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EDITORIAL

With this number the Gazette enters upon its third year of publication, and may now be considered a well-established publication. It has been conclusively proved that it serves a useful purpose in keeping Old Comrades in touch with each other in all parts of the world, and its overseas and foreign circulation must compare very favourably with far more important periodicals. Thanks to the voluntary help which is always so generously forthcoming at the Headquarters' Office the Gazette has managed to pay its way, and has been entirely self-supporting from the outset. The Editor wishes to take this opportunity of thanking most warmly those who have helped so willingly. Addressing wrappers, licking stamps, rolling up Gazettes, and even correcting proofs, are not very attractive jobs to sit down to at the end of a long day's work, yet we are fortunate enough to have a band of volunteers who do this regularly month after month, and others who sort through the letters and collect the "News of Old Comrades"—one of the most popular features.

Although satisfied to a certain extent with the progress made during the last two years, it is hoped that the Gazette will go ahead still further during the next twelve months and be of even greater use to the Association. The Local Branches might make far more use of it than they do as a means of advertising their activities among their members. It would be quite easy to make special arrangements to receive definite dates and details of forthcoming events up to within a week of publication if notice was given beforehand.

As it is, some of our Branches are very remiss about sending in reports at all, and one of the largest failed altogether last month. It is very difficult for a voluntary staff to produce an up-to-date paper unless they receive full support and co-operation. However, this personal paragraph must end on a note of gratitude for the many favours received during the last two years, and with lively hopes of still more to come in the future, rather than with complaints of what has not been done in the past.

We are taking it for granted that you will all wish the Gazette many happy returns of its second birthday, and will remember in due course that the best birthday present takes the form of a postal order for three shillings and sixpence.

Overseas Branches.

Last month we extended a hearty welcome to the newly-formed Old Comrades' Branch at Winnipeg, Canada. This month the Women's United Services Club, Vancouver, B.C., is also warmly welcomed. Before very long an ex-Service woman will find friends and Clubs wherever she goes. We congratulate the pioneers on their enthusiasm and good comradeship.

The British Legion.

An unfortunate occurrence marred the last number of the Gazette. Several paragraphs of the Editorial Notes went astray in the post and were delivered at the wrong address, eventually reaching the printers after the Gazette was published. One of the missing paragraphs dealt with the British Legion's Whitsuntide meeting, and the Editorial comment which appeared in the Gazette beneath the letter from Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan referred mainly to this. Dame Helen's letter was sent to the printers at the last minute, when the Editor was under the impression that it would follow on after the paragraph on the Legion, while the printer, of course, had no idea that anything was missing. We owe Dame Helen a sincere apology for what must have appeared to be a very ungracious comment on her letter.

The original notes on the subject are now too out-of-date to be of interest, and Dame Helen's letter explains the present position quite clearly. All ex-Service women are now eligible as members of the British Legion on exactly the same terms as men, and with equal rights. Ex-Service women will greatly appreciate the action of the general meeting of the Legion in passing this resolution. As Dame Helen pointed out it does not involve any drastic changes at the moment. "The ex-Service Men's Clubs will, of course, remain Clubs for men, and our Clubs will still be Clubs for women, but in everything that affects the development of the Legion, and the well-being of those who served, of their dependents, and especially of the disabled, it is up to us to co-operate with the men of our branches." And so say all of us.

St. Leonards, Southsea, and Shanghai-on-Thames.

Old Comrades are having a choice of holiday resorts offered them this year. The Holiday Home at St. Leonards was quite full at Easter, and Shanghai is keeping well booked up for some time to come—though one can often get in at the last moment, owing to someone else having to cancel their visit. There is still Southsea, however, if you have left your holiday arrangements rather late; 20, South Parade overlooks the sea-front, facing the Isle of Wight, and offers every attraction to holiday-makers as well as to the local members. There is to be a great day on July 14th, when the official opening of the Club by Rear-Admiral E. Hyde-Parker, C.B., is to take place at 8 p.m.

Overseas Settlement (S.O.S.B.W.).

Dame Katherine Furse has just been elected a member of the Council of the S.O.S.B.W., on which Service women are already represented by Lady Dawson (Women's Legion) and Miss Edith Thompson (Q.M.A.A.C.). Although the Free Passage Scheme for ex-Service Women has now come to an end, assisted passages can be arranged, and those wishing to go Overseas are advised to apply to the offices of the S.O.S.B.W., which have recently been removed to 304 Clement's Inn, W.C.2.

A demand has been received from Toronto for women who have had experience in their own homes but not as domestic servants. The Canadian Emigration authorities in London are prepared to issue permits to suitable women.

Information has been received that a scheme for training women for joint agricultural and domestic work is under consideration in Canada.

An Australian Press correspondent urges the importance of girls going to South Australia as well as the 6,000 boys, and says that homes would be available there to receive the girls.

Openings for educated women as Home Helps have been reported by a reliable private correspondent.

Two women of the Land Army have been sent out to West Australia to fill agricultural posts found by Inspector Barbe Moore, District Inspector, Banbury, West Australia. There appears to be a limited demand for such women in that State.

The London Club.

The ex-Service Women's Club in London will soon be an accomplished fact. We understand arrangements are going ahead splendidly, and that the premises at 5 Buckingham Gate, S.W.1, will be ready in the autumn.

The Women's United Services Club, Vancouver.

The General Secretary has received the following letter from Vancouver from the Secretary of the newly-formed Club:—

"No doubt you will be interested to hear of the formation of a Women's United Services Club in Vancouver, B.C. As yet we are only small in number, but "big" in enthusiasm, and, as that is most essential, we are hoping before long to have a very successful Club formed. Every member is keen and eager to revive the old comradeship of the services, and we are ambitious enough to hope that at some future date we may have a Club-room of our own. At present we meet in the Y.W.C.A. every other Friday, and at our last meeting a Committee was proposed and voted upon as follows:—President, Mrs. W. D. Layton, formerly C. Gourlay, ex-Signaller, Calais; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Chapman, ex-N.C.O., W.R.A.F., Hythe; Secretary, Madge Benton, ex-Signaller, Etaples Treasurer, May Banerman, ex-N.C.O., Signaller Dieppe.

Membership includes all girls who served in any Branch of Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.A.F., W.R.N.S., G.S.V.A.D., Red Cross, N.A.C.B., and the Imperial Order of Nurses. We all feel we should like to become affiliated with the London Club, and are desirous of having the Badges which, I understand, are obtainable from Headquarters. Please let us know if this will be possible.

