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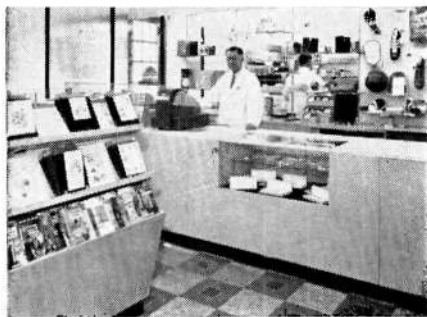
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A party smile for WRAC in Singapore



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Editorial

THE May issue of *The Lioness* starts going to press close on the heels of the Association Weekend. There was no grand reunion this year and we all missed our president, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, who was unable to be with us owing to her trip abroad, but we were glad that Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan was sufficiently recovered from her recent accident to attend the annual general meeting. We welcome the resolution, passed by the A.G.M., that makes past and present officers and other ranks of our sister Corps in Australia, Canada and New Zealand eligible for membership of the W.R.A.C. Association. We look forward to a strengthening of the links between us and hope that any of their members who are working or holidaying over here will get in touch with Headquarters or any of our local branches. We hear, incidentally, that the New Zealand W.R.A.C. Association is making good progress and is now well established. Their badge is a brooch consisting of a tui within a circle, upon which is the name of their Association, above a scroll which shows their motto "Pro Patria."

IT has been suggested that *The Lioness* is at heart a domesticated animal, a lover of warmth, comfort and good food, and that a page on home and leisure pursuits would be of interest to our readers. If you like the new feature and have any family favourites, recipes, household hints, handicrafts, hobbies or do-it-yourself suggestions that you would be prepared to share, please send them to the Editor and a selection will be published in each edition.

News of Old Comrades

MRS. E. F. Armstrong hopes to visit her son in the United States later this year. She recalls her interest in sport, particularly ice-skating and rifle shooting, and how she won the Stevens Rifle and represented her club at Bisley.

We congratulate Miss A. K. Gregson, the Vice-Chairman of Wimbledon Branch, on attending the Investiture at Buckingham Palace on February 27, 1962, when she received the M.B.E. This was awarded to her in recognition of her long service with B.E.A., having started with Imperial Airways.

Her many friends were delighted to see Mrs. Lumsden looking so well when she attended the various activities during the Association Weekend in March. Wiltshire air obviously agrees with her, but we are glad to know that she still hopes to be able to join us from time to time.

A Christmas Party

W.O.1 A. ADAMSON, W.R.A.C.

THE W.R.A.C. in FARELF became hostesses on December 6 to some 60 Asian children from the Singapore Salvation Army Orphanage when they entertained children of ages ranging from 15 to 6 years old to a Christmas party in the Company lines. It was a very pleasant sight to see a mass of Chinese and Indian faces eagerly awaiting their turn to alight from the coaches which brought them to the party. Father Christmas greeted them with a little parcel and paper wrappings were soon torn off to disclose a small novelty. A familiar figure to 4 Independent Company—the ice cream vendor—was there to serve out ice cream.

Soon members came to the fore and took over their charges—probably remembering some of the faces from last year's party. The toy train, which was a great attraction, soon got under way, taking children and adults for somewhat bumpy joy rides around the camp. Others were occupied on the swings, chute, seesaw and roundabouts erected on our only large patch of grass. Tea was served—but food was not noticed until each child had donned a paper hat and eye mask, and only when they had all tried their whistles did they settle down to a lovely tea prepared by Sgt. Jepson. A film show followed and then the great moment came when Father Christmas called out strange-sounding names and each child stepped forward to receive a gaily wrapped present from the Christmas tree.

Time went all too quickly and soon a happy band of children left, clutching presents, fruit and sweets. They boarded the coaches and, amidst waving and singing, returned home, all obviously very grateful for a lovely party.

MARRIAGE

On March 17, 1962, L/Cpl. Eunice Emilie Chetty was married to Pte. Andre Marcel at St. Agatha's Roman Catholic Church, Kingston. About 20 guests attended the reception, which was held in the Junior Ranks' Club, Kingston Gate Camp. Both the bride and bridegroom came from the Seychelles and came to England to enlist last year. L/Cpl. Chetty joined 12 Battalion in September 1961 as a medical orderly. Pte. Marcel is at present stationed at the Military Hospital, Catterick.

BIRTH

BULLOCK.—On March 16, 1962, to Eileen (née McKrill), wife of Raymond (Reg) Bullock, a daughter (Susan Margaret).

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Annual General Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, March 17, 1962, at the Duke of York's H.Q., by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association. In the absence abroad of our President, the chair was taken by Brigadier Dame Mary Railton, who opened the meeting by saying how sorry everyone was that H.R.H. The Princess Royal could not be present. The Chairman referred to the telegram sent by the W.R.A.C. Association to the Princess Royal on her departure and read reply from the lady-in-waiting. The Chairman also expressed her pleasure on seeing Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan present after her recent accident.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies were received from Col. L. E. Baldwin, O.B.E., Col. S. Cooke, C.B.E., T.D., Dame Frances Coulshed, D.B.E., T.D., Miss B. Harvie-Anderson, O.B.E., M.P., Col. E. S. Macfie, T.D., and Lady Margaret Sandeman-Allen, T.D.

MINUTES

2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 18, 1961, having appeared in the May issue of *The Lioness*, were taken as read and signed as correct, having been amended by the addition of the words "plaque and Old People's Home" to para. 10 (i).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. *Chairman of Council.* It was proposed by Col. Crewe-Read, seconded by Col. Morgan and carried unanimously that Mrs. A. J. Stevenson be elected.

4. *Council Vice-President.* Mrs. Rumbold proposed and Lt.-Col. Hingston seconded that Col. M. K. Crewe-Read, C.B.E., T.D., be appointed to the vacancy of Vice-President. This was carried unanimously.

The re-election of Miss K. Acland, O.B.E., Mrs. D. Simpson and Mrs. F. M. Wentworth-Reeve, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., as Council Vice-Presidents was proposed by Dame Regina Evans, seconded by Col. Hammond, put to the vote and carried *nem. con.*

REPORTS

5. *Hon. Treasurer.* In a brief survey of the accounts for the year ended October 31, 1961, the Hon. Treasurer said there had been an increase in subscriptions and that the financial year had ended with the balance of £247 18s. 8d. excess of income over expenditure. She stressed the fact that the Grand Reunion had been a financial loss. The Hon. Treasurer intimated that the balance sheet was available for anyone to see after the meeting. The proposed adoption of the accounts was seconded by Mrs. Wentworth-Reeve, put to the vote and carried.

6. *The Lioness.* Lt.-Col. Millington said she

would like to take this opportunity of thanking Col. Crawley for her help when she took over from her last summer. She now found herself in the position of making almost exactly the same appeals that she had listened to with rather deaf ears in the past. She would like more articles and news from Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. members, and she would like them sent in *early*. It made a lot of difference to the Editor's peace of mind to know that she had a nice fat file of material waiting to go to print. Thanks to Major Coven's efforts, advertisements showed a small profit, but with continually rising costs it was very difficult to make ends meet. An increase in circulation would help. The Association of W.R.N.S. had increased their membership by 700 during the past year and she was sure that anything they could do we could do better.

7. (a) *A.T.S. Benevolent Fund.* Miss Perceval reported as follows:

"During 1961, and in the first three months of this year, the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund dealt with very many varied and geographically widespread applications. Cases came from all over the British Isles as well as from Egypt, New Zealand, Hawaii, South Africa, Australia and Canada. Just on 700 cases were considered and we were able to relieve hardship by nearly 600 individual grants totalling over £7,000. We were successful in sponsoring an ex-A.T.S. officer for an annuity from the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association and our ex-Service Employment Office found jobs for 26 women, many of them over 40 years of age.

"When I reported to you last year I told you that our capital had decreased less in 1960 than in previous years and that we hoped to maintain this position in 1961. I am very pleased to tell you now that this prophecy has come true and, although we spent over £7,000 on benevolence and received only £400 in normal subscriptions and donations, we were able to keep our Capital Account at the same level, i.e. £35,500. This was due to the receipt of two legacies and to the sale of the house to the R.A. Charitable Fund at a good profit over the written-down book valuation. We have been fortunate in being able to take a lease of two rooms in the house at a very nominal rent and so are able to carry on the work and to hold our weekly Grants Committee and other meetings on our own premises.

