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- Glasgow (A.T.S. and W.R.A.C.).**—Miss N. Campbell, 139, Marlborough Avenue, Glasgow, W.1. Write for particulars of monthly meetings. *See page 14.*
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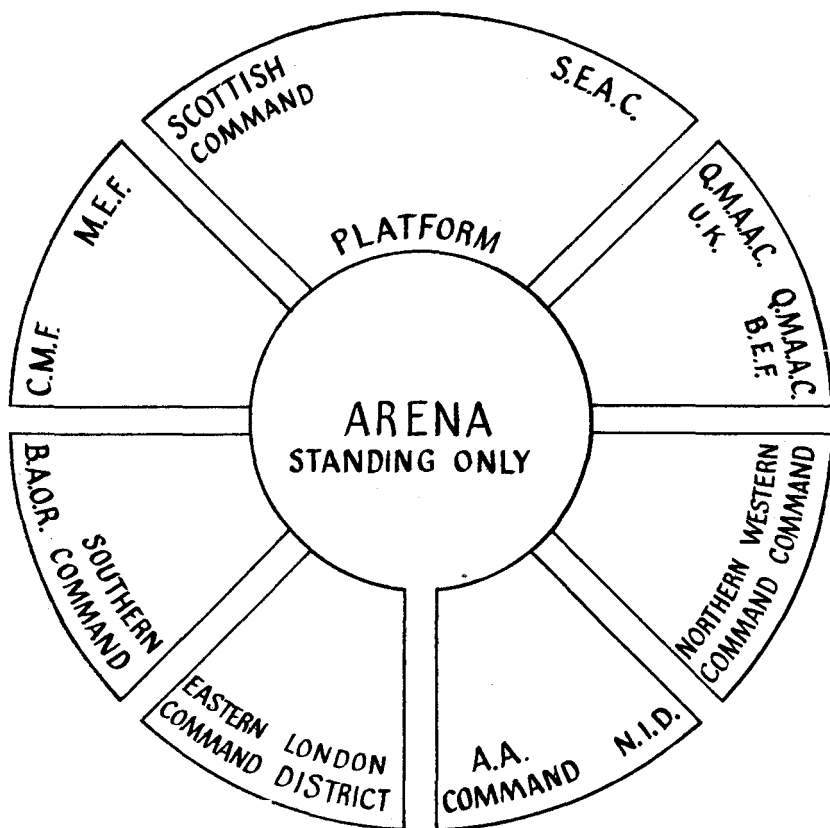
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PLAN OF ROYAL ALBERT HALL
on Saturday, 18th March, 1950

Nearest Underground Station—South Kensington on the Metropolitan Line, Inner Circle and Piccadilly Line, or Knightsbridge on the Piccadilly Line. Buses 9, 46, 52 and 73 pass the door of the Royal Albert Hall.

GRAND REUNION, 1950

Saturday, 18th March, 7 p.m., at the Royal Albert Hall.

H.R.H. The Princess Royal has consented to preside.

The Reunion Committee, with our Chairman, Dame Regina Evans, D.B.E., has already had one long meeting at the Duke of York's H.Q., and all the snags of other years have been thoroughly discussed and the most helpful letters which so many of you sent in after the 1949 Reunion have been talked over in the greatest detail. Out of this we have planned Saturday evening, 18th March. The programme is simple, because it is very clear that the happiest part of the entire evening is when we are all free to roam the vast Albert Hall meeting all our friends and comrades of Service days.

6.30 p.m.—Doors open.

7.0 p.m.—Music. Band of the Welsh Guards, under the direction of Capt. F. L. Statham, A.R.C.M., by kind permission of Colonel G. W. Browning, O.B.E. Community singing under the direction of Mr. Arthur Cager.

7.25 p.m.—Scottish Pipers and Dancers.

7.45 p.m.—Foot Drill by 327th (County of London) Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.).

8.0 p.m.—More Community Singing.

8.15 p.m.—Speeches. Guest speaker, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

8.30 p.m.—Refreshments served at buffets on all floors.

8.45 p.m.—General Reunion in the Arena. Band will play until 10.30 p.m.

10.30 p.m.—“Auld Lang Syne” and “The King.”

Tickets are available at 4s. each exclusive of refreshments. Send your postal order with a stamped addressed envelope to the Reunion Secretary, Duke of York's H.Q., King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3 *now*.

Accommodation is available as in other years at the Leave Hostel Annexe, but this year the charge is 5s. for ex-Service personnel and 2s. for serving members. This large increase in cost is much regretted but is quite outside our control. This money to be paid on the night at the hostel.

A plan of the Royal Albert Hall is shown on previous page, with transport suggestions for getting there.

Buy your tickets and tell all your friends to buy theirs early. This year we are selling a limited number of tickets for each door to try and make entrance on all floors easier and more comfortable. Box and seating arrangements will be just the same as in previous years. It is hoped by this time you are all more familiar with the Albert Hall.

A very happy Reunion to you all.

BARBARA WALEY COHEN, *Reunion Secretary*.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

Friday, 17th March, 1950, 7 p.m., at the Duke of York's H.Q.

Please apply as soon as possible for your 4s. ticket from the Reunion Secretary, Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades Association, Duke of York's H.Q., King's Road, Chelsea, London, S.W.3. Mark your application distinctly, so that the Secretary knows for which reunion you want your ticket. Both can be applied for at the same time. Please don't forget the *stamped addressed envelope*.