As Secretary of the Club, I should be very pleased for any advice or suggestions which you think might be helpful to me in making the Club a success."

We send a warm welcome to the new Club, and hope we shall hear of its activities regularly.

Belated Subscriptions.

One of the Branch Secretaries writes: "Enclosed is a notice for the Gazette. I have not put in nearly all I feel on the subject of subscriptions, it is too bitter for words." Do people realise the trouble they give by their failure to respond promptly to legitimate demands for payment? Our Branch Secretaries are all unpaid workers—most often are busy women, who do this voluntary work in the evenings in their scanty free time. The only way in which we can show we appreciate all the work they do for us, is to give them as little trouble as possible. Why not pay up and look pleasant?

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following publications: "The Wren," "The W.R.A.F.," "Bulletin," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "The Veteran Briton," "The Imperial Colonist," and "Memories," the journal of the 19th London Regiment.

We note from "The Wren" that the Association of Wrens, at a special general meeting held in May, have decided to promote Sea Guides. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the General Meeting approves the suggestion of the Council that the Association of Wrens promote the Sea Guide Movement by every means

in their power. That as a Kindred Society to the Girl Guide movement, the Wren Association may organise companies of Sea Guides in the various divisions."

War Medals.

British War and Victory Medals are granted to those women who served overseas between August 5th, 1914, and November 11th, 1918. Ex-officers and other ranks who are eligible under these conditions, and have not received their Medals, should apply to: Ex-Q.M.A.A.C., Secretary, War Office, Percy House Schools, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Shanghai.

Miss McClosky and the camp committee are much indebted for the gifts to the camp as follow: Miss Hamilton—tea cosy; Miss Mack—blue tea cosy beautifully embroidered in orange, "Shanghai" and "Q.M.A.A.C."; Miss Andrews—many covers—so useful, and last but not least, we owe much to Miss Chidley for the gift of dear "Picot" (spelt with a "T") who is anything but "the edge" in dogs, and being Irish herself, Miss McClosky has no difficulty in understanding Picot's strange little ways.

On Sunday, July 1st, we were most pleased to receive an unexpected visit from sixteen W.R.N.S., who were "motor-launching" up-river. We were very glad they felt at home enough with us to come along "off their own bat." It was perhaps unfortunate for them that they arrived at the end of tea, but of course we did our little best in that direction, and we feel sure that they know we meant well and will forgive any deficiencies. The tea was hot, anyway, and we gave them a rousing send-off from the lock when they once more set sail.

Since the last report on the camp, Miss McClosky has everything in full swing again and it is difficult to imagine that she has only been with us a month. Every week-end during the month has been filled up, but a few visitors have dropped out at the last minute and no booking fees have been paid for these people. May I remind everyone that a booking fee of 2/6 should be enclosed when writing to Miss McClosky to engage accommodation, and that if this is not possible the money should reach her by the Thursday morning preceeding their arrival. There are certain expenses in advance which have to be met when preparing for the parties and if for some reason some one is prevented from coming, the booking fee helps to meet the loss. Miss McClosky told me at a brief meeting I had with her on 29th June that she would like to acknowledge through the Gazette, gifts she had received, and intended giving me particulars, but in the rush of the moment I did not get them and therefore ask all the kind donors to accept her thanks and those of the Camp Committee, for their generosity.

H. Horniblow Hon. Sec., Camp Committee.

On Saturday, June 10th, a party of eight "Rouen girls (Cauchoise) visited Shanghai Camp for the week-end. This visit had been eagerly anticipated for some time by the whole party, bearing in mind their happy experience of last year.

The weather was propitious and the country around delightful. Miss McClosky ably attended to the catering and arrangements of the camp in her usual capable manner, and everything combined to make their week-end a thoroughly enjoyable one. Even earwigs were conspicuous by their absence.

The river, as usual, formed the great attraction and the punt episode will be remembered by some of the party who narrowly escaped a ducking, but this in no way detracted from the enjoyment of the merry crowd.

Miss Laird was not able to visit them on the Sunday as on a previous occasion, this the party regretted and all wish to be remembered to her through the Gazette.

TWO OR THREE EX-SERVICE WOMEN WANTED

the 2nd week of September for housework and cooking in small school for day boys—12 in household. Good wages, outings and holidays—Mrs. Grap, Preparatory School, Oxted, Surrey.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

Old Comrades have responded promptly to the proposed memorial to the late Miss M. M. Stevenson. Subscriptions are steadily arriving. Up to the end of June, about £15 had already been received from the following members: The Misses Montefiore, Ireland, N. Campbell, L. Nutting, E. Sheppard, E. K. Brown, G. K. Ballard, J. Turnbull, A. E. B. Johnstone, R. Gomys Lewer, E. Martin, Huffell, Molyneux, Edith Thompson, Mrs. O. M. Newton, Mrs. Powell.

The list will remain open until August 31st.

There appears to be some confusion between membership and gazette subscriptions. The former only are being adjusted up to and for December 1922.

Will all members attached to branches kindly send their membership subscriptions to their branch secretary instead of to Headquarters.

THE UNITED SERVICES FUND

is shortly opening at Heatherwood, Ascot, a hospital for the treatment of **Surgical Tuberculosis**. All candidates for admission must be the children of ex-Service men and women, and they will be admitted up to the age of 12 years. Cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, what is generally known as "Consumption," will not be admitted to the Hospital. Patients' parents or friends will be required to pay towards the expenses of treatment according to their circumstances.

Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Heatherwood Committee, 29 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

UNITED SERVICES CLUB FOR WOMEN,

26 South Parade, Southsea.

(HELENA RESIDENTIAL CLUBS, LTD.).

A Social and Residential Club for ex-Service women has been opened at the above address.

The Club has 12 beds, for the use of members wishing to live in the Club. Ex-Service women wishing to come for holidays are welcome.

Members of other United Services Clubs staying in the locality for a few days, may join the Club at special terms.

Social Evenings for non-resident members are held every fortnight.

Terms for holiday members run at:—

Single rooms, £2 2s. per week.

Share of room (facing sea), 35/- a week.

Back (sharing room), 32/6.

Back (sharing room), 30/-.

The Club looks over the sea, and is two minutes from the South Parade Pier.

Station, FRATTON. Tram O to Strand or any marked S.P. Pier.

Cheap boat excursions run daily from both piers to the Isle of Wight, and other places. Motor trips also run daily.

Please book early, as we are getting a lot of applications. All particulars from the Warden on request.

EX-SERVICE WOMEN'S CLUB, LONDON.

