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EDITORIAL

Edinburgh.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the illness of Miss Alice Low, O.B.E., Chairman of the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Branch of the Association. As a Deputy Controller in France, Miss Low was one of the best known officials in the Corps, and was universally popular. Her interest in everything concerning the Q.M.A.A.C. has been steadily maintained since demobilisation, and her resignation of her post as Chairman will be a serious blow to the Edinburgh Branch. The members can best show their appreciation of all she has done for them by carrying on the branch on the lines she has so wisely laid down. All her old comrades, both in Edinburgh and elsewhere, wish Miss Low a speedy recovery, and trust that we shall see her back again with completely restored health in a little while.

The Real Shanghai.

It seems almost too good to be true, but the Association has received a second most generous donation from the Shanghai Race Club. Details are given in the Headquarters notice.

Publilty.

We publish in this issue a letter which recently appeared in the "Birmingham Post," complaining that Q.M.A.A.C. had not been invited to take part in the official reception which the City gave to Princess Mary. Nurses and Girl Guides were asked to form a guard of honour and no one remembered the Waacs. The difference is, of course, that V.A.D.s and Girl Guides are living and growing organisations, while Q.M.A.A.C. is demobilized—or will be in a few weeks when the remnant returns from France. Probably the Birmingham authorities had never heard of our O.C.A., still less of the existence of a local branch. If that branch had been willing and able to approach these responsible and guarantee a definite number of uniformed women as a guard, the offer would no doubt have been gratefully accepted.

The Cardiff branch appears to have been up and doing the moment they heard that the Prince of Wales was expected, with the result that they turned out on parade with the ex-Service men and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our members overseas are well to the fore on such occasions, and no Service function in the Dominions is complete without a contingent of uniformed and heavily beribboned Waacs. And quite right too. We want publicity to make the Association known as widely as possible, and we shall not achieve it by blooming unseen like the modest violet.

On the whole the Press gives most undertakings the publicity they deserve. If it thinks you are a going concern it will say so loudly. Sometimes perhaps rather too loudly for quiet people, but they cannot have every-

thing their own way. For instance, it is a very good advertisement to have "Scenes from Shanghai" on the films, and though some people may think it rather a pity that most of the scenes are apparently concerned with bathing, one glance at the Sunday picture papers will show that nothing else really interests the public. The pictures are pretty enough too and do full justice to the Shanghai scenery.

The local branches can do a good deal to make the Association known by taking every reasonable opportunity of having their proceedings reported in the provincial papers. In this way the knowledge of their existence and of their activities will reach old comrades who have never heard of them.

Every little helps, and sometimes the news is spread by the most unexpected means. One correspondent sends us a cutting from an Indian paper—an advertisement for tobacco showing a girl in Waac uniform smoking a cigarette. This picture, she says, "reminded her of the Corps," and induced her to write to a friend and so get in touch with the O.C.A. Another member states that she was attending a meeting of one of the Women Citizens' Associations, where a mock trial was held, in which the plaintiff purported to be a Waac and evidently represented the character so attractively that our correspondent longed to be with them again—and is now at Shanghai-on-Thames. Some of the interest which the inhabitants of the older Shanghai have so kindly taken in the O.C.A. may be attributed to the power of the Press, for an excellent article on the Corps which described their appearance at the Royal Garden Party, was published in the "North China Daily News."

Employment and Training.

Application can still be made to the Central Committee for help in obtaining training for a profession or occupation. Applicants must be women who are unemployed and whose earning capacity and opportunities have been injuriously affected as a result of conditions arising out of the war. One hundred and fourteen grants have been made to Q.M.A.A.C. for training, varying from that of a solicitor to a tomato grower.

We are informed by the Overseas Settlement Committee that there is still a brisk demand for domestic workers from nearly all the Dominions, and in Canada there is some demand for teachers.

Those who have completed the regular two-year course at one of the recognised colleges in England, Scotland, Ireland, or Wales, and who are fully certificated in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Education, are accepted by the Province of Manitoba without further restriction or condition.

Competition.

By way of providing readers with some occupation in their holidays, the Committee offers a prize for the best description in prose or verse of a day's holiday at Shanghai, or a local branch "outing." The prize will be

a week's free holiday at Shanghai, including railway fare from London—or the equivalent in money.

Descriptions, which must be written on one side of the paper only, must be addressed to the Editor, and reach the office before September 15th. They must not exceed 500 words in length. The winning description will be published in the October number, and if there are sufficient entries a second prize will be awarded. The decision of the committee must be accepted as final.

SERVICE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Service Women's Association (S.W.A.) was formed in the spring of 1920 to unite all ex-Service women and to safeguard and foster their interests. All women who enrolled for whole time service in any recognised body under the direction of a British Government Department were eligible for membership. An enrolment fee of 1s. and an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. was charged to all members who did not already belong to an Old Comrades' Association. Where they belong to an Old Comrades' Association no further subscription was required, as the Service Women's Association received from the Old Comrades' Associations a fee of 6d. on behalf of each of its members.

The first work of the Association was to obtain representation on the appropriate sub-committee of the United Services Fund. This Fund is the accumulated profits from the sales of the Army and Navy Canteen Board and the Expeditionary Force Canteens, which are being applied for the benefit of Service men and women. Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E., was elected to represent the Association on No. 4 Sub-Committee of the United Services Fund. The following schemes were submitted: (1) Residential Clubs for ex-Service Women; (2) Benevolent Fund; (3) Holiday and Rest Homes.

(1) Residential Clubs.

The general policy followed with regard to the grants received from the United Services Fund for hostel accommodation is to endow beds in existing hostels and the Association works in co-operation with the Helena Residential Clubs, Limited, and is represented on the Board of Directors of that Company by three members of the Executive Committee. A first instalment for the endowment of 50 beds at a cost of £200 per bed was applied for, and has been paid over to the Helena Residential Clubs. The first of these clubs was opened on November 12th, at 81 Lancaster Gate. Twenty-five beds are reserved for ex-Service women, and full particulars of costs, etc., may be obtained from the Secretary, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2. Another 25 beds will be available shortly.