"I think I cannot do better than to end by stressing that the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. Benevolent Funds between them are *spending* more on grants each year than the revenue of the two funds put together. Every effort therefore has to be made to augment the W.R.A.C. Fund by annual subscriptions so as to provide for the future."

(b) *W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.* Lt.-Col. Millington reported that 78 cases had been investigated during the year and 58 of these were helped by grants amounting to a total of £574 19s. 11d. During the year £6,500 was received from the

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Army Benevolent Fund and the fund had been generously supported by branches, units and individuals whose donations had amounted to £2,118 8s. 10d., more than double the previous year's total. Income had exceeded expenditure by £9,365 2s. 3d. The total sum now invested was £59,750, but this was still a long way short of the target figure of £250,000. We transferred our major share holding to the United Services Trustees Charitable Commission, which we have been advised is a good long-term investment. The majority of cases have followed the same pattern as in previous years—babies, rent and hire-purchase arrears, and hardship resulting from illness of parents and children.

Col. Grierson, after five years' devoted service to the fund as Chairman of the Committee of Managements, had resigned on her retirement from the Corps. Her place as War Office representative had been taken by Col. E. W. Gibson, who attended the meeting in February for the first time. Mrs. Holliss, who had done so much for the fund, would remain on the committee, but would hand over the work of Secretary to the Corps H.Q. on April 1. Thanks were again due to all those who investigated applications for assistance.

The willing help and co-operation received from the British Legion, S.S.A.F.A., Forces Help and other similar organisations cannot be over-emphasised.

Mrs. Chitty moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Col. Grierson and to Mrs. Holliss from the meeting, thanking them for all their hard work in the interests of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. This was carried *nem. con.*

(c) *Museum.* Major Dixon reported that the move to Lingfield had been completed, the Museum had settled into its new quarters and, although there was not so much room to show off exhibits to the best advantage, the general effect was very good. She referred to the Ogilby Declaration of Trust relating to the Corps Museum, which was now in operation. The trustees consisted of three serving and three ex-officers of the Corps. Before taking into use the new Accession Book, a complete revision of the main and all sub-catalogues was being made. Mrs. Bell, known to many as W.O.1 Bell, works full-time in Lingfield as the assistant curator, being employed in keeping the exhibits in good order, research work and in generally looking after the Museum and taking round visitors. Latest acquisitions had been photographs, newspaper cuttings, and letters and documents of general interest.

Lt.-Col. A. Cecil pointed out that there were no exhibits from the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. or W.R.A.C. in the Army Museum at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and she knew something from the women's Services would be appreciated. The Chairman thanked Lt.-Col. Cecil for her remarks and said the question would be raised at the meeting of the trustees.

(d) *Reunion.* Mrs. Giles reported that the Grand Reunion was held on Saturday, March 18, 1961, in the Rainbow Room of Derry & Toms. Our Controller Commandant, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, honoured the occasion with her presence and talked

to many of the members. His Worship the Mayor of Kensington, Councillor J. Gordon Rawle, the only male guest, received a great welcome. The arrangements were good, and it was most enjoyable, but unfortunately a financial loss, excess of expenditure over income being £37 17s. 6d. The sale of 645 tickets realised £322 10s., and donations and sale of programmes brought in another £25 17s. 6d., but the basic cost of hall and refreshments was £333 5s. From these figures alone it could be seen that it would not be possible to balance the Reunion Account in the future unless more tickets were sold or the price was raised. The committee would welcome any suggestions.

After discussion the meeting agreed that it would be better to subsidise the reunion from Association Funds, rather than to raise the price of the tickets.

RESOLUTIONS

8. (i) "That the rules of the Association be amended to bring them up to date."

The Secretary read the proposed amendments to the rules. Brigadier J. Rivett-Drake proposed and Dame Regina Evans seconded that they be approved. This was put to the vote and carried.

- (ii) "That members of our sister Corps in Australia, Canada and New Zealand be eligible to become full members of the W.R.A.C. Association."

Lt.-Col. Millington explained the resolution to the meeting and, after discussion, it was proposed by Mrs. Oliver, seconded by Miss Acland and carried unanimously.

- (iii) "That immediate steps be taken to provide a rest and holiday home for members."

This resolution was put to the meeting and lost.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Saturday, March 16, 1963.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. Mrs. Rumbold asked permission from the chair to explain to the meeting what had happened about her resolution regarding the plaque and Old People's Home at the last Annual General Meeting. The Chairman, having pointed out that it was not a resolution but only a point for further consideration, gave Mrs. Rumbold permission to speak. After discussion, during which it became apparent that members were not aware of the existence of a number of Homes that already offer facilities for ex-Service women, the Chairman said that a list would be compiled and published in the August issue of *The Lioness*.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.

Report of Council

SINCE our last meeting the Corps H.Q. has been established under the leadership of Lt.-Col. Millington, who has taken over, amongst other duties, as Editor of *The Lioness*. Major Dixon is the General Secretary of the Association and curator of the W.R.A.C. Regimental Museum.

Council has been represented at meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee of Service and ex-Service

Organisations. Area reunions have been held very successfully in northern and southern areas. A new combined branch has been formed in Aldershot. During the past year, 23 new life members have joined. There has also been a very satisfactory increase in the four-year membership.

Members of the Association joined in the parade to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, and our wreath was laid by a member of the County of London Branch. At the Service of Dedication at the Field of Remembrance the cross was planted by Lt.-Col. R. Allerton.

The result of the draw organised for the benefit of the Association, which realised a profit of approximately £350, was most satisfactory. The first prize was won by Mrs. Roulston, secretary of Omagh Branch.

Your Council has met regularly and dealt with all current business.

Secretaries' Meeting

BRIGADIER DAME MARY RAILTON took the chair at the Secretaries' Meeting held at the Duke of York's H.Q. on Saturday, March 17, 1962. This is always a happy and friendly occasion, and this year's meeting was no exception. It was most encouraging to listen to reports of the many and varied branch activities, and to hear how they are overcoming their problems. The Chairman thanked the Secretaries for their excellent reports, and said that she was particularly pleased to learn of their interest in welfare and their support of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. Dame Mary Railton also referred to Mrs. Chilvers' 35 years' service as Secretary of Norfolk Branch, and her regret that she was not able to be present. The Director, W.R.A.C., Brigadier J. E. Rivett-Drake, and several other members of Council attended the meeting and afterwards lunched with the Secretaries.

Reunion Tea

THE Annual General Meeting was followed by a very pleasant tea party. We are most grateful to Mrs. Bell and her teams of volunteers from our ever-helpful unit branches at the School of Instruction, Depot and Training Centre, and 12 Battalion, who did all the hard work and left us free to relax and talk to our friends.

Members of Council provided the prizes for a tombola stall, which was also a great success. All the tickets were sold and the money raised will be used to cover expenses incurred during the weekend. Miss Wareham, a member of the Association who has replaced Mrs. Bilham on the W.R.A.C. Corps H.Q. staff, was a great help in running this stall.

Service in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital

BY kind permission of the Governor, members were again able to attend the morning service in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Sunday, March 18. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Q.H.C., who is the Assistant Chaplain General, Eastern Command.

In the absence of our Controller Commandant, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, the lesson was read by the Lieutenant Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Campbell, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., M.A. We missed the W.R.A.C. Band, who were unable to play for us on this occasion, as they were on tour in B.A.O.R.

Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion

ONCE again the Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion, held on Friday, March 16, 1962, was a very happy and lively affair. We were all disappointed that H.R.H. The Princess Royal was unable to be with us, but we hope that she will be there next year when we meet again on March 15.

We were delighted to see Dame Helen out again after her recent accident. When she came through the door we gave her a right royal welcome. As usual, she spent most of the evening visiting each table and having a few minutes' chat with all of us. We do appreciate her company, and showed this by our singing of "For she's a jolly good fellow" before she left the party.

There were 104 members at the reunion; they came from all parts of England, and one from as far away as Canada. One of my friends came down from Manchester and another from Nottingham especially for the reunion. After the refreshments, which were very good, and ably served by the ladies of the Second World War, I played the piano for a sing-song of old Army songs and some old-time dances. Then Mrs. Giles, with her usual vitality, and her group of chorus girls, gave us a song and dance act, including the "twist." They seem to grow younger every year. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the fun and showed their appreciation by throwing pennies on to the stage.

