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EDITORIAL

Hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Old Comrades, both at Home and Overseas.

Christmas Greetings and Re-Unions.

Last year we were able to mention most of our overseas members by name, but since then their numbers have increased so greatly that now we can only send them a collective greeting, though it is none the less hearty for that. In the case of an Old Comrade it is never "out of sight out of mind," there is another proverb which describes our feelings much more accurately—"Distance makes the heart grow fonder." Armistice Day has been celebrated all over the world by the local branches and by groups of ex-Service women, and in all these gatherings absent friends are always remembered affectionately. The past three years have shown that the bond that unites us all grows stronger as time passes, and the many re-unions which have been arranged recently are better attended and supported with even more enthusiasm than the earlier ones.

Princess Mary.

The following telegram was sent to the Lady-in-Waiting on the occasion of the announcement of the Princess' engagement:—

Please will you convey to Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, on behalf of all Members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association, their loyal greetings and good wishes for Her Royal Highness' future happiness.

FLORENCE LEACH, President.

Princess Mary replied:—

Please convey to all your members my heartfelt thanks for kind telegram of good wishes.

MARY.

We understand there is a movement on foot for sending a wedding present from the Old Comrades' Association, and if the suggestion matures particulars will be published next month. Many Waacs have very pleasant recollections of the Princess' visit to France shortly after the Armistice, when she displayed a warm interest in the Corps.

London Bazaar.

The bazaar held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on December 3rd was a huge success. About fifteen hundred people visited the hall and it is roughly estimated that the net profit will amount to £250. A full account will be published in the next number of the Gazette. Lady Bertha Dawkins, who most kindly opened the bazaar, is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association. She delighted everyone by wearing the O.C.A. badge, and addressing the assembled multitude as "Old Comrades." The organisers and stall-holders deserve the greatest credit for the splendid result of their unselfish labours. Success of this kind is not obtained without real hard work, and all those responsible had sacrificed their holidays and spare time for weeks past, while members all over the country contributed most generously to the stalls. We are specially

grateful to the representatives from the sister services, who most kindly supported our efforts.

Overseas Administrators' Dinner.

It is proposed to hold a re-union dinner for ex-Q.M.A.A.C. Overseas Administrators on Saturday, January 14th, at the Lyceum Club, Piccadilly. Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, D.B.E., has promised to be present. Tickets price 7s. 6d. Any Overseas Administrators wishing to attend must apply for tickets before December 20th to Miss N. K. Hunnybun, 86 Elgin Crescent, W.11., or Miss E. G. Rogers, 11 Queen's Gate Place, S.W.7.

Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment.

We are informed that proposals for fresh centres for Housecraft Training in London are still being considered by the committee, and they will be glad to receive applications for posts. Applicants must be qualified teachers of domestic subjects, and the vacancies are purely temporary, probably lasting about three months. The rates of pay are those of the London County Council. Particulars can be obtained from the General Secretary, O.C.A.

Overseas Settlement.

Attention is called to the fact that the final date of application for free passage overseas under the Imperial Government Scheme for ex-Service men and women is 31st December, 1921. Sailings can be deferred until any time next year, but papers must be put through immediately if a free passage is desired.

Since June, 1920, 834 Q.M.A.A.C. have availed themselves of these free passages to various parts of the Empire; over 400 have settled in Canada, and 162 in New South Wales; 475 V.A.D.'s and 306 W.R.A.F.'s have also sailed during the same period, and smaller parties from the other Corps, making a total of 2,243. It will be seen that a large proportion of the Service women overseas are our members. New Settlers going out now will find an Old Comrade ready to welcome them almost everywhere, and before long there will be local branches in many of the Dominions.

The Gazette.

We are nothing if not original, so instead of a double number for Christmas, this is only a single one. The policy of the Committee is to enlarge the Gazette when the amount of news demands it, but if this occurs too often we shall not make both ends meet. The January number will have eight pages, and so send along your New Year greetings and an account of your Christmas festivities by January 1st.

