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- Harrow and Watford.**—Mrs. F. Cormack, Highlea, 52, Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Herts. Meeting Watford last Monday in every month, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., Verulean House, 12, St. Albans Road, Watford.

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MESSAGE FROM H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL

DAME HELEN GWYNNE-VAUGHAN, G.B.E., D.Sc., LL.D.

Now that the Association is seeking recognition as the Regimental Association of the Women's Royal Army Corps it is perhaps appropriate to remember that, not only did the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. owe a great deal to the inspiration of Dame Helen's leadership and example but that all ranks of the new Corps owe to her, in addition to the traditions of their predecessors, the very foundations of the Corps in which they now serve.

Before ever she was given an appointment under the War Office she had made her mark in the world of science and was a D.Sc., London, in 1907. Between the wars she was a member of a number of Departmental Committees and of a Royal Commission and in 1929 she was created a G.B.E. (Civil Division). Since her retirement she has again given her services in innumerable societies and still, at the age of seventy, seeks new fields to conquer. She is a Fellow of King's College, University of London, and Hon. Secretary S.S.A.F.A., County of London.

It is, however, for her untiring work in peace and war for the serving and ex-service woman that those of us who served with her know and love her best. When, in 1917, not long after the death of her husband, it was decided to send a Corps of women overseas it was Mrs. Gwynne-Vaughan, as she was then, who was selected to be Chief Controller W.A.A.C., British Armies in France. She was mentioned in despatches. In 1918 she was appointed Commandant W.R.A.F. which appointment she held until the Force was disbanded in 1919. In that year she was awarded the D.B.E. (Military Division).

When war again appeared imminent she was indefatigable in her efforts to reform a women's service with the Army.

She was one of the original committee which advised the War Department on the formation of the A.T.S. After its formation, Dame Helen was appointed Commandant of the A.T.S. School of Instruction and was a member of the Advisory Council. She was the first officer to be appointed to the new Corps on a territorial part-time basis; she then held the rank of Chief Commandant and nearly all officers of the A.T.S. attended the school and had their first military instruction from her.

In July, 1939, it was decided to form an A.T.S. Directorate within the Directorate-General of the Territorial Army and, on 9th July, Dame Helen was promoted Chief Controller and employed as D.A.T.S. on a full time basis in the War Office. Two months later war was declared; the A.T.S. was embodied; the A.T.S. Directorate passed to the department of the Adjutant-General; a new organization was necessary to suit war conditions. Dame Helen remained in the chair to see established an organization which, fundamentally, has remained unchanged. It stood the test of war and has been found suitable for the organization of a Regular Corps in peace. She saw the Service promoted from having the status of camp followers to being part of H.M. Forces under a modified form of military law. She held His Majesty's commission for a little over a month and thus achieved one of her few personal ambitions before her retirement in 1941.

Such are the bare bones of her career to date, but her clear brain continues to see clearly, as it always has, the true perspective of any problem and the solution is apparent to her before most people have grasped the difficulty. The world has been slow to follow her for her views have always been in advance of those of her colleagues and she has been impatient of those who tried to cloud the issue by sentiment she considered to be false. She has been blessed with exceptionally good health which enables her still to tire out many of the younger generation; she never spares herself and those who were privileged to serve as senior officers at the beginning of the war will never forget her accessibility. She was always available to give help and advice; she was always prepared to put aside her ordinary work to stop and explain a point, to listen to those who sought her help and to try to sort out the many problems which arose. This meant that she frequently worked until far into the night, supervising and checking the work of her staff, all of whom were at that time very inexperienced.

On the sure foundations she laid, the expansion of the A.T.S. took place. The Service continued to work in nearly every theatre of operations, led by a Director who had had her early training on Dame Helen's staff. The Women's Royal Army Corps has now been formed to carry the traditions of both Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. into the future.

MARY.

EDITORIAL

THE response to the appeal for copy has been so overwhelming that quite a number of things are having to be held over until the next number of the GAZETTE. This is as it should be, for then only can we select the most interesting things for publication.

Association Reorganization

After the passing of Council's resolution at the Annual General Meeting a letter was written to the War Office asking for official recognition of the Association as the Regimental Association of the Women's Royal Army Corps. It is understood that this recognition has now been given but, up to the time of going to press, the Council has not met again to accept it and call a meeting of the new Council. By the next number the reorganization will have been completed. Nothing in the GAZETTE will change except its name. It has been decided by Council that the most appropriate name for the Journal will be *The Lioness* and this number is therefore the last to appear under its present title. News of Comrades, Branches, etc., are wanted as hitherto and we hope to be able to enjoy the continued support of all members of the Association.

Photographs

Will readers who send photographs for publication please ensure either that they are *not* copyright, or that permission to publish accompanies the photograph. As we do not want to be involved in an expensive lawsuit no photograph will be published unless permission has first been obtained.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Notices for this column should be sent in a short form; similar to those appearing in this number. Notices of deaths can be extracted from obituaries (which will be published separately), but date and place of death should always be given if possible.

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Our attention has been drawn to the omission of Colonel H. A. Toft's O.B.E. in the extracts published in the March-April number. We hope Colonel Toft will forgive us.

The W.R.A.C. Museum

It is regretted that the date on which the Museum is to be opened was wrongly given in the last number as Wednesday, 9th August. The ceremony will now take place at 3.30 p.m., on THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST. It will be preceded at 2.30 p.m. by the Passing-Out Parade of the Training Centre recruits at which the salute will be taken by Major-General H.R.H. The Princess Royal. All are welcome. Serving personnel, whether Regulars or Territorials, may wear service dress or battle dress. Special instructions will be issued with the invitations to donors and others who are to be invited to one or other of the receptions. Decorations will *not* be worn by other spectators. The Museum includes exhibits showing the work of Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C., and it is hoped that as many comrades as possible of all three corps will make an effort to be there. Tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary W.R.A.C. Museum Committee, Queen's Camp, Guildford.

Flowers for the Training Centre

The W.R.A.C. Training Centre would be most grateful for gifts of flowering plants of all kinds. Nothing is too ordinary and the Training Centre will gladly pay cost of carriage.

Our new Chairman of Council

At the first Council Meeting after the Annual General Meeting Dame Regina Evans, D.B.E., was appointed Chairman.

At the Annual General Meeting itself Dame Regina was elected Chairman if and when the Association receives official recognition as the Regimental Association of the Women's Royal Army Corps and is renamed the W.R.A.C. Association (incorporating the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades Association). So she finds herself in the position of being Chairman of both Councils, and it will be her duty to hand over to herself when the change takes place. Nobody could be better fitted to perform such a complicated manoeuvre. She has always been active in the world of politics, having contested a seat in 1937. Official records show her career as a chairman as starting in 1924, but there is little doubt that she was by then already experienced. Apart from politics she was connected with many social services in Essex. She was created a D.B.E. in 1936 and in 1938 was appointed a member of a committee set up by the Prime Minister to enquire into the working of the Conservative Party machinery. She served in the A.T.S. first as a Chief Commander and later as a Controller. She is Chairman of the British Legion (Women's Section), and is especially interested in the problem of homes for the children of Service men killed in the war, the Service Benevolent Fund and various other charities. She links us very closely indeed with many other organizations engaged in work for ex-Service men and women and there can be few who could give us her wealth of experience and knowledge, not only of committee organization, but particularly of those engaged on similar work to ourselves.

Passing-Out Parade of Officer Cadets

On Wednesday, 9th August, 1950, for the first time, our officer cadets on passing out will be granted Regular commissions. The Officer Cadet School is one wing of the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction at Huron Camp, Hindhead, Surrey, and cadets undergo instruction for nine months before being commissioned. The Commandant of the School tells us that she is very keen that the first Passing-Out Parade of Regular Cadets should be of interest to the Corps and their friends and relations. She comments that the cadets are mostly very young. That is good news for we badly need young blood amongst the officers.

