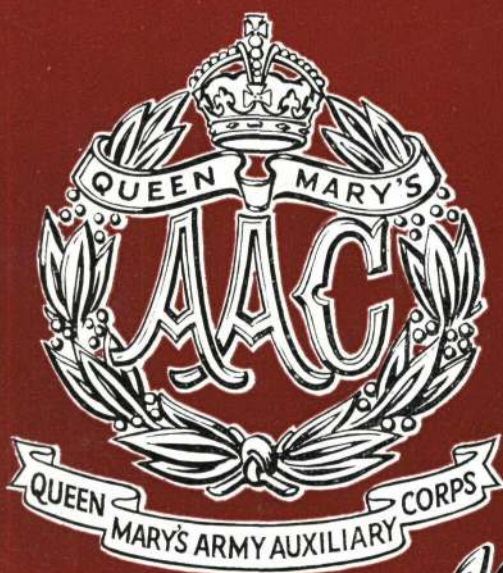


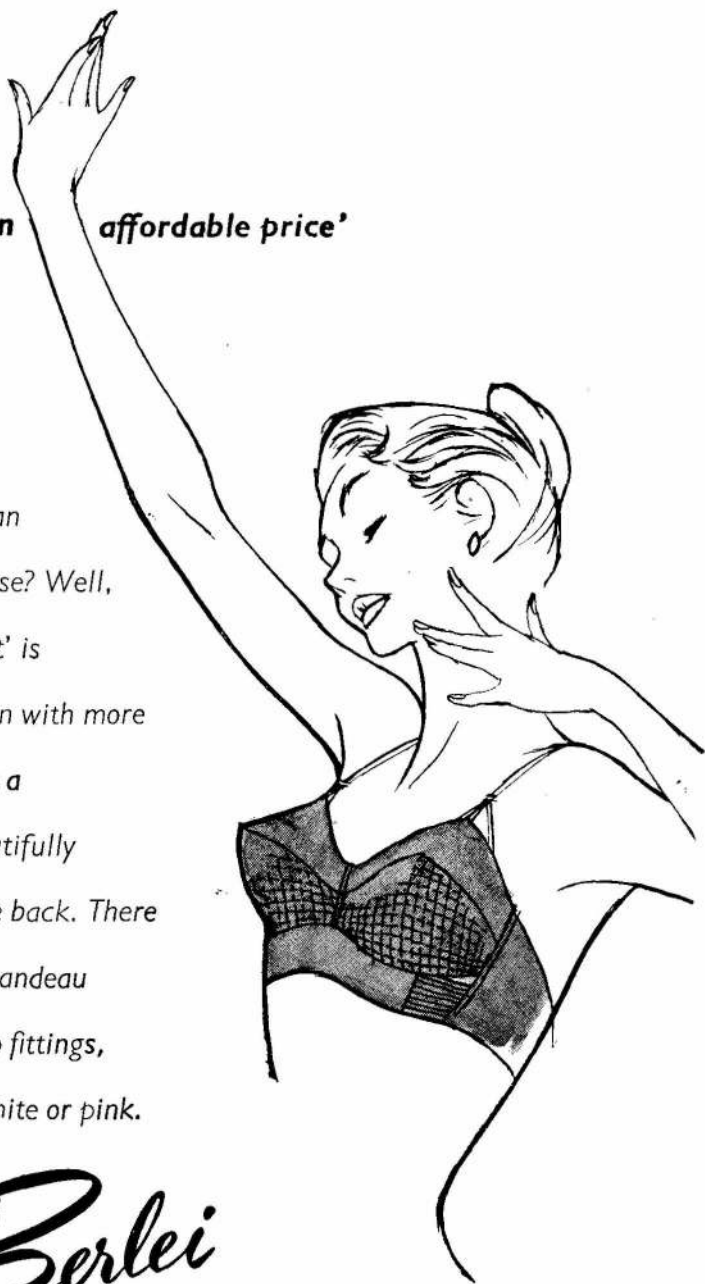
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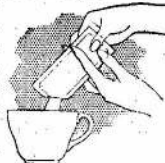
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Editorial

The New Year opens for *The Lioness* on a rather uncertain note. We are very much discouraged by a letter saying that we have lost readers owing to the fact that particulars of meetings and secretaries' addresses are no longer contained in every issue. Also, we have had more than one enquiry from people who have, from time to time, contributed to *The Lioness* and are still waiting with what patience they can muster for the appearance of their articles. Lastly, we note that Manchester Branch find that women being discharged now do not keep up their membership of the Association. These three facts all go to explain why the circulation of *The Lioness* declined in 1953. But they cancel each other out, for the only remedy is more space.

Many fewer contributions are received from Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. members of the Association than from W.R.A.C. but, hitherto, it has been the policy to try to include an approximately equal number of each. The result has been that a very small proportion of W.R.A.C. contributions have been published and the women have, not unnaturally, ceased to send in as much. Yet these are the articles which appeal to the three thousand a

year who get their discharge. On the other hand, there is no doubt that the burden of paying for *The Lioness* during the last very difficult years has fallen on the shoulders of the ex-Service members and those who foot the bill should reap the benefit.

It is still too early to be sure how the new advertising arrangements are going to work out. At a first glance it looks as though it should build up to a great improvement and may, in the long run, mean more space. An extra four pages cost over £17 a quarter or £68 a year, so it will be some time before any appreciable result is seen. This fact explains why it is almost impossible to devote more space to lists of secretaries and meetings, but, as an experiment, we have inserted in this issue a table of Forthcoming Events made up from extracts from branch reports and other contributions. We tried this once before but it was a failure because nobody contributed. If branches want particulars entered here they may either send the wording of a standing notice, which will be reprinted in every issue, or send in one for the three months after publication which gives detail of the programme as far as possible so far ahead.

Association Notes

The general secretary, Miss Ruth Johnston, after a year of useful work for the Association, has resigned for personal reasons and her place has been taken by Mrs. A. J. Lumsden who, as Amy Hughes, joined the A.T.S. in August, 1939, and served as a clerk with the Rifle Brigade. She was promoted sub-leader (corporal) and was commissioned in the spring of 1941. She was stationed on Salisbury Plain, at Tidworth and Larkhill, and later at Catterick. From 1943-5 she was the Officer Commanding "P" Company, Leicester County Group, at Gopsall Hall (No. 2 Telecommunication School), near Nuneaton. Mrs. Lumsden would be delighted to have news of friends who served with her and hopes through the medium of *The Lioness* to find many old comrades. She takes this opportunity of wishing all members of the Association a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Forty-one magazines were returned "Not known" to headquarters in November. No wonder our circulation goes down: Could members please remember to notify the general secretary of changes of address? Although we realise that it is all too easily overlooked in the rush and excitement of matrimony we would ask all brides to be particularly careful as change of name is an added complication.

Also, we may remind you that annual subscriptions are now overdue.

Frontispiece

During their stay in Holland after their most successful tour in Germany the Band was entertained by MILVA, the Dutch Women's Army. Our frontispiece shows Bandswoman Jeanette Douglas seated between two of her hostesses. After the dinner the Band gave a concert.

Held Over

Fortunately, by squeezing up our space, we have been able to include more current news than we expected, but we have still had to omit: News of W.R.A.C. in the Rhine Army and Far East; a Year in the Life of the Band; some News of Comrades, including Mrs. Butler (*nee* Bennett, A.T.S.), Mrs. G. D. Hardy and Mrs. Lees; Games and Sport.

We have also received review copies of books of interest to women, one on dancing and an article on care of the hair. Other articles include many of the Far East, some of which have been held over for two years or more, one on Oberammergau, a letter from Austria, the Job of a Military Correspondent, Sinai, and many others. If you want these, and the short stories we have received, please do what you can by increasing circulation or by direct grants to enable us to increase the size of *The Lioness*.

Forthcoming Events

Branch Meetings and Dinners

BELFAST. Dinner, February 27. Information from hon. secretary. Meetings on first and third Fridays of each month at 7.30 p.m., at 58 Dublin Road, Belfast.

