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Chimes, Dumpy and Smoky with their grooms



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Editorial

ONCE again the Grand Reunion Weekend has come and gone, with its renewal of old friendships and wave of good fellowship to carry us back to our routine life in home, factory or office. Looking through the reports given by our invaluable Branch Secretaries at their meeting on the Saturday morning, we wish that space permitted us to print them in full. We are very much impressed by their many fund-raising activities, the practical help they give to numerous good causes and the part they play in the life of their local community. All of which bears out the old maxim that the more you have to do the more you can do.

The Director, W.R.A.C., mentioned in her speech at the Grand Reunion that members of the Corps are now employed as grooms and kennelmaids at Melton Mowbray, where they are trained by the R.A.V.C. in the exercising and grooming of horses

and in dog-handling as well as all aspects of the general care of animals, including surgery work. If we may judge from this month's frontispiece it is a happy association.

A telegram of good wishes was sent to Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, on behalf of all members of the Association, when she moved to "Sussex-down," and the following reply has been received: "Thank you so very much for your delightful telegram from all members; you can imagine how greatly it was appreciated. My sincere congratulations on the weekend functions, I thought there was a very friendly spirit abroad from Friday evening onwards." We hope that the ovation Dame Helen always receives on these occasions gives her some idea of the affection and esteem in which she is held by all members of the Association.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 16th March, 1963, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, by kind permission of the County of London Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal presiding.

The Princess Royal expressed her pleasure at being able to preside at the Annual General Meeting and at seeing so many present. She welcomed the new Chairman of Council, Mrs. A. J. Stevenson, and Mrs. I. O. Holliss, T.D., as Honorary Treasurer.

Her Royal Highness mentioned the resignation of Mrs. Lumsden as General Secretary and went on to speak of the formation of the W.R.A.C. Corps Headquarters. She concluded by extending the best wishes of the Association to Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan when she moved to Storrington.

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies were received from Colonel L. E. Baldwin, O.B.E., Colonel S. Cooke, C.B.E., T.D., Miss B. Harvie-Anderson, O.B.E., M.P., Miss E. Mapp, Mrs. Marsden-Smedley, Lieut.-Colonel

A. Robertson, Lady Margaret Sandemann-Allen, T.D., and Colonel V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

Apologies were also received from the following Branch Secretaries: Mrs. Chilvers, Norfolk; Mrs. Claff, Guernsey; Miss Edwards, Aldershot; Mrs. Rawlings, Bristol; Mrs. Roulston, Omagh; and Mrs. Suttle, Bradford.

Minutes

2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 17th March, 1962, having appeared in the May issue of THE LIONESS, were taken as read and signed as correct.

Election of Officers

3. *Council Vice-President.* It was proposed by Brigadier J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., A.D.C., seconded by Mrs. A. J. Lumsden and carried unanimously that Mrs. N. Giles be appointed to the vacancy of Vice-President. The re-election of Miss K. Acland, O.B.E., Colonel M. K. Crewe-Read, C.B.E., T.D., and Mrs. D. Simpson as Council Vice-Presidents was proposed by Colonel C. E. Hammond, C.B.E., seconded by Dame Regina Evans, D.B.E., and carried *nem. con.*

Reports

4. *Report of Council.* The Report of Council (printed elsewhere) was read by Mrs. A. J. Stevenson.

5. *Hon. Treasurer.* Mrs. I. O. Holliss paid tribute to her predecessor, who had left the accounts in perfect order. She then thanked all Area and Branch Treasurers for their willing co-operation and assistance. The lessened demand on the Association's small capital, due to the formation of the Corps Headquarters, ensured the future as far as it could be foreseen. Copies of the audited accounts were available for inspection and a simple financial statement, showing receipts and expenditure since 31st October, 1962, had been prepared and distributed in the hall.

6. "*The Lioness.*" Lieut.-Colonel M. S. F. Millington said all members would have seen THE LIONESS now had its "new look." This was through the generosity of the Advertising Manager, Major E. Coven, who presented the Association with the design and block. It was hoped this would help to increase the income from advertising and also appeal to the younger readers enough to increase the bulk orders from Units. It was of interest to know that the photograph was of a serving member of the Corps, at present in Berlin. Prices of paper, printing and despatch continued to rise. After consideration it had been decided to change the printers to The Forces Press. The basic charge was much the same, but it was possible to reproduce photographs without extra cost. In future, good, clear prints would be welcomed to illustrate activities. The Editor thanked all regular contributors, with a special word of thanks for those who sent their articles in early. It was known that many interesting snippets of Unit news were missed. A special correspondent in each Command at home and overseas might solve the problem.

7. (a) *A.T.S. Benevolent Fund.* Miss J. Perceval opened by saying copies of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 1962 had been distributed in the hall for members. Seven hundred and forty ex-Service women of the A.T.S. applied for aid in 1962. Over £7,000 was spent in grants and loans, but no investments were sold during the year because of a legacy of £5,000, which, with the profits from the sale of the premises, carried the Fund through 1962. A variety of cases had been dealt with, many being sad and distressing. A number who applied for help were ill. Miss Perceval quoted various cases, including one of an ex-officer who had sent a donation to the Fund in gratitude for the help she had received a few years ago. Miss Perceval thanked all the members of the Association who supported the work. She also thanked, on behalf of her Committee, all ex-Service representatives for the help they had given the Fund over the years.

(b) *W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.* Colonel E. W. Gibson reported that the work of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund was increasing. During the financial year ending 31st October, 1962, 92 cases were investigated and 82 were given grants amounting to £746 11s. 6d., an increase of £169. The admini-

strative expenses had, however, been cut by £115. A substantial grant of £4,500 had been received from the Army Benevolent Fund, but a reduction in income from this source must be expected in 1963. Units, Branches and individuals had supported the Fund with generous donations amounting to £2,551 15s. 8d. and £8,500 had been added to the invested capital. This stood at £64,353 4s. 5d. on 31st October, 1962, and a further £1,000 had been added since that date. Cases had followed the usual pattern; grants for fuel and clothing, maternity or debts arising from illness and other misfortunes.

Colonel Gibson expressed the Committee's gratitude to the British Legion, S.S.A.F.A., Forces' Help Society and other organisations for their willing help and co-operation. The main object of the Fund continued to be the build-up of its capital to enable it to take over the work of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund when that ceased to exist. The combined expenditure of the two funds still exceeded their joint income and, unless the gap could be bridged, the Fund would be unable to meet its future commitments.

(c) *Museum.* Brigadier Dame Mary Railton reported that the first meeting of the Trustees had been held last June. After the meeting they had looked round the Museum and were very satisfied. A selection of the silver cups presented to the W.A.A.C. and Q.M.A.A.C. were on display. A number of gifts had been received during the year, the most noteworthy being the uniform worn by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan when Director of the A.T.S. Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. uniforms, and other items, had been lent for exhibitions and performances, including the Festival of Remembrance at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh. The suggestion made at the last Annual General Meeting, that an exhibit should be presented to the National Army Museum, Camberley, had been followed up, and Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. uniforms, photographs, a Corps print and an autographed copy of Dame Helen's book *Service with the Army* had been given. To complete the exhibit, the Trustees were anxious to present a set of badges of rank as worn by the W.A.A.C., Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. The fleur-de-lis of the Deputy Controller, Q.M.A.A.C., and the officers' collar badges of the W.A.A.C. and Q.M.A.A.C. were needed to complete the set. Could any member help? Dame Mary concluded by thanking Colonel Davies and the staff of the W.R.A.C. Depot for their continued interest and co-operation.

Resolutions

8. The following resolutions were carried, the first with acclamation:

(a) "That the Deputy Controller Commandant, W.R.A.C., be appointed Vice-President of the Association."

Proposed: Colonel M. K. Crewe-Read

Seconded: Mrs. I. O. Holliss

(b) "That four Life Vice-Presidents may also be elected, in addition to the four Council Vice-Presidents elected annually, and that the power to elect an Honorary President and Honorary Vice-Presidents be rescinded."

Proposed: Colonel M. D. M. Humphery
Seconded: Colonel D. H. I. Wilson

(c) "That, in view of the improved financial position of the Association since the formation of the Corps Headquarters, consideration should be given to either discontinuing the biennial draw or running it in aid of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund."

After discussion it was proposed by Miss A. Hayward (Liverpool), seconded by Mrs. I. O. Holliss, that the draw should continue to be run in aid of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

(d) "That a plaque be erected in St. Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C."

Proposed: Mrs. V. Rumbold (Bournemouth)
Seconded: Miss G. K. Ballard (Brighton)

Before this resolution was put to the vote, Colonel E. S. MacFie proposed the following amendment: "That Westminster Abbey be substituted for St. Paul's Cathedral and that the money be raised as a separate fund."

