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EDITORIAL

A Windfall for the General Funds.

The Old Comrades Association has had another most generous and unexpected gift. A member who wishes to remain anonymous has sent a cheque for £300 as a contribution to the general funds of the O.C.A. No conditions of any kind are attached to the gift.

In the name of all members, we express our gratitude and very hearty thanks for this welcome present.

EX-SERVICE WOMEN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mrs. Wintringham recently asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether any ex-Service women who have received injuries in the War have been refused the right of approach to the Investigation Board set up to consider the claims of ex-Service men in a similar position who failed in the examination by reason of their disability?

Mr. Young replied, "The Investigating Board can only deal with cases submitted to it by heads of Departments, but its procedure applies equally to ex-Service men and ex-Service women, and I am aware of no discrimination between ex-Service personnel on grounds of sex."

Mrs. Wintringham then asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he is aware that a disabled oversea ex-Service woman in the Ministry of Labour has been informed by the Civil Service Commissioners that she may not sit for the forthcoming special establishment examination for ex-Service persons under the Lytton Report, and that other ex-Service women have been similarly informed that this examination is for men only; and whether, in view of the fact that the Lytton Committee Report distinctly lays down that ex-Service men and women should be treated on an absolutely equal footing, and that the Government has adopted that report, he can see his way to allowing the women concerned to sit for the ex-Service men's examination in April, or to announce an early date for the further examination for women referred to in the Lytton Report for entry into the clerical class, so that these women may not be treated worse than home Service men?

Mr. Young replied, "The competition recently announced is for men only. Ex-Service women who are similarly situated to the men for whom this competition is intended will be eligible to compete at the examination for the clerical class to be held, in accordance with the recommendations of the Lytton Committee, for women who have been employed in posts above that of a Grade 1 temporary clerk. The regulations for this competition are at present under consideration."

United Services Club for Women, Southsea.

Arrangements can be made for Ex-Service Women to spend their holidays at Southsea. There are ten beds available. The house is situated on the promenade, near the pier. Full board and lodging from 30s. per week. Staffed by ex-Waacs. Further information, apply Miss Bate, 26 South Parade, Southsea.

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 30s. to 35s. 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, 17s. 6d. Week-end tickets available from Saturday morning until Monday night, 11s. 6d. return. Applications to be addressed to the Warden, 58 West Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

Q.M.A.A.C. Medals.

Ex-officials and ex-members of the Q.M.A.A.C. who served overseas in a theatre of war on or prior to the 11th November, 1918, and who have not yet received their medals, are requested to apply to the Secretary, War Office (Q.M.A.A.C. Records), Percy House Schools, Isleworth, Middlesex. The following particulars should be furnished:—

1. Christian names in full.
2. Rank held on 11th November, 1918, or if discharged before that date, at the time of discharge.
3. Corps number (if any).

No further application is necessary from those ex-officials or ex-members who have already been informed that their medals are being withheld for the correction of the inscription or that their medals will be issued as soon as received by the Record Office. Any change of address should, however, be notified to the Secretary, War Office, at the above address.

United Services Fund.

The sum of £100,000 was granted for the needs of ex-Service women by the United Services Fund, and has been distributed as follows:—

Service Women's Benevolent Fund	£50,000
Helena Residential Clubs, Ltd. (10,000 'A' £1 shares) (50 beds endowed for ex-Service women)	£10,000
Helena United Services Holiday Home (St. Leonards-on-Sea)	£10,000
Provincial Schemes for Club Rooms	£5,050
Edinburgh United Services Club for Women	£11,149
Southsea United Services Club for Women	£4,000
London United Services Club for Women	£9,801
	£100,000

Gymnastic Display.

The O.C.A. gymnastic class is taking part in a display which is being held at Regent Street Polytechnic on Saturday, May 20th, at 7.30. p.m.

Tickets of admission (price 1s. 3d.) may be obtained from Miss M. Bartlett, 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1. or from any member of the class.

Old Comrades' Concert Party.

All Overseas members who whilst serving had the pleasure of witnessing the excellent shows given by the K'Lotterie Concert Party, will be interested to know that Miss French, who worked so hard with that little band, is now busy organising a London Branch Old Comrades Party. Their first public appearance will be made on May 30th, in town. Applications for tickets (which are most inexpensive) or for any further particulars should be made to the London Branch Secretary, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2. It should be mentioned that the performers, who are well known to us all, can be trusted to provide us with an excellent entertainment.