EDINBURGH. Dinner, March 6. Information from hon. secretary. All members of the Association welcome.

GLASGOW. Annual General Meeting. Monday, February 15, at 7.30 p.m., in the Service Women's Club. New members very welcome.

HARTLEPOOL. Meetings on first Wednesday each month in the Sergeants' Mess, 426 (Durham) Coast Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), West Hartlepool.

PORTSMOUTH. Meetings monthly at the Drill Hall in St. Paul's Road, off Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

SOUTHERN IRELAND. Meetings monthly in the R.A.F. Club Rooms.

Miscellaneous Dates

- March 1-2 Army (Women) Inter-Unit Netball Competition at Aldershot.
- „ 10 Royal Navy v. Royal Air Force Women's Hockey at Burghfield.
- „ 11 Army v. Royal Navy Women's Hockey at Aldershot.
- „ 12 Army v. Royal Air Force Women's Hockey at Uxbridge.
- „ 26 **Reunion Week-end.** (See separate notice.)
- „ 29 Inter-Services Women's Netball Tournament at Aldershot.
- April 25 Princess Royal's Day At Home at the Depot. (See separate notice.)

Annual Dinners

This is the season of annual dinners and those reported this month have been extracted from Branch News and collected here.

Bristol—October 29, 1953. The hand-made menu cards tied with red, white and blue ribbon had coloured portraits of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on them, commemorating the Coronation year. The guest of honour was Col. M. Railton, the Chairman of the Southern Command Area Committee. Toasts were given for The Queen, The Princess Royal, Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S., W.R.A.C. Association, coupled with the Guest of Honour, the other guests and the President. The dinner was a huge success, largely due to the hard work of its organiser, Miss Cottrell.

London—October 17, 1953. There were 65 members present at the Service Women's Club when the guests were Dame Lillian Barker and Miss Lowry, Matron of Queen Mary Hospital, Roehampton. The whole evening was a great success. Everyone was charmed by Dame Lillian and very much enjoyed her informative talk on the early days of the Women's Legion and how she met and worked with Dame Florence Simpson. It was also delightful to hear from Miss Lowry how much the patients at her hospital enjoy the parcels sent

from collections taken at Branch meetings. As before, the dinner was beautifully cooked and served and all appreciated the hard work put in by Miss McNeil and her helpers. The only thing in short supply was time and the evening sped by far too quickly but all were agreed that this was one of the best dinners yet held.

Manchester—Thirty members were present at the annual dinner held in November and passed a very happy evening. There were, regrettably, a few missing faces but greetings telegrams were sent to them to help dispel their disappointment at not being able to be present. A collection was made after the dinner for the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund and we were very much pleased to be able to send a guinea to each of these funds.

Wolverhampton—November 19, 1953. It was a very happy dinner party that sat down at the Sir Tatton Sykes Hotel to roast turkey and all the trimmings. There were one or two familiar faces missing but apologies for absence had been received from them. The local press photographer kindly took a flashlight of everyone sitting at the tables and another afterwards of a few comrades talking. Speeches were cut short. The Queen was toasted and absent friends, after which began a lively session of animated conversation.

Coronation Year Dinner Edinburgh

This was a combined Service operation and, on November 7, 126 ex-Servicewomen from all three Services met together to dine and to reminisce in comfortable surroundings of sterner but happy times not long past.

The chair was taken by the President of the Association of Wrens, Mrs. Boyd, and the guests were distinguished serving and ex-Service members of the Women's Forces. In a dining-room softly lit and attractively decorated with Flanders poppies an excellent meal was enjoyed and in conversation it was discovered how similar were the experiences of the three Services. Her Majesty The Queen was graciously pleased to reply to a message of loyal greeting.

After dinner the guests were introduced to their hosts by Mrs. Strath Mackenzie (Mary Frew, A.T.S.), each Service being represented by one serving member and one no longer serving. She had no mean task in introducing Chief Officer E. M. Drummond, Senior W.R.N.S. Officer, Scotland, who, during the war, was at Royal Naval Headquarters, Plymouth, on the planning staff, during the preparations for D-Day. There was also Mrs. Campbell, the ex-Wren guest, better known as Esther McCracken, but she hardly needed introduction. The Army representatives, Lt.-Col. M. K. R. Colvin and The Lady Maud Baillie were also well known to the military members of the gathering, but it was pleasant to recall Col. Colvin's excellent work with Military Government in Hamburg after the war, and Lady Maud revealed that her tartan skirt had had a most distracting influence on the "wailers" at the wall in Jerusalem! The Air

Force was represented by the present Deputy Director, Group Officer J. Conan Doyle and Mrs. Struan Marshall, who has never severed her connection with the Women's Services since she joined in 1917. Between the wars she was treasurer of the Old Comrades' Association and a member of Emergency Service.

The evening was essentially one of recollection shared and experiences compared. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and all who took part hope that the experiment will not be forgotten.

Q.M.A.A.C. O.C. Dinner

This year the Q.M.A.A.C. Annual Reunion Dinner took place at the De Vere Hotel, Kensington, and it was voted by many to be the best since the days at Harrods. Certainly the blue lounge was a delightful place in which to meet and gossip over those Army days of 36 years ago and how the years seemed to slip away as we met, once again, the comrades of those days. How little many have changed—the Army seems to keep one young. Mrs. Hassell (the chairman) and Mrs. Whittaker (Maxton) were waiting to welcome us as we arrived and quite a gathering it was—130 Q.M.A.A.C. attended and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The dinner itself was excellent and very well served at small tables decorated with vases of flowers, while in the corners of the restaurant were large floral decorations, making it all a charming setting. When all had taken their places at the tables Miss Hassell reminded us that this was the first meeting of the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C. Dinner Club since the death of Queen Mary, our Commandant-in-Chief, and all stood to observe a minute's silence. The dinner ended with the usual toasts—the Loyal Toast and one to H.M. Forces, then "Absent Friends," proposed by Miss Martin. As a mark of appreciation and thanks for all the hard work she has done in organising the Dinner Club and acting as its hon. secretary, a bouquet of pink roses was presented to Mrs. Mayhew (Haines). Thanks were also expressed to Major Mayhew, M.C., for the great help he always gives so willingly. The next Reunion Dinner will be on May 22, 1954. Reserve that date and get in touch with Mrs. Mayhew, 25 Denmark Avenue, S.W.19, in good time, for this year it was not possible to accommodate all those who applied late.

Annual General Meeting and General Reunion

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on Saturday, March 27, 1954, at 3 o'clock.

The General Secretary would remind Branches of the other important dates in March:

Friday, March 26. Grand Reunion, Seymour Hall, Marylebone. Doors open 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 27. Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion, Duke of York's Headquarters. 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 27. Branch Secretaries' meeting and luncheon, Duke of York's Headquarters. Meeting 11.30 a.m. Luncheon 1 p.m.

The Branch Secretaries' meeting will continue, if necessary, after luncheon. Members of Council look forward to meeting all Branch Secretaries as their guests.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, November 9, three of us went to the Field of Remembrance to plant a cross on behalf of the W.R.A.C. Association. Capt. Fisher represented the W.R.A.C., Mrs. Richards the A.T.S. and Miss A. G. Brown Q.M.A.A.C. Capt. Fisher planted the cross just before 2.30 p.m., while we stood on either side of her. The Queen Mother was expected at 2.45 and many people who were waiting hopefully were turned away by the police. We were told that this would have been our fate too but, very fortunately, Dame Regina Evans kindly spoke to leading officers of the British Legion and we were allowed to stand by the north door of the Abbey.

While waiting for Her Majesty we were much intrigued by the activities of a black cat which took up its position on the matting which had been laid down for the Queen Mother. We were fortunate and delighted to have a close view of Her Majesty as she planted her cross.

