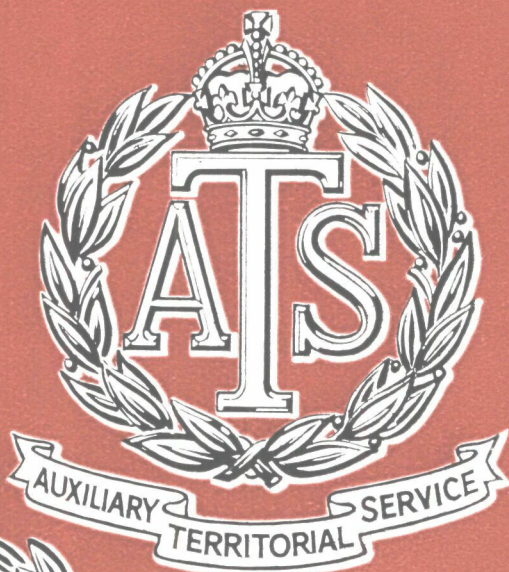
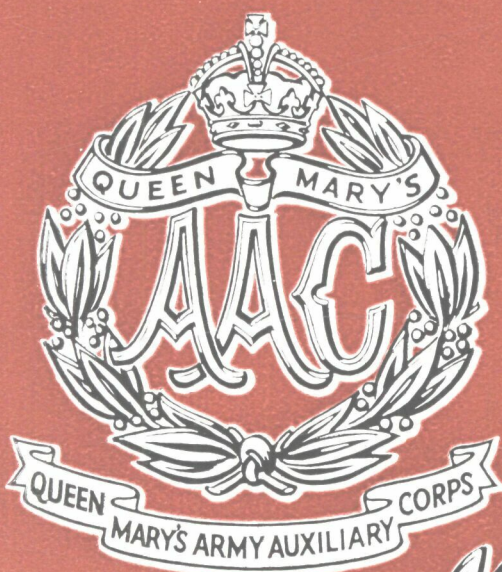
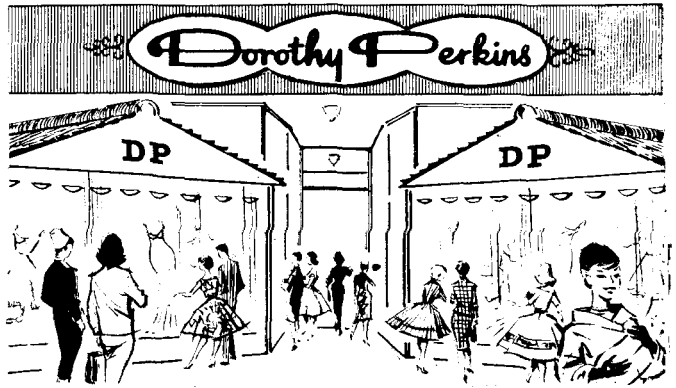


THE LIONESS





*Your date with fashion
a visit to your
nearest branch*

**HOSIERY
FOUNDATIONS
LINGERIE
FASHIONS**

BARE LEG NYLONS from	3/11
NYLON or CREPE SLIPS from	12/11
UPLIFT BRA'S from	4/11
CRISP COTTON SWEATERS from	10/11
COTTON SHORTY GOWNS from	29/11
SHORTY COTTON NIGHTDRESSES—GAY STYLE	from 19/11

Dorothy Perkins

where lovely things cost less

OVER 160 BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Contents

	PAGE
Editorial	15
Director Elect	15
Association News	16
Annual General Meeting	16
Council Report	18
News of Old Comrades	19
Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion	19
Secretaries' Meeting	19
Reunion Service	19
The Grand Reunion	20
Jungle Expedition	22
Depot and Training Centre	23
<i>London Gazette</i>	23
The Red Feather	24
Obituary	25
Lady "V"—A Memoir	25
Branch News	26
328 (Ulster Battalion) W.R.A.C./T.A.	29
Correspondence	30
Personal	30
Branch Directory	31
Branch Meetings	32
Officers' Postings	32

W.R.A.C. ASSOCIATION ADDRESS BOOK

GENERAL SECRETARY and EDITOR

(to whom all contributions and correspondence should be addressed including items for the Personal column)

Lieut.-Colonel M. S. F. Millington, O.B.E., T.D.

**Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road,
London, S.W.3**

ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

**Nuviev Advertising (Maj. E. O. Coven (Retd.))
22 Cadogan Court, Draycott Avenue,
London, S.W.3. Telephone: KENSington 8286**

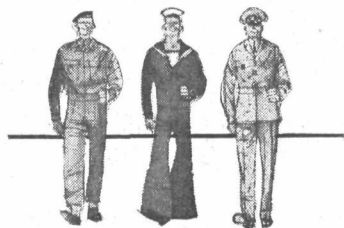
CHARGES

Personal column: 3 lines 3s., each additional line 1s., non-members 50% more. Box Numbers 6d. Reunion notices: Notices of forthcoming reunions where admission is charged may be inserted at a cost of 1s. a line.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE BY
JUNE 30**

NAAFI 1921-1961

Forty Years of Service
to the Services



Credit Sales Soar

The phenomenal success of the instalment credit sales scheme introduced by Naafi in November, 1959, is telling proof of the extent to which it is appreciated by men and women of the Services. And no wonder. Highly favourable terms make it possible for them to buy from a vast range of household and personal goods without the need of ready cash.

The scheme is open to all officers and other ranks over the age of 17½ years. Units and messes may



also take advantage of it. Dividend or discount is payable on the majority of items and the maximum credit charge is only a penny in the pound each month. Payments may be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly. There is no problem about postings; an agreement signed in the United Kingdom can be transferred to any Naafi shop anywhere. Ask your shop manager for details.



Photo by Hay Wrightson Ltd., London

Colonel J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E.



THE LIONESS

Vol. XXXIV

May 1961

No. 2

EDITORIAL

WE have heard quite a lot lately about control of the Press, and it has been heavily impressed on us that any change in the administration of a great national newspaper is a matter of the utmost significance to the reading public. This being so, it is surprising to find that one such change has so far passed entirely without comment. Not so much as a *Times* leader or a Ten-o'clock News item heralds the transfer of *The Lioness* from the work-weary hands of the present Editor to the new Secretariat of the W.R.A.C. Association. This, our twenty-fifth issue since we assumed the editorial responsibilities, marks our jubilee and our swan-song. Just as we came to the sad conclusion that it is really not possible to combine the editorship with a civilian career, we have been offered an unanswerable reason for passing the baby. The production of the Regimental Journal falls within the charter of the Regimental Headquarters, and Lt.-Col. Mildred Millington, the first officer to be appointed under the new scheme, found the lion cub roaring in her In-tray as soon as she reported for duty. We hope that it will bring her as much interest and pleasure as it has brought to us during the last 6½ years.

TO any of our readers who still view the Regimental Headquarters with reserve and distrust, this change may appear as a take-over bid designed to bring the paper under the control of the War Office. If they are right, *The Lioness* will no longer be the voice of a free Association, but an instrument of Government policy. We are not quite clear how, or to what purpose, this control is to be exercised, but no doubt Lt.-Col. Millington will soon find out. Will powers of scrutiny be delegated to the Adjutant-General, or will the galley-proofs have to be initialled personally by the Secretary of State? Perhaps the contents of the paper will be governed by official directives, ruling for instance that "*As long as the projection of missiles remains the subject of political controversy, no mention of darts matches will be made in Branch Reports.*" But will the authorities merely control the reporting, or will they encroach on the actual activities? "*In accordance with an agreement reached between the War Office, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Society for the Suppression of Blood Sports, no further beetle-drives will be held on Association premises.*" Is ex-Service opinion to be moulded by the subtle infiltration of propaganda, or bludgeoned into conviction by the reiteration of dogma? Will officially-sponsored editorials and feature-articles be circulated quarterly in O.H.M.S. envelopes? Or will the whole thing be managed

by the underground methods associated with a certain type of popular mystery film? We picture Lt.-Col. Millington lifting her receiver with a trembling hand to hear a soft but steely voice hissing into her ear: "*Psst. . . Blue Pencil speaking. You better cut that crack about Lansdowne House, sister, or else . . .*" and the line goes dead.

IMAGINATION ranges over the endless and fascinating possibilities. With something like regret we relinquish the fantasy and face the fact that actually *The Lioness* will go on exactly as before—controlled by the Council, edited by the Editor, and written (we hope) by the literary members of the Association. Changes will come, of course, in the presentation if not the policy of the paper, but they will be the natural changes brought about in course of time by the changing tastes and interests of its readers. Each new Editor leaves the stamp of her own personality, each new generation the stamp of its own period. As long as such changes reflect the contemporary standards and ideas of the Association and are not dictated by bureaucratic or commercial considerations, they will be accepted by us all as part of our natural growth. There is nothing sacrosanct about the lay-out of *The Lioness*, its size and shape and the colour of its cover. What is worth preserving, and what must never under any system be sacrificed, is the trust and co-operation between the Editor and the reader-contributors which has always made the work so happy and so rewarding.

Director Elect

WHEN Col. J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., arrives at the War Office in August to take over the appointment of Director W.R.A.C. she will be welcomed by many old friends, for she worked there as D.D.W.R.A.C. from 1957 to 1960.

Col. Rivett-Drake joined the A.T.S. in June 1940 and was commissioned in 1942, continuing to serve with R.A.S.C. Transport Companies till 1945. Since then her career has given her a view of the Corps from many different angles. She has served in U.K., Rhine Army and FARELF, commanded (among other units) the Warrant Officers' and N.C.O.s' School, and held staff appointments in the W.R.A.C. Branch at District, Command and War Office level. Her present appointment is D.D.W.R.A.C., Eastern Command.

The new D.D.W.R.A.C. will be someone known to us all—to the older ones as a friend of many years' standing, to the newly commissioned officers as Assistant Vice President of the Regular Commissions Board. We offer her our sincere congratulations and wish her every success in her new appointment.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hail and Farewell

THE first appointment to be made on the staff of the new Regimental Headquarters has been received throughout the Association with unqualified pleasure. Lt.-Col. M. S. F. Millington, O.B.E., T.D., retired in 1960 with nearly 22 years' service, half in the A.T.S. and half in the W.R.A.C. She was a member of Council for many years and is particularly well known to the branches in Northern Command, where she spent the last three years of her service. Two of the clerical vacancies on the new establishment have also been filled, one by an ex-A.T.S. officer, Mrs. Bilham, and the other by a new friend, Miss Norris. We offer all three a warm welcome to the Association Secretariat and wish them good luck and happiness in their appointments.