(2) Benevolent Fund.

This scheme has been passed by the United Services Fund and will be put into practice as soon as possible. Compassionate cases, cases of sickness and other hardship will be dealt with under this scheme. Applications may be made through the following: (a) Sailors' and Soldiers' Families Association; (b) Old Comrades' Associations.

(3) Holiday and Rest Home.

This scheme is in progress of organisation. Particulars may be obtained from the General Secretary, Helena Residential Clubs, Ltd., 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

The Hon. Secretary of the Service Women's Association sends the following information:—

Ex-Service Women's Club, Sydney.

On Thursday, May 12th, Her Excellency Lady Forster, the Patroness of the ex-Service Women's Club, entertained the members at Admiralty House. About 150 members, some of them in uniform, were conducted from Man o' War steps by launches to Admiralty House, where they were received by Her Excellency, who talked with each member of her work overseas. After wandering about the beautiful grounds and by the water's edge, members assembled in the dining hall for tea, later gathering in the drawing-room to listen to a delightful programme of music arranged by Mrs. A. Gordon, who contributed several songs. Miss Adelina Leon played 'cello soli, Miss Teece was at the piano. A number of Q.M.A.A.C. were present, among them Miss Neale, Miss Sutton, Miss Dickson and Miss Barrett.

On Anzac Day, April 25th, the great national day of Australia, commemorating the baptism of fire of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli, was celebrated in a fitting manner in Sydney. The graves were decorated and services were held in all the churches. In the afternoon their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Forster attended the Soldiers' Club, and spoke to a number of the original Anzacs. About forty members of the ex-Service Women's Club were present at this gathering.

Islington Maternity Home.

The Organising Secretary, Headquarters Committee, Women's Section, Comrades of the Great War, wishes to make known to members of the Service Women's Association the fact that the United Services Fund have endowed certain beds at the Islington Maternity Home for the benefit of ex-Service women. These beds are available from October next, and applications should be sent in at once, either to the Organising Secretary, Headquarters Committee, Women's Section, Comrades of the Great War, 26 Eccleston Square, S.W.1, or the Maternity Home, 35 Parkhurst Road, London, N.7. The patient pays a minimum fee of 30s. a week. The Home is run on up-to-date lines, and the patient has the same comforts as in an expensive Home.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

Readers will be glad to know that Miss Edith Thompson has very kindly consented to continue her services as Editor of the Gazette for another year, with the help of Miss Comyns-Lewer, who has agreed to act as advertisement manager.

The Gazette has proved a great success, but, unfortunately, the increased postage affects the financial position considerably. It is hoped, however, to realise more money on advertisements and so avoid having to increase the subscription.

The Editor and Secretary would like to thank readers for the numerous letters of appreciation received enclosing renewal subscriptions. It is most encouraging.

According to the number of badges still in hand, it is obvious that all Old Comrades are not yet wearing the badge. These are obtainable from the Duke of York's Headquarters, or from local branches, price 1s. 6d. each, postage 2d. extra.

The Shanghai Race Club have again shown their interest in the Association, and Miss Elinor Hughes handed to the President a cheque for £250, which had been sent her for the Shanghai Fund. Dame Florence Leach has sent the following letters acknowledging this generous gift. It will be remembered that Mrs. Williams is a vice-president of the London branch.

To Mrs. Williams, Penang.

"I am writing on behalf of the General Committee Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association to thank you for your kindness in having interested the Shanghai Race Club still further in our various enterprises in connection with our Old Comrades. We were so surprised and delighted when your cousin, Miss Elinor Hughes, handed me the generous gift of £250. I was quite overwhelmed, it means so much to us. I feel sure that you would be extremely gratified if you could see Shanghai-on-Thames. It is a great success and has been such a boon to us all during this hot summer. Pathé Freres have made some excellent films of the Camp, and I understand they will be shown all over the country.

I am returning the Acting Chairman's letter herewith, and I am writing to him direct.

Again so many heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us. We are indeed fortunate in having such a good friend."

To the Acting Chairman, Shanghai Race Club, China.

"DEAR SIR,—I have received from Mrs. Mary E. Williams a cheque for £250, a further contribution to the funds of the Hostel Fund of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, Old Comrades' Association, which I have handed to our honorary treasurer.

May I ask you, on behalf of the General Committee and the Old Comrades' Association, to convey to the Shanghai Race Club the expression of our most grateful thanks and appreciation of their generous gift.

The Old Comrades have now a flourishing Camp, called Shanghai-on-Thames, at Ham Island, Old Windsor, and it is very much appreciated by all who have visited this charming spot. The huts are most comfortable and we are very proud of the Camp altogether. The Hostels in Belgrave Road were visited by Her Majesty the Queen in March, and I showed her the picture of Shanghai which hangs in the recreation room and told her of the generous support we have received from the Shanghai Race Club. Her Majesty was much interested and pleased.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to all our friends at Shanghai, and we hope that if any members of the Race Club have time to spare when in England that they will give us an opportunity of expressing our thanks personally and of showing them how their contributions to our funds have been used."

Shanghai-on-Thames.

That Shanghai-on-Thames is an unqualified success is now assured. Its popularity is firmly established and it behoves everybody who is thinking of making a booking to do it right now to avoid disappointment.

A week-end at Shanghai is unequalled for dispelling any jaundiced views on life that even the strongest-minded of us is apt to hold on returning from holiday to the old routine. There are now heating stoves and powerful illuminating lamps, so that the darker and cooler nights that are approaching will have no disadvantages for campers.

It is very difficult to commiserate with the agriculturist on the dry season, as it has been ideal for Shanghai's prosperity.

July has been a bountiful month. At London District General Meeting £20 was voted to buy a boat for the camp, and at the same meeting an anonymous gift of £5 was made so that "the ship might not be spoiled for a ha'porth of tar." A dinghey to hold five persons has been purchased.

Miss Parker, on behalf of the party of signallers she took to camp, kindly gave £1 with which to buy a gift as a mark of their enjoyment. The money is now represented by four cushions in blue and gold for the dinghey.