Shanghai-on-Thames.

It had not been my intention to send you a report on Camp for this number of the Gazette, as nothing of note has happened, owing to the unkind and ungracious weather, but as you ask me to do so, I am writing a short account of the doings of working party. Misses Pink, Bickell, Porter, Blows, Longman and I are down here; and at the immediate moment Miss Longman is playing "Yacki Hicki Doo La," whilst Miss Blows is vocalising with inimitable action with help from the crowd. "Not much like work," our friends will say, but we are going on the principle that "all work and no play makes a W.A.A.C. a dull girl," and I feel that it will impress the old campaigners that the "live feeling" where two or three old comrades are met together, is not less keen because we are a year older. Miss McCloskey's hut is quite ready to welcome her and looking spotlessly clean (any complaints to be addressed to Miss Pink and Miss Bickell who did the job). The large hut is scrubbed and the windows are cleaned and adorned with freshly laundered curtains. It should be noted here that there is not the trace of an earwig. In brief I may say that everything is ready to receive visitors as soon as they can come, and the sooner the better, as I need money for the running expenses, which are going on all the time. Our friends Mr. and Mrs. Cross, as usual, came to our aid in innumerable ways, and made things much easier for us. None but those who know what the running of a place like Shanghai is, can fully appreciate what it means and what we do. I hope next month to tell you that we have had to refuse accomodation because bookings have been so busy.

H. HORNIBLOW, Secretary Camp Committee.

HEADQUARTERS' REPORT.

At the April meeting of the Council Miss E. Bertrand (late of B.E.F., Folkestone and Connaught Club) was elected part-time Secretary and Treasurer to the Association.

Miss Bertrand will be at the office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and all members desiring to see her personally should write for an appointment.

A very beautiful picture of the Shanghai Race Club has been received from Shanghai, and now hangs in a prominent position in the Headquarters Office. We are most grateful to the stewards of the Shanghai Race Club for this gift, and a letter of thanks on behalf of the Association has been forwarded.

London Branch.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Members are asked to return form sent for signature and subscriptions due at once.

TENNIS CLUB.—A meeting to inaugurate the Tennis Club was held at Belgrave Road on Thursday, 4th May, when the following office-bearers were elected: President, Miss Chapman, M.B.E.; Vice-Presidents, Miss H. Horniblow, C.B.E., Miss Edith Thompson, C.B.E., Mrs. Esslemont, O.B.E., Miss Ireland, M.B.E.; Captain, Miss S. B. Murray; Vice-Captain, Miss I. Bickell; Secretary, Miss Izant, 356 Acton Lane, Acton, W.3.

Arrangements are being made to instruct beginners and to coach any members who wish it. The subscription to

members of the O.C.A. is 21s., which can be paid in two instalments. For members from the other Services the subscription will be 25s. and for non-Service members 30s. An American tennis tournament will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, for which anyone whether a member of the club or not can enter. Names to be sent in to the Secretary by 1st June.

CONCERT.—Special attention is drawn to the Dramatic and Vaudeville Show which will be given members of the London Branch, under the direction of Miss Kitty French, in King George's Hall, Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court Road, on Tuesday, 30th May, at 7.30. Tickets 1s. 3d., and reserved 2s. 4d. and 3s. 6d.

Groydon and Wallington District.

A very successful inaugural meeting was held on Wednesday 24th April, when eleven members met and agreed to form a sub-branch. The next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 24th May, in the same place, viz., Presbyterian Church Hall, Wallington, and it is hoped to arrange a ramble for a Saturday afternoon or Sunday soon. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Graham, Tyneside, Wallington.

Key and Richmond.

As there are a good many cyclists in this branch a proposal for a monthly cycle run has found general favour. The first of these will be held on Sunday, May 14th, leaving Kingston Station at 11.15 a.m. Destination Friday Street.

This will, of course, in no way interfere with our tramps, which we will have at least once a month. (We should know Surrey pretty well by the end of this season.) Our next is fixed for Sunday, May 21st, meeting again at Kingston Station at 11.15 a.m. Destination, either Chessington and Epsom, or Barnthorns Woods, Effingham, according to the decision of the majority when we meet. The woods promised such a profusion of bluebells the last time we were there that many will probably want to return while they are in bloom.

We are endeavouring to fix up a week end at Datchet in July, further details of which will appear in next month's Gazette.

M. H. ROBERTSON, Hon. Secretary.

Golder's Green and Hampstead.