Everyone will learn with the deepest regret of Mrs. Lumsden's decision to retire from the Secretariat as soon as the new members of the staff have settled in. She has chosen this period of general reorganisation to carry out a plan which has been in her mind for some time, and is moving out of London this summer to make her home with her sister in Wiltshire. She will be sorely missed by the whole Association, and not least by the Editor of *The Lioness*, who has learnt to rely in every difficulty on her cheerful and knowledgeable help. In saying goodbye to the Council at its last meeting, Mrs. Lumsden referred to her first day in the office, when she was groping in the dark

of her inexperience, and to the guidance and inspiration which she had received from Dame Helen throughout the years. She ended: "I have had seven and a half most happy years, made so by the friendly co-operation I have received on all sides, and this, I feel sure, will be given to my successor. As I shall still be a member of the Association and shall hope to meet all those I know from time to time, I feel this is only *au revoir*. I do wish the new regime every success."

Dame Mary Railton, in the following tribute, expresses the feelings of us all: "Mrs. Lumsden's resignation as General Secretary of the W.R.A.C. Association will be regretted by everyone who has known her and worked with her these last seven years, and perhaps particularly by members of Council and branch secretaries, with whom the link has been very close. Mrs. Lumsden has always taken such a very real interest in her work, showing much sympathy and understanding, but what has endeared her to us all so especially has been her unflinching patience, cheerfulness and readiness to help. These outstanding qualities, together with her approachableness, have, I think, been the source of the very happy liaison that exists between Headquarters and branches, and they have undoubtedly done a great deal to further the work of the Association. Wherever she goes, she takes with her the best wishes of us all."

Annual General Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, March 18, 1961, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal presiding.

Miss Acland, speaking in her official capacity as Mayor of Chelsea, welcomed Her Royal Highness and all members. The President, after thanking Miss Acland, expressed her pleasure at seeing so many present. Her Royal Highness hoped that large numbers would be attending the Reunion and that the Association would benefit by an increased membership. The President then invited the Chairman of Council to read the Council Report, and to conduct the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies for absence were received from: Lt.-Col. M. H. Boyde, Mrs. A. Chitty, O.B.E., Brigadier Dame Mary Colvin, D.B.E., Dame Regina Evans, D.B.E., Col. C. E. Hammond, Miss V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Col. D. Thorne.

MINUTES

2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 12, 1960, having appeared in the May issue of *The Lioness*, were taken as read, and signed as correct.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. The election of the undermentioned officers as Vice-Presidents was proposed by Col. Rivett-Drake seconded by Mrs. A. E. Bucklee and carried unanimously:

Miss K. Acland, O.B.E.

Mrs. D. Simpson.

Miss E. Thompson, C.B.E.

Mrs. Wentworth-Reeve, C.B.E., T.D., J.P.

REPORTS

4. *Hon. Treasurer*.—In a brief survey of the accounts for the year, the Hon. Treasurer pointed out that there had been an excess of expenditure over income. *The Lioness* had also shown a small deficit; 108 National Savings Certificates had been redeemed and the proceeds re-invested. The

proposed adoption of the accounts was seconded by Miss H. A. Toft, put to the vote and carried.

5. *The Lioness*.—Col. Crawley, after saying how much she had enjoyed her six years as Editor, stated that she would not be able to continue in office owing to the commitments of her civilian job, and thanked members for all the co-operation she had received. She expressed the need for still more material and asked members to send it in early and to use double spacing in order that there would be room for corrections.

6. *A.T.S. Benevolent Fund*.—Miss Perceval reported as follows:

"The activities of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund and its Employment Office still cover a very wide field, and the cost has to be met from diminishing funds.

"The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1960, is available to you, and copies have been placed on your chairs. From this you will see, when you have had time to read it, that last year the diminution of our capital was less than in previous years and we hope to maintain this position in 1961.

"As you know, the bulk of our work is the relief of distress in the various forms it takes among ex-Service women of the A.T.S., and it is clear that as the years pass the number of older women who need help because of unemployment, retirement or illness is increasing. We have been making continuous efforts to try and find some means whereby we can subscribe during our remaining lifetime to a Society (or Societies) which could offer some scope of providing inexpensive accommodation for some of our cases, but so far our efforts in this direction have not been successful. On the other hand, our subscription to the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association has reaped a very good harvest, as twice a year for some years past we have been able to secure annuities for ex-Service women, by dint of our votes and by financing the canvassing of subscribers on behalf of our candidates. We are not, however, concerned with the elderly and infirm, that would be an inaccurate and depressing picture. Many of our grants are given to help mothers of growing families, either with the cost of clothing which cannot be otherwise obtained, with convalescent holidays and in many other ways. We make a donation to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, on the admission of any child whose mother served in the A.T.S., and last autumn Mrs. Stevenson and I visited the school and saw some of the children whom the fund had helped. We were immensely impressed with the school and the obvious happiness of the children. For instance, there were three little boys—all of one family—aged 11, 10 and 9, whose ex-A.T.S. mother is a polio victim and whose father had committed suicide. These children were well-mannered and well cared for and are having an excellent education and upbringing. At the same time, much to our relief, they appeared to be high-spirited and normally mischievous.

"The week before last we were faced with another problem. An ex-Service woman turned up at the office with three of her seven children. Her

husband was looking after the other four. She had arrived from Scotland the day before with the whole family to join her husband who had obtained work in London before Christmas. Unfortunately the flat for which he had paid a deposit but asked for no receipt had been let in the meantime to someone else, and the whole family was homeless and unable to return to Scotland as they had given up the lease of their house in Glasgow. They had incurred great expense in moving, and of course in travelling about in London looking for other accommodation and in buying meals for the children, all under 10, and were very tired and hungry. Eventually the woman and children had to go into a Reception Centre and the husband returned to his former lodgings, but both had, of course, to be paid for. We gave them a little financial help and would like to be able to find them a house, but as they are not on any housing list down here, it is, of course, almost an insuperable problem.

"In all, last year (1960) we made grants and a few loans to the extent of nearly £7,000, and in the first two months of this year we have spent £1,400 on benevolence and reduced our overheads.

"On the employment side, Mrs. Macfie is now attending the office on two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You will see from the report that she has found work for many ex-Service women, both A.T.S. and W.R.A.C., during the past year and her efforts on behalf of older women, who might not stand much chance in the open market, have been particularly successful and rewarding.

"To sum up, we feel sure that the Fund's attempts to help each deserving case with all possible promptness are really constructive, and we are so pleased to think that when the time comes to hand over to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund this work will continue without interruption."

7. *W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund*.—Col. Grierson, Chairman of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund Committee of Management, reported as follows:

"May I first of all draw your attention to the excellent article published in *The Lioness* and written by Chief Commander Holliss on the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. My Report will cover the year November 1, 1959 to October 31, 1960, but in addition to the facts for that period, I will try and bring you up to date with our current position.

"During the year 106 cases were considered, 91 received financial help; £616 16s. 3d. was spent on grants and in three cases baby clothes were given. Cases fall into the usual pattern, rent arrears, travelling to visit children and husbands sick in hospital, overdue electricity bills, H.P. debts, hospital bills for women living in the Channel Islands, removal expenses, furnishings for new accommodation, and in one case to pay for visas and photographs for a woman and her three children so that she could rejoin her husband who was in Canada. Our loans are being regularly repaid, with the exception of one lady who owes us £17—we hope it is only temporarily a bad loan!

"During the year ending October 31 our donations and subscriptions amounted to £995—an

increase of £32 on the previous year, but since November 1 we have already received approximately £600. This shows a very impressive increase in the rate of general donations, and we do appreciate the fact that so much interest is being taken in our Benevolent Fund. When our financial year ended we had invested £49,500. NOW we have invested £52,500. We received £2,000 from the Army Benevolent Fund and have hopes that our application which was before the Committee last week will result in a further grant.

"And so again our thanks go to all those who have helped us with donations and subscriptions and to those who investigate the cases for us—the bigger organisations such as The British Legion, S.S.A.F.A., the Forces Help Society, as well as the private individuals who may have served in the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. or W.R.A.C.—we owe them all a debt of gratitude. A final word of thanks to my Committee who have been most regular in their attendance at meetings. The Balance Sheet and Accounts are available for inspection at any time—either here or in the Secretary's office.

8. *Museum*.—Lt.-Col. Fisher spoke of the move to Lingfield which is due to take place in October. In order to deprive as few recruits as possible from seeing the Museum, the plan was to close down as late as possible at Guildford and open as soon as possible at Lingfield. Final action on the Ogilby Trust had been postponed on account of the new appointment of Dame Mary Railton and the formation of the Corps H.Q. The Secretary of the Ogilby Trust, Brigadier Thorburn, had visited the Museum and given some very helpful advice.

Latest acquisitions to the Museum had been the W.A.A.C. Facsimile Flag, numerous photographs and newspaper cuttings. Among numerous visitors had been Controller Chitty, Miss Wrightson (the sculptor), officer cadets and students. Cuttings from local newspapers were required for the scrap-book.

RESOLUTIONS

9. (i) "That the suggested formation of a Regimental H.Q. in so far as it affects the W.R.A.C. Association be fully explained at the Annual General Meeting on March 18 and that any decision be deferred until the Branches have had an opportunity of discussing the proposals themselves."

The Chairman explained the functions of a Regimental H.Q. and gave details of the establishment. She pointed out that the scheme had been fully investigated when first brought to Council by D.W.R.A.C. and that it had been approved. She reported the appointment of the first member of Staff in Lt.-Col. M. S. Millington, ex-A.T.S. and W.R.A.C., an officer well known to many. After questions and discussion during which the following members spoke, Miss Brown (London), Miss Martin (London), Miss Lunniss (Bournemouth), Mrs. Harris (Salisbury), Miss Kelly (Glasgow), Miss Thompson (London) thanked the Chairman for her clear and satisfactory explanation.

- (ii) "That the tenure of office of an area representative should not normally exceed three years, and that she should be eligible

for re-election after one year in office." This resolution was put to the meeting and lost.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 10 (i) Mrs. Rumbold mentioned the possibility of some form of memorial, possibly in St. Paul's Cathedral, to commemorate the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. She also referred to the need of a Holiday Home for members. It was agreed that both these points should be further considered.
- (ii) Miss Thompson (London Branch) expressed regret at the sale of "Oversea." Had members been notified in good time it was agreed that something might have been done to save it.
- (iii) *Watson Memorial*. Dame Helen reported the completion of the portrait of Mrs. Chalmers Watson and the silver statuette of a Q.M.A.A.C. Officer, both to be presented to the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.

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

Council Report

AS you will remember our President was not able to be with us at our last Annual General Meeting and in Her Royal Highness's absence abroad, Mrs. Rumbold presided.

The past year has been one of progress. Four new branches have been formed: one each in Cheltenham, Tripoli, Lakeland and Crewe, and after a lapse of two years the Cheshire Branch has been restarted.

Area Reunions have been held very successfully in Northern, Southern and Western Commands; in all cases the attendance being better than in previous years.

Council has been represented at meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee of Service and ex-Service organisations as well as at an annual reception held by this same body.

