

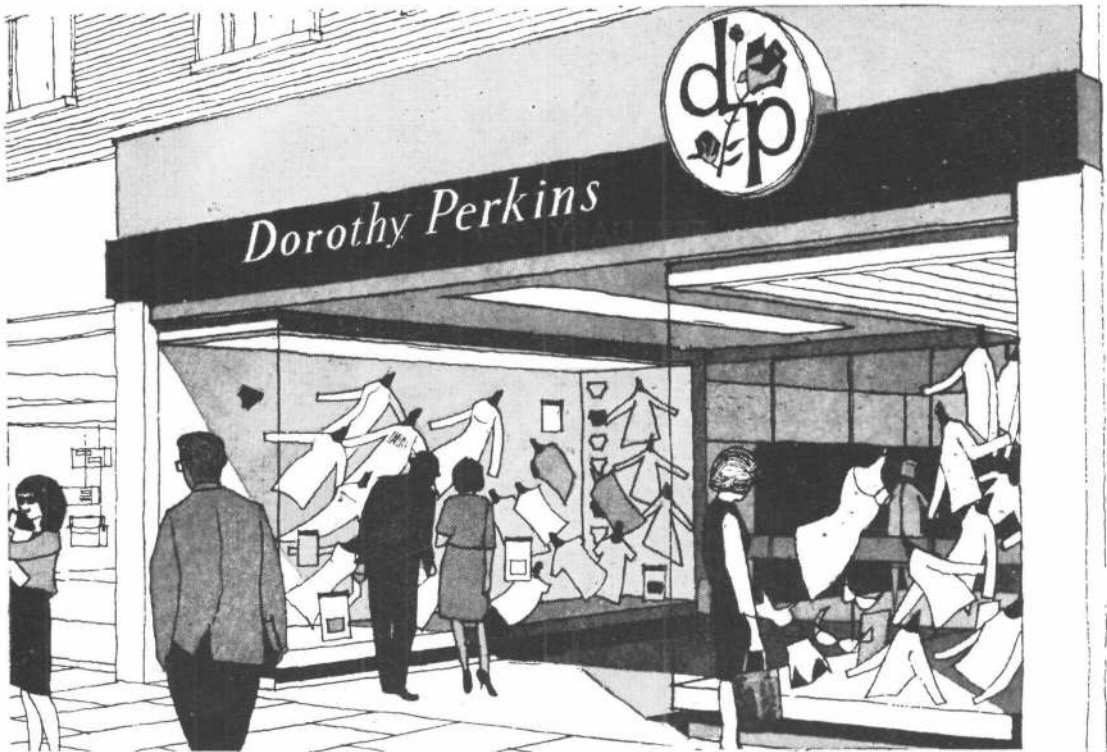
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Message from the Commandant-in-Chief W.R.A.C.

As Commandant-in-Chief of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and Women's Royal Army Corps since 1941, I send my best wishes for the Three Services 50th Anniversary Celebrations to all members of the W.R.A.C. Association, and particularly to those who served in Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps.

ELIZABETH R.

Queen Mother

Message from our President

1967 marks an interesting year in the lives of the Three Women's Services. Our Association has always been a bond of comradeship between the pioneers of the W.R.A.C., through Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S., unto the present serving Corps. We hope to celebrate hand in hand with our comrades the W.R.N.S. and W.R.A.F. on June 1st and thus lay up in store happy memories of that past and found good hope for the future. Regina Evans.

Message from Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan

I am glad to have this opportunity to send Jubilee greetings to all officers and other ranks of the Women's Royal Army Corps, to their predecessors in that unit, in the Auxiliary Territorial Service and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps which became Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, but first to those whose enterprise and good service set the example for others to follow. I look back on the wise guidance of the Adjutant General of that time, to the kindliness and wisdom of our first and most senior officer Mrs. Watson, and to the enthusiasm of all who served in those early days.

I send my best wishes to all who serve in future, may they give good service and be happy in the doing of it.
God bless you all. H.I.G-V

Editorial

ALTHOUGH we are holding our 50th Anniversary celebrations later this year February is **THE MONTH** that saw the beginning of it all with the formation of the W.A.A.C. Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, in service with the Army, records how, on February 11th 1917, she heard about the proposed Corps from Mrs. Chalmers Watson and at once asked to be allowed to serve. Before the month was out she had accepted the appointment of Chief Controller and had left for France to look into, and discuss, conditions of service there.