A Club for ex-Service women is being opened at Buckingham Gate, London, near Victoria Station. It is hoped it will be ready by the beginning of October. Members of the O.C.A. will be eligible for membership at the reduced subscription of 6/- per annum plus 1/- entrance fee. Members of the Club will be entitled to use it at all times. There will be dining-room, reading and writing-room and other sitting-rooms together with bedroom accommodation for members who wish to stay in town for a few nights. Meals will be obtainable at low cost. Our O.C.A. will have the use of a room here for our weekly re-unions, and members of the O.C.A. who are not also members of the Club will be asked to produce their membership card on these occasions. Your O.C.A. membership card should therefore be carefully preserved. Application for membership to the Club will be received from now onwards, but membership will date from October next. Special rates of subscription will be given for members living outside a radius of 25 miles of London.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS**LONDON.**

Club-room is open each Thursday evening at 91 Belgrave Road, from 7.30 to 10. The Secretary would be glad to be informed of any member ill either in hospital or at home.

Will all members, who have not already done so, fill in and return the forms along with subscription due. If this is not attended to at once, it will be impossible to carry on the work of the branch. The clerical work involved in circularising the 1,300 members of the London Branch, and adjusting subscriptions in each case, has been enormous, and only a very small effort on the part of each individual member is required to complete it, otherwise the work has been a waste of time.

Swimming Club.

The Jumble Sale announced in last month's Gazette will take place on Thursday evening, July 27th, at 91 Belgrave Road. It is hoped that intending contributors will not consider it too late, as we are open to receive anything up till the date. Please forward to Miss Bartlett, at "91" any unwanted article of any description.

S. B. MURRAY, Hon. Secretary London Branch.

The London Branch Honorary Secretary regrets she is unable to deal promptly with all the correspondence recently received, as the pressure of the work is so enormous.

The following letter has been received from Miss M. B. Matches, c/o Mrs. Sherwood, Coltrim Lodge, Rockville Park, Ottawa, Canada, by the Secretary, S.O.S.B.W.

"I write to let you know how I've got settled in Canada. I've been here four weeks now as cook-general and I am staying (temporary) till the middle of August, then I am engaged to go as head-cook to Ashbury College for 1st of September. Before I start there I am going to visit my Canadian cousins at Grafton, Ontario, which is a good way over 100 miles from here in the line for Toronto.

I intended writing to you sooner, but it takes a little time for one to get settled down into the new ways. I like staying here very much and I am only ten minutes walk from where my sister stays, but I've suffered awful with mosquito bites, since I arrived, but the time for them will soon be passed. I am about twenty minutes in the cars from the city, but it's very pretty out here alongside the river, and the weather has been lovely and warm all the time. The people I work for are very nice to me, Canadian people. There are lady, gent and three children. The nurse is also Scottish, belonging to Aberdeen. I seem to be the only one of 21st April party who came to Ottawa, as I've never seen any of the others since I left Montreal Hostel, but I have had letters from a few of them and all seem to be scattered already. I must say I am greatly indebted to the Society for all they did for me as I've never had a hitch from the beginning to the end of my journey. I wasn't sea-sick and therefore enjoyed the journey all the more and everything was very nice all along, and we were treated with kindness by all. I don't think anything could be done in improvement as I thought everything was excellent.

I go to the Y.W.C.A. in Ottawa and come across a magazine of the S.O.S.B.W. there, which was of great interest to me. I seem to be the only ex-Service woman belonging to the Union Jack Club of the Y.W.C.A.

I asked Miss Gray, the Secretary, about the magazine, and she said they got it every month, but she did not know where it came from.

There seems to be a great demand for domestics in Ottawa, at present the demand exceeds the supply.

I must not forget to say that the Hostel at Montreal was also very nice and comfortable, and Miss Louttit was kindness itself to all. On arriving there I found Miss Louttit belonged to the same part of Scotland as I do, the Orkneys, and I knew her sister very well in Orkney, and saw her while I was home so I was able to give her some news of home.

Thanking you again for all your kindness, and I wish the Society every success.

Golder's Green Sub-Branch.

A well-patronised ramble on June 11th terminated our fixtures for the next two months. As so many of the members anticipate being out of town during July and August it was found impracticable to make further arrangements. Those of us who are able look forward to joining "Kew" on July 9th and any subsequent date.

N. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary Sub-Branch.

Richmond Sub-Branch.

A ramble through Kew Gardens and Richmond Park to Wimbledon will take place on Saturday afternoon, July 22nd. Meet at Kew Gardens main gate at 2.30 p.m.

As so many of our members are to be on holiday during the next six weeks we do not propose arranging any meetings till September, when we hope to succeed in fixing up a charabanc trip either to Southsea or St. Leonards.

M. H. ROBERTSON, Hon. Secretary.

Birmingham Local Branches.

On Sunday, June the 28th, we held our second ramble this season, about twelve of us turned up which was very encouraging seeing that the day was rather unsettled, and we had several showers during the afternoon. We went by tram to Cotteridge, and had arranged to walk from there to Weatheroak Hill, but we lost our way and did not reach the destination we expected. However, we found a very nice place where we obtained tea, which we thoroughly enjoyed after our long tramp, after that we had to decide which way we were to get back, we were told we were still 2½ miles from Arrowfield Top—that was where we had decided to have tea—so as it was getting late we decided to wander back through the lanes the same way that we had come. We arrived home about nine o'clock after a very jolly afternoon.

One of our members is sailing for India early in September and we are therefore arranging a Flannel Dance about September 1st to wish her farewell. We hope all our members in this district will do their best to be present on that occasion.

E. C. BRINSFORD, Hon. Secretary, Birmingham and Midland Branch.

Brighton.

We were unlucky with our weather in June, just when all members had been notified of the meetings too. The morning of June 8th, the day of our Beach Party, was wet, and though it cleared later it kept dull and cold. However, a faithful few turned up, and one was brave enough to bathe. Many thanks to Miss Wagner for lending us her tent. Sunday the 24th was a day of wind with turns of brilliant sunshine and heavy showers, one of which, of course, must come on within an hour of our meeting-time. Two of us risked it, and had a lovely blow along the Front, incidentally getting caught in another shower, as were hundreds of Londoners down for the day, in hopes of seeing something of the Carnival. Members may always be sure of someone being at the meeting-place, unless the weather is absolutely impossible. Wednesday, July 19th, meet at the Regent (Queen's Road entrance) at 7.30 p.m.

June 30th.

H. A. BARON,

25 Wellington Road, Brighton.

Bristol and West of England.