We should also be glad to hear from those members who started in business when demobilised. Their experiences will be useful to others, and we are all proud of the number of successful "W.A.A.C. enterprises" already launched. Unfortunately there is no room this month for "News of Old Comrades," nor for the budget of interesting letters which have been received recently. It is hoped that this will not deter anyone from writing, as every scrap of news will appear sooner or later, and is always very welcome.

The best of luck to you all.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

Q.M.A.A.C. were again well represented in the ceremonies which distinguished Armistice Day in London. Twenty-seven members of the O.C.A. (seven officials and twenty other ranks) assembled at the Horse Guards Parade at 9.30 a.m., and formed up with other organisations to lay a wreath of laurel leaves and Flanders poppies on the Cenotaph on behalf of the O.C.A. Mrs. Parkes and Miss Ireland led the detachment, which arrived in Whitehall as the two minutes silence was being observed. The ceremony which followed was most impressive. After it was over Miss Ireland laid the wreath on the Cenotaph, saluted and all filed past. It was particularly pleasing to note how well the local branches were represented.

The Headquarters Office of the Association will be closed from Friday, December 23rd, to Wednesday, December 28th. It is particularly requested that only most urgent correspondence should be forwarded during that time.

The Council will meet for the last time this year on the 14th, to discuss the final stages of the registration of the Association under the Companies Act. It will be most satisfactory if this can be completed before the new Council takes office in January.

The Secretary is anxious to clear up any queries before the new year, and would be grateful to hear from members who are not receiving the Gazette regularly, or have any other difficulties.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR OCTOBER.**Birmingham.**

The whist drive and dance held at Perry Barr Institute on November 24th proved a great social success, and we have every reason to hope that after settling all expenses and getting in the money from the sale of tickets there will be a small balance to the good of the fund. Those members who usually support us turned up in full force and there was a goodly muster of the opposite sex—the assembly numbering in all between 100-120. We were very pleased to welcome Miss Carter and Miss Heron, of the W.R.N.S. The whist drive was from 7 to 8 o'clock, the prizes being as follows: 1st lady's, Silver enamelled butterfly brooch (given by Councillor Norman Tiptaft); 2nd lady's, purse bag (given by Mrs. Phillips, O.B.E., late Q.M.A.A.C.); 1st gent.'s, case of teas and tongs (given by Mrs. Hopkins, late Area Controller Q.M.A.A.C.); 2nd gent.'s, bread fork. In addition there were 2 mystery prizes, one of which was given by Miss A. I. Brinsford. We offer our sincere thanks to the donors of the prizes, and to the helpers. Refreshments were then served, and for the excellent quality and service of these we have to thank Mrs. Brinsford and Mrs. Jones; these ladies worked like trojans in the cause of the "inner man." We would especially thank Mrs. Brinsford for allowing the cutting up to take place at her home, and for so kindly lending plants for decoration. During the evening we had a surprise visit from Councillor Norman Tiptaft, upon whom we prevailed to say a few words appropriate to the occasion. His visit was much appreciated, and very opportune; he has kindly offered to assist us in the development of the branch in any way he can. Dancing proceeded merrily until 11 o'clock, two lucky spot prizes (box of chocolates and box of cigarettes, respectively) being given during the Silver Star Waltz. Everyone voted the evening thoroughly enjoyable.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Hopkins for so kindly giving a second subscription to the fund; also Mrs. M. A. Bradfield (formerly Barnard, A.A., Q.M.A.A.C., Scottish Command, and Cologne) of India, for the gift of £1 recently received.

The United Services Club was opened on Armistice Night at the Ebenezer School Room, Steelhouse Lane, when about equal proportions of the three Services were present. The proceedings consisted of a social and dance, and were under the auspices of the three respective secretaries, who formally opened the club room. It was arranged there should be a joint meeting once a month, and individual Service meetings consecutively—the evening in each instance being Friday. The next Q.M.A.A.C. meeting falls due on December 23rd, when we hope all the members will endeavour to turn up. During the New Year

the first Friday in the month will be a joint meeting, and the Q.M.A.A.C. meeting comes on the third Friday every month.

