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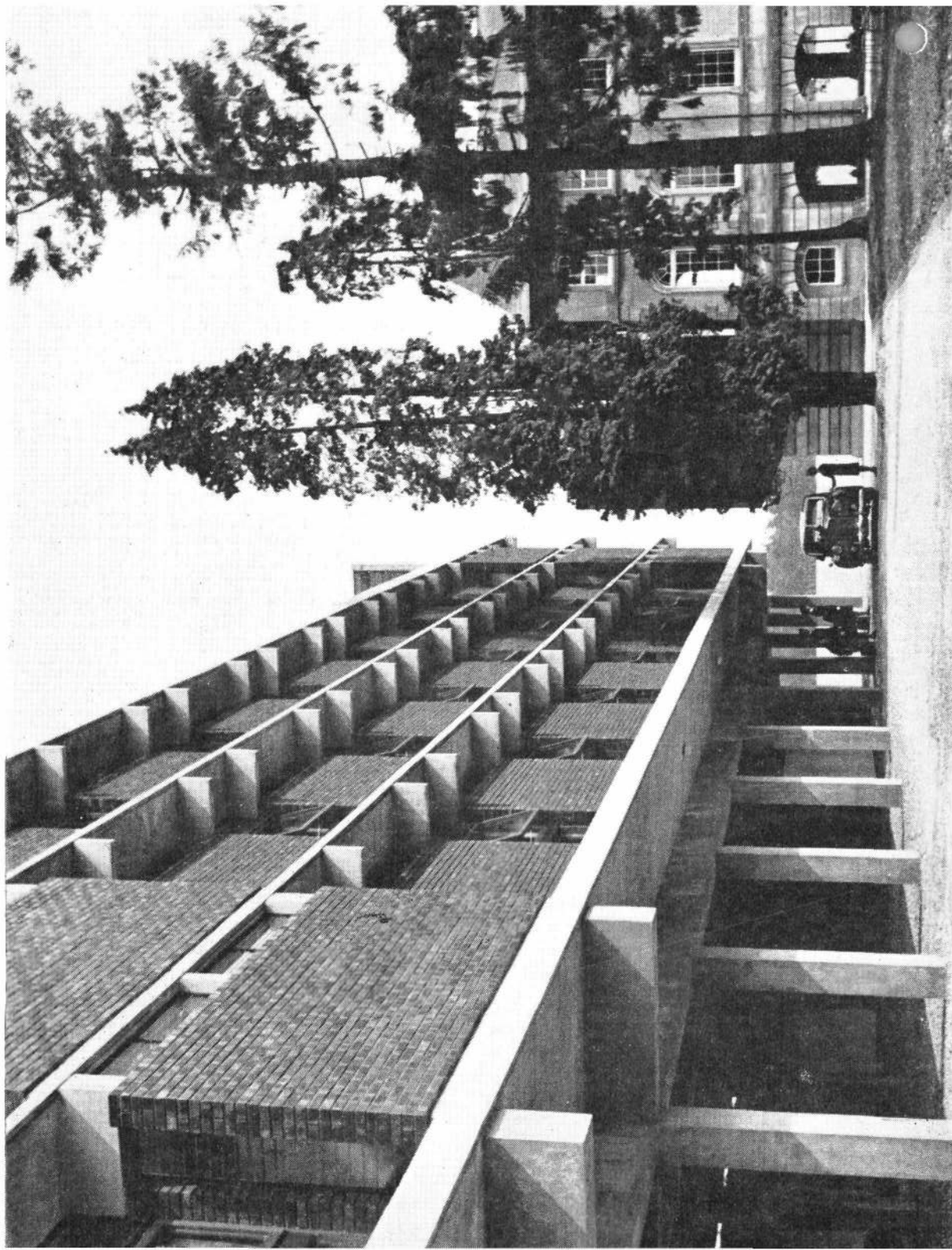
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The W.R.A.C. Diaries for 1966 have all been sold.
We regret that some members have been disappointed
and ask them to place their orders earlier next year.



Old and new combine at the W.R.A.C. College, Camberley

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Greetings from our President DAME REGINA EVANS

NOTHING could have given me more pleasure than the honour bestowed on me of election to the office of President, in succession to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal. I shall be proud to follow most humbly in the tradition of care and interest which she showed to all Service and ex-Service women of Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. I know I can rely on the support and understanding of all. In return, I promise to give service and affection to my best ability. May you all have a very happy Christmas and may God's blessing rest upon you in the coming year.

Greetings to all Members of Headquarter Area

ON being invited to become Chairman of Headquarter Area in the place of Dame Regina Evans, who has been appointed President of our Association, my feelings are mixed. I am very honoured by this invitation and at the same time I consider myself a very inadequate successor to a line of distinguished and able predecessors.

Of Headquarter Area's achievements in recent years, I must mention first the most generous support they have given to The Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. Secondly, I am happy to recall the original idea, which came from Headquarter Area, of having a Sale of Work after the Annual General Meeting in the years when there is no Reunion. The Benevolent Funds have benefited by substantial donations which they have received as a result of the two sales which have taken place.

I know that all members will join in expressing their thanks to the Area Secretary, Colonel Dorothy Morgan, on whom falls the burden, not only of such special efforts as these, but also the ordinary work of keeping all in touch with one another. I look forward with great pleasure to working with her, and you, in the future.

I send my greeting to all members of Headquarter Area and sincerely assure them of my willingness to serve them to the best of my ability.

DIANA STEVENSON.

Editorial

ANOTHER year has almost gone, one in which we mourned the loss of our late President, Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal; but time never stands still and, with the passing of 1965, we look forward to a

new year under the guidance of our new President. We extend a warm welcome to Dame Regina Evans, whose Christmas message to all members appears in this issue. Dame Regina served in the A.T.S. from 1939 to 1943, with the rank of Chief Commander, and needs no introduction to the thousands of A.T.S. who were stationed with her at Chilwell, and who will remember with gratitude her tireless efforts to improve their living conditions and morale, during a difficult period of rapid expansion.

In civilian life Dame Regina has been outstanding in many spheres, too numerous to list here, but mention must be made of her work in the political field and for the British Legion Women's Section, which she joined in 1924. Dame Regina served on the Central Committee for 12 years before being elected National Chairman, an office she held for 11 years. She was then made a Life Member of the Central Committee and a National Vice-President. One of the main interests of her work with the Women's Section was in their Children's Homes and the Legion showed its affection and esteem by naming one after her and calling it *Regina House*. This Home has now been converted into flatlets for ex-Service women and the widows of ex-Service men.

Confirming the contention that the busiest person is the one who can always find time for yet one more job, Mrs. A. J. Stevenson has accepted the appointment of Chairman of Headquarter Area. Mrs. Stevenson, who finished her tour as Chairman of Council last year, is an indefatigable worker for the Association and we are particularly grateful to her for the many enjoyable and successful Reunions she has organised on our behalf. She is also our Hon. Treasurer, having stepped into the breach when Mrs. I. O. Holliss was obliged to resign earlier this year. Council would be most grateful if a member of the Association, living in or near London, would be prepared to volunteer to take over the appointment of Hon. Treasurer and look after our finances.

Some members have expressed their disappointment

that the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund is not being used to provide a Home for elderly and handicapped ex-Service women. Your Council did consider this possibility but decided that the money raised was unlikely to reach the total that would be needed for this purpose. The result, so far, has proved them to be right. The total subscribed up to the end of September was £1,336 19s. 2d. A Home for 50 is at present being built in Bermondsey by a Registered Charity known as London Homes for the Elderly. The estimated cost for this Home is £62,000. These figures, alas, speak for themselves and your Council hope that small annuities, or long-term maintenance grants, will help some of our less fortunate comrades to continue to live in their own homes. These grants will not be restricted to any particular country or area. The number we will be able to help depends on the total amount of money subscribed. The Fund is still open and a donation to it would be particularly appropriate at this season of goodwill and charitable appeals.

The Editor wishes all her readers a very happy Christmas and good fortune in the coming year.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1966

THE Annual General Meeting will be held in the Main Hall, The Town Hall, Milngavie, Glasgow, on Saturday, 19th March, 1966, at 3 p.m. In order that Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting may be printed in the February issue of THE LIONESS, they should reach the General Secretary by 31st December, 1965.

BRANCH SECRETARIES MEETING

THE Secretaries Meeting will be held at 11.30 a.m. in the Main Hall, The Town Hall, Milngavie, Glasgow.

Members of Council look forward to meeting all Secretaries, as their guests, at lunch in the Lesser Hall, The Town Hall, Milngavie. Please notify the General Secretary by 1st March, 1966, if you are able to attend.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

THE Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion will be held in the Central Mess, Duke of York's Headquarters, on Friday, 11th March, 1966, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets, price 5s. each, may be obtained from the General Secretary, W.R.A.C. Association, Block "E," Duke of York's Headquarters, London, S.W.3, after 1st January, 1966. Stamped addressed envelope, please.

Reunions

SCOTTISH 1966

THE 1966 Scottish Reunion will be held in the Town Hall, Milngavie, Glasgow, on Saturday, 19th March, 1966, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. It is emphasised that the reunion is not restricted to those who have served, or are serving, in Scotland but is open to all members of

the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Tickets 8s. 6d. each can be obtained from:

Captain W. M. Shiells, W.R.A.C.,
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25 Park Circus, Glasgow, C.3.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application and make your cheque or postal order payable to the "Scottish Reunion Account."

WESTERN AREA, 1966

THE Western Area Reunion will be held in the Shakespeare Hotel, Manchester, on 14th May, 1966, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. There will be a buffet, and tickets at 8s. 6d. each will be obtainable from Miss A. G. Learmouth, 2 Beeston Grove, Grassendale, Liverpool 19.

NORTHERN AREA

THE Clerk of the Weather appeared to be in a state of indecision on Saturday, 25th September, when the Northern Area Reunion was held once again in the Lounge Hall at Harrogate, but nevertheless a goodly number of groups from Bradford, Catterick, Derby, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Sheffield and York branches and numerous visiting individuals had congregated by 3 p.m. Chesterfield and Hartlepool Branches were unfortunately unable to attend.