The notice of the formation of the W.A.A.C. appeared in the press on February 20th and would be recruits flocked to the Labour Exchanges to join. There was some delay as they could not be finally enrolled and posted out until the A.C.I. governing their employment was published on 28th March 1917. The first draft left London three days later. The spirit that moved these women to offer their services in time of need, and without thought of personal reward, set a standard that was echoed by their successors, the A.T.S., at the beginning of the Second

World War. Thirty two years later, again in February, they saw the direct results of their work in the formation of the W.R.A.C. as a regular Corps, and an integral part of the British Army, on 1st February, 1949.

We are greatly honoured to receive a message, to mark our Anniversary, from the Commandant-in-Chief, W.R.A.C., Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, and send Her Majesty our best wishes for a complete return to health after her recent illness.

As well as the happy anticipation of our Anniversary celebrations, this year brings the sad reality of the disbandment of our Territorial Army Units. For the past 20 years the relationship between the T.A., the Regular Corps and the Association has been a particularly happy one. We thank them especially for their kindness in allowing us to use their accommodation for our Association and Branch Meetings and for their loyal and generous support of the Benevolent Fund. We wish them well for the future and hope they will keep in touch by joining their local branch of the Association or forming a new one, if none exists in their area.

We also said Goodbye last month to Miss E. D. Norris who had been with the Corps H.Q. since its formation in April 1961. Miss Norris left us to go to a job in Chatham which is nearer to her home and will save her a long and tiring journey each day. She takes our good wishes for the future and we will always be pleased to see her at any of our Association functions. In Miss Norris' place we welcome Miss Tatton Winter who served with our sister Corps the W.R.A.F.

Our good friends the Women's Section of the British Legion are shortly opening a Home for elderly and disabled ex-service women at Long Itchington near Leamington Spa. Nursing care will be provided when necessary but initially applicants must be able to get about enough to dress and look after themselves. The rooms are furnished but small personal treasures may be taken, payment will be in accordance with means and pensioners will be able to retain an adequate amount of pocket money each week. Application should be made to the:

Central Service Dept.
British Legion
49, Pall Mall
London, S.W.1.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on Saturday, 11th March, 1967, at 3 p.m.

BRANCH SECRETARIES MEETING

HE Secretaries' Meeting will be held at 11-30 a.m. in the Canteen 80 (Chelsea) Company W.R.A.C. (T.A.) Block 'E', Duke of York's Headquarters, by permission of Lieut-Colonel C. H. Milner, O.B.E., W.R.A.C. (T.A.). Members of Council look forward to meeting all Branch Secretaries for lunch, as their guests. Please notify the General Secretary by 1st March, 1967, if able to attend.

SALE OF WORK

A SALE of work will be held after the Annual General Meeting. Eastern, Western and Headquarters Area have kindly agreed to organise the stalls (with some assistance from Scottish and Northern Ireland Areas).

Proceeds will go towards the Benevolent Fund. As there will be no Premium Bond Draw, it is hoped members will support the Sale of Work, and help to raise a substantial sum.

Tea will be provided. Tickets will be sold at the door, price 3s. 6d.

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, Chelsea, on Friday, 10th March, 1967, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission free. Tickets for those attending will be paid for by the W.R.A.C. Association to help members of the W.A.A.C. and Q.M.A.A.C. celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

It would be impossible to cater, without an accurate forecast of numbers attending. So tickets must be obtained from the General Secretary, Block 'E', Duke of York's Headquarters, London, S.W.3. by 3rd March, 1967. Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

CHURCH SERVICE, SUNDAY, 12th MARCH, 1967

BY kind permission of Major General B. O. P. Eugster, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., members of the Association may attend the morning service at 11 a.m. in the Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks, Chelsea Bridge Road. Tickets are not required, all ex-Service Women and their friends are welcome. The collection will be given to the Benevolent Fund.

Q.M.'s Take Note

THIS is the second time of telling:—By kind permission of the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London, there will be a film show of the W.A.A.C. 1917-1919, on Friday June 2nd, 7-7.30 p.m. It is thought that possibly A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. may be interested, in which case they will be most welcome.

