

Corps News.

EXTRACTS FROM "LONDON GAZETTES."

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

Surg.-Gen. W. S. M. Price is placed on retired pay, dated August 11, 1903.

Surg.-Gen. W. S. M. Price entered the Service on September 30, 1864, as a Staff Assist.-Surg. He was appointed Surg. to the 73rd Foot, April 11, 1865, and Surg. Army Medical Department, March 1, 1873. Was promoted Surg.-Major, September 30, 1876; Brig. Surg.-Lieut.-Col., November 7, 1889; Surg.-Col. A.M.S., and Col., February 27, 1895, and Surg.-Gen. December 1, 1898.

He served in the Afghan War, 1878-80, operations in the Bazar Valley, affair of Deh Sarak—Medal; Soudan Expedition, 1884-5; Nile, with Korti Field Hospital—Medal with clasp, bronze star.

Surg.-Gen. Price has been an Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India since January 1, 1900, and was appointed Principal Medical Officer, H.M. Forces in Bombay, June 16, 1899.

Surg.-Gen. Sir W. D. Wilson, K.C.M.G., is continued on the Active List as a supernumerary to the establishment, under the provisions of Article 473 of the Royal Warrant of October 26, 1900.

Surg.-Gen. T. Tarrant, retired pay, late Army Medical Staff, to be an Honorary Physician to His Majesty, *vice* Surg.-Gen. A. H. Fraser, retired pay, deceased, dated September 9, 1903.

Surg.-Gen. Tarrant entered the Service on June 16, 1854, as a Staff Assist.-Surg., being transferred to the Royal Artillery on July 28, 1855. Appointed Surg. on the Staff July 16, 1866; transferred to Cape Mounted Rifles September 14, 1866, and to the 12th Lancers December 29, 1869. Was promoted Surg.-Major, March 1, 1873; Brig.-Surg., November 27, 1879; Deputy-Surg.-Gen., June 1, 1883, and Surg.-Gen., October 25, 1889. He retired from the Service November 13, 1890.

He served in the Crimean Campaign, 1854-5, siege of Sebastopol—Medal with clasp, Turkish medal. Indian Mutiny, 1857-8, battle of Cawnpore, action of Kala Nuddee, and affair of Kankur—Medal. South African War, 1878-9, Zulu campaign, battle of Ginginhlovo. Despatches *London Gazette*, May 7, 1879. Medal with clasp.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Col. R. Exham, C.M.G., retires on retired pay, dated August 19, 1903. This officer entered the Service as a Staff Assist.-Surg., April 1, 1871, and was appointed Assist.-Surg., 6th Foot, December 2, same year. He was promoted Surg., March 1, 1873; Surg.-Major, April 1, 1883; Surg.-Lieut.-Col., April 1, 1891. He held the local rank of Colonel in South Africa whilst serving as P.M.O., Natal Field Force. He was gazetted Colonel R.A.M.C., November 28, 1899. Col. Exham was Secretary to the P.M.O., India.

He was specially mentioned for his services whilst engaged in the Boundary Commission in Bulgaria.

His war services were as follows: South African War, 1899-1901; P.M.O. Natal Field Force and Section Lines of Communication; defence of Ladysmith; operations Orange River Colony, November 30, 1900, to November, 1901. Despatches, *London Gazette*, February 8, 1901 (Sir G. S. White, December 2, 1899, and March 23, 1900), and *London Gazette*, September 10, 1901.

He was awarded the C.M.G. for services in South Africa.

Major R. J. McCormack retires on retired pay, dated August 19, 1903. He entered the Service as Surg. on August 2, 1884, and was promoted Surg.-Major, August, 2 1896. He served in South African War, 1899-1902. He acted as P.M.O. at the base, Durban. He was mentioned in despatches (Sir R. H. Buller, March 30 and November 9, 1900), *London Gazette*, February 8 and April 16, 1901.

Capt. P. J. R. Nunnerley, from half-pay is placed on retired pay, dated July 26, 1903. He entered the Service as Surg., August 1, 1885, and was placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health, July 16, 1898.

Col. William McWatters retires on retired pay, dated August 26, 1903. He entered the Service as Staff Assist.-Surg., October 2, 1865, and was appointed Assist.-Surg. 86th Foot, August 7, 1866. He was promoted Surg., March 1, 1873; Surg.-Major, October 2, 1877; Surg.-Lieut.-Col., October 2, 1885; Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col., December 16, 1891; and Surg.-Col., May 7, 1896. His War services were: Afghan War, 1878-80—Medal. Hazara Expedition, 1891—mentioned in despatches, *London Gazette*, October 20, 1891.

Major G. T. H. Thomas retires on retired pay, dated August 26, 1903. He entered the Service as Surg., February 3, 1883; he was promoted Surg.-Major, February 3, 1895.

He was in the South African War, 1899-1902, and took part in the operations in Cape Colony, south of Orange River, including the actions at Colesberg (January 15 to February 12, 1900). He also took part in the operations in Orange River Colony, July, 1901, to May 31, 1902. Queen's medal with two clasps; King's medal with two clasps.

Capt. G. E. Hughes retires from the Service, receiving a gratuity, dated August 26, 1903. He entered the Service as Surg.-Lieut., January 30, 1892, and was promoted Surg.-Capt., January 30, 1895.

