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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1941.

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at 3 p.m. at 5, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, with Chief Controller Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, Chairman of the Council, in the Chair.

ABSENCE of the PRESIDENT. The Chairman gave a message from the President who sent love and greetings to the Meeting and expressed deep disappointment at being unable to attend.

The General Secretary read messages and apologies for absence from the following:—Mrs. Powell, Miss Haines, Mrs. Chilvers, Miss Douche, Mrs. Jolly, Miss Longman, Mrs. Edwards, Bournemouth and North Staffs Branches.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting, having been published in the Gazette of March-April, 1940, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Business Arising.

The General Secretary reported:—

1. That a Circular Letter with regard to the opening of membership of the O.C.A. to ex-officers and ex-members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, had been sent to all Commandants of the A.T.S.

2. That she had sent a telegram, as instructed, to Miss Warrior in hospital, who had expressed her appreciation at the kind thought.

Report of the Council.

The Report of Council (copy attached) was read by Chief Controller Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, Chairman of Council, and adopted.

It was unanimously agreed that the Report be published in the Gazette.

Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Report (copy attached) was read by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss H. M. Billington, and adopted. It was unanimously agreed that the Report be published in the Gazette.

The Report showed that the adverse balance of £57 10s. 3d. was due to the falling off in membership subscriptions, £25 5s. and donations to Augmentation of Funds, £30 0s. 7d. and to an increase in Income Tax and travelling expenses. The Auditor's fee of £8 8s. was queried by a member. The Hon. Treasurer explained that much work was entailed as thousands of receipts had to be checked.

It was unanimously agreed that the Accounts continue to be audited by a Chartered Accountant.

Extension of Membership to Serving Personnel of the A.T.S.

The Chairman opened the discussion by the following remarks:—

"I think, perhaps, a little explanation might be given on behalf of the Council who found that most of the Old Comrades' Associations of Regiments and Corps in the Army include serving soldiers as well as those who have left the Service. They found also that the two sister Services, the W.R.N.S. and the W.R.A.F. had opened their Associations to serving members. We therefore thought that members of our O.C.A. ought to consider whether they should do the same thing. When we discussed last year the question of opening our doors to ex-A.T.S., we thought there was a possible danger of our Branches being swamped by the new people, but there are two very good safeguards against this, one is that serving personnel have no opportunity of attending the Meetings of Branches, and another that it should be free to a Branch to limit all, or some of its Meetings, to Q.M.A.A.C. so that it could prevent itself in that way from being swamped. We ought to bear in mind that our O.C.A. came into being at the very end of the last war when demobilization had actually begun. The result was that though 57,000 of us had served in Q.M.A.A.C. the highest membership of the O.C.A. was somewhere in the neighbourhood of 2,000, and for a long time it has not been a great deal above 1,000. Even to this very day we are still getting people who have never heard of the O.C.A. I actually had a letter at the War Office, which was forwarded to me strangely enough from the N.A.A.F.I., in which an old Waac stated that she had seen something about badges for ex-Service women in the papers and she would like to know what they were and where they could be obtained. I replied to her officially, telling her to write to the General Secretary. Is it not important, therefore, that we should enable the A.T.S. to join while they are still serving? I do not think it will mean any large influx now, but I think when we have won the war it will give a great opportunity for these people to join the O.C.A. The question is now open for discussion."

Miss Ireland (London) expressed herself in favour of extending the membership to serving personnel of the A.T.S. Although last year she had been opposed to this extension, she was now a year wiser.

Miss L. Davy (London) agreed with Miss Ireland.

After a full discussion, the Chairman put the Resolution to the Meeting:—

"That membership of the O.C.A. be open to serving personnel of the Auxiliary Territorial Service."

By a show of hands 54 were in favour and 20 against.

Particulars were then taken of the Proxy Votes. In favour of the Resolution, 23. Against the Resolution, 24. Majority in favour of the Resolution, 33.

Election of Representatives on Council.

The General Secretary read the List of Representatives nominated by Branches and the following were duly elected:—

Birmingham, Mrs. Powell. **Bournemouth**, Miss Kenworthy-Browne. **Brighton**, Miss Turner. **Bristol**, Miss Pratt. **Edinburgh and E. Scotland**, Miss Davy. **Headquarters**, C. Com. Pratt-Barlow; Miss Billington; Mrs. Johnston. **London**, Miss Haines; Miss Saunders; Miss Binks; Mrs. Eager; Sen. Leader Bilbrough. **Norfolk**, Miss Batty. **Northern Ireland**, Mrs. Johnston. **Oxford**, Company Com. Grundy. **Glasgow and W. Scotland**, Mrs. Garrard.

Election of Treasurer.

It was moved from the Chair, and carried by acclamation, that Miss Billington be re-elected Hon. Treasurer. Miss Billington stated that this would be her 13th year of office and she hoped that it would be a good one.

Other Business.—Message to the President

The General Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the President, with thanks for her message. It was hoped she would be present at the next Meeting.

Letter to Editor.

Miss Winter (London) moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Garrard for all her work as Editor. This was carried unanimously.

Thanks to the Chairman.

Miss Ireland expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Meeting, of Dame Helen's kindness in taking the Chair.

The Meeting then closed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1941

Your Council have to report a quiet year. The office returned with the United Services Fund to Chesham Place and in November was severely bombed. All Q.M.A.A.C. records were saved and all furniture, except a cupboard too dangerously balanced to be moved. The U.S.F. migrated to Grosvenor Place, but there was no room there for the S.W.B.F., so an office for Mrs. Johnston, as Hon. Secretary, was taken at 82, Lancaster Gate, where she is able to carry on also the work of the O.C.A. This is, it may be recalled, her seventh move during 10 years of work as our General Secretary.

The BRANCHES have had a difficult time, members are serving or scattered, meetings are prevented by the black-out or by raids. As a result many Branch Secretaries have been slow in sending in capitation fees to the sorrow of the Hon. Treasurer. Shoreham and Exeter are in abeyance, the one without a secretary, the other unable to hold meetings. The secretaries of Oxford, Northern Ireland and Tees-side are serving, as well as many members from all parts. Branches in Australia, at Adelaide and New South Wales, have kept most faithfully in touch and we know that their members are helping the war effort in every possible way. Edinburgh has a new Secretary in Mrs. Hardy, at Liverpool Mrs. Edwards was appointed after the death of Miss Bragg, who had done so much for the O.C.A.