On Sunday, November 8, 327 (County of London) Battalion (T.A.) paraded to Westminster Abbey for the Remembrance Day Service and was

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accompanied for the first time by its Old Comrades—those members who served with the County of London A.T.S. when it was first formed in 1938. The parade formed up in Petty France and marched down Victoria Street to the west door of the Abbey, the ex-Service members bringing up the rear, and a brave sight they made with their display of campaign medals and stars. The serving members of the Battalion were so much impressed by their newly-found friends that their inclusion in the Remembrance Day Parade from now on will be a natural and foregone conclusion.

In the afternoon of the same day the Battalion, in conjunction with the County of London Branch W.R.A.C. Association, attended a service in the W.R.A.C. Drill Hall at the Duke of York's Headquarters to unveil a memorial plaque to former members of the County of London unit who were killed in action during the 1939-45 War. It was a very simple service, conducted by the Rev. Richard Fitz-Patrick, M.A.Q.H.C., Chaplain to the Household Brigade, the memorial plaque being unveiled by Lady Violet Astor, President of the Branch. A touching point of interest during the occasion was the attendance among the next-of-kin of the father of one of the girls whose name appeared on the plaque. He was an old soldier himself and informed us that the Drill Hall where the memorial was erected had been created as his own drill hall during the 1914-18 War.

Manchester branch reports the placing, by their secretary, of a poppy wreath on the Cenotaph in the City on November 8 at the Remembrance Parade and the banner of the Bristol Branch was carried at the Cenotaph Service.

Obituary

MISS L. M. FISHER

E.I.D. writes :

Members will see in this issue the death of Miss Fisher from a heart attack. She joined Q.M.A.A.C. in September, 1917, and served until January, 1920, both at home and in France. She enlisted in the A.T.S. in November, 1938, and was discharged in October, 1944, as C.S.M. She served with A.A. Command, escorting A.T.S. members to and from France. Between the wars she had a company of Girl Guides in which she took a very great interest.

MISS WINIFRED ROGERS

Miss Druitt writes:

It was with profound regret that we heard of the death of this much-loved comrade. Her kindly nature and happy disposition endeared her to us all. For some years she was on the staff of our club at 5 Buckingham Gate and was greatly missed when she retired from her post there. She always enjoyed coming to reunions and was a regular attendant until she left London to live with her cousin in Braintree, Essex. She was laid to rest in Bocking Cemetery on October 28 and flowers were sent from London Branch.

E. J. WELSFORD, M.B.E.

Dame Helen writes:

E. J. Welsford was born in 1878 and qualified as a gardener. Her first posts were in that capacity, but she soon proved to have qualifications for research which resulted in her appointment to academic posts. She published some valuable papers on the life histories of the lower plants. We were colleagues in 1905-7 and, two years later, visited American laboratories together on our way to the meeting of the British Association at Winnipeg. She was dining with me on the February evening in 1917 when I had just heard from Mrs. Chalmers Watson of the approaching formation of the W.A.A.C. Our excited speculation and discussion may be imagined.

As soon as she could detach herself from her post at the Imperial College, University of London, E. J. Welsford reported for duty in France. In 1918 she was in charge of the big Camp III at Abbeville, and she ended as a Senior U.A. She was a most capable officer, devoted to the Service and to the well-being of her women.

After the war E. J. Welsford applied for a post under the Colonial Office. As it happened, she was the only ex-Service candidate and, greatly to the credit of the authorities, was appointed, though no woman had held such a post before. She was sent to Zanzibar, where she dealt with the health and disease of trees and crops, going off, like other colonial officers, for long journeys alone with her escort of black boys. On her retirement she settled in Somerset. She will be remembered as one of those who made that first Corps what it was.

Memorial

ELIZABETH MACFARLANE GILCHRIST,
M.B.E.

Many old comrades who knew and loved "Gillie," who was secretary of the Glasgow Branch from its formation in 1920 until she died in 1948, will be much interested to know that her sister, Mrs. Torrance, of 48 Cleveland Avenue, Darlington, has erected a memorial plaque at the crematorium, Maryhill, Glasgow, in memory of her. It reads as follows: "In loving memory of Elizabeth Macfarlane Gilchrist, M.B.E., youngest daughter of Rev. Robert Gilchrist of Shotts, who died 9th November, 1948. Served in Women's Legion and Q.M.A.A.C. in 1914-18 war and was the founder of Glasgow Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association."

DON'T FORGET

A member of the A.T.S. earned a small prize from London's evening paper, *The Star*, by telling them that, against her mother's pleas and wishes, she had joined our Service. When the time came to leave home her mother, by this time quite distraught, sobbed, "Don't forget, if you go and get yourself killed you needn't come to me for sympathy."

ROYAL VISIT TO JAMAICA

Jamaica, the land of wood and water, has always been endowed with the best of nature's attributes, an excellent climate, arable lands, beautiful countryside ideal for resorts. Distinguished guests have from time to time expressed delight and satisfaction with their visit, but never in the history of Jamaica has a reigning monarch honoured us with a visit.

On November 25 Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh landed at Montego Bay, where thousands, drawn from all walks of life, stood overwhelmed with humble loyalty to greet the Royal couple.

The Royal party drove through several of the country towns, where crowds waited from early morn to catch one glimpse of them. At each stop the Queen was received by the town's custody and bouquets were presented to her.

At Spanish Town, the former capital of Jamaica, Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke were invited to sign the visitors' book, signatures that will be cherished throughout remaining history. After a rousing greeting and a welcome speech by the Custos, the Royal party moved on to King's House, Kingston, where the first of two nights were spent.

On the morning of Thursday, November 26, a military parade was held in Up Park Camp. All contingents were to report at assembly areas by 0645 hrs., and so the W.R.A.C. contingent—who all live out—were accommodated overnight at the Military Hospital. Our contingent consisted of the O.C. and 30 other ranks, and we took up our position with the other Corps and Services of the Caribbean area.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, preceded by His Excellency The Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, arrived at the polo ground, Up Park Camp, at 0815 hrs. midst torrents of applause from 10,000 spectators, some seated, others lining the perimeter of the field five deep. While the Royal Standard flew over the saluting base the massed band played the National Anthem.

A Land Rover, especially prepared, took Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Area Commander, Brigadier A. C. F. Jackson, O.B.E., to review the parade. "Green Sleeves" was played during the inspection. There, under the brilliant sunshine of a Jamaican sky, we beheld our beloved Queen, a vision of loveliness, her handsome husband, standing beside her, elegantly clad in his naval uniform.

After the inspection the Queen and the Duke ascended the dais to take the salute, while the parade took up positions for the march past. The parade, with measured tread and military bearing, marched off to the rhythm of the "British Grenadier." The bugles sang of bravery and high courage, the drums of triumph and martial life. The marching ranks returned to their fixed position. Headdresses were ordered to be removed by the Area Commander and three cheers swelled the air for Her Majesty The Queen. The climax of the pageantry was the Royal Salute, taking the form of a *feu de joie*.

Between each dramatic rattle of drums the muted music of the National Anthem softly stirred the air.

The ceremony came to its end and the Royal couple drove away in the Royal silver grey car.

In the evening the Royal couple dined in the dreamland setting of the tropical garden at King's House with 100 leading citizens of the British West Indies. A reception followed, where 2,000 guests, military and civilian, were present. Among the guests was Capt. E. J. Nolan, O.C. 5th Independent Company, W.R.A.C. Music under the direction of Major R. G. Jones, M.B.E., added to the magic spell, and overhead the dark canopy, bare of stars as if she had closed her eyes to dream upon the brilliant scene below.

The following day, Friday, November 27, Jamaica witnessed its first Royal investiture. The recipients and guests arrived some time before 1030 hrs., all anxiously awaiting to feast their eyes for the ensuing half-hour. The Queen, simply dressed, entered the high-ceilinged dining-room of King's House promptly at 1030 hrs. The ladies curtsied, the gentlemen bowing low.

The conferring of the accolade of knighthood on the Chief Justice of Jamaica was the high spot. Among the other 13 recipients was Cpl. L. A. Small, who was invested with the insignia of the British Empire Medal. Her Majesty spoke longest with the Corporal. Her Majesty asked how long she had been in the A.T.S., as the Corps was then called. The Queen asked her if she had been in the parade on Thursday. Her Majesty commented on the smart appearance of the W.R.A.C. on parade and that it had pleased her to see them. The Queen shook hands with the Corporal and the Corporal withdrew.

