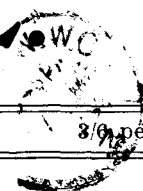


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EDITORIAL

The General Meeting of the Association, previously announced for Saturday, March 25th, has been indefinitely postponed.

The Royal Wedding.

The situation is perhaps best summed up in the words of one of our members, who said, "Well, I only hope Princess Mary enjoyed her wedding-day half as much as we did." There can be no question that those of us who were in London, at any rate, enjoyed every minute of the day, and missed absolutely nothing, and no doubt those in the country managed to share in all that was afoot. It's a way the Waacs have.

Glowing accounts of our doings will be found further on in the Gazette, but put briefly, the programme was as follows: Monday, 27th, 6 p.m., parade at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and inspection of wedding contingent by the President. This was even more exciting than it sounds, as each individual member of the contingent, which numbered fifty, had borrowed the various articles comprising her uniform from several friends, most of whom attended the parade and naturally evinced a keen personal interest in the proceedings. The result, however, was magnificent, and members are much to be congratulated on the care with which they have preserved their uniforms and remembered their drill, and the really fine display they made on the great occasion. Medals were much in evidence, and we all felt proud of our decorated comrades, and glad that they had an opportunity for once of displaying their finery. On Tuesday, February 28th, the contingent formed up bright and early at Hyde Park Corner, under the command of Miss Ireland, and marched off with a splendid swing down Constitution Hill to Buckingham Palace, being recognised as old friends on all sides by the good natured cheering crowd. At about the same time the four officials who had been given tickets for the wedding took their

places in the Abbey, and subsequently went on to St. James' Palace to see the presents. At lunch time there was a rendezvous at the Brownies, and in the evening everyone met at the Belgravia Hotel for dinner, when the rival charms of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and St. James' Palace were freely discussed, by those whom the day had apparently rendered thoroughly familiar with every aspect of these historic buildings.

It was all a huge success, and the dinner, perhaps because of its spontaneity, one of the most enjoyable gatherings for which the O.C.A. has as yet been responsible. Local branches were well represented, nearly everyone was in uniform and every single person was in tip-top spirits. We all went home hoping there would be another Royal Wedding soon.

Our Present to the Princess.

On the next page is a photograph of the glass bowl which the O.C.A. gave to Princess Mary. It was sent to the Palace, with the inscription: "Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, with humble duty and every good wish for her future happiness, from members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association." And the President received the following reply from the Lady Dorothy Yorke, Lady-in-Waiting: "I am desired by Princess Mary to ask you to express to the members of the Old Comrades' Association of the Q.M.A.A.C. the grateful thanks of Her Royal Highness for the beautiful wedding gift which they have sent her. The Princess is so much touched by their kind thought of her."

A list of the subscribers will be found at the end of this paper. No effort at all was made to collect subscriptions, beyond the notice in the Gazette and letters to Branch Secretaries, and the ready response shows that members were really anxious to contribute. We have every confidence that the present chosen is one of which all subscribers would approve. It is a beautiful piece of glass, and a present that even a princess would appreciate. Well done, Old Comrades.



Q.M.A.A.C. Present to
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARY

Ex-Service Women's Club in Sydney.

Miss N. L. Dickson, who was instrumental in recruiting many ex-Q.M.A.A.C. for the Colonies, sends an interesting letter from Sydney. She says 997 women have arrived in Sydney under the Overseas Settlement Scheme, but, of course, these are not all ex-Service. The club has a membership of 195, and of these 124 are ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and among the most enthusiastic of the members. "We are lucky," says Miss Dickson, "in having had the use of the soldiers' club, which is being very likely closed at any time now, as the building, which is a government one, is needed for other purposes, and we will have to increase our membership greatly to warrant taking a club room for our own use. But this we must have if we intend the club to be of benefit to the girls. I am hoping to recruit many Waacs for the O.C.A., although a local branch will not eventuate, as the existing ex-Service Club should be adequate for our needs, and the committee feel an O.C.A. branch might swamp it altogether. Over 800 Waacs are in N.S.W., and I'm anxious to gather them all in, as it's their own organisation which, personally I feel, will appeal firstly. I am going to run a camp next month for ex-Service women, and I am hoping that it will prove successful. It will help the girls tremendously I feel sure. My very best wishes for the O.C.A. for 1922."

Central Committee on Training and Employment of Women.

Women who are eligible for assistance from the funds at the disposal of the Central Committee and who are intending to apply to the Committee for assistance are advised to do so as soon as possible as all applications must be sent in before March 31st, 1922. Application forms can be obtained at the Employment Exchanges. Some time must necessarily elapse before candidates are notified of the committee's decision, but their chances will not be prejudiced by any delay which may occur as no stipulation is made as to the date on which training must start.

Please address all letters: General Secretary, Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association, Duke of York's Headquarters, S.W.3. [Q.M.A.A.C. is most important.]

ROUEN SOCIAL RE-UNION.

Patronesses.

Dame HELEN GWYNNE VAUGHAN, D.B.E.
Miss DAVY, C.B.E. Miss DE PUTRON, O.B.E.

A social re-union for ex-Q.M.A.A.C. who served at Rouen, will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 1st, at Bedford College, Regent's Park. Refreshments, dancing, music, songs, etc. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained from: Mrs. Bircham, 18 Halsey Street, S.W.3.; Miss Winter, 6 Carlton Road, Leytonstone, E.11; Miss L. Martin, 57 Benthall Road, Stoke Newington, and must be applied for by 25th March. Nearest Underground station, Baker Street.

TO THE MEMORY OF MISS STEVENSON, O.B.E.