The First Anniversary of the Formation of The Women's Royal Army Corps

The Corps celebrated its first birthday in different ways and amongst those that have been reported to us are a church parade in Northern Ireland District and a dinner in Northern Command.

The church parade was held at Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, on Sunday, 26th March, 1950. Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., G.O.C. Northern Ireland District, inspected the parade and afterwards took the salute as the parade was played past the saluting base by the Band of the King's Dragoon Guards. It was a beautiful sunny day and, after the parade, a service was held in the gymnasium. This was followed by an "At Home" to which everyone was invited to bring a friend or relation. General Denning said he was greatly impressed by the excellent bearing, turn out and general standard of the officers and women on parade.

The Northern Command dinner followed one of the normal Command Conferences on 27th January, 1950. It was given by all the Regular and T.A. W.R.A.C. senior officers of the Command, Staff, Regimental and Technical, and not one was absent. The guests included the Controller Commandant, who graciously honoured the Command by being present, the Director, the G.O.C.-in-C., the Chief of Staff, and all but one of the District Commanders who unfortunately had to be in London that night. After the loyal toasts Lieut.-General P. M. Balfour, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., the G.O.C.-in-C., proposed the toast of the Women's Royal Army Corps, to which the Director replied. The D.D.W.R.A.C. proposed "Our Guests" on behalf of the hostesses, to which Major-General C. M. F. White, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., replied as the junior male guest present. It was a memorable evening and so much enjoyed by the hostesses that they threaten to repeat it annually.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

WYLIE (*née* Lucas).—Mrs. C. G. Wylie (*née* Sub. Lucas), who is at present at "The Cottage," Harpers Lane, Ash, Aldershot, had a daughter on 31st January, 1950 (Alison Margaret).

PRATT.—Mrs. W. E. Pratt, Treasurer of the North Staffs Branch, had a son on 5th April, 1950 (Charles Douglas).

MARRIAGES

SYKES—HOOPER.—The Marriage between Clara Hildegard Hooper (late J. Comd. A.T.S.) and Victor John Sykes, took place quietly in July, 1949, in London. Her present address is 42, Surrey Square, off Old Kent Road.

DEATHS

BRADLEY.—Betty Bradley (ex A.T.S.) at Southend-on-Sea, after a long illness cheerfully borne.

CAMPBELL.—Nora Campbell (ex Q.M.A.A.C.) at Hampstead, on 4th April, 1950.

McLELLAN.—Agnes McLellan (ex Q.M.A.A.C.) in Cape Town, South Africa.

O'DONOGHUE.—Monica O'Donoghue (ex A.T.S.) at the Firs Home, Bournemouth, on 19th March, 1950.

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30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18TH MARCH, 1950

THE 30th Annual General Meeting of Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades Association, was held on Saturday, 18th March, 1950, at The Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, S.W.3, by the kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

In the absence of the President, the chair was taken at 2.30 p.m. by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan.

1. The Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting having been printed in May-June, 1949, issue of the GAZETTE, were taken as read and signed as correct.

2. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

3. Dame Leslie Whateley, as Chairman of Council, gave the Report of Council for 1949. This was adopted and is printed at the end of this report.

4. The Hon. Treasurer, Miss Hilary Webb, in giving her report thanked Mrs. Cormack for the help she had given as Assistant Treasurer. She also thanked Branch Secretaries for their co-operation and for the promptness and accuracy of their returns.

It was proposed by Miss Wharam, seconded by Mrs. Herdman and carried, that the accounts printed in the January-February, 1950, issue of the GAZETTE be adopted.

5. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.—As Chairman of Council, Dame Leslie Whateley moved the adoption of Council Resolutions Nos. 1-15.

An energetic discussion arose. Much regret was expressed at the proposed change of name, fears were registered that the W.R.A.C. members would outnumber all others and take charge. Other members pointed out that Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S., and W.R.A.C. were in fact stages in the development of one corps and emphasized the duty of those who had served to give all possible help to their successors.

In accordance with the established practice of the Association, the vote was taken by a show of hands. The tellers reported:—

178 in favour of the 15 Council Resolutions.

88 against.

The resolutions were therefore declared to be carried, but it was emphasized that they would not come into force until a formal invitation was received to become the Regimental Association of the W.R.A.C.

6. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.—(a) The resolution tabled by London Branch that consideration of any change in the Association be deferred, could not be dealt with owing to the decision on the Council Resolutions.

(b) In order that a satisfactory method of registering the votes of absent members might be devised, the London Branch Resolution on the method of voting was referred, after discussion, to a special committee to be appointed by the Council with Dame Regina Evans as Chairman.

(c) The Chesterfield Branch Resolution on the Albert Hall was withdrawn.

(d) The Resolutions from Preston and North Staffs Branches were lost, as was the Resolution from Chester Branch on Associate Members, while the Southport Resolution on the badge was referred to the Council.

(e) The Chelmsford Resolution to the effect that the same person might not hold the office of Treasurer and Secretary even in a small branch was lost, in view of the difficulty experienced by small branches in finding sufficient people to hold office.

7. REPORT OF COMMITTEES—(a) *Hospital*.—Miss K. Acland, O.B.E., reported that, since the last Annual General Meeting, the Hospital Scheme had expanded very satisfactorily. The members of every branch were free to run the scheme as they thought fit.

She wanted to thank branches on behalf of all the patients visited. Members

would be interested to know that 300 Almoners in London had been written to, and were replying enthusiastically.

(b) *Regimental Museum*.—The Secretary of the Museum Committee reported that during the past year sorting and cataloguing of exhibits had been carried out, and their repair, storage and display.

The most important event during 1949 had been a legacy of £1,000. This had made possible the purchase of air-tight show cases. During the year exhibits had been lent to various units.

The portrait of H.R.H. The Princess Royal was now in the Museum and would be on view on the 10th August, when The Princess Royal had herself consented to open the Museum at Guildford.

8. The Chairman pointed out that, when the 15 Council Resolutions came into force, a Chairman of Council elected by the Annual General Meeting would be required and also four Vice-Presidents to sit on the Council. The meeting was free to choose any members for these appointments. The Council had nominated: Dame Regina Evans as Chairman, Miss B. Ireland, Dame Leslie Whateley, Mrs. Fraser-Tytler, and herself, as Council Vice-Presidents. These were carried *nem. con.*

9. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be left to the Council.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1949

DURING the year the Association had shown a slight decline in membership. There were now ninety branches, six new ones being formed in 1949.

The news of the death of Miss L. Davy, C.B.E., a Vice-President of the Council, was received with deep regret. (Here the meeting stood in silent tribute.)

The GAZETTE continued to appear every two months and interesting articles were sent in by members. A great debt was owed to Mrs. R. Addis for her work with the GAZETTE, and the Association were sorry to lose her services following her marriage.

The Regimental Museum was developing rapidly, and airtight cases had been obtained. The portrait of The Princess Royal had been completed and was available for the formal opening of the Museum in the summer.

At the 1949 Reunion the Association welcomed H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth as guest of honour. 4,666 tickets had been sold and the profit of £226 was used to clear the outstanding debt to the Comrades Association from 1947. The Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion had been held the previous evening and had been well attended, all tickets being sold.

The Hospital Scheme was proving very successful and branches were most co-operative.

The wreath of remembrance had been laid at the Cenotaph by the Secretary of Wimbledon Branch.

