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#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.—GAZETTE NOTIFICATIONS.

Major Herbert W. Austin to be Lieutenant-Colonel, dated October 26, 1906.  
Captain Frederick H. Hardy is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, dated October 26, 1906.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Davies retires on retired pay, dated November 24, 1906. He entered the Service May 30, 1885; was promoted Surgeon-Major May 30, 1897; and Lieutenant-Colonel May 30, 1905. His war services are as follows: South African War, 1899-1902—Medical Officer Infantry Division; Relief of Ladysmith, including operations of January 17 to 24, 1900, and action at Spion Kop. Operations February 5 to 7, 1900, and action at Vaal Kranz; operations on Tugela Heights, February 14 to 27, 1900; and action at Peiter's Hill. Operations in the Transvaal, August, 1901, to May 31, 1902. Queen's medal with four clasps. King's medal with two clasps.

The following Captains to be Majors, dated October 29, 1906: Douglas Lawson; Edwin B. Steel, M.B.; Charles W. Profeit, M.B.; Frederick Kiddle, M.B.; Henry E. Staddon; Samuel J. C. P. Perry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cathcart Garner, M.B., retires on retired pay, dated December 5, 1906. He entered the Service July 28, 1886; was promoted Major July 28, 1898; and Lieutenant-Colonel July 28, 1906. He was seconded for service under the Egyptian Government March 1, 1906. He received the Insignia of the 3rd Class of the Order of the Medjidie from the Khedive of Egypt, in recognition of his services with the Egyptian Sanitary Department.

Lieutenant Wilfred Parsons resigns his Commission, dated December 12, 1906. He entered the Service January 31, 1905, and embarked for service in India January 13, 1906.

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles E. Nichol, D.S.O., M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps, to be Commandant and Officer Commanding Depot, Royal Army Medical Corps, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. R. Lucas, C.B., who has vacated the appointment, dated November 5, 1906.

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the Captains' Course commencing February 1, 1907: Captains H. O. B. Browne-Mason, H. S. Taylor, H. R. Bateman, H. B. Fawcus, E. P. Hewitt, J. G. Churton, P. S. O'Reilly, A. L. A. Webb, W. L. Bennett, A. H. Safford, H. P. W. Barrow, J. A. Hartigan, W. Bennett, J. H. Barbour, A. D. Waring, A. D. Jameson, T. E. Fielding, G. Carroll, C. E. Fleming, F. M. Parry, B. R. Dennis, H. G. F. Stallard, F. McLennan, F. W. Cotton.

**ARRIVALS HOME.**—From India: Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Yourdi, Major G. J. Buchanan, Captains J. Dorgan, F. S. Penny, T. H. Stevenson, and W. J. Waters.

**ARRIVALS HOME ON LEAVE.**—From India: Colonel H. J. W. Barrow, Lieutenant-Colonels F. W. C. Jones, G. Scott, H. W. Austin, and Lieutenant M. C. Wetherell. From South Africa: Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. Noding. From Egypt: Major W. D. Erskine.

**EMBARKATIONS.**—For India: Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. O'Donnell, Majors F. W. Begbie, H. S. Peeke, H. N. Dunn, Captain J. W. S. Seccombe, Lieutenants E. L. Moss, M. B. H. Ritchie, F. M. M. Ommanney, and T. B. Moriarty. For West Africa: Captains F. Harvey and H. J. McGrigor. For Bermuda: Captain A. H. O. Young and Lieutenants H. H. A. Emerson and A. M. Rose. For Gibraltar: Captain E. W. P. V. Marriott. For South Africa: Lieutenant R. J. C. Thompson.

**POSTINGS.**—Lieutenant-Colonel R. Porter and Captain J. Dorgan to Irish Command. Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Wright and Captain T. H. Stevenson to Eastern Command. Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Yourdi and Captain W. J. Waters to Jersey. Major G. J. Buchanan to Glasgow. Captain F. S. Penny to London District.

**TRANSFERS.**—Lieutenant-Colonel R. Kirkpatrick, C.M.G., from Northern Command to Western Command as Medical Inspector of Recruits. Lieutenant-Colonel M. O'D. Braddell from Eastern Command to Southern Command.

#### LIST OF CASUALTIES:—

*Transfers to other Corps.*—800 Private T. King, to Scottish Rifles; 9326 Private F. J. Snelling to 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers as acting Master Shoemaker.

*Transfers from other Corps.*—993 Private T. Johnson, from 99th Battery Royal Field Artillery; 994 Private G. A. Davies, from 3rd Scots Guards; 1033 Private W. O'Shea from 7th Dragoon Guards.

*Transfers to Army Reserve.*—10695 Lance-Corporal W. Murdock, 12159 Private S. A. Wells, 12150 Private H. Taylor, 18076 Private H. Gardener, 19104 Private F. Ward, 18965 Private A. McBride, 15090 Private G. Chaffer, 19199 Private W. D. Deane, 12763 Private H. McGowan, 12172 Private J. Doolan, 19483 Private E. Nichol, 17269 Private S. Drummond, 17915 Private R. Hickman, 19331 Private W. H. P. Dowding, 17572 Private T. Martin, 18595 Private H. J. Maloney, 19657 Private A. Funnell, 12981 Private G. P. Broomhead, 13723 Private C. N. Gifford, 19926 Private W. Poynter, 12007 Private J. A. Cox, 15024 Private H. H. A. Alger, 12785 Private C. H. Tanner, 19885 Private G. J. Petersen, 19899 Private H. Sinclair, 19504 Private T. Shephard.

*Discharges.*—19603 Sergeant H. J. Stacey, termination of engagement; 15515 Corporal A. Waters, termination of engagement, A.O. 106; 16451 Private G. Morley, termination of first period; 981 Private J. Marr, on payment £10.

*Departures for Abroad.*—To Ceylon, November 10, 1906: 9709 Staff-Sergeant H. Muggleton, 12146 Sergeant W. J. Wilson. To Sierra Leone, November 16, 1906: 10892 Sergeant H. J. Reeve. To Bermuda, per s.s. "Severn," November 19, 1906: 7681 Sergeant-Major F. Clarke, 12058 Sergeant A. W. Pettley, 11613 Sergeant G. R. Morris, 9042 Private T. R. Coombs, 11505 Private T. H. Graham, 17825 Private H. Moore, 19056 Private J. Shelton, 17087 Private A. E. Jones, 19641 Private W. M. Hardie. To Mauritius, November 23, 1906: 11074 Corporal A. J. Daintree, 19384 Private J. C. Cowen, 18807 Private J. Kendall, 105 Private F. H. Newman, 18799 Private N. Smith, 19469 Private H. W. Purnell. To Malta, per s.s. "Braemar Castle," November 30, 1906: 12121 Private G. W. H. Mean, 19505 Private G. H. Baugh, 17173 Private C. W. Buttell. To Gibraltar, per s.s. "Braemar Castle," November 30, 1906: 19124 Private T. W. Brier, 19754 Private P. J. Dove, 17155 Private J. Riggs, 19234 Private E. Thurgar, 18243 Private W. Vincent, 178 Private A. E. Wilkinson.

*Change of Station Abroad.*—From St. Helena to South Africa, on withdrawal of troops: 11582 Sergeant J. Ryan, 18784 Private F. Turner, 19232 Private W. H. Thorpe.