The Chairman of Northern Area, Lieut.-Colonel E. E. Michell, A.D.W.R.A.C. Northern Command, presided, and it was a matter of great regret that this would be her last appearance in that capacity in view of an imminent posting to Germany. After some 3½ years as our Chairman, she will be sadly missed, but we wish her well in her new environment and trust that she will take with her some happy memories of Northern Area.

Guests present included Colonel L. M. Davies, O.B.E., Deputy Director W.R.A.C., Ministry of Defence, our Guest Speaker; Colonel V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Chairman of Council; Lieut.-Colonel G. Saunders-Davies, A.D.W.R.A.C. Scottish Command; Lieut.-Colonel M. S. F. Millington, O.B.E., T.D.; and Miss M. Thomson, T.D., Vice-Chairman of Scottish Area.

Lieut.-Colonel Michell opened the proceedings by saying how delighted she was to see so many people present—not quite such a large number as last year, when the final of the T.A. "Charm and Personality" contest attracted additional supporters, but nevertheless a very satisfactory turnout. She extended a special welcome to Colonel L. M. Davies as Guest Speaker, Lieut.-Colonel Saunders-Davies and Miss Thomson, who had journeyed south for the occasion, and Lieut.-Colonel Millington, former Chairman and long-standing friend of Northern Area. On behalf of members, Lieut.-Colonel Michell also expressed great pleasure at the presence of Miss A. Gummersall of Bradford Branch (our very oldest member and an inspiration to us all) and of two blind ex-A.T.S.—Mrs. Madge Oldfield of York and Mrs. Eileen Williams of Harrogate, who was accompanied

by guide dog "Foga." Mrs. Oldfield had produced a beautiful dressing-table case for a raffle prize, and Lieut.-Colonel Michell gratefully acknowledged this gift and also two paintings which had been similarly executed by hospital patients and donated to the raffle.

Lieut.-Colonel Michell said she was very sorry to be leaving Northern Command after several happy years and would like to put on record her appreciation of the wonderful way in which everyone had supported her as Chairman of the Association, especially Mrs. E. M. Suttle, Secretary of Northern Area.

Mrs. Suttle thanked Lieut.-Colonel Michell for her remarks and said how sorry we should be to lose her as she had been a tremendous help in every way. Mrs. Suttle also thanked all secretaries for their efforts in collecting raffle prizes and announced that at the next Secretaries' Meeting on 13th November, a decision would be taken concerning next year's event.

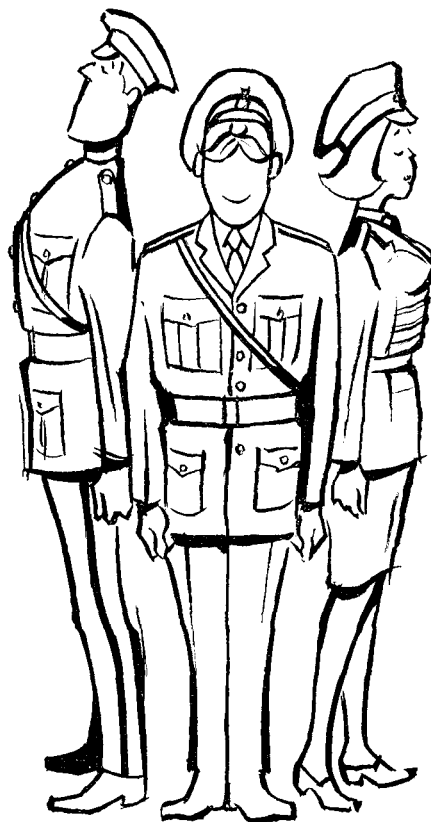
Lieut.-Colonel Michell then introduced Colonel Davies, who said she was honoured and delighted at the invitation to return to Northern Area to attend the Reunion. She had spent some 18 months in Northern Command in 1960/61 and was very interested in the Association and the Benevolent Fund. The W.R.A.C. fund was now in a very satisfactory position and for the first time since its inception there had been no necessity to seek a supplementary grant this year. An anonymous legacy of £1,000 had been paid in and a further £1,000 legacy was expected shortly, for both of which we were tremendously grateful. The Princess Royal's Memorial Fund was also close to our hearts at the moment and this now stood at £1,300. Many roses had already been donated by growers, and therefore a sizeable sum should be available for welfare purposes.

A vote of thanks to Colonel Davies was proposed by Mrs. E. Cox and seconded by Miss A. Master of York.

An excellent half hour of entertainment had been arranged by Capt. G. Winterburn, who acted as commère and introduced the artists. Everyone enjoyed the very varied programme of pianoforte duets, monologues and songs. The artists then led community singing and some favourite songs of both world wars made a brief but nostalgic reappearance. Lieut.-Colonel Michell thanked Capt. Winterburn and the artists for such a delightful interlude, which had been greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

The raffle was drawn by Colonel Davies—a somewhat arduous task in view of the vast number of prizes waiting to be claimed, and the vote of thanks accorded to her by the Chairman was well deserved. The raffle realised £23 3s. and, combined with the proceeds of an independent collection taken during the afternoon, well over £30 had been raised for the Benevolent Fund. A truly magnificent effort on the part of all concerned.

All good things must come to an end, and towards 6 p.m. the 1965 Reunion drew to a close in a final burst of chatter and farewells. We can only hope that not too many people had to swim home in the deluge which followed shortly afterwards!



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Unit News

2 INDEPENDENT COMPANY

ON 6th May ten members of the unit and two officers set off for a fortnight's adventure training in Germany. The first destination was Heidelberg which was reached after a day and a night's travelling by boat and train.

In Heidelberg there was a whole day for sightseeing and shopping which was taken full advantage of in the lovely old city. The next morning the group set off from the ultra-modern youth hostel to start walking, the real purpose of the visit. Over the next two weeks the group walked along the valley of the River Neckar gradually heading towards the Black Forest area. On some days trains were used to cover greater distances and get really into the heart of the forest.

At the end of the first week everyone was ready for the well-earned rest at the holiday resort by Lake Titisee. Here the weather was beautiful and the surroundings idyllic, so crumpled shorts were brought out of rucksacks and sunbathing was the order of the day.

Over the next few days some of the most interesting walks took place over high ground in the heart of the forest and here to everyone's surprise was deep snow which aggravated sunburnt legs! At the highest point, they paused to watch people still skiing and 2/Lieut. Oliver and L/Cpl. Jones decided to try out the ski-lift. At the end of the fortnight the group spent its last day in Freiburg where souvenirs were bought ready for the journey home. Everyone arrived back safe and sound, if a little footsore, early on the evening of 19th May with many happy memories of a walk through the Black Forest and several amusing anecdotes!

12 INDEPENDENT COMPANY

A NEW activity for this unit has been the camping weekends organised during the summer months. We have been fortunate to find a very good site at Fingringhoe, near Colchester, and members have participated in canoeing, rifle-shooting, swimming, horse-riding and map-reading, in addition to visiting local places of interest.

For the less energetic members of the unit, trips were organised to various places including the Cheddar Gorge, and one is shortly to go to Blackpool to look at the illuminations. One weekend we found our interests at home, when the Home Postal Depot organised a Gala Fête and Dance, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

The Administrative Inspection took place on 24th June, 1965; the Inspecting Officer, Brigadier J. W. Berridge, M.B.E., presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to S/Sgt. P. E. Slack.

29 COMPANY

THE wet and rather miserable summer has passed all too quickly, and with it the number of changes in

staff also seemed to increase. Amongst the many moves we were very sorry to lose Miss Hodgson, and welcome Miss Tyndall in her place. Lieut. Cameron has left us to take up her appointment as Assistant Adjutant at the W.R.A.C. Depot, and we were delighted to have as our new Adm. Officer Lieut. Evans. The marriage market is as busy as ever, and in spite of a constant supply of new arrivals, we never seem to satisfy Employing Officers. Two camping weekends have been organised, and a small party went to Berlin over August Bank Holiday. A number of girls also explored the Moselle Valley under the guidance of the W.V.S. over this period as well.

30 COMPANY

THIS unit has recently been taken over by Major C. L. Harling, who is often regarded as a number one globe-trotter; she now has the good fortune to land herself in Belgium—gateway to Europe. No doubt she will make *the most of her posting*. W.O. II A. E. Davey has also joined us as C.S.M. until she is due to return to the U.K. at the end of the year.

There have been several highlights in the Company during the summer months. The unit is lucky to have Miss Gwen Caton, who is a tireless W.V.S. representative, at the advance Base H.Q. She has arranged trips for us all to such places as the Ardennes, the tulip fields in Holland then on to Amsterdam, Blankenburg—on the coast of Belgium—Scheveningen in Holland and quite soon there is a trip to Ostend.

A most exciting venture was that the unit had a team of 13 who took part in the Nijmegen Marches and all won individual medals, as well as a team medal which holds pride of place in the TV Room. As a warmer up for the Nijmegen Marches a team of six took part in the Bergen op Zoom March. The reward for the hard training that had to be done to prove we could enter for the Nijmegen Marches was that the team spent a day training by the sea at Lombarzide, west of Ostend. After a 20-mile march, which was followed by a refreshing swim, we all went to Ostend to complete an exciting day's activity. The visit to Lombarzide was arranged between our O.C. and Major A. Hill, R.A.O.C., 6 Reserve Sub Depot, 15 A.B.O.D. (Rear), who had his company there in camp. It was a most successful trip.

On 31st July we had a wedding in the camp when Cpl. K. Lowrey was married to Cpl. Clark, R.A.O.C. Lieut.-Colonel A. Beddoe, R.A.O.C., C.O. 15 A.B.O.D. (Rear), very kindly gave away the bride; the reception was held in the J.R.C. (Cannon Club) and the happy couple now live in a nice little flat in Antwerp.

Another successful and happy function was a "Tramps Ball" which was held in the Amenities Centre, Emblem Camp, and was patronised by the Commander Advanced Base and his family and the C.O. 15 A.B.O.D. (Rear) and his lady, as well as many others. Altogether £37

was raised and has been contributed to "H.R.H. The Princess Royal's Memorial Fund."