Last month we had our gathering at Weston-super-Mare. Several of our members arriving from a distance, and were greeted by the Weston members and taken to tea at the Y.W.C.A., which seemed quite like "old days." After thoroughly enjoying our repast, and posing for our photos, we all went to Grove Park to see the war memorial as it has the name of one of our late comrades, "Marv Harris," Q.M.Aux.A.C. (not Q.M.A.A.C.) on the roll of honour.

Bournemouth and District.

The branch was asked to help with a Fete organised by the British Legion, held in Poole Park on June 24th. As it was the same day as the Girl Guides Divisional Rally, I was not able to be there, but Miss Trotter very kindly took charge of the treasure hunt, but none of the others turned up, as they thought the weather was too bad and that the fete would be postponed.

Last Sunday about twelve of the members went to

Shaftesbury by charabanc and had a topping time. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson entertained them to tea in their garden and afterwards showed them round. I have heard from two who went and they fairly made me green with envy, as I was not able to go; Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were most hospitable and did everything possible to make the visit most enjoyable. If we were Guides we should have wanted to send a "Thanks Badge" after such a delightful time.

So far, we have not fixed up anything for July, but hope to meet again before long. If any members are down here for holidays and would let us know, we will arrange a meeting, even if only one or two.

F. E. LEVER.

Cardiff.

Our club quarters at 35 Windsor Place are very comfortable and cheery and are open right through the summer on Monday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. We can get tea and biscuits during the evening. Girls who feel inclined bring work, but no special indoor attractions have been arranged to take place during the next month or two.

We should be very glad to welcome new members at our weekly meeting. Old Comrades also have the chance of attending the club any evening as members of the Women's Section, British Legion, as we rent our club room from the British Legion.

A very enjoyable picnic was held during Whit week, when fourteen members and friends hired a charabanc and drove to Fontyfary, a little seaside place fifteen miles away. The weather was glorious and the return was made late in the evening.

We have not yet secured the tennis court at the Barracks on three evenings a week, as we had hoped, but sets are made up by the members, and tennis is played on the courts in the public parks. We are trying to arrange a match, Q.M.A.A.C. v. W.R.A.F., but at present we need more practice.

H. W. MARSON, Hon. Sec.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland O.C.A.

The main efforts of the Edinburgh members are concentrated on making the W.U.S. Club a success and they, along with the members of the other Services, enjoy every minute of their time there.

One of our most enthusiastic "Comrades," Brownlee, better known as "Brownie" (late B.S. and Rouen) was married on 6th June.

We take this opportunity of wishing her a very happy and prosperous married life. As she is to live at 30 Rennie Street, Falkirk, we hope to see her frequently in Edinburgh.—TENNIS CLUB. The Tennis Club at Corstorphine, behind Pinkhill Station, is a great success and is much appreciated by beginners owing to its secluded position. The O.C.A. has rented it for the season and has also secured the use of a room in the station and has bought racquets, balls and net.

Owing to the fact that Edinburgh is such a good tourist centre, a number of ex-Service women hope to visit the Women's United Service Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, during the holidays, where they will receive a hearty welcome from the Secretary, Miss May Finlay (ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and W.L.).—SUBSCRIPTIONS. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are reminded that these are now overdue. They are also reminded that the new enrolment forms should be completed and returned as soon as possible.—WEDDING. Kinroy: Brownlee. On 6th June, at Slateford U.F. Church, Edinburgh, John S. Kinroy, C.A., Falkirk, to Helen June, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brownlee, Slateford. (Brownie, late B.S.D., Rouen).

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

VISITORS FROM OTHER BRANCHES. On Saturday, 3rd June, this Branch had the great pleasure of entertaining at the Club, 212 Bath Street, Miss Robertson and a party of Signallers who were spending an afternoon in Glasgow after a week's holiday at Row. Unfortunately, the members from Ireland and Aberdeen had to leave early in the afternoon, and were unable to be present at the gathering.

An English O.C.A. badge was found at the club after the departure of the guests. Will the member who dropped it apply to the Secretary.

We were pleased also to have a flying visit from Miss Baker (Post Office, Connaught Club), who was on a visit to Miss McLellan.

CHARABANC TRIP.—In brilliant sunshine a party of twenty-four assembled at the club for a trip to Falls of Clyde and Lanark. The Valley of the Clyde was looking its best, the orchards white and the laburnum trees dripping with yellow blossom. On arrival at Lanark the party divided, some making for the lake, others for the "fair" and roundabouts. Returning to Lanark about 6, high tea was served at the hotel. The run home was a cold one, but a welcome "cup o' tea" at the club at 9.30 p.m., prepared by Misses McLellan, J. D. Murphy and Palmer made a delightful finish to a delightful afternoon.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME HOME PARTY.—On Thursday, 15th ult., a very happy evening was spent at the club room, the occasion being a farewell party to Miss J. D. Murphy, who is leaving for Washington at the end of the month to join Miss Anderson, also a member of this branch. Miss Murphy will be much missed, having been an active member of this branch since its formation two years ago, and having served on several committees. Our best wishes go with her to her new sphere. The party was made specially interesting by being also a welcome to Miss I. J. Thomson, a member of this branch, who is home from New York on a two months' holiday. Miss Thomson (also a very keen member) and Miss Murphy had much in common. Addresses were exchanged and arrangements made to meet in New York in Autumn and to "dig out" as many ex-Waacs as possible.

TO EX-WAACS IN COLOGNE.—Miss Milton, branch member, is now in Cologne, and would like to hear of any ex-Waacs there. Her address is c/o Dowden and Co., Venloer Strasse 23, Cologne.

SWIMMING CLUB.—Miss E. Boulton, 22 Whitevale Street, has kindly offered to take charge of this club and give instruction in swimming and diving. She has already a number of names and any wishing to join should apply to Miss Boulton at her address. The class is held at Calder Street Baths on Fridays at 8.45 p.m. and the charge is 4s. 6d. inclusive for the session.

GLASGOW MEMBERS VISIT EDINBURGH CLUB.—During the week-end, the Misses Nixon, Boulton, O. Browne, J. C. Browne, Petrie and Monaghan visited the Edinburgh Club. They described everybody and everything in it as being perfect. Miss Findlay and staff received them with open arms and made them feel at home at once, food and cooking splendid, and beds most comfortable. The visit was all too short, and, as the terms fit the purse, they hope to return and renew their acquaintance with the Edinburgh members.

E. M. GILCHRIST.

Liverpool.

The picnic to Chester did not come off after all. We were not sorry, as it simply poured all the afternoon.

