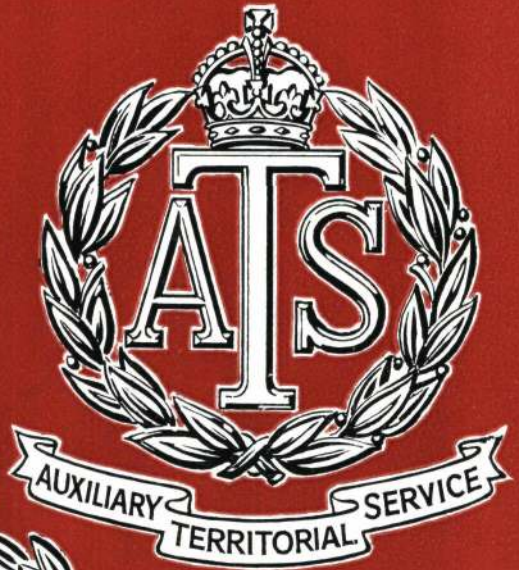


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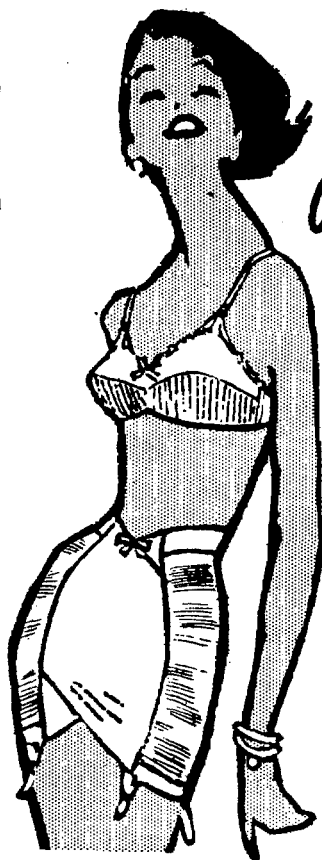
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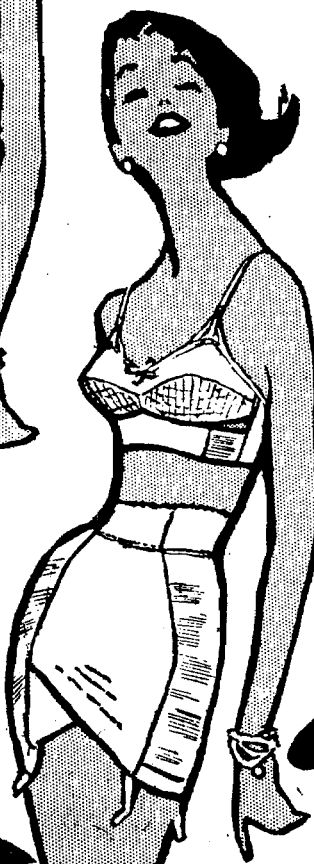
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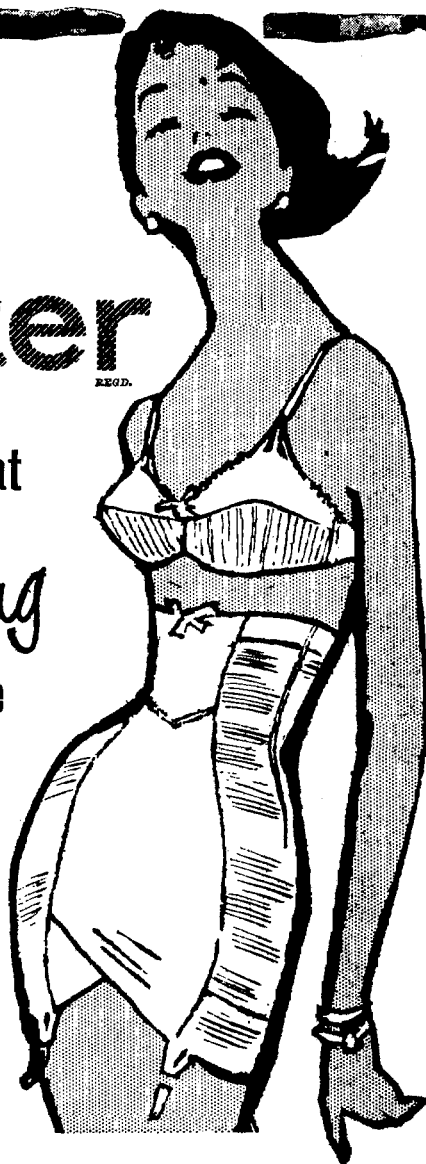
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EDITORIAL

EVERY year the spring seems to come as a greater and more intoxicating surprise. This year the date briefly marked in the Corps Diary "*Spring begins 3 a.m.*" dawned on an ice-bound, snow-spattered world, and April found us dreaming of a White Easter. It was all the more remarkable to discover, when we reluctantly opened the door to take in the milk bottles and noticed the first faint signs of growth in our front gardens, that under the harsh wintry surface the magical process had been secretly going on all the time.

SIX months ago we quoted a statement about the W.R.A.C. by the Secretary of State for War, which seemed to contain the seeds of a great and growing future. Eagerly we prepared the ground for the fine crop of new recruits which would flower in the spring, when those seeds had been scattered world-wide by the fair wind of a favourable Press, watered by a shower of "incentives," warmed by the sunshine of public interest. Alas, recruiting campaigns have to struggle against the handicaps which cripple so many Army undertakings—too little money, too little time, too few people, too many other pressing priorities. We waited in vain for our burst of inspired publicity. The months went by, the wind blew chill as ever, our seeds seemed to be buried hopelessly under the rigid burden of perpetual winter.

BUT the instinct of growth and the spirit of service have an unquenchable strength, and as the green shoots doggedly pushed their way through the cold soil, we suddenly became aware that the seeds of our autumn optimism had also imperceptibly taken root. The intake of recruits began to overtake the run-out. The strength of the Corps, which had dwindled sadly since the cuts in the Defence Forces were announced, steadied and began to creep slowly upwards. In the first month of the year the 1958 intake equalled that of 1957; over the first quarter it showed an improvement of 5½%. This is little enough towards our ultimate object of doubling the Corps, but it gives grounds for hoping that after all our fears and frustrations the tide is beginning to turn at last.

THE wind changes, and the indomitable seedlings are rewarded by a genuine breath of spring. A balmy breeze blew for the W.R.A.C. on March 14, when the Minister of Defence spoke on the B.B.C. Light Programme to a wide audience of potential recruits, and said: "*There's scope in the Services for men and women with every kind of skill, experience and inclination. I say 'men and women,' for although*

their numbers are naturally much smaller the women's services will have an increasingly important part to play. We'll need a lot more young women to serve side by side with the men on a wide variety of duties, both at home and abroad." On April 5 a truly beneficial shower fell on the Forces in the shape of a rise of pay. The W.R.A.C. recruit now draws £3 10s. a week, with all found, from the day she begins her training, which compares quite attractively with her chances in civil life. Encouraging rays of sunshine gleam on the horizon, as designs for an elegant new uniform pass round the War Office under a veil of secrecy. The recruits who joined in the bleak midwinter will wake before long to find it spring indeed.

ALL this springtide burgeoning makes many calls on the gardener, and the welcome improvement in recruiting throws a heavy strain on the training and administrative machinery of the Corps. The shortage of officers and N.C.O.s is thrown suddenly into high relief. The intake of Regular Officers falls far short of requirements, although there can be few careers which offer better prospects to a girl whose tastes lie in this direction. A pensionable job with a free training, free quarters, food, leave-travel, medical services, and a salary of 21s. 6d. a day on first commissioning, rising to over £1,000 a year in fifteen years—what more can a parent ask? We hope for great things when the new pay rates have been more thoroughly digested, but it takes a long time to train a Regular Officer, and in the meantime the recruits will not wait. For a quicker harvest (because of the shortened course of training) we depend on Short Service Commissions, which have just been opened for regimental duties to candidates over the age of 26. Here is a chance for the ex-Officer who still yearns for a military life, the ardent Territorial who would like to make soldiering a full-time job, the woman who feels that her civilian work is getting into a rut. They will earn the same pay as a Regular Officer, and can either draw a gratuity at the end of the contract or apply to serve on for a special rate of pension under the Extended Service scheme.

HARDLY less urgent is the need for N.C.O.s. There are vacancies up to the rank of Sergeant in nearly all categories—Signals tradeswomen, cooks, clerks, and those invaluable administrative and training N.C.O.s who do more than anyone else to form the standards of the new recruits. A Sergeant (other than a Class I tradeswoman) now earns £7 3s. 6d. a week, a 3-star Corporal

£5 8s. 6d. The upper age-limit can often be stretched to admit an experienced N.C.O., and provided she rejoins within five years, former service can count towards increments and pension.

THE civilian world is slowly beginning to realise that the girl who joins the W.R.A.C. is doing a great service to her country, filling a real need in the Army of the future, and securing an interesting and well-paid job for herself. The serving woman

wondering whether to extend, and the ex-Service woman wondering whether to rejoin, know more than this, for they have experienced the comradeship, the responsibilities, the team-spirit, the sense of service, which are more rewarding than anything received over the pay-table. We welcome the keen young recruits who are blossoming into uniform for the first time, but we need a few more of the old hands too if we are to reap the fruits of this springtime promise.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Annual General Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, March 15, 1958, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

The chair was taken at 3 p.m. by the President of the Association, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, who in welcoming all those present expressed her pleasure at seeing so many, and said she was looking forward to meeting them afterwards at tea.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 23, 1957, having appeared in the May issue of *The Lioness*, were taken as read, and signed as correct.

2. **Election of Officers.** *Chairman of Council:* As there was only one nomination, the President declared Dame Frances Coulshed to be elected, and asked her to give the Report of The Council and to proceed with the meeting.

Council Vice-Presidents: As there were only four nominations for four vacancies, Dame Regina Evans, Mrs. C. H. Fraser-Tytler, Mrs. V. Rumbold, and Miss V. K. Stead were declared to be elected.