Lieut. W. C. Stevenson resigns his Commission, dated August 26, 1903. He entered the Service June 27, 1901. He served in the South African War, 1902.

Lieut.-Col. F. A. Harris, from half-pay, retires on retired pay, dated September 9, 1903. He entered the service as Surg., February 5, 1881, and was promoted Surg.-Major, February 5, 1893, and Lieut.-Col., R.A.M.C., February 5, 1901.

His War services were as follows: Egyptian Expedition, 1882—Medal, bronze star; South African War, 1899-1900; advance on Kimberley, including actions at Belmont, Enslin, Modder River, and Magersfontein; operations in the Transvaal, west of Pretoria, July to November, 1900; operations in Orange River Colony, May to July, 1900, including actions at Lindley and Rhenoster River—Queen's medal with four clasps.

Capt. R. T. Brown, from half-pay, to be Capt., with precedence next below H. E. Weston, dated August 12, 1903.

Lieut.-Col. W. L. Chester to be Colonel, *vice* Col. R. Exham, retired, dated August 19, 1903.

This officer entered the Service as Surg., Army Medical Department, March 31, 1875; promoted Surg.-Major, March 31, 1887; Surg.-Lieut.-Col. A.M.S., and Lieut.-Col. Royal Army Medical Corps, March 31, 1895; being advanced to Lieut.-Col. under Article 365 of the Royal Warrant, August 3, 1898.

He served in the South African War, 1881, Transvaal campaign; Soudan Expedition, 1884-5, Nile—Medal with clasp, bronze star.

Lieut. R. B. Black is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army, dated August 13, 1903.

The date of the retirement on retired pay of Lieut.-Col. M. D. O'Connell is August 15, 1903, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of August 14, 1903.

The undermentioned Majors to be Lieut.-Cols., dated August 4, 1903:—

E. H. L. Lynden-Bell, J. Riordan, R. H. Firth, R. H. H. Moore, A. E. Tate, C. E. Faunce, H. J. Wyatt.

Major E. J. Lawless, on having relinquished his temporary commission for service in South Africa, is granted the honorary rank of Major in the Army, with permission to wear the uniform of the Corps, dated August 7, 1902.

Lieut.-Col. J. C. Dorman, C.M.G., to be Col., *vice* Charlton, promoted, dated August 11, 1903.

Lieut. W. F. Ellis from the seconded list to be Lieut., dated August 26, 1903.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (MILITIA).

Lieut. H. Fox is seconded for service under the Foreign Office, dated August 13, 1903.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Surg.-Lieut. William H. Vickery to be Surg.-Capt., dated September 12, 1903.

The promotion of Surg.-Lieut.-Col. E. Luke Freer, V.D., is antedated to December 24, 1899.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

The London Companies.—Lieut.-Col. J. E. Squire, M.D., is granted the honorary rank of Col., dated August 29, 1903.

The Manchester Companies.—Lieut. R. W. B. March to be Capt., dated September 9, 1903.

The following announcement is substituted for that which appeared in the *London Gazette* of June 26, 1903, under the heading "Gordon Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Company":—

The Aberdeen Company.—The undermentioned gentlemen to be Lieuts. :—

James Smart, dated June 27, 1903; John Wallace Milne, dated June 27, 1903.

The transfer of Lieut. F. Kelly from the Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers), the Aberdeen Company, to the Gordon Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Company, which was announced in the *London Gazette* of August 14, 1903, is cancelled.

The Woolwich Companies.—Lieut. A. H. Minton to be Capt., dated September 12, 1903.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

1st Nottinghamshire (Robin Hood).—Surg.-Lieut. G. T. D. Elder resigns his Commission, dated August 29, 1903.

4th Volunteer Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).—Frederick Borroughs Jefferiss, Gent., to be Surg.-Lieut., dated July 11, 1903.

4th Durham Royal Garrison Artillery.—Surg.-Lieut. Henry William Martyn Stover resigns his Commission and is appointed Second Lieut., dated September 5, 1903.

3rd (Cambridgeshire) Volunteer Battalion the Suffolk Regiment.—Surg.-Lieut. F. A. Wagstaff to be Surg.-Capt., dated May 14, 1903.

The announcement which appeared in the *London Gazette* of June 26, 1903, is cancelled, and the following substituted :—

Capt. F. E. A. Webb, from the Harwich Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Company, is re-transferred as Surg.-Capt. (Supernumerary), dated June 27, 1903.

1st Volunteer Battalion the Gordon Highlanders.—Surg.-Lieut. J. F. Christie to be Surg.-Capt., dated September 9, 1903.

7th Middlesex (London Scottish).—Surg.-Capt. J. Cantlie to be Surg.-Major, dated September 9, 1903; Surg.-Lieut. G. C. Cathcart to be Surg.-Capt., dated September 9, 1903.

19th Middlesex (Bloomsbury).—William Francis Roe, Gent., to be Surg.-Lieut., dated September 9, 1903.

1st Lancashire Royal Engineers (Volunteers).—Surg.-Lieut. H. Halton to be Surg.-Capt., dated September 12, 1903.