Members of the Association joined in the parade to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day and our wreath was laid by a representative of Brighton Branch. At the Service of Dedication of the Field of Remembrance, the cross was planted by a serving officer, Major R. M. Shaw.

A Regimental Headquarter Establishment has recently been approved, bringing the W.R.A.C. into line with other Regiments and Corps. This benefits our Association very considerably as the paid staff supplied will carry out the duties of Secretary to the Association, also the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund and the Museum, to name only some of the duties included. Accommodation has already been found at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and it is hoped that the new scheme will be in operation very shortly.

Another draw is being organised for the benefit of the Association Funds and this time there are to be more and larger prizes. Tickets are already available, and the draw itself will take place at the October Council meeting.

Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion

THE Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion took place on Friday, March 17, in the Officers' Mess of the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea (by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association). Over 130 veterans of the First World War attended, coming from all parts of the country even as far afield as New Zealand and Australia. Mrs. Menzies of Auckland had fulfilled a lifetime's ambition to attend one of these gatherings.

With them were Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal and their own wartime Chief Controller Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan. Greeting telegrams were read from Mrs. A. E. B. Johnston, Miss E. M. Suggate, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Miss Nora Mitchell on holiday in that country.

Refreshments were served by ex-members of the A.T.S. who always account this a privilege to be present at the gathering of their Pioneers. The Reunion ended at 10 p.m. with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Secretaries' Meeting

THE Secretaries' meeting held on Saturday, March 18, at the Duke of York's Headquarters was well attended, Secretaries coming from as far afield as Glasgow and Guernsey. Most branches seem to flourish in spite of small attendances, and money-raising efforts are wide and varied. Dame Mary Railton was in the chair and later in the morning Col. Baldwin spoke on the formation of the Regimental Headquarters. Many tributes were paid to the General Secretary, Mrs. Lumsden, for her help to branches over the past year. Dame Mary Railton thanked the Secretaries for their excellent reports and then all adjourned for lunch with members of the Council.

Reunion Service

PERHAPS no reunion weekend is complete without a Divine Service in some form or another. This has now become an accepted event at both the English and Scottish Reunions of the three generations of the Army Women's Corps. Through the courtesy and kindness of the Governor of Chelsea Royal Hospital, our service is held after each London reunion in the beautiful Chapel of the Royal Hospital, with the full Chapel choir accompanied by their organist and our Band.

On Sunday, March 19, over 100 Old Comrades were in church with our Contoller Commandant with us and reading the lesson. The service was conducted by the Chaplain to the Royal Hospital and the preacher was the Rev. G. R. Whitcombe, O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to the Household Brigade.

The address, so aptly worded, can have left no doubt in the minds of all present in the congregation of the full and purposeful meaning of the word *Service* and how those past and present in the Women's Corps of the Army have and still can continue to carry this out, remembering "Service is the noblest form of man's work." A.C.

News from Old Comrades

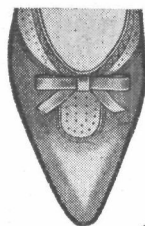
MRS. A. RICHARDS (DIVALL) who kindly forwarded the obituary for Mrs. Stewart to Miss Jessie F. Smart now lives at 2230 West 3rd Avenue, Vancouver 9, British Columbia. She is the other member of Vancouver Branch entitled to wear service medals and tells us she is asked to wear them on all possible occasions. Miss Smart, who will be known to her colleagues as "Smartie," now lives in London. She is ex-W.A.A.C. Worker 605 and served with the R.E.P.S. at A.P.O.3 Boulogne from May 1917 to December 1919. We were pleased to hear of both these ladies.

Would any member of the A.T.S. who served in 1946 in Kensington with combined ops. please write to Mrs. Fogden, 23 Cedar Road, Sutton, Surrey?

Dorothy Hayward, Ranelagh, Havant Road, Hayling Island, Hants, tells us that she would like to get in touch with Mrs. Rowbotham (Taylor).

Northern Area

NORTHERN Area Reunion will be held at Betty's Cafe, York, on Saturday, September 30, 1961, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) 6s., may be obtained from D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Northern Command, York, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.



Gunton Broads 89/11

Perfection in
BROADER
fitting shoes

Norfolk Broads give the superb comfort of a broad fitting—plus the sleek-slim elegance that appeals to all fashion conscious women. Norfolk Broads have perfection in this subtle blend of comfort and elegance.

**NORFOLK
BROADS**

by **Van-Dal**

with Leather soles — like all good shoes

Stocked by good retailers, but in case of difficulty please write to:
VAN-DAL SHOES LTD · 78 New Bond Street · London, W.1
Tel: MAYfair 9564 (London Office) or Dibden Rd., Norwich, Norfolk

THE GRAND REUNION

THERE can be no doubt that the Reunion was a real success, and Lady Margaret Sandeman Allen and her committee may well be proud of the organisation. The beautiful room at the top of Derry and Toms gave a gay welcoming atmosphere from the start, and the carpeted floor and the warm lighting made everyone look her best. Our greatest pleasure in the Reunion is always the presence of our Controller Commandant, H.R.H. the Princess Royal, to share it with us; Her Royal Highness was with us again this time and many were able to have conversation with her. One after another of us has finished her service and returned to civil life, but Her Royal Highness has remained active with the Corps through all the years and remembers us all. We had one male guest, His Worship The Mayor of Kensington, Councillor J. Gordon Rawle, M.M., J.P., who got a great welcome from us all. It gave us pleasure, too, that we were able to produce a Mayor of our own—Miss Katherine Acland, O.B.E. (Chief Commander, A.T.S.), the Mayor of Chelsea, of whom we have long been so proud for her many public services.

The arrangements were such as to allow easy circulation, but better still there was a chair for everyone. It was possible to meet an old friend and sit down for a real chat, moving on afterwards to meet others and again sit down. Exhaustion was eliminated and the milling throng could stop milling at will. Moreover, the chairs were comfortable and started the evening in neat array round tables with snowy cloths at which groups of ten or twelve could choose to gather and wait for the good food and drink to be brought to them by the waitresses. We could sit anywhere we liked except for the one table reserved for the very few guests and those officers in attendance on our Controller Commandant.

In fact the whole evening was thoroughly civilised while losing none of its usual gaiety. Perhaps to dwell at such length on the physical comforts of the Reunion is a sign of advancing years in oneself. Be that as it may, none of us gets any younger but we hope to attend Reunions for many years to come. The fear that we might find our ageing selves in the middle of a rugged scrum



Photo by: Lawson & Co., Cavendish Square, W.1

The arrival of H.R.H. The Princess Royal



Photo by: Lawson & Co., Cavendish Square, W.1

The Platform Party

fighting for a bun need no longer discourage us from coming to Reunions in the future. However, comfort and congenial surroundings are not enough, so other good things were provided. There was the superb concert given by our own Band under the leadership of Major J. B. MacDowall, A.R.A.M., M.B.E., which included vocal items sung charmingly by Drum Major J. Bulbrooke, a member of the Band. Also there was to have been a showing of the new W.R.A.C. film in another room for those who wanted to see it. Unfortunately, however, it was found that there were technical hitches due to lighting and reflections which made it impossible to do justice to the showing. This was due to no fault in the film itself which is excellent, so do try to see it at the next opportunity. It is in full colour and indeed leaves one wishing one could start life all over again and join the W.R.A.C.

As the past becomes more distant, Reunions seem to become more and more closely knit. Although most of us did not serve in World War I we meet some of those who did, who loyally turn up at all Old Comrade gatherings with faithful regularity. It is thanks to them that we, who came later, are given opportunity to know them better and to hear about the early life of women with the Army. We would like them to know how much we like to hear them talk about their adventures, so much more difficult than later generations have had to put up with. More and more do we feel the strength of the link we share with them in having Dame Helen who belongs to us all. Dame Helen herself can have no doubt of the warmth with which she is regarded. The cheers when she

rose to talk to us bid fair to blow off the whole top floor of Derry and Toms. May she be with us for many more Reunions.

The only disappointment of the evening was the absence of our present Director, Dame Mary Colvin, owing to a bad riding accident. Nevertheless, she wrote her address to us which was read by Col. Baldwin, The Deputy Director. We heard all about current events and future plans for the Corps. We all wish Dame Mary a speedy recovery. In addition to missing the Reunion we know that the Director would also be sorry to have missed seeing our other two guests, Miss Lethbridge and Miss Worthington Evans. All those of us who served in World War II will remember gratefully the Duchess of Northumberland's Comforts Fund, so ably and sympathetically administered by these two ladies. It was a great pleasure to have them with us. One other guest was with us; one whom it is easy to forget as being in that capacity because she has done so much for us and for so long that we think of her as an old Comrade just as much as we are ourselves, Mrs. Macfie of the Employment Branch of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund. So many of us have good reason to be grateful to her, not only for her patience and understanding in finding the right jobs for those of us who want them, but also for the good relations she has built up through the years with employers of all kinds, by her own personality. We were delighted to have her with us at the Reunion. The gathering ended with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, and everyone went away in excellent spirits.

E.S.M.

JUNGLE EXPEDITION

PTE. PAMPLIN, W.R.A.C.

BATHING and dressing at 4 a.m., everything spick and span, jungle clothing pressed with knife-edge creases, yes, we are off on our second search for adventure. Accompanied by our now trusted leaders and companions, Lt. Dunton and members of 5th Guard Dog Company R.M.P., the old faithful and experienced members of 4th Independent Company, W.R.A.C., are introducing two newcomers to the other side of an exciting life, Ptes. Brown and Avison, attached to 18th Signal Regiment. It's 5 a.m. Well-fed, though half-asleep, our 3-ton truck loaded with equipment, wireless, humour, he-men and members of the "weaker sex," we are away. Our destination is Kluang in the Federation of Malaya. Our route: we enter the jungle at Point A, and after eating, sleeping and hiking, we come out at Point B. It's as simple as that.

The journey to Kluang is a long one. Over the causeway into Johore Bahru is a new world to some of us, and as the dawn breaks and the sun begins to rise there are many brilliant colours and scenes to behold. Soon everything is blotted out and one could be on Dartmoor. The sun cannot even penetrate the thick mist, though by now we know the sky is full of the glory of it. It's uncanny to see such a thick fog in Malaya. This might be an expedition, but nevertheless we stop for morning coffee at a local coffee-house and appear to disrupt the smooth running of the village. We are on the move again and eventually at 9.30 a.m. arrive at the aforesaid Point A.

We do not wish to appear to be weaklings here but it was the monsoon season and there's nothing like a drop of rain for keeping one cool when carrying a heavy load. We hoist our packs, containing three days' rations, stove and fuel, blanket, hammock, clothing, poncho (groundsheet used for the roof to the hammock), and spare wireless batteries. The dear men carry the wireless and medical supplies. Adorned with water-bottle, parang (the large knife for cutting one's way through the jungle), torches and tin-opener, we bend a little with the strain of nearly 40 lb., but remembering the Corps' Motto, we straighten the knees and move forward to enter the jungle. Our truck, second wireless and operator keep in touch, we hope, on the roadside.

