I am sure you will realise that without these generous donations for General Purposes, both the Reserve and Central Funds would have shown adverse balances.

The Gazette Fund.—Expenses only rose by £3 in 1966, but in spite of receiving more in both subscriptions and donations, our income still does not cover our commitments—although the excess of expenditure over income of £14 was an improvement on the £29 of the previous year. Expenses are likely to be more this year, especially if the wage freeze is lifted.

The Association Benevolent Fund.—Although more was spent on grants, expenses connected with visiting members, inspecting various Homes and administration, the excess of income over expenditure was £4,522. We received one large legacy of £4,670, most of which has now been invested. Serving members contributed £901 14s. 7d.

£2,720 of 6 per cent Funding Loan 1990 was purchased for £2,497 14s.

Unfortunately no interest was received from our holding of Southern Rhodesian $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Stock as a result of the political situation.

In order to conform with the Charity Commissioners' Scheme of 1965, £1,026 3s. 6d. Southern Rhodesia $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Stock 1977/82 and £1,811 6s. 4d. British Electricity $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Guaranteed Stock 1976/79 were transferred to the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Alicia Jones Trust Fund as at December 31st, 1966.

The Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund.—As planned, we spent less on Grants than in 1965, and the excess of income over expenditure was £6. Investments remained unchanged.

The Ethel Harwood Trust Fund.—As in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Benevolent Fund, we deliberately reduced the amount spent on Grants, and the excess of income over expenditure was £1. There was no change in investments.

The Territorial Army Nursing Service Benevolent Fund.—As we are selling stock and using capital, there is very little income to this fund. The excess of expenditure over income being £622.

The Alicia Jones Trust Fund.—There is no income and expenditure account for 1966.

Between the Benevolent Funds, the amount spent on grants and gifts was £4,113, and the income from investments was £974. I am sure you will realise from these figures that we are virtually dependent on donations, which continue to be given so generously and willingly.

Before closing, I should like to say how very grateful we are for your donations to the various funds. It is impossible to express this gratitude in words, so I will just say, very sincerely : "Thank you."

Dame Margot thanked Miss Baldock for the clear presentation of the accounts.

Hon. Friends' Secretary's Report (Synopsis)

Mrs. Mills said there was nothing new in the kind of help we were able to give—we continued to give grants of money, food parcels, Christmas and Easter gifts and flowers to the sick.

The letters of appreciation she received were proof of how much the help was needed, and it could only be given because of the generous donations we received.

Dame Margot thanked Mrs. Mills for the very good work she did during the year.

Election of Managing Trustees (Members of the Central Committee)

Miss M. Roberts, A.R.R.C., was standing down after eight years as Vice-Chairman, and Dame Margot expressed the thanks of all for the help she had given us during this time.

Colonel P. G. Bennett, C.B.E., R.R.C., had agreed to stand for nomination as Vice-Chairman, and there being no other nominations she was elected and welcomed by the President.

Voting took place for three members of the Committee and of the five nominees the following were elected : Mrs. M. J. Davies, R.R.C., Major M. Downing, A.R.R.C. Retd., and Major V. Lane, Retd.

Dame Margot thanked the retiring members for their help, particularly Colonel Jolly, who had been on the Committee for several years, and also all who had agreed to stand for election.

Any Other Business

Dame Margot thanked the Chairman and Honorary Officers, who do such good work and give up their time for the work of the Association.

The date of the next Annual General Meeting and Reunion would be June 15th, 1967.

Colonel Blair, on behalf of all present, thanked Dame Margot for taking the chair, and the meeting was then closed.

THE REUNION

The 22nd Reunion of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, June 17th, 1967, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Over 200 members were present, and after a delicious tea, Dame Margot Turner, President of the Association, presented the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Sports Cup to Captain M. Loomes. This Cup is awarded annually to the serving officer or other rank who has contributed most to games and sports in the Corps.

The citation read as follows: "Captain Loomes has contributed in an outstanding manner to fostering an interest in sport amongst all ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C. at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, gaining for herself a reputation of enthusiastic co-operation, achieving results by being undaunted by obstacles normally met with by Q.A. sports officers."

It was good to see Mrs. Browse, Secretary of East African Branch, at the Reunion.

A very happy time was had by all, including apparently the lift porter, who remarked to one member of the Association, "Y'ought to 'ave them more often—at least three times a year" !!

Owing to a faulty camera, all photographs taken of the occasion were useless.

Messages of good wishes were received from Colone IPat Brett, Colonel Betty Fitzpatrick and Mrs. E. Crow.

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, 9th November, 1967, at 11.45 a.m.

New Rates of Subscription—January 1968

New Life Members: £10 10s., includes GAZETTE for five years.

Annual Members: 15s. per annum, includes GAZETTE.

Present Life Members: For GAZETTE 9s. per annum or may pay £2 5s. for five years in January, 1968.

Life members who have already paid for GAZETTE for ten years and whose subscription becomes due again before 1972, may pay for a further five years at £2 5s.

NEWS OF BRANCHES

Woolwich

Meetings were well attended, and special items of interest were the showings of the film *Challenge and Reward* and a Beauty Counsellor Demonstration. It is hoped to hold another Christmas Fayre in November. Last year's was a great success.

Singapore

The Branch is well supported and has held functions such as Jumble Sales and Bingo Sessions during the year. At the first attempt of the former the Sale was carried out in a flooded cinema. However, it was well supported by the Amahs. The second attempt was almost "rained off" too; in fact, an Association Jumble Sale appears to be a request for heavy rain. Never the less, the sums raised have been good.

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A charming china coffee set was raffled recently, and the demand for tickets was heavy, even from unmarried soldier patients. A patient in Families Ward won the coveted prize, and was very thrilled with it. A very satisfactory sum was raised.

Bournemouth Branch

With Mrs. K. Blenkinsop in the chair, the new Committee gave an account of the social activities in the first quarter.

These included a coach trip to St. Cross, Winchester; a few representatives to Q.A. Day at Netley, and the present tea-party at Linden Hall Hotel.

Regrets were expressed at the absence of the President, Dame Monica Golding, who was undergoing a course of treatment at Osborne House, Isle of Wight.

Mrs. Vick, *nee* Colonel Long, took time off from her home-making to partake of a cup of tea and an abundance of good wishes.

Colonel Dowling outlined a scheme for visiting housebound colleagues, and proceeded to put car owners in touch with sufferers in the neighbourhood.

During tea, conversation turned to holiday plans, which were many and varied. Indeed, some of them were so ambitious that we hope to read something of them in a future issue of the GAZETTE.

K. A. TYE.

Manchester Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Manchester Branch was held on April 1st, 1967. The meeting was held in the Nurses' Home of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, by kind permission of the matron, and twenty-one members attended.

Colonel Rose came from Headquarters and gave us a most interesting talk about the Association.

We also held a Bring and Buy Sale for Branch funds.

After the business of the meeting, future activities were discussed, and an afternoon outing will be arranged in June and a luncheon in October.

New Zealand Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Branch was held on February 26th, 1967, at the home of Mrs. Ross, at Beachlands, Auckland. There was a good attendance, and the meeting was preceded by a buffet lunch provided by Mrs. Ross, assisted by Miss Judy Lepper. A charge was made, and the proceeds are to be sent to the General Fund.

We were fortunate in having a glorious day, and members enjoyed sitting in the sunshine in the lovely garden and watching the yachts with their coloured sails racing in the Hauraki Gulf.

Some members had travelled long distances to be present, and altogether it was a very happy reunion, held in most attractive surroundings.

Lunch was followed by the Annual General Meeting, at which the following were elected to hold office for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Lt.-Colonel M. K. Thomson.

Vice-Presidents: Miss M. Thomson and Mrs. A. Hatfield.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. S. Ruff.

Committee: Mesdames E. Fitch and K. Harpum; Misses J. Alexander and M. Brown.

Belfast, Northern Ireland

On Wednesday, 24th May, the new Belfast Branch of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association was formed following a meeting in the Military Wing, Musgrave Park Hospital, at 1400 hrs., at which serving and retired members were present.

When the meeting was planned some months ago, it was unforeseen that there would be so many other activities on that day from outside sources, e.g., the Balmoral Show, a Conference of the Northern Ireland Branch of the Royal College of Nursing, and a Garden Party at Government House for H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

These events reduced the overall numbers of those wishing to attend; they all sent their sincere apologies and regret for their absence for this, our first meeting. However, approximately twenty attended, and soon after they arrived there was a steady hum of voices as they started reminiscing. Some of the members even came from Dublin (L.-Col. Ballesty and Major Canny).

Madam Chairman Major M. M. Heaney called the meeting to order, and in her opening speech welcomed all those present, and said how delighted she was to see so many familiar faces, and hoped that all the others would soon, too, look familiar after a few more meetings. Apologies were read from absent and would-be members.

When all the chatter had died down, a Committee was formed, and plans made to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 27th September, at 8 p.m., here in the Military Wing. It seems that evening meetings are most suitable for all concerned.

When all business was discussed, the new members and old were entertained to tea, very ably provided by the Chief Catering Officer from the civilian side. It was a pity so many were figure conscious, so there was a lot left over. It didn't go to waste, as the military patients soon consumed what was left.

It was suggested a small silver collection be made to start the new Branch on its way to solvency, instead of being in the "red."

During tea there was a steady hum of voices which grew to a crescendo, and all said how lovely it was to be back in the "fold" once again. They all miss the Corps in various ways.