*Arrivals Home from Abroad.*—From South Africa, per s.s. "Braemar Castle," November 19, 1906: 6446 Sergeant-Major A. McNab, 9518 Staff-Sergeant A. Johnson, 15437 Sergeant C. A. Wilkinson, 16097 Corporal E. Bowen, 15180 Corporal F. Found, 15544 Corporal E. J. Barnes, 18912 Corporal H. Dawson, 9928 Corporal E. B. Buttell, 14668 Lance-Corporal A. Amsden, 15197 Private W. J. Bayley, 15085 Private G. Buchanan, 15694 Private C. W. Bullen, 14732 Private L. Carlos, 14733 Private S. F. Cator, 14479 Private H. Chapman, 14685 Private F. S. Crafter, 14623 Private S. Davidson, 14603 Private C. J. File, 14542 Private C. P. Freama, 15661 Private A. Gay, 14580 Private S. R. Gurnsey, 14972 Private S. Harvey, 15089 Private L. E. Lock, 14622

Private F. Mansfield, 11570 Private A. Mayman, 14653 Private W. Pollard, 14450 Private J. R. Roy, 14952 Private G. Souney, 14644 Private G. E. Sutton, 15015 Private A. D. Tuff, 14687 Private C. Watt, 15308 Private W. H. Welch, 14634 Private J. W. Wilson, 15009 Private W. Williams, 14934 Private H. Wright, 12160 Private F. J. Woods, 16763 Private S. Roberts, 13395 Private A. E. Edwards, 14735 Private B. Tweed, 14721 Private E. F. Collas, 14746 Private J. R. Smith, 15771 Private A. E. Robson, 18914 Private A. Price, 14838 Private M. Cocks, 14892 Private J. Gurney, 14900 Private W. Foulkes, 19116 Private T. Dodghson, 12396 Private U. S. Drought. From St. Helena, per s.s. "Cluny Castle," November 19, 1906: 17060 Private S. Reeves.

*Promotion and Appointment.*—7898 Sergeant W. B. Chase, to be Staff-Sergeant, September 26, 1906, vice Bullock; 16266 Private K. Talbot, to be Lance-Corporal, October 2, 1906, under paragraph 376, Standing Orders, Royal Army Medical Corps.

*Death.*—17010 Private J. Mitchell, at Woolwich, November 10, 1906.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE QUALIFIED IN THE VARIOUS CORPS EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION, &c.

*For Staff-Sergeant.*—7438 Staff-Sergeant W. Argent, 8166 Staff Sergeant W. E. Barber, 10900 Sergeant A. E. Andrews, 9655 Sergeant W. Riordan, 11626 Sergeant H. J. Easey, 17644 Sergeant H. E. Hart, 10880 Sergeant L. T. Fitzgerald, 10721 Sergeant A. Smith, 14008 Sergeant D. Watt, 9033 Sergeant A. Medwell, 17933 Sergeant D. E. Dean, 9910 Sergeant E. H. Beeton, 11020 Sergeant W. Lavis.

*For Sergeant.*—9655 Sergeant W. Riordan, 8763 Lance-Sergeant H. Yeoman, 12623 Lance-Sergeant H. S. Ralfe, 18439 Lance-Sergeant W. T. Leach, 12634 Corporal T. Racklyeft, 12248 Corporal W. Gamblin, 15947 Corporal T. Dennis, 17973 Corporal F. Knott, 10087 Corporal E. Canterbury, 12104 Corporal J. E. Newton.

*For Corporal.*—18992 Private R. J. Brennan, 16325 Private A. F. Gibbs, 15861 Private J. Hindle, 12592 Private J. G. Fraser, 19093 Private A. Lane, 18288 Private C. Wheeler, 12485 Private E. Nicholas, 17752 Private E. Ricketts, 12238 Private E. Howes, 16167 Private W. E. Greenham, 17520 Private C. Good, 14956 Private E. J. Stangroom, 12053 Private W. Ross, 19675 Private C. Newland.

*As Compounders.*—12815 Corporal G. Burgess, 10458 Corporal W. Langston, 15544 Corporal E. J. Barnes, 18940 Corporal P. H. Musgrave, 17973 Corporal F. Knott, 16231 Corporal H. B. Mason, 18970 Lance-Corporal J. Higginbottom, 18923 Lance-Corporal D. Milton, 2414 Corporal C. T. Woolery, Fixed Hospital Establishment, West India Regiment.

**NOTES FROM DEVONPORT DISTRICT.**—Captain R. J. Blackham, R.A.M.C., writes (December 17, 1906): "Major Vesey Davoren has been appointed Adjutant and Registrar of the Military Hospital, Devonport, in accordance with paragraph 224 Regulations for Army Medical Services. Lieutenants Symons and Lewis, who have been doing duty in the District for some months, have proceeded on leave pending embarkation for South Africa on January 10. Lieutenant-Colonel Day has been appointed Medical Officer in charge Raglan Barracks, in succession to Major Salmon.

"A detachment of the non-commissioned officers and men of No. 7 Company has just returned from undergoing a course of Military Hygiene at the School of Instruction, Aldershot. Military hygiene is at last receiving the consideration it deserves, and systematic lectures on the subject for officers and men have been organised throughout the district. The labour involved will be more than repaid if these lectures awaken an interest in the subject amongst regimental officers and non-commissioned officers.

"The Headquarters of the Devon Bearer Company, Royal Army Medical Corps Volunteers, has been moved from Plymouth to Exeter.

"The Scilly Isles no longer exist as a military station. All armament has been removed and the Military Hospital closed.

"Staff-Sergeant Drake has arrived in Devonport from Worcester, and has been replaced at the latter station by Lance-Sergeant Robinson. Staff-Sergeant Filmer has proceeded from Devonport to Bristol to replace Quartermaster-Sergeant Varley, who has proceeded on furlough pending discharge on pension. Quartermaster-Sergeant Varley's retirement will be regretted, as I am informed he is an efficient and popular 'non-com.' Quartermaster-Sergeant Taylor has been transferred to Exeter to replace Staff-Sergeant Davis, who rejoins Headquarters. Staff-Sergeant Davis and Privates Knaggs and Murphy have been selected for a tour of trooping service commencing in February.

“The first of a series of Winter Concerts for the patients in the Military Hospital was held on December 14, under the patronage of Lieutenant-Colonel Jones; the following excellent programme was rendered by members of the Corps, assisted by Mrs. Longman:—

PART I.					
1.	<i>Pianoforte Solo</i>	..	..	..	Mrs. LONGMAN.
2.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Pte. HOWELLS.
3.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Lce.-Cpl. CHIPCHASE.
4.	<i>Recitation</i>	..	..	..	Corpl. PHIPPS.
5.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Corpl. PLANT.
6.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Lce.-Cpl. CLEMENTS.
7.	<i>Mandoline</i>	..	Selection	..	Corpl. GREEN.
8.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Pte. CULVERWELL.
9.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Pte. HADDOW.
PART II.					
1.	<i>Pianoforte Solo</i>	..	..	..	Mrs. LONGMAN.
2.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Corpl. JOYCE.
3.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Lce.-Cpl. CLEMENTS.
4.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Pte. CULVERWELL.
5.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Pte. HADDOW.
6.	<i>Song</i>	..	Selected	..	Corpl. PLANT.
7.	<i>Recitation</i>	..	..	..	Corpl. PHIPPS.
8.	<i>Song</i>	..	Comic	..	Lce.-Cpl. CHIPCHASE.
9.	<i>Chorus</i>	..	‘Good-night’	..	Cpl. RACKLYEFT. Cpl. PLANT. Lce.-Cpl. CHIPCHASE. Pte. CULVERWELL. Pte. PRICE. Pte. HOWELLS.