Brighton and East Sussex.

There was an attendance of twenty-six at the whist drive for Waacs and W.R.A.F.'s on November 9th, at the Chocolate Parlour, and the evening went off happily, with an interval for refreshments, during which notice was given of forthcoming events; the Memorial Service in the Dome on Sunday, November 13th, for ex-Service men, where seats were to be reserved for us, also our dance on Tuesday, November 29th, and the bazaar in London, on December 3rd. Miss F. Smith then spoke as W.R.A.F. Secretary. Play ended by 10.15, to enable members to catch trains. The 1st prize, given by Misses Smith and Wagner was won by a visitor, the 2nd, given by Mrs. Jolly, won by Miss Sharp. Several packs of once-used cards, procured for us by Miss Nellen, were most useful. There is ample room for twelve tables of players, so we could accommodate many more members. Members are requested to look out for events on the notice board, and to make good use of the club room on Wednesdays, and to support the Committee by attending the dances, etc., arranged for them.

Wednesday, January 11th, 7 p.m.—10 p.m. By kind permission of Miss Snowball, Superintendent of the Barclay Home and School for Blind Girls, Wellington Road, Brighton, we have arranged a social for Old Comrades only, in the large recreation room there. Admission 6d. only, by the side door of No. 27, from 6.45 p.m. There is a beautiful floor for dancing, a piano, a gramophone, and facilities for catering, and there is no reason why we should not have a very jolly time. Members are requested to bring music and dance records. Games will be provided. There is plenty of room for all, so do make a special effort to come. Take a Lewes Road or Queen's Park tram to the bottom of Elm Grove, then you have only two minutes walk. It is a quarter of an hour's walk from Brighton Central, ten minutes from London Road Station. The Hon. Sec. would be glad to know if possible beforehand how many can come, because of the catering.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

The annual meeting has been held at 22 Rutland Square—the temporary club rooms—in the absence of Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., Hon President, and Miss Alice Low, O.B.E., Chairman, Miss M. C. Lambert presided. A report of the various activities of the Association since the formation of the branch in May, 1920, was submitted. The benevolent work carried out by the Association had been of real benefit to members, and grants had been made to unemployed Comrades and to others who, owing to their war service, were incapacitated for work. Questions of pensions refused or stopped had been re-opened successfully and members had been assisted in obtaining employment. The club room opened in November, 1920, had proved an unqualified success, and became the centre of the activities of the branch. The meeting terminated with tea and a pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Hockey practices are held each Saturday, never less than 22 enthusiasts turning up—although many of the team are beginners, several are most promising.

12 Drumsheugh Gardens is now the property of the Scottish ex-Service Women. The provisional Club Committee has been appointed, and the Sub-Committees are busily engaged in "active operations." Details of organisation have not yet been decided upon by the Club Committee, but it may be of interest to intending members to know a few details with regard to the house. On the ground floor are two large rooms, which will probably be used as dining room and smoking room. On the 1st floor there is a large drawing room, with specially laid dancing floor. A beautiful room on the same floor may be used as a sitting-room. The second and third floors are occupied by bed-rooms bath-rooms, etc., and there is a fine basement, containing a large kitchen, and accommodation for domestic staff. Arrangements will be made so that ex-Service women from other places may join the Club as temporary members. In this way we hope that we may see something of our English and Irish Comrades during the summer months. Owing to the fact that hitherto our club room has been so small it has not been possible to allow members to bring their men friends. This difficulty will be overcome in the new

club, as it is probable that men will be admitted as guests to the smoking room and dining room. We feel sure that the restaurant will prove of great benefit to members.

