

**Colonel Richard Jennings's album of photographs of No. 6 General Hospital at Naauwspoor(?), South Africa, during the Boer War**

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My dear Barnsley,

I hear that you are the custodian of the Corps Museum and I (together with my brother + sister) have long meant to see whether the enclosed photograph album filled a gap in the Boer War section.

The Registrar of No 6 General HP, to whom the book is inscribed, was my father. At that time he was probably a major RICHARD JENNINGS. He retired as a Colonel in 1911 and returned in 1914-18 to fill a number of ADMS + DDMS appointments in the U.K. He died in 1936

In his later years he used to boast that his service had spanned from the days of the Regimental Surgeons, through the AID



to the R.A.M.C. I have always rather suspected an exaggeration in this, but he may have been right because he must have joined first in about 1878-80.

Returning to the "dedication" at the beginning of the album, I'm ashamed to say <sup>that I don't know</sup> where are the initials BWS? He must have been the Commanding Officer. Might the name have been SHEA? I seem to remember that ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> had a biddie of that name.

There were, of course, the days when the Army (and Navy) doctors came almost exclusively from the bogs of Ireland! At least one of my manifold paternal uncles was a naval surgeon.

I only wish I could tell you the names of at least some of the people in the groups. I can only say that ~~the~~ in the one on page 2 (with the railway carriage background) my Registrar <sup>paper</sup> was 4!! from the right of the standing row - next to a vest person & wearing a particularly fetching Antony Eden hat. In the indoor group on the opposite page, he is the right hand one in the back row - having apparently just come from having a lawn mower put over his head.

A point which interests me in the book is the improvements

as time went on. Compare, for instance the earlier photos of the surgical theatre with the last one. Unless the Army has changed a lot, one assumes that the ultimate theatre was provided after the armistice!

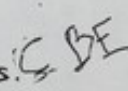
I'm sorry for having rambled on in this manner - but there is the book if the museum has any use for it. My sister asks only that it should be recorded in the catalogue or other suitable place that it was given by R.B.'s family.

You probably don't even remember me and I must confess that I cannot remember where it was that we served together. I rather plump for the Black Sea in 1919-20, when I would have been a subaltern in a Gunner Brigade.

I can, however, vividly remember a "voce rendering" of several different species of mosquito which you could produce as a parlour trick if it were late enough in the evening.

Yours sincerely

Justin Jennings

Brigadier M. B. JENNINGS. 



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To the Registrar.

A moment of No 6. Genl Hospital  
Hampshire June 1900.  
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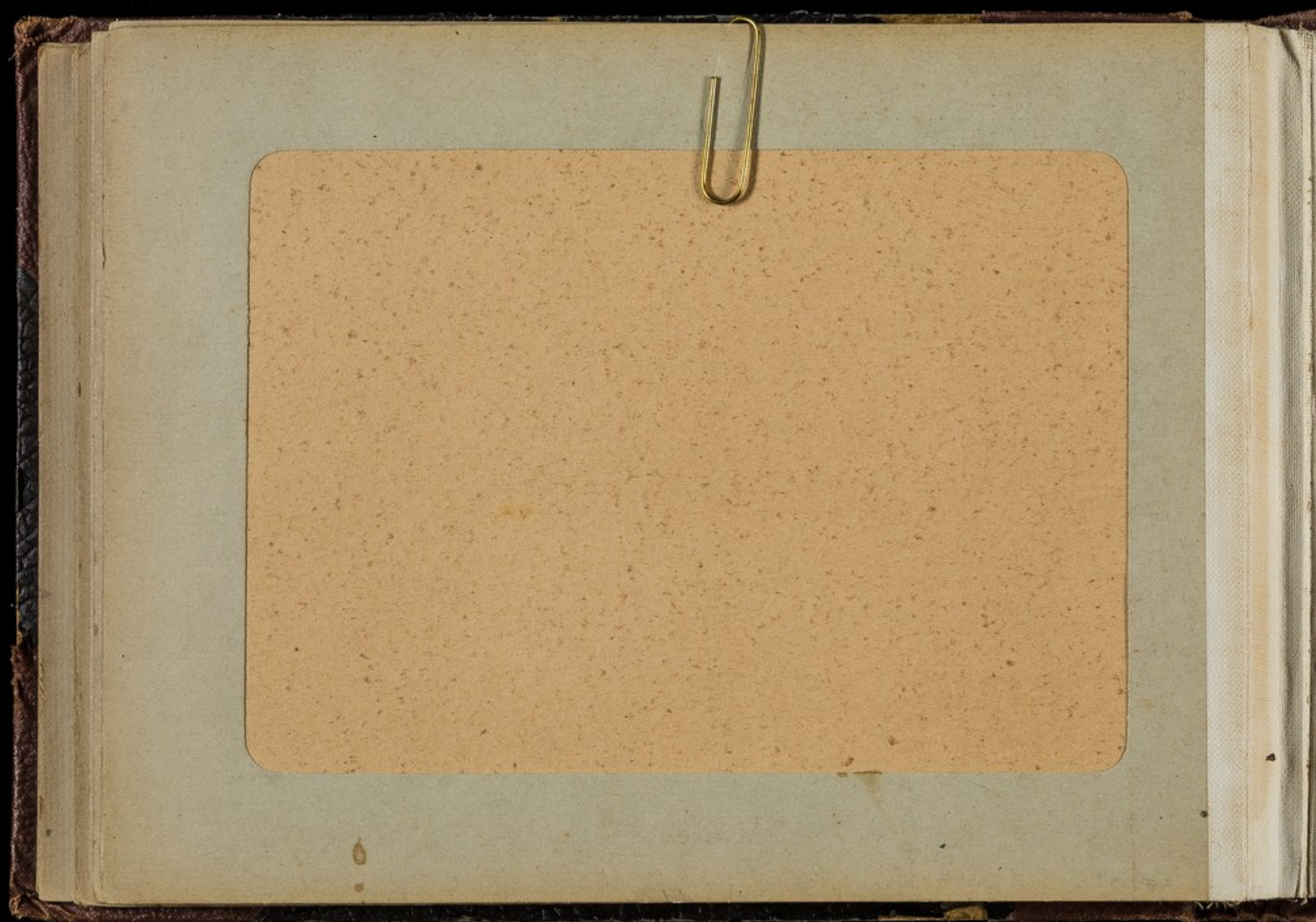














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