After tea the members were taken on a conducted tour of the Wing and the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess, and were most impressed with them both. They look forward to the next meeting, and promised to bring more new members.

At present we have got twenty-two new members, and when we really get started, we should have a very lively Branch.

We are very pleased that the long months of letter writing and preparation has at last borne fruit, but the Chairman is now suffering from writer's cramp.

M. M. RUTTER.

Millbank Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, on Wednesday, 1st March, 1967. It was well attended, and we were honoured by the presence of Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.

It was decided to continue to hold Branch meetings on the first Wednesday in each alternate month.

In May we had a Bring and Buy Sale, and although we missed many of our regular attendants, we made over £50, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

HILDA HAMBLIN.

Brighton and Hove Branch

We continue to thrive. During March we had an interesting demonstration of "Flower Arrangement in the Home," given by Beryl Ivory. In April, a small party who called on the residents of Queen Mary's House were entertained right royally by them. Some of us were unashamedly envious of their contentment and comfort. Then on May 19th we enjoyed the culmination of weeks of good-natured nagging and effort in the Bazaar and Bring and Buy event, which was an unmitigated success in spite of the weather. We had been exhorted by our hard-working Chairman, Mrs. M. M. Adam, to work like "beavers"—obviously her inspiration proved effective, for the resulting stalls were heavy-laden. Only the food and produce stalls seemed lighter than last year. Remember we are a Branch of retired personnel, and the tendency to middle-aged spread has to be contained somehow! Dame Louisa Wilkinson and Lady Robey, British Red Cross Appeals Secretary (and widow of the late Sir George) graciously assisted in drawing raffle prizes and adding interest to a most successful afternoon. We were especially glad to welcome Miss Stanley, whose ill-health has necessitated her relinquishing the office of Secretary, but whose presence at the Bazaar was a brave expression of devotion to the Branch, and a triumph of determination. Lt.-Colonel E. F. Porritt has kindly taken over Miss Stanley's duties provisionally, and we are hoping she will continue in this capacity.

We have two further fixtures this year, including a Christmas luncheon, and as the year proceeds we gather new members from all areas of West Sussex—from as far afield as Bosham and Selsey and Seaford and Haywards Heath. Our distant members are more often with us in thought only, but at Christmas-time we hope to see them all, that we may renew our motto of "Friendship" in person.

"TERRY" BABBAGE.

East Sussex Branch

The Inaugural Meeting was held at Queen Mary's House on 25th January, 1967, at which its Committee was elected.

This newly-formed East Sussex Branch held its first Coffee Morning on 30th May, 1967, in St. Andrew's Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea.

There was a good attendance of members from Eastbourne, Hastings, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Pevensey and Peasmarsh, including several members from Queen Mary's House, as well as members living locally.

The Bring and Buy Stall was a great draw and did good trade. Prizes in the raffle were won by: Miss Millet, Miss Joyce, Miss O'Dell, Miss Campbell and Mrs. Piggot.

A total of £20 was made altogether.

M. DOWNING.

North East Scotland Branch

A very successful evening was held in the Cowdray Club, Aberdeen, in April, when members entertained their friends at a Wine and Cheese Party. The cheeses and titbits were donated and prepared by the members, and the agreeable sum of £14 was added to the funds.

In May we were delighted to welcome Mr. Sinclair-Smith, a member of the Magic Circle, who enthralled us with his skill, and in the tradition of a true prestidigitator, demonstrated that it was easily possible to do the impossible.



The President of the North East Scotland Branch, Mrs. A. Sharp (seated right), with some of the members and guests at their Wine and Cheese Party in the Cowdray Club
By courtesy of Aberdeen Journals Ltd.

In June members and their friends visited Craigevar Castle, which overlooks the Don Valley. Taken over by the National Trust in 1963, this lovely old castle, which dates from 1610-1624, is built to an "L" plan in the baronial style with fine turrets. Each room has an exit to the secret staircase, and the Great Hall is noted for its beautiful Renaissance ceiling. Members were interested to see the room in which the Queen slept and were intrigued by the inscription above the half-tester canopied bed, "Doe not vaiken sleeping dogs." After this an excellent dinner was enjoyed at Kildrummy Castle Hotel, which overlooks the ruins of the fourteenth century Kildrummy Castle.

D.M.M.

Midland Branch

Fourteen Members of the Midland Branch paid a visit to Coughton Court, near Alcester (National Trust Property) on Saturday, 20th May. It is an Elizabethan Mansion, well preserved, and full of interest, containing many Jacobite relics.

Afterwards we were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Mould and their son and daughter in their lovely home on Cracknut Hill, Studley, where we had a wonderful panoramic view of miles of beautiful country side. After tea, the chatter was suddenly hushed when Miss Lucy Russell spontaneously burst into song with "Bless this House"—a rendering far better than anything in the Top Twenty.

The weather too was kind to us, and it was truly a very happy afternoon.

E. DUCKITT.

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

Our Corps sporting activities for 1967 began traditionally with the Table Tennis Tournament, held at the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., on Wednesday, 8th March.

Once again we had sixteen competitors, although only one B.A.O.R. unit was represented.

The preliminary rounds began at 1000 hrs., and it soon became obvious that the standard was much higher than in previous years.

We were pleased to welcome spectators from many units who arrived at 1400 hrs. to watch the remaining rounds.

The final was between Captain Pedley, representing R.V.H. Netley, and Pte. Lane, representing R.H.H. Woolwich. Pte. Lane emerged a worthy champion for the second successive year.

Our Director Brigadier, Dame Margot Turner, presented the cup and plaque to the finalists. Bouquets were then presented to both Dame Margot and our Commandant, Colonel B. M. Robertson.

Players and spectators then retired to enjoy an excellent tea.

It is hoped to enter three competitors for the Army Women's Individual Table Tennis Championships, which take place at the Royal Pavilion on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th April, 1967.

E.M.S.

ANNUAL CORPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By the end of May, plans and arrangements for the Annual Corps Tennis Tournament, to be held on the 6th and 7th June, were well on the way.

There were twenty-seven entries for the Medforth Cup (Singles) and Gillespie Cup (Doubles), and at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning play began. The weather was very kind to us, and we managed to play off all the preliminary rounds, leaving Wednesday morning free for competitors to rest.

By 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, spectators began to arrive, showing a splendid display of hats, which would have done credit to the first day of Ascot.

Play began with the semi-finals of the Singles between Capt. Fennell and Cpl. Wright, and Capt. Keating and Pte. Speir. Cpl. Wright and Capt. Keating put up spirited performances, but were just not quite good enough for their opponents.

The Doubles semi-finals between Major Duffy and Capt. Anderson v. Capt. Daldy and Cpl. Wright followed. This proved to be a close match, the winners being Capt. Daldy and Cpl. Wright.

Spectators and players then returned to the Royal Pavilion to enjoy the traditional strawberry tea.



Capt. Fennell winner of the Medforth Cup and Major Myers and Capt. Steel winners of Gillespie Cup.

(By courtesy of The Nursing Mirror)

After tea the second Doubles semi-final between Capt. Fennell and Capt. Keating v. Major Myers and Capt. Steel took place—the latter couple being the winners.

The day ended with the final of the Singles followed by the Doubles.

Results were as follows:

Winner of Medforth Cup (Singles): Capt. Fennell.

Runner-up: Pte. Speir.

Winners of Gillespie Cup (Doubles): Major Myers and Capt. Steel.

Runners-up: Capt. Daldy and Cpl. Wright.

Our Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens kindly presented the prizes. Bouquets were then presented to the Colonel Commandant and our Director, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner.

CORPS SPORTS DAY

The final arrangements for our Sports Day, to be held on the 8th June, 1967, were at last completed. We were delighted to have purchased a collection of colourful potted shrubs, which were displayed on the outside of the marquees.

On Thursday morning the weather being bright and sunny, we commenced to run off the preliminary heats. We were fortunate this year to have obtained a public address system, which avoided unnecessary delays.

Spectators and competitors gathered on the Sports Field at 2 p.m., the weather now showing signs of deteriorating. Our spirits were kept up, however, by the excellent music provided by the R.A.M.C. Band.

The events were frequently interrupted by showers; indeed, one competitor was so determined to keep dry that she ran with an umbrella up!

Although no records were broken, competitors put up enthusiastic and entertaining performances.

Once again our special thanks to Capt. Phillips, Capt. Hilton and other helpers of the R.A.M.C. Depot, who organised and ran the events so efficiently.

After competitors and spectators had fortified themselves with tea, Cups and Prizes were presented in the Gymnasium by our Director, Brigadier Dame Margot Turner. We were delighted this year to have with us Colonel Cocking, who kindly consented to present her own High Jump Cup to Q/Pte. Webb.

Our special congratulations to Q/Pte. Newbould, winner of the *Victor Ludorum*, and Dame Margot, worthy winner of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers Handicap race.

J.M.S.

MISS MARGARET STEENSON, C.B.E., R.R.C.

A big day in the lives of the sixty-one residents of the Banks Old People's Home in Bangor, when it was declared open recently by Lord Erskine.

The honour of presenting a bouquet to Lady Erskine was given to Miss Margaret Steenson, C.B.E., R.R.C., 94 years of age, and the oldest resident, who has been decorated twice at Buckingham Palace and was a nurse in both the Boer and the First World War.

A native of County Monaghan, Miss Steenson left home in the year 1890 to train as a nurse in Scotland. She says: "In those days we got no pay during training; we got our keep and our uniform. My father paid the fare to allow me to come home once a year."



