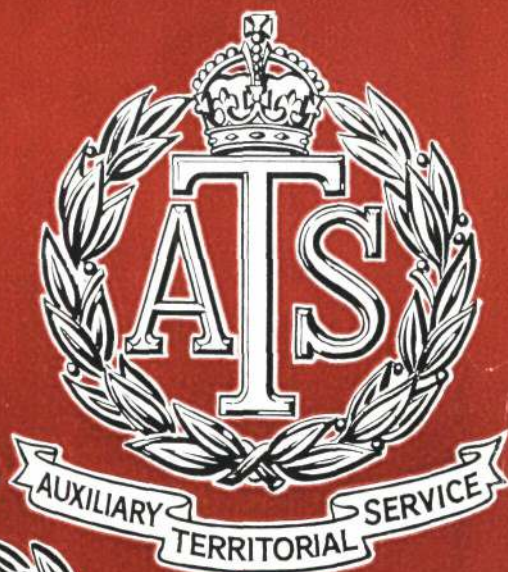
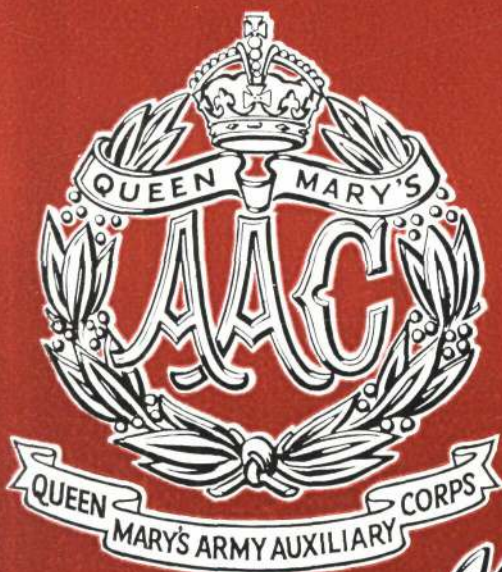


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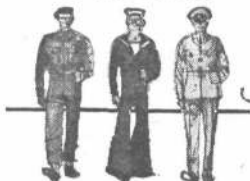
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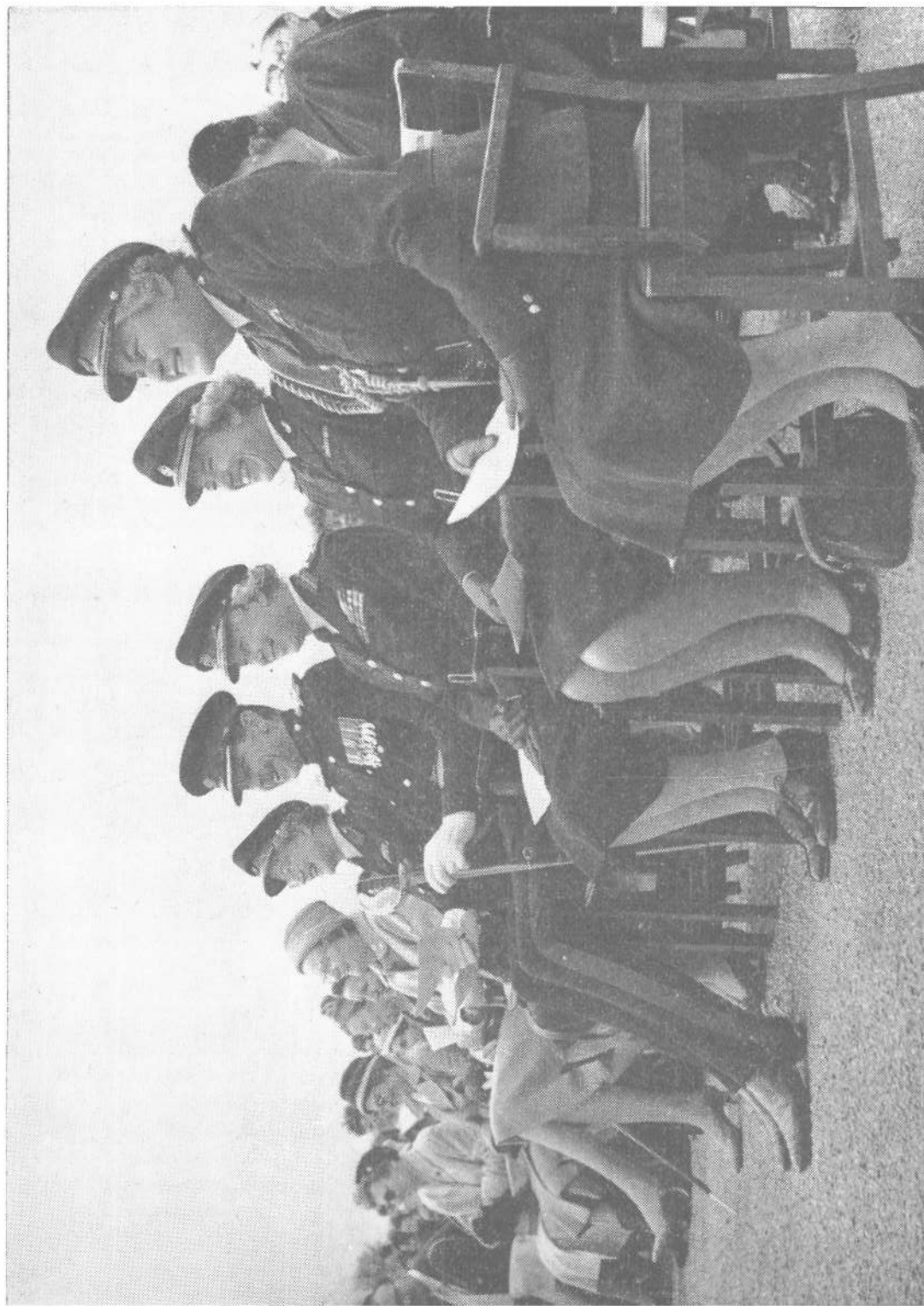
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Watching the display at the W.R.A.C. Depot on Corps Day

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Editorial

IT is more than a little disconcerting to find a *Lioness* roaring impatiently at your office door before you have even got a filing cabinet to cage her in, or a supply of stationery to satisfy her appetite. We are sure that, like the famous Elsa, she will, in time, prove a fascinating companion but, at the moment, her presence fills us with apprehension. A course on Lion Taming must exist, but the opportunity to attend one never occurred during our Army career, and the fear of obtaining a grading of "E—Eaten" would undoubtedly have deterred us from breaking the golden rule of "never volunteer for anything."

THE experience of having to deal with something quite new, and quite beyond the scope of one's very modest qualifications, happens fairly often in the Army, and it would appear that retirement is not so very different after all. Encouraged by this thought, we remember that, in the past, somebody has always been there to give help, advice and encouragement, and that we have all our members, past, present and future, to rely on.

THE function of a Corps Headquarters is that of a secretariat, not a dictator. It is there to carry out the wishes of the Association and the other branches of Corps life that it is privileged to serve. With the best will in the world, it cannot do everything, and it would not be right that it should, for this would spoil the whole spirit of comradeship and voluntary service on which our Corps is built. We hope that you will continue to write your own *Lioness*, run your own committees and finances, and express your own views as freely as you have in the past.

