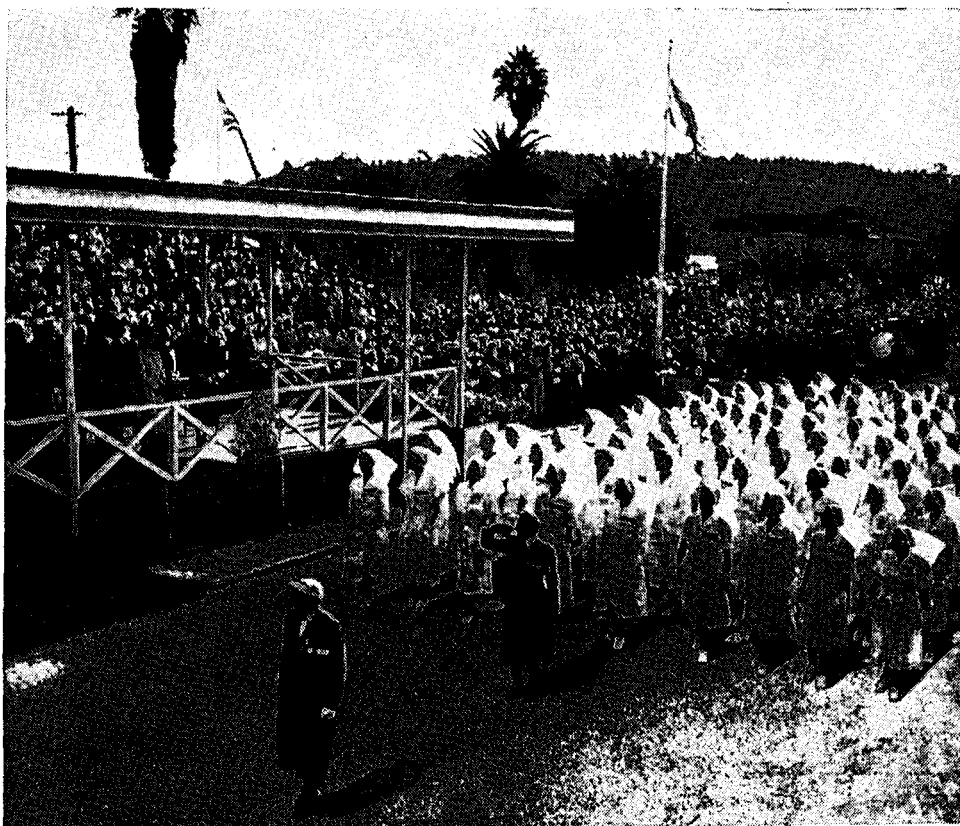


Nursing Echoes.

WE HAVE RECEIVED from a dear colleague a very welcome reminiscence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Royal Tour—in "The Royal Tour in Western Australia"—illustrating many wonderful scenes of that great epoch, of which this picture is one:—

"Where a group of Australian Army Nurses marching in front, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke on the Esplanade, Perth, W.A. on March 27th, 1954. King's Park in the background."

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE held at the Royal College of Midwives, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, held on Sep-



Nurses marching past Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during their tour of Australia.

tember 2nd, one felt the atmosphere charged with great expectations and excitement of something very fine on the way—in coming week—when the International Congress of Midwives would take place.

Much interesting and informative literature was available, much eager conversation, in which the secretary was much in demand, and in which one spent a very pleasant hour.

Thoracic Surgical Nursing—Post-Graduate Training.

THORACIC SURGERY is a relatively recent development which requires a highly specialised technique, not only in the operating theatre but also during post-operative nursing. At the Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, East

Yorkshire, where a Major Thoracic Surgery Unit was established in 1950, post-graduate courses are held for qualified male and female nurses who wish to gain extensive experience in the nursing procedures for thoracic surgical cases.

Practical instruction is given by trained staff, with work in the theatre and on the non-tuberculous and the tuberculous thoracic surgical wards; lectures are given by the Thoracic Surgeon during duty hours. A certificate of training is awarded after practical and oral examinations. Appointments for post-graduate training are made for a period of six months with pay at staff nurse rates and there is the opportunity of staying longer if desired.

The comprehensive surgical work of this Unit covers all types of pulmonary, cardiac, and oesophageal surgery. Patients are admitted from a wide area including Hull, York, and the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, to the Thoracic Surgery Unit which has 50 beds in two wards, one of them set aside for tuberculous cases. The operating theatre is modern and is equipped specially for thoracic surgery. The surgical staff consists of a consultant surgeon, a registrar, and a house surgeon, and the regular nursing staff are fully experienced in thoracic work.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, a Grand Bazaar, to be opened by the Countess of Harewood, will be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, from 11.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. to raise £4,000 for the British Epilepsy Association. B.Ep.A. is a comparatively new organisation, founded in 1950 with the two-fold

object of dispelling public prejudice and misunderstanding with regard to epilepsy, and giving advice and assistance to epileptics themselves.

The Association's Advisory department covers employment and training, institutional care, convalescence and holidays, and is used by epileptics themselves, their parents and friends, and by almoners and social workers. It co-operates with Hospital Management Committees and Local Authorities.

The work of the association, and especially of the advisory department, has grown very rapidly. A special effort is therefore being made this autumn to raise sufficient funds to put B.Ep.A. on a firm financial footing, so that this development can continue unhindered, and that additional branches of the association and more social clubs for epileptics can be started in different parts of the country where they are urgently needed.

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