On Wednesday, February 8th, at the Necropolis, Waterloo Road, was held a memorial service to Miss Stevenson, our first U.A. at Connaught Club. The service, simple but impressive, will long be remembered by those of us who had the privilege of attending. The chapel was crowded, and the service was taken by Dr. Fleming, of St. Columba's. His address was a brief but telling tribute to her life—"a life of self sacrifice, good works and of service to her country in its need." As I listened my mind went back to the early days of the Corps, when Miss Stevenson inspired staff and draft alike with all that is meant by esprit de corps, when, despite difficulties, an atmosphere of cheeriness and contentment prevailed, and when her personality compelled all who came under her rule to give of their best—as she did—and to work for the sake of the job alone. . . . For long long months she has been ill and away from us all, but both consciously and unconsciously her influence has remained.

The service, of the utmost simplicity and brevity, was very soon over, and then the journey was made to her last resting place at Brookwood.

Through all our lives, and so long as we remember we were W.A.A.C.'s, so we who served under her will remember with pride and gratitude all she did for the Corps and us. "CONNAUGHT, 1917."

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

It is regretted that owing to the registration of the Association still being incomplete, it has been found necessary to postpone the general meeting of the Association indefinitely.

At the February meeting of the Council, the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the work of the Headquarters Office with a view to curtailing expenses was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be more satisfactory to continue the work of the office with the services of a part-time Secretary and a full-time clerk; also, that owing to the resignation of the Treasurer, Miss Gibson, the work of the Honorary Treasurer and Secretary should be combined.

The adoption of the Association blazer in the Corps colours (blue and gold) has been approved by the Council, and these can now be obtained from A. G. Spalding, Bros., 317-318 High Holborn, W.C. The blazers are being stocked in three sizes, price 37s. 6d., including the Old Comrades Association badge on the left pocket and postage. They will only be supplied to members of the O.C.A., and when sending remittance a chit should be enclosed signed by the Branch Secretary or the General Secretary, certifying membership.

It is regretted that so many who applied to be included in the contingent to witness the Royal Wedding had to be disappointed. Unfortunately only 50 tickets were received. Miss Ireland and the General Secretary were responsible for the choosing of the 50, which was not by any means an easy task, all applicants being equally keen on once more representing the Corps. The Branch representation was splendid and our congratulations and best thanks are due to Miss Ireland, who was in charge, and to Dame Florence Simpson, who so kindly consented to inspect the squad at the Duke of York's Headquarters on the previous evening.

All members are particularly asked to note the correct address of the Headquarters Office, as so many letters have been received addressed to the General Secretary, Duke of York's Headquarters, and this causes unnecessary work to the staff of the Officer in Charge, who so kindly permits the Association free use of the offices.

Badges can still be obtained from Local Branch Secretaries (1s. 6d.), or direct from the General Secretary, Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association, Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3.

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King's Road,
Chelsea, S.W.3.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY.**Brighton.**

Sunday, March 19th, a primrose ramble has been arranged, meet at the Aquarium to catch the 2 p.m. 'bus, Bolney or Hassocks way. Destination New Timber. Bring your own rations. We have been wondering if Miss Dipple, of Birmingham, has come to Steyning yet. We should be pleased to welcome her. H. A. BARON.

Bristol and West of England.

A committee meeting was held on Saturday, 18th, to discuss arrangements re proposed dance, to be held in March. After a prolonged discussion it was decided that it would be better to join forces with one held at the Grand Hotel, until this branch was more firmly established.

A party of Old Comrades, including members from both Bath and Weston-Super-Mare, visited the Empire 25th February, to see Seymour Hicks. All agreed that a most enjoyable evening was spent.

It is very gratifying to find that since this branch was started last month, our numbers have been steadily increasing; in fact it has been suggested running Bath and Weston-Super-Mare as sub-branches.

Our members have also been active in other directions, an article by one of our Old Comrades, "Experiences on Active Service," was given the place of honour in an old

college magazine. A lecture was given by another on "Women behind the lines" to the Bristol Domestic Science Staff, which was received with much interest and kind appreciation.

We are very pleased that this branch was represented by one of our members at the Royal Wedding, an honour of which we are justly proud.

The Secretary, Miss G. Collins, 4 Brookfield Road, Cotham, Bristol, will be pleased to hear news of any Old Comrades living in the district. Or Bath members can write to the Treasurer, Miss B. Mould, 11 The Tynning, Bath.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

THE LATE MISS MAY STEVENSON, O.B.E.—It is with the deepest regret that we heard of the death of Miss May Stevenson, which took place on February the 5th, after a long illness. To all those who passed through the Connaught Club or Folkestone in the early days it is impossible to overestimate her remarkable influence and the debt of gratitude which the Corps owes to her. Miss Stevenson's wonderful uprightness, tact and unselfishness endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. The Corps Overseas owed her a special debt of gratitude for she sent them out with high ideals to meet the many difficulties which they had to face. A letter of sympathy was sent to Miss Stevenson's sister, Mrs. Pilkington, on behalf of this branch of the O.C.A., by the Chairman, and the following reply has been received: "Will you please thank the members of the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A., for the very kind and sympathetic message they have sent me, through you, about my sister, Miss Stevenson. We value it very much. All through her long illness my sister kept a warm interest in the old comrades, who kept in touch with her, as so many did. It was a real tragedy for her when she was obliged to leave the Corps owing to the breakdown of her health. She cared for the work intensely. It was the fullest and happiest time of her life, and continued to be the chief interest during the months that followed. She hoped very much to get well and to live an active life once more, but when she saw that it was not to be, she accepted the fact calmly and cheerfully, and died quite peacefully on Sunday, 5th February. We have been much touched by the many letters of affection and admiration which have come since her death from the members of the Corps and other fellow workers."

