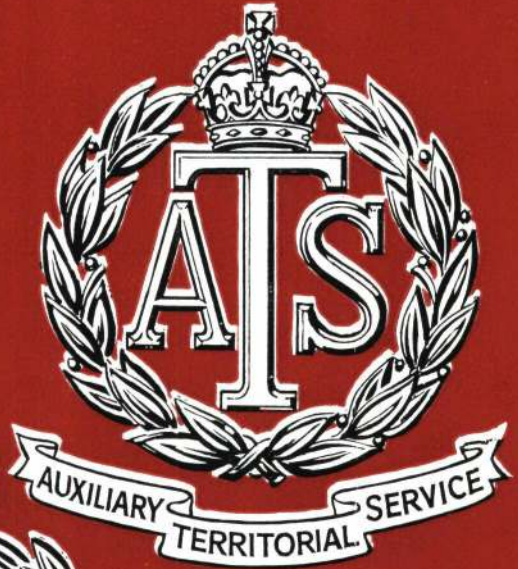


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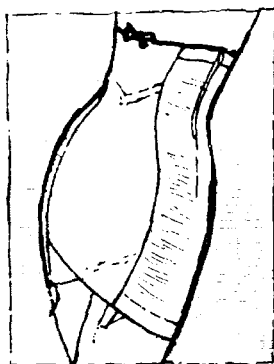
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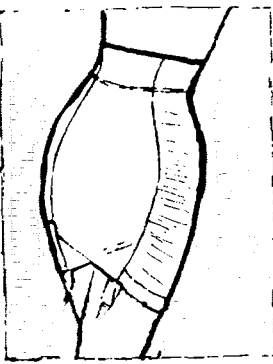
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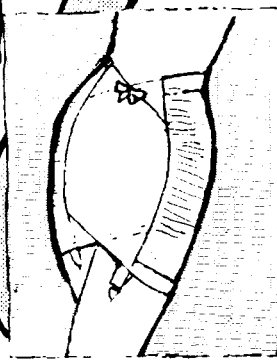
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EDITORIAL

WE have talked so much about birthdays lately in connection with Corps' anniversaries that the word has almost lost its original significance. We commemorate the A.T.S. birthday, the W.R.A.C. birthday, but seldom the actual birthday of a living person. It takes a very special birthday indeed to remind us that our corporate history is only the sum of our personal life stories, and that there would be no Service at all without the service of the individuals who belong to it.

ON January 21, 1959, Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan celebrated her 80th birthday. It would be more true to say that Dame Helen reached the age of 80 and everyone else enthusiastically celebrated, for she herself, true to her character, would have been happy to keep this notable occasion quiet. The celebration began about a fortnight before the actual date, with a little birthday party at the Duke of York's Headquarters after the Council Meeting on January 5. A birthday cake blazed with 80 tiny candles, and the toast proposed by Lady Trenchard, *"In love and pride, the Great Dame Helen,"* was drunk in champagne by old friends from the Q.M.A.A.C., the Emergency Service, and the early days of the A.T.S.

DAME HELEN'S fourscore years cover a very wide field of effort and achievement. We are accustomed to think of ourselves as her main pre-occupation, and forget that long before we were invented she was famous in academic and scientific circles. She is a distinguished botanist, specialising (according to *Who's Who*) in mycology and cytology. (At this point the illiterate soldiery fled to a dictionary and learned that mycology is the study of fungi and cytology the study of cells.) We are not quite sure why an interest in morbid parasites led her to the formation of a Women's Service, but perhaps the mushroom growth of the wartime Services appealed to her mycological tastes. Certainly there is full scope for the cytologist in the development of a living organism from protoplasmic beginnings into a vigorous body fired by an immortal spirit. We hope that she regards the Corps as one of her more successful cults.

IT is difficult to express in words the debt that we owe to our founder—the creator of the Q.M.A.A.C., first Director of the A.T.S., and god-mother of the W.R.A.C. She has led us, inspired us and worked for us for more than forty years, and continues to do so with unflagging powers and

undimmed personality. Our feelings are perfectly summed up in the message from H.R.H. The Princess Royal, which was read out by Dame Regina Evans at the birthday party:

"By her personality, and by the good tradition which she founded, Dame Helen has become almost a legend in the Women's Services of the Army. It is on the foundations that she laid so soundly that the Q.M.A.A.C., the A.T.S. and now the W.R.A.C. have built up a Service of the highest possible standing and reputation. Today, as a part of the Regular Forces of the Crown, we look back with gratitude and admiration to those who, like Dame Helen, set us such a high example of duty and service. 'Whom the gods love die young,' and Dame Helen, though she may be approaching the venerable age of 80, is still young in spirit. I wish her many happy returns of the day and hope she will celebrate many more birthdays as a valued elder stateswoman of the Service she loves so well, and has served so long and faithfully."

THOSE words of Her Royal Highness are echoed "in love and pride" in the hearts of thousands of serving and ex-Service women all over the world.

Forthcoming Events

March

- 4 Commissioning Ceremony, Officer Cadets, Hindhead.
- 5-6 Hockey — Inter-Service Championship, Portsmouth.
- 12-13 Netball—Inter-Unit Championship, Alder-shot.
- 19-20 Badminton—Inter-Command and Individual Championships, Wimbledon.
- 20 Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion, Duke of York's H.Q.
- 21 A.T.S. Meeting, 36 Lower Sloane Street.
W.R.A.C. Association A.G.M., Duke of York's H.Q.
Grand Reunion, Seymour Hall.
- 22 Chapel Service, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.
- 23 Netball — Inter-Service Championship, Halton.

April

- 17 Table Tennis—Inter-Unit Finals, Guildford.
- 23-24 Badminton — Inter-Service Championship, Wimbledon.
- 26 **Princess Royal's Day, Guildford.**
- 27 W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess A.G.M., Duke of York's H.Q.

Association Notes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, on Saturday, March 21, 1959, at 3 o'clock.

Agenda

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 15, 1958 (circulated in the May issue of *The Lioness*).
2. Business arising from the Minutes.
3. Election of Officers. The undermentioned officers have been nominated:
Chairman of Council: Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E. (Council nomination).
Council Vice-Presidents: Mrs. C. H. Fraser-Tytler, C.B.E.; Mrs. V. Rumbold; Miss V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P.; Mrs. M. F. Wentworth-Reeve, C.B.E.
4. To receive the Report of Council.
5. To receive the Report of the Hon. Treasurer.
6. To receive the Report of the Editor of *The Lioness*.
7. To receive Reports of Committees.
8. Date of next meeting.
9. Other business (if any).

GRAND REUNION

The Grand Reunion will take place on Saturday, March 21, 1959, in the Seymour Hall, from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Tickets, 5s., may be obtained from the Reunion Secretary, W.R.A.C. Association, Duke of York's H.Q., King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

The Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion will be on Friday, March 20, 1959, at the Duke of York's H.Q., from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets, 4s., may be obtained from The Reunion Secretary, address as above. When applying for tickets, please enclose stamped addressed envelope for reply.

A.T.S. MEETING

It has been decided not to hold an A.T.S. Reunion on the evening before the Grand Reunion 1959, but instead to hold a meeting of A.T.S. on the morning of Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. This meeting will be held at the National Council of Women's Clubs, 36 Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1, and anyone who served in the A.T.S. will be welcome, whether or not she is a member of the Association. For further information please apply to Mrs. E. E. Mapp, 18 Vernon Avenue, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

CHAPEL SERVICE

A Service will be held for members of the W.R.A.C. Association in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Sunday, March 22, 1959, at 10 a.m.

SECRETARIES' MEETING AND LUNCH

Will Secretaries please notify the General Secretary by March 1, if they can accept the invitation to lunch.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

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 a cross was planted on behalf of the Association by Lt.-Col. M. M. Gibson. The Association was well represented in the march past the Cenotaph and the wreath was laid by the Hon. Secretary of the Salisbury Branch, accompanied by the Hon. Treasurer.

W.R.A.C. Depot

THE year 1958 has been a very busy one at the Depot. There have been over 1,760 recruits under training, the largest number since 1954. Passing-Out Parades have been taken by Major-General Turner, G.O.C., Home Counties District; Major-General Brazier Creagh, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command; Col. Ponting, Colonel A./Q., Home Counties District; Major-General Roe, Director Supplies and Transport; and Brigadier Galloway, Commander Training Brigade, R.E. We have opened 1959 with an intake of 130 women of a particularly high standard.