MEMORANDUM.

The grant of the temporary rank of Surg.-Capt. in the Army to Surg.-Capt. (temporary Surg.-Lieut. in the Army) H. N. A. Taylor, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Essex Regiment, which was notified in the *London Gazette* of May 8, 1903, bears date December 30, 1902, and not as therein stated.

VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE BEARER COMPANIES.

West Kent.—The announcement of the appointment of Frederick Burroughs Jefferiss, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of August 4, 1903, is cancelled.

Sussex and Kent.—Lieut. H. G. Mallam to be Capt., dated August 29, 1903.

Worcester and Warwick.—Lieut. A. R. Badger to be Capt., dated September 9, 1903.

5th London.—Surg.-Capt. W. N. Evans, from 1st London Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Company, to be Capt., dated September 12, 1903.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the following Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Companies being formed into independent units :—

The Bedford; the 3rd London.

THE SOKOTO EXPEDITION.—We are glad to see, by the *London Gazette* of September 11, that the King has been pleased to approve of the grant of the medal for Distinguished Conduct in the field during the recent military operations in the

Kano-Sokoto country in West Africa to Staff-Sergt. G. C. W. King, of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

EXTRACTS FROM ARMY ORDERS.—A.O. 158 instructs that a soldier reporting himself sick who, in the opinion of the medical officer, is temporarily unfit for the performance of all his duties, but for whom treatment in hospital is not essential, will be ordered to attend at the hospital or inspection room at such times and for such period as the medical officer may consider necessary. While a soldier is attending hospital his commanding officer, acting on the recommendation of the medical officer, will relieve him from all duties, or employ him on such duties and fatigues in barracks as he is capable of performing. While attending hospital a soldier will not be permitted to leave barracks nor will he be admitted to the canteen, either while attending hospital or while a convalescent on light duty, unless the written permission of the medical officer has been given. The King's Regulations and the Medical Regulations will be amended in accordance with this Army Order.

A.O. 163 intimates that an officer who is entitled to the free use of a public charger under A.O. 1 of 1903, but who on the date of the promulgation of that Order was in possession of a private charger, will be allowed compensation at the rates authorised by the Allowance Regulations, in addition to being granted the use of a public charger if the private charger is lost before January 1, 1904, under any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 540 of those regulations.

A.O. 166 lays down that the following will be substituted for paragraph 463 of the Regulations for Medical Services as amended by A.O. 18 of 1902. Thus paragraph 463 will read: A soldier, not below the rank of sergeant, who incurs such loss of teeth as would otherwise cause his discharge as an invalid, may be provided with artificial teeth at the public expense, if, in the opinion of the medical officer, he will thereby be rendered efficient. Paragraph 463a will read: A soldier who, as the result of wound, injury or disease, directly attributable to active service, incurs such loss of teeth as to render him inefficient may, on being invalided, be provided with artificial teeth at the public expense. So, too, paragraph 463b will be to the effect that a soldier who as the result of wound or injury, directly attributable to active service, incurs loss of teeth not sufficient to render him inefficient may be provided with artificial teeth at the public expense.

A.O. 168 intimates that Army Form I. 1236, "Mobilisation Bearer Company, Proceedings of Board of Survey on Field Medical Equipment (Old Pattern)," is cancelled.

THE RECENT EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.—The following results are notified of the examination qualifying for promotion to the rank of Major:—

Awarded a 2nd Class Certificate, and therefore eligible for six months' acceleration in promotion: Capts. Mangin (*C*), Pollock (*D*), Taylor (*D*), Longhurst (*E*), Fowler (*C*), Keble (*G*), Fleury (*D*), Thom (*K*), and Grech (*D*).

Awarded a 3rd Class Certificate, and therefore eligible for three months' acceleration in promotion: Capts. Samman (*F*), French (*H*), Williams (*G*), McMunn (*I*), Prynne (*C*), Barnett (*J*), Fox (*G*), Green (*G*), Tibbits, Profeit (*L*), Kiddle (*C*), Cooper and Hooper.

The following passed, but did not qualify for special certificate: Capts. Killery, Boyle (*D*), Berryman (*D*), and Heaton (*L*).

The letters shown in brackets against some of the above names indicate the officer as having qualified as specialist in one of the following subjects: thus, Ophthalmology (*C*), Skiagraphy (*D*), Dental Surgery (*E*), Psychology (*F*), Gynaecology (*G*), Dermatology (*H*), Specific Fevers (*I*), Pediatrics (*J*), Otology (*K*), and Laryngology (*L*).

ARRIVALS HOME.—The following officers have arrived home: Lieut.-Col. J. J. R. Lucas, Capt. P. S. O'Reilly, Major O. R. A. Julian, C.M.G.

POSTINGS.—The following postings to Stations have been made:—

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Macnamara, Jersey.
Lieut.-Col. T. J. O'Donnell, D.S.O., N.W. District.
Major A. de C. Scanlan, Aldershot.

Major C. H. Hale, D.S.O., West District.
 Capt. R. T. Brown, Salisbury Plain.
 Capt. A. C. Lupton, Home District.

EMBARKATIONS.—Captain H. E. M. Douglas, V.C., D.S.O., to Somaliland. Major E. Davis, Capt. W. C. Croly, Lieut. F. A. H. Clarke, to India.