The evening finished at 10 p.m. with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

E. S.



Photo by courtesy of The Times

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan

A Day with the W.V.S.

THE 111th meeting of the W.V.S. Advisory Council, on which the W.R.A.C. Association is represented, was held on January 30, 1962, and took the form of a one-day course of lectures at the Civil Defence Staff College at Sunningdale. The members assembled outside the W.V.S. H.Q. in Westminster on a very cold morning, but the coach was comfortably warm, and there was a faint atmosphere of holiday about the party. The journey to Sunningdale took just over an hour and, after a very welcome cup of coffee, the serious business of the day began.

The first lecture, "The Threat," was given by the Commandant of the College, Major-General R. B. B. Cooke, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. He explained the nature of the threat hanging over the world, how world peace depends on maintaining the balance of power, and how war could come about by accident, through a miscalculation. If this should happen, survival would depend on there being as large a force as possible trained to give speedy help.

The next lecture explained the effects of nuclear weapons. Although damage and casualties would be very large, there would also be a great many survivors. Radiation is still a largely unknown quantity, but it is obvious that, while the task would be enormous, an attitude of defeatism is quite inappropriate. A later lecture on "Morale" showed that a large part of the role of a Civil Defence force would be to provide guidance to bewildered victims of an attack. The very sight of a uniform, the discovery that there was still something normal in the ruins and the knowledge that help was near would enable people to try to help themselves. And self-help would be very necessary in the breakdown of normal communications and services. Unfortunately, with the ruins of all we have known scattered around, we are at first stunned into apathy. Nothing matters. Nothing is worth making any effort for. We cannot think for ourselves. But, if someone will give us some simple task, the performance of it will take our minds off our own troubles and help us regain our own will to live. However, that someone will not just arise at need like a phoenix. He must know what he is about, and must be part of an organised group himself if order is to be brought out of chaos.

The organisation of the Civil Defence was shown by means of a lecture and film. From the central control by the Home Office down to the warden post responsible for a small area of several streets, the chain of command is similar to that of the Army, with the country divided into areas, sub-areas and groups, sectors, etc., instead of commands, districts, regiments, and so on. Messages can be passed quickly up or down the chain and help sent without delay to where it is most needed. Because of this division of control, if one link is broken, the whole organisation is not disrupted. The Deputy Commandant, Air Commodore C. J.

Luce, D.S.O., then explained various points in connection with Civil Defence policy, the need for economy and the importance of preventing panic.

The final presentation of the day was a short playlet, showing an area controller. Three months after a nuclear attack he is writing, by the light of two candles, to his son in Kenya, although there is little chance as yet of the letter reaching him. In it he describes the way in which things are gradually being brought back to normal; how there is hope of electricity and gas soon being restored; the desperate measures needed to combat lawlessness; and the gradual re-establishing of communication with the outside world. The day ended with a short period in which questions were invited.

The feeling emerging from the course was that, while nobody attempted to minimise the danger and the magnitude of the task, all was by no means hopeless. It is quite untrue to say that there is no point in Civil Defence because there would be no survivors. This may be true of a comparatively small area at the centre of an explosion, but in a circle of perhaps 30 miles radius, there would be many thousands of people, injured, perhaps seriously, or perhaps only dazed, who, if they could be removed quickly to a place of safety, would suffer no permanent harm, and many others who, if they only knew how, could help themselves and those around them. Here surely is a call to ex-service members to learn to protect themselves and their families while fulfilling one of the objects of our Association, which is to give service to the country in peace and war.

Women in the Canadian Army

THE Canadian Women's Army Corps was organised during the Second World War and, before the end of hostilities, over 20,000 women had served in its ranks in places as far away as the United Kingdom, North-West Europe, Italy and the United States.

Today members of the C.W.A.C. serve in the Canadian Army Militia. Their employment, training and general conditions of service are very similar to those in force for our own T.A., but they are fortunate enough to get the same rate of pay as men, depending on their rank and trade qualifications.

The only regulars in the Corps are a few clerks on the permanent staff of Militia units and a small number of officers who serve at Army and command H.Q.s and act as advisers and consultants on matters relating to the women.

The badges and buttons of the Canadian Women's Army Corps show the head of Pallas Athene, the mythical goddess who was patroness of the ancient Greek warriors and heroes. They have no ex-service women's associations as such, but are eligible to be members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

T.A. Drivers in Hampshire

ACCIDENT PROCEDURE

SGT. E. BOOTH

IT does not seem to matter how much instruction is given in accident procedure, no one ever seems to fill in an F.M.T. 3 form correctly, so we decided to make it a little more interesting. On the night in question, Sgt. Pledge and I took out two vehicles and staged an accident on what (we thought) was a quiet stretch of road. The "Champ" was driven into a ditch so successfully that I had grave doubts as to whether we should ever get it out.

We then telephoned through to the unit with a cry for help, deliberately giving a vague position. The girls were on roll call and were immediately allotted various tasks. They were to move in the general direction given, while L/Cpl. Bridle, on the motor-cycle, pin-pointed our position for them. Meanwhile, back at the scene of the "accident," Sgt. Pledge and I were having our problems. The Champ, of course, was teetering on the edge of the ditch. The Bedford we had swerved off the road, mainly to prevent any inconvenience to other traffic. I had liberally smeared myself with tomato ketchup, and settled down to wait for the rescue party. The incident must have looked pretty genuine, because we were besieged by kindly civilians who offered their help and indeed, at one stage, we were approached by a Special Constable. We gradually built up an interested audience.

Eventually our reinforcements arrived. The thing that worried them most was the ditched Champ. The fact that I was oozing tomato ketchup by the pint did not seem to be important. Of course, I could see their point of view—they are very fond of the Champ. After letting out a few screams of agony, however, they decided that perhaps the Champ *might* wait a few minutes while they patched me up. The result of their efforts is that the whole platoon is undergoing an intensive first-aid course with a doctor in attendance, and I personally hate the smell of tomato ketchup.

By the time they were ready to haul out the Champ, I had recovered sufficiently to tell them that the slightest move in the wrong direction would, in fact, really damage the Champ. That made them stop and work out a plan of campaign. Enough to say that the Champ drove back to base without a blemish. Operation completed? Ah, but what about our F.M.T. 3? Someone had started to do one, but in the excitement of tomato ketchup and tow chains, it had somehow been neglected. Our traffic control, at least, kept the road clear and soon we were on our way back to base to hold a post-mortem on our exercise. Was it instructive? I think so. The girls are now attending their first-aid lectures most enthusiastically. They discovered that knowing how to tow was not always enough to recover a vehicle and, last but not least, they could see how important it was to complete an accident report form correctly. One final point. Had we given them an accurate position, they would have arrived about 20 minutes sooner, for indeed, had the tomato ketchup been the real thing, then the casualty would have been beyond help by the time they located us.

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Home and Leisure

ENTERTAINING ALONE

FOR those of us who are not lucky enough to have husbands to keep our guests entertained while we dish up, make gravy and deal with other last-minute crises in the kitchen, the casserole in its various forms is a friend indeed. This month we are publishing a few seasonable suggestions for the hostess with a job and not much time to spare.

PEA POD SOUP

Fresh peas will soon be plentiful, and this recipe will solve the problem of what to do with the pods.

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| 1 lb. pea pods | Sprig of mint |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. water | Pepper and salt |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. stock | Parsley |
| 1 onion | 1 tablespoon flour |
| Pinch of sugar | Top of milk |

Wash the pods and put them in a saucepan with the water, sliced onion and a sprig of mint. Boil till soft and then pass through a sieve. Return to the saucepan, add the stock and a pinch of sugar, thicken with the flour mixed with the top of a bottle of milk, season to taste and garnish with chopped parsley.

TROUT WITH BACON

Cider is a cheap and excellent substitute for white wine and is particularly suitable for cooking fish.

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| 4 trout | $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. cider |
| 4 rashers of bacon | 4 tomatoes |
| Seasoning | |

Clean and dry the trout and split open to remove the bone. Season and put a rasher of bacon in each fish. Arrange the trout and tomatoes in a fireproof dish, pour on the cider and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. Garnish with slices of lemon.