3. **Reports.** *Report of Hon. Treasurer:* The Hon. Treasurer gave a brief survey of the accounts for the year ending October 31, 1957. Dame Frances moved that the accounts be adopted. This was agreed.

Report of the Editor of "The Lioness": Col. Crawley reported that the Advertisement Manager had increased the advertisements considerably, but firms tend to drop out after a few issues because they say that *Lioness* advertisements do not bring in any enquiries or increase the sale of their goods. She thanked members for all the material they sent for *The Lioness*, but there was still not nearly enough news about the A.T.S.

4. **Report of Committees.** *A.T.S. Benevolent Fund:* Miss Acland, on behalf of the Committee, expressed her appreciation of the cordial co-operation of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund Committee of Management. She reported that 1957 was a year of steady and

constructive work, with reduced costs; 880 applicants were granted financial aid, and employment was found for 72 ex-Service women. The cases dealt with by the Grants Committee originated from many widely separated parts of the world, including Israel and Jamaica, New Zealand and America. Miss Acland dealt with some examples of cases which had received help from the Fund for a variety of causes, the most frequent being the illness of the ex-Service woman or her husband. As the years go by, more and more middle-aged or elderly single women, who are trying to live on Statutory benefits or retirement pensions apply to the Fund (which has now been in existence for 17 years) for help, and there is often urgent need for assistance with rent, clothing or convalescence. The size of families tends to become larger, and as the children grow older the problems increase. There is certainly plenty of scope for the Fund in the coming years, and it will be administered as wisely as possible as long as the money lasts.

W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund: Col. Grierson reported that on instructions from the Council of the Association, the Committee of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund changed its name to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund Committee of Management, but its composition remains unchanged, representatives of Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. still serving on it. As Chairman of the Committee she thanked members for their regular attendance at the meetings, and for their loyal support throughout the year. During the year 119 cases were considered and £752 8s. expended. This was an increase on 1956 of £201 4s. 3d. In 24 cases no grant or loan was made. Donations during the year amounted to £764 10s. as compared with £968 in 1956. £2,500 was received from the Army Benevolent Fund. Interest on investments amounted to £716 9s. 3d. and Income Tax recovered £461 1s. 9d. At October 31 the sum invested was £34,000 and since then a further £500 has been received and invested. For a very large part of this we have to thank the Army Benevolent Fund. The work of the Fund had increased slightly, perhaps because it was becoming



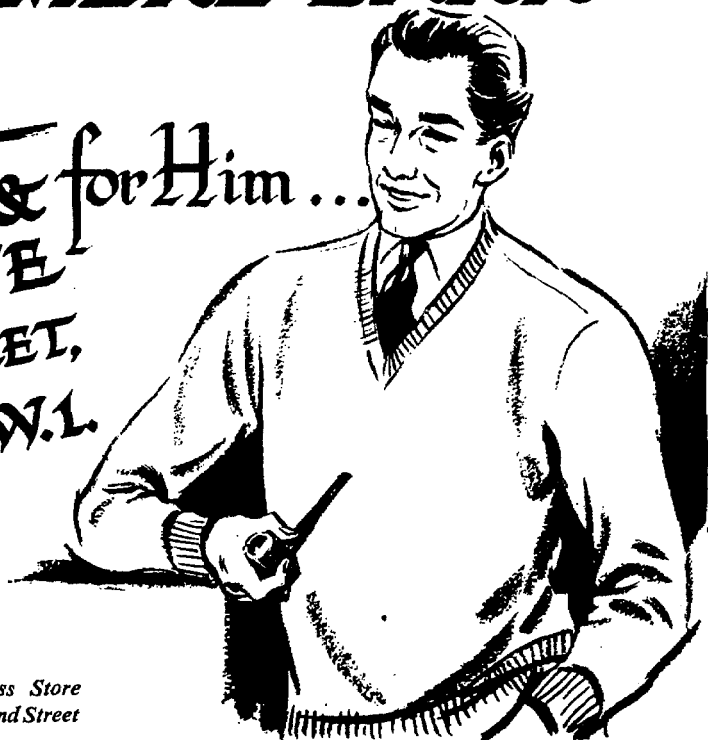
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better known and there was more hardship among ex-members of the Corps. Every woman leaving the W.R.A.C. was given a leaflet giving details of both funds. Col. Grierson gave some examples of cases helped by the Fund. She expressed appreciation to the Forces Help Society, S.S.A.F.A., and the British Legion for all their valuable work in investigating cases on behalf of the Fund, and to Units, Branches, and the many friends whose subscriptions come from all over the world.

Museum: Lt.-Col. Gibson reported that apart from the Museum collection box there had been no income during the past year. One item of expense had been a case for the insignia of Dame Florence Simpson. Other expenses included the share of the annual insurance for the silver gun and two photograph frames. Col. Gibson hoped to stock the garden outside the hut with rose bushes.

The following gifts had been received during the year:

A uniform of a woman of the Thailand Army, presented by a Thai Sergeant who was attached to the Depot for training.

A publication on the women in the Turkish Army presented by Lady Templer to Dame Mary Railton, which had been translated and made excellent reading.

A wooden plaque from the troopship *H.T. Lancashire*, now sent to the breaker's yard. The last edition of the film "Greensleeves." The medals of the late Major Seeman de Barcaye.

The chassis on which H.M. The Queen as H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth trained as a driver.

Col. Gibson said there had been a number of visitors during the year, among them the Adjutant-General, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Mr. Julian Amery, M.P., and Lady Barnett, Hon. Colonel of 308 Battalion W.R.A.C./T.A. Col. Gibson reported that a permanent new building, twice the size of the present one had been approved, though it might not be built for some time.

5. **Garrison Church.** Col. Gibson reported that the former Garrison Church was now called the Depot Church of St. Mark. It was dedicated by the Deputy Chaplain-General on July 28, 1957, in the presence of The Princess Royal. The church has blue furnishings, a rich altar curtain presented by Dame Mary Railton and a blue carpet. Many generous gifts had been received, including a silver chalice by The Princess Royal to mark the dedication, a silver cross by the Birmingham Branch of the Association, and a silver salver, presented by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan. W.O.s and Sergeants at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction had given a handsome church table, and Miss Aymer a cross in memory of Miss E. Molyneux.

Controller Hammond continued her wonderful efforts to obtain enough money to pay for the Japanese oak prayer rails. Over 100

kneelers had been presented but 200 were needed.

Col. Gibson said the church was appreciated by all, but perhaps especially by recruits. There had been one infant and six adult baptisms, one marriage, and 10 candidates were to be confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington this month.

6. **Council Resolutions.** The following resolutions were carried, the first with acclamation:

"THAT Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, as the senior of the original Vice-Presidents, be appointed a permanent member of Council."

"That Capitation fees for LIFE MEMBERS be paid for not more than 20 years."

7. **Branch Resolutions:** The resolution of Bournemouth Branch:

"THAT while appreciating the necessity for increased expenditure at H.Q., it is noted that the cost of running a Branch has risen also, and it is proposed that 50% of the increase in the subscription should be allotted to Branches, thus raising their share to 2s. per member,"

was seconded on behalf of Oxford Branch, and after discussion was lost, 45 voting for, and 57 against.

8. **Date of Next Meeting.** The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Saturday, March 21, 1959.

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan moved a vote of thanks to the President, whose kindly interest and fellowship meant so much to all members of the Association.

During the proceedings a telegram was received from Col. J. M. Cowper sending good wishes and expressing regret for her absence.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

THE year 1957 has been memorable as the 40th Anniversary of the inception of our first Corps. The Reunion, at which the Princess Royal was in the chair, was honoured by the presence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and was one of the most successful held, a large number attending. The Anniversary was celebrated by a "flashback" organised by members of the W.R.A.C. and showing the landing of Q.M.A.A.C. at Boulogne in 1917, the work of the A.T.S. on the guns, and the activity of W.R.A.C. personnel at tropical stations. At the Anniversary Service in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, the Princess Royal read the lesson. Very successful reunions have been held at Chilwell, and by Northern and Southern Areas, at Harewood and Oxford. The Association was well represented in the march past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, and a wreath was laid by a member of the Oxford Branch. Representatives of Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. attended the Service of Dedication at the Field of Remembrance, and Lt.-Col. N. K. Cadden, O.B.E., planted the cross. Four new branches have been formed, and York, which had amalgamated with Leeds, has reopened. Your Council has met regularly, received reports, and dealt with current business.

Secretaries' Meeting

AT the Secretaries' meeting the chair was taken by Miss V. K. Stead, Vice-Chairman of Council. Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan and Dame Frances Coulshed were also present.

Twenty-nine secretaries attended and two assistants. They gave interesting and varied reports of the activities of their branches during the year. Great interest was expressed, and much appreciation of the good work carried out by the branch secretaries.

Reunions

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

ON Saturday, March 14, 1958, the Q.M.A.A.C. held their Annual Reunion in the Central Mess of the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea (by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association), and a wonderful Reunion it was, more like a large family party, with Dame Helen as the centre.

Imagine our pleasure (and surprise to so many of us) when our President, H.R.H. The Princess Royal arrived with her Lady-in-Waiting, and stayed chatting to all and sundry. We had no set piece of entertainment this year, just songs (with choruses) at the piano, and, of course, our for ever young ones who, to the envy of some of us, just cannot stop dancing. Long may they continue. The Reunions would not be the same without them.

The evening went all too quickly, and we departed to our homes in different parts of the country until next year.

REUNION TEA PARTY

THE Annual General Meeting on March 15 was followed by a very successful tea-party and Bring and Buy Sale, attended by H.R.H. The Princess Royal, the Officers of the Association and over 200 members. The three stalls were loaded with inviting wares, which were completely cleared by the end of the afternoon. The Knitting and Needlework Stall run by the London Branches brought in £27 9s. 4d.; the Produce Stall (W.R.A.C. Depot) £9 6s.; and the Miscellaneous Stall (12th Battalion W.R.A.C.) £40. The beautiful hand-quilted cushion given by Dame Regina Evans was raffled for £27 16s., and the profit on the excellent tea (organised by Major Gibbs and Capt. Edmondson and served by W.R.A.C. volunteers) was £80s. 2d. Various generous donations from branches, units and individuals brought the total profit up to £117 13s. 6d.

