

MATTERS OF INTEREST

THE Director-General attended the Annual Banquet of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society, which was held at the Royal College of Surgeons on June 2, 1950, and was one of the speakers in replying to the toast of the guests.

THERE was a Guest Night at the Headquarter Mess on June 1, 1950, when the guests were Sir Cecil Wakeley, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Air Marshal P. C. Livingston, Director-General of the Royal Air Force Medical Services.

The Director-General said that Field-Marshal Sir William Slim and Sir John Charles, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, had both been unavoidably prevented from attending.

Notices

ADMISSION OF RETIRED OFFICERS TO MILITARY HOSPITALS

UNDER the National Health Service Act 1946 (and the other Acts relevant to Scotland and Northern Ireland), all civilians resident in U.K. became entitled from July 5, 1948, to free hospital treatment in National Health Service Hospitals. Under arrangements since made by the Service Departments with the Health Department, free treatment in Service Hospitals is also made available to civilians in certain cases.

Retired officers, since they fall under the heading of civilians, are therefore notified that they may be admitted to military hospitals as follows:

- (a) In the case of retired officers requiring treatment for a disability for which they are in receipt of disability retired pay, by the authority of the D.D.M.S. Command, on receipt of a direct application by the individual concerned or by the doctor treating his case.
- (b) in cases other than (a) above:
 - (i) in emergency, on authority of O.C. hospital who must obtain subsequent approval and covering authority from the A.D.M.S. District.
 - (ii) In other cases, by authority of A.D.M.S. District, on receipt of an application from the Senior Administrative Medical Officer of the Regional Hospital Board.

(Note with regard to cases under (b): owing to the present shortage of Q.A.R.A.N.C. officers the number of beds that can be adequately maintained by military hospitals is so limited that cases of *chronic* illness cannot be admitted to military hospitals.)

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