The present club room at 22 Rutland Square will be open as usual, Wednesday 6 to 9.30, Saturday 5 to 9.30 until further notice. The members of this Branch wish our President, Dame Florence Leach, a very happy Christmas, and hope that before long they will welcome her at 12 Drumsheigh Gardens.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

It is always pleasant to report that an isolated event has evolved into an annual function, and to say with confidence that, while last year our dinner was a very successful function, this year, what we may term our annual dinner was even more satisfactory. On Armistice night, ninety-five members assembled at the Carlton Restaurant, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and there they welcomed the guests of the evening, Mrs. Greenlees, J.P., hon. President of the branch, Miss Cowan, of the Edinburgh Branch, and Miss Gow and Miss Beasley, of W.R.A.F. and W.R.E.N. Old Comrades' Associations in Glasgow. An apology was received from Miss Landor, of the Women's Forage Corps. Practically all the Corps which are to share the new ex-Service Women's Club were therefore represented. Miss Banks, as Chairman of the local Branch presided. The dining-room of the Restaurant was at its best, and the spirits of the diners at their height. After the dinner, the Chairman formally welcomed the guests, and on her enforced departure, Miss Millar, Vice-Chairman took over duty.

The Secretary, Miss Gilchrist, who received an enthusiastic ovation, read telegrams with messages of goodwill from Old Comrades. The toasts of "The Queen," "Our Guests," and "Sister Associations" were honoured.

A pleasing feature of the dinner was the appearance of a company of signallers and others in uniform.

A New Year fancy dress dance will be held on 10th January, 1922, at the Berkeley Halls, "H" door. Tickets, ladies 7s. 6d., gentlemen, 8s. 6d., to be had from Miss Miller, Clarmont House, Uddingston, or at the club any Wednesday evening.

HOCKEY.—Miss Winnie Bain, Captain, reports:—

"Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A., versus Deaf and Dumb Institute. —A match was played in seasonable weather, and both teams turned out in full force. After a strenuous half game in which it seemed the Q.M.A.A.C. were gaining, having scored a smart goal, the Deaf and Dumb gradually asserted their superiority and in the end scored 3—1. A very enjoyable game was played. It is hoped with more team practices Q.M.A.A.C. may improve. Members are requested to turn out as often as possible to the practices."

Miss Laird, one of our representatives on the Council in London, paid a surprise visit to the club on Wednesday, November 15th. She was able to tell us many interesting things about Old Comrades in London, and her visit was much enjoyed. It is gratifying to feel that this Branch was represented at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

Miss Louie Elder, Glasgow Branch, sailed in the R.M.S. "Kinfau's Castle," to join Miss Innes in Rhodesia. Writing to the Secretary, Miss Elder says, "So far we have had a very pleasant voyage and I feel extra well. I hope the dinner will be a great success. My best wishes for the continued success of the club." Miss Elder will be much missed among Old Comrades here. Through her we were able to keep in touch with Miss Innes. It was no uncommon thing to see Miss Elder surrounded by Old Comrades, listening intently to Miss Innes' letters. Our best wishes to both and we hope to keep in touch with them through the Gazette or by letter. In answer to Miss Clark's query in the last Gazette Miss Peggy Keir is a member of the Glasgow Branch. Address, c/o Forrester, 38 Carnarvon Street, Glasgow.

The club had a visit from two Waac babies who provided the entertainment for the evening. The mothers had been looking for the premises for over a year.

The Hockey Club is holding a dance on January 5th, 1922, in aid of their funds. Tickets 4s. each, to be had at the club, or from Miss Steele, 93 Sinclair Drive.

A Christmas party will be held in rooms 3 and 4 of the Berkeley Halls, "G" door, on Tuesday, December

20th, from 7.30—11 p.m. A pianist and humorist have been engaged. Each member may bring a friend, lady or gentleman. Admission free. Gifts of tea, bread, fruit and flowers will be welcomed.

Manchester.

The re-union dinner on November 22nd was a great success, we combined forces with the W.R.N.S. and W.R.A.F., and thus had a large party. Several members gave songs, etc., and that helped to make the evening very enjoyable.