We were very pleased to see Miss Thompson in Liverpool, but sorry she was not able to see more of the members. The club-room was in use, but the occupants were kind enough to allow us a small ante-room for a short time.

Do not forget the American tea in September. Useful and pretty articles will sell best.

Camp details will be posted shortly.

D. HOLDER, Hon. Secretary.

Liverpool United Services' Club.

Friday, 30th June, is the last meeting for the season at the Overseas Club, after that date we hope all members will treat the Tennis Club at Park Lea, Green Bank Drive, near Ullet Road, as their "Happy Hunting Ground," though it cannot be a "playing ground" for all, as naturally only members who have paid their subscriptions of 10/6 can get a game. Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons others, frivolously inclined, will be found, and those who do not play can "harry" the lives of the players by watching critically. (No remarks allowed).

Miss Wall (W.R.N.S.), is bent on making us all swimmers, and has nearly succeeded. She has got together a splendid Club which meets every Tuesday from six onwards at the Wallasey Baths, the membership is over 40. A season ticket, which lasts till the end of October, costs 4/6. Beginners have only to make their voices heard and help will be forthcoming at once.

Miss Edith Thompson paid a delightful surprise visit to this "Northern clime" on 22nd June, so some of us were able to get a little Waac gossip, which is always such a joy to us.

MISS LINDSAY

Press representative, Women's Ex-Service Club, Liverpool. Manchester.

We were not lucky enough to get our hut ready for use at Whitsun, but the farmer, on whose ground the hut is to be erected, very kindly put a room in his farm at our disposal and several of us spent a very jolly week. We put our Army stretchers on the floor, but the first night, we did not know the art of making a camp bed, and were all glad to get up next morning, feeling cold, stiff and washed out, but by the end of the week it was hard to get the breakfast orderlies up to time. We have primus stoves to cook our meals, but none of us knew how to work them so we asked help from the scouts camping on the farm, we also have an oven, but I doubt if the mutton would have been cooked yet, we made such a poor success at it. Mr. Fletcher at the farm took pity on us and allowed us to use his fire.

We had such enormous appetites that we ran out of bread on Bank Holiday and had to walk three miles to Bollington in search of a baker's. One day we went for a drive in the farm cart, which is more or less a few planks on two wheels, it caused quite a sensation in the district, for we were seated on straw in the bottom of the cart, one girl who preferred to sit on a box, fell over the back when the horse jolted, everybody went home looking as though they had been at the sea for at least a month, and full of the kindness of Mr. Fletcher towards us.

We have now got the hut erected and have spent two week-ends in it, it is far from straight, but we have only the week-ends to do anything, it was 9 p.m. when we finished moving our furniture into the hut, and we were tired out, so we just cleared space for our stretchers and went to bed. The outside of the hut has to be painted, so one fine week-end we intend to set about it and get it finished.

We were very pleased indeed to welcome Miss Jackson and Miss Thompson at our club on Friday 30th June, we would have liked them to visit the hut, but perhaps they will be in this district again during the summer and will visit Adlington then.

Oxford.

An afternoon steamer trip on the river has been arranged for Thursday July 20th from Oxford to Abingdon and back. Arrangements have been made for tea at Abingdon. Members should assemble at Foly Bridge at 2.15, return ticket 2s.6d. Members may bring one or two friends if desired.

MOLLY GRUNDY, Hon. Sec.

Portsmouth and District.

On Sunday, June 14th, a most enjoyable ramble was held at Sea View, being the first of the season, it was looked forward to with much interest. The weather was perfect. We walked a little and sat in the shade a great deal. Bathing and taking snapshots seemed to be the main features. At 7 p.m. we reluctantly started for home, after a very happy afternoon. Our next is arranged for July 9th at Ryde. May we have another day such as we have just experienced. We are pleased to welcome another new member, Mrs. R. Dobson, nee R. Brumnade, late of Camp 1, Rouen. Old Comrades who are also members of the United Services Club for Women, 26 South Parade, Southsea, always thoroughly enjoy the socials held there every alternate Wednesday. There is indeed fun when members of every branch of Women's service meet together.

Second Annual Rouen Signals Reunion, May 27—June 3.

Despite the well-known Scottish saying regarding "the best laid plans," arrangements made over a year ago for the 2nd Annual Rouen Signals Reunion, materialised in a thoroughly enjoyable week in Argylshire at the C.H.A. Guest House, Ardenconnel Row.

Although our party numbered thirteen for the week, (with four extra for the week-end) our luck was decidedly in, all through, especially as regarded weather conditions.

Once at Ardenconnel, the joy and excitement of meeting old pals again so refreshed us that even those who had spent the previous night travelling were able to join the usual Saturday evening excursion up the hill to the reservoir. Here we received our first conception of the configuration of the country we were to explore during the week—a conception that filled us with a child's desire for morning to arrive quickly, but which, when the rising bell sounded, recalled the austere Scotswoman's remark that her bairns "were aye fine o' rising at nicht."

Having spent Sunday morning in the woods at Roseneath we set out after lunch to walk round the Gareloch—a distance of thirteen miles. At Whistlefield, on the hills above Garlothead, we had a magnificent panorama of Scottish mountain and loch scenery, seeing at one time, Loch Long, Loch Goil, and the Gareloch with the mountains that surround and divide them.

An excursion to Loch Lomond was arranged by the House for Monday. This we eagerly joined and had a wonderful sail up the Loch from Balloch, at the south end, to Ardlui at the north end. Many secret plans were made for honeymoons to be spent at one or the other of the entrancing little spots at which the steamer called on either side of the Loch. From Ardlui we walked nine miles along "the bonny bonny banks" to Tarbet and Arrochar, whence our return route by train lay via the shores of Loch Long and the Gareloch.

For Tuesday a walk up the shores of Loch Long appealed to the other guests in the house, but, as we had come down that loch the previous evening with noses flattened against the train windows, revelling in every inch of the scenery, Glen Douglas, which connects the Gareloch with Loch Lomond held more attraction for us. When it was remarked "it was a pity there wasn't a man to take the Glen Douglas party," this attraction was turned into mulish determination to do the Glen on our own—and we did. On reaching Loch Lomond we spent an hour or so basking on the banks, paddling and taking snapshots (to be entitled, "Loch Lomond Soles"); after an easy five mile walk along the lake we met the Loch Long party and all had tea together at Arrochar.