‘GOD SAVE THE KING.’

“Lieutenant-Colonel Caldwell will read a paper on ‘Some Points in Connection with Sewage Disposal’ at the meeting of the Plymouth Medical Society on December 19.”

**NOTES FROM MANCHESTER.**—The Adjutant, Manchester Companies, R.A.M.C. (Volunteers), writes (November 27, 1906): “The annual presentation of prizes to the Manchester Companies of the Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers) took place on Saturday afternoon at the Headquarters, Brooks’ Bar. Colonel W. Coates, C.B., V.D., the officer in command, presided over a large company. The awards were presented by Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, K.C.B., Director-General of the Army Medical Service.

“Colonel Coates gave an interesting sketch of the history and development of the Manchester Corps. Twenty years ago the first company taken over by the War Office was 101 strong. Two years later a second company was formed and taken over, and they remained at two companies for a long time. When he (Colonel Coates) took over command ten years ago, repeated requests were made for additional companies, but it was not until the outbreak of the South African war that a commission was received to form four more companies, their strength in 1901 rising from 202 to 606. The transport sections were also formed in 1901, giving drivers for the whole of the waggons of the corps, and numbering 235. The year following they had the privilege of forming the Bearer Company to the Manchester Volunteer Infantry Brigade, a privilege of which they were very proud, because it brought them into touch with the Volunteers of the city, from whom they had ever since received the greatest kindness. Two years ago their last company, No. 8, at Bolton, was formed, and that brought their authorised strength up to 1,006. During the South African war they sent out 450 men to help in the various military hospitals. Until two years ago the Corps had to drill in a small, dilapidated house. The cost of the land of the present headquarters was over £4,000, and the buildings cost £11,000. Towards this £15,000, during the ten preceding years they had collected £5,000, the War Office lending them the remaining £10,000. This loan they had to repay in thirty years, by thirty annual instalments, at 3½ per cent. interest, and they had already repaid £1,200, and had a further sum of nearly £1,000 in the bank, so that at this rate they hoped to discharge their indebtedness long before.

the thirty years had expired. The assistance of any philanthropic friends, however, would be heartily welcomed. Last year they had 955 efficient, and this year they had 1,006 efficient. They were, however, short of officers, and wanted twenty-one more to complete their establishment. During the past twelve months they had struck off their muster roll 305 members, but during the same period they enrolled 355 recruits. They lost four officers during the year, and still deeply deplored the loss by death of Captain Marsh. Last year's camp was about the best they ever had. They encamped with the Manchester Brigade at Salisbury Plain, and took with them 633 men and twenty-one officers. They had a very instructive course of training, and received a splendid report. The work performed during the year, especially the technical work, had been very well carried out. The challenge shield had been won by the youngest company in the Corps, No. 8 Company (Bolton), which, however, was a splendid company. Colonel Coates concluded by urging the need of a system of universal military training—not conscription—not only for the sake of its intrinsic military value, but for the beneficial effects of such training on the character, physique and *morale* of the young manhood of the country.

“Sir Alfred Keogh, K.C.B., expressed his profound interest in the Volunteers of the country. Speaking especially of the Army Medical Service, he said that while the rest of the Army might mobilise and be ready for war, they of the medical service could never say they were fit to mobilise without their Volunteers. It was impossible to expect the Government of any country to maintain in peace a medical establishment sufficient for the requirements of war. It remained, therefore, for the Volunteer Medical Service to say what it was that it required to make it a branch of the regular service for purposes of war. Colonel Coates had taken a practical interest in this question, and he (Sir Alfred) believed that they were, now approaching a period when something definite might be looked for. He wanted that Corps to affiliate itself definitely with the regular Royal Army Medical Corps for the purposes of war abroad. He wanted them to be able to mobilise to-morrow, so that he might say to them, ‘You will form this unit or that unit, and you will be charged with all the responsibilities of the regular medical service.’ It was his wish to be able to assist to this end in every possible way.

“On the proposition of the Rev. Canon Kelly, chaplain, seconded by Major Mann, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Alfred Keogh. In reply, Sir Alfred said he hoped that they would ultimately become a part of the Royal Army Medical Corps regulars in so far as war was concerned.

“Sir Alfred Keogh was entertained at dinner in the evening in the Officers' Mess. Amongst those who accepted invitations were: The Officers, R.H.A. and A.S.C., Manchester, Colonel Martin, R.A.M.C., P.M.O. Western Command, Brigadier-General Heywood, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Lees Knowles, Bart., and the officers commanding the various Volunteer battalions in Manchester, the Right Rev. the Dean of Manchester, and the Rev. Canon Kelly, V.D. (Chaplain of the Corps), and Major H. C. Thurston, C.M.G., R.A.M.C. The Band of the Corps, under Mr. Storer, rendered an excellent selection of music during the afternoon, and afterwards at the dinner in the officers' mess.”

**NOTES FROM BLOEMFONTEIN.**—Major S. F. Clark, R.A.M.C., writes (November 19, 1906): “We have lately been welcoming the coming and speeding the departing guest. The former is our new Administrative Medical Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Maunsell, and the latter our late Senior Medical Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel R. Porter. At the farewell dinner to the last-named officer, Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. E. Risk, in proposing his health, referred to the friendly relations which the guest of the evening had brought about between the local civil practitioners and ourselves. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and in his reply Lieutenant-Colonel Porter laid stress upon the point referred to by the mess president. As several of the officers present had served together before in their more junior days, it was considered that the occasion called for the singing of ‘Auld Lang Syne,’ and the evening was closed with a rendering of this old song of many associations.

“Our cricket team has been resurrected, but at present has no desire to have public attention drawn to its proceedings. Somebody described it as consisting of one player and a tail, but this is considered to be a gross exaggeration, as it is thought that the interests of truth would have been served better if no reference had been made to the alleged player. We have not yet been able to put our full strength upon the field, however, so are living in hopes of better days, but, unfortunately, too many of the team are suffering from an incurable affection known as *anno domini*.

