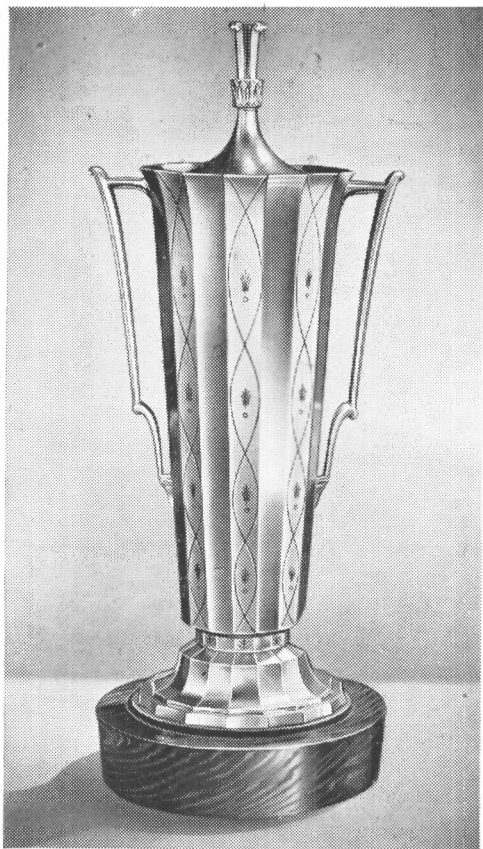


MASTER COPY

THE LIONESS





BY APPOINTMENT SILVERSMITHS
TO THE LATE KING GEORGE VI

THE incorporation of the House of Garrard with The Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company has brought together an unexampled collection of gold, silver and silver-gilt Trophies.

Both companies are renowned for the many important Pieces they have produced for Mess presentation—Pieces of fine design and rare craftsmanship.

Together, these stocks offer a wide choice to all who are contemplating the purchase of Gold or Silver Plate to commemorate this historic year.

GARRARD & CO. LTD.

Crown Jewellers

formerly

THE GOLDSMITHS & SILVERSMITHS COMPANY LTD

OUR ONLY ADDRESS

112 Regent Street, London, W.1

TELEPHONE: REGENT 3021

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

THE Directors of The Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company Ltd. wish to announce an important change in the name of the Company.

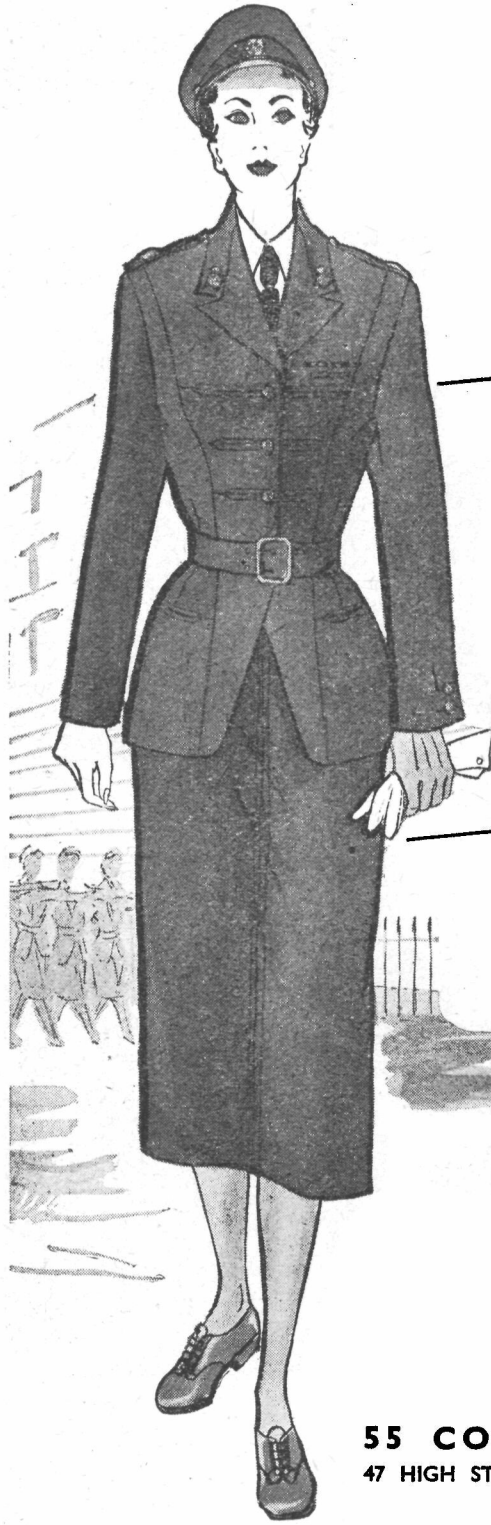
This change has been made in order to avoid the confusion caused through the similarity of the present name to those of other firms in London and the provinces, and with whom The Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company have no connection.

The new name is **GARRARD & CO. LTD.** Under this title and at the one address 112 Regent Street, W.1, we shall continue the proud traditions of the two Companies, and of more than two centuries of fine craftsmanship and high service.

The Directors are also happy to state that the appointment as Her Majesty's Crown Jewellers has been vested in this House under its new name.



BY APPOINTMENT
RIDING CLOTHES OUTFITTERS
TO THE LATE KING GEORGE VI

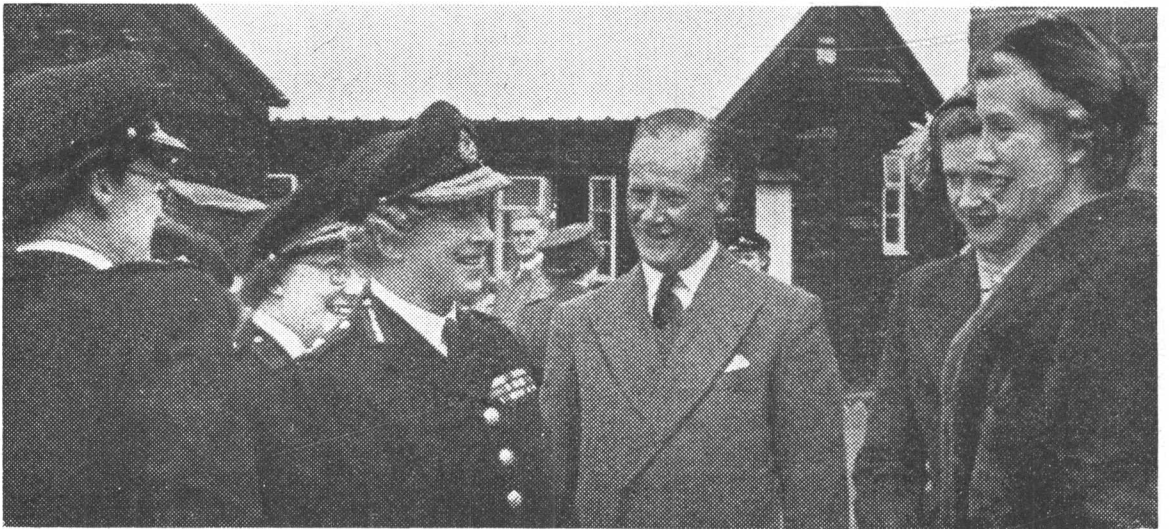


**Bernard
Weatherill**
Ltd

*Officially Appointed
Tailor to the
W.R.A.C.*

55 CONDUIT STREET, LONDON, W.1
47 HIGH STREET, ALDERSHOT. 11 BENNETT'S HILL, BIRMINGHAM
BRIDGE HOUSE, SOUTH ASCOT

Princess Royal's Day



[See page 44]



THE LIONESS

Vol. XXVI

August 1953

No. 3

Contributions should reach the editor, Col. J. M. Cowper, T.D., 4 Hillside, Lancaster, as early as possible and NOT later than the 6th of the month preceding issue.

Contents

	PAGE
Editorial	37
Annual General Meeting	37
The Exhibition	37
The Coronation	38
Births, Marriages and Deaths	41
The Royal Review	42
Mount Everest	43
Princess Royal's Day	44
One Fine Day	44
News of Comrades	46
Our Editor	47
Our President	47
News from the Territorial Army	48
Royal Tournament	48
Reunions	49
Edinburgh Tatoo	50
Sport	51
W.R.A.C. Overseas	52
Appointments	52
Obituary	52
News from Branches	53
Personal	56
"London Gazette"	56

Editorial

We would like to draw the attention of readers to the news from Edinburgh Branch. Members have from time to time complained that *The Lioness* contains so little news of Old Comrades and while they are proud, and indeed envious, of their younger sisters and daughters now in uniform, they have craved more news of the other "has beens." They therefore decided to appoint a Magazine Secretary to collect items of interest for *The Lioness* from among their own Branch members. We and they earnestly hope that other branches will follow their example for this first contribution from the newly-appointed magazine secretary is a model of interest to all. Reporting is a specialised job and someone with experience of writing is ideal. In any case someone whose special job it is would relieve already over-burdened secretaries!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on July 4, in the evening after the Cricket Match. The Minutes will be published in full in *The Lioness* in November but there are one or two points members might like to know now. The Grand Reunion in 1954 will be held on Saturday, March 13, at The Seymour Hall, near Marble Arch. This is partly

to save expense and partly because, with the smaller numbers attending, everyone thinks this will be a much pleasanter place in which to meet. The disadvantage is that the tickets will have to be limited to about two thousand and, hitherto, the numbers attending have always been rather more than that. So it will be necessary to watch the columns of *The Lioness* closely and apply as soon as bookings open if you are to be certain of getting a ticket.

One other piece of information we heard was that our correspondent at the meeting met her first company commander after a lapse of many years, while two other comrades continued a reunion which they have managed to keep up annually for no less than thirty-five years! That would appear to constitute a record which we hope will go on for many years to come.

The Exhibition

An exhibition is to open in London on September 28, at the Tea Centre in Lower Regent Street, which, it is hoped, will be of interest to everyone, but particularly to those who have served in any of our three Corps. The original idea was to have a small exhibition of work done by members of the W.R.A.C.—about ten classes comprising certain crafts. Then the number of classes grew to twenty-one, including everything from millinery to miniature gardens, knitting, crochet, metal work, pottery, bookbinding, basketwork, toymaking and several sections of embroidery. The eligible competitors include every member of the corps, regular or territorial, at home or overseas. Preliminary rounds are being held in all commands, the best exhibits being selected for exhibition in London.

As the conception of the exhibition grew it rather changed its character and the present intention is to try to give a general idea of the life of the Corps both on and off duty. Visitors will see working models, photographs and demonstrations to illustrate many of our trades. Sports and hobbies will have their place and wall panels of photographs will show life overseas. Exhibits will be on show from the West Indies, the Middle and Far East, and from Germany and Gibraltar, as well as the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Entry to the Exhibition will be free; it will remain open for a fortnight and may be visited daily from 10.30 to 6.30 except on Saturdays when it closes at 1 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER TO
REACH THE EDITOR BY OCTOBER 1, 1953



THE CORONATION



The Queen is crowned. We think it was in *The Times* that an inspired leader writer noted that if there are now fewer captains and kings to depart after our national thanksgivings there are infinitely more Prime Ministers. Even they have not all returned to their native heaths and the Queen herself has started on her self-appointed task of showing herself to her peoples in all her realms and territories, both here and overseas. The real significance of this Coronation has been that so many of Her Majesty's subjects have been able to share in a very personal way in the ceremony and, with her, to dedicate themselves afresh to the service of our country.

As an association we sent the following telegram: "On the eve of the Coronation all ranks of the W.R.A.C. Association, incorporating the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Comrades' Association, offer to Her Majesty The Queen who, they are proud to remember, herself served as an A.T.S. officer, their loyal devotion and their heartfelt good wishes." Her Majesty graciously replied by thanking the Association for their "kind and loyal message on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation."

THERE WERE PRESENT

One of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Russell Simpson, represented the Association in the Abbey. Mrs. Rumbold and two members from Scotland were on Wellington Island, Hyde Park Corner, where Mrs. Rumbold bore our Standard. Sixty-three members had seats on a stand in East Carriage Drive at Grosvenor Gate, and although the weather was not kind they had an excellent view of the procession.

