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### EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

*July 1.*—The KING has been graciously pleased on the occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order:

Major-General Robert Cecil Priest, M.D., F.R.C.P., K.H.P., late Royal Army Medical Corps.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the celebration of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) William Ralston Duncan Hamilton, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Lieutenant (Quartermaster) Joseph John Bicknell, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Lieutenant (temporary Major) George Jameson-Carr, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain (Quartermaster) Watkin Norman Maddy, late Royal Army Medical Corps.

*July 8.*—The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East during the period December, 1940, to February, 1941:

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order:

Colonel (temporary Major-General) Percy Stanley Tomlinson, D.S.O., M.R.C.P., late Royal Army Medical Corps.

*Sept. 19.*—Col. W. B. Rennie, M.C., M.B. (11015) (late R.A.M.C.), having attained the age for retirement, retires and remains empld. Sept. 20, 1941.

Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) N. Cantlie, M.C., M.B., F.R.C.S. (4217), from R.A.M.C., to be Col. Sept. 20, 1941, with seniority Oct. 6, 1938.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) L. B. Clarke (15665), to be Lt.-Col. Sept. 20, 1941.

*Sept. 23.*—Col. (temp. Brig.) W. Bisset, M.C., M.B. (15684) (late R.A.M.C.), having attained age for retirement, retires Sept. 24, 1941, and remains empld.

Lt.-Col. E. A. P. Brock (8569), from R.A.M.C., to be Col. Sept. 24, 1941, with seniority Jan. 1, 1938.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. C. Denvir, M.B. (19372), to be Lt.-Col. Sept. 24, 1941.

*Sept. 26.*—Col. W. A. Frost, O.B.E., M.B. (615), (late R.A.M.C.), retires on ret. pay on account of ill-health. Sept. 27, 1941.

Lt.-Col. E. Phillips, D.S.O.; M.C., M.B. (8555), from R.A.M.C., to be Col. Sept. 27, 1941, with seniority Nov. 17, 1938.

Maj. J. E. Brooks, M.B. (24829), to be Lt.-Col. Sept. 27, 1941.

*Sept. 30.*—Col. (temp. Brig.) A. D. Stirling, D.S.O., M.B. (4623), (late R.A.M.C.), retires Sept. 30, 1941, and remains empld.

Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) S. D. Reid, M.B. (5716), from R.A.M.C., to be Col., Sept. 30, 1941, with seniority Nov. 22, 1938.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. J. Robertson, M.B. (14375), to be Lt.-Col. Sept. 30, 1941.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. W. Reeves (66209), to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) Oct. 1, 1941.

*Oct. 3.*—Lt.-Col. S. P. Sykes, M.B. (18796), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Maj. whilst empld. during present emergency. Sept. 8, 1941.

*Oct. 7.*—Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) E. A. Sutton, M.C. (8525), from R.A.M.C., to be Col., Oct. 8, 1941, with seniority Dec. 30, 1938.

Maj. & Bt. Lt.-Col. (temp. Lt.-Col.) F. C. Tibbs (15776), to be Lt.-Col. Oct. 8, 1941.

*Oct. 10.*—Col. H. C. Winckworth (127), ret. (late R.A.M.C.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Lt.-Col. whilst empld. during the present emergency. Aug. 28, 1941.

*Oct. 14.*—The undermentioned (late R.A.M.C.), retire on ret. pay. Oct. 13, 1941:

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Maj.-Gen. A. D. Fraser, *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, *M.B.*, *K.H.S.* (11112).

Maj.-Gen. (supernumerary) R. C. Priest, *C.B.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.C.P.*, *K.H.P.* (14073).

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) C. M. Finny, *O.B.E.*, *M.B.*, *F.R.C.S.*, *K.H.S.* (8132) (late *R.A.M.C.*), to be Maj.-Gen. Oct. 13, 1941.

Col. (temp. Brig.) G. Wilson, *O.B.E.*, *M.C.*, *M.B.*, (26291) (late *R.A.M.C.*), to be actg. Maj.-Gen. Oct. 13, 1941.