During the Boer War Miss Steenson joined the Military Nursing Service and went to Africa. She was six years there and later served in Portsmouth Military Hospital. In the 1914-18 war she again saw foreign service as a Principal Matron in France, Italy and Turkey.

Her last nursing post was as Matron of the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, from which she retired in 1927. She holds the C.B.E., which she received from the late King George, and the R.R.C. and bar.

Miss Steenson has a keen sense of humour, and says she's feeling very well and that she has enjoyed excellent health all her life, but a few months ago she sustained a broken leg and was a patient in Ards Hospital. She was moved to the Banks three weeks before the official opening and quickly settled in. "I have been used to settling in quickly and adapting myself to changes," she said. "When serving with the Military we often got less than forty-eight hours' notice to pack up and move." A wonderful old lady.

In the last issue we published news of the youngest "Q.A." C.B.E., and now we have news of the oldest. We wish them both much luck and happiness.

ISRAEL

It was twenty-five years since I had taken a holiday in Israel, and being stationed in Cyprus, I felt that it was a splendid opportunity to visit the Holy Land again under very different circumstances. The dividing of Israel from Jordan made some difficulties for those who wished to see both.

The Mandelbaum Gate, the crossing point to Jordan, where a few pilgrims were allowed through at Christmas for several days before returning, reminded me of Berlin.

I flew into Tel Aviv Airport with a firm determination to stay in a kibbutz, but I developed "cold feet" and decided to visit one instead.

The staff at the hotel in Tel Aviv were ultra efficient, as I was booked for a two-day tour to Eilat and a three-day tour to Haifa and Galilee before I had even been allocated a room.

This country had progressed since its independence beyond conception. Jews from many countries entering Israel often stayed free of charge in a kibbutz until they made their own way and, as our guide remarked rather ironically, that he had been paying for it ever since by heavy taxation.

They brought with them manifold talents, both artistic and scientific, although renowned in the past as merchants. The Hebrew Universities, Synagogues and the famous Technion City at Haifa are an achievement.

The Technion bearing so close a relationship between its development and the growth of the State of Israel, its skills are vital to all sectors of the economy. The miracle of Modern Israel, with its staggering rate of technological growth, is being furthered with

this help. Indeed, for many years Technion was a centre for Hagannah underground activity, supplying essential equipment during Israel's war of independence.

I was the only Gentile in both touring parties, the others mainly being Italian and American Jews. Their linguistic ability astounded me, although in part this is due to their heritage. I could sing only the Hallelujah chorus to their songs. Our bus tour to Eilat included the Shuval Beduin tribal encampment and the old and new city of Beersheba. We reflected how Abraham pitched his tents there so long ago, and this place was well known to the other two patriarchs, Isaac and Jacob. The new city is modern, but the ruins of the old city still retain the atmosphere of the past. Then onwards to the ancient city of Audat, Solomon's Mines and Pillars, and the Red Kanyon of the southern Negev. We could see so clearly the great break in the earth's surface which commences in Syria and continues through Lake Galilee, the river Jordan, the Dead Sea, the Red Sea, French Somaliland, Ethiopia, Lake Rudolf and the Rift Valley, just outside Nairobi, to Lake Manyara in Tanganyika.

On our left, on the Jordan side, we could view the Rose Red City of Petra, where Moses viewed the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses's brother Aaron was buried there. T. E. Lawrence mentions this beautiful city in his *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, with its magnificent treasury and palaces entirely hewn out of this red sandy rock. Then onwards to Eilat, where we sailed in a glass-bottomed boat and saw the splendour of the pink and white corals, multicoloured and different patterned tropical fish—another world just below the surface of the Red Sea. The Maritime Museum helped to depict the various fish seen through the glass of the boat.

We returned to Tel Aviv, which is interpreted in Arabic as "Hill of Spring," and from there we began a three-day tour to Galilee. We passed through Megiddo, city of antiquity, commanding the great trunk road from Egypt in the south to Mesopotamia and Syria in the north. Many Biblical battles have been fought here. In 1918 the allied armies under Allenby entered Palestine through the Megiddo Pass to drive out the Turkish forces; this British Commander, when elevated to the peerage, took the title Viscount Allenby of Megiddo. The excavations of Megiddo laid bare twenty superimposed cities. It was excavated by the German archaeologist, G. Schumacher, who carried out a "dig" almost single-handed in 1903-1905. The first recorded mention of Megiddo occurs in the earliest Egyptian writings at the scene of attack by the Egyptian Pharaoh Thut-Mose III in the year 1468 B.C.

The Cunieform Tablets, known as the Tell el-Armana letters, confirm the mention of Megiddo in many Biblical battles. This place is recorded in the first and second book of Kings and in the

Revelations. Megiddo is envisioned as the site of the last great battle to be fought at the end of time. "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles which go forth unto the Kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And he gathered them together into a place in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon, which is a corruption of Har Megiddon, meaning the Hill of Megiddo."

We travelled to Nazareth and visited the Church of St. Joseph and saw where Christ worked as a carpenter in his father's shop and we afterwards spent the night in Tiberias, overlooking the lake of Galilee. Although there is a lido there now, it is practically unspoilt and has not lost its atmosphere or significance.

This beautiful lake with the fishermen in their little boats seen today as in the time of Christ.

The Parable of the Loaves and Fishes, the Sermon on the Mount of Beatitudes, and Francis Thompson's poem, "The Kingdom of God" came readily to mind. The last line of that poem reads: "And lo' Christ walking on the water not of Genessaraeth but Thames." The countryside around covered with wild blue anemonies which are the Biblical lilies of the field, red and yellow poppies, pink cyclamon and asphodel; the white buildings of Tiberias covered with purple bougainvillea all have inspired the poets and writers through the ages.

Leaving Tiberias we visited the Kibbutz Ayeleth Hashahar, with its communal living, and then to a Synagogue in Safad, where the Torah, written on parchment rolled as a scroll, had been placed in the Ark. I was delighted to buy their Haggadah, the Passover Story. It had an ornate silver cover, the symbols of the twelve tribes being predominant. It was very colourfully illustrated inside and the guide said that he must buy one for his mother, as she was born on the first day of the Passover. Next we moved to Cheim Adler's studio with his cleverly designed copper pictures. This artist, of international fame, was there explaining his works to us all.

We passed by orange groves, numerous olive trees, vineyards and fields of pink clover looking like a tapestry, and at last we reached Haifa, with a visit to the Carmelite Church, so near to the original Monastery founding the Carmelite Order, and on to the World Bahai Temples and Gardens, where the major religions are represented as one, and their prophets as Divine Educators, whose aim is to establish peace throughout the world.

Finally returning to Tel Aviv *via* Acre, Caesarea and Jaffa, the Crusader Forts, art studios and the Rothschild Mausoleum visited, were all very interesting. Looking around at the magnificent progress over so short a period, I can truthfully say, "Surely this is the chosen race!" Epstein, Einstein, many celebrated musicians, famous

statesmen and artists, and, above all, our Lord Jesus Christ, were Jews. The memorials in remembrance of Churchill, Wingate and Allenby impressed me. My previous reading of the Talmud had helped me to understand more easily this gifted race. This Holy Book, with its early collection of Biblical discussions, is an encyclopaedia of law, civil and penal, human and divine. It records the thoughts rather than the events of a thousand years of the national life of the Jewish people. All their oral traditions carefully gathered and preserved with a love devout in its trust and simplicity. The time consumed in the completion of the entire Talmud is stated to have been three hundred and eleven years.

My thoughts reflected to the Shuval Beduin tribal encampment, the old city of Beersheba, the Arava plain, and the Negev desert. A voice still can be heard from the wilderness saying: "Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God is one Lord and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might, and these words which I command thee this day shall live in thy heart for ever."

E.J.M.

NETLEY MAGIC

(Found among the papers of Major Marie Agius after her death on 26th January, 1967, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar)

Netley Magic is the spirit, the essence, the very soul of Netley. It has come down through the ages, gilded by time, added to by generations of men and women united by the bond of love and devotion in caring for those who were sick and broken in mind and body.

It is made up of so many things. Of sunlight and birdsong, green fields and sparkling seas—of bluebells tossing beneath blossom trees, of snow in winter lying heavy on the fir trees, and foxes beneath a golden moon making tracks into the night.

It is this magic that reaches out to you in foreign lands, so that you pause in the tropic heat and think with nostalgia of domed towers, the click of a cricket bat and the rustle of cool green leaves as the trees sway in the sea breeze.

Sadly time must take its toll. New visions must appear, but through it all, the soul, the spirit, the hand outstretched to those in need, will survive, for Netley Magic is something that has been forged in the flame of pain, suffering and devotion, and over this Time has no sway.

MARIE AGIUS.

A MEMORABLE OCCASION

“God save the Queen, Bless our dinners, make us thankful. Amen.”

These words of grace which have come down through the ages, were recently re-echoed in the ward room of H.M.S. *Terror* in Singapore. The occasion?

*Dinner
in honour of
the
Medical and Dental Officers
and
Nursing Sisters of the
British Military Hospital*

The above invitation was extended to twenty officers, and it was decided that ten Q.A's and ten male officers would attend.

Sharkskin dresses were unearthed from the bottom of trunks, and having not been worn for several years, were found to be ankle length in comparison with the mini-skirt. The local tailor and dry cleaner were completely confused, and one had visions of trying to squeeze oneself into a dress of another.

Ten very smart Q.A's (even though I was one of them and say so myself) gathered in the ante-room to board the bus laid on for the occasion.