We are now settling down to a long winter—almost a continuation of the wet summer—and we know we have a full programme of unit activities and entertainment ahead of us—there is never a dull moment in 30 Coy!

W.R.A.C. COLLEGE

Officer Cadet Wing

OFFICER Cadet Wing has changed radically since the days of battledress, both in the appearance of the Cadets, now wearing No. 2 Dress, and in the appearance of the buildings in which they live. The new W.R.A.C. College at Camberley, to which we moved in May, is the dream of the modern architect in reality. All the buildings are constructed of brick and concrete, with British Columbian pine used to striking effect in both the internal and the external designs. The Officer Cadet Mess is on concrete stilts and there is a marvellous view of the surrounding countryside from the third floor. Instead of having to rush from one hut to another as at Hindhead, the ante-room, dining-room and bedrooms are now all under one roof. The College itself is situated on the Portsmouth Road, so we are in easy striking distance of London and only a five-minute bus ride from Camberley.

The new squash court and tennis courts are frequently used after lectures and any excess energy is expended in this way. The playing fields are not yet completed, so hockey and rounders are played on the pitches of a neighbouring unit. There are good facilities for swimming, both at Sandhurst and at the Blue Pool in Camberley, a short distance down the road. Keen inter-company matches take place throughout the course and the winning company is awarded a cup at the end of term.

During the eight months we are under training we are given a wide range of military instruction, including visits to several nearby Military Units. Lecturers from Southampton University keep us in touch with international and current affairs, and other outside lecturers give us new fields of thought and help to broaden our outlook. Visits to the Houses of Parliament, Lloyds and the Stock Exchange and Portsmouth Dockyard form part of our programme and are always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

There is plenty of entertainment in the Officer Cadet Mess; in addition to several formal parties, our relations and friends often call to see us in the evenings or at weekends. The new Mess makes an excellent setting for any party, as the sliding doors between the dining-room and the ante-room can be opened back to make one large and very attractive room.

Looking back, we have vivid memories of our first four months at Hindhead and then, in contrast, our last four at Camberley. We are fortunate to have been the Course to have carried forward the old traditions into the new surroundings.



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22 INDEPENDENT PLATOON

BECAUSE her family was so poor, pretty little eight-year-old Li Bing of Hong Kong was receiving her basic education at the church-run St. James's Settlement but even the very small cost of this was proving too much for her parents who were finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Now their problem has been solved and Li Bing has 42 big sisters. The girls of 22 Independent Platoon discovered that, for 30 Hong Kong dollars a month, about

£1 17s. 6d., they could take on sponsorship for the child. This was done and they all contribute one dollar a month. The members of the Platoon take it in turns to visit Li Bing and buy her presents of clothes and shoes from any money that is left over.

A spokesman at St. James's Settlement said that the W.R.A.C. are doing a fine job and that their interest has persuaded a number of Service people in the colony to take on sponsorship of children at the school.



Li Bing with a few of her sisters

HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT W.R.A.C. PROVOST

DURING the summer months London can become very hot and dusty and at times everyone longs to be away to the country. With this aim in view, members of H.Q. and T.E. W.R.A.C. Provost (Policewomen and Admin. Staff) have ventured forth for days of Adventure Training to Windsor, Longmoor and Canterbury.

On the first day at Windsor, we found a lovely field where we could pitch our tents and have our camp fire. Two small boys from a nearby farmhouse showed great

interest in all we did, so did two friendly ponies in the field! It was a hot, sunny day. We went on a map-reading exercise in the morning which gave everyone an opportunity to enjoy the Berkshire countryside. Everyone had a hand in cooking lunch—from stoking the fire with logs to frying sausages. We spent the afternoon looking round Windsor itself—a beautiful town of great historic interest.

We were not so lucky with the weather at Longmoor. It drizzled all day and several of us got rather damp and suffered from aches and pains during the next two or three

However, we still managed to cook lunch outside and to enjoy ourselves. We had a map-reading treasure hunt in the morning, though the treasure, a box of chocolates, was rather damp by the time it was found.

At Canterbury, we had the use of some woods at a little village called Patricbourne, by kind permission of the Girl Guides Association. This was a really lovely spot—there was plenty of wood and we split into three groups to cook lunch. Of course, the officers and senior ranks group were the last to get their fire started! We were sorry to leave this site but anxious to have a good look round the ancient city of Canterbury. The younger and stronger members of the party were given a map and had to find their own way into the city on foot—some of them travelled along the Pilgrim's Way. Eventually they all arrived and went off on a tour of Canterbury to see the Cathedral, the Towers, King's School and the many ancient buildings overhanging the river.

Recently we decided to go adventure training for the whole weekend at Bognor Regis. We had obtained the use of a T.A. Centre there which had fields round it, where we planned to pitch our tents. However, there was a force 8 gale blowing the first evening, so we spread out our sleeping bags in the drill hall instead, and managed to pitch our tents next day.

The first morning we held an initiative test—groups of three were dropped at an unknown destination and had to find their way back with the aid of a large scale map. Some were better (or luckier) at this than others, but although there were a few sore feet afterwards, they had all enjoyed the challenge. On Saturday afternoon we visited Bognor Regis—nobody had a swim, for although it was a bright day, the water looked none too warm. That night we had a sing-song round our camp fire. In between songs, everyone had to produce some item of entertainment. Some people were rather reluctant, but some very musical and some very amusing acts resulted.

Sunday was a blazing hot day and we held a map-reading treasure hunt in the morning (oh dear! more blisters!). The afternoon was spent playing team games and then, all too soon, we had to strike camp and prepare for the journey home.

In contrast to the country, camp fires and ancient buildings, one of our visits had a very modern setting, for at the beginning of September we went to London Airport. Here we were lucky enough to be taken up into the Control Tower. All aeroplanes coming into the airport are contacted by the Approach Control section of the control tower when about 20 miles away. Once they are within 15 miles distance, the control is taken over by Aerodrome Control—situated in the glass-topped roof of the tower. We were actually able to see the approach control in operation and were given a clear explanation of the careful and intricate method used to land an aeroplane in any kind of weather. From the top of the tower, we had a marvellous view of the airport and all its twinkling lights, which we found so fascinating that we were only driven inside because the night air was so cold.

Afterwards, we explored the various departure buildings, where we saw all the different airlines, with planes leaving every few minutes for all parts of the world. It made us long ourselves to leap on an aeroplane to the Mediterranean or Far East countries.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

AFTER reading in the Press about the Inauguration of T.A.R.E. and Farewell Parade to W.R.A.C., Mrs. Evelyn Burke of Cheltenham contacted her local newspaper stating that she had been one of the first six A.T.S. to serve in Boddington in 1940.

Major D. D. W. Brousson, W.R.A.C., of 14th Signal Regiment, went to see Mrs. Burke at her home and discovered that not only had she joined the A.T.S. in 1938, but had served in Q.M.A.A.C. in the First World War. Her daughter (Mrs. Willcox) had also served in the A.T.S. and was with her during this visit. Mrs. Burke joined Q.M.A.A.C. when she was under age and the A.T.S. when she was slightly over age. She therefore has three birthdays!

Mrs. Burke and her daughter were invited by the Regiment to visit Boddington and Robinswood Barracks on 22nd June. This was publicised in the local press, with the result that on the Saturday before Mrs. Tompkins telephoned Major Brousson to say she was also ex-A.T.S. Boddington and would know Mrs. Burke. Mrs. Tompkins now works at R.A.F. Records in Gloucester. She was invited to join the ex-A.T.S. tea party which was being arranged for Mrs. Burke's visit.

Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Willcox were taken by staff car from Cheltenham to Boddington where they were met by the C.O., Lieut.-Colonel D. B. Emley, Royal Signals, and the 2 i/c Major D. C. Hibberd, Royal Signals. They were first taken to the briefing room where Mrs. Burke presented a plaque to the Regiment on behalf of the disbanding 4 Squadron, W.R.A.C. She was then shown the 60-seconds TV Commercial Recruiting film "This Girl" which had been made at Boddington and Robinswood Barracks earlier in the year. This was followed by a tour of the Tape Relay Centre.

The party then moved to Robinswood Barracks where there was a surprise for Mrs. Burke in the cookhouse. On display was a cake which had been made specially for the tea party and a smaller one for Mrs. Burke to take home. S/Sgt. E. P. N. Sedgwick, A.C.C., had made these two cakes. The big cake was decorated with three badges—Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. The smaller one had the A.T.S. badge only. These badges had been made out of marzipan by Sgt. R. Makepeace, R.E.M.E. (the unit armourer). He copied the designs of the Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. badges from the cover of an old LIONESS. Making these two cakes took hours of patient labour and would have won many cookery competitions.

Mrs. Burke was then shown the W.R.A.C. living quarters where she was able to compare the modern comforts with the austerity of 1940. She was also able to see the modern uniforms as a small dress show had

been arranged demonstrating various forms of dress including tropical outfits. It was at this stage that Mrs. Tompkins arrived and she and Mrs. Burke did indeed remember each other.

When it was time for tea Colonel Emley and Major Hibberd said their goodbyes to the visitors. Those present at the ex-A.T.S. tea party were Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Willcox, Mrs. Tompkins, Major Brousson, Lieut. G. Baylis and W.O.II I. F. Burns. Inevitably there was a lot of talk of the old days with Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Tompkins swapping Boddington stories of 1940. After tea Mrs. Burke was taken home again after a busy, interesting afternoon; her cake having been safely packed in the boot of the staff car.

This is by no means an isolated instance of the Regiment caring for those who have gone before. The warrant officers and sergeants of the Regiment keep a kindly eye on the Old Contemptibles in the area, and from time to time invite them to their Mess for a party. One such party was held on Friday, 16th July, when the visitors and their wives thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Strange to say, one of the wives was an ex-A.T.S. R.S.M.! Those old soldiers who could not attend through ill health or age were not forgotten. The R.S.M., W.O.I Evis, Royal Signals, W.O.II I. F. Burns, W.R.A.C., Sgt. J. Stemp, R.A.O.C., and Sgt. C. A. Gibbs, W.R.A.C., visited them in their homes on the morning of the party, taking suitable presents with them.