Applications to the SERVICE WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT FUND have been only 35, as against 82 in 1939 and 138 in 1938. Evidently many ex-service women are serving or in war employment. Grants have provided treatment at Bath, Harrogate and Buxton for rheumatism and arthritis, as well as for a case of pernicious anaemia, spectacles, dentures, surgical boots and belts have been provided in addition to clothing for patients about to enter hospital and help to meet expenses at home after illness or operations. Coal has been given in winter and bed-clothes and blankets, allotments have been stocked and maintenance provided. Assistance has been authorised with fees for members' daughters at commercial colleges and an outfit for a daughter about to train as a nurse.

Applications for PARCELS have been few, Mrs. Far-don has had regretfully to resign owing to pressure of Red Cross work. The General Secretary has carried on.

The usual wreath, in the form of a Q.M.A.A.C. badge, was laid on the cenotaph on ARMISTICE DAY.

A telegram was sent to QUEEN MARY on her birthday and a gracious reply received.

The DINNER on 24th February, 1940, was informal, no guests being invited. 230 members attended a most successful function, many of them in the uniform of the present services.

Six COUNCIL MEETINGS have been held, those in winter in the early afternoon. Miss Binks successfully took charge of the office during the absence of the General Secretary on leave.

The Council circularised serving commandants of the AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE telling them that membership of the O.C.A. was now open to ex-officers and members. Last Autumn the Council were asked to sponsor the formation of a benevolent fund for the A.T.S. to which all ranks could subscribe while still serving. Remembering how useful such a fund would have been to us on demobilisation, the Council asked Lady Apsley, a lately retired commandant of the A.T.S., to act as Hon. Secretary and sent out an explanatory letter. A small committee of ex-officers and other ranks of the A.T.S. has now been formed, so that the Council is free of any further responsibility.

The GAZETTE has been published every second month during the past year. Mrs. Garrard, who has been editor since 1927, has not always found it easy to obtain material for publication. She is now very fully occupied with Civil Defence work and your Council felt that the time had come to hand over the burden to someone else. I fear it argues a certain lack of consideration for our General Secretary that we have allowed the mantle to fall on her, our only excuse is that she will do it very well. But she cannot do it single-handed, everyone must help to provide her with copy, in these days when we are all doing interesting things and adventures come into the most routine job, it should not be very hard. Our very special thanks are due to Miss Warrior who has carried on the DISTRIBUTION alone.

MEMBERSHIP has fallen by 207, this is sad, but I believe it reflects only the difficulties of meeting, not a loss of affection for our Corps. Everywhere I hear, both in the new services and outside them, of the willingness of old Waacs to help. That should be our ambition during the coming year, to help the war effort in every way open to us, and not least by cheerfulness and a friendly spirit in the inconveniences as well as the dangers of daily life.

H. C. I. GWYNNE-VAUGHAN,
Chief Controller,
Chairman of Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940.

I am afraid that owing to War conditions the Balance Sheet is not so good as last year the Expenses exceed the Income by £57 10s. 3d., the total income for 1940 is £40 16s. 1d. less than 1939, and the total expenses are £5 1s. 10d. more, owing to the increase of the Income Tax by £4 9s. 7d. and a slight increase in travelling expenses.

The following figures will explain why the income is £40 16s. 1d. less than last year, and, of course, explains the deficit, subscriptions and capitation fees are £25 5s. less, and donations are £30 0s. 7d. less.

During War time there are so many demands on peoples' money, therefore we should like to express sincere appreciation to the London Telephone Service who very kindly sent a donation to the Benevolent Fund of three guineas from their staff.

The total membership for the year is 1,113 as against 1,320 last year, a difference of 207, unfortunately 54 of these, amounting to £2 14s., arrived too late for inclusion in the Balance Sheet. During the year 48 new members have joined the O.C.A. and 39 have rejoined, and 46 Badges have been sold. The strength of the respective Branches, according to my records, is as under:—

Branch	Annual	Life	Total
Adelaide	14	1	15
Birmingham	23	3	26
Blackpool	5	—	5
Bournemouth	16	8	24
Bradford	17	—	17
Brighton	24	9	33
Bristol	17	7	24

Cheltenham	3	5	8
Edinburgh	46	28	74
Glasgow	22	9	31
Headquarters	54	154	208
Eire	13	6	19
Leeds	—	15	15
Liverpool	13	6	19
London	225	209	434
Manchester	24	14	38
Newcastle	—	2	2
Norfolk	20	1	21
Northern Ireland	17	3	20
Nottingham	14	1	15
North Staffs	9	—	9
Oxford	11	9	20
Plymouth	—	2	2
South Wales and Cardiff	4	4	8
St. Leonards and Hastings	—	4	4
Tees-Side	23	1	24
Transvaal	—	1	1
	614	502	1,116
Grand Total			1,116
Less three members belonging to two Branches			3
			1,113

No capitation fees have been received from the following Branches:—Leeds, Newcastle, Plymouth, and Hastings, there are evidently no annual members for 1940.

Gazette Fund.

The receipts exceed the expenditure by £18 19s. 2d., new and lapsed subscribers numbering 26 started taking the Gazette again, but only 294 took the Gazette in 1940 as against 526 in 1939, but I hope this year will be better, for up to the end of January 123 have already paid, which looks hopeful.

H. M. BILLINGTON, Hon Treasurer.

BRANCH REPORTS.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND

The Annual General Meeting of the O.C.A. was held on Saturday, January 11th in the Club. Considering the bad weather conditions and the icy state of the roads there was a very good attendance of members.

We met in the room reserved solely for the use of ex-Service Members; Miss Finlay presided.

Miss Jones read an apology for absence from Miss Gow. Miss Gow also expressed her feeling of our great indebtedness to Miss Finlay for her unfailing interest in the Club. Also for all the work she had so ably done in carrying through the transfer of the Club to the Y.W.C.A. for the benefit of the new Service Women. To all of which the Members heartily agreed.

The Committee was re-elected with Mrs. Hardie as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, and Miss Anderson as Benevolent Secretary and Treasurer, and also Press Secretary.

Among those present was Miss Lush who had come all the way from the wilds of Glencoe, and Miss Abbey, busy with Canteen Work in Edinburgh.