The members of Glasgow O.C.A. are asked to accept the heartiest thanks of the campers for the handsome cushion they have presented, and it is hoped that Shanghai may welcome some or all of the donors ere the glory of the cushion has departed.

Many thanks to Miss Ruxton, of Glasgow O.C.A., for the playing cards, and to Miss Vereker, late Tunbridge Wells, attached 4th Queen's and now at Windsor, for the extremely welcome cushion.

Miss Curtis and Miss Bartels sent a very welcome gift of tomatoes from their farm in Guernsey. The lucky visitors that week can vouch for their excellence. A further indebtedness to Mr. Crosse has been incurred by his generous gift of red bricks for the steps, which give such a distinctive appearance to the landing stage recently erected. Mr. and Mrs. Crosse are indeed fairy godparents to Shanghai.

Mrs. Jackson brought two American lady journalists to see the camp, so that they might the better describe it in their articles for the American Press on women's work in England. They were charmed with all they saw.

Miss McCloskey is working like a Trojan and everyone is immeasurably indebted for her unsparing care and enthusiasm.

Shanghai now owns a piano, and a whisper has reached the ears of the Secretary that a dance is meditated. Good luck to it!

HILDA HORNIBLOW,
Hon. Sec. Camp Sub-Committee.

[What might have been a very distressing accident occurred during one week-end. One of the members bathing, who was apparently unable to swim, got out of her depth, and would probably have been drowned had not Miss McCloskey had the presence of mind to plunge in—fully clothed—and rescue her. Some of the members who witnessed the accident have written to the O.C.A. to

ask that the heroism and courage of Miss McCloskey should be brought to the notice of the whole Association. We are all very grateful to her, and realise that her pluck and readiness averted a tragedy which would have cast a gloom upon the hitherto happy camp which it would have been difficult to disperse.—Ed.]

LOCAL BRANCHES.

LONDON.

A Garden Fete and Sports are being arranged on Saturday, September 17th, in the grounds of Bedford College, Regent's Park (near Baker Street Station), from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tickets of admission, inclusive of tax, 8d., to be obtained from Miss Murray, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2, or at Belgrave Road on Thursday evenings.

To the first 200 applicants for tickets, a complimentary ticket to admit a friend, either lady or gentleman, will be given. In addition to the races mentioned on page 8, there will be Fortune Telling, Lucky Dips, Houpla, Dancing, Variety Entertainment, etc., etc. The entry fee for each race is 2d., or 1s. for any seven races. Will intending competitors please place a cross against the races for which they desire to enter on the form on back page, and send, together with remittance to cover entry fees, to Miss Chapman, Q.M.A.A.C., O.C.A., Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea. No entries can be accepted after September 10th, and competitors for the Services Relay Race should forward their form not later than August 29th. Members entering for this race will be notified time and place of practise. It is hoped that any Old Comrades who are good runners will submit their names, as we are naturally anxious to get a good team to compete against the other Services. All races with the exception of the relay are open. The prizes will be presented by Dame Florence Leach.

A Hockey Ground has been obtained for the coming season at Battersea Park, the subscription for the season being 5s. As the membership is strictly limited, it is advisable that those wishing to join the club should forward their subscriptions at their earliest convenience to Miss A. M. Youell, Helena Hostel, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.

It is hoped to form a Class in Dancing (Margaret Morris method, founded on the Hellenic Dance as reconstructed by Raymond Duncan), starting the second week in October, providing that sufficient members signify their intention of joining to justify the class being held. Terms will be strictly moderate and will depend upon the number of members joining. It is unlikely that the cost will exceed 10s. a term, and will probably be less. Would anyone interested kindly apply for further particulars to Miss Colin Baillie, Botches, Wivelsfield Green, Sussex, as soon as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made.

At the Annual General Meeting held on July 7th, the Chairman reported that 1,195 members had been registered in the branch. Of these 518 have enrolled since last July, 127 have already paid their second subscription, 90 are life members, and 460 have not renewed their membership as yet.

The following is the list of social events arranged by the branch during the year: Ten rambles, five dances, six parties to theatre and exhibitions, five whist drives, one concert, char-a-banc trip, re-union dinner, Christmas party, League of Nations Union meeting, and a lecture at which Dr. Risner gave an address.

The following Resolution, proposed by Miss S. B. Murray, seconded by Miss E. Hughes, was carried:—

"That the proportion of ex-officials to ex-workers representing the London Branch on the General Committee should not exceed two-thirds."

As a result of the ballot, the following were elected to the General Committee of the branch: Miss E. Thompson (Headquarters), Miss H. Horniblow (Headquarters), Miss Ireland (Bostall Heath), Miss A. Bourne (Havre and A.E.F.), Miss Bartlett (Connaught Club), Miss E. Hughes (Headquarters), Miss Longman (Vendroux), Miss N. Mitchell (Paris Plage), Miss Parker (Vendroux), Miss Youell (Richborough). Miss Youell is unable to serve owing to

her work on the Sports Sub-Committee, and her place has been taken by Miss Druitt (Folkestone). Miss S. B. Murray was elected Hon. Secretary and Miss E. M. Suggate Hon. Treasurer. Miss E. M. Smart has very kindly consented to act again as Assistant Hon. Secretary.

In view of the satisfactory financial position of the branch, the meeting agreed to allot a sum of £20 to the Camp Sub-Committee for purchase of a boat. A dinghy has been bought, and it is hoped will be delivered at the camp in the course of a few days.

A tennis match against the Wrens was played on the 9th of July, in the grounds of Bedford College, resulting in a win for the Wrens by 97 games to 49, which, while not very satisfactory for us, is a decided improvement on last year's result. Our team consisted of Miss Hobbs (Vendroux), S. B. Murray (Warwick Square), J. Mansfield (Connaught Club), J. Bickell (Vendroux), C. Sutton (Rouen), and M. Pocock (Aubengue). A match is being arranged against the Wrafs, to be played on 10th September on our own courts, at Avenue Farm, Cricklewood.