CHANGES can be seen, not only in the formation of a Corps Headquarters. One that will cause universal satisfaction is that the important appointments of Commandant of the W.R.A.C. Depot and Training Centre, and Commandant of the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction, have both been upgraded to Colonel, a rank more in keeping with the status and responsibility involved. All of us owe a debt of gratitude for the continuous hard work so willingly carried out by the permanent staff of these two units for the benefit of the Corps as a whole.

BIRTH

HUTCHINSON. On March 20, 1961, at H.B.M.H. Hostert, to Beatrice (nee Wilson), wife of Major J. S. Hutchinson, M.B.E., R.A.O.C., a daughter (Elizabeth Claire), a sister for Peter, Susan and Helen.

MARRIAGE

GODFREY—CLEAVER. On June 22, 1961, Isadore Godfrey (Musical Director, D'Oyly Carte Opera Company) to G. G. Mary Cleaver (F.A.N.Y., ex-Jr. Comd., A.T.S., and Captain, W.R.A.C.).

Retirements

Brigadier Dame Mary Colvin, D.B.E., T.D., A.D.C.

THE time has come to say goodbye to Brigadier Dame Mary Colvin, who relinquishes the appointment of Director W.R.A.C. on August 18, 1961.

She enrolled as a Volunteer with the 9 (Devon) Motor Driver Company A.T.S. in January, 1939, and was promoted to the rank of Company Assistant shortly before being called up in September, 1939. Her war-time service included M.T. Companies in Southern Command, Command of a C.O.D. Group at Weedon and a year with A.A. Units and formations. In 1954, having taken a Civil Affairs course, she was posted to a first grade appointment on the staff on Military Government in Hamburg and was awarded the O.B.E. for her work there. After a tour in Northern Ireland she became Commandant of the A.T.S. Officers' School and O.C.T.U. during the difficult period when the unit moved from Windsor to Hindhead and changed to the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction and Officer Cadet School that we know today. As Director she has toured widely both at home and overseas and has done much to encourage outside interests, particularly riding, in the Corps. An accomplished horsewoman herself, she hunts as regularly as her duties permit and is frequently seen as a judge at horse trials all over the country. We wish her a happy and interesting life on her retirement to her new home in Rutland.

Lt.-Colonel M. H. Boydell, T.D.

LT.-COLONEL M. H. BOYDELL retired from active service on June 26, 1961. She joined the A.T.S. in November 1938, and was appointed Deputy Company Commander of the 23 East Lancs Company A.T.S., which was affiliated to 5th Battalion the Manchester Regiment. She was called up for full-time service in September 1939 and attended the first junior officers' course at Aldermaston. She will be remembered by many as the last Commandant of the A.T.S. Training Centre at Guildford, where the flowering cherry trees remind us each year of her great knowledge of plants and love of gardens. Her most recent appointments have been as A.D.W.R.A.C., first at H.Q. Western Command and finally at H.Q. Scottish Command in Edinburgh. She was an active member of Council for many years, and we hope that she will keep in touch with her many friends in the Association during her retirement.

W.R.A.C. Depot and Training Centre

PRINCESS ROYAL'S DAY was held on April 23, 1961. Her Royal Highness was present, together with nearly 2,000 past and present members of the service. Despite blustery weather, a total of £135 was raised for the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund and there was keen competition in flower arranging, pancake racing, slow bicycling and between units in the medley relay race.

The Commandant attended the Service of Consecration at Guildford Cathedral on May 17, 1961, and officers and other rank volunteers from the Depot sold the Orders of Service outside the Cathedral. Representatives from the Depot were also present at the special "Deanery of Guildford" service in the Cathedral on May 18, 1961. Arrangements are being made for the dedication of the Corps window and the unveiling of the statue by the Lord Bishop of Guildford on September 2, 1961. This is a most important Corps event, and the Depot is proud to be able to take part, especially as it will be one of the last big occasions before the move to Lingfield.

A team from the unit took part in the "Ten Tors 1961" expedition which was organised by the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals, over part of Dartmoor as a test of endurance and leadership. The Depot team were very thrilled to come in third, after two teams of local girls, and we congratulate them on their achievement. Representatives from the Depot also took part in the "Parade of Youth" on June 1, 1961. This formed part of Commonwealth Technical Training Week, and the salute was taken by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

W.R.A.C. School of Instruction

BRIGADIER DAME MARY RAILTON, D.B.E., Deputy Controller Commandant, formally opened the Company Garden on May 30, 1961. This had been made by members of "H.Q." Company and equipped with garden furniture purchased by a grant made by the Aldershot District Welfare Fund. She also presented W/111485 Pte. Squares, W., with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and talked to the members of the team who won the Southern Command W.R.A.C. Cookery competition, and to those members of the unit who will be participating in the Nijmegen Marches.

The Commissioning Ceremony of the 26th Course of W.R.A.C. Officer Cadets took place at Hindhead on June 14, 1961. The presentations were made and the address given by the Rt. Hon. John Profumo, O.B.E., M.P., Secretary of State for War. Both he and Mrs. Profumo had lunch with the Permanent Staff officers and other guests beforehand and were able to meet the Officer Cadets being commissioned and their parents at tea afterwards. The address at the Drumhead Service

which preceded the Commissioning Ceremony was given by the Rt. Rev. F. F. Johnston, C.B.E., M.A., formerly Bishop of Egypt and Libya. The W.R.A.C. Staff Band played for the Drumhead Service and Commissioning Ceremony and afterwards during tea on the Officers' Mess lawn, under their Director of Music, Major J. B. Macdowall, M.B.E., A.R.A.M.

UNIT NEWS

3 INDEPENDENT COMPANY

BRIGADIER M. T. YOUNG, D.S.O., C.B.E., the B.B.R.A. H.Q. Western Command, presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to S/Sgt. A. Gannon and Pte. G. D. Blacker on June 7, 1961. S/Sgt. Gannon joined the A.T.S. at Dalkeith in 1942 as a Mess Orderly and subsequently trained as a cook. She has frequently been employed as an Instructor and this is her second tour of duty at Manorbier. Pte. Blacker also joined the A.T.S. in 1942 as an orderly and later qualified as a cook. She has recently returned from a four years tour of duty in Germany.

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5 INDEPENDENT COMPANY

CORPS Day in Jamaica was celebrated amid blue skies and glorious sunshine. After Church Parade, the O.C. and members of our Company were "At Home." Among the many visitors who gathered under a marquee in front of the Company lines, were some officers of the Garrison and several Jamaican ex-service members of the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. as well as our own British ex-service members whose husbands are serving in the Garrison, either on the Staff, with the Services or with the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

It is not possible to give all the names of those present, but readers may like to hear of Mrs. Peck (Cpl. Newman) who served in Aldershot, 1942-46, and who is here with her husband and two daughters; Mrs. Lewis (Pte. Collins) who served with A.A. Command, nearly all her service, she told us, was on a gun-site in the East End of London. Mrs. Lewis, whose husband is in the Hampshires, has three children now. Among the Jamaican ex-service women were Mrs. Teape (Pte. Bartlett), Mrs. Watson (L/Cpl. Beare) and Mrs. Reid (Pte. Forrester) who all served in the U.K., mostly at Bicester with the R.A.O.C. during 1943-46. Mrs. Reid told us she was also with Royal Signals in Edinburgh, and played hockey at Eastern Command. Also with us was Mrs. Woodstock (Cpl. Collymore) who served with A.A. Command at Cardiff, and went to Belgium as a radio operator.