Members were interested to learn that Miss Finlay and Miss Turnbull are running a Canteen at North Berwick for the Troops, sponsored by the Church of Scotland. Heavy work but they are enjoying it. Mrs. Prideaux is now serving with the A.T.S. in Wales and Mrs. Hislop is doing secretarial work in Cairo at Headquarters. Her husband being with the R.A.M.C. there. Mrs. Hislop writes that the work is practically identical with what she did in the last War. Business concluded we descended to the dining room where an excellent tea was served, delicious sandwiches and home-made scones. Owing to the War we had no dinner or even supper, but, nevertheless, we all had a happy and enjoyable time together. Miss Douglas Elliott was a welcome guest. We came away thinking it was well worth while to have braved the elements to renew old friendships and to see for ourselves our successors making full use of our old haunts.

At the General Meeting of the Edinburgh Branch on January 11th, we heard of the death, some months ago, of Mrs. M. Senn, M.B.E. (nee M. Harcourt-Browne).

We should like to offer Miss A. Harcourt-Browne, M.B.E. (her sister) our very deep and sincere sympathy on behalf of all the girls who were at the "Scotch Ballet" (Rue Stanislaus).

We had the privilege of going from London to Rouen under the command of "H.-B.," and she was our Officer at Stanislaus in those difficult, early days when the W.A.A.C. was in the embryo stage.

"H.-B." set a high standard of conduct for herself and her girls and they knew that she appreciated the fact, that they worthily upheld her trust in them.

"To live in the hearts of those we loved; is not to die."

KERR, Mrs. LAMMIE, and ROBERTS: Stanislaus, 1917-18.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

The activities of the Club, inside and outside, are many and varied. All the members (married and unmarried) are doing their bit after their work in the home and the office. Fire-fighting parties have been organised all over Glasgow, the women organising themselves into teams and attending demonstrations, determined to put up a good fight when their time comes. Most of the members help in canteens, etc., and all are knitting.

The classes for Polish women continue, also the social evenings for the services.

Wounded and sick men from a military hospital had an evening to themselves this month (January) and enjoyed whist—refreshments and a sing-song. They appreciate being invited out and all are very bright and hopeful of recovery.

While it is sad to see those young men maimed it was sadder still when we had our annual Xmas party for the wounded of the 1914-1918 war who are still in hospitals, to see the old men who will never recover. They were all bright and happy and seemed to be making the best of things. They are proud to be remembered by us and as the years pass have got to know us individually, and they appreciate the efforts we make to give them their usual treat. It is a pleasure to welcome Miss Searight of Bostall Heath and Woolwich. She is in Glasgow on war work meantime and I had not met her for twenty years!! How we talked!

This branch sends congratulations to Mrs. Johnston on her escape when her offices were bombed, and also sympathy with her in her accident. We are glad she is so comfortably housed and hope this is the end of her troubles.

E. M. Gilchrist.

North Staffs.

There is nothing very much to report from this Branch at the moment. We have not been able to hold meetings this winter, but hope to meet again when the weather gets lighter. We may not be able to have our usual meeting place as it is now a favourite restaurant for troops quartered in the district and the room we had cannot now be spared.

As far as I know there are no units of A.T.S. in the immediate neighbourhood so we have not been able to offer hospitality to any of them.

Miss Alice Myatt had an accident. Her bicycle skidded on the icy road and she fractured and dislocated her ankle. I am afraid she will be kept at home for some considerable time.

Although we have not had a "Blitz" in this neighbourhood, we have had a lot of nuisance raids and some very unpleasant incidents. Mrs. Leighton, one of our old friends who came to all our whist drives and social events, was a fatal casualty when her house was partially demolished by a heavy bomb falling in the garden. We were very sorry to hear of her death.

Let us hope that it will not be very long now before things take a turn for the better and the Luftwaffe stays at home for good.

H. CLOUGH.

Manchester.

The Annual Branch Meeting was held on January 11th, but only eleven of the members attended.

The usual appointing of officers for the current year was quickly decided upon. Mrs. Bishop was again unanimously appointed Chairman of the Club, work that has taken a lot of valuable time and patience; nevertheless, it has been carried out most tactfully and to everyone's satisfaction.

Miss Mason was asked to do the secretarial work for the Club, Miss Winkup found it impossible to give any of her time now, as the war has made a fuller demand of her very capable services. Mrs. Hearn has also had to relinquish the Treasurer's duties; business and home requiring more supervision through loss of staff.

Mrs. Cardell agreed to combine the two branches of work, that of O.C.A. Secretary and U.S. Treasurer.

The Club members (O.C.A.) asked Mrs. Bishop to represent Manchester Branch at the London Meeting in February; we are hoping that it may not be essential for her to make this journey on our behalf, as travelling at these very unsettled times can be, and often is, a long and tedious affair.

As everyone knows, Manchester suffered severely during recent raids, Mrs. Bishop was kept very busy wielding a teapot for many people who had been bombed out of their homes. Actually giving house room to 19 and 15 nurses on two successive nights.

Mrs. Dixon, O.C.A., very kindly sent Mrs. Bishop some coloured materials, who made them into suitable garments for distribution among the homeless.

Miss Boardley, Miss Foster and Mrs. Cornes made contributions towards our Raid Victims Fund. This Fund was started with the Cash in Hand from the O.C.A. Social Fund and the O.C.A. Petty Cash Balance from last year, some of the proceeds are being devoted to purchasing wool for comforts for the Forces.

Up to the present moment we have heard only three of our members who suffered from damage to property during the raids, Miss K. Day, Mrs. Partington, and Miss Leah Harrison. The last two named have not yet replied to letters written them, offering help and sympathy. Miss K. Day has been instructed as to the mode of procedure to obtain compensation from the local authorities.

London Branch Report.

Members will be glad to hear that Re-unions are to be resumed on the first and third Thursday in the month at 6.30 p.m., by kind arrangement with Miss Carpenter, Secretary of the Ex-Service Women's Club. First re-union Thursday, 17th April, at 6.30 p.m.

Special Events.

Whist Drive on Thursday, the 15th May, at 7 p.m., price 1/- each. Beetle Drive on Thursday, the 19th June, at 7 p.m., price 1/- each. Gifts for prizes will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will be given to the Comforts Fund for the purchase of wool. Please bring your friends.