Assembly is 7 to 7.45 for supper at 8 p.m. in the T.A. Mess as before. Extra space is being provided upstairs.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEAR COMRADES,

The time has come for me to leave the GAZETTE, and I am very sorry to say good-bye. But I shall enjoy reading it very much more in future; it will be as exciting as eating a meal that one has not cooked oneself!

When I took over the work in order to relieve Mrs. Johnston a little in 1944, the GAZETTE was a very small sheet, and it has been good to watch it grow with the membership. Though its contents have varied in interest according to the energies of the readers, who are also the subscribers, the presentation has always been as distinguished as that of the grandest regimental journal. This we owe entirely to Mr. Kipling, of Messrs. Gale & Polden, whose unfailing help and good humour have made the Editor's task a pleasant one.

One of the happiest parts of my job has been the contact which I have had with Q.M.A.A.C. Comrades. They have been kind to me always and never made me feel that I was a usurper. At one time we had so much Service news that it did look as though the GAZETTE was devoting itself entirely to the A.T.S. Did the Q.M.A.A.C. complain? No, they said they thoroughly enjoyed reading about their successors. Lately the Service has not contributed very much, but my most fervent hope is that the Service membership will increase a thousand-fold and that we "old war horses" will be able to read a lot about it. Our day is over, but our interest in the Service will never fail and our pride is in the part which it will play both now and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN ADDIS.

This edition would not be complete without an expression of sincere gratitude and appreciation from all members to Mrs. Addis (now Mrs. Warr) upon her retirement as Editor of the GAZETTE.

Mrs. Addis took over the editorship in 1944, and has been tireless in her efforts to make the GAZETTE interesting and readable—no mean task in these days when everyone is so busy.

All members will, I am sure, wish to join with me in sending Gill Warr their warm congratulations and good wishes for her future happiness.

L. E. W.

Mrs. Addis took over the editorship of the GAZETTE in 1944. One of the keenest of A.T.S. officers, she has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Comrades Association and has used her considerable gifts to keep the GAZETTE interesting and readable.

The good wishes of all members go with her on her marriage. We shall miss Gill Addis as our Editor. We shall look forward to the ready help of Gill Warr in other directions.

H. C. I. GWYNNE-VAUGHAN.

BRANCH STANDARDS

Benjamin Edgington, 29, Queen Elizabeth Street, Tower Bridge, London, S.W.1, can supply the Association Standard, 4 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft., for 4 guineas. They also provide two-section polished pole with brass spearhead, gold cords and tassels, leather carrying-straps and holster, and waterproof pole cover, for a further £4 18s.

ALDERMASTON (1939-42) REUNION

London, 12th November, 1949



Reading clockwise from lady nearest camera:

Left hand table: Miss C. Twitchin, Miss F. Fletcher, M.B.E., Mrs. M. D. K. Robinson, Miss M. V. Drew, The Misses Ferguson, Miss J. Selby-Lowndes, Mrs. L. M. Ferguson, O.B.E., Major T. L. Harris, R.A. (Retd.), Miss M. Howat, Miss M. E. Smallwood.
Centre table: Miss H. M. B. Carr, Miss M. G. Andrews, Mrs. K. M. Mellich, Mrs. L. Voehl, Miss F. Berry, Miss M. Druiitt, Mrs. I. Pulley, K.S.M. A. Wren, M.B.E., W.R.A.C.,
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[Photo: Cecil Walden Ltd.]

REUNION NOTICES

(A charge of 3d. a line is made for Reunion Notices)

NO. 7 A.T.S. TRAINING CENTRE, GUILDFORD

A Reunion for all companies of No. 7 A.T.S. T.C. will be held on Friday, 28th April, 1950, at the Victory Club, 73-79 Seymour Street, London, W.2. Notices will be sent to all known addresses later. Will anyone who was on the permanent staff of No. 7 A.T.S. T.C., 1941-45, who was not notified of last year's reunion and who would like to attend, please send her name and address to Miss Mary Lockwood, Hodder Place, Stonyhurst College, near Blackburn, Lancs.

NO. 1 A.C. ("A") COMPANY

Will any members interested in meeting for an informal tea at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday, 18th March, prior to R.A.H. Reunion, please write before 1st March to Miss M. G. Rose, Brook Cottage, Slapton, near Kingsbridge, Devon.

ALDERMASTON DEPOT (A.T.S.) ASSOCIATION

From many accounts it appears that the 1949 Reunion of the Permanent Staff of the Training Centre at Aldermaston (1939-42) was one of the happiest yet. Perhaps just a few fewer members than usual attended, but "it was a grand afternoon," "very cheerful," "an excellent meeting, and everyone seemed so keen and enthusiastic, more so than in other years." Many special messages were received from members who were unable to attend, and these with the attendance of nearly forty members, seven years after the closing of the Depot, seemed to show that the Association is still worth while.

Future meetings are to be held in the spring, every third year at Aldermaston, otherwise in London. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 6th May, 1950. Occasional outings are also to be arranged.

Members of the Permanent Staff who are interested, and who do not already receive notices of the meetings, are asked to write to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss D. M. Beston, Wyrley Lodge, Station Road, Dorridge, Birmingham.