THE NIJMEGEN MARCHES 1965

Cpl. J. Vago

IN a flurry of excitement and amid mascots, extra clothing and of course our marching shoes we set off on 25th July to take part at last in the Nijmegen Marches. At 1455 hours we arrived at our destination—an enormous tented camp on the outskirts of Nijmegen. After the necessary documentation, we moved on to a school in Nijmegen where we were to be accommodated. There we were met by a Capt. Griffen of the Dutch Women's Air Force. Once settled in our rooms it didn't take us long to discover that staying in the same school with us would be members of the Israeli Women's Army, Danish Women's Marines and Air Force and the Dutch Women's Army and Air Force. We could hardly wait for them to arrive.

Someone mentioned dinner! but it was only 1530 hours and dinner was not until 1800 hours. After our journey everyone was hungry. When dinner time did arrive we were ready for absolutely anything. But yet another surprise—"Salami and Cheese sandwiches"—little did we realise that apart from the main meal of the day this was to be our diet for the duration of the marches.

On Monday, 26th July, we had a quick look around the lovely town of Nijmegen, then off to the flag parade at the stadium. The flags of 13 nations were brought in by Dutch school girls and as each flag was raised the country's national anthem was played by the military bands. As the bands paraded around the stadium participants of the marches joined the parade. Leaving the



30 Company Nijmegen Marches Team

stadium we felt happy to have the privilege of being part of this great event.

Tuesday, 27th July, fortified with cheese and salami, nervous and excited, we set off for our first day march of 25 miles. We soon joined the throng of 12,000 people. We were too busy trying to identify the uniforms of the different nations to notice the miles. Later that day it rained. Instead of lowering our spirits, we started singing. Each village we passed through there was a military band to cheer us on our way, and the Dutch people came out to greet us. Small children held our hands and marched with us. It would take more than rain to dishearten the W.R.A.C. Back to the school, a quick shower and check on blisters—but thanks to our hard training there were not many.

Off again on Wednesday, 28th July, at 0520 hours for the second 25 miles, which was in the rain. We were completely saturated within half an hour but we started singing and felt better when fellow marchers joined in, and the heavier it rained the louder we sang. Drenched and weary we arrived once more at the school, the end of the second day. On Thursday, 29th July, we started marching at 0730 hours. This was the third leg of 25 miles. The past two days were beginning to tell on us. The pace was getting slower and our voices were hoarse, but we continued singing, that was the least of our problems. Towards the end of the march we had eight very steep hills to climb—what a battle it was, we didn't weaken, we were too determined to finish—and so returned to camp shattered but glad that one of the most exhausting days of the march was over.

We set out on our last 25 miles at 0520 hours on Friday, 30th July, and the day we had been so eagerly waiting for proved to be the most satisfying of all. The route was lined with spectators, cheering and extending bouquets of flowers as we marched along. Eventually there were only four kilometres left and what a relief it would be to sit down. But no time to rest, we had to change into our No. 1 Dress uniforms for the final parade. We soon forgot our weariness. How proud we felt to be the only women's team marching with the British contingent. We were complimented with wolf whistles, "thumbs up" and sayings of how smart we looked in our green No. 1 Dress uniforms against the khaki of the men. At last the finishing point. We recognised our Officer

Commanding, Major C. L. Harling, among the spectators and some of the members of the male unit were at the finishing line and gave us an enormous cheer as we collected our awards. Our bicycle orderly received a well-deserved medal which she more than earned (fancy riding four days in bad weather with a trailer at the back of the cycle, stacked with water bottles, mags, bandages, mascots and avoiding accidents—it must certainly have been very trying).

One of our proudest moments was when we were awarded with our team medal. Apart from earning a medal for our unit it was the wonderful sense of team spirit resulting from really getting to know each other and above all the sense of humour possessed by the women—without this we may never have finished as a team. It is all over now, but we all agree that it has been an experience of endurance and that without the help and encouragement of our O.C. and the girls who have done our regimental duties and employments we may never have had this opportunity for which we are grateful and which none of us will ever forget.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

L/Cpl. J. Scott

TO the girls of 29 Coy W.R.A.C. in B.A.O.R. adventure training took the form of camping. Lieut. Bennett, who organised the first trip, began by holding a meeting of all potential campers to find that only four of the 18 girls selected to go had ever camped before.

Equipment was another problem; with little more than the will and determination to survive the two nights under canvas, we had to hire tents and borrow most of our cooking equipment. The first trip was to be at Heimbach, a charming village in the Eifel mountains.

The advance party consisted of two people who were to take all the equipment in the Land-Rover to the camp site at Heimbach; the necessary reservations had to be made and the tents erected by the time the main party arrived by coach. The tents, being of the modern metal frame variety, proved to be more difficult to erect than estimated. However, with the help of eager campers two of the four tents were already habitable when the coach arrived. It had grown dark by the time the rations, stoves and other equipment had been allotted to each tent but enough light remained to sort out the bedding and to



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boil a kettle to make the first cup of tea.

A full programme of map-reading, long hikes and team games had been arranged but the first morning was given up to sight-seeing, shopping and the inevitable postcards home. Those old chores of cooking and washing-up became great fun as everyone experimented with the rations. The staple diet was "hash"; the recipe to this varied from tent to tent but was basically corned beef and tinned stew.

The hikes, as map-reading exercises, were carried out high up on the hill sides. Looking down into the valley of Heimbach the view was breathtaking; inspiration for any artist. The summer houses built precariously on the mountain sides only added to the natural beauty of the pine-covered mountains. Everyone worked and played hard and thoroughly enjoyed the camp. The weekend was voted a complete success and it is intended to have a regular camp once a month. We have now completed our second camp which took us to Rurburg also in the Eifel.

Gala Performance

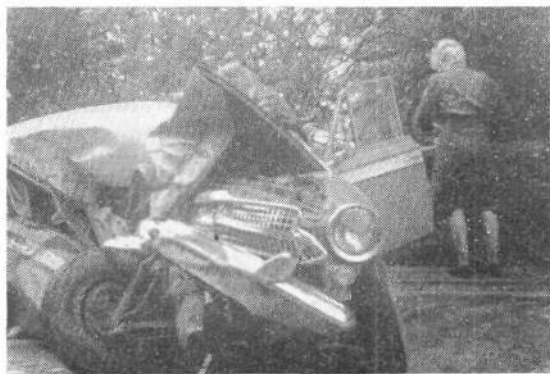
MEMBERS who are planning a Christmas party may be interested to know that their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, are honouring with their presence a Special Gala Evening Performance of "Hello Dolly" at the Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, 9th December, 1965.

The proceeds of the performance will go to the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows in association with the Army Benevolent Fund.

T.A. News

44 (HC) SIGNAL REGIMENT (CINQUE PORTS) T.A.

THE Regiment, with 316 Signal Squadron (T.A.), went to camp at Burniston Barracks, Scarborough, at the end of May. The journey to camp was less uneventful than usual. H.Q. Squadron convoy was first on the scene of a serious collision between an American Serviceman's car and a coach load of old folks. Members of the Squadron rallied round and gave first aid. L/Cpl. Hibbs, W.R.A.C. (T.A.)—a St. John Ambulance bronze medallist—did particularly good work.



T.A. to the rescue. L/Cpl. Hibbs and Pte. Pooley

The Regiment was kept busy during the first week with morning drill rehearsals for the Regimental Parade and Drill Competition, practical training and a two-day exercise for some members in readiness for the four-day exercise of the final week. Despite hard work during the day there was time in the evenings for Regimental and Squadron dances, various Mess functions and many entertainments in and around Scarborough.

The All Ranks' Dance on the first Thursday was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Major Nye, our new S.W.R.A.C. Officer, our padre, Rev. Wardle, and their band of helpers. Earlier in the evening the officers, including Colonel M. D. M. Humphery, D.D.W.R.A.C. Eastern Command, had visited the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, having been piped there by Pte. Hibbert, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), who is Pipe Major of the Nicholas Pipe Band of Folkestone.

The Regimental Parade held on Saturday, 5th June, was reviewed by Brigadier M. D. Price, O.B.E., C.S.O. Eastern Command. Our Regimental Band provided the music, and delighted us all with their excellent playing. The four-day exercise aptly entitled "Final Fling" was enjoyed by all W.R.A.C. who took part. Even the sun recognised the occasion and stayed with us for at least one day, allowing some, if not all, to look somewhat sunburnt—some of which, admittedly, washed off at a later date!

On the final day of this year's camp, it was apparent

that many W.R.A.C. members of the Regiment were sorry to be leaving Scarborough. At reveille on the last day there were many long faces at the thought of going back to the daily routine that covers the year for most of us.

48 DIV. (T.A.) AND WEST MID. DIST.

ANNUAL Camps for W.R.A.C. (T.A.) in 48 Div. (T.A.) and West Mid. Dist. got off to a good start, and the periods fortunately coincided with spells of good weather. 48 (South Midland) Signal Regt. (T.A.) camped at Burniston Barracks, Scarborough, from 12th to 26th June. Other units in camp with them included the T.A. Increment H.Q. 48 Div. (T.A.) and W.M.D., and 69 (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Coy W.R.A.C. (T.A.), commanded by Capt. D. M. McGregor W.R.A.C. (T.A.).

The camp was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Glover, and the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) by Major Jervis, both of 48 (South Midland) Signal Regt. (T.A.). All units worked in together as one camp and this proved very successful indeed. W.O.II Cookson (from 69 Coy) did an excellent job as C.S.M., her wealth of experience and tact proving of tremendous value. Great praise was also given to the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) cooks and stewaresses, for the very high standard of food and service. Three W.R.A.C. (T.A.) Provost from 48 Div./Dist. Pro. Coy (T.A.), who had requested permission to do an additional camp, fitted in well and proved most helpful.

The camp had first-class training facilities, instead of the usual exercises, a lot of classroom work was done owing to the conversion from teleprinter operators and signal centre operators to the combined trade of communication centre operators. Fatigues were reduced to a minimum, and they were able to enjoy the delightful surroundings and excellent social amenities in Scarborough.