“ Amateur gardeners in the Corps will sympathise with us when they hear that for the last fortnight the cantonment has been invaded by hordes of ‘voot-gangers,’ or walking locusts. They have captured and completely looted several gardens, but the remaining horticulturalists are putting up a most resolute defence, and the slaughter is hideous. The enemy dies very game, and causes so much damage before he succumbs that three victories are nearly as costly as a defeat. The whole country is said to be swarming with them, so that we feel for the unfortunate people whose livelihood depends upon the fruits of the earth. After a day of torrential rain we hoped that the locusts had been wiped out, but they simply sat on stones and bushes until the waters assuaged, and then once more ‘bobbed up serenely.’ ”

**NOTES FROM DELHI.**—Major W. Tibbits, R.A.M.C., writes (October 25, 1906): “ I feel sure it is a subject of regret to all ranks of the Corps, whether regular, militia, or volunteer, that the wearing of side-arms by all ranks below that of Staff-Sergeant is to be discontinued. It was pleasant to see in some of the illustrated papers a photograph of a detachment of the Royal Army Medical Corps Volunteers present, as a guard of honour, at the opening of the new University buildings at Aberdeen by His Majesty the King, paraded in ‘open order,’ with swords at the ‘carry.’ ”

“ Is this to be the last time the Royal Army Medical Corps will ever again have the honour of performing such a duty? It seems to me it must be so, for how can our men do so in future without arms of some kind? Again, are our men at review parades and Generals’ and Surgeon-Generals’ inspections merely to stand to ‘Attention,’ and to be excluded from the privilege of paying compliments on these occasions in common with all the other arms of the Service? If the old Lancaster sword-bayonets are worn out and unserviceable, there must be some thousands of the sword-bayonets formerly used by rifle regiments available as a substitute, and, if not, the short magazine rifle bayonet would be better than—nothing.

“ It may be said, and truly, that side-arms to our men are useless. But so is the soldier’s tunic for practical purposes. Is it too late to hope that something may be done to restore side-arms for ceremonial purposes, guard and picquet duties to the ranks referred to? ”

**NOTES FROM D’THALA, ADEN HINTERLAND.**—Captain A. C. Ingram, I.M.S., writes (October 30, 1906): “ Since my last letter (JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, November, 1906) I have done a number of *post-mortems*, and satisfied myself that the disease I mentioned is South African horse-sickness. Further, Major Smith, A.V.D., was up here a few weeks ago for three days, and confirmed my diagnosis. He has been to South Africa and had previously seen cases there.

“ I wish I had time to do some work at the causation of the disease, but I have a whole regiment and some 300 men of other corps and followers to look after, and this is just the height of the malaria season. I have to see over 200 sick men daily. I have also a temporary Arab hospital to run and some ‘khubber’ of a possible new disease in some villages not far from here.

“ As regards mosquitoes, I have been working at them for a year, and can add a few details to Captain Patton’s report. The species of *Anopheles* all differ from the South African species, and are, indeed, indigenous to Arabia only. A species of fly (I think *Stomoxys*) bites the mules badly early in the mornings, between the hind legs and on the sheaths. I will send some specimens of it.

“ The Arabs here say they know the disease, and are aware that only horses and mules are attacked.

“ The epidemic seems to have come by way of Turkish territory, and there is good ‘khubber’ that horses and mules died just over the Turkish border (12 miles from here), just before the disease commenced here. So far no donkeys have died, although there are many in all the neighbouring Arab villages.

“ D’thala is situated in a long valley (11 miles), surrounded by hills on all sides, so that it would be quite easy to take the beasts away from danger.

“ Troops have been up here, I believe, for over three years, and the disease has not broken out in horses or mules previously. This year the rain was heavier than usual, and mosquitoes and malaria have been rampant in consequence, so that the conditions are more than usually favourable for the spread of mosquito diseases.”

**NOTES FROM MALTA.**—Major C. E. Pollock, R.A.M.C., writes (December 7, 1906): “ Our Principal Medical Officer is temporarily absent in Crete on inspection duty. Major C. C. Flemming accompanied him to take over the duties of Senior

Medical Officer, Crete, in relief of Major Masters, who returns to Malta. Lieutenants Roberts and Carter are out in Camp at present.

“ At the Royal Army Medical Corps Officers’ monthly meeting two interesting cases were shown. The principal business transacted, was, however, connected with the Christmas entertainment for the children of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Army Medical Corps in Malta. A sum of money equal to previous years’ expenditure was voted from the officers’ entertainment fund, the spending of which was entrusted to a committee of the ladies of the Corps.

“ The results of the football fixtures played off up to the end of November are given below in tabular form. We have been unfortunate in being represented by our full team on only two occasions. The league matches went against us, but in the first we had a full team and gave the Royal Artillery, West, a very good game, only losing by one goal. In the second match we had bad luck in having three of our best men laid up; in spite of this, however, we managed to keep the lead against our opponents, the Royal Engineers, up till half time, after which things went badly for us and resulted in a defeat by three goals to one.”

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GOALS	
					For	Against
R.A.M.C	9	3	2	4	6	11

*Record of Corps Matches, 1906.*

Match against	Friendly or League	Result	Score
H.M.S. “ Irresistible ”	Friendly	Won	2—1
4th Rifle Brigade	..	Lost	1—0
Army Ordnance Corps	..	Draw	0—0
4th Worcestershire Regiment	..	..	1—1
Royal Engineers	..	Won	1—0
H.M.S. “ Implacable ”	..	..	1—0
Royal Garrison Artillery, West	League	Lost	1—0
1st Royal West Kent Regt.	Friendly	..	4—0
Royal Engineers	League	..	3—1

**NOTES FROM MIDDELBURG, TRANSVAAL.**—Major B. Forde, R.A.M.C., writes (November 11, 1906): “ We are now in the throes of dissolution at this health-compelling station, to which universal opinion gives the palm of being the best built and well-arranged (though perhaps a bit dry) of any in South Africa. Nothing remains but three companies of Mounted Infantry and details of Royal Engineers, Army Service Corps, and Royal Army Medical Corps. Our late Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel O’Halloran, has just left for home on a well-earned holiday. His absence is much felt and regretted by all ranks. He was the pioneer of sport and improvements much needed when he came here. No man who was a sportsman ever received from him anything but the most kindly consideration. The leaven of sport which he introduced still continues to bear fruit. We had a cricket match to-day with a very strong and specially selected team of the Mounted Infantry, who essayed to break a lance with us, and beat them 98 to 49. The bowling and batting of Private Amsden were simply superb and reminded one of Spofforth and Ranjy on one of their own days. Quartermaster-Sergeant Lunney also displayed very good form. I overheard an enthusiast calling the team the Springboks, and I believe the title is not a misnomer.

“ Captain Gatt has left for Standerton, so we shall no longer be enthralled by his charming cadenzas on the mandoline. When listening to him one had but to close one’s eyes and immediately get a misty materialisation of Pompeii and Vesuvius. Lieutenant Holway is under orders for Wynberg. Civil-Surgeon Tomory has been transferred to Bloemfontein, prior to going home.

“ But *Troja fuit*—and so will Middelburg be very soon—its grassy slopes nothing more than the feeding grounds of Duiker and Khoran.—R.I.P.”