THE LATE MRS. DUNDAS.—We also regret to announce the death of Mrs. Dundas, which took place in London on January the 28th. Mrs. Dundas was well known to many who passed through Boulogne area. From Wimereux I she went, in 1917, to the Hotel du Commerce, and from there went to the new unit at Outreau. That unit was in its way unique, and the little camp became a show one. Wimereux I welcomed her back later. She was also for a time in charge of Unit 3, Boulogne. Her women loved her, for they knew that she put their well-being before any personal considerations. Mrs. Dundas's Hostels and Camps always had that homelike look which she knew so well how to give. Two wreaths have been placed upon her grave by Overseas members who served under her command, and by members of Wimereux I; a letter of sympathy has also been sent to her sister, Miss Ramsay.

W.A.A.C. CLUB.—As we go to press our little W.A.A.C. Club is closing its doors. Since November, 1920, this branch of the O.C.A. has run that club, first at 40 Shandwick Place and afterwards at 22 Rutland Square. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our club secretaries, the Misses Jack and Tait, for the admirable way in which they have run the club. We all looked forward to our Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and the enthusiasm of all members made a happy centre for our activities.

WOMEN'S UNITED SERVICES CLUB.—On the 1st of March the W.U.S.C. will be open at 12 Drumsheugh Gardens. Remember that it is open every day and all day, that meals can be obtained there, that guests of both sexes can be entertained and that it should become one of the finest clubs of its kind in the United Kingdom. The club is open now but of course the furnishings, etc., are not finally completed. We hope, however, that everything will be finished before the formal opening, which is to take place early in May. Join now to ensure a large membership before that date. Miss Finlay, the Secretary of our

new club, wishes to thank all those who gave her such valuable help in addressing envelopes.

FAREWELL PARTY.—A farewell party was held at 22 Rutland Square on Saturday, the 18th, in honour of the Misses Jack and Tait, the W.A.A.C. club secretaries. All those who were present agree that the dance was the most successful yet held, and that the dresses were much the best seen at any of our dances. So the Swan song of our W.A.A.C. Club has been a fine one. Three prizes were given. The first was gained by Miss Melville for originality. She went as a sandwich man, ragged, and smoking a cutty pipe! The sandwich boards advertised the new club. They bore a sketch of 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, conspicuous among the many advertisements were the following announcements: "Special 3 course lunch, 1/3, hot baths, etc." "Baby" Sowler, W.R.N.S., as a doll, looked fascinating, and got the prize for prettiness, "Fairy" Kerr, W.R.A.F., running her close as a fairy, Jean Scott as a wizard was the funniest and also received a prize: "Jacko" and "Jumbo" were excellent as the Lady of the Blue Lagoon and a very cheeky Butcher's Boy. "Folky" was an ideal Chef. Other attractions were a Sunflower, Red Riding Hood, and a Departed Spirit. The Chairman and Miss Lambert, who were unable to be present, sent a telegram of good wishes and Miss Finlay, who unfortunately had to be in Glasgow, was much missed.

NEWINGTON HOUSE PARTY.—The blinded soldiers and sailors at Newington House have most kindly sent an invitation to 25 members of the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A., to a dance, to be held at Newington House, on either the 14th or 21st of March. They specially ask that those members who entertained them at the club in January shall if possible be present.

W.U.S.C., GLASGOW.—Miss May Finlay, M.B.E., attended the opening of this club on Saturday, February the 18th. We wish our sister club all success, and hope that we will welcome many of its members at our own club at 12 Drumsheugh Gardens.

The Secretary will be glad to hear of any member who is ill, either at home or in hospital. Badges, price 1s. 6d., "Winsome W.A.A.C.'s," price 3s. 8d., including postage, and "Johnnie of the W.A.A.C.'s," price 3s. 6d., can be had from the Secretary.

HOCKEY CLUB.—It is regretted that no practice could take place on Saturday, the 11th. When the members arrived at the ground they found it had not been marked out nor was the Pavilion open. After waiting half an hour the groundsman arrived in an advanced state of intoxication and informed the members that he "wash ash drunsh!" Evidently he had been celebrating St. Valentine's Day in advance!!!

TENNIS CLUB.—A tennis ground has been rented near Pinkhill Station for next summer.

Glasgow.

OPENING OF UNITED SERVICES CLUB FOR WOMEN.—This club was opened on Saturday, February 18th. General Sir Francis Davies, General Officer Commanding Scottish Command, performed the opening ceremony. Lady Blythswood, Honorary President, presided. Amongst those present were: Mrs. David McCowan, Councillor Mary Snodgrass, and Flight Lieutenant Clemson. Apologies for absence were intimated from Lady Inverclyde, Lady Glasgow, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Greenlees and Commander Boyle, R.N. General Davies referred to the great part women played during the war, and spoke of the admirable work they did in supporting all the organisations of the Government. The club would serve a good purpose to ex-Service women, and he wished it every success. Afternoon tea was served and many friendships renewed. A whist drive took place in the evening, when over 120 members and friends were present. We were pleased to welcome Miss May Finlay, Resident Secretary, U.S. Club, Edinburgh, who came through for the afternoon to be present at the opening.

Misses Brown and Robb have gone to Edinburgh to be on the staff of the club.

REPRESENTATIVE ON COUNCIL.—Mrs. Bircham is now the only representative of this branch on the Council, Miss Laird having regretfully tendered her resignation as she is now resident in Glasgow.