H.M.S. *Terror* is fifteen miles from the hospital and we were greeted by our hosts and entertained to pre-dinner drinks on arrival. A seating plan was a great help in avoiding confusion, and at 8.15 p.m. the Royal Marines Band of the Commander Far East Fleet signified that dinner was served.

A hundred officers sat down for the meal, the ladies being graciously escorted by their hosts.

The formal yet friendly dinner was most enjoyable—the food was excellent, the wine carefully chosen, the service unsurpassed, and the conversation ever-flowing; it was surprising anyone managed to find time to eat! All this to the accompaniment of the band playing a varied programme of music.

Sherry, port and madeira was passed round, and a toast to Her Majesty the Queen was made. Everyone remained seated, as is customary in the Navy, even though there was no danger on this occasion of hitting one's head on the beams.

Confirmed smokers were soon alight, but were very taken aback when the Vice-President asked in a loud voice, and with a firm strike of the gavel, if permission to smoke was granted!

The President of the mess, in a short speech, thanked all the staff of B.M.H. for their kindness, understanding and co-operation in dealing with the naval personnel and dependents who attended for treatment. He also thanked us for accepting the invitation to join the naval officers for dinner, which was being given in our honour as a token of appreciation for all our hard work.

Our Commanding Officer, in replying, stated that approximately a third of the patients admitted to date for the current year had been naval personnel, which was as it should be in a hospital run for the three services, their dependents, and civilians attached.

In the powder room we mingled with the three sisters of Q.A.R.N.N.S., who openly admired our uniforms. The senior members of our Corps felt rather sad that the much maligned "sharkskin" is on the way out.

We took our leave with an unexplained feeling of contentment. To some it had been a lesson in the ritual and protocol of a formal dinner, whilst to others, a revision (one officer was heard to say, "I didn't realise how many times I put my elbows on the table until I had to remind myself to keep them off!").

Once again the point was proved when we mingle with other services we find we have much in common, and on this occasion it was apparent that the title "Senior Service" in no way detracted from a most enjoyable evening.

*Labouring together in good faith
toward the broad but common aim
of service to individuals and groups.*

M. N. MORGAN.

THE MILITARY HOSPITAL, CATTERICK CAMP

The new staff accommodation at Catterick Military Hospital was officially opened by General Sir Reginald Hewetson, Adjutant General at the Ministry of Defence, on Tuesday, 7th February, 1967.

R.A.M.C. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. personnel were inspected by him on arrival, watched by relatives, friends and other members of the staff, whilst the band of the Royal Corps of Signals played.

General Hewetson then unveiled a plaque on the new quarters and said, "I think it is a wonderful thing that to the long list of Field Marshalls and Generals, after whom important Army buildings have been named, that of a Lance Corporal should now be added."

The barracks have been named after L/Cpl. Henry Harden, R.A.M.C., who was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously in Holland in 1945, and accommodates fifty-four men of the R.A.M.C.

and seventy-two nurses of Q.A.R.A.N.C. The latter all have individual rooms, their quarters consist of three separate buildings with twenty-four rooms in each, furnished in a modern style.



Dame Barbara Cozens viewing the plaque outside the new quarters.

The large dining room is communal, it is airy and attractive, the kitchens are well equipped, and the food excellent.

Adjoining the barracks is the Harden Club, provided by the N.A.A.F.I., and consisting of two television rooms, two bars, a large recreational room, and lounges where refreshments may be obtained. Informal dances are held frequently, and a mixed committee has been elected to run the Club's activities.

After the official opening, the Adjutant General made a tour of the new buildings, finishing in the new W.O's and Sergeants' Mess, where coffee was served to the guests.

The next official visitor to Catterick was Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., our Colonel Commandant, who kindly consented to attend our Corps Day Church Service and read the lesson: this was held in St. Luke's Chapel in the Hospital on 2nd April, 1967. The Service was well attended by members of Q.A.R.A.N.C., R.A.M.C., and patients from the Hospital. An informal sherry party in the Officers' Mess followed, and many retired Association members were also present and remained to lunch.

On 4th April, 1967, Dame Barbara, accompanied by the A.D.A.N.S. Northern Command, Lt.-Col. H. M. Grant, R.R.C., and Matron, Lt.-Col. M. Moreton, visited Harden Barracks and spoke to many of the nurses, all of whom said how they enjoyed living in their new quarters. Later she had tea with them in the Harden Club and chatted with all those present.

This pleasant visit ended on the evening of 4th April, when a cocktail party was held in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess.

Q/1005977 PTE. ELLEM, E. A.

IN MEMORY OF SIR BENJAMIN RYCROFT

BY SISTER P. M. DYER

In 1947 I had the privilege of being one of a team at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, working with Sir Benjamin Rycroft, for a highly successful corneal graft. How well I remember his words : " Alas, the sands of time will be running out, and I only hope I will be able to train enough doctors to carry on in this field of work, and my one ambition is to get a Bill passed by Parliament for a corneal 'eye bank.' "

Now, twenty years after, one can look back with great pride to have seen his ambitions fulfilled. Many doctors and nurses have been trained.

In 1952 the Corneal Grafting Bill, inspired by his work, was introduced in Parliament to legalise the removal of tissue from the eyes of a dead person to graft on to the eyes of a living person.

Knighthood was bestowed upon him in 1960.

In 1947 how exciting was the atmosphere for the corneal graft. Two patients were wheeled to the theatre at the same time. One to lose his eye—damaged by a butt of a rifle whilst in Burma, the cornea was not affected. The other—to obtain this patient's cornea as a graft. The long wait before the bandages were lifted . . . the tension of the removal . . . the excitement of "The graft has taken." Still more stages to go through, with the final verdict and cry from the patient, "I can see."

Now today all this is accepted; but how golden were those few words, "I can see."

There was also a magic charm about the case, whilst under the tedious hours of lying flat, incased in bandages, the mental tension of "Will the graft take or not?"

The patient concluded his case notes with: "Perfect sight and a perfect wife, by marrying the night nurse of the case."

Sir Benjamin Rycroft had brought into a despondent man's life sight and happiness. What more can one give?

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET TO THE ROYAL HERBERT HOSPITAL, WOOLWICH

On 29th March, 1967, for the first time in sixty-four years, a Royal Standard was broken over the Royal Herbert Hospital when H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, our Colonel-in-Chief, paid an informal visit.

Her Royal Highness was met in the hospital courtyard by Major General J. P. Douglas, O.B.E., Deputy Director, General Army Medical Services; Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S.; Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, D.B.E., R.R.C., and Colonel B. M. Gordon, R.R.C.

Major General Douglas escorted Her Royal Highness up the red carpeted steps into the hospital building, where Colonel J. B. M. Milne, O.B.E., Commanding Officer and Lt.-Colonel T. L. Jeffreys Edwards, A.R.R.C., Matron, were presented. Her Royal Highness was then presented with a bouquet of roses, freesias and lily-of-the-valley by L/Cpl. Pamela Shipman, a second year student nurse. Passing through a lining party of Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers and Junior Ranks, Her Royal Highness commenced her tour of the hospital, conducted by Commanding Officer and Matron, and accompanied by Lady in Waiting, Lady Juliet Smith, and Brigadier Dame Margot Turner.



Visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Royal Herbert Hospital.

Informality was the keynote as the Princess toured the wards, talking to practically every patient, some of them recently wounded in Aden. She looked relaxed and happy, and the charm and warmth she brought to the wards and to all those with whom she spoke, relieved the nervous tension which had been building up amongst us all for so many weeks.

Her Royal Highness was wearing a Thames green tailored coat with a very attractive matching velvet hat, and in her left lapel she wore the lovely jewelled replica of the Q.A. badge given to her by the Corps.

The programme was so arranged as to include the Junior Ranks quarters. Here Princess Margaret chatted to many nursing and non-nursing personnel in the sitting-room, and was shown several bedrooms. We were amazed and pleasantly surprised at the courteous but relaxed, happy manner of our Junior Ranks. They gave the impression of being proud of the Corps and happy in their work.

The Princess showed marked interest in nurse training when she visited the School of Nursing and watched several of the students in the practical room.

All nursing officers and medical officers in charge of wards were presented to Her Royal Highness, and nursing officers who were unable to meet the Princess during her tour of the hospital met her when she honoured us by taking tea in the Q.A. Officers' Mess. The Mess looked absolutely lovely with masses of spring flowers everywhere. Captain Coombes, Catering Officer, produced a superb tea, in keeping with royal requirements.

Mrs. Douglas, Colonel and Mrs. Marks, and Mrs. Milne were presented to Her Royal Highness after she had signed the Visitors' Book.

Several nursing officers and three junior ranks who passed State Finals only a week before, joined the Princess's table for a few minutes in turn. Conversation flowed freely, and topics of conversation ranged from postings and holidays overseas to the recent oil disaster around the beaches of Cornwall, and back again to the more serious discussion of modern buildings and architecture. The Princess obviously seemed to enjoy her visit, and everyone was delighted that she had honoured us. Many people gathered to wave to her as she left the Mess. She had indeed brought happiness not only to the service patients, but to many of the civilians of Woolwich, who are patients or work in the Royal Herbert.

It is an interesting but not very well known fact that the Royal Herbert Hospital is one of only two military hospitals in the United Kingdom designated as a "flag station," which gives it the right to fly the personal standard of any Royalty who may visit.

Q.A'S ON EXERCISE!

A chance remark that I enjoyed ski-ing led to me joining a group of W.R.A.C. Officers and Other Ranks who were going on Snow Queen Exercise. As I signed the dotted line I wondered if, within a few weeks, I would be sitting in an igloo, heating snow in a billy can.