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

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| 1 chicken | 1 pt. stock |
| 1 onion | 1 bay leaf |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. carrots | Pinch of thyme |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mushrooms | Flour, salt and pepper |

Joint chicken and dip the pieces in seasoned flour. Fry the onion lightly in a little butter or bacon fat for 10 minutes. Add chicken, carrots, bay leaf, thyme and stock. Put casserole in the oven for one hour at 325 deg. Add the mushrooms and continue cooking for a further 20 minutes.

CASSEROLE POTATOES

Wash and scrape 1 lb. of new potatoes and cut into slices about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick. Grease an earthenware dish and put in the potatoes in layers, seasoned with pepper, salt, chopped parsley and a little chopped mint. Pour in $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk or chicken stock and dot with butter. Cover and bake in a moderate oven for one hour, taking off the lid for the last 15 minutes to brown the top.

RASPBERRY CREAM FLAN

- 1 lb. raspberries, fresh or frozen
- 1 level dessertspoon gelatine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ small tin evaporated milk
- 2 oz. sugar (if fresh raspberries are used)
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Sponge flan case

Crush the raspberries and put in a saucepan with one tablespoon of water, bring almost to boiling point, add the sugar and the gelatine previously mixed in the remaining water, stir well and set to cool. Beat the evaporated milk and cream till frothy, add lemon juice and whip again till stiff. Fold in the cool raspberries and pile the mixture in the sponge flan case. Chill and serve.

FLOWERS IN MAY

MAY is the month for tulips and lilac, both luxuries for the town dweller. Lilac will last longer if you remove all the leaves and peel or crush the ends of the stems before putting them in water. Many people find tulips difficult on account of their tendency to go limp and bend in all directions after they have been arranged. This can be avoided by putting them in a shallow container and making sure that their stems are not more than 1 to 2 in. deep in water. If you make a trip to the country this month, bring back a bunch of Queen Anne's Lace, much too lovely for its other name of cow parsley, and try arranging it in a goldfish bowl. This, incidentally, makes an inexpensive and attractive container for a number of different flowers.

HOCKEY

THE Inter-Command matches were played in Aldershot in the first week of November and the championship was won by Southern Command with five victories, followed by Eastern, second with three wins and a draw. Our selector and coach, Mrs. J. Braithwaite (who as Jo Hamilton Bates was England's centre forward in the 1950s), watched a number of the matches and listed 33 possibles for Army trials to be held at the end of February. Of those 33, 19 arrived, plus nine others, to find Aldershot under snow and no play possible. Thirty-six hours later with everyone wrapped up to the eyebrows, play began on a borrowed parade ground and in 50 minutes in the icy weather two teams were found to play the Civil Service and the probable Army (Women's) centre forward fell and grazed her hands. We will draw a veil over the result of a match in which a Civil Service team which included two ex-internationals and eight county players gave the Army team a skilful hockey lesson. The last trial was held amid the snow underfoot and the flurry of it in the air and, with luck and judgment, a final Army team was selected just as the snow became too heavy to

see one touch-line from the other. This team beat a Cheam XI, lost 2-4 to Slough and were playing together with zest and skill. Then to Portsmouth where the W.R.N.S. were hostesses for the inter-service matches. An icy gale was blowing and waves were sweeping up over the sea front. A very exciting match which resulted in the Navy drawing with the Army at two goals each. Next day we played the Air Force, a very exciting struggle, which exhausted players and spectators alike, and resulted in a win by three goals to two to the Air Force, who beat the Navy 2-1 the following day to win the cup. The Army team was very promising, combined well, showed scoring power and ability to continue playing at full effort throughout a match.

LAWN TENNIS

TENNIS players are asked to note **Tuesday, July 31**, as the date for the next Veterans' match at the Officers' Club, Aldershot. The Ladies' Veterans (not so old, either) was first introduced into the Army Championships in 1961 and it proved a most popular event. Seven couples entered and the winners were:

1st Capt. Tyler and Capt. MacLagan

2nd Capt. Gowans and Capt. Nicholls

It is hoped that this most enjoyable and light-hearted match may be made even more so by an increased entry this year. The only qualification required is an age of 45 years on July 31, 1962. Entry forms can be obtained from Major P. A. Richards, Secretary, Army Lawn Tennis Championships, 13 Command Workshop, R.E.M.E., Aldershot.

News from the T.A.

42 (LANCS) SIGNAL REGIMENT

THE year 1961 drew to a close with a combined Army/Civil Defence Weekend Exercise in mid-December. The W.R.A.C. quickly adapted themselves to Civil Defence procedures and received high commendation for their work in the Signal Centre. The cooks and waitresses ran an excellent canteen and altogether it was felt that the exercise had been very profitable. The new year opened with various social functions, including an Officers' Mess dinner dance and a "Paris Night" all ranks dance. The catering for both these functions was provided by the W.R.A.C.

At the end of January Major A. G. Learmouth, M.B.E., T.D., retired from the Territorial Army and this Regiment is very sorry to lose her valued services. She joined the A.T.S. in Liverpool in 1938 and was mobilised at the outbreak of war. She served throughout the war in A.A. Command and was released in 1946. Immediately the T.A. was re-formed Major Learmouth re-joined and has since served in R.A., R.A.S.C. and Signal units in the North-West, being awarded the M.B.E. in 1954. Each mixed squadron of the Regiment gave a "Farewell Evening" in her honour and she was dined out in the Officers' Mess, when the guests present included Lt.-Col. J. Fisher, A.D.W.R.A.C., Western Command, and Major M. Last, W.R.A.C.

(T.A.), retired. This rather sad occasion was marked by the presentation of a filigree silver dish from the officers to Major Learmouth, who herself presented the Regiment with a silver cup to be competed for annually by the women. Major Learmouth has wide and varied interests in the Liverpool area, not the least of which is as honorary secretary of Western Area Committee of the Association, which will keep her in touch with her many friends, both serving and retired. She is also a committee member of the A.T.S. Dinner Club. Major Learmouth will be greatly missed within the Regiment. We wish her every happiness and success in the future, and welcome Major E. I. Davidson, T.D., who has taken over her appointment.

43 (WESSEX) DIVISION ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, January 20, saw the annual gathering in Taunton of the officers of 43 (Wessex) Division (T.A.), and for the first time the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) were present. Representatives from H.Q. W.R.A.C. (T.A.), 71 (Bristol), 72 (Wilts. and Som.), and 74 (Devon) Companies and 43 (Wessex) Signal Regiment attended, while Major E. G. Joynt, W.R.A.C., O.C. Drivers and Clerks Wing, 6 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C., was the guest of the Division.

Didcot Garrison Group A.T.S.

ONCE again a very enjoyable tea-party was held at the Service Women's Club, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1, attended by 50 ex-D.G.G. A.T.S. This yearly meeting for tea and a "natter" has been the means from which a club has been formed and has now grown to a membership of 105, which we hope ensures that it endures for many years to come. However, the secretary, Mrs. Wagstaff, 127b St. Julians Farm Road, London, S.E.27, would like to hear from any ex-A.T.S. who served at Didcot, 1939-45, with a view to keeping alive friendships made during the war years.

Looking Back

(From *The Gazette*, June 1922)

THE OPENING OF THE EDINBURGH CLUB

April 28th, 1922, will always be remembered as a red letter day in the annals of the Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, for on that day the club was formally opened by Field Marshal Earl Haig. By 6.30 p.m. the passers-by were electrified by the presence of a large number of women in uniform forming up on the steps of the club and, had they been able to see inside, they would have observed that the guard of honour stretched right up the staircase to the drawing-room door. W.A.A.C. were well represented . . . In declaring the club open, Earl Haig addressed the gathering as "Old Comrades" because, he said, they had done their duty like the men in the Army, Navy and Air Forces, and he was glad to come and express his thanks for their help during the war.

BRANCH NEWS

BATH. The 15th annual general meeting and dinner of the branch was held at the Midland Hotel, Bath, on Wednesday, March 21. Twenty members were present, with Mrs. Cantello in the chair. In her report the chairman welcomed two new members to the meeting, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Gage, and ran over the activities of the branch during the past 12 months—jumble sales, the Hallowe'en Fair, and various other money-raising efforts had enabled the branch to present a healthy balance sheet, and donations had been made to various organisations in the city as well as the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. Social outings too had been well supported and the chairman thanked all members for their help and support over the past year.