HOCKEY.—Some very good sport is enjoyed, the O.C.A. now proving a match for all opponents.

ROYAL WEDDING.—This branch was represented by Miss Kerr and Miss Fulton who travelled specially to London for the purpose of being among the contingent of 50 who helped to line the route of the procession. Possibly Miss Kerr and Miss Fulton will give us some of their "impressions" for next month's Gazette.

E. M. GILCHRIST.

Leeds.

A social was held in the British Legion Club on 6th February; as we could not have the room after the 20th of March it was resolved to hold another "evening" this month. We had a most enjoyable time, and arranged a whist drive and dance, about 60 members were present. It is much regretted that everybody cannot be there at each social, as we do not like to feel that any of our friends are absent. Miss Cockburn, ex-U.A., kindly consented to present the prizes.

Miss Haythorne, O.B.E., was the representative of this branch at Princess Mary's Wedding. She has also consented to be our representative on the Council. Leeds Branch really needs a hostel with a club attached, there are many ex-Service women who would welcome such a residence. Miss Thompson and Miss Anniken work very hard to make the socials a success, and their efforts are very much appreciated.

London.

A club room is open each Thursday evening at 91 Belgrave Road, Victoria, from 7.30—10 p.m.

TENNIS CLUB.—Two tennis courts have been taken at Avenue Farm, Cricklewood, for the season. These courts are more convenient than those we had last season, and will be completely fenced in. Subscription for O.C.A. members, £1.

S. B. MURRAY, Hon. Sec., 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

SWIMMING CLUB.—A general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd, at 91 Belgrave Road, to consider the formation of a swimming club. It is hoped that all members interested will come along, or if unable to do so, communicate with the Secretary.

N. MITCHELL, 40 Denman Drive, Golder's Green.

A DANCE (fancy dress optional) will be given at Messrs. Boots Reception Rooms, Regent Street (entrance 59 Kingsley Street, back of Regent's Street), on Saturday, March 25th, 1922, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. (including refreshments), prizes for the best fancy dresses. This will probably be the final dance of the season, and it is hoped that all members will give their support. Tickets to be obtained from Mrs. Jackson, or members of the Dance Subcommittee.

Manchester.

The United Services Club is holding the bazaar on Saturday, April 1st, at the Clydesdale Club, commencing at 3 o'clock. There will be a needlework stall, a pound stall by the Signals, confectionery stall, fortune telling, side shows, bran tubs and teas. Will all members please send their contributions on or before March 31st, to the Clydesdale Club. It is hoped everybody will come and bring their friends and make it a huge success. It is possible that from the proceeds we shall be able to purchase a hut in the country for the use of members during the summer. Any offers of help will be very acceptable by the Secretary.

At the general meeting of the club, Miss M. Anderson, Signals, Rouen, was elected President for this year, as a mark of appreciation for her very kind generosity towards the club.

There will be a cafe chantant on March 17th, at the Clydesdale Club, commencing at 7.30 p.m., for members and their friends, no charge is being made.

There seems to be a slight misunderstanding regarding the 1s. subscription to the United Services Club, this is in addition to the 2s. 6d. to the O.C.A. The 1s. entitles all O.C.A. members to use the club any time it is open. The Secretary will be obliged if all members will forward this subscription on to her at the earliest.

At the fancy dress dance, held on February 24th, there were 150 members and friends present, and a most jolly evening was spent. An ex-Waac took the first prize, as

Billiards, for the most original costume, and a baby Waac, 5 months, the daughter of an ex-member, Mrs. Legerwood, nee Harris, Rouen signals, took the prize as the youngest member present.

The Secretary would be pleased to know of a cottage or hut within twenty miles of Manchester that could be rented during the summer for the use of members.

M. A. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec., 5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor.

Richmond (Surrey) Sub-Branch.

Fixtures for March in connection with this branch are:

Sunday, March 19th.—Ramble, leaving Coronation Stone, Kingston Market Place, at 11.30 a.m., Miss D. M. Piper will again act as leader. As the early birds have agreed to cool their ardour to the extent of 15 minutes grace and the late comers have promised to give up that last five minutes there should be no danger of a repetition of last month's "Ramble in two spasms."

Tuesday, March 28th.—A gallery theatre party is being made up for the "Mikado" at the Prince's Theatre on Tuesday, March 28th. Admission 1s. 3d. It will be necessary to queue up from 5.30. Doors open 7.30, but camp stools are available at 6d. each, and arrangements have been made with the "Q" caterers to serve tea, sandwiches and cake in the queue at 6 p.m. We hope members from other sub-branches will join us that evening. "By our badges shall they know us." Meet at front of Prince's Theatre, 5.20 p.m.

M. H. ROBERTSON, Hon. Secretary.

A "DIFFERENT" DER TAG.

Such a ripple on the waters of this prosaic mufti life there never was. It began with the Stop Press of the last Gazette, which told us that fifty W.A.A.C.'s—medals and badges complete—were wanted to line part of the route for Princess Mary's wedding. Fifty only! Had the number been 150 the task of selection would have been equally difficult. Applications poured in upon Headquarters until the poor unfortunate General Secretary almost "went white in a night." Eventually the selection was made, the choice being based mainly on length of service and energy expended in the O.C.A., and all doubts were set at rest, for good or ill.

We Prepare.