The going is slippery and treacherous—now vaulting over dead trees, now a helping hand in the untangling of thorns as we back our way through the undergrowth, now a "yell and thud" as some unfortunate person hits the mud. Good humour and high spirits are ever prevalent and there's no stopping these women in the effort to prove their equality. Now we know how wise Tarzan is to keep to the tree tops. Our rest periods are five minutes every half-hour, a smoke for some, barley sugar for others (these ration packs are wonderful) and for all the "Leech Inspection." The leech is a pleasant little slug-like creature that

rapidly enters clothing in order to find its staple diet—your blood.

At approximately 2.30 p.m., having found an excellent fresh-water stream, we set about making camp. There is some order of priority in this, but as one looks around (that is, if you have time to watch what others are doing) there often doesn't seem to be. Giles just doesn't know what cartoon material he's missing. Two trees are selected about 6 feet apart to sling one's hammock; not a difficult task in a jungle, but it is possible to find yourself sleeping on the ground with the tree beside you if you cut your notches too deep—or, of course, if your hammock stays are too loose. All our hammocks are now up but not one of us can yet claim to have made her bed without the help of the R.M.P. While the operators are raising the wireless aerial (it has to be thrown over the top-most branches of a tree), we set about chopping logs for the camp fire and clearing the site of undergrowth. In no time at all, it seems, our chosen site becomes home.

And now the most enjoyable part of the expedition, a bath. Our bathroom is so large we can get in together, ladies only, of course. There's no notice on the door, but then, there aren't any doors. If you have never known the joy of washing your hair and bathing in a cool refreshing river, to the tune of the wild life of the jungle, you must join us and try it some time. Refreshed we must now cook food, which, they say, is the way to a man's heart. This is almost as humorous as erecting hammocks, people wandering about with a spoon in one hand and the menu and instructions in the other. There is a notable lack of this womanly qualification, but nevertheless there are some glorious smells of stewed steak, curry and, what's this, "Porridge for dinner?" It's now almost dark, and leaving the dirty dishes stacked in the sink until morning, the fire is wafted and we gather round for a talk by our leader on the aim and work for the weekend. We are going to learn how to live as comfortably as possible in the jungle, making table and chairs, finding the vines that hold pure fresh water, vines that can be used in place of string and rope, do some map-reading and compass-work and build a roof over our heads for when the rain comes. Our evening ends most enjoyably with much story-telling and singing, and then those that are in the top hammocks (we sleep in pairs, separately) are lifted into them.

Saturday morning, 7.15 a.m., I open my eyes and raise myself onto one elbow, there's no activity at all except for a bird or could it be a monkey, ringing out Reveille with its screeches. One and a half hours later and I awake to find a hive of activity, people cooking breakfast, hammocks being moved and some reslung for the unfortunates who "haven't slept a wink all night." Everyone has a job, trees are being chopped down for the fire and a most beautiful seat for 16 people

is being made complete with back rest. The O.C., Major Cato-Symonds, and Lt. McDonald are making a table which is a work of art but would hardly hold a four-course dinner. The ground is swept clean of shrub and we all have a welcome rest while we sample this heavenly drinking water running from the vine held aloft over our mouths. We work like niggers but find in our effort to clean up the place we have uncovered some huge red ants—they say what the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve over, and our leader comforts us with the news that they are harmless. An enormous spider pops in and after much hopping and jumping by human beings the spider is trapped to be taken back to Singapore for pickling, believe it or not.

After a good lunch we set out for a hike and some compass work, leaving some stokers behind to get the kettle on. It's a lovely afternoon and the sun is quite hot when it manages to filter through the trees. We follow the river, jumping from bank to bank and almost doing the impossible in an effort to keep dry. Enormous trees block our path; we make gallant attempts at the mighty leaps of the men but, alas, some of us are already dripping. All this effort to keep dry has been in vain, for the jungle is now too thick to follow the river and the only course is to get in it. In due course we find the river has turned into swamp with floating dead trees and hidden traps of thorns. We stand up to our waists listening to the noise of the traffic on the road which must be nearby. Our bearing is correct but we can make no further headway for enormous cacti-like thorn bushes block our way. Damp barley sugars are passed round (everything has been transferred to top pockets) and revived we retrace our steps to be back home before the darkness comes down. Back on dry land again we come across a centipede: we are careful where we put our feet.

Arriving at our own stretch of stream, we find we must walk through the bathroom with lather everywhere and eventually we are home to a simply blazing fire. We are soaked but very fit and hungry. The clothes lines are up and soon our camp is looking, and smelling, like a native dhobi shop. We bath and cook dinner, and at this stage there is a bit of bartering, a Mars Bar fetching two tins of cheese. Once again night has fallen, fire flies flit around like miniature lanterns, mosquitoes and other insects are in the air, and ants are on the ground and, unfortunately, in our hammocks. We are round the camp fire, moving back as it gets too warm, turning the drying clothing and boots. We have our usual sing-song, but it's an early night for an early start back to Singapore tomorrow. There's no sound of snores from the men's quarters, where amidst great commotion the ants have taken up residence. Come to think of it, we're not safe up here, but soaked in insect repellent we're too tired to bother anyway.

It's Sunday and there's no lie in today. We are not even supposed to be having breakfast, but old customs die hard and you can smell the tea and porridge. Six a.m. and we're rushing round like mad things. There's a scramble for dry clothing and boots; you'll be lucky if you end up

with two boots of the same size or even of different feet. Our leader keeps prodding us—15 minutes to zero hour—10 minutes and at last we are all set; 8.15 a.m. and only 15 minutes over the allotted time. We are out of the jungle by 10.30 a.m. We are sorry that the expedition is nearly over as we exchange experiences amid much laughter driving back to Singapore. We stop by the roadside and cook lunch. The tea tastes a bit odd, but the water collectors have brought back fishes too. Back in Singapore and many of our comrades eager to hear of our experiences. With regrets we bid farewell to our escorts. It is nice to turn on the hot water again and eat from a dining table once more.

Depot and Training Centre

WE started 1961 with the Annual Administrative Inspection. After a spell of beautiful weather, on inspection day the rain poured down. The Inspecting Officer, Brigadier H. D. Nelson-Smith, M.C., Commander 131 Infantry Brigade, presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to S/Sgt. McGovern and Sgt. Pargiter.

On the reorganisation of the T.A. the W.O.s and Sergeants of 320 (East Lancs.) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), presented the Depot W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess with a very beautiful silver bowl suitably inscribed. They also became the first on the Commandant's roll of subscribers to the newly-instituted Depot Church of St. Mark's Improvement Fund.

For the first time staff from the Depot competed in the Surrey Annual Catering Competition and Exhibition held in February. We congratulate S/Sgt. Elliott on winning the Silver Challenge Cup with her entry of *Charlie III*, a salmon arranged as a buffet dish, S/Sgt. Ward who gained two third prizes for her fruit cake, yeast buns and rolls, and also S/Sgt. Wheater who was awarded a third prize for her hand-raised pie.

In the field of sport we entered four members in the Inter-Service Rifle Championships. W.O.2 Whitehead won the Individual Badminton Championship and partnered Capt. MacLagan to form the winning pair in the doubles.

Plans for the move to Hobbs Barracks, Lingfield, are already under way, and by November we hope to be well settled in.

London Gazette

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Captain: D. J. Temple, S. P. Richards.
Lieutenant: E. A. H. Macmillan, M.A., J. P. P. A. Evans, P. A. Scott.

Second-Lieutenant: W. M. Hodgson, B.Sc., H. G. Meechie, M.A., B. McK. M. Hunter, A. P. F. Daires, S. Halsey, R. A. Stirik.

Short Service Commissions

Lieutenant: S. W. Jones, D. M. Drummond.

RETIREMENTS

Retires on retired pay: Major P. Riley, Major M. J. Wall, Major O. W. Willis, Major M. B. Bishop, Major S. H. Cooke.

Resignations: Lt. N. M. Simpson, Lt. L. J. Edlin, Lt. J. P. P. A. Evans.

Retires with gratuity: Capt. E. L. Burt.

The Red Feather

HELEN DUNLOP, ex-A.T.S.

HAVE you ever been approached and asked to buy a red feather? If so, did you wonder what the collection was in aid of and what the red feather represented? The collection was in aid of the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Chronic Sick. Group-Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., decided upon the idea of the red feather which is a symbol in Asia of courage and happiness. I first came into contact with the Foundation when I advertised for a temporary position as a secretary, and received a request to act as temporary secretary to Mayfield House Cheshire Home in Edinburgh. I found the work very exhilarating, because I received such a welcome from the residents who are all seriously disabled, with such illnesses as disseminated sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and other chronic diseases. Mainly they were all about my own age, some had been in the Services. In particular, I met ex-A.T.S. Ruth Massey who had been with a signals unit in North Highland District, while I myself was stationed in Inverness.

Since my term of office ended I have been giving what voluntary help I could in the way of domestic chores and car driving, and have found it most worthwhile. Any help in this way, and also nursing assistance, I know would be warmly appreciated in any of the Homes. Other practical help is also so welcome, from scrap paper to a

house, and also clothes, linen, provisions, medicines, bandages. Household articles of every sort, building and gardening materials are needed, anything in fact that anyone will give.

Thousands of words would be required to describe the work of the Foundation and space does not permit many more words, but I would like to explain the financial position. The Homes are privately, not State owned and run, having no capital behind them and being largely dependent on voluntary help and subscriptions. Although precautions are taken to see that those patients who are in a position to contribute towards their maintenance, do so, no one is turned away because of inability to pay. Thanks to the co-operation of local health authorities, Benevolent Funds, etc., grants are forthcoming for the majority of the patients, leaving a substantial amount of the daily maintenance costs to be found by the individual Homes, which, once established, are expected to be self-supporting.

Gifts and donations may be sent to individual Homes or to the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick, c/o the Secretary, Mr. M. S. Mason, 7 Market Mews, London, W.1, who will also willingly provide you with much fuller information. Please send 6d. stamped addressed envelope. You can also get the quarterly magazine "The Cheshire Smile," from Le Court, Liss, Hants, 1s. a copy or 6s. (post free) quarterly. A complete list of addresses of these Homes is available from the Secretary, Miss Mason, if you are able to give any practical or financial help.



W.R.A.C.
9ct. gold and enamel
Home £13.15.0 Export £12 0.0



W.R.A.C.
9ct. gold and enamel
Home £7.15.0 Export £6.15.0



BY APPOINTMENT TO
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
GOLDSMITHS & CROWN JEWELLERS
GARRARD & CO. LTD., LONDON

A fine piece of jewellery, artistically designed, makes a charming gift. Produced by the house of Garrard in gold and enamel a badge brooch can be a token of lasting value. Designs and estimates for gem set brooches are supplied free at your request. Please address all enquiries to the military department.