CHRISTMAS celebrations have been as varied as ever. Instead of a pantomime we had a Christmas Revue produced by Capt. Phyl Baldwin. There were several good acts including the dancing of the "Cha Cha" by Ptes. Edgar, Morse and Wilson, "The Gay Nineties" by the Sergeants' Mess, and a sketch "Three Old Maids" by C.S.M. Carne, C.S.M. Magee and Sgt. Humphries. The highlight of the evening was a skit by the Band on a Depot Passing-Out Parade rehearsal as depicted in the time of Julius Caesar. This gave the performers an opportunity to "get at" the staff from the Commandant downwards.

WE should like to record our thanks to all those who have so kindly subscribed to the beautiful Japanese oak prayer-rails in the Depot Church. Col. C. E. Hammond was the instigator of the scheme and made the first generous gift in 1957. Other gifts of money were received from the Duchess of Westminster, Miss Ackland, Miss L. Eade, Miss J. Elgar, Mrs. Ellingsen, Miss Headlam, Lt.-Col. E. Holt, Lt.-Col. N. Hughes-Reckitt, Lt.-Col. M. D. M. Humphery, Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Hurburgh, Miss S. Jewel, Major The Hon. V. V. Kitson, Major E. E. Michell, Mrs. Oliver, Miss M. Sharland, Mrs. Smythe, Miss Barbara Taunton, Miss Jane Taylor, Miss M. Wise, Miss I. Wolfe-Murray, "Anonymous," and 12th Battalion W.R.A.C. We have received a pair of silver vases for the altar given by Miss Ada Garrett in memory of her sister, Miss Lucy Garrett of the Bradford Comrades Association.

NEWS FROM THE T.A.

Record of Service

FOUR members of "C" Company, 314 (Scottish Command) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), have now earned the Territorial Efficiency Medal: W.O.2 A. Gibson, her sister Sgt. G. Gibson, Sgt. D. Mundell and Sgt. M. Hodgson. They all joined the Company in Dumfries in 1949 and are still going strong. Sgt. Gibson, the last of the four to receive the award, was presented with the medal by the Battalion Commander, Major G. A. D. Pearson, M.B.E., T.D., on November 12, 1958. The Company now boasts of 72 years' "bemedalled service," as its Commander, Capt. E. M. Brown, has the T.D. with two clasps.



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SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT ROAD RALLY

ON the night of November 22-23, 310 (Hampshire) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), 70 Independent Company, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), and 74 Independent Company, W.R.A.C. (T.A.) all took part in Exercise "Night Owl," an overnight road rally run by 15 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C. Drivers had to report by 1800 hours to Blandford Camp, where they were given an excellent meal and had a chance to refuel their vehicles before the briefing session.

There were 27 teams of W.R.A.C. (T.A.) drivers and 28 teams made up of officers and men of 15 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C. The rally was over a course of 102 miles, with three check points. Instructions and map references were given to each vehicle as it left the camp, and as it checked in at each check point a new set of map references was handed out for the next section of the route. To ensure that each vehicle followed the map references accurately, questions had to be answered concerning the M.R. At the central check point, the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) cooks set up a soup kitchen which was very popular and comforting for frozen toes and fingers.

The vehicles started to leave Blandford Camp at 2100 hours, two at a time at 4-minute intervals, going in opposite directions. There was a minimum

and maximum time for each section, points being taken off for each minute too early or too late. By 0600 hours on Sunday morning all but one vehicle had returned. This turned up quite happily at 0800 hours, having found itself in the New Forest by mistake. Beds and washing facilities were provided for all, and after a few hours sleep and a late breakfast, all drivers were ready to take part in a safe-driving competition at 1030 hours. Only 3-ton lorries were used throughout the exercise. Saturday night was wonderfully fine, but Sunday's weather beggars description. The whole exercise was an enormous success and the amount we learnt about following a map at night and night driving was immeasurable. Our very grateful thanks are due to the Commanding Officer and his Staff at 15 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C. We received a considerable amount of publicity, as the O.C. of 70 Independent Company, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), was interviewed by Bernard Fishwick one night in the "West of England News," and we appeared on TV, ITV and in the Pathé Gazette News throughout the country. The local papers did their stuff too.

The Company with the highest percentage of marks won the cup given by General Firbank in 1954, and competed for each year. 70 Independent Company won by a short head from 310 Battalion.

307 (NORTHERN COMMAND) BATTALION

THE Battalion took part in the last of the County Local T.A. Jubilee Celebrations when they paraded at Derby on November 2, 1958. The weather was true to form, as it poured during the parade to the Derby Cathedral. After a very impressive service the troops formed up outside the Cathedral and were inspected by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Col. Sir Ian Walker-Okeover, Bt., D.S.O., T.D., who afterwards took the salute at the Town Hall. On Remembrance Day "A" Company paraded at Newark with the 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, and Cpl. Mallen, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), laid the Company wreath. No. 3 Lincs Platoon of "B" Company paraded with local units at Grimsby, and Sgt. Hall, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), laid the wreath. No. 1 Lincs Platoon of "B" Company attended the service at Lincoln Cathedral, and "C" Company paraded at Chesterfield.

"C" Company held their Christmas Party on December 13, at Siddals Road, Derby. The central theme of decoration consisted of gaily painted inn signs, depicting in original design the names of inns passed on the way to camp at Sennybridge. The artist had used all her licence on "The Three Bears" and "Paul Pry." The buffet prepared by the girls was excellent both in preparation and presentation, and the sight of the well-laden tables must have been its own reward. Over 200 people were present and the guest of honour was the Mayor of Derby, Councillor Mrs. Piggott.

"A" Company held their Children's Party on December 20, in the Drill Hall, Nottingham. Father Christmas presented each child with a gift and everyone had a wonderful time. In the evening a combined social evening with 4 Squadron, 21 Corps Signals Regiment (T.A.), was much enjoyed by the large crowds present. The Christmas draw took place in between the dances, and several members of the Battalion were the lucky recipients of the prizes.

No. 3 Lincs Platoon held two successful dances combined with 594 Company, R.A.S.C., at the Augusta Street Drill Hall, Grimsby. A social evening on December 1 included a competition for Christmas decorations. Mrs. Cheetham, a member of the Grimsby Flower Lovers' Club, was the judge, and the prizes were awarded to Sgt. Hall, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), 1st; Pte. Dixon, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), 2nd; and a tie for 3rd place between Pte. MacDonald and Pte. Cox. The last-named have since left the Unit on enlistment into the Regular Army, and Cpl. Richards ("Taffy"), well known in M.T. circles, has taken her release on her option date, but "C" Company had seven new recruits in one week and our figures are still soaring.

The Unit table tennis team has entered the Nottingham Table Tennis League, and in the league tables we have now moved up two places. Our match with the London Assurance girls ended by them *almost* selling us an insurance policy and us *almost* getting a recruit. Confirmation is still awaited for both.

SPORT

Cricket

IN the Inter-Service Competition, the Army played the R.A.F. on September 2, 1958, and lost by 27 runs. Their match against the Royal Navy had to be abandoned because of weather. The R.A.F. won the cup having defeated both the other Services.

Lawn Tennis

THE Army (Women's) Lawn Tennis Association played five matches during the season, winning two and losing three. In the Army Championships the Ladies' Singles were won by 2/Lt. P. Rees, the Ladies' Doubles by 2/Lt. P. Rees and 2/Lt. P. Binny, the Mixed Doubles by 2/Lt. M. Booth and 2/Lt. P. Rees, and the Ladies' Plate by Sgt. Bonner. The Inter-Service Championship at Wimbledon on August 11 and 12, 1958, was won by the R.A.F., and the Inter-Unit Competition on September 5 by the W.R.A.C. Depot.

Netball

THE Inter-Command Netball Tournament was held at Aldershot on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 1958. It was a keen and close competition, won by Eastern Command (9 points) with Southern Command second (8 points) and B.A.O.R. third (7 points). The cup and medals were presented by Brigadier G. Rimbault, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Deputy Commander Aldershot District.

For the first time this tournament can be regarded as an Army and not a Corps function, as one of the players was drawn from a Unit of the Q.A.R.A.N.C.