Wednesday saw us set out in charabancs for Craigen-doran where we joined the steamer for a cruise in the Kyles of Bute. The day was ideal for the purpose being the hottest of the whole week. A charabanc trip to Stirling was Thursday's programme. After an interesting visit to the Castle and Guildhouse we drove back in the evening via Aberfoyle and the Lake of Menteith passing through the village of Ruskie. It was tantalising to know that Miss Low had left that spot only a few weeks previously. Although the Rouen Area was never under Miss Low's command, we know how she would have loved to see us all.

We spent Friday in Glen Fimart and by Loch Eck, reaching there by charabanc from Dunoon. The party filled two charabancs. On the return journey the first reached Dunoon in safety, but the occupants of the second just escaped a night under the stars. The "Silver Duchess" refused to start; as the nearest phone was six miles away, we sent an S.O.S. to Dunoon, by the first car that passed—only to see it break down about 200 yards in front of us. However, the driver of the first charabanc had sufficient gumption to realise that something had happened, so after unloading the first party he drove back, dug us out of the wee inn where we had been having tea, and landed us back at Dunoon just in time for the last boat.

A few unfortunates had to leave early on Saturday morning, but the majority of us were able to accept the very kind invitation of the Glasgow Branch to be their guests for the afternoon and evening. We were welcomed by Miss Gilchrist—stationed "on the lookout" at the door of the Club, Miss Banks, the President of the Glasgow Branch, some of the club members, and also a few Glasgow signallers, who had not been with us during the week. We compliment the Glasgow Branch most heartily on the excellent way in which their Club is laid out. To go and see is the only way to realise its comfort and the complete way in which it fulfils its purpose.

We were right royally entertained, the liberal spread rising above even the well known requirements of the traditional W.A.A.C. appetite. It's still a moot question whose groans were the louder—the tables before—or ours after.

We felt honoured when we learned that Miss Gilchrist had kept the date of our reunion in mind since its announcement in the Gazette of July, 1921. Next year we are having no reunion but intend concentrating all our energies—and funds—on a fortnight at Dinan in Brittany in June of the following year (1924).

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan has been adopted as prospective Unionist candidate for Parliament for North Camberwell. Old Comrades of like views will no doubt get busy in the event of an election, and help her all they can. **Miss W. Haythorne** has been appointed a Warden of Women Students at Bangor University, North Wales. She will be missed in London. **Miss O. Mainland** is having a very strenuous time on Salisbury Plain with the N.A.A.F.I. (formerly N.A.C.B.). **Miss Rita Lindsay** has a clerical post in Liverpool and is putting in some good work in connection with the United Services' Club there.

The following items are gleaned from the "Ex-Service Women's Bulletin," Sydney:—

Miss C. A. Eastgate (ex-U.A.), Wellington, N.Z., sends the following clipping from the "Evening Post":—

"On Tuesday evening last a gathering was held of ex-members and officials belonging to Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (commonly known as the 'Waacs'). They met at the Rialto, and spent a most enjoyable evening, exchanging reminiscences and discussing the various experiences in France, England, and Germany. This is the first meeting of the kind which has been arranged in Wellington, but it is hoped that it will not be the last. Any ex-members of the corps who were not notified are requested to communicate with Miss C. A. Eastgate, No. 8 Willeston Street, Wellington." (Well done, N.Z.!—Ed.).

Miss Grace Fletcher (ex-U.A.), has been appointed Warden of St. John's Hostel, Mudgee, N.S.W. "We are having a wonderfully cool season. I have twenty girls all attending High School, and a very nice lot they are."

Miss M. Prevost, after some months at Blackheath, returned to Sydney on 1st March. **Mrs. E. H. Reynolds** is staying with Miss Macphillamy, Orton Park, Bathurst, N.S.W. **Miss D. Richardson**, after some time fruit canning at Leeton, where she met G. Cooper, is now at Telegraph Hotel, Goodooga, via Brewarrina, N.S.W., which she reached after a 79-mile drive across the open plains.

Since her marriage **Mrs. A. A. Simpson** (nee Turner) has been living at Rawilla, Muttama, N.S.W. **Miss M. Winter** is at Corry, Trangie, N.S.W.

We are sorry to hear through **Miss Owen** (South Wales Branch) that **Laurena Hulbert**, owing to ill-health, has had to give up her berth and take a rest in the country. She is going to stay with "Monty," with whom she travelled to Canada. Her address will be c/o Box 134, Gadsby, Alberta.

Miss J. Bickell, of 16 Christchurch Road, Hampstead, N.W.3, would be very pleased to hear from E. Mansfield, 29 Foxbar Road, Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. E. Wood, of Leabourne Lea, Blackwell Road, Carlisle, paid Headquarters Office a visit recently, and then went on to the Club at 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1. Although she did not meet anyone she knew, she says she spent a very enjoyable evening there, and felt thoroughly at home. She would like to thank in particular "Emmie" and "Jarvie," of Belgrave Road.

Old Comrades might like to visit **Miss J. Arthur**, who now runs a tea shop at The White Cottage, Chislehurst, Kent. She would be glad to meet any of her old Waacs.

Members who knew **Miss Robinson**, attached Administration Department, Headquarters, will be interested to hear that she has been married for some time. She is now living in India, and has a baby girl 15 months old.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From the London Society for Women's Service, 58 Victoria Street, S.W.1.

We have heard of an exceptionally nice opening in Nursing Training in a Cottage Hospital in California. This hospital is in a pleasantly situated town on the Californian coast, and the climate, surroundings and general conditions would be unusually good. It is possible that assistance might be obtained for the travelling expenses of one or two really suitable candidates. The following memorandum gives some idea of the conditions:—Student nurses are expected to have had a good secondary education, and should be from about 22 to 27 years of age.

The hospital will furnish food, lodging, laundry, textbooks and 10.00 dollars per month; and at the end of 28 months the graduating nurse will receive a certificate enabling her to secure employment in the hospital or outside. The average rate of wages for that work is 6.00 dollars per day. If the matter interests you, and you would like to hear more about it, please write to us or call at this office for further information. Tel. Victoria 9542.

From Vancouver, B.C.

