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June 20, 1946.

O.B.E. ("in the field")

Davy, A/Col. R. D., *M.C.*

MENTIONED ("in the field")

Bray, Pte. N. B. G., 7357007.

EFFICIENCY DECORATION

Lister, Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) W. A.

Patterson, Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) W. H. D.

Anderson, Lt.-Col. J. C., *O.B.E.*

Briggs, Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) T. F.

Everatt, Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) W. R.

Myles, Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) J. J.

Wattsford, Hon. Maj. H. F.

Davie, Capt. (Hon. Maj.) R. E., *M.C.* (T.A.R.O.)

McDowell, Capt. (Hon. Maj.) J. G.

Blackstock, Capt. W. P.

June 14.—Col. R. G. Shaw, *O.B.E.*, *M.C.* (4923), late R.A.M.C., retires on ret. pay, June 13, 1946, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

Short Service Comms.

The undermentioned are apptd. to permanent comms. retaining their present seniority:—

Apr. 1, 1945 :—

Capt. H. Foster, M.B. (127633).

June 18, 1945 :—

Capt. D. B. Watson, M.B. (136270).

Nov. 21, 1945 :—

Capt. D. W. Moynagh, M.B. (157583).

Feb. 27, 1946 :—

Capt. R. M. Vanreenan, M.B. (68355).

Apr. 24, 1946 :—

Capt. J. H. Brodie, M.B. (183775).

June 21.—Maj.-Gen. G. Wilson, *C.B.*, *C.B.E.*, *M.C.* (26291), late R.A.M.C., retires on ret. pay, June 20, 1946.

The undermentioned Lts. (Qr.-Mr.) (War Subs. Cpts. (Qr.-Mr.)) from Emerg. Comms. to be Lts. (Qr.-Mr.) :—

June 16, 1945 :—

Stanley Alonzo Lane (99210).

Oct. 2, 1945 :—

George Methuen Belmont Smith (99211).

Oct. 23, 1945 :—

William John Jolly, *M.B.E.* (99212).

June 25.—Col. (now Maj.-Gen.) W. Foot, *M.C.* (15373), to be actg. Maj.-Gen., May 14, 1946.

Col. (Actg. Maj.-Gen.) R. W. Galloway, *C.B.*, *C.B.E.*, *D.S.O.* (5839), late R.A.M.C., to be Maj.-Gen., June 20, 1946.

Lt.-Col. D. H. Murray, (14548), from R.A.M.C., to be Col., June 20, 1946, with seniority Nov. 28, 1944.

The undermentioned to be Lt.-Cols.:—

May 27, 1946 :—

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) V. C. Verbi, *O.B.E.* (41310).

June 20, 1946 :—

Maj. H. C. Benson (41285).

Capt. C. D. Salmond (99323) is placed on the h.p. list on account of disability, June 25, 1946.

June 28.—Maj.-Gen. O. W. McSheehy, *C.B.*, *D.S.O.*, *O.B.E.*, is appointed Col. Comdnt. June 30, 1946, vice Maj.-Gen. H. P. W. Barrow, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, *O.B.E.*, who attains the age limit for the appt. on that date.

Lt.-Col. P. J. Ryan, *M.C.* (5717), retires on ret. pay, June 26, 1946, and is granted the hon. rank of Col.

Lt.-Col. G. T. Garraway (14974) retires on ret. pay, June 27, 1946, and is granted the hon. rank of Col.

July 2.—The undermentioned to be Cols.:—

Lt.-Col. E. Underhill, M.B. (15785), from R.A.M.C., June 30, 1946, with seniority Nov. 28, 1944.

Lt.-Col. J. M. Macfie, *C.B.E.*, *M.C.*, M.B. (14140), from R.A.M.C., July 2, 1946, with seniority Jan. 26, 1945.

Col. F. C. K. Austin, M.D. (15533), late R.A.M.C., on completion of four years in the rank is retained on the Active List (supern.), July 2, 1946.

Maj. G. F. Harrison, M.B. (41322), to be Lt.-Col. June 30, 1946.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) J. M. Ryan, M.B. (41398), to be Lt.-Col. July 2, 1946.

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) H. M. Prince, *M.B.E.*, *B.E.M.* (56852), to be Lt.-Col. (Qr.-Mr.), July 1, 1946.

July 5.—Colonel (temp. Brigadier) A. E. Richmond, *C.B.E.*, late R.A.M.C., is appointed Honorary Surgeon to The King, with effect from June 20, 1946, vice Major-General G. Wilson, *C.B.*, *C.B.E.*, *M.C.*, M.B., late R.A.M.C., retired.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Richmond, *C.B.E.*, (9946) from R.A.M.C., to be Col. Oct. 29, 1945, with seniority July 1, 1942. (Substituted for the notfn. in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated Nov. 19, 1945.)