London Gazette

HONOURS AND AWARDS

New Year Honours:

O.B.E.: Lt.-Col. M. R. Appleby, T.D. (T.A.).
M.B.E.: Major B. Fisher (T.A.), Major R. E. Hardinge Francis (T.A.), W.O.1 M. I. Williams.
B.E.M.: W.O.2 E. Laister, Sgt. E. M. Bruce (T.A.), Sgt. H. Settle.
T.D. and First Clasp: Capt. K. N. Edwards.
T.D.: Lt.-Col. K. R. Bartlett (retd.), Capt. S. Munro, J. Comd. G. N. Dove (A.T.S.).

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Lieutenant-Colonel: D. H. I. Wilson.
Captain: M. E. Scott, A. Bray, M. R. Ashplant, J. C. Swann.
Lieutenant: M. M. Haworth, D. V. Palmer, B. M. Scott-Easton, M.A., J. A. Jeffree.
Second Lieutenant: M. Habgood, B.A., E. R. H. Baker, B.A., H. L. S. Price, J. A. Workman, P. A. Jackson.

Short Service Commissions

Lieutenant: D. M. Athoe, D. G. Murray.
Second Lieutenant: M. W. Hudson.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Retirements on retired pay: Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Hurburgh.
Retirements with gratuity: Major E. E. Connors, Capt. A. S. W. Russell.
Resignations: Lts. D. I. Presswell, E. Kennedy, A. R. Pugh, D. S. Lockwood, P. A. Hopkins.

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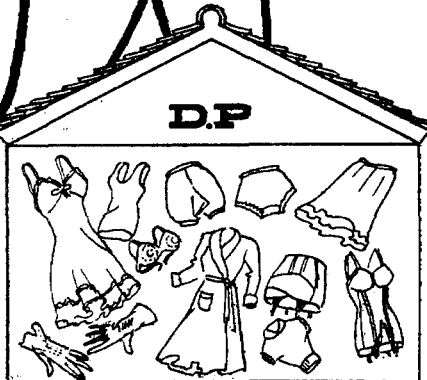
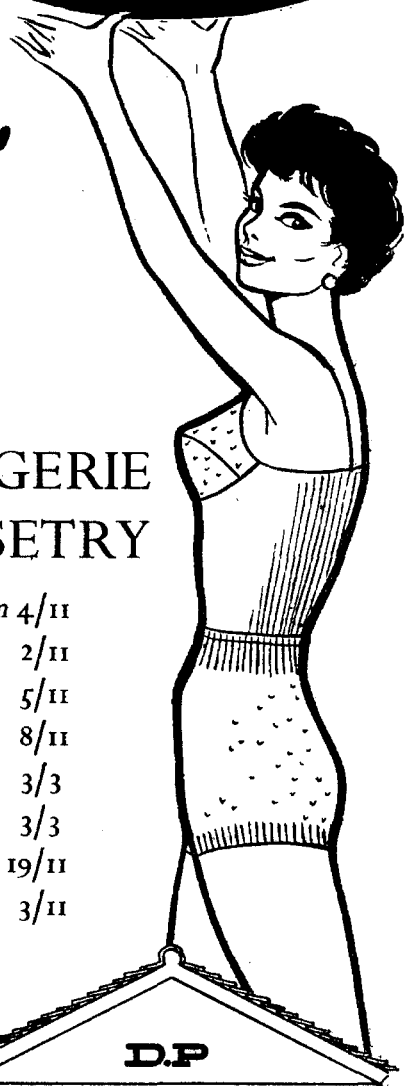
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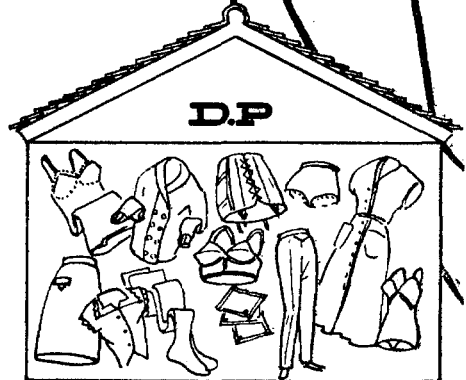
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A GUEST OF THE P.F.A.T.

SGT. C. M. R. AINLEY, W.R.A.C.

HAVING 28 days ren-leave, and wanting to use it to the best advantage, I looked up the A.C.I., which allows members of the British Army to stay with the French Army. Some of the barracks listed were in very beautiful country and sounded most attractive, but unfortunately they were for men only. After a deal of correspondence and determination on the part of my C.O., it was finally established that I could go either to the Training School of the P.F.A.T. (Personnel Feminin de l'Armée de Terre) at Dieppe or to the barracks at Versailles. I chose the latter, and the British Military Delegation in Paris wrote to confirm that it was all arranged.

Having flown from London Airport to Le Bourget and taken the airport bus to Paris, I caught the train from Les Invalides to Versailles Rive Gauche, and found my way to the Caserne de Croy, which was only a short distance from the station. I was given a great welcome on my arrival and taken up to a very pleasant bedroom furnished much like ours, though my bed was a divan type with two drawers under and a wooden bookcase surround. There was a basin with running cold water, but there was a plentiful supply of hot water in the ablutions. The room overlooked a big courtyard with single-storey red-roofed buildings on the other three sides. In the centre were trees and flower beds, and because it was still late summer the gay chairs and tables with their umbrellas were not yet put away for the winter. The barracks was originally a cavalry barracks built for Louis XIII, and is about 300 years old. The stables have been converted and now form the wing housing the library, salon and dining-room. All are gay and attractive rooms, furnished and decorated to the taste of the Commandant, as far as her money will allow.

During my four-week stay the women of the P.F.A.T. treated me with the greatest courtesy, kindness and friendliness. I was left more or less to my own devices all day, and made use of the convenient position of Versailles to explore the town itself with its vast palace and park, and Paris, within half an hour's journey. Travelling by train or bus, I visited Chartres with its famous cathedral and narrow winding streets, Rambouillet with its chateau, and Monfort l'Amaury, with its curious, cloistered cemetery. At night after dinner I was entertained with coffee and heroic or amusing tales of the Resistance during the war, and Indo-China and North Africa since. I sat up late hearing how the Germans were outwitted in different parts of France, and also of the terrible privations of people who were unfortunate enough to be captured. Quite a few of the P.F.A.T. were decorated for their gallant deeds.

To be accepted into the P.F.A.T. a girl must have quite high civilian qualifications, as there is no trade training as we know it. After the initial six weeks training at Dieppe they go out to their

units and after six months have the rank of Sergeant, of which there are several grades, depending on the trade and proficiency of the woman. They sign on for two years in the first place, and 15 years is the full term of service. Most of the girls at Versailles seemed to be typists or shorthand typists or else working on communications. They do a five-and-a-half day week and seem to work quite long hours, but have 45 days leave each year, plus the public holidays. Uniform is seldom worn except by those serving overseas or in Germany. Our own proposed new uniform aroused much comment and was voted to be "Très chic."

Food is served on a self-service system, and a small charge is made for each item as there are no Army rations. It was varied, well-balanced and sufficient. The chef, who was doing his National Service, was the son of a pork butcher and took a great pride in his work, turning out some very appetising and attractively served dishes. The Commandant dined with everyone else, and during dinner seemed to have to deal with quite a few enquiries and problems. It seemed a bit hard that she could not even eat in peace.

During my stay everyone, from Mademoiselle Maillard (the Commandant) and her staff to the women who worked in the kitchens and did the housework, was always charming and friendly to me. Many times it would have been easier for Mademoiselle to speak to me in English, but she encouraged and corrected my bad French until I was able to converse with reasonable ease. I only hope that if any of the P.F.A.T. are able to pay us a return visit we will be able to make them feel as welcome and at home as I felt at the Caserne de Croy.

Art for Art's Sake

CAPT. HONOR LYSTER, Adjutant of 310 (Hampshire) Battalion, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), brought distinction to the W.R.A.C. from a new angle when one of her pictures was accepted for the Army Art Society Exhibition, opened by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent on October 8, 1958, at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington. At the same time she sent two paintings to Southampton Art Exhibition and both were accepted.