The Chairman reported that the General Secretary, Mrs. Pakenham, had resigned following her marriage last August, and that Mrs. Hollis had resigned as Hon. Treasurer, the latter post now being filled by Miss Hilary Webb.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All contributions for the next GAZETTE should reach the Editor not later than **15th July, 1950**. Contributions should be sent to **Colonel J. M. Cowper, Women's Royal Army Corps, Headquarters, Northern Command, York**, and please note that they should be addressed personally in order to ensure that they are not mislaid or held up in Central Registry. Changes of address of branch secretaries and orders for the GAZETTE should go, as well as complaints about this distribution, to the General Secretary of the Association at the Duke of York's Headquarters.

NEWS OF COMRADES

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

Miss E. Wightman wants to trace the branch secretary who asked her about Keswick at the Secretary's Luncheon. She can remember what she looked like but not her branch. Would the comrade in question who wanted to go to Keswick please write to Miss Wightman at 11, Orfeur Street, Carlisle.

Mrs. Wethersett, of Vancouver, was wrongly described in the January-February GAZETTE as a S.Comd. when, in fact, she was only a C.S.M. She asks that it may be amended. The mistake is very much regretted, but we are not sure that the word "only," which is Mrs. Wethersett's own, is appropriate. What any corps could do without its warrant officers does not bear thinking about.

Mrs. Molly Howes sends interesting letters to Norfolk Branch from Nairobi. A few months ago she met Dame Florence Simpson there and they had tea together. In a recent letter she tells how she went to Good House to make cakes and biscuits for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the house party during their recent visit connected with civic week. It was the fiftieth anniversary of Nairobi starting as a township with a few tents, and the Duke took the letters patent conferring on Nairobi the status of a city.

WOMEN'S UNITED SERVICES CLUB

ON Saturday, 1st April, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal opened a war memorial room and unveiled a plaque at the Women's United Services Club, Edinburgh. By so doing Her Royal Highness graciously performed a ceremony which brought to an end a year's hard work by the members of the Club, Secretary and Staff. She was met by Miss V. H. C. Stirling, President, Mrs. Rattray, Vice-President, and the members of the Committee. After commending the object of the room to the members Her Royal Highness unlocked the door and entered the room with those members who had been lucky in the ballot. Here Her Royal Highness unveiled the plaque on which the following words were inscribed: "This room was furnished by members of the Club and opened by H.R.H. The Princess Royal, C.I., G.C.V.O., C.B.E., on April 1st, 1950, in memory of the Service Women who gave their lives in the 1939-45 War. Pro Patria, Pro Liberis, Pro Aris, Atque Focis Suis." The Reverend Ronald Selby Wright spoke the words of dedication. The "Last Post" was sounded outside the room by a bugler of the Royal Scots. After the ceremony Her Royal Highness met other members of the Club in the lounge and the staff were presented by the Secretary, Miss Semple.

£151 was raised for furniture at a sale held in the Club in November and a cheque was received from Mrs. Sanderson in memory of Eileen. There were a number of gifts, including table lamps from the Edinburgh Branch of the W.R.N.S. Association, a gas fire from the Edinburgh Branch of the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades Association, alabaster trays and waste paper baskets from the W.R.A.C. of Scottish Command, a picture from Mrs. Rattray, and a centre light from Miss Innes. The furnishings are not, however, complete and donations however small, would be gratefully acknowledged by the Chairman, War Memorial Committee, 12, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.

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 FROM SCOTTISH COMMAND

UNITS in this Command have recently been honoured by a visit from Major-General Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Colonel Commandant. Her Royal Highness arrived in Scotland on Thursday evening, 30th March, and, on the following morning, she visited Scottish Command (M) Signal Regiment. Men and women of the Regiment danced a reel which was composed specially for the occasion and it is hoped that it will be adopted as the reel of the Royal Corps of Signals, of which Corps Her Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief. The Princess honoured the officers by lunching in their mess.

The next day, 1st April, Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt and Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Wells when she opened a memorial room and unveiled a plaque at the Women's United Services Club. Members of the Club were presented to the Princess and she spent some time chatting to them. The same day, in the evening, Her Royal Highness presided at the first Scottish reunion of the Association which is fully reported elsewhere in this issue. It was a great success and we hope that it will be an annual event.

On Sunday, 2nd April, a church parade was held in St. Giles Cathedral. Her Royal Highness attended and afterwards took the salute at the march past. Many comrades and serving members of the W.R.A.C. were present in addition to those on parade and the Corps was honoured by the presence of the G.O.C.-in-C., Scottish Command, who read the lessons and many members of his staff. We were also proud to have with us on the saluting base the Director, Women's Royal Army Corps, and Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan. The parade was led by Major O. A. Grant, O.C. 10 Bn. W.R.A.C. It consisted of Regular and Terri-



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Major-General H.R.H. The Princess Royal inspecting No. 3 Platoon, 10 Bn. W.R.A.C., on parade at Dreghorn with 1st Bn. The Royal Scots

torial units of 3 A.A. Group, Scottish Command (M) Signal Regiment, 10 Bn. W.R.A.C., 314, 315, 316 and 317 Bns. W.R.A.C. (T.A.). The Territorials turned out in force and had travelled from all over Scotland. A contingent of comrades brought up the rear, ably led by Miss M. Innes, Q.M.A.A.C. After the parade Her Royal Highness honoured the officers of 10 Bn. W.R.A.C. by lunching in their mess.

The next day, Monday, 3rd April, Her Royal Highness carried out the annual inspection of the 1st Bn. Royal Scots and saw 3 Platoon, 10 Bn. W.R.A.C., who are employed with them. The Platoon, under the command of Lieut. E. Mackinnon, was inspected with the Battalion and took part in the ceremonial parade. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, and the other people who can be seen in the photograph are Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Bucher, commanding 1st Bn. Royal Scots, Lieut.-General Sir Gordon Macmillan, Major-General G. Inglis, G.O.C. Lowland District, and Brigadier N. R. Crockatt, Colonel of the Royal Scots.

On 4th April Her Royal Highness left Scotland.

Outlying units of 10 Bn. W.R.A.C., including 20 (Ind.) Platoon at Fort St. George and No. 4 Platoon at Glasgow, were also inspected by the C.I.G.S. during his tour of Scottish Command.

65 (M) A.A. FIRE COMMAND TROOP, R.A. (T.A.)

65 (M.) A.A. Fire Command Troop, R.A. (T.A.), who have their H.Q. at the T.A. Centre, Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham, are proceeding to annual camp on 13th May. Camp this year consists of one week at Tonfanau in Merionethshire, and the second week in London. Only five of our present strength have been to camp before, but the new recruits are all eager to go.

We are hoping for still more recruits as the year progresses, so if you live in the Rotherham—Sheffield area why not come along some Tuesday or Thursday evening (between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.) and see us at work. Ex-Service women will be welcomed, but previous service is not an essential factor. The work is interesting and not difficult to learn. Plotters are urgently needed to make the troop fully operational but cooks, orderlies, etc., are needed too. Bring your girl or boy friends if they are over eighteen years of age—there are vacancies for them, too.

WOMEN'S CRICKET FIXTURES

1950

21—24 June	Inter-Command Festival, Hounslow
13—14 July	Coaching and W.R.A.C. Trials
15 July	Army v. Ex A.T.S.
14 August	Army v. R.A.F.
26 August	Army v. Civilian Club
28 August	Army v. Navy
29 August	"A" Combined Services XI v. West of England

ALBERT HALL REUNION

18TH MARCH, 1950

THERE were fewer people at the reunion this year, only 3,035 tickets being sold, and there were consequently only a few people in the balcony and none in the gallery for the entertainment and speeches. Although we all missed friends who were unable to come it was much easier to see those who were there and, in some ways, it was more enjoyable than ever. Financially, too, it was a success and a profit was made of £67 18s. 4d., £20 of which has been handed over to the Service Women's Benevolent Fund and £40 to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund.