On January 6th, 1922, a hot pot supper has been arranged, to be held at the Clydesdale Club, tickets 3s., from the Secretary, members' friends are invited, especially gentlemen. There will be a concert afterwards.

A visit to the pantomime is being arranged for late in January. The seats will be about 2s. 6d. each, it is difficult to give definite news as it is not yet possible to book seats so far in advance. Those desiring seats will do well to apply to the Secretary early, as the number will be limited.

The club room at the Clydesdale Club will not be open on Friday, 23rd, or 30th December, but will re-open on Friday, 6th, with the supper mentioned above.

There will be a whist drive on Friday, 16th December, commencing at 7.30 p.m., a small charge of 4d. will be made for the scoring card, and to cover the cost of the prizes.

Club Room, Clydesdale Club, 1 Auburn Street, near London Road Station.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A fancy dress dance was held on November 12th, when members and their friends had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. It was hoped by all present that there would be another social gathering soon.

Oxford.

The celebration of Remembrance Day, 1921, is one to be recollected by all who were able to respond to the invitation of the British Legion to "fall in" in the space especially reserved for us. In spite of the difficulty in being free, a very good proportion of our small branch attended; as a great many of us served overseas there was a goodly array of medals, so that without conceit we felt that we made a brave show. One member cycled a distance of 11 miles into Oxford and another "cut" a lecture so as to be able to join us. Thus is the genuine spirit of comradeship fostered and shown by our Association.

We are all looking forward to the social that is to take place on Saturday, December 10th, in the Co-operative Assembly Room, Walton Street, Oxford, from 7—10.30 p.m., and hope it will be a great success financially.

London.

The work of the sub-division of the branch has now been commenced and nine sub-branches have been formed. The following five branches will have held their inaugural meetings by the time the Gazette appears and any member in these districts who has not received notice of the formation of the branch, might communicate direct with the local branch Secretary.

Hampstead Branch—Secretary, Miss N. Mitchell, 40 Denman Drive, Golder's Green.

Ilford Branch—Secretary, Miss Druitt, 74 Belgrave Road, Ilford.

Dartford Branch—Secretary, Miss Thomas, 128 St. Alban's Road, Dartford.

Richmond and Kew Branch, Secretary, Miss M. H. Robertson, 3 Harrow View Road, Ealing, W.8.

Wimbledon Branch—Secretary, Miss Coleman, 25 Montague Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

Branches at Walthamstow and Croydon will be set going early in the New Year, and Miss K. French, Belle Vue House, 34 Hillcrest Road, Upper Walthamstow, would be glad to hear from any members in the Walthamstow District.

Secretaries are wanted for the Dulwich Branch and Wood Green Branch. In the case of Wood Green, it is thought Finsbury Park would be a good centre for Wood Green, Palmer's Green, Tottenham, Enfield, etc. The London Branch Secretary would be glad to hear from anyone willing to undertake the work of these two branches.

PIERROT TROUPE AND ORCHESTRA.—Miss Kitty French, who will be remembered by many Waacs for the work she did in France in this connection, has kindly consented to train both a pierrot troupe and an orchestra, and it is hoped a public performance may be given (along with the dramatic club which Miss Carlisle is running) some time in February. Will any members wishing to take part please communicate with Miss K. French, Belle Vue House, 34 Hillcrest Road, Upper Walthamstow, or with the London Branch Secretary.

RAMBLE.—A ramble will take place on Sunday, January 14th to Hayes, meet at Beckenham Junction (S.E. & C.Rly.) at 11 a.m. Train from Victoria (S.E. & C.) to Beckenham at 10.35 a.m. Bus routes, 78 from London Bridge, changing at Forest Hill for 109 to Rectory Road, Beckenham, or 49 from W. Norwood, changing at Sydenham Station for 109.

DINNER.