The above sub-branch will hold a social on May 23rd, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at St. Paul's Schools, Winchester Road, Swiss Cottage (two minutes Swiss Cottage Station Metropolitan Railway, buses 31, 2, 13, 48), admission 6d.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

OPENING OF THE W.U.S. CLUB, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.—The opening of our club was a red-letter day in the record of Scottish ex-Service women. From an early hour on Friday ex-W.A.A.C.'s, W.R.A.F.'s, W.R.N.S.'s and Women's Legion, some having already donned their uniforms, were busily engaged in preparing the club for the reception of Lord Haig. Rooms were decorated with masses of beautiful flowers, and long before seven o'clock all was ready. Over a hundred uniformed women formed a guard of honour at the entrance and lined the staircase to the drawing-room door, many of them wore decorations and medals. At 7.15 Field Marshal Earl Haig, accompanied by Lady Haig, Lady Davies and General Blair, arrived at the club, and was greeted on the steps by Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., Miss Davy, C.B.E., Miss Low, O.B.E., Miss McDougal and Miss Gilmore. A member of the W.R.N.S. then presented a bouquet to Lady Haig on behalf of the members of the club. Lord Haig was conducted to the drawing-room, on his way repeatedly acknowledging the greetings of the ex-Service women.

Although we knew the numbers present at the opening would be large they exceeded all our expectations, and it is to be regretted that many members had to remain on the landing and stair and therefore could not hear Lord Haig's address. In declaring the club open, Earl Haig addressed the gathering as "Old Comrades," because, he said, they had done their duty like the men in the Army, Navy, and Air Forces. (Applause.) As chairman of the United Services Fund he was glad to know that the ex-Service women in his native city were endeavouring to institute a real useful club.

But more particularly he was glad to come and express his thanks for their help during the war.

Miss Davy, during her vote of thanks, called for three

cheers for Lord Haig, and the deafening applause echoed far into the street. Hearty cheers were also given for Mrs. Chalmers Watson and for Miss Low. Our distinguished visitors were then conducted over the club, and expressed admiration at the beauty of the premises, and the excellence of the arrangements. Refreshments were served, after which Lord and Lady Haig left the club, to the accompaniment of hearty cheers. The British Legion Band played delightful selections of music. The rest of the evening was taken up with dancing. At 11 p.m. God Save the King was played, and thus ended an eminently successful ceremony and a most happy evening.

The committee which was responsible for the arrangements is to be warmly congratulated and our most hearty thanks are due to all those who helped on the day of the opening. Extra beds had to be put up in every available room in order to accommodate members from Glasgow, Perth, Dundee and Tynabreich, and many would-be visitors had to be refused. Among others letters of good wishes were received from Dame Florence Simpson and Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, both of whom were very much missed. Apologies for absence were intimated from Lord Provost and Mrs. Hutchinson, Sir John and Lady Finlay, the Lord Advocate and Mrs. Murray, and Brig.-General More, of the United Services Fund, and Gen. Sir Francis Davis, G.O.C., Scotland.

TENNIS CLUB.—The tennis club opens on Monday, May 15th, and a good turn out of members is expected.

Oxford.

It is with regret that I have to resign the post of Hon. Secretary of this branch, owing to the fact that I will shortly be leaving Oxford. Mrs. Grundy, of West Wood House, Hinksey Hill, Oxford, has consented to carry on until the end of the year.

As soon as the weather is more inviting an outdoor meeting and river picnic will be held.

With deep regret I have to announce the loss of one of our members, Mabel Parsons, of Farnham, Blandford, and late of Oxford, who passed away on Wednesday, April 26th, after a year's illness patiently and bravely borne. Mabel wished particularly to express her gratitude for all the kindness she has received from the Old Comrades. We are all uniting in sending some flowers, with our deep and sincere sympathy.

E. T. HAWS, Hon. Secretary.

Brighton.

The last club meeting of the season was held at the Chocolate Parlour (now the Cosmos) on Thursday, April 27th, and to celebrate the occasion the committee decided to make no charge, and to provide light refreshments. We found the piano a welcome addition, and very useful for passing the time while waiting to commence the whist drive. A theatre party was arranged for Tuesday, May 8th, to see the "Mikado" on the West Pier, and a walk starting from Hove Town Hall for Sunday, May 14th. Any suggestions for meetings during the summer will be welcomed. We shall have at least one a month. Notices will be on the board at the Chocolate Parlour. H. A. BARON.

