

## *Obituary*

### **Lieut.-Colonel FRANCIS JAMES PALMER**

Lieut.-Colonel Francis James Palmer, R.A.M.C., Retired, died in West Southborne, Bournemouth, on April 6, 1950, in his seventy-fifth year. He was born in Donnybrook, Co. Dublin, qualified in 1898 and took the F.R.C.S.I. in 1907. He was Commissioned in July 1899 and retired in the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in March 1923.

He served in South Africa from 1899 to 1902 and saw many actions while taking part in many operations. Twice mentioned in despatches he was awarded the Queen's Medal with six clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps.

He served in Mesopotamia from November 1914 until March 1917, was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

His son, Colonel Philip Francis Palmer, *O.B.E.*, late R.A.M.C., is still serving.

### **Lieut.-Colonel HENRY LAWRENCE WEEKES NORRINGTON, *D.S.O.***

Lieut.-Colonel Henry Lawrence Weekes Norrington, *D.S.O.*, R.A.M.C., Retired, died on April 14, 1950, in his seventy-eighth year. He was born in Clifton, Bristol, qualified in 1897 and was commissioned the same year. He retired in the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in April 1919.

He had served in the Nile Expedition of 1898, with the International Force occupying Scutari and Albania in 1914; thereafter in France from October 1914 to February 1918.

He was mentioned in despatches, received the *D.S.O.*, 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

### **Lieut.-Colonel FERDINAND SIMEON LE QUESNE, *V.C.***

Lieut.-Colonel Ferdinand Simeon le Quesne, *V.C.*, R.A.M.C., Retired, died in Clifton, Bristol, on April 14, 1950. He was born in Jersey in 1863, qualified in 1886, was appointed Surgeon in July 1886 and retired as Lieutenant-Colonel in December 1918.

He was awarded the *V.C.* during operations against the Chins (Burma) in 1889. The *London Gazette* of October 29, 1899, said: "During the attack on the village of Tartum, he remained close to the enemy's stockade under a

continuous fire for nearly a quarter of an hour dressing the wounds of Lieutenant Michael of the Norfolk Regiment who afterwards died. The doctor was severely wounded himself soon afterwards in attending to another officer."

He saw further service with the Chin Luskai Expedition in 1890. Again he served in South Africa in 1901 and 1902 and yet again in France from August to December 1914.

He had, in addition to the *V.C.*, the Burma Medal with two clasps; the Queen's South Africa Medal with three clasps; the 1914 Star, the British War and Victory Medals.

He was brought to notice for valuable services rendered in the list published on February 24, 1917.

*The Times* of April 18, 1950, says he was a fine shot in his younger days and an able player at rackets and lawn tennis.

*Who's Who* says his recreations were shooting, tennis and rackets.

### Captain ARTHUR RODD

Captain Arthur Rodd, R.A.M.C., Retired, died in Yelverton, South Devon, on April 16, 1950.

Born in April 1895 he qualified in 1916. He joined the Special Reserve in November 1916 and was given a Regular Commission in June 1918. He retired in January 1932 on account of ill-health contracted on active service.

He served in Mesopotamia from March 1917 to January 1918; with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force from January to March 1918 and in France from April 1918 to the end of the War. He was wounded and received the British War and Victory Medals.

*The Times* of April 20, 1950, in an obituary states he was jointly responsible with Lord Astor for saving Buckland Abbey, the home of Sir Francis Drake, for the Nation. It further states that he bought the estate after an agreement between him and Lord Astor, who conducted the negotiations whereby the National Trust agreed to own and hold the Abbey and tithe barn.

### NOTES

MAJOR-GENERAL F. K. NORRIS, the Director-General of the Australian Army Medical Services, is visiting this country and will be making a tour of Army medical and dental installations during the summer.

Major-General and Mrs. Norris have been invited to attend the At Home at the R.A.M. College on June 23 and Major-General Norris to attend the Annual-Dinner that evening.

DR. PERRIN LONG of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, has consented to give two addresses at the R.A.M. College during May on the subject of antibiotics.