It was a very enjoyable day, we had a lovely cake given by the R.A.S.C., with which we served cool drinks to our guests, while they reminisced and looked at photograph albums.



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HEADMISTRESSES' CONFERENCE

TWO-HUNDRED AND THIRTY Headmistresses attended a conference on Careers in the Women's Services, arranged by Dr. Margaret Yates of the Ministry of Defence, at Woolwich on January 6, 1961.

Mr. Harold Watkinson, the Minister of Defence, opened the conference and welcomed the Headmistresses on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force. He spoke of the need for conventional forces as well as the nuclear deterrent. He said we must stand ready to use the one or the other, or a combination of both, and that the knowledge that we have this determination and flexibility is the best guarantee that we shall not have to go to extremes in using our power. If we believe in freedom, it is best that those who defend it should themselves be freely enrolled men and women. Too much publicity had been given in the past to the tools and too little to the characteristics required of those who must know how to use them. It is important that

like many others before it. He firmly believed that a career in the Women's Services was worth while for their girls, not only in itself, but also because their country really needed them.

Lt.-General Sir Richard Goodbody, the Adjutant-General, gave an outline of the place of, and the need for, women in the Armed Forces, and said that two World Wars have shown what an immensely valuable contribution they can make, and the many vital and important jobs they can carry out as well as, or better than, men. The Women's Services are now firmly established as an integral part of the Armed Forces, their presence has an excellent effect on the behaviour and morale of the men, and is a very great asset to the services. The qualities they need are very much the same as those required by men, initiative, loyalty and a sense of responsibility; the very qualities that they aim to cultivate in their pupils. All the services offer an attractive career, the rewards are many, but



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The Directors of the Women's Services with the Headmistresses at the Conference

parents and teachers should be aware of the career prospects in the Services for their young people, but it is also important that they should know why there is a need for them to come forward now. A peaceful and a free world are only to be got by devoted personal service; if we are not prepared to pay this price for our way of life, it will collapse,

the greatest of all is the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing a worthwhile job vital to the preservation of peace. This is not always as widely recognised outside the Forces as it might be.

The Matron-in-Chief of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. and the Directors of the W.R.N.S., W.R.A.C. and W.R.A.F. all put forward their own particular

service needs and points of view. The type of girl they all required should have a sound standard of education, potential qualities of leadership, initiative, adaptability and a sense of responsibility and service. It was necessary to dispel the war-time idea that life in the Women's Services consists of regimentation, parading about and living in vast gloomy barracks among crowds of people. This is a thing of the past. The woman officer's life is varied, responsible, sometimes exacting, but never dull, good quality Other Ranks are being enlisted, and they deserve, and must have, good officers and leaders.

Miss Bull, President of the Association of Headmistresses, said that they would all go back to their schools prepared to help to the best of their ability. A conference of this kind emphasised so ably how service could be rendered, that they would gladly pass this on to the pupils for whom they were responsible.

On the evening before the conference, 70 Headmistresses dined by candle light in the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess at Woolwich, as guests of the Admiralty, the Army Council and the Air Council. The Chief of the Defence Staff, Lord Mountbatten, and other senior officers, also attended the dinner.

As the aim of the Conference was to convince Headmistresses that it is essential to have women in the Services, and that they are offered an attractive career, it is encouraging to note that recent reports from Youth Liaison Officers at Command Headquarters show a great increase of interest from many of the schools in their area.

Correspondence

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

I do not profess to any literary talents, nor do I intend to write an article on my seven and a half years as General Secretary, but what I do want to do through the medium of *The Lioness* is to thank you all for the friendly co-operation I have had on all sides since I have been at the Duke of York's. I never dreamed when I was appointed that I should be for so long a period in London and, now that I have left to take some other post in the South after a long holiday, I realise what the Association has meant to me, and all it will mean in the future. I know that Col. Millington will receive the same co-operation, and I hope the Association will grow each year as members appreciate fully the close ties we ex-Service members have with each other.

I shall hope to meet you all from time to time at reunions.

A. J. LUMSDEN.

Dedication of W.R.A.C. Window

THE Lord Bishop of Guildford has kindly agreed to dedicate the W.R.A.C. window at a service in Guildford Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 2, 1961. All members of the Association and their friends will be welcome, and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

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BRIDGE OVER THE YEARS

DAME HELEN GWYNNE - VAUGHAN, C.B.E., LL.D., D.S.C., visited the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction on June 12, 1961, formally to present to the Officer Cadet Mess a portrait of Alexandra Mary Watson, C.B.E., M.D., Chief Controller, Women's Army Auxilliary Corps, 1917-1918, and a statuette of an officer of the W.A.A.C. 1917, presented by members of the W.R.A.C. Association. Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan was accompanied by the Deputy Controller Commandant, Brigadier Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E., and Miss S. L. M. Schmolle, who painted the portrait, and had served in the A.T.S. The statuette was the work of Miss M. Wrightson, once a driver in the W.A.A.C. in France, and the presentation took place in the dining room of the Officer Cadet Mess, where the portrait now hangs.

The Commandant, Col. D. H. I. Wilson, O.B.E., welcomed Dame Helen and thanked her and the members of the W.R.A.C. Association for the portrait and the statuette. She added that Corps History had come to life for the Officer Cadets in having this opportunity of meeting Dame Helen. In her presentation speech Dame Helen outlined the life of Mrs. Chalmers Watson, the first woman to serve as an officer. Alexandra Mary Geddes was born in 1873. She studied medicine in the University of Edinburgh and in 1898 was the first

woman to receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine in that University. On the same day she married a fellow graduate, Dr. Chalmers Watson. They practised medicine together in Edinburgh, and there their two sons were born. When in January, 1917, the Army Council were considering the employment of women with the troops on active service, Mrs. Watson's brother was Director of Recruiting at the War Office. He suggested that his sister should be consulted. She came at once to London, and was eventually offered the appointment of senior officer of the proposed Corps. On her fell the heavy responsibility of recruitment and organisation of the drafts going overseas, to which soon was added the great expansion of the Corps for home service. Early in 1918, Mrs. Watson received permission from the Army Council to retire, as her children were young and she felt they could no longer be left. She was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division), the highest grade permitted to the rank to which Chief Controller was then equivalent.

Junior Under Officer S. P. Greenslade, the Senior Officer Cadet, thanked Dame Helen for the portrait and the statuette on behalf of the present and future officer cadets. After the presentation, tea was served in the ante-room, when all the officer cadets had the opportunity of talking to Dame Helen.