An enjoyable ramble with the Wrens and W.V.R.'s took place on July 10th. The members met at East Croydon station at noon and tramped to Addington Woods. Another ramble with the Wrens is being arranged for Sunday, September 18th, starting from the tram terminus at Thames Ditton at 12 noon. Train from Waterloo to Surbiton (fare 2/11½) and tram to Thames Ditton. Time—about 1 hour from Waterloo.

Note address of Secretary: Miss S. B. Murray, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

Brighton.

August 27th. Saturday. Members to meet at the Aquarium, Brighton, at 3.30 p.m. We then propose to 'bus to Patcham and gather blackberries.

September 8th. Thursday. Members to meet at the Palace Pier at 6.45 p.m. 'Bus to Lancing, and homewards by way of North Lancing and Shoreham.

The ramble to Poynings was very much enjoyed by the members who attended. It was a lovely day and the view over the Dyke and of the Weald was glorious. On the way the waving fields of corn and the scarlet poppies were much admired. Tea was procured at Poynings in a pretty rose garden, and after visiting the ancient church we had a pleasant walk home again.

Cambridge.

Miss Deighton has had to resign the Secretaryship of this branch owing to ill-health. The name of her successor will be announced in the next Gazette.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

The wonderful weather has contributed in no small measure to the success of our picnics this summer. On July the 9th an enjoyable afternoon was spent at Swanston, so closely associated with the memory of Robert Louis Stevenson. On Saturday, the 23rd, a picnic party proceeded by train to Colinton, en route to the Pentlands.

The club room at 40 Shandwick Place is open on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9.30. The attendance during the summer has been excellent. On two Wednesdays we were glad to welcome Miss Murray, the London Branch Secretary.

The following letter has been received from the Chairman: "My dear Old Comrades,—It is with a heavy heart that I write to tell you that for some time to come I shall have to give up personal participation in the life of the O.C.A. The doctors have discovered that my right lung is slightly affected so that I have to leave town this coming winter. I feel very guilty because I am also depriving you of Miss Lambert, but she refuses to leave me just now, so what can I do? If I obey orders there is every hope of a good and rapid recovery. My greatest regret is that I shall be unable to take the active part I had hoped to do in getting the permanent club for ex-service women going in Edinburgh. There is now very good reason for hoping that a grant for this purpose will be forthcoming within the next few weeks. At last we shall be able to do something for our country members as well as for our town, they will all find at that club a very warm welcome when they come to Edinburgh. The way in which they have appreciated the O.C.A. is a great encouragement and when the

big club is really started we must all try and get in touch with the many ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and other service women who have not yet joined their O.C.A.'s. We have put a "girdle round about the earth," and if we visited Australia, Africa, Canada and India we should find our Old Comrades everywhere. Within the next two or three months I shall be within easy reach of Edinburgh and shall be hoping I may perhaps see you on the September holiday. So many of you take a personal interest in the O.C.A. and I want to ask you all to keep up that splendid spirit which you have shown at our little Waac Club and in all our gatherings. When a new member comes for the first time you make her feel at home at once. You have your special friends, as who does not, but there are no cliques in the club. If your Comrades are out of work you do your best to help them to obtain it. If they are sick you visit them and if they are in want the O.C.A. tries to help them. Wherever I am I shall keep in close touch with you all, and look forward to a happy re-union at no very distant date.—Your affectionate chairman, ALICE LOW."

It is with the greatest regret we have heard of Miss Low's illness. It will be the fervent wish of the O.C.A. that she makes a good and speedy recovery and is back with us once more. It is well known that it is owing to Miss Low's energy, tact, keenness and love of her old Corps that much of the success of this branch is due. She has devoted all her leisure to work in connection with the O.C.A., and we know that it is largely due to her efforts that we see our "Women's United Services Club" within sight. It is up to us to carry on the work during her absence and that of Miss Lambert, who both, in France, and since demobilisation, has proved an admirable A.D.C.

Forthcoming events.—August the 13th, Queensferry picnic. 'Bus from the Mound at 3 p.m. August 27th, Pentland picnic. 3.35 train to Colinton.

Glasgow.

Already several Old Comrades from this branch have visited our Camp, Shanghai-on-Thames, Old Windsor, and before the season is over I hope many more will enjoy a holiday there.

Although much has been said in the Gazette about it, I feel "the half has not been told." The surroundings are ideal, on the bank of the river; the beds are most comfortable, and the welcome on arrival makes one feel at home at once.

Boating, bathing, walking, etc., get up a healthy appetite, which is recognised and abundantly satisfied by Miss McCloskey, administrator in charge. The cooking is excellent, and each one leaves looking healthier and happier for her stay there.

Pleasant memories of barrack life are recalled by the bugle calls of "letters from home" by Master Crosse, at the Pumping Station, at 9 a.m., when a wild scramble takes place as to who will rush over for them. On leaving the camp great regret is expressed by one and all that the time has gone so quickly.

In the absence of Miss Horniblow, camp secretary, on holiday, the following letter has been received from Miss McCloskey:—

"A perfectly beautiful cushion, most suitably embroidered with a thistle, has just arrived here, a present to the camp from the Glasgow O.C.A. Will you be so kind as to convey our most grateful thanks to the Glasgow O.C.A. for their lovely present.—Y. McCloskey."—Shanghai Camp, Ham Island, Old Windsor, 21-7-21.

Should any members have overalls to dispose of, will they kindly communicate with the Secretary, who will put them in touch with members who wish to purchase them.

Manchester.

We are having no meetings during July and August, as so many members are on holiday. The secretary regrets to announce that owing to the poor response for the hockey team it is impossible for us to get enough players for the coming winter.

M. Black, Calais and G.H.Q., Wimereux, sailed for Australia on July 23rd, to join her sister. She hopes to meet many comrades out there. J. Gray, the Overseas C.C.'s motor driver, and a member of the committee, was married on July 23rd. She is now Mrs. J. Walker.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Letter About Vienna.