Capt. Lyster started on the venture of painting seven years ago, as the result of reading the foreword by Van Loon in his book "The Arts of Mankind," in which he said that any of us can lead an infinitely happier and fuller existence by taking up one of the arts as a hobby. She attended the local Art School one night a week and painted at home for several hours most weekends. On leave as a paying guest with the P.F.A.T. in Versailles last summer, she was busy painting or sketching every day. She says, "It has enriched my life and I recommend painting to everyone else."

THE "CLEVELAND LYKE WAKE WALK"

MAJOR D. WILLETT, R. SIGNALS

THE "Cleveland Lyke Wake Walk" is part of the history of the North Riding of Yorkshire. Traditionally, it is said, the dead were carried in relays across the North York Moors from Osmotherley to Ravenscar for burial, a distance of some forty miles across some of the most difficult moorland country in England. Membership of the Cleveland Lyke Wake Club (which has no clubhouse and holds no meetings) is open to all "Dirgers"—those persons who have completed the walk in under 24 hours, complying with the rules laid down by the Chief Dirger, Mr. Cowley of Swainby.

At a T.A. Jubilee cocktail party, an officer of the 5th Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment, T.A. (The Prince of Wales's Own), had the temerity to suggest that while his regiment had done the walk in 21 hours, under appalling weather conditions, it would undoubtedly be beyond the scope of Signals, and in any event the W.R.A.C. could not hope to complete it, as very few women have ever achieved it. As can be imagined, this suggestion was too much for 1st Northern Command (M) Signal Regiment (T.A.), and within the week a call went out for volunteers. A team was chosen of nine R. Signals and five W.R.A.C. (Capt. M. E. Clarke, S.S.M. B. E. Roberts, Cpl. P. J. Hill, Cpl. E. Holmes and Pte. F. Wilson), and after going over the route in two halves on two separate Sundays as a practice, the walk eventually took place on Saturday, September 27.

The walk started at 0135 hours. It could not have been a better night, cold, with a clear sky and full moon. Chopgate, a distance of seven miles, was reached by 0430 hours, and a short halt was made for tea with a dash of rum. The going over Urre Moor was slower, due to the declining moon and a very nice line in bogs, but much to the relief of the whole party dawn found us at Bloworth Crossing, dead on route. Along the old railway line (reputed to be the oldest in England), across Farndale Moor, a climb through heather to Ralph Crosses at Rosedale Head, and 16 miles were completed by 0850. Breakfast piping hot was waiting for us, and hot water for washing.

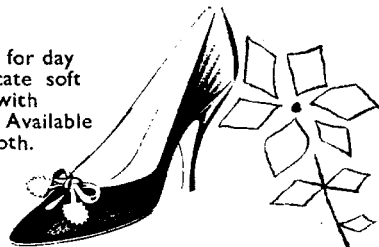
The party moved off again at 0930 hours to cross Rosedale Moor, where we somehow got off route and reached Hamer House behind schedule at 1225. From this point on it was obvious that we had to quicken our pace, but Wheeldale Moor was full of deep bogs and the heather and bracken were so high that the shortest member of the W.R.A.C. completely disappeared from sight on several occasions. It was 1445 hours before we reached Wheeldale Lodge, where we were met by Lt.-Col. M. Millington, A.D.W.R.A.C. Northern Command, and the B.B.C. T.V. cameras. We had a hasty lunch, and by 1510 we were on our way across Goatland for Eller Beck Bridge. At this stage one member of the Royal Signals and one of the W.R.A.C. fell out so as not to delay the progress of the main party.

Now for Fylingdales, with the certainty that the

5½ miles of gruelling moorland had to be covered before dark. It was crossed in two hours, which we feel is a record, and at 1900 hours we left Fylingdales P.T.A. for the last lap. By 1930 it was dark and we got our best laugh of the day when the Training Major, calling out from his leading position "It's boggy in front, but we'll go straight through; after all it doesn't matter now," vanished up to his waist in the coldest, smelliest, nastiest bog of the day. However, on we progressed, and 2010 hours saw us one mile from our goal. At this stage everything came to life. Unbeknown to us, other members of the Regiment had arrived by car to welcome us—and what a welcome! Cheering, the sounding of car horns and flashing of lights accompanied the party as led by the Colonel we marched (yes, *marched*) the last mile, whistling the marches of the Royal Signals and of the W.R.A.C. with our tails right up. Suddenly we were there in the bar at the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar, 40 miles from the start in 19 hours, congratulating each other and drinking the beer we had been thirsting for. The first Royal Signals Regiment, and certainly the first Mixed Signals Regiment to complete the "Lyke Wake Walk," we had beaten the 5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment's time by two hours, and although conditions had been far better for us than for them, we reckoned we had done pretty well.

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ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

SGT. I. F. JONES, W.R.A.C.

I WORK as P.A. to the Chief of Staff, G.H.Q. F.A.R.E.L.F. On Thursday, April 24, I was summoned to his presence and asked if I would like to accompany him on April 25 for a tour of Hong Kong, Japan, Hawaii, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand. Would I, indeed!

We left Changi at 8 a.m. on April 25, and landed at Kai Tak at about 4.30 p.m. From the air, the landing strip looks like a postage stamp surrounded by mountains, and you wonder how the pilot can manoeuvre a large aircraft on to it, but we came down without incident, and proceeded by launch over to Hong Kong, where I stayed with 22nd Independent Platoon. Hong Kong is all that I ever imagined it would be. It is a paradise for shopping, though Kowloon, a short ferry-ride from Hong Kong, is the place for real bargains. There are some very lovely buildings and, of course, the famous "Peak." I went up to the Peak at night, most of the way by tram, to look down on Hong Kong's glittering lights. At the top of the Peak, about a mile further on you can really be lost in the clouds, and at night there is little to see apart from a few lights from the New Territories and fewer still from Peking.

Our next stop was Tokyo. It was a grey afternoon when we drove from Haneda Airport, and the houses and streets looked rather dingy. The Kabuki Theatre had ended its season, so I could not see a traditional Japanese play at this famous theatre, but I had great fun shopping for souvenirs in the big department stores of the famous Ginza. I was fascinated particularly by the dolls, of every size and colour imaginable, depicting all aspects of Japanese life. The workmanship is extremely good, as is the detail in costume. The Ginza is a blaze of neon lights after dark, and one of the things that amused me most was the "commercial advertising system" throughout the streets. One minute you hear advertisements in Japanese, the next musical interludes, these ranging from local and "pop" songs to Viennese waltzes—the latter sounding rather incongruous in Oriental surroundings.

We left Tokyo for Wake Island at dawn on May 2. In our short visit to this small windswept, sub-tropical Pacific island, we were taken on a conducted tour by a cheery Filipino, who was bursting to show us everything there was to see. The one "sight" which amused us all was "Windy Palace," the local cinema, which consisted merely of an open-air screen. There was room for everybody, as you sat on the ground. The cinema show is almost always preceded by a short session of "Bingo." Quite pleasant unless, of course, it rains.

Our next port of call was Hawaii. We touched down at 9 a.m. local time, and very soon I was on my way to the W.A.V.E. Barracks. I spent most of Saturday sleeping, but on Sunday I toured the island. I was disappointed with Honolulu and Waikiki, but there are some lovely spots on the island. The beautiful flowers left me breathless—blue jacaranda, bougainvillea and hibiscus flowers

the size of dinner plates, all in the most gorgeous colours. I was lucky enough to go on a launch trip around Pearl Harbour, and visited U.S.S. *Arizona*, which is now a shrine to the men who went down when she was sunk during the Pearl Harbour attack. The ship's hull is very corroded, but is still on the surface of the water. A flag standard has been erected on a small platform on the ship, and each day the Stars and Stripes is raised as a simple dedication of remembrance to those who lost their lives.

My last evening in Hawaii will be long remembered. Six of the W.A.V.E.S. took me to the Chief Petty Officers' Club for dinner, and on arrival I was ceremoniously presented with a lovely lei of mauve orchids. The dinner was a hilarious affair with the interchange of Service gossip. When we eventually left the club, the girls presented me with their own leis, plus a ceremonial lei of white carnations and one of yellow frangipani from the club flower-seller. I arrived at the airport looking like a walking florist's shop and feeling slightly overcome by the heavy perfume. The flowers and the photographs made me feel like a departing movie-queen. We left Hawaii and my new American friends at 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday and, by crossing the International Date Line, we "lost" Thursday, arriving at Canton at 6 a.m. on Friday. Our stay there was brief but pleasant. We had a typical American breakfast of ham, eggs and doughnuts, before leaving for Fiji, where we arrived at 3 p.m. on Friday. We then had a 65-mile journey to Korolevu, over the most gruelling roads I have ever travelled on—twisting and turning, bumpy and dusty, almost too narrow for two vehicles to pass. We arrived at our destination looking very grimy.