CORONATION MEDAL

Everyone will be delighted to hear that Miss B. Ireland, one of our most loved Vice-Presidents, has been awarded the Coronation Medal. Other members of the Council have been similarly honoured, but on account of other work. This was the only medal given expressly to a member of our Association.

We have received many other mentions of the receipt of Coronation Medals by past and present members of the Corps but, for lack of space, except where a particularly interesting presentation ceremony has been held, we have reluctantly decided to omit them.

CORONATION HONOURS

The Association also noted with pride and pleasure the award of the D.B.E. to the Director, Women's Royal Army Corps, and they sent a telegram to her to that effect. Dame Frances came into office at a particularly difficult time, for most of the battles necessary on the formation of a regular corps of women had been concluded by her predecessor and many people hoped that we would

be able to sit back for a period of stabilising. Nothing was further from the truth for she had hardly got into the chair before the Army's commitments overseas expanded to such an extent that the substitution of men by women became a matter of urgency. Gone were the days when we could ask for time to settle down. Committee after committee sat to consider afresh the position of women in the Army and to suggest new and attractive modes of entry. Those who had the privilege of working closest to the Director had the greatest opportunity of appreciating the complexity of the problems which faced her and of admiring her unfailing ability to find the middle path. The Corps is indeed lucky to have her still in the anxious days ahead, for her tour as Director has been extended.

CORONATION GREETINGS

The D.W.R.A.C. cabled to the New Zealand Women's Royal Army Corps sending "Greetings on Coronation Day." The Commandant of our affiliated Corps replied: "Heartily reciprocate your Coronation Day greetings."

CORONATION CAMP—KINGSTON

The first Commonwealth arrivals at the Camp were late: the Reception Committee waited anxiously with visions of heavy seas and dock strikes. At last they appeared, having thoroughly enjoyed a tour round London as their bus driver was determined to do the visitors "proud." And so it went on all through the camp for everyone on the staff set out to give our Commonwealth visitors a time to remember.

12 Battalion, who normally inhabit the camp together with the Holding and Drafting Company, bore the brunt of the extra work and, by the time that the extra administrative staff arrived to help, wheels were already running smoothly. An office was ready, looking like a tourist agency with pamphlets welcoming the visitors to Britain and information on all subjects from visas to quick shoe repairs! The sleeping accommodation was scrubbed and polished and, judging by the standard of comfort, it appeared that the quartermaster had influential friends. The whole was adorned by an imposing notice—CORONATION TROOPS HQ.

Life for the Commonwealth visitors was divided into two sections. In the morning they trained at Pirbright and after lunch came the more arduous social round. The Press wanted to talk to and photograph them; there were inspections and visits paid to the camp by the eminent; there were receptions and parties arranged in London and also, of course, private sight-seeing trips which all the visitors wished to make.

As June 2 drew nearer the Camp prepared to receive the next arrivals, the Coronation contingent of our own Corps. Strange contraptions of tin and string appeared on the Parade Ground, representing, so the curious were told, Hyde Park Corner and Marble Arch. From the Quarter-

PAGE MISSING

PAGE MISSING

all making for the Underground afterwards and decided to turn back. The Wren went on but she told me the next day that she did not stay long.

So ended the greatest day of our lives. The Wren telephoned her family, who had been watching it all on television, and her little girl said, "We didn't see you, Mummy, but we saw the rain." At the Club the staff were still serving tea and at about 11.20 p.m. I went to bed, tired out but proud of the fact that it was one of our original Corps, the W.A.A.C., who had the honour of holding the Standard and happy in the thought that it was the Director of the regular Corps who proposed that we should do so.

THE CORONATION IN TASMANIA

BY MRS. ANNE BROOKE

As I write this we are listening to the broadcast of our beloved Queen's crowning, and I thought you might be interested to hear how we in Hobart celebrated this wonderful day.

We live at 16 Wilmslow Avenue, New Town, Hobart, and there are 16 houses in the avenue in which live English and Scottish immigrants. We decided that the best thing to do would be to hold a party for the 29 children of the avenue. A local hall was loaned for our use and there we had a long table groaning with food. The table was decorated in red, white and blue, and by each plate was a Coronation mug, full of sweets, wrapped in red, white and blue paper, tied with ribbon and bearing a card with a crown and the child's name. The children toasted Her Majesty in fruit cocktail, and it was wonderful to see them as they stood and sang the National Anthem. Before tea they had a film show and most of the films were of H.M. The Queen as Princess Elizabeth. After tea party games were played. To close the afternoon fireworks were released, and as we all came home we could see rockets exploding and the glow of dozens of fires encircling Hobart. The weather for us was cool but sunny and fine. So now, after a hectic day, with children all abed and sleeping, we sit by our fires and listen with our loved ones "back home" to the Coronation Service.

Hobart is a glorious sight, though of course we realise it is nothing to London. There are flags and bunting everywhere, and huge crowns lit with dozens of coloured lights. The windows of shops are full of beautiful photographs of Her Majesty and even, in some cases, windows of private houses are decorated. The patriotism, loyalty and love for Queen Elizabeth of the people of Tasmania is, to us, something to wonder at for 13,000 miles divide them from the heart of the Empire and surely they could be forgiven if they adopted a "couldn't care less" attitude in view of the great distance.

ANOTHER IMPRESSION

Dear Editor,

I was one of the lucky people to draw a ticket in the ballot for a seat at Hyde Park Corner to see the Coronation Procession. It was a spectacle which will never be forgotten by those who saw it, and quite apart from the actual procession and the

never-to-be-forgotten glimpse of The Queen in her golden coach, the thrill of being in London on that memorable day and being one of the crowd outside Buckingham Palace who chanted "We want The Queen" is one which I personally will always treasure.

Many, many thanks to those people at Headquarters who procured the tickets and God bless the person who drew my name out of the drum.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) JO HENDERSON,

Musselburgh, Ex-Sgt. A.T.S.

Births

BROWN.—On March 8, 1953, to Vida (ex-C.S.M. Willoughby-Walton ("Wally")), wife of Lt. H. J. Brown, M.B.E., R.A., a son—David John. Present address: "Maes-a-Mor," Overstrand Avenue, Rhosneigr, Anglesey.

WETHERSETT.—On February 17, 1953, to Amy (ex-C.S.M.), at present residing with her husband at 3517 West 22nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, a second son—Geoffrey Arthur.

WYLIE.—On May 6, 1953, to Diana, wife of Major C. G. Wylie, a son—Ian Frederic, a brother to Alison and Hugh. Present address: Firbank, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.

Marriages

BULMER—GRAHAM.—On March 21, 1953, at Burnhope, Durham, Thomas Bulmer to Ethel Graham (ex-Sgt., A.T.S.). Present address: 6 Beech Grove, Burnhope, Durham.

CAIRNS—DUDDIN.—On August 23, 1952, at Bowburn, Durham, Stewart Cairns to Catherine Duddin (ex-Sgt., A.T.S.). Present address: 28 Bede Terrace, Bowburn.

GERRARD—CAMMIDGE.—On April 30, 1953, at Skipsea, Norman H. H. Gerrard to Marion E. Cammidge (ex-Pay Cpl. at Chisleton). Present address: The Flat, Board Inn, Skipsea, Driffield, E. Yorks.

LANGSON—TODD.—On October 18, 1952, at Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham, Morley Langson to Elizabeth R. Todd (ex-Pte., A.T.S.). Present address: "Broadmeadows," St. Brooke, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

PEARCE—HORSLEY.—On February 12, 1953, at Reading, P.O. Maurice Pearce, R.N., to Madge Horsley (ex-W.R.A.C.).

Deaths

CARTER.—On July 2, 1953, suddenly, Mrs. D. Carter (ex-A.T.S.), member of London Branch.

FOXWELL.—In November 1943, of pneumonia, at Hove, Mrs. Foxwell, ex-Unit Administrator, Q.M.A.A.C. This information has only just been received, through Mrs. King, from her son.

TURNER.—In December, 1952, of infantile paralysis, Lorna Turner (ex-A.T.S.). Obituary notice on page 52.

THE ROYAL REVIEW

Having had the honour to be in command of our contingent I want to express my sincere thanks to all who took part and who, in spite of many difficulties, made it such a good show. It was a pretty stiff test especially for the older women but our ex-sergeant-majors helped us and an excellent combination of friendliness and discipline saw us through. Thank you all very much indeed. You were a credit to your Service.

(signed) H. C. I. GWYNNE-VAUGHAN.

OUR CONTINGENT

H.R.H. The Princess Royal visited the assembly point in Hyde Park where some four hundred ex-service women of the three Corps formed up. The Association Standard was carried by Mrs. A. T. Chitty, O.B.E., and the Corps Standards by Mrs. Rumbold (Q.M.A.A.C.), Mrs. E. Richards (A.T.S.) and Miss P. Holbourn (W.R.A.C.).

Members arrived in great heart and in splendid weather. Southern Ireland and Belfast were present with their standards, also Bristol, besides many others without standards. The A.T.S. Middle East Association arrived in force and added greatly to the glory of the rear ranks by their supply of medals. Col. M. D. Thorne, Miss M. Patrick, Miss B. Harvie-Anderson, Miss J. Stewart and Miss M. L. Davis acted as our contingent marshals and, with the help of warrant officers and N.C.Os., they accomplished the task of assembling our contingent in ranks of twenty in which order we were to march past Her Majesty. Her Royal Highness, accompanied by our Chairman, Dame Regina Evans, inspected and talked to individual members and this signal honour set the seal on an altogether thrilling day.

A special correspondent among the spectators has sent an account of the day but, as an Association, we would like to make special mention of Miss A. J. Brown, a Q.M.A.A.C. member of London Branch who volunteered to look after members' surplus belongings while they were on parade. She was assisted by members of 326 (City of London) Battalion W.R.A.C. (T.A.) and between them they conveyed bags and coats to await members in a lorry in Lowndes Square. To our great regret about twenty members failed to find their way there. Their belongings were finally taken to the Hyde Park Police Station, where most of them were claimed in the course of the evening.

A SPECTATOR'S ACCOUNT

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The weather was kind to us on the occasion of the Royal Review, though a little hard on those taking part who had to wait for long periods without any protection from the sun. We gave a great welcome to the first arrivals, the Chelsea Pensioners. Then, against the distant trees, we could see the first standards coming towards us, bravely aligned and bringing a wave of colour into the arena. Behind them, seemingly endless, came the contingents

marching proudly and precisely over the grass. There was just a glimpse of our contingent in Group M before they were absorbed into the anonymous unity of the Parade.

After a pause there came the cheers which greeted the arrival of H.M. The Queen and, after the Royal Salute, there followed a short service in which we all joined in singing the two familiar hymns "O God our help" and "Recessional."

Then Her Majesty entered her open car and, together with the Duke of Edinburgh, she drove slowly through the Review to be hailed on all sides by cheers that drowned the band. Our own contingent was very fortunate for they saw The Queen first as she drove along their front and then the rear ranks saw her close up as she drove past them.

After this inspection Her Majesty spoke briefly to all on parade and infused into the atmosphere a great sense of comradeship. She then moved to the Saluting Base, accompanied by other members of the Royal Family, while the V.I.P.s (including our chairman) took up their allotted places and the great crowd adjusted itself in its search for the most advantageous points from which to watch the March Past.

The massed bands of the Brigade of Guards, in full dress, began to play and then followed one of the most moving episodes of the Coronation Year. Preceded by their banners, splendidly carried, the ex-service men and women came past in their contingents, marching twenty abreast. For an hour and a half they were marching past the dais—the equivalent of three divisions—the old, the middle-aged and the young. The absence of colourful uniforms and the lack of the pageantry of other processions added an impressiveness to the parade which was entirely satisfying. There was an indefinable quality about the ranks of neatly dressed marchers that stirred the hearts of the crowd again and again. There were homely moments when someone greeted a friend in the Parade and, when the Bands were playing the old tunes, the crowds picked them up and sang the marchers past the Saluting Base.