Col. R. W. Galloway, *C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.B.* (5839), late R.A.M.C., to be D.D.M.S. and to be granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen., May 27, 1946.

Col. H. A. Sandiford, *M.C., M.B., K.H.P.* (15676), late R.A.M.C., to retire on ret. pay, June 30, 1946, and to be granted the hon. rank of Brig.

The notifi. regarding Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) W. J. Officer, *O.B.E., M.B.* (21400), in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated May 3, 1946, to be ante-dated Apr. 21, 1946.

The notifi. regarding Maj. H. G. G. Robertson (41303) in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated May 21, 1946, to be ante-dated Apr. 24, 1946.

The notifi. regarding Maj. E. M. Hennessy, *M.B.* (41298), in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated May 28, 1946, to be ante-dated May 1, 1946.

The undermentioned Lts. (Qr.-Mr.) (War Subs. Cpts. (Qr.-Mr.) to be Cpts. (Qr.-Mr.) :—

Sept. 9, 1945 :—

S. A. Lane (99210).

Oct. 2, 1945 :—

G. M. P. Smith (99211).

Oct. 23, 1945 :—

W. J. Jolly, *M.B.E.* (99212).

July 9.—Colonel E. B. Marsh, *M.C., M.B., M.R.C.P.*, late R.A.M.C., to be actg. Maj.-Gen., May 1, 1946.

July 12.—Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (War Subs. Capt. (Qr.-Mr.)) A. W. Langley to be Capt (Qr.-Mr.), Sept. 9, 1945.

Short Service Comms.

Capt. L. A. S. Edmondson retires, July 6, 1946.

Capt. H. A. Bowker retires, July 15, 1946, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

July 16.—Major R. L. Whittaker (44795) to be Lt.-Col. July 16, 1946.

Maj. J. E. Snow, *O.B.E.* (44393) to be Lt.-Col., July 16, 1946.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) J. G. Black, *M.B.* (42435), to be Lt.-Col. July 17, 1946.

Lt.-Col. G. B. Wild (15758); on reaching the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List supern., July 16, 1946.

Short Service Comms.

The undermentioned Cpts. are apptd. to a permanent commn., retaining their present seniority :—

Feb 1, 1942 :—

K. P. Brown, *M.B.* (74435).

Aug. 1, 1943 :—

A. B. Fountain (85435).

Aug. 24, 1944 :—

N. G. G. Talbot, *O.B.E., M.B.* (86207).

Jan. 31, 1945 :—

I. A. Walsh (120155).

Feb. 26, 1945 :—

J. H. McLaughlin, *M.B.* (125327).

Jan. 1, 1946 :—

J. M. Laferla, *M.D.* (169199).

Jan. 3, 1946 :—

F. G. Neild (163695).

Feb. 21, 1946 :—

A. Grieve (173447)

Lt. Norman Graham Guy Talbot, *O.B.E., M.B.* (86207), from R.A.M.C., T.A., is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Aug. 24, 1939, and to be Capt., Aug. 24, 1940.

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) John Herbert McLaughlin, *M.B.* (125327), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.), is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Feb. 26, 1940, and to be Capt. Feb. 26, 1941.

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) Ringland Gilmore Boyd, *M.C., M.B.* (227634), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.), is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Apr. 4, 1942, and to be Capt. Apr. 4, 1943.

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) Thomas Chamney Russell Archer (248812), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.), is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Oct. 24, 1942, and to be Capt., Oct. 24, 1943.

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) Sydney Hicks Roe, *M.B.* (270461), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.), is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Apr. 10, 1943, and to be Capt., Apr. 10, 1944.

War Subs. Capt. Henry Anthony Ferrant, *M.D.* (171593), from R. Malta Art. (E.C.), is granted a short service commn. in the rank of Lt., Jan. 18, 1941, and to be Capt., Jan. 18, 1942, with pay under Art. 276 R.W., from May 6, 1946.

July 19.—

Short Service Comms.

Capt. (War Subs. Maj.) P. H. Ball (70113) apptd. to a permanent commn. retaining his present seniority, Oct. 30, 1940.

Capt. (War Subs. Maj.) O. W. W. Clark (72167) is apptd. to a permanent commn. retaining his present seniority, Apr. 23, 1942.

Capt. J. B. Plews, *M.B.* (74434), is apptd. a permanent commn. retaining his present seniority, Feb. 1, 1943.

Lt.-Col. E. O. A. Singer, *M.B., M.R.C.P.* (1846), having attained the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List (supern.), July 16, 1946.

Lt.-Col. J. D'A. Champney (15683), having attained the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List (supern.), July 17, 1946.