**NOTES FROM SIMLA, INDIA.**—Captain E. Blake Knox, R.A.M.C., Secretary to the Principal Medical Officer, His Majesty’s Forces in India, writes (November 22, 1906):—

“ *Appointments.*—The following Royal Army Medical Corps officers are permitted to continue in their appointments of Specialists in the subject noted: *Prevention of Disease.*—Major O. R. A. Julian, Peshawar; Major W. J. Taylor, M.B., Kamptee; Major J. B. Anderson, Meerut; Captain W. H. H. Spiller, M.B., Allahabad; Captain

A. B. Smallman, M.B., Secunderabad; Captain J. H. Brunskill, M.B., Rangoon; Lieutenant D. P. Watson, M.B., Karachi. The following Royal Army Medical Corps officer is appointed a Specialist in *Prevention of Disease* from the date he takes over charge: Captain P. S. Lelean, Bareilly. The appointments of the following Royal Army Medical Corps officers as Specialists in *Skiagraphy* are cancelled, with effect from November 1, 1906: Captain A. H. Waring, 3rd (Lahore) Division; Major W. J. Taylor, 5th (Mhow) Division; Captain J. Grech, 7th (Meerut) Division; Major M. Boyle, M.B., Burma Division; Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. B. Robinson is appointed Officer Commanding Station Hospital, Ahmednagar. Major J. W. Jennings, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., has been granted an extension of his appointment as Inspector of Health Efficiency up to March 1, 1907.

*Postings, Transfers and Departures.*—Lieutenant-Colonel D. M. O'Callaghan on arrival in India for duty in the Northern Command has been posted to the 2nd (Rawal Pindi) Division. Lieutenant-Colonel D. O'Sullivan has been transferred to the 9th (Secunderabad) Division for Command of the Station Hospital, Secunderabad. Captain W. M. B. Sparkes has been transferred to the Home Establishment, with effect from October 1, 1903, while on leave in England on medical certificate. Major C. Dalton proceeded to South Africa on October 3, 1906, with the 9th Lancers; he returns to India on completion of duty. Captain F. S. Penny sailed for England, tour-expired, on November 2, 1906. Captain J. F. Martin, on transfer from Northern Command to Western Command, is posted to 6th (Poona) Division. Lieutenant H. G. Sherren, on arrival from England, is posted to 6th (Poona) Division. Captain M. C. Beatty is transferred from 5th (Mhow) Division to 6th (Poona) Division; Captain A. J. Williamson is transferred from 4th (Quetta) Division to Aden Brigade; Lieutenant S. C. Bowle is transferred from 5th (Mhow) Division to 6th (Poona) Division. Lieutenant P. Dwyer is transferred from 6th (Poona) Division to 5th (Mhow) Division. Major R. C. Lewis, R.A.M.C., returned to Bareilly from Meerut on arrival of Lieutenant-Colonel T. B. Winter, R.A.M.C., from special duty, Simla, on September 23, 1906. Major Mould, R.A.M.C., ordered to Meerut for duty on the closing of hill depôts. Captain Waters, R.A.M.C., ordered to Meerut on the closing of hill depôts. Captain Grech, R.A.M.C., ordered to Meerut on the closing of hill depôts. Captain F. G. C. Hefferman, R.A.M.C., ordered to Lucknow in place of Captain Maurice. Captain G. T. K. Maurice, R.A.M.C., ordered to Meerut for permanent duty. Major H. W. Austin transferred from Quetta to Karachi. Captain J. Dorgan proceeded to England as tour-expired on November 2, 1906. Captain F. E. Rowan-Robinson returned to Colaba from privilege leave on October 24, 1906. Captain G. A. K. H. Reed returned to Nowgong from leave on private affairs on November 1, 1906. Captain J. G. Bell returned to Jhansi from leave on private affairs on November 2, 1906. Lieutenant F. H. Noke proceeded from Poona with the Hathaway Ambulance Waggon to Meerut on November 1, 1906.

*Exchanges.*—Exchanges have been sanctioned between Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Faunce, now on leave in England, and Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. McGill, with effect from the date of the latter officer's arrival in India. Between Major F. A. Symons, now on leave in England, and Major F. W. Begbie, with effect from November 14, 1906.

*Establishment.*—The following Royal Army Medical Corps officers have been struck off the strength of the Indian establishment with effect from the dates noted: Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Faunce, November 1, 1906; Major F. A. Symons, November 14, 1906; Captain T. J. Potter, October 26, 1906; Captain P. H. Henderson, November 16, 1906.

*Duty on Transports.*—The following Royal Army Medical Corps officers have been detailed for duty in the transports stated: Lieutenant-Colonels D. M. O'Callaghan and R. L. R. Macleod, Captains H. G. Martin and A. W. Hooper, and Lieutenant G. W. W. Ware, on the 'Rewa,' which left England on October 19, 1906. Lieutenant-Colonels H. P. G. Elkington and T. J. R. Lucas, C.B., and Lieutenants A. E. F. Hastings and J. S. Dunne, on the 'Assaye,' leaving England on November 7, 1906. Lieutenant-Colonel E. Eckersley in medical charge of 8th Transport, 'Rewa,' sailing from Bombay on January 17, 1907. Major J. W. Jennings for duty on 11th Transport, 'Plassey,' sailing from Bombay on March 6, 1907.

*Leave.*—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Lees Hall, R.A.M.C., has been granted an extension of sick leave from November 6 to date of embarkation to India. Captain D. J. F. O'Donoghue embarked for England on October 11, 1906, on six months' medical certificate leave. Captain A. O. B. Wroughton has been granted two months extension of leave on medical certificate in India from October 17, 1906. Major R. C. Lewis was



granted sixty days' general leave to Ranikhet from September 24, 1906. Major W. T. Mould granted general leave on private affairs to England from October 23, 1906, to April 4, 1907.

*Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.*—An interesting function took place at Meerut on November 7, 1906, when Senior Lady Superintendent Miss R. A. Betty, Q.A.M.N.S. for India, received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross. The presentation was made by Major-General Henry, C.B., Commanding 7th (Meerut) Division, in the presence of a large number of staff and medical officers, of the nursing staff, and others. Miss Betty is to be heartily congratulated on the honour which the Sovereign has been pleased to confer on her as recognition of many years of devoted service to the sick in military hospitals. Miss Betty received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

*MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADEN BRIGADE AND BURMA DIVISION.*—His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has directed that the following rules as regards service in the above Brigade and Division are to have effect from October 1, 1906.

*Aden Brigade.*—The Royal Army Medical Corps Establishment for Aden—including the outpost of D'halala in the Hinterland—will, until further notice, consist of six officers, viz., one Lieutenant-Colonel, one Major and four Captains. Of the two field officers, one will invariably be present for duty. These officers will in future be taken from the Northern and Western Commands in equal proportions, and will be detailed by Army Headquarters. Service in Aden will ordinarily be for one year, and the Royal Army Medical Corps Officers for that Brigade will be selected from those about to enter on their fifth or last year of Indian service. Reliefs will, as a rule, be carried out twice during the trooping season, generally in November and March, according to transport movements. Unattached officers of the Indian Medical Service, should there be any such, will be detailed from the Western Command and serve for one year. Assistant-Surgeons and Hospital Assistants (not attached to regiments) will be drawn from the Northern and Western Commands in equal proportions, and serve for two years.