We who watched naturally waited with impatience for our own old comrades—and, at last, they came, marching with a vigour that belied the long hours in the heat. We were bound to agree with the policewoman on duty in front of us, also a member of one of our branches, that they were the smartest of them all. The American journalist, standing next to your correspondent, had been deeply impressed by the entire Parade and at the sight of our contingent he was completely overcome, his only comment being "Gee!"

After the Standard Bearers came the Contingent Commander, Dame Helen, followed by the women who, when they gave the "Eyes Right," maintained a dressing that made some of the serving spectators feel rightly envious. If the rear ranks missed the sand of the Middle East, they surely had the sun! They could never have looked smarter in

Cairo or Sarafand. Lastly came the marshals, wearing beech brown armbands and marching with the air of sheep dogs who knew what they had to do but also knew that they wouldn't have to do it!

So they marched past with a goodly array of medals between them and we cheered—if possible, just a little more loudly for our own Old Comrades.

Mount Everest

As an Association we have a particularly close interest in the success of the Mount Everest expedition for Subaltern Lucas of the A.T.S. is now the wife of Major Wylie, the Organising Secretary of the expedition. As an officer of our Controller Commandant's Own Gurkha Rifles he was also the expedition's interpreter, and we were thrilled to read in *The Times* that much of the success of the expedition is attributed to the excellent relationship between climbers and Sherpas, which was largely due to the untiring work of Major Wylie. Mrs. Wylie wrote to us before the summit had been reached to tell us of the birth of her second son, announced on another page. We wonder how many of us knew who Mrs. Wylie was when we read of, or saw televised, the B.B.C. announcer adding the news of this event to the special Mount Everest weather broadcast. Seven days after the boy was born Mrs. Wylie received an excited cable from her husband which was a great thrill. We would like, on behalf of all our readers, to offer our congratulations both for the expedition's success and the birth of the son.

HIORNS & MILLER

**SPECIALISE IN
REGIMENTAL
CHRISTMAS CARDS**

BROCHURE ON APPLICATION

Personal attention given to all orders and enquiries. Estimates and samples sent on request.

RING 437 DEVONPORT

A Printing Service backed by over 63 years reputation. Diestamped Stationery, Invitation Cards, Account Books and Printing of all descriptions from a Visiting Card to a Regimental History.

HIORNS & MILLER LIMITED
40 Marlborough Street, Devonport

NYLONS

**EXPERTLY REPAIRED
BY RETURN POST**

REDUCED RATES

For the Services

2/- One Stocking including Post and Packing. **1/6** Each additional hose

A special Self Addressing Safety Box is returned for future use with all initial orders, enabling you to send hose at any time from any location without the inconvenience of packing and addressing. We receive dozens of these boxes from Service members daily, the stockings are all repaired and despatched the same day.

Make use of this Special Express Service and gain the advantage of the special reduced Service rate.

Address orders to:—

NASOF HOSIERY REPAIR CO - SLOUGH - BUCKS

RANK, NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

PRINCESS ROYAL'S DAY

This year, for the first time, the Corps commemorated the birthday of our Controller Commandant, by her gracious permission, as our Corps Day. Her Royal Highness honoured the Corps with her presence at an At Home held at the Depot when some 1,400 past and present members of the Corps and civilian guests were present. We were particularly glad to welcome a number of Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. Old Comrades.

Before the arrival of Her Royal Highness Major W. G. Wallace unveiled an Honours Board, presented by himself to the Corps, on which the names of the recipients of the Naomi Wallace Memorial Medal will be inscribed. The Princess arrived shortly before 3 o'clock, inspected a Guard of Honour, under the command of Capt. M. M. Quick, attended a showing of the W.R.A.C. film, "Greensleeves," toured the camp, had tea in the Officers' Mess, attended a short Evensong and watched the Band beat retreat on the Square. It was a crowded programme and yet, before leaving the camp, Her Royal Highness found time to visit an exhibition of handicrafts made by members of the Unit.

The Depot staff are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the Corps. For the entertainment of our guests they had arranged displays of P.T. by recruits, drill by the permanent staff, tours of the camp and many other demonstrations and diversions. The film was popular, but the Museum was undoubtedly the centre of attraction for the whole afternoon. The church collection and the sale of programmes realised £15 for the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

The frontispiece shows Her Royal Highness inspecting the cooks, and in the other photograph she is talking to Mrs. King, O.B.E., better known as Lt.-Col. R. Wells. With Mrs. King are her husband and step-daughter, of whom the latter had heard that day that she had passed the Regular Commissions Board. We wish her luck in the W.R.A.C.

16 BATTALION

Princess Royal's Day was celebrated at Fayid and at Moascar and a very successful Corps weekend was arranged in both camps. "A" Company at Fayid started off on the Saturday morning with a parade and Commanding Officer's inspection. The Band of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards was in attendance and also played for all the functions over the weekend. In the afternoon we were "At Home" and visitors were invited to view a Signals Demonstration, a photographic display, a showing of the new film, "Greensleeves," and many other aspects of Corps and Service life. Tea was served in the women's messes and in the gardens—the huge iced cake, decorated with the Corps badge, was the centre-piece of an excellent tea in the other ranks' dining room. In the evening a Grand All Ranks' Dance was held at the Olympic Stadium where a large crowd spent an enjoyable evening. The women of "B" Company in Moascar travelled to Fayid, ably escorted by the

Highland Light Infantry Band who were playing at their functions during the weekend.

On Sunday morning came the Church Parade. As All Saints' Church is not large enough to hold everybody at the normal morning service a special service was held earlier. The company then marched past, led by the Band. The salute was taken by the Chief of Staff at General Headquarters, Major General R. A. Hull, C.B., D.S.O. It was an impressive sight as the women marched through Fayid with the green of their new berets (having only just arrived here!) matching in colour the caps and trousers of the Band. A special lunch was served in the other ranks' dining hall, a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess and a sherry party in the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess rounded off the activities for the day. In the evening the finale of the weekend arrived with a broadcast show by representatives of the Battalion. In this show, "Unit Call," members gave a short history of the Corps and Unit, its activities and details of the jobs in which the women are employed, presented records requested and ended with a "Quiz" in which "B" Company beat "A" Company.

In Moascar the weekend began by opening the camp to the public soon after 3 o'clock. Visitors were escorted round to the music provided by the 1st Battalion The Highland Light Infantry who also gave a display of dancing. A cake, beautifully iced in the Corps colours, with a replica of the badge in the centre, had been made by Sgt. Colby. After the cutting of the cake by Mrs. Thurburn, wife of the Brigadier i/c Administration, Headquarters British Troops Egypt, tea was served in the large marquee especially erected for the occasion. By 5.30 p.m. the visitors had left and the camp wore rather a deserted air, all the members of the company having dispersed to their barrack rooms to prepare for the Corps Dance which was being held in the Olympic Stadium, Fayid. Escorted by the band the Company and their guests embussed without mishap both to and from Fayid and eventually retired to bed.

Sunday saw the Company on Parade at 9 a.m., an inspection, church at St. George's Church, the salute taken at the march past by Colonel J. A. Macrae, R.A., Commander Moascar Garrison. In the evening there was another exodus to Fayid when both companies took part in the broadcast. So, in the Middle East, we also celebrated for the first time the birthday of our Controller Commandant.

ONE FINE DAY

BY AN ANONYMOUS CIVILIAN

The civilian had been enjoying himself thoroughly. Invited back to an Army celebration, he had even felt it to be an occasion when he could avail himself to his entitlement to honorary rank. Suddenly the fitful April sun went behind a cloud; a thin bleak wind whimpered round a hutment, and with it his mood felt wintry once again. He was old and had finished with it all. Up to a point it

had been so like the old days of visiting an A.T.S. formation to lecture on pay, but now he saw how different it really was. This was no war-time shelving of careers to take over an unfamiliar and temporary job in an emergency, but the harder, less makeshift job of launching women on their main life's work. Moreover, the camp itself asserted its claim to unwilling remembrance. Here it was that he had gone through the last stages of release in 1945, drawing his issue of free civilian clothing and writing finis to his Army service. How could he thank them and get away?

Suddenly, standing only a few yards away, his eye lit on a very senior W.R.A.C. officer and, back in a flash, came his pleasure in the day. Crossing over to her he said, quietly, "Do you still use XX soft soap?" A curious password, but one which is nevertheless a classic of the war, and one which will bear repetition to the present generation. It befell in the A.T.S. Pay Office at Nottingham (housed, by the way, with a rare sense of the fitness of things in the still occupied factory of "Bairns-wear," so that acquaintance rolls and babies' woollies often jostled for floor space) that a zealous R.A.P.C. officer was examining a contingency account. He observed therein, to his shocked amazement, an item reading: "To one barrel XX," and forthwith he wrote to the Unit concerned enquiring why beer had been purchased with the money of a Public Funds account. Swift as a flash came back the reply: "You are informed that XX is a brand of soft soap, and you are further informed that if this Unit ever buys beer it will be nothing less than XXX!" This pungent reply had brightened very considerably the hum-drum life of the Pay Office which had been entrusted to the civilian as an essential part of his education in A.T.S. pay and unit pay officers. In due course, seeking to make some agreeable conversation with an even then very senior A.T.S. officer, he had produced the yarn in the spirit of "Listen to the pranks your young officers get up to," only to be rewarded with the information that the story had gone full circle and had returned to its originator.

Motoring home he had plenty of time to muse on the flood of recollections this reunion had evoked.

For the first few years he had been in one of the Fixed Centre Pay Offices where, the work which he administered being very specialised, clerks were required of intelligence and accuracy. As a result he was allocated girls of high intelligence and most faithfully did they discharge their duties. But, in the queer way of life, it was the odd intake almost completely unsuited to the job who excited one's admiration at the time and who retain one's affection in retrospect now. They would cling to their posting with a desperate and dogged determination to overcome their lack of aptitude and would so willingly accept the humble non-intelligent jobs inevitable in any office, that one could sense the real, burning sense of patriotism which carried them through the dreary days of war.

In the last three years, as a visiting paymaster, he saw every conceivable phase of A.T.S. employment, visiting Unit after Unit of widely differing

nature, but which one stuck in his memory this evening? Just a handful of A.T.S. under a lonely subaltern, quartered in a remote and wholly unlovely brickworks miles outside Bedford. And on what soul-stirring work were they engaged? Packing emergency rations, which takes either a vivid imagination or a taut sense of discipline and duty to turn into a really successful job.

At his pay school? What memories of that? Why, the same! Dogged, persistent girls haunting the school after lecture hours, picking the brains of his warrant officer instructors. On his own courses in Regimental Funds accounting which involves, as some may know, a complete and understanding grasp of double-entry book-keeping, two very special memories. The first, a pretty, vivid youngster (not unlike her later prototype of Greensleeves) who, at the end of the first lecture period, said she feared she had come to the wrong course. As she wore the wheel of a driver, this seemed not unlikely. Would she like to be returned to her Unit? "No," was the reply, "I've never failed on a course yet. I'd like to try." Try it she did and to good effect for, from scratch, she produced in the examination at the end of the course a perfect set of accounts. Only an accountant can appreciate this achievement; he will say that if, as appears likely, she applied the same amazing industry and adaptability to her avowed post-war ambition of becoming a torch singer, she is almost certainly in the money! The other memory was of a not-so-young subaltern who brought into the lecture room in a half-blitzed London house a breath of "Cranford." She had Miss Matty's gentle earnestness and, like that gallant gentlewoman of long ago fiction, won everybody's admiration for her devotion to the strange life she had obviously deemed it her duty, as an Englishwoman of breeding, to adopt.

So these were his memories, the faithfulness, hard work and dogged determination of women in that cruellest of colours, drab! What of the girls in Greensleeves? He stopped to cadge a drink from a Gunner friend en route and from him got a quick and complete reply: "The W.R.A.C.? Oh, very adequate. We use them a lot. Better than men for some jobs." That seemed to the civilian to round it off neatly and well.