July 23.—Maj.-Gen. G. A. Blake, *C.B., M.B., K.H.S.*, late R.A.M.C., retires on ret. pay, July 22, 1946.

Maj.-Gen. J. C. A. Dowse, *C.B., C.B.E., M.C., M.B.*, late R.A.M.C., is appointed Honorary Physician to The King with effect from June 30, 1946, vice Col. (temp. Brig.) H. A. Sandiford, *M.C., M.B.*, late R.A.M.C., retired.

Maj.-Gen. E. A. Sutton, *C.B.E., M.C.*, late R.A.M.C., is appointed Honorary Surgeon to The King, with effect from July 22, 1946, vice Maj.-Gen. G. A. Blake, *C.B., M.B.*, late R.A.M.C., retired.

Short Service Comms.

Capt. Alexander Buchanan Dick, *M.B.* (87858), from R.A.M.C. (T.A.), to be Lt., Sept. 2, 1939, and to be Capt., Sept. 2, 1944.

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) John Phillimore Mitchell, *M.B.* (248756), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.),

to be Lt., Oct. 31, 1942, and to be Capt., Oct. 31, 1943.

Short Service Comms. (Specialist).
The undermentioned to be Capts., June 25, 1946 :—

War Subs. Maj. A. G. Wright, M.B., D.P.H. (115954), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

War Subs. Maj. A. Torrie, M.B. (188401), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

War Subs. Maj. E. H. Larkin, M.B. (282699), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

Capt. R. M. Henderson, M.B. (125003), from R.A.M.C. (S.S.).

War Subs. Capt. R. T. Wordingham, M.B. (110075), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

War Subs. Capt. J. J. Voller (370069), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) R. T. Fletcher, M.D. (119618), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) J. C. Scott (150245), from R.A.M.C. (E.C.).

The undermentioned Capts. (Qr.-Mr.) to be Majs. (Qr.-Mr.), July 1, 1946 :—

A. G. Williams (63667). H. W. Reeves (66209). F. T. Catton (66318). H. G. Smith (66767). (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) A. E. Woodward (66768). H. Gregory (69515). W. E. L. Eason

(70953). S. W. Hobday, M.B.E. (71262). J. W. F. Munden (71507). E. F. Taylor (71670). A. E. Taylor, M.B.E. (73314). W. V. Dixon (74043). H. W. M. Stewart (74090). W. R. Day, M.B.E. (74091).

July 26.—Col. E. U. Russell, M.C. (4879) retires on ret. pay, July 26, 1946, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

Short Service Comms.

The undermentioned are apptd. to permanent comms. retaining their present seniority :—

Oct. 25, 1939 :—

War Subs. Maj. J. J. Sullivan, M.B. (65521).

May 4, 1941 :—

War Subs. Maj. P. Coleman, M.B. (67858).

Nov. 1, 1943 :—

War Subs. Maj. R. G. Davies (78637).

May 1, 1944 :—

Capt. J. J. McGrath, M.B. (89977).

Lt. (War Subs. Capt.) Donald Macdonald, M.B. (322470), from R.A.M.C. (Emerg. Commn.) to be Lt., June 3, 1944, and to be Capt., June 3, 1945.

Capt. W. A. Groom (49674) retires July 26, 1946.

AIRBORNE FORCES CLUB

Membership of the above Club is open to anyone who holds or has held Commissioned Rank in any of the following formations :—

H.Q. Airborne Forces or Airborne Corps.
1st and 6th Airborne Divisions. 44th Indian Airborne Division.

Airborne Establishments.
Directorate of Air, War Office.
Glider Pilot Regiment.
S.A.S.
S.O.E.

Officers of the Royal Navy, R.N.R. or R.N.V.R. who qualified as parachutists and operated with Airborne Forces.

Officers of the R.A.F. who were either parachute instructors at Ringway or members of 38 Gp. or 46 Gp. during the period of an Airborne Operation.

Lady Members are eligible if they are the wife, mother, sister, or daughter (over 18) of a member.

The Club Committee has decided to accept the offer of premises in Whitehall Court. There are three clubrooms: a "mixed" room (the biggest of the three), which looks

out over the Thames, with a 20-foot balcony; and two smaller rooms for use as a dining-room, and a bar for men only. There are about 120 bedrooms shared with eight other clubs, available in the building; there is also a barber's shop, a general restaurant and a squash court.

Subscriptions are as follows :
Town Members (50 mile radius) £3 13s. 6d.
(Ladies £2 2s. 0d.)
Country Members £1 11s. 6d.
(Ladies £1 1s. 0d.)
Overseas Members £1 1s. 0d.

There is an entrance fee of £1 1s. 0d. to cover capital charges, small structural alterations, etc.

A Club tie with a maroon background and small "pegasi" on it is being manufactured.