At 1600 hrs. the Royal party boarded S.S. *Gothic* to continue the long Commonwealth tour. Thousands lined the route to catch a last glimpse of a Queen so beloved by all and as the propeller of the Royal barge spun through the water the words of the song "Will ye no come back again?" filled the air. For nearly three days Jamaica had the honour to house the Sovereign.

News of Comrades

Dame Florence writes to say that she has had a most enjoyable month at Elgin, the spring at the Cape surpassed in beauty anything that she had imagined. The mimosas were like forests of gold and there were whole fields of wild arum lilies which grow right down to the shore at Hermanus. She goes on to say: "I got back in the middle of October and a week later I drove 300 miles to Kokstad in East Griqualand. There I met **Mrs. Tresham (ex-W.A.A.C. Richardson)**. She was married to Major Tresham after the 1914-18 war and went to India; she looks very young to have a grown-up daughter. They have got a charming house and garden. When I got back to Harrismith I met **Mrs. Stocks (ex-W.A.A.C. Scott)**. She

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Princess Royal's Day, 1954

The Depot will be "At Home" to the public from 2.15 to 6 p.m. for Princess Royal's Day this year on April 25. Individual invitations will not be sent but all serving or retired members of the Association will be particularly welcome. The programme will include displays by the permanent staff and recruits, programme of music by the Corps band, showing of the films "Greensleeves" and "The Gentle Sex," side shows in aid of the Benevolent Fund, Drumhead Service. **Please apply for tea tickets during February or March, stating whether for Officers', Sergeants' or rank and file mess.**

Correspondence

Dear Madam,

During her recent visit to Perth, Dame Leslie Whateley, in discussing migrant ex-Service women, suggested that I write to you for certain information.

In our Ex-Service Women's Sub-Branch (Returned Servicemen's League) we have several English girls, and it has occurred to me that there must be more who are domiciled in this state but who have not been contacted. I felt that, in coming to a new country, these ex-Service women may welcome the chance of meeting other Service women and joining our association and we could endeavour to help them to settle down and make their lives less lonely. The members of our Association include all Service women who have overseas service, or those who have served in an operational theatre.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. C. PERRY (Miss).

Repatriation General Hospital,

Hollywood, West Australia.

August 21, 1953.

News from the Territorial Army

It was encouraging to find ninety women from 63, 64 and 82 A.A. Brigades who were sufficiently keen to give up a Sunday to a one-day course and, like Oliver Twist, to ask for more. For the second year in succession 609 Regiment won the Brigade W.R.A.C. Drill Competition, at which some two hundred spectators included many V.I.P.s. The 10th Cadet Battery, R.A., provided the music which was much appreciated, as were the refreshments afterwards. We are glad to announce that W.O.II Allen, B.E.M., who finished her regular engagement in December, enjoys working with the T.A. so much that she is transferring to the new Type "R" engagement, and returning to 609 Regiment.

Badges

The Badge of the Association, the design of which you can see on the title page of this issue, can be obtained, price 9d., from the General Secretary.

A Work of Great Achievement

It was the South African War which made clear the need for an organisation which would make itself responsible for the welfare of our soldiers and sailors—both during their service and after leaving the Colours. With this object in view The Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society came into being at the end of 1899 with H.R.H. Princess Christian as its first President.

At a later date, after the formation of a separate and independent Air Force, the name of the Society was altered to The Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society. The Society operated under this title until 1948, the year in which Service women, previously dealt with by the Society as auxiliaries, became part of the Regular forces. To cover this new situation in its designation and also to incorporate one of the main features of the organisation's work, the Society became, as it is known today, The Forces' Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops.

The Headquarters of the Society are situated at 122 Brompton Road, London, S.W.3, but there are branches all over the British Isles and abroad.

During last year some 85,000 serving and ex-Service men and women were assisted in a variety of ways—e.g. when on leave while out of touch with their units, in obtaining compassionate leave to settle business affairs, in training problems, in obtaining grants to meet civil commitments and general help in domestic problems. The work on behalf of ex-Service men and women comes mainly within the category of rehabilitation and settlement but there are many other things that are done to make the transitional period from service to civilian life a little easier for the men and women who have served with the Colours. The Society might purchase trade tools to start a man in business, help him towards the cost of fitting up his home, during sickness and convalescence and even help him towards the cost of dependants' funerals. Indeed the work that is done at the London Headquarters of the Society, in every city and town and in many of our smallest villages, covers the widest possible field and can only be summarised by the expression "welfare plus"—for this is welfare work at its highest level. More than three million individual cases have now been investigated by this voluntary Society in a little over 50 years—a wonderful record.

The Society also runs a number of centres which cater in the main for the medical needs of men and women suffering from injuries to the spine, where apart from receiving remedial treatment, they are trained in clock assembly, invisible mending, etc., with a view to becoming home-workers in these occupations.

Throughout the year the Society's Overseas Service works to capacity and from every theatre abroad a steady flow of cases are dealt with. This work might involve tracing missing relatives and reuniting them with Service men and women serving abroad, investigating business releases, and dealing with housing, domestic, legal and resettlement problems—and places as far afield

as Jamaica, India, Australia, Malaya and Korea have been covered by the Society's representatives.

Conforming to the wishes of the Services the Society concentrates on tours and lectures to encourage members of all the Services not to conceal their problems, but rather to bring them to the Society which is well equipped to solve them in such a way as to minimise the deterioration which anxieties must have on their efficiency as Service men and women.

One of the main features of the Society's work, however, has been to train and provide permanent employment for ex-Service men who have a 50 per cent. or higher rate of disability. In order to carry out this work, three workrooms were established at the end of the South African War. Here men were taught the making of toys and small articles of furniture. When Lord Roberts died in 1914 it was felt by the Committee of the Society that the great Field Marshal could not have a more fitting memorial than the extension, on a large scale, of the Workshops in which he had always taken so great an interest. As a result the Workshops as known today are named after him.

There are now nine fully-equipped factories—at Fulham, Liverpool, Bristol, Colchester, Brookwood, Edinburgh, Inverness, Dundee and Belfast—where disabled men are trained and employed on productive work suited to their particular disabilities. They are enabled to earn good wages, and, what is more important, to retain their independence and self-respect.

The days when toys were made have been left far behind, and at the present time these factories are energetically engaged on the drive for essential goods. Cabinet-making, joinery, mattress and brush making, basket-making and decorative lacquer work, etc., are all undertaken. The men trained and employed at these factories are all ex-Service men and the average rate of disability is about 65 per cent.

As distinct from the great financial and moral benefit to men employed in the workshops, the physical benefit derived is very striking. Many men can now be seen at work who have actually recovered the use of their limbs and hands. Orthopaedic experts say that this is because the right kind of exercise has been given to the injured limbs, but perhaps the improvement is more due to the employment of the mind on definite and interesting work, and the often quite unconscious use of the disabled limb to assist the sound one which carries out the main part of the work.

This then is the work of one of the oldest of our Voluntary Societies working on behalf of men and women of the Services, and the remarkable achievements obtained in these difficult times reflect the greatest credit on all concerned.

Aldermaston, 1939-42

Grand Reunion on Saturday, May 1, 1954, for all (staff and recruits) who served at the Training Centre. For particulars write to: Miss D. M. Beston, 380 Station Road, Dorridge, Birmingham.

Eighth Passing Out Parade of W.R.A.C. Officer Cadets

The Eighth Passing Out Parade of W.R.A.C. Officer Cadets took place at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction on Wednesday, December 16, 1953. The Salute was taken by Lieut.-General Sir Dudley Ward, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

The Parade consisted of 15 Senior Officer Cadets, 23 Junior Officer Cadets, 52 members of the Permanent Staff and 25 Student N.C.Os. The W.R.A.C. Band played.

