

FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN ANÆSTHESIA. By Charles L. Burstein, M.D.
The Macmillan Company. 1949.

Here is a small book of great interest and value to the student of anæsthesia, in that it contains a simple, clear and concise account of certain fundamental physiological and pharmacological reactions, which are likely to confront the anæsthetist.

The application of such reactions to clinical anæsthesia is described with accuracy and detail, supported by excellent diagrams and tracings. It seems all the greater pity therefore that the complex pharmacology of curare, with its wide clinical application in these days, should be dismissed in a matter of little more than one page.

Dr. Burstein is to be congratulated upon making so difficult a subject appear relatively so simple, and this book is particularly recommended to the aspirant to a higher qualification in anæsthesia, who will be saved much vain searching through the larger textbooks of physiology and pharmacology.

K. F. S.

Extracts from the "London Gazette"

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(1) *R.A.M.C. and late R.A.M.C.*

(a) To be Maj.-Gen.:

Brig. T. Young, *O.B.E.*, *M.B.* (supern.) 28.11.49

(b) To be Lt.-Col.:

Maj. G. C. Dansey-Browning 28.11.49
 Maj. (WS/Lt.-Col.) J. D. Cruickshank 3.12.49
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RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

(1) *R.A.M.C. and late R.A.M.C.*

Maj.-Gen. J. C. A. Dowse, *C.B.*, *C.B.E.*, *M.C.*, *M.B.*, *K.H.P.* 26.12.49
 Lt.-Col. P. Dwyer, *M.B.* (disability) 27.12.49

(2) *R.A.D.C.*

Capt. R. G. C. Dempster 2.12.49 (Hon. Capt.)

APPOINTMENTS TO SHORT SERVICE AND REGULAR COMMISSIONS

(1) *R.A.M.C.*

(a) From National Service List is apptd. to a short service commn. in the rank of Lieut.:

Lt. H. A. J. Reay (retaining present seniority) 23.11.49

(b) From Short Serv. (Specialist) Commn. is apptd. to a permanent commn. in the rank of Captain:

Capt. J. L. Huggan, M.B. (retaining present seniority) 29.8.49

(2) R.A.D.C.

From National Service List, to be Lt., with seniority 28th Sept., 1949:

Lt. R. Baines 24.11.49

RETENTION ON THE ACTIVE LIST SUPERNUMERARY TO ESTABLISHMENT

The undermentioned, having attained the age limit for retirement, are retained on the active list, supern. to establ.:

Maj.-Gen. J. C. A. Dowse, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., M.B., K.H.P. 28.11.49

Colonel G. O. F. Alley, M.C., M.D. 3.12.49

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Brigadier J. M. Macfie, C.B.E., M.C., M.B., late R.A.M.C., is appointed Commandant and Director of Studies, Royal Army Medical College and is granted the temporary rank of Maj.-Gen. 28th Nov., 1949.

CORRIGENDA

Some Principles Involved in Tactical Employment of Forward Units, by Major-General J. C. A. Dowse in the October Number 1949.

Page 177, line 27, *should read* "decrease in the 'teeth' *and* other arms."

Page 183, last line, *delete* "not."

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