

Obituary

Colonel G. T. K. MAURICE, C.M.G., C.B.E., J.P.

COLONEL MAURICE, who was born in Marlborough on March 23, 1867, died in that city on March 8, 1950. He was educated at Marlborough College, was appointed Surgeon Lieutenant on July 29, 1895, and finally retired as Colonel on December 26, 1921.

He served in France and Belgium in 1914 and 1915 and in Macedonia and Palestine in 1917 and 1918. Three times mentioned in despatches he was created *C.M.G.*, received the Brevet of Colonel and the 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

He again saw service in the third Afghan War, 1919, being mentioned in despatches, created *C.B.E.* and receiving the Medal with Clasp.

He was the author of "Birth Control and Population" and "Observations and Reflections on Wild Creatures."

His brother, Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Maurice, *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, *R.A.M.C.* (retired), died in Marlborough on June 1, 1949.

Air Vice-Marshal F. C. COWTAN, C.B., C.B.E.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL COWTAN died in Farnham, Surrey, on March 5, 1950. After qualifying from St. Thomas's Hospital he became a Regular Officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps in July 1912. He became a Brevet-Major in June 1918 and resigned in September 1919 to become a Squadron Leader in the Medical Branch of the Royal Air Force. He became Air Vice-Marshal in June 1943 and retired (invalided) in December 1945.

While in the *R.A.M.C.* he served in France and Mesopotamia. He was four times mentioned in despatches, received the Brevet of Major, the 1914 Star, the British War and Victory Medals.

During the recent war he was Principal Medical Officer of Coastal Command, Fighter Command, Allied Expeditionary Force, and Bomber Command. He was twice mentioned in despatches and created *C.B.* and *C.B.E.*

Lieut.-General Sir Matthew Fell, *K.C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.L.*, whose *D.A.D.M.S.* he was in Mesopotamia, writes:

I cannot allow the death of Frank Cowtan to pass without a word of tribute to him though I had not seen him for many years.

It was in Basra, in the summer of 1916, that I first saw him when he came to replace my *D.A.D.M.S.* who was sick.

I knew nothing of him personally, but in a very few days found that I had struck

a winner. Medical Administrative Affairs up and down the Tigris were in a rather hectic state that year but Cowtan settled down at once. He was not afraid of hard work and his natural gift for administration and orderly mind were of immense help to me.

From the first, I found him a delightful companion, and chuckled when he sometimes firmly but politely drew my attention to what he called "your irregular methods, Sir."

He stayed with me a loyal and devoted friend, until I left Mesopotamia in 1918.

Later when he came and told me that he would like to transfer from the R.A.M.C. to the new Medical Service of the Royal Air Force I was glad to do what I could to help him, for I knew what he was worth to the new service in its infancy.

JOURNALS RECEIVED

THE following journals have been received and are available in the Library of the R.A.M.College.

Practitioner, Military Surgeon, Medical Press, Bull. of Hygiene, Medical Journal of Australia, Royal Engineers Journal, Lancet, B.M.J., South African Medical Journal, Indian Journal of Medical Research, Jour. of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Glasgow Medical Jour., Bull. of the John Hopkins Hospital, Indian Journal of Malariology, Post Grad. Medical Jour., Journal of the Royal Inst. of Public Health and Hygiene, Vierteljahrsschrift fur Schweizensche Sanitatsoffiere, St. Barts. Hospital Jour., Wish Stream, British Medical Bulletin, Chronicle of World Health Organisation, Revista de Medicina Militar, Belgisch Tydschrift voor Militaire Geneeskunde, Proc. of the Royal Soc. of Medicine, Jour. of the R.A.S.C., Bull. International des Services de Sante, Tropical Diseases Bull., Edinburgh Medical Journal, Jour. of R.A.V.C., Clinical Proceedings, British Jour. of Dermatology and Syph., Indian Medical Gazette, Jour. of the Royal Egyptian Medical Assn., East African Jour., Revue du Corps de Sante Militaire, Archivos del Hospital Universidad, Quarterly Jour. of Medicine, Military Review.

Extracts from the "London Gazette"

HONOURS AND AWARDS

R.A.M.C. and late R.A.M.C.

War Office, 10th March, 1950

The King has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decorations which have been conferred on the undermentioned personnel in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of the Allies:

Decorations conferred by His Royal Highness The Prince Regent of Belgium.

Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal du Lion avec palme et Croix de Guerre avec palme

Major (Q.M.) George Fearnley Beare, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne

Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Hood, *G.B.E., K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., LL.D.,*
late Royal Army Medical Corps.

Commandeur de l'Ordre de Leopold II

Brig. John Mandeville Macfie, *C.B.E., M.C., M.B.,* late Royal Army Medical Corps.