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**Three Generations:
Dame Helen Gwynne-
Vaughan and
Miss S. L. M. Schmolle
with W.R.A.C. Officer
Cadets.**



WITH THE ARMY *but not of it*

E. D. NORRIS

LIKE a great many girls starting work, I had grand ideas of a job with an airline or shipping company and possibilities of travel all over the world. Unfortunately, my shorthand and type-writing achievements did not quite match up to my ambitions, so I joined the Civil Service, which at that time was willing to take on partly-trained staff and finish the job. I hadn't forgotten my wish to travel, and as soon as I was 21, I applied for overseas service, and was eventually accepted. However, wheels are apt to grind very slowly, and between sending in my application and actually moving, two and a half years went by. I left London, where I had done the rounds of several typing pools and most of the War Office buildings in Central London, and joined the staff of C.R.E. Kent, in Chatham, thus beginning a connection with the Royal Engineers which lasted seven years, except for a break of two and a half years, when I was abroad. Somehow, one gets a feeling of belonging when working for a particular Corps, that is totally lacking in a typing pool in a large building. In the pool, one is part of a large machine into which pieces of paper are fed, to be turned out as letters for signature, all quite unrelated to each other as a rule. In a small office, one more often sees the story through from beginning to end, which makes things much more interesting. I was quite sorry to leave R.E. Works Services when, at last, in 1957, I was told I was to go to Germany. It wasn't quite what I had hoped for, but much better than nothing. At my interview, when asked where I would like to go, I had said, in all innocence, "Far East, please." The gentlemen on the board seemed a little dubious, and explained that they didn't often send people there, as staff could be recruited locally. One remarked thoughtfully: "We did once send a Clerical Assistant there—I wonder what became of her?"

At last the day arrived, and with my all packed in one large suitcase, one small suitcase, a smallish trunk and two or three assorted zip bags, I set off for Moenchengladbach, which I had never even heard of, and which I had had great difficulty in finding on the map. I was a little disappointed when I arrived, to find that my fate was to return to working in a typing pool, but that didn't last very long, and in less than six months, I was sadly saying goodbye to all the friends I had made, and hastily borrowing extra cases to take all the things I had acquired. I could hardly believe I had bought so much in so short a time.

Hamburg was a complete change from the life I had grown accustomed to. In M.G., there was always something going on. There were three civilian messes in addition to the various service messes and clubs, and there was hardly ever an evening when there was literally nothing to do. In Hamburg, although there were still a few messes open, and a N.A.A.F.I. shop and a cinema, the army was in the process of moving out, leaving the

Army Post Office and not much else. We had our office in barracks outside the town, until these were taken over by the Bundeswehr, and then we moved to a block overlooking the Alster—glorious, except that my office was at the back of the building, overlooking the M.T. yard, a cobbler's shop, and a large expanse of wall.

I expected to spend the rest of my three-year tour in Hamburg, and was making plans for visiting and revisiting many places the following year, but it seems it is never wise to plan too far ahead, for, after only 11 months, I was on the move again. This time, the official wheels spun at a quite dizzy speed. One Monday, I was asked if I would be interested in working in Warsaw, I thought it over, and on Tuesday, said "Yes," on Wednesday, the Command Secretary gave me permission to apply, and on Thursday I was on my way back to London for an interview. There were also vacancies in Paris and Sofia, and in spite of my dropping an enormous brick, and telling the Board that Sofia was in Czechoslovakia, I found myself accepted for this post, with three months to get used to the idea, and to pack once more. This time, I needed three packing cases, my trunk, all my suitcases, holdalls, zip bags, etc., to say nothing of about half a dozen parcels which I sent on ahead.

I spent just over a month at home, working once more with the Royal Engineers, this time at the School of Military Engineering, and then, at last, at the end of January, it was time to leave. There were several last-minute panics—my luggage had been held up somewhere on the way home from Germany, and didn't arrive until after I had left, so I left my long-suffering mother to repack it, giving her long lists of items to be left out, and others to be added. The train left Victoria at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and I arrived in Sofia at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, the longest journey I had ever taken. It was rather disappointing to find that I had passed right through Switzerland at night, and the only glimpse of mountains I got was across miles of plains in Northern Italy. After Venice, however, things got better, and in Yugoslavia I got my first sight of some real mountains, with a rocky stream running alongside the track. My mind was full of Ruritanian romance and tales of intrigue, but there wasn't even a "Murder on the Orient Express." By the time the train reached Sofia, an hour after crossing the border into Bulgaria, I felt I had had enough of travelling for the time being, and I was only too glad to be taken in charge by a small reception committee, and taken to my third-floor flat in a modern block.

After all the wild tales I had been told, it was quite a relief to find that Sofia is a beautiful and modern city. It is a city of contrasts, too. It has overcrowded old houses, converted into flats where families live in one or two rooms, as well as seven or eight-storey blocks of flats, modern shops as well

as markets where peasants sell hand-painted pottery, and there are fine parks and public gardens. It seemed to me that wherever there was a spare corner of ground, it had been made into a garden. There are some large and rather ugly statues, but there are also some small and quite charming ones—a fawn, two children playing with a ball, a girl drawing water, and the one that I liked best, a most lifelike cat almost asking to be stroked. The city is built on a plain, surrounded by mountains, the nearest being Mt. Vitosha, which rises almost from the edge of Sofia, to the South-West. Here, in winter, there were slopes for skiing, and in summer, it was a favourite spot for picnics.

After work, there was always plenty to do. There were parties of various sorts, a general favourite being a buffet supper. Most of the flats allocated to the staff of the Legation had rooms large enough for dancing. Invitations to such parties were usually pinned up on the Legation notice board, and there were usually two or three smaller lunch or dinner parties during the week. Once a week, the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra gave a concert in the main concert hall, with well-known guest artists, and the Opera House also flourished.

It was very nice to be able to fly to Athens for a short holiday, and Istanbul is also within easy reach, although I regret I missed the opportunity to go there. It was also nice to spend a few days by the Black Sea, at one of the new resorts—Nessebur, where I went, was so new it was not quite finished. The hotels and restaurants were open for business, but the gardens had still to be laid out.

Although there are far more popular posts than Sofia, I was very sorry when, after a year, the time came to leave. Most people were only too glad to get back to English shops and entertainments, and although I, too, was very glad to be home again, I have still a slight feeling of "homesickness." So, back to England, and back, for just a year, to my old friends, the Royal Engineers. Now, I have "joined" the W.R.A.C., as a member of the clerical staff at Corps Headquarters, and, already, I am beginning to feel at home. I know I shall enjoy helping to feed *The Lioness*—I always did love cats.

Recruiting Officers at Woolwich

AS A Corps of Volunteers, it is difficult for us to realise the problems caused by the end of National Service. With the need to stimulate interest in recruiting an all Regular Army in mind, the Adjutant-General decided that all Recruiting Officers, and members of Liaison Staffs in the United Kingdom, should have a two weeks' course on their duties, and the W.R.A.C. have naturally been included in this scheme. While attending these courses, we have been accommodated in the historic Royal Artillery Officers' Mess at Woolwich, and have been made most welcome. We are very proud of the fact that we were waited on by members of the W.R.A.C. who have the honour of wearing a special Mess uniform in Royal Artillery colours. This is one of the many jobs in the Corps that can be undertaken by women who wish to serve while continuing to live at home, and we felt that their smartness and efficiency started us off with a very good recruiting incentive.