*Burma Division.*—The Royal Army Medical Corps Establishment for Burma will, until further notice, consist of eighteen executive officers, viz., two Lieutenant-Colonels, five Majors, eleven Captains and Lieutenants. These officers will, in future, be taken from the Eastern Command, and the 9th (Secunderabad) Division, in the proportion of three-fifths from the former and two-fifths from the latter area. The General Officer Commanding Burma Division will notify *direct* to Army Headquarters the number of Royal Army Medical Officers (*by ranks*) required for the annual relief; this intimation should reach Simla not later than July 31 in each year. On receipt of this information the Principal Medical Officer His Majesty's Forces in India will detail the officers *by name* for service in Burma. Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps who have completed two years' service in Burma will be eligible for hill stations in their respective Command or Division on return thereto. Extension of service for a period not exceeding one year may be granted by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, if recommended by the local authorities. Nursing Sisters, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, will in future be drawn from the Eastern Command as well as Secunderabad Division, and will be detailed by Army Headquarters; the term of service in Burma will be two years. The establishment will remain four, as at present, and these ladies will also be eligible for hill stations on return to India. No extensions of service in Burma will be permitted for lady nurses. Unattached officers of the Indian Medical Service, should there be any such, will be detailed from the Eastern Command and Secunderabad Division, their term of service being two years. Assistant-Surgeons and Hospital Assistants (not attached to regiments) will be drawn from the Eastern Command and Secunderabad Division, their term of service being three years. Extensions for this class may be permitted, if recommended by the local authorities, for a period not exceeding two years.

“In consequence of the foregoing changes, the establishments of *personnel* in the Commands and Independent Divisions affected will be revised as follows, with effect from October 1, 1906, those of Royal Army Medical Corps executive officers being:—

Northern Command	..	..	..	..	88 officers
Western	..	..	..	..	90
Eastern	..	..	..	..	88
Secunderabad Division	..	..	..	..	40
Burma	..	..	..	..	18
					Total
					.. 324

“With reference to foregoing orders, the following reliefs will take place during the present trooping season.

“*Aden Reliefs.*—The undermentioned Royal Army Medical Corps Officers, at present serving on the strength of the Northern and Western Commands, have been directed to proceed to Aden for a tour of service, the services of these officers, when travelling by Government transports, being utilised.

“*From Northern Command.*—Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. Reilly, by ‘Assaye,’ leaving Bombay December 7, 1906; Captain J. F. Whelan, by ‘Plassey,’ leaving Bombay March 6, 1907; Captain T. F. Ritchie, by ‘Assaye,’ leaving Bombay December 7, 1906.

“*From Western Command.*—Major F. G. Faichnie, by ‘Plassey,’ leaving Bombay March 6, 1907; Captain M. J. Foulds, by ‘Plassey,’ leaving Bombay March 6, 1907; Captain A. J. Williamson to disembark at Aden on his return from privilege leave from England, October 11, 1906.

“The following officers, at present serving at Aden, have been directed to return to the Western Command to complete their tour of Indian Service:—Major R. C. Thacker, R.A.M.C., Lieutenant F. J. Turner, R.A.M.C.

“The undermentioned officers, at present on sick leave from Aden in England, will not rejoin the former station:—Captain T. Biggam, R.A.M.C., Captain L. L. G. Thorpe, R.A.M.C.

“*Burma Reliefs.*—The following reliefs will take effect before December 31, 1906:—Major A. J. Luther, R.A.M.C. (Eastern Command), to relieve Major D. Steill, R.A.M.C. (Burma Division); Major G. A. T. Bray, R.A.M.C. (Eastern Command), to relieve Major M. Boyle, R.A.M.C. (Burma Division). On relief both Majors Steill and Boyle will be posted to the Eastern Command.

“The undermentioned officers will be relieved from duty in Burma before March 31, 1907, and the names of their successors hereafter notified:—Major C. H. Hale, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.; Captain R. C. Wilmot, R.A.M.C.; Captain G. H. J. Brown, M.B., R.A.M.C.; Captain D. G. Carmichael, M.B., R.A.M.C.

“*Extensions of Service in Burma.*—The following Royal Army Medical Corps Officers have been permitted to extend their present tour of service in Burma by one year, the date of termination of Burma tour being noted against their names respectively:—Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Pike, D.S.O. (December 31, 1907); Major H. W. K. Read (February 21, 1908); Captain A. J. W. Wells (March 14, 1908); Captain C. V. Bagshaw (December 29, 1907); Captain W. W. Browne (March 14, 1908); Captain N. E. J. Harding (December 29, 1907).”

**NOTES FROM STANDERTON, TRANSSVAAL, SOUTH AFRICA.**—(November 5, 1906): “On October 24, 1906, Mr. J. J. C. van Hasselt, J.P., Mayor of Standerton, opened the town weir. The structure was designed by Mr. J. E. Fitt, Town Engineer, and cost £610. Now Standerton can boast of the finest stretch of water in the Transvaal. From the lower weir to the upper is a distance of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and beyond the upper weir there is a stretch of about 5 miles. The town weir just opened is about 100 yards above the old drift on the Pretoria Road and the cart bridge over the Vaal River.

“7553 Sergeant-Major J. M. Rapson, R.A.M.C., arrived from Roberts’ Heights, Pretoria, on May 7, and took over the duties of Sergeant-Major of the Detachment. 16177 Sergeant A. F. Robinson, R.A.M.C., arrived from Roberts’ Heights, Pretoria, on March 28, and has been appointed clerk to the Senior Medical Officer. 15544 Lance-Corporal E. J. Barnes, R.A.M.C., was presented with the special badge and ribbon of the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service, on the 2 p.m. parade, on August 16. 15072 Corporal H. Huggett, R.A.M.C., arrived from Roberts’ Heights, Pretoria, on October 8. 15437 Sergeant C. A. Wilkinson, 15544 Corporal E. J. Barnes, 15074 Private J. Topham, 14934 Private H. Wright, 15860 Private D. Hardie, and 16929 Private J. Carroll, left Standerton *en route* to England on October 11. 9249 Staff-Sergeant G. C. Belsher, R.A.M.C., proceeded to Bloemfontein for duty on October 16. On October 20, 11603 Sergeant W. Clegg, 15996 Corporal Griffin, 15959 Private Carr, 17779 Private McAuliffe, and 14247 Private F. Williams, arrived from Middelburg, Transvaal, for duty.

“Miss C. H. Potts, Matron, Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service, has arrived from Middelburg, Transvaal, for duty.

“Captain J. E. H. Gatt, R.A.M.C., has arrived from Middelburg, Transvaal, and taken over the duties of Medical Officer in charge troops, staff, and married families in

the cantonments, *vice* Civil-Surgeon J. Dalrymple, who has left us, and set up in private practice at Volksrust.

"Good rains have fallen in the Eastern Transvaal, and the farmers in the Standerton district hope to have a better season than last year."

**NOTES FROM WELLINGTON, SOUTHERN INDIA.**—(November 21, 1906) : "Lieutenant-Colonel G. Cree, R.A.M.C., gave a lecture to the N.C.O.'s and men on Cleanliness, the same being printed by the Albion Press, Coonoor, as a pamphlet of fourteen pages.

"Colonel Cree asserts that enteric fever, dysentery, and malaria, and more especially the two former diseases, are invariably brought about by a want of cleanliness, which he divides into three parts: (1) Cleanliness of person, (2) of habits, and (3) of surroundings, and which he discusses rather fully in his pamphlet under the different headings. Colonel Cree gives a lot of useful advice to the soldier in his lecture, and it is to be hoped that more officers will follow his good example."

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

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurses:—Miss E. M. M. Malim, Miss M. E. Smith, Miss N. Stewart, Miss S. W. Wooler.