After the inspection and march past the D.C.I.G.S. addressed the Parade and presented the Ceremonial Sash and Certificate of Merit to Junior Under Officer B. D. Watts. This is the third occasion on which both the Sash and Certificate of Merit have been awarded to the same Officer Cadet. The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was presented to Sgt. Morrison, R.A., who looks after the G.D. men attached to the School.

After the buffet luncheon, the D.C.I.G.S., who was accompanied by Lady Ward, departed by car.

The School was exceptionally lucky with the weather, which was dry—if a little cold—whereas the previous afternoon it was shrouded in fog.

Women's Hockey Combined Services v. U.S.A.

The U.S.A. Women's Touring Team won their match against the Combined Women's Services on November 11, 1953, by 8 goals to nil. Our Miss Whitaker was reported to have been by far the best player on the field, and had it not been for her the score would have been far greater. However, the W.R.A.C. Band played beautifully and looked most impressive. It was the first match the U.S.A. had won which was very good for American morale and international relations.

W.R.A.C. in Gibraltar

The Garrison Handicrafts Exhibition was held in November at the Calpe Institute. Unfortunately our best exhibits had not arrived from the Exhibition in U.K., but the girls rallied round and made some very attractive soft toys. Pte. Zouch, with her arty arty touch, helped to arrange the Exhibition and was on duty there for several days.

The Drama Festival has just finished after a very successful week. The R.A. Drama Group were successful in winning the first prize and both the individual awards for their production of excerpts from Terence Rattigan's "Harlequinade." One of our members, Pte. Fay Johns, played the part of Muriel Palmer in a very accomplished manner.

A.T.S. Badge Brooches

Gilt badge brooches, at 2s. 6d. each, are still obtainable from the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, 73 Elizabeth Street, S.W.1, to which proceeds of sale are credited.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet, October 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND				GENERAL FUND			
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:				OFFICE FURNITURE:			
1952 £	Balance, November 1, 1952	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1952 £	Balance, November 1, 1952	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,808	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	61 3 5	1,955 0 4	53	Less: Depreciation at 5% per annum	50 0 0	47 10 0
1,894				3			
LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND:				INVESTMENTS AT COST:			
1,835	Membership Life Subscriptions carried forward	1,837 14 6		817	£800 3 1/2% War Stock	816 17 2	
1,325	Gazette Life Subscriptions carried forward	1,292 2 0	3,120 16 6	1,800	£850 3 1/2% Defence Bonds	850 0 0	
3,160				375	£800 3 1/2% Savings Bonds, 1965-75	800 0 0	
HARDSHIP FUND:				250	500 National Savings Bonds, 15 units	375 0 0	
88	Creditors and Provisions	139 5 6	88 7 7	250	250 National Savings Bonds, 15 units	375 0 0	
136	Membership Subscriptions paid in advance	140 17 6		—	£596 18s. 4d. British Electricity 4 1/2% Guaranteed	599 14 6	
139	Gazette Subscriptions paid in advance	113 6 0	393 9 0	—	Stocks, 1974-79	500 0 0	
90	Expenses, etc., accrued			1,000	£1,000 2 1/2% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0	
365				4,742			4,691 11 8
REUNION ACCOUNT:				(Market Value, £4,340 7s. 8d.)			
188	Sundry Creditors—			20	Stocks of "Service with the Army"		19 15 6
5	The W.R.A.C. Association	203 19 0	209 4 0	37	At cost, less amounts written off		95 8 0
193	Audit and Accountancy	5 5 0			STOCK OF BADGES—At cost		
SUNDY DEBTORS:				33	Interest accrued on Investments	23 18 4	
188	Income Tax Recoverable			188	Income Tax Recoverable	3 13 10	
67	Reunion Committee, 1952, Hall, etc.			67	Reunion Committee, 1952, Hall, etc.	203 19 0	
2	Advertising Gazette			2	Advertising Gazette	63 5 0	
290	W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund—Postage				W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund—Postage		294 16 2
CASH BALANCES:				211	Post Office Savings Bank Deposit	216 13 8	
143	Westminster Bank			143	Westminster Bank	186 9 11	
4	Current Account			10	Current Account	10 0 0	
368	Deposit Account			4	Deposit Account	4 8 6	
164	Cash in Hand			135	Cash in Hand	164 1 9	
29	REUNION CAPITAL ACCOUNT:			29	REUNION CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	2 10 6	
£5,700	Balance, October 31, 1952			173	Balance, October 31, 1952		161 11 3
	Less: Net Income for year				Less: Net Income for year		15 15 0
							31 17 9
	SUNDY DEBTOR						£5,775 17 5
	CASH AT BANK						

We have examined the above Balance Sheet of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association incorporating Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps and Auxiliary Territorial Service Comrades Association with the books and vouchers of the Association 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 affairs of the Association as at October 31, 1953, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us.

68 COLEMAN STREET,
LONDON, E. C. 2.
December 4, 1953.

L. M. HARRIS & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND				GENERAL FUND			
To BRANCHES:				By SUBSCRIPTIONS:			
1952 £	Capitation Fees for Life and Four-Year Members	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1952 £	Annual Subscriptions	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
40	Capitation Fees for Annual Subscriptions	47 8 0	203 3 6	378	Gross Capitations from Branches	274 14 6	534 7 0
103		155 15 6	8 0 0	549	Proportion of Four-Yearly Subscriptions	82 4 6	141 16 3
143	GRANTS TO BRANCHES			56	Proportion of Life Membership Subscriptions	59 11 9	
25	" DONATIONS TO KING GEORGE VI FUND			132	MISCELLANEOUS:		
311	" ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	288 17 3		127	Interest on Investments	114 1 10	
79	Proportion of Four-Yearly Subscriptions	84 5 0		8	Profit on Badges	14 7 6	
99	Proportion of Life Membership Subscriptions	102 11 9		—	Profit on "Service with the Army"	1 0 0	
113	DONATIONS	32 4 0		38	Donations	86 4 1	
602	Advertising Revenue	507 18 0		173	PROFIT ON REDEMPTION OF INVESTMENTS	215 13 5	
322		241 17 9				6 3 10	
924	Less: Printing, Postage, etc.	749 15 9	30 9 9				
1,008		780 5 6					
84	ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE EXPENSES:						
365	Salaries and Travelling	369 3 2					
43	Printing and Stationery	70 2 8					
33	Postage	35 10 3					
15	Telephone	22 3 2					
7	Sundries	29 8 7					
463	CORONATION EXPENSES		526 7 10				
24	MISCELLANEOUS:		42 3 0				
3	Accountancy and Audit	24 3 0					
19	Depreciation of Furniture	2 10 0					
—	Amount written off Stock of Badges	—					
46	BALANCE:		26 13 0				
86	Excess of Income over Expenditure		61 3 5				
£854			£898 0 6				£898 0 6

BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND				GENERAL FUND			
To Grants				By DONATIONS:			
1952 £	Subscriptions	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1952 £	General	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
264	Legal and Professional Charges		318 4 0	744	Army Benevolent Fund	1,148 6 3	
21	Printing, Stationery and Postage		10 11 9	5,000	Interest on Investments	2,500 0 0	
13	Sundry Expenses		2 13 6	5,744	Income Tax Recoverable	3,648 6 3	
5,625	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		3,559 7 6	90		188 12 3	
£5,923			£3,901 6 9	£5,923		64 8 3	
GENERAL FUND:				INVESTMENTS AT COST:			
1952 £	Balance, November 1, 1952	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1952 £	£3,500 3 1/2% Defence Bonds, 5th Issue	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2,180	Add: Excess of Income for the year	7,804 12 10	11,364 0 4	3,500	£4,650 3 1/2% Savings Bonds, 1960-1970	3,500 0 0	
7,805				3,912	£1,000 3 1/2% Defence Bonds	3,911 15 7	
2	SUNDY CREDITORS		1 1 0	—	£2,500 British Gas 4 1/2% Guaranteed Stocks, 1969/72	1,000 0 0	
£7,807				7,412	(£7,498 Market Value, £11,191)	2,492 11 11	
SUNDY DEBTORS:				89	SUNDY DEBTORS:		
—	Income Tax Recoverable			89	Income Tax Recoverable		10,904 7 6
—	CASH:			306	CASH:		40 18 1
—	Westminster Bank Limited, Current Account			£7,807	Westminster Bank Limited, Current Account		419 15 9
—							£11,365 1 4

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts and in our opinion they are properly drawn up to present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund at October 31, 1953, and of the Income and Expenditure for the period ended on that date. The United Services Trustee has certified that on October 31, 1953, the above investment was held for the Fund.