It is hoped that the Club will be opened as soon as the support is great enough—this should be on or possibly before September 1, 1946.

Application Forms can be obtained on request from the Hon. Sec., Airborne Forces Club, Whitehall Court, S.W.1.

DEATHS.

McLENNAN.—In Aberdeen on May 27, 1946, Colonel Farquhar McLennan, D.S.O., late R.A.M.C., Retired. Born in Loch Carron, Ross, Sept. 29, 1872, he took the M.B. Aberdeen, in 1898 and entered the R.A.M.C. as Lieutenant April 25, 1900. Promoted Captain April 25, 1903, Major April 25,

1912, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Jan. 1, 1917, substantive Lieutenant-Colonel Dec. 26, 1917 and Brevet Colonel June 3, 1919, he retired with the Rank of Colonel June 21, 1924. He was Adjutant, Highland Division, T.F., Nov. 1, 1911, to Nov. 19, 1915, D.A.D.G. Army Medical Services, War Office, Nov. 20,

1915, to Jan. 20, 1918, and after retirement, he held the Retired Pay appointment at Aberdeen Aug. 21, 1924, till Sept. 28, 1937. He took part in the Campaign in Somaliland in 1902-1904, receiving the Medal with Clasp. He served in France from Jan., 1918, till Nov., 1919. Twice mentioned in despatches, he received the Brevets of Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, the *D.S.O.*, and British War and Victory Medals. His son, Major Alastair McLennan, is now serving in the Corps.

BLACKWELL.—In Dolphin, Broadoak, Sussex, on 9 July, 1946, Major-General William Richard Blackwell, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, late *R.A.M.C.* Retired. Son of Captain T. S. Blackwell, he was born in Dublin, Jan. 25, 1877. He was appointed Lieutenant *R.A.M.C.* July 27, 1899. Promoted Captain July 27, 1902, Major April 27, 1911, Lieutenant-Colonel March 1, 1915, Brevet Colonel June 3, 1919, substantive Colonel Dec. 26, 1925 and Major-General Sept. 16, 1929, he retired Dec. 9, 1933. He was created *C.B.* June 2, 1931. He was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy of India, March 1, 1920, and Honorary Surgeon to the King May 1, 1930. Created an Esquire of the Order of St. John Dec. 15, 1915, he was promoted Officer June 12, 1926. He served as an *A.D.M.S.* in India June 3, 1919, to Jan. 24, 1924, and Dec. 26, 1925, to Jan. 2, 1927. He was *D.D.M.S.* and Director of Hospital Organization in India from Jan. 3, 1927, to Sept. 1, 1929. Having been *D.A.D.G.*, *W.O.* (April 1, 1914), till March 31, 1916, he was Deputy Director-General, *A.M.S.*, War Office, Sept. 27, 1929, till Sept. 15, 1933. He returned to the Active List, as *D.D.M.S.*, Gibraltar, April 23, 1940, till May 14, 1941. In the South African Campaign of 1899-1902, he took part in the actions at Belfast (Aug. 26 and 27, 1900) and Lydenburg (Oct. 5 to 8, 1900) and in the operations in the Orange River

Colony. Mentioned in despatches, he received the Queen's Medal with three Clasps and the King's Medal with two Clasps. He served in France in Oct., 1914, and from April-10, 1916, till April 13, 1919, as Medical Inspector of Drafts, *G.H.Q.*, 1916-1918, and Assist. Director-General, Army Medical Services, France, in 1918 and 1919. Thrice mentioned in despatches he was created *C.M.G.*, received the Brevet of Colonel, *Croix d'Officier*, *Legion d'Honneur*, 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals. He again saw service in the third Afghan War, 1919, receiving the Medal with Clasp. As mentioned above he was *D.D.M.S.*, Gibraltar, in 1940 and 1941, being again mentioned in despatches.

A brother Officer writes: "In the death of General Blackwell the *R.A.M.C.* has lost one of the most popular Officers who have ever served in the Corps.

"Bill Blackwell was a very lovable man, gifted with great charm of manner, popular with all ranks and all branches of the Army and a friend to all men.

"The many high offices that he held, firstly in *A.M.D.I.*, then at *G.H.Q.* in France, followed by several years at Simla and, finally, as Deputy Director-General at the War Office, gave him full opportunity of exercising his great gifts and enabled him to give a helping hand to both officers and men and to advise in the ways and affairs of the world, the Army and the Corps, in all of which matters his wide experience had well qualified him, and many are the officers and men who are under a deep debt of gratitude for help and advice which he was always so able and willing to give.

"His life was devoted to the service of the Corps and the Corps has lost not only a very distinguished officer but a very loved comrade and those who had the pleasure of serving with him will mourn the loss of a charming companion and a very dear friend."