SCOTTISH REUNION

Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 1st April, 1950, 7.30-10 p.m. (doors open, 6.30 p.m.). H.R.H. The Princess Royal has graciously consented to be present.

The Band of the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots will play during the evening (by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Bucher, D.S.O., Officer Commanding).

Tickets (including refreshments), 5s. 6d. from the Reunion Secretary, Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, or 47 Ann Street, Edinburgh (Telephone 32722), and all Branch Secretaries. Please send stamped addressed envelope.

Special rail facilities can be arranged for parties, and those people organizing parties of over eight who wish to participate in the scheme should write to the Reunion Secretary giving full details.

All serving and ex-Service Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. are invited.

BADGES

The badge of the Association, the design of which you can see on the cover of this GAZETTE, can be obtained, price 1s. 6d., from the General Secretary.

NEWS OF COMRADES

(Where no addresses are given, letters will be forwarded from H.Q. Office)

Mr. A. D. J. Bullock (ex-Royal Signals) is most anxious to trace an old Army friend who was a clerk in the R.Q.M.S. office at 150 O.C.T.U., Catterick Camp. She was Miss Ada Newton, she was demobilized in the middle of 1946, and at that time she lived in Newcastle.

Ex-J./Comdr. Ilse Wasserman is now **Mrs. Braude** and lives very happily in Southern Rhodesia. She would love to hear from any old friends at P.O. Box 1920, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Miss Winifred Clarke, who has very grand writing paper given to her by **Mrs. A. E. B. Johnston**, writes to ask if **Miss Leeming** is our oldest Comrade. She is a life member of London Branch and celebrated her eighty-second birthday last October. Miss Leeming was at the last reunion and is looking forward to 18th March.

Mrs. Austin has moved to 232 Main St. Weston, Toronto, and is very grateful for all the letters.

S./Comdr. Wethersett sends messages from Vancouver, B.C., where her address is 3465 West 30th Avenue, to **Mrs. Betts (Ivy Hodgson)** and would welcome letters from her friends.

The Sub-Editor regrets that he must hand in his resignation owing to the acquisition of a stepfather, whom he feels is going to need more attention and care than he could manage if he continued his old duties. From the time when his help consisted in muddling the branch reports with a rattle until now, when he can punch holes and correct the spelling mistakes of the Editor, one of his main interests has been "my and Dame Helen's office," and he will miss it very much.

NEWS LETTER FROM 14 BATTALION W.R.A.C., H.Q. B.A.O.R. 1

DEAR EDITOR,

Months have passed since our last News Letter from B.A.O.R., and I felt that our Christmas activities would be of interest to all our friends.

Christmas Day started with the old English custom of taking tea to the junior ranks, and I am told of two W.Os. who crept (?) down Portastrasse at 0530 hrs. in the hope of catching the cooks before they proceeded on early duty. Our dear Bessie Lightfoot, a very loyal and active member of the Association, was already on duty. Wot a shame! It was to have been a great surprise!

A wonderful Christmas dinner was served by a large number of officers, W.Os. and sergeants headed by Controller H. A. Toft, and I looked with great longing at the turkey and et ceteras; but Carol Bosher—remember her from the Middle East—fixed me with her eagle eye, and I resisted the temptation to sample.

On Boxing Day morning, in spite of heavy rain which had already frightened away the male element, a gallant band of members reported to the gym ready for their comic football match. I am still wondering if a certain Senior Commander has managed to remove the mud and slime from her white lace petticoat with large pink bows. And if Myrtle Mallard ever found the balloons! Anyway, it was great fun, and dare I raise my head when I say that the officers, W.Os. and sergeants were beaten by the other ranks 3-2? A crowd of very unglamorous W.Os. and sergeants returned to the Mess in time for a grand dinner, after which we all retired for a few hours.

Tuesday and Wednesday were given over to parties for the German children, and I think that we enjoyed the Punch and Judy Show as much as they did.

The climax of the holidays was a wonderful fancy dress dance in the W.O's.

and Sergeants' Mess on New Year's Eve, when Scottie Jardine and her merry band o' Scots came into their own, including Chris Hamilton, Vicky Willder and Sue Fyfe, who were sampling New Year in Berlin.

January will see the start of the New Year and the election of members for the Committee for 1950. We all hope to meet old friends at the reunion and exchange greetings, and still be able to say "Do you remember?"

With best wishes for 1950 from all members of H.Q. B.A.O.R.

ALYS HILDYARD.

OBITUARY

On 6th December Miss Lila Davy, C.B.E., died peacefully at Goadby Hall, Leicestershire, which had been her headquarters for some time past. In a recent letter to Dame Helen she admitted to a tired heart and regretted that she could not be more active in helping the Comrades Association. Her last words (underlined) are a not inappropriate epitaph: "I am always greatly interested—as ever."

Miss Davy had been "greatly interested" since her first contact with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1917. She had gone to France in 1915 as a V.A.D. member and was one of those chosen to look after French women employed in the so-called Smoke Helmet factory at Abbeville, where respirators were prepared to counter the newly developed gas attacks. This work was considered more appropriate to the W.A.A.C. than to Voluntary Aid Detachments, so Miss Davy and her colleagues became "officials" of the new Corps. Miss Davy was soon posted away from the factory and became Area Controller at Rouen, where she remained till in September, 1918, she succeeded Dame Helen as Chief Controller, Q.M.A.A.C., British Armies in France.