68 COLEMAN STREET,
LONDON, E.C.2.
December 4, 1953.

L. M. HARRIS & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1953

BALANCE SHEET, OCTOBER 31st, 1953

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and in our opinion they are properly drawn up to present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Museum at October 31, 1953, and of the Income and Expenditure for the period ended on that date.

L. M. HARRIS & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

December 3, 1953.



[Courtesy: The Surrey Advertiser]

Planting the Q.M.A.A.C. Tree

Depot Notes

Some months ago the Council of the W.R.A.C. Association decided to present three oak trees to the Depot to symbolise the three phases in the development of the Women's Services. Our Directors, past and present, are busy people and it was no easy task to find a day that would be convenient to them all. In spite of the difficulties we are proud to have achieved a record bag of four Dames of the British Empire on Saturday, November 28.

The Q.M.A.A.C. tree was planted by Dame Helen, assisted by Staff-Sergeant Russell, B.E.M., still serving. Dame Leslie planted the A.T.S. tree, assisted by W.O.II Wiffen, and the W.R.A.C. tree was planted by Dame Mary, assisted by Staff-Sergeant Germain, the senior N.C.O. at the Depot, who has nothing but W.R.A.C. service. We were also glad to see the Director and Mrs. Rumbold, who originally suggested the tree planting at a meeting of Council. We were sorry that Dame Regina was unable to be with us. The visitors had coffee in the Sergeants' Mess before the ceremony and afterwards lunched with the officers.

ANITA COLBY'S BEAUTY BOOK

Anita Colby brings to the writing of this book considerable experience with many of Hollywood's first ranking stars, as well as her own vivacious personality and a contagious exuberance for developing the personality, poise and charm of each of her readers. She sweeps us along through 250 breathtaking pages with the utmost confidence of being able to make us into a Hedy Lamarr or a Ginger Rogers—with a difference!—that difference being the characteristic, talent, ability or glamour which she is confident of being able to find and develop in each one of us.

The book covers most topics about which a woman would wish to know and in which to become proficient. As well as a complete course on beauty and charm lasting four weeks, there are many helpful hints on how to become the perfect hostess as well as the perfect guest; there are novel

suggestions for parties and for menus, encouraging diets and miraculous slimming exercises, and much sound advice on acquiring good taste in clothes and careful wardrobe planning. But, surprisingly enough, in a subject of this nature, there is another equally interesting side to the book, one which might be called "a philosophy of beauty." The art of living is to keep learning and widening one's horizons, the authoress tells us, and this is only one example of the grasp she has, not only of the art of beauty culture, but of the art of life itself.

The book is written in a vigorous and lively style and is well illustrated with many humorous, entertaining and apt sketches by the writer herself. *Anita Colby's Beauty Book* is priced at 21s. and can be obtained from most booksellers and departmental stores throughout the country.



[Courtesy: The Times

Staff-Sergeant A. G. Russell receiving her British Empire Medal at the Tower of London



W/6811 Staff-Sergeant A. G. RUSSELL

Those who can should look up their *Lioness* of November-December, 1950, wherein they will read of the already long and distinguished service of Agnes Russell, who has served for all the time possible between 1918 and the present day and has worn in her time all four badges (counting Q.M.A.A.C. as two) of our Corps. We picture her receiving her B.E.M., one which we make so bold to say, was never better earned. We offer her our congratulations and best wishes.

News of Comrades—Continued from page 5

was married and came out here 35 years ago. They have got a farm about 18 miles from here, and she has four grandchildren. On November 21 I drove to the Blue Mountain Inn at Teyateyaneg (nice name to try and pronounce—generally abbreviated to 'T.Y.'—it is 5,000 ft. up in the mountains in Basutoland. A charming and most comfortable small hotel. While there I met Mrs. Unwin, she was staying with her daughter, Mrs. Hennessy. Mrs. Unwin was one of the first to join the Women's Legion in 1915, and was at Epsom; I remember her there. She was with the Royal Flying Corps and transferred from W.A.A.C. to W.R.A.F. when that corps was formed, as many others did in order to stay with the unit they were working with."

Preston Branch sent us news of Mrs. Wethersett, formerly Volunteer Dyson whose home and service were chiefly in Lancashire. Now she lives at 3517 West 22nd Avenue, Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada, and would be glad to hear from any comrades with whom she served. From Edinburgh we hear that Mrs. A. Sloan (Margaret Fleming, A.T.S.) and Mrs. D. McArthur (Valerie Anson, A.T.S.) were located during the year. Both served with 167 (M) H.A.A. Regiment during the war; both have young families and both can be reached through the Edinburgh Branch.

Mrs. Armstrong's friends will be glad to hear that she is now very much better. Her plans are uncertain, but it appears fairly clear that she is still not well enough to do all her boundless energy demands of her. She is anxious that her Canadian friends will not think that any omissions of

correspondence have been due to slackness. She just has not been well enough to deal with it.

News from Branches

To economise space we are printing news of branch activities without the usual spaces between branches and we hope that readers will not find it any more difficult than usual to find their own news. Some items of more general interest have been extracted to other columns.

Belfast. The Annual General Meeting was held on November 6, 1953, with the president, Mrs. O. B. Graham, O.B.E., in the chair. Office bearers for 1953-54 were elected. Appreciation at the suitability of the new club rooms were expressed. Particulars of meetings and the annual dinner are shown in Forthcoming Events and further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Patricia Neilly, 382 Merville Garden Village, Whitehouse, Belfast.

Bristol. Since 1947 we have maintained our membership but there has been no outstanding increase so an appeal was launched in the local press. The W.R.A.C. film, "Greensleaves," was shown as part of a film show at the November meeting. The British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Colston Hall on November 7 was voted to be the best yet. One scene, entitled "Women at War," was much enjoyed. It showed the different uniforms, Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S., down to the present W.R.A.C. No. 1 dress. How they have improved!

At the annual meeting in December a report for the last year was given and the officers elected for 1954. Mrs. Bernays was again elected as president

and Col. E. I. W. Hobkirk joins the vice-presidents. An interesting programme has been mapped out for the next six months and one item is a visit to Bath Branch.

Edinburgh. Although we here have not been sun-bathing, the fact that Christmas Day has come and gone without a hard frost and that snowdrops are flowering before New Year is so unusual as to be memorable. Human nature being what it is, however, the more gloomy-minded among us are moved to mutter: "We'll pay for this ere long." Be that as it may the mild weather has enabled us to enjoy to the full the fall of the year. The branch activities have been well attended and casualties through coughs and colds have been few.

At the annual general meeting in December the chairman, Mrs. J. Rattray (A.T.S.), voiced the feelings of us all when she said that the year had been remarkable for the spirit of comradeship which had flourished among us and that now, at the end of the year, she felt that the branch was fulfilling its true purpose of perpetuating goodwill and friendship among all its members.

At one of our meetings a most interesting talk was given by Miss Helen Nimmo (A.T.S.) of the Scottish Headquarters of the W.V.S. She spoke of the unlimited scope of the Women's Voluntary Services and such was the interest aroused that the branch has decided to help the W.V.S. wherever possible by collecting useful commodities and by individual members undertaking emergency duties.

It is with much regret that we say good-bye to Miss Semple (A.T.S.), a staunch and loyal member of the branch, who is known to many outside Edinburgh as the Secretary of the Women's United Services Club. She is leaving to take up an appointment in Stonehaven and we wish her all success. Our loss is their gain.