As a last memory he returned to his most dogged and likeable A.T.S. He had gone to that war-time miracle, her white wedding. Called on to reply to the toast of the bride, she had said unexpectedly, "I can't speak. I'll sing my thanks!" And sing she did in a beautifully trained voice, "One Fine Day." The civilian cannot sing, but he can write of his day at Guildford as "One Fine Day."

Corrigenda

LIST OF SECRETARIES

Ilford. *For* Miss Parkes *read* Mrs. Parkes.

Canterbury. *For* Charity *read* Chantry.

14 Battalion. *insert* Sgt. P. Gilbey, 36 Coy R.A.S.C., B.A.O.R. 1.

Delete 31 and 32 Independent Platoons.

Add Glasgow (Q.M.A.A.C.), Mrs. W. Young, 127 Hatton Gardens, Glasgow, S.W.2.

News of Comrades

W.O. II E. M. Eddy of 491 (M) H.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.), writes from "Moree," 13 Arncliffe Road, Harrogate, and asks for news of any who served with her during and after the war. She served as Cpl. Wilkinson with 610 (M) H.A.A. Regt. from 1941-43 and in the Pay Office at Footscray from 1944-46. Her present hobby is breeding miniature poodles and she is most anxious to know whether Miss Chappel and Miss Archer Houblon recall the great times of V.E. and V.J. days at Foxbury.

Mrs. Mangles, better known to the Service as **J. Comd. Temme**, writes from Singapore where her address is c/o her husband at G.H.Q. (Major R. P. Mangles, M.C.) She was on board a troopship for Christmas and the New Year eighteen months ago. On arrival her husband found that one of his staff captains was Capt. E. S. Jacobs of our Corps whom Mrs. Mangles had known about ten years before. She missed her a lot when she went off to the Staff College and now that Captain Jacobs has been posted to Kenya they are unlikely to meet again for a year or two. When the Director visited FARELF in January last year Mrs. Mangles was invited to meet her, the first time she had been inside a women's mess since she left the Service. She appears to have enjoyed it quite a lot. She was also present at the parade and march past on the occasion of the Duchess of Kent's visit last year and, both years, at the W.R.A.C. Birthday Church Parade and march past. She liked the green berets this year.

When Mrs. Mangles first arrived in Singapore she had to live in a hotel and she took a job. She was much interested in two Eurasian girls, employed as telephonists. They appeared in uniform each Monday morning faultlessly turned out, and one saw more of them that day than for the whole of the rest of the week! They were members of the local volunteer company of which news has already been published in *The Lioness*, and attached to a local R.A. unit. As well as being proud of their uniforms, they were very keen, and eager to impart their knowledge! Mrs. Mangles gave up her job as soon as they got a house. She likes Singapore which she describes as cosmopolitan but a gateway to so many places. She and her husband had a lovely holiday in Hong Kong and hope to see more of Malaya now so many roads are open. They meet many friends passing through.

The last news of **Mrs. Armstrong** was that she intended going on vacation to Honolulu and Hawaii. We do not know if she there got transported for this was February and we have not heard since.

A long letter from **Miss Elizabeth Wightman**, ex-Cpl. of the A.T.S. and now secretary of Carlisle Branch, gives us news of **Mrs. Doris S. Aplin, M.B.E.**, war-time Army Welfare Officer at Hull. Her home is now at Portinscale on Lake Derwent-water but she is at present on a visit to her daughter, an ex-A.T.S. officer who lives in Kuala Lumpur. Mrs. Aplin, who is the local representative of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, will be returning about August via Durban, Cape Town and Madeira. **Marjorie Clark** is now in the employ of the Kenya

Government and is working, at Nairobi, a far cry from where she served in the A.T.S. with two other members of Carlisle Branch, **Sgts. Frances Prescott** (now Mrs. Priestley) and **Louise Millner**. All these were at Iserlohn at the same time, but it was not until they met at a Branch Christmas Party that they realised the fact. Elizabeth Wightman herself has caught the wanderbug so badly that holidays take her all over the world. One night at Guislingen, in the Black Forest, three years ago she was listening to a story at dinner, when she realised that it was a service story. She discovered that the narrator was a Q.M.A.A.C. member of London Branch whose name she has forgotten. Also present there was an ex-A.T.S. Cpl. **Miss E. Shuttleworth** of Manchester. Two years ago, at Rheims, she heard an expression which she knew to be African. The speaker was, needless to say, a member of the A.T.S. Clerical Company, **Dorothy Lett** of Olney. It does not seem to matter where you go other members of the Corps turn up, too, and what a thrill it is to find someone thousands of miles away from home who served in the same corps and experienced many of the things you did! Miss Wightman sends greetings to ex-members of "C" Company at Luton and "H" Company of Camsub. She wants news of **Cpl. S. Kay Pearson** whose pre-war home was in St. Peter Port, Guernsey. Miss Wightman adds that she went to the Glasgow reunion which she thought an excellent show but she did hear two ex-Q.M.A.A.C. members much annoyed about the display of Q.M.A.A.C. uniforms. She adds that she has no doubt that our uniforms will get much the same reception in thirty years' time. We were also present at the Glasgow Reunion and were distressed to find the 1938 A.T.S. officer arrayed in a Jean Knox streamlined uniform, including A.T.S. lanyard, leather chin strap and Sam Browne belt. We would have liked to have seen Dame Helen's face had we appeared in that uniform at the formation of the Service! But, with all this irritation with what we, whether Q.M.A.A.C. or A.T.S., may consider historical inaccuracy and however we may laugh at changing fashion, Miss Wightman quite rightly concludes by saying that she thinks (in fact she is sure) that we have nothing but admiration for our forebears.

Mrs. Wethersett, the birth of whose second son is announced on another page, writes from Canada to say that **Miss E. Haydock** has joined the C.W.A.C. in Vancouver but does not find the employing units as helpful over there as they are here. She also sends a message of encouragement to one of her old girls who is still serving, **A/C.S.M. M. Spakes**. Megan, Griff, Jackie, Jenny and herself send regards, also Miss Stanley.

Mrs. A. E. B. Johnstone has recently drawn our attention to a pathetic story in *The Times* of an attack by Mau Mau terrorists on a farm near Nanyuki in Kenya. The farmhouse, the labour lines and a cottage were burned to the ground and the occupants of the cottage are feared to have lost their lives in the flames. The connection with our Corps is that the farm is owned by Mr. W. K. Bastard, whose wife served in Q.M.A.A.C.

Her son, Segar, normally resides with his wife and family in the farmstead that was burnt but, happily, they were absent at Mombasa at the time of the attack. We cannot sufficiently appreciate the anxiety daily experienced by our countrymen and women in Kenya, Malaya and other places oversea where the British Crown can do even less to protect them. Mrs. Johnstone goes on to say that she has also heard from **Miss Molly Howes** who lives in Nairobi. She sometimes goes to see **Mrs. Delaney** who was **Sister Scott** at the Sick Bay, Etaples. Howes has also had a letter from **Mrs. Gosden**, who was **Lucy Milner** when at Etaples. She has a married daughter and grandson. Howes says that Kenya is sadly changed.

Miss Sheila Parnell writes from 66 Willard Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She actually wrote to the Drill Hall at Southampton where her original company was formed in 1938, under the command of Miss Bacon. In 1939 the company was attached to 218 Battery H.A.A., R.A. She wonders whether she could get in touch with any of the original members of that company and the unit, very sensibly, sent the letter on to us. Would any reader who, at any time, belonged to that company please write to her direct?

Miss Emery of 37 Carlingford Terrace, Radstock, Nr. Bath writes to say that she would like more news of the old A.T.S., especially those who served at "H" Company, Colchester and Donkey Common, Cambridge. Some of the old crowd live in Bristol and meet at Legion House, having very good times together. She sometimes hears from **Smithy** and manages to meet **Lou Draisey** and **Bish** once a year. **Andy** she sees frequently and also hears occasionally from **Phyl Dack** and **Lyn Champken**. Miss Emery also thinks it would be nice if she could hear of those she knew in Thornhill Mess, Aldershot.

Our Editor

Members will have learned with regret of the retirement from the Active List of Colonel J. M. Cowper, Editor of *The Lioness*.

In 1938 she was one of the original County Commandants of the A.T.S. and has ever since given devoted service to the country in the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. The completion of the official history of the A.T.S. was placed in her capable hands and benefited by her deep interest and wide knowledge. Indeed her knowledge of the Army as a whole has been one of her assets both as officer and editor and has been fully utilised.

Her enthusiasm for sport, too, has been of value to the W.R.A.C. and has made its mark in *The Lioness*. As reporter for our gazette she has attended many ex-service functions and is as well known to those who served in Q.M.A.A.C. as to their successors. We shall all unite in wishing her well in her retirement and know that her interest in the women of the Army will never fail.

H.C.I.G.-V./M.F.C.

Our President

Dame Florence has written:

"Will you kindly express my regret at my inability to be present at the Branch Secretaries' Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting on July 4, to the Chairman and all present. I send my best wishes. I remember with pleasure what a happy occasion it was for me when I was with my Comrades at their meetings in 1950. I hope I may be with you next year.

"I shall be with you, in thought, at the ex-service parade on July 5."

We know that all members of the Association, whether they were at the meetings or not, would like to express to Dame Florence their great pleasure at the news that she hopes to be with us next year. All comrades, old or new, who had the honour of meeting her in 1950 can only say that her absence has already been too long. We send her our best wishes and hopes for a Reunion in 1954.

T.A. OFFICER NEEDED IN READING

Reading Branch have been trying to find an ex-A.T.S. officer who is willing to join a mixed R.A.S.C. (T.A.) Unit in Reading and they have so far failed to find one. Anyone able to undertake these duties should apply to Captain P. A. Drew, R.A.S.C., H.Q. 2 A.A. Gp. Coln R.A.S.C. (East) T.A., 53 Bath Road, Reading.

WELL-DRESSED WRACS

use our portable

CLOTHES DRYING RACK

Fits on a chairback, bed end, door, etc. Takes two weeks washing. Folds flat when not in use. Easily packed for travelling

Strongly made

All metal

9/6 post free Larger size 14/- post free
(Cross P.O.s National Provincial Bank)

WOODMAN

21 GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1



Naafi Coronation service for members of W.R.A.C. and other Services. at Richmond Park Camp.



In the early days of Naafi, it was generally recognised that a woman's place was in the home. Many changes have occurred since then. Women have gained equality with men. They travel the world over. And they share with men the honour of serving their country. Naafi has progressed too, never forgetting its original object — to be at your service wherever you may be. Naafi canteens cater for the daily needs of the Services and Naafi clubs provide recreational facilities, games rooms, reading and writing rooms, cafeterias and other amenities for your pleasure and relaxation.

*Please inform your friends
that Naafi needs more female staff for Canteens. Applications to Local Employment Exchange*

NAAFI

THE OFFICIAL CANTEEN ORGANISATION FOR H.M. FORCES

RUXLEY TOWERS • CLAYGATE • ESHER • SURREY

Sleekline, the new all-purpose stocking suspender.
Sleekline has a special appeal to the service girl.
Sleekline maintains real comfort both on and off parade.

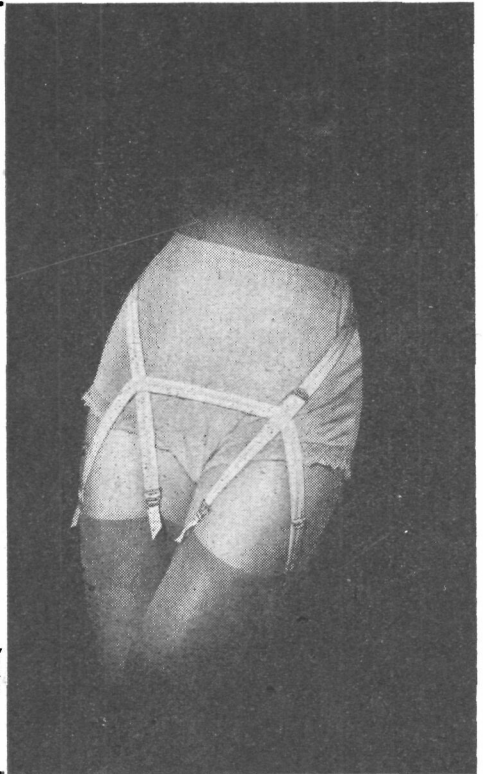
Sleekline holds the stockings in perfect position
be they an "issue" or the sheerest of nylons,
without strain or twist.