Portsmouth.

At the time of writing everyone is working hard to make the progressive games party, to be held at the United Services Club on May 3rd, as a house warming, a great success. We hope to have a full muster of old comrades. The members of the British Legion have promised to come in full strength, so we hope to have a merry evening.

We are also trying to get our rambles and excursions for the summer months arranged.

Members please come along and tell us what you would like. When a programme has been prepared announcements of coming events will appear each month.

EVA HENRY.

Bristol and West of England.

On April 8th, in spite of the snow and cold, we set off for our visit to Bath. We were met at the station by our Bath members, who took us to see the beauties of their famous city. After admiring the Abbey and Pump Room, we started our ramble over the hills, and were glad when a halt was called for tea at a pretty hillside cafe. On our homeward journey, Prior Park, the famous country house of Ralph Allan, of Bath Stone fame, and an old Waac Camp were pointed out to us. Needless to say we were interested. We are already looking forward to exploring more of that neighbourhood in the near future.

G. COLLINS.

Manchester.

The bazaar held on April 1st was quite the success anticipated and £40 was raised to purchase a hut. The committee thank all members who helped to make it such a success. On Friday May 12th there will be a Whist Drive held at the Clydesdale Club commencing at 8 p.m. A charge of 6d. will be made to cover cost of score cards and prizes. On May 26th there will be a concert commencing at 7.30 p.m., free to members and friends.

There will be a ramble on Saturday afternoon, May 20th, to the hut at Adlington. Members to meet at Stockport tram terminus at 2.30 to take the car to Hazel Grove and then walk a distance of about five miles. Approximate cost 2s. Please notify the secretary by the 17th, in order that arrangements for tea can be made. The hut, which will be ready for use at Whitsun, is being erected on Mr. Fletcher's poultry farm, Schoolfold Farm, Adlington, Cheshire. It is 1½ miles from Adlington starting about 2 p.m., and having tea there, on the first and about 4½ miles from Hazel Grove tram terminus. Members wishing to stay at the hut must notify the Secretary at least seven clear days before the visit and send a deposit of 1s. Full particulars of charges, which will be as reasonable as possible, will be forwarded to anyone on application. Any offers of furniture for the hut will be gladly accepted.

M. A. ROBINSON.

Bournemouth and District.

We are holding our next meeting on Sunday May 7th, in the beach hut kindly lent to us by Mrs. Stebbing, who has kindly placed it at our disposal for the whole day.

We are hoping to have a char-a-banc drive to Shaftesbury, or some other place where we have "lone members," starting about 2.0 p.m., and having tea there, on the first or second Sunday in July. So if any members of the O.C.A. are spending a holiday in Bournemouth about that time, we should be very pleased if they would join us. The fare will be about 6s. and it will be quite our own show.

I had a letter from Miss Richards (Wimborne) this morning, enclosing a donation towards the branch funds. She says she is obliged to lead an invalid's life, and asks for news of Miss F. Kenworthy-Browne, who was her A.A.

Miss Messenger tells me that Miss Sansom, a member of this branch, has joined Ben Greet's company. I am hoping to get more details, as members in towns they visit might be interested.

FLORENCE E. LEVER.

Easter at "Oversea."

Have you heard about the six ex-Waacs who went to "Oversea?" They started from Victoria as cheerful as could be; Just twenty-two the carriage held, with not an inch to spare, But as it was a holiday, they really didn't care.

First morning there the six set forth to breathe the fresh sea air, But two were missing from the ranks when they reached Warrior Square.

"That's mine, it's number 62," "Oh, mine was 64," Till they were dragged away by the unfeeling "Connaught" four.

They spent their days in bathing and climbing up the hills, In watching gambling porpoises, and other little thrills; In skating on the rink at night and treading dungeons drear, In riding out on tramcars, but oh! the fares were dear!

These Waacs one night they tried to sing—it was a Sunday, too, "Three Blind Mice" in three parts—poor mice! And poor spectators too!

And then there was a solo when the mice had all been caught, "The Hills of Donegal" was given; what memories it brought!

Then someone tinkled "Wedding Chimes" and played the "Oldest Game";

Another gave poor "Mrs. Green," and so leapt into fame; But best of all the evening's fun, which here I cannot skip, Was the part that came on last of all, assisted by dear Kip.