A mixed Quarter Guard was turned out for the arrival of Major-General P. A. Gillett, O.B.E., G.O.C. 48 Div. (T.A.) W.M.D. This was the unit's first attempt at a mixed guard, and was a great success. The unit paraded for the presentation of medals, etc., by the Honorary Colonel, Colonel F. E. B. Jones, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., and marched past to the Regimental March "Begone Dull Care."

69 (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Coy W.R.A.C. (T.A.) took part in the "Monte Carlo" Rally, over 110 miles of Yorkshire dales and moors, crossing becks and waterfalls which created natural hazards. Navigators of 69 Coy came second in the quarter-ton class and fifth in the three-ton class. This is always a popular event and Yorkshire is an ideal county and gives valuable training in driving and map reading. The Coy obtained 100 per cent passes of B III cooks. The junior N.C.O.s organised a barbecue on the beach to which officers and senior N.C.O.s were invited, and followed by dancing and singing around a seaweed fire.

The units joined together for an All Ranks' Dance and a talent competition, which was most successful, as was

th, Sunday visit to Butlins Holiday Camp. Time passed all too quickly, but it was voted the most enjoyable camp ever.

The W.R.A.C. (Pro.) Section of 48 Div./Dist. Pro. (T.A.) were in camp with all U.K. W.R.A.C. (Pro.) Sections at Fremington from 1st to 15th May; this gave them the chance to train together and therefore standardise their procedures. Individual training was especially emphasised and considerable benefit was derived, particularly in recruit stages.

109 (West Midland) Coy W.R.A.C. (T.A.) camped with 48 Div./W.M.D. Colm. R.A.S.C. (T.A.)—since renamed 48 Div. Regt. (T.A.)—and although the units are not integrated, the liaison and co-operation between the men and women is excellent and the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) is proud to be affiliated to the Colm. The camp was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel T. H. Pay, R.A.S.C. (T.A.), C.O. of the Colm., and ably assisted by Major I. E. Lee W.R.A.C. (T.A.), O.C. 109 Coy.

About 20 women (trained drivers) took part in the exercise "Captains Caper." Vehicles were each loaded with bridging equipment, which was collected from 1 E.S.D. Long Marston on the first day, and off-loaded five days later at Livingston, 20 miles from camp location. The W.R.A.C. (T.A.) travelled with 516 Coy R.A.S.C. (T.A.), and their route the first day was via Shropshire and a bit of North Wales, eventually reaching their R.P. in the cold dark early hours of the following day, where they blissfully got their heads down in the back of their vehicles. The next morning they were off on a long haul northwards, through torrential rain, along the M6, and some real Monte Carlo stuff around the Lake District roads, mist and rain not helping in the slightest. Carlisle and then on to Gretna Green, but no romantic weddings—they couldn't stay long enough! The night was spent in the luxury of the disused officers' mess in a derelict Army barracks. It was like "5-star hotel" living after the previous night, and very good for the morale.

On the next day through the glorious Lowland countryside and the Scottish industrial regions, complicated motorway flyovers in the midst of ancient coal mining communities, and stark new towns, formed the route until at last they were over the Forth at Kincardine Bridge, where the Firth narrows on its way to Stirling. After a night in Dundee, the last leg of the journey, via the new Forth road bridge, to Livingston was completed, and the vehicles were off-loaded. The Platoon Commanders surely qualified as the first holders of the "Cordon Blue de Compo." Despite all adventures, when the vehicles arrived at Livingston in good order, the drivers' make-up was intact, and—even more important—so were the loads! It was generally agreed that the most difficult task of all was the readjusting to regimental soldiering when the lucky "exercise personnel" joined their colleagues in camp, and started catching up on their routine duties. The incentive among the non-qualified drivers to pass their driving and trade tests before next year became so

great that a large number of them did pass the driving test before leaving camp.

The annual camp parade was held during a terrific gale (even the toughest sergeant majors found it difficult to stand still!) and the march-past was most impressive, led by the Colm. R.A.S.C. (T.A.) band in kilts and full regalia. This was followed by the presentation of Company and individual awards won during the year, and the huge rosebowl to 4 (Worc.) Platoon W.R.A.C. (T.A.), who for the second time have won the county recruiting trophy.

12 (Staffs.) Independent Platoon W.R.A.C. (T.A.), commanded by Capt. A. L. Gordon, attended camp with H.Q. 48 Div. R.A.O.C. (T.A.), commanded by Lieut.-Colonel F. M. Sadler, T.D., R.A.O.C. (T.A.), with 5 Stores Coy R.A.O.C. (T.A.), and with 20 Vehicle Coy R.A.O.C. (T.A.) at Plasterdown, Devon, from 10th to 24th July. The camp is situated on Dartmoor, not very far from bleak Princetown and its prison, but it was Tavistock which proved the most popular place in which to spend off-duty hours.

The highlight of the technical training was a two-day exercise, when the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) manned the Vehicle Depot of a Field Ordnance Depot—the vehicles were received, serviced, checked, kitted and issued as they would be during operations; it was incredible to note the amount of energy the girls had left to play football at the end of a long hard day, they even caused the sergeant-major to fall flat on his back with the force of the ball! Regimental training was divided between Special to Arm subject by R.S.M. Gratton, map reading, lectures and practical, shooting on the miniature range and entering the skilled driving contest. The rainy beginning to camp did nothing to affect the morale, and there was never any lack of smiles or a joke. Fortunately the sun shone eventually and made work and off-duty hours more pleasant. Normally the Platoon is separated into three locations, but it was noticeable how soon they became an integrated platoon, with hard work and fun uniting them. Lieut.-Colonel N. Christy, the new A.D.W.R.A.C. Western Command, honoured all units with a visit, and was most interested in the training and in meeting the women. She has promised to visit us again during the training year. Major H. Gildea, C.W.R.A.C. 48 Div. (T.A.) and West Mid. Dist., was impressed by the good liaison at all camps. Her aim is a new look to 48 Div. on the W.R.A.C. side. A start has been made at this—as the permanent staff are only too aware, when their names come up for yet another course!—but they are all agreed that the break from routine and the knowledge gained does help to bring a fresh outlook to training. It is generally agreed that 1965 camps have been the best for a long while, and although training has been of paramount importance with all units in camp, the lighter side of life has been well in evidence, fun and laughter, friendships and romances, which combined with the serious side of Army life will go forward throughout the coming year to make for the smooth running of the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) in 48 Div.

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

THIS year our Companies split up for Camp, assuming their separate roles. 95 (Armagh and Down) Coy, under the command of Capt. N. P. Forbes, broke new ground when they spent a fortnight at Brecon, Wales, in June, attached to the Staffordshire Yeomanry, a crack T.A. Armoured Car Regiment which had never before been associated with W.R.A.C. The success of this venture delighted both units. The W.R.A.C. proved their worth by taking over all cookhouses and messes so that the maximum number of Yeomanry men could be released for training exercises, and Company clerks were also usefully employed, two passing their B III trade test at Camp. Welcome visitors were Lieut.-Colonel Christy, who as late C.O. of Ulster W.R.A.C. (T.A.) had a personal interest in the progress of the girls, and Lieut.-Colonel Marjorie Jamieson, the present Commanding Officer. It is most gratifying to all ranks to know that the Staffordshire Yeomanry have already asked for 95 Coy to camp with them again in 1966.

In August, 93 (328) Coy from Belfast and 94 (351) Coy from Londonderry joined 68 (NI) Regt. R.C.T. at Milton Bridge, Midlothian. For the advanced drivers, there were plenty of opportunities to see the Scottish countryside when they took part in two exercises to Perth and Dunbar respectively. The Perth party stayed overnight in the W.R.A.C. accommodation at Perth T.A. Centre, where their opposite numbers in Scottish Command had thoughtfully left a well-fitted kitchen in which compositions were cooked and hungrily devoured. Major Hazel Russell, the local Training Officer, and Capt. Vida Duncan, "hostess" Company Commander, called to see the Ulster drivers and their interest and help was much appreciated.

For cooks, clerks, stewardesses, storewomen and novice drivers, whose jobs kept them in Camp bounds, a coach trip to the Trossachs was arranged, which everyone voted a splendid day out. Parties also went on Wednesday and Friday of the second week to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a glittering spectacle particularly impressive to those who had never seen it before.

Good weather, good food, good training and an accident-free fortnight on the roads made this one of the most enjoyable and worthwhile camps the driving companies have ever had, and Ulster W.R.A.C. (T.A.) in general looks back on 1965 as a year of achievement and expansion.

EAST LOWLAND DISTRICT

THE Hon. Colonel of 61st (City of Edinburgh) Signal Regiment (T.A.), Colonel Sir Harold Mitchell, J.P., D.L., retired in July 1965 having been the Hon. Colonel

since the unit was formed in 1947. Sir Harold's official farewell to the Regiment was marked by a simple ceremony on 6th June at Brandon Terrace T.A.C. Sir Harold and Lady Mitchell were greeted by a Quarter Guard and the Pipes and Drums. Lady Mitchell was presented with a bouquet by Pte. Grays W.R.A.C. (T.A.) before the guests of honour were conducted into the Drill Hall. The Commanding Officer Lieut.-Colonel Bruce Beattie presented a diamond and gold Signals brooch to Lady Mitchell and a suitably inscribed presentation drum to Sir Harold. A buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all ranks after the ceremony.

2 PLATOON 105 (HAMPSHIRE) COMPANY

MEMBERS of the Platoon were on parade in full strength recently when their Company Commander, Capt. E. Slater, B.E.M., presented them with eight British Red Cross proficiency certificates and two medals.

After the parade a cabinet was handed over to the unit by Mr. C. Barker who had made it to display the many trophies the Platoon has won. The evening ended with a social gathering.



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Mr. Barker presents the display cabinet, made by himself, to Capt. E. Slater

Museum

IN accordance with the wishes of the Earl of Harewood, the Executors of the Princess Royal's will have presented a number of uniforms belonging to Her Royal Highness to the Corps Museum. This generous gift, which includes A.T.S. Service Dress, and four W.R.A.C. uniforms, will be a priceless addition to our exhibits and will be put on display as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Branch News

BIRMINGHAM. During the summer we had an outing to Hodnet Hall and Gardens in Shropshire, which was very much enjoyed by those present. More recently two of our members attended a Hat Show organised by the Association of Wrens. Holidays are now over and our monthly meetings are starting again in earnest. We could wish for a much better attendance at these. At our next meeting we hope to see photographs of the Holy Land, which was visited by our Chairman, Mrs. Whittle-Wills, in the spring of this year.

