

# 1. Godfrey has had enough

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gold - a very pretty sight, and perhaps the last time it will take place.

I did my usual turn of following the races in the stewards' car, which keeps abreast the horses on an inner track. One thus has a close-up of the whole race with the thrilling spectacle of the finish against the background of the Grand Stand. My host, Crutchley, one of the stewards, pointed out to me as we drove round all the tricks and dirty work the jockeys were perpetrating.

I paid farewell visits to the W.R.I.N. hostels while at Bombay, and reviewed them on the signal school parade ground and said a few words, advising them to form old W.R.I.N. associations in each port. Mrs. Campbell, the first officer on the West Coast, then rather disconcerted me by replying (usually the Senior Officer has the last word) and calling me their godfather; they then gave me three cheers, etc. I was deeply touched.

As part of the W.A.C.(I) they were to be disbanded and I am fighting a rearguard action to keep something of this fine spirited devoted little corps in being.

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8 February 1946, at Karachi

I have finished my last inspection and march past, the fifteenth in a week and, I hope, the last I shall ever do. I never want to inspect any more kitchens or drains, or shake any more flabby hands and I really don't see why I ever should.

All that remains is to turn over to my relief, about whom there is still no firm information, and if he does not turn up soon to hand over to Jack Rattray. This is what I had hoped would happen but I was mistaken. There was to be an unpleasant aftermath as my relief, Geoffrey Miles, was delayed.

I was to spend a large portion of the next sixteen years in inspecting hospital kitchens and drains.

Three days at Karachi, where I stayed at Government House, was followed by a short visit to Delhi and a tour in Rajputana to Kotah, Bundi and Udaipur with my secretary Braine and flag lieutenant Tom Sheppard.

15 February 1946, at Kotah

This has been one of the almost perfect and extremely interesting days which only an Indian ruler can provide, with

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