We are very much indebted to Colonel G. W. Browning, O.B.E., Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel of the Welsh Guards, who gave permission for the band of his Regiment to play under the direction of Captain F. L. Statham, A.R.C.M.; to Mr. Arthur Caiger, who led the community singing; to the Scottish Pipers and Dancers, and to a demonstration squad of 327 (County of London) Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.), who gave an exhibition of foot drill. In view of the amount of praise which this demonstration squad has received, and so richly deserved, it may be of interest to note that of its twenty-four members only fourteen had had war service with the A.T.S. The remaining ten joined as Territorials between October, 1948, and October, 1949, and the reserves included one recruit of only seven weeks' service. The squad was trained by D./Sgt. M. Moran, M.M., 1st Bn. Irish Guards, who also devised the sequence of the display.

At 8.15 p.m. H.R.H. The Princess Royal, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., crossed the arena to the platform, accompanied by Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, His Worship the Mayor of Westminster, Officers of the Association and the Director, Women's Royal Army Corps. It was the first time that most people had seen the new bottle green uniform of the W.R.A.C. which was worn by the Princess and the Director.

The proceedings opened by the reading of telegrams which had been received from H.M. The Queen and H.M. Queen Mary, after which H.R.H. The Princess Royal welcomed our guests, her comrades of both wars and of the Women's Royal Army Corps. After reference to changes of officers of the Association and to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Her Royal Highness stressed that, in our service to the country, we were one body whether we served in the Q.M.A.A.C., the A.T.S. or the W.R.A.C. The Q.M.A.A.C. dug the foundations; the A.T.S. built the walls; and it was for the W.R.A.C. to put on the roof and to decorate and embellish the building in that steady British way, solidly and without due hurry, putting into it that good workmanship for which our country was renowned. She quoted the following lines which seemed very appropriate to a meeting of women of varying ages:

"Age is a quality of mind.
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold;
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitious fires are dead,
Then you are old.
But if in life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold;
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old."

Field-Marshal Slim spoke of the value of reunions in keeping alive the spirit of comradeship in the army. He paid a high tribute to the work of the A.T.S. in the war who were employed in every theatre of operations except his own and he assured the gathering that that was not for want of trying. He had repeatedly asked for A.T.S. and had repeatedly found himself in the position of a rejected suitor. He said that the war had shown that women were far better at keeping secrets than men. He also announced that H.M. The King had approved that women officers should in future be known by the same rank titles as their opposite number in other Corps. He said that the army still needed women, more than it had got, and he appealed for assistance with recruiting both for Regulars and Territorials.

Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, D.B.E., A.D.C., Director W.R.A.C., told the meeting of the complications of commissioning officers, enlisting other ranks and generally bringing the Corps into line with the rest of the army. She said that 95 per cent. of the officers and 80 per cent. of the other ranks serving in the A.T.S. on 1st February, 1949, had since transferred to the W.R.A.C. Recruiting had steadily improved during 1949 and, for the first few months of 1950, was most encouraging. The policy was being pursued of quality rather than quantity, as one of the main reasons in the existence of a women's corps in peace was to assist in the training of Territorials and to form a cadre for expansion in war. For this reason many volunteers for the Corps never reached the Training Centre. The new badges and buttons would shortly be issued to other ranks and it was hoped that they would also be in possession of No. 1 Dress within the foreseeable future. The W.R.A.C. was represented in nearly every theatre in which the British Army was serving and there were women in Holland, Germany, Austria, Egypt, Cyprus, East Africa, Ceylon, Singapore, Malaya, Hong Kong and Jamaica. She expressed her pride in those members of the W.R.A.C. and A.T.S. who had been decorated and mentioned in despatches in the operational honours lists for the Palestine and Malayan campaigns. These honours included 1 M.B.E., 2 B.E.Ms., and 10 Mentions in Despatches.

The T.A. element of the Corps was forging ahead slowly but surely in spite of the shortage of officers. She had herself seen many T.A. camps in 1949 and it was apparent that business and pleasure were well combined in an atmosphere of interest and enjoyment. It was most inspiring to see how keen the Territorials were and to have so clear an indication that the spirit of voluntary service was still strong amongst the young women of this country.

The Director concluded by presenting on behalf of all members of the Association to H.R.H. The Princess Royal, Controller Commandant of the A.T.S., a specially bound copy of the official History of the Service.

It was with very great regret that the meeting learned from Dame Leslie Whateley, D.B.E., that she had found that she could not spare the time from her farm to come up to London to take the chair at Council Meetings, but it was quite clear that to ask her to continue doing so would not be kind either to her or to the farm.

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E., D.Sc., LL.D., reminded the meeting that we can still help the army by encouraging recruiting and the nation by taking our share in National and Local Government.

R.S.M. M. Ashworth, W.R.A.C., proposed the vote of thanks after which the meeting broke up into the usual small parties of reunions of old friends. It concluded at 10 p.m. with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

SCOTTISH REUNION

1st APRIL, 1950

THE first reunion of the Association to be held north of the border was an outstanding success. Nearly a thousand comrades of all three corps were present and were ably led in singing Scottish songs by the bandmaster of the Royal Scots. Major-General H.R.H. The Princess Royal, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E. entered the hall at 7.30 p.m. to the strains of the A.T.S. march. She was accompanied by Lieut.-General Sir Gordon H. A. Macmillan, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Mrs. Russell Simpson, Chairman of the Scottish reunion committee, officers of the Association and local committee, the Director, Women's Royal Army Corps, and the A.D.W.R.A.C. Scottish Command.

Many of the speeches were given by the same people who had spoken at the Albert Hall reunion and much of the same information was given and the same points made. There was, however, much that was new. In her opening speech Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal referred again, and in much the same terms, to the spirit of comradeship between all ranks of the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. She also drew attention to the fact that there were present in the persons of Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan and Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, the first and last directors of the A.T.S. for it was during Brigadier Tyrwhitt's term of office that the important change had taken place to the new regular Service, the Women's Royal Army Corps. She expressed her pleasure that, at a predominantly Scottish party, the music and display was to be provided by the Royal Scots, the eldest of her military family.

General Macmillan said that the magnificent attendance testified to the esteem and affection in which all ranks past and present of the three Corps held Her Royal Highness, who had honoured the gathering with her presence. He said that, although their numbers were small, the regular element of the W.R.A.C. in Scottish Command were still giving the devoted service so characteristic of their predecessors. The T.A. element had made a splendid start and its excellent recruiting record might well be imitated by the opposite sex. The pressing need was for more officers and he hoped that some present might be inspired to offer their services once more to further the good work in Scotland.

Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt expressed her pleasure at re-visiting Scottish Command in which she had served in 1941 and in 1945. She told the meeting about the W.R.A.C. Band the members of which would be the first to be issued with No. 1 Dress. She spoke of the generosity of Corps and Regiments who had enabled it to be fully equipped with silver instruments and drums. She once more concluded with a reference to the spirit of voluntary service which had animated the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. and was still very much alive among those serving in the W.R.A.C.

In repeating her appeal for continued service by comrades to the nation and the army, Dame Helen reminded the G.O.C.-in-C. that a deterrent to recruiting in a Comrades Association meeting was the age limit.

Votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by Dame Regina Evans and Miss Harvey Anderson respectively. In referring to H.R.H. The Princess Royal Dame Regina said that Her Royal Highness' continued interest in those who were no longer serving was a wonderful revelation to us all.

After supper the multitude re-assembled on the floor of the Assembly Rooms; the Band of the Royal Scots played; Her Royal Highness joined in a reel and shortly after ten o'clock the party concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.