The Badge of your Corps

GARRARD & CO. LTD.

Crown Jewellers

112 Regent Street • London • W.1 • Telephone: REGENT 3021 (11 lines)

Obituary

MRS. CASSELLS MISS McLELLAND

GLASGOW Branch announce with deep regret the deaths of Mrs. Cassells and Miss McLelland. Mrs. Cassells, as Mrs. Ross, was their first Chief in Glasgow. She was not an active member of the Association as she had been in ill health for some years.

Miss McLelland, who was in the W.A.A.C., was a good friend of the Branch and spoke to them on various occasions.

Our sympathy goes out to the relatives of both these ladies.

MISS CLARK

BRISTOL Branch announce with regret the death of Miss Mildred B. Clark on March 17. Miss Clark served in both world wars, in the V.A.D. 1914-18 and the A.T.S. in the last war. She will be sadly missed by many organisations in which she was interested. She was a former secretary of the Red Cross, Chairman of the Bristol Association of Girls' and Mixed Clubs and held office in the Soroptimists and on the National Council of Women. Miss Clark was also a Vice-President of the Bristol Branch of the W.R.A.C. Association of which she was a very active and loyal member.

MISS EDWARDS

OLD Comrades will be sorry to hear of the death on February 22 of Alice Edwards. "Teddy," as she was affectionately known, served as a Signaller with the Q.M.A.A.C. at Etaples, Pourville and Boulogne in 1918-19. She was always bright and cheerful. After the war she worked in the Post Office at Rottingdean, but had to retire for health reasons. Latterly she was almost blind.

A.G.B.

MRS. MICHIE

IT is with deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Michie (Bennett), who served as an officer in the Q.M.A.A.C. in Havre, 1917.

MRS. SINCLAIR

MANY will be very sad to know of the death of Mrs. Sinclair (Effie Stewart) on Christmas Day, 1960, in Canada, aged 73. Mrs. Sinclair, ex-W.A.A.C., was stationed at Rouen and mentioned in despatches. She also served with the Postal Section at A.P.O.3, Boulogne. She was one of the two members of Vancouver Branch entitled to wear service medals. As a member of the local branch she acted as Poppy Day Convenor for many years. Mrs. Sinclair was taken ill with congestion of the lungs and heart trouble. After some time in hospital she was sent to a rest home where she died, the day before she was due to return to her own home. Mrs. Sinclair was a loyal member of the Branch and will be greatly missed.

Lady "V"—A Memoir

DOROTHY SIMPSON

SENIOR Commander The Lady Vivien Younger, T.D., who died on September 14, 1960, was the first officer I appointed to the Edinburgh Group in 1938. With her insatiable energy she was a splendid person to have in those pre-war and early war years when 12 or 15 hours was a normal day's work. She at once became a leading spirit in an active intelligent group of ignorant but keen officers, ignorant of Army procedure but competent in the handling of women. No kindness she could do was too much trouble; her sympathetic understanding must have tempered the wind to many a shorn lamb. She was a disciplinarian, too, and her Company soon found that they must not take advantage of her good nature.

In the early days of the war the Group H.Q. consisted of one fairly large room which had also to do as Company H.Q. Here three Company Commanders with a clerk each plus the Group Commander, her 2IC and clerk, lived, moved and had their being. In spite of occasional chaos very good things emerged.

After some weeks proper Company H.Q. were provided, and now Lady "V" undistracted settled down to organise her days. She was never one to sit in the office. Every week there would be a visit to Inchkeith for pay parade, another day to Dunbar and yet another to Fife. Once when crossing the Forth in a ferry a lone enemy bomber dropped bombs close to the boat in an attack on the Bridge—an alarming experience which lost nothing in the telling. She knew most of her 300 or 400 women; had recruited many of them in peacetime, and had a passionate interest in their welfare.

In 1944 she was posted to No. 1 North Ireland Group as 2IC and spent the last 18 months of her service there. Here she brought new life and much needed laughter to a rather weary Group H.Q. in spite of the fact that she herself was weary at the time of her arrival and had come through a period of considerable strain.

After the war Lady "V" returned to her many interests in Edinburgh. For a time she was chairman of the Royal Repository for the Sale of Gentlewomen's Work in which she took a deep interest. Her warm heart involved her in many of the problems of those whose way through life was not easy. She was a member of the committee of the Women's United Services Club and gave much practical help and advice. Her deep and knowledgeable love of gardens led her to be an active supporter of the Scottish Gardens Scheme and she often escorted parties around Scottish gardens. She and her husband were always ready to open their own beautiful garden to visitors. An admirable hostess, her lively interest in people made it easy for her to get on with her fellow men.

We have all lost a very dear friend and colleague who, with her sparkle and gaiety and enormous energy can never be replaced. She "*nothing common did or mean.*"

BRANCH NEWS

BATH. The 14th Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Branch was held at the Old Boathouse, Limpley Stoke, and was well attended. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman, Mrs. J. Cantello; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Sayers; Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Ferguson. A tribute was paid to the retiring Chairman, Mrs. J. Mant, who has served the Branch faithfully for 12 years. The Branch welcomed three new members during the year. All members were thanked most warmly for their support over the past busy and active year. Our congratulations to Miss B. Evans on her forthcoming marriage at Whitsun. Several members attended the Reunion in London and all agreed it was the best yet.

BOURNEMOUTH. Our annual dinner was held at the Gardens' Restaurant, Bournemouth, in January. Mrs. Ware of Leeds Branch was with us on this occasion. She also joined us in Wimborne in February when Miss Carr and Miss Parrett gave us an excellent tea, followed by a showing of wonderful colour pictures of their holiday in Canada and the U.S.A. We joined the local branch of the W.R.N.S. Association for a meeting in March and honours were even in the Bingo battle which ensued.

BRADFORD. Members will be pleased to know that Miss Nellie Julian, O.B.E., is making a good recovery following an operation for the removal of a cataract from her right eye. We are most grateful for the kind attention and nursing by her faithful and devoted friend, Mabel Fieldhouse. These two friends celebrate this year a 40-year partnership and now reside together in one of the Tradesman's Trust Homes. Members will also be pleased to know that Ethel Bertha Marsh is now convalescent, following a recent major operation. We offer our love and best wishes to these members. Mrs. Dolly Ross will celebrate her silver wedding this year. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ross. We are eagerly looking forward to our visit on June 4 to Bridlington and Flamborough Head to see one of our members, Mrs. Bottomley. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Lumb and Mrs. Wilson at our recent Bring and Buy Sale and to know that they are both improved in health. The sale was very successful and we hope to have another very soon. We are also helping to run one for our Bradford Central Branch of British Legion. Five of our members are on their Executive Committee and we are most proud of the fact that our Treasurer, Bertha Heregan, has been made a Vice-President, thus creating a precedent as being the first Bradford woman to have this honour. She has for 11 years served as a very enthusiastic member of their Services Committee. Hilda Warner, who with her husband runs a small-holding at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, very kindly sent a parcel of fruit and vegetables to another member whose husband has had a long spell of sickness. As our March meeting coincided with

the birthday of Miss E. Cocksedge, ex-Q.M.A.A.C., she very kindly provided refreshments for that evening. What a spread it was, complete with iced cake. Miss Cocksedge was accorded musical honours, we all joined in singing "She's a Jolly Good Fellow." We were most grateful to her and hope she has many more birthdays. Miss Gummarsall, our President, says her eyesight is not so good but she still continues to write articles for our local newspaper. We have recently made two successful appeals for help from the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund. In both cases help had been given by the Bradford British Legion, who then passed a request on to us for help. Their officials are full of praise for the very prompt investigation and help given by the Benevolent Fund Committee.

BRISTOL. The usual American supper and New Year's party was arranged for January. Owing to the insufficient number of members present at our A.G.M. in December the election of officers had to be incorporated with the New Year party. All the present serving officers were returned unopposed. A visit was made on February 2 to the Little Theatre to see "The Uninvited Guest," a play by Agatha Christie. On March 2 a quarterly meeting, followed by a Bring and Buy Sale, was organised by Mrs. V. Morgan.

EDINBURGH. 1961 started with a theatre party in January, when several of the members went to see the Fol-de-Rols. At the February meeting we had a very interesting film show by the Brooke Bond Tea Company, and what was most appreciated was a free cup of tea afterwards. Most of us seemed to have very good holidays in 1960 judging by the numerous and varied coloured slides shown at the March meeting, including some very excellent ones of Mrs. Eckford's travels to India and Australia. The highlight of the year was the annual dinner at which the principal guest and only speaker was Lt.-Col. Boydell, T.D., A.D.W.R.A.C., Scottish Command. Other guests included Mrs. Russell Simpson, President of the Women's United Services Club, Edinburgh, Miss Kelly and Miss Butters, Chairman and Secretary of Glasgow Branch, and Miss Bulmer of the Association of W.R.N.S. We were also pleased to have with us Miss Muriel Thomson, Chairman of the Glasgow Women's United Service Club. Miss Mary Innes, B.E.M., very ably presided.

GLASGOW. Since the beginning of September, we visited our friends at Ayr and a party of us went to the Festival Tattoo at Edinburgh. During October we had a very successful whist drive, and a film show by Scott & Turner (rose-hip syrup manufacturers). We also had a Children's Hallowe'en Party at which we entertained 24 children. At the end of November we had our Annual Dinner in the Overseas League when about 50 members and friends were present. Our guest speaker was Col. Elspeth Hobkirk, C.B.E., who gave us an insight on the work in the prison. During December there was a Beauty demonstration by Miss Adams. In January some of us enjoyed seeing

"Gagigolorum" at the Citizen's Theatre. At our "Burn's Night" supper our guest speakers were Mr. J. McLean (Immortal Memory), Mr. R. Hood (Toast to "The Lassies"), and Mrs. Kernohan who replied on behalf of "The Lassies." This function was voted a great success. We were very sorry to lose the services of our Secretary, Miss L. Mackenzie, on the occasion of her marriage, and we wish her all happiness in her married life.

HARTLEPOOL. Gift tokens were taken to three of our ex-A.T.S. semi-invalid friends for Christmas. A Christmas cake and coal were given to a former member of the A.T.S. and her family. In January we held our first meeting in our new quarters. Although they are on the outskirts of the town, members are still making the effort to come along. In February our Chairman, Miss McRobert, showed us some very interesting and colourful slides of a holiday in Italy, and also some local pictures which we all enjoyed very much. We had a really jolly party in March to which members brought their friends. We were very sorry indeed that Miss McRobert could not be with us owing to the serious illness of her mother. She was not forgotten, however, and flowers were sent with the good wishes of us all. We welcomed one of our old members, Miss F. Inkson, and sincerely hope she will now come to all our meetings.