A nice long letter has arrived from Miss Thompson, here are a few extracts:—"I have been thinking about you all so much and the Club and feeling very homesick at times, though I have a wonderfully interesting and rather 'cushy job.' . . . All the same, I'd come home tomorrow if I had the chance. . . . At the moment I am staying in Johannesburg for a week. There are several ex-Waacs here . . . have already met two, one Hughes, N.C.O., Bristol Dept. (recruiting), and another, a clerk with the A.E.F. . . . I always picture you all on London Branch Thursdays sitting in the club. Please give everyone my love. Your cable was a tremendous thrill and simply delighted me. I was excited about it all the week. Letters take so long that one hardly feels in touch, but it was lovely to know you were thinking of me so recently. . . . There are some excellent Women's Corps here, W.A.A.F. the best, but W.A.A.S. quite good, but a fewer number. . . . If any of you have friends you would like me to look up, let me know."

Miss Thompson's address is as follows:—c/o, High Commissioner's Office, Cape Town, S.A., so be sure to send along your letters.

Comforts Fund.

Miss Saunders send us very good news of this. "To-date 251 garments have been sent, many boxes of tennis balls, playing cards and books. Those of you who attended the last showing of Films given by the Canadian Govt. and Publicity Dept., may remember that we promised to send the Operator a sample of our knitting, here is the acknowledgment:—"The pair of socks forwarded through your Association to me were gladly received yesterday. The style and fit were both perfect, and the knitter is to be congratulated. Naturally, there is no need for me to remind you of the good work being done by you and other Associations in this direction, but I will confirm the opinion of all recipients by stating that any woollen articles are always more acceptable than cigarettes, etc. Trusting to have the pleasure of further film visits after the victorious conclusion of the War, and thanking you once again, Yours sincerely (signed) G. H. Warren."

Committee members please note that next meeting will be held on Thursday, the 19th June, at 6 p.m., no further notices will be sent.

B. HAINES, Hon. Secretary.

Eire Branch.

We had our Annual Meeting in February and I entertained the Branch to tea in Mitchell's Restaurant, Grafton Street. I thought it better to meet in town owing to petrol shortage and transport difficulties. All seemed to enjoy themselves and chatter was non-stop. Everybody being interested in my visit to London. I was called to an interview by Cadet Board for A.T.S. at the War Office in December, but my offer of services was not accepted, much to my disappointment. I stayed in London for nearly a fortnight and spent my time with my former Assistant Administrator (Miss Lyons—now Mrs. Simons). We were at the Carsby Barracks, Aldershot, for some time during the Great War. Aldershot Command "Waacs" will be interested to hear that she is working with the W.V.S. I escorted her daily whilst she worked, and helped when I could, too. It was most interesting. One day at her Headquarters Office I saw some marvellous blankets, quilts and towels, etc., sent from Canada for distribution to "bombed-out" families. Two quilts were particularly pretty, one worked in a pattern of blue and white squares, and the other in a geometrical design. I should have loved them for myself, but, as fortunately, I was not "bombed-out." I had to refrain from breaking the Tenth Commandment! Two women, one with a family of four, the other with six children, came for blankets that day, and I only wish the kind donors of Canada could have seen the joy of the poor, tired women when their wants were supplied—they would have felt very gratified. I noticed the kind and gracious manner with which these poor women were received, and the good advice given to them about evacuation of the children. I must tell you that one woman said they wouldn't send the children away until after Xmas, "Because we are going to have a Xmas party for the children in the shelter!" I hope they had it. All with whom I came in contact were so cheerful and one heard no grouching. It seems strange to say that I enjoyed my visit—but I did. Alerts, All Clear's, Bomb explosions, Guns of any kind, in fact "Noises" did not worry one, and eventually my friend said, "I suppose it's because you've had so much in your own country you're used to it." She had reached the stage when she loved to say, "Oh, the guns, they are such a comfort to one," but I was not expected to feel that way about them! I set out to visit Mrs. Johnston, and arrived at Chesham Place to find it "gone"—"It happens in books, it can't have happened to me," I thought. I gazed at the mass of masonry, and at last asked a workman where should I find the ex-occupiers and he supplied the address, so away I went accompanied by an elderly woman who spoke to me when she saw me gazing at "the house that was lost." My second call was luckier and here I got the Lancaster Gate address and there found Mrs. Johnston, who gave me a kindly welcome and described the salvaging of the goods at Chesham Place and the finding of her new office—a very nice one indeed. I was sorry not to accept her invitation to luncheon, but I had an engagement and could not do so.

ANN O'MEARA.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1941

A Meeting of Council was held on Saturday, 8th February, with Chief Controller Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan in the Chair. The following members were present: Miss Turner, Miss Saunders, Mrs. Eager, Senior Leader Billbrough, Miss Longman, Miss Binks, Miss Billington and the General Secretary. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Batty, Miss Kenworthy-Browne, Mrs. Grundy and Mrs. Powell.

In view of the Editorial in the November-December Gazette, it was considered that the work of editing the Gazette should be placed on other shoulders and thus relieve Mrs. Garrard, who had a very full-time job with the A.R.P. and who was often on duty for 24 hours at a time. In December 1939 she had kindly consented to carry on as there was no one available who would undertake the work. Since the raids have become so serious the Council felt that she should be spared this extra burden. It was decided that the General Secretary should undertake the work of Editor for the present. Mrs. Garrard has kindly given much time and work to the Gazette since she became Editor in December 1927. The General Secretary was instructed to send to Mrs. Garrard the Council's thanks and appreciation of the good work she has done through these many years.

The General Secretary reported that she had sent the Agendas of the Annual General Meeting to all Branch Secretaries early in January, also that she had made the necessary arrangements for the Reunion Tea on 22nd February.

The date of the next Meeting of Council was fixed for Saturday, 19th April at 2.30 p.m.

There is very little to report during February and March, except the Annual General Meeting on the 22nd February, the full account of that, with the Minutes and Reports, is published in the Gazette. Ninety-four members were present at the Meeting, and the Reunion Tea which was followed was a very pleasant affair with the usual happy chattering crowd, many of whom were in uniform.

Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Balcombe and Mrs. King were kind enough to visit the new office and the General Secretary was delighted to see them.

BENEVOLENT REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1940 AND JANUARY, 1941

Seven applications for assistance were received during December and only one during January.

Grants were made in each case.

Three grants were made for maintenance. Two included treatment during illness, the other while unemployed and ill.

Two members were assisted with dentures.

One grant was made for the fees of a Technical College for the daughter of a member who promised to do well.