Your letter and Gazettes received O.K. Many thanks. Needless to remind you again of the pleasure I have when reading them, and I shall read them still more keenly now and henceforth, for last week we started an ex-Service Club here in Vancouver. So far, we have a membership of 12 only, but we have hopes of more joining as it becomes better known. So Liverpool has only just managed to get her nose in before us! I happen to see an April Gazette the other day and, behold, what met my eye almost immediately! Miss D. Holder, Secretary of the Liverpool Branch. So we both undertake our new duties together, for some crazy individual proposed "your humble" for the same position. What do I know of such work anyway? However, I'm anxious for the Club to be a success, so I guess I'll have to make an attempt. We are naming ours the Vancouver Branch of the Women's United Services' Club, and we are going to admit all girls who served in the W.A.A.C., W.R.A.F., W.R.E.N., N.A.C.B., V.A.D., G.S.V.A.D., Imperial Order of Nurses, also munition workers or other war workers, the last two classes named we are including as associate members only, with all the rights and privileges of the Club except a vote. You see its going to be difficult for us, as apparently there seem to be so few girls in Vancouver to muster together who are eligible for the Club. However, we are yet young and have hopes!

We have only had two meetings so far—we meet every other Friday in the Y.W.C.A. The Club fee is \$1 per member, 50 cents of which goes to the Y.W.C.A. We are carrying it out along the same lines as the Winnipeg Club, which was started soon after I left there by a friend of mine, Betty Ewen. She was in Hut 12a, a great friend of mine, Wright's. Do you remember her? Our President is an ex-Glasgow telegraphist of Calais (Cath Gourlay, now Mrs. Layton), Vice-President a WRAF N.C.O. of Hythe; Treasurer, a Glasgow telephonist, of Calais and Dieppe. The only other overseas girl is a French Canadian canteen worker under the auspices of the American Red Cross, served in Czecho-Slovakia and Germany for a considerable time. An artist by profession, knows France ever so well. She knew Brown the artist who had the little café on the way to Trépiéd. Wasn't it called L'Argo? Then we have an administrator from Sutton Veny, Mrs. Dymont. Let's know all about your branch, there's a dear, and come through with any ideas you think may be useful to me. I've got none. I had a lovely letter from Milly awhile ago. She hasn't quite made up her mind as to whether she likes her new work or not anyway. She has her particular chum there and likes London, so I guess she'll soon settle. I tell you I had changed my vocation a third time! I'm now with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York, in their office here as one of the cashiers. A complete change again, but I like it and the hours are good—anywhere from 8.30 to 9 in the morning until 5 p.m., and soon after 12 on Saturday.

Everything in nature is looking lovely here just now, and already we have had one or two really summer days

but we are anxious for more. We have had two or three picnics, there are such heaps of places to go to within a little distance from her. Wednesday is Dominion Day, a holiday, so, D.V., we shall have a picnic. Have not forgotten snaps, but will send some in my next without fail.

Here's wishing your Club the best of success.

MADGE BENTON, late Signaller, Etaples.

From a Local Branch Member.

Please can you give us a lead in any direction with regard to the British Legion and all the other things we are expected to join? It is getting a bit complicated here. I belong to the Local Branch of the O.C.A. in this town, and I subscribe to the Gazette. I am now told I ought to join the United Services' Women's Club here, which, as far as I can see, has no connection with the O.C.A., but has an ex-Waac as Secretary. Finally, Dame Helen urges us all to join the British Legion. If I am in London on a visit and want to use the Buckingham Gate Club must I subscribe again for that? It is not so much that I grudge the money, though it will mount up to a considerable sum in all, but it is such a nuisance to be always sending postal orders and filling in membership forms. Would it not be possible for the O.C.A. to take the matter in hand and arrange a combined subscription to everything?

A KEEN OLD COMRADE.

The British Legion and the O.C.A.

Very many thanks for your letter. About the British Legion. The situation seems complicated and I feel it is a matter for our Council to discuss at as early a meeting as possible.

Regarding the Legion itself, you have no doubt read the Constitution and the Annual Report, which shows briefly its aims and objects, which are, of course, perfectly compatible with the general views of members of our O.C.A., and I would suggest that if we decide to support the Legion that publication of these aims and objects be made in the Gazette.

You will no doubt very rightly say that these are all right so far as they go, but can the average worker afford subscriptions to both organisations, and "what will she get" by so doing. I think I had better put the case for the Legion first.

The Legion, in deciding to admit ex-Service women to full membership, carry out the democratic policy they advocate. It is no doubt a distinct win so far as status is concerned for the ex-Service woman, who, even during the war, never knew whether the country regarded her as a soldier or a civilian.

It is also a fact that organisation is strength, and by organisation and combined effort the interests of ex-Service men and women in the world to-day can be better safeguarded. It is also assumed that having "full membership" we automatically come in for "full benefits" in relation to benevolence, employment and pensions, and, moreover, all the facilities and machinery for such problems now operating for men can be demanded and obtained for women. In this connection I would add that machinery operating for men is not always suitable for women, and it is also therefore assumed that when dealing with questions which effect ex-Service women only, the assistance and advice of women selected for the job will be asked. I would here point out that the Legion Headquarters cannot know what are the needs of women, or from what women they should seek advice with the consent of the ex-Service women generally; that the channel of communication has now been opened by the membership; and if we are going to co-operate with the Legion it is up to us, through our local branches together with the local branches of the Legion and usual channels to Headquarters, to make ourselves felt and to make the Legion acquainted with us and our members acquainted with the Legion. You see, their point is, "You wanted membership—you have it. Well, it's your move!" I cannot emphasise this sufficiently because they have us on the two following points:—

1. If we amalgamate as an O.C.A. at a subscription of £1 1s., we would be entitled to benefits generally; but we would have no voice in conference, nor would we have power to put a member on the Council.

2. Our people cannot afford continuous subscriptions. If they enter the Legion they are liable to drop the O.C.A. to its ultimate extinction.

The Legion's first idea is to put on their programme that a Royal Warrant for pensions be issued regarding ex-Service women, realising that the War Risks Compensation and Workmen's Compensation Act have inadequately met the case heretofore.

The Women's Auxiliary Section remains for women other than ex-Service women (being "dependents" of course), but ex-Service women cannot join that Section as ex-Service women, but only as ex-Servicemen's dependents.

In my opinion it should be urged that all who can afford it (not to the detriment of their O.C.A. subscription) should join the Legion, and this, of course, resolves itself to those comparatively few people who, for the good of the cause generally, pay their subscriptions and do things—and the people who would make themselves felt in the Legion in the manner necessary. It can be put to much use—for the good of ex-Service and all women—only let them keep their O.C.A. for the "comradeship" idea and the social side.

Extract of letter received from Miss R. Batty, in Egypt:—

"The only drawback to living out here is being so far from England, and all one's relations and friends. Otherwise there is much to be said for it, amongst the attractions being perpetual sunshine and freedom from servant worries. We have two Arabs who wait on us hand and foot, and never make a trouble of anything. They really are the comfort of our lives.