Sleekline is light and easy to wear and is adjustable to all types of figure.

Sleekline washes beautifully.

Sleekline is obtainable from all leading stores.

Price 8/11, in black, white, tea rose and sky.



A message to Commanding Officers

from Air Marshal Sir Thomas Williams, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., M.A., Chairman, H.M. Forces Savings Committee



Today, of all Forces personnel, 30% wisely save through National Savings, and the method chosen by 93% of all Forces savers is deductions from pay into Service Series Post Office Savings Bank accounts.

My Committee provides for each Service a special leaflet telling all about this Scheme by means of 20 simple questions and answers. It is our aim that every serving man and woman — and particularly every new recruit — should have his or her own copy of "20 Questions."

We are indebted to many Units for their co-operation in making a complete distribution of the leaflet to personnel and especially to each new intake of recruits.

One of the ways in which all Commanding Officers can help us to further this important welfare work for Savings in the Services is by seeing that a copy of "20 Questions" is issued to every Rating or Other Rank who has not already received one.

Supplies will gladly be sent to any Unit, at home or overseas, on application (*stating quantity desired*) to:—

H.M. Forces Savings Committee, 1 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7

News from the Territorial Army

From Scotland we hear that the winter's recruiting efforts have been so successful that 314 Battalion in Edinburgh are within sight of a strength of 250. A number of "At Homes" and a Handicrafts Exhibition have all been successful. Weekend training has been well supported and over a hundred of the Battalion managed to get away to Ayrshire for the first weekend "away frae hame." There have been several dances and one company has now got a Country Dancing Team whose display made a welcome change from more military exhibits at a recent "At Home." This account was written just before Her Majesty's State visit to Scotland when a large number of the Battalion were going to have a chance of seeing her. Camp comes soon afterwards under canvas in Yorkshire. As tartan skirts have just been authorised the Battalion should lend quite a touch of colour to the Yorkshire coast.

Field Marshal The Lord Ironside of Archangel honoured 462 (M) H.A.A., Regt., R.A. by visiting them. As a Gunner himself he lunched in the Mess and afterwards addressed "P" Battery. The lunch was cooked by the regimental cooks under the supervision of Capt. S. P. M. I. Waterman, W.R.A.C. (T.A.). It was quite excellent and forty-two people sat down to it. In his address the Field Marshal said that, when he was C.I.G.S., he had had quite a lot to do with persuading the Royal Regiment to accept the idea of mixed regiments, and the Regiment had never regretted it. The wedding of the month was that of Major M. M. I. Young, T.D., W.R.A.C. (T.A.), to the Unit Medical Officer, Capt. H. Fraser, R.A.M.C. (T.A.). In wishing the couple all possible happiness the Regiment rather fear that, sooner or later, it may mean the loss of their senior W.R.A.C. officer!

462 Regiment scored another success when the W.R.A.C. element won the A.A. Command Netball Competition by defeating 593 Regiment from Harrow by 16 goals to 14. Although played at Edgware, a long way from the Regimental Headquarters at Hull, there were many spectators from the Regiment to cheer the team on, including the C.O. and his wife, the Adjutant and others. It was a good game and the Regiment were delighted, feeling that it made up for the defeat they suffered in the final two years ago. A very successful "At Home" was held on April 24, which directly resulted in eight recruits. A mixed Guard of Honour was inspected by Lord Middleton, Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding, who addressed a packed hall at the opening ceremony. Medals were presented by Major-General C. H. Norton and the W.R.A.C. Best Recruit Cup was won by Pte. S. Bryan. Apart from a tour of the T.A. Centre guests were entertained with an exhibition of Country Dancing by the W.R.A.C. and of handicrafts. From remarks heard the two main obstacles to recruiting are, first, the appalling issue stockings and, second, men not letting girl friends join a mixed regiment!

We understand that 493 Regiment has now got its new T.A. Centre at Birkenhead but nobody has sent us an account of the official opening which

was scheduled to take place on May 2, when Major The Viscount Leverhulme, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, was to have performed the ceremony.

609 (M.) H.A.A. Regiment (combined with 63 (M.) A.A. F.C. Troop to hold a W.R.A.C. parade on Corps Day, followed by a service of rededication to the Corps. The service was held in the open air on the gun site and was conducted by the Vicar of Tottenham. Later in the evening the day was celebrated by a dance which Gunners and W.R.A.C. enjoyed alike.

On April 18, 490 (M.) H.A.A. Regiment was adopted by the Borough of Southgate. The W.R.A.C. detachment attracted considerable attention during the march through the Borough, for their standard was as high as that always associated with the Corps. The Scroll of Adoption was received from the Mayor by Lord Tedder, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, who was accompanied by Lady Tedder. Two ex-A.T.S. members of the Regiment on parade that day were C.S.M. J. I. Mordecai and L/Cpl. D. E. Simons, both of whom served during the war with the Royal Army Pay Corps. Pte. D. M. Goodman, also ex-A.T.S., was an operational member in a H.A.A. Regiment for most of the war.

On Saturday, April 25, the W.R.A.C. of 455 (M.) H.A.A. Regiment celebrated Corps Day by a dance at the T.A.C. entre, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress. Alderman Miss Wells also attended and it is with very great regret that we have heard of her death. The W.R.A.C. has lost a great friend and staunch supporter. The next day the W.R.A.C. paraded to St. Peter's Church, Southborough, for a service conducted by the Rev. Richard Rees. The celebrations were concluded on Tuesday, April 28, with an "At Home" when parents and friends were invited to watch a Netball match between the girls of the Regiment and the G.D. Platoon at Tonbridge. The match was won by the "home" team and refreshments were later served to both players and spectators.

On Saturday, June 6, the Regiment left for Annual Camp at Tonfanau where, despite a certain amount of bad weather, a good time was had by all and some valuable experience was gained on the operational side. They arrived back on the morning of Sunday, June 21, with another year's training ahead of them and a determination to acquit themselves even better at the next Camp.

Royal Tournament

The Corps Band and 48 women drawn from various units in the United Kingdom took part this year in a Combined Women's Services Drill Display at the Royal Tournament from June 10 to 27. Our contingent wore No. 1 dress with ceremonial items and, for the first time, the N.C.O.s' stripes were of the new gold pattern on a beech brown backing. Many of us who were unable to be there must have seen the display on television and admired the way in which the three contingents formed the Royal Cipher, E II R, which showed up most distinctly. The women's Services also contributed to the finale, when a crown was formed by troops holding torches.

Reunions

Aldermaston A.T.S. Training Centre and Reception Depot

The ninth Annual Reunion of the Aldermaston Depot (A.T.S.) Association was held on April 25 by the kind invitation of Miss V. Drew in her quarters at the Fishmongers' Hall. Twenty-seven members were present and, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs. L. M. Ferguson, O.B.E., Miss M. I. Gorringe presided over the business with which the Reunion always begins. The members heard with regret of the death of Mrs. K. M. Mellish, and stood in silence to her memory.

The main subject for discussion was the form the tenth Reunion should take. It was decided to hold it on Saturday, May 1, 1954, and to invite all non-members of the Association who had served at the Depot to join in a visit to Aldermaston. The programme is to be arranged on the following lines:

Bus from Reading Station.

Picnic or buffet lunch at the Mill.

Visit to the grounds of the Court.

Showing of film "Greensleeves" in the village hall.

Tea at the Mill.

Bus back to Reading Station.

This programme is subject to minor alteration and the visit to the grounds to the consent of A.E.I. Ltd. The members hope that a large number of their former colleagues will be able to join them in this tenth Reunion. Further notices will appear in *The Lioness* and in the public Press.

After an excellent tea most kindly provided by Miss V. Drew, who is housekeeper of the Fishmongers' Hall, with the help of the resident staff (also ex-A.T.S.—C.S.M. Beeby and Sgt. Betty), members were taken on a tour of the Hall which has existed on or near its present site at the north end of London Bridge ever since 1434. During the 1939-45 war much of the Hall was destroyed by bombing and restorations have only recently been completed. Miss Drew explained something of the many functions of the Fishmongers' Company and drew members' attention to the numerous interesting points of the very beautiful building and its furnishings.

The visit ended all too soon and all agreed that the afternoon had been most enjoyable and instructive. Miss Drew was asked to convey the thanks of the Association to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers for having given members the opportunity of seeing their wonderful Hall.

Q.M.A.A.C. Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 15, 20 ex-members of Q.M.A.A.C. met for luncheon and tea at the club in Lower Sloane Street, some for the first time of meeting, others after a period of many years. The former were meeting as new acquaintances with the common bond of service between them, but all felt that we parted as very old friends. It was a most delightful gathering. As is usual on these

occasions, tongues wagged furiously and "Do you remember?" was heard on all sides. Nevertheless, there are probably many more incidents just waiting and aching to be told and it was the unanimous wish of all present that a similar meeting be arranged again next year if possible. Those present were:

Miss Ireland, guest of honour, the most well known and much loved of all Old Comrades; Dipple, Rue de Notre; Winter, Cauchois; E. M. Brown, Cauchois; Johnstone (Mrs. Crossley), Cauchois; Eden, Louis Bouillet; Hyde (Mrs. Lusty), Louis Bouillet; Risk, Louis Bouillet; Rosie Broomhead (Mrs. Dobson), B.M.T.D., Bapaume; Skelly (Mrs. Garlick), B.O.C., Rouen; "Woodie" (Mrs. Buss), Impasse du Nord, Rouen; Coppin (Mrs. Curtis), Impasse du Nord, Rouen; Eborn (Mrs. Barker), Impasse du Nord, Rouen; England ("Blighty") (Mrs. Stockwell), Impasse du Nord, Rouen; Patterson ("Pat") (Mrs. Stocker), Impasse du Nord, Rouen; "Tiny" Burnett, Impasse du Nord, Rouen; Nan Barr (Mrs. Hamilton), Impasse du Nord, Rouen.

Miss Druitt (Chairman of the London Branch, O.C.A.) assisted Miss Winter as hostess.

Apologies and regrets at being unable to be present were received from Jess Edis, L. Machin, L. B. Ballard, Nancy Barker (Mrs. Boggett) and "Tolly" Martin (Mrs. Howlett). One enthusiast present came all the way from Newcastle and said she enjoyed every minute of it. We were grateful to the club for arranging things so nicely for us.

Amongst many topics of conversation it was suggested that, as at the present time there are so many women doing full-time service with the Colours, a woman "Chelsea Pensioner" scheme might well be envisaged!

London Branch Dinner

This will be held at the Service Women's Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.3, on Saturday, October 17. Accommodation is limited to 60 members; tickets, 10s. Application to be made to Mrs. Giles, 4 Arlington Drive, Carshalton, Surrey, on or after September 3 but before October 3. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope for reply.

Lancaster Training Centre

This will be held in Lancaster on Saturday, September 12. Final arrangements and cost have not yet been fixed, but it is hoped to visit Ripley, by kind permission of the governors of the school which at present occupies it. Individual notices will be sent to members of the club, but anybody, including recruits, who served at Ripley or at Bowerham Barracks is eligible to attend. If you would like a notice all you need to do is to enclose 1s. subscription for the year to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Grundy, M.B.E., Little Charlwood, Charlwood, Surrey. Please do so as, if less than 12 people wish to attend, the dinner will be cancelled.