There was no kindlier person than Miss Davy. She was always interested, always ready to help, unassuming, considerate, friendly. She will be greatly missed.

Extract from notice in the *Northern Chronicle*:

"When war was over she served for many years as the Edinburgh representative on the council of the Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades Association, and continued to do so after it included the A.T.S.

"A woman of striking personality, fearless, disinterested, humble and possessing a keen sense of humour, the late Miss Davy brought great qualities of character to bear upon any duty she undertook, and all her life was influenced by her strong religious convictions."

DEATH OF MRS. DALTON, C.B.E.

All former members of Q.M.A.A.C. and the Women's Legion will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Dalton (Miss Hilda Horniblow) shortly after Christmas. A further notice will appear in the next GAZETTE.

A.T.S. BADGE BROOCHES

Gilt Badge Brooches, at 2s. 6d. each, are still obtainable from the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, 73, Elizabeth Street, London, S.W.1, to which the proceeds of sale are credited.

IMPORTANT

All contributions for the next GAZETTE should reach the Editor, Q.M.A.A.C. AND A.T.S. GAZETTE, Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3, not later than 15th March, 1950. Please send them as early as possible.

327th (County of London) Bn., W.R.A.C. (T.A.)

Bn. Headquarters	Unit or Sub-Unit	Address	Telephone No.	Duties	Personnel (Trades and Employment)
"A" Company Coy. H.Q. 1st County of London Pln., 2nd County of London Pln., 3rd County of London Pln., 4th County of London Pln.,	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 33	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 30	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 30	Ord. C.O.D.	Adm. Clerks and Store- women, R.A.O.C.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 30	Ord. C.O.D.	Adm. Clerks and Store- women, R.A.O.C.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 20	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
"B" Company Coy. H.Q. 5th County of London Pln., 6th County of London Pln., 7th County of London Pln.,	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 20	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 28	W.R.A.C. Trg.	Adm. Instructors, Training N.C.Os., Regt. Police
	...	County Hall, Westminster, S.W.1	SLO. 0461, Ex. 33	Static H.Q.	Adm. Clerks G.D.
	...	190 Hammersmith Road, W.6	RIVERSIDE 7673	W.R.A.C. Trg.	Adm. Instructors, Training N.C.Os., Regt. Police
	...	27 St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, S.W.11	BATTERSEA 8135	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm.
"C" Company Coy. H.Q. 8th County of London Pln., 9th County of London Pln., 10th County of London Pln.,	...	27 St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, S.W.11	BATTERSEA 8135	Pay	Adm. Clerks, R.A.P.C.
	...	105, Minet Road, Brixton, S.W.9	BRIXTON 4983	Corps and Regt.	Adm. Clerks G.D., Drivers i/c.
	...	2, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16	BERMONDSEY 1395	Depot I.T.C.	Adm. Clerks, Drivers, Cooks, Storewomen, Mess Orderlies, Tailorress
	...	56, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1	VICTORIA 1563	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm.
	...	56, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1	VICTORIA 1563	Static H.Q.	Adm. Clerks G.D.
"D" Company Coy. H.Q. 11th County of London Pln., 12th County of London Pln., 13th County of London Pln.,	...	59, Buckingham Gate, Westminster, S.W.1	VICTORIA 0751	Records	Adm., Record Clerks
	...	1, Elverson Street, Westminster, S.W.1	VICTORIA 3538	I.T.C.	Adm. Clerks, Drivers, Cooks, Storewomen, Mess Orderlies, Tailorress.
	...	Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3	SLO. 0461, Ex. 37	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm.
	...	239, Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, W.6	SHEP. Bush 1052	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
	...	229, Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, W.6	SHEP. Bush 1052	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
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	...	239, Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, W.6	SHEP. Bush 1052	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
	...	229, Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, W.6	SHEP. Bush 1052	S. and T.	Adm., Drivers Mech., Drivers i/c.
	...	90, Allitson Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.8	PRIMROSE 7141	Adm. (W.R.A.C.)	Adm. Clerks G.D.
	...	90, Allitson Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.8	PRIMROSE 7141	Static H.Q.	Adm. Clerks, Drivers, Cooks, Storewomen, Mess Orderlies, Tailorress.
"F" Company Coy. H.Q. 16th County of London Pln., 17th County of London Pln.,	...	16, Chenies Street, Tottenham Court Road,	MUSEUM 1015	I.T.C.	Adm. Clerks G.D.
	...	16, Chenies Street, Tottenham Court Road,	MUSEUM 1015	I.T.C.	Adm. Clerks, Drivers, Cooks, Storewomen, Mess Orderlies, Tailorress.
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	...	16, Chenies Street, Tottenham Court Road,	MUSEUM 1015	I.T.C.	Adm. Clerks G.D.

THE LANCASHIRE TRAINING CENTRE TEA AND DINNER CLUB

A club bearing this name has been started by a few of all ranks who dined together last year in Manchester, and anybody who wants to join is asked to send her name and address with 1s. postal order or stamps to Controller J. M. Cowper, D.D.W.R.A.C., Northern Command, York. The following are the rules as drawn up at the 1949 dinner, but they may well be altered another year if any member desires to do so.

Eligibility.—Membership is open to any who served in the Western Command Reception Depot, No. 4 A.T.S. T.C., or No. 17 A.T.S. T.C. (before it amalgamated with No. 4), whether permanent staff or recruits.