The evening before the great day was spent in the Drill Hall at the Duke of York's Headquarters, where the entire conversation at first appeared to be, "Got any gaiters to lend me?" and "Fancy seeing you here!" After much excitement, however, we really got down to it—a squad of fifty W.A.A.C.s in full uniform and the Dame inspecting. A goodly sight, believe me! Of course we were all perfectly certain that we had forgotten how to form fours and which was our right arm, but not a bit of it: the merest fraction of hesitation and then, the voice that has commanded most of us at some time or another, found its old wonderful ring, compelling us in the same old wonderful way to form fours and to march, as if it were but yesterday that we had taken a route march—through Hyde Park, for instance.

The Great Adventure.

And lo! in the morning the sun shone bright! It shone on the beautifully polished badges and on the many medals of the chosen few as they assembled by the Serpentine to await the "Fall In." On our right the trim blue-clad W.R.N.S. practised their squad drill—no slight ordeal under the fire of fifty pairs of critical W.A.A.C. eyes. Needless to state, of course, they behaved like perfect ladies, and very soon we had received our own command to "Fall In." "By the left—Quick march!" Oh, the thrill of it all again. Along we marched to Wellington Arch and down Constitution Hill (so frightfully bucked with ourselves!) to the gates of the Palace, where our tickets admitted us to "The Pavement." Of course, row upon row and crowd upon crowd of people watched our progress, and many were the remarks. "Oh, them W.A.A.C.s. Trust them!!" "The W.A.A.C.s are having a jolly good time"—etc. and so forth, which all made us feel at home at once. Arrived at our share of the Pave-

ment, we managed quite creditably to get into single file, whereupon we "stood easy" and prepared to enjoy the fun.

It is not wise to dwell here on the splendour of the wedding procession—there is a daily Press—sufficient is it to say that we had a ripping view and cheered Princess Mary in true W.A.A.C. style. She really did look a dear! While the Princess was busy at the Abbey, we promenaded the Pavement recalling old times, so that naturally the time flew, and on the return to the Palace we pelted into the Forecourt (and were fortunate enough not to be thrown out, as were some people we know earlier in the morning). Once inside, we formed into two ranks right under the balcony and did quite a lot to swell the cheers when the bride and bridegroom appeared. About 1.30 p.m. in the comparative quiet of Buckingham Gate we were dismissed, literally glorying in giving the salute once more. A bee line was made for the "Brownies" where Mrs. le Mesurier came nobly to the rescue and ministered to the now desperate needs of the "inner man."

The End of a Perfect Day.

This came when fifty-eight uniformed W.A.A.C.s met for dinner at the Hotel Belgravia. Oh, the racket and the fun! Well, you all know what we can do in that way! The management said they had never entertained such a happy party, and we believe them. The guest of the evening was Mrs. Croxton, to whose noble efforts our "place in the sun" had been entirely due. Someone asked us to show her that we were grateful; and if the speaker got mixed in the asking, I think Mrs. Croxton realised that we were, by the time we were through. Not the least amusing incident occurred when our retiring chairman called attention to the fact that a vote of thanks had not been given her as chairman, whereupon Miss Davy (also at the chairman's request) came to the rescue. After much dinner and many toasts we rose to clear the room for dancing. Our frolics included Nuts and May and Blindfold Squad Drill, and at 10.30 p.m. we departed home, utterly and perfectly happy—if slightly demoralised—each clasping in our hands a small box of wedding cake—a souvenir from the "Management."

Truly it was a perfect day. We wish our Princess luck! And may the Prince of Wales follow suit soon!

H.P.

IN THE ABBEY.

I was lucky enough to be one of the four officials to represent the O.C.A. in the Abbey on the occasion of the Royal Wedding. [The Editor tells me this is the penalty she demands.] There were four W.R.N.S. and four W.R.A.F. officers sitting in a line with us, all wearing uniform. One of the W.R.A.F. officers, who had previously been a "Fanny," wore seven medals—a fine display for a woman.

The Abbey looked most beautiful; much of the gilding had been retouched recently, and the sun came in sudden gleams through some of the small windows and shone on the gold here and there. The music was magnificent. There were no flowers, and no extra decorations, nothing to interfere with the beauty of the building itself. It was emphatically a man's day. More than half of the congregation was in uniform, resplendent with orders and decorations, and the effect was so gorgeous that the smartest women were hardly noticeable. There was an impressive moment when "God save the King" was sung with tremendous enthusiasm by everyone. Unlike many society weddings people seemed to remember they were attending a religious ceremony, or perhaps the influence of the surroundings and the music were such that no one could be other than disciplined and controlled. We had excellent seats, and could see all the Royal Processions, while many notable people, including all the members of the Cabinet, passed close by us. In the afternoon we went to St. James's Palace to see the wedding presents, and were very pleased with the appearance of our own glass bowl. It was quite one of the nicest of the glass presents, and we felt that it would be a really useful and an ornamental gift. In the evening we joined the rest of the contingent, at the Belgravia Hotel, and stirring times ensued.

SERVICE WOMEN OVERSEAS.

The March number of the "Imperial Colonist" contains an article under the above heading, from which the following quotations will be of interest:—

Ex-Members of Q.M.A.A.C. form a very large proportion of the Service women who have availed themselves of the Government offer of a free passage to the Overseas Dominions, and over one thousand have sailed during the past two and a half years, under the auspices of the Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women. The majority of these are still in touch with their Old Comrades' Association and their letters make most interesting reading. There seems to be no corner of the globe where service women have not managed to foregather, and old friends come across each other in most unexpected places.

Well-attended re-union dinners have been held in Canada, South Africa, and Australia, and ex-Waacs in all parts of the world compare notes as to their experiences and present circumstances. Unquestionably in many cases their work during the war aroused within them the spirit of adventure, and those who reluctantly left their native village for the first time, because they felt it their duty to enlist, now make nothing of circling the world. This is especially noticeable with those who served overseas. Most of them had never left England before, but the little trips from Folkestone to Boulogne, though beset with certain difficulties and dangers, soon became so familiar they longed to go further afield.