The Fijians are a friendly race who love being photographed. On Saturday evenings, our hotel "goes native" and provides some of the local customs. All the food is served outside under coloured lights, and you sit cross-legged on the ground at low trestle tables gaily decorated with flowers and fruit. Before we started the very tasty meal (which I suspect included my first taste of octopus) the Fijians put on some of their exciting tribal dances, carrying spears so long that to stand too near is to risk losing one's eyesight. I also went to a "Tra-la-la," a local "dance," walking across muddy fields to the "dance hall"—a small bamboo hut with mud floor. The main dance is something like a conga, but at a certain stage, one of the dancers yells a word which must mean "about turn," and a tangle of arms and legs ensues with hearty laughter from everyone; the line eventually sorting itself out before another "about turn."

On to New Zealand, and an abrupt change in climate from extreme heat to intense cold. From Ohakea Airfield we had a 98-mile drive into Wellington, and a howling gale and torrential rain greeted us as we entered the city, and persisted

during our two days' stay. On the second day, Sgt. Edwards of the N.Z.W.R.A.C., a Maori girl, took me to see the new barracks at Trentham. There I was greeted by S/Sgt. Rose Murphy, a former member of the W.R.A.C., who asked me to pass on her good wishes to all those members of the Corps she knows. The girls' quarters at Trentham are quite the best I have seen. Each room is painted in a different colour, with gay printed curtains and practical but attractive furniture. Bathrooms are also painted in different colours. The sitting room is pleasant—large and airy, carpeted parquet floor, and comfortable but gay contemporary furniture. I was sorry my happy and interesting visit to the N.Z.W.R.A.C. was not longer, but I brought back with me the good wishes of our sister Corps, and I conveyed our good wishes for the future of the N.Z.W.R.A.C. I spent my last 2½ days in New Zealand at Ohakea—this time with the W.R.N.Z.A.F. Again I was welcomed with open arms, made many more friends, and exchanged inter-Service gossip with Sgt. Conway, who is the only female senior rank on the camp.

From New Zealand to Melbourne, where Sgt. Wilma Payne of the W.R.A.A.C. welcomed me. I received a terrific welcome in the Mess and was inundated with questions. I discovered that W.O.2 Joy Karen had been in England and knew one of my friends, who is serving in Singapore. I had a car tour around Melbourne where there are many pretty parks and some lovely buildings, and saw the

very impressive Stadium which was erected for the Olympic Games in 1956. I was also taken on a lovely drive through some very beautiful countryside to see the animal sanctuary at Healesville. The hospitality from officers, senior ranks and the girls was warm and friendly, and I was given a wonderful farewell party in the Mess on the last night of my stay in Melbourne. I left with the good wishes of the W.R.A.A.C. to our Corps, and in turn I wished good luck and prosperity to our Australian sisters.

At Canberra, which surprised me by its smallness, I was accommodated with a much smaller contingent of W.R.A.A.C. at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Our last port of call was Darwin, where we arrived at 5 p.m. on May 24, and from a very cold climate we were again in a climate comparable to that of Singapore. Darwin, the "back door" to Australia, is the prettiest "back door" imaginable, and that night I saw one of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen. We left at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, to return to Singapore, arriving back at Changi at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Looking back on the events of the month, I still find it difficult to believe that I have had an opportunity to see places which, until a few weeks ago, were just dots on a map I had dreamt about. I shall cherish my memories of the places I have visited and, most of all, of the friends I have made. Now it's "down to earth" again.

A Day in the Life of a Signal Training Troop

PTE. A. F. WEST, W.R.A.C.

ALITTLE learning being a dangerous thing, we are determined to acquire enough to constitute a menace. Apart from the normal curriculum which is in the hands of qualified instructors, evening classes in judo, pontoon, fashion, politics and other subjects are held exclusively in Room 16, where jungle law prevails and survival depends not on brute strength but sheer feline cunning.

Room 16 is one of many tidy little billets with a built-in Lance-Corporal, whose task it is to get our feet on the floor at precisely 0600 hours. No mean assignment, since most of us grow extremely attached to our cots during the course of the night. This unfortunate N.C.O. is further handicapped in that her instruments may not be blunter than a few well-placed home-truths, invariably greeted by shrieks of silence.

In a surprisingly short space of time Room 16 is swept, polished, washed, dressed, breakfasted and standing to bed. Inspection over and hats furtively readjusted, we pile up eagerly on the square outside, from whence we are taken to a place of instruction. The instructor there may be puzzled by the vacant expressions set out before her each morning, and I take this opportunity of explaining that this is due to the fact that our minds, not appreciating the mystery of cold linoleum, are still

in bed. These sluggards arrive promptly at N.A.A.F.I. break, however, and the aforementioned instructor will testify to the intelligent attentive faces set out before her in the queue.

The rest of the working day is devoted to soaking up "info," crossing batons with Field Marshals and pounding the life out of a typewriter to the tune of "Scots Wa Hae" and "The Murray Code." Exhausted both mentally and physically but encouraged by our faithful N.C.O., we stagger back to the billets where a hot meal, tastefully dished up, prevents our dropping dead on the way to the N.A.A.F.I. Club Dance. This brief résumé of a typical day in a Signal Training Troop W.R.A.C. will, I hope, give food for thought and the answer to unkind gossip.

MARRIAGE

L/Cpl. Sheila Aris, 22 Independent Platoon, W.R.A.C., was married on November 1, 1958, to Pte. Barry Fletcher, 1st Battalion The Green Howards, at the Victoria Garrison Church, Hong Kong. The bride was given away by Lt. W. Oliver, 1st Battalion The Green Howards, and Capt. R. L. Parsonage, C.F., officiated at the ceremony. The reception was held at the W.R.A.C. Mess, Hong Kong.

NOSTALGIA

K. O'KELLY DE CONEJERA

(MAJOR K. M. MEREDITH, W.R.A.C.)

FRIDAY, March 27, 1942, Leicester station, and women of varying ages, shapes and sizes, who all had three things in common. We all carried our gas-masks in cardboard boxes, we each had a small rather battered suitcase, and most important of all, we were all joining the A.T.S.

The next 12 years I spent in England and Wales, with two spells of "foreign" service in Scotland and Cornwall. Some memories stand out above all others. The first time I wore Corporal's stripes on my arm, trying to march to breakfast by starlight along icy roads at Gencorse. My own passing-out parade and the first salute I received, from a W.R.N.S. rating. The agony of marching past the Director, Dame Leslie Whateley, at the head of pre-O.C.T.U., knowing that one suspender had come undone, and praying that the other would hold. The thrill of marching to church behind my father's Regimental Band and re-entering the Barracks to his Regimental March.

In 1954, overseas at last, and I arrived in Egypt. The sand was not smooth and golden as I had imagined, but gritty, lumpy and dirty. The smells were indescribable, but it was warm, and the sun shone, and the swimming was magnificent. I saw the Pyramids and had an unforgettable, if rather hot weekend in Luxor. Then on moving to Cyprus in 1955, the W.R.A.C. Mess was disbanded and a mixed Mess was our undoing. In April 1956, much to the surprise of my friends and relations (who thought I was a confirmed spinster) and my Company (most of whom I am sure thought that the O.C. was past it), I transferred my allegiance to the R.A.S.C. and got married.

My memories of Cyprus are mixed. The advance party watching 10-ton lorries, full of stores which must be unloaded immediately, crawling up the hill at Episcopi five minutes after the labourers had left camp. Swimming in the warm blue sea, and a cold rough one on New Year's Day. And of course getting engaged at Aphrodite's Rock, the birthplace of Venus, a perfect romantic setting. Memories of a beautiful island, marred by restrictions, the explosions of Eoka bombs, and never knowing if your husband would return safely at the end of the day.