This was seconded by Miss M. Clasper (London Branch), discussed, put to the vote and carried.

(e) "That immediate steps be taken to provide a Rest and Holiday Home for members of the Association."

Proposed: Miss M. V. Druitt (Ilford and London)

Seconded: Miss B. B. Brown (London)

This resolution was not carried.

Any other Business

9. (a) It was suggested that a service be held on Sunday, 27th October, 1963, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the A.T.S. The date proposed was the Sunday following the A.T.S. Dinner. After discussion, it was decided to adopt the suggestion, leave the arrangements to Council and publish final details in THE LIONESS.

(b) Mrs. Rumbold suggested that, as the Corps History may not be published, a book be written showing the build-up from W.A.A.C. to W.R.A.C. It was pointed out that *Service with the Army* covers the period 1917 to 1941 and that any member was at liberty to write a sequel.

Date of next Meeting

10. The dates suggested were 14th or 21st March, 1964.

Mrs. A. J. Stevenson, Chairman of Council, thanked Her Royal Highness and expressed the appreciation of all members for the honour she had done them by presiding at the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.43 p.m.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

THE Council has met four times during the year and has dealt with all current business and received reports. It has been an active year for the Association. Twenty new life members have been enrolled and three new Unit Branches formed. Unfortunately, Lakeland Branch was forced to close down through lack of support. Successful reunions were held in Southern, Western, Northern and

Scottish Areas. We have received letters from Australia, Canada and New Zealand thanking our Association for the resolution passed at the last Annual General Meeting offering membership to Service and ex-Service women of the three Commonwealth countries. A contribution has been made towards the cost of a Corps badge, to be incorporated in the Memorial that is to be erected in Kuala Lumpur, to commemorate those who died, or suffered, in the Emergency.

Members took part in the parade at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday and our wreath was laid by Miss K. Gregson of Wimbledon Branch. Representatives of the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. attended a Service of Dedication at the Field of Remembrance. The cross was planted by Lieut.-Colonel C. de Garis Martin, A.D.W.R.A.C., London District. The Association continues to be represented and to play its full part in various serving and ex-Service organisations. Miss J. Perceval, representing the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, has just completed a successful year as chairman of one of these committees.

SECRETARIES' MEETING

THE Secretaries' Meeting was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on Saturday, 16th March, 1963, Mrs. A. J. Stevenson, Chairman of Council, taking the chair. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion of mutual problems, and the remaining time spent in listening to interesting reports from as many Branches as possible. Secretaries who did not present the reports of their activities handed them in to keep Headquarters in the picture. The Director, W.R.A.C., Brigadier J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., A.D.C., very much regretted being unable to attend this year's meeting owing to an official engagement. Mrs. E. M. Suttle (Bradford) and Mrs. M. Claff (Guernsey) were both prevented from attending by illness. We all wish them a speedy recovery. Members of Council attended the meeting and afterwards lunched with the Secretaries in the canteen of the Central Mess.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

THE Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion on Friday, 15th March, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, was as lively and enjoyable as on any previous year, and 110 members attended. The Princess Royal honoured us with her presence and we were also pleased that Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan was able to be with us again.

Elsie Smith arranged some entertainment for The Princess Royal with "Giles and Chambers", and this parody on the First World War was really very funny and caused plenty of laughs from everyone. Mrs. Suttrton gave a nice rendering of "Let The Rest Of The World Go By". Elsie Smith then played some of the old Army songs and the Princess Royal joined in the singing.

The refreshments were especially nice and were very ably served. At the end of the evening The Princess Royal thanked Elsie Smith for her piano playing and said how much she had enjoyed the evening.

E. S.



"Auld Lang Syne"

(Photo by P.T.S. Studios)

(Left to right: Miss Harrison, Mrs. Giles, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, Mrs. Stevenson, Colonel Hammond, Mrs. Rumbold)

The Grand Reunion

THE 1963 Reunion was held on Saturday, 16th March, at Derry and Toms and, once again, it was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Over 600 members attended, rather fewer than at the last reunion.

The evening could not start soon enough and many of us began meeting old friends and having private reunions in the lifts and while leaving our coats in the cloakroom. By 7 p.m. we were all assembled and enjoying everything the Committee, led by Colonel C. E. Hammond, C.B.E., had arranged for us—comfortable chairs at tables of our choice, soft lights and the sweet music of the W.R.A.C. Band under their new Director of Music, Lieut. E. Crowcroft, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., whom we were pleased to welcome among us for the first time.

After an address of welcome by Councillor Mrs. John Walford, J.P., Mayor of Kensington, our President, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, spoke to us and drew our minds back 25 years to the days of the formation of the A.T.S., when war was imminent. She recalled how the A.T.S. had

carried on where the Q.M.A.A.C. had left off nearly 20 years before, that all three Corps shared the privilege of service and that these traditions are carried on by the W.R.A.C. today. We, on our part, remembered how Her Royal Highness had herself become an officer in the A.T.S. in October, 1938, and what an active interest she has taken in our affairs ever since. It has always been a matter of the greatest pleasure and pride to have Her Royal Highness with us at our reunions, and on this, the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the A.T.S., the evening would not have been complete without her.

Brigadier J. E. R. Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., A.D.C., the present Director, W.R.A.C., gave us up-to-date news of the Corps. Her description of her recent trip to the Far East, visiting serving women in Singapore and Hong Kong, made us think ruefully of the cold winter we have had in this country. We now all envy the N.C.O. who has the good fortune to be serving in the Military Attaché's office in Bangkok. At the same time we realised that the

members of the Corps are just as hard worked as ever. We learnt of the newly formed detachments in Aden and Malta and, with regret, of the withdrawal of the companies in Gibraltar and the Caribbean. Brigadier Rivett-Drake also told us that the trades kennelmaid and groom had been opened up to the Corps and that recruiting was going well, with an added emphasis on selectivity. We were glad to hear that the Depot will move to its newly built home in Guildford at the end of this year and are all looking forward to our own personal "inspection" of the new barracks when the time comes. Turning to the Territorial Army, the Director said that they were in good heart. She ended by affirming that, on the 25th anniversary of the formation of the A.T.S., the women serving today looked back with affection and gratitude and that comradeship, loyalty and willingness to serve lived on in the W.R.A.C.

Dame Helen then spoke to us. When she rose to her feet she was greeted by the roar of respect and affection with which we demonstrate, at every reunion, our very special feelings towards her. She reminded us that 1963 was not only the A.T.S. 25th Anniversary, but also nearly the Jubilee Year of the Q.M.A.A.C. She urged us all to respond to any call that might come our way to join in work of public service, as our experience of discipline and service is needed in the world today. We learnt during the evening that Dame Helen has just gone to live at Storrington, where we wish her every happiness. Despite her move from London we sincerely hope that, for many years to come, she will be making the journey up to Town for the Reunion.

After R.S.M. H. Shenton, of 12 Battalion, had proposed a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness we were treated to a brief "Tribute", written and produced by Lieut.-Colonel A. Hurburgh (retired). 2/Lieut. Orr acted as narrator. The highlights were the appearance of Mrs. N. Giles, of the London Branch, looking very smart in the Q.M.A.A.C. uniform and some youngsters from the W.R.A.C. Depot wearing some strangely fitting uniforms of A.T.S. days and being rebuked for it in familiar fashion. Mrs. Giles, unfortunately, had laryngitis and could not herself speak from the platform, but we thoroughly enjoyed her performance.

For the rest of the evening, after the delicious refreshments had been served, everyone was able to circulate easily round the large room, meeting old friends and greeting our guests, who included Miss Lethbridge and Miss Worthington-Evans, our kind friends of The Duchess of Northumberland's Comforts Fund, which was responsible for many of the welfare items that A.T.S. units were so grateful to receive in the days of austerity. Mrs. M. E. Macfie, of the A.T.S. Employment Bureau, was also present, looking as young as ever; it seems only yesterday that she started finding jobs for us and, with unerring accuracy, putting round pegs into round holes. We were also glad to welcome two former A.T.S. Directors, Dame Leslie Whately and Dame Mary Tyrwhitt. This was very much the year of the A.T.S., and we will look forward to seeing many more A.T.S. old comrades when the A.T.S. Dinner Club meets in October.

All too soon the evening came to an end and we joined together for "Auld Lang Syne". After the National Anthem we collected our coats and returned home with nostalgic memories and the firm intention of coming to London again in two years' time for the next Reunion.

S. A. E. H.

Retirements

WE say goodbye with regret to two well-known officers. **Colonel E. W. Gibson**, whose last appointment was as D.D.W.R.A.C., Southern Command, retired voluntarily on 5th April, 1963, after 23 years' service. Her overseas postings included the Middle East, Austria and Cyprus, but she will probably be best remembered for her three years as Commandant of the W.R.A.C. Depot from 1956 to 1959. Colonel Gibson once "beat the panel" when she appeared on the TV programme "What's My Line?" She has been a Member of Council for many years and has agreed to continue as Chairman of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund Committee of Management on her retirement.