ROUENITES LUNCHEON

The Rouenites Luncheon will be held at the Service Women's Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, on Thursday, June 5, 1958, at 1.30 p.m. Miss E. M. Winter will be pleased to make arrangements for all Old Comrades who send a Postal Order for 4s. 6d. and a stamped addressed envelope to her at 28 Seymour Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

A.T.S. DINNER

Arrangements have been made to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the A.T.S. by a Dinner to be held at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, Marble Arch, London, W.2, on Saturday, August 30, 1958. Dame Leslie Whateley, Director A.T.S. 1943-46 has honoured the occasion by consenting to be Chairman. Tickets at £1 are available from Miss E. E. Mapp, 18 Vernon Avenue, Birmingham, 20. Branch members and parties wishing to sit together are asked to apply in bulk, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for reply, with nominal roll and date of service. All names of those attending have to be submitted to the Club, to comply with the Licensing Law. Cheques, money orders and postal orders should be made payable to "A.T.S. Reunion Dinner." Numbers are limited, so apply early to avoid disappointment. Remember, only those who served in the A.T.S. may apply.

NORTHERN AREA REUNION

The Northern Area Reunion will be held in the Festival Restaurant, Jubbergate, York, on Saturday, September 27, 1958, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All serving and ex-Service members are invited to attend. Tickets, price 6s. (including a buffet supper) may be obtained from the D.A.D.W.R.A.C., Headquarters, Northern Command, York.

PROPOSED A.T.S. TEA PARTY

The Bath Branch wishes to thank all branches who have been in correspondence with them regarding the proposed A.T.S. Tea Party and say that they are not now proceeding with the plan. Will all Branch Secretaries please accept this notice in lieu of a letter.

Obituary

MAJOR E. M. H. SEEMAN DE BARCAYE

The Corps has suffered a sad loss in the death of Major E. M. H. Seeman de Barcaye on February 20, 1958, after a short illness. Betty de Barcaye was born in Natal, South Africa, in 1914. She served as an officer with the W.A.A.C., Union Defence Force, from January 1941 until May 1946, and during this time was seconded to the British Army for various staff appointments in the Middle East. A few months after her release from the W.A.A.C. in 1946 she came to England, and was commissioned into the A.T.S. in January 1947. Later she was accepted for a regular commission in the W.R.A.C.

Her service was mostly on the Staff, where her wide experience, coupled with her intelligence, energy and drive, were invaluable. Although very keen on her chosen profession, she had many outside interests. Before joining the Army her chief

activity was life-saving in South Africa. For four years she was Captain of the Isipingo Beach Amateur Life-Saving Club of Natal, and her work received recognition from the Royal Humane Society.

She was taken ill at Christmas 1957, while serving as Staff Captain Q (Movements) at H.Q. Eastern Command, and died in a London hospital a few weeks later. She was buried with full Military Honours at Brookwood Cemetery on February 26, 1958. No one present will forget the beauty of the scene as the Last Post and Reveille were sounded over her flag-covered coffin, the sun shining on the snowy trees, the many-coloured wreaths of spring flowers, the uniforms of the W.R.A.C. Escort and the Life Guards who provided the bearer party and firing party. H.Q. Eastern Command was represented at the funeral by Major-General K. R. Brazier-Creagh, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Col. J. G. Grierson, O.B.E., the Director W.R.A.C. by Col. J. E. R. Rivett Drake, M.B.E., the W.R.A.C. Association by Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E., and the Headquarter Mess by Col. S. Cooke, C.B.E., T.D.

MISS F. DENNY

We regret to report the sudden death on February 20, of Frances Denny (Q.M.A.A.C.) age 86. She served at Bostall Heath under Miss Ireland. Miss Denny was one of the staunchest old comrades of the Buckingham Gate days, and very often at "Oversea," St. Leonards. The loss of her eyesight forced her to give up Association activities, but her interest never subsided and she enjoyed *The Lioness*, which used to be read to her from cover to cover.

MISS E. HOLLAND

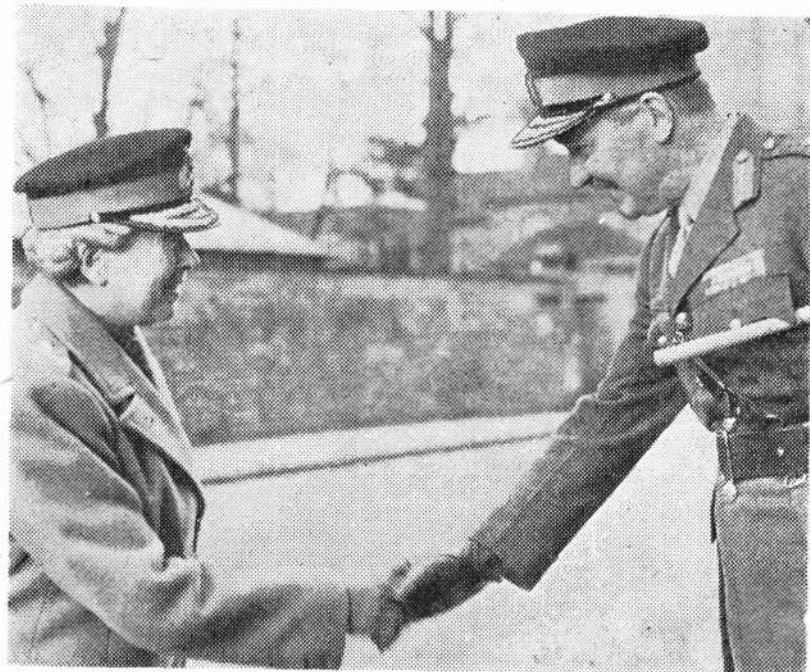
The Oxford Branch reports with deep regret the death of Miss E. Holland at Abingdon, on December 28, 1957. She had been a member of this Branch for as long as any of the present members can remember, and until she was prevented by ill health from attending, no meeting seemed complete without her. Miss Holland joined the Women's Legion in its early days and served with them until they were absorbed in the Q.M.A.A.C. On joining the Q.M.A.A.C. she was posted to Bournemouth and later transferred to Winchester, but most of her service was at Mornhill Camp. She will be very much missed by all members of the Oxford Branch.

MISS E. M. LETEMPLIER

It is with very deep regret that the Oxford Branch reports the death of Miss E. M. Letemplier of Orchard Haven, Dorchester-on-Thames, on March 8, 1958, a few days after her 72nd birthday. She served with the Women's Forces in both world wars, in the first in Q.M.A.A.C. with the B.E.F. at Le Havre and in the second with the A.T.S. Released in 1941, to take up work of national importance, she became an engineer in B.B.C. "hush-hush" stations, until in 1943, she was invalided out after an injury during a bombing raid at Daventry. In the years between the wars she was a well-known woman "trials" driver, especially in the west country, and had competed in the Monte Carlo Rally. Owing to indifferent health she has not been able to attend meetings, but the Branch has lost a good friend who always took great interest in anything connected with the Services.

Command Conference

H.R.H. The Princess Royal regularly attends the annual Conference held by the A.D.W.R.A.C. at H.Q. Northern Command, York. In this picture taken on January 9, 1958, Her Royal Highness is welcomed on arrival at the Headquarters by the G.O.C.-in-C., Lt.-General Sir Richard Goodbody, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.



Courtesy, Yorkshire Post.

I JOINED THE ARMY-1917

ELIZABETH TAYLOR (BESS HOGARTH) Q.M.A.A.C.

I JOINED the Army in 1917, the year the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps was formed. I joined up with an umbrella, and what a joke this became—until another W.A.A.C. appeared on parade at Aldershot with a sunshade, open.

After being passed fit at the medical at Devonshire House, in London (where a stentorian voice had told us to "breathe . . . breathe"), we were sent to the Connaught Club for inoculation and vaccination. Then came drill in Hyde Park, with most of us in mufti, free entertainment for all who cared to see and plenty of "voices off" from male onlookers.

Our pay was 28s. a week, minus 14s. for board and laundry, and out of this we paid for our shoe-repairs. When the uniform was finally issued, it consisted of a coatfrock, a greatcoat, a pair of knickers, made with a sizeable pocket on the thigh for pay-book and other things, two collars and two pairs of stockings—all khaki coloured. Our shoes were real "gravel-crushers"; our hats after wear turned a salmon-pink and the crown shot up to a point like a pyramid. The coatfrock had buttons up to the neck and a skirt which was meant to be 8 inches from the ground, but as I was over 6 feet (the tallest W.A.A.C., I have been told), my hem was 12 inches from the ground even before the rains came and the material shrank. My top button and hole never met, and for fear of sudden death by throttling, I had to get special authority to turn it in with a "v" appearance.

After 12 days in London, we embarked for France. We went via Folkestone and Boulogne, spending a night in a mice-infested boathouse, and next day we travelled by train to Etaples. There was a huge rest-camp for men coming from "the Line," and the W.A.A.C.s slept in Nissen huts, eight to a hut. A Major, who was O.C. Signals, Boulogne, asked for volunteers to man a French telephone exchange. "Those who can count from one to ten in the language will do," he said, and always ready for adventure I stepped forward. Others joined me, and after a few days in Etaples Exchange we were sent to Le Touquet-Paris-Plage. One to ten proved an inadequate vocabulary for a French switchboard with two military lines and all the remaining civilian subscribers, but by using a dictionary we soon began to manage better, and five months later when we moved to a real military exchange, the subscribers told the Postmaster how much they regretted our going.