That night these six they could not sleep, so to the room next door They crept whilst the poor occupant was on the lower floor; Put brushes in the poor girl's bed, and waited just outside, To hear her when she found them—"Ha Ha" I think she cried.

The noise was really terrible, and the laughter loud and long, Till Miss Ireland's door was opened to tell them of their wrong. But by the time she got upstairs that glorious little band Had gone, and left the victim with a brush still in her hand.

The days passed all too quickly at St. Leonards-on-the-Sea, And soon they had to say "Good-bye" to dear old "Oversea"; The guard saw their importance and put on another coach, First-class they came back all the way, and really sans reproche!

So here's to dear old "Oversea," and everyone who's there, A glorious time you're sure to have, for trouble they don't spare; And though they may be troublesome, and always up to tricks, They never will forget it, that noisy, restless six!

D. E. COLEMAN.

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Change of Address.

Miss Mills, Secretary, Southampton Branch, notifies us that her address now is Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton.

Bacon—Jennings.—At Horton Church, Northumberland, on Easter Monday, Cecil Bacon, of Somerset House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Freida Jennings, of the "Home Guard," London.

Sarsfield-Hall.—On the 20th February, at 35 Gilston Road, S.W.10, to Ethel Robin (nee Clowes) wife of E. G. Sarsfield-Hall—a son.

Cutland—Irwin.—At Regent Place U.F. Church, on 7th March, by the Rev. J. McCallum Robertson, M.A., Walter Cutland, Government Surveyor, G.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cutland, Bournemouth, to Janey Irwin, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Irwin, Claremont, Broompark Circus, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss Edith V. M. Johnston tells us that she is beginning to feel a true Australian. She likes the life in spite of the loneliness without her Old Comrades, to whom she sends her love. Her address is Cavan, Rawson Avenue, W. Kogarak, N.S. Wales.

Friends of **Miss M. Merrylees** should now write to her Helensburgh. **Mrs. Catchpole** (nee Youngman, Le Havre) at H.M. Borstal Inst., Aylesbury, where she is an officer in the Prison Service. She likes her work, and finds her army training very beneficial to her in many ways.

Has anyone any news of **Miss E. Bell**, who was a nurse in Merryflats Hospital, Govan, and whose home was in can hear nothing of her. Please write to her at the Beech Farm, Benacre, near Wangford, Suffolk.

Miss D. M. Thompson has resigned her secretaryship for the Leeds branch. Please address future correspondence to Mrs. Leonard, 46 Hyde Terrace, Leeds.

Miss Edith Thompson has been appointed by the Council of the All-England Women's Hockey Association, to represent them in Copenhagen during the forthcoming hockey tour. She left England with the team at the end of April, and will be away about a fortnight.

Miss Nora Byron, late Sick Bay Sister at various camps in the Rouen Area, would be delighted to hear from any friends. Calais girls may also know her. The Portsmouth Blue Triangle Club, 12 Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.1., will always find her.

Miss I. Owen, Honorary Secretary of the Portsmouth Branch has secured a post abroad, and hopes to sail from Liverpool on April 21st. Our best thanks are due to her for her work in connection with the branch. The branch has fortunately secured the services of Miss E. Henry as Miss Owen's successor, and her address is 33 Cuthbert Road, Portsmouth.

An interesting letter comes from **Miss M. Toms**, who is now at Attlboro Springs, Massachusetts. She informs us that **Rowan**, of Connaught Club, is now Mrs. Ley, and is living at Vancouver, B.C., much occupied with a small daughter, 3 months old. Miss Toms' address is Shelton Arms, Shelton Avenue, Jamaica, L.I., New York.

Miss M. I. Wilks is now in Coblenz, and writes expressing her appreciation of the Gazette.

Forewoman Jennings, 4216, formerly of C Company, Connaught Club, sends notice of her marriage on Easter Monday. She is now Mrs. C. B. Bacon, and is going to live for a time in the Midlands, so will probably be taking an interest in the activities of the Birmingham Branch. She assisted in the inauguration of the Bristol Branch, and is a keen member of the O.C.A.

Mrs. Jackson, late General Secretary, would be glad to keep in touch with many members whom she has met in connection with her work at the Headquarters Office. Her address is Hazledene, 5 Hazelwood Lane, Palmers' Green, N.