For three hectic months I ran a company and a home. Minor crises occurred, the company runner went running to the nearby kiosk when I had forgotten bread and my husband nearly starved while I tried to find a missing sixpence in the P.R.I. Then in July I rather sadly took off my uniform for the last time, and became a housewife and an "ex." Even now I sometimes find it difficult to believe those 14 years are over. While hanging nappies on the line, I remember complaining about washing hung in barrack rooms. When roused by a teething infant I remember sleeping in uncomfortable Duty Rooms, doodle bugs, and worrying about absentees. Attending H.R.H. Princess Margaret's Farewell Parade to the Hussars in

Munster, I felt a pang when the troops marched on, but then I look at my husband and small son and decide that I wouldn't go back, even if I do tell them that they are as much trouble as a company, and a housewife never gets a day off.

I used to read *The Lioness* as a matter of course, but now I pounce on it with joy and scan the pages for news of my old units and friends and study the postings and promotions with care. I have never regretted my years in khaki and I know that if I ever have the daughter I long for, I shall not try to stop her if she wants to follow in mother's footsteps.

A VISIT TO HOLLAND

PTE. G. BLACKER, W.R.A.C.

A COACH load of us left München Gladbach for Noordwijk at 1.30 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon, with an English-speaking guide, who explained points of interest on the way. He pointed out the German "May Tree" custom, where a young man climbs on to the roof of his sweetheart's house and places a branch of may there. After crossing the border, we reached our destination, a Dutch North Sea resort, at about 7.30 p.m., and found that accommodation had been arranged with local families. It was spotless, and the people very friendly. We had an excellent three-course dinner and a huge breakfast, and reluctantly left Noordwijk at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday morning, after a short stroll on its lovely sandy beach and attractive boulevard. The International Tulip Rally had just ended, and there were beautiful complete pictures in flowers in the people's gardens, and even cigarette advertisements done in them. Not a colour or a flower was out of place.

Our next stop was the Keuenhof, an open-air flower show near Amsterdam. Here, cultivated spring flowers were growing in clusters under the trees, and beside the beautiful lakes of a large area of parkland. We stopped at a wayside flower-stall on the way to our next stop, Leiden, to buy flowers and a garland for the coach, and reached the Dutch university town just in time for a very good lunch. We then drove on to Arnhem, where we were shown the battlefield and the war cemetery between Ostenbeek and the town itself, and placed the garlands from the coach on the War Memorial. The cemetery is beautifully kept, and the graves are listed, with their positions, in a large book which visitors may consult. The graves were in neat, well-cared-for rows, each marked by a headstone, engraved with the name of the soldier, and his regimental badge. Others were engraved, "British Soldier, Known to God."

We next passed through the town of Arnhem, stopped in Nijmegen for supper, and arrived back in Germany just before 11 p.m., very happy to have had such an enjoyable weekend. We had a vivid picture to remember of Holland, of friendly Dutch people, and the bright bulb-fields, squares of crimson, blue or yellow, stretching into the distance, almost unbelievably colourful in the sunshine.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

We have just completed an internal recruiting drive and find that out of 435 possibles we have today 142 women in the Battalion who have elected to serve on 22-year engagements, making our long engagements 32.6% of the whole strength. We feel it's a good enough figure to say "Is this a record?"

Yours truly,

M. MURIEL GIBSON,
Lt.-Col., W.R.A.C.

12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.,
Richmond Park Camp,
Kingston-on-Thames.

DEAR EDITOR,

At a Mayoral tea-party a short time ago, conversation turned on the topic of the local A.T.S. during the last war. Our Mayoress, Mrs. Mollie Maidment (then Miss Mollie Thomas), was herself a civilian clerk at Headquarters, Southern Command. She and I would very much like to know the whereabouts of Sgt.-Major Grace Wigglesworth and her sister, Sgt.-Major Kathleen Leonard. If this letter meets their eye, or that of anyone who can oblige, both Mrs. Maidment and I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Yours sincerely,

ANNE HARRIS.

7 St. Andrew's Road,
Salisbury.

DEAR EDITOR,

Reading in the last issue of *The Lioness* about Capt. Audrey Williamson and Old Comrades made me think of a dear friend of mine (and many ex-A.T.S.), ex-W.O.P.T. Dorothy Garsten, who since leaving the A.T.S. and joining the B.R.C.S. has travelled far, and is now in Malaya, only a matter of miles from Audrey Williamson, with whom she served. She has been in Germany, Cyprus, and also in this country with the B.R.C.S., and is now in the British Military Hospital, Kamunting, Taiping, Malaya (doing welfare work), as far as I know, for the next two years. I know she is hoping to meet Capt. Williamson in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

IDA LEE,
W.O.2, A.T.S.

The Village Store,
Farthingstone,
Nr. Towcester.

PRESENTATION IN NORTHERN COMMAND

IN a short ceremony at Headquarters Northern Command on September 23, the Chief of Staff, Major-General G. A. Thomas, C.B.E., A.D.C., presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to W.O.2 Bell, the Chief Clerk in Education Branch, Northern Command, and Q.M.S.I. Atkinson who has been for many years on the Command Pool of Cookery Instructors.



A MESSAGE

from the Chairman of HER MAJESTY'S FORCES SAVINGS COMMITTEE

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Obituary

MRS. BAINBRIDGE

LIVERPOOL Branch reports with deep regret the death on November 21, 1958, of Mrs. Bainbridge (Jessie Rycroft), one of their oldest members. The shock of Mrs. Bainbridge's death was the greater for the fact that she had been with us on two evenings previously at our Bring-and-Buy Sale. She was involved in a road accident only a few yards from her home and died on the way to hospital.

Mrs. Bainbridge joined the A.T.S. when it was first formed in 1938 and went to the early camps in 1939. She also experienced the early days of the war when living and working conditions were very hard. It came as a great surprise to many of our members to see from newspaper reports of her death that she was, in fact, 70 years of age. We realised that she must have been over age when she volunteered for the Service in 1938. She was so active that everyone thought of her as being very much younger.

Mrs. Bainbridge was one of the first members of the Liverpool Branch when it was reformed in 1946, and was always an active member. She had served on the Branch Committee at different times and was ever willing and ready to help with the actual work of running our various activities. Apart from Branch affairs she was always keen to help anyone in difficulty, and much more could be written of her kind deeds and thoughtfulness for others. With the sudden and tragic death of Mrs. Bainbridge, the Liverpool Branch has lost a staunch member and loyal friend.

MRS. G. M. FEILING, O.B.E.

MRS. G. M. FEILING, O.B.E., joined Q.M.A.A.C. in 1917 and was put in charge of one of the chateaux for war workers visiting the British Zone. Later she became one of the mainstays of Corps' headquarters in France. After the Armistice she was posted to the Army of Occupation for intelligence duties. In War II she served as a senior commander. She was a very capable officer and a wise and friendly person.

H. C. I. G.-V.

(The November *Lioness* mentioned Mrs. Feiling as Miss Feiling. We apologise for the mistake.)

MISS MARGARET IRVINE

IT is with deep regret the Oxfordshire Branch report the death, on November 3, 1958, of Miss Margaret Florence Irvine, aged 80 years. Miss Irvine served in Q.M.A.A.C. as a Unit Administrator.

MISS CHARLOTTE RUNGAY

LONDON Branch regret to report the death during June, 1958, of Miss Charlotte A. Rungay. Q.M.A.A.C.—Abbeville and Calais, Etaples-Dannes and Audriucq.

MISS ETHEL SIMPSON

OLD COMRADES of Q.M.A.A.C. will learn with regret of the death on November 6 of Miss Ethel Simpson, who served as an officer in France in the Calais and other areas, later joining her sister, Mrs. Starkey, M.B.E. (who died in 1950), at the Old Indian Post Office in Boulogne. Miss Simpson came of an old sea-faring family. In the 18th century her great-grandfather, Capt. Simpson, when at sea, saved the life of the son of King Gustavus of Sweden, and was presented by him with a gold medal (still in the possession of the family) in recognition of his gallantry. Her only brother, who followed the family tradition, went down with his ship early in the 1914-18 War. Miss Simpson's quiet, unassuming devotion to duty, her friendliness and willingness to help in any emergency, endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She will be greatly missed by those of us who knew her well.