Our first billet at Le Touquet was in a cafe which was "Out of Bounds" to the troops. Our meals, which were good, were served in another building about 150 yards away, but I am afraid they never seemed to be sufficient. We were always hungry, but friends of the opposite sex were very good about helping to fill the aching void. From the cafe we used to let down a rope with a hook attached, and at a signal from below we would haul up a few pies and other things, cooked and ready to eat.

In the new office we worked for the English and

Canadian Forestry Corps. It was interesting work and plenty of fun. The Retreat in March, 1918, brought added work, and Paris-Plage seemed full of "brass hats." Then at about 2 a.m. on the morning of November 11, a voice from G.H.Q. Signals gave us word that the war would be over at 11 o'clock. You can imagine the rejoicing—residents embracing any British girl within reach, and even road-sweepers having a try.

After the armistice, changes began to take place. G.H.Q. moved to Wimereux and men came "down the line." From 5th Army came one I was to know very well—my tall and handsome husband-to-be. For our meetings I needed a pass—he being an officer and I (with C.B. twice on my crime-sheet), still the lowest rank in the Corps. It was, I believe, Lord Kitchener's sister who gave permission for a permanent pass. Sad to relate, the Military Police never pulled me up, for I was longing to wave the precious paper in their faces.

Altogether it was a fine life, well worth while. We were the pioneers of the Woman's Army and from the success of that Corps came the A.T.S. and the W.R.A.C. of today. I think Margaret Bondfield summed it up when she said: "*The younger generation of today have their own conquests to make. I have no doubt that they are repeating the thrills which we experienced, but our generation travelled over rough ground where a path was trod which certainly made the road easier for those who came after.*"

Forthcoming Events

June

- 1 Southern Command Area Rally, Wilton.
- 7 Eastern Command Area Rally, Colchester.
- 9 Tennis—Inter-Unit, Hounslow.
- 16-18 Cricket—Inter-Command, Aldershot.
- 20 Cricket—Army v. Essex, Hounslow.
- 26-27 Athletics—Army Championships, Aldershot.

July

- 12 Tennis—Army v. Roehampton Club, Roehampton.
- 16 Athletics—Inter-Service, Aldershot.
- 19 Tennis—Army v. Bank of England, Roehampton.
- 23-26 Searchlight Tower, Bath.
- 28-Aug. 2 Tennis—Army Championships, Aldershot.

August

- 11-12 Tennis—Inter-Service, Wimbledon.
- 12-14 Swimming—Army Championships, Eltham.
- 14 Cricket—Army v. United Banks, Camberley.
- 16 " Army v. Middlesex, Camberley.
- 18 " Army v. Civil Service, Aldershot.
- 19 " Army v. Surrey, Guildford.
- 25-27 Swimming—Inter-Service, Eltham.
- 30 A.T.S. Dinner, Victory Club, London.

I JOINED THE ARMY-1957

"ROOKIE," W.R.A.C.

I WASN'T very bright as a baby, or brilliant at school. To be honest, they didn't come any dimmer. However, I blundered along quite happily until there wasn't much I hadn't blundered into, so capping all previous records in foolery, I volunteered for the Army.

Mention of the British Army generally conjures up visions of indiscriminate call-up, embarrassing "medicals," long route marches, bad food and several fates worse than death. It came as a shock when I tripped into the Recruiting Office and nobody grabbed me, no voice thundered "Sign here." Instead, a long handsome young Sergeant smiled indulgently from behind a pile of propaganda and directed me to the W.R.A.C. office next door. Pity about that.

Below a life-size picture of Her Majesty sat an efficient-looking blonde, in bottle green with lashings of gold braid and red flags. Greatly impressed, I muttered something to suit the occasion and accepted her invitation to sit down. After some polite conversation, a few delicate inquiries and much fidgeting on my part, I was outside again, clutching enough literature to guarantee my little brother's biggest bonfire.

Arrangements were made for intelligence and medical tests. By chewing my way through two pencils and 11 fingers, I got surprisingly good results in the first of these—surprisingly because it's some time since I wasn't brilliant at school. The "medical" turned out to be a trial by tickling, the soles of my feet being the centre of operations. I'm not sure what the doctor hoped to prove by striking my knee, but I succeeded in proving how easy it was to kick him in the teeth. Revenge was no doubt his reason for passing me.

Events so far had been definitely light-hearted. Enlistment was different. Even my limited intelligence recognised that. There were three flights of stairs to climb before signing any dotted lines. Time to think—and think again. I shuttled up and down those silly steps like a demented Yo-Yo. Going up for the umpteenth time decided me. I hadn't strength to go down again.

The first question the attesting officer asked was staggering. Why did I want to join the Army? Now, given time, this wouldn't have bothered me. Right then it shook me. There was a Bible on the table, so I couldn't claim patriotic motives, and the interrogator didn't help much either. Just sat there waiting. Ten years older, I squeaked out something about wanting a change. The officer smiled as though to assure me I'd get it too.

After that it was easier. The questions required a simple yes or no and my signature in triplicate. Then with a Bible in my hand and a lump in my throat, I swore allegiance to the Queen. On my way down the stairs, a little imp that won't be suppressed bubbled up inside me, and wondered, with all due respect, if someone should warn Her Majesty.

On the following Intake Day we piled up at Guildford station from all over the U.K. and Commonwealth. The Depot welcomed us with transport, open gates and an enormous but interesting assortment of kit. We struggled into most of this and paraded up and down our huts, saluting each other in a more or less regimental manner. Queues formed everywhere, at the ironing-boards, at the tailor's, at the hairdresser's and, last but not least, at the photographer's.

It nearly cost our N.C.O.s their popularity, but at the end of five weeks we were ready for the passing-out parade. There were the usual moans about the spit and polish entailed, but when we eventually marched on to the parade-ground and the band struck up, I think every one of us felt at that moment—something special.

Towards the end of our basic training the Army had, by dint of perseverance and shrewd guesswork, decided which trades we were most likely to succeed in. With a friend I found myself in the middle of the Yorkshire moors, trying to master the intricacies of the British Switchboard Network and disentangle them from the intricacies of COM-CAN—a fascinating business. Trade tests permitting, in a few weeks I will no longer be a trainee but a Teleprinter Operator B III, sporting the blue lanyard and shining new "Jimmy." Much coveted by all Signals trainees, these "trade marks" are even more important than the corresponding rise in pay which brings our pocket-money up to the noble sum of £4 a week (and all found).

No, I don't regret tripping into that distant Recruiting Office. There is companionship here, coupled with a sense of security and well-being which I have learned to appreciate.

News of Old Comrades

ALL our news this quarter comes from the far side of the ocean. **Mrs. Richards (Divall)** of 2156 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, is longing to get in touch with old friends in the Q.M.A.A.C. who served with her in R.E.P.S., Unit 1, Boulogne. Also in Vancouver is **Mrs. Wethersett (Amy Dyson)** A.T.S., of 3517 West 22nd Avenue, whose letter appears on another page. **Mrs. Fogarty (Cathie Muir)** A.T.S., lives at 75 West Madge, Hazel Park, Michigan; she has four children but still misses the friends who served with her in Glasgow, Wokingham and Winchester. **Mrs. J. V. Sperry (Carrie Sinclair)** W.A.A.C., of 4538 Alta Lane, La Mesa, California, has given letters of introduction to a U.S. veteran of World War II, **Mrs. Chavannes**, who is visiting England on a lecture tour and hopes to meet some of the W.A.A.C. and Q.M.A.A.C. during her stay.

Mrs. Taylor (Bess Hogarth), heroine of the article on the opposite page, is living on the other side of the world at 10 Monroe Road, Claremont, C.P., South Africa.

Winterberg, Week-end

IT was a great experience for members of 14th Battalion W.R.A.C. to arrive at Bestwig Station one Friday night, after an evening journey by bus and train from H.Q., B.A.O.R., and to get out of the train into a crowd of people all dressed in brightly-coloured ski-ing outfits, some carrying their skis with them. It was cold and frosty and we could see snow all about the place which seemed quite deep.

The journey from the station at Bestwig to the Snow Inn was made in a small bus which travelled along a winding road, uphill all the way. Even in the dark we could see the outline of hills and snow-covered slopes on either side. At the Snow Inn we were greeted with a very welcome hot meal, and straight after that we went up to our rooms to have a hot bath and bed, feeling tired but very excited thinking of the following day.

The next morning we woke at 0800 hrs. and looking out of the windows saw a beautiful view of snow-covered pine trees and slopes reaching to the sky, covered in a fluffy white blanket of snow. The sun was out so we hurried through breakfast and went to collect our ski equipment from the sports store. There were instructors there waiting to give lessons, so off we went to the nursery slopes to be taught the rudiments of ski-ing. We all spent a lot of our time on our seats to start with, laughing a great deal at each other when we fell, but after a while we managed to keep ourselves balanced and upright.

After lunch we were taken by bus up into the hills where we got out and went for a walk on skis, ending up with a wonderful run down one of the easy slopes to the road again. Here there was a cafe where we all went in and had coffee while we waited for the bus to come and take us back to the Snow Inn. That evening some of us went down to the village of Winterberg where we had a meal and met some more English people there. We came back to bed once more, tired but very very happy.

On Sunday after breakfast we again collected our ski-ing kit and went off. This time we were joined by the photographer who had come to take photographs of us on skis. After lunch we packed up to go and were taken to Bestwig Station by coach. We were all very sorry to leave for we had had a wonderful weekend. I think every one of us will always remember the very happy hours we spent on (and in) the snow at Winterberg.

PERSONAL

(For charges and particulars see Contents page)

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, jacket and skirt. Bust 40 in., hips 42 in., height 5 ft. 7 in. £10 or nearest. Apply Major Prosser, W.R.A.C., C.O.D., Bicester, Oxon.

For Sale. Officer's green greatcoat. Height 5 ft. 2 in., bust 34 in., hips 36 in. £7 or nearest offer. Apply W.R.A.C. 1(a), War Office.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, jacket and skirt, and greatcoat. Height 5 ft. 2 in., bust 36 in., waist 27 in., hips 38 in. £10 each o.n.o. Apply to Mrs. McCrete-Butcher, Flat 7, 27 Lenton Road, The Park, Nottingham.