Happily I found that I was not to be the sole Q.A. skier, but that Lt. J. L. Russell, Q.A.R.A.N.C., and Q/Pte. E. Gosnold were coming from Rinteln, and Q/L/Cpl. M. Tucker would meet us from Münster.

Thirty would-be skiers travelled overnight by train to Holzgau, in Austria. Holzgau is a pretty village with adequate nursery slopes and one ski-lift. We moved into two "Pensiones" and we were delighted to find the beds had those enormous airy eiderdowns which are so warm in winter and cool in summer.

From the first day we were on the slopes, and our instructors decided our standards by the simple method of seeing who managed to stand up on skis and who didn't.

Being on "exercise," the first of this type that Q.A's had joined, there was no shirking: everyone had to turn out and do their best!

The aim was that after two weeks' intensive instruction, the best fifteen would go on to Oberjoch, in Southern Germany, to race in the Women's Services Races held during the B.A.O.R. Championship Week.

The first days produced many laughs as we became accustomed to our skis again, but we were sleeping very well, probably due to sheer exhaustion. We seemed to be always finding muscles that we didn't realise we had, and some were wishing that they had done their pre-ski-ing exercises more conscientiously.

At the end of the first week we were able to ski down the mountain at what we thought was a fair speed, displaying a few "stemm-turns" and "parallel-christianes"—that is, till we timed the local villagers. There is something demoralising about watching a three-year-old whiz down an impossible sheer drop and come back for more.

We had three trial races, and on the whole we were pleased with our times.

During the second week we really concentrated on improving our style, and we found the energy to take part in two "Flashing" evenings and a little Apres Ski.

The Q.A's were on constant demand to attend the inevitable sprained ankle and many bruises. Our only serious casualty was a broken leg—naturally the victim had to be a Q.A. The nurse in me was intrigued in the manner in which Q/Pte. Gosnold was brought down the mountain on a boat-shaped stretcher, her leg inside a blown-up polythene bag!

L/Cpl. Tucker and myself qualified to go to Oberjoch for the third week. The small village was swarming with army personnel, all gathered for the races. We took our turn in "guarding the gates" for the Men's Giant Slalom, which is so fast the competitors wear crash helmets to avoid serious injury.

The day of our first race we had a blizzard, so we had very few spectators, and most of us heaved a big sigh of relief.

The second race was cancelled due to bad weather. The winner of the Women's Services Cup was Capt. Beaver, W.R.A.C., but one Q.A. came fifth and the other fourteenth. This pleased us very much, as we hope that next year our standard would improve enough to allow us to win the Cup. Certainly, with a few more enthusiastic Q.A. skiers to even the odds, this could be possible.

P. A. FINN, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

WEST COUNTRY MIDWIFERY

My cases packed and ready to go. I was about to enter a civilian hospital for six months to finish my midwifery training. Having trained in the army, this was to be a new experience.

I arrived to find I was to be one of six. We were wary of each other at first, but were soon chatting about ourselves.

The matron greeted us, looked us over and—by her face—seemed to like us. We were allotted to our wards, and told to report at eight for duty next day. That evening we sorted out our uniforms, pressed them, and shined our shoes.

My first day started on the labour ward, where I was taken under the wing of a staff midwife. I was the topic of conversation for several days, being the first army sister ever to cross their paths. My main problem was getting used to people's titles, and the matron was enthralled because I called her ma'am. First day over—although rather tired, I can honestly say I knew I was going to enjoy my stay. My three months soon passed—and in our last week we were gathered together by our tutor, who told us that on Monday we would be joining the District Nurses. One of our set was overcome: she still hadn't mastered the art of riding a bicycle. So our last few days were spent teaching her. And the night before we left, she was able to keep upright for quite a long time. On Monday we were transported to the District Nurse's home. We were immediately put at ease, and introduced to our respective midwives. And then we spent time getting to know our road maps. We bid our usual "Good night" to each other. "See you in the morning." But, alas! this was not true in my case—at 2.30 a.m. I was called out on a case. This being the first of many disturbed nights.

For a short time we were under the eye of our midwives—but once they were assured of our capability we were on our own. No more warm cars to keep out the cold night air. It was now back to packing equipment on to my scooter—and facing the unknown alone. My areas were mainly Council estates, where children were quite hostile at first—taking pleasure in removing parts of my scooter. So my first and foremost problem was to win them over. So I took to carrying sweets in my crash helmet, and every morning following I was greeted by small children screaming, “Here comes nurse,” and my scooter was promptly regarded as something special to them, and I would often find a small boy sitting on it, beaming away, “I looked after your bike.”

But, alas! time went too quickly: our three months soon came to an end. Coaching classes before examination loomed in front of us. Our course ended on a warm Monday morning. We had met our replacing set—words of advice were handed on. We departed that day—to meet again at the Examination Centre.

J. M. KINGDOM.

LIVING ALONE

And Someone Coming for a Meal

Haddock off the Cuff (enough for 4)

- ½ lb. smoked haddock.
- Mashed potatoes.
- Grated cheese.
- One or two beaten eggs.
- Chopped parsley.
- Anchovy essence (optional).
- Small tin of tomatoes, or fresh peeled as liked.
- Seasoning.

Cook the haddock in milk, flake it, and add all the other ingredients. Serve with green peas or any other vegetable according to taste.

Chocolate Pops

Allow 2 ozs. plain chocolate (*e.g.*, Bourneville) per person, and one egg per person. For four or more, leave out one egg.

Break up chocolate in basin and stand basin in hot water on stove until soft. Add the beaten up yolks of the eggs and fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Place in the Frigidaire. The longer the better. Serve with cream according to figure and taste.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Miss A. P. Walker, who trained in the Corps and gained State Registration in February 1965, is now in the United States working at the Washington Hospital Centre.

Major Ramsay V. Hepburn is now in New Zealand. Address: Denehurst Poultry Farm, R.D.I. Waiuku, New Zealand.

Miss B. Brailsford, T.A.V.R., was awarded the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in March 1967. She is a member of 308 (London) General Hospital, and is a Sister Tutor at the Middlesex Hospital.

Captain Geraldine Mompalao de Piro, who completed her service in the Corps in 1960, is back in Malta and has a part-time post in the Royal Navy Hospital. She would be very pleased to see any Q.A.R.A.N.C. colleagues who may be visiting Malta and help to show them around. Her address is: 1 St. Dominic's Square, Rabat, Malta G.C.

Major G. Mudge, who for years was Assistant Editor, still takes a great personal interest in the GAZETTE and, when her health allows, attends the GAZETTE Committee meetings. She has now moved from Brighton and is living at 2 King's Court, Aglaia Road, West Worthing, Sussex.



Mrs. Mary Brunt, aged 92½ years, lives in Edgware, and recently visited the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, just to see how the old place had changed. As a member of Princess Christian's Army Nursing Service, she was senior sister there from 1899 to 1900, when she went to the Boer War. She found many changes after sixty-seven years. "In those days," she said, "there were only nine or ten sisters on the staff"

THE FLAG

Looking up, the flag of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps reached bravely forward in a brisk breeze. A big flag, but it looked small up there on top of a high standard, against the blue sky of a Berlin spring. It looked small against the vastness of the Teutonic building in which army sick and their families have been cared for, for so many years now: B.M.H. Berlin.

Many have known and loved this old building over the past twenty years, and have imbued it with the character and personality of the three Corps that have administered it.

Now we must watch sadly whilst the passing days bring to a close the end of a long era in the life of this bulky, but friendly, building.

So the flag flew bravely, and it was our flag to herald our Corps Day. The last Corps Day and the last service ever to be held in the Hospital Chapel of St. Luke, old B.M.H. Berlin.

As well as our Commanding Officer, Colonel Eric Gareh and Mrs. Gareh, and members of the R.A.M.C., R.A.D.C., and their wives, we were pleased to welcome the Brigade Commander, Brigadier D. J. St. M. Tabor and Mrs. Tabor, with their sons Patrick and Andrew.

It seemed that half the congregation of the Garrison Church of St. George's changed their place of worship this day to give us their support. And a normally very hard pressed D.A.C.G., Padre J. G. M. Kelly, conducted the service with his usual serious humour and sincerity. Strangely enough, it was the first time he had ever officiated at a Q.A. Corps Day Service, so it was a new, and he said, an enjoyable experience for him.

After the service we "fed the five thousand," and though in fact there were only sixty and they had curried chicken, not fishes, it seemed rather like five thousand in our small Mess.

And so to the work of stripping and packing.

A new hospital awaits us not far from here. It is modern and magnificent, and has grown gradually in magnitude over the past six years. It is seven storeys high, with views and panoramic vistas of Berlin from all sides.

It has yet to acquire character, warmth, and the right atmosphere in the years ahead.

And a Flag, bravely flying.

WE MOVED A HOSPITAL

The 2nd May is Moving Day.

This could well have been the slogan of all R.A.M.C. personnel and the eight Q.A. Officers serving at B.M.H. Berlin, for the weeks prior to moving to a new Hospital some twenty minutes away from our old location.

We had all spent a hectic morning and afternoon in the Quartermaster's Department checking and signing for equipment, and learning to speak the language peculiar to this department of the Hospital.

Detailed lists of equipment had been prepared by each ward and sent to Medical, Stewards, Stationery Stores and the Dispensary during the weeks preceding the move. How they must have blessed us, as remembering some small but essential item we would rush madly to the telephone and ask for it to be added to the bottom of our already enormous lists.