One award was made for clothing.

One award was made for coal during the winter months for an old and rheumatic member.

BENEVOLENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1941

Seven applications for assistance were received in February, and two applications in March.

Assistance was given in each case.

In February the cases were as follows:

Three grants for dentures and spectacles.

Two for treatment (arthritis) and convalescence.

One special grant to meet ground rent.

One grant towards the cost of storage of furniture.

In March:

One loan was made and one grant for treatment (being further help for the February case).

"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER"

Thanks for Christmas and New Year Greetings

The General Secretary thanks all those who gladdened her heart and brightened the office by sending charming cards and calendars. The mantelshelf and the big desk

looked most gay. It is possible, however, that the housemaids were pleased when Twelfth night came and the cards disappeared! At Lancaster Gate the maids DO dust, but at 5 Chesham Place, where the cleaning (?) was done by a squad of ex-Service men known as "Doorsteps," any place that could not be "flicked" was a joy to either George or Johnny "Doorstep"! Among those who sent their greetings were our President Dame Florence Simpson, Chief Controller Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, D.A.T.S., Mrs. D. Rollinson, A.T.S., Miss M. C. Smith, Miss D'Olier, A.T.S., Mrs. Chilvers and Norfolk Branch, Miss E. A. Parkinson, Miss Winifred Clark, A.T.S., Mr. and Mrs. Peters and George, Mrs. Jackman and Oxford Branch, Mrs. Jolly and Brighton Branch, Senior Leader Billbrough, A.T.S., Miss M. Moyes, Mrs. Glover and Margaret and Miss H. M. Billington, who sent a calendar with a cut out portrait of the Premier which daily reminds the General Secretary to be both "grim and gay" and to GO TO IT, which, of course she DOES!! She thanks each one most heartily for the friendliness and the encouragement.

FOR LONELY SOLDIERS

Soldiers' Correspondence Department

At the request of the War Office the British Legion has established at Headquarters a new Department to regulate and facilitate the exchange of letters between serving men and members of the public who might like to correspond with them.

The War Office for some time have had under consideration the steps which might with advantage be taken to protect the public and the soldier in regard to correspondence of this character. It was felt that in the interests of everyone concerned, some arrangements should be made whereby this correspondence could be regulated.

As a result of consideration of the problem, the War Office asked the Legion to deal with it by means of the establishment of a special department at Legion Headquarters.

This Department, now in being, will be known as the Soldiers' Correspondence Department.

Any person desiring to enter into correspondence with a serving soldier must direct his first application to the Department; and any soldier who desires to correspond with a member of the public should apply through his C.O. to the Department in order to be put in touch with a suitable correspondent.

The Legion has undertaken this work in the hope that it may be of assistance both to those who wish to befriend soldiers who are without correspondents and to serving men who desire to make such contacts.

Applications should be addressed to the Soldiers' Correspondence Department, British Legion Headquarters, Cardigan House, Richmond, Surrey.

INSPECTOR OF A.T.S.

New Appointment By War Office

The War Office announces that in view of the increasing size of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and the new duties which it may be required to undertake, the Secretary of State for War has decided to strengthen the administration of this service by the appointment of an Inspector of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, whose duty it will be to visit units in all commands, to advise, and to suggest improvements and new developments.

She will be a member of the A.T.S. Directorate and will have a seat on the A.T.S. Council, so that her recommendations may carry the fullest weight. She will rank as a Controller and, as Inspector of the Service, she will have direct access to the Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Sir Edward Grigg, who is the member of the Army Council responsible under the Secretary of State for all questions of policy relating to this service.

The Secretary of State has selected for the appointment Senior Commander Jean Knox, at present responsible for A.T.S. recruiting at the War Office.

The following extracts from letters of Miss Edith Thompson will be of interest to members. Her letters are dated the 12th November, 1940, and the 18th January, 1941, and are written from Pretoria:—

"It is simply hateful feeling safe and out of it all here, and unable to share in all you are putting up with at home. The news is ever so much more worrying when one is away. If there were no war on this would be quite a nice job. As no more children are coming out for the present, I am not at all over-worked and it is very interesting seeing how those that are here settle down and adapt themselves. Over 300 came out with me so I had a good start in getting to know them. People here are being extraordinarily kind and are rather inclined to spoil the children, which is one of my chief difficulties.

"I stayed at The Settlers' Club, Cape Town, for a month and saw a good deal of Miss FEILING (W.A.A.C.) who runs it, and here I have been seeing something of IRENE BOWEN (W.A.A.C.).

"There are lots of W.A.A.F and W.A.A.S. (Women's Auxiliary Army Services) here. They have the same badges and ranks as the men, carry swagger canes and call each other 'Sir.' There is much saluting as men and women do it to each other.

"Many of the tiny children are dressed in miniature uniforms, including a whole platoon of General Smuts' grandchildren, down to a 2½-years-old 'Sergeant-major,' I spent last Sunday with the Smuts' family; they are charming people.

"Up till now I have been tearing about the country with no spare time to look up friends, but I hope for more time ahead (one always does!) I spent a week in Maritzburg in December and am going to Bloemfontein next month. My headquarters are nominally Pretoria from May until January and Cape Town for the rest. I am going on a prolonged tour beginning at Johannesburg and reaching the Cape in about a month. Although I have only 400 children, there are nearly 200 Committees to cope with them. The children have been scattered all over the place. They are settling down wonderfully easily."

Miss Thompson gives some details of the W.A.A.F. which was started in May, 1940, full grown, because the nucleus was the Women's Aero Club, which was a big national affair with a large membership and they handed over themselves and their planes and equipment to the Government. Mrs. Colinder (ex-W.A.A.C.) is a Captain and is O.C. a Camp of 900 women. "What is rather interesting about the W.A.A.F and the W.A.A.S. is that they both have voluntary part-time units attached, under a different commander. These units do all the recruiting and some of the training, while the girls are carrying on their peace-time work, then they are called up as wanted for whole time work and drafted in the main Corps. While in the Voluntary Section they wear a kind of overall uniform and do a good deal of recruiting marches. All the women's corps here are annoyed at the arrival of a contingent of the Women's Mechanical Transport Corps from Home, as they have far more women ready here to be called up than are wanted at present. The M.T.C. are very nice people, but there is no need for them. They don't want as many women here as we do as much of the work in Camps is done by natives. I have been round all the W.A.A.F. Camps and was most favourably impressed. The girls have much more comfort than ours."