For Sale. Officer's khaki greatcoat. Bust 36 in., length 46 in., excellent condition. Seen London or sent. Box No. 5/58.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress and hat. £15 o.n.o. (size 36.28.38). Tropical No. 3 Dress, £1, all excellent condition. Service Dress, green greatcoat and several battle dresses, £5 the lot. Box No. 6/58.

For Sale. Officer's khaki greatcoat, Weatherill, £2 10s. Service dress, £2. Bush shirt, 5s. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 40 in., hips 42 in., "Beaufre," Highlands Drive, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, jacket and skirt, including shirt, 2 collars, tie, gloves. Height 5 ft. 2 in., bust 34 in., waist 25 in., hips 36 in. £15 or nearest. Hat 65/8, 30s.; green greatcoat, £15 or nearest. B.D. blouse and skirt almost new £2. Capt. M. Morley, 23 St. Marks Place, Blackburn, Lancs.

Wanted. Officer's No. 1 or S.D. Uniform. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 36 in., waist 28 in., hips 40 in. Box No. 7/58.

Wanted. For Standard Bearers; Khaki Service Dress in u/m sizes, must be in good condition for dyeing. State price. Height 5 ft. 7 in., bust 35 in., waist 25 in., hips 35 in. Height 5 ft. 7 in., bust 38 in., waist 28 in., hips 42 in. Height 5 ft. 8 in., bust 34 in., waist 28 in., hips 38 in. Height 5 ft. 2½ in., bust 40 in., waist 30 in., hips 42 in. Height 5 ft. 3 in., bust 42 in., waist 32 in., hips 42 in. Height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 38 in., waist 30 in., hips 42 in. Mrs. T. W. Cain, "Cherrihurst," Laureston Grove, Douglas, Isle of Man.

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Edinburgh. When in Edinburgh stay at the Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens. All ex-Service women welcomed. Special terms for serving W.R.A.C. Write for the brochure to the Secretary. Phone No.: Edinburgh CAL 4952.

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W.R.A.C. Depot

PROBABLY the best news from the Depot is that each of the last three three-weekly intakes of W.R.A.C. recruits has been over 100. With this favourable trend and with the promise of excellent pay and living conditions, we hope the increase will not only be maintained but will be improved. As a further stimulus to morale, the H.Q. netball team won the inter-Unit netball tournament and brought home the cup in great delight.

LADY BARNETT, Honorary Colonel of 308 (Northern Command) Battalion W.R.A.C. (T.A.) took a parade on March 20, and a very good version of it was shown on the TV newsreel the next day. Another important passing-out parade was taken by Maj.-Gen. O. P. Rooney, C.B., C.B.E., Paymaster-in-Chief, and father of Lt. Rooney, W.R.A.C. We look forward to a visit from the Rt. Hon. Christopher Soames, M.P., and Mrs. Soames (ex-J/Comd. Mary Churchill, A.T.S.) at the passing-out Parade on July 24.

OUR first marriage in the Depot Church of St. Mark duly took place. Bandswoman Jean Orchard made a lovely bride dressed in white in the latest fashion. Her groom was Pte. Sidney Munt, A.C.C., the unit butcher. The bridesmaid was Bandswoman Pauline Rivers. The Band played for the ceremony and a reception was held in the N.A.A.F.I. Seven members of the unit were confirmed in the church on March 27, when the Bishop of Guildford paid the W.R.A.C. a great honour by coming especially to confirm the candidates. Gifts to the church since the last publication include a beautiful silver salver from Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E., and a handsome hand-made oak table presented by the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess.

THE W.R.A.C. Staff Band played at the international women's hockey match between England and Scotland at Wembley on Saturday, March 8. The Director of Music, Capt. Jean MacDowall, was a panel challenger on TV's *What's My Line* on February 23. Immediately afterwards the Band came on to play out this most popular programme. Mr. Gilbert Harding remarked how smart the Band looked and that he was "glad to see they have their hair above their collars." The Band is losing a number of experienced players, and is cutting down outside engagements this season to give time to bring the trainees up to the standard of the rest.

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University Highlights

EDINBURGH

Royal Visit

ON Thursday, February 20, 1958, the Edinburgh University Contingent was visited by H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The occasion was the installation of Dr. James Robertson Justice as Rector of the University, and His Royal Highness spent the day visiting various departments, including the Officers Training Corps of which he is Honorary Colonel. A very beautiful green and gold pipe banner was presented to His Royal Highness, who also consented to accept a Corps tie.

At 1130 hours His Royal Highness inspected a parade of the University Naval Section, Air Squadron and O.T.C., including the W.R.A.C. contingent. During the course of the inspection he spoke to several of the W.R.A.C. cadets, and others had an opportunity of meeting him after the parade over a glass of beer in the O.T.C. Common Room. The Rector caused much amusement by offering snuff to some, and declaring it a much cheaper form of vice than smoking.

Many members of the Corps were presented at the installation ceremony in the McEwan Hall during the afternoon and a small number were invited to attend the dinner at which H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh presided in the Upper Library, Old Quad. This great occasion will long be remembered by those who were privileged to attend among so distinguished a company.

GLASGOW

"Gaudeamus Igitur"

THE University O.T.C. has, of course, its academic as well as its military side, and to give first-year students in the O.T.C. a preview of their academic goal, the W.R.A.C. Sub-Unit of Glasgow University contingent includes in its programme an attendance at a graduation ceremony. The first graduation of 1958 included Sgt. Scott of this unit, who was being admitted to the degree of M.B., Ch.B. The sub-unit turned out to give all the necessary moral support, to applaud her achievement and to send a young doctor on her way with all good wishes.

The Bute Hall—familiar to graduates and undergraduates alike as the scene of graduations, degree examinations, and many colourful functions—fills up rapidly with parents, relatives and friends. The graduands occupy the front portion of the hall, arranged in alphabetical order and in order of their respective degrees. Each graduand carries the appropriate hood, correctly folded to enable the Bedellus to adjust it with speed and ease. On the stroke of 12 noon the organ pours forth the *Gaudeamus Igitur* and the Mace enters the hall at the head of the Academic Procession. A prayer in Latin, an address from the Vice-Chancellor or his representative, and then the ceremony of "capping" begins.

Each graduand, introduced by name by the Dean of his or her Faculty, mounts the dais and kneels before the Vice-Chancellor, who places upon his or her head the purple velvet cap and pronounces the Latin formula. The graduate arises, has the relevant hood adjusted by the Bedellus, receives the degree from the Registrar and returns to his or her place. When the last new graduate has sat down, the National Anthem concludes the ceremony and the Mace leads the procession out of the hall. So, in the space of one hour, a number of young doctors, veterinary surgeons or teachers see the completion of years of study, and the beginning of a new and exciting life. Among them on this particular occasion goes our young Dr. Scott, fulfilling her firm desire and resolute ambition, and with her go the best wishes of all of us.

MANCHESTER

Exercise "Snowclad"

"BRANTWOOD," Coniston, the home of John Ruskin which now forms part of the Education Trust, was an excellent Headquarters for exercise "Snowclad." This was attended by members of the Manchester University O.T.C., from January 2 to 8, 1958, and included five members of the W.R.A.C. Sub-Unit under the command of Lt. V. Cafferty, W.R.A.C.(T.A.).

The object of "Snowclad" was to give training in advanced leadership, and to achieve this, the contingent was divided into three sections. A roster system was devised which enabled everyone to partake in the outdoor exercises and lectures, and also to give a hand in the cookhouse at mealtimes. The countryside was ideal for outdoor exercises, and much experience was gained in map and compass reading. A night march was organised on the Saturday, and the W.R.A.C. excelled themselves by arriving back at Headquarters under their own steam at 0030 hrs. The male members seemed quite disappointed that they had been done out of a rescue act.

"Brantwood" itself was run as an Officers' Mess, the cadets performing the duties of the Mess Committee and members. The whole unit was full of praise for W.O.2 Roberts, W.R.A.C., who worked extremely hard and made an excellent job of the messing administration. The highlight was a dinner night on Sunday, January 5, for this was a novel experience for most members. The W.R.A.C. were very proud when a toast was proposed to H.R.H. The Princess Royal as Controller Commandant of the W.R.A.C.

The social side of the exercise was not neglected and on most evenings cadets would be found playing bridge or dominoes, or just engaged in lively discussions. The presence of the W.R.A.C. had a very good effect on morale throughout the exercise, and the contingent left "Brantwood" feeling that they had had an enjoyable as well as a beneficial week.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

If any Branch has a Miss Butterscotch or a Mrs. Battleaxe, it is not because the person is sticking to the office but because the office is sticking to the person. Most of us would be only too glad to hand over to new blood, but where is it? What is being done to encourage W.R.A.C. to transfer to a local Branch when they leave the Service? Could not the Secretary of the Unit Branch notify the Secretary of the Branch nearest the woman's home, thus giving a chance to make personal contact?

With good wishes,

JOYCE LUNNISS.

"Lamorna,"

Staplehill, nr. Wimborne.

DEAR EDITOR,

When that familiar little *Lioness* package is delivered by the mailman, I drop whatever I am doing and go through it from cover to cover in search of a familiar name or face. Usually I put it down disappointed, for though we read lots about the Q.M.A.A.C. and W.R.A.C., most of the A.T.S. of the 39/45 era seem to be too busy bringing up their families to write. Yet, I am sure we all reminisce over our pictures and mementoes and wonder how all the girls we knew are making out. Who remembers the 3rd West Lancs Platoon at

Preston in 1939, or "F" Gunsite at Chorlton in 1940? Who remembers "Broomhills," "Greenfields" and Drybrook Ordnance Depot, West Derby; "The Firs" and "Allenby" Ordnance offices, Chester, 1941-42; Colne Ordnance Depot and R.E.M.E. Workshops, 1942-43; Pen-y-lan, Cardiff, 1944-45; "V" Company, Wolverhampton, or Aigburth Road Drill Hall, Liverpool? I should love to hear from any of my comrades of those happy hectic days, especially Sgt. Dolly Woods, now Mrs. Ross-Esland. I have been out here ten years and have two boys—Michael, aged 11½, who was born before I left London, and Geoffrey, a Canadian, aged 6. I wish we could have a good-will ambassador, a member of the A.T.S./W.R.A.C., to tour the world in uniform with lots of publicity and bring the ex-members together in groups. Recently an ex-A.T.S. appeared on TV competing in a Quiz contest from U.S.A. (a Yorkshire girl married to a Pole, a born comedienne) and the paper said that never since the programme started have they had response in such quantity.