Gibraltar. The meeting on November 2 was held in the home of one of the members, Mrs. Hartman (ex-Q.M.A.A.C. Forewoman Pinchin), and the open coal fire was a welcome sight to the serving members, the homely and cosy atmosphere adding greatly to the meeting. Afterwards Mrs. Hartman produced the most tempting buffet, to which everyone did full justice. Many hands made light work of the washing-up and Mrs. Hartman had much difficulty in getting into her own kitchen. The gratitude of every member of the branch is due to the ex-Service members who, by offering the use of their homes for meetings, help to produce an excellent spirit of comradeship.

The first dance organised by the W.R.A.C. Association in Gibraltar was held on United Nations Day. It was an excellent demonstration of community effort. Contributions from members helped us to decorate the gym and provided table flowers and spot prizes; the Sergeants' Mess took charge of the bar, one of the most energetic members being our own Sgt. Stewart, who never seemed to tire; Staff Sgt. Squibb of R.E.M.E., the husband of Mrs. Squibb (Gibbon, A.T.S.), carried out the duties of M.C. most efficiently; Pte. Zouch provided light entertainment in two of her eastern dance numbers. Tickets were limited and crowds turned away but, even so, it appears as though

about a hundred crept in through the skylight or the cracks in the wall. It was a great success, everyone enjoyed themselves, and we sent £20 to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

Another successful effort which resulted in a profit of over £3 was a whist drive in the W.R.A.C. games room on November 18. Mesdames Kearley and Squibb provided very tasty refreshments and Lt. Powell carried out the duties of M.C. A quiz on December 1, arranged by Lts. Scudamore and Powell, brought the activities of 1953 to a close. The Will Bs (serving members) beat the Have Beens by 1½ points. Our correspondent was the scorer and confesses to having had great difficulty in deciding when Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year.

Major Askham's many friends will be sorry to hear that, at the time of writing, she is a patient in the Military Hospital. She has been much missed and has the good wishes of everyone and their best hopes for her recovery.

Glasgow. Twenty orphaned boys and girls from the Glasgow Corporation orphan homes were entertained at a party held on Hallowe'en in the Service Women's Club. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent with the children, who were delightful guests. In November members and friends were welcomed to a happy and successful Scottish country dance in St. Andrew's (Mid.) Hall. Also in November, our president, Miss Thomson, and one of our members, Mrs. Crawford, spent a very pleasant evening with Q.M.A.A.C. as guests at their annual reunion dinner. The December meeting took the form of a military whist drive at the Service Women's Club, at which members' friends were welcomed. Please see Forthcoming Events for notice of the annual general meeting.

Hartlepool. The same faithful few turn up every month at our happy meetings, to which we would welcome more. Time and place of meetings is shown in Forthcoming Events. It was with much regret that, at the annual meeting in November, we accepted the resignation of our most efficient secretary who, owing to the increase in business, is forced to give up. We take this opportunity of thanking her for all the hard work she has done. One of our Public Health nurses gave us an interesting talk on Local Government at the December meeting and it was explained in detail what services are administered by the Corporation. Now, if we did not before, we know where the money goes!

Ilford. We have had a very happy year once again. The usual members have met and we have had some enjoyable talks. We held one whist drive. The branch, while respecting her reason, had much regret in accepting the resignation of the secretary after 14 years of faithful service. The members welcome her successor, Mrs. Curtis, to whom all communications should now be sent. Miss Parker adds a personal note: I am now resigning after 14 years as the secretary. I feel it will do the branch good to have a change, but my interest in the branch will be just the same. Wishing all Comrades everywhere the very best of wishes for 1954. The best is yet to be.

Ipswich. On November 6 members and friends met together for a social evening, at which two new members were welcomed. A good deal of hard work was put in behind the scenes and the hall was decorated with bracken, berries and flowers. The blowing up of balloons, with the aid of a car pump, made our preparations anything but dull. Laughter also came from the "sandwich cutters," indicating that quite a lot of fun was being got out of a somewhat tedious task. Thanks to so many willing hands, however, all was ready for the evening's fun—and what a good time we had! The band played with gusto and if noise and laughter are anything to go by, everyone enjoyed themselves. All too soon the evening came to an end, but we are all quite determined that, at a not-too-distant date, Ipswich Branch will have another social evening.

Liverpool. Since our last report in April, 1953, we have been very active in spite of no meetings in June, July and August, which, being holiday months have usually had poor attendance at meetings. Our membership remains about the same and we have recently had enquiries from possible new members. We find, however, that regulars do not seem to continue their connection with the Association once they have left the Corps, and we wonder if other branches have the same experience. Our activities have included whist drives and a beetle drive and we also had a very successful dance at the local T.A. Drill Hall. During December we held our annual bring-and-buy sale and, although the attendance was smaller than usual, the result was most gratifying. We look forward to 1954 with confidence and take this opportunity of wishing all members of the Association a very happy New Year.

London. A new item on our programme was a handicraft competition held on October 1, which was such a success that we decided to repeat it next year. There was a large number of entries and the high standard of workmanship made the task of judging very difficult. Miss McNeil, however, did this most efficiently. Our second meeting in October was a very entertaining evening of "One Minute Please," run by Miss Ireland. During November we had a spelling bee and a very successful bring-and-buy sale. We were sorry that Miss Thompson was unable to be with us to take the chair at the annual general meeting, but this task was ably performed by Miss Ireland. At the Christmas party, on December 17, we were entertained by Mr. Allen Benbow, the magician and ventriloquist. This, plus a few games and a sing-song, made a very merry and enjoyable evening.

Manchester. Meetings have continued fortnightly throughout the year, with an excellent attendance. Owing to limited space at meetings, the Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Wozencroft, who, before her marriage, was our treasurer. Some 20 members spent a very happy evening and our thanks are due to Mrs. Wozencroft for making us so welcome and to her very brave husband, who, among so many of the fair sex, made endless cups of tea and carried round plates of sandwiches! Christmas presents have been dis-

tributed amongst our permanently sick members.

Norfolk. Autumn branch meetings have been exceptionally well attended and have been very interesting, with work by members on Christmas presents. Greetings have been received from Molly Howes, Kenya Colony, whose health is not so good; Molly Saffrey, Vancouver; Miss Edwards, Rottingdean; Mrs. Blackburn, King's Lynn; Mrs. H. Clarke, Sudbury; Mrs. Rutter (*nee* Walker), King's Lynn; Mrs. Robinson, Dudley; and many other Norfolk members. Our thanks to Miss Brock and Mrs. Wilson, who have been able to visit ex-A.T.S. Miss Wilson, who is ill at Hempsall.

Portsmouth. Due to ill health Miss Hebb has had to relinquish the secretaryship, a post which she has held since the inception of the branch, and we are grateful to her for all the work which she has done. We are very much pleased that she will remain a member and hope that her health will improve. A few of us went to the W.R.A.C. Handicrafts Exhibition in Salisbury, in May, and spent a very pleasant afternoon there. In September we had a supper at the Victory Restaurant in Portsmouth and, on this occasion, had the pleasure of welcoming a new member, Miss Pam Stansfield, who has recently left the Service. We were sorry to say good-bye to Miss Bull, who has returned to Bournemouth. A bring-and-buy sale in December enables us to make a small contribution to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund.

Preston. The annual general meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Stanley Street, Preston, on Thursday, November 26, at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed. Correspondence included a letter from Mrs. Wethersett, whose news appears in *News of Comrades*. The treasurer read the balance sheet and stated that the finances stood at £24 7s. 8d., showing a loss of £1 5s. 5d. on the year's work, but we hope to remedy this during 1954. Mrs. Bucklee, Miss Downham and Miss Harris were re-elected as chairman, treasurer and secretary respectively, and Mrs. Heaton as vice-chairman and Mrs. McCue as assistant secretary. Donations for Christmas were discussed and it was decided to send a guinea each to Preston Shepherd Street Mission, W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund, Preston Harris Orphanage, Preston St. Vincent's School for Boys, and the Westminster Abbey Fund. The drawing up of a programme for the coming year concluded the business and the meeting closed with tea and biscuits.