From Mrs. Buckingham (Town 2183), 925-6th Avenue, West Calgary, Alberta.

February 5th, 1941.

It seems a very long time ago since I wrote to you on behalf of the Ex-Service Club of Edmonton to ask in what way we could help those at home. We received your reply, of course, and since then have been trying to carry on with various little bits of war-work. We got into communication with the Secretary of the Canadian Ex-Service Men's Association at Hastings, Sussex, and sent him a donation to help carry on their work among the soldiers there. Since then we have sent cigarettes to be distributed among the boys and also gave a donation to the Lord Mayor's Fund. The City of Edmonton had a big drive to get money to buy a Spitfire and this was in response to

an appeal from Edmonton, England. We were, of course, very glad to work for such a splendid cause. Several of our members have their own sons either in the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Our little Club has been rather depleted these last months and I myself have been living in Calgary since last November, although my home is still in Edmonton. My husband was given an appointment last August with the Administration Staff at one of the three training camps in Alberta. He is stationed at Grand Prairie, which is about 600 miles North of Calgary, so I came down here to be near my mother, who has not been well of late. There is an Ex-Service Club here, as of course you will remember, as letters appear ever so often, either from Miss Kearns or Mrs. Mundy, I think it would be. I have not so far got in touch with them as I find my time rather taken up, but I must do so soon as Miss Kearns wrote me a nice letter at Christmas telling me of their activities in war-work, etc. While speaking of letters, I mention that at Christmas-time I had a nice letter from Miss Emily Reynolds, who used to be stationed at Boulogne with me, and she was telling me that in the States everyone is so anxious to be of help. She told me that most people had already donated their pint of blood for the blood bank and are about due to go again. Of course, she, like so many of us in Canada, has her relatives and friends in Britain and only wish we could do much more than we are doing.

There are now several Women's Organisations throughout Canada training for war-work, and I will enclose a cutting regarding the Edmonton Branch. Two or three of our members joined, but a great many of us felt that we were not sufficiently free to give up the required time, etc., but I do think it is a very good thing for the young people. For one thing, some of them do not know what discipline is! As far as I know, neither of these have as yet been recognised by the Government, although I was told recently that the C.A.T.S. (which is the latest group to pop up) has been so recognised, but I have seen nothing definite myself. Maybe I should explain that those initials stand for Canadian Auxiliary Territorial Service.

I received my Gazette recently, which ironically requested me to post early for Christmas, although I really should not remark on that, as I think it is just wonderful the way we get our mails, etc., and I think all my parcels reached home at Christmas, some even being delivered right on Christmas Day. Anyway, it did spur me on to write this to you and to obtain my M.O. for Gazette subscription which I enclose herewith. So sorry to hear of the bombing and I hope you have recovered from your collision. It was very fortunate that papers, etc., were recovered intact or it would have made a lot of extra work for everyone I expect. It was terribly sad about the family next door, and I am glad some were rescued. This war is certainly a ghastly thing and I wonder if we really realize how fortunate we are here, as, except for rise in price of some commodities and a few extra taxes, we certainly cannot say we are suffering at all. There is a big drive on right now to get people to purchase War Savings Certificates.

I must close now, with every good wish for you all and hoping that things will soon be much happier and more peaceful for everyone.

Norfolk.

The Branch members are meeting once a fortnight for tea at the Thatched Tea Rooms, All Saints Green, Norwich, at 4 p.m. Our next date is Tuesday, April 1st. Many interesting letters have been received from members recently and I am glad to report that at present all our members are safe and well and busy. We hope soon to arrange an evening meeting.

L. V. CHILVERS.

N.A.A.F.I. GIRLS' STATUS.

N.A.A.F.I. girls will be officially regarded in future as part of the Fighting Services. This is the effect of a recommendation from the Admiralty, War Office, and Air Ministry which, N.A.A.F.I. states, recognises that the work of women employed with N.A.A.F.I. is of equal national importance to that undertaken by members of the W.R.N.S., the A.T.S., and the W.A.A.F.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES

Theckla Hall who was a Wkr. at Audricque is now Secretary for Social Welfare at Durban.

Miss M. A. Hughes, who was an overseas officer, is still at Rhodes House, Johannesburg.

Miss Esther Pace, writes from Sydney with news of the activities of the Ex-Service Women's Club in N.S.W. She has recently had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Arms who served as **Betty Martin** at Bettisfield with her in 1918. Mrs. Arms has two fine boys and lives at Merewether, N.S.W.

Mrs. E. Mills, who is Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Ex-Service Women's Club in New South Wales, gives an account of the work done by members of the Club who are very busy knitting, as well as giving a good deal of their time at the Canteen for Soldiers. The Annual Dinner was a very pleasant function, although there were no guests. The following members were especially remembered: **Pat Mulligan, Nancy Thomas** (that was), **B. M. Joy, Milly Hobbs, Miss Dalton, Miss Love, Peggy Heather** and **Mrs. Di Foster** (Cardiff). **Mrs. Peachey** (the President of the Club) writes that these anxious times have drawn the members in to a closer bond of comradeship than ever before. Money has been subscribed most generously for the Wool Fund, the Air Raid Victims' Fund and for the Anzac Buffet.

Jean Thorp: Have you received a letter from E. Pace, addressed to your billet in Margate? She is most anxious that you should know that she wrote.

Mrs. Barbara Reid writes from Montreal very breezily! Her letter to the General Secretary begins "Gosh you are a REAL DIE HARD."! Most cheering, well they say old soldiers never die so the Old Comrades are still carrying on and helping in every way even if they are not all in uniform. They are very busy in Canada. **Miss Kearns** of the Calgary Branch is doing a good job of work. **Mrs. Harrowen** and **Mrs. E. Addison** (nee Barnes) have joined the W.R.V.C. Some too have joined the Canadian Auxiliary Territorial Service, the CATS as they are known! They all send greetings and express admiration of the fortitude of the folk in the Old Country.

Mrs. D. A. Fillis sends news of some members who served at Rxl, Dieppe. **Mrs. Utting** (Wyn Taylor) has returned to Mombasa. **Mrs. Graig Dick** (Tommy Thomson) is now living in Toronto, she hears from **Kitty Rawlinson, Nan Savage** is still at Fulham and **Ruth** has lately married **Phil Craven**, who was a sub-conductor in the R.A.S.C. at Rxl. **Bella James** still lives in Penarth. If any of the Rxlites remember Madame Fenéon they will be sorry to learn that all the family are in the occupied area, at Arques labataille.