Yours sincerely,

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Mentioned in recognition of service in Cyprus: Sgt. M. J. Hall.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Lieutenant-Colonel: R. D. Allerton, M.B.E.

Lieutenant: L. J. Edlin.

Second Lieutenant: B. Craik, S. McDougall, E. A. Harris, V. Fletcher, J. M. Williams.

Short Service Commissions

Major: D. D. Marshall.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Retirements on retired pay: Lt.-Col. N. K. Cadden, O.B.E.; Majors B. M. Gracie, K. L'E. Moorcroft.

Resignations: Capts. A. D. S. Williamson, P. A. Burfitt (Appelbee); Lts. L. M. Johnson (Bennie), A. Duthie (Hayllar), S. A. Stanton (Hilton), B. Gibson (Carroll), H. I. Exley (Nelson).

Short Service Commissions

Relinquishment on completion of service: Major P. L. Tebbitt.

Relegation to R.O.: Major P. M. McDonnell; Capt. R. I. Parks (Wilson); Lts. M. A. Inglis, J. Bown, B. E. Rigby, J. M. Addison.

Retirements

Lt.-Col. M. M. Berry

WHEN Lt.-Col. M. M. Berry came from Australia to join the A.T.S. in 1947, she already had a fine record of Army service in her own country. At the outbreak of war, she joined the Australian Red Cross as an ambulance driver, but she and five of her friends foresaw a much wider use of women in the services, and decided to start a voluntary organisation in South Australia to train women in all the trades which would one day be required. After a great deal of hard work the Women's Australian National Service was officially recognised, and two years after its formation all three Services were eager to enlist its members. Lt.-Col. Berry was one of the 30 women to attend the first O.C.T.U. for the Australian Women's Army Service, and she remained in the service until its disbandment in South Australia in 1947. Then she came to England and started afresh in the A.T.S., where as the Director's Personal Staff Officer, she soon became a familiar figure to the Corps. In 1952, after two years at Regimental Duty and one on D.O.M.C.O.L. leave, she was appointed Brigade Adviser, 70 A.A. Brigade; and in 1954, she was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and posted to M.E.L.F. as A.D.W.R.A.C. On her retirement this spring she is returning to South Australia, where the W.A.N.S. still flourishes as an active voluntary service training girls as children's nurses and home helpers. We hope that we have not heard the last of her, or of the interesting organisation with which her name will always be connected.

Lt.-Col. D. S. Gray

LT.-COL. D. S. GRAY, who retires in April, 1958, joined the A.T.S. in 1941 and was commissioned in February, 1943. She served in A.A. Command till the end of 1949, when she was posted for a two-year tour in Medical Services and W.R.A.C. Records. Here she gained such dis-

tingtion as a Record Officer that in 1955, after two years at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction and a year in command of 319 (West Lancs) Battalion W.R.A.C.(T.A.), she was appointed 2IC of the R.A.S.C. and A.C.C. Record Office, Hastings, filling a male vacancy in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Her retirement will not end her connection either with the Army or with the Hastings Record Office, for she is remaining in the office as a Retired Officer—the first woman to be offered a R.O.2 post since the inception of the scheme. We hope that she will have great good luck and happiness in this civilian extension of her military career.

Review

"I WALK ON WHEELS"

BY ELISABETH SHEPPARD-JONES (Bles, 15s.)

WHAT happened to Subaltern Elisabeth Sheppard-Jones, A.T.S., when her military career was tragically cut short in June, 1944, by a bomb on the Guards' Chapel in Wellington Barracks? What does happen to a normal carefree girl of 24 whose spinal cord is so nearly severed that she can never walk again? We all know that "they do wonderful things nowadays," but how do they set about it, and how does the victim feel? These questions have an interest far beyond Miss Sheppard-Jones' circle of acquaintances, but to those who remember her in the Searchlight Regiment at Yaxley, on the last course held at the Edinburgh O.C.T.U., or as an Officer Instructor at the A.T.S. Clerks' School in Hampstead, they must often have posed themselves with a particular insistence. Now she has answered them herself in her gay and enlightening book "I Walk On Wheels," published by Geoffrey Bles at 15s. Without heroics and without self-pity, she describes the long and patient process of physical rehabilitation, the agonising readjustment to a life without legs, the determined battle against dependence and despair, the victory that left her standing triumphantly on her own feet in all but the most literal sense. She tells a good story extremely well; it is even more to her credit that the story is there to tell. One is left with the impression that, although Miss Sheppard-Jones may not be the first British Officer to face disaster with courage, resourcefulness and a resolute refusal to admit defeat, a lifetime of able-bodied Army service could not have given greater opportunity for the display of these military virtues.

W.R.A.C. (T.A.) "AT HOME"

To celebrate the Jubilee of the T.A., the W.R.A.C.(T.A.) in Essex will be "At Home," on the following afternoons, and delighted to see any old Comrades.

June 28—Drill Hall, London Road, Chelmsford.

July 5—T.A. Centre, Reed Hall, Colchester.

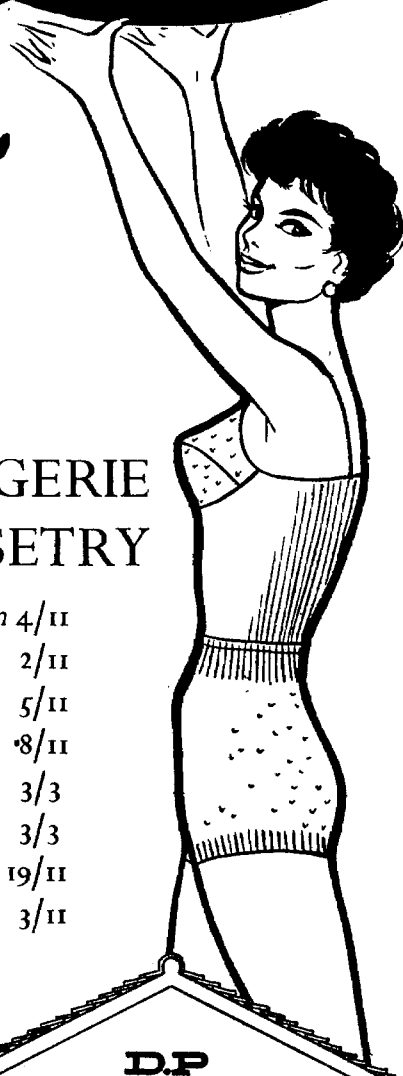
„ 19—Drill Hall, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea.

Dorothy Perkins

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KNITTED PANTS	„ 3/3
PYJAMAS	„ 19/11
STOCKINGS	„ 3/11



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SPORT

Netball

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL was present at the finals of the Inter-Unit Championship at Aldershot on Friday, March 14, 1958, and presented the cup and medals to the winners and runners-up. The distinguished audience also included Major-General and Mrs. R. A. Bramwell Davis, the Mayor of Aldershot, and Brigadier M. R. K. Colvin, D.W.R.A.C. The championship was played for the first time under the new rules, and the two-day semi-finals produced a series of fast and thrilling matches in which the smaller units acquitted themselves with particular credit. The final match between the W.R.A.C. Depot and the School of Instruction was played in an atmosphere of vociferous excitement. The cup was won by the Depot with a score of 15—8.

The Army team played six matches in Aldershot and London during the coaching week beginning March 16, winning two, losing three and drawing one. The Army 2nd VII played three matches, winning one and losing two.

The Inter-Service Championship was played at Portsmouth on March 24. The three teams were very equal, and the excitement was maintained till the last unforgettable moment, when the R.N. just failed to score the goal which would have drawn their match against the R.A.F. The ball was in the air when the whistle blew and dropped through the net half a second too late. The Army also lost to the R.A.F. (16—24) but defeated the R.N. (20—16). The cup was presented to the R.A.F. by Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., C.-in-C. Portsmouth.

Badminton

AT Wimbledon on March 17-20, 1958, Eastern Command won the Inter-Command Badminton Championship with 10 games, Northern Command coming second with 7 games and Southern third with 6.

Hockey

THE Inter-Service Hockey Championship was fought out on March 5-7, 1958, and resulted in a win for the R.A.F., with the Navy second and the Army third.

Rifle Shooting

THE inter-Service (Women's) Small-bore Rifle match was held at Portsmouth on February 10, 1958. For the first time all three teams were very evenly matched and the result could not be forecast until, in an extremely tense atmosphere, the very last card for each team was fired. The W.R.A.F. at the final count retained the cup for a second year by the margin of a single point. The W.R.A.C. were seven points behind the W.R.N.S. The total scores were W.R.A.F., 1,561 (out of 2,000), W.R.N.S. 1,560, and W.R.A.C. 1,553 points. The highest individual scorer was Wren Dear with 199 points (out of 200).

Squash Racquets

THE finals of the Army Women's Championships were held at the Lansdowne Club, London, on December 17, 1957. The winner was Capt. M. MacLagen and the runner-up Major U. Walker.

W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess

THE number of retired officers who have continued their membership of the Mess is now 40. In case there are still some retired officers who would like to join but who do not know the rate of the subscription, it is 10s. 6d. a year. Application for membership should be made to the Secretary.

COLONEL M. Crewe Read has presented the Mess with a silver inkstand which is being used on the writing table given by Brigadier Dame Mary Railton. These gifts have made a great difference to the appearance and comfort of the Ante-room. It is hoped that in time it will be possible to acquire a chair and blotter for the writing table and a set of coffee tables.