Another joy of life out here is that there are such interesting places within hail. I have already had a trip to Cairo, where I saw, of course, the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid, and also a still older Pyramid which was 3,000 years old when Abraham was born.

In the Museum there, I saw the Pharaoh who oppressed the Children of Israel. There he was, with hair still on his head, and teeth in his jaws. He really was a most gruesome object, and I could quite understand the small boy from here who was taken to see him and afterwards kept his friends awake calling out "please Pharaoh it wasn't me."

I have also been for a three weeks' tour in the Holy Land, which was too thrilling for words. We started off with a week in Jerusalem, and from there visited Bethlehem, Bethany, the Mount of Olives, besides, of course all the sacred sites in the city itself. Then we went on to Haifa and spent a night in a monastery on the top of Mount Carmel, and from there hired a carriage for a week and drove to Nazareth, and Tiberias. It was a glorious drive, all along the foot of the Carmel Range, and across the "Plain of Esdraelon, and, of course, every place we past was teeming with interest. I think I liked the Lake of Galilee almost the best of all, as it must be so exactly the same as it was in Biblical days."

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Birth.—On June 19th, at Lowestoft, to Vera (nee Culf), wife of F. G. Simpson-Stonham, the gift of a daughter.

Wedding.—On June 7th, Margaretta Douglas Hamilton, U.A., O.C.D. Scarborough, and 4 lines Rugeley, to Valdemar M. Linklater, of Caen, Normandy.

Hindley—Wilkins.—On February 4th, 1922, at Tezpur, Charles E. H. Hindley to C. Doris Wilkins (A.A. Wimereux).

Couper Johnston.—At Holmdene, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, on the 5th inst., Alexandra Annie Bevan (Rosie), daughter of the late Dr. James Couper Johnston, formerly of Crickhowel, Brecon, North Wales, and Melbourne, Australia.

Miss Couper Johnston was a D.A. in the late Q.M.A.A.C. She was at Berwick-on-Tweed in October, 1917, and at other hostels, including Catterick (Howitzer Lines), and was demobilised in August, 1919.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

A SUMMER SCHOOL IN DANCING.

Those interested in dancing and the drama generally may be glad to know that the Chelsea School of Dance (Margaret Morris method) is holding its second summer school at Enderley House, Amberley Common, Stroud, Glos.

Dancing will be taught in all its branches, including Greek, national and ball-room dancing, musical appreciation, painting and design, dance composition and theatrecrafts. Weekly performances will be given, when students will have the opportunity of showing original work.

The school premises are situated amidst beautiful country on the Cotswold Hills, and afford an ideal spot for a holiday.

The Greenleaf Theatre Summer School, providing a training in art theatre methods, which, under the direction of Constance Smedley and Maxwell Armfield, has shown such good work, both in England and America, adjoins the Chelsea School, and students will have full opportunity of benefiting by the Greenleaf Theatre classes.

The whole arrangement offers a unique opportunity for teachers, professionals, amateurs and those interested in warfare work, girls' clubs, etc., to gain new ideas for the coming winter season.

One full course extends from July 31st to September 9th, but students may join for any length of time, each week's work being complete in itself.

One school is under the direction of Katherine Whinkop, late staff of the Margaret Morris School, Diplomee of The Chelsea College of Physical Education, and Daisy Luther, trained teacher of the Margaret Morris School.

Colin Baillie, trained teacher of the Margaret Morris School, and late Q.M.A.A.C., will be on the Staff, and is personally responsible for all the household arrangements. The terms will be kept as low as possible and Colin Baillie would welcome any ex-Waac and endeavour to give her a happy and interesting time. All enquiries from O.C.A. members will be welcome. For further particulars, apply to Miss K. E. Whinkop, 65 Oakley Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. State if an ex-Waac. An early application for rooms would be much appreciated.

TO LET now, summer months or longer, to careful tenants, comfortable furnished house, 3 sitting, 4 bed-rooms, bath, etc., gas, water, small garden, greenhouse, quiet road, sea five minutes.—Hazeldale, Clevedon, Somerset.

CORNWALL. Mrs. Grain (nee Harding, Signals, Le Touquet), would be pleased to receive any members or their friends as paying guests at 4 Alma Terrace, Penzance.

WANTED. Comfortable furnished rooms, 2 bed-rooms and sitting-room, with attendance, in July, for ex-Waac in delicate health and companion, seaside, Thanet coast preferred.—D. Brogdale, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent.

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 bathroom, two in family, five mins. from station, 35 mins. from London.—Mrs. W. T. 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.

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.

HAND-STENCILLED FROCKS, jumpers, and curtains, Madeira embroidered lingerie.—Winifred Clark, 76 Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, S.W.3 (5 mins. walk headquarters O.C.A.).

SNAPS AND FILMS urgently wanted. Q.M.A.A.C. life, views, ruins, etc., in France, paid for if desired, required for lantern tour, lectures, and "souvenirs" for relatives who have lost dear ones in the "Great War." All comrades please help, hundreds are required. Think of the great pleasure they afford. Kindly name subjects, and enclose stamped addressed envelope for return of films.—Write Box, c/o O.C.A.

Wanted by Miss Logan (late S.O.A. Overseas), a house-parlourmaid for the 1st of May. Q.M.A.A.C. cook (N. Gegr.) employed.—Apply Miss Logan, 2 Knaresborough Place, London, S.W.5.

WANTED. Experienced cook, able to take charge of kitchen, for Ex-Service Women's Club in Scotland, wages £50.—Apply Box 208, Q.M.A.A.C. Offices.

TWO EX-SERVICE WOMEN with nice house and grounds, desire to meet one or two ladies with view to starting some business, would consider joining others elsewhere. They are willing to consider any money making proposition.

NELL STEWART, Mrs. Athole Stewart, C.B.E., late Commandant, Women's Forage Corps, sells fruit and flowers, wreaths and bouquets, and attends to palms, conservatories, window boxes and floral decorations, at Number One Clarges Street, Piccadilly, W.1.

TWO SISTERS, one Ex-Q.M.A.A.C., desire posts together: tea-room, hotel, boarding house, run by ladies, both experienced chocolate bon-bon makers; also catering, canteen and domestic work.

TO LET, bed-sitting-room, with attendance, breakfast and supper, near trams, trains, and park tennis club, 6d. motor-bus ride to sea. Ex-Service women 22s. per week inclusive, an extra bed-room with communicating door can be had.—Lever, Ferndene, Commercial Road, Parkstone, Dorset.