BOURNEMOUTH. In April we went to the Palace Court Theatre to see "Salad Days," which was greatly enjoyed. Eleven members and friends went to the Southern Area Reunion at Claverton Manor, Bath, and were most interested in the American Museum and the surrounding gardens. A few of us met at Branksome Chine with supper at the end of June, but unfortunately it started to rain, so we ended up by sitting in the bus depot eating sandwiches! Still, it was nice to be in the air. Miss Lunniss kindly invited us to a raspberry tea in her garden in July. We were lucky to have a sunny day and were able to sit about and chat, which added to the always happy occasion. Mrs. Rumbold and Mrs. Glover also entertained us one evening and provided refreshments, which were much appreciated. We have had a few invitations this year from the Royal Naval Association to dances, which one or two members and friends have accepted. We were able to go to the Open Day at the W.R.A.C. Depot, Guildford, on 7th August, owing to the kindness of 1st Squadron, 41st Signal Regt., T.A., who provided us with transport. This turned out to be a most enjoyable day and we were able to see the up-to-date accommodation and modern amenities. We were also interested to learn that "khaki issue" is a thing of the past! Whilst in Guildford, we also visited the Cathedral before returning home.

BRADFORD. After being closed during July and August, members met again on 18th September. We welcomed Dorothy O'Neil, a new member, who is also a secretary of Keighley British Legion, and feel we shall have an interested member. We also hope to welcome a Miss M. W. Cunningham, a native of Scotland living in Bradford, who is at present laid up with a disc trouble. Our stalwart President, Miss Gummersall, attended and we were also pleased to see Mrs. Lumb and Mrs. Etta Wilson, who have both been very ill. Arrangements were made for ten members, including Miss Gummersall, to attend the Northern Area Reunion at Harrogate. We had hoped to meet Mrs. D. Ross, Mrs. K. Bottomley and Mrs. Doreen Morris there, but due to illness, they were prevented from attending. We also regret to say that, due to illness, Miss Cocksedge, and Miss Julian, O.B.E., are unable to attend our meetings. As November and Remembrance Day draw nearer, it is expected that our members will play their part in giving assistance to the British Legion in helping with the Poppy Day Collection

and the Remembrance Parade. We send our best wishes to all our members who are prevented from attending by sickness, and wish them a speedy recovery, and we hope all our able members will try to attend our meetings in order to make them fully representative.

GLASGOW. No meetings were held during the months of July and August, but in September the Branch had two outings. On the fourth of the month, a party of us attended the Festival Tattoo in Edinburgh, and on the eleventh, we visited the Branch at Ayr. On both occasions the weather was kind to us, and the outings were enjoyed by all who attended them.

HULL. This year, we started off with a "wine and cheese party," home-made wine, provided by Mrs. Smillie, very nice too. We have bring and buy sales, beetle drives and Bingo, theatre parties and, of course, our annual dinner party, held once again at the Dorchester Hotel, with 18 members having an enjoyable evening. If any members of H.Q. Branch, living in Hull, would like to join us for our meetings (first Friday in the month), please write to the Secretary for details of time and place. We would like to meet you, even if you are not members of Hull branch.

HEADQUARTER AREA. Members will be delighted to read elsewhere in this issue that our Chairman, Dame Regina Evans, D.B.E., has accepted the presidency of the W.R.A.C. Association. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Dame Regina with all our hearts for the enthusiastic interest she has shown in the Branch during her period of office, injecting fresh life into what can so easily become, and for a time almost was, a "dead letter office." An indication that, though from force of circumstances our members cannot enjoy normal Branch activities, we are still a very live part of the Association, is that Dame Regina's letter of appeal for support for the Princess Royal Memorial Fund has met with a splendid response and the amount subscribed by members of the Branch already stands at over £360. We may be very proud of our Chairman and of our members all over the world.

Mrs. Diana Stevenson, until recently Chairman of Council and who has organised so many successful Grand Reunions, has most kindly agreed to take Dame Regina's place in our Branch. We extend to her a very warm welcome indeed and look forward to a continued resurgence of interest in the Association from all our scattered members. One of these, by the way, turned up in Majorca this summer: Miss Joan Payne, who will be remembered by many who served with 6 T.B.R.E. at Elgin and Preston. She and your secretary had a splendid private reunion!

LEICESTER. A tenpin bowling alley may seem a strange place for the Association to meet, but it makes a change, and the 1s. 6d. spectators' fee includes coffee and biscuits. We didn't "have a go," but it was most entertaining and interesting, and perhaps next time the members may "take courage" and participate. We were pleased to see Sgt.

D. Palmer at the September meeting; she was home on leave from North of the Border. Capt. Quarrie, Capt. Snowden, Lieut. Dacombe and Mrs. Cox made the trip to Harrogate for the Northern Area Reunion. We were pleased to meet, amongst those present, Mrs. Davis, a former member of Leicester Branch and now of Sheffield, and Miss Hildyard, ex-R.S.M., looking as cheerful as always. Our thanks and appreciation for another very pleasant reunion go to Area Secretary Mrs. Suttle, and the Committee. We have said "goodbye" to R.S.M. Tindall, who was posted to Germany, and look forward to welcoming R.S.M. Hodgson as one of our members.

Our best wishes go to S/Sgt. Rodgers in Roehampton; we were very pleased to be able to visit her in Harlow Wood, and know that, now she has returned to "civilisation," she will make rapid progress.

LONDON. We have continued our meetings during the summer months, but we have not had so many organised evenings as at other times of the year. In July we had an interesting show of colour slides given by Miss Norman, which she had taken while on holiday on the Continent. In September we were given a talk by Mrs. Geiger from the "Beauty without Cruelty" organisation. This movement seeks to protect animals from exploitation, as in the manufacture of some cosmetics and wearing apparel, animals are cruelly used; but there are now available articles produced from pure ingredients in which animals are not involved. The evening concluded with a delightful programme of songs with piano accompaniment, given by friends of the Branch.

SHEFFIELD. Our last meeting before the summer break was a coach outing into Derbyshire, there was a short stop at Monsal Head to admire the view and then on to an excellent buffet supper at the Ladybower Inn. Meetings started again in September, with holiday photos being passed round at each session. Four members attended the Northern Area Reunion in Harrogate and we were lucky enough to bring home several prizes. Will all members please note the Secretary's new address:

60 Fairbairn Drive,
Stannington,
Sheffield 6.

STAFFORD. The arrangements made in May for future meetings have proved most enjoyable and, except for holidays, the attendance has been 100 per cent. The June meeting, as well as interesting, was instructive and useful, being a talk given by Mr. Cartwright, a local chiropodist, on the "Care of Feet." In July, we had an excellent talk and demonstration on Floral Art, and even the common daisy and grass were a "Joy to Behold." In August, Mrs. C. M. Jupp, M.B.E., opened her charming home and gardens for a Coffee Evening, and made a lot of delightful cookies, which were sold on the stalls, together with a variety of other goods the members had collected. We were very pleased to welcome members from the Stafford North Branch, who were able to join in our very enjoyable and successful evening which boosted the funds up by £10. The September meeting was so interesting,

time was forgotten until long after our usual going to bed time. Mr. Owen, of the Stafford Red Cross, gave us a talk on accidents in the home and the way to avoid and treat them. He then produced Annie out of a suitcase. Annie was a beautiful dummy in a track suit and canvas shoes, when "pumped up" she looked very real. After a demonstration, we all took our turn to give her the "Kiss of Life," to which Annie responded perfectly. We felt it had been a very worthwhile evening and hope to get Mr. Owen to talk to us again early in the New Year.

ULSTER. We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. O. B. Graham, O.B.E., who was wartime A.D.A.T.S., Northern Ireland District, has kindly consented to become our President. A reunion dinner has been arranged to take place in the Midland Hotel, Belfast, on Saturday, 26th February, 1966. Tickets priced 22s. 6d. may be obtained from Mrs. S. M. Kerr, 19 Norwood Drive, Belmont, Belfast 4. Admission will be by ticket only and applications, with the money, must be made before Monday, 21st February, 1966. Ex-Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S., F.A.N.Y.s and W.R.A.C. will be welcome, and we have every hope that this dinner will be as successful as last year's.

YORK. We had a very successful and pleasant half year. In January, a party of 15 members went to the Theatre Royal to see the York Light Opera in "The Song of Norway," finishing the evening off with a party at Nunthorpe House; many thanks to Mrs. Leach and Capt. Walton for providing refreshments—so sorry Major Dickson had to wait so long for us. Instead of meeting at Nunthorpe House in February, a party of us went along to the Electricity Showrooms to see a demonstration of the making of sweets and savouries, which were given to us by the Electricity Board to raffle off for our funds afterwards. The Annual Dinner was again held in Nunthorpe House; we had the pleasure of Major Harling's company, also two members from Hull. We wish Major Harling all the best at her new post in Belgium. Spring-time is always a great pleasure in York, the flower beds and city moat always a joy, so what better person than Mr. Shirley, the Parks Superintendent, to be invited to talk to us. We had a very pleasant evening and enjoyed his company very much. Once again we have to thank Mrs. Green for organising the Whist Drive at Strensall, also thanks to members for prizes and donations and those who turn up to do the chores and provide transport, making a most successful undertaking and keeping the Branch solvent. We were fortunate with our outings, firstly to Harlow Car, the weather was very kind and although some of the spring flower beds had been cleared for summer plants, the gardens and woods were well worth a visit. One fly in the ointment; the Secretary forgot to confirm the number of people going to the hotel for refreshments, but all's well that ends well, we had a good meal in Harrogate. Our visit to the Archbishop's Palace at Bishopthorpe was also favoured with good weather, even if it was cold on the river. A pleasant walk from the river brought us to the calm and serenity of the Palace,

which is in constant use and not a museum. The golden oak in the garden was much admired and the view from the terrace looking down the river was in keeping with the whole place. Before returning home we had coffee in the Bosun's Chair, a café on the river. One of our members, Mrs. Yarker, has left York and gone to Derby; we wish her well and better health in her new abode. Best wishes to Lyn Smith, who, after 22 years in the service, has now gone into a nice bungalow of her own. Happy to have caught up with Mrs. Russell Jones (*née*

Newman), who has rejoined the branch, for which we have to thank the British Legion for tracing her. Mrs. Sally Burton has had rather a long time in hospital, but we are pleased to say she is now out again and has been able to take a little walk to boost her morale at the hairdresser's. Mrs. Kathleen Whetnall also has had things rather rough lately. Her son-in-law died whilst his wife (Kathleen's daughter) was in hospital having her first baby. We pray God gives Kathleen and her family strength to bear their loss.