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Major-General H.R.H. The Princess Royal at the Scottish Reunion

LIFE WITH BRITISH TROOPS IN AUSTRIA

The following is an extract from a letter written by W/353046 Pte. G. E. Taylor, of 6 (Ind.) Company, W.R.A.C., stationed at Klagenfurt.

My stay at the Drafting Unit was only four days, and the journey over was terribly interesting and exciting. The crossing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland was travelled overnight and it was very calm, so no one was in the least seasick. Then there was a 3½-hours' wait at the Transit Camp after disembarking, where we had breakfast and a mid-morning cup of tea, resting in a very comfortable lounge.

The Medloc left on the two-day journey at mid-day; so soon after being given our compartments we had dinner, cooked and served by Austrians. The journey was very comfortable indeed, and we were very well looked after. We had regular meals and bunks to sleep in, complete with pillows, sheets and blankets. We travelled through Holland, Germany and Austria, so time did not lie heavily at all, as we were all much too excited and interested to be bored.

The company here is divided in two; clerks and drivers. The clerks are billeted just outside Klagenfurt in a large house. It is very conspicuous from quite a distance, as it is on a rise and is a dark yellow colour with green shutters. There are about thirty girls billeted here and a very nice crowd too. The drivers' platoon is billeted on the other side of the town.

My job is in the Q.M. department at the Garrison H.Q. I have a 15-minute ride in a truck four times a day to get there and back; our hours are longer here, too. I start work at 8.30 until 12.30, and again at 2.0 until 5.0. I like my job very much, doing typing and filing for the different branches of the Q.M., mostly correspondence about married families accommodation and stores. Everyone is very nice to get on with, in fact I think they spoil me a little, as I am the only girl in the department.

I have been on a 6-day course, too. We were taken right up into the mountains away from everything, and we lived "rough and ready" during the course. I can ski just a little now. The weather was not as good as expected, but the air gave me quite a healthy-looking colour.

The views are really breathtaking. I am getting used to hearing the language and the trams and everything that is so very different, but I definitely do not like the horrible smell of the garlic the Austrians enjoy eating so much of.

I am very happy indeed here, and as long as I could have a breath of home now and again I'd love to stay.

BRANCHES—Continued from inside back cover

Southend.—Miss D. M. Murrell, 216a, London Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. First Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m., at Haig Hall, 41, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

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

Sunderland.—Mrs. E. Herdman, Old Laburnum Cottage, 43, Norman Street, Hendon, Sunderland.

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

Tulse Hill and District.—Miss L. P. Moran, 11, Hillbury Road, Balham, S.W.17.

Wimbledon and Epsom.—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.

UNIFORMS FOR THE GIRLS' TRAINING CORPS

OWING to heavy expenses, great difficulty is being experienced in clothing officers and other ranks of the G.T.C. in uniform, and it has been suggested that ex-officers and other ranks of the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. might be willing to help by giving their service dress or battle dress. These can be dyed and any assistance of this nature would be welcome. We should remember that pre-service training is much rarer for girls than it is for boys and that it has been found to be of great value. By helping in this way we help, therefore, not only the G.T.C. but, ultimately, our own Corps. Any contributions should be sent to : Miss Caroe, Equipment Department, National Association of Training Corps for Girls, 24, Cromwell Place, London, S.W.7.

NOTES ON THE W.R.A.C. BAND

THE W.R.A.C. Band was formed as a Minor Staff Band on 1st July, 1949, and is stationed at the W.R.A.C. Training Centre, Queen's Camp, Guildford. The Band establishment consists of a military bandmaster, a military band sergeant, 39 W.R.A.C. bandswomen and a W.R.A.C. officer in charge of the administration.

Bandmaster F. A. Goddard, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment, was appointed Bandmaster to the W.R.A.C. Band in July, 1949. He began his career in 1923 when he joined the Royal Artillery (Mounted) Band as a boy. His principal instrument was the 'cello and he attended the Pupils' Course at Kneller Hall in 1926, taking the Students' Course there eight years later. He was appointed Bandmaster, Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment in India in 1938, saw war service with the 1st Bn. Hertfordshire Regiment in Gibraltar, 1943-44, and toured Italy, Palestine and the Middle East. On the cessation of hostilities, he was employed as instructor at the Royal Military School of Music, until being appointed Bandmaster, Women's Royal Army Corps.

Early in 1949 appeals were made to various regiments of the British Army for spare instruments, music, etc., and through the generosity of these regiments sufficient instruments were received to enable the Band to commence training at once. Great progress has been made, and the Band made its first appearance in public at the Military Band Concert in the Royal Albert Hall, on 22nd April, 1950.

Bandswomen wear No. 1 Dress, with Band Embellishments as worn by all other staff bands. The Drum-Major wears a sash of beech-brown edged with gold, emblazoned with the W.R.A.C. cap badge, collar badge and buttons in gold and silver embroidery. She carries the mace which formerly belonged to the A.T.S. Band, and on which the W.R.A.C. badge has now been mounted. The tunic has shoulder wings in bottle green with brown chevron lace, twisted beech-brown shoulder cords, beech-brown dress cord, gold braid Austrian knot on cuffs, and a lyre embroidered in gold on beech-brown on the sleeve.

It is hoped that a photograph of the Band will be available for publication in the next issue of the GAZETTE, and an account of the concert at the Albert Hall.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION DINNER*(A charge of 3d. a line is made for Reunion Notices)*

In accordance with the proposal carried at the last dinner to form a Dinner Club for the purpose of an Annual Reunion Dinner, such club is now in course of formation. It is hoped to arrange a date in October. Will Q.M.A.A.C. interested in joining send an addressed stamped envelope to Mrs. B. Mayhew, 25, Denmark Avenue, S.W.19, who will forward full particulars as soon as plans are completed.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE**REORGANIZATION**

DEAR EDITOR,

Saturday, 18th March, 1950, will certainly be a memorable one—and for many of us particularly as far as the A.G.M. was concerned.

As an ex-A.T.S. member I cannot claim the privilege of having belonged to the Association for even a quarter of the thirty years it has taken to build the Comrades Association as we know it today, compared with which the W.R.A.C. is so young a Corps that one cannot yet start to count its years. Bearing this in mind, the resolutions proposed by Council were, of course, a major issue and turning point in the history of the Association, and as such one cannot help feeling, in the interests of "fair play," that every member had the right to sufficient notice being given and all branch secretaries should have been given ample time to hold branch discussions. Whereas, in actual fact, as borne out at the A.G.M., London Branch was apparently the only branch able to arrange such discussion at any length and send in any sort of resolution—and even this *one* resolution (as those present at the A.G.M. know all too well) had to take a back seat as it were, and was therefore as good as useless.

With less than a total vote of 300 (for and against combined), far less than one-third of the Association membership, the resolutions were eventually passed. Having regard to the manner in which this important issue was conducted the change-over now goes through with a strong sense of feeling far from goodwill in many hearts, whereas, had a year's deferment been decided upon in order that all would have ample time for thought and discussion, and the resolutions then been passed, even those members against would have felt a sense of goodwill that it was the wish of the majority and not the minority. A year in the life of the permanent Corps could have surely been spared, especially as membership of the Association is already open to its members.

Was the turning down of a year's delay worth the sacrifice of goodwill which could and should have prevailed ?

Yours faithfully,
R. WRIGHT.

111, THE CHASE, LONDON, S.W.4.
2nd May, 1950.

(We are informed that the Council Resolutions were circulated to Branch Secretaries a month before the A.G.M. and it should have been possible for all branches to discuss them.—ED.)

SCOTTISH REUNION

DEAR COLONEL COWPER,

I think you will agree that the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Reunion held in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 1st April, was a great success, and the Committee are anxious to have the views of Branches on the future of this function as soon as possible in order that preliminary arrangements may be made for another function.