Review

"Ask Me No More," by Pamela Frankau

"WHAT are all the A.T.S. doing nowadays?" The phrase is becoming a stock conversational opening, like "Read any good books lately?" One could answer both questions at once by pointing to Senior Commander Pamela Frankau, who since leaving the Service has leapt into literary fame with a series of very good books indeed. They are books which achieve to a remarkable degree the double object of the novelist, giving us hours of absorbed and pleasurable reading and leaving us food for months of thought and argument afterwards.

Ask Me No More (Heinemann, 16s.) is a study of the conflict between truth and lies. Truth is represented by the witty, fastidious, devastatingly clear-sighted Alex, whose fate it is to be emotionally involved with falsehood in all its forms—the unscrupulous charm and selfishness of Geoffrey Bliss, the sunny self-deception of the beautiful spoilt Perdita, the boy Ludo, born with dishonesty in his bones. We are naturally on the side of truth, but Miss Frankau is careful not to make it too easy for us. Love, she delicately suggests, is a blind and biased thing, opposed to truth by its very nature; most of the lovable human virtues (warm-hearted sympathy, tolerance, hope) call for some compromise with truth. Have we the courage to live with the bare bones of truth, stripped of all those comforts and graces? Whose side are we really on?

Luckily our enjoyment of the book does not depend on finding the answer to this fascinating moral problem. It is a good story, beautifully written, with characters as real as living people and a background brilliantly lit by evocative flashes of description. *Ask Me No More* will appeal to a wide public, but particularly to those of her old comrades who find in its wit, perception and technical ability a dazzling reminder of Miss Frankau's personality.

NEWS from the BRANCHES

BATH. The Branch, in conjunction with 15 other small organisations like ourselves, took part in a very successful Hallowe'en Sale of Work which was held on Friday, October 31, at the Octagon in Bath. The Branch had a stall stocked with a variety of goods which members had been making all the year round, and when all expenses had been paid we found we had made £23 clear profit. This enabled us to send a donation of £10 to the Benevolent Fund which was gratefully acknowledged by Headquarters. Members have helped in Flag Days for the British Empire Cancer Campaign and Poppy Day. A very enjoyable Christmas Supper was held on Wednesday, December 17, when twenty members and friends attended. No one was more surprised than the Secretary when the Chairman, Mrs. Mant, presented her with jewellery and cosmetics by Helena Rubenstein, for her work in connection with the Branch over the past four years, and also for the work which she did in connection with the recent Hallowe'en Sale. The Secretary thanked all members most gratefully for this very generous gesture on their part.

BOURNEMOUTH. After a two months' break for the holiday period, the Branch restarted social activities with a supper party at the Gardens Restaurant, Bournemouth. This was followed by a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon in Wimborne, when Miss Carr and Miss Parrett showed a fine collection of coloured photographs taken during their recent visit to the United States. On Remembrance Day members took part in the ex-Service Association's Parade, and attended the rally in the evening. The Annual General Meeting was held early in December. All office-bearers were re-elected and Miss F. Bull was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Miss E. Rose. Members expressed their regret at losing her services, and thanked her for all she had done for the Branch.

BRISTOL. At the Battle of Britain Commemoration Service in September, our Standard was carried by Mrs. Budd (A.T.S.). On October 2 we had a beetle drive and, as usual, it was greatly enjoyed. Our Annual Dinner, held at Legion House in November, took the same form as in other years, everyone contributing to the repast. Altogether 21 members, including the President, Mrs. Bernays, spent a very happy evening. For the British Legion Festival of Remembrance held at the Colston Hall, Saturday, November 8, our Standard was carried by Miss W. Brooks (A.T.S.), and again on Sunday at the Cenotaph Service. Others representing the Services on Saturday were Mrs. Dunstan, Miss Hayward and Miss Smith. At the Annual General Meeting in December we were sorry to hear that Miss K. Cottrell had, through domestic difficulties, tendered her resignation as Secretary. Miss Walker (Q.M.A.A.C.)

voiced the sentiments of us all, when she spoke of her faithful service to the Branch and the fact that she will not be easily replaced. The Belra vacancy has been filled by Mrs. Rawlings (A.T.S.). Mrs. Webb (Q.M.A.A.C.), Mrs. Skidmore (Q.M.A.A.C.) and Mrs. Histed (A.T.S.) are ill in hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery and better health in the New Year.

DERBY. We have had a very enjoyable year, though we are small in numbers. This year we say good-bye to our eldest member, Mrs. Rawbotham (Q.M.A.A.C.), who is going to Bristol and will, we hope, have a friendly reception in the Bristol Branch. The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades have given us a warm welcome and have invited us to all their activities. We meet on the first Friday of each month. Our best wishes to *The Lioness* for 1959.

EDINBURGH. The first important occasion was Armistice Sunday when, in accordance with our usual custom, two members represented the Branch at a service in St. Giles' Cathedral after having placed a wreath at the Stone of Remembrance. We took active steps to assist the Branch finances by holding a large-scale Watch Competition, in which the lucky winner (a gentleman) received a beautiful lady's gold wrist watch. Our Annual General Meeting was held on a very blustery December night and, in spite of this, was very well attended. Our office-bearers are unchanged, though we have four new members of the Committee. We were very pleased to welcome as new members Miss Speedy, Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Mackintosh (all ex-A.T.S.) and Mrs. Cattill (ex-Q.M.A.A.C.) Much effort has been made to suit the tastes of all members in the full programme of talks and activities arranged for the rest of the winter season.

GIBRALTAR. The main item of interest during the quarter was the Bazaar which was held on Saturday afternoon, October 4, 1958. There were Cake, Books, Jumble and New Goods stalls, as well as side shows. Tea was served by members of 18 Independent Company, W.R.A.C. The Bazaar was opened by Mrs. J. F. Snow, wife of the Deputy Fortress Commander. After the opening ceremony, Linda Savage, daughter of one of our members, presented Mrs. Snow with a pretty basket of carnations. The Bazaar was most successful, the proceeds amounting to approximately £70. At our meeting on October 28, it was unanimously agreed that a cheque for £50 should be sent to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. In acknowledging this donation, the General Secretary of the Benevolent Fund pointed out that as £10 had already been sent to the Fund during 1958, the Gibraltar Branch had now contributed more in any one year than any other Branch of the Association. This is very heartening news, which encourages us to try to

retain this record in 1959. Whist drives have been started instead of the tombola evenings which were held last season. So far these have been successful and it is hoped to hold them twice a month during the winter. On December 9, a games evening was organised as a result of a challenge issued to serving members by the ex-Service members of the Branch. This was a most enjoyable occasion. The serving members won by the small margin of 14 points to 12 points.

GLASGOW. On Saturday, October 25, 1958, we had a Hallowe'en Party in the Club and entertained 24 children from the Gryffe Home, Bridge of Weir. The usual Hallowe'en cantrips were indulged in, and in the words of our National Bard, "Wi' merry sangs and friendly cracks, I wat they didna weary." Our thanks are due to all members and friends who helped to make this evening such a success. The Annual Dinner was held in the Ivy Restaurant on Saturday, November 22, and although numbers were smaller than usual, we had a very enjoyable evening. Our guest of the evening was Lt.-Col. C. A. Cecil, who gave an address on the progress of the W.R.A.C. Representatives from Ayr and Edinburgh Branches also said a few words.

GRIMSBY. For one of our meetings we had a bus trip, a tour of the Lincolnshire Wolds, finishing up at Caistor for a sing-song and hot-dogs. This pleasant evening was arranged by Mrs. Brewster, one of our members. In August we were unable to hold a meeting owing to the Bank Holiday, and in September the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) attended annual camp at Sennybridge so only four members turned up, but we were able to arrange a beetle drive for October which was a great success. Thirty-four members and friends took part, and we were very pleased to welcome Miss Mallard from Nottingham and C.S.M. Shooter from Lincoln. Miss P. Rutledge has been appointed Treasurer.

LIVERPOOL. Our activities since our last report have included whist drives, tombola, a quiz and a film show. Two high lights during 1958 were a Hot-pot Supper in April and a Buffet Supper in October, both functions being much enjoyed by members and guests. At the end of 1957 we had a visit from Major Vennard, who is now at Western Command Headquarters, and she spoke to us about her experiences whilst commanding the W.R.A.C. in Jamaica. Major Vennard was a most interesting speaker and we could have listened for much longer than our time allowed. Another interesting speaker was one of our own members, Miss A. G. Learmouth, M.B.E., T.D., who not only talked about her visit to the A.T.S. Anniversary Dinner on August 30, but also gave us her impressions of her two visits to Buckingham Palace, first to see her sister receive the M.B.E. and then to receive the M.B.E. herself. We have again held our annual Bring-and-Buy Sale and are, as always, much indebted to a small body of regulars who support us and enable us to carry on our activities.