Miss C. Sutton went to New Zealand some years ago and news is asked of her! Has anyone heard from her lately?

Mrs. A. M. Webb, of Bristol, has had her house bombed in the recent raids but is, fortunately, safe after spending 12 hours in a shelter.

E. Kayes of Vendroux and Calais, sends news of some who served with her. **Mrs. Parberry** (G. A. Smith) lost her husband last October out in New South Wales. **Silvester** has a son in the R.A.F. **Smith** and **Selby** (Vendroux) are married and living in Glasgow. **O'Leary** is still in Melbourne and is very homesick. She sometimes meets **Mary White** and **Betty Wilding**. **Amy Turner** is also in N.S.W.

Mrs. Ruby Mundy (Fowler) writes from Calgary, with her O.C.A. and Gazette subscriptions, and sends greetings to all Old Comrades.

Mrs. Doris Evans (Pilcher-Clayton of Rouen) also sends her subs. and wishes very much that she was in the Old Country and able to do her "bit."

Louie Saffery is still in British Columbia. She enjoys the Gazette very much and wishes the O.C.A. continued success.

Mrs. A. Lees of Market Harborough had a bad fall when she was thrown off her bicycle by a dog and has been unable to use her arm for two months.

Miss W. M. Johnson writes "I am doing clerical war work just outside Nottingham and come in contact quite a lot with A.T.S. women and girls, they are a fine crowd. Last week an ex-WAAC friend of mine, **Ethel Lerner**, came from Kidderminster to see me, she is serving in the A.T.S. and looks very bonny. I have met **Mrs. Skellington**

several times and heard from **Daisy Cooke** (now married) who was also overseas with me in 1917. Do you ever hear anything of **Judy Judge, Tubby Dalton**, and **Forewoman Chitty**? Rouen girls don't seem to shine in the Gazette, so I am wondering how many subscribe. I was in Camp 3 and Camp 10, Queirilly, Rouen. Miss Neale was at Camp 3 and Miss Frood at Camp 10."

Miss A. D. Burrow, who was Hostel Forewoman i/c Sick Bay, and served at Hastings, Folkestone, Camp B, Harfleur and Unit 1 at Paris Plage, has not been at all strong for the last few years, she feels very much a "back number" in this war. We hope that she will soon be feeling better.

Miss A. L. Brown has sent her P.O. 3/6 to ensure getting the Gazette as she would miss it greatly and looks forward to its arrival eagerly. She sends best wishes to the O.C.A. with thanks to Mrs. Garrard and Miss Warrior for all the work they put in for the issue and distribution of the Gazette.

Mrs. D. Duchesne has transferred to Life membership of the O.C.A. and says how much she appreciates the Gazette.

Mrs. B. Rutherford writes from Durham to say that she is now serving with the W.A.A.F. and regretted very much being unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Isobel Chambers, who is serving as a Section Leader in the A.T.S., writes, "My Platoon (the 16th County of London) which, I am happy to say, has remained almost complete since Camp, richly deserves the excellent reputation it has earned, and every member is looking forward to the first grand reunion with the keenest anticipation. Of course, the kids like enjoyment, don't we all?—but we work for it. Time has proved that every girl is doing a job worth while, even better than the men. We have no square pegs in round holes; this was sorted out in the beginning as we wanted the Unit to which we are attached to realize that it had got "something," and believe me, the R.A.S.C. know it."

Miss Alice Low (D.C. Calais) writes that during the Autumn she had a visit from **Mrs. Hayward** (Susan Hawley, Rouen and D.C.'s office Havre). She and her husband returned to Scotland on a short visit and hoped to take their relatives back to Peru with them—but all decided to stay and see things through, so that Mr. and Mrs. Hayward had to return alone. Mr. Hayward is with the Negritos Oil Company.

Miss Mary Finlay, M.B.E., is very busy with canteen work at North Berwick. She has done and is doing so much for the O.C.A. and W.U.S.C. in Edinburgh. The Club has now been re-opened by the Y.W.C.A., an account of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Miss Huffell is well and running a work party at her own house in Edinburgh. She was delighted to hear from so many Wimereux W.A.A.C.'s at Christmas.

Miss Lambert (Havre, Boulogne and Calais) is on the staff of the Perth County W.V.S. and is doing good work. Her office experience in France standing her in good stead.

Miss Julian Allan is now on the Recruiting Staff of the A.T.S.

Miss Ruby Logan is with the A.R.P. as a warden in Kensington, London. Life must have been pretty strenuous thereabouts awhile back.

Mrs. Jean McEwen (Innes F/Clerk Havre and Calais) is now in Rhodesia where she is Hon. Sec. of the National Service League.

Miss Catherine Crombie (3758 Devonshire House, Halton, Bostall Heath and Gateshead) is now serving as a V.A.D. at a R.N. Auxiliary Hospital in Scotland.

Mrs. Goldberg (1665 Smith, G. D., Wimereux), 33, Connaught Gardens, N.10, is serving as a full-time Air Raid Warden in N. London, but is having to give up the very long hours at her post as, she says, these spent in a damp concrete post are telling on her health. She has been doing 8 hours daily since war began. She sends a most interesting and amusing magazine issued by the Muswell Hill A.R.P. They are certainly a most enterprising lot. Good luck to them.

Miss Warrior (D.C. London) is now living at the Helena Residential Club, 82, Lancaster Gate, W.2, having been bombed out of her previous home.

Miss Mabel Conder (D.A. Edinburgh) has also arrived there recently and is employed on Government work in London.