It appears to be generally agreed that the Reunion would be better in the autumn so that there would be no danger of clashing with the Albert Hall gathering, but remembering Scottish weather, it might be wiser to have it before the middle of October, in which case, the Assembly Rooms would require to be booked well in advance as they are seldom free. That is assuming that the next Reunion takes place in the autumn of 1951 and in Edinburgh. But it would be a great help if Branches would give their views on:

- (1) Whether the Reunion should be held in Edinburgh again;
- (2) if not Edinburgh, where else (e.g., Glasgow next time, then Perth, then Inverness);
- (3) any suggestions for improvement on first Reunion.

It would be a great help if these replies could be sent to Mrs. Hook, 47, Ann Street, Edinburgh, as soon as possible, as it is likely that a last meeting of the Reunion Committee will be held very soon.

Yours sincerely,

BETTY HARVIE ANDERSON,

Convenor, Scottish Area.

QUARTER, BY DENNY, STIRLINGSHIRE.

5th May, 1950.

CHILWELL NEWS

WE in 11th Independent Company, W.R.A.C., are very busy preparing for our Annual Sports which are to be held in conjunction with 6th Bn. R.A.O.C., on Wednesday, 17th May, 1950. On the 15th and 16th April, 1950, we welcomed the W.R.A.C. T.A. Platoons of London District for a training week-end. They spent a hectic week-end visiting C.O.D. Chilwell, 8 Central Workshops R.E.M.E. and 26 V.R.D., Church Broughton. We wonder if they enjoyed their sleep on the journey back to London?

Old Chilwellians please note that the Depot, R.E.M.E. Workshops, and W.R.A.C. Quarters will be open to the public on Sunday, 18th June, 1950; 1430 hrs.—1730 hrs. We are hoping to see some familiar faces.

Education Classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Army Certificates and Forces Preliminary Examinations are in full swing. Our 2nd Class candidates in a recent examination gained a 100 per cent. pass. Is this a record? Chilwell's funniest educational story: Who was the private who, when asked to think of an adjective to describe a tree, was mute but who volunteered to describe the R.S.M. with many suitable adjectives?

OBITUARY

NORA CAMPBELL

Nora Campbell died in hospital on 4th April after a short illness. She had been staying with her niece in Hampstead when she had a severe heart attack. She will be very much missed by her many friends. Campbell was the first clerk sent out to my headquarters in France in the spring of 1917. She had joined the Corps from an insurance office with the early number of 54. She became a most efficient sergeant-major in charge of the office, though in those days we had no better name for her than forewoman. She was on the best of terms with her opposite numbers at G.H.Q. and in all the offices, so that work ran smoothly and relations were excellent. When I was posted to Air Ministry in September, 1918, she was promoted to officer rank and came with me as my P.A. In the recent war she served again with the Royal Air Force.

The old Corps owes much to Campbell. She was capable, she was kind, she was wise, she fitted comfortably into the military framework. I am thankful to the kind fate that sent her so early to Corps Headquarters, her loyalty and efficiency were beyond praise. She has a special place, as the first to discharge the duties of a warrant officer, and on service overseas at that, in the history of women serving with H.M. Forces.

H. C. I. GWYNNE-VAUGHAN.

AGNES McLELLAN

W.A.A.C. members who remember Agnes Scrutton in Rouen from 1917 to 1919, and later at Connaught Club Sick Bay will be sorry to hear of her early death at the age of 51 in Cape Town, South Africa. Scrutton went to Rhodesia in 1920 and married Mr. F. R. McLellan at Salisbury Cathedral in 1921. She and her husband bought the Riviera Hotel, Sea-Point, Cape Town and there are two children of the marriage. During the last war Scrutton was a driver with the Women's Voluntary Service (S.A.) and, during her period of service, drove many thousands of miles in the Allied cause.

"She was a good friend."

MONICA O'DONOGHUE

Monica O'Donoghue, who died on 19th March, 1950 resided at Glandmore, Co. Cork. She was in the A.T.S. from 1942 to 1946 and served with R.A.O.C. units in Northern Ireland and at Bicester. She will be much missed by all her friends.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

BELFAST

A REUNION Dinner, held on 1st February, was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was grand to meet the members from the country districts who cannot attend the fortnightly meetings and we look forward to making this an annual event. Our Chairman, Miss Steenson, proposed the health of the King and our President, Mrs. Ogilby Graham, gave a very interesting talk on the functions of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund. Dr. Anderson, one of the foundation members of the Belfast Branch, spoke about the formation of the Belfast Club. She told how she, the late Mrs. N. Hughes and Miss Baird (still going strong as our Treasurer) decided they would like a club. Out of this small beginning our flourishing club grew and our thanks are due to these early pioneers.

Our fortnightly meetings have been better attended lately and every week we are enrolling new members. C.Comd. Gibson has very kindly invited us to spend a day with her at Ballykinler Camp in June and we look forward to this very much as it will revive old memories. Our "break up" party will be held on 19th May.

BIRMINGHAM

The members who attended the Albert Hall Rally in March, think the arrangements this year were good and the best reunion so far. On 8th May we had a most interesting visit to the Central Fire Station. We had a splendid guide who showed us all the latest fire fighting equipment. The date of the Garden Party has been changed to 26th June and details will be sent to all members. There will be no meeting in July or August, and a new programme is now being prepared for next season, which starts in September.

BRISTOL AND THE WEST OF ENGLAND

Many members went to the Reunion at the Albert Hall, most of them in the coach organized by our Welfare Officer, Mrs. Histed. One thing we shall always remember is the pre-war supper we had on our way back. Our April meeting consisted of a Whist Drive and in May Miss Daphne Hubbard gave a most interesting talk on "Clothes." Miss Hubbard runs the woman's page in one of our local evening papers. On Sunday, 7th May, several of our members attended an ex-Service Church Parade, but regrettably the weather was so bad that the march past could not take place.

CHELMSFORD

Controller M. Railton, D.D.W.R.A.C. Eastern Command, spoke to us at our March meeting and all present greatly enjoyed her visit. We felt that we had learned a lot about the work of the W.R.A.C. and are grateful to Controller Railton for the trouble she took in coming to see us. On 10th March the Girls' Naval Training Corps held an Old Tyme Dance at which we provided a parcel of groceries to be raffled. This realized £3 which the Corps kindly gave us for our Branch funds. As Mrs. Bragg, our late Secretary, has a second son we presented him with a small gift in the form of Savings Stamps. We are holding a Rummage Sale on 22nd April for Branch funds which we hope will prove a success.

GUILDFORD

We started the New Year with a visit to the theatre to see the pantomime "Dick Whittington." This was followed in March by our first Beetle Drive, which was much enjoyed by all present.

The May meeting took the form of a Bring-and-Buy Sale at the home of Miss Helder at Worplesdon. About twenty members attended and responded very generously to the rather numerous calls for money during the evening. The sum of £5 5s. 0d. was raised for Branch funds, and many thanks are due to all those who sent such attractive gifts for the stall and who helped in many other ways before and actually on the day.

We should be so pleased to see some more of the members at our meetings and hope that they will make an effort to attend during the summer while the evenings are light.

Notices regarding the July meeting will be sent out as soon as possible after Miss Humphries, our Secretary, returns from her holiday in Switzerland, which we hope she has enjoyed.