Were You There?

THIS photograph, which is reproduced by permission of the *Southern Evening Echo* (Southern Newspapers Ltd.), Southampton, was taken at Lee-on-Solent nearly

half a century ago. It shows one of the earliest combined operations between W.R.N.S. and Q.M.A.A.C. working at the Seaplane base, H.M.S. *Daedalus*.



Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Place
22nd to 23rd November, 1965	Inter-Command Netball	Aldershot
29th to 30th November, 1965	Inter-Command Hockey	Aldershot
1st to 2nd December, 1965	Inter-Command Hockey	
26th to 28th January, 1966	Inter-Services Squash	Uxbridge
14th February, 1966	Inter-Services Rifle Shooting	Not yet known
24th to 25th February, 1966	Inter-Unit Netball Finals	Aldershot
9th to 11th March, 1966	Inter-Services Hockey	Not yet known
11th March, 1966	Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion	Duke of York's H.Q.
19th March, 1966	Branch Secretaries Meeting	The Town Hall, Milngavie, Glasgow
	Association Annual General Meeting	
	Scottish Reunion	
21st to 23rd March, 1966	Inter-Service Netball	Aldershot
4th to 5th April, 1966	Inter-Service Badminton	Not yet known

Home and Leisure

OLD-FASHIONED PUDDINGS

IN these days of calorie counting, packaging and the deep freeze, many people have forgotten, or have never known, the delights of an old-fashioned pudding. This month we are publishing recipes for a few well-tried favourites from Grandmother's Cookery Book.

Black Cap Batter Pudding

- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk
- 3 heaped tablespoons flour
- pinch of salt
- washed and dried currants

Mix the yolks of eggs into the flour and salt and beat till smooth. Add the milk and lastly the stiffly beaten whites of egg.

Grease a pudding basin and strew it thickly with currants, pour in the batter, cover and steam for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Serve with a sweet sauce.

Ginger Soufflé

- 3 oz. butter
- 3 oz. flour
- 3 oz. preserved ginger
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk
- 2 tablespoons ginger syrup

Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour and cook for a few minutes, add the milk slowly and continue to cook for ten minutes. Remove from the heat, add the sugar and let it cool slightly. Separate eggs and beat in the yolks, one at a time. Add the chopped preserved ginger and syrup and lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites of egg. Pour mixture gently into a greased bowl, leaving plenty of room to rise, cover with greased paper and steam for 40 minutes. Turn out and serve immediately.

Guards Pudding

This pudding owes its name to the fact that it is traditionally served to Guards officers on duty at Whitehall or St. James's Palace.

- 1 cup white breadcrumbs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter
- 3 eggs
- 6 tablespoons raspberry jam
- pinch of bicarbonate soda

Cream the butter and sugar together. Add the breadcrumbs, then the bicarbonate of soda, dissolved in a teaspoon of water, and the raspberry jam. Lastly add the three well-beaten eggs and mix well. Pour into a buttered basin, cover and steam for two hours. Serve hot with thin cream or raspberry jam sauce.

Lemon Surprise

The surprise of this pudding is that, during cooking, the mixture separates into a sponge top and a lemon curd base. It is best served cold, with thin cream, but can be eaten hot if preferred.

- 5 oz. sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 oz. butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 lemon, grated rind and juice

Put the sugar, flour and butter in a bowl, stir in the yolks of egg, grated lemon rind and juice and beat all together till smooth and well blended. Stir in the milk and lastly the stiffly beaten whites of egg. Pour the mixture into an oven-proof dish, set it in a baking tin, half full of water, and cook for 35-40 minutes in a moderate oven, gas mark 4.

Correspondence

DEAR EDITOR,

At the recent Inter-Service Cricket matches I noticed that the knowledge of cricket, of some spectators, was a little hazy and thought that the following simple explanation of cricket might assist them.

"You have two sides; one out in the field, one in. Each man on the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's been out in the field comes in, and the side that's been in goes out, and tries to get those coming in out. Then when both sides have been in and out—including the not-outs—that's the end of the game."

Since I would hate to hurt anyone's feelings by suggesting a simple explanation might be required to increase their knowledge of this splendid game, I wondered whether you would like it to fill some corner of THE LIONESS. Thus, next year, your readers will be able to stump others by their understanding of the game.

MYRTLE MACLAGAN

Sport

LAWN TENNIS

The results of this year's Inter-Service (Women's) Lawn Tennis Championships were:

R.A.F. 9 matches (19 sets).

Army 9 matches (18 sets).

Navy Nil.

On match score the result was a draw between the R.A.F. and the Army. Victory was therefore gained by the R.A.F. by the narrow margin of one set. After several years in the doldrums, the Army team showed tremendous improvement and are to be congratulated on the close result. Credit must also go to our coach, Major C. E. Grindley (Ret'd.), for his help and advice throughout the season.

Obituary

Miss G. M. Cook

We regret to announce the death of Miss Grace Mary Cook on 25th July, 1965. Miss Cook joined the A.T.S. in 1939, was promoted to the rank of W.O.II, and continued to serve until June 1956, when she was discharged on medical grounds.

Miss Cook has left a generous legacy to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund in her will.

Miss E. I. Dipple

Birmingham Branch announce with great regret the death of their President, Miss E. I. Dipple, who was known to many members of the Association throughout the country. Her passing will be mourned by all who knew her. About a dozen members of the Branch attended the funeral.

Miss E. Hardy

York Branch regret to announce the death of Miss Esther Hardy on 28th August, 1965. Miss Hardy was a lance-corporal with A.T.S. Signals in Northern Command at York and Derby for four years and was one of the first to join the Association. She will be long remembered by her many friends in Northern Command.

Mrs. F. M. Macey

We announce with regret the death of Mrs. Florence Macey, aged 65, who was for many years T.A. R.Q.M.S. and civilian storewoman of the former 304 (Surrey and Sussex) Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.). Mrs. Macey served in both world wars as well as in the T.A. from 1949 to 1961. She will be remembered with affection by all who worked with her at Kingston-on-Thames and by her T.A. colleagues throughout Surrey and Sussex.

Mrs. F. C. Mills

We regret to announce that Mrs. Florence Clare Mills, Q.M.A.A.C., No. 2895, died at Hastings on 23rd September after a long illness. As Forewoman Florence Clare, she served in Unit I, Wimereux, and also at Henriville, Boulogne, from June 1917 till December 1919. She is well remembered by her Service friends for her good work in France, managing to keep a bright, cheerful countenance (despite the difficulties) which always helped the rest of us. We have valued her loyal friendship all these 48 years, and the pleasure of meeting her at reunions in London.

Mrs. W. M. Roberts

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. W. M. Roberts, after a short illness, at the age of 80. Mrs. Roberts joined the W.A.A.C. after her husband was killed in France, and served at Sheerness. Between the wars she helped her father in the family shipping business and was unfortunate in having a bad fall in the hunting field which left her slightly lame. In spite of this handicap

she joined the A.T.S. on its formation and subsequently did a very useful job as Recruiting Officer at Middlesbrough.

Mrs. R. Sykes

Cheshire Branch announce with regret the sudden death of their Chairman, Mrs. Roberta Sykes. Mrs. Sykes joined the A.T.S. in 1938 and served during the war as an adjutant and on the staff at home and in Italy. After the war, she formed, and commanded, 321 (Cheshire) Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.) until her resignation in 1952. She was for several years Vice-Chairman of Western Area and will be greatly missed by members of the Branch, who met regularly at her home. She was an energetic Chairman and a staunch and loyal member of the Association.

Mrs. J. Taylor

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. Taylor (*née* Burchell) who had been a member of the Association since 1926. Some may remember her wedding in Rouen during her service with the W.A.A.C., and London Branch may also recall having tea at "Crossways" when their hikes took them Reigate way. Mrs. Taylor, who was widowed last year, gave no sign of being unwell at the Dinner Club evening in May, and very much enjoyed meeting her old comrades of Rouen days. She entered hospital shortly afterwards and died on 15th July. Miss Murphy (Spud), of Camp 4 Rouen, represented Q.M.A.A.C. at the cremation, as Mrs. Simister (Squib) was unable to attend.

Mrs. F. Wenham

Canterbury Branch regret to announce the death of Mrs. Florence Wenham, ex-A.T.S., at the age of 73. Mrs. Wenham had been bedridden for many years but continued to keep in touch through THE LIONESS and the visits of members of the Association.

It is regretted that the late Miss Brownrigg's Branch was incorrectly given in the August LIONESS. She was a member of Dumfries Branch.

London Gazette

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS REGULAR ARMY

Lieut.-Colonel: Major E. M. Metcalfe, M.B.E., Major S. C. Puckle, M.B.E., T.D.
Major: Capts. A. J. H. Hodgkinson, B.A., D. P. Chandler.
Major (Q.M.): Capt. (Q.M.) E. E. Harrison, M.B.E.
Captain: Lieuts. H. G. Meechie, M. J. Hall, P.E. Davey.
Captain (Q.M.): Lieut. (Q.M.) E. E. Mailey.
Lieutenant: 2/Lieuts. L. G. Kingham, M. S. Clinton-Rowland, C. V. Hickman, C. E. Hunter, V. C. Bennett, J. R. Barker, J. M. Hill, H. M. C. Beaver, C. L. Swire, L. C. Stubbs, L. M. Morris, M. M. F. Reid, H. P. Murdoch, N. L. Heath.
Lieutenant (Q.M.): K. N. Dicker, B.E.M.
2/Lieutenant: 2/Lieuts. (on probation) M. S. Clinton-Rowland, J. E. R. Chatterton, are confirmed in their appointments.
2/Lieutenant: P. A. Ames, S. A. Boyack, M. J. Craggs, P. A. Marvin, C. R. Podmore, J. L. Ryves, D. F. Rumsey, V. Peters, M. H. Smart, R. A. Stuart.
2/Lieutenant (on probation): L. M. Oldridge.