As soon as we had taken over our wards or departments, mini buses and cars could be seen frequently on the roads, piled high with cleaning materials and every available member of the staff. Many an amused glance was cast in our direction by the German workmen as, complete with vacuum cleaners, we would wend our way to our wards, where sounds of scrubbing were soon to be heard. The mammoth task of cleaning had begun.

New beds were washed free from dust, and many a head scratched, as having managed to raise the back rest to wash it, the person concerned could not fathom out how to lower it again.

As work progressed, voices could be heard demanding urgently that we should "Come and see what I've found." Many discoveries were made and commented upon, especially the piebald water which was coming from the taps into sinks just cleaned.

Many people came along during the day to demonstrate everything from the dishwasher to the patients call system, and we would valiantly lead them on, often in the completely opposite direction to the room where the gadgets were installed. Cryptic notes were constantly being written to ourselves, giving directions from the lift to one particular room until we were more accustomed to the layout of the ward. The route to the kitchen was learnt quickest, and we would raise our flagging spirits with the aid of a "cuppa."

The tannoy and radio were tested—the latter working overtime to provide music whilst we worked. The Sister had great fun with the intercoms in the Children's Ward, and were often found "testing"—"Just to be sure they are working properly."

At the end of the day a team of very grimy people would climb into the transport to return to our present hospital to sink into hot baths and bed, only to dream of leaking bedpan washers, blocked drains and workmen walking all over floors that had just been cleaned.

On 2nd May all patients had an early breakfast, and the first convoy was ready to move by 8.30 a.m.

After duty that day, all staff retired to their own quarters to unpack suitcases and trunks and establish themselves in their new homes, each having the satisfaction of knowing that, thanks to their combined efforts, the new B.M.H. Berlin was well and truly open for business.

A RECRUITING DRIVE IN LEICESTER

This recruiting drive, at Lewis's Store in Leicester from 13th to 15th February, was planned many weeks before we left for Leicester, and to make this possible, four girls from the Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C. were asked to take part, and wear Q.A. uniforms dating from the Florence Nightingale era up to the present day. The three other girls and myself who took part were : Pte. Carron, wearing the costume worn by Florence Nightingale's Aid during the Crimean War at Scutari Hospital; Pte. McLean, she wore the costume worn by Army Nurses during the Boer War; and after that came the First World War costume worn by Pte. Ryder, and then the modern ward dress worn by Pte. Harvey (myself).

The journey to Leicester took three and a half hours. At the station we were met by a sergeant from the Royal Artillery, and then taken to our hotel. As there wasn't an hotel that could take the four of us together, we paired off and went to the two hotels that were booked for us.

On the Tuesday morning, transport arrived at half-past eight to take us to Lewis's, where the Exhibition was being held. On arrival we were met by Major Cook, W.R.A.C., who was in charge of us while we were there. We were accompanied also by seven girls from the W.R.A.C. Depot at Guildford, who were also taking part. We were then introduced to the Colonel who was in charge of the whole Army Exhibition at Lewis's. After a coffee in the staff canteen, we were all told to change into our costumes to be interviewed by the Press and have our photographs taken. After that came a Dress Rehearsal.

When this was over we changed into our No. 2 dress, and waited for the first show, which was to be at 3 o'clock. We decided to see the display given by the other Regiments: it really was very good! Many people stopped and asked us questions about the Women's Services and what we had to do, and also about our social life. Quite a few girls were interested in this, and liked our uniforms. Even the soldiers complimented us, which is very rare!

At 2 o'clock we changed into our costumes to be photographed by the television camera men. They seemed to take a definite fancy to Pte. McLean's pink parasol! When 3 p.m. finally arrived, several of us were quite nervous, as there were so many people waiting to see the show, but everything went really well, and we seemed to make quite an impression.

On the Wednesday morning hardly any of us got up until 10 o'clock, as there was no dress rehearsal. We left the hotel and did some window shopping, and had a good look round Lewis's. At 2.30 we changed into our costumes for our second and last display: this time the Deputy Lord Mayor of Leicester came to watch. This show was far better than the first, as we all knew what we had to do and were not so nervous.

Transport arrived to take us to the station at 5 o'clock, and Major Cook was also at the station to see us off. She bought us tea as we had left the hotel well before supper. The Colonel came rushing on to the platform with an armful of newspapers for us: some of these contained a write-up of the Army Display at Lewis's and a lovely group photograph of the four of us, all in costume. The train then pulled in, and we were on our way back. We all felt quite sorry, as we had enjoyed ourselves while we were at Leicester.

PTE. I. M. HARVEY (Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C.).

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Visit of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, to the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich

On 29th March, 1967, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, visited the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, where she toured the wards and spoke to patients. Her Royal Highness was entertained to tea in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Mess.

2. Queen Alexandra Day

The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day:

"The Colonel Commandant, on behalf of all ranks of the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps, presents her humble duty and most loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief, on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day, 27 March 1967."

The following reply was received:

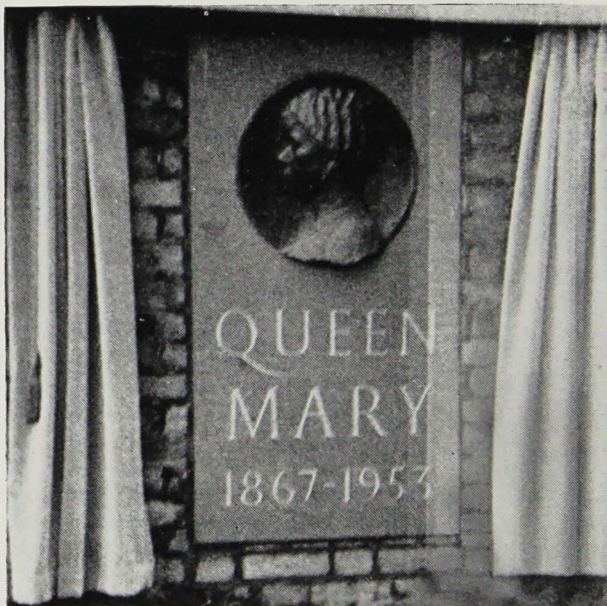
“DEAR DAME MARGOT,

I am writing to thank you for your letter and for the message which you sent on the occasion of Queen Alexandra Day. I have now been able to lay this before Princess Margaret. Your Colonel-in-Chief was delighted to receive this message and has asked me to send her best wishes to the Colonel Commandant, to you, and to all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.”

Copy of signal sent to Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps:

“Matron-in-Chief and D.A.N.S. and all ranks Q.A.R.A.N.C. extend greetings to Principal Matron Wilson and all ranks R.N.Z.N.C. on the occasion of Q.A. Day, 27th March 1967.”

3.



On June 7th, 1967, Her Majesty The Queen unveiled a memorial plaque on the wall of Marlborough House to her grandmother Queen Mary. It was a short ceremony, witnessed by many members of the Royal Family, and amongst the official guests was Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S. As will be remembered by so many, Her late Majesty was Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps and always took such a great personal interest in it and the Association.

4. Midwife of the Year

Captain Y. Jarvis was voted "Midwife of the Year" in March 1967 for the Winchester Group Hospitals. Capt. Jarvis is at present completing Part II Midwifery at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. She is to be presented with the prize at Winchester Nurse's Prize Day on 8th July, 1967, by Dr. Horace King, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Captain A. V. Williams, whilst attached to the Eastern District and Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, was chosen as "The Best Practical Midwife." Captain Williams is to receive her prize on 3rd July, 1967, in Glasgow.

5.

It is perhaps not generally realised that Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers are eligible to join the R.A.M.C. Ladies Golfing Society and are most welcome. Meetings are held three times during the year, and the life subscription is 15s. Anyone who is interested in joining should write for full particulars to Mrs. J. M. Lewis, Hon. Secretary R.A.M.C. Ladies Golfing Society, 2 Grovelly View, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts.

6.

The History of the International Council of Nurses, 1899-1964, by Miss D. C. Bridges, C.B.E., R.R.C., was published in June 1967, and a reception to meet her was given by the Directors of Pitman Medical Publishing Co. at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on 1st July, 1967.

7.

5675 GATINEAU,
MONTREAL,
26 P.Q.
March 25th, 1967.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

As an ex-Q.A. Nursing Sister, I am happy to extend an invitation and to offer accommodation to doctors and their wives, nursing sisters and their friends who are contemplating a visit to Expo this summer.

As hotel prices are indeed very high, I have a spare room with two beds at \$6 per person per night. As I shall be in U.K. for the month of August, and would rent my apartment comprising of two bedrooms, living room and kitchen, and bathroom, air conditioning, in a nice district, convenient to buses and metro to Expo.

I would indeed be very happy to welcome English visitors, and I look forward to perhaps meeting some of my past colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

EILEEN ROCHE.

8. The Royal Victoria Patriotic Society

BEDWELL PARK,
ESSENDON,
HATFIELD, HERTS.

For the daughters of sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen.
Founded 1857.

The objects of the Foundation are as follows:

- (a) To maintain and educate the daughters of deceased sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen.
- (b) To maintain and educate the daughters of living sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen, whether still serving or discharged from the services.

Normal age of admission 5 to 11 years, but older girls may be accepted in special circumstances.

Fees according to circumstances.

The school, which stands in its own extensive grounds, is exceptionally well equipped for ensuring the health and comfort of the children.

