

War Memorial Scholars for 1953-1954.

Awards by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS OF post graduate travelling scholarships by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund are announced. The awards are for the academic year 1953-1954, and each scholarship, valued at £350 sterling, is tenable in a country other than the scholar's place of domicile.

United Kingdom.

Mountbatten Scholarship: Miss W. Blackburne, New Zealand Registered Nurse; Part I Midwifery; Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate. Present Position, Sister Tutor, Wingfield Morris Orthopaedic Hospital Preliminary Training School, Oxford. (*Studying teaching methods at Yale University, U.S.A.*)

Sir James Knott Scholarship: Miss M. Brayton, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Scotland), R.S.C.N. Present position, Paediatric Sister, Babies Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (*To study paediatrics and child nursing, U.S.A.*)

Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship: Miss P. Robbie, R.G.N., R.S.C.N., Present Position, Surgical Ward Sister, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh. (*To visit Canada and U.S.A. to study paediatrics and child nursing.*)

Permanent Fund Scholarship: Miss J. Carter, R.G.N., S.C.M., M.T.D. Present Position, Matron, City Maternity Hospital, Carlisle. (*To visit U.S.A. to study midwifery, teaching and administration.*)

Dominions.

CANADA. Gilchrist Scholarship: Miss V. Leclair, Canadian Registered Nurse. Present Position, Instructor, Psychiatric Nursing, Saint Jean de Dieu Hospital, Montreal. (*To go to U.S.A. to study psychiatry.*)

SOUTH AFRICA. Royal College of Physicians Scholarship: Miss P. Harrison, South African Medical and Surgical Nurse; Diploma in Nursing, Certified Midwife, Fever Certificate. Present Position, Sister Tutor, Carius Nursing College, Cape Town. (*To go to United Kingdom to study nursing administration.*)

Colonies.

WEST INDIES. Thomas Wall Scholarship.
(Scholar not yet appointed.)

Emergency Feeding at Buckland Hospital, Dover.

TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES there were no gas or electricity supplies in the kitchens of the Buckland Hospital, Dover, and the two hundred patients and visitors enjoyed meals cooked on emergency cooking stoves in the grounds of the hospital. This exercise was designed to test the hospital's resources for dealing with any emergency which might arise. The floods and tempest which struck our east coast earlier this year went to show the value of an efficient emergency feeding organisation. It is very important that hospitals in particular should be prepared to deal with an emergency and continue to feed their patients and staff by improvised methods.

Under the capable supervision of Mr. H. A. Leggett, Catering Officer, full three-course meals and special diets were prepared for visitors and patients on a Transportable Kitchen Unit which included a Bluff-type field oven, and Soyer boilers, and also a hot-plate and oven cooker improvised from old bricks and rubble, with a dust-bin serving as the oven. The menu for the patients was: cream of tomato soup; steak, kidney and mushroom pie, green peas, boiled potatoes; blackberry and apple, whipped cream. The meal for the official visitors was as follows: cream of tomato



Catering Officer and Chief Cook show Nurses improvised hot-plate and dust-bin oven cooker.

soup, mixed grill, roast parisien potatoes, peas, blackberry and apple pie, whipped cream, biscuits and cheese, coffee. The meal was an excellent one and proved beyond doubt that the catering staff of the hospital would be well capable of dealing with any situation leaving them without gas or electricity. The insulated food containers in which meals are transported to the wards are normally pre-heated by electricity; on this day, however, they were first filled with hot water from the Soyer boilers.

The Mayor of Dover, Councillor R. Snelgrove, J.P., Mr. J. A. Johnson, the Town Clerk, Dr. A. Elliott, County Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. L. G. Bullock, O.B.E., Principal Officer of the Regional Civil Defence Department, were among the many visitors interested in the exercise. Also, there were Mr. G. R. Seton, O.B.E., E.D., of the Regional Hospital Board, Major A. S. Lampard, Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. E. Tong, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. G. Golding, Chairman of the Dover Group Hospital Committee, Matrons and staffs of other hospitals also came along to see the cooking in progress.

The day of the exercise was also the hospital's open-day, and many visitors were interested to see the open air emergency cookers on which the day's meal had been prepared. Visitors also saw an exhibition of hospital equipment in the hospital, and, outside, were an ambulance, a Civil Defence Corps vehicle and two canteen vans of the Ministry of Food's Flying Squad open for inspection. The Food Flying Squad is designed to act as the first line of feeding in any emergency. The vehicles on display are based at Tunbridge Wells and manned by members of the Women's Voluntary Services, who are also enrolled in the Civil Defence Corps (Welfare Section).

The emergency feeding demonstration was jointly arranged by the Hospital Management Committee and the Dover Civil Defence Forces. Mr. H. A. Leggett, who was in charge of all the cooking, is the Catering Officer for Buckland Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dover, Eassey Hospital and the Victoria Hospital at Deal. On the exercise he was assisted by Mrs. Nancy Rhodes, Chief Cook of Buckland Hospital, Mrs. V. Hearne, Assistant Cook, and other members of the hospital's catering staff.

WE LEARN that Gladys M. Harvey's book "Yes Matron" is to be published about the middle of this month by E. O. Beck, Ltd., 29, Watling Street, London, E.C.4.

We wish the little book success, and know that her colleagues are looking forward to its publication.

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