I notice in your June issue a quotation from a letter received from Miss Blackwell, who is attached to the Japanese Legation in Vienna, in which she refers to the state of the Austrians in that city. I feel I cannot let this pass without comment, as I have recently returned from Central Europe, and spent some time in Vienna. My first impressions were those of Miss Blackwell, but owing to the courtesy of the American and British Relief Committees working there, I was enabled to see the true state of affairs. An Austrian woman doctor and an American official conducted me to many of the centres in the city where 60,000 children are fed daily, and where all classes of Austrians who are still suffering as a result of the war, are provided with clothing at a very reduced rate. I might mention that a thorough investigation is made in each case before tickets are granted for this purpose. It might interest your readers to know that the weekly wage of a labouring man was equivalent to the price of a tin of milk. I think it is agreed that the present economic conditions of the country are prohibitive to many of the Austrians being fat or flourishing, although visitors could very easily be both fat and flourishing owing to the very high rate of exchange. Perhaps you would care to insert this letter in your next issue, in order to eradicate any wrong impression that might be left in the minds of your readers.

H. CARLISLE.

Bury Farm House, Wallington, Baldock, Herts.

A Letter From Penang.

I have had a copy of the O.C.A. Gazette for February, 1921, passed on to me by Mrs. Williams, vice-president of the London Branch and am naturally interested in it. Have you an "Eastern" Branch? If not, can I have the full particulars re joining your London Branch, and for securing the Gazette from the beginning?

Mrs. Williams has left Shanghai, and now lives in Penang, and we have a Miss Brickley here, who was a worker in the A.C.'s office, at Chester. If you haven't a Malayan Branch, we could arrange one between us, if you can put us in touch with others who might be out here.

The W.A.A.C. seems almost a myth to me now, as I have lived out here nearly two years and have three kiddies, twin girls aged 1½ years, and another girlie of 4 months.

I see Betts is married, and has a wee Miss Newton, whilst Miss Sandberg is in Nyassaland as the A.R.'s wife, and if life there is anything like it is here, she is just the person to revel in it. The East has no calling for me, the climate is ideal at Penang, and we have as utopian a place as possible with our own tennis courts and swimming tanks, shooting and fishing on the estate, but it isn't like home. The slump in rubber and tin has made us sit up like everybody else, so instead of retiring in a couple of years it looks more like a couple of decades at present, but while there's life there's hope.

Remember me to Miss Ireland, for I see she is on the Committee.

ELSIE TAYLOR (nee Towyn-Jones).

Penang, 5/5/21.

From the Birmingham Daily Mail of June 6th.

SIR,—On reading the arrangements for the visit of Princess Mary, I could not help feeling a keen disappointment, as an ex-W.A.A.C., that we had not been invited also to participate in the guard of honour which, in addition to trained nurses, is to be formed of W.V.R.'s and V.A.D.'s.

Speaking quite apart from the trained nurses, who, it goes without saying, formed the premier women's organisation during the war I cannot but feel that the Q.M.A.A.C. (and sister corps, the W.R.E.N.'s and W.R.A.F.'s) claim equal distinction with the W.V.R.'s and V.A.D.'s—perhaps greater because our life "over there" was the nearest approach to that of the British Tommy. There are quite a number of ex-service girls in Birmingham, and, although perhaps many of us would have been unable to attend on account of business, yet we should have appreciated the invitation.

We have been trying to form a club for some time, but Birmingham folks are so "cold"; they are not in the slightest bit interested whether we have funds or help. I feel that many ex-service men would acknowledge our efforts to make their lives happier out in France and elsewhere, and I am sure if folk only realised the healthful influence that was created by the presence of W.A.A.C.'s among the troops in France, they would be more loyal to us.—Yours, etc.

TWO YEARS OVERSEAS.

From New South Wales.

As an Old Comrade, I thought it would interest you to know that I arrived in Sydney by the T.S.S. "Euripides" on the 23rd April. There were forty-eight girls, all ex-Waacs, on board, as well as some more who were nominated. I met some of them a few days after landing, and they tell me that they have all got work, so you see there is plenty of work for the ex-Service girls out here. All the girls seem very happy and like Australia immensely. I am living with friends about eight miles out of Sydney, but we have all agreed to try and keep together so, if possible, we shall all meet once a week at the Soldiers' Club in Sydney, where we shall probably talk forty to the dozen, as all ex-Waacs do when they get together.

This is supposed to be the Aussie winter, but the weather is beautiful, far nicer than the weather we had last summer in Blighty. Everybody is wearing light clothes, and the mosquitoes are very much to the fore. I look as if I had the measles.

My best wishes to all the girls, and tell them not to be afraid to come to Aussie.

EDITH V. M. JOHNSTON (Old Comrade).

Cavan, Rawson Avenue, West Kogarak, N.S.W.

May, 1921.

A Letter from Salisbury, Rhodesia.

I feel disgracefully lazy, but its a perfect life, and I am being nicely spoilt. My days are spent in riding, playing tennis, and a fair sprinkling of excellent dances—I've been out twice to farms and once camping out in the veldt, to see for myself if true veldt life was anything like novels. The thing I shall never notice is any discomfort in the travelling at home. Here, one spends a week at a time in the train, over 100 degrees during the afternoons, and the dust—thick red clouds of it everywhere, and it is impossible to keep clean, but when one actually does arrive its really worth it all. The town itself is wonderfully fascinating, and spread out over an enormous area, each house has a perfect garden, and the roads are wide and lined with trees. Looking at it, as I got my first impression it was a blaze of white houses, red roofs, a perfect blue sky, sunshine, green trees, and magnificent red flowering shrubs. I have no desire to return home yet awhile. Golf is played during the winter months and tennis during the summer, at the former I was quite successful and won the ladies' championship, and so hope to go to Port Elizabeth in August to have a try at the S.A. Championship, and will probably get beaten in the first round. We are in the middle of tennis now, and I play practically every evening. There are some splendid players, and we have some A.I. sets.

We hunt about twice a week too, the wily jackal, but it is quite good fun, and really rather exciting, it is quite blind going most of the time, all the grass on the veldt being over two feet high at least. Luckily all the horses are like cats, they're so clever.