BRANCHES

Adelaide.	Mrs. M. Scott, 16 Elizabeth Street, Evandale, Adelaide.		
Birmingham.	Miss E. I. Dipple, 17 Somerset Road, Handsworth.	Offices, Band of Hope League, Martineau Street.	Wednesday 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Blackpool.	Mrs. K. Fry, 136 Albert Road, Blackpool.		
Bournemouth.	Miss F. E. Lever, A.T.C.L., Craighurst, 7 Church Road, Parkstone, Dorset.		
Bradford.	Mrs. A. Goodman, 2 Tivoli Place, Little Horton, Bradford.		2nd Wednesday.
Brighton.	Mrs. E. C. Jolly, 107 Preston Drove, Brighton, 6.	Aqua Restaurant, Old Steine, Brighton.	2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
Bristol and West of England.	Miss B. Mould, 11 The Tynning, Bath.		Not fixed.
Cheltenham.	Mrs. Mann, Cornerways, Churchdown, Gloucester.		
Exeter.	Mrs. Vicary, Castle House, Powderham, near Exeter.	16 Dix Field, Exeter.	First Thursday of the month, at 3.30 p.m.
Edinburgh and East of Scotland.	Mrs. G. D. Hardy, 51 Lockharton Ave., Edinburgh 11.	Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Grdns., Edinburgh	1st Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Glasgow and West of Scotland.	Miss E. M. Gilchrist, M.B.E., 13 Royal Terrace West, Glasgow.	251 Renfrew Street, Glasgow.	Every Wednesday, 7.30
Headquarters.	Mrs. Pratt Barlow, O.B.E., 82, Lancaster Gate, W.2.		
Irish Free State.	Mrs. O'Meara, M.B.E., Cove Cottage, Dunmore East, County Waterford.		Not fixed.
Leeds.	Miss E. Mair, 27 Virginia Road, Off University Road, Leeds.		5 Park Square, first Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
Liverpool.	Mrs. E. Edwards, 49 Moss Grove, Liverpool 8.		
London.	Miss B. Haines, c/o 5 Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month at the Ex-Service Women's Club, 5 Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.	Thursday evenings, 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Ilford.	Mrs. Taylor, 15 Stanhope Gardens, Ilford, Essex.	Mrs. E. A. Thomas, 94 Whyteville Road, Forest Gate, E.7.	Alternate Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.
Manchester.	Mrs. G. Cardell, Lancaster House, Salford, 7.	Raglan Café, 24 Mosley St., Manchester.	2nd and 4th Thursday, 7 to 10.30 p.m.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Miss C. W. Maunder, 31, Norwood Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle.		Members notified individually.
	Mrs. B. Lester, Gourock, Redewater Road, Fenham.	Interviews at British Legion, N.E. Area Offices, 10 Leazes Terrace, Newcastle.	
New South Wales.	Mrs. E. Mills, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	Ex-Service Women's Club, 26, Victoria Street, Bondi Junction, N.S.W.	
New York.	Mrs. G. Rose. Phone Nevins 8-5250.		
Norfolk.	Mrs. L. W. Chilvers, 32 Grove Road, Norwich.		Monthly. Members notified individually.
Northern Ireland.	Sen. Leader N. Hughes, A.T.S., Palace Barracks, Holywood, Co. Down. 17 Adelaide Park, Belfast.		Third Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.
North Staffs.	Mrs. G. H. Clough, 3 Eleanor View, Newcastle.	Nell Gwynne Restaurant, Newcastle.	Second Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m.
Notts.	Mrs. Skellington,	20 Burns Street, Nottingham. Tel. 76614.	First Wednesday in the month, 7 to 9.30 p.m.
Oxford.	Mrs. Jackman, 23 Grays Road, Headington, Oxford.		Members notified individually.
Plymouth.	Mrs. O. Foster, 2 Notte St., Plymouth.		
Cardiff and S. Wales.	Mrs. Diana Foster, 7 The Grove, Runney, Cardiff.	Y.M.C.A., Cardiff.	Second and last Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.
Shoreham-by-Sea. (in abeyance) St. Leonard's.	Miss E. Taylor, 58 West Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea.	The Café, 5 The Street, Old Shoreham. 58 West Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.	2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m. Not fixed.
Tees-side.	Mrs. Fryer, 12 Shildon Street, Darlington, Co. Durham.		
Transvaal.	Mrs. Widdicombe, 8 Gascoigne Street Observatory, Johannesburg, S. Africa.		

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Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1940.

General Fund.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT—				Office Furniture as at 1st November, 1939	65	17	6
Balance at 1st November, 1939	1,316	10	10	Less Depreciation at 5% per annum	3	5	10
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year as per attached Account ...	57	10	3	Stock of Badges			62 11 8
			1,259 0 7				3 3 7
Sundry Creditors—				Investments at Cost—			
Audit Fee	8	8	0	313 National Savings Certificates	250	8	0
Reserve for Income Tax ...	13	3	6	£900 3½% War Stock	918	19	4
Reserve for Capitation Fees ...	3	4	6				1,169 7 4
			24 16 0	Interest accrued on War Stock			13 2 6
				Stamps in Hand—			
				Secretary	13	1	
				Treasurer	1	12	4
							2 5 5
				Cash at Bank and in Hand—			
				At Bank	32	8	0
				In Hand	18	1	
							33 6 1
							£1,283 16 7
			£1,283 16 7				

Gazette Fund.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance of Fund at 1st November, 1939	178	13	8	Investment at Cost—			
Add Total Receipts during 1939/40	57	3	2	162 National Savings Certificates			129 12 0
	235	16	10	Cash at Bank			68 0 10
Less Expenses of Production 1939/40	38	4	0				
			197 12 10				
			£197 12 10				£197 12 10

Note.—No reserve has been made for Capitation Fees due to Branches in respect of Life Members.

General Fund Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st October, 1940

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and National Insurance ...	79	2	6	By Subscriptions Received—			
„ Capitation Fees	3	4	6	Annual	6	5	0
„ Stationery and Printing	11	16	10	Life	1	5	0
„ Postage	11	3	8				7 10 0
„ Bank Charges	5	0		„ Donations—			
„ Insurance	13	0		General	15	9	
„ Audit Fee	8	8	0	Benevolent	3	4	0
„ Travelling	11	17	3	Augmentation	9	19	0
„ Hire of Committee Room	5	0					13 18 9
„ General Expenses	7	7	3	„ Capitation Fees			25 15 0
„ Income Tax	14	3	8	„ Profit on Sale of Badges			9 3
„ Depreciation of Office Furniture	3	5	10	„ War Stock Interest			31 10 0
			£151 12 6	„ Dinners (Money in Hand)			14 19 3
				„ Excess of Expenditure over Income			57 10 3
							£151 12 6

We have audited the above Balance Sheet of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association with the Books and Vouchers and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Association's affairs at 31st October, 1940, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us. The Cash at Bank and Investments have been verified.

8, New Court,
Lincoln's Inn,
London, W.C.2.
14th December, 1940.

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