Subscription.—1s. annually.

Reunion.—To be held annually in the autumn, alternate years in London and the North. Saturday was considered the best day. The reunion will consist of tea at 4 p.m., annual meeting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.30 or 8 p.m. It is hoped that all members will attend the annual meeting, and that as many as possible will come to the tea or dinner or both.

1950 Reunion.—This will be held in London on 28th October, 1950, and the details will be arranged by a committee consisting of Controller J. M. Cowper, Mrs. Douglas Forbes, Miss Anne Bell, Mrs. M. Grundy, M.B.E., Miss N. R. Smith and Miss H. Jackson. Mrs. Forbes undertook the work of Secretary and Treasurer, but as her husband has been posted overseas and she will shortly be joining him she has had to give it up. Controller Cowper is filling the gap until the first annual meeting. It is hoped to arrange tea at about 2s. 6d. and dinner from 10s. to 15s. a head, and the details will be sent to members after the committee meeting which will be held during the week-end of the Albert Hall Reunion.

Box at the Albert Hall.—The committee has allocated a box to the club at the Albert Hall Reunion, and it is hoped that not only will all members turn up there during the evening but that any other ex-Lancastrians will visit us, and perhaps join the club there and then.

TERRITORIAL ACTIVITIES

1 A.A. BRIGADE

The "Mixed" Units of 1 A.A. Brigade in Kent are training energetically for their annual camp, an early one again this year, late April and early May. Location—Bude, Cornwall.

After over two years with ack-ack T.A. units in the Midlands, I find myself, after a few weeks in Kent, as impressed as I was further north with the keenness and enthusiasm for the job shown by all those who have joined.

But—and it is a big but—the officer situation must be faced. Ex-A.T.S. officers are urgently needed at every Headquarters in the Brigade.

There is no need to stress the urgency of building up our ack-ack T.A. units. All ranks are needed for duty with (M.) H.A.A. and (M.) L.A.A./S.L. Regiments, Fire Command, and "C" and "R" Troops. The accommodation allotted is excellent, travelling facilities to most Headquarters are good, and a vital and interesting job awaits those who join.

Will anyone living in the Kent area who is interested—and I am writing particularly in the first instance to ex-officers (*not* necessarily ack-ack)—write to me, and I will send full particulars of our units, or arrange to meet them anywhere (almost!) to give them details by word of mouth.

E. DALZIEL, *S./Comdr.*

H.Q. 1 A.A. Brigade, Hoath Lane Camp, Gillingham, Kent.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st October, 1949

GENERAL FUND						GENERAL FUND					
To Branches	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	By Subscriptions	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	To Branches	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	By Subscriptions	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capitation Fees for Life and Four-Year Members	46 17 6		Annual Subscriptions	39 2 6		Capitation Fees for Life and Four-Year Members	46 17 6		Annual Subscriptions	39 2 6	
Capitation Fees for Annual Subscriptions	203 14 0		Gross Capitations from Branches	339 10 0		Capitation Fees for Annual Subscriptions	203 14 0		Gross Capitations from Branches	339 10 0	
Grants	250 11 6		Proportion of Four-Yearly Subscriptions	378 12 6		Grants	250 11 6		Proportion of Four-Yearly Subscriptions	378 12 6	
	20 0 6		Proportion of Life Membership Subscriptions	181 15 9			20 0 6		Proportion of Life Membership Subscriptions	181 15 9	
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Advertising Revenue	592 15 5			38 6 1		Advertising Revenue	592 15 5			38 6 1	
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Editor's Salary	826 7 2					Editor's Salary	826 7 2				
	152 8 9						152 8 9				
Administration and Office Expenses						Administration and Office Expenses					
Salaries and Travelling	390 15 11					Salaries and Travelling	390 15 11				
Printing and Stationery	43 7 11					Printing and Stationery	43 7 11				
Postage	46 10 3					Postage	46 10 3				
Telephone	22 18 4					Telephone	22 18 4				
Sundries	2 3 6					Sundries	2 3 6				
Miscellaneous	509 4 11					Miscellaneous	509 4 11				
Accountancy and Audit	24 3 0					Accountancy and Audit	24 3 0				
Amount written off stock of "Service with the Army"	15 5 0					Amount written off stock of "Service with the Army"	15 5 0				
Depreciation of Furniture	3 3 7					Depreciation of Furniture	3 3 7				
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" Entertainment, Flagstaffs, Decorations, etc.	182 10 9					" Entertainment, Flagstaffs, Decorations, etc.	182 10 9				
" Catering	202 19 0					" Catering	202 19 0				
" Organizer's Salary, Expenses and Travelling	49 1 3					" Organizer's Salary, Expenses and Travelling	49 1 3				
" Printing, Postage, etc.	66 18 9					" Printing, Postage, etc.	66 18 9				
" Advertising	15 14 8					" Advertising	15 14 8				
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NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

BRADFORD

THIS year we celebrated Christmas with a dinner followed by a visit to the theatre. We had a very good turn up, and everybody was in a thoroughly festive mood. After a wonderful dinner we all saw "Summer in December" through rose-coloured spectacles, our only regret being that Miss Cocksedge was in hospital and could not be with us.

NANCY W. BRIGGS.