I've been out shooting, but that is all I can say. We were staying out on a farm in the Umoukire Range, and a boy came dashing in, just at sundown, to say there was a leopard about 400 yards from the house. We arrived there, armed to the teeth so to speak, and not a sign of him. Four mornings we got up at 4.30 a.m. and took our rifles and walked miles and miles, and saw a b.c.k disappearing over a rock, and that was all we saw, and arrived back very hot and peevish at 9 a.m. for a huge breakfast. However, the scenery was so perfect, and generally everything so pleasing, what mattered?

What a difference to sitting in C. Club Orderly Room, working day in and out at pay and mess books. It is all

like a dream now, but a very happy one while it lasted, and if only you could see it, this country, you would realise how wonderfully fascinating a place it is.

INA L. EDWARDS,
(A.A., Connaught Club).

An ex-Service Women's Club has already been established in Sydney, and practically all Service Women arriving from overseas become members. I am hard at work on a scheme for establishing a large hostel and training centre for home assistants in Sydney, and as soon as I am established in my new quarters I hope to have a regular club evening for Waacs only. I represent the Waacs on the committee of the club, and of course their numbers are so far much ahead of the other services here.

The first twelve months in a new country is nearly always the hardest to the newcomer, and I know funds will be needed if the branch is to help members to any appreciable degree. As members are mostly without friends, funds will hardly be obtainable by means of social functions, etc., at any rate for some time. Already I have had calls on me for help for members, who have fallen ill or met with accidents and unable to carry on their work. Fortunately I have been able to assist in a little way, and I am glad to say the cases are rare, as the Waacs particularly are simply splendid and have created quite an impression here by their standard of work and behaviour.

I feel particularly responsible for the many who came out as a result of my lecturing efforts in France. I am hoping that a grant can be made to our club from the funds of the United Services funds, but I'm afraid my hopes will not be fulfilled without big support from others on the other side.

I will send along a list by a later mail of all Waacs with whom I am in touch, and perhaps a short account of their doings in their new surroundings, in which most are extremely happy and prosperous, according to their statements to me. The Gazette has been ordered by our secretary for the club a few mails ago, all the girls being very anxious to hear of your doings on the other side. I am fortunate to be able to staff my hostel with some of my old members, who are sure to be of invaluable assistance to me in my big undertaking. Any Old Comrade will always be heartily welcomed and need not feel she will be long without good friends, if she decides on Sydney for her oversea venture.

NORA L. DICKSON.

"Melra," Simpson Street, Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W.
27th May, 1921.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss Clara Neale writes from the Y.M.C.A. Training School, 114a Pitt Street, Sydney, and says, "So far we have no branch of the O.C.A. here, but there is an ex-service women's club held once a week. Recently Lady Forster invited members of this club to an At Home at Admiralty House, which was tremendously enjoyed. Uniform and badges were worn. Lady Forster has been specially kind to the service women. You will be glad to hear **Miss Baker** is better, and has put on 20lb. in weight, due perhaps to this fine climate."

Miss Gwyther Jones writes very cheerfully from the Bedford Physical Training College, and gives an account of the doings of herself and **Miss Shoebridge**. They both hope to get to Shanghai in August, as "it will be lovely to see some Waacs again," but they are enjoying the life at Bedford very much indeed.

Mrs. King (late Jordan U.A., Havre and Boulogne) sends a splendid letter full of news of old friends. She says I have heard recently from the following ex-members, **Mrs. Eldred** (U.A., France) who had been in hospital for three weeks and undergone an operation. She wrote from Zomba, Nyasaland, but was expecting to go up country. **Miss Nixon** (D.A., Havre and Boulogne) is at Petersfield, Hants, and is carrying on her school and conducting the local musical society, and was teaching Stanford's "Songs of the Fleet" to the villagers. Can anyone go and see **Miss E. Rhodes** (F/W. gardener, Rouen) who has had a serious illness, and is in the Middlesex Hospital, Berners Street,

W. Wkr. Morton (Unit 5, Aubengue) is at an asylum as probationer nurse. She was for a time at Leicester, working with **Wkr. Ridge**. The latter is now working at home. I don't know if these are members of the O.C.A. Norton's address is Ward 12, St. Audry's Hospital, Melton Suffolk, and she is in touch with **Wkrs. Ridge, Roper, Smallcombe** and **Horne**.

Miss M. E. Roach, whom many will remember as an A.A. in France and on home service, is interesting herself in an effort to erect a statue to St. Joan of Arc in Winchester Cathedral. An appeal is made specially to women and girls. **Miss Roach** says, "Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan has sent me a subscription, and suggested that some of the overseas Waacs might like to help. We are grateful for quite small subscriptions, sixpences and shillings are welcome and may be sent to me at Southbourne, Twyford, Winchester."

Miss E. M. Baggs (ex-A.A., France) writes, "I am having an amusing and interesting time as House Matron of the finest school for boys in South Africa—St. Andrews, Grahamstown. Holidays are here now, and I am spending a fortnight by the sea. There are only eight houses in all, and no shop, so we had to bring everything along. The first part of the journey took three hours by train, distance about 40 miles, and the last twelve miles were covered by ox waggon, and a team of ten oxen. The whole way we only passed two habitations, one a farm and the other two native huts, from which little naked kaffir children came running. The veldt is lovely, in places just treeless grass covered rounded hills, like the Sussex downs, and in others thick bush with palms, aloes, tecoma and plumbago, growing in and around it. . . . I was delighted to find **D. A. McWilliam** of Bostall and Wimereux at Grahamstown. She is a lecturer in English at Rhodes University College. She sends best wishes to all her Waac friends."

Miss Amy Gosbee, late Forewoman Waitress, attached 4th R.W. Kent Regiment, was married on Whit Sunday, at St. Mary's, Ealing, to Mr. Jack Goozee, late 4th R.W. Kent Regiment. **Mrs. Baldock** (nee Mutum) writes to say that she is very happy, thanks to the Women's Legion, as she met her husband under its auspices at Lichfield. After her demobilisation from the corps, she joined the N.A.C.B. in France, and was transferred to Germany. She wishes **Miss Finlay** and **Miss Gilchrist** the best of luck in their O.C.A. work. We have had a very interesting letter from **ex-F/n. Lewis**, who had taken the opportunity of a holiday to spend a day in Boulogne. She visited Unit 7, which looked much the same, except for the curtains, then Unit 8, which has been redecorated and looks very smart. She received a hearty welcome from the corner shop of Rue Beaurepaire, but she says Boulogne is not the same without the girls and the men. **Miss Daisy Minns** has been in London on a three weeks holiday from Montreal.

