

Obituary

Lieut.-Colonel BURNET GRAHAM PATCH

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Lieut.-Colonel B. G. Patch which took place at Chichester on February 4, 1950, in his seventy-fifth year.

He was first commissioned on January 31, 1903, and reached the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on January 16, 1926. He retired in October of 1930 and held Retired Pay appointments at Dunbar and, later, Chichester where he remained until 1946. While in India he took part in the Mahsud and Waziristan Campaigns—1919–1921.

He served, *inter alia*, at Poona and Rawalpindi where he and his wife were deservedly popular. They will long be remembered by their many friends as exceptionally thoughtful and generous hosts.

At Rawalpindi he was an "E.N.T." specialist of high repute. It is believed that he was the first officer to be permitted to remain employed at his speciality after promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel. He was further distinguished by becoming a grandfather while still a serving Major—a happening which caused him considerable pride.

Quiet and unassuming in manner he was conscientious and thorough in all that he did and was full of sage advice when such was sought.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and the members of his family who are mourning the loss of one who never spoke, or had spoken of him, an unkind word.

Lieut.-Colonel W. J. S. HARVEY, D.S.O.

WE regret to record the death of Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. S. Harvey, *D.S.O.*, *R.A.M.C.*, Retired, which took place on February 23, 1950.

He was born on May 18, 1874, qualified *L.R.C.P.Lond.*, *M.R.C.S.Eng.*, in 1898, and was commissioned as Lieutenant on January 14, 1902. He was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel on December 26, 1923, and retired on May 18, 1929.

He served in France from July 1915 to October 1919. Five times mentioned in despatches he was awarded the *D.S.O.*, the French War Cross, 1914–15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

Brigadier CUTHBERT SCALES, M.C.

WE regret to record the death of Brigadier Cuthbert Scales in London in December 1949 after a serious illness. Scales, an Edinburgh graduate, was first commissioned on October 2, 1914. In due course he reached the rank of Colonel in 1944 and retired with the honorary rank of Brigadier on July 21, 1948.

In the first world war he was awarded the Military Cross and later a Bar, for continued acts of conspicuous gallantry while in charge of stretcher-bearers under intense machine-gun and rifle fire.

He had served in the Afghan Campaign of 1919 and in the recent war in Persia/Iraq and in the Middle East.

He was a man with many friends who were grieved to hear of the serious illness which had necessitated weeks of hospitalization and left him seriously disabled before his death.

Notices

NOTICE TO RETIRED OFFICERS OF THE R.A.M.C.

THE King has recently approved the wearing of swords at ceremonial parades. It will be necessary, therefore, for officers of the Corps to wear swords on these occasions, but the regulation states that officers will not be required to put themselves to the expense of buying a sword for the purpose. In order to meet this need it is proposed to form a pool of swords at the R.A.M.C. Depot at Crookham, which could be borrowed by any officer when on parade.

The Director-General asks whether retired officers of the Corps would be able to help in this matter by letting the Commandant of the Depot know whether they would be willing to donate a sword for this very useful purpose. The type required is either the old or new pattern sword and with either a leather or steel scabbard. Perhaps if we have a surplus of the old pattern swords they would look very handsome in the R.A.M.C. historical museum, which it is proposed to establish at the Depot. If desired it would be arranged that the officer who donated the sword would be remembered by name.

CORPS WEEK, 1950

THE main events of Corps Week are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 20: Cricket—R.A.M.C. v. R.A.O.C.
 (10 a.m.—6 p.m. at the Depot).
 Swimming Gala
 (7 p.m. at Aldershot Command Swimming Baths).
 After the Gala The Officers McGrigor Mess will be
 "At Home" to officers and their families attending the
 Gala.
 There will also be an all ranks dance at No. 1 Company.