In June we had the pleasure of presenting to our Treasurer a wedding present from the Branch. Mrs. Lloyd (née Clucas) has served the Branch for many years, and it gave us much pleasure to be able to recognise her services and wish her well for the future. At the end of 1957 we were able to present a silver vase to the Depot Church at Guildford, and the Secretary had the pleasure of seeing it actually in the Church when she visited the Depot in September. Whilst at the Depot she was also able to visit the Museum and found it extremely interesting. As usual, in November, representatives from the Branch attended the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in Liverpool and a wreath was laid by the Chairman on behalf of the Branch. Our members were deeply shocked to learn of the sudden death, by accident, of Mrs. J. Bainbridge, one of our oldest members. She will be much missed by the Liverpool Branch.

LONDON. In October we had an evening of competitions, organised by Miss Templeman, which was very entertaining and caused us to exercise our brains somewhat. On November 1 we held our Annual Dinner at the Victory ex-Service Club. Unfortunately our President, Miss Edith Thompson, was unable to take the chair on this occasion, as she was on a visit to Canada, but our Vice-President, Dame Frances Coulshed, was happily with us and took over this duty. It was our pleasure to have with us as guests Brigadier Colvin, Director W.R.A.C., and our American friend, Mrs. Chavannes. We were happy to hear the latest news of the W.R.A.C., and particularly of the proposed new uniforms. How nice it is to have Dame Helen with us on these occasions, and the cry "We want Dame Helen" once again brought her to her feet. Miss Druitt, too, said a few words, and her comments on various articles of W.R.A.C. clothing proved most amusing, particularly to the only male in the room, the commissionaire at the door. Also with us on this occasion was Mrs. Lees, the blind member from Birkenhead, just as cheerful as ever. For one of our own members, Miss Dickinson, this was a special occasion, as she was also celebrating her birthday. We continued our programme with a successful Bring-and-Buy Sale in November, our Annual General Meeting on December 4, and our Christmas Party on December 18. We were sorry Mrs. Giles could not be with us for the party, as she was out of London with her husband who is convalescing after a serious illness, but she had all the refreshments arranged before she left. This time we had no pre-arranged programme, but thanks to all who came prepared with games and entertainment, our pianists, and those who helped with the refreshments, we all had a most enjoyable evening.

NOTTINGHAM. Our October meeting was spent in planning the winter programme and gossiping over past events. The Annual General Meeting was held in November when the Chairman, Secretary and Committee were re-elected. Mrs. Loewenthal and Miss Burton gave a very



The Salisbury Branch Christmas Dinner

Courtesy: Salisbury Times

interesting talk on their holiday in the Austrian Tyrol, illustrated by coloured film slides. December saw us once again enjoying our annual Christmas Dinner at the Little John Restaurant. We were pleased to see the ex-Chilwellians, Spence, Woodthorpe and Henson. The menu was the traditional Christmas fare, complete with "flaming Christmas pudding," the customary silver piece being found in the Secretary's portion. Old photographs were produced by ex-Sgt.-Major Henson, on which quite a few of our members were recognised in their heyday at Chilwell in the early days. The Press gave us a very good picture in the local newspaper which we hope brought us some publicity. The yearly gift of Christmas parcels to old age pensioners was once again most successful. We gathered at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, December 17, and sorted out all our gifts of groceries into 17 very large parcels. These were taken by our members to the old age pensioners of Nottingham, and the appreciation and thanks of these old lonely people amply repaid us for our efforts.

Oxford. There was a very large attendance for the Annual General Meeting, which was held on November 4, at the Headquarters of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association. Major M. A. Urban-Smith, M.C. (14/20th Hussars), who is a brother of one of our members, and who is still a serving officer, gave a very interesting talk on Army life in Aden.

SALISBURY. We have had a very successful year and have been extremely pleased to welcome five new members to our regular meetings. In June we acted as hostesses for the Southern Area Reunion at Wilton House. As well as going over the historic mansion and enjoying the lovely grounds, our guests visited the modern W.R.A.C. quarters at Fugglestone Camp. In November two of our members were chosen to represent the Association and lay a wreath on the Cenotaph at the Remembrance Day Parade. The annual Christmas Dinner of the Branch was held at the Cathedral Hotel, as usual, on December 10, 25 members and guests attending.

SINGAPORE. The October meeting in Singapore was the best attended since the formation of the Branch in 1955. Well over 30 members came along to hear Mr. Koh of the Singapore Police Force talk about the Chinese secret societies. Mr. Koh gave a most interesting talk, tracing the history of the societies, explaining their aims, giving reasons for their coming to Malaya, and finally leading up to some of their activities in Singapore at the present time. Everyone very much enjoyed the evening.

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Subscriptions are still being forwarded at the old rate. Will members please note the following increases. Annual 6s., 4-year £1 4s., and life £6.

W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess

Regimental Dinner

THE fourth Regimental Dinner was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Tuesday, November 11, 1958. General H.R.H. The Princess Royal presided and the guests were The Right Honourable Christopher Soames, Secretary of State for War, and Mrs. Soames, General Sir Charles Loewen, Adjutant General, and Lady Loewen, Major-General R. F. Johnstone, Director of Personal Services, and Mrs. Johnstone, and the Director of Manpower Planning, Major-General G. Peddie.

A telegram of loyal greetings was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, who was graciously pleased to send the following reply:

"I have deeply appreciated your loyal message and I send you my warmest good wishes for an enjoyable evening."

The W.R.A.C. Staff Band played during dinner. Among the hundred officers who attended were retired officers Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, Brigadier Dame Mary Railton, Cols. Hammond, Macfie, Cooke, Crewe-Read and Morgan, Lt.-Cols. Morgan and Hurburgh, Majors Coven and Warden.

In the drawing-room after dinner many officers had the honour of being presented to H.R.H. The Princess Royal.

Annual General Meeting

The fifth Annual General Meeting of the W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess will be held on Monday, April 27, 1959, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, S.W.3, at 2.30 p.m.

OFFICERS' POSTINGS

(Up to February 28, 1959)

Major M. M. BISHOP, Youth Liaison Officer, H.Q., Northern Command, York.
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Lt. H. S. GILL (T/Capt.), W.R.A.C. School of Instruction, Hindhead.

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Lt. S. F. B. PROCTOR, 140 Provost Company, W.R.A.C., Kingston.

Lt. J. F. SHERMAN, N.I.D. (M) Signal Squadron, Lisburn.

Lt. S. R. TURNBULL, 327 T.S.B.O. Troop, F.A.R.E.L.F.

2/Lt. J. M. DICKER, 19 Army Group Signal Regiment.

Retirement

LT.-COL. A. D. S. HURBURGH

LT.-COL. HURBURGH, who retired in October 1958, joined the A.T.S. in October 1939, and was commissioned in July 1942. She served in a number of regimental appointments, and then as W.R.A.C. Adviser, 82 A.A. Bde., D.A.D.W.R.A.C., Aldershot District, and A.D.W.R.A.C., 4 A.A. Group. In 1955 she was attached for duty with Forces Broadcasting, and carried out an investigation which brought her into touch with serving women in every trade and employment. She was thus well known to W.R.A.C. Units and well equipped for other rank administration when she took up her final appointment at Medical Services and W.R.A.C. Records. She is famous throughout the Corps for her exquisite needlework, and swept the board at W.R.A.C. Handicraft Exhibitions with her dressmaking, embroidery, and soft toys. As President of the Army (Women's) Swimming Association she did much to encourage swimming in the W.R.A.C. On her retirement from the active list she has accepted a post under the Retired Officer Scheme on the Selection Staff at the W.R.A.C. Depot, and we hope that the Corps will continue to have the benefit of her knowledge and experience for many years to come.

MAYOR-ELECT

We are proud to report that Miss Katherine Acland, O.B.E., Chief Commander A.T.S. and indefatigable worker for the Association and the Benevolent Fund, has been chosen as the next Mayor of Chelsea.

PERSONAL

(For charges and particulars see Contents page)

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