BRADFORD. Our A.G.M. held in January was not very well attended due to sickness and bad weather. Our treasurer, who was a victim of influenza, sent her balance sheet, which showed a smaller balance than usual. All the officials were re-elected *en bloc*. As is usual with our members in a time of crisis they have rallied round to try to reverse the adverse financial circumstances and at our March meeting held a successful bring-and-buy sale and white elephant stall. The 15 members who attended swelled our funds by almost £5 10s. 0d. An excellent effort and much appreciated. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Bakes, who has recently re-joined the branch, and also Mrs. Slack, who, although she has not been able to attend recent meetings due to illness of members of her families, has been most generous during the year with gifts in kind. She hears from Mrs. E. M. Suggate, whom she met in Christchurch last year—some of the older members may remember Mrs. Suggate when she was Quartermistress at the Connaught Club. She is now at a school in Christchurch, where Mrs. Slack's son is teaching. During our meeting we had news that our only ex-W.R.A.C. member, Marion Wilkinson, had given birth to a second daughter and had, by so doing, confounded the medical profession. She has spent a lot of time in hospital during the last year having tests, etc. We offer our congratulations to her and her husband in their great happiness. The secretary gave her report of the A.G.M. and secretaries' meeting, which it had been her pleasure to attend.

Our congratulations and best wishes are sent to Miss E. Cockledge, one of our founder and life members, who recently attained her 80th birthday, which is hard to believe when you cannot see one grey hair. Due to the very bad weather she has not been able to attend our meetings as it means two difficult bus journeys.

BRISTOL. At the A.G.M. last December, a resolution was passed, that in future, meetings would not be held in the months of December, January, July and August. An American supper party, February 1, at Legion House, Portland Square, was the first engagement for 1962. After enjoying the "eats" provided, Miss Keynton, our chairman, gave us a pencil and paper quiz. It proved very amusing, even if we did not know all

the correct answers. A quarterly meeting, coupled with a bring-and-buy sale, organised by Mrs. Morgan, was held on March 1, and arrangements for the months ahead were discussed at great length. Will members please note that the date fixed for the visit to Mrs. Bernays (president), Tockington, is June 28. If you intend to be present, please let Mrs. Rawlings know by June 20.

EDINBURGH. At our meeting in October we had reports from some of our members on their holidays, one of whom had spent six and a half weeks doing a flying coast-to-coast trip in Canada, and another had enjoyed a holiday in Ireland, also one who had been to the South of France. We had a very interesting talk on some aspects of Police work from a woman officer of Edinburgh City Police at our November meeting. Our December meeting, as usual, consisted of the annual meeting, when all the office bearers and committee were re-elected. Also in December we had our children's Christmas party in the Women's United Services Club, when there was a good turnout of children and grandchildren of our members. In January a very enjoyable evening was spent at the Lyceum Theatre and there was much laughter during the performance of the "Fol-de-Rols." Since there was no time at the Holidays Evening to show pictures as well, at the February meeting many of the members brought along their favourite colour transparencies, so we visited in pictures many different places at home and abroad. At our March meeting we cast our minds back to the days when we were in uniform, the most amusing things seemed to happen to our Q.M.A.A.C. friends. The highlight of the year was our annual dinner, which was a most informal affair with no speeches and no top table, and our only guests were our friends from Glasgow—Miss Butters and Miss Kelly—since Lt.-Col. Lipscomb was unable to attend owing to a prior engagement. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea to have such an informal dinner because it gave more time to talk with old friends who cannot always attend branch meetings. We look forward to meeting all our friends from all over the country at the Scottish reunion in Leith Town Hall on May 26.

GLASGOW. In January, we held our annual Burns Supper in the Club, and the speakers were Mr. R. Hood, "Immortal Memory," Mr. John Pollock, "Toast to the Lassies" and Mrs. N. Crawford replied on behalf of the Lassies. A party of us also went to the theatre. We had a talk on "Probation Work" by Miss Corbet, who is a Probation Officer, in February. In March we had a whist drive in the Club, at which members and friends attended. These functions were enjoyed by all who attended them.

HARTLEPOOLS. We did not meet in January owing to the holidays, but the February meeting was quite well attended, and the gift for the raffle for our Welfare Fund was given by Miss McCarthy and won by Miss Hogg. We had a good party in March, with friends and members attending. We were delighted to welcome Mrs. White, a transfer from the York Branch. She was indeed very

brave to come from Middlesbrough on such a cold night. We look forward to seeing her at our future meetings. We thank Miss Fox, one of our invalid friends—who came to the party—for the gift of a plant for the raffle at the party, which was again won by Miss Hogg. We were sorry that Miss McCarthy was prevented from attending owing to the illness of her mother, to whom we wish a speedy recovery. The branch sent flowers to Miss McCarthy with their good wishes, and hopes she is feeling better herself, as she has been on the sick list also. We congratulate Mrs. Douglas on obtaining the key for her new flat, and wish her and her husband every joy in their new home.

HEADQUARTER AREA. The A.G.M. was celebrated by H.Q. Area by a lunch at the Service Women's Club, at which our chairman, Dame Regina Evans, was our hostess. Although it was sad that no more than six members responded to her invitation, published in the last issue of *The Lioness*, in a way this proved an advantage, as the small party was able to get together in a more intimate manner than a large one. The Q.M.A.A.C. and W.R.A.C. were represented by Mrs. Hill (*née* Bramble) from Aldbourne and Mrs. Evans from Vancouver, whom we were delighted to learn is thoroughly enjoying her stay in the old country. Mrs. Armstrong, once of Toronto, and now of Brighton, came across to greet us. Incidentally, Mrs. Olive Austin of Ontario will be glad to know that Mrs. Armstrong is in her usual good form. Mrs. Bailey, formerly Company Commander A.T.S., Miss L. Pooley, and Lt.-Col. Diana Hingston all seemed to have many memories in common. Mrs. Diana Stevenson joined us as well as Mrs. Wentworth Reeves, better known to most of us as Peggy Wagstaffe. We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable party and we are more than grateful to Dame Regina for making it possible for members of H.Q. Area to meet, and we hope that this will be the forerunner of larger gatherings.

We have had news from Canada from Mrs. Olive Austin, who is doing voluntary Red Cross work visiting the Toronto Hospital, and generally leading a very active life, also from Mrs. McLaren in Victoria, B.C. From Darwin in Australia came a long interesting letter from Mrs. Batterham, who by now will be enjoying a holiday in India with her son. Mrs. Edmunds writes from North MacKay in Queensland, where she has been since 1953. Her description of the city and surroundings makes one long to take the next plane to Australia. Mrs. Evans in Sydney is grateful for her membership of the Association having put her in touch with the Army out there. She has been a life member since 1939. From California, Mrs. Lancaster writes that she is sending a donation to the W.R.A.C. Association to help with *The Lioness*, and we send her our thanks.

From the home country it is good to learn from Mrs. Jane Chaytor (ex-Q.M.A.A.C.) of Wolverton, Bucks., that her son is doing well in the Royal Army Education Corps.

LEEDS. In February, 12 of us visited an "Old-Time Music Hall" show at the Leeds City Varieties and, as well as enjoying the show, which was

being recorded and televised, we greatly enjoyed watching the audience assemble in their costumes, the ladies in lovely hats and dresses, and the men resplendent with moustaches and side-whiskers. There was also a representation of the military, including several in scarlet tunics. In April we hope to see more coloured slides—"A holiday in the Yorkshire Dales" and others of Canada, Mexico and the Virgin Islands. Our future programme includes an evening discussing members' "Household hints and recipes," a birthday party and, during the summer, a mystery coach trip.

LONDON. We began the year on January 4 with a reunion. Also in January we had our friends, the Acton Male Voice Choir. We are always pleased to have this choir with us and have booked them again next year. In February we had a demonstration by the London representative of Tupperware. This household ware is not for sale in the shops, and we made a little profit by members making purchases. In March we have talks by Miss Martin and Col. Crawley. We have quite a varied programme for the forthcoming year, and it is proposed on May 3 to have some children entertain us. Mrs. Lumsden has promised to come to the branch on July 19 for our talent night, and we are again proposing to have the same river trip as last year.

