

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

(REGISTERED UNDER THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1940)

PATRON

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Colonel-in-Chief

THE memorial to the fallen of the Royal Army Medical Corps in the War of 1939-1945 consists of a Fund known as the Royal Army Medical Corps War Memorial Fund. This will be devoted, firstly to the welfare of families of all ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps who fell in the War of 1939-1945, also of all ranks of the Corps who served in that War, and of their families who may be in need through sickness or other misfortune; and secondly, to the provision of a permanent memorial, part of which shall incorporate the names of the fallen. The amount to be expended on this permanent memorial will be reduced to the smallest sum necessary to raise a memorial in keeping with the high tradition of the Corps remembering that all ranks believe that to bring succour to the living is the best way of honouring the dead.



IN ARDUIS FIDELIS

A Hymn for The Fallen

OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

These in the day when faith was reeling,
 The hour of Hate's triumphant reign,
 Followed their Master's art of healing,
 And eased both friend and foe of pain.

None better knew what deadly evils
 Must be destroyed to save Man's soul :
 These too campaigned to cast out devils,
 But sought to make the body whole.

They faced the worst that cruel war meant,
 Brought mercy to the ruthless strife,
 Relieved the wounds, assuaged the torment,
 And dying, gave their comrades life.

Unarmed they bore an equal burden,
 Shared each adventure undismayed ;
 Not less they earned the Victor's guerdon,
 Not least were these in the crusade.

Thus did they serve, fell in such fashion,
 Their badge Thy Cross, their work Thine own :
 O God of Mercy and Compassion
 Remember these before Thy Throne !

To bloody fields and stricken beaches,
 Redeemed by selfless sacrifice,
 That Voice from Calvary still reaches—
 " To-day . . . with Me in Paradise."

R. B. P.



18th October, 1946

As Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Medical Corps, I accept with pleasure the Patronage of the Memorial Fund, and wish it every success.

We will, I trust, be able to raise a worthy monument to those members of the Corps who laid down their lives.

We wish also to make provision for the bereaved, and to bring help to any officer or man who is in need. By doing so, we can repay the debt we owe to the Royal Army Medical Corps for its magnificent work of devotion and mercy.

Elizabeth R.



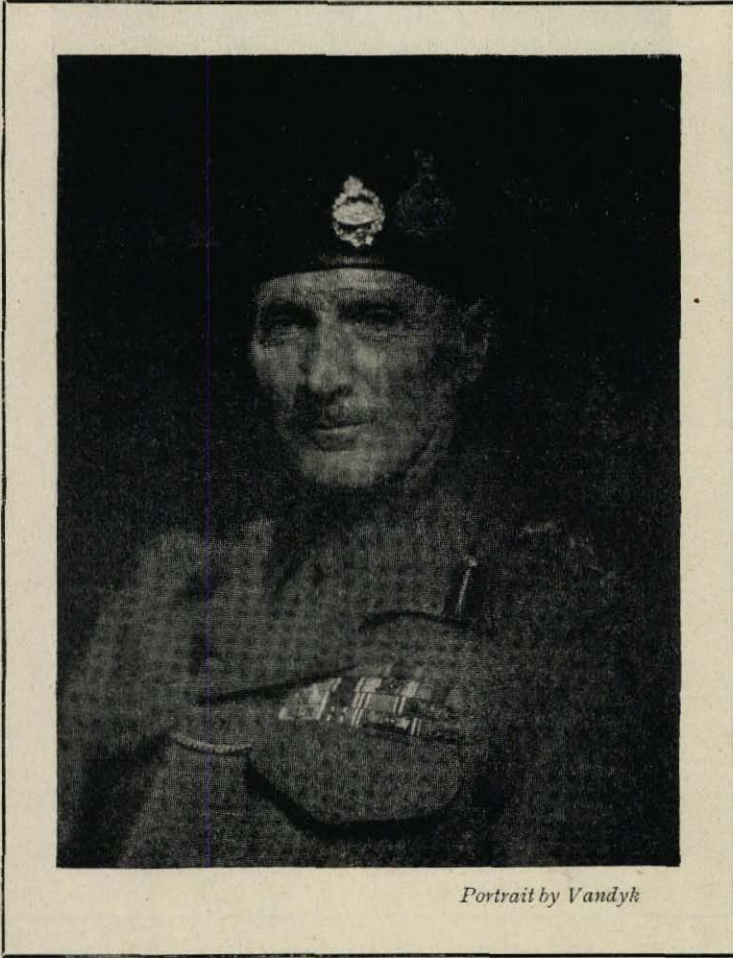
20th December, 1946

I am glad of this opportunity of paying a tribute to all ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps, particularly those who lost their lives or their health in the South-East Asia campaign.

The evacuation and treatment of casualties in the face of tremendous danger and difficulty deserves the highest praise and their work in the prevention of disease was a powerful factor in the attainment of final victory.

When it is remembered that the ratio of sick to wounded was reduced from 120 to 1 to 6 to 1, I feel sure that many families now happily united will wish to pay tribute to those who died and suffered in helping to bring about this result.

Mountbatten



Berlin, 28th September, 1945

To the Royal Army Medical Corps with admiration and high regard to a Corps whose contribution to Victory has been beyond all calculation.

B. L. Montgomery
FIELD-MARSHAL

(Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery has given special permission for the inclusion of his Message to the Corps in this Appeal.)