After the Armistice the more adventurous of the Waacs in France managed to see a good deal of the country. Many trips were arranged for them and others they arranged for themselves by methods which will perhaps not bear the closest investigation. "Lorry-jumping" became a regular science, and few British drivers had the heart to pass pathetic little groups of khaki-clad women who stood by the side of the road obviously hoping for a lift. The result was that most of Northern France and a good deal of Belgium were explored by the rank and file and many of the women officers were lucky enough to get to Cologne, Coblenz and all along the Rhine, and some even to Berlin and into Silesia.

A large contingent of the W.R.A.F. were in Cologne for some time after the Armistice, and the W.R.N.S. were in Gibraltar in considerable strength, while the V.A.D.'s of course went all over the world behind the armies. Evidently the more they see the more they want to see, and the old pre-war life seems very hum-drum to many.

Thanks to the S.O.S.B.W. and the Government grant they have been able to seize the opportunity of seeking a wider life, and as their letters show, in most cases it is being fully appreciated. Although the majority have gone to Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, there are also many ex-Service women in India, Palestine, China, the Straits Settlement and more remote places still, and there is a large and flourishing colony in New York and other U.S.A. cities. An interesting development is the formation of the Ex-Service Women's Club, in Sydney, New South Wales. This already has a large membership, recruited from almost every branch of Women's War Service and is a flourishing organisation which publishes a News Sheet of its own, and has rapidly growing activities. The Secretary is an ex-W.R.N.S. officer, and keeps in close touch with the Service women's associations at home.

Nearly all the news received from overseas is of the cheeriest description, but now and then one finds there are just a few who are homesick, and would gladly return to the old country. This is inevitable; not everyone is cut out for a pioneer, and with some the enthusiasm which buoys them up at the start is apt to die down if things do not go quite smoothly all along. But on the whole there is no question that our Service girls are doing splendidly overseas. They are just the type of settlers needed, cheerful, full of pluck and enterprise, ready for any emergency, enjoying adventure and prepared to work.

Their comradeship with each other and with men during the war has taught them much, and in the new countries the men are quickly discovering that they make first-rate life-long comrades as well. Wedding announcements often arrive at the Old Comrades' Association Headquarters, accompanied by a photograph of husband and wife, both

in khaki, and the comment: "My husband is very proud of my war service. It is nice to think we both did our bit."

It is noticeable that they still cling to their old uniforms. In nearly all the recent Armistice Day celebrations in the Dominions small contingents of service women in carefully preserved khaki and wearing medals, paraded with the men. When father and mother have both worn the King's uniform the next generation should indeed be true sons and daughters of the Empire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From British Central Africa.

Will you please send my Gazette to Sunnyside, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, for the next six months, as I am going down there to look after a friend's farm (an old member of the Women's Legion), while she and her husband go on leave to Tasmania. There are just two of us Waacs in this back of beyond, myself and Mrs. Forster (nee Sandberg) but we have not met yet, as some few hundred miles intervene. It is a pity the Waacs weren't here too during the war, but the men here have at last got used to my talking about "When I was in the army." Most of them you see did their fighting out here, and six medals impress them, even though I may not have deserved them. But I am one of the lucky ones of this world, except when I get malaria fever, which I have been indulging in lately, the result of going out big game shooting I suppose. But all the same I hope to get an elephant next week before I go south. There are plenty about. With best wishes to all old members for 1922.

(Mrs.) E. F. ELDRED (late U.A., B.E.F.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. L. J.—(1) The O.C.A. did not obtain permission to place a wreath on the Cenotaph on Armistice Day until two days beforehand. It was impossible to circularise all the branches. (2) It was much the same with regard to Princess Mary's Wedding, but it was just possible to notify the local branches this time and fortunately they were well represented.

S.O.S.B.W.—Although the period for free passages for ex-Service women has expired, it is still possible for domestic workers between the ages of 18 and 40 to obtain a free passage under the New Zealand Government scheme, provided they are medically fit, and can produce two satisfactory references as domestic servants covering a period of two years.

M.N.V.—The brilliant idea of having a dinner on 28th February, after the Royal Wedding, only occurred on the Saturday before, and it was therefore impossible to notify anyone except those who took part in the proceedings, and who were at the O.C.A. Headquarters at the time.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss C. N. Adams (6810), late of G.H.G., Boulogne, and formerly Queen's Barracks, Perth, would like to hear from any ex-Waacs in France, especially from any in Dieppe or Le Havre. Write to her c/o Mme. Freytag, Les Hotes, par Valmoncy, Seine Infre, France. Miss Dora Matthews, who is in hospital at Southwark, has written, telling us that she has had flowers, books and letters from Old Comrades who learnt of her illness through our paper. Miss I. M. Wilson, late U.A., Scottish Command, has written to tell us that she was in Mandalay during the Prince of Wales' visit, and was present at all the functions. She paraded with the ex-Service officers and was presented to His Royal Highness. Mrs. Tyndale (nee Miss Lesley Triscott, A.A. Ripon) was also present. On her return trip down river she met Miss Grylls, late U.A. Sandown.

Miss Robina Dolier, Aldborough Hall, near Norwich, would like to know the address of F.W. H. F. Crompton, of Unit 1, Wimereux.

Miss Brinsley Richards has been in Holland lecturing on the Russian Famine. She has offered to give a lantern lecture on this subject with some of Dr. Nansen's lantern

slides in any part of England after March 30th, provided that a collection for the Famine Relief Fund can be guaranteed. Perhaps Old Comrades who are interested will care to arrange with Miss Brinsley Richards. Her address is 12 Versailles Road, Anerley, S.E.