"THEY ALSO SERVED"

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ABOUT 5,000 members of the Women's Forage Corps were employed by the War Office with the R.A.S.C. during the First World War; as their name implies, they were mainly concerned with the supply of forage to the Army at home and in France. Mrs. Rolfe (formerly Miss B. Lambert), who served in this Corps, recently attended a Recruits Passing Out Parade at the W.R.A.C. Depot, and writes:

"How I envied the girls on Parade, and wished that I could put back the clock—how many years! So far as I remember, the only training I got was a short lecture from the Commanding Officer, consisting of 17 words: 'I am not concerned with the good excuses you can make, I am only interested in results.' And he meant it, too. I well remember the Commanding Officer's expression when we first reported for duty. Clearly he feared the worst, and a trio of Germans would not have shaken him nearly as much as did the arrival of three girls. Obviously the British Empire was at its last gasp, and surrender to the enemy was imminent. We envisaged a very different sort of surrender, but breaking down the opposition was not easy. Neither work nor the anxiety to please had the slightest effect—we were still outsiders. We decided that our tactics must be changed if we were to succeed—and so, the next time the C.O. was within earshot, one of us remarked: 'Isn't the C.O. an absolute pet.' It worked like magic.

"In the address given to the W.R.A.C. Recruits after the Parade, the Brigadier told us of a General's driver who crashed his car and ended up as his bride. I was less fortunate. Having landed my W.D. motor-bike and sidecar, in which the C.O. was sitting, into a ford running across the road at Much Hadham, from which we had the indignity of being pulled by a cart horse, he did not marry me, but only returned me to Stations, where I spent most of the rest of my service climbing in and out of railway trucks, cycling perhaps 30 miles a day, and filling in dozens of forms.

"At 19, too, all senior officers seemed sub-human and absolute dragons. Yesterday I thought them all quite charming, but could it be that even now they still insist on hats being worn straight, and skirts full length?"

W.R.A.C. Museum

THE Depot and Training Centre keep a scrapbook of articles of interest appearing in newspapers and periodicals, appertaining to the W.R.A.C. The books are put in the museum as they are filled. It is probable that items appearing in local papers, especially those relating to T.A. events are not included in the scrapbook. Would members please forward such items to the Commandant, Depot and Training Centre W.R.A.C. until such a time as the new Corps H.Q. can take over responsibility for the museum.

42 (L) SIGNAL REGIMENT (T.A.) *Go to Camp*



W.R.A.C. of 42 (L) Signal Regiment, T.A., on the way to Camp

AT last we were going to see what the Regiment looked like as we assembled at Castlemartin for our Annual Camp on May 13. For the large majority of men and women it was a new venture to be part of a mixed Regiment, and as the women were drawn from five different units, we were very much a new Regiment. The cooks and orderlies coped magnificently with dining tents, broken stoves and extraordinary appetites, and five cooks are now doing their recruit training for the Regular Army. Drivers, clerks and all Signals trades had the opportunity of applying their knowledge in a practical way in Exercise "Rosebud" during the second week, and so set a target to be reached by next year. We had a most successful Regimental dance and the Canteen Artists came down from London and gave us a most enjoyable show another night. On Whit-Monday "Sig Sail" was arranged—a motor coach to Mumbles Common, where we had a picnic lunch, and then off on m.v. *Bristol Queen* for a leisurely and all too short sail up the Bristol Channel and a few hours in Swansea before returning to camp. We had a Drumhead Service on the middle Sunday, the salute being taken by the Honorary Colonel, Col. A. R. B. Dobson, O.B.E., T.D. Sgt. Hinton and L/Cpl. Cookson were presented with their T.A. Efficiency Medals. We were particularly fortunate in being able to welcome several distinguished visitors during camp, amongst them Lt.-Col. The Hon. M. M. Anderson, A.D.W.R.A.C. Western Command, and Lt.-Col. A. R. Robertson, C.W.R.A.C., H.Q. W.R.A.C., 42 Division/District.

So 14 sunny days came to an end and on our return we were met by the good news that Cpl. J. Wheatley, of R.H.Q., Manchester, had been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate through her old Battalion, so we make a flying start at the beginning of our new training year.

SPORT

Cricket

EASTERN, Western and Southern Commands played in the Inter-Command Cricket Festival, which was held in Aldershot on June 6, 7 and 8. Although there was only one 15-minute delay due to rain during the three days, all matches were drawn.

Netball

THE annual netball competition, "Men of Kent and Kentish Men," for Women's Services, was held at Risborough Barracks Gymnasium, Shorncliffe, Kent, on May 7, 1961. Teams were from the newly-formed 44 (H.C.) Signal Regiment (Cinque Ports) T.A. and the 76 (London and Kent) Company, W.R.A.C. (T.A.). Eliminating rounds were played off in the morning, with R.H.Q. Detachment, 44 (H.C.) Signal Regiment (Cinque Ports) T.A., to play 1st (Kent) Squadron "A" team in the finals. Before a distinguished gathering of spectators, which included Brigadier and Mrs. H. King-Lewis, secretary, Kent T. & A.F. Association; Wing-Commander and Mrs. Hawkins; Lt.-Colonel D. Cobb, Buffs (T.A.) and Lt.-Colonel A. V. Cobb, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), a most exciting and highly skilful exhibition of netball took place, resulting in a close win for the 1st (Kent) Squadron "A" team. Lt.-Colonel A. V. Brandle, M.B.E., introduced Mr. T. L. E. Franks, chairman of the "Men of Kent and Kentish Men" Association, who presented trophies to the two teams of finalists.

BRANCH NEWS

BATH. A very enjoyable afternoon was had when members travelled down to Weymouth and Portland for the Southern Area Reunion, which was held on Sunday, May 28. It was a glorious sunny afternoon and the tour of Portland was interesting and well organised. Our thanks go to Weymouth and Portland Branch for a very enjoyable reunion. Early in June, Mrs. Mant had our refugee friends from Bristol to tea at her home at Langridge and a large number of members helped to entertain them. On Sunday, June 25, a large party of members and friends went on a tour of Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire. The rooms in the castle were specially decorated by various floral societies in the area, and all enjoyed their visit to this famous and stately home.

BIRMINGHAM. On May 27 we had a very delightful outing by coach to Runnymede and Guildford—as we were very anxious to see the R.A.F. Memorial and the new cathedral, and decided that this was the ideal way to achieve both objects in one day. The weather was not too kind, rather temperamental, and chilly at 8.30 a.m. when we started from Birmingham. In spite of the lack of sunshine, the Thames Valley was looking lovely, with its enormous trees and the river winding its peaceful way along meadows which were a mass of wild flowers. Runnymede is an ideal setting for the very beautiful R.A.F. Memorial, which stands on a wooded hill overlooking the valley, with a distant view of Windsor Castle. We could not help feeling that this indeed was a fitting tribute to the men “to whom so many owe so much.” After a picnic lunch, we went on to Guildford, and there we were taken round the cathedral by two very efficient young men. We were longing to see our memorial window, and, when we eventually found it, we naturally felt both proud and thrilled. The cathedral is built of red brick outside, but inside the prevailing colours seem to be grey, blue and gold, and the effect is beautiful. After a home-made tea at “The Shelling,” Womersley, we started on our homeward journey, having thoroughly enjoyed a most successful and interesting day.