Miss U. K. Shebbeare has given us a most interesting letter from China, where she is engaged in Famine Relief Work. She is in a little country town called An-ping, in North China. She says, "I believe I was the first woman to be in charge of a centre, and I am the only one whose office is staffed by girls, so you see we are quite on Waac lines. The experiment has been successful and Chinese girls are doing all the clerical work of grain distribution, the actual handling of the grain is done by men. We are at present feeding 2,500 people from our grain dump; they come up three times a month and get a supply to last ten days. Rice, sorghum, cornmeal, and (when we can do no better) cotton-seed, unpalatable but nourishing, are what we distribute. . . . Our dump is the Confucian Temple, lent to us by the local authorities, and the tablet of the sage is my office table. Besides the grain distribution there are other forms of relief, help for mothers, a refuge for destitute girls, encouragement of village industries and the like. . . . I always read the Gazette with the greatest pleasure. It is good not quite to lose touch and to hear something of what the rest are doing."

Miss Olive Sheringham is working at Bury St. Edmunds under the West Suffolk County Council as Chief Clerk in the Public Health Department. She believes she is the only woman in England to hold the position and is only holding it after a stiff fight. **Miss A. C. Brown**, late U.A. Camp 1, Rouen, is now a Policewoman in the Leeds City Police. **Miss Lily Ford** (Unit 1, Boulogne) sailed for New Zealand on July 2nd. **Miss Q. M. Monckton** (A.A., Rouen) will meet

her in Wellington. **Mrs. J. Thorpe** has work in Niagara Falls, N.Y., U.S.A., as a children's nurse. **Miss Laird** would like to hear from those who were with her in Rouen and St. Pol, and who are now in London, so that they might meet sometimes. Her address is 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

Mrs. Newton (nee Betts, late A.A., Folkestone and Etaples) is living at Thames Cottage, Bourne End, Bucks, and would be delighted to hear from any old friends who would like to spend a day on the river. **Miss Macleod** and **Miss Hayman**, both early members of the Q.M.A.A.C., are sailing on August 19th to Canada, where they will be working together in Winnipeg. **Mrs. McQuade** writes to an Old Comrade from Manitoba, and in the course of her letter says, "A week ago I spent the evening with **Dr. Douglass** at her home. There were present three ex-Waacs, and two ex-V.A.D.'s. One Waac was an N.C.O. at Vendroux, and one a telegraphist at Queen Eleanor's. The telegraphist, **Goulay**, is one of a small company which owns the prettiest and most popular tea rooms in the city. The N.C.O. served as a stenographer at Ordnance. Her wedding day is June 1st, and she is marrying an Englishman whom she met here before the war." Unfortunately she omits the name of the N.C.O.

Miss Catherine Findlay (G.H.Q., Machine Gun School Unit, Etaples) has married a Canadian whom she met at the School. **Miss T. R. Mosher** is living in Slocan City, B.C., where they have called their house St. Cecile after the Plage. They seem to have a delightful house, fruit farms, etc., with boating, bathing and fishing. **Miss Lizzie Casey** is anxious to know the whereabouts of **Mrs. Batey**, late F/W Cook at Fenton Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She may have gone to Canada. **Miss Jessie Pyper** was married on the 8th of June to **Sgt. Major R. C. Miller**, R.E., and is living in Aldershot.

Mrs. Skelton (late D.A., France and London District) writes as follows—"As a stranger to Glasgow, but now on a long visit there may I add a tribute of thanks to **Miss Gilchrist**, **Miss Lockhart** and members of the Glasgow branch, for the most kind welcome I have received and also for the opportunity given me of joining in the rambles and thus visiting the scenes of beauty and interest around Glasgow. The Aberfoyle trip was specially successful, and well organised, and plans went off without a hitch. The weather during the evening became unkind, but the usual Q.M.A.A.C. good cheer and high spirits dispelled the effect of gloomy skies. I am meeting old friends, and my visit will thus be doubly enjoyable. In Aberdeen also I had the pleasure of meeting **Dr. Sandeman**. It was a great grief to me I was too far north to attend the London dinner, but chats over old times with our Scotch members were a real solace."

Old Comrades who knew **Miss Grace Crowter** (late Head Patrol and demobilised from Shoreham Camp) will be very interested to hear that she is now Assistant Directress of a Y.W.C.A. Hostel in Winnipeg. Many Old Comrades have called on her and written also. She will always be pleased to welcome all ex-Waacs who are living in Winnipeg or who pass through. The hostel is for travellers. Her address is Y.W.C.A., Montgomery Building, Pontage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. **Miss Brady** (late D.A.) is joining her shortly and they both feel that they would like to start a branch of the O.C.A. **Miss A. E. Hugill** is leaving South Australia for Queensland on account of her health. **Miss Winifred Johnson** (Rouen) has a good post with good pay at King's College Remuera, New Zealand. Will her many Waac friends please note, as she fears she will not be able to let them all know of her doings. **Miss Jean Veitch** has been spurred on by the news of Old Comrades to write to us about her doings, as she has no time for other than home letters. She is in Vancouver, and although she has to work hard as a mother's help, she prefers the life to one in England, although she ends her letter with a wish that she could join in some of our rambles. **Miss Eastgate** has left South Africa for New Zealand. Old comrades, please note her new address, 8 Willeston Street, Wellington, N.Z. **Miss E. Reynolds**, late of Henriville and Commerce, Boulogne, is now in Montreal. **Miss Agnes Crookford, A.A.**, Scottish Command, has been Matron Housekeeper at the Girls' Grammar School, Hitchin, since Easter, 1920. She is very busy but happy in her work. **Miss Lily Cumberland** is leaving London for San Francisco with her family. She wishes to make her farewells to all her London

friends through the Gazette. Our good wishes go with her.