NORFOLK. The New Year's Party on February 7—postponed from January, due to the very bad weather—was a happy evening, well attended. The raffle was great fun and made a profit of £8 4s. 4d., which will insure our expenses for 1962. Our thanks to members who brought 34 prizes between them, and to absent members who so helpfully sold tickets again this year. A small donation has been sent to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund. Please note the hon. secretary's new address.

SHEFFIELD. Miss F. Bell took over as branch secretary in November from Miss Lorna Gee, who, we are very happy to announce, was married in March. In January, 30 members and friends paid a visit to the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" and in March we had a very successful dinner at the Old No. 12 Grill, attended by 29 members and friends.

TORBAY. In December, we held our annual Christmas dinner at the Kiston Hotel. Ten members attended. At our annual general meeting held in February, all serving officers were re-elected. For the past six months we have held our meetings at the home of our chairman, Mrs. March, who has kindly invited us to hold all future meetings there. In February Mrs. Fletcher (a past secretary of this branch), who was attached to 902 M.T. Company, A.T.S., celebrated her silver wedding anniversary. Members presented her with a bouquet of spring flowers. Although this branch is very small and not very active, we do our best to keep the spirit of comradeship and the Corps going. If any members of the Association are ever in the Torbay Area and contact the secretary, members of the branch would be happy to make their acquaintance.

STAFF OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE



By courtesy of The Camberley News

MANY A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. Officers are entitled to add the magic letters j.s.c. after their names but, until this year, none of us had ever been privileged to complete her military education at the Staff College, Camberley.

Capt. A. M. Harle and Capt. A. L. Shepley-

Taylor, who are pictured here wearing their new No. 2 dress, are making history by being the first women to attend the full Camberley Staff Course. They have already finished the early part of their training, which was at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, and we wish them every success at this important stage in their career.

RETIREMENT

LT.-COL. M. M. GIBSON

LT.-COL. M. M. GIBSON, who retired voluntarily on March 12, 1962, joined the A.T.S. in December, 1941, and was commissioned shortly afterwards. Her war-time service included over three years as a staff officer before her Class A release in December, 1946. She re-joined about six months later and was appointed S.O.3 Education at H.Q., Northern Command. Many will remember her as chairman of the Army (Women's) Swimming Association and during her two full and busy years as the Commanding Officer, 12th Battalion. Her last appointment was as Deputy Officer i/c Medical Services and W.R.A.C. Records. She has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the Association and gave valuable service as a member of Council. We understand that she has gone to live in Glasgow, where she will be able to look after her invalid mother, and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

UNIT NEWS

12 BATTALION

THE weekend of December 16 and 17 was a festive one for 12 Battalion. Thanks to a willing band of volunteers who had worked busily throughout the week, by Saturday the dining hall and the Junior Ranks' Club were gaily decorated. Festivities started with the troops' Christmas dinner on Saturday evening, at which officers of the Home Postal Depot, R.E., gave sterling assistance in serving the traditional fare. The dinner was followed by a variety concert put on by the Home Postal Depot and members of the Battalion. The enthusiastic reception of the audience was an indication of the excellence of the entertainment. The final event of a busy and enjoyable evening was the all ranks' dance. On Sunday we held a carol service in the Junior Ranks' Club. The singing was led by the W.R.A.C. Band under their Director of Music, Major J. B. MacDowell, M.B.E., A.R.A.M., and the 12 Battalion Choir, who had

again been trained by Mr. Brown from Claygate Parish Church, Esher. On this occasion we were pleased to have with us Brigadier Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E., our Deputy Controller Commandant, Brigadier J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., D.W.R.A.C., the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston, and other distinguished guests. Following the service, the Officers' Mess entertained the W.O.s and sergeants and a number of official and private guests. On Sunday afternoon the corporals acted as hostesses to the boys of the local Barnardo's Home. This most successful party included a film show, a visit from Father Christmas and an impromptu jive session.

FACING THE CAMERA

WHEN ITV telephoned to ask if 140 Provost Company, W.R.A.C., would appear on television to give the public a factual account of the work done by the unit, everyone was thrilled and excited to be chosen. A week before the show was due, we opened the *TV Times* and there, looking straight out at us, was the D.A.P.M./W.R.A.C., Major H. Gildea. At least we then realised that this was really going to happen, and we were not the victims of a practical joker! The programme was to be produced "live" and, to help us feel at ease, we were all taken to meet Miss Mary Hill, who usually introduces the fashion programmes, but was to be our interviewer on this occasion.

On the day of the programme, "140" was taken over by ITV and all offices were filled with the enormous amount of equipment that is needed for a TV programme whether it is "live" or recorded. Bright lights were placed at vantage points, we felt like film stars already, and the H.Q. seethed with directors and their P.A.s, cameramen and their technicians, the make-up department and all their tricks of the trade. Everyone soon made themselves at home.

"Lights—sound—camera—ready for transmission—O.K.—off we go"—Miss Mary Hill introduced Major Gildea and asked questions of general interest, then the cameras went to the lecture room where the probationers were being given a "Good grooming" demonstration. Then, because the cameras could not be taken upstairs, there were shots of our new accommodation, which really is splendid. It is newly converted and came over on the TV screen very well. Afterwards our P.T.I., Cpl. Worrall, was shown with two policewomen, who were getting extra badminton instruction. The director of the programme insisted on some overseas interest, so once again "stills" had to be used and, in turn, B.A.O.R., FARELF, NEARELF and Paris came into view.

The second visit to the lecture room showed how the probationers are taught the art of self-defence, with Sgt. Stevenson in charge. Following this, Miss Hill asked to interview some of us, and she chose the R.S.M., Miss Purton, S/Sgt. Lindsay, Sgt. Wylie, a P.S.I. from Edinburgh, Cpl. McCausland, who is in T.A./Provost, and Pte. Lowson who was at that time a probationer. They spoke

generally about training and the job we do; then we produced a playlet to show how we coped with an unusual incident. The time flew by and the 30 minutes were almost over. The "floor" director suddenly looked like a "tic tac" man, telling Miss Hill and Major Gildea that there was only half a minute to go, just time for goodbyes.

Well, there it was, we had been stars for a day, and were pleased and proud to think that we might have helped to show the viewer something about our Corps. ITV were pleased with us, too, so pleased in fact that another programme was arranged for April 6, this time to show the work of the R.M.P. and how the W.R.A.C. Provost co-operate with them.

FROM SUVA TO SURREY

AS the result of a recent visit of an Army recruiting team to the Fiji Islands, 200 men have joined the British Army, and 12 girls are now serving with the W.R.A.C. The girls had been employed as clerks and machine operators; ten of them come from Suva, the capital of Fiji, and its seat of government, and the other two from Lautoka on the opposite side of the same island. It was, perhaps, unfortunate that they arrived in the middle of winter and had to compete with snow and frost as well as the inevitable difficulties of starting a new life in a strange country.

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CPL. G. A. WESTCOTT

THE excitement of our holiday really began with the arrival of the brochures from the travel agencies to which we had written, and increased as the date of departure drew nearer. The boat sailed from Newcastle and, after a choppy crossing, we arrived in Bergen, a very pleasant town situated at the end of a fjord and surrounded by mountains.

After lunch next day we left by the Bergen-Oslo express for Mjolfjell youth hostel, where we arrived about five hours later. The hostel is surrounded by mountains, 3½ miles from the village of Mjolfjell, and is built almost entirely of wood. The warden and his family were there to meet us, after our scramble down the mountainside from the railway halt, and quickly made us feel at home. The guests are accommodated four to a room and sleep in bunks; I was lucky and managed to grab a bottom bunk, an advantage when stiff at the end of a day's ski-ing.

The following day we were fitted out with skis, and with a few of the other guests—there were as many as 13 different nationalities there over Christmas—set out for our first attempt at ski-ing. We very quickly learnt to move without falling over too often, and after a couple of days were able to take short tours into the mountains. One day we went out towards evening and were able to watch the sun setting and disappearing one side of the mountains, whilst the moon rose on the other side, a beautiful sight.

Norwegians start their Christmas celebrations on Christmas Eve. At the hostel it began with a traditional "cold" table at lunch time. The table was laid with a great variety of foods, all beautifully arranged and interspersed with Christmas decorations. The climax was when the boar's head was brought in and placed in the central position on the table. In the evening three of the ski instructors put on Santa Claus outfits, took lighted torches, and skied down the mountain slopes and up to the hostel with Christmas presents in sacks over their shoulders. After dancing around a lighted Christmas tree outside the hostel, they came indoors and distributed the presents. This caused great enjoyment, especially to the children. The evening finished with carol singing and songs to the accompaniment of the piano. Christmas Day was spent ski-ing and finished with dancing in the evening. Unfortunately, my two friends and I had to leave next day on the start of the two-day journey back to England. We made many friends there with whom we are keeping in contact and hope to see again next season.

WESTERN AREA

WESTERN Area Reunion will be held on May 19, 1962, from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. at the Bars Hotel, Foregate Street, Chester. Tickets 7s. 6d. Applications for tickets, with cash, to Mrs. R. M. Sykes, "The Oaklands," Vicars Cross, Chester, by May 5 if possible.

Women in N.A.T.O. Defence

A CONFERENCE on the importance of women in Nato defences was held at Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen last year. It was sponsored by the Danish Minister of Defence and its aim was to give, and obtain, information on the status, organisation and conditions of service in the existing women's services in the Nato countries and to explain the future prospects of women in the Nato defences.

Invitations were sent to the eight Nato countries which have established women's services, i.e. Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Other countries, Belgium, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Federal Germany, were asked to send observers.

The opening ceremony was honoured by the presence of Their Majesties King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid of Denmark. The conference was addressed by various senior ministers and officers including General L. Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, who referred to the valuable service rendered by women during two world wars, mentioned that 12 per cent. of the staff at SHAPE were women and that it was interesting to see their growing participation in what could be called strictly military fields.

The Danish Minister of Defence was host at a reception held in Frederiksberg Castle the same evening and this was followed by a tattoo in the courtyard in which contingents from the three women's services took part.

During the conference discussion took place on the advantages and disadvantages of the existing systems of the organisations and the status of the various women's services in member countries, many problems of mutual interest were examined and a final resolution was unanimously adopted by all the delegates. This confirmed their faith in Nato as an instrument to preserve peace, took cognizance of the increasing requirement for women to fill military posts in which they are skilled and efficient, stressed the importance of contact between Nato countries by the exchange of visits between the women's services and expressed the hope that the appropriate authorities could consider wider scopes and fields for the military employment of women within their services for the common benefit of Nato.

Brigadier Dame Mary Colvin, D.B.E., T.D., A.D.C., and Lt.-Col. N. Christy represented the Women's Royal Army Corps on the United Kingdom delegation, which also included senior officers from the W.R.N.S., W.R.A.F. and the three nursing services.

NORTHERN AREA RALLY

NORTHERN Area Rally will be held at Bridlington on Sunday, May 27, 1962. Members will meet for lunch at the Promenade Cafe, Bridlington, at 1.15 p.m. After lunch a visit to Sewerby Park and Gardens is proposed.

Further information from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Suttle, 9 St. Anne's Terrace, Baildon, Shipley, Yorkshire.

Obituary

MISS L. M. CHASE

HHEADQUARTER Area regret the somewhat late announcement of the death of Miss L. M. Chase (Q.M.A.A.C.) which has just come to light as the result of their efforts to trace lost members. Miss Chase was liked and trusted by all who knew her. She was an accomplished water colourist, a lover of the country, very public spirited, and did a great deal of work in collaboration with the Quakers. She died very suddenly of a heart attack.

MISS G. CLIFF

MISS G. Cliff, a former President of Brighton Branch and life member of the Association, died peacefully in early January after a short illness. She joined the W.A.A.C. in 1917 and served as an Assistant Administrator in France at Abbeville, Boulogne and Calais. She was one of the members of Council who signed the humble letter of good wishes sent to Her Majesty Queen Mary, on behalf of the Association, at the time of King George V's Silver Jubilee. During the Second World War she joined the M.T.C. and was in France during the great retreat in the summer of 1940, when she escaped in safety from Bordeaux. She will be greatly missed at the Q.M.A.A.C. Dinner Club and Overseas Officers Reunions, which she attended regularly, and by the members of Brighton Branch, whom she frequently entertained at her home in Forest Row.

MRS. W. McFARLAND

O MAGH Branch has suffered a sad loss by the very sudden death of Mrs. W. McFarland (née Allen) on March 7, 1962. Lily, as she was affectionately known to all, was a most energetic member of Omagh Branch, although she suffered from indifferent health for some years she was always ready to do a kind deed. Her early passing at 46 is saddened by the fact that she has left a family of six children, the youngest being only six years old. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and deep and sincere sympathy is extended to her husband and children.

MRS. POULTON

MRS. POULTON (Penelope Seth-Hughes) died at Bromley, Kent, on March 6, 1962. Although she was not a member of the Association, she served in the war-time A.T.S. as a Junior Commander, and will be remembered by many friends, particularly those who knew her in Wales and Catterick.

MRS. H. M. PRIOR

PORTSMOUTH Branch announce with regret the death of Mrs. H. Prior on January 27, 1962. She was a founder member and at one time secretary of the branch.

MAJOR M. E. D. STEIN

EDINBURGH Branch regret to announce the death of Major M. E. D. Stein on February 27, 1962. Major Stein retired in 1957 after 17 years' service in the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. She had a cheerful, friendly personality, showed understanding and sympathy in her dealings with her

subordinates and earned the respect and confidence of all who knew her. After her retirement she devoted herself to working for the Scottish Council of Social Service, where the same qualities of humour, good temper and common sense that made her beloved in the Services, endeared her to her colleagues and the old people she worked for. She was a life member of the Association as well as a member of the W.R.A.C. Headquarters Mess, and will be greatly missed by all her friends.

MRS. M. GARDINER
MRS. A. H. HUTCHINGS
MRS. A. E. LARKINS
MISS P. F. L. WARREN
MRS. WESTON

WE regret to announce the deaths of Mrs. M. Gardiner and Mrs. A. H. Hutchings, both of Edinburgh Branch, Mrs. A. E. Larkins, London Branch, Miss P. F. L. Warren, Oxford Branch, and Mrs. Weston (ex-Q.M.A.A.C.), of Leeds Branch.

OFFICERS' POSTINGS

(Up to March 31, 1962)

Major P. J. B. C. CAMPBELL, Officer Commanding, 3 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Major J. CATO-SYMONDS, P.S.O., 51 (Highland) Div./Dist.
 Major J. T. CROOKE, D.A.A.G. (Org.), H.Q., Western Command.
 Major M. N. JAMIESON, O.C. Officer Cadet Wing, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 Major J. LESLIE, O.C. "D" Company, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 Major P. RUSTON, 54 (East Anglian) Signal Regiment, T.A.
 Major M. S. SMITHWICK, H.Q., Technical Group, R.E.M.E., Woolwich.
 Major M. T. VENNARD, G.S.O.2, A.E.R./T.A.I., War Office.
 Major K. WATERWORTH, 2IC, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 Major E. V. WATTS, M.B.E., S/Capt. "Q," H.Q., Berlin Infantry Brigade Group.
 Capt. (T/Major) I. ANDERSON, T.S.O.2, D.L.R.D.(G.), Ministry of Aviation.
 Capt. A. M. CLISSITT, 27 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Capt. V. C. JONES, Officer Commanding, 4 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
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 Capt. A. S. NICHOLSON, Officer Commanding, 8 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
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 Lt. M. M. TWEED, 240 Signal Squadron.
 Lt. J. M. WILLIAMS, 18 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Lt. C. G. PARSONS, 233 Signal Squadron.
 2/Lt. G. M. ABBOTT, 2 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lt. G. M. BUTLER, R.A.E.C. Instructional Unit, Southern Command.
 2/Lt. A. M. Gelston, 14 Signal Regiment.
 2/Lt. J. M. Hawtreay, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lt. R. A. HOLLOWAY, Specialist Messing Officer, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 2/Lt. B. NEVILLE, 18 Signal Regiment.
 2/Lt. F. A. ROUTH, Joint Services Staff College, Latimer.
 2/Lt. V. G. WEBSTER, H.Q., Intelligence Corps, B.A.O.R.

LONDON GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

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 Lieutenant: V. G. Webster, A. P. Leafe, M. M. Tweed, F. E. Carver, V. Neville, F. A. Routh.
 Lieutenant (Q.M.): M. Evans.
 2/Lieutenant: E. Ironmonger, F. A. F. Chandler, E. P. Tortoiseshell, L. E. W. Huxtable, A. M. Gelston, D. M. H. Brady, W. K. Martin, W. Alderman, J. Skingley-Pearce, P. M. C. Downie, F. M. Spaight, J. H. Upton, A. P. Bryan.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

2/Lieutenant: R. A. Holloway, S. C. E. Orr.
 2/Lieutenant (on probation): D. M. P. Garnett, E. D. P. Willson.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Retirement on retired pay: Major E. Ashkam.
 Retirement on account of disability: Capt. E. Graham, B.A.
 Resignations: Lt. B. J. Stone, B.A., Lt. E. A. H. Macmillan, M.A., Capt. A. E. Below.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Relinquishment on completion of service: Major V. J. Voller.

Correspondence

Dear Editor, your tragic plight
Will haunt my thoughts by day and night.
But how to lessen your distress,
And help to fill the emptiness,
I'm sure I do not know.

Would I were a muse or writer
To make your heavy burden lighter.
Alas, I have no skill with pen
With which to fill your pages, when
You've little else to show.

But when I turn the page to read
This *Lioness*, I see no need
For such despondent song.
Its pages seem to me as filled
With lots of interest, and I'm thrilled
To read it all. And so

Take heart; and may some abler pen
Than mine contribute now and then
News of themselves, and of old friend,
Of sport, of this and that, to end
Dear Editor, your woe!

E. A., Wimbledon Branch

DEAR EDITOR,

I feel that some of us should answer your poetic plea in the last *Lioness*, even if this item comes from a member of the oldest section, to whom nothing much may now be expected to happen. For some time I have intended to report on my visit to New Zealand, when I made a trip from my H.Q. in the Hawke's Bay area of the North Island to see Edith Suggate in the South. I found her looking not a day older in a charming flat by the Avon river, and surrounded by family. As one would expect, she gives much of her time and efforts to voluntary work, does some growing in her miniature garden, and tours the country with her brother and his family. Mr. Suggate, an eminent geographer, and his wife, who is a botanist and goodness knows what else, found time to show me much of the lovely surroundings, also I was able to fit in a visit to Mount Cook in a magnificent setting. Christchurch must be one of the most historic places in New Zealand; from a visit to the local museum and to the steep path, up which the early settlers struggled from the harbour, one is able to reconstruct much of the early colonisation. One could write reams on this, but all I can here record is my deep appreciation of kindness of the Suggate clan.

I was also able to tour the North Island; while in Auckland, the *Oriana* berthed and, though we were unable to meet, I spoke on the telephone to Paddy Bell, our youngest W.A.A.C. It is impossible to convey in a limited space the grandeur of the New Zealand scene, its astonishing geysers, the delightful properties of its mineral baths, the warm kindness of its people; but I shall always be glad that in my 70th year I seized the opportunity

of this nine-month experience, despite the underlying sadness that the chief object was to visit a stricken friend, since passed on. The voyage, to a landlubber, was a bit of a nightmare in prospect, but turned out most enjoyable, and I confounded the Cassandras by not being sick at all. The *Southern Cross* called at Las Palmas, Cape Town—where I was able to meet Bess Taylor's (*née* Hogarth) charming daughter—Durban, Fremantle, Melbourne, Sydney and on to Wellington. The *Rangitoto*, returning, took us to the famous Tahiti, where we ate a native lunch with our fingers, after seeing it uncovered from the ground where it was cooked, the traditional dancers completing our entertainment. The day-long quiet journey through the Panama Canal with its green banks, a sight for sea-weary eyes, was a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

And now I have added to my precious circle many new friends "down under," as well as the ones acquired during my official tours of duty with the Foreign Office. I have returned to my post as part-time librarian in the local branch of the county library, and I commend this occupation to anyone seeking interest as well as salary. Life begins at 70!

NORA E. MITCHELL (Signals, Etaples)

Review

ADVENTURES IN VOCATION

JOY BURDEN

MRS. BURDEN (*née* Dickinson) joined the M.A.T.S. in 1942 and served at Longmoor and Bramshott before being commissioned in October 1943. After two years as a platoon commander she was posted to Catterick as Group Education Officer and subsequently became S.O.3 Education at Aldershot. She married in 1953 and, since then, her many interests have included Girl Guiding, work with young wives' groups and free-lance journalism.

Her book, "Adventures in Vocation," is a record of other people's experiences, impressions and dedication to their chosen professions and outlines some of the fields in which there are openings, not only for the young, but also for the more mature woman. It is a mine of information on careers in the nursing service and there is an excellent chapter on the work of a Girl Guide trainer at home and overseas. The second half of the book deals with opportunities for women within the Church. Teaching, medical and general missions, the parish worker and the mothers' union are some of the many activities that are covered. Anyone who is looking for a vocation rather than a job will find this book interesting, instructive and extremely readable.

"Adventures in Vocation" is published by the St. Andrews Press, price 5s. It is non-profit-making and, once the expenses are cleared, Lee Abbey in North Devon and the Mothers' Union in Korea will benefit equally from any proceeds.

W.R.A.C. HEADQUARTER MESS

THE Eighth Annual General Meeting of the W.R.A.C. H.Q. Mess will be held on Monday, May 14, 1962, at 2.30 p.m. at the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea.

A.T.S. DINNER CLUB

THE Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 20, 1962, at *Derry & Toms, Kensington High Street, London*. Ex-A.T.S. wishing to join the Club please apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. E. Mapp, 17 Somerset Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham 20, enclosing s.a.e. Entrance fee 5s. Annual subscription 2s. 6d.

LONDON BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

THE Annual Dinner of the London Branch is being held on Saturday, October, 27, 1962, at *Arding & Hobbs, Clapham Junction, S.W.* We invite any members of the Association who may be in London at that time. Tickets for non-London Branch members are £1 2s. 6d. and London Branch members £1. The dinners held at *Arding & Hobbs* in the past two years have been a great success and are recommended by all who have attended them. There are frequent bus and train services to *Clapham Junction*. Tickets are obtainable from Miss M. G. Cridland, 52 Thornton Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

BRANCH MEETINGS

Branches who wish the particulars of their meetings published are requested to forward this information to the Editor.

ALDERSHOT.—Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7.30 to 9 p.m., *Dimoline Youth Centre, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot*.

BRADFORD.—Third Monday of each month (July and August excepted), 7 to 10 p.m., *Bursey House, Bradford*.

EDINBURGH.—First Tuesday in each month (June and January excepted), 7 p.m., *Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh 3*.

GLASGOW.—Monthly in the Service Women's Club, 203 West George Street, Glasgow.

LONSDALE.—Third Wednesday of each month in members' homes.

MANCHESTER.—Last Wednesday of each month in members' homes.

NORFOLK.—First Wednesday of each month, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m., at the *Railwaymen's Social Club*.

SHEFFIELD.—First and third Thursdays in each month at *Forresters Hall, Trippet Lane, Sheffield 1*.

SOUTHAMPTON.—First Wednesday of each month, *Blighmont T.A. Centre, Southampton*, at 7.30 p.m.

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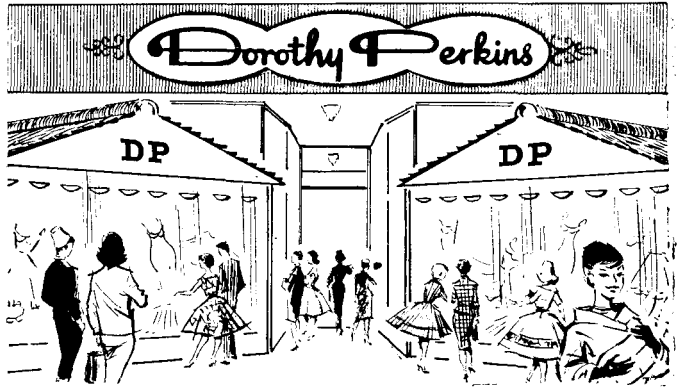
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