BRADFORD. Sunday, June 4, turned out to be a lovely summer day for the annual outing, when 21 members and friends travelled to Bridlington in a very “super coach,” where they all did justice to an excellent lunch. They then went on to Flamborough Head, where they were entertained by one of our members, Mrs. Kathleen Bottomley, and her husband. After seeing the house and gardens, members dispersed to follow their own inclinations till tea-time. The energetic climbed down the cliffs to the beach, while the remainder were content to putt on the headland, look for postcards, and eat ice-cream. The very happy party at tea time included our president, Miss Gummersell, our chairman, Mrs. Gertie Armitage, and such veterans as

Miss Cocksedge, Miss Julian and Mrs. Kitty Bates, whom we were particularly pleased to welcome, also her friend, Mrs. Parkinson, a Sheffield Branch member. After a hearty vote of thanks for all the charming and generous hospitality extended to us by our hosts, we left reluctantly for home at 6.30 p.m., and the outing was voted one of the most enjoyable that we have ever had. We held a games evening in June, and have now dispersed until Monday, September 1, when members have been asked to bring back a small memento from their holidays.

BRISTOL. A whist drive was held in April. It was again organised, and the prizes given, by Mrs. Skidmore, Q.M.A.A.C. Instead of the usual monthly meeting, an evening trip by bus was planned for May 11. “Holidays Abroad” was the interesting subject of Miss Keynton’s talk in June. An invitation was received from our president, Mrs. R. Bernays, to visit her at her home at Tockington on June 22. This has become an annual event, very much appreciated by all who are able to make the journey. The weather was perfect, and, after the refreshments had been enjoyed, a walk round the lovely gardens completed the evening. It was voted as “the best ever.”

DUMFRIESSHIRE. Since my last report we have had a very successful year, and our meetings were of a varied nature and enjoyed by all. When everyone had been on holiday, we decided to meet and have a social evening in the new hotel opened by one of our members who is a staff-sergeant cook in the T.A. here. This entailed a bus run, too, as the hotel is on the main North Road at Wamphray, and it was a grand night. Our Christmas party was held in conjunction with the T.A. again, and was the usual happy night. In January we had a different kind of evening, a show of films by the travel agent, Mr. E. Grieve. Five films were shown, in beautiful colours, and made us long to be on foreign shores in lovely sunshine. Our annual dinner was held in the Waverley Hotel, Dumfries, on March 9, and everyone vowed it was the best yet. Two of our serving members went up to London for the grand reunion, and were thrilled to have the chance to go over the House of Commons with the other Scottish representatives, escorted by Miss Betty Harvie Anderson.

GLASGOW. During the month of February we had a whist drive in the Service Women’s Club, in March there was a film show by Mr. Crawford, and in April a beetle drive. All these functions were a great success. On May 6, a party of us went to visit the Ayr Branch, and this outing was enjoyed by all who took part. At the beginning of June we had an afternoon outing to Dunoon, which was enjoyed by all members and friends who were present. We have to report that, at the beginning of March, our treasurer, Miss McGrehan, was married. We wish her all happiness in her new life, and are pleased to say that she is at present carrying on as treasurer.

LIVERPOOL. We have continued our varied programme with a Domino Drive in April and an Indoor Race Meeting in May. Both these meetings were quite well attended and enjoyed by members. In June we had a most interesting visit to Liverpool University. One of the doctors on the university staff kindly invited us, and a party of 24, including members of the W.R.A.C. and W.R.A.C.(T.A.), took advantage of this opportunity. We started the tour at the Medical School, which is a modern building with a beautiful lecture theatre, and then went on to the Harold Cohen Library, which was erected in 1935, and has a magnificent reading room. We only had time to visit two other buildings, as the university is spread over a fairly wide area. In the department of civic design we were shown the model of the university as it will be when all the buildings have been erected, and it will then certainly be an imposing centre of learning. We then returned to the Medical School, where our guide, Dr. Nowell, had kindly arranged for us to have a cup of tea. This was most welcome, as it was a lovely warm evening, and we had been walking for two hours. We considered it a privilege to have this opportunity of seeing our university.

LONDON. Since our last report, with the aid of Miss Martin's colour slides, we had a very interesting and enjoyable evening with her in the Sahara and Tunisia. On March 16, a representative from the N.S.P.C.C. gave us a talk on the work of this Society; it was interesting to learn of the variety of jobs tackled by their staff of officers, and the help given to families, sometimes over a period of years. In April, we held the ever popular beetle drive and a reunion. The Branch talent night was conducted by Mrs. Lumsden and, in spite of the fact that some of the "actresses" missed their cues in the short play, the evening was a great success. Members were very grateful to Mrs. Lumsden for giving her time in organising this evening, and for the refreshments so kindly provided by her. Whilst writing of Mrs. Lumsden, we are very sorry that she is leaving London, but she has promised to come and see us when she returns for a visit. We know, however, that we can rely on our Vice-President if we ever need her valuable assistance. We are very pleased to have Mrs. E. Richards back with us again after her sojourn in hospital, and are glad to see her looking so much better. Other activities have included Twenty Questions, and a sing-song. A presentation was made by Miss Dodd, on behalf of the Branch, to Mrs. Lumsden at this last meeting.

NORFOLK. The Hon. Secretary apologises in advance she is not able to be present at monthly meetings. Whilst visiting friends in various parts of England it is not always possible to get to Norwich for the first Wednesday in each month. It is hoped, however, that other members will be present to carry on the good work of comradeship. Many will be interested to know that Molly Hawes expects to sail to England from Kenya next February—this time for good.

SHEFFIELD. Two of our members attended the Grand Reunion in London and said how much they enjoyed it. In April our rather uproarious

beetle drive disturbed the quietude of the serious whist players in the next room and very nearly severed our friendly relations with the caretaker. Two more successful beetle drives were held in May and June, and our last outing to round off the season was to Manchester, when we took a trip on the Manchester Ship Canal and afterwards went to see "Snow White on Ice."

Home Thoughts

CAROL SPERRY

IT has taken me just about up to now to get my strength back since the Dutch ship landed me in San Diego on November 29, after my holiday among my Old Comrades in England. Looking back on it, summer school at Oxford was quite an experience, as was my research at Leeds University. Trinity College (in fact Dublin itself) was fabulous. York Reunion was very enjoyable, as were the various parties E. Cocksedge, Armitage, and the rest gave for me while I was in England.

It was a great delight to visit Mrs. Ethel V. Lloyd, M.B.E., near Brighton, and I wonder if any of your readers remember that she was head of the Southern Command attached to the A.E.F. at Bourges in France, or that Nellie Julian, O.B.E., had the number 5 as a member of the W.A.A.C. We former W.A.A.C., especially of the A.E.F. in France, welcome news of our comrades. Until recently I had no idea that one of our members lives in San Diego, about 11 miles from here. I would like to see more articles about World War One W.A.A.C., and would be glad if any old comrades would get in touch with me at 4538 Alta Lane, Mesa, California, U.S.A. Perhaps the jet age will make it possible for those of us who live in Canada and the U.S.A. to charter a plane and fly to England for our 50th Birthday celebrations in 1967.

Branch Directory

List of Branch Secretaries—Amendments

Hong Kong.—Capt. M. Campbell, W.R.A.C., 22nd Ind. Plat., H.Q. Land Forces, B.F.P.O. 1.

Lakeland.—For Sgt. M. E. Doherty read Dockerty, W.R.A.C. (T.A.). Centre, Penrith, Cumberland.