IPSWICH AND SUFFOLK. After the encouraging success of our Christmas, 1959, venture, several of our members gathered at the Shaftesbury Club on December 16 to pack our Christmas, 1960, parcels, which were distributed to 12 old ladies living alone. Going round with Miss Robertson I came to realise that there are many outside the scope of the usual Welfare Services and that our unexpected parcels added greatly to the ladies' Christmas enjoyment. The cost was borne by the Branch as one of our acts of benevolence.

LIVERPOOL. The attendance at our meetings during the past year has improved, mainly as the result of our membership drive. This has enabled us to arrange a more interesting and entertaining programme. A large party attended the Western Area Reunion last October and we were able to take with us three of our members who, for health reasons, cannot normally attend meetings. A most enjoyable time was had by all. We started our 1961 programme with a most successful record evening. A record of the Royal Artillery Band playing tunes associated with the Royal Regiment was most popular as several of our members served with the Royal Artillery. In February this year we held our A.G.M. and in March we had a most successful buffet supper and Dutch auction, which was most enthusiastically supported by members and their friends.

LONSDALE. We began our winter programme in October with an outing to the Western Area Reunion, which was very much enjoyed. In

November we had a talk, illustrated by colour transparencies, on "Oberammergau and the Passion Play." This was particularly interesting as it took place shortly after the publication in *The Lioness* of an article on the same subject. Several members attended the Remembrance Day Service in Lancaster and a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by our Vice-Chairman, Col. J. M. Cowper (Retd.). In December a Christmas party held at the home of our Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Grant, was a great success. For our Christmas "good turn" 15 parcels were sent to the Royal Albert Hospital for distribution to patients without relatives. In January we continued our frivolities with a theatre party to see "Kismet" at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe. In February members enjoyed a coloured slides lecture on Norway which whetted our appetites for future holidays. In March our diminished funds were augmented by a successful Bring-and-Buy Sale and Penny Fair at the home of our Vice-Chairman.

LONDON. We have had a very full programme since our last report. At the first meeting in October Mr. Eaton showed us some more colour slides of a further visit to Cornwall. We do so much enjoy seeing and hearing of his and Mrs. Eaton's holidays; we have booked him for another evening next year. We had a surprise item of some photographs of Mrs. Giles during her holiday in Gibraltar. A representative from Yardleys gave us a talk on skin care and a demonstration on the art of make-up, which proved interesting. In November we held a successful Bring-and-Buy Sale and Miss Thompson talked to us about her fascinating holiday in the Scottish Islands. It was as if we were on tour with her when she described the places she visited. In December we held our A.G.M. and had a good attendance. At our Christmas party on December 15 over 60 members and friends thoroughly enjoyed a programme of amusing games. Our popular Chairman, Mrs. Giles, caused much amusement at her efforts in one of the team games to blow up a balloon before sitting on it. We sang part-songs to popular tunes, under the leadership of Mrs. Lumsden. The words were strange to many of us but nevertheless quickly learnt and enjoyed. While we paused for a rest, some young choirboys from St. Barnabas Church, Sutton, entertained us with some very delightful carols. We were delighted to welcome the Vice-Chairman, Miss Gregson, and Miss Abbott from Wimbledon Branch to our party. We hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing them and other members of their Branch at our meetings. Some of the committee members had worked hard during the day to prepare very appetising refreshments and we finished by all receiving a surprise present from the Chairman's lucky dip before singing "Auld Lang Syne." The New Year commenced with a reunion, and our old friends, the Acton Male Voice Choir, came on January 19; we had a very enjoyable evening. On February 2 we were very pleased to welcome once again Dame Helen, who gave a talk on the Q.M.A.A.C., and on the 16th a representative of Stork Margarine demonstrated the art of cake decoration and fillings.

MAIDSTONE. On an average ten members out of twenty meet once a month. Last June a team of four entered the ex-Services' Bowls Tournament and played an excellent game against the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Past and Present Association. The whist drives held every other week are very popular and the proceeds go to help members who are ill or need assistance in any way. Members gave the prizes for the one held near Remembrance Day and the proceeds were given to Earl Haig's Fund. Last November £5 was handed in towards the Benevolent Fund. In February this year members and friends held a party to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the formation of our Branch. The Chairman made the cake, complete with 12 candles, and Mrs. Lumsden, who had come down from London especially for the occasion, cut the first slice. A toast was given to the future of the Branch and a happy evening was spent by all.

NORFOLK. News is rather out-dated, but members must blame the Post Office or some similar cause of delay. Mrs. Liley was home on holiday from Ethiopia last summer with her husband who is Vicar of Addis Ababa and their small daughter, Maryanne. In June we went down to their bungalow at Gorleston for tea and had a most enjoyable time, taking several snapshots. We met our ex-W.R.A.C. member there, Miss Dawes, for the first time. The Lileys returned in September. We were very worried for them at the time of the trouble in Ethiopia in November and were most relieved when we eventually heard in December that all was well. We send our congratulations to Miss Dawes on her engagement. In August and September two members were able to meet at Great Yarmouth and explore the old town. In October Mrs. Jean Ogden invited members for an evening at her home in Norwich. Two ex-A.T.S. friends of our hostess were present

and we hope to enrol them this year. We also met our member, Capt. Mary Flaver, ex-A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. (T.A.), for the first time. It was a very enjoyable evening. The New Year's party was a great success. The raffle cleared over £11 and we had 32 gifts for prizes. A small donation was sent to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. Gifts at Christmas and subscriptions for 1961 were paid for some of our sick and aged members unable to attend. Molly Hawes' return from Kenya may be postponed until June, 1962, although her passage is booked for this year. More news at a later date. The Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion and the W.R.A.C. Reunion were both enjoyable evenings. What a pity more of our members did not attend. Raffle books for the W.R.A.C. H.Q. are now available; please apply to the Branch Secretary. The Hon. Secretary thanks members for the many cards and letters received at Christmas and before, and for the charming pot of evergreen plants, at a very sad time.

SHEFFIELD. Since our last report we have Stoured Sheffield Y.W.C.A., paid a most interesting visit to the Department of Glass Technology at Sheffield University, been to L. du Garde Peach's Little Theatre at Great Hucklaw, had a coach outing and picnic tea at Thorseby Hall, Notts., and expended the rest of our energy at our jumble sale in October. In November one of our members organised a beetle drive at her home, and we helped with the refreshments at the Sheffield Spastics Society Fair. We had a full attendance at our annual dinner in March, with one exception—Miss Ivy Dixon, who lives in London and unfortunately was not able to be with us. Two new members were welcomed to the Men's Section and presented with badges. Afterwards sprays of freesias were presented to our Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary by members of the Men's Section on behalf of the visitors.



**Mrs. Liley and
Maryanne with members
at our tea party at
Gorleston.**

June 15 1960

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND. We began anew in September with the "One-in-Five" lecture by the W.V.S. During that month we visited the Pavilion Ballroom to dance to Cyril Stapleton's Band and made a less frivolous visit to Weymouth G.P.O. A lecture from a local hair stylist gave October a good start. Her three charming models were joined by two members to be styled. We hardly recognised them at the finish. We visited the W.R.A.C. at Bovington and found that "*fings ain't wot they used to be.*" The utter luxury of the Army astounded us, especially our ex-A.A. members who remembered the old Nissen hut with the wind blowing in through the cracks. The food just left us speechless, bangers and mash were two unmentionable words. In November we had a show of colour cine films, and on November 26 we had our third birthday celebration, a Dinner-Dance. Our guest was Lady Digby, O.B.E. A most interesting talk on the history of old Weymouth, accompanied by colour slides, was extremely popular in December and we are continuing the talk, given by a local architect, in May. We had a Christmas party and after the holiday we took the children to the pantomime at the New Pavilion Theatre. At the A.G.M. in January Mrs. Fall stood down as Chairman, for in March she moved to Reading. Happily we know she'll be returning often to see Grandma, so we didn't say goodbye to her. Members gave her and Mr. Fall a farewell party and a personal gift, a marcasite brooch to Mrs. Fall. In February we had domestic meetings, a beetle drive and some more travel films which are always very popular during the winter months. We hope to welcome many of our colleagues to the Southern Area Reunion to be held here on May 28.

WIMBLEDON. It is some time since we appeared in print but that is not to say we have gone into a decline; we are very much alive and our members now total 56. In September we opened the winter session with an excellent dinner at the "Spread Eagle," Epsom, where 20 members and friends had a most enjoyable evening. This was quite a new experiment for us and as it was such a success we have now decided to make it an annual affair. We hope even more of our members will join us next time. In October we had a very interesting Hoover demonstration. We were much heartened by the excellent attendance at our Annual General Meeting in November, quite the best we have ever had. In December we had a most interesting and informative evening, when Mrs. Doughty gave us a demonstration in Christmas decorations. On this evening we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. Giles and Miss Grelland and we do hope we shall have the pleasure of welcoming them again sometime and anyone else from London Branch who cares to come. We had the ever popular beetle drive in January and a "get-together and chat evening" for our February meeting at which we were very pleased to welcome Col. J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E. It was kind of her to spare the time to come along.

328 (Ulster) Battalion

W.R.A.C./T.A.

THE dying months of 1960 found the Battalion busily engaged in charitable undertakings. On November 22 and 23, the annual Daytime Bazaar in aid of Lord Roberts' Workshops was held in the Grand Hotel in Belfast, and the tombola stall, manned by the Permanent Staff in conjunction with W.R.N.S. and W.R.A.F. personnel provided one of the greatest attractions and made a handsome profit of over £350. It was a matter of pride to all concerned that at the end of the bazaar the overall total takings showed an increase on the previous year. In November Cpl. Campbell, L/Cpl. Gamble and Pte. Young of "C" Company at Bangor volunteered to go out poppy selling in uniform, and did so well that they earned a special letter of congratulation from the organisers. Later, in December, the Company's carol singers serenaded Bangor for the further financial benefit of the British Legion. "A" Company of Girdwood Park had the older generation in mind, and from October, by means of raffles and pay parade collections, they accumulated funds sufficient to provide a hamper of foodstuffs and a bag of coal each to 16 pensioners living alone. The girls themselves played Santa Claus, delivering their gifts either on foot or in such private cars as they could "requisition" for the occasion, and the delighted gratitude of the old folk made it a worthwhile and rewarding task.

Catering for a different age group, "B" Company played hosts to 40 orphan children from the Campbell Street Mission in Belfast. A tea party and a film show were laid on, and the grand climax came when Mr. Craig, one of the civilian driver P.S.I.s came in disguised as Father Christmas. The Adjutant and the R.S.M. joined in the festivities, and appeared to enjoy themselves quite as much as the less fortunate waifs! The festive season also filled "D" Company with good works. A band of choristers ventured forth in driving rain to carol round the flats at the back of their Sunnyside Street H.Q., and collected red noses and a respectable sum for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. On Boxing Day their singing group, "The Prairie Weeds," complete with guitar, helped to entertain crippled and incurable patients at the Thompson Memorial Home in Lisburn, and left with a promise to provide a more lavish entertainment for the Home some time in the New Year.