BRISTOL AND WEST OF ENGLAND

A successful Bring and Buy Sale was held in September. In October we held a whist drive, and in November had an interesting talk by a local Magistrates' Clerk. Also in November we held our Annual Reunion Dinner at the Hawthornes Hotel, where our chief guest was Deputy Controller E. I. W. Hobkirk, W.R.A.C.



[Evening Post photograph]

Our Annual General Meeting was held in December, when the following were elected: President, Mrs. R. Bernays, J.P.; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Gardner; Chairman, Miss K. Keynton; Vice-Chairman, Miss M. Holton; Hon. Secretary, Miss K. Cottrell; Hon. Treasurer, Miss I. D. Morgan; and Welfare Officer, Mrs. Histed. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Holton, the retiring Secretary, for the hard and valuable work she has put in during the past few years, also Miss Harris, the retiring Treasurer, and other retiring members of the Committee.

This branch has adopted a baby girl named Jill, who lives in a local babies' home. She is nearly two years old, and at Christmas received a large teddy bear, a silk dress, and many other presents and cards from our members. We hope to take her to the Zoo and on other outings later on in the year.

We have already started our activities for 1950 by holding a beetle drive early this month.

Many of our members are now looking forward to the reunion at the Albert Hall, for which we have already booked a coach.

KATHLEEN M. COTTRELL.

CANTERBURY

As this is our first report in the GAZETTE, we would like to give a brief account of the year's activities.

Our attendances have been small, but it is appreciated that some members have to come from as far as Ramsgate and Folkestone.

We have enjoyed games and social evenings, Bring and Buy Sales, and two interesting demonstrations in smocking and rug making; also a talk by Miss Babbington on her tour of the U.S.A.

A successful Handicrafts Exhibition was held, and the members were congratulated on the high standard of their work. It is hoped to hold another next year.



[Kentish Gazette photograph]

In May a small party went to see "The Dancing Years" at Folkestone.

In July a garden party was held at the home of our Secretary, and at this we were very pleased to see Miss Matthews, who came all the way from the British Legion Home, Westgate, by ambulance.

Miss M. Jackson (ex-C.S.M., Canterbury) entertained members to a picnic tea at Westgate, and Miss Matthews was wheeled in her chair to the sea front.

The year ended with a very enjoyable dinner, which we hope to make an annual event.

CHELMSFORD

On 12th December we held a very enjoyable Christmas social for members and their friends, and we also invited members of other Comrades Associations. An "L" whist drive planned for January did not take place, but we hope to hold this in the near future for the benefit of our members who are not yet proficient in the art of whist.

E. J. HEMSLEY.

DUNDEE

During December we held a small but successful Bring and Buy Sale, the amount raised being in the region of £14 10s.

On 10th January we were delighted to have fourteen members of Dundee Branch Association of Wrens join us at a social evening.

GLASGOW

Our events for 1949-50 period are almost at an end, and it has been a most enjoyable year. We started off with country dancing, then a whist drive, etc., and in May we entertained about thirty disabled men from Erskine Hospital by taking them for a trip to the Clyde coast and having a meal.

Also in May we paid a visit to our Ayr Comrades, and we had a wonderful time; and in September the Ayr Comrades visited us, when we paid a visit to the Industries Fair. We are hoping to repeat these visits.

The whist drives were a great success, and during one of these a Bring and Buy stall was included, the proceeds of which, amounting to £3 17s. 6d., we were able to hand over to the Club.

During the winter we enjoyed a theatre night, a concert and dance, a Christmas dinner and a Burns night, and although we have not been in the news for some time we are very much alive and flourishing.

GREAT YARMOUTH

The Annual General Meeting was held on 8th December. The following officers were re-elected: Miss C. Fathers, Chairman; Miss Brenham, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

Members of the branch are making a collective visit to the local pantomime on 13th January, 1950.

It is hoped that the coming year will be a prosperous one for the branch, and we take this opportunity of extending the same good wishes to all our members.

Will members please note that in future meetings will take place once only in each month, and as before will take place on the second Thursday in each month at the Drill Hall, York Road, Great Yarmouth.

Our next meeting will be on 9th February at the Drill Hall, York Road. Don't forget, Comrades, to support your branch.

HULL

The New Year began with our third annual dinner, which was enjoyed by everyone present. During the dinner a photographer from the *Hull Daily Mail* arrived, and several of our members were photographed in a scene of reminiscences, which much to their shame appeared on the front page of our "local rag."

We hope to have many more pleasant evenings during the year, to which new members are always very welcome. May we take this opportunity of wishing H.Q. and all the other branches a happy and prosperous New Year.

F. J. HARRISON.

HARTLEPOOLS

The annual meeting was held on 9th November, 1949. Our President, Miss N. Hewlett (a former Senior Commander, A.T.S.) has had to resign through pressure of business, and her resignation was regretfully accepted. Miss M. Sivewright, ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S., has consented to become our new President.

The election of officers resulted in the Chairman (Miss MacRobert), Secretary (Miss M. Middleton) and Treasurer (Miss M. MacCarthy) being re-elected. The voting for the Committee resulted in Miss K. Hogg, Mrs. A. Douglas, Miss H. Trenchman and Miss E. Lennox being elected.

Membership throughout the past year has continued steady, and we are looking forward to 1950.