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols., from *R.A.M.C.*, to be Cols. Oct. 13, 1941:

F. D. Annesley, *M.C.* (8422), with seniority Mar. 18, 1939.

C. D. M. Buckley, *M.C.*, *M.B.* (22509), with seniority Mar. 20, 1939.

Maj.-Gen. R. C. Priest, *C.B.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.C.P.*, *K.H.P.* (14073), relinquishes the apt. of *Insp. of Med. Servs.* Oct. 13, 1941.

The undermentioned Majors to be Lt.-Cols. Oct. 13, 1941:

(Temp. Lt.-Col.) F. R. H. Mollan, *M.C.* (5666).

G. O. F. Alley, *M.C.*, *M.D.* (14138).

Maj.-Gen. R. C. Priest, *C.B.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.C.P.* (14073), ret. pay, at his own request, reverts to the rank of Col. whilst empld. during the present emergency. Oct. 13, 1941.

Oct. 17.—Maj. J. M. Morrison, *M.B.* (15603), retires on ret. pay on account of ill-health. Oct. 4, 1941.

Maj. F. P. M. Anderson, *M.B.* (35616), to take rank and precedence in his Corps and in the Army as if his appt. as Maj. bore date July 27, 1937.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) F. T. Catton (66318), to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) Oct. 16, 1941.

#### Regular Army Reserve of Officers.

Oct. 17.—Maj. J. Hare, *O.B.E.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.F.P.S.* (26292), ceases to belong to the Res. of Off. on account of ill-health, Oct. 18, 1941, and is granted the rank of Lt.-Col.

### THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS.

Oct. 14.—Maj. A. A. McMullan (34239), is removed from the Res. of Off. Sept. 15, 1941, under the provs. of Art. 716a, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1940.

Oct. 17.—Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) H. J. Higgins (15754), to be Lt.-Col. Oct. 17, 1941.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Sept. 19.—Matron (Act. Principal Matron) Miss M. Loughnan, *R.R.C.*, to be Principal Matron. Sept. 18, 1941.

The undermentioned Sisters (temp. Matrons) to be Matrons:

Miss G. Miller, *A.R.R.C.* Sept. 12, 1941.

Miss A. McC. Summerfield. Sept. 18, 1941.

Oct. 14.—Matron Miss H. M. Jones, *R.R.C.*, retires on ret. pay. Sept. 17, 1941.

Sister (temp. Matron) Miss S. A. Perry, to be Matron. Sept. 17, 1941.

### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY—PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps have made a further donation of £100

to the British Red Cross Society, Prisoners of War Department, making a total of £300.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS AND THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS COMFORTS GUILD.

THERE has not been much to report since the last issue of the JOURNAL. A further contribution is being sent to our Prisoners of War this month and also a sum earmarked for books and games. The amounts will be voted at the next Committee Meeting.

We have this week received several letters from the Middle East from Field Units, to whom we despatched parcels in February

last. We were very glad to hear of their safe arrival and that the men seemed so pleased with them. Parcels have been sent every month since then, and we have now sent a parcel to every unit in the Middle East.

The Committee will be very glad to hear from any newly formed units, or those under orders to proceed overseas, who would like

books and games, and woollies too, where necessary.

We still want more knitters and can supply wool to parties, coupon-free and without cost, provided the garments are returned to the Headquarters Mess. Applications for wool

should be addressed to Mrs. Sandiford, R.A.M.C. Headquarter Mess, Millbank, S.W.1.

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Millbank,  
London, S.W.1.*

## DEATHS.

GILL.—On Aug. 27, 1941, Captain H. Gill, The Army Dental Corps. Qualified as L.D.S., Sheffield, in 1934, and before joining the Army held the appointment of Honorary Assistant Dental Surgeon to the Barnsley Beckett Hospital. He was commissioned as Lieutenant in the Army Dental Corps on Aug. 12, 1940, and promoted Captain a year later. Captain Gill, who was 36 years of age, leaves a widow and a small son to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

TOWNEND. On Aug. 28, 1941, Captain A. F. Townend, The Army Dental Corps, at the age of 29 years. He was educated at Bradford and qualified as L.D.S., Leeds, in 1935. He was commissioned as Lieutenant in The Army Dental Corps on June 4, 1940, and promoted Captain on June 4, 1941. Captain Townend was unmarried.