Leeds.—Mrs. H. M. Cook, 12 Elder Place, Bramley, Leeds, 13.

Leicester.—Cpl. Bell, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), T.A. Centre, Ashford Road, Leicester.

County of London.—Miss S. Glover, Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.3.

17 Independent Company.—A/W.O.2 E. A. Germain, W.R.A.C., Proof and Experimental Establishment, New Ranges, Shoeburyness, Essex.

W.R.A.C. Detachment, School of Education.—W.O.2 L. Bostock, W.R.A.C.

Reunions

Q.M.A.A.C. OVERSEAS OFFICERS

ONCE yet again Mrs. King (Olive K. Jordan) has given a reunion party for Q.M.A.A.C. officers who served overseas. On the hottest day this summer, July 1, in a temperature of 93 degrees, 15 of us met in Mrs. King's delightful house and garden at Streatham. Present were Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, Mrs. Aburrow (Cable), Mrs. Vyvyan (Leacock), Mrs. Garrard (Barr), Mrs. Clough (Lightfoot), Mrs. Newton (Betts), Mrs. Coplestone (Francis), Mrs. Ereaud (Pargiter), the Misses Douch, Fawcett, Bertrand, Wotzel, Watkins, Baker and Lyon. After a sumptuous tea, topped up with a festive cake decorated with a close copy of our badge, a triumph of the cake-maker's art, we strolled in the shady garden, all the while making the most of the chance to catch up with one another's news. Mrs. King is corresponding with 30 or more others who could not come. One of them, Miss D. M. Johnson, is in her 90th year. This party, which Mrs. King has given so many times now, is one that we all look forward to specially, the more so because she clearly enjoys it herself. We should be unlikely to have such a treat if it were not for her continuing generosity; we do thank her for being such a warm-hearted Old Comrade.

Q.M.A.A.C. OLD COMRADES' DINNER CLUB

THE Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, May 13, in the Members' dining-room at the House of Commons. The dinner was held there by courtesy of Cmdr. C. E. McA. Donaldson, v.R.D., R.C.N.(R.), M.P. Mrs. H. Rowlinson, the chairman, presided, and 208 members were present.

NORTHERN AREA REUNION

PLEASE apply for tickets to the D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Northern Command, before September 9, 1961, enclosing 5s. (not 6s. as previously stated) and a stamped, addressed envelope.

LONDON BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

THE Annual Dinner of the London Branch is being held on October 21 at Arding & Hobbs, Clapham Junction, S.W. We invite any members of the Association who may be in London at that time. The tickets for non-London Branch members is £1, and London Branch members 17s. 6d. The dinner held at Arding & Hobbs last year was a great success, and is recommended by all those members who did attend. There are frequent train and bus services to Clapham Junction.

Tickets are obtainable from the secretary, Miss M. G. Cridland, 52 Thornton Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

News from Old Comrades

MISS W. A. CLARK and Mrs. Hargreaves, who attended the Q.M.A.A.C. Dinner at the House of Commons, found that they had both been in the funeral procession of the girls killed in the bombing raid of May, 1918, and later slept under canvas in Crecy Forest. They wonder how many other members of the Association were also there.

MISS ELLA BERTRAND (ex-Q.M.A.A.C.), who has been carrying on almost single handed as Secretary of the Deptford Fund, Albany Institute, Creek Road, Deptford, appeals to any reader living in the district who would be willing to help with clerical work or the running of Old People's Clubs in connection with this worthy cause.

ANY Q.M.A.A.C. members who knew Doris Pilcher Clayton (now Mrs. Evans, Canada) at Rouen, attached R.A.O.C., or Susan Hoyland (now Mrs. Fensome, Canada) at Issue Store, Abbeville, are invited to send their names and addresses to ex-Services "R.S.V.P." Scheme, 118 North Road, Preston, Lancs., for forwarding to these two enquirers, who would like to write to old comrades.

Honorary Colonel W.R.A.A.C.

COL. MAY DOUGLAS, O.B.E., has been appointed Honorary Colonel, Women's Royal Australian Army Corps, in succession to Col. Irving.

Col. Douglas is a member of a well-known South Australian medical family which has many service connections. She, herself, was Controller of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service during the Second World War.

As a representative of the Girl Guide Movement, she visited the United Kingdom on two occasions, and is a member of the Victorian League Settlers Welcome Committee, which was formed to assist British migrants in Australia.

W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund

GUMMED labels for collecting tins are now available for those who would like to have them. They are printed in colour with "W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund" and it is suggested would be an ornament in any room in a Unit or in a private house. As we believe that all ornaments should have their uses, the tins could be used to hold spare coppers for the benefit of the Fund. These labels can be obtained in any numbers from ONE upwards on application to the Secretary, W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund, Duke of York's Headquarters, London, S.W.3.

Obituary

Mrs. Biggin

IT is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Elsie Winifred Biggin, who served with the Q.M.A.A.C. in France, and was attached to the Royal Corps of Signals.

Lady Lawson-Tancred

A.M. writes:

Marjorie Elinor Lawson-Tancred, Lady L.T., as we all called her, had so many and such varied interests that it was a surprise to no one who knew her when she appeared in the uniform of a Chief Commander in the Auxiliary Territorial Service at the beginning of the 1939-45 war. She commanded the West Riding A.T.S. from their formation until 1941, when local service engagements were abolished and, like so many of the original volunteers, she was obliged to resign owing to home commitments. She never lost touch with the General Service members and was an active supporter of the Comrades' Association for many years. She took the chair, most charmingly, at the Area and York Branch meetings and dinners, and gave hospitality to us all at her lovely home in Aldborough Manor. She came of the old school, where graciousness and service to others came first, and those who knew her and served with her were the better for it.

Miss F. M. Leveridge

E.M.S. writes:

We regret to report the death of Miss Florence Marion Leveridge, on June 4, after a brief illness. She will be well known and remembered by the early members of the Q.M.A.A.C. and Old Comrades' Association. In 1914 she joined the Women's Volunteer Reserve, and was one of the smartest and most efficient officers of the Acton Company. When, in 1917, the W.A.A.C. was formed she was helpful in drilling the recruits and giving them the small amount of training they were then allowed before being drafted for overseas or home service camps. As time passed she served in the Women's Forage Corps and was stationed in the North for some time, where her experience was invaluable. After Armistice she served as Adjutant to the W.V.R. until it was disbanded. She was instrumental in shaping and instituting *The Gazette*, the forerunner of *The Lioness*, and her work and help in getting it printed when things were very difficult were well known and much appreciated by the Old Comrades' Association. For this and her close association with the London Branch a special resolution was passed, allowing her to become a member of the Old Comrades' Association, a connection which she always kept. With the lapse of time and changes of administration, her help was no longer needed, but she still seemed to belong and many will miss her. In between the wars she was for many years the Grand Secretary of the Order of Women Freemasons (the Honourable

Fraternity of Antient Masonry) and received the honorary distinction of Past Assistant Grand Master, and the later years of her life were spent actively in this work. To all her interests she brought fine qualities and high ideals, and many associations of women mourn her passing.