Northern Area

On Sunday, May 17, Association members from Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, York, Tees-side, Hartlepool and Catterick (3rd Battalion W.R.A.C.) were

transported by car, coach and train to Scarborough for the Northern Area reunion. The weather man must have smiled on us for, after a week of really dismal rain we had glorious sunshine for our outing; 2.30 was the time of assembly and, after reporting ourselves as present, Scarborough was ours until tea at 5 o'clock, and what use we made of the afternoon! Branches intermixed and groups of anything from two to a dozen found their various enjoyments in just about everything Scarborough had to offer—trips round the bay, long walks on the Marine Drive, fun fairs with dodgems and rifle ranges and, of course, the sand and the sea. Even paddling had one or two enthusiasts!

The afternoon simply flew and in no time at all we were all gathered for tea in a restaurant on the front. We all did full justice to a very good ham salad tea but there were some who, after the bracing sea air, felt they could tackle an even heavier meal. One or two hungry Leeds members found a kindly waitress who provided them with extra cakes free. Sheffield members, just as hungry, were not so lucky, for they were asked to pay 4d. each for cakes "off the ration."

There were a hundred of us present and as one or two children were there and even a few husbands had braved the throng the gathering had the air of a rather large family affair. Indeed, this was the comparison which Lt.-Col. C. W. Hull made in her after-tea speech when she spoke of the Association with Q.M.A.A.C. as the grandmothers, the A.T.S. as the mothers and the W.R.A.C. as children stepping out with a fine tradition behind them and a future open before them. During tea a collection was made by Miss Verity of Leeds Branch in aid of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. This resulted in a sum of £6 12s., including a generous donation of £3 from No. 11 (Independent) Company, who were unable to attend because of the distance from Chilwell.

The time for the coaches to leave soon came. Hurried farewells were said as branches were gradually rounded up by secretaries and the return journeys started. Altogether the day was a grand experience and we only hope that next year more members still will attend and help us again to enjoy our Northern Area reunion.

Lichfield N.C.O.s' School

Ex-students interested in a Reunion please communicate with Miss P. E. Cleator, The Waterfall, Bonchurch, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

Edinburgh Tattoo

For the first time the Women's Royal Army Corps is taking part in the Edinburgh Tattoo, which is being held in the Castle from August 27 to September 14 this year. Fifty selected recruits, led by experienced instructors, will give a display of physical training with illuminated Indian clubs. Their kit has been specially designed for the Tattoo and will consist of a royal blue skirt, white shirt, scarlet belt and blue socks with white shoes; No. 1 dress will be worn in the finale. The Corps Band will also take part.

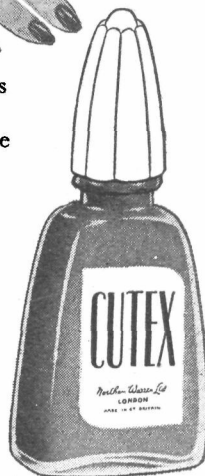
I took myself in hand...

I never used nail polish because I thought my nails weren't good enough. Silly of me—I might as well have thought that I couldn't wear lipstick because my mouth wasn't a good shape! I've discovered now that Cutex actually flatters my nails.



Cutex not only flatters the nails—it stays perfect so much longer. For Cutex was planned to keep busy hands beautiful! For extra wear, wipe the nails with Cutex Polish Remover before applying Nail Polish. This removes all trace of soap and grease—allowing polish to cling longer.

Choose from the 12 fashion shades, and see for yourself how much self-confidence comes from the knowledge that your hands look pretty and well cared for. 2/3 a bottle.



CUTEX
Nail Polish



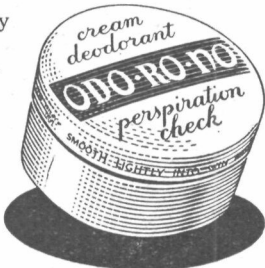
Trusting to makeshifts is her fatal mistake!

Don't risk offending others. And don't be misled. Remember that perspiration *within* the body is odourless. It's when under-arm perspiration goes stale that the tell-tale odour occurs. You may not notice it, but others certainly will. So put your faith in Odo-Ro-No — the deodorant that's *also* an anti-perspirant.

Double-action Odo-Ro-No checks excessive perspiration safely, stops odour instantly. It gives you and your clothing complete under-arm protection for the full 24 hours. Yet Odo-Ro-No costs less than even single-action deodorants!

Make Odo-Ro-No your nicest daily habit.

- Checks under-arm perspiration safely
- Stops odour instantly
- No waiting—just wipe away any surplus
- Never irritates normal skin
- Will not rot fabrics
- Stays creamy always



IN JARS 1/6 and 2/5
Most cream for your money

HANDY SPRAY 3/9

Quick and economical to use



Use **ODO-RO-NO** daily
and be sure of yourself



UNIFORMS

Tailored to measure uniforms can be
supplied with rank and ribbons.

TAILORS TO THE SERVICES FOR 70 YEARS

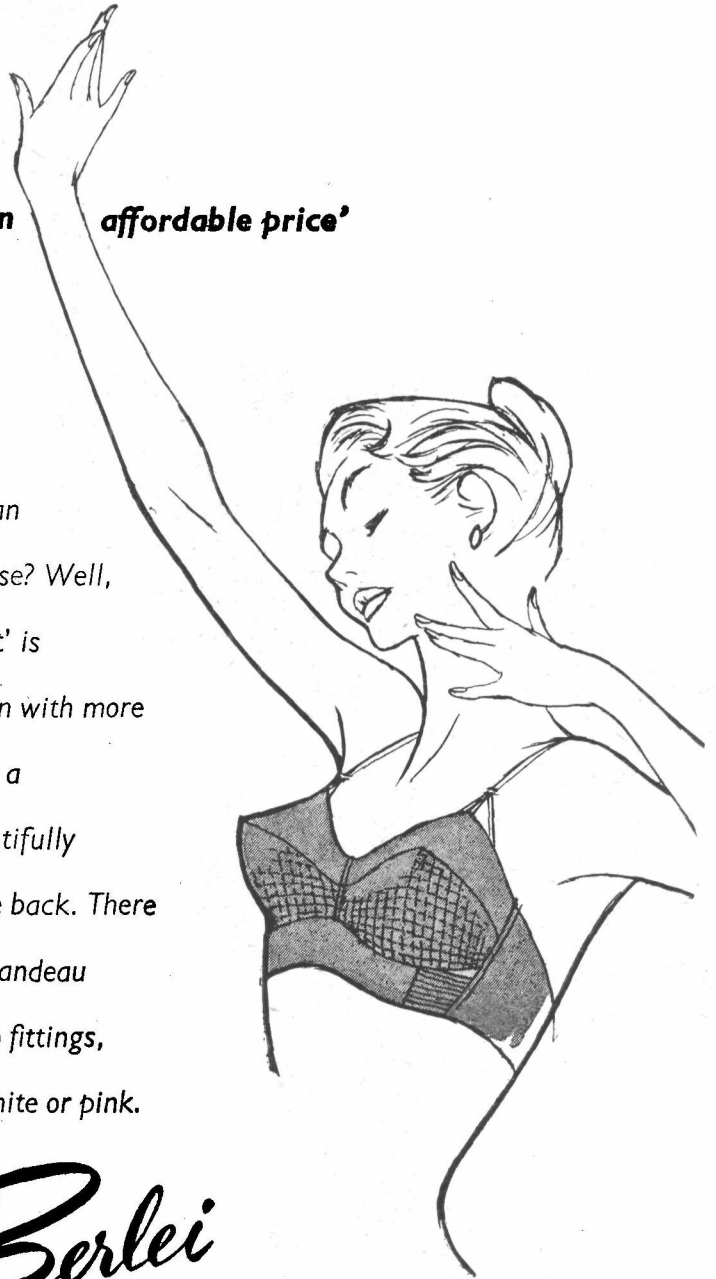
MOSS BROS
OF COVENT GARDEN

Junction of Garrick and Bedford Streets, W.C.2 Temple Bar 4477
AND BRANCHES

'Here's real luxury at an affordable price'

say Berlei

You've heard about the woman
with more money than sense? Well,
this new Berlei 'Unda-lift' is
made specially for the woman with more
fashion-sense than money. It has a
glamorous shape and it's beautifully
made in batiste with adjustable back. There
are two versions, brief and bandeau
... the brief with two bust cup fittings,
the bandeau with three. White or pink.



Berlei
REGD.

'Unda-lift' Brassieres
REGD.

Obtainable from the N.A.A.F.I.

Sport

Cricket—Ex-A.T.S. v. W.R.A.C.

The opportunity was taken this year to hold the annual cricket match on the day before the Ex-Service Review, in the hope that some Old Comrades would come as spectators. We were rewarded by the weather which was, for a change, ideal.

The W.R.A.C. won the toss and elected to bat. They were well served by their opening pair, MacLagan and Bowles, who quickly played themselves in and gave a useful start to the innings. The Ex-A.T.S. varied the pace of their bowling and at last MacLagan's wicket fell to a well pitched ball from Edwards. Bowles was beaten by an awkward ball from Haddelsey and was unfortunate to be out, hit wicket, after she had added 17 runs to the score. Kitchen came in to contribute a stylish innings of 15, when she was caught by Nuttall who made no mistake with a difficult catch. The bowlers then controlled the play and took several wickets cheaply in an aggressive spell which lasted till the tea interval.

Shortly after tea the W.R.A.C. declared at 88, with nine wickets down, setting the Ex-A.T.S. the task of scoring a run a minute in order to win. Haddelsey opened for her side with a real captain's score of 27, the highest knock of the day. Once again the bowlers pinned down the play and four wickets fell for 10 runs. Then Hammond and Gowans made a stand and looked set for a strong partnership until time defeated them and, when stumps were drawn, they were both not out for 7 apiece, having brought their side's total up to 57. So the match was drawn, a fitting ending to a most enjoyable afternoon in perfect summer weather. Both captains, Haddelsey and MacLagan, had represented England against the Australians and there seemed little to choose between the two sides.

We were delighted to see among the spectators Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, Miss Bar Turner, Mrs. Rumbold, Col. E. S. Macfie, Col. S. Cooke, Col. M. K. Crewe-Read, Col. M. Railton and Col. M. D. Morgan. The T.A. was represented in the Ex-A.T.S. team and, among the spectators, by representatives of London units, notably Lt.-Col. Lady Bowyer-Smyth. It has long been the ambition of the W.R.A.C. Cricket Association and the Ex-A.T.S. Cricket Club to turn this event into a minor reunion and another year we hope to see many more spectators. It is unfortunate that it is unlikely that the match will, ever again, coincide with the Annual Meeting. The teams were :—

Ex-A.T.S. : Haddelsey, Summocks, Whitwam, Edwards, Smart, Hammond, Gowans, Kitchen, Nuttall, Foggett.

W.R.A.C. : MacLagan, Bowles, Powell, Kitchen, Palmer, Willard, Riley, Richards, Palmer (Pte.), Ridgeway, Rothwell.

MELF Inter-Service Hockey. At the R.A.F. Station in Ismailia on Thursday afternoon, March 26, 1953, the W.R.A.F. entertained the W.R.A.C. to the annual inter-service hockey match. Before a good crowd of spectators the W.R.A.C., having

won the toss, elected to play with a strong wind behind them. From the bully-off it was apparent that they were finding the hard flat surface of an excellent ground difficult after the rough hockey grounds of Fayid. They consequently missed many opportunities and for the first half of the game, with their better team work, the W.R.A.F. looked more likely to get goals. The W.R.A.C. defence were, however, covering well, W.O. Phillips at right back and Sgt. Mordaunt at left half being outstanding. During the last quarter of an hour of the first half, the W.R.A.C. began to improve but by half-time no one had scored.