The Hartlepoons Branch annual dinner was held at the Masonic Hall on 8th December, 1949, and proved a great success. The chief guests were Brigadier L. H. MacRobert, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Controller J. M. Cowper of H.Q., Northern Command, and the Mayor of West Hartlepool, T. V. Oldfield, Esq., J.P.

New members are always welcome at the Armoury, Ward Street, West Hartlepool, on the second Wednesday in each month, and we should also like to see those few members who have been unable to come to the last few meetings.

M. MIDDLETON.

LEEDS

At our October meeting we enjoyed a most interesting talk given by Controller Cowper, Northern Command, who told us of the history and present form of the W.R.A.C.

A fairly lengthy business meeting was held in November, followed by a most successful and enjoyable beetle drive in December.



We had our annual dinner as usual at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on 3rd January, 1950, and Controller Cowper was our guest. This again proved to be popular, and we all enjoyed the meal and had a jolly evening.

We are now looking forward to a good turn up of members for our Annual General Meeting on 12th January, 1950.

M. DAWSON.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT

On 16th November, 1949, we held another Bring and Buy Sale and raised over £27 towards branch funds. The success of our efforts was due entirely to the support and assistance from members and their friends, to all of whom we say "thank you."

Our Christmas draw was more successful than those of previous years, £29 5s. 1d. being raised for the entertainment of patients in the Ministry of Pensions Hospital. A party for these patients was held on 9th January, 1950, when we welcomed the men to an enjoyable concert followed by refreshments and games. Cigarettes and sweets, provided by our members, were in plentiful supply. Everyone agreed it was a grand evening, and it was with much regret our guests had to return to the hospital. We now look forward to the next party, which we hope to hold early in March.

Future plans for our branch meetings include a play reading in February, and in April we are to have the pleasure of a visit from Controller M. K. Crewe-Read, H.Q., Western Command.

LONDON

We held a very happy Christmas party on 15th December, which was well attended. The evening went with a swing, thanks to Mrs. Giles's carefully planned programme. We all enjoyed singing some of the old songs, and were entertained by a charming little girl who danced and sang, and was then joined by her sister in an acrobatic dance. The competitions had us all guessing, particularly the "Twenty Questions" set by Mrs. Giles. The appearance of the "Nippies" complete with head frills and aprons was greeted with a cheer, and we were all sorry when the time came for "Auld Lang Syne" and the party was over.

Mrs. Giles sends thanks to all who helped to make the party a success, and also to all members who sent her Christmas cards and good wishes.

MANCHESTER

We held our annual dinner in November, and, due to illness and travelling difficulties, we did not have as many as we would have liked; but we managed to thoroughly enjoy ourselves in the true northern spirit!

We are holding our Annual General Meeting in January and hope that we will have full support of members when the new Committee and officers are elected.

We made a good profit on our Bring and Buy Sale, and one might almost say Manchester Branch is "in uniform" with its Fair Isle gloves, so ably knitted by one of our members to help our funds.

We look forward to meeting old friends at the reunion in March.

M. YEOMANS.

NORFOLK

The annual meeting held on 4th January was well attended. Officers and Committee were re-elected, with the addition of Miss G. West as Vice-Chairman and two extra members on the Committee, viz. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Brock. The balance sheet for 1949 was considered satisfactory.

The annual draw was great fun. There were twelve prizes—all gifts from members—and a sum of £5 17s. was added to branch funds. This ensures the rent of our room at the Club for 1950.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Miss Challoner's mother. Our sympathy is with her during these sad days.

The branch theatre party was discussed and decided on for February. Details to members later by post.

L. W. CHILVERS.

NORTH STAFFS

The October meeting was in the form of a Bring and Buy Sale. This proved very successful, and there was a good display of foodstuffs, hand-made garments and pottery. One or two raffles were held, and it was decided that the profit on the sale—£10 10s.—should be sent to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund.

In November we had our usual theatre trip to Manchester to see "Bless the Bride." Everyone really enjoyed the show, and a very good meal was obtained in Manchester.

The November meeting was held at the Nell Gwynn Restaurant. The weather was very bad, and consequently only a few members attended.

The Annual General Meeting was held in December, when the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were presented. The programme for 1950 was discussed and arrangements were made for what should be another successful year.

NOTTINGHAM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 10th December, and we were very pleased to welcome Miss Hassell back to Nottingham after her services in Germany.

Mrs. Carter, who is one of the earliest members of the branch, was elected Chairman; the Secretary and Treasurer being the same as the preceding year.

After the meeting we held a beetle drive, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed despite the uncomplimentary remarks about some of the animals drawn.

PERTH

There was a very good attendance at our Annual General Meeting held in October, and members had many and varied suggestions for future meetings.

We were very proud to be invited to join the Regimental Associations at the Dedication Service at the Garden of Remembrance in November. A wreath was placed in the Garden by the Secretary.

In December we had a most enjoyable Christmas party and were very happy to welcome a few members of the British Legion (Ladies' Section) as our guests.

BARBARA S. T. ALLEN.

SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Branch is going along steadily, but we should like to see more of our members with us on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Ex-Services Institute at 7.45 p.m. I am pleased to say we have a very good band of regulars.

On 10th December we held a Christmas Fayre in the centre of the city, the proceeds of £20 being given to the local school for blind children, for entertainments. A party of members went to the Lyceum panto on Thursday, 5th January, instead of to a meeting, and on Tuesday, 17th January, we are holding our third annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, where we are all looking forward to meeting our guests, Dame Helen and Controller Coulshed.