Miss Aileen Lillicrap is working at the Creche, Saville Street, Jersey. She wishes to be remembered to all Old Comrades, and will be pleased to help any one intending to visit Jersey regarding lodgings, etc. **Miss E. A. Dennis** sends best wishes to all old Calais members.

Miss Frances Chedd, 3 Radnor Park Crescent, Folkestone, is asking for news of girls who served with her at the 2nd Army Central School of Instruction, Wisques, near St. Omer. **Miss Agnes Campbell** has written from Toronto, expressing her delight at finding that we have an O.C.A. She met a member wearing our badge, which was the first intimation that she had of the fact. She has several friends in the same position, who will hasten to join when they hear her news. **Miss Lyon** (late Boulogne) kindly sends the address of **Mrs. Lutwyche** in reply to our inquiry last month. It is 261 Artillery Mansions, S.W.1.

Miss N. L. Dickson, writing from Sydney, N.S.W., says, "I visited **Miss Neale** and **Miss Baker** at their new flat for tea yesterday. I was their first visitor, and was charmed with their surroundings. They have both visited me in my bungalow home, which is a meeting place for many ex-Waacs." The January number of the "Ex-Service Woman's Bulletin," published in Sydney, gives us a lot of news of old friends. On October 13th we learn that **Miss Clara Neale** "Brought down the house with anecdotes of camp life in France." On November 16th, "A welcome was given to **Miss Mona Mathews** (D.A., Waac) on her return from New Zealand," when **Miss Grace Fletcher** (U.A., Edinburgh) was also present. On December 8th there was a social, when songs were sung by **Mrs. C. Peachey** (nee Brown), **Miss A. Sparks** and **Miss A. Thompson**. Three Waac weddings are also announced. **Miss St. John Clarke** (U.A.) is now in Melbourne, where there is some talk of starting a similar club. **Mrs. C. Dalziel**, who has been living in Sydney, has now returned to England. **Miss T. Kelly** is back again in Sydney. **Mrs. L. M. McLean** (nee Underwood, ex-Waac, F.C., Tavistock Square) would like to hear from any of our members who were at Gordon Square or Gower Street Hostel, between February and December, 1918. Her address is c/o R. C. McLean, Hill View, Parkes, New South Wales.

Miss D. Richardson writes from Bundemar Station, Trangie, New South Wales: "It is frightfully hot here; in fact the heat is unbearable, as we are in the midst of the big bush fires. Last week-end you could not see hardly a yard in front of you with the smoke blowing over. We have got seven Chinamen up burning off, so that if the fire comes over there will be nothing much to burn. On Sunday evening we had a frightfully bad storm. I have never seen such lightning or heard such terrible thunder before. We went a lovely picnic the other Sunday down to the Macquarie River. We rode our horses, and met the girls from the other station, eight miles from this; and we had a grand time, except that it was a bit hot, and we felt a bit stiff when we got back after riding twenty miles."

Q.M.A.A.C. REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE ROYAL WEDDING.

The O.C.A. was given four tickets admitting officials to the Abbey for the wedding service and to St. James's Palace to see the wedding presents, and fifty tickets for a contingent to be posted opposite Buckingham Palace, all to be in uniform. The following were selected for the Abbey: **Miss Davy**, **Miss H. Horniblow**, **Miss Haythorne**, **Miss E. Thompson** (Dame Florence Simpson was unable to be present), and the contingent outside the Palace consisted of the following personnel, representing the branches stated:—

Birmingham: Misses Brinsford and Jones. **Bournemouth:** Miss Butler. **Brighton:** Misses Baron and Ballard. **Bristol:** Miss Collins. **Cardiff:** Miss Chubb. **Chatham:** Miss Brand. **Edinburgh:** Misses Robertson, Cowan and Carey. **Glasgow:** Misses Fulton and Kerr. **Leeds:** Miss Phillips. **Liverpool:** Miss Molyneux. **Manchester:** Misses

Robinson and Anderson. **Northampton:** Miss Griffin. **Newcastle-on-Tyne:** Miss Warskit. **Nottingham:** Misses Newbury and Doar. **Oxford:** Miss Payne. **Portsmouth:** Miss Henry. **Southampton:** Misses Mills, Mowbray and Harvey. **Reading:** Miss Priestley. **South Wales:** Mrs. Harrison and Miss Stodden. **Wallsend-on-Tyne:** Miss Beeson. **St. Pol Unit:** Miss Brodie of Brodie, and Miss Wheeler. **London:** Mrs. Parkes, Misses Jackson, Suggate, Ireland, Piper, Gittings, Vogwell, Longman (Signaller), Porter (Signaller), Mitchell (Signaller), Stratton, Beale, Pink, Jones, Goodwin, Brown, Hathway and Blanchard.

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Q.M.A.A.C. UNCLAIMED MEDALS.