Three hundred and twenty Old Comrades were present at the annual dinner, on Nov. 12th, and the evening was a most enjoyable one. Dame Florence Leach was in the chair, supported by Miss Horniblow and Miss Thompson. All arrangements had been made by Miss Ireland and Miss Murray and everything went off without a hitch. Everyone agreed that the second dinner was nicer even than the one held last year. Conversation flowed to such an extent that it was almost impossible to hear the orchestra which had been kindly provided by the management. Before breaking up the company fell in and a route march took place round the tables. During the evening a telegram conveying our loyal greetings was sent to Her Majesty the Queen, and in reply the President received the following from the Queen's Private Secretary:—

Her Majesty would be very glad if you would convey her sincere thanks to all who joined in these loyal greetings. Her Majesty was much pleased with the telegram which you sent on behalf of the 320 ex-members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps assembled at their second annual dinner.

Regrets for absence from the dinner were received from the Marchioness of Londonderry, Lucy, Lady Markham, The Lady Bertha Dawkins, Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, Miss Stevenson, Miss Davy, Mrs. Esslemont, Miss Chapman.

Greetings were received from Glasgow Branch and from Old Comrades in Canada, through Miss Constance Sutton, Macdonald College, Quebec, who stated that she was trying to arrange a dinner also.

HOCKEY CLUB.—The team is showing greatly improved form. It has won three out of four matches, and defeated W.R.N.S. on the 3rd December, by 3 goals to nil.

BAZAAR.—Details will be published in the next issue. **DANCES.**—A very successful dance was held on November 26th at the L.C.C. Schools, Ebury Bridge and a second has been arranged for January 6th, 1922, at Ladbroke Hall (opposite Ladbroke Grove Station), at 8 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d., from Mrs. Jackson, M.B.E., Headquarters Office, or any member of the Dance Sub-Committee. The number of tickets is limited.

Toronto, Canada.

On November 11th a unique banquet was held at the Walker House. Men were excluded, and the doors were tiled by buxom ex-Service girls of the Great War. The occasion was the first annual re-union of different links of the Women's Army which rendered yeoman service at the front. The girls, who appeared in a variety of service uniforms, represented the W.A.A.C., W.R.A.F., W.R.E.N. and R.A.S.C., of the 85 present the majority were Q.M.A.A.C., and two members wore uniform and medals. Long speeches were barred, each speaker being allowed only two minutes. Three toasts were honoured, "The King," "The Women's Army," and "Absent Friends." Miss I. D. Rogers, who was a motor cycle driver at the front, and Miss Wakefield, shared in filling the chair of the presiding officer. Miss Rogers proposed the toast of "The King," and Miss Wakefield responded to the toast of "The Women's Army." In the course of her brief speech she recalled the wonderful bond of sisterhood among the women who served at the front. Miss Wakefield announced that a local branch of the Old Comrades' Association recently formed among the ex-Service women in England is in process of formation.

PERSONAL.

Bailey—Hickson.—At St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, on November 5th, Mr. T. J. Bailey to Miss Cleonice Hickson, late U.A., Q.M.A.A.C. Present address, 40 Norton Road, Hove.

Langstaff—Haigh.—On October 15th, at Kingston, Surrey, Captain Frederick Feild Langstaff, to Victoria Dorothy Haigh (late Abbeville Area and Connaught Club). Present Address, Hotel Metropole, Las Palmas, Grand Canary.

Hughes—Russell.—On June 24th, in New York, Vernon H. Hughes, R.G.A.S.R., to Daisy Russell, late A.A., Q.M.A.A.C. Present address, 680 Madison Avenue, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas (nee Nance) at Salla Kee Farm, St. Mary, Isles of Scilly, on October 20th, a daughter (Nance Sutherland).

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

Miss Low, Chairman of the Branch, and late D.C., Overseas, sends her affectionate good wishes to the members of the Edinburgh branch, and also to all those who served with her in France.

Miss Lambert sends good wishes to all her friends and hopes that 1922 will bring them the best of luck.