There is cheering news from **ex-Forewoman E. Reynolds**, now in New Zealand. She says that she and her friends had no difficulty in getting work as English girls are appreciated out there and that the working conditions are good for domestic service, with good wages and plenty of freedom.

Mrs. Roddick (U.A., Aberdeen) is going on a six months visit to the States. She sailed for New York in the *Acquitania* on July 16th, and then goes to Boston, and from thence to Canada (Ontario), and hopes to find some old friends on the route.

Mrs. Bassett (Chapman G., of Connaught Club and A.E.F.) has a son. Her address is c/o Major T. P. Bassett, D.S.O., R.E., Bangalore, India. **Miss E. M. Dennis** (13065) (late of the Patrol Section) writing from Eton, sends special greetings to Mrs. Esslemont. We are all sorry to hear that **Miss N. M. Richards** (U.A., Lydd) is laid up with a tubercular knee, which will necessitate her leading an invalid's life for at least a year. She was obliged to give up her work at Blundell's School last January on this account.

Mrs. Bradfield writes from Madras, "Thank you so much for so promptly sending me the Gazette to my new home. You can't think how delightful it is to get the O.C.A. news here in India. I have been in Madras just over a month, and am still bewildered with the picturesqueness of it all. In all directions the wealth of colour as seen in the native dress and vegetation, strikes one very forcibly. I never saw such vivid pinks, oranges, and emerald greens, and the flowering trees are ablaze with showers of scarlet and purple blossom. Everywhere are little temples of fairy-like tracery and palm groves sheltering quaint villages. Rickshaws and tiny carts, drawn by snow white bullocks, make the principal traffic. I have the quaintest little ayah, who wears toe-rings, and a jewelled stud in her nose, to say nothing of ear-rings like miniature cart-wheels. She serves me with dogged faithfulness and with such efficiency as one would seldom find nowadays in an English maid, and all for 22 rupees per mensem! considering herself well paid, but I wish she would refrain from chewing betel nut, which she does with a truly bovine expression on her otherwise pretty countenance."

My old Waac tunic, which since demobilisation has been lovingly laid up in lavender, or to be strictly truthful, naphthalene, was unpacked the other day among other clothes. The "chokra" took it for one of my husband's tunics, and a free fight ensued, ayah claiming it as mem sahib's. Finally it had to be broken to the "chokra" that mem sahib had been a woman soldier in the great war, at which the chokra nearly fainted backwards over the parapet and I think now the servants probably tell over their evening rice 'how mem sahibs used to go over the top with kukri and bayonets!!' I hope to have many a good time in the jungle wearing that dear old uniform, when my husband goes after panther. It's very old, but I can get some wear out of it yet; a new use for it, but almost as thrilling as keeping discharge records at Scottish Command, or refusing passes in Cologne. I am so glad Shanghai-on-Thames is such a success; How I should love to go!—Yours very sincerely, Margaret A. Bradfield."

Miss M. L. Simpson wants news of **Dickson** (H.F.), **Clarke** and **Taylor** (H.F.), of Lee. Her address is 19 St. Michael's Place, Brighton. **Miss Agnes F. Porter**, writing from Cape Town, says, "I am sorry I have missed two mails, but was too busy. I could not get letters written. All the same, I hope the Gazettes will come all right, even though the sub. is late, as I look forward to them so much. **Miss Eastgate** left for New Zealand about the middle of last month. She often came into the lounge (of the tea shop) and we always had great talks, so I was very sorry to say goodbye to her."

Miss E. Leaves has just spent a pleasant week-end with **Miss Merrylees** at Knutsford. She wants news of **Miss Barrow** (Head Patrol at Winchester). Her address is 52 Balaclava Street, Blackburn, Lancashire. **Miss J. Scott** is in Montreal, and writes, "Any Hazeley members will be interested to know there are still some more of the old clique out here, **Dorothy Taylor** is one, but she left for Newfoundland last week to be married. **Mary Mulhearn** is also in Montreal, she is married and has a nice little baby boy. **Miss Mary Rate**, N.C.O., 24th O.C.B., is in Toronto, and is getting on very well; also **Elsie Worthy** (N.F.L.D. Reg.)

and **Sadie Scobil** is sailing for Montreal next month. Perhaps some of the girls will be interested to know the doings of their old pals. I wonder if any of the girls would let me know if there are any of the girls in Montreal, it would be nice to look them up. Canada is a very good place to get on in if you are not afraid of work. I have been out here nearly a year, and like it very much."

Miss Rose Hackman is in Hamilton, Ontario, and wishes to be remembered to "all Wimereux girls of the A.P.D." **Miss Winifred Manktelow** says, "If you have room in your next Gazette would you please insert the following news of two old Waacs, who are very anxious to meet other ex-Service girls, especially old Deepcut Camp girls. They are **Amy Morris** and **Maggie Duguid**, both were formerly waitresses in the officers' mess of the 3C Res. Brigade, R.F.A., Deepcut, A.C. I came across them last week in Windsor. Amy Morris is in charge of the Windsor Castle Hotel tea rooms and Maggie Duguid is waitress in the coffee room of the hotel, both have been there two years, and would be delighted to see some of their old comrades. If only some of the members who are spending a holiday at Shanghai Camp would, when visiting Windsor, call and have tea at the Castle Hotel tea rooms they would be welcomed ever so much. They were ever so pleased to see me. I was delighted to see them, although I must admit they do not look so bonny and well as they did when living under the healthy conditions of camp life. I should be delighted to hear from any members who served with me in the Deepcut and Borden Camps."

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PERSONAL NOTICES.

Walker—Gray—On July 23rd, at Old Trafford, James Walker, to Jessie Gray, motor driver, Havre, and afterwards Chief Controller's driver, Q.M.A.A.C., headquarters, overseas.

Nye—Per Jacobsen—In London, on July 2nd, 1921, Violet Mary Nye to Dr. Per Jacobsen.

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