It is officially stated that some 1,200 British War and Victory Medals awarded to members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps who served overseas in the Great War still await distribution. Those members of the Corps who have not yet received the medals for which they are eligible should at once apply to the Officer in Charge, Q.M.A.A.C. Records, Percy House, Isleworth.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

- Birmingham**—Miss Brinsford, 167 Birchfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
- Bournemouth**—Miss F. E. Lever, Ferndene, Parkstone Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Brighton**—Miss H. A. Baron, 25 Wellington Road, Brighton.
- Bristol**—Miss G. Collins, 4 Brookfield Road, Cotham, Bristol.
- Cardiff**—Miss Marson, 4 Kyfeilog Street, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
- Cheltenham and District**—Mrs. Higgins, Mill House, Elmley Castle, Pershore, Worcs.
- Edinburgh**—Miss Cowan, 6 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh.
- Glasgow**—Miss E. M. Gilchrist, 13 Royal Terrace West, Glasgow.
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- London and District**—Miss S. B. Murray, 81 Lancaster Gate, London, W.2.
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- Nottingham**—Miss E. D. Newberry, 10 Melrose Avenue, Sherwood, Notts.
- Oxford**—Miss Haws, 12 Western Rd., Headington, Oxford.
- Portsmouth**—Miss Owen, c/o Mrs. Moody, 2 Avenue Road, North Hayling.
- Reading**—Miss Priestley, O.B.E., 55 Northumberland Avenue, Reading.
- Southampton**—Miss Mills, 27 Winn Road, Southampton.
- South Wales**—Miss Owen, the Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthenshire, S. Wales.
- Wallsend-on-Tyne**—Miss M. Conder, Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Barnes—Stott.—A marriage has been arranged which will take place in March, between Miss H. Stott, ex-Q.M., Bostall Heath, and Mr. Barnes, of Manilla, Phillipine Isles.

Aiken—Steel.—At the Grand Hotel, Glasgow, on the 21st, by the Rev. Peter Smith, assisted by the Rev. A. M. Gentles, M.A., Alexander Charles Lyon Aiken, elder son of C. L. Aiken, 30 Derby Street, Glasgow, W., to Jessie Russell, eldest daughter of Robert S. Steel, 218 Great Western Road, Glasgow.

Forrester Paxton—Berry.—On February 18th, at Leeds by special licence, L. E. Forrester Paxton (Lt., R.A.F.), to Mary A. Berry (ex-D.A.C.C., Inspection), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry, 70 North Street, S. Andrews, Scotland. Present address, 7 Kelso Road, Leeds.

Martin—Harrop.—On 1st November, 1921, at St. Thomas', Balmain West, Sydney, A. C. Martin (5th Field Bakeries, A.I.F.), to Gladys Harrop (ex-Waac, D. Camp, Havre).

Wylie—Turnbull.—On 23rd February, 1921, at Methodist Church, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, Bert Wylie (9th Bn., A.I.F.) to Mary Pickering Turnbull (ex-Waac No. 9, Rouen).

Peachey—Brown.—On August 25th, 1919, at Christchurch, Westminster, Percy Peachey (2nd Aust. Gen. Hospital, Wimereux) to Constance Brown (ex-Waac Sig., Boulogne).

Payne—Child.—On March 2nd, at Coulsdon Wesleyan Church, by the Rev. E. H. Chapple, George Edward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Payne, of Oxford, to Doris Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Childe, of Purley, Surrey (Northern Command).

Dundas.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Dundas in London on January 28th. Mrs. Dundas was formerly U.A., Wimereux I, Hotel du Commerce, Boulogne: and Outreau.

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WANTED. A good general servant, not too young, for a flat in London.—Apply Mrs. Goodfellow, 152 Coleherne Court, Earl's Court.

MISS OTTMAN, ex-administrator, wishes post on poultry farm, with view to learning the work, free about Easter.—The Glenan, Helensburgh, Scotland.

WANTED. Housemaid (not necessarily experienced), also parlourmaid or tablemaid, good references essential, state wages required.—Captain Austin, Kilrule, St. Andrews, Fife.

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Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women (Incorporated). South Africa. Farming for Women. Miss Norah Miller, Boschetto Farm, Harrismith, Orange Free State, is prepared to receive Farm Pupils. Practical Training in Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Vegetable, Flower and Fruit Culture. Terms from £8 a month.—Apply to Miss Norah Miller, c/o S.O.S.B.W., 40 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

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The Helena United Services Holiday Home, 58 West Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, stands on the cliff overlooking the sea, near Golf Links and Tennis Courts. It is open to women who have served in the following: W.R.N.S., W.R.A.F., Q.M.A.A.C., Women's Legion (Motor Transport Section), Women's Forage Corps. The Home is available for Holiday Parties or Week-end Visitors. There is accommodation for fifteen. All the beds are single and there are a few single rooms. Inclusive terms will be from 30/- to 35/- per week according to room. Terms for week-end visitors are by arrangements when accommodation permits. Meals are served at small tables. No bed-room may be retained for more than a month unless under special authority. Payments are made weekly in advance. Any complaints should be made in writing to the Warden. Nearest Station:—West St. Leonards. Frequent trains from Charing Cross, Cannon Street, London Bridge, Victoria and Clapham Junction. Return Fare from London, 3rd class, 17/6. Week-end Tickets available from Saturday morning until Monday night, 11/6 return. Applications to be addressed to The Warden, 58 West Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Cooks Wanted. Miss Ireland knows of several vacancies for cooks. If any member desires a post as cook, Miss Ireland will be glad if she will communicate with her at 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

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.

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"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.

NEW ZEALAND.—Trained domestic workers, between 18 and 40, who can produce two satisfactory references as domestic servants covering a period of two years, are eligible to apply for a free passage under the New Zealand Government Scheme; and are placed on arrival in that Dominion by that Government. Cooks, laundresses, cooks, house-parlourmaids and housemaid laundresses, wanted for good posts notified by private employers direct to the S.O.B.W. Eighteen household orderlies required for Wellington where they can be trained in a Hostel and go out daily to work, while at the Hostel. Science Mistress—at Wellington, £150—£200 resident. Passage paid. Science Mistress—Dunedin—£200 and passage paid.