Mrs. Peters (Nora Griffin)

THOSE who served in Wimereux, especially Unit 1, will regret to hear of the death of "Griff," as she was known, at her home in Coventry in December. Griffin joined W.A.A.C. in February 1917 and, after short training at Connaught Club, was drafted to B.E.F. The whole of her service days was spent here, attached to A.P.C.

"Griff" had a major operation, and, although able to take up normal duties for a time, she endured much suffering. One of her joys was to relieve service days with another Coventry W.A.A.C., and all news of later events were talked and laughed over together. Last year, she was to have joined her Wimereux friends at the House of Commons dinner, but the day previously she yielded to her doctor not to undertake the journey. She will always be remembered for her happy disposition.

Miss M. L. Davis

WE regret to announce the death of Miss Minnie Davis, who was one of the first London telephonists to join the W.A.A.C. in May, 1917, as No. 406 Worker Davis. She served at Etaples for two years before retiring to the Post Office. Miss Davis was for many years a member of Council and an indefatigable worker for the Association and the Service Women's Club. She seldom missed a meeting or a Re-union and her enthusiasm and kindly happy disposition were an inspiration to us all.

Catherine Sinclair Memorial Fund

MISS CATHERINE SINCLAIR (Ex Southern Command, A.T.S.) was tragically killed in a motor accident on her way to a Ranger Camp last April. She enrolled as a Company Assistant in 7 (Wilts) Motor Driver Company, A.T.S., in November, 1938, and served in various units in Scottish and Southern Commands before her return to civil life in 1945. In addition to her war-time service she devoted many years to working for the Girl Guide movement.

An appeal is being launched to put up a practical memorial to Catherine Sinclair on the Guide Camp site in her home county of Berkshire. The fund will remain open until October and donations should be sent to:—Mrs. D. P. Bowles, Donning Castle House, Newbury, Berks.

PERSONAL

(For charges and particulars see Contents page)

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress owned by ex-T.A. officer. Not much worn and in excellent condition. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 37 in., waist 26 in., hips 38 in. £14. Also senior officer's hat and two shirts. Box No. 14/61.

For Sale. Green greatcoat, No. 1 Dress and cap. Height 5 ft. 2 in., bust 36 in., waist 27 in., hips 37 in. Any offers to Box No. 16/61.

For Sale. W.R.A.C. No. 1 Dress in excellent condition, height 5 ft. 8½ in., bust 36 in., waist 28 in., hips 40 in. Offers to Box No. 18/61.

For Sale. Handwoven bathroom/nursery rugs, approx. 22 x 36. Nylon 25s. Pure rug wool 37s. 6d., plus 2s. postage. Formica table mat sets in stand 23s. 11d., postage 1s. 9d. Teapot stands 2s. 11d., postage 4d. Handwoven towels 7s. 6d. each, plus postage. Orders accepted for modern cane work, trays, plant troughs, etc. State whether contemporary or self colours woven rugs.—Maureen Lees, Coach-house, 52 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead. Tel.: Rock Ferry 4851 (evenings).

Wanted. Officer's No. 1 Dress required. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 38 in., waist 29 in., hips 40 in. Box No. 19/61.

Wanted. Working housekeeper for modern house. Able to supervise maids. Cook kept. Own bed-sitting room. Excellent conditions and wages. Suit retired N.C.O. Apply Mrs. C. E. Hammond (Col., Ret.), 191 West Heath Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.

Wanted, for OCTOBER 1961, TWO HELPERS in Y.W.C.A., Depot and Training Centre, Hobbs Barracks, Lingfield. Living in. Ex-Servicewoman preferred. Apply Miss Keating, Y.W.C.A., Queen Elizabeth Camp, Guildford.

Winterton Hospital, Sedgfield, Stockton-on-Tees. Physical Training Instructress (21 years or over) for female patients of all ages at the above psychiatric hospital. Recently completed modern gymnasium. Wage: £8 14s. 3d. for 42-hour week. Post may be resident or non-resident. Residential, etc., charge: £2 11s. 2d. Health Services national conditions for holidays, sick pay, superannuation, etc., appointment subject to satisfactory medical examination. Interest in patients' social activities, concerts, etc., desirable. Send by POSTCARD to the Group Secretary at the above address for application form.

Ex-Servicewoman with detached country house standing in own pleasant grounds, ample acreage, seeks another ex-Servicewoman as partner, interested in livestock. Box No. 17/61.

Female Administrative Officer vacancy exists in Wiltshire for suitably qualified woman (age 25-40) to work with W.R.A.C. (T.A.) unit. Full-time position carrying T.A. commission. Starting salary £640 per annum. Box No. 15/61.

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THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Duke of York's Headquarters on April 24, 1961. It was decided that, in future, the Deputy Controller Commandant will be President of the Mess. Fourteen W.R.A.C. (T.A.) and W.R.A.C. Recruiting Officers have taken advantage of the invitation to join as voluntary members. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Col. S. Cooke for her valuable services as Secretary since the formation of the Mess.

OFFICERS' POSTINGS

(Up to July 31, 1961)

T/Col. M. D. M. HUMPHREY, G.S.O.1, W.R.A.C.1, War Office.
Major M. E. CLARKE, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Eastern Command.
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Major M. E. MUNRO, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Southern Command.
Major D. C. POWELL, 12 Battalion, W.R.A.C.
Major M. M. POWER, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Western Command.
Major J. E. RODWAY, G.S.D.3, D.C.I.G.S., War Office.
T/Lt.-Col. G. E. M. SAUNDERS-DAVIES, T.D., War Office (M.P.6), Inspector of Recruiting (W.S.).
Major R. M. SHAW, 51 (Highland) Signal Regiment, T.A.
Major V. J. VOLLER, O.C., 8 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
Capt. L. E. ALLARDYCE, H.Q. C.W.R.A.C., 52 Div./Dist.
Capt. (Q.M.) G. P. BLAY, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
Capt. E. B. FOSTER, 15 Signal Regiment, NEARELF.
Capt. A. M. HARLE, War Office (A.G.16).
Lt. C. DIGGINS, 5 Communications Company.
Lt. F. FLETCHER, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
Lt. M. J. HANCOCK, 27 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
Lt. S. M. MACLAUGHLIN, 15 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
Lt. J. NIXON, 6 Training Battalion, W.R.A.C.
Lt. P. M. REES, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
Lt. P. A. SCOTT, 14 Battalion, W.R.A.C.
Lt. H. R. WILKES, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
Lt. J. M. WILLIAMS, Joint Services Staff College.
2/Lt. B. NBVILLE, 233 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
2/Lt. P. E. DAVY, 12 Battalion, W.R.A.C.

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Birthday Honours

M.B.E.: Major J. Godolphin, Major M. W. Hickson, Capt. B. M. Laverack.
B.E.M.: W.O.2 (Acting) E. A. Henderson, Sgt. (Acting) M. Harrison.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Major: A. Field, J. G. D. Donaldson.
Captain: K. E. Griffiths.
Lieutenant: (Q.M.) H. L. Sanders.

RETIREMENTS

Retires on retired pay: Lt.-Col. M. H. Boydell, Major D. B. D. Lance, Major E. M. E. Galloway.
Resignations: 2/Lt. J. A. Workman, Lt. C. M. Weatherill, Lt. J. M. A. Armstrong, Lt. P. A. Price, Lt. P. A. E. Binney.
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