On the business side, Pte. Ewing, a T.A. clerk, celebrated Christmas by "deserting" to the Regular Army, but the scale was balanced when Sgt. Marie Bowers, Victoria Barracks, was selected to give a course in First Aid to the women of the regular Signals Squadron at Northern Ireland Command—a graceful acknowledgment that on odd occasions the amateurs can teach the professionals a thing or two. The Battalion embarked upon 1961 with a residual aura of virtue and a great deal of speculation about its future in the reorganisation, when it is hoped that whatever form units may take, familiar contacts will not be lost and we will continue to keep the spirit of friendly co-operation.

Correspondence

Dear Old Comrades,

I should like to express my sincere thanks to all the Old Comrades who so kindly wrote to me and sent gifts and get-well cards whilst I was in hospital; also to London Branch for their gift of a bed jacket. I have tried to answer all letters, but if I have forgotten anyone I hope they will forgive me. My special thanks to Mrs. Curtis and Miss Druiitt.

PADDY PARKER.

PERSONAL

(For charges and particulars see Contents page)

For Sale. Charming Wedding Gown, ballerina length and extremely attractive design. Bust 34/35. £7.—Box No. 5/61.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat (excellent condition), £12. No. 1 Dress, jacket, skirt, hat 7½, two shirts (size 14), eight collars (size 14½), two ties, £7 10s. Height 5 ft. 7 in., bust 36 in., waist 28 in., hips 38 in.—Box. No. 6/61.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, jacket, skirt and hat (size 7), £5. Also Green Greatcoat, £5. Height 5 ft. 5½ in., bust 35 in., waist 25 in., hips 38 in.—Box. No. 7/61.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat (scarlet lined), excellent condition. Height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 40 in., waist 30 in., hips 42 in.—Box. No. 8/61.

For Sale. Officer's No. 3 Uniform. White Dress, £2; Khaki Dresses, 7s. 6d. each. White Flat Shoes and Court Shoes, size 5½ (free to purchaser of Uniform). Bust 40 in., hips 42 to 44.—Box No. 9/61.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat, unworn, £20. No. 1 Dress, jacket and skirt (as new), £15. Height 5 ft. 2 in., bust 34 in., waist 25 in., hips 37 in. No. 1 Dress Hat (size 7), worn about three times, £2.—Box No. 10/61.

For Sale. Green Greatcoat, in excellent condition, tailored by Huntsman. Bust 40-42 in., hips 42-44 in. Any reasonable offer accepted. Also Khaki Greatcoat, same size, £2.—Box. No. 11/61.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat, in excellent condition, lined throughout in crimson, worn approximately six times only. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 38 in., waist 26 in., hips 38 in.—Contact Mrs. J. Stowe, 18 Richmond Park Avenue, Bournemouth, Hants.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat, good condition, £5. Also No. 3 Dress, hardly worn, £3. Height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 36 in., waist 28 in., hips 38 in.—Salmon, 4 Jutland Road, Catterick Camp, Yorks.

For Sale. No. 1 Dress, tunic and skirt, also Greatcoat and Hat (size 6½). Height 5 ft. 4½ in., bust 34 in., waist 25 in., hips 36 in. All worn for one year only. Price £15 15s.—Mrs. R. H. Phillipson, 2 Hookwood Manor, Horley, Surrey.

For Sale. Handwoven bathroom/nursery rugs, approx. 22 x 36. Nylon 25s. Pure rug wool 37s. 6d., plus 2s. postage. Formica table mat sets in stand 23s. 11d., postage 1s. 9d. Teapot stands 2s. 11d., postage 4d. Handwoven towels 7s. 6d. each, plus postage. Orders accepted for modern cane work, trays, plant troughs, etc. State whether contemporary or self colours woven rugs.—Maureen Lees, Coach-house, 52 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead. Tel.: Rock Ferry 4851 (evenings).

Exchange. Tiny two-bedroomed Cottage, comfortably furnished. Lacks bathroom but has telephone, near Hampstead Heath, N.W.3, for occasional weekends or holidays by mutual agreement. Sea or pretty countryside would appeal to two friends with two small dogs. Suggestions welcomed, references exchanged.—Box No. 12/61.

Wanted. To rent or buy cheaply any type of holiday accommodation, any condition or period. Reasonable distance from London.—Box No. 13/61.

Motor Insurance in U.K. and B.A.O.R. with Immediate 33½% No-Claim Bonus. Members of the Services are making appreciable savings in their motor insurance premiums while still obtaining fully Comprehensive Cover, including, without extra charge, items for which an additional premium is often required.

Quotations on request to Lt.-Col. W. A. Murley (Retd.), N.E.M. House, 12 Belmont, Shrewsbury.

The Service Women's Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1, exists for the comfort and convenience of Service and ex-Service women of all ranks. It provides accommodation and the usual amenities of a ladies' club at most reasonable rates and new members are always welcome. For full particulars and brochure please write to the Secretary. Tel.: SLOane 9131.

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

Veteran Tennis

THIS year the Army (Women's) Lawn Tennis Association are hoping to include a doubles event for Army (Women) Veterans at the Army Championships to be held at the Officers' Club, Aldershot, from July 29 to August 5. The inclusion of this event is dependent upon a minimum entry of six couples. Any pair of serving or retired Regular officers may enter, providing both are over 45 years of age. Ages to be reckoned from August 5, 1961. Handicapping: Pairs whose aggregate ages total 90-102 owe one-sixth for every two years below 102. Pairs whose aggregate ages total 102-104 will play from scratch. Pairs whose aggregate ages are over 104 will receive one-sixth for every two years over 104. Maximum received odds in any match will be 30. Further details and entry forms (fee 10s. each) can be obtained from Major M. P. Harrison, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Aldershot District. The date of this match is *Wednesday, August 2*. It is hoped this may be an occasion for a reunion of tennis players.

BRANCH DIRECTORY

List of Branch Secretaries

- Aberdeen.**—Miss H. T. G. Donaldson, 30 Burnie Bootle Crescent, Aberdeen.
Ayrshire.—Mrs. M. Hay, 3 Angus Avenue, Prestwick, Ayrshire.
Bath.—Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, 16 Lime Grove Gardens, Pulteney Road, Bath.
Belfast.—Mrs. P. Neilly, 382 Merville Garden Village, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.
Birmingham.—Miss E. Udall, 84 Longmore Road, Shirley, Solihull, Birmingham.
Bournemouth.—Miss J. Lunniss, "Lamorna," Stapchill, nr. Wimborne, Dorset.
Bradford.—Mrs. E. M. Suttle, 9 St. Anne's Terrace, Baildon, Shipley, York.
Brighton.—Miss J. Durndell, 38 Toronto Terrace, Brighton, Sussex.
Bristol.—Mrs. Rawlings, 355a Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol, 7.
Canterbury.—Mrs. R. Closier, 5 Cherry Avenue, Canterbury, Kent.
Chelmsford.—Miss E. J. Hemsley, 25 Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex.
Cheltenham.—Mrs. C. B. Kaye, The Kennel Cottages, Boddington, nr. Cheltenham.
Cheshire.—Mrs. F. Hope, 31 Churton Road, Chester.
Chesterfield.—Miss E. M. Cleary, 543 Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
Crewe.—Miss O. Howard, 36 Wistaston Road, Crewe, Cheshire.
Derby.—Mrs. A. Jones, 132 Uttoxeter Old Road, Derby.
Dumfries-shire.—Miss A. Gibson, "Tweedville," Eastfield Road, Dumfries.
Edinburgh.—Miss M. J. Cruickshank, 16 Riversdale Road, Edinburgh, 12.
Gibraltar.—W.O.2 V. Hamilton, W.R.A.C., 18 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Princess Royal Block, Europa, Gibraltar.
Glasgow.—Miss E. Butters, 43 Keir Street, Glasgow, S.1.
Grimsby.—Sgt. K. Hall, W.R.A.C./T.A., 63 Lister Street, Grimsby, Lincs.
Guernsey.—Mrs. M. Claff, "Silver Birch," Marett Road, St. Sampson, Guernsey, C.I.
Hartlepool.—Mrs. M. Jewell, 21 Whitfield Drive, Foggy Furze, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Hong Kong.—Capt. M. Campbell, W.R.A.C. Officers' Mess, 44 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.
Hull.—Miss E. G. Williamson, Gallaway Lodge, Westgate, Hornsea, Yorks.
Ilford.—Mrs. Curtis, 293 Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.
Ipswich and Suffolk.—Miss G. Murray, 67 Clapgate Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Lakeland.—Sgt. M. E. Doherty, W.R.A.C., T.A. Centre, Penrith, Cumberland.
Leeds.—Miss E. Raper, 41 University Road, Leeds, 2.
Leicester.—Mrs. J. Southard, 29 Somerville Road, Leicester.
Liverpool.—Miss A. Hayward, 163 Greenhill Road, Liverpool, 18.
London.—Miss G. M. Cridland, 52 Thornton Road, Carshalton, Surrey.
County of London.—Miss W. Lawson, 18 Stanley Gardens, W.11.
Lonsdale.—Mrs. D. M. Grant, 6 Ashford Close, Lancaster, Lancs.
Maidstone.—Miss N. Court, 32 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.
Manchester.—Mrs. E. Dugmore, 34 Chester Avenue, Whitefield, nr. Manchester.
Middle East Group.—Mrs. P. C. Walter, 13 Sundridge Road, East Croydon, Surrey.
Newbury.—Mrs. C. Jones, 3 Priory Road, Newbury, Berks.
Norfolk.—Mrs. L. W. Chilvers, 2 King's Head Terrace, Great Witchingham, Norfolk.
Nottingham.—Miss B. Burton, 526 Aspley Lane, Aspley, Notts.
Omagh.—Mrs. M. Roulston, 16 Rodgers Villas, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland.
Oxford.—Mrs. D. Adams, 207 Barnes Road, Cowley, Oxford.
Plymouth.—Mrs. O. Foster, "Coryton," Elburton Road, Elburton, nr. Plymouth.
Portsmouth.—Miss I. Bray, 153 Clive Road, Fratton, Portsmouth, Hants.
Preston.—Mrs. A. E. Bucklee, 346 St. George's Road, Preston, Lancs.
Salisbury.—Mrs. A. Harris, 7 St. Andrews Road, Salisbury, Wilts.
Sheffield.—Miss L. Gee, 17 Ducksett Lane, Eckington, nr. Sheffield.
Singapore.—W.O.2 V. F. Masters, W.R.A.C., G.H.Q. F.A.R.E.L.F., c/o G.P.O. Singapore.
Southampton.—Miss J. Revell, 31 Keble Road, Chandler's Ford, nr. Eastleigh, Hants.
Southend.—Miss M. Tubbs, "St. Elmo," Grasmear Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
Staffordshire (North).—Mrs. L. Rhodes, 27 Dartmouth Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.
Torbay.—Miss M. F. White, 29 Wright's Avenue, Hele, Torquay.
Tripoli.—Major J. Buncher, W.R.A.C. H.Q., Libya and Tripolitania Area, B.F.P.O. 57.
Tunbridge Wells.—Mrs. F. Pearson, The Drill Hall, St. John's Road, Tunbridge Wells.
Weymouth.—Mrs. McElwaine, 23 Newberry Road, Rodwell, Weymouth, Dorset.
Wimbledon.—Miss M. V. Davey, 114 Glen Albyn Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
Wolverhampton.—Miss M. Davies (Treasurer, Acting Secretary), 33 Clifton Street, Wolverhampton, Staffs.
York.—Mrs. A. Green, Barcroft, York Road, Strensall, Yorks.