The second half showed that the W.R.A.C. had indeed got used to the ground and they came more and more into the picture. They forced a number of short corners and it was from two of these that Lt.-Col. Bell, playing at left inner, hit well directed shots at the goal which the W.R.A.F. goalkeeper, who was playing an excellent game, did well to save. Then came the first goal but it was the W.R.A.F. who scored following a breakaway down the right wing. The W.R.A.C. now went all out for an equaliser and, after a series of exciting attacks, Captain Thomas at right inner, who was by now playing a brilliant game, scored the all important goal to draw level. With seven minutes to play both sides tried their best but when the final whistle went the score was still one all. The cup was presented by the wife of the Air Officer Commanding in Chief and is to be held by each Service for six months. It was an excellent game, played in the true spirit and tradition of inter-service sport.

MELF Inter-Service Netball. The annual inter-service netball match was held on April 9, at Fayid where the W.R.A.C. was hostess. Unfortunately the W.R.N.S. were unable to field a team so the event, this year, was a straight fight between the W.R.A.F. and the W.R.A.C. Both teams looked extremely smart, the Army in scarlet shirts and white shorts and the R.A.F. in pale blue shirts and white shorts. At the beginning of the match the scoring was fairly even but a series of excellent passes by the W.R.A.F. brought the score at half-time up to 9-5 in their favour. The W.R.A.C. fought back with vigour and, although they did not manage to pull it off, they crept steadily upwards until the final score stood at 13-11 to the W.R.A.F. The spectators appeared to be as exhausted as the teams after the final few minutes of the struggle. An excellent tea followed and, although the cup was lost after two years, there is no doubt that the W.R.A.F. were worthy winners.

Far East Hockey. No. 4 Independent Company had quite a successful season of which the highlight was the annual seven-a-side knock-out for the Fraser and Neave Cup. The W.R.A.C. team were fortunate enough to reach the finals but were then beaten one-nil by the 1st VII of the Singapore Women's Hockey Association. Special mention must be made of the excellent play of Capt. Hodgson and W.O. II Embrey (both of whom have now returned to U.K.) W.O. II Embrey, S/Sgts. Attwood and Anton, Sgt. White and Cpl. Garner were selected to play for the Combined Services in the Annual Poppy Day match against the Com-

bined Civilians for the Lady Mellersh Trophy. Although the Services tried their hardest the Civilians had the better team and won three-nil. Further credit went to Capt. Hodgson who was selected to play for Singapore in the Inter-State Quadrangular Hockey Tournament held in Kuala Lumpur in January.

Far East Netball. The netball team has started the season in great form by remaining unbeaten to date. Much of this success has been due to good team work, in particular to the untiring efforts of Sgts. White and Lowe and Cpl. Gammie. Pte. Knight has proved herself to be an excellent shooter and has been mainly responsible for the high number of goals scored. The position of the team at the end of May was:—

				Goals	
Matches				For	Against
played	Won	Drawn	Lost		
3	3	0	0	67	15

W.R.A.C. Overseas

NORTHERN ARMY GROUP

We had a good start to the Coronation year when Lt. H. T. Skinner came back from Bad Gastein with the Army Women's Ski Championship. As this had not been awarded since 1948 owing to lack of a sufficiently high standard we were doubly proud and hope that in future more people will brave the slopes at leave centres during the winter months.

It was with very deep regret that we said good-bye to our C.O., Lt.-Col. S. F. M. Nimmo, who has left us to be commandant of the School, and we wish her every success in her new appointment. Her successor, Lt.-Col. J. G. Grierson, comes to us from a long sojourn in Northern Ireland, and we hope her stay with us will be a very happy one. We have also said good-bye to C.S.M. Clarke, who has returned to the U.K. after completing a three-year tour in Germany. "A" and "B" Companies have now been amalgamated but before this happened "A" Company had become the proud possessors of the netball cup. We are very proud of this splendid finish to the winter sport programme and are looking forward to an equally full programme during the summer. There are numerous fixtures with the W.R.A.F. and Q.A.R.A.N.C. and, of course, the U.K. cricket team is visiting Northern Army Group this year.

Our detachment at the Hook of Holland has had a very exhausting winter and has experienced some of the hazards of the Dutch flood disaster. Many long hours were spent helping the refugees when the transit camp was turned into a relief centre. One or two of the women stationed there have recently seen something of the Tulip Festival, one of the loveliest and most colourful sights of this time of the year.

We were honoured by a visit in March from H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and the majority of those at G.H.Q. managed to see him. This was, to some extent, a preliminary to the Coronation. Two months later Whitsun was spent in blazing sunshine. The following Sunday was Coronation Sunday and well attended services were held throughout the zone. Flags and bunting adorned many of the buildings and thunderstorms and rain did their best

to spoil them before the Tuesday and the Wednesday which were general holidays. Parades were held in many parts of the Zone in Germany but none of the Corps took part in them, although those in Berlin did officiate at the big parade there. In the main, wireless and television sets drew the biggest crowds. Reception was excellent and most people were able to see part of the service and procession on television sets provided by the Y.W.C.A. and N.A.A.F.I.

The day after the Coronation was children's day and, in Bad Oeynhausen, some twenty-five of our women officiated at a children's Sports Day and Fancy Dress Parade. They were also responsible for feeding some five hundred children.

The film of the Coronation was eagerly awaited and arrived exactly two days after the event. Hundreds queued for all performances and those of us who were fortunate enough to get seats felt that they were indeed part of the millions who were able to be "There."

During the summer several members of the battalion availed themselves of the opportunity to travel to various countries in Europe, including Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Denmark and Sweden.

Appointments

The following appointments, announced in the last issue of *The Lioness*, have since been cancelled: Lt.-Col. Colvin to the War Office, Lt.-Col. Pine to Scottish Command and Major Gray to No. 1 A.A. Group. The following appointments, ex-Staff College, have been approved: Staff Captain to Q.M.G., Capt. M. U. Walker; Staff Captain to Director Military Operations, Major R. M. Green; Staff Captain (Q), Western Command, Capt. L. E. Nicholson; Adviser, No. 83 A.A. Brigade, Major G. E. M. Saunders-Davies, T.D.; Staff Captain (W.R.A.C.), A.A. Command, Capt. C. M. E. Reed; Staff Captain (A.G.I.), M.E.L.F., Capt. M. M. Bishop; Staff Captain (Q.I.), M.E.L.F., Capt. E. E. Connors; Staff Captain (Q), Kenya Garrison, Major E. S. Jacobs; Staff Captain (A), Malaya, Capt. K. M. Foggitt; G.S.O.3 (Int.), Northern Army Group, Capt. B. M. Metcalfe; Staff Captain (Q), Northern Army Group, Major B. M. Ridler; Staff Captain (Q.A.E.), Northern Army Group, Capt. P. Norman.

Obituary

LORNA TURNER

Mrs. Mangles (J. Comd. Temme) writes:

"I am sure all who knew Lorna Turner will be grieved to hear of her untimely death from infantile paralysis last December, while a member of the British Embassy staff at Djakarta. I first met Lorna at Padua, Italy, just before the company moved to Venice. Everyone loved her. She could always be relied upon to overcome any difficulty and had the happiest disposition of anyone I have known. I feel her loss sadly as she was my bridesmaid at my wedding at St. George's Church, Venice, in September, 1947. We had a happy time together when she spent a few days in Singapore on her way to Djakarta a year ago."

PAGE MISSING

PAGE MISSING

the result of their efforts. A dance has been held, beetle drives, raffles, etc., and from the money collected we have been able to send special gifts to our permanently sick members in hospital. The remainder of the money has been used to send fifteen of our members to London to take part in the Royal Review on July 5.

The branch has been presented with a lovely mascot in the form of a hand made rabbit in felt, made for us by Miss Elsie Turner, who is one of our sick members in Prestwich Hospital. We are all very grateful to Elsie for the work she has put into making the rabbit for us and, at her request, he has been called "Bunnie."

We have had the greatest pleasure in welcoming Mrs. C. Davidson from Canada who has recently been holidaying in this country and we were all very much pleased that she was able to attend some of our meetings. She and her friend in Canada, Mrs. Ashmore (both Q.M.s), are now members of the Association, through Manchester Branch, and we look forward to hearing from them regularly with news of Canada. Mrs. Davidson was thrilled to take back with her two cap badges, which she had sought hard to find, of the original W.A.A.C. and which were eventually given to her by members of the Manchester Branch as special souvenirs for herself and her friend.

NORFOLK

Branch meetings have been well attended except for July when members were on holiday. A Coronation Party was held on June 3 when members brought refreshments which included three Coronation decorated cakes and even a trifle with sherry. Loyal toasts included "The Queen," "The Association" and "Absent Friends." A very happy evening was spent.

PRESTON

It is with pride that we record that two of our members have been presented with the Coronation Medal for their services to the Women's Section of the British Legion. They are Miss Elizabeth Dagnall, O.B.E., and Miss Gertrude Moran, both of Coppull, Nr. Chorley. We also record that Miss Nancy Poole of Lytham, our former secretary, has received an invitation to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on July 16. Further news is that Mrs. Bucklee, our chairman, Miss Harris, our secretary, and Mrs. Norris, another active worker for the British Legion (Women's Section), are representing our branch at the Royal Review in Hyde Park on Sunday, July 5. We hope to record our impressions in a further issue.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Although we have not had any notice in the gazette lately we are still in existence. Our numbers are smaller at the monthly meetings but we feel we have helped a few less fortunate than ourselves in the last few months, therefore we shall open again in October and meet on the first Thursday as usual.

A very happy day was spent on June 29, when we had a day's outing at Hastings. The weather was very kind and, with the friends who helped us fill

our coach, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of ex-Sgt. C. Stephens who left Southend with us on that memorable morning in 1939 when we departed with the Essex Regiment for our first experience of war service.

WOLVERHAMPTON

As a rule we meet on the third Monday of the month in the United Services Club in Waterloo Road. As most of us are members of the Club we enjoy its full amenities. About ten days before each meeting a programme is drawn up and circulated together with the Agenda. After the business session our activities are very varied. We either have a Beetle Drive, play ordinary Whist, Twenty Questions, a Quiz, discussions on various things, or a cookery display (where each member makes something the night before and brings it along to be judged). We have also had a Needlework and Knitting Exhibition when some beautiful work was on show. At some of our meetings we invite friends.

Our last meeting took the form of our annual visit to "Khyber," a delightful bungalow in beautiful grounds to which we are invited by our present chairman's mother, Mrs. Lambah. We all meet in town and travel together so far by bus and then we are taken on in cars. Twelve of us met there on May 18. It was a terribly wet night so we were not able to wander round the grounds, much to our disappointment. In spite of this, our charming hostess, once our business was through, saw to it that we had a happy time in front of a log fire when delicious sandwiches and refreshing drinks were handed round. We had a raffle during the evening of a lovely evening bag. It was given by Mrs. Lambah and the proceeds were handed to our treasurer. Before we came away we arranged a theatre party which will be over by the time these notes appear.

It is a pity that some of our members, with young children, find it difficult to join us regularly every month. We continue to keep in touch with them however and they all try to be with us in person for our annual dinner. Our most regretted absentee of recent months has been our late secretary who has become an invalid with acute arthritis and is not able to use her hands, arms or legs. She hopes to have some special treatment which has recently been brought into this country from abroad and we all hope that she will derive benefit from this.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

A new habit seems to be developing of writing anonymous letters to the Editor complaining about anything from lack of publicity for the W.R.A.C. in the national Press to the bad manners of the modern generation. We are not responsible for either or any of the subjects about which complaint is made, nor can we publish anonymous letters. All such letters received to date have been destroyed. We are, however, prepared to publish articles or letters under a pseudonym provided that the real identity of the author is revealed.

Personal

The charge for announcements in this column is 2s. for three lines for members, 6d. for each additional line; for non-members is 3s. for three lines, 9d. for each additional line. Box numbers 6d.

Edinburgh.—When in Edinburgh stay at the Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens. All ex-Servicewomen welcomed. Special terms for serving W.R.A.C. Write for the brochure to the Secretary. Phone No.: Edinburgh Central 4952

Come and spend your holiday at Trelawne, Lancaster Gardens, Clacton. All Comrades and friends welcomed. Every attention and comfort with good food. Small hotel run by ex-A.T.S. Write as above or phone Clacton 979.

