Notices.

KING EDWARD VII CONVALESCENT HOME FOR OFFICERS, OSBORNE, ISLE OF WIGHT.


(1) Osborne House, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, formerly the home of Queen Victoria, was given by King Edward VII to the nation on his Coronation, and has since served as a Convalescent Home for Male Officers, serving and retired, of the three Fighting Services and Male Established Officers of the Indian, Colonial and Home Civil Services, under the management of the Commissioners (now Ministry of Works). In this the Ministry are advised by a House Committee consisting of Senior members of the Civil Service, the Permanent Secretaries of State for War and Air and the Naval Secretary to the First Lord and the Medical Directors of the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry. There is also a Consulting Staff of which a number of leading Specialists actively associated with the larger London Hospitals are members.

(2) The house is situated on the Solent in an exceptionally beautiful park of 350 acres, which contains a private golf links and bathing beach. Walks in the private woods adjoining the Estate along the coast are also available for the patients.

(3) There is a Resident Medical Superintendent. A fully qualified nursing staff and physiotherapist are employed. Medical attendance, including the advice of the visiting consultants, is free, but a small charge (usually 6d. per diem) is made for special treatment such as massage, diathermy, ionization, radiant heat, ultra-violet rays and other electro-therapeutical treatment. In the case of serving officers and ex-officers sent by the Ministry of Pensions, this charge is remitted. There is also a Remedial Gymnast-instructor who supervises the remedial exercises and games, individually and in classes. Osborne House now possesses all facilities and amenities for the rehabilitation of officers recovering from medical and surgical conditions.

(4) There is accommodation for 50 patients, and bed cases can be accepted. The bedrooms are large and airy, many having beautiful views over the Solent, and only when the house is full to capacity is it necessary for more than one officer to occupy a single room. There is a Hostel in the grounds where the wives and families (except very young children) of patients can be accommodated at a charge of from £5 5s. per week. The wives and families of officers are permitted to take part in all the social amenities of the Home, and a comfortable sitting room is provided in the House for their use.

(5) In addition to the golf links and bathing beach, there are hard and grass tennis courts, a croquet lawn and a bowling green for use during the summer months. There is also a recreation hall where dances and theatricals take place and where cinema films are shown during winter months. There is also a library, billiards table, etc.

(6) Patients are met on arrival at Cowes or Wootton Station by one of the House cars, which are also available for their use on leaving and may be hired for a small charge for necessary visits within the Island. Garage accommodation is available for patients bringing their own cars.
(7) In cases of serving officers and ex-officers sent by the Ministry of Pensions, there will be no charge. The scale of charges payable in other cases is as follows:—

Retired or ex-officers not sent by the Ministry, 6s. per day.
Officers of the Civil Services, 10s. per day.
Officers on half-pay, 4s. 6d. per day.

(8) Serving officers travel at Government expense.

(9) Arrangements for admission may be made direct with the House Governor.

3 BR. INF. DIV. OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION.

A 3rd British Infantry Divisional Officers’ Association has been formed, which is open to all Officers who served in the Division between September, 1939, and VJ Day, 1945.

(1) The Life Membership and Registration Fee is 10s.

(2) The above sum, together with the Proposer’s name and address, should be sent to The Hon. Treasurer, 3rd British Infantry Divisional Officers’ Association, 3, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

In return for this sum the Member will receive, periodically, News Sheets giving any permissible news as to the activities of the Division; a list of Members’ addresses will be circulated from time to time and the Member will also be advised of the date of the Annual Dinner, the first of which function is to take place in London on September 28, 1946. Tickets for this year’s Dinner, costing £1, can be obtained upon application to The Hon. Secretary; at the above address.

It is hoped, in time, to increase the activities of the Association but this will take some time to organize and depends to a large extent on the number of members.

NORTH PERSIAN FORCES MEMORIAL.

We have been asked by the War Office to announce that the North Persian Forces Memorial Medal will be awarded again next year after a lapse of nine years due to the War. This Memorial was founded in 1923 by officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps and Indian Medical Service who served with the North Persian Forces during the Great War. They wished to commemorate the services of the North Persian Forces and to encourage the study of Tropical Medicine and Tropical Hygiene.

The Memorial takes the form of a silver medal and is awarded annually for the best paper by a single author on tropical medicine or tropical hygiene published in any journal during the twelve months ending December 31, by any medical officer of under twelve years’ service in the Royal Navy, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Air Force, Indian Medical Service or the Colonial Medical Service.

The award is announced in the latter part of the year following that in which the paper was published, provided that the Memorial Committee consider the paper to have attained the standard of merit justifying the award.

1Only officers on a Regular or Short Service engagement are eligible for the award.