OFFICERS' POSTINGS

(Up to May 31, 1958)

Lt.-Col. M. M. GIBSON, O.C. 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 Lt.-Col. R. D. ALLERTON, M.B.E., A.D.W.R.A.C., FARELF.
 Lt.-Col. C. de G. MARTIN, Inspector of Recruiting (Women's Services).
 Major E. G. JOYNT, O.C. 3 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Manorbie.
 Major D. STROUD, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q., Aldershot District.
 Major J. LESLIE, Adjutant 328 (Ulster) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.)
 Major M. W. HICKSON, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Mid-West District.
 Major S. M. HOWE, D.A.D.O.S., Ord. 6, The War Office.
 Major The Hon. M. M. ANDERSON, M.B.E., O.C. Officer Cadet Wing, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 Major M. E. GRIBBLE, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q., Northumbrian District.
 Major C. H. LEESE, Training Officer, W.R.A.C. Depot.
 Major A. R. ROBERTSON, O.C. 315 (Scottish Command) Battalion W.R.A.C. (T.A.).
 Major M. E. MUNRO, Adm. Officer, Manchester O.T.C.
 Major W. G. MERRELLS, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q., Eastern Command.
 Major A. T. ALEXANDER, Adm. Officer, Sheffield O.T.C.
 Major I. F. HILL, Education, Southern Command.
 Major O. W. WATT, 21C 14th Battalion, W.R.A.C., B.A.O.R.
 Capt. M. M. QUICK, S/Captain, P.R., The War Office.
 Capt. A. E. ACHURCH, Instructor, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 Capt. M. BURT, Embarkation Establishment, Port of Harwich.
 Capt. W. E. ARMOUR, S/Captain, P.A. 3, The War Office.
 Capt. E. PARKER, Adjutant, 351 (Ulster) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.).
 Lt. (T/Capt.) C. A. F. SMITH, G.S.O. 3, C.-in-C. Secretariat, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Lt. (T/Capt.) I. HANDS, S/Captain, Q2, The War Office.
 Lt. (T/Capt.) A. HODGKINSON, S/Captain, A.G.16(a), The War Office.
 Lt. (T/Capt.) A. A. FARRINGTON, Army Team of Lecturers.
 Lt. A. R. PUGH, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 Lt. P. A. HOPKINS, 140 Provost Company, W.R.A.C.
 Lt. H. S. GILL, 16 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Kidderminster.
 Lt. G. J. HOLMES, 27 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., M.E.L.F.
 Lt. E. A. BUTLER, 14th Battalion, W.R.A.C., B.A.O.R.
 Lt. L. J. EDLIN, 8 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Bicester.
 Lt. J. M. F. S. TAIT, W.R.A.C. Depot.
 Lt. M. E. SCOTT, W.R.A.C. P.T. Wing, Army School of P.T.
 Lt. D. P. CHANDLER, Scottish Command (M) Signals.
 Lt. V. JONES, 3 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Manorbie.
 Lt. (Q.M.) W. D. ANDREWS, 27 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., M.E.L.F.
 Lt. (Q.M.) D. E. M. NIGHTINGALE, 301 (East Anglian) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.).
 2/Lt. R. A. CARPENTER, Holding and Drafting Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lt. D. V. PALMER, W.R.A.C. Depot.
 2/Lt. J. F. SHERMAN, 327 T.B.S.O. Troop, FARELF.

NEWS from the BRANCHES

BIRMINGHAM. The Branch held its Annual General Meeting in January at which our Chairman for the past four years, Capt. E. E. Mapp, was pressed into service for another year. We look forward to the A.T.S. dinner which she is organising in London on August 30. We held a general meeting in February and were well represented both at the Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion and the Annual General Meeting.

BOURNEMOUTH. At our Annual General Meeting Miss Rose, who has been our Chairman for four years, and Mrs. Palmer, our Treasurer since early 1946, decided to resign from these offices, but we are glad to retain their services as members of the committee. We expressed our thanks to them and welcomed in their place Mrs. Glover (formerly in Birmingham Branch) as Chairman, and Miss A. Weightman as Treasurer. Miss Carr continues as our representative on the Southern Area Committee, and Miss F. Bond on the committee of the Bournemouth Council of ex-Service Associations which organises the annual Remembrance Day Rally and Concert. We had a very enjoyable dinner at the Gardens Restaurant in January, and a supper in March. We continue to collect tinfoil and silver paper for the Forces Help Society, and also collected a number of old watches and clocks for the Lord Roberts' Workshops. Mrs. Penny has flown out to Hong Kong with her two young children to join her R.A.F. husband. Mrs. Dodd has another boy, born in December.

BRADFORD. We cannot report a very rosy start for 1958. In January, on account of arctic conditions there were many absentees from our Annual Meeting, principally our President, Miss Gummersell, and Chairman, Miss Lucy Garrett. The latter, owing to ill health, regretfully asked to be relieved of all duties. We are pleased to report that she is now making progress after a serious operation, but she has suffered a bereavement by the death of her 90-year-old mother to whom she gave a life of love and devotion. We extend to her our sympathy. Mrs. Armitage, our newly elected Chairman, has had the misfortune to break her leg, and is unable to attend our meetings as it is in plaster. Miss Nellie Julian, O.B.E., our sick visitor and one of our pioneer members, is herself indisposed and is greatly missed by us all. Our Standard Bearer too has resigned, so we seem to have a sorry tale to tell, but the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Suttle, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Bertha Hennegan, have been re-elected and continue their good work. Miss Gummersell at 82 is still prolific with her pen, and from a contribution of local interest in our daily paper, has donated a further £1 1s. to the fund for the History of the Corps. She previously gave £3 3s. from a story on the 40th Anniversary of Women with the Services, and that same article brought us in a new life member, Mrs. E. M. Slack, ex-Q.M.A.A.C.

BRIGHTON. We held our Annual Dinner on January 27 at the Bedford Hotel and it was a great success. Twenty members and six friends were present. After the dinner we were entertained by several of our ever-young Q.M.A.A.C. members singing songs, accompanied at the piano by our Chairman, Miss E. Keene (ex-A.T.S.). Three members attended the Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion in London on March 14 and two members attended the W.R.A.C. informal reunion on the 15th.

BRISTOL. Once again our New Year Party was combined with an American Supper. It took place on January 9. Mrs. Mary Dunston, Miss Wilma Smith and Miss Gwen Hayward organised the games very successfully and we had a very pleasant evening. On February 6, Miss Morgan (Treasurer) was responsible for a programme of *Twenty Questions*. Some of us guessed a few of the right answers but Mrs. Rawlings topped the team every time. The Quarterly Meeting and Bring and Buy Sale were held on March 6. Mrs. Morgan priced the articles for the sale and everything sold very quickly. Three Q.M.A.A.C. comrades, Mrs. Wilkie, Miss Lloyd and Miss Rogers, attended the Reunions in London on March 14 and 15. The highlight for us was Q.M.A.A.C. night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, which our President, H.R.H. The Princess Royal attended.

EDINBURGH. A theatre party was arranged for our January meeting when members thoroughly enjoyed the versatility of the "Fol-de-Rols" at the Lyceum Theatre. A demonstration meeting by Edinburgh City Toastmistresses Club was held in February. This was indeed a great success and our members sat spellbound as the Club members demonstrated their ability to speak impromptu on any given topic. "Tried recipes," an old favourite with our Branch, was held in March. A number of our members brought along new and interesting recipes and, best of all, a sample of them. Our Annual Dinner was held in the Royal British Hotel, on Tuesday, March 18. Good company, good food and wine helped to make this a memorable dinner. Once again Miss Mary Innes, M.B.E., presided and we were extremely fortunate in having with us Lt.-Col. C. A. Cecil, T.D., A.D.W.R.A.C. Our guests for the evening included Mrs. Russel Simpson, Miss Alice McConachie, and Miss Mackenzie and Miss Kelly from Glasgow. Members were very happy to have Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, T.D., from Aberdeen back with us for the evening. The guests were toasted by Mrs. Wilson and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. J. C. Rattray.

GIBRALTAR. During the past three months our meetings have been fairly well attended. On November 12, Sgt. Savage, R.M.P., spoke about Hong Kong and our members were very appreciative of this excellent description of a fascinating place. On January 14, 2nd Officer Pert, W.R.N.S.,

gave a most instructive talk on "The Work and Organisation of N.A.T.O." On February 11, Mrs. C. H. James, one of our own members, gave a very interesting talk and demonstration of *Pot Plants in Gibraltar*. A Tombola evening has been held each month. These evenings have been very well attended by members and friends and are profitable for our funds as well as being enjoyable.

GRIMSBY. This Branch has progressed very well, now having 18 members since it was formed in November. Capt. A. Stone, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), of 307 Battalion, is carrying out her duties of Chairman and Sgt. Hall, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), those of Secretary. Our meetings are held at the Drill Hall, Augusta Street, on the first Monday in each month at 7.30 p.m. We have held a very successful Beetle Drive, the different dices and shakers only adding to the general hilarity.

HARTLEPOOLS. Our Annual General Meeting was held in November. The Chairman, President, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected and a new committee formed of Miss K. Hogg, Miss M. Bell and Mrs. A. Douglas. In her report the Secretary said that one member, Miss M. Hulatt had attended every meeting during the year, and Mrs. M. Jewell and Miss R. Denham had attended 11 of the 12 meetings. We once more urge those of our members who have not managed to get along for some time to come and enjoy comradeship and "natter" in the Sergeants' Mess, T.A. Centre, Avenue Road, West Hartlepool, kindly lent by the C.O. of the local Parachute Regiment on the first Wednesday of each month. We welcome back Miss K. Hogg and Miss M. Bell, who have been prevented from coming to our gatherings for some time. Xmas gifts were taken to three ex-A.T.S., who are more or less invalids through rheumatism, with the very good wishes of the Branch. Two of these ex-A.T.S. were brought by car to our Party held in January. A good time was had by all who attended the party. The Branch was pleased to hear news of Mrs. Joan Armstrong, now living in Rugby. We congratulate her on the birth of her second child, another boy, Nigel Richard. We wish her and her husband all the best for the coming year.