London, Royal Kensington.—Members welcomed in friendly hotel. Lounge, piano, garden. Room/breakfast, 15s. daily. Sharing, 27s. for two. Adrian House Private Hotel, 49 Holland Road, Kensington, W.14. Western 4471.

Officer's Khaki Greatcoat, worn once, for sale. To fit full figure, height 5 ft. 5 in. Made by Sandon. Cost £30, offered at £10. Box No. 10/53.

For Sale.—Officer's greatcoat (new) and battle dress. Height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 40 in., hip 44 in. £5. Booker, Flat 5, Love Lane, Storrington, Sussex.

For Sale.—Khaki Service dress (officer's), hips 38 in., bust 35 in., wearer's height 5 ft. 7 in., with Sam Browne, £3. Officer's hat (khaki), size 6½, £2 2s. Jodhpurs, fit similar figure, £1. Riding crop and whip, 10s. Box No. 13/53.

For Sale.—Officer's khaki Service dress and greatcoat. Bust 34 in., waist 26-27 in., hip 37-38 in., height 5 ft. 3 in. Both scarcely used. £4 and £5, respectively. Box No. 12/53.

Channel Islands.—All comrades and friends are welcome at the Coronation Guest House, Kensington Place, St. Helens, Jersey (three minutes from the beach, five minutes from the main shopping centre). Phone Central 3539 or write as above.

For Sale.—Officer's greatcoat with red lining to fit height 5 ft. 8 in. £10 or nearest offer. Apply to Mrs. Randall Hughes, Broomfield, Neston, Cheshire.

What Offers?—Cheap, two W.R.A.C. officer's uniforms, one tunic, one blouse top, by Hector Powe, good condition, small fitting, 5 ft. 4 in. Approval. Box No. 14/53.

W.R.A.C. Khaki Service Dress for sale. Fit 36 in. bust, 38 in. hip. Cap medium fitting. £4 the lot for quick sale. Apply Buckingham, 42 Overstrand Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea Park, London, S.W.11.

British Warm.—First class condition. For medium height, bust 36-37 in., hips 39-40 in., £8. See in London by appointment. Apply Miss J. M. Chapman, 63 Kitsbury Road, Berkhamstead, Herts.

The Women's United Services Club, Edinburgh, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, are holding their Annual Bring and Buy Sale in the Club on Saturday, October 17, at 3 o'clock. Donations of goods for the usual stalls will be most welcome. This year there will also be a Shilling

Surprise Parcel stall and parcels already wrapped will be gratefully received. Please send donations to The Secretary at the above address.

East Coast Flood Relief

Just as the last issue of *The Lioness* was being prepared for the press we heard that the 22nd (Independent) Company in Hong Kong had organised a very successful dance in aid of the Flood Relief Fund. A cheque for £38 was forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London as a result.

"London Gazette"

HONOURS AND AWARDS

For gallant and distinguished services in Malaya:

M.B.E. A/W.O. I. M. Tatum.

Coronation Honours:

D.B.E. Brigadier M. F. Coulshed, C.B.E., T.D., A.D.C.

M.B.E. T/Major P. M. Shilton, W.O. II J. M. Harris, B.E.M.,

B.E.M. A/Sgt. I. C. Arbuthnot, A/W.O. II D. M. Bisson.

Cpl. A. A. Harris (T.A.), A/Cpl. L. A. Small, S/Sgt.

M. S. Smith.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Promotions and appointments with seniority shown:

To Major: D. D. W. Brousson, November 20, 1952; S. W. Foley, November 30, 1952; S. C. Puckle, February 27, 1953; R. M. Green, February 28, 1953; R. B. L. Puxley, March 3, 1953; D. B. D. Lance, March 19, 1953; M. E. Munro, May 22, 1953.
To Captain: P. J. B. C. Campbell, January 11, 1953; K. W. Byrne, March 13, 1953; E. G. Pritchard-Davies, May 23, 1953; J. D. M. Ravenscroft, December 18, 1952.
To Captain (for duty with R.A.O.C.): M. E. Beale, December 4, 1946; S. M. Colmer, July 5, 1947; J. Cornelius, August 5, 1948; R. Hill, M.B.E., August 27, 1948.

To Lieutenant: V. N. A. Fawcett-Barry, November 14, 1952; A. E. Brennan, R. Beck, A. B. Cain, E. M. Penfold, M. M. Sims, P. A. Applebee, January 26, 1953; M. S. Higgins, February 4, 1953; R. Marsh, July 19, 1950; J. P. Castles, April 1, 1953; A. B. Jones, May 8, 1953; G. E. Dunn, November 10, 1949.
2nd Lieutenant: J. M. Gieve, March 17, 1951; P. E. G. Stowell, July 18, 1951; G. J. Smith, A. J. H. Higgins, April 28, 1952; P. E. Lawrence, May 18, 1952; M. R. Ashplant, May 23, 1952; C. R. Mordaunt, August 10, 1952; S. A. Reid, J. M. Hayes, F. M. Macready Bryan, A. Bray, A. M. Daniel, A. Bartlett, October 2, 1952; J. H. Waycott, July 19, 1951; M. K. Taylor, November 2, 1951; B. Sutcliffe, July 11, 1952; R. M. Surtees, September 4, 1952; J. A. C. Thomson, September 11, 1952; J. Traynor, L. M. M. Wicks, I. R. Amore, February 26, 1953.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Promotions and appointments with seniority shown:

To Major: M. G. Ffiorde, February 4, 1953.
To Captain: P. J. Harben, August 13, 1949; J. H. Parke, February 28, 1953; E. B. Foster, A. L. Turnbull, B. M. W. Bass, April 12, 1953.
To Lieutenant: W. H. Kittermaster, October 2, 1952; B. M. Godin, H. M. B. Bartley-Denniss, May 11, 1951.
2nd Lieutenant: K. E. Griffiths, E. E. Walker, October 2, 1952; P. A. Pleasance, P. E. Thomas, February 26, 1953.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Retirements with gratuity: Major R. F. M. Massey, Col. J. M. Cowper.

Resignations: Lt. P. J. Nye, Capt. M. I. Gales, C. M. Young, Lt. M. E. J. Wynne, 2nd Lt. V. Cole, Lt. J. U. E. A. Osmond, Capt. M. E. B. Ratcliffe, Lt. F. H. Hudson, 2nd Lt. A. R. Cotton, Lts. M. C. Duncan, S. Z. Pulzer.

Relinquishments: 2nd Lt. K. Turner on account of disability. Dismissed by sentence of Court Martial: Capt. M. Bloxam.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Resignations: Capt. F. M. Taylor, K. D. Donovan, R. Macleod. Relinquishments on completion of service: Capt. M. Leeming, P. I. Hudson, E. C. Jones, L. J. Bowler, M. Shovelton, D. A. Grayson, L. M. Winteringham, F. M. Miller, E. C. Hawarth, I. E. Shaw, G. J. Champion, C. Butt.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENTS

Captains: Capt. O. M. Davies, W.R.A.C., Capt. (Temp. Major) L. Hirst, A.T.S., Capt. D. Law, A.T.S., Capt. M. I. Gales, W.R.A.C.

Lieutenants: Lts. H. M. Lishman, K. M. Dent, D. M. Selman, P. T. Bennett, A. R. Daly (all A.T.S.); Hon. J. Comd. M. E. Worsley (late A.T.S.).

2nd Lieutenant: J. Charlton.

Resignations, etc.

Resignations: Lts. J. T. Arthur, P. M. Mayhew, L. H. Wright, M. Russell-Jones, M. E. de L. Vanderspar, Capt. H. Lea.

Relinquishments: Lt. O. B. Dunkerley.

Cessation of membership on reaching age limit: Lts. D. E. Romilly, Lady J. N. Sheehy, I. G. Hagan, C. A. Savignon, S. L. Lewis, C. Falvey, E. B. Jones, M. K. Jeffcoat, M. M. Kenny.



5 years from now -

Many women will be filled with regret because they yielded to the temptation of temporary hair glamour and failed to treat their hair with consideration.

If you want your hair to maintain its youth and healthy texture as you grow older give it the care it deserves; use only a pure soap shampoo free from harsh chemicals that eventually make the hair dry and brittle. Preserve the natural beauty of your hair throughout the years by the regular use of gentle Evan Williams Shampoo.

Keep your hair
young, healthy,
attractive with



CAMOMILE for Fair Hair
HENNA for Brunettes

the *natural* Shampoo

TYLER'S



Private Hire Service

You may book your requirements
at our office opposite the G.P.O.

THE CAMP CENTRE

or Telephone

CATTERICK CAMP 2225 (2 lines)

Grams: ATAXI, Catterick Camp



Maintain your
service to

Queen and Country

in civilian life

Join the British Legion



*The Legion co-operates with your regi-
mental association and speaks for all
ex-service men and women*

BRITISH LEGION, 49 PALL MALL, S.W.1

*Oh! The trim
comfort of a
SILK SKIN
Girdle!*

This lighter-than-thistledown girdle keeps your figure in perfect trim and in perfect comfort. It can't chafe, cut or rub because it's made entirely without seams! Washes easily, dries quickly, gives snug support all day. Try one and see!

Priced at only 31/3

Other Silk Skin lovelies include a tailored pantie and a gossamer brief—both at 31/3. Choose one today at your favourite shop! In peach, white and black.



by

SILK SKIN

LONDON

NEW YORK

CAPETOWN

fully fashioned ★ seamless ★ pre-shrunk

PASSED TO YOU . . .

THREE familiar words used in the Services, calling for attention and action in some routine matter, apply equally to us as the printers of your journal. Our assurance of attention and service in matters concerned with all kinds of printing is well known to an ever-increasing number of Service personnel, and we shall be pleased to include you in our list of satisfied customers. We welcome enquiries, so why not—

PASS IT TO US

F. J. PARSONS, LTD

LENNOX HOUSE, NORFOLK STREET, W.C.2 · Temple Bar 6591

Works: OBSERVER BUILDINGS, HASTINGS · Hastings 1157

*Welcome Always
Keep it Handy*



GRANT'S

MORELLA



Cherry Brandy

AFTER 100 YEARS, IN GREATER DEMAND THAN EVER

sing of glamorous



FIT AND FINISH IS THE KEYNOTE OF THESE SLIPS

—LOOK INSIDE ONE AND SEE!



Style 228

Style 216

Style 232

They're really something to sing about — these exquisite lace-trimmed slips by Kayser Bondor. They give you the luxury of lovely lace, plus the perfection of wonderful tailoring. And Kayser Bondor's extra fit and finish means that your slips—trimmed or plain—will stay that much lovelier for that much longer.

Guarantee All garments bearing the name Kayser Bondor are guaranteed. Should there be any cause for dissatisfaction in the material or manufacture, Kayser Bondor will replace the garment.

STYLE 232: A beautiful slip in nylon tricot, trimmed with torchon lace. Sizes 32" to 44" in two lengths at 39/11. Matching French Knicker, sizes 25" to 33" at 21/-.

STYLE 228: A dainty lace-trimmed slip in rayon sheer. Sizes 32" to 44" in two lengths at 22/6. Matching pantee sizes 25" to 33" at 12/6.

STYLE 216: A classic tailored slip in crepe with a double top at 16/11, or Style 217 in satin, with a bias-cut skirt at 19/11. Sizes 32" to 44".

There are many other lace-trimmed and plain tailored styles to choose from at prices varying from 12/11 to 55/6, according to style.

KAYSER BONDOR

SLIPS IN 7 SIZES AND 2 LENGTHS TO A SIZE • TAILORED WITH YOU IN MIND

Produced for the Editor, "The Lioness," W.R.A.C. Association, The Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, London, S.W.3, by Combined Service Publications Ltd., 67/68 Jermyn Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1. Printed in Great Britain by F. J. Parsons, Ltd., Lennox House Norfolk Street, London, W.C.2, and "Observer" Buildings, Hastings. Advertisement Agents: Service Newspapers Ltd., 67/68 Jermyn Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1. (Telephone: Whitehall 2504)