EXCHANGES.—The following exchanges on the roster for service abroad have been permitted:—

Majors G. E. Hale, D.S.O., and A. C. Ferguson, C.M.G.; Majors A. O. Fitzgerald and G. F. H. Marks; Lieut.-Cols. W. J. Macnamara and R. Porter; Majors C. E. Moffat and S. J. W. Hayman.

THE CORPS WAR MEMORIAL FUND.—Some months before the termination of hostilities in South Africa it was decided that a Memorial should be erected to all ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps who fell in the South African Campaign. With this object, after consultation with the Director-General of the Army Medical Service, a provisional Committee was formed in South Africa to consider the question generally, and the recommendations of this Committee were forwarded to the Principal Medical Officers of all Districts at home and abroad, with a request that they would arrange for the collection of subscriptions which Messrs. Holt and Co. had kindly consented to receive. On October 8, 1902, a general meeting of the subscribers to the Fund so established was held at 18, Victoria Street, S.W., Sir W. Taylor, K.C.B., being in the chair. A Committee was elected, consisting of the following officers, all of whom had served in South Africa: President, Sir W. D. Wilson, K.C.M.G., late Principal Medical Officer of the South African Field Force; Col. W. L. Gubbins, M.V.O., Lieut.-Col. W. Babbie, V.C., C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. R. J. S. Simpson, C.M.G., Major F. J. Greig, Captain A. Pearce, and Lieut. E. B. Knox. Lieut.-Col. Simpson was appointed Hon. Secretary. It was decided that each district should elect one Warrant or Non-commissioned Officer and one man to represent the wishes of those ranks on the Committee. The business of the meeting consisted chiefly in defining the duties of the Committee, to which were handed over all questions regarding the obtaining of subscriptions, the design, execution and erection of the Memorial, and its site, the meeting merely expressing the opinion that it should be an outdoor memorial.

It was decided that subscriptions should be limited to all ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps, the term here to include the Royal Army Medical Corps Militia and Volunteers, as well as all others who served with the Corps on an attestation, but not those who served on a civil contract, nor the Colonially enlisted corps. At first only those who had served in South Africa were asked to subscribe, though all subscriptions (within the limits noted above) were received, but later, as the amount was insufficient, all officers of the Corps were asked to subscribe, and with good results. The amount to the credit of the Fund is now over £1,000.

As to the nature of the memorial; at the general meeting it was decided that it should take the form of an outdoor monument, while at the Committee meeting it was further settled that the general form should be that of an obelisk; but the Committee, after inspecting some designs, decided to put the detail of the design in the hands of an architect, Mr. R. Weir Schulz. Mr. Schulz laid some drawings before the Committee, of which one has been selected, and Mr. Schulz has been instructed to prepare detailed drawings and to obtain estimates for the erection. In the design which has been approved an obelisk stands slightly in front of a semicircular wall. At the base of the obelisk is a bronze bas relief indicating the nature of the work of the Corps. The wall behind it is divided into panels, each of which contains a bronze tablet, on which will be inscribed the names (313) of those who fell in South Africa.

As to the site; Aldershot was selected by a large majority of the Committee, and a sub-Committee, with the assistance of Mr. Schulz, visited Aldershot with a view to selecting the exact position. A site in front of the Cambridge Hospital which was at first recommended was found to be unsatisfactory from an artistic point of view. The site finally selected is at the top of Gunhill Road, and sanction for its appropriation has been asked. It is proposed to fence off an area some thirty feet long by twenty deep from the grounds of the Royal Army Medical

Corps Mess, fronting on the road. Access will be obtained only from Gunhill Road for those who wish to inspect the monument more closely. The obelisk, with the wall behind it, should tell very effectively against the backing of trees.

It is hoped that those officers who have not already subscribed will do so as early as possible. Application has been made to each officer; but owing to their movements, no doubt many of these circulars have failed to reach those to whom they were addressed. It is most desirable that the Memorial should be worthy of its object, and the larger the sum the Committee have at their disposal the more likely is this to be the case.

It only remains to add that owing to the fact that the lists of subscribers from South Africa were very incomplete, no doubt a good many officers who had subscribed were asked again for a subscription. This was unintentional, but the Committee were compelled to assume that those whose names did not appear in the lists had not subscribed.

THE SIR WILLIAM TAYLOR PRIZE.—The following circular letters concerning this Prize are published for the information of all officers of the Corps, as it seems from correspondence that has been received that although they were very widely distributed to all Principal Medical Officers at home and abroad, many hundreds of copies being issued, some officers are still unaware of the conditions. This is very likely to happen in the case of officers being on leave or changing stations when circular letters are sent out, but the Committee think that through the medium of the Journal, the Prize will be brought to the notice of every officer of the Corps.

Circular I.—An Annual Prize of the value of 25 guineas is offered by Surg. General Taylor, M.D., C.B., K.H.P., Director-General Army Medical Service, for scientific and professional work among the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

It will be called the Taylor Prize, and will be awarded annually to the executive officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps on the active list, or on full pay employment below the substantive rank of Colonel, who shall, in the opinion of the Committee named below, be most deserving on account of professional or scientific work.

The members of the Committee will not be eligible for this Prize.

Principal or Senior Administrative Medical Officers of Districts and Commands at home and abroad may at any time during the year submit the names of any officers whom they may recommend as deserving of consideration by the Committee for this Prize.

The grounds for the recommendation will be briefly set forth with such evidence or reference as may be necessary in each case, specifying whether for exceptional professional ability in medicine or surgery, scientific research, preventive medicine, sanitation, bacteriological investigation, epidemiology, &c., &c.

Any similar reports from the officer under whom the officer concerned is actually serving may be transmitted as a guide to the Committee, but it will be understood that only services of distinguished and exceptional merit will be taken into consideration.

Direct application from officers will not be considered, and essays or reports prepared specially for this prize are unnecessary.

In the event of the recommendations made by Principal Medical Officers in any year not containing evidence of services of a sufficiently high standard, the Committee reserve to themselves the right to award the prize for work of exceptional merit submitted in a previous year which has not received this recognition.

The Committee will be the Director-General and the staff of officers at headquarters for the time being, one of whom will act as Secretary; but in case of technical or abstruse scientific work, the Committee reserve the right of calling in competent assessors in any special subject with a view to obtaining their opinion as to its value.

Recommendations must be despatched on or before December 31 of each year. The proceedings throughout will be regarded as confidential.

The name of the officer selected will be duly recorded in the Appendix of the Annual Report of the Army Medical Department, and in the official Army Lists.

The first award will be made on Reports received after December 31, 1902, for work brought to notice but not necessarily commenced in that year.

February 14, 1902.

E. M. WILSON, *Lieut.-Col. R.A.M.C.*,

Hon. Secretary.

Circular II.—The Committee desire to draw the attention of all Principal Medical and other Officers of the Corps to the rules and regulations of this Prize, as set forth in the circular which was widely distributed in February, 1902.

The conditions laid down in paragraphs 10 and 13 must be carefully borne in mind, viz., that recommendations must be *despatched* on or before December 31 of each year, and that awards will be made on reports received for work *brought to notice*, but not necessarily commenced in that year.

If these conditions are not complied with no award can be made, and as there appears to have been some misapprehension on this subject, the Committee have decided to issue this additional circular, in order to prevent any possible misunderstanding in the future.

War Office,
May 31, 1903.

E. M. WILSON, *Lieut.-Col., R.A.M.C.,*
Hon. Secretary.

THE WOOLWICH COMPANIES R.A.M.C.Y.—The annual camp of these companies was held at Shorncliffe from August 1 to 15. The strength during the first week was 12 officers, 374 N.C.O.'s and men, 21 horses and 6 waggons; during the second week, 8 officers, 301 N.C.O.'s and men, 11 horses and 6 waggons.

Lieut.-Col. Stephenson, V.D., was in command, and the other officers present were: Majors C. H. Hartt and A. S. Greenway; Capt. T. P. Jones, R.A.M.C. (Adjutant), M. Taylor and T. W. Bartlett; Lieuts. A. H. Minton, E. B. Dowsett and W. H. Payne; Lieuts. and Quartermasters J. H. Naylor, J. P. Ekins and A. J. Naylor.

The companies left Woolwich by special train on August 1, except the Cyclist Company (No. 4), which proceeded by route march—51 strong. The weather in camp up to the last two days was favourable and much useful work was got through. The training consisted of bearer company and field hospital practice and of instruction in hospital duties, this latter being carried out at the Shorncliffe Station Hospital.

On August 5 the G.O.C. 4th Army Corps inspected the field practice. In his subsequent memorandum Lord Grenfell stated that "he was much interested with the Woolwich Volunteer Ambulance Company work, which appeared thoroughly practical and to be carefully thought out." The following day the Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces visited the companies at work and expressed his entire satisfaction.

On August 7 the annual inspection was held by Col. R. H. Quill, P.M.O., S.E. District. After the march past the companies were inspected in field duties, and at the conclusion Col. Quill congratulated Lieut.-Col. Stephenson on their efficiency.

On August 15 the camp was broken up. The Cyclist Company proceeded by route march to Woolwich, and the other companies, with their horses, waggons and baggage, left by special train at 12.20 p.m.

NOTES FROM GIBRALTAR.—Our correspondent has only cricket news, and writes: "Up to the present the Cricket Club has had a fairly successful season. Although the detachment only numbers about 90, we have been able to get together a team fit to compete with the regiments and corps in the garrison. Eighteen matches have been played, of which 9 have been won, 3 drawn, and 6 lost. The chief run-getters have been Capt. Fawcus and Sergt. Taylor. The former has made 645 runs, with an average of 64 per innings: the latter 490 runs, with an average of 30. The brunt of the bowling has also been borne by the two named. Lieut. Stephens has also made useful scores on occasions. Four of the team were included in the Staff and Departments team which played in the Garrison Cup Competition, and out of a total of 158 made by that team, 122 were compiled by the R.A.M.C. representatives. Capt. Fawcus and Sergt. Taylor also played for the Garrison."

NOTES FROM INDIA.—Major C. R. Elliott, who is Sanitary Officer to the Bombay Command, has been granted an extension of his appointment to March 31, 1906. Capt. S. G. Butler is officiating as personal assistant to the P.M.O. Madras Command, during the absence on leave of Capt. A. E. Milner. Major H. Cree has been transferred from Wellington to Bangalore.

NOTES FROM THE SCOTTISH DISTRICT.—Capts. Fox and Boyle have joined from the R.A.M.C. College. The former is posted to Fort George and the latter to Aberdeen. Capt. McNaught has been appointed Sanitary Officer at Headquarters. Sergt.-Major Jackson has been posted to Glasgow, rejoining the 13th Company; while 2nd Class Staff-Sergt. H. Duff has left for North Nigeria.

At a recent Church Parade at Edinburgh Castle the following received South African medals from Field Marshall Lord Roberts; Sergt.-Major A. King, Corpl. J. Davies and Pte. E. Brown were presented with both the King's and late Queen's medals, and Corpl. A. Simmons, Corpl. G. Angus and Pte. W. Greaves received the late Queen's medal for service in South Africa. At the same parade Sergt.-Major A. King was presented with a Long Service and Good Conduct medal.

NOTES FROM WOOLWICH.—Lieut. and Quart.-Master Hawkey with 1st Class Staff-Sergt. Ritchie and two Privates of No. 12 Company left for Bulford Camp on August 19, while the following left for the manoeuvres on September 5, namely, Lieuts. Balck, Storrs, Conway, Reed and Skey. Capt. Pryne joined on August 28, to take over the duties of Pay Officer, No. 12 Company, in relief of Capt. C. T. Samman, who is under orders for Jamaica. Lieut. Seccombe embarked for service on the West Coast of Africa on September 12, while Lieut. F. A. Clarke embarked on the "Soudan" for India on the 7th.

Our cricket season is now virtually over. An interesting game was played on August 11 between the N.C.O.'s and men and Officers, being won by the former by the narrow margin of 10 runs. For the losers a top score of 43 was made by Lieut. Meadows. No. 12 Company played our 10th Company at Chatham on August 20. The weather was most unfavourable, causing the match to be unfinished.

NOTES FROM ALDERSHOT.—Our correspondent writes that the cricket, which flourished up to the end of June, every match having been won, has fallen off in good results during the latter part of the season. This has been due chiefly to casualties in the team, seven of the original eleven having either left the garrison or been unable to play owing to camps of exercise.

The Corps Athletic Sports came off, in spite of unfavourable weather, on August 15. Among the most interesting events were the Tug-of-war, in which the honours rested with No. 1 Company, and the competition in the R.A.M.C. Challenge Shield, wherein No. 1 Company was again victorious. The prizes were given away by Mrs. McNamara. The unsettled state of the weather did not prevent the presence of a large number of visitors, whose interest was sustained quite up to the close of the last event. The following were the results of the various competitions:—Throwing the cricket ball, Pte. Black; high jump, Pte. Sproule; putting the shot, Pte. Green; football place kick, Pte. Emery; long jump, Pte. Sproule; 120 yards hurdle, Pte. Walton; 2 miles bicycle race, Pte. Tavern; 220 yards (Corporals), Yendal; bicycle costume 220 yards, Corpl. Yeoman; mile race (open to Garrison) Pte. Bertwistle, 3rd Battalion Scots Guards (won by 5 yards); 100 yards, Pte. Bailey; 220 yards, Weston; Johnson Challenge Cup (one mile), Pte. Clark (won by a couple of yards); Officers' 100 yards, Lieut. Webb; tug-of-war, Cambridge Hospital beat Connaught Hospital; $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile, Pte. Perkins; 100 yards, Sergt. Angell.

THE SPECIAL CORPS DINNER.—Officers of the Corps will be interested to hear that the arrangement for the special Dinner which will be held on October 21, at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, are now practically complete, and that there is every probability of a most successful evening. Twenty guests have accepted the invitation, and it is expected that 60-70 officers of the Corps will be present. Officers who may desire to attend and who have not previously notified their intention are requested to do so without delay to the Hon. Secretary. Any who have not already sent their subscription should enclose the amount (10s.) with their application. The subscription is to defray the entertainment of the guests and other incidental expenses. The charge for the dinner itself, 32s. 6d., will be paid personally by the members themselves to the clerk at the Hotel on arrival.

BIRTHS.

CONOLLY.—On September 7, at Station Road, Netley, the wife of Lieut. and Quart.-Master J. B. Conolly, R.A.M.C., of a son.

HODGSON.—On August 31, at Darjeeling, the wife of Capt. J. E. Hodgson, R.A.M.C., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GODDARD—HOWARD-REYNOLDS.—On August 25, at Wynberg, South Africa, Capt. G. H. Goddard, R.A.M.C., youngest son of the late Lieut.-Col. T. Goddard, 44th Bengal Infantry, to Ida Rose Lara, fourth daughter of the late J. Howard-Reynolds and Mrs. Howard-Reynolds, of the Avenue, Kew Gardens.

WINDER—GARDINER.—On September 17, at St. Paul's, Portman Square, by the Rev. T. E. Winder, Rector of Fiddown, co. Kilkenny (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. W. Moore, of the parish, Herbert Winder, R.A.M.C., to Esther Amabel (Essie), younger daughter of E. B. Gardiner, of Bickenhall Mansions, Portman Square, and Carse Grange, Errol, Perthshire.

DEATHS.

COLLETT.—On August 18, at Manila, Philippine Islands, H. G. Outram Collett, of the Army Medical Reserve, and of Cheyne Lodge, Southsea, aged 40.

PATTERSON.—The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. Thomas William Patterson, D.S.O., who retired from the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1889, after twenty-three years' service, in the course of which he was engaged in the Afghan War of 1878 (Medal), the Soudan Expedition of 1885 (Medal with clasp and bronze star), and in Burma in 1886 and 1887, being mentioned in Despatches and receiving the Distinguished Service Order. He died at Ramelton, Ireland, on the 2nd inst., having but recently completed his fifty-ninth year.

ALLIN.—We greatly regret to announce the death, on September 8, 1903, in India, of Col. William Briggs Allin, M.B., from bronchitis. Col. Allin was in his fifty-second year, and was holding the appointment of Principal Medical Officer, Bombay and Nagpur Districts. He entered the service February 4, 1877; was promoted Surg.-Major, June 15, 1885; Surg.-Lieut.-Col., September 30, 1893; Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col., July 9, 1896, and Col. R.A.M.C., November 29, 1900. He served in the Afghan War, 1878-80 (medal); Soudan Expedition, 1884-5; Nile; in charge of Field Hospital at Gakdul Wells (Despatches, *London Gazette*, August 25, 1885; Medal with clasp; bronze star). Promoted Surg.-Major. Isazai Expedition, 1892. South African War, 1899-1902; P.M.O. Field Army, Natal, and Section Lines of Communication. Relief of Ladysmith. Despatches (Sir R. H. Buller, March 30, June 19, and November 9, 1900), *London Gazette*, February 8, 1901. (King's medal with two clasps). Promoted Colonel.

THE R.A.M.C. FUND.

The sum of £10 7s. 8d. has been received from Capt. A. H. Waring, R.A.M.C., acting for the "Forrest Memorial Fund." The object of this Fund is to erect a brass to the memory of Capt. E. G. Forrest, R.A.M.C., at the Royal Army Medical College. The subject will be before the Committee at its next meeting.

NOTICE.

Officers desiring to support the R.A.M.C. Fund can obtain, on application to the Hon. Secretary, a copy of the proceedings of the Committee up to date, together with an Order Form for the Annual Subscription.

The subscription for officers on the Active List is £1 per annum ; for convenience of record, officers are asked to forward their order forms through the Hon. Secretary.

Officers on retired pay desiring to allocate their subscriptions to special objects can obtain a special form for this purpose.

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September 17, 1903.

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ANNOTATIONS.

OUR FOREIGN GARRISONS.—More than one correspondent has written to us asking for a series of articles upon the climate, diseases, sporting possibilities, &c., of our various foreign stations. There are but few of us who, at some time or another, have not wished for information of the kind, more especially when detailed to take our place on the foreign service roster. We think a series of articles giving information as to personal needs and other facts connected with our foreign garrisons would be welcomed ; if our various readers will furnish us with either articles *in extenso*, or with the necessary facts on which such articles might be prepared, we shall be glad to publish them for mutual advantage.

KAFFIR MEDICINES AND TREATMENT.—An esteemed correspondent writes, it would be interesting to know if any of our officers who served in South Africa had any experience of the Kaffir treatment of diseases, and whether such experiences were as satisfactory as those given by Mr. D. M. Wilson in his book called "Behind the Scenes in the Transvaal," published by Cassell and Co. We need hardly say that should any of our readers have information, from personal experience or otherwise, of the medical practice of Kaffirs or any other native race, it will be cordially welcomed in the pages of this Journal.

THE FRENCH ARMY MEDICAL MANŒUVRES.—To files of *Le Temps* of August 29 and September 1 we are indebted for certain details regarding the annual manœuvres of the French Army Medical Corps. They appear to have been specially planned for a rehearsal of the official methods of dealing with the wounded from the first line, for the instruction of medical officers of the reserve and territorial army, and for a critical survey of equipment with a view to its improvement. The post of technical critic was assigned to the well-known bacteriologist, M. Vaillard, Senior Medical Officer of the Military Hospital of Vincennes. The area of operations was the plain of Champigny, where the 10th Division of Infantry, belonging to the Paris garrison, was detailed to operate as a force attempting a sortie from Paris and then falling rapidly back. The general arrangements for imitating the taaacilities of war were not dissimilar to those familiar to ourselves, whereby a certain number of soldiers are previously labelled as suffering from various injuries or wounds, and then caused to fall out of the ranks as casualties, to be tended and removed to the hospitals in rear by the medical corps. In these exercises at Champigny, the staff of the stationary hospitals seems to have consisted exclusively of officers of the medical reserve and territorial army, whilst the officers of the field hospitals were medical officers on the active list. From our point of view, the chief interest of these manœuvres lies in the fact that, in the case of a force operating over a level plateau with very little shelter, as the 10th Infantry division appears to have done, the dressing station (*poste de secours*) could not be located any nearer the fighting line than 2,000 metres, owing to the movements of the bearers and others being within the dangerous fire zone. The inference drawn by our French colleagues is that in such circumstances they must either locate the dressing stations on the flanks of the force engaged, as being less within the zone of fire, or do away with

them altogether, and trust to a more elaborate outfit with the regimental surgeons for affording first aid in and near the firing line. We are quite of opinion that under the conditions of modern warfare there are distinct limitations to the picking up of wounded men in exposed portions during the progress of a battle, and that by a fuller reliance upon the utility of the first field dressing, borne on the person and applied where possible by the wounded man himself, must we depend until a lull in the firing permits of actual clearance of the field by bearers and ambulances. We confess to some difficulty in understanding why, at these manœuvres near Paris, it should have been supposed that the dressing stations and collateral ambulance service could have worked in exposed places without great risk. Our experiences in some parts of South Africa clearly showed this to be a very real difficulty for the medical service in the first line. Judging by the reported remarks of M. Vaillard, he seems to have been an ideal director and umpire of these medical manœuvres; many of his observations are of practical interest to ourselves, as they deal with details and defects in the equipment of the field hospitals, especially as to their cumbersomeness and want of uniformity and interchangeability. These features have long been recognised by ourselves as unpardonable defects in field medical equipment. The ambulance transport, too, seems to have come in for considerable criticism, so that in the matter of defects of this kind we do not seem to hold a monopoly.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.—The following extracts are made from the *London Gazette* :—

Miss A. B. Wohlmann to be Sister, dated May 28.

Miss S. B. Lanyon to be Staff Nurse, dated May 28.

Miss J. G. Powell and Miss P. Young to be Sisters, dated June 13.

Miss A. C. Jacob, Miss L. F. A. Waller and Miss K. Pearse to be Staff Nurses, dated February 17 and June 13.

Miss H. Stuart to be Sister, dated June 27.

Miss M. L. Rannie to be Matron, dated June 29.

Miss E. M. Denne, Miss E. H. Hay and Miss D. M. Taylor to be Staff Nurses, dated June 26 and July 6.

Staff Nurse Miss S. R. Hughes-Hallett resigns her appointment, dated June 26.

Miss S. J. Browne to be Matron-in-Chief, dated April 4, 1902.

Miss E. S. Mason, Miss M. M. Rees and Miss M. Walker to be Staff Nurses, dated August 3.

Sister F. A. G. Kinahan resigns her appointment, dated August 31.

The following "Changes of Station" are notified :—

Matron: Miss M. L. Rannie on appointment to Woolwich.

Sisters: Miss D. V. Briscow, Woolwich to Egypt; Miss J. M. Clay, on appointment to Portsmouth; Miss C. P. Gash, on appointment to Aldershot; Miss H. McCurdy, Gibraltar to Gosport; Miss H. L. Neale, South Africa to Netley; Miss P. Young, Canterbury to Aldershot.

Staff Nurses: Miss A. R. F. Auchmutz, on appointment to Netley; Miss E. M. Denne, on appointment to Woolwich; Miss E. N. Hay, on appointment to Alton; Miss E. S. Mason, on appointment to Aldershot; Miss K. Pearse, York to Aldershot; Miss M. M. Rees, on appointment to Aldershot; Miss D. M. Taylor, on appointment to Dublin; Miss L. F. A. Waller, Portsmouth to Aldershot.

The following ladies have been warned to embark on the troopship "Plassey" for duty on the voyage :—

Miss A. E. Tait, as Matron; Miss A. F. Byers, as Staff Nurse.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

THE Editor will be glad to receive original communications upon professional subjects, travel and personal experiences, &c. He will also be glad to receive items of news and information regarding matters of interest to the Corps from the various garrisons, districts and commands at home and abroad. All these communications should be written upon one side of the paper only, and be addressed to the Editor, JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, 68, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Letters regarding subscriptions, non-delivery of the Journal, or change of address, should be sent to Major T. McCulloch, R.A.M.C., 68, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Communications have been received from Capt. H. P. Johnston, Major Donegan, Major Mould, Major Freeman, Major Forrest, Mr. Hewlett, Major Hardy, Civil Surgeon Ash, Major Begbie, Lieut. Balck, Major Horrocks, Major Melville, Col. Quill, Capt. O'Grady, Col. Blennerhassett, Lieut.-Col. Hathaway, Major Hallaran, Capt. Fleury, Capt. Greenwood, Lieut.-Col. Woods, Lieut.-Col. O'Sullivan, Lieut.-Col. Younge, Lieut.-Col. Sylvester, Major Aldridge.

The following periodicals have been received: *The Medical Record*, *The Medical News*, *New York Medical Journal*, *Gazette Med. de Paris*, *Il Morgagni*, *The Medical Review*, *El Siglo Medico*, *Der Militärarzt*, *Deutsche Militärärztliche Zeitschrift*, *Anales de Sanidad Militar*, *Revue Med. de la Suisse Romande*, *La Medicina Militar Española*, *The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, *Annali di Med. Navale*, *Giornale del Regio Esercito*, *Le Caducée*; also "Genfer-Konventionen," by Capt. Hans Daae, and "Cancer and the Precancerous Condition," by Major Fink.