BARNETT.—On Aug. 31, 1941, in Beaconsfield, Lieut.-Colonel Kennet Bruce Barnett, R.A.M.C., retired. Born in Holywood, Belfast, Sept. 22, 1867, he was educated at Queen's College, Belfast and took the M.B., R.U.I., in 1892, and the F.R.C.S.I., in 1904. He entered the Service as Surg. Lieut. Jan. 29, 1894, and was promoted Surg. Capt. Jan. 29, 1897. Becoming Major R.A.M.C. Oct. 29, 1905, he was promoted Lieut.-Colonel Mar. 1, 1915, and retired Sept. 5, 1919. He contributed articles to the JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, the *British Medical Journal* and *Indian Medical Gazette*. He compiled the Handbook on military sanitation for regular officers in 1912. He served on the North West Frontier in the Tirah Expedition of 1897 and was awarded the medal with two Clasps, having taken part in the action at Dargai, capture of the Sampagha and Arhanga Passes and operations in the Bazar Valley Dec. 25 to 30, 1897. In 1914 and 1915 he served in France and in 1917 and 1918 in Macedonia. He was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War and Victory Medals.

WOOD.—On Sept. 27, 1941, Colonel Leonard Wood, late R.A.M.C., retired, of the Garth, Westbury, Wilts. Born in Uttoxeter on July 30, 1874, he was educated at Wellington College, Berkshire, and took the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. London, in 1898. Commissioned Lieut. R.A.M.C. July 27,

1899, he was promoted Capt. July 27, 1902, Major, April 27, 1911, Lieut.-Colonel, March 1, 1915, Colonel, June 1, 1926, and retired June 1, 1930.

He was Adjutant, School of Instruction, East Lancashire Division, T.F. from Oct. 30, 1908 till Oct. 1, 1911, and on promotion to Colonel in 1926 he became D.D.M.S., Egypt and the Sudan, and was D.D.M.S., Scottish Command, from Dec. 8, 1926, till he retired. After retirement he held the retired pay appointment at Trowbridge from Jan. 1, 1932 till July 28, 1939. In the South African Campaign he took part in the Relief of Kimberley, operations at Paardeberg and action at Dreifontein earning the admiration of all ranks and being recommended for some special recognition of his services. He received the Queen's Medal with three Clasps and the King's Medal with two Clasps. He served in Mesopotamia from the latter part of 1915 till April 1917, being awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

O'CONNELL.—On Oct. 2, 1941, in West Moors, Dorset, Colonel David Valentine O'Connell, late R.A.M.C., retired. Born in Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, Feb. 13, 1858, he was educated at Queen's College, Galway, and graduated M.D. in 1881 and M.Ch. in 1882 at the old Royal University of Ireland. He took the D.P.H., Cambridge, in 1893. Gazetted Surgeon Feb. 2, 1884, he was promoted Surgeon Major Feb. 2, 1896, Lieut.-Colonel R.A.M.C., Feb. 2, 1904, and retired Feb. 13, 1913. Recalled Nov. 6, 1914, he was made Brevet Colonel June 3, 1917, and relegated to unemployment April 16, 1919. On Nov. 23, 1920, he was appointed to the retired pay appointment at Bury St. Edmunds. During the operations in Crete in 1897 he was in charge of a Field Hospital at Candia. He married the granddaughter of Inspector General James Forbes, M.D., founder of the R.A.M.C. H.Q. Mess, who served in the retreat to Corunna. His son Lieut. John Forbes O'Connell, R.A.M.C., was killed in action at the battle of the Aisne in 1914.

DAVIDSON.—In Aberdeen on Oct. 12, 1941, Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Allan Davidson, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., retired. Born in Aberdeen May 25, 1875, he graduated M.B.

there in 1900. He entered the R.A.M.C. Nov. 29, 1900. Promoted Capt. Nov. 29, 1903, Major Aug. 29, 1912, and Lieut.-Colonel Sept. 13, 1918; he retired April 29, 1920. He served in France from Sept. 1915 till the end of the war. Twice mentioned in despatches he was awarded the French War Cross and *D.S.O* and Bar; the Bar to the *D.S.O.* was awarded for

conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his unit he maintained the advanced dressing station in spite of heavy shelling by the enemy, only withdrawing when ordered to do so. He visited the Regimental Aid Posts under heavy shelling, and by his example and energy many casualties were evacuated which otherwise might have been lost.

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