

Hardship Appeals by Transferred Staff

The closing date for appeals on hardship grounds against allocations of staff under the London Government Act 1963 will be 31 July 1965. Such appeals can be made only by staff who have been transferred to the new London boroughs or the Greater London Council from the County Councils of London, Middlesex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, and Surrey; the County Borough Councils of Croydon, East Ham, and West Ham; the Metropolitan Borough Councils of Battersea, Lambeth, and Wandsworth; and the Urban District Council of Chislehurst and Sidcup. The procedure for making these appeals is set out in a leaflet (S.C.L. No. 2) which is obtainable from the London Government Staff Commission, 1 St. Andrew's Place, London N.W.1.

General Practice Advisory Service

Nearly 500 inquiries have been answered by the General Practice Advisory Service in the 12 months it has been running. Its formal inauguration was on 19 November 1964 (see *Supplement*, 1964, 2, 189). The Service was set up to advise general practitioners on how to design and build their premises, how to equip them, and how to organize them in the most efficient way. Dr. G. S. Adams, Medical Director, and Mr. B. Brookes, A.R.I.B.A., provide the medical and architectural advice.

Inquiries have ranged from the major issues that are involved in erecting new buildings and health centres and in converting existing premises, to the smaller problems of sound-proofing, flooring, lighting, heating, patient-call systems, and appointment systems. Many doctors have asked for advice about surgery equipment, and in particular about E.C.G.s and haemoglobinometers.

The Service invites doctors who want to build new premises or convert old ones to fill in a brief questionnaire about the nature and size of their practice and the accommodation that they need. This information, together

with a plan of any existing premises, enables the G.P.A.S. to provide sketches of possible solutions for the doctors to discuss with their own architects. Dr. Adams and Mr. Brookes have personally visited many practices when this was the most practical way of dealing with a problem.

The Service, with financial help from the Ministry of Health, is now engaged in a survey into user requirements in general practice. The results will be published in due course.

The Service is housed in Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London W.1, and its telephone number is Euston 4499 (ex. 333). Doctors who need the Service's help are invited to get in touch with it either by post or by means of a personal visit.

B.M.A. Car Badge Scheme

The Chief Constable of Portsmouth has agreed to the introduction of the B.M.A. Car Badge Scheme in the area of the Portsmouth Division of the B.M.A. Application forms for badges for doctors practising in this area may now be obtained from the Secretary of the Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Hospitality

An Austrian doctor living in Landeck-Tirol (near Innsbruck) would like his 18-year-old daughter to stay with a British medical family on an exchange basis for 3 weeks during August and September.

A French doctor living in Bordeaux would like his 20-year-old son to stay with a British medical family from 10 August for 4 to 5 weeks as a paying guest.

Would anyone who is interested please get in touch with Dr. R. A. Pallister, Medical Director, International Medical Advisory Bureau, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

H.M. Forces

Major-General W. A. Robinson, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.S., late R.A.M.C., has relinquished his appointment as Director of Medical Services, Far East Land Forces.

Major-General L. T. Furnivall, C.B., D.S.O., Q.H.S., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Director of Medical Services, Far East Land Forces.

ARMY

Colonel J. N. Threlfall, late R.A.M.C., has retired on retired pay.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captains A. Clarke, A. J. Spicer, and W. A. Rosser to be Majors.

Short Service Commissions.—Captains T. M. Moles and J. A. Harper to be Majors.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major V. A. Economides, from Active List, to be Major.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel A. H. Charles, E.R.D., T.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel, 308 General Hospital, R.A.M.C., A.E.R., in succession to Colonel J. A. Simons, tenure expired.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. Pemberton, M.B.E., having attained the age limit, has retired, retaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major L. G. R. Wand, T.D., has been granted the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain (Acting Major) J. R. Skene, from Gordons, T.A., to be Captain, relinquishing the acting rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS:

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major J. Wright, from Active List, to be Major.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Gunn, C.B., O.B.E., has been appointed Principal Medical Officer, Bomber Command, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J. S. Wilson, C.B.E.

Air Commodore A. W. Smith has retired at his own request.

Group Captains F. V. MacLaine, R. O. Yerbury, C.B.E., and W. B. Thorburn to be Air Commodores.

Group Captain C. E. G. Wickham has retired. Wing Commanders I. M. O'Connor and D. S. Grant to be Group Captains.

Wing Commander G. A. Humphreys has retired.

Association Notices

Diary of Central Meetings

JULY

- 27 Tues. Executive Subcommittee (C.C. and S. Committee), 10.15 a.m.
- 27 Tues. Staff Side, Committee B, Medical Whitley Council, 12.15 p.m. (followed by meeting with Management Side, 2.30 p.m.).
- 28 Wed. Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Surgeons of England, London W.C.), 10 a.m.

AUGUST

- 5 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 12 Thurs. Appointed Factory Doctors Subcommittee (Occupational Health Committee), 2.30 p.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Honorary Secretaries of Branches and Divisions are asked to send notices of meetings to the Editor at least 14 days before they are to be held.

BRIGHTON AND MID-SUSSEX DIVISION.—At Dudley Hotel, Hove, Sunday, 25 July, 3 p.m., meeting.

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.—At Star Hotel, Alfriston, Thursday, 29 July, 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner. 8.30 p.m., meeting to receive reports of Representatives to Annual Representative Meeting.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division was held on 16 June in the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries. Dr. J. Harper was in the chair and 17 members were present.

MERSEYSIDE BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Merseyside Branch was held on 17 June in the Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port. Birkenhead and Wirral Division acted as host Division to the Branch. Dr. Peter Spence, who was elected President in succession to Dr. W. F. Jones, was in the chair. A presentation was made to Dr. E. E. Claxton, Principal Assistant Secretary of the B.M.A., to mark the occasion of his forthcoming retirement. Scrolls recording admission to Fellowship of the Association were also presented to Drs. D. Brown, W. F. Jones, and T. R. Robertson. Luncheon was provided before the meeting by Vauxhall Motors Limited, and afterwards approximately 125 members and their ladies were conducted on a tour of the new Vauxhall Plant at Ellesmere Port. The Mayor and Mayoress of Ellesmere Port welcomed the Branch as did Mr. L. F. Ashe, the Production Manager of Vauxhall Motors.

Correction.—Surgeon Commodore F. W. Baskerville's statement to the Armed Forces Committee (*Supplement*, 10 July, p. 25) that "there were four consultants in the Royal Navy who wanted to leave the Service" should have read "there were four specialists. . . ."