Mrs. Parkes, 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1.—Wishes all Old Comrades, both abroad and in England—A happy Christmas and the best of luck through the coming year.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1922.—Re-union Dance, London Branch, to be held at the Ladbroke Hall (opposite Ladbroke Grove Station), at 8 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d., to be obtained from Mrs. V. E. Jackson, Headquarters Office, or members of the Dance Sub-Committee. Early application should be made, as tickets are to be limited.

ADVERTISEMENTS

[Rates: Members of O.C.A., 1s. for four lines; non-members, 2s. 6d. for four lines. Larger advertisements by arrangement.]

The Clerical and Professional Women's Insurance Society is an Approved Society for professional and business women. The official valuation shows a surplus for additional benefits.—Write to the Secretary for particulars, 12 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2.

TYPEWRITING. Literary, commercial, technical, translations, French, Spanish, German, etc., duplicating, circulars, programmes, notices, etc.—Miss Marion S. Mackenzie (Late D.A., Q.M.A.A.C.), 134 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Domestic Employment Association, Roland House, London, S.W.7. **New Book**, just published, "Memories of France," fully illustrated, dedicated by special permission to Her Excellency, Lady Forster, price 3/6, post free 3/9, from the Author, Miss C. Neale, M.B.E. (late U.A. Rouen, Etaples, Honfleur, Havre).—114a Post Office Chambers, Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia.

WANTED. Cook and house-parlour-maid (Q.M.A.A.C. housemaid kept) for small house in Surrey, good wages and outings.—Apply Box 509, Q.M.A.A.C. Offices.

The United Domestic Employment Agency has been started for the purpose of forming, throughout the country, an organisation for raising the standard of domestic service generally. An important feature is the abolition of booking fees, a small yearly subscription for members, of 1s. being substituted, for which the resources of the Association will be at their disposal. Old Comrades and others wishing for congenial domestic employment are warmly welcome to join the Association and become applicants for prospective posts; a few vacancies being available for friends wishing to share the work of small houses and flats, or singlehanded. A special interest for members is a half-yearly prize fund for original household ideas, cooking recipes, etc.—Particulars from Secretary, United **Smart Business Women Wanted** as Agents, all over the World, to solicit orders from Manufacturers and others, for the sale of British and Continental goods, and for the export of native produce. Gums, Oils, Chemicals, etc. Liberal percentage paid, as remuneration.—Write Cameron-Swan and Reynolds, Ltd., Import and Export Merchants, 110, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.

W.A.A.C. Hostels, Belgrave Road.—Address Mrs. Parkes, M.B.E., 83, 89 and 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1. Please note this and address all letters correctly.

"Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C." This book can now be obtained at 3/6 a copy, postage extra, from the Hon. Sec., Edinburgh Branch.

The "Leighton" Orchestra.—Conductor, F. Gibbs, late Grenadier Guards Band, late Band Instructor, W.V.R. and Q.M.W.A.A.C.'s. Bands provided for all occasions. Smart blue and white uniform or evening dress.—Terms on application, phone Latchmere 4528, 78 Manor Street, Clapham, London, S.W.4.

WANTED. Enquiries for hand stencilled frocks and jumpers in charmeuse, georgette or silk jersey cloth. Cushion covers, table runnens and curtains in shantung, black satin and other fabrics. All stencilling done by disabled ex-service men. If sufficient enquiries, will arrange to bring selection of goods to any district, and if anyone knows of a small empty shop in good district and will forward particulars to me, I shall be more than grateful.—Winifred Clark (late F/w. 1502, Camp III, Abbeville) 25 West Parade, Dunstable, Beds.

TO LET. Dec. 22nd—Jan 8th. Small furnished flat near Oxford Street, restaurant, bath, suit one person, 35/- weekly.—Write Box

Wanted. Ex-Waac employed during day to share room with another similarly engaged, use of sitting-room and piano, terms 10/- weekly, boarding self, good references essential.—Miss Hatfield, 3 Osborne Terrace, Clapham, S.W.8.

Fine Fox Furs. Natural or dyed, very reasonable prices.—Call for inspection, Carlisle, 63 Haymarket, S.W.1.