All applications should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,
ROYAL PATRIOTIC FUND CORPORATION,
WELLINGTON HOUSE,
BUCKINGHAM GATE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

9. **Queen Mary's House** at St. Leonards has accommodation for guests, the fee being 5 guineas a week. The house is well appointed, has a beautiful garden, and St. Leonards is a very pleasant seaside resort. Enquiries should be made to: The Warden, Queen Mary's House, 7 Hollington Park Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

OBITUARIES

MISS GEORGINA CROSBIE, R.R.C.

Miss Georgina Crosbie, R.R.C., who died at her home at Earls Colne on 17th February, 1967, was 79 years of age and a native of Dumfries. She served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) in two world wars, 1915-19 and 1939-45, and the hospital ship on which she was matron, was involved in the landings at Salerno in the last war, and her services were recognised by the distinction of the Royal Red Cross being conferred on her.

After the 1939/45 war, Miss Crosbie went to live in South Africa for some time and returned to Earls Colne to retire about seventeen years ago. She was a very keen gardener, well known in the village, where she took an active interest in all local activities.

MISS MAUD MARY BLAKELY, O.B.E., R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Miss Maud Mary Blakely, O.B.E., R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., who died in hospital at Bangor on 1st January, 1967, was 93 years of age and served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. from 1903 to 1927. She received the O.B.E. in 1927 for her services as Matron, Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, and was also a holder of the R.R.C.

MISS MINNIE WOOD, O.B.E., R.R.C., M.M.

One of the most highly decorated nurses after World War One died at a Littlehampton nursing home on 17th March, 1967. She was 86.

She retired to Littlehampton about twenty years ago, after a distinguished career with the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

While in the district, Miss Wood was a leading member of Rustington Branch of the British Legion Women's Section, and was for several years a member of its Services Committee.

She was born at Batley in Yorkshire, and in 1911 joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and during World War I became matron-in-charge of the 44th Casualty Clearing Station in France.

In 1920 Miss Wood attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace, when King George V awarded her the O.B.E. She was one of only eight women to be awarded the Military Medal at a time when there was no higher decoration for bravery available to women.

Miss Wood was three times Mentioned in Despatches.

At a meeting of the Rustington Branch of the British Legion in March 1967, members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Cremation was at Brighton's Woodvale Crematorium, and a Memorial Service held at Rustington Parish Church.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

R.R.C.

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. O. BASSETT

A.R.R.C.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. A. WILLIAMS

MAJOR N. LETCH

CAPTAIN D. G. M. ANDERSON

ORDER OF ST. JOHN INVESTURE

On May 16th, 1967, MAJOR MARGARET BRAILSFORD, Q.A.R.A.N.C., was invested as an Officer (Sister) of the Order of St. John by the Lord Prior at the Grand Priory Church of the Order of St. John, Clerkenwell.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

LIEUT. G. E. BIRCH, U.S.A.F. AND MISS A. E. ROSCOE

The engagement is announced between Lieut. George Evan Birch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Birch, 951 12th Street, Douglas, Arizona, U.S.A., and Lieutenant Anne E. Roscoe, Q.A.R.A.N.C., daughter of Major and Mrs. W. E. Roscoe, 18 McLeod Road, Dumbarton.

SQUADRON LEADER R. J. WILKINSON AND CAPTAIN A. CRANWELL, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilkinson, of Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr. W. Cranwell, of South Woodford and Mrs. E. M. Reeks, of Hove, Sussex.

CAPTAIN C. H. CRABTREE AND MISS J. F. ENNALS

The engagement is announced between Christopher Crabtree, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, son of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. T. H. V. Crabtree, of West Lavant, Chichester, and Jacqueline Ennals, Q.A.R.A.N.C., elder daughter of Lt.-Colonel J. T. Ennals, M.B.E., and Mrs. Ennals, of Uppingham, Rutland.

LIEUT.-COLONEL B. C. JENNINGS AND MISS D. W. WATSON

The engagement is announced between Lieut.-Colonel Bernard Jennings, T.D., late R.A.M.C. (T.A.), of Leicester, and Miss Doris Winifred Watson, late Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.), of Marchants Hill, Hindhead, Surrey.

RUBY WEDDING

GREEN-BROOK.—On February 24th, 1927, at the Wesleyan Church, Rawalpindi, John Greene, Indian Army Ordnance Corps, to Amy Brook, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India. Present address: Ivy Cottage, Mount Scar, Swanage, Dorset.

DEATHS

- BLAKELY, MISS MAUD MARY, Q.A.I.M.N.S., died in hospital at Bangor on 1st January, 1967, aged 93 years.
- WOOD, MISS MINNIE, O.B.E., R.R.C., M.M., Q.A.I.M.N.S., Matron (Retd.), died on March 12th, 1967, at a nursing home in Littlehampton.
- NEWTON, MISS EMILY SARAH, late Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., died on March 16th, 1967, aged 82 years.
- WILSON, MISS ANNIE PATERSON, R.R.C., Principal Matron Q.A.I.M.N.S. in India, died on April 15th, aged 85 years.
- McLUNDIE, Mrs: A. M., A.R.R.C. and Belgian Medal, late Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., widow of John McLundie, died May 19th, 1967.
- TRAVIS, MISS CLAIRE LOUISE, at Tunbridge Wells, on 13th June, 1967, aged 102 years. Served with the Army Nursing Services in the Boer War and again in the 1914-1918 war.
- FRASER, MISS C. S., died 19th June, 1967, in Longmore Hospital, Edinburgh.
- LOUGHNAN, MISS MARGERY, O.B.E., R.R.C., Chief Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Retd.), died on 20th June, 1967, in hospital at Tunbridge Wells. Served from 1919 to 1945.
- KINSELLA, MAJOR NANCY, died 22nd May, 1967, in Victoria, Australia. She was Matron of the Peter MacCallum Clinic there after having served in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.) and Q.A.R.A.N.C. almost continuously from 1939 until 1955.
- STEVENS, HARRIETT MARY, S.R.N., late Sister T.A.N.S., died on June 24th, 1967, at Fonthill, Reigate.

APPOINTMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS

- Lieut.-Col. D. Gray, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, w.e.f. 31.3.67.
Lieut.-Col. M. Ryan, A.R.R.C.: Appointed Matron, British Military Hospital, Hannover, w.e.f. 1.4.67.
Lieut.-Col. E. H. Litherland, A.R.R.C.: Appointed A.D.A.N.S. Hong Kong and Matron, British Military Hospital, Hong Kong, w.e.f. 24.4.67.

PROMOTIONS—REGULAR OFFICERS

To Lieut.-Colonels

Major (Acting Lieut.-Col) J. M. Orford, w.e.f. 3.4.67.

To Majors

Captains: P. C. Davis, 27.2.67; F. E. McLaurin, 2.4.67; C. Morrison, 3.4.67; D. E. Brooker, 24.4.67; B. Stack, 24.4.67; V. J. Smith, 2.5.67; D. E. T. Davies, 15.5.67; M. P. Miller, 25.5.67.

PROMOTIONS—SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieutenant to Captain

Lieutenants: M. L. A. Miah, 22.2.67; D. C. E. Taylor, 22.3.67; A. C. Wade, 22.3.67; A. E. Price, 22.3.67; P. A. Hughes, 22.3.67; A. E. Garrett, 20.4.67; J. M. Day, 20.4.67; M. Edwards, 7.5.67; M. F. Duff, 10.5.67; E. L. Day Smith, 9.5.67; C. M. Taylor, 10.5.67; J. P. Elliott, 30.5.67.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Transferred to R.A.R.O. on Completion of Service

Captains: F. Bellerby, 26.2.67; C. Suter, 4.3.67; M. R. M. Blair, 4.3.67; B. A. Earwaker, 2.3.67; E. Straughan, 4.3.67; D. Wordsworth, 10.4.67; S. A. Power, 16.4.67; P. M. Smith, 6.5.67; J. M. Gilden, 6.5.67.
Lieutenants: J. E. Goodier, 2.3.67; D. C. E. Taylor, 22.3.67; A. E. Price, 22.3.67; G. A. Readings, 20.4.67; B. J. Stringer, 20.4.67.

RETIREMENT—REGULAR OFFICER

Major M. J. McMahon, 6.3.67.

RETIREMENT ON MARRIAGE

Captains: K. M. Taylor (*née* Hegarty), S. A. Hodge (*née* Roebuck).
Lieutenants: M. B. Bate (*née* Finneran), R. M. Perry (*née* Couche), H. E. Leeson (*née* Young), S. Duckworth (*née* Davies), J. Goddard (*née* Jamieson), D. W. Scott (*née* Samson), W. J. B. Nicholson (*née* Anderson), E. A. Heal (*née* Roberts), R. B. Cowley (*née* Chalmers), A. Marsh (*née* Lyons), C. A. Foley (*née* Williams), S. E. Wilkins (*née* Gardiner), M. E. Groom (*née* Thomas).

OFFICERS POSTED OVERSEAS

To Benghazi

Lieutenant M. W. Goodwin, 30.1.67.

To Dhekelia

Nil.

To Hong Kong

Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Litherland, 24.4.67.

Majors: D. Taylor, 15.3.67; E. Odell, 31.3.67; K. A. Kiggins, 15.5.67.

Lieutenants: M. P. D. Cleland, 15.2.67; E. M. Glennon, 15.5.67.

To Singapore

Major E. K. O'Sullivan, 20.4.67.

Lieutenants: M. K. Bell, 15.5.67; A. M. Lethbridge, 15.3.67; A. E. Tackerberry, 15.5.67.