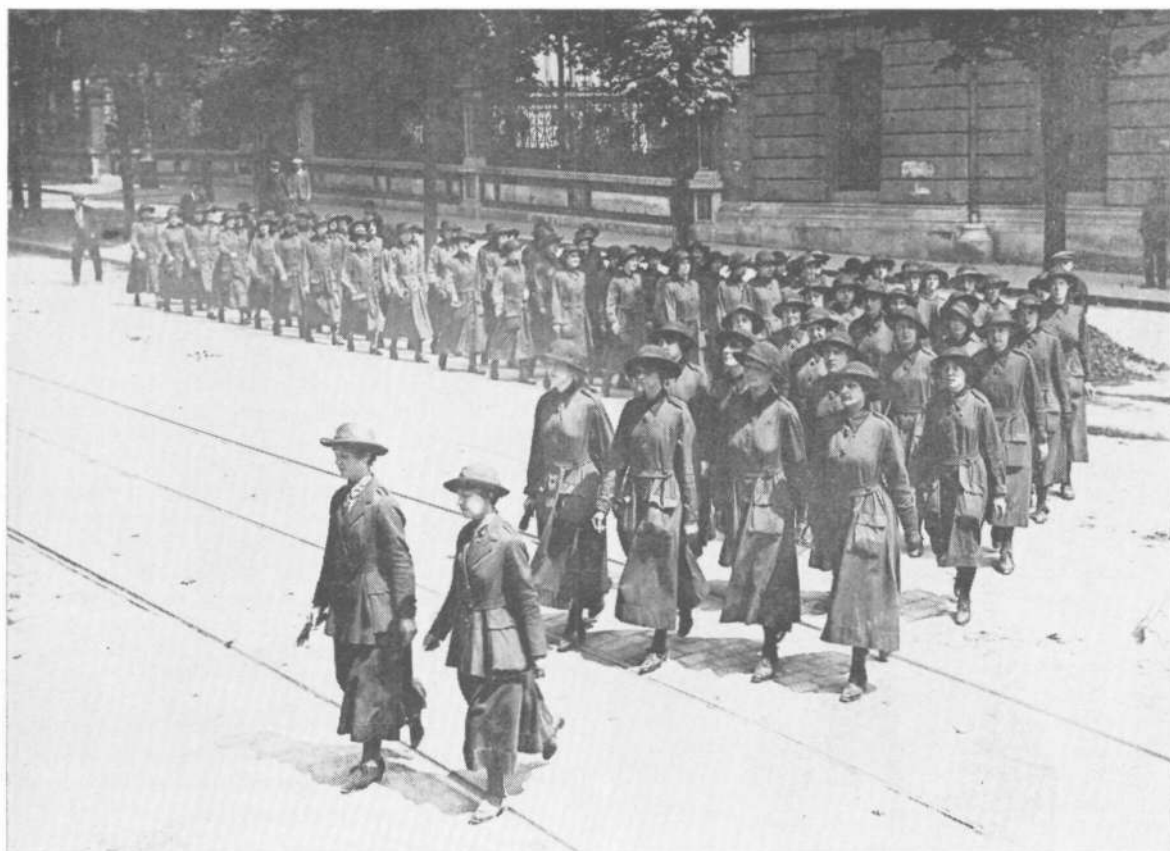
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The beginning of it all W.A.A.C. in Rouen 1917

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Readers Remember, 1917

I. Miss A. C. L. GUMMERSALL

IN February 1917 an advert appeared in the "Times". There was a shortage of manpower in the Army and women were required to serve at the base towns and relieve men for the trenches. I was a first day volunteer. There was a short delay before I received a request to appear before a selection committee. I had to produce three testimonials as to my character and ability. I was passed by the committee. I was passed by the Medical Board, and served five weeks in the Connaught Club near Marble Arch. I was vaccinated, innoculated and provided with Army Uniform, with about fifty other women I crossed to Boulogne where we opened the Hotel du Commerce in the Rue Thiers.

The first duty I performed was to sweep out the courtyard of the hotel, which, to me, seemed as large as Trafalgar Square. When I was shovelling up the

dirt at the gateway of the hotel, a gendarme appeared and ordered me to "balle le pave", so I swept the front of the hotel. We had some difficulty in getting accustomed to the Army rations, which consisted of a hind quarter of beef, tins of corned beef that we called "bully", tinned beans with a piece of pork fat in the middle of each tin, bread which was in short supply, supplemented by army biscuits which damaged the dentures of the women, evaporated milk which was also in short supply, potatoes, rice and sugar. The rice was boiled until soft in water and served with a spoonful of plum and apple jam in the middle as pudding. Army biscuits were softened in boiling water and served with a spoonful of plum and apple jam in the middle. This food was more suitable for men in the trenches than girls serving in offices and there was a report from the Voluntary Aid nurse that there were some cases of gastric trouble.