HULL

Our Branch continues to flourish though new faces would be very welcome at all our meetings. In January we held a successful whist drive which realized quite a large profit, much needed after the "slap-up" dinner with which we welcomed in the New Year. In February members and friends enjoyed a visit to the theatre where they saw the ever popular "Lilac Time." An evening of very entertaining plays by the local drama club, the B.O.C.M. Players, at which we were joined by members of the British Legion Women's Section who show a flattering interest in our activities, was much enjoyed by everyone. Our first meeting in March was a Cookery Demonstration which interested the younger members, especially those with husbands. The samples afterwards were perhaps even more interesting and were judged by critical tastes to be excellent.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT

The Social which took the place of our March meeting was very well supported, not only by our own Branch members and their friends, but also by Regimental Associations in the district. It was most enjoyable both socially and financially. In April our representatives at the A.G.M. gave us a detailed account of the meeting. The change of the Association title provoked such a lively discussion that the chairman had to close down the debate by declaring the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m. On 3rd May we again had the pleasure of entertaining about 50 patients from the local Ministry of Pensions Hospital. An excellent concert was given by ex-Sgt. Jimmy Stewart and his Chindits Colleagues; food, sweets and cigarettes were plentiful. There is a good deal of work involved but the response is always amazing and we always feel amply rewarded for our efforts.

LONDON

By far one of the most enjoyable evenings we have had for some time took place on the 4th May, when we were entertained by the Acton Male Voice Choir. This Choir brought with them three lady artists—two singers and a pianist—and everybody enjoyed the varied programme they presented. Branch members are reminded that we are holding a Bring-and-Buy Sale on the 6th July. Roll up in force and help to make this a success.

MANCHESTER

Since our last notice in the GAZETTE we have had one or two highlights in our programme, the first being our visit to the Reunion in London which was much enjoyed by everyone. Some of our Q.M.A.A.C. members attended their own lunch and met old friends. We held a dance on Friday, 21st April, in conjunction with the ex-Parachute Regiment Old Comrades. This was a most delightful evening socially, and we benefited greatly financially. We hope to hold another some time in September.

We are now looking forward to our summer picnic. We hope that if there are any ex-A.T.S. in Manchester who take the GAZETTE and do not attend regularly at our meetings, they will do their best to come along and join us. You can always be sure of a warm welcome.

MIDDLE EAST

During the first quarter of this year we have been only able to hold one of our "get together" meetings, but it was in the form of a social and was a very successful evening. Small prizes were awarded to the winners of a variety of novel games and competitions. The highspot of the evening was the official introduction of Della the donkey, who delighted everyone by taking them for rides



Members of the Middle East Branch

round the camp. Our thanks are due to the Warrant Officers and Sergeants of "B" Company, 16 Bn. W.R.A.C., who very kindly lent us their Mess, arranged refreshments and gave a first-class bar service. Seventeen members were present, most of whom had to travel from Fayid to Moascar. The next meeting, planned for 25th April, will be in the form of a "Sailing and Swimming" afternoon in Lake Timsah.

NORFOLK

At the April meeting members were pleased to welcome C.Comd. M. H. Pine, M.B.E., W.R.A.C., who gave us a most interesting talk on the W.R.A.C. The time was too short and we hope later we may have the pleasure of another visit. Earlier the Hon. Secretary gave an account of the A.G.M. to the Branch.

During the month the Hon. Secretary received a letter from Mrs. Ayton giving news of the tragic and sudden death of her sister, Miss M. Culling. A sympathetic letter was sent to the family from the Branch.

At the May meeting Miss J. Withy, our Hon. Assistant Secretary, was congratulated on winning first prize in one class of the Sewing Competition held by the local evening paper; Miss Withy is one of the six first prize winners whose work will go to London for the National Competition.

The tea and theatre party on 22nd April to see "Please, Teacher" was voted a great success and preferred to the annual dinner.

Members were sorry to hear of Mrs. Wilson's accident, and wish her a speedy recovery.

NORTH STAFFS

When Mr. W. J. Harrison paid a second visit to our branch in March, with his lantern lecture on "Old Newcastle" the room was filled to capacity. Many members had missed it the first time and friends were also invited. After the vote of thanks everyone enjoyed a buffet supper. "Competition Night" in April

was also very enjoyable. The attendance was not too good but much amusement was caused, particularly by a game of shove-halfpenny. A special meeting was called on 19th April for the visit of Controller M. K. Crewe-Read from Headquarters, Western Command. It was regrettable that so few members attended to hear Controller Crewe-Read's very interesting talk. Housey-Housey was the principal amusement at the May meeting when a very good supper brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

SALISBURY

Our Annual General Meeting on 13th February was preceded by a dinner and a record number of 25 (out of 28) members turned up. We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and only wished we had thought of procuring a photograph to record the event. We are planning to hold an afternoon outing to the home of our Chairman (the Hon. Mrs. Gilmour, O.B.E., J.P.) during the summer and we should very much like to have the company of some new members with us as well.

Arrangements have been made to visit any lonely people in the local hospitals and we now only await the word to "get cracking."

SOUTHAMPTON

Our meetings are now held in the N.A.A.F.I. Club, Southampton, and as this accommodation is much more central than the barracks we have been using in the past, we are hoping it may encourage present members to put in a more regular attendance, and new ones to join. We went to a most interesting cookery demonstration in April, which was made even more enjoyable by our being allowed to eat the delicious looking cakes and fruit flan which we had seen made and cooked with what seemed no trouble at all. We have recently been given a talk and film show by a representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Many of us have machines with all the various little gadgets, but had not a clue what they were all used for—well, now we know. We do hope the weather soon improves, because we have high hopes of entertaining the Bournemouth Branch in June "in a shady nook, by a babbling brook" somewhere in the New Forest.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 4th May, 1950. The re-election of Mrs. M. Blackwell as President and Miss M. Tubbs as Chairman were unanimous, and we welcome Miss D. M. Murrell as our new Secretary/Treasurer. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring Secretary/Treasurer (Mrs. G. Rickus) for her untiring efforts on our behalf during the past year. The result of the Snowball Competition was very gratifying, and thanks to the generosity of our Chairman, who kindly provided a pair of nylons as a prize for the most successful competitor, we were able to donate the sum of £4 to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund. The nylons were won by Miss D. M. Murrell.

Final arrangements were made at the meeting for an outing to Brighton on Sunday, 2nd July.

We regret losing Mrs. S. Woodham's able support owing to her removal to Kent, and wish her and her family every happiness in their new surroundings.

On behalf of the Branch we would like publicly to thank the British Legion and the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund for their generosity to Miss Bradley, whose death is announced on another page.

SUNDERLAND

Many members and friends had a thoroughly good time at a Beetle Drive which we held in February. This was followed in March by an "L" Whist Drive at which we had ten complete tables. As there were no star players the learners immediately stopped being nervous and played their cards remarkably well. Mrs. M. E. Shaw, our Chairman, presented the prizes; Miss M. Scott made most appetizing cream buns for the refreshments and Mr. W. H. Herdman acted as M.C. On 19th April we held our first annual dance at the Barnes Hotel. Music was provided by Les Storey and his Band, and Les Storey also acted as M.C. and presented the spot prizes.

WIMBLEDON (including Epsom and Sutton)

We had the pleasure of a visit from Colonel M. Railton, W.R.A.C. Headquarters Eastern Command, at our April Meeting, and thoroughly enjoyed her talk on the Women's Royal Army Corps. We were all interested to learn of the present conditions of service, and we are grateful to Colonel Railton for answering our questions so patiently. Her talk led to a period of general reminiscence whilst the tea and cakes circulated.

In May we have a talk on "Fire and Fire Prevention" by a Senior Officer of the Surrey Fire Brigade, and this will end our meetings for this season.

It has been decided not to hold meetings during June, July and August, as so many members are on holiday, but activities have by no means been suspended. In June a party of twenty are visiting the Royal Tournament at Earls Court; in July a small party is seeing one of the London dailies "put to bed" (by very special arrangement); and arrangements are also in hand for a visit, possibly in August, to Faraday House to see the Continental and Overseas Telephone Exchange.

On 15th September we shall resume our meetings with a Bring-and-Buy Sale, the profits of which will go towards our hospital scheme funds.

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On 22nd May, 1950, Council met to consider the War Office letter of official recognition of the Association as the Regimental Association of the Women's Royal Army Corps. From that date the Association's official title is The W.R.A.C. Association (incorporating the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades' Association).

From 24th July, 1950, the Editor's address will be Headquarters, A.A. Command, Stanmore, Middlesex.

LONDON GAZETTE

In order to keep up to date in the changes in Senior Officers of the Corps the following extracts are taken from the "London Gazette" (Supplement), published between 1 Mar 50 and 30 Apr 50. All ranks are substantive.

7 Mar 50

The undermentioned J.Comds. to be S.Comds.:—

K. L. Heppard (196029) 22nd Feb 50 with seniority 16th Feb 1947

J. Fisher (239541) 29th Feb 50 with seniority 10th Apr 1949

R. Wells (192993) 7th Mar 50

17 Mar 50

J. Comd. M. H. Boydell (192297) to be S.Comd. 8th Feb 1950, with seniority 31st Mar 1947 (substituted for the notifn in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated 17th Mar 1950).

31 Mar 50

J. Comd. D. H. I. Wilson (196476) to be S.Comd. 7th Dec 1949.

7 Apr 50

J.Comd. J. Fisher (239541) to be S.Comd. 1st Mar 1950 with seniority 10th Apr 1949 (substituted for the notifn in *Gazette* (Supplement) dated 28th Feb 1950).

25 Apr 50

Capt. M. D. M. Humphery (192725) to be Maj. 23rd Apr 1950.

The following is a list of officers granted regular commissions who have been promoted J.Comd. with seniority 23 Nov 48 or before:—

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Seniority</i>	<i>Gazette</i>
M. M. Berry	384369	1 Aug 38	5 Jul 49
H. M. Warden	244958	2 Aug 40	17 Feb 50
S. M. Howe	252201	26 Jul 42	3 Mar 50
E. B. Drake	359674	9 Feb 45	18 Nov 49
A. Mullett	342260	3 Mar 45	16 Dec 49
D. A. C. Fowler	192866	7 May 45	8 Jul 49
J. Godolphin	192834	18 May 45	18 Nov 49
D. J. M. Wilkinson	234066	5 Jul 45	7 Mar 50
B. Cunliffe	238022	31 Jul 45	16 Aug 49
R. E. Roberts	388889	14 Aug 45	20 Dec 49
E. M. H. Seeman de Barcaye	375503	7 Sep 45	3 Jan 50
A. Carswell	230007	10 Oct 45	2 Aug 49
L. M. Stephens	216797	25 Oct 45	16 Aug 49
N. Christy	192485	28 Oct 45	5 Jul 49
C. R. Tindall-Carill-Worsley	239467	30 Oct 45	5 Jul 49
O. Chapman	291487	9 Nov 45	5 Jul 49
P. M. Lipscomb	260701	2 Dec 45	18 Nov 49
M. H. Mackenzie, M.B.E.	192446	29 Mar 46	24 Mar 50
K. I. Cunningham	297825	4 Apr 46	2 Aug 49
E. F. Hay	297839	11 May 46	2 Aug 49
M. J. Allen	234045	17 May 46	9 Sep 49
B. Rosenbaum	378413	27 May 46	18 Nov 49
J. G. Frame	356416	1 Jul 46	2 Aug 49
G. E. M. Saunders-Davies	192290	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
M. F. Robinson	227222	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
B. M. Ridler	248460	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
M. E. Snowden	316307	1 Jul 46	28 Oct 49
J. E. Henderson	221953	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
M. P. Sandbach	305389	1 Jul 46	7 Oct 49

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Seniority</i>	<i>Gazette</i>
M. M. Anderson	234046	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
D. B. Negus	192787	1 Jul 46	7 Oct 49
K. A. Waterworth	291549	1 Jul 46	20 Dec 49
J. E. Parker	238031	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
D. E. M. S. Gavin	287159	1 Jul 46	9 Sep 49
E. E. Michell	196160	1 Jul 46	16 Aug 49
M. W. Hickson	252567	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
P. Riley	196304	1 Jul 46	2 Aug 49
S. A. E. Heaney	192854	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
N. Lupton	309749	1 Jul 46	16 Aug 49
D. M. Hancock	196088	1 Jul 46	13 Jan 50
E. S. Jacobs	211288	1 Jul 46	18 Nov 49
M. Bloxam	301325	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
S. C. Puckle, M.B.E.	196357	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
R. B. L. Puxley	196285	1 Jul 46	17 Feb 50
D. B. D. Lance	225545	1 Jul 46	9 Sep 49
E. M. E. Galloway	287009	1 Jul 46	7 Oct 49
R. M. Green	196191	1 Jul 46	5 Jul 49
M. E. Munro	196172	1 Jul 46	8 Jul 49
M. H. Nalder	257086	1 Jul 46	3 Jan 50
R. M. Shaw	196424	9 Sep 46	14 Mar 50
S. E. Bowden	375508	8 Nov 46	20 Dec 49
M. E. Gribble	211260	8 Dec 46	5 Jul 49
D. Smith	216984	3 Jan 47	8 Jul 49
F. M. Harford	239548	6 Jan 47	30 Sep 49
M. M. Bishop	223042	23 Jan 47	8 Jul 49
C. M. E. Reed	221964	28 May 47	16 Aug 49
L. E. Nicholson	380694	16 Jun 47	18 Nov 49
B. S. Finlay	244866	17 Jun 47	28 Oct 49
R. Stride	221974	19 Jun 47	5 Jul 49
P. L. Squirrel	196673	22 Jun 47	5 Jul 49
K. Cooper	230545	29 Jul 47	2 Aug 49
J. L. Rankin	211374	13 Aug 47	7 Oct 49
M. E. Davison	196878	18 Aug 47	17 Feb 50
A. I. Barfoot	196950	21 Sep 47	11 Oct 49
M. N. Jamieson	230021	1 Oct 47	17 Feb 50
C. M. MacLeod	287106	2 Oct 47	9 Sep 49
Z. D. C. Powell	266158	14 Oct 47	2 Aug 49
J. M. S. Lewis	358260	24 Oct 47	8 Jul 49
C. M. Mould	196638	28 Oct 47	8 Jul 49
P. Norman	196918	30 Oct 47	9 Sep 49
P. M. James	241620	7 Nov 47	8 Jul 49
A. M. H. Byers	223044	9 Nov 47	5 Jul 49
K. M. Meredith	270386	16 Nov 47	2 Aug 49
B. M. Metcalfe	257050	21 Jan 48	7 Oct 49
T. G. Oxnevad	218526	1 Feb 48	2 Aug 49
G. M. Brehault	238915	5 Feb 48	5 Jul 49
B. H. Clarke	236935	8 Feb 48	28 Oct 49
M. H. Downes-Powell	221353	12 Feb 48	2 Aug 49
C. H. Leese	316292	19 Mar 48	17 Feb 50
M. E. B. Ratcliffe	238864	14 Apr 48	8 Jul 49
M. O'Gram	238891	2 Jun 48	5 Jul 49
P. E. Pridmore	287162	14 Jun 48	8 Jul 49
M. W. Smith	317737	12 Jul 48	9 Sep 49
K. M. Cockburn-Mercer	218485	8 Aug 48	5 Jul 49
B. E. Forshaw-Wilson	244708	27 Sep 48	16 Aug 49
M. E. Clarke	270372	5 Oct 48	17 Feb 50
E. F. Stewart	309790	11 Oct 48	18 Nov 49
C. E. Parmenter	287011	10 Nov 48	8 Jul 49
M. T. Vennard	325258	23 Nov 48	8 Jul 49

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