*Postings and Transfers.*—Matron: Miss C. Hutton Potts to Military Hospital, Standerton, from Military Hospital, Middelburg, Transvaal, South Africa. Sisters: Miss M. Walker to Military Hospital, Pretoria, South Africa, from England; Miss F. M. MacGregor to Military Hospital, Pretoria, from Military Hospital, Middelburg, Transvaal, South Africa; Miss E. M. Denne to Military Hospital, Bloemfontein, South Africa, from England. Staff Nurses: Miss S. N. Daly to Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, from Military Hospital, Hounslow; Miss L. Belcher to Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, from Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss E. R. Collins to Military Hospital, Hounslow, on appointment; Miss F. E. Morton to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on appointment.

*Promotions.*—The following Staff Nurses to be Sisters: Miss E. Barber, Miss A. E. FitzGerald, Miss E. C. Fox, Miss A. M. MacCormac, Miss F. M. MacGregor, Miss M. MacGregor, Miss M. E. Neville, Miss E. M. Robinson, Miss M. O'C. Creery.

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS MILITIA.

*The Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey.*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. Dunlop, M.D., Principal Medical Officer, resigns his Commission, dated October 31, 1906.

Surgeon-Major W. Falla, M.D., from the 1st or West Battalion (Light Infantry), is appointed Principal Medical Officer, *vice* Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. Dunlop, M.D., resigned, dated October 31, 1906.

#### IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

*Rifeshire and Forfarshire.*—Surgeon-Lieutenant A. Grant-Macdonald, M.B., resigns his Commission, dated November 5, 1906.

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

*Eastern Command, Maidstone Companies.*—Surgeon-Lieutenant Percy Charles Burgess, from the 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), to be Lieutenant, dated October 31, 1906.

*Northern Command, Manchester Companies.*—The following officers resign their Commissions: Captain A. Phillips, dated November 5, 1906; Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant C. R. Corfield, dated November 5, 1906.

Sydney Workman, Gent., to be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, dated November 6, 1906.

#### OTHER VOLUNTEER CORPS.

*1st (City of Bristol) Volunteer Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment.*—Surgeon-Major A. W. Prichard is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Portland Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated June 1, 1906.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant G. S. Mill, M.D., to be Surgeon-Captain, dated September 7, 1906.

*1st Cinque Ports, Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers).*—Surgeon-Major J. W. T. Gilbert to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, dated June 23, 1906.

*9th Volunteer Battalion (Highlanders) The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).*—John Macaulay Bowie, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant, dated November 1, 1906.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment).*—Surgeon-Captain S. Lodge, M.D., to be Surgeon-Major, dated September 14, 1906.

*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant A. Mackenzie, M.B., to be Surgeon-Captain, dated September 21, 1906.

*1st (Pembrokeshire) Volunteer Battalion, The Welsh Regiment.*—William Alfred Thomas Lloyd, Gent., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant, dated October 17, 1906.

*2nd (Angus) Volunteer Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. Anderson, M.D., is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Black Watch Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated November 9, 1906.

*1st Cadet Battalion, The Manchester Regiment.*—Surgeon-Captain I. J. E. Renshaw, to be Surgeon-Major, dated October 31, 1906.

*3rd (The Buchan) Volunteer Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders.*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. Mitchell is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Gordon Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated November 9, 1906.

*7th (Clackmannan and Kinross) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel D. W. Currie, M.B., is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Argyll and Sutherland Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated November 9, 1906.

*18th Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Corps.*—Surgeon-Captain C. J. Beattie, M.B., resigns his Commission, dated November 1, 1906.

*1st Edinburgh (City) Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant A. M. McIntosh, M.B., to be Surgeon-Captain, dated September 21, 1906.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Northumberland Fusiliers.*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel A. Wilson, is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Tyne Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated June 1, 1906.

*2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry).*—Surgeon-Captain J. G. Bain, M.B., resigns his commission, dated November 14, 1906.

*1st (City of Bristol) Volunteer Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment.*—Supernumerary Surgeon-Major A. W. Pritchard (Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Portland Volunteer Infantry Brigade), to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, dated November 9, 1906.

*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant A. Waugh, M.B., to be Surgeon-Captain, dated November 2, 1906.

*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment.*—Surgeon-Major C. A. MacMunn, M.D., is seconded whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Staffordshire Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated June 1, 1906.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant W. M. Parham, M.D., to be Surgeon-Captain, dated October 28, 1906.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Kings' Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).*—Surgeon-Major E. Lee is seconded whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Humber Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated June 1, 1906.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The King's (Shropshire Light Infantry).*—Surgeon-Major and Honorary Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Packer, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, dated October 20, 1906.

*1st Volunteer Battalion (The Durham Light Infantry).*—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel J. W. Blandford is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer, Tees Volunteer Infantry Brigade, dated June 1, 1906.

## EXAMINATIONS.

The following results of examinations are notified for general information:—

Passed in (*h*) *i* for the rank of Captain: Lieutenants A. N. Fraser, M.B.; H. W. Russell, M.D.; G. R. Painton; P. Power, M.B.; J. M. B. Rahilly, M.B.; and R. G. Anderson.

## THE ALEXANDER MEMORIAL PRIZE,

Consisting of £50 and a gold medal, is awarded every third year to the writer of the best essay on a subject connected with Military Medicine, Surgery or Hygiene.

The Competition is open to Executive Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps on full pay, with the exception of Professors and Assistant-Professors of the Royal Army Medical College during their term of office.

The subject for the next prize is the following: "Functional and Organic Diseases of the Heart in the Army; their Prevalence and Influence on Efficiency; their Causes; Suggestions for Preventive Measures and their Treatment." The essay should embody the results of personal observation and research. No essay should exceed about 20,000 words, exclusive of tables, which may be added in the form of appendices. Essays to be sent in to the Secretary of the Prizes Committee, Royal Army Medical College, on or before December 31, 1908. Each essay to have a motto, and to be accompanied with a sealed envelope bearing the same motto, and containing the name of the competitor.

By order of the Prizes Committee: Surgeon-General Sir A. Keogh, K.C.B., Director-General, A.M.S., *President*; Major C. E. P. Fowler, R.A.M.C., *Secretary*.

## REGISTER FOR INDIAN SERVANTS.

FEW officers on going to India have not experienced the difficulty of getting good servants. The discomforts on arrival and of a long journey up country, unprovided with a bearer, or, what is worse, provided with a hastily selected man, taken haphazard from the crowd of indifferent or bad characters who congregate in Bombay, have fallen to the lot of most of us, whilst the period of trial and vexation until a proper staff of servants is secured is familiar to us all.

In our Corps, with regular annual reliefs, it should not be difficult to arrange for an interchange. Officers leaving India would then be able to provide places for the good and tried retainers they are relinquishing, and new arrivals would, by taking on these men, be spared many of the worries and troubles which now befall them. Further, good servants would not be lost to the Corps, and the prospects of continuous employment could not fail to have attraction for the better class of men.

With these ends in view, officers due home from India are requested to communicate to the Journal particulars of servants whom they can recommend, so that officers going out in relief may have an opportunity of securing these men. The particulars required are:—

- (1) Class of servant.
- (2) Whether for bachelor or married officer.
- (3) District or station to which he belongs.
- (4) Any special recommendations.