The women were writing home complaining of the food and the censor refused to pass one letter, which he returned to our hostel, and it was hung up in the orderly room as an example of how not to write to mother. Miss Low, our Deputy Administrator, came to the hostel to give us a pep talk. She told us that we had gone to France to help win the war and we were upsetting our mothers by complaints. We must think of the hardship that the men endured. She said she would do what she could to help us; what *did* we really want? There was a silence and I piped in with "what we want is less bully and more fresh meat and vegetables". There was great applause. Miss Low worked wonders. We were given a fortnight's hospital rations. Lime juice appeared on the dinner table and real butter and strawberry jam for tea.

As time went on, matters got a little better, we were allowed two hours each day off duty and we got more accustomed to Army rations.

Mrs. Burleigh-Leach was Administrator of the Women's Legion and came over to visit us once or twice, but a new Administrator was sent over, Mrs. Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was formed. At the end of three months service, I was asked if I would like to be a N.C.O., and, if I did, I must be re-enrolled in the new Army. I was re-enrolled and became hostel forewoman. My duty was to take charge of the drafts, under the Command of my Officer, Mrs. Gardiner. We opened the Boathouse in Boulogne and drafts coming over were marched from the docks to the Boathouse, and given tea and breakfast next day and Mrs. Gardiner took them to entrain for the different destinations. We had one delightful surprise when the Scots Guards piped the girls to the Boathouse, Mrs. Gardiner marching proudly at their head.

The food, that the women consumed, was sent down from the hostel and the water was boiled for the tea in a huge kettle, which it took two to carry across the road from the Soldiers and Sailors Home. I enjoyed the work very much but there were days when no drafts came over and I had other duties. I had to go for lorry loads of wood to the wood yard and on one occasion, when it was a very cold day, the Australian in charge gave me a tin mug of hot tea, that had boiled in a billy-can, which I very much enjoyed. I had also to take blankets to be disinfected and to draw rations. It was interesting visiting the detail stores for rations. There were Portuguese and Chinese Pioneer Corps men working there and I was shown a portion of edible sea weed which was part of the Chinese ration. On one occasion I asked for a ration of peas, but I was told that this was a Navy ration and not for the Army. One of my duties was to take the Signals, that is the telegraphists and telephonists, to Base Headquarters to be sworn in to keep secret any matters which come to their knowledge. Also I escorted the women to their various hostels, as Base Headquarters required large numbers of Civil Servants

as telegraphists and telephonists and in the postal section. The Signals women formed a musical society and went to the various hospitals and sang for the patients.

II. Mrs. V. M. D. E. C. HILL (BRAMBLE)

EARLY 1917 envisaged the war at a very grim stage. Two of my bothers held commissions in the Royal Flying Corps and were serving overseas. The elder one, York, was home on leave and during dinner one evening mentioned that young women were being invited to volunteer for duties to assist the war effort in whatever capacity they were best suited for. It was then I offered my services and was instructed to attend at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, for a medical examination. Having been passed successfully as A.I. I was then instructed to proceed to a convent at Farnborough, Hants, which the Army had taken over. Here nearly one hundred young women were assembled—this, was like going to school again. We soon settled to the new routine demanded of us, being conveyed to Aldershot in "Tenders" in order to attend lectures and instruction in the work we were afterwards to undertake. After a few days an old Sergeant Major appeared to instruct us in **DRILL**—he was a typical soldier and an entertaining man. One afternoon, when we were assembled on the Convent lawn doing "about turn" etc., he announced "Now then young ladies, if any of you do not feel up to the mark, just say the word, being an old married man I shall quite understand". His remark was accepted with reservation in those days.

Eventually half of us were vaccinated and inoculated, the remainder were to act as nurses in case those of us so treated, were poorly and maybe running a temperature. By the end of four weeks, examinations were pending and the word went round that we should be in France shortly. One morning a Staff Army Officer arrived and we were "sworn in" and so became part of the Army. A week-end leave was later given with instructions to be ready for overseas duty. We next found ourselves on board-ship waiting to cross the channel from Folkestone to Boulogne. Much excitement was caused and delay ensued as mines were detected, necessitating our return to harbour—this happened more than once. Eventually we reached the other side quite safely and spent the night in a boat-house at Boulogne. Sleep was almost impossible however as a heavy raid was in progress. My Irish companion commented that "a terrible thunderstorm" was the cause of the disturbance, but not so, it was our first taste of enemy action! The French people were in great distress, running hither and thither. Fortunately we were all safe, though somewhat shaken. An early morning meal was served and we proceeded to Calais by train. After settling in to our quarters, known as Queen Mary Camp, I, with four other young women, was allocated to the *Office* of the A.D.O.S. and worked there during my stay in Calais.