LIMITED SERVICE REGULAR COMMISSIONS

Major: E. A. Hine.

Captain: H. M. Hopkin.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Major: M. H. Nalder.

Captain: P. E. Davey.

Lieutenants: V. R. Armstead-Fairweather, J. M. Cobbett, E. C. Robertson (*nee* Dodkins), D. M. Salisbury, B.A., M. A. Moore, B.A., M. M. Tweed, G. P. Furney.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieutenant: J. Gairns, on completion of service.

Officers' Postings

(Up to 30th September 1965)

Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Puckle, M.B.E., T.D., M.S. and W.R.A.C. Records.
 Major (Q.M.) E. E. Harrison, 6 Training Regiment, R.C.T.
 Major A. M. Metcher, M.B.E., P.S.O., C.D.S., M.O.D.
 T/Major P. M. Farwell, S.C. Q.(Qlg.), H.Q. Libya and Tripolitania.
 Captain D. V. Palmer, 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 T/Captain W. Alderman, S.C. "A," H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong.
 T/Captain B. A. Castledine, 8 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 T/Captain A. H. S. Ferguson, W.R.A.C. College.
 T/Captain W. S. Gough, 233 Signal Squadron.
 T/Captain S. Halsey, W.R.A.C. College.
 T/Captain J. M. Hill, 235 Comcan. Signal Squadron, Malta.
 T/Captain L. C. Howard-Carter, F.V.R.D.E., Chertsey.
 T/Captain S. L. Stephens, R.A.V.C. Depot and Training Centre.
 Lieut. (Q.M.) T. Buchanan, 14 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 Lieut. J. A. Cameron, B.Sc., Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 Lieut. M. J. Evans, 29 Company, W.R.A.C.
 Lieut. I. A. Purton, 5 Communications Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. P. A. Ames, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. S. A. Boyack, 6 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. M. J. Craggs, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. T. M. Forrest, 29 Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. C. E. Hunter, M.O.D., M.2(A.).
 2/Lieut. P. A. Marvin, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. P. M. McPherson, 9 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. V. Peters, 251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron.
 2/Lieut. C. R. Podmore, 16 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. J. M. Reed, Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. M. M. F. Reid, 1 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. D. M. Rumsey, 9 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. J. L. Ryves, 6 Training Regiment, R.C.T.
 2/Lieut. M. H. Smart, 12 Independent Company, W.R.A.C.
 2/Lieut. R. A. Stuart, 24th Signal Regiment.

BRANCH DIRECTORY

Amendments

Branch Secretaries:

Sheffield: Miss F. Bell, 60 Fairbairn Drive, Stannington, Sheffield 6.

Unit Branch Secretaries:

Depot and Training Centre, W.R.A.C.: W.O.I (R.S.M.)
 E. J. Edwards, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Guildford, Surrey.

12 Independent Company W.R.A.C.: W.O.I K. Foxley, W.R.A.C., Inglis Barracks, Bittacy Hill, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

27 Independent Company W.R.A.C.: W.O.I M. M. Slaven, W.R.A.C., 27 Independent Company W.R.A.C., British Forces Post Office 53.

29 Company W.R.A.C.: W.O.I M. Tindall, 29 Company W.R.A.C., British Forces Post Office 40.

251 W.R.A.C. Signal Squadron: W.O.I P. A. N. Wildgust, W.R.A.C., H.Q. Southern Command, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts.

Southampton: Mrs. A. D. Pickett, 107 Radstock Road, Southampton.

Personal Column

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, only worn eight times. £10. Greatcoat, excellent condition, £7. To fit height 5 ft. 6 in., bust 35 in., waist 25 in., hips 36 in. Box No. 7/65.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress jacket and skirt, green greatcoat and hat. Size (approx.): height 5 ft. 7 in., bust 36 in., hips 38 in. Box No. 8/65.

For Sale. Greatcoat, good condition, lined scarlet, bust 36 in., hips 38 in. £8 o.n.o. No. 2 Dress, almost new, bust 36 in., waist 27 in., hips 37 in. £8 o.n.o. Box No. 9/65.

For Sale. No. 1 Dress, £8, and greatcoat, £4, good condition, height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 35 in., hips 37 in. Miss E. Y. Kemp, Balgowan House, Torrance, By Glasgow.

For Sale. W.R.A.C. greatcoat (Moss Bros.). Red satin lining. Excellent condition, worn twice. Height 5 ft. 5 in., bust 36 in., waist 26 in., hips 38 in. Offers—Mrs. Beaumont, 1 Minorca Road, Blackdown, Deepcut, Aldershot. Hants. Phone Deepcut 152.

For Sale. Officer's No. 1 Dress, height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 36 in., waist 26 in., hips 38 in., hat (7), 2 green shirts, collars (13½); excellent condition, £10; also khaki greatcoat, height 5 ft. 4 in., bust 38 in., waist 28 in., hips 40 in., with buttons, badges, cap (7), shoes (black, 6), £4. Box No. 10/65.

For Sale. Moss Bros. greatcoat in very good condition. Height 5 ft. 8 in., bust 38 in., waist 28 in., hips 40 in. £10 o.n.o. Box No. 11/65.

For Sale. Greatcoat, Crombie cloth, lined scarlet, excellent condition. Bust 34-36 in., hips 38 in., back length 45 in. £10 o.n.o. Box No. 12/65.

Maureen Lees and her friends, the "Good Neighbours," invite you to patronise their display centre at 46 Beaconsfield Road, New Ferry, Wirral, Cheshire, where work of the blind and disabled is on sale. Orders taken. White Elephant Stall to defray costs. Open weekdays 10-3 p.m. (Thursdays 1 p.m.).

The Service Women's Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.1, exists for the comfort and convenience of Service and ex-Service women of all ranks. It provides accommodation and the usual amenities of a ladies' club at most reasonable rates, and new members are always welcome. For full particulars and brochure please write to the Secretary. Tel.: SLOane 9131.

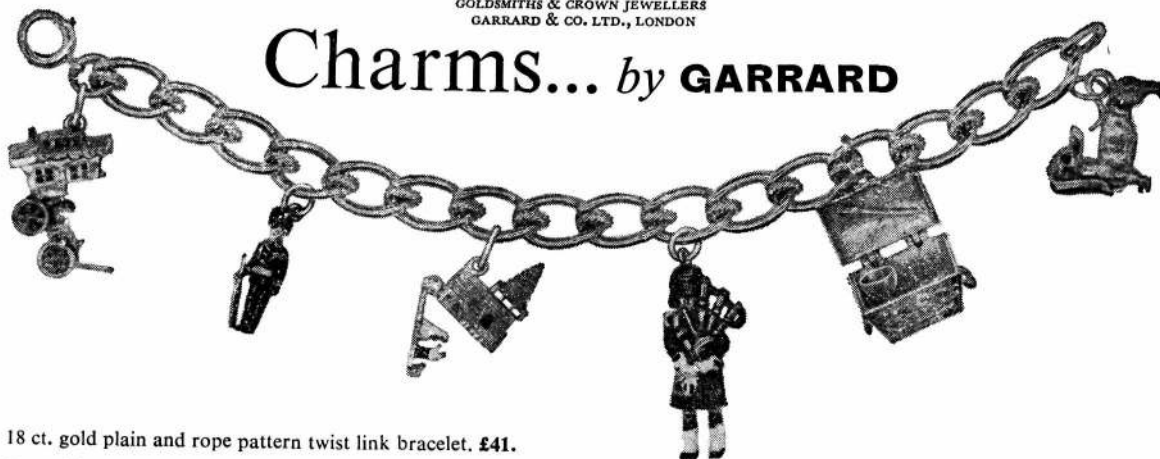
Edinburgh. When in Edinburgh stay at the Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens. All ex-Service women welcomed. Special terms for serving W.R.A.C. Write for the brochure to the Secretary. Tel.: Edinburgh CAL 4952.

County of London. Members of the former County of London Branch of the Association are invited to meet in the Colville Hotel (almost opposite the Duke of York's Headquarters) on Monday, 22nd November, 1965, at 7 p.m. Miss Barbara Robinson and Miss E. Dixon will be there. Please do come.



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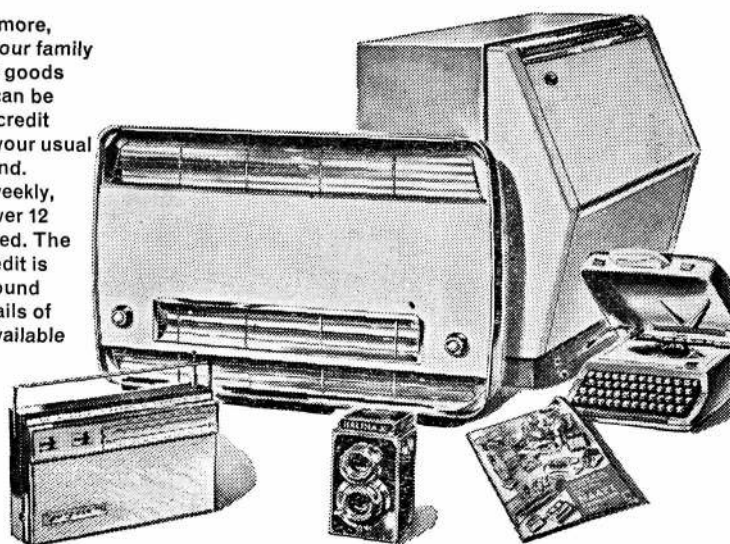
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