LONDON. We held a whist drive on January 16, and despite the weather were able to fill four tables. On February 6 we had a speaker from the Flour Advisory Bureau, who gave us a talk on "Breads Ancient and Modern." We rather wondered what there was to be said about bread, but soon found ourselves deeply interested in the history of bread through the ages, and rather surprised at the many different varieties of breads as baked by our very early ancestors up to modern times. Needless to say, the demonstration samples were quickly disposed of at the end of the meeting. Miss Thompson gave us a talk on our second February meeting and her subject was "Queen Mary." How these talks bring home to one the amount of history that has been forgotten. On March 6, we were fortunate in having Miss Harrison to give us her story of her visit to Siam. This indeed was interesting and quite fascinating.

We all enjoyed very much seeing her "movies" and the beautiful work Miss Harrison brought back with her. Our meeting on March 20 consisted of another interesting talk, this time on "Plays and Play Acting," which was given by Mr. George Wood. Our thanks to Mrs. Lumsden for bringing this gentleman along. We were all sorry that our secretary, Miss Cockburn, has had to go into hospital for a slight operation, and we do trust that by the time this report appears in *The Lioness*, she will be completely recovered and back with us again.

MAIDSTONE. We are represented on the Joint Council for ex-Service Organisations. Last summer we entered into the Bowls competition, and were selected to play against the British Legion. As neither of us had played before we put in some practice and learnt the game, in which we had lots of fun. Unfortunately we lost the game, but hope to do better this season when we are playing against the R.A.S.C. We were represented at the local War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, and a wreath was laid. The whist drives which are held every fortnight are self-supporting and are very popular. The money we get is to help sick members, by taking fruit and flowers which are very much appreciated. Last January we celebrated the ninth birthday of our Branch by having a party, and a cake complete with candles was kindly made by our Chairman Mrs. Theobald, ex-Q.M.A.A.C. The cake was cut by Mrs. Lumsden, the General Secretary of the Association (a very welcome guest), and a toast was drunk to the Association. We gave a small party to our Treasurer, Miss Russell, ex-A.T.S. to celebrate her forthcoming wedding, and presented her with a gift of linen. We wish her every happiness.

MANCHESTER. This Branch continued to meet regularly every fortnight during 1957. In June we held our first Jumble Sale, which was a success though not altogether a big financial gain. In October a party of members visited Granada TV studios to see *Criss-Cross Quiz*. In November we held our Annual Dinner and although the numbers were smaller than usual, it was no less enjoyable. In December we were fortunate to obtain a room for our meetings at the T.A. Centre, Belle Vue, Manchester, and we have already settled in there and are hoping to get more members soon. Throughout the year we have continued to visit our sick colleagues.

NORFOLK. The New Year Party held in January, was a very happy affair, and the raffle organised by the Branch made £10 2s. 6d. to cover expenses for 1958. It was nice to have Mrs. Rumbold with us, a Vice-President of the Association and our Area Representative, but we regretted the absence of several stalwarts through illness at home. Our thanks to all who helped to provide the 28 prizes and with the sale of tickets. A very interesting airmail has been received from Mrs. Liley in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where her husband is English Chaplain, having gone there for health reasons. They have a little daughter. Molly

Howes is coming home from Nairobi, leaving in April for the long sea voyage round the Cape and arriving in early June. It will be nice to see her after 20 years.

NOTTINGHAM. We opened the New Year with a party organised by Lt. P. Veitch and Cpls. Mallen and Bird. Our visitors included Capt. Clarken from the Pay Office, Mrs. and Miss Clarken, Mrs. Jones and her husband from the Derby Branch, and members of the Nottingham ex-Service Women's Club. We celebrated the New Year in traditional style with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, followed by more topical songs. February saw us carrying out our voluntary service night. We reported to the Matron's office at the Nottingham General Hospital and from there were dispatched with escorts to various wards to do our two hours. We were fully employed with various tasks, taking round the supper, rolling bandages, cleaning silver, arranging flowers. We learned quite a lot that evening and really felt we had carried out a useful service. Sgt. Lewis, the W.R.A.C. Recruiter for Nottingham entertained us at our March meeting with descriptive accounts of her various safaris in East Africa whilst stationed there. The talk was illustrated by various and interesting photographs and she also brought along some items from her collection of ivory carvings. At this meeting we welcomed a new member, Mrs. Taylor, who was one of the original Wilts T.A. Two members visited Miss Smeeton, J. Comd. A.T.S., who is confined to a wheel chair with disseminated sclerosis and now living at Bramcote with her mother, aged 82. The cottage has been altered to enable Miss Smeeton to wheel herself from room to room and out of the house into the road. We found her very cheerful and hopeful that one day a cure will be found.

OXFORD. At our January meeting we had a talk by a Medical Officer of Health from the City of Oxford. The speaker turned what we thought would be a very depressing subject into a very interesting one, and many members were much wiser with the knowledge they gained. On January 16, the Branch held its Annual Dinner in the Oxford University O.T.C. Club, with the kind permission of the Commanding Officer. We were all delighted

to have as our guests of honour Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan and Mrs. Lumsden, who are both very popular with this Branch. Of the 31 members present 29 sat at the table, while the dinner was splendidly cooked and served by the other two. After dinner we had a social evening, which was open to our friends. The evening was not only very enjoyable but also very profitable, as we gained three new members. Our February meeting consisted of a talk by an occupational therapist who put over the subject in such a way that it was both interesting and instructive. Eighteen members attended a social evening in March and we all had a very pleasant evening.

PRESTON. The Branch is pleased to report a very happy year. The General Meeting was well attended in November. On Remembrance Day the members joined the ex-Servicemen's and Women's Associations on Parade, and a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by Mrs. E. A. Bucklee, escorted by Miss A. Downham and Miss E. A. Chapman. A second poppy wreath was placed, in accordance with our practice over a number of years, on the grave of a Pte. Joan Rutherford, late of Middlesex, who was killed by a car near Preston and buried in Preston Cemetery. We held our Branch Reunion on February 6, when a meal was arranged and a visit to the theatre. We had a very enjoyable evening thanks to all who had the arrangements in hand. We congratulate our only serving member, Capt. B. Walmsley on her promotion to the rank of Major.

SHEFFIELD. In January, 36 members and friends went to the pantomime in Sheffield. At our Annual Dinner in February, we were very pleased to welcome as our guest Miss V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P. The highlight of the evening was the inauguration of our Men's Section, and each member was presented with a specially designed badge, not quite the size of a saucer. We have joked about our "Men's Section" for years, and as our men always give us such a lot of encouragement and support we decided to do something about it. Despite the editorial in the last issue of *The Lioness*, I regret to report that at our A.G.M. in March, our own Mrs. Battleaxe and Miss Butterscotch and other officers were re-elected.

LIST OF BRANCH SECRETARIES

Aberdeen.—Miss H. T. G. Donaldson, 5 Ash Hill Drive, Aberdeen.
Ayrshire.—Miss E. Howie, 5 Alton Terrace, Monkton, Ayrshire.
Bath.—Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, 16 Lime Grove Gardens, Pulteney Road, Bath.
Bedford.—Mrs. E. Hayman, 9 Cardington Road, Bedford.
Belfast.—Miss N. M. Arnold, 11 Easton Crescent, Cliftonville, Belfast, N. Ireland.
Birmingham.—Mrs. J. Rogers, 28 Foley Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs.
Bournemouth.—Miss J. Lunniss, "Lamorna," Stapehill, nr. Wimborne, Dorset.
Bradford.—Mrs. E. M. Suttle, 9 St. Anne's Terrace, Baildon, Shipley, Yorks.
Brighton.—Miss J. A. Durndell, 38 Toronto Terrace, Brighton, Sussex.
Bristol.—Miss K. M. Cottrell, 435 Fishponds Road, Fishponds, Bristol.
Canterbury.—Mrs. R. Closier, 5 Cherry Avenue, Canterbury, Kent.
Cardiff.—Mrs. D. Pucknell, 11 Kyveilog Street, Cardiff, Glamorgan, S. Wales.
Carlisle.—Miss E. Wightman, 11 Orfeur Street, Carlisle, Cumberland.
Chelmsford.—Miss E. J. Hemsley, 80 Wood Street, Chelmsford, Essex.
Derby.—Mrs. A. R. Jones (Treasurer, Acting Secretary), 17 Monyash Close, Chaddesden, Derbyshire.
Dumfriesshire.—Miss A. Gibson, "Tweedville," Eastfield Road, Dumfries.

Edinburgh.—Miss M. J. Cruickshank, 16 Riversdale Road, Edinburgh, 12.
Gibraltar.—Mrs. G. A. Henderson, 27 Links Street, Musselburgh, Midlothian.
Glasgow.—W.O.2 W. M. Thornton, 18 Independent Company, W.R.A.C., Princess Royal Block, Europa, Gibraltar.
Glasgow.—Miss L. Mackenzie, 3 Churchill Drive, Glasgow, W.1.
Grimsby.—Sgt. K. Hall, W.R.A.C./T.A., 63 Lister Street, Grimsby, Lincs.
Guernsey.—Mrs. M. Brett, "Amberley," Green Lanes, St. Peter Port, Guernsey.
Hartlepool.—Mrs. M. Jewell, 21 Whitfield Drive, Foggy Furze, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Hong Kong.—Lt. P. Heath, W.R.A.C. Officers' Mess, 44 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.
Hull.—Miss E. G. Williamson, Galloway Lodge, Hornsea, Yorks.
Ilford.—Mrs. Curtis, 293 Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.
Ipswich and Suffolk.—Mrs. J. Clarke, 34 Anglesea Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Leeds.—Miss E. Raper, 41 University Road, Leeds, 2.
Leicester.—Sgt. D. Dodswell, W.R.A.C./T.A. Centre, Ashford Road, Leicester.
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