III. Mrs. O. B. GRAHAM

WHEN the W.A.A.C. was formed the "other ranks" were enrolled to do the work to which they were trained in civilian life. e.g. we had most excellent Telephonists and Telegraphists from London Exchanges. Shorthand typists and Pay clerks. Motor drivers (only a few) cooks and orderlies—but the Officers were quite untrained in Army life or procedure. Some took to it better than others.

My life as an Officer began with an interview with Mrs. Chalmers-Watson and then a fortnight at the Connaught Club near Marble Arch where I was shown how to "form fours" was vaccinated and inoculated and informed by one khaki-clad female that I was going to France to run games, etc., for off-duty hours. Another said she thought I would be in charge of sick bay as I had taken St. John's Ambulance Exams. and thirdly that no doubt I should be needed for clerical work! In fact I sailed across the Channel with a party of 70 O.R.'s going to Wimereux as pay clerks and there became a "Coy Ass" short for Company Assistant.

Meanwhile Mrs. Gwynne-Vaughan (later to become Dame Helen) was our Chief Commandant. I remember that when the name for the new Women's Corps was under discussion she said she did not wish to be known as Chief "W.C.", therefore it must be Army Auxiliary Corps. From the start she followed meticulously the Army method of correspondence, discipline and way of life. So that we slept on hard mattresses known as "biscuits" under 3 Army blankets, our lavatories were known as latrines whether they were indoors or out and we had no comfort of dressing tables or carpets. We soon learnt to use "buff slips" with the cryptic "passed to you, please" for letters to other depts, on the other hand official letters to G.H.Q. read "I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant. Soon I found myself at Boulogne in charge of meeting drafts and sending the women on to their right destinations on the Lines of Communications.

Next I was given a Company at Dieppe—composed of drivers—clerks and telephonists.

After that I was ordered to the W.A.A.C. Headquarters at Abbeville and became Staff Captain to Mrs. Gwynne-Vaughan and remained as such until the end of the war—only my Chief changed when Mrs. G.V. went to W.R.A.F. and Miss Davey took over in her place.

Life from then was never dull. Mrs. Gwynne-Vaughan had a wonderful brain and a lively temperament which reduced some Officers to pulp. She did a lot of inspecting of Companies in her staff car, clad in long laced brown boots and soft khaki cap. On the first occasion I went with her to lunch in an Officers' Mess, I remember being very surprised when off came her cap in the hall. No woman in those days went about without a hat and in fact they were often put on especially to go into luncheon.

However I might have known that it was one more effort to copy our male counterparts. One Officer said to us "I don't know whether you are ladies or Officers?" Mrs. G.V. answered "We hope we are both!"

Where are they now?

A meeting of Old Stagers is to be held in W.R.A.C. Squadron on Tuesday at 18.15 hrs. Old photographs are required'. Would anyone come? I need not have feared. Tuesday evening found eight of us sitting around in reminiscent mood, sipping sherry and swapping stories. We are all W.R.A.C. now and belong to W.R.A.C. Squadron, 6 Training Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, the legitimate successor to the unit known to all A.T.S. as the Drivers and Clerks Training Centre. Soon one heard strains of 'when did you join' and 'where did you train', 'did you know . . . ' and one stalwart volunteered the fact that she was a conscript. Photographs were produced amid shouts of laughter. The long bell-bottomed skirts of Majors Pike and Harrison, both of the 1939 vintage, provoked much mirth. One of whom was heard to observe that they had been a good year! A snapshot of our present Director, Dame Joanna, as a member of the Chilwell Hockey Team brought the house down.

Who were we then and what are we now? A lifetime has passed since we first joined up. We have served in most corners of the Globe at many varied tasks. We hope that our old friends will recognise us.

First, there is Major Nora Pike—now O.C. W.R.A.C. Squadron. She joined 15 West Riding Company A.T.S. in Sheffield as an 18 year old and served as a clerk until commissioned. Her first Company Commander was Major Angela Fowler who has only recently retired. Commissioned in 1942, she served in Ack Ack, from 1942 to 1946 and later in M.E.L.F., BAOR (twice), Malaya and Singapore.

Then, there is Major Betty Harrison—21C W.R.A.C. Squadron and the most senior Quartermaster in the W.R.A.C. She will be remembered by many as the R.S.M. of 'M.E.L.F.' and the 'Drivers and Clerks Training Centre'. She joined 6 Hants Company A.T.S. in Bournemouth in 1939 and attended the very first pre-war camp at Tidworth, Pennings. She served throughout the war in the United Kