

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Director of Medical Services, British Army of the Rhine

Major-General J. C. BARNETSON, O.B.E., Q.H.P., M.B., late R.A.M.C., took over the appointment of Director of Medical Services, British Army of the Rhine, in succession to Major-General W. R. M. DREW, C.B., C.B.E., Q.H.P., M.B., F.R.C.P., late R.A.M.C. in November, 1964.

Major-General James Craw BARNETSON was born in Joppa, Midlothian, Scotland, on 26th July, 1907. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University, from where he graduated M.B., Ch.B., in 1931. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1931.

The latest senior appointments he has held have been as Commandant of the R.A.M.C. Field Training Centre and H.Q. Army Emergency Reserve R.A.M.C., and as Deputy Director of Medical Services at Headquarters, Northern Command. His last appointment, which he held since August, 1961, was Deputy Director General of Army Medical Services.

He was appointed Honorary Physician to Her Majesty The Queen in September, 1961.

Deputy Director-General of Army Medical Services

Brigadier J. P. DOUGLAS, O.B.E., M.B., late R.A.M.C., took over the appointment of Deputy Director-General of Army Medical Services in succession to Major-General J. C. BARNETSON, O.B.E., Q.H.P., M.B., late R.A.M.C., in early December, 1964, with the rank of Major-General.

Brigadier John Primrose DOUGLAS was born in Perth, Scotland, on 22nd February, 1908. He was educated at Perth Academy and St. Andrew's University, from where he graduated M.B., Ch.B., in 1930. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1933.

The latest senior appointments he has held have been in the War Office (Army Medical Department), a period of secondment to N.A.T.O. Headquarters, and as Inspector of Training of the Army Medical Services. His last appointment, which he held since January, 1963, was Deputy Director of Medical Services, Headquarters, 1st British Corps in B.A.O.R.

Director of Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army

Brigadier R. J. G. Morrison, C.B.E., took over from Major-General W. H. Hargreaves when the latter retired in early 1965.

A student of Bart's, Brigadier Morrison qualified M.B., B.S., London and M.R.C.S. England, L.R.C.P. London in 1933. Proceeding to M.D. (Lond.) in 1935 he obtained the London membership in 1944 and was elected F.R.C.P. in 1954.

Commissioned in the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1936 he did a short spell of duty with a General Hospital in Egypt and Palestine before returning to the Junior Course at R.A.M. College. Graded as a physician he began a tour of duty in India serving at Lucknow, Ranikhet, Dinapore and Delhi where he officiated as Surgeon to

H.E. The Commander in Chief. In 1943 he went with 16 (Combined) General Hospital to Middle East later returning to U.K. to join 111 General Hospital for service in North West Europe in which theatre he also commanded a Field Ambulance, acted as Officer in Charge Medical Division of a General Hospital and was mentioned in despatches. After the war he did duty at the Military Hospital Nairobi for some years before returning for the Senior and Specialist Courses at R.A.M. College. Consulting Physician in the Far East with the rank of Brigadier in 1956-9 and appointed C.B.E. he returned to Millbank in June 1959 to be Professor of Tropical Medicine and Consulting Physician. He was appointed Honorary Physician to The Queen in 1961, and was advanced to consultant status in 1963.

**Professor of Military Surgery—Royal College of Surgeons and Royal Army
Medical College**

Colonel J. M. Matheson, O.B.E., who has taken over this combined appointment from Colonel J. C. Watts, O.B.E., M.C., is a graduate of Edinburgh University qualifying M.B., Ch.B., in 1936 and proceeding to M.D. in 1945 after taking the M.R.C.P. Edinburgh in 1939. After the war he also obtained the Edinburgh F.R.C.S. in 1946 and the F.R.C.S. (England) in 1962.

Commissioned in the Territorial Army in 1936 he transferred to the Regular Army in 1939. From serving with the 2nd (Scottish) General Hospital T.A. in 1936 he moved in the early days of the war to duty abroad with 83 and 88 Base Sub Areas and as A.D.M.S. to G.H.Q. Middle East Forces and British North Africa Force being mentioned in despatches in 1944. After the war, duty in Military Hospitals in Scotland was followed by the Senior Officers Course at Millbank and return to duty as specialist surgeon.

In 1948 he became Medical Liason Officer with the Army Section of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington D.C. in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and included in his duties attendance at courses in America on rehabilitation in surgery and on the effects of atomic explosions. Awarded the O.B.E. in 1950 and returning to U.K. in 1951, he served at Chester and at B.M.H. Klagenfurt (Adviser in Surgery to British Troops Austria) before going to Egypt (B.M.H. Fayid) from 1953-1956. A tour of duty as O. i/c. Surgical Division Catterick and Cambridge Military Hospitals from 1956-8 was followed by duty at B.M.H. Dhekelia. He was advanced to consultant status in 1963 having been promoted Colonel in 1962.

**Professor of Military Medicine, Royal College of Physicians and R.A.M. College, and
Consulting Physician R.A.M. College**

Colonel J. P. Baird who takes over this appointment on Brigadier Morrison's promotion to be Director of Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army is a graduate of Edinburgh University where he qualified M.B., Ch.B., 1937 proceeding M.R.C.P. Edinburgh and London in 1946 and to M.D. Edinburgh in 1958. Elected F.R.C.P. Edinburgh in 1952, he was elected also F.R.C.P. London in 1959.

First commissioned on 12th December, 1939 he did his stint as regimental and field ambulance medical officer at home and abroad (Egypt, Cyprus and Syria) before

working as a graded physician in a number of general hospitals in Malta and in Central Mediterranean Forces.

After the war as a specialist physician he was posted to the Cambridge Hospital and the Military Hospital Wheatley and later as Command Adviser in Medicine (in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel) to British Troops in Austria.

After the Senior Course at Millbank he was posted for one year as specialist physician to the Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, under the exchange scheme with the Medical Corps United States Army.

Then followed a short spell at Tidworth before posting to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital as Medical Specialist in 1951. He became Assistant Professor of Tropical Medicine, Royal Army Medical College in July 1953. A tour of duty at B.M.H. Singapore as Officer in Charge Medical Division, followed. In 1961 after return to the U.K. he was posted back as Assistant Professor of Tropical Medicine in R.A.M. College and in 1962 also assumed charge of the Medical Division at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, being promoted Colonel, later that year.

He is welcomed as the New Honorary Editor of this Journal in which task the Management Staff would wish to pledge their full support.

The College of Pathologists and the Royal Army Medical College

The College of Pathologists having previously acquiesced to the establishment of a Chair in Military Pathology jointly with The Royal Army Medical College has confirmed its acceptance as first holder of this Joint Chair of Colonel T. E. FIELD, M.B.E., M.D., M.C.Path., late R.A.M.C.

Honorary Consultant

Mr. N. H. L. RIDLEY, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., has been appointed Honorary Consultant in Ophthalmology to the Ministry of Defence (Army) as from 9th November, 1964 and his appointment as Honorary Consultant to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital has automatically ceased.

The Mitchiner Medal

Colonel H. W. WHITCHER, O.B.E., T.D., M.A., M.B., Ch.B., late R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Mitchiner Medal for 1965 by the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Order of St. John

Brigadier A. B. DEMPSEY, O.B.E., to be a Serving Brother.