To Kluang

Major A. Jefferson, 20.4.67.

To Terendak

Lieutenants: C. M. Palmer, 15.2.67; V. M. Riley, 15.2.67; M. A. Shaw, 15.5.67.

To Penang

Lieutenant C. M. Ayres, 15.2.67.

To Butterworth

Lieutenant R. E. McNeice, 15.2.67.

REGULAR OFFICERS POSTED TO HOME ESTABLISHMENTS

Lt.-Col. D. Gray, A.R.R.C.	...	31.1.67	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot.
Major A. Boad, A.R.R.C.	...	4.5.67	Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.
Major B. Brewster	...	22.2.67	Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.
Major D. W. Galbraith	...	6.2.67	Military Hospital, Colchester.
Major A. T. E. M. Howitt	...	15.2.67	Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot.
Major B. M. Mitchell, A.R.R.C.	13.1.67	Depot and T.E. Q.A.R.A.N.C., Aldershot.	
Major E. Stoker	...	22.2.67	British Military Hospital, Hannover.
Capt. M. J. Clune	...	5.5.67	Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS

MISS MARGARET DOYLE, M.B.E., retired Major Q.A.R.A.N.C., has recently been appointed Assistant Matron at the General Infirmary at Leeds. Miss Doyle trained at Lewisham General Hospital and served with the Q.A.R.A.N.C. in Egypt and Malta, and has worked with the Ghana Government. She was awarded the M.B.E. in 1962.

MISS J. M. WATERS, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., R.N.T., has been appointed Principal Nurse Tutor to Lord Mayor Treloar and Alton General Hospitals. Trained at the General Hospital, Redruth, University of Edinburgh. Last appointment: Nurse Tutor, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

STATE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

PASS LIST—FEBRUARY 1967

Cairney, Christina	Reid, Ann Christine
Clancy, Helene Nora	Rolfe, Iris Irene (<i>née</i> Mabey)
Dougall, Moira Fiona	Strickland, Patricia Alison
Forbes, Rose Mary Josephine	Welton, Fiona Claire (<i>née</i> Holmes)
Frith, Edith Roberta	Whalley, Judith Ann
Kirkbright, June	Whelan, Dawn
Lee, Patricia	Yeomans, Jean
Loughry, Elizabeth Mary Thersa	Davies, Marie Elizabeth (<i>née</i> O'Donnell)
Maxton, Diane Katherine (<i>née</i> Reed)	Jones, Kathleen Elizabeth (<i>née</i> Aspland)
Miles, Jacqueline Carol	McKee, Mary Clare
Morrison, Patricia Joan	Nolan, Anastasia Philomena
Ody, Sara Elizabeth	Raper, Jean Ann (<i>née</i> Hutcheson)
Palmer, Elizabeth	Stephenson, Jane Marian
Pickard, Lilian Carole	Taala, Andrea

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART I

A/Sgt. D. Chapman

PASSED MIDWIFERY PART II

Capt. J. Shaw	Lieut. S. Whittle
Lieut. W. Hall	Lieut. M. G. Bateman
Lieut. P. A. Buck	

S.E.N. EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following Pupil Nurses have passed:

PUPIL NURSE ASSESSMENT AT COLCHESTER

Privates: L. J. Brabham, I. Brown, E. A. Bulmer, K. P. Ellis, M. A. Houareau, K. Hughes, A. R. C. Kerr, W. V. McKenzie, J. A. Nixon, C. Pettit, E. Robb, R. Shipley, K. Troy, G. Coleman, J. P. Slocombe, R. Witney, R. York.

DRAFTING PROGRAMME—Q.A.R.A.N.C. JUNIOR RANKS

1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE, 1967

To B.A.O.R.

Private (A/L/Corporal) Horsnail.

Privates: C. A. Cleeton, S. E. Crichton, L. A. Hicks, H. Irvine, H. A. Cayley, S. Concannon, B. J. F. Davies, M. A. Evans, L. M. Beatts, C. Brind, Chisholm, J. M. Cooper, P. M. Devalle, J. L. Beech, V. P. Burke, M. E. Clayton, E. M. Evans, C. B. M. Russell, M. Chettleburgh, Collins, M. P. Davis, R. H. F. Palmer, S. M. Harvey, G. G. Philpott, G. I. Kasher, J. M. Kasher, M. E. Krivda, E. M. Price, A. P. Reilly, C. H. Thomas, M. Tidball, B. A. Webster, C. F. Davey, L. E. Dollery, P. J. Fowler, R. A. Frazer, G. R. Judd, G. Kane, K. J. Sutton, R. M. Hogan, McKechnie, H. P. Morgan, K. Robinson, L. C. Sherwood.

To Benghazi

Private (A/Corporal) V. A. Brown.

Privates: I. Brown, K. P. Ellis, C. M. Pettit.

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

W.O. II C. H. Jackson.

Privates: K. F. MacLean, C. A. Davis, E. A. Garry, K. J. Mould, A. Neen, S. W. Robinson, S. Butler-Lee, A. Coppenhall, S. S. Edwards, A. P. Fleming, D. P. Lloyd, M. L. Whitby, P. Newton, J. L. Nurse, H. D. Phillips, L. M. Walmsley, J. E. Carr, C. A. Stanger, M. I. Grant, S. Sainsbury, R. Rai, M. D. Collins, E. J. Dalley, M. A. Grayling, P. J. R. Lee, M. E. Ripley, J. Selwyn, I. B. Stanley.

MOVEMENTS OF Q.A.R.A.N.C. JUNIOR RANKS

1ST MARCH, 1967, TO 30TH JUNE, 1967

To Military Hospital, Tidworth

Sergeant A. Graham.

Privates: M. M. Doyle, A. Sumner, D. Waddell, M. E. Stokes, M. Corner.

To Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank

A/L/Corporal C. S. Monsey.

Privates: Gosnold, M. L. Howes, J. H. Hueber, J. M. James, C. I. McDonald, L. Smith, P. M. Taylor, A. Topping, A. R. McSporrán, D. I. M. Gould, M. Brunt, B. Baker, B. R. Burdett, J. F. Coleman, V. S. Downey, M. Duckworth, S. A. Lister, L. Parrington, B. A. Perrin, J. W. Pippins, M. E. Tucker, C. A. Walsh, J. K. French.

To Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich

Privates: P. F. A. Brookes, P. A. Mallorie, N. E. May, J. M. McNulty, P. K. Moss, C. A. Reeves, E. F. Shepherd, J. M. Speir, B. Thorn, C. Williams, M. E. Bruce-Quay, R. Brockbank, C. M. C. Nicholson, B. Richards, E. J. Williamson, S. Bristow-Jones, J. B. Cook.

To Royal Military Hospital, Shorncliffe

Private (A/Corporal) G. F. Gaynor.

Privates: N. Y. McKenzie, B. Lama.

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

Private M. E. Hopkins.

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

Privates: J. Allison-Barrett, E. F. Shepherd, E. A. Roberts, A. Sumner.

To the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot

S/Sergeant J. Barber.

Sergeant B. Bradley.

Corporals (A/Sergeants): B. Sturrock, E. Croft.

Corporals J. A. Pars, L. Marchant.

L/Corporal M. Sandrawich.

A/L/Corporal J. A. Samson.

Privates: M. S. Doyle, J. A. Dyer, A. M. C. Robinson, S. Watson, P. M. Anderson, M. A. Vital, M. J. Scott, M. M. Fagan.

To Military Hospital, Colchester

L/Corporal J. Hayes.

Privates: C. C. Baker, J. Britton, S. R. M. Booker, P. J. Dick, T. A. Dermody, J. Forth, M. A. McNeil, I. S. Mafi, C. M. J. Poat, I. Shreeve, M. J. Sweet, B. E. Smith, J. C. Wallace, M. Watson, M. A. Woodfield.

To Louise Margaret Hospital

L/Corporal A. C. Reid.

Privates: J. C. Miles, D. M. Whelan, C. Moore.

To Military Hospital, Catterick

Privates: S. J. Gibbons, S. E. Green, M. Heyes, J. James, P. A. Kirrage, E. Moncreiff, A. M. Martin.

To the Royal Herbert Hospital, Netley

Privates: E. M. T. Loughry, D. Waddell, A. C. C. Graham.

To British Military Hospital, Cyprus

Private E. R. Morrison.

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

1ST MARCH TO 30TH JUNE, 1967

To Corporals

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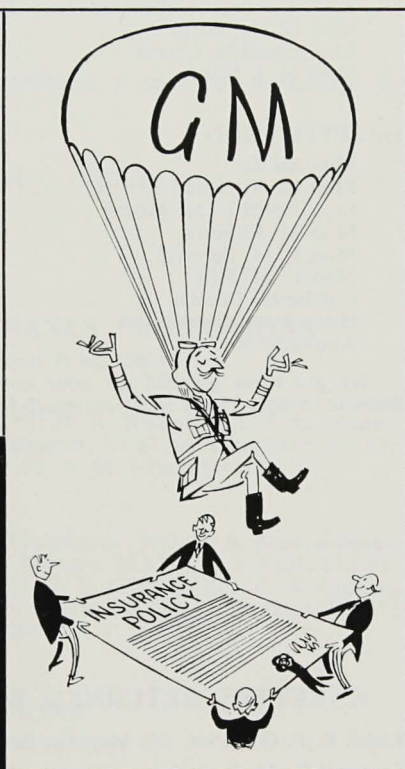
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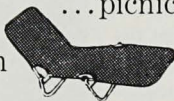
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