

## INTER-NURSING SERVICES LAWN TENNIS.

On July 20th, 1938, Miss J. F. Watson and Sisters, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, were At Home at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.

The occasion was that of the Annual Inter-Nursing Services Lawn Tennis Match for 1938. This match is decided annually for a very handsome cup presented in 1937 by the Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. The Cup itself is a very beautiful piece of work standing 12 in. high and bearing the badges of the three Services. The first competition took place in 1937 at Haslar and the Cup was won by the Naval Nursing Service.

By kind permission of Colonel C. L. Franklin, M.C., and officers, Royal Army Medical Corps, Netley, the match was decided on the courts of the Officers' Mess. During tea, which was served on the lawn in fine sunny weather, the Pipe Band of the 11th (2nd Scottish) General Hospital, by kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Fulton and officers of that Unit, played a selection of airs.

The teams were as follows :—

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Miss Cooper. (Haslar).

Miss Kirkpatrick. (Plymouth).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss Long. (Colchester)

Miss Merriman. (Woolwich).

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

Miss Leachman. (Halton).

Miss Breen. (Halton).

The matches were ladies doubles.

The first match which opened at 3.00 p.m., was that between the Army and the Air Force. After a prolonged first set, which ended at 10-8 in favour of the Army, the match was won by the Army at 10-8, 6-4. The outstanding player was Miss Long, and the consistency of her play determined the issue in the face of some very brilliant and hard hitting by Miss Leachman.

Tea was then served on the lawn.

The match was resumed between the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. The Royal Air Force won the first set fairly easily at 6-3, the Navy apparently finding it difficult to settle down. The second set went to the Navy at 8-6, and they also secured the final set at 6-2, the Navy thus winning at 3-6, 8-6, 6-2. The victory was largely determined by the consistency and determination of Miss Kirkpatrick, backed by the volleying sorties of Miss Cooper. The Air Force did not maintain the brilliant performance that they produced during the first set.

The final match between the Navy and the Army then followed and was not completed until nearly 8.0 p.m. This proved a most prolonged duel and was finally won by the Navy at 8-6, 8-6. The Navy pair were more consistent, and in this respect Miss Kirkpatrick was the outstanding player; Miss Cooper's volleying also helped to turn the scales. Miss Long in this match was hardly as good as she had been in the match versus the Royal Air Force. A very close match which looked like going to a third set, with the winning team being a shade steadier and lasting a little better.

The standard of base line and ground shot play was distinctly high, but many opportunities of volleying interception was missed.

The closeness of these matches may be judged from the following final scores in the games :—

Royal Navy. For 33 games. Against 26 games.

Army. For 28 games. Against 28 games.

Royal Air Force. For 26 games. Against 33 games.

Thus Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service become the Cup holders for the year 1938.

At the conclusion of play the Cup was presented to the winning team by Miss B. M. Martin, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Amongst the very numerous and representative gathering present were :—

The Director-General Army Medical Services, Lieutenant-General W. P. MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur ;

Air Vice-Marshal Richardson, Director Royal Air Force Medical Services, and Mrs. Richardson ;

Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Pickering ;

Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Creaser ;

Miss B. M. Martin, Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service ;

Officers, Matrons and Sisters from the Royal Naval Hospitals, Haslar and Chatham ;

Major-General F. Casement and Mrs. Casement ;

Colonel F. A. Coppinger ;

Colonel E. T. Inkson ;

Bt.-Colonel G. L. Malcolm Smith ;

Miss C. M. Roy, Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service ;

Miss K. H. Jones, Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service ;

Miss D. M. Martin, late Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service ;

Matrons and Sisters from Woolwich, Millbank and Tidworth ;

Miss E. M. Blair, Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service ;

Matrons and Sisters from Halton and Uxbridge.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

### A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

In the Police Court at Halifax, Yorkshire, recently Herbert Reginald Sharp, of Church Street, Halifax, was accused of attempted murder, robbery with violence, and burglary at the Royal Halifax Infirmary on August 6th, and was committed to Leeds Assizes for trial.

It was alleged that Sharp, who was formerly employed at the Infirmary, went to the Matron's bedroom, and finding it empty went to that of the Assistant Matron, Miss Emily Kinch. According to the evidence he took various articles and a purse, and threw chloroform on Miss Kinch, subsequently making his escape.

It was alleged in evidence that Sharp in reply to the charge told the police that it was the Matron whom he desired to make suffer. That she was the cause of it all. He went to the Assistant Matron's room and administered chloroform to her while she was sleeping thinking it was the Matron. It was his intention to murder her. After about a minute she woke up and he then pressed the handkerchief tighter to her nose, and administered more chloroform, and a struggle ensued. Miss Kinch began to shout and he put a pillow over her face. Someone came to the door and he switched off the light and dashed past her.

Miss Kinch gave evidence of her terrifying experience, and said that in a struggle with the intruder she found that she was being overcome and lost consciousness; when she regained it her room was full of police officers, doctors and nurses.

Detective-sergeant Moorhouse said that Miss Kinch was found unconscious, with her neck inflamed. There appeared to have been a severe struggle.

Mr. Saxon Walshaw, who appeared for the defence, pleaded not guilty. The Magistrates granted Sharp's application for legal aid and sanctioned the engagement of two counsel for his defence.

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