Unit Branch Secretaries

- 12th Battalion.**—W.O.1 W. M. Shenton, Kingston Gate Camp, Richmond Park, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.
- 14th Battalion.**—W.O.1 J. Wiffen, H.Q. Northag, B.F.P.O. 40.
- 1 Independent Company.**—W.O.2 J. Gallagher, Dreghorn Camp, Colinton, Edinburgh.
- 2 Independent Company.**—S/Sgt. S. L. Dudley, Parsons Barracks, Donnington, Salop.
- 3 Independent Company.**—Lt. H. L. S. Price, School of A.A. Artillery, Manorbier, Tenby, Pembs.
- 4 Independent Company.**—W.O.2 V. F. Masters, G.H.Q. F.A.R.E.L.F., c/o G.P.O. Singapore.
- 5 Independent Company.**—Major J. D. M. Ravenscroft, Up Park Camp, Caribbean Area, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 8 Independent Company.**—, St. George's Barracks, Bicester, Oxon.
- 9 Independent Company.**—Sgt. S. M. Thirlwall, Fugglestone Camp, North Wilton, nr. Salisbury, Wilts.
- 14 Independent Company.**—W.O.2 J. Smith, Saughton Camp, Chester.
- 15 Independent Company.**—W.O.2 M. Anthony, R.A.C. Centre, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.
- 16 Independent Company.**—Sgt. C. Vardy, Wolverley Camp, Kidderminster, Worcs.
- 17 Independent Company.**—Sgt. D. A. Nolan, P. and E. Establishment, New Range, Shoeburyness, Essex.
- 18 Independent Company.**—W.O.2 V. Hamilton, Princess Royal Block, Europa, Gibraltar.
- 20 Independent Company.**—Sgt. D. Hayes, Hooze Lines, Catterick Camp, Yorks.
- 27 Independent Company.**—W.O.1 J. Castellano, Episkopi, B.F.P.O. 53.
- 22 Independent Platoon.**—Capt. M. Campbell, W.R.A.C. Officers' Mess, 44 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.
- Scottish Command Signal Regiment.**—W.O.2 A. Parker, Glencorse Barracks, Milton Bridge, Midlothian.
- Southern Command Signal Squadron.**—Sgt. M. V. Briant, Fugglestone Camp, Wilton, nr. Salisbury, Wilts.
- W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.**—W.O.1 F. J. M. Hadley, M.B.E., Huron Camp, Hindhead, Surrey.
- W.R.A.C. Depot and Training Centre.**—W.O.1 M. E. Norcott, Queen Elizabeth Camp, Guildford, Surrey.
- Drivers and Clerks Training Wing.**—W.O.1 J. A. W. Robertson, Houndstone Camp, Yeovil, Somerset.
- W.R.A.C. Detachment, School of Education.**—Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks.
- 233 Signal Squadron (N.I. Command).**—Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Branch Meetings

Branches who wish the particulars of their meetings published are requested to forward this information to the Editor.

- Ayrshire.**—Second Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Clubroom, 1 Wellington Square, Ayr.
- Bath.**—First and third Mondays at 8 p.m. 3 Portland Place, Bath. Tel.: Bath 61917.
- Brighton.**—Third Monday at 7.30 p.m. R.N.A. Club, King's Road Arches, Brighton.
- Bristol.**—First Thursday at 7 p.m. (no meeting August). Legion House, Portland Square, Bristol.
- Crewe.**—Third Wednesday at 8 p.m. T.A. Centre, Delamere Street, Crewe.
- Derby.**—First Friday at 8.30 p.m. Royal Drill Hall, Beckett Street, Derby.
- Edinburgh.**—First Tuesday (except January and June) at 7 p.m. Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, 3.
- Hartlepool.**—First Wednesday at 7.15 p.m. Sergeants' Mess, New Armoury, Easington Road, West Hartlepool.
- Hull.**—First Friday at 7.45 p.m. The Canteen, W.R.A.C./T.A., Endike Lane Barracks, Beverley High Road, Hull.
- London.**—First and third Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Service Women's Club, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1.
- Preston.**—Last Tuesday (January-June and September-November) at 7.30 p.m. W.R.A.C./T.A. Drill Hall, Stanley Street, Preston.

- Sheffield.**—First and third Thursdays at 8 p.m. Forester's Hall, Trippet Lane, Sheffield, 1.
- Weymouth and Portland.**—First and third Wednesdays at 7.15 p.m. R.A.S.C. Club Rooms, Bingleaves T.A. Centre, Weymouth.
- Wolverhampton.**—Fourth Monday at 7.30 p.m. The Study, Public Library, Cleveland Road, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

OFFICERS' POSTINGS

(Up to March 31, 1961)

- Major E. S. COWPER. Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
- Major M. W. HICKSON. War Office (W.R.A.C. 1).
- Major P. NORMAN. 2IC, 14 Battalion, W.R.A.C.
- Major E. M. OGLE. Army School of Education.
- Capt. (Q.M.) W. D. ANDREWS. W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
- Capt. M. R. ASHLANT. 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron (Southern Command).
- Capt. P. R. BRYANS. W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
- Capt. J. BUNCHER. S/Capt., Q (Wks.) Tripolitanian Area.
- Capt. A. B. CAIN. Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
- Capt. H. S. GILL. 140 Provost Company, W.R.A.C.
- Capt. (Q.M.) E. E. HARRISON. 301 (E.A.) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.).
- Capt. F. M. MACDONALD. Army Team of Lecturers.
- Capt. S. N. F. POTTER. Bristol University O.T.C.
- Capt. M. L. S. READ. 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
- Capt. E. L. ROSS. 19 Independent Platoon, W.R.A.C.
- Capt. G. E. SIMMONDS. Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
- Capt. J. C. SWANN. W.R.A.C. Wing, Army School of Physical Training.
- Lt. M. M. HAWORTH. 4 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
- Lt. B. J. STONE. 13 Signal Regiment.
- Lt. S. R. TURNBULL. 242 Signal Squadron (Scottish Command).

MAX FACTOR LIPSTICKS

all of fashion's favourite colours



Max Factor lights up the fashion scene with his brilliant display of colours! The gayest array of reds; the prettiest profusion of pinks; the excitement of iridescence... shimmering with silver or glittering with gold! As bold and bright as you like, as seductive and subtle as you please—you'll find every colour that fashion fancies among Max Factor's magnificent lipstick range!

Choose from Hi-Fi, Color-Fast Iridescent Magic, or Max Factor's Hi-Style... a lipstick, a mirror, all in one elegant case!

Hi-Fi is the Registered Trade Mark of Max Factor & Co., Hollywood



By Appointment
To Her Majesty
The Queen
Hiding Cottons, Customers
and Livery Tailors



By Appointment
H.M. Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother
Livery Tailors

Officially

appointed

Regimental

Tailors

to the

W.R.A.C.

*Bernard
Weatherill Ltd*
of Conduit Street, London

and

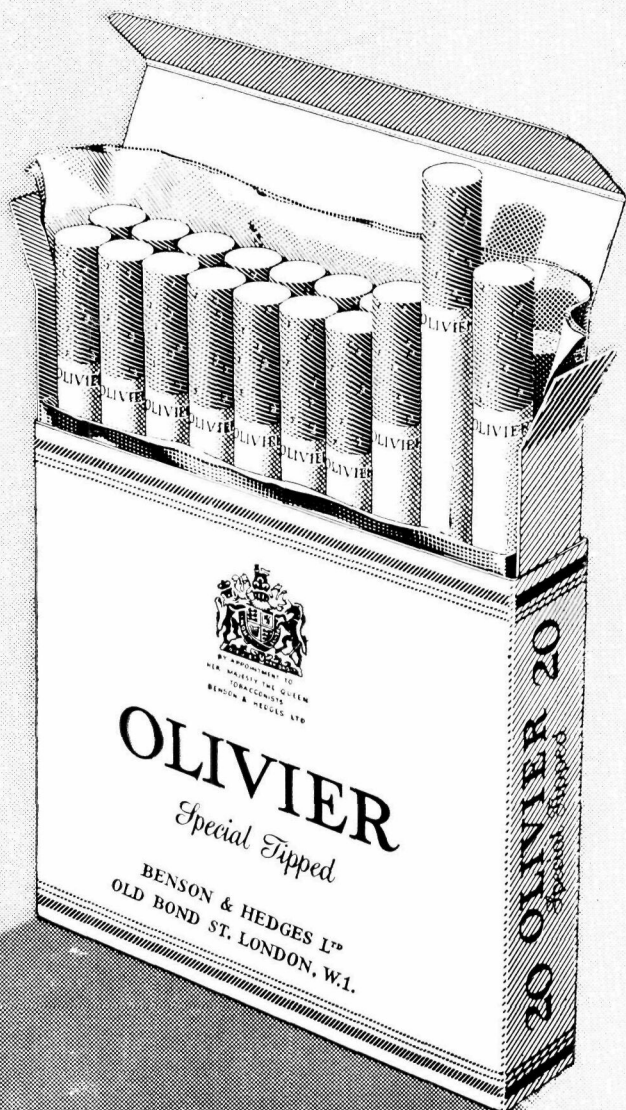
47 HIGH ST., ALDERSHOT

Also at: - City, Birmingham, Aldershot, Ascot, Leicester, (in association with William Oliver Ltd.) Nottingham, (in association with R. & F. E. Lamb Ltd.) Associated companies: Eastbourne, (Robert Way Ltd.) Guildford, (Alfred Webb Miles Ltd.)

THE LIONESS

Get
together
with
OLIVIER

The
TIPPED
cigarettes
made
for
modern
living



Fine Virginia tobacco · Quality with economy

3/6 for 20 · 1/9 for 10

Published by the W.R.A.C. Association, The Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, London, S.W.3, and printed in Great Britain by F. J. Parsons, Ltd., Lennox House, Norfolk Street, London, W.C.2, and "Observer" Buildings, Hastings. Sole Agents: Nuviv Advertising (Maj. E. O. Coven (Retd.)), 22 Cadogan Court, Draycott Avenue, London, S.W.3. Phot. ENSington 8286.