Miss K. Blackburn, late worker, Casualty Branch, Rouen, is now in Victoria, Australia. In writing to **Miss Robinson**, of Manchester, she gives news of some old friends. **Kinnaird, H.**, and **Houston, M.**, are both married, and living in Victoria. **Mrs. R. Worthington Eyer** (nee Betty Barter) and her husband are farming in Tanunda, S. Africa. **Dallcott, T.**, is also in South Africa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Retiring General Secretary.

A Branch Secretary writes: During its life-time the O.C.A. has had the services of three secretaries of the very best, and it is with regret I learn that Mrs. Jackson is about to relinquish the post of General Secretary. It has been my privilege to correspond regularly with the General Secretary regarding the working of a branch, and, with a feeling of relief, pour out my troubles in her ear. Be she ever so busy, be the matter urgent or otherwise, a quick reply is certain, giving the best advice, and often a little personal note of sympathy and cheer.

It is always a stimulus to visit the office in Chelsea and receive a warm welcome from the Secretary, and it is wonderful how matters straighten out in her competent hands, the secret being that she has the work of the O.C.A. at heart. It is certain Mrs. Jackson's activities will not cease with her departure from office, but will find an outlet in another form of O.C.A. work in the London Branch.

From Miss M. Reid, Superintendent, Y.W.C.A., Pimlico.

I have just returned from a most enjoyable ten days holiday at St. Leonards-on-sea, "Oversea" is certainly a most delightful and ideal spot for a restful holiday, I have told several "Old Comrades" who did not know of its existence, and hope many more may hear of it, and go and spend a jolly time. The kindness and consideration shown by Miss Walton and staff certainly help to make a happy holiday happier.

Miss M. Leneghan, late U.A., Aldershot, writes from Somerset.

It has occurred to me that some of the Old Comrades might like to hear of the Somerset Farm Institutes training in dairy work. There is an up-to-date dairy equipped with all modern appliances for the handling, testing, pasteurisation, separating and cooling of milk, and for the making of butter and cheese. The full term extends to fourteen weeks. There is a poultry course also included in the three months' training.

We are nearing the end of our first term, and the chief instructress is inundated with requests for cheese-makers and dairy maids. The pay for these is from £40 to £45, with board, lodging and laundry, and their life seems to be a very healthy and happy one. £50 would easily cover the training, laundry and outfit. This training would be invaluable to any girl going out to the Colonies and would increase her chances of getting good employment. I shall be glad to pass on any inquiries to the Principal, and if any Old Comrades are in this part of the world I should be pleased at any time to see them.

Re-Union Dinner.

The annual re-union dinner of the D.G.T. (France), O.C.A., will take place on Saturday, May 20th at 7 p.m. at the International Sporting Club, 25 Noel Street, Wardour St., W.1. Tickets 8s. each, which can be obtained from Mr. L. Peacock, Telegraph Superintendent's Office, North Eastern Railway, York, or from Miss K. French, 94, Grove Hill, South Woodford. All ex-Q.M.A.A.C. attached to D.G.T. Camp are heartily invited. A Concert will follow the dinner. All ex-Q.M.A.A.C. who wish to become members of the R.A.O.C.A. are requested to send 2s. 6d. and their name and rank to the Secretary.

ADVERTISEMENTS

To Let furnished in High Street, Portsmouth, small house, 3 bed, 2 reception rooms, kitchen and bath, near sea and shops.—For particulars apply to Miss McGuire Bate at the United Services Club for Women, 26 South Parade, Southsea, Hants.

Parlourmaid and housemaid wanted, separate bed-rooms, own bath-room, two in family, five mins. from station, 35 mins. from London.—Mrs. W. I. King (late Jordan U.A., Havre and Boulogne), Dormers, South Park, Gerrard's Cross, Bucks.

Wanted at G.F.S. lodge, Llandudno, for summer months, a 2nd housemaid to work with an ex-W.A.A.C.; also later a good experienced cook, accustomed to numbers.—Apply Superintendent (also ex-W.A.A.C.) at above address.

New Song just published. "There's One Little Spot."—Post free 2/1 from Miss Marion S. Mackenzie, 134 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Voluntary workers in connection with the Children's Country Holidays Fund, to help select and assist in the despatch of and meeting of the children sent during the school summer holidays. One voluntary worker can be the means whereby 28 children can get their holidays, but it is essential that volunteers carry out the work they undertake.—Any offers of help to be made to The Secretary, C.C.H.F., 18 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

NELL STEWART (Mrs. Athole Stewart, C.B.E., late Commandant, Women's Forage Corps) sells fruit and flowers, wreaths and