NOTE.—The date the officer leaves India should also be stated, and when and where the servant will be available.

Captain S. de C. O'Grady, R.A.M.C., Dublin, recommends his late servant, Juman, who was employed by him for 4½ years in India.

- (1) Bearer and *khitmahghar*.
- (2) Bachelor or married officer.
- (3) Allahabad.
- (4) "Knows his work well. Never had any fault to find with him. Speaks good English, and is a most intelligent man."

Address—Care of Sir William Burkett, Bt., Hastings Road, Allahabad, India.

Surgeon-General W. F. Burnett, A.M.S.(R.), writes, concerning his late bearer :—

- (1) Bearer.
- (2) For bachelor, though useful for a married officer as well.
- (3) Lucknow.
- (4) Surgeon-General Burnett recommends this bearer as being very intelligent and smart. Thoroughly understands uniform and appointments, which he keeps in good order. Is a most useful servant travelling; never forgets anything or lets anything go astray. Was with Surgeon-General Burnett about three and a half years.

Name and address—Gaffoor Khan Chota Khan, Mohta Kutabpur, Post Office, Harsan Gung, Iron Bridge, Lucknow.

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## ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF OFFICERS, BATH.

JUNE ELECTION, 1907.

Votes are earnestly solicited for Eileen Stella Cassidy, aged 10 years on June 27, 1906, only daughter of the late Surgeon-Captain Christopher Clemons Cassidy, I.M.S., 1st Sikhs, who was treacherously shot, together with Colonel Bunny and three other officers, on June 10, 1897, at Maizar Tochi Valley, and succumbed from wounds then received on June 22, 1897, aged 32 years, leaving his wife and two children in straitened circumstances.

This case is strongly recommended by Field-Marshal Right Hon. Earl Roberts, V.C., K.G., K.P., &c.; General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G.O.I.E., K.C.B.; Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, K.C.B.; Major-General Sir F. J. Goldsmid, K.C.S.I., C.B.; Sir Philip Hutchins, K.C.S.I. (Member of Viceregal Council of India at the time of the occurrence); Captain Sir Brook Kay, Bart.; Colonel C. H. Stoddart (Retired Indian Staff).

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## ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS FUND AND ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Report of Meeting of the Selecting Sub-Committee appointed at the Conjoint Meeting of the Committees of the Royal Army Medical Corps Fund and Army Medical Officers' Benevolent Society.

The Selecting Sub-Committee met at the War Office on Tuesday, December 4, 1906, at 2 p.m.

*Present.*

Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, K.C.B., Chairman.

Surgeon-General Sir Thomas Gallwey, K.C.M.G., C.B.

Deputy-Surgeon-General A. C. Innes.

The Sub-Committee considered the applications submitted by eighteen officers on retired pay and on the Reserve of Officers for the appointment of Conjoint Secretary to the Royal Army Medical Corps Fund and the Army Medical Officers' Benevolent Society, on the terms approved by the Committees at the Conjoint Meeting above referred to, and nominated Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. H. Davie Harris (R.P.)<sup>1</sup> for the

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<sup>1</sup> On and after January 1, 1907, the address of the Secretary of the Fund, Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. H. Davie Harris, will be: c/o Principal Medical Officer, London District, St. George's Barracks, W.C.

post. An alternative selection was also made to meet the contingency of Lieutenant-Colonel Harris being unable to take up the appointment.

December 4, 1906.

B. SKINNER, *Lieutenant-Colonel.*  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## BIRTH.

SILVER.—On December 10, at Prospect Lodge, Bermuda, the wife of Major J. P. Silver, R.A.M.C., of triplets (girls).

## DEATHS.

BARTLETT.—On December 6, at Sierra Leone, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richard Bartlett, Royal Army Medical Corps, in his 48th year. He entered the Service July 29, 1882; was promoted Surgeon-Major July 29, 1894; and Lieutenant-Colonel July 29, 1902. His war services are as follows: Ashanti Expedition, 1895-6.—Star. Operations on the North-West Frontier of India, 1897-8.—Operations on the Samana.—Action of the Ublan Pass. Medal with two clasps.

BATE.—On October 22, Honorary Brigade-Surgeon Abraham William Bate, M.B., Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, retired Army Medical Staff, aged 65 years. He entered the Service March 31, 1865; was promoted Surgeon March 1, 1873; Surgeon-Major March 31, 1877; and Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, March 31, 1885; retiring with the honorary rank of Brigade-Surgeon, December 16, 1885. He served in the Soudan Expedition, 1885.—Suakin. Medal with clasp; bronze star.

CHAPMAN.—On November 27, Honorary Brigade-Surgeon Henry Theodore Chapman, Lieutenant-Colonel, retired Army Medical Staff, aged 64 years. He entered the Service March 31, 1866; was promoted Surgeon March 1, 1873; Surgeon-Major March 31, 1878; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel March 31, 1886; retiring with the honorary rank of Brigade-Surgeon August 18, 1886. On July 18, 1895, he was appointed to the retired pay appointment of Medical Officer in charge of 10th Regimental District at Lincoln. He served in the Egyptian Expedition, 1884.—Soudan. Medal, bronze star.

COWEN.—On November 24, at Southsea, Lieutenant-Colonel William Daniel Amherst-Cowen, retired pay, late Royal Army Medical Corps, aged 52 years. He entered the Service March 6, 1880; was promoted Surgeon-Major March 6, 1892; and Lieutenant-Colonel March 6, 1900; retiring on retired pay August 26, 1905.

JAMESON.—On November 24, in London, Honorary Surgeon-General John Lyster Jameson, Deputy Surgeon-General, retired Medical Department, aged 77 years. He entered the Service December 15, 1851; was promoted Surgeon December 31, 1858; Surgeon-Major December 15, 1871; Brigade-Surgeon November 27, 1879; and Deputy Surgeon-General April 4, 1880; retiring with the honorary rank of Surgeon-General May 2, 1883. He served in the Indian Mutiny, 1857-8.—Medal.

ROCH.—On November 9, Honorary Deputy Surgeon-General Sampson Roch, Brigade-Surgeon, retired Medical Department, aged 77 years. He entered the Service December 14, 1854; was promoted Surgeon October 23, 1867; Surgeon-Major March 1, 1873; and Brigade-Surgeon November 27, 1879; retiring February 18, 1881, with the honorary rank of Deputy Surgeon-General. This officer served in the Crimean Campaign, 1855 to 1856.

WILES.—On November 10, Honorary Deputy Surgeon-General Julius Wiles, Brigade-Surgeon, retired Medical Department, aged 78 years. He entered the Service November 24, 1854; was promoted Surgeon February 4, 1871; Surgeon-Major March 1, 1873; and Brigade-Surgeon October 15, 1881; retiring with the honorary rank of Deputy Surgeon-General, July 31, 1883. His war services are as follows: Crimean

Campaign, 1855.—Siege and fall of Sevastopol, attacks on the Redan of June 18 and September 8. Mentioned in despatches. Medal with clasp, and Turkish medal. China War, 1860.—Action of Sinho, capture of Taku forts and surrender of Peking. Medal with two clasps. Ashanti War, 1874.—Battles of Amoaful and Ordahsu, and capture of Coomassie. Medal with clasp.

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