



Burke recovered sufficiently to return to the active list in July 1921 and then worked mainly as Adjutant in the Devonshire's Territorial Army units until March 1929 when we see '*Captain U B Burke MC retires on account of ill-health*'. Nothing more is listed until WWII when he is re-employed in his old Regiment from the retired list, eventually being promoted to Brevet Major in September 1943. The remarkable thing is that he remained in the Army after the war on a Short Service Commission until 1957 when the Major is stood down for the last time; he must have been well past the age of sixty.

Diligent research over many hours has failed to discover a knighthood under this gallant soldier's name; it may just be that Sir Ulick *Roland* Burke's award in 1940 (a KCVO in the same list as some KBEs) was misidentified by Conway's secretarial detectives.

Your researcher now begs the reader's indulgence in respect of a flight of fancy - the time line fits an interesting possible scenario, supported by the birth registered in name of Ulick Bernard Burke at 14 Portland Square, Plymouth (now within the grounds of the University) in April 1895. Young Ulick Burke, eldest son of an Irish-born doctor practising in Plymouth, grows up in a great naval port city. He wants to join the Royal Navy but fails the RNC Osborne entry procedure at age 12 years 9 months (as it was then); instead, in January 1908, he enters Conway's RN class as a candidate for the '5th Term' examination, open to Conway and Worcester Cadets to join their contemporaries at Dartmouth at age fifteen. Alas, this endeavour did not succeed - perhaps his eyesight did not pass the test - so Ulick leaves Conway in December 1909 (still aged only 14 years 9 months) and goes on to complete his education at Plymouth College - he would not have been the first to follow a similar route. The 1911 Census shows him to be a fifteen- (nearer sixteen-) year-old scholar living in Plymouth in a 14-room house, together with his doctor father (a widower), two younger brothers, a governess, cook and three maidservants. The remainder of the tale is all there in the London Gazette. However, if this is *the* Old Conway Ulick Bernard Burke, his MC was not noticed by the Conway powers that be for inclusion in its World War One Honours lists, an unfortunate slip now provisionally remedied. Thus he was missed in WW1 and wrongly included in WW2.

## A A Martin (18-20)

In the last *Cadet*, Geoffrey Haskins wrote about A A Martin. Since then, Capt J N McCaughan (38-39) has sent this photo (*right*), taken in Penang in 1954. Geoffrey surmises that Martin joined the Marine Department, Malaya, after the war, retiring as Director in 1956 and retiring from the RNR in 1958. So now we know what he looked like.



*The four officers in the front row are (left to right): J N McCaughan (38-39) Penang Port Officer; Penang Harbourmaster (not Conway); A A Martin (18-20), Director of Marine, Malaya; Assistant to the Director (not Conway).*