Southern Ireland. There was a complete reshuffle of officers and committee at the annual general meeting on October 1. Those who had been officers for a considerable number of years suggested that they should stand down in favour of newer members and, after some protest, the members agreed. The following were elected: Mrs. Boles, chairman; Miss S. Mellon, hon. secretary; and Miss M. Pilkington, hon. treasurer. A special appeal has been made to the members to come regularly and support the branch, and interesting suggestions have been put forward for the monthly meetings.

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B.E.M. Sgt. G. I. Holmes, S/Sgt. J. Mansell, Sgt. S. G. Vickerage (T.A.).

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Colonel: M. D. Morgan, June 23, 1953.
Lt.-Colonel: A. D. S. Hurburgh, June 23, 1953.
Major: M. H. Nalder, June 21, 1953; R. B. L. Puxley, March 3, 1953; M. E. Gribble, September 9, 1953; M. E. Beale, December 4, 1953; M. M. Power, December 5, 1953; K. Cooper, December 17, 1953; R. Stride, December 18, 1953; M. M. Bishop, December 13, 1953.
Captain: M. E. D. Gibbes, July 10, 1953; D. L. Harrison, July 20, 1953; B. Kearney, September 13, 1953; J. Sharcott, September 22, 1953; F. M. Cook, April 30, 1953; A. D. S. Williamson, September 28, 1953; A. S. W. Russell, September 9, 1953.
Captain (for duty with R.E.M.E.): J. M. Giffen, B.Sc., August 26, 1953.
Captain (for duty with R.A.O.C.): B. M. W. Bass, September 30, 1953; G. B. Prosser, July 12, 1953.
Lieutenant: A. Williams, June 27, 1953; P. Woolridge, July 6, 1953; A. E. Achurch, July 6, 1953; M. Atkins, July 10, 1953; P. E. G. Sadler, July 18, 1953; J. H. Waycott, July 19, 1953; E. M. Chitty, September 13, 1953; E. Roper, September 29, 1953; N. G. Hartland, September 20, 1953; B. Whitaker, February 4, 1949; N. M. Dugard, October 31, 1953; J. M. Lester, April 29, 1953; D. Mitchell, June 3, 1953; G. McNeill, June 10, 1953; N. A. Sharland, November 15, 1953; B. B. Turner, November 15, 1953; E. M. Miserooy, November 22, 1953; J. M. Grieve, September 17, 1953; A. M. K. Senior, November 19, 1953; E. M. W. Roach, S. M. Powell, R. M. Turnbull, December 13, 1953.
2nd Lieutenant: L. P. Dakin, March 10, 1953; D. I. Presswell, December 7, 1953; A. L. Shepley-Taylor, January 9, 1952; V. E. Castens, February 3, 1953; H. M. Drudge, M. L. M. Watts, J. E. Walker, D. A. P. Sheppard, R. J. Holmes, February 19, 1953; E. P. Leach, March 5, 1953; B. J. Thomas, A. A. Farrington, J. A. Farrington, A. E. Ward, July 22, 1953; F. Saffery, December 31, 1951.

Short Service Commissions

Major: M. Coverdale, July 4, 1953; M. A. Clarke, August 3, 1953; P. McDonnell, October 18, 1953.
Captain: P. A. Laverton, August 20, 1953; M. Leatham, M. G. Campbell, C. M. Harris, September 26, 1953; M. L. Edmondson, November 3, 1953; L. Warren, July 5, 1953; G. E. Simmonds, December 19, 1953.
Lieutenant: L. M. Purse, A. E. Wright, July 4, 1953; K. E. Griffiths, September 9, 1953; A. S. Nicholson, July 22, 1953; M. A. Sibbald, November 15, 1953; A. G. Vivian, August 11, 1949; R. A. N. Hurst, November 15, 1953.
2nd Lieutenant: M. A. Inglis, P. A. Dunningham, P. M. Lett, P. S. McRorie, E. M. Salmon, July 4, 1953; C. M. d'E. Charmoy, J. S. Buchanan, July 22, 1953; G. A. Sergeant, A. P. Harris, S. E. D. Harries, B. B. Duxbury, September 9, 1953.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Retirements with gratuity: Major O. Douglas, Capt. E. Jameson, D. R. M. Parker, B. Carson, M. H. Sumner, B. A. Hutchinson.
Resignations: Capt. D. L. Harrison, K. W. Taylor; Lts. A. E. Dunnett, J. A. Dodsworth, C. M. Sabey, A. Clarkson, D. C. Clarke; 2nd Lts. S. S. Northmore, A. Homan.
Retired on account of disability: Lt. M. T. Floyd; 2nd Lt. E. M. Street.

Short Service Commissions

Resignations: Major O. M. Patch, T.D., Lt. K. J. Crean.
Relinquishments on completion of service: Capt. A. C. Turnbull, M.B.E., E. J. P. Varney; Lt. A. Burgoyne.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Appointments

Lt.-Colonel: C. E. Hammond, December 16, 1953.
Major: O. M. Patch, December 5, 1953.
Captain: S. V. Jeffries, August 26, 1950.
Lieutenant: P. E. G. Sadler, August 23, 1953.

Resignations, etc.

Resignation: Capt. J. Smith.
Cessation of membership on reaching age limit: Capt. J. M. Gowans, T.D.; Lts. A. G. Powney, V. L. Hobbs.

Staff College Postings

Major M. J. Allen, Staff Captain "A," H.Q., 1 A.A. Group.
Major D. B. D. Lance, Staff Captain, M.S.2, War Office.
Major M. M. Power, A.R.R.C., Staff Captain (Maint.), H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Capt. J. K. Allison, Staff Captain "Q" (A.E.), G.H.Q., MELF.
Capt. M. E. Davison, Staff Captain "Q," Hanover District.
Capt. R. M. Engel, G.S.O.3 (S.D.), H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Lt. (T/Capt.) A. Hodgson, G.S.O.3 (S.D.1), War Office.
Capt. E. G. Joynt, Staff Captain "Q" (Works), Singapore District.
Capt. C. H. Leese, Staff Captain (S.T.8), War Office.
Major J. E. Parker, G.S.O.3, G.S. (W.) 3, War Office.
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Births

GUMBEL.—On October 17, to Muriel (J. Comd. Glyn), wife of Walter Gumbel (ex-Lt.-Col.), a daughter (Elizabeth Anne). Present address: 15 Ovington Square, S.W.3.

LEEMING.—On September 16, to Peggy (nee Green, Major, W.R.A.C., retired), wife of Capt. John Heys Leeming, a daughter (Susan Margaret). Present address: 178 Whitby Road, Eastcote, Middlesex.

TINDAL-CARILL-WORSLEY.—On November 23, at Military Hospital, Gibraltar, to Rosemary (nee Davidson, Captain, W.R.A.C.), wife of Lt.-Col. P. G. N. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, R.A., a son (Mark). Present address: 47 Europa Road, Gibraltar.

Marriages

SABEY-THOMAS.—On October 3, at Singapore Cathedral, James C. Sabey to Clare Thomas (Lieutenant, W.R.A.C., Gibraltar Branch). Present address: c/o J. C. Sabey, Esq., Police H.Q., Bluff Road, Kuala Lumpur, Selanga, Malaya.

TAYLOR-CHANCE.—On November 28, in London, Harold Charles Harker Taylor to Celia Mabel, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Chance of Stourton, Worcs., and a J. Comd., A.T.S.

Deaths

FISHER.—On November 4, suddenly, Leah M. Fisher, ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S., member of the Birmingham Branch.

FOSTER.—At her home in Liverpool, on October 22, after a long illness which she fought with great courage, Eleanor Mary Foster, aged 34 years. Ex-Sergeant, W.R.A.C.

HARRIS.—On March 28, Marjorie Harris, wife of Rev. Robert Harris. Ex-A.T.S., Wembley.

ROGERS.—On October 24, Winifred Rogers, ex-Q.M.A.A.C., member of London Branch.

WELSFORD.—On October 17, Evelyn Janie Welsford, M.B.E., of Combe Cottage, Porlock, late Q.M.A.A.C.



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