Will members please note that the Annual General Meeting for the branch will be held at the Institute on Thursday, 16th February, and all are requested to attend if at all possible.

Obituary Notice.—The Secretary of the Sheffield Branch would like to notify all members of the A.T.S. Comrades Association of the sudden death on 25th October of one of their members, Reta Tuffnell, after only five days of illness. Reta was a grand girl and great companion to her mother. Perhaps she will be remembered by many who served with her in the Forces, for she was in "B" Company, A.T.S., Donnington, Shropshire, and it will be a great blow to all to realize she has left us so early in life and so suddenly.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

The Chairman (Miss M. Tubbs) and several members attended St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell, on 4th December, 1948, for the annual service. The local Company of the A.T.S. held their first Church Parade at this church in 1939, and Archdeacon Gowing kindly inaugurated this annual service as an Act of Remembrance. Members of the branch subscribed items of Christmas cheer to make up a hamper, which was presented to Miss Betty Bradley (ex-A.T.S.), now residing at home after having been seriously ill in hospital for the past two years.

Letters and Christmas greetings have been received by the branch from Miss E. Marks since her arrival in Australia, when she informs us of a pleasant journey and welcome received.

A "Snowball" Competition is being held in aid of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, the first prize being a pair of nylons! A member (Miss D. Murrell) has promised the loan of her dartboard and darts for future meetings, and we are looking forward to some enjoyable evenings.

SOUTHERN IRELAND

We are now holding our meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the R.N.O.C.A. rooms, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin, and these have been well attended. We have tea, and play table tennis and card games, etc.

The Christmas raffle was a great success, the lovely cake made by Miss Nora Hatch being won by a ticket sold by her. The second prize was won by Miss Edith Kaye.

Our annual dinner will be held at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, on Saturday, 11th March, and we hope that as many members as possible will attend.

We are planning to hold another dance at the Mount Pleasant Pavilion on Saturday, 15th April. The last one was very much enjoyed by all in spite of the bad weather. So come along, members, and bring your friends.

The programme for the next few months has now been arranged and promises to be good, so anyone who has not already received a copy should apply to the Organizing Secretary, Miss French-Mullen, Rathmore Lodge, Raheny, Dublin.

WIMBLEDON AND DISTRICT

Following on our swift progress since our formation a year ago, we now extend a welcome to the members of Epsom and Sutton Branch, which has joined forces with us. We were very pleased to meet some of them at our December meeting and hope to meet others soon. With the addition of other new members, we are now 126 strong.

Thanks to the generosity of members, we were able to send off very nice Christmas parcels to six comrades in hospitals and sanatoria, and from letters received these were greatly appreciated.

We are holding a social on Friday, 17th February, at the T.A. Centre, St. George's Road, Wimbledon, and are hoping for a good attendance from members and their friends.

CLARICE SAMUDA.

BRANCHES—*Continued from inside back cover*

Sleaford.—Miss B. Neaverson, Fleet Road, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs.

Slough.—Miss M. Hook, 18, Clifton Street, Slough, Bucks. Meetings third Tuesday every month at Slough Social Centre, 7.30 p.m.

Southampton.—Miss B. Lincoln, Woodspeen, Ashurst, Southampton.

Southend.—Mrs. G. Rickus, Alloa, 30, Queen's Road, Rayleigh, Essex. First Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m., at Haig Hall, 41, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

Southern Ireland.—Miss M. Rafter, Ard-na-Griene, Chapelizod, Co. Dublin.

Southport.—Mrs. J. Paine, 20, Hawkshead Street, Southport, Lancs.

St. Leonards and Hastings.—Miss M. Osler, 21, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards, Sussex.

Sunderland.—Miss J. C. Lamb, Sydenham House, Park Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2.

Tees-side.—Mrs. O. A. Groves, 11, Collins Avenue, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

Tulse Hill and District.—Miss L. P. Moran, 15, Barrington Road, Brixton, S.W.9.

West Hartlepool.—Miss M. Middleton, 6, Errol Street, West Hartlepool.

Wimbledon.—Miss Samuda, 25, Wordsworth Drive, Cheam, Surrey. Third Friday each month at T.A. Centre, St. George's Road, Wimbledon.

Wolverhampton.—Mrs. Wilday, 35, Clark Road, Wolverhampton.

Worthing.—Mrs. E. M. Boot, 1, Cissbury Road, Broadwater, Worthing. Second Wednesday each month, The Legion Hut, Union Place, Worthing, 7.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Mrs. E. F. Armstrong, Royal Bank of Canada, Government Street, Victoria, B.C.

York.—Mrs. A. G. Calvert, Flat 4, Fulford Park, Fulford, York. First Monday in every month, Flying Services Club, 33, Coney Street, York.

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Address

Permanent Address (if different).....

Surname when serving (if different).....

Whether Single, Married or a Widow.....

Next of Kin (a) Name..... (b) Relationship.....

(c) Address

Corps (Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. or W.R.A.C.).....Army No.....

Date of Enrolment..... If Released (Date).....

Last Rank held (present Rank, if still serving).....

Army Trade or Employment.....

Overseas Service (if any) From..... To.....

Theatre of War.....

Decorations, Mention in Despatches or in Brigade or Superior Orders.....

If no longer serving, ground for retirement or discharge.....

Branch preferred

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