Colonel L. E. Baldwin, O.B.E., at present D.D.W.R.A.C., Eastern Command starts her terminal leave at the end of this month. She was a Technical Ordnance Officer for a number of years during her A.T.S. service and was Second-in-Command of the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction from 1952 to 1954. On promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, she was posted to B.A.O.R. as A.D.W.R.A.C. and O.C. 14 Battalion and was awarded the O.B.E. for her good work in that theatre. Among her many other activities Colonel Baldwin has been Assistant Vice-President of the Regular Commissions Board, Chairman of the W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess Committee of Management and a Member of Council. We extend our good wishes to both these officers in their retirement and look forward to keeping in touch with them through the W.R.A.C. Association.

PRINCESS OPENS YOUTH HOTEL

PRINCESS Alexandra of Kent, Vice-Patron of the Y.W.C.A. of Great Britain, officially opened Hyde House, Bulstrode Street, London, W.1, on Friday, 29th March, 1963.

This latest venture of the Y.W.C.A. provides a hotel where young people of both sexes, who are under 21 years of age, can stay in the West End of London for as little as 12s. 6d. a night for bed and breakfast. The hotel provides dormitory accommodation with washing cubicles, baths, laundry and drying facilities, a large lounge with piano and television and a pleasant dining-room.

Serving members of the W.R.A.C., who are under 21, are eligible to use the hotel. Apply to: The Receptionist, Y.W.C.A., Hyde House, Bulstrode Street, London, W.1. Telephone: WELbeck 7887.

Fashions Which Are Fun

BY MARY WEST



Something new in shape, style and economy of purpose will link Bedroom with Beach in the coming months, for the Poncho pyjamas have arrived! Capturing the glamour of sun-drenched Mexico these original-styled pyjamas by Dorothy Perkins can meet the demands of rest and play equally. Available in brilliant colours—red, orange, turquoise and royal blue all trimmed with the characteristic fringe in white, they'll cost any girl with "go" 25/11d.



Sophisticated simplicity is the keynote to the latest fashion trends for summer '63 and this plain uncluttered sheath from Dorothy Perkins has all these fashion pointers. In gay deck-chair stripes and with Paris-inspired shoulder ties it's perfect for sunny days or holiday evening wear. Made in "linen look" rayon in lots of exciting colour combinations it costs 45/11d.

NO doubt about it this year shops are bulging at the seams with gay and exciting new clothes. I don't only refer to dresses or suits, underwear too now runs side by side with these in the fashion stakes. Walking along a typical suburban High Street I saw clothes and accessories which made me want to throw away all my existing wardrobe and start again . . . but how many of us can afford to do that?

However, I would like to pass on to you a few ideas which I saw, and which will guarantee to keep you in the forefront of fashion during the summer months, and which I believe are available throughout the country at a price that every budget-conscious girl can afford.

Of course the dress of the year is definitely the "shift", worn loose or belted at the waist or hip level, here is a dress that guarantees to do more for the girl with the less-than-perfect figure than any other fashion for a long time. If your waist is larger in proportion than your hips, or the reverse applies, you will be both comfortable and camouflaged in a shift. Stripes seem to lend themselves to this style and I saw in Dorothy Perkins a striking example in a diagonal stripe in peacock colours from blues to purple with a touch of white, at the incredible cost of only 25/11d. For the girl who likes to show off her figure this same shop had many gorgeous sheath dresses to show me, but my weakness for pink made me settle for a "linen look" dress in wide deck-chair stripes which ranged from sugar pink to rose. This cost me 45/11d. and there were many other lovely colour combinations to choose from.

Lingerie was the next department I visited and I was surprised to see that already I was able to buy a "Shift Slip" perfect to underline my dress. All the new petticoats had a certain Brigitte Bardot look about them, built-up shoulderlines, scooped necklines slotted with ribbon or lace and the colours too were exciting and deeper than I was used to. There was a lovely rosy red, a french navy, chocolate brown, apricot and the lido blue which I chose eventually. This cost me 25/11d.

Denim (the material once thought only fit for overalls) appears this year in a host of fashion garments. Hipster pants and matching shirts (which can be bought separately) took my eye and also a dress with military buttons—but in the circumstances I decided this fashion was not for me!!

For bedtime I was enthralled to find that more and more people were buying dual-purpose sleep-wear—if you don't know what I mean I will give you an example: Poncho pyjamas styled in the traditional Mexican manner of a cape top worn with brief panties, both characteristically fringed in white, were selling in exotic colours of orange or turquoise. When you are not wearing these in bed they can be worn on the beach over shorts or swimsuits and they cost 25/11d. complete.

It was not a particularly sunny day when I went shopping so my mind was not attuned to thinking about holidays, but with the sight of such gay swimwear all around me I felt compelled to look and was glad I did. No need ever again to suffer the agonies of bones in swimsuits which always seem to dig in the wrong places at the wrong times. Bri-nylon and Helanca nylon, the two new stretchy fabrics, have put all that behind us. They make getting into or out of a swimsuit a pleasure not a struggle—there are no zips to catch your skin, and the wafer-thin pre-formed bras fitted into all of them give the support we need. For the girl who likes the maximum of tan there's the new belted hipster style two-piece available in Bri-nylon with either a striped bottom and plain top or vice-versa, in nautical shades which costs 39/11d. The swimsuit I liked particularly (for I'm a one-piece girl) was a "Sari" style in diagonal stripes of brown and black. This one-shoulder effect I thought would be very sophisticated, especially if I should visit the South of France this year! Also in Dorothy Perkins was the classic swimsuit for the girl who likes to look coolly smart, which was in Helanca nylon with a completely lined front panel, built-up shoulderline and deep U back, and there were actually 14 colours to choose from including white, and the cost only 29/11d.



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Round the World in Army Time

PART I

MAJOR D. J. ADAMS

ALTHOUGH "around the world in 80 days" was originally a dream of Jules Verne, it became a reality for me, and it is sad to think that now the troopships have gone so, too, is the opportunity to sail round the world in Army time. I was one of the lucky ones and still have the most happy memories of days at sea and ashore at ports of call.

On posting to Singapore I was fortunate enough to travel by troopship, the old *Devonshire*, not the original "slow boat to China" but a leisurely trip which was not a moment too long for me. I particularly enjoyed the passage through the Suez Canal. I had previously been stationed at Fayid and had been up and down the Canal Zone by train, bus, air and foot and had once even attempted to swim across it, but this was the first time I had been down by ship. It is 104 miles long and nearly 100 years old and, in Army language, you are at the beginning of "Far East" when you get east of Suez.

There is nothing, even in the Army, to compare with life on board ship; the days were all delightful and we were soon at Aden. Here we were allowed ashore for the first time since leaving the U.K. We headed for the shops and bought lots of bargains—later to turn out not such bargains compared with those found when shopping in Singapore and Hong Kong. How lovely it was to be warm all day and in no time at all we were at Colombo for another trip ashore. The shops fascinated us all, we couldn't resist them, and I bought a set of hand-made pillow-lace table mats for less than 20s. I also made lace, and a similar set would have taken me 20 years to make!

At last we reached Singapore. I was very excited to be there but very sorry that the voyage was over. Little did I think, then, that I should be lucky enough, during my tour there, to travel all over Malaya and also to have leaves in Bangkok, Hong Kong and, best of all, Australia.

For my Australian leave I sailed on a small passenger/cargo ship to Fremantle, a trip that took ten days. After crossing the line and passing through the Sunda Strait, we saw nothing but sea all the way. I stayed a month in Perth, Western Australia, with relations and then went across to Adelaide by train. This took two days and involved three changes because of the different gauges of the railway lines. The air-conditioned train across the Nullarbor Plain is quite the most luxurious I have ever been on, but I considered the luxury was a bit overdone when I was offered steak for breakfast. From Adelaide I went 150 miles into the bush to stay on a station or farm. This was the life; the wide open spaces, beaches to yourselves and, for excitement, kangaroos likely to jump across the track at any moment.

Alas! time flew by, but luck again was with me and I was able to get an R.A.F. Indulgence Flight back to Singapore and arrived on the very last day of my leave.

My journey to Bangkok I also did by passenger/cargo ship. What a fascinating city—temples of gold, hotels of concrete and houses of straw.

My leave to Hong Kong had been by troopship, an indulgence passage on the *Oxfordshire*, so, when the time came for my return home at the end of my extended tour, I was most anxious to continue these enjoyable sea trips. At this time W.R.A.C. officers were expected to travel by air so, if I wanted to be sure of sailing, I would have to pay my own fare and hope for a part refund. Luck was with me again, for there was a ship due to leave Singapore the same week that I was, and it was going home, via America and Panama; just what I wanted. All went well, permission to make the trip was given, visas obtained and eventually the day dawned when I sailed away on the P. & O. liner *Chusan*. The ship was on the first round-the-world run for her company and so we were to receive great welcomes at all our ports of call.

The ship carried over 1,000 passengers, of whom only about 100 were doing the actual round-the-world trip; the remainder were just travellers getting from place to place, all nationalities, types and ages. Here I was just "Miss" and did not sit at the captain's table as I had on the troopship. No one asked who or what I was or where I was going; we were such a mixed bag that everyone was judged on their own merits and accepted just as a person. I enjoyed meeting so many different types—the young Indian emigrating to Canada, the wealthy Parsee family on their way to Japan for a holiday, the Chinese professor off to Canada to retire, the American missionaries from the Philippines going home on leave, the forestry officer and his wife from North Borneo, and so many more.

The ship was most comfortable, the way of life was very pleasant, and three days later we were in Manila. Manila is, in many ways, not unlike Singapore, the people are mostly of Malay stock, small, friendly and gracious. The way of life in the Philippines is patterned on the U.S.A. and there is evidence of American influence in so many ways. We had a whole day in port so I went on a tour into the country. We drove for an hour or so through rice paddy, banana plantations and then coconut groves as we climbed some 2,000 feet to Tagaytay. Here we had a glorious view of Taal Volcano and the mountain lakes, with the sea in the far distance. We had a never-to-be-forgotten lunch at the Taal Vista Lodge—the sort of place you see advertised in glossy American magazines. As the saying goes—it was "out of this world". We were served with savoury rice and a small chicken each, which simply melted in the mouth. Near me at the table were a middle-aged Yorkshire couple, who considered their home county and its way of life to be perfection and so nothing else could compare. The wife turned to her husband and, in a very hurt voice, asked, "Is there no gravy?" For dessert we were served half a young coconut filled with ice-cream. I can taste it still.

On leaving Manila we sailed into one of the

glorious sunsets for which it is famous. Two days later we were in Hong Kong. Here we were scheduled to stay for two days, so I went to the W.R.A.C. Officers' Mess for the night. Shopping was a priority and then I went for a drive all round the island. That evening, after a ride in a traditional rickshaw, we had a delicious Chinese meal; what superb cooks the Chinese are! It was difficult to sleep that night as all the fairyland lights of Hong Kong and Kowloon were visible from my window and one could not help wondering about the lives of the two million odd people who were lucky enough to live there.

The temperature grew noticeably colder as we sailed north, and four days later we were in Yokohama. It is strange how docks and railway stations the world over look very much the same at first glance. I would not have known that this was Japan. We went on a wonderful tour into the country and here was the Japan I had always pictured. The neat little wooden houses, the weirdly shaped pine trees and the women tottering on their wooden platform shoes and wearing kimonos of every hue. Our first visit was to Kamakura, to see the giant statue of Buddha. As a child I had had a photo of this statue and had never imagined that I would ever have the opportunity to see the original.

Later our tour took us around the city of Tokyo, past the unimpressive Imperial Palace and, eventually, to a hotel for lunch. I realised that everything was laid on for the tourist, but all the traditional things that one has always heard about were there. We left our shoes in the foyer and walked on the soft straw mats to a low table, and there squatted as best we could. We were waited on by the prettiest little Japanese girls you ever saw and, as our meal was to be Sukiyaki, they also did the cooking at the table. Sitting near me was an elderly Scottish couple; he was fascinated by it all, despite his cramped position, but she was not so happy and, eyeing the kimono-clad, doll-like girl, remarked, "I hope she can cook." Of course she could, and we had a superb meal. After lunch I left the tour and had a wander round the shops and there met a Japanese girl to whom I had been given a letter of introduction. Her English was perfect, luckily, and, on learning I was interested in the theatre, she promptly took me to the Kabuki Theatre and then to a restaurant to have Tempura. This restaurant was not for tourists and there were only chopsticks! They were, however, wooden ones and easy to cope with, and the food was delicious. I found the Japanese most charming and helpful, and many spoke English, or, rather, American, and I had no trouble at all in getting back to the ship by train to Yokohama and then by taxi to the dock.

On leaving Japan we sailed across the Pacific, crossing the date line and having two Wednesdays. It was cold and overcast and, at the end of a week, when we were due in Honolulu, one wondered if it could possibly be warm and sunny overnight, and, strange to relate, it was a glorious day.

Here I had contacts with some American Army officers I had known in Singapore. They met me on board, garlanded me with lei of all kinds, and we set off for a tour of the island. We went to Pearl

Harbour and through some of the most spick and span Army camps I have ever seen. We also drove through miles of sugar and pineapple plantations. What a lovely island! The town of Honolulu reminded me of Torquay, neat little houses in neat little gardens. I was taken to the Officers' Mess, which turned out to be very much like the one I had left in Singapore, and, after meeting all the American Women Army Officers on the island, we all went off for dinner in one of the big hotels in Waikiki. Although all Hawaiians are, to our standards, considerably overweight, it is the fashion, and somewhat surprising as they do not appear to be outstanding cooks. We did not sail until midnight and, in accordance with local custom, I threw one of my lei on to the water as we sailed out of harbour—to ensure that I would one day return.

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In the Land of the Kiwi

D. WILLIAMS

I HAD been seasick almost constantly since leaving Sydney in Australia and when I eventually landed at Wellington, a port in the North Island of New Zealand, I felt as if I had reached the Promised Land. Memories of the koala bear, the kookaburra, the golden sands of beaches and mysterious bush, the never-to-be-forgotten 4,000-mile train journey across Australia, with its 300 miles of dead-straight track, were beginning to fade, and I welcomed the new adventure that was in store.

Friends were waiting to welcome me at Wellington and, after a Customs check, we started off on a 200-mile car drive to Wanganui, which was to be my home for the next four months. It was a most impressive trip, although I talked so much I must have missed some of the sights that were being pointed out to me. I remember the vastness of sheep stations and the isolation, the glorious smell of the pine forests and the snow-capped mountains in the distance. The vehicles I saw were, on the whole, rather old, and I learned that every car has to have a thorough overhaul every six months by law. Eventually we arrived at Wanganui, a rather modern town by New Zealand standards, and I was fascinated by the large number of wooden bungalows with gaily painted roofs. In this part of the island, the western side, there are very few "storey" buildings, due to the tremors of the earthquakes which occur from time to time. I experienced only one small earthquake during my stay in New Zealand and it was rather frightening, as everything seemed to go deathly still, the birds stopped singing and things began to move in a very "ghostly way".

I had hardly any clothes with me and very little money so I obtained work in a biscuit factory, where I wore an overall which covered my rather ancient skirt and blouses. For the next few weeks I toiled away, in the heat of the summer, packing biscuits; biscuits of every shape and size. I saved and economised and, for relaxation, learned the "gentle" art of softball, rather like the American baseball, and, after nearly breaking my fingers catching a hard ball without the massive glove issued to me, I was given a place in the team, much to my delight. The New Zealanders, the majority of them English or Scottish by birth or origin, are very keen on sport and spend a great deal of their spare time swimming, fishing, hunting or playing games. Practically every shop, bank, post office and factory closes down on Friday evening and the weekends are free. The men spend a great deal of time in building, either their own houses, garages or fences, although they also enjoy taking the family out, in between their labours, to visit some of the beauty spots, which are so numerous in this country. I had heard a great deal about Rotorua, which is a tourist's "dream", and I was determined to visit it before I left New Zealand. As the summer holidays

fell at Christmas time, the factory where I worked closed for three weeks, and I gave my notice in so that I would have a chance of a little sight-seeing before leaving for England. A week after Christmas I climbed aboard a massive coach, to take me to Rotorua and to Maori land. I was given V.I.P. treatment all the way, and the driver pointed out many fascinating sights. We stopped at a "kiwi" farm, where I saw this peculiar bird, rather like a hen without a tail and with poor sight. At a place called Wairakei I saw a huge geothermal bore, which emits steam for electricity and the heating of water. It made a thunderous noise and I felt rather glad when we had passed, although the other passengers were quite unconcerned by it. After about five hours, during which I had seen many beautiful lakes, sheep farms, etc., I smelt a very peculiar odour, rather like rotten eggs, and the driver cheerfully told me that we had arrived at our destination. I spent two very enthralling days at this place, but could never get used to the smell, which was caused by the "geysers", which appear to be everywhere at once. It was very disconcerting to find steam suddenly shoot out near one's feet from a gutter.

I spent one day visiting a Maori settlement called Whakarewarewa, although I could never pronounce it. For a small fee I wandered around, admiring the beautiful carvings on the posts of the houses; these carvings are rather peculiar, because they are mainly of gods, especially one called "Tiki", whose tongues are perpetually stuck out of their mouths. I watched a "poi" dance by the young Maori girls, who were very gaily dressed in their embroidered, sleeveless tops and bright skirts. The "poi" is a light, small ball, suspended by a cord, which they twirled very expertly. The men made me laugh, although I think I was rather rude, because they danced a warlike dance called the "Haka", with much leaping in the air and sticking out of tongues, and it was very serious, although I did not know this at the time. The men wear a fibre skirt, made from New Zealand flax, and it is most effective, as they twist and turn themselves around in many different positions. I watched some of the Maori women washing their clothes and cooking their meals in the hot springs, and thought how economical it must be to have one in the back garden. The hot-mud pools were fascinating to watch, rather like porridge cooking, and I was told a tourist had once stepped too close to the side of one and had vanished, shrieking in agony. The Maori people are very happy and friendly and they have harmonious voices and are always singing—they worry very little about the cares of the world. The second day of my little tour was spent at the Waitoma caves, which left me almost spellbound. They are made of limestone and the colours are



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magnificent, but the cave which I shall always remember is the "Glow-worm" Grotto, where millions of glow-worms glisten in the darkness. Not a sound must be made, otherwise they will darken their lights.

I left Rotorua, with its many memories, and spent one day in windy Wellington, where the wind never seems to stop blowing, and visited a

famous museum to see the canoes made by Maoris, long since dead, from hollowed-out trees, and marvelled at their craftsmanship. I sailed away from Wellington, one sunny January afternoon, to the strains of the Maori voices singing the original song "Now is the Hour", and watched the last streamer fall into the sea, breaking the ties between us.

A Salute to the Salute

WHY the dickens should we salute? Ladies, let us be grateful that a simple salute is all that is asked of us. I have been reading with horror that at one time we would have been expected to raise our berets. Just think what that would mean. What would we look like at the end of a day's saluting? Beehive hairstyles would have developed into birds' nests. And just think of the state of the poor hat, not to mention the state of the poor Sergeant-Major.

In fact, it was the wear and tear on hats which led to the doing away with hat-raising. The gorgeous lace-trimmed creations worn by soldiers of bygone days very quickly became soiled and battered with so much handling. It made it very difficult to look smart. It is claimed that a Scottish regiment, The

Royal Scots, were the first to do something official about it. In 1762 the men of the regiment were ordered to stop doffing hats; instead, they were simply to raise the back of the hand to the hat. But it was not until the beginning of the 19th century that this method of saluting was adopted throughout the whole British Army. Earlier still, of course, knights in armour had saluted each other by uncovering faces or heads to show that their intentions were friendly.

Why do we salute at all? The word itself tells us. It is simply a form of greeting. In civilian life various forms of greeting are used. In a large organisation like the Army it is easier if we all use the same form. So, for us, saluting is compulsory. How lucky we are that it is so simple! D. G. W.

Home and Leisure

PICNIC MEALS

AFTER the cold, dreary winter, everyone wants to take advantage of every possible moment of fresh air and sunshine. This month we are publishing some suggestions, suitable for picnic meals, as alternatives to the usual sandwich and hard-boiled egg. All are equally good eaten indoors should the weather fail to come up to expectations.

Meat Loaf

- 1 lb. minced steak
- 1 grated onion
- 7 level tablespoons breadcrumbs
- 1 dessertspoon bottled horseradish sauce
- 1 tablespoon tomato ketchup
- 1 beaten egg
- Salt, mustard and pepper to taste

Mix all the ingredients together very thoroughly. Pack them tightly into a greased loaf tin. Bake in a quick oven, gas No. 6, for 45 minutes. Allow to cool and cut into slices.

Chopped Liver Spread

This delicious mixture can be eaten on savoury biscuits, as a filling for sandwiches or with a fork, accompanied by crisp French bread.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. lamb's liver
- 1 onion
- 1 hard-boiled egg
- Butter or chicken fat
- Salt and pepper

Wash and dry the liver and cut it into slices. Fry gently for 10 minutes, turning once. Slice an onion and fry it gently in butter or chicken fat, keeping the pan covered till the onion is soft and pale yellow. Shell the hard-boiled egg and put the liver, onion and egg through the mincer twice, using a fine blade. Season with salt and pepper and add enough soft butter or chicken fat to make the mixture cling together.

Pizza

This popular Italian dish is a splendid stand-by as a snack after bathing, or to take the edge off keen appetites at any time. You will need:

- For the base—8 oz. flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. yeast
- $\frac{1}{2}$ gill warm milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 oz. softened butter

Sieve and warm the flour and salt. Cream the yeast and sugar, add milk and beaten egg. Make a well in the flour, add the liquid, then the softened butter and beat well. Cover and leave in a warm place for 40 minutes.

- For the filling—1 lb. skinned tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion

- 1 dessertspoon mixed herbs
- 3 oz. grated cheese
- 2 oz. olives
- 1 tin anchovy fillets
- Olive oil

Sauté the tomatoes, onion and herbs in a little olive oil. Cool and drain off excess liquid. Spread the dough on a well-oiled baking tin and cover it with the tomato mixture. Sprinkle with grated cheese, sliced olives and anchovy fillets. Cover and leave to prove for 10 minutes. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Bacon and Egg Pie

- 8 oz. shortcrust or flaky pastry
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons top of the bottle milk
- 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
- 2 skinned tomatoes
- 4 rashers of bacon
- Salt and pepper

Cut up the rashers of bacon, fry lightly and leave to cool. Beat the egg, milk and seasoning. Line a flan or flat pie dish with pastry, put the bacon in the bottom, cover with sliced tomato and pour in the egg mixture. Cover with the remainder of the pastry and bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes.

Cheese Cake

- 1 large carton cheese curd
- 2 tablespoons castor sugar
- 1 egg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla essence
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons dried fruit
- Shortcrust pastry

Beat the curd thoroughly with the sugar until it is smooth and creamy. Add the well-beaten egg, salt and vanilla essence and mix well. Add the dried fruit. Line a shallow dish with short pastry and fill it with the cheesy mixture. Bake in a moderate oven till firm. A nice variation is to add two tablespoons of finely chopped angelica and a few glacé cherries instead of the dried fruit.

History of Herbs

ROSEMARY FOR REMEMBRANCE

ROSEMARY is thought to have been introduced into Britain by the Romans. It was certainly known in Anglo-Saxon times and had many medicinal and ceremonial uses. It was closely connected with both weddings and funerals. Dead bodies were adorned with rosemary and the custom of throwing sprigs of the herb into a grave persisted until the nineteenth century. It was even more essential in weddings and was carried or worn by

both bride and groom. Its leaves were sometimes gilded or dipped in scented water, and the bride wore a garland of it to signify that she carried loving memories of her old home into her new life.

Medicinally, its uses ranged from a cure for gout to a tonic for falling hair; it was also believed to be so good against the plague that, in a bad year, its price went up to 6s. a handful.

Its name, meaning dew of the sea, was given because it was supposed to thrive best within the sound of waves breaking on the shore, and a charming legend has it that it owes the blue colour of its flower to the Virgin Mary's having spread her cloak to dry on the plant. Tradition also has it that, where rosemary flourishes, the mistress rules. Rosemary still has its place in the modern kitchen; it is excellent with any mutton or lamb dish and greatly improves the flavour of rabbit.

ADVENTURE AND TRAVEL

THE Army Mountaineering Association was the main feature of the Regular Army Stand at the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition at Olympia early this year. The Association has frequently pioneered expeditions to climb hitherto unconquered mountains in many parts of the world and has contributed the results of its surveys to geographical and technical organisations.

Two members of the W.R.A.C. were also on duty at the Army Stand, Sgt. P. Auld from 14 Signal Regiment and Cpl. P. M. Davenport of 12 Battalion. We understand that neither of them is a mountaineer but that both are interested in sports, including swimming and fencing.

Sport

ARMY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Ladies' Veteran Doubles match will form part of the Army Championships to be played on Tuesday, 30th July, 1963, at the Officers' Club, Farnborough Road, Aldershot. Play starts at 10.30 a.m.

It is open to pairs of W.R.A.C. all ranks, serving or retired, who are over 45 years on 4th August, 1963. The results in 1962 were:

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The individual championship was won by W.O.II J. F. M. Whitehead, with L./Cpl. I. Wilkinson in second place.

In the Inter-Service Championships the R.A.F. Team were again victorious. Although the Army Team fought hard and often looked as though they should win their matches, they lacked experience and were beaten into third place by the Navy.

CRICKET

A BIG event this year in the women's cricket world is a visit to this country by the Australian Women's Touring Team. Among their fixtures is a match against a Combined Services (Women's) Team at Aldershot on Thursday, 25th July. H.R.H. The Princess Royal has graciously consented to attend, and the W.R.A.C. Staff Band will play at intervals throughout the day. All that now remains is to hope for a fine day and a good attendance, and anyone who is free to come along will be very welcome. Admission is free, a tea tent will be available and the hours of play are 11.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Leading up to this important event, the inter-Services (women's) matches, when the Combined Services XI will be chosen, are as under:

R.N. versus R.A.F.	Reading	15th July
Army versus R.N.	Aldershot	16th July
R.A.F. versus Army	Reading	17th July

Branch News

BATH. The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Branch took place on 7th March at the home of our Chairman, Mrs. Mant, who very kindly provided a cheese supper. All members paid for this and the profit, amounting to £5, was sent to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. A contribution of £5 was also sent to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund as a result of the Hallowe'en Fair held last November. We still meet twice monthly and the meetings are well supported. We send best wishes to all our members who have been on the sick list and hope they will soon be better. We have many varied social outings planned for the months ahead and look forward to another busy and active year.

BOURNEMOUTH. Our Annual Dinner was held on 20th January, when, in spite of the snow and cold weather, 12 members partook of an enjoyable meal. We missed Miss Lunniss, our ex-Secretary, and other members who were not able to join us. In February the Bournemouth Ex-Service Association held a social evening, at which the branch was represented by Miss Bond. The Reunion in London, at Derry and Toms, was attended by five of our members, who had a very pleasant time meeting friends and chatting to other old comrades. The refreshments were excellent and, altogether, the evening passed very quickly. We are pleased to welcome Miss K. M. Charge, who has been transferred from H.Q. Branch, and hope to meet her shortly.

BRADFORD. Members played their usual role in Poppy Day activities last year. Our stalwarts, Miss Julian, O.B.E., and Mrs. Hemms, were amongst the early collectors, although the day lived up to its usual dismal November weather—wet and foggy drizzle. Members also took part in the Civic Remembrance Day parade to the Cenotaph, which was a bigger parade than usual, as were the crowds who turned out to watch. Fortunately the rain kept off until the parade was over. On Sunday evening, the Festival of Remembrance was held and, again, our members were prominent as programme sellers, and the Standard was carried in the March of the Units.

Gertie Armitage, our Chairman, presented a bouquet to the wife of the opener of the Festival, and Joy Weston, B.E.M., laid the wreath on the Cenotaph.

The 10th December saw the night of our Christmas party. Madge Mitchell, Mary Brett, Bertha Henegan and Marjorie Marks are to be congratulated on the tremendous effort they put in to ensure the success of the evening. They had prepared a very festive spread of wonderful eats, and the table was a joy to see, covered most beautifully with crêpe paper and complete with Christmas tree. The highlight of the evening was when a pianist amongst our guests played carols in which we all joined, and two most delightful adopted grandchildren of Miss Gummersell were there, along with their mother. They were dressed in national Ukraine costume, and they danced, sang and recited and gave much pleasure to us all.

Unfortunately, several members were prevented from coming due to indisposition. Mrs. Slack sailed for New Zealand on 20th December and, before leaving, made a generous donation to the Branch. We wish her godspeed and a happy retirement with her family. We are all glad to know that Bertha Marsh has been appointed Assistant Matron at Bradford Home for Old Ladies; we sincerely hope her health will allow her to fulfil her ambitions.

Our President, Miss Gummersell, attained her 87th birthday on 13th January, 1963, and to her we offer our love and every good wish for health and happiness.

BRISTOL. The American Supper, planned for February, had to be cancelled because of the severe weather. The Annual General Meeting, followed by a Bring and Buy Sale, was held in March. With the exception of the Chairman, the present serving officers were returned *en bloc*. We were sorry to learn that, through illness, Miss Keynton wished to resign, but Miss Holbrook (A.T.S.) has agreed to fill the post temporarily. It is hoped that Miss Keynton will make a speedy recovery and will, perhaps, feel able to be our Chairman again.

EDINBURGH. At the Annual General Meeting, held in December, 1962, the Chairman reported with deep regret the death of three members of the Branch, all well-known old comrades. She also referred to the severe illness of several other members and was glad to say they were recovering. Holiday reminiscences with snapshots were enjoyed by all those present at the October meeting and, in November, we tried our hand at a session of "Pit Your Wits". January brought a theatre party, and March the Annual Dinner at the Royal British Hotel. Greetings are sent to Mrs. Stevens, who has left us to emigrate to Australia and is now happily settled in Melbourne.

HEADQUARTERS AREA. Many Branches of the Association send donations to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund, and it has occurred to us that members of Headquarters Area might care to take part in a corporate effort to raise money for the same purpose. If any member would like to make an article, even a knitted dish cloth would help, and send it to Colonel Morgan, she will undertake to convey the goods to London and sell them after the Annual General Meeting next year. This will give everyone plenty of time to finish their work, the only stipulation is that the articles should not be too bulky. If there is an amateur cabinet-maker amongst us, she is asked to send her offering by public transport.

NORFOLK. Our Annual General Meeting was held on 6th March. The Report and Balance Sheet were considered satisfactory. The New Year's Raffle realised £7 5s. 9d. for Branch funds. It was practically decided that no meetings would be held between 2nd October, 1963, and 5th March, 1963, owing to weather conditions for travelling—this past winter being the deciding factor. Miss Molly Howes from Kenya and Mrs. J. Liley from Ethiopia are both due home this sum-

mer. Members will be notified of any possibility of meeting them later.

PRESTON. Members of the Branch who went to the Reunions on 15th and 16th March enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. We were delighted that our President was able to be with us; it makes all the difference when Her Royal Highness is in the Chair—may she enjoy good health for many years to come; also our grand old stalwart, Dame Helen. She still has that commanding voice, as we all noticed at Derry & Toms. We had an enjoyable meeting on 26th March, eating hotpot and telling of the Reunion. Several members went to see the "Lilac Domino" on 25th April, given by the Preston Musical Comedy Society. This is one of our annual nights out, and we look forward to it.

SHEFFIELD. During the extreme cold weather, attendances at meetings have been small, but now the weather has improved attendances are back to normal. In January we made our annual visit to the pantomime "Aladdin", and earlier this month we held our Annual Dinner at the Old No. Grill once again; the meal was excellent and enjoyed by 27 members and friends. On 21st March we held our A.G.M. and all our officers and committee were re-elected for a further year. After the success of the boat trip on the inland waterways last

September we are hoping to arrange a similar outing in May.

TORBAY. A few members enjoyed a very pleasant social evening at Christmas. This will be the last meeting, as it was regretfully decided that the Branch must close, owing to lack of support.

WITH THE BRITISH LEGION

UP and down the country, men and women of the British Legion have been keenly contesting the eliminating rounds of their Annual Standard Bearers' Competition. Among them were the County Standard Bearers from Cheshire, Cumberland, North and East Lancashire, South Lancashire and Westmorland, who met at the T.A. Centre in Southport for the finals of the British Legion Women's Section, North-Western Area Competition last February.

The judges on this occasion were Capt. F. A. Healey, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), Capt. A. Potts, R.A.S.C. (T.A.) and W.O.I Robinson, R.A.S.C. The Area Cup was won by Mrs. T. Wilkinson from Castletown, Isle of Man, who successfully defended her title of Area Standard Bearer from the previous year. She will now go forward to the next round of the competition, when the National Standard Bearer will be selected, in London on 14th May.



Standard Bearers and Judges at Southport

[Photo by Kenor]

H.Q. ULSTER W.R.A.C. (T.A.)

42 (LANCS) SIGNAL REGIMENT (T.A.)

On the social side, there was great enthusiasm for "Regimental Day," for which our Liverpool Squadrons were responsible. They had selected a

**44 (H.C.) SIGNAL REGIMENT
(CINQUE PORTS) T.A.**

W.R.A.C. members of 329 Signal Squadron, Bromley, have entered for a 50-mile walk from Dover to Maidstone, organised by a local newspaper. It is not a race; the aim is to complete the course during a period of less than 20 hours. Certificates will be presented to all those who reach checkpoints at Canterbury and Ashford, and special

certificates (gold plated it is rumoured!) will be given to those who reach Maidstone. We wish them every success. No. 330 Signal Squadron at Tunbridge Wells have been very busy, and, amongst other things, they entertained 24 of the town's "Senior Citizens" to a Christmas lunch, cooked by the W.R.A.C. The girls from the local grammar school sang carols, and they were followed by a conjurer. The guests left after they had been further refreshed with tea and mince pies.

The Regiment's training programme is now in full swing, after the lull caused by Christmas and the bad weather. The signal centre staffs, also cooks and orderlies, have been out training on weekend exercises at least once a month and the tempo will increase as we prepare for annual camp at Scarborough.

A CHANCE MEETING

LIEUT.-COLONEL Mary Creagh, T.D., commanding H.Q. W.R.A.C., 42 (Lancs) Div. (T.A.)/N.W. Dist., was talking recently to the Liverpool Business and Professional Women's Club on "Women at Work". During the course of the lecture, mention was made of the first 500 women volunteers who joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in France during the First World War. Quite unknown to the speaker, sitting in the audience was a member of this original band, Mrs. F. G. Steeves (née Martin), of the Red Cottage, Elie, Fife. She was on a visit to Lancashire, had come to the meeting as a guest of her niece and certainly never expected to listen to Service reminiscences. Mrs. Steeves, whose Army number was 466, had seen service in Rouen and Le Touquet. She was a clerk dealing with casualties and was selected for this work as she wrote a "fine hand". She recalled a visit to her Unit by the Duke of Windsor, then H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, and spoke of Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, whom she had last seen at a reunion in 1938.

A chance meeting and the long arm of coincidence.

A.T.S. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

TO celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Service, the A.T.S. Dinner Club is holding its Dinner on Saturday, 19th October, 1963, at Derry and Toms, London. To mark this special occasion, H.R.H. The Princess Royal has graciously consented to attend.

There are vacancies for membership. Any ex-A.T.S. wishing to join the Club, which holds a yearly Dinner in London, should contact the Hon. Sec., Miss E. E. Mapp, 10 College Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, 20. Entrance fee 5s.; Yearly subscription 2s. 6d.

MARRIAGE

KERSHAW-COOPER: On 6th March, 1963, Major R. M. Kershaw (retired) to Major J. L. Cooper, W.R.A.C. (retired).

Unit News

12th BATTALION

OUR winter activities were somewhat restricted by the weather and unfortunately we had to cancel our Officers' Mess Cocktail Party, which was to have taken place on 8th January, because of the icy condition of the roads. After three years with 12th Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel B. A. D. Tansley Witt left us in January. We wish her well in her new appointment as A.D.W.R.A.C., Western Command. We extend a welcome to Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Green and hope that her tour with 12th Battalion will be a happy one. The Annual Administrative Inspection of "C" Company took place on 5th March. The Company afterwards received the congratulations of the Commander, Woolwich Garrison, for the high standard achieved and for their steadiness and correct bearing on parade.

6 TRAINING BATTALION, R.A.S.C.

APART from a succession of visits from people like the District Commander, the Chief of Staff, Southern Command, and the Commandant, R.A.S.C. Training Centre, the only topic of interest in W.R.A.C. Wing, 6 Training Battalion, after Christmas was the weather. Our driver training programme was badly affected by the deep snow, packed ice and arctic conditions on the roads around Somerset and the neighbouring county of Dorset.

The male element of the Battalion was extremely busy answering calls for help. There were main roads blocked, railway lines out of action beneath deep drifts and farms cut off, with supplies of feeding-stuff perilously low. All jobs on which we could hardly be employed. We did our share, however, in clearing the roads and paths within the camp. We really came into our own when a call came from one of the local dairies. A large percentage of their staff were unable to get to work and gallons of milk urgently required attention. Could the W.R.A.C. send out some women to assist them? Operation "Dairy Maid" came into being and, on two successive days, one N.C.O. and six privates went out to the dairy. In the letter of thanks, the manager said: "Without their help we would not have been able to carry on; they worked hard, were extremely cheerful and we enjoyed having them with us." Next time you find yourself eating Cheddar, Cheshire or Wensleydale cheese, just remember—it could have been made by a W.R.A.C. "Dairy Maid."

Have you ever seen a "lioness" made of snow? We held a "snowman" competition among the trainee drivers and clerks. We had several versions of the "original snowman," but one Clerks' Course modelled a very good elephant, which was surpassed only by a Drivers' Course creating a lifelike "lioness."

Obituary

MISS A. M. BOYD

C. R. L. writes:

Forewoman Boyd served with the Q.M.A.A.C. as a nurse at York, Harrowby Camp and Cannock Chase.

She emigrated to New Zealand about 1921 and took up a post in a remote settlement, where, unaided, she undertook the teaching of the entire school; boys and girls from four to 14 years of age, of various nationalities. The only form of transport, at that time, was by horseback, so Boyd learnt to ride. Meanwhile she was working, by candlelight, to take the exams required by the New Zealand Government.

She later taught at Hastings, Hawkes Bay, but was forced to leave when the neighbouring town of Napier was devastated by an earthquake. She then went to Auckland, where she bought and furnished a small bungalow. On her retirement, she took over the Sunday School for the nearby Anglican Church. During 1962 her health failed, she could not carry on alone and moved into a cottage in an Anglican settlement for senior citizens. This unfortunately lasted for only eight days and her life of social service quietly terminated on 2nd December, 1962.

MISS L. R. BRAND

MAIDSTONE Branch regret to report the death of Miss L. R. Brand, who served with the Q.M.A.A.C. in France and joined the Association in 1921.

MRS. T. CHAYTOR

WE regret to announce the death of Mrs. Chaytor (née Jenny Quinn) from pneumonia on 2nd November, 1962. Mrs Chaytor had suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for some time. She served in the Q.M.A.A.C. in Northern Command and was a member of the British Legion as well as Headquarters Area of the Association. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband and two sons.

MRS. D. PURVIS

SALISBURY Branch regret to announce the death of Mrs. Doris (Dinnie) Purvis (formerly Sgt. Dinsdale) at Southampton General Hospital on 31st March, 1963. Many of her ex-A.T.S. friends will remember her in the 6th Glos. Clerical Coy during the war, when she worked at the Command Pay Office, and will wish to extend sympathy to her husband and four children.

MRS. A. RICHARDS

WE regret to announce that Mrs. A. Richards (née Divall) died in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 31st January, 1963. Mrs. Richards, who was known among her colleagues as "Di," served in the Q.M.A.A.C. at A.P.O. 3, Boulogne, and was an active member of the Canadian Legion.

MRS. D. VENABLES

WE announce with deep regret the death of Mrs. Doreen Venables on 23rd September, 1962, at her home near Winchester. After doing civilian work, she joined the A.T.S. in 1942, trained at Guildford and was commissioned at Edinburgh. She served in a H.A.A. Battery at Seaford and with H.Q.s of A.A. Brigades at Bath and Middle Wallop. Towards the end of the war, when serving as Adjutant to Controller Lady Maud Baillie at H.Q. Scottish Command, she passed the War Office Selection Board, but elected to be demobbed with her group to rejoin her husband, who was serving with the R.A.F. From 1945 until 1958 she was Visitor for St. Thomas's Church, Winchester, during which time she took especial interest in the welfare of old people. Also, until the end of her life, she was a member of the Chaplain of Winchester Prison Intercession Group. Mrs. Venables was an accomplished violinist and pianist and, although indisposition latterly prevented her from playing, music and the welfare of musicians remained her first great interest.

MISS E. M. WARRIOR

IT is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Miss E. M. Warrior, who was a Deputy Controller, Q.M.A.A.C., in York. She lived in London for a number of years and had the unique honour of being declared a Life Member of the Association by Acclamation at the Annual General Meeting on 27th February, 1943, in acknowledgement of her good work as *Gazette* Secretary for almost 20 years. Miss Warrior's integrity, devotion to duty and single-minded loyalty were an example to all who knew her.

Correspondence

DEAR EDITOR,

At the recent Reunion I was asked to supply notes on the late Edith M. Warrior and, as I had not then heard of her passing, this was something of a shock. We have exchanged intimate letters over the years, but they were of a sporadic nature and, apart from missing my usual Christmas card, I saw nothing unusual in the absence of a letter.

Miss M. Bartlett (Barty) was E.M.W.'s Lieutenant. She and the rest of us, including the late Minnie Davis, Connie Smith and other W.A.A.C.s, met regularly to despatch the *Gazette* as THE LIONESS was then called. In those days, probably from 1921 onwards, we met in the original office presided over by Miss Mainland, assisted by little Louie Maskell, too young for service but beloved by us all. The office was moved several times and finally the issue was sent out from Hopkinson House, where E.M.W. was then living.

My chief memories are of very active evenings, each of us with a batch of hand-written cards to

copy—no stencils then—and this caused sur-reptitious amusement when Miss Warrior's somewhat decorative writing could not be read and we passed the card under the table to a neighbour, who either scribbled back her reading or muttered "draw it." After damping down and sealing, we all staggered forth to the nearest postbox which would accept our load.

Miss Warrior never failed to provide refreshments for her little band and my chief memory is of her unfailing devotion to the job and of her efficiency. We enjoyed meeting her and each other and nothing was allowed to deflect us from the task we had undertaken with our leader's example before us, so, sometimes hungry and dirty, we got there from offices somehow. At all costs the *Gazette* must go out and go out it did.

This singular, almost fanatical, spending of herself characterised E. M. W. to the last, even when her strength was failing. Her last letter to me did convey this deterioration, but it never occurred to her to give up her self-imposed efforts for others. Of such stuff was our Corps made. She will find fresh scope for her valiant heart in her new sphere and we who are left can pay only silent tribute to her gallant memory.

N. E. MITCHELL

News of Old Comrades

Miss Constance Sutton (Adm. W.A.A.C.) writes from New Zealand that she sees **Moncton (Mrs. Randall Playford)** now and then. She lives in the North Island and **Mrs. Denniston Bell** (N.Z. Pay Corps, Rouen) lives in Christchurch. They have, in New Zealand, what is known as the Retired Services Association; women are eligible and are treated on exactly the same footing as men. They have a nice custom of dropping artificial poppies on the coffin and saying a farewell at the funeral of any Service members, or putting them on a coffin at a cremation. It is done with great dignity.

Now in her nineteenth year in the Army, **W.O. I Sylvia Harraway** has recently been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. R.S.M. Harraway is at present serving with 27 Independent Company and was presented with her decoration by the General Officer Commanding Cyprus District. She joined the A.T.S. in 1944 and served for a time on the personal staff of Field-Marshal Sir John Harding (now Lord Harding) while he was Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces. She became an administrative N.C.O. in 1953 and will be remembered by many during her tour of

duty with the W.O.s' and N.C.O.s' Wing at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.

Mrs. Janet Wardrop Moore (ex-Q.M.A.A.C.), who is better known under her professional name of Honor Bright, writes all her own material and has a repertoire of about 80 items. She does most of her entertaining in the South London area and once played to 30 prisoners in Wandsworth Gaol.

Mrs. Louise Brown writes that she is one of the dozen or so ex-W.R.A.C. wives who are living in Aden who will do their utmost to make the serving women welcome and help them to enjoy their tour in that sizzling hot corner of the globe. She says there are many compensations in the way of leisure activities, swimming, sailing, fishing, etc., and fascinating shops. She and her husband hope to go to Mombasa on leave later this year.

We congratulate our "cover girl", **L/Cpl. Virginia Simmonds**, on beating the panel on "What's My Line?" last month.

Members will have learnt with regret of **Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan's** recent illness and will be glad to know that she is making an excellent recovery. Our thoughts are with her.



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W.O.I S. Harraway

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

REGULAR ARMY

Colonel: Lieut.-Colonel D. H. I. Wilson, O.B.E.
 Captain: Lieut. P. A. Van Der Beek; Lieut. F. M. Macdonald.
 Lieutenant: 2/Lieut. A. Pares; 2/Lieut. A. E. Pickering.
 2/Lieutenant: A. Pares; D. E. Henry; M. Masson; E. C. Dodkins; E. K. Grosvenor; V. M. Williams; I. A. Purton; A. A. Richards; L. C. Howard-Carter; R. B. B. Batcheler; C. M. Whistler; G. M. Bance; J. Fry; G. P. Furney; S. L. Stephens; J. S. Jackson; P. D. Pitt; S. E. D. B. Jones; E. D. Birch-Reynardson; M. B. Merrett; M. E. McCabe; L. S. Brown; P. S. Huggett.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieutenant: 2/Lieut. S. P. Nield.
 2/Lieutenant (On Probation): M. A. Moore, B.A.; H. Woodhams.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Resignations: Capt. C. A. F. Exley; Lieut. R. A. Leech; Lieut. A. P. Leaf; Lieut. A. E. Pickering; 2/Lieut. M. F. Spaight; 2/Lieut. Martin; 2/Lieut. M. J. Birkett; 2/Lieut. D. M. H. Brady.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Relinquishment on Completion of Service: Capt. J. Hands.

Officers' Postings

(Up to 31st March, 1963)

T/Colonel P. M. LIPSCOMB, Commandant, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
 Lieut.-Colonel J. FISHER, Inspector of Recruiting (W.S.), The War Office.
 Lieut.-Colonel B. A. D. TANSLEY WITT, A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Western Command.
 T/Lieut.-Colonel R. M. GREEN, O.C. 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 T/Lieut.-Colonel M. W. HICKSON, M.B.E., A.D.W.R.A.C., Aldershot District.
 T/Lieut.-Colonel G. E. M. SAUNDERS-DAVIES, T.D., A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Scottish Command.
 Major D. D. W. BROUSSON, 14 (COMCAN) Signal Regiment.
 Major M. K. CAVANAGH, D.A.A.G., The War Office, AG16(a).
 Major M. E. CLARKE, D.A.Q.M.G. (Qtg.), H.Q. B.A.O.R.
 Major M. CROSSFIELD, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Western Command.
 Major E. R. DENNE, Staff Captain Q.(Qtg.), H.Q. Cyprus District.
 Major E. DUNCAN, D.A.Q.M.G. (Qtg.), H.Q. Tps., Malta and Libya.
 Major J. G. FRAME, M.B.E., O.C. No. 5 (W.R.A.C.) Squadron, 28 Signal Regiment.
 Major D. A. C. FOWLER, T.D., O.C. 16 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Major E. A. HINE, Adjutant, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 Major M. E. MUNRO, Army Recruiting Staff, H.Q. Northern Command.
 Major M. H. NALDER, O.C. 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 Major E. M. OGLE, O.C. W.R.A.C. Company (15 A.B.O.D.), 14th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 Major J. L. RANKIN, The War Office, W.R.A.C. 1 (a).
 Major R. M. SHAW, D.A.D.W.R.A.C., H.Q. Southern Command.
 Capt. P. M. BALDWIN, The War Office, W.R.A.C. 1 (b).
 Capt. A. B. CAIN, P.S.O., H.Q. (Ulster) W.R.A.C. (T.A.).
 Capt. (Q.M.) D. E. NIGHTINGALE, Adm. Offr., Holding and Drafting Company, W.R.A.C.
 Capt. D. RICHARDSON, 2 i/c 9 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Capt. F. SAFFERY, 13 Signal Regiment, B.A.O.R.
 Capt. A. L. SHEPLEY-TAYLOR, Staff Captain, H.Q. 53 (Welsh) Division (T.A.).
 Capt. N. M. SIMS, Army School of Education and Depot R.A.E.C.
 Capt. G. E. SIMMONDS, M.B.E., 2 i/c "A" Company, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 Capt. D. J. TEMPLE, O.C. 19 Independent Platoon, W.R.A.C.
 T/Capt. V. R. ARMSTEAD-FAIRWEATHER, 228 Signal Squadron (S.H.A.P.E.).
 T/Capt. P. INESON, O.C. W.R.A.C., H.Q. M.E.L.F., Aden Garrison.
 T/Capt. S. P. GREENSLADE, Army Team of Lecturers.
 T/Capt. K. M. JOHNSON, O.C. 17 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 T/Capt. F. M. MACDONALD, W.R.A.C. School of Instruction.
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 T/Capt. J. M. WILLIAMS, Army Team of Lecturers.
 Lieut. E. BLACK, 6 Training Battalion, R.A.S.C.
 Lieut. J. M. CLEMENTS, 68 Company, R.A.S.C. (M.T.), B.A.O.R.
 2/Lieut. S. E. D. BERWYN-JONES, 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 2/Lieut. G. M. BANCE, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. E. D. BIRCH-REYNARDSON, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. L. S. BROWN, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
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 2/Lieut. E. C. DODKINS, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. J. FRY, 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 2/Lieut. G. F. FURNEY, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. E. K. GROSVENOR, 8 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. D. E. HENRY, 28 Signal Regiment, B.A.O.R.
 2/Lieut. P. J. HUGGETT, 20 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. L. C. HOWARD-CARTER, 2 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. E. IRONMONGER, Joint Services Staff College (Army Element).
 2/Lieut. J. S. JACKSON, 28 Signal Regiment, B.A.O.R.
 2/Lieut. M. MASSON, 10 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. M. B. MERRETT, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. M. E. MCCABE, 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 2/Lieut. M. A. MOORE, 16 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.

2/Lieut. P. D. PITT, 2 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. I. A. PURTON, 12th Battalion, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. A. PARES, 20 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. A. V. RICHARDS, 23 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. S. L. STEPHENS, 28 Signal Regiment, B.A.O.R.
 2/Lieut. E. P. TORTOISHELL, Asst. Adjt. Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham.
 2/Lieut. C. M. WHISTLER, 233 Signal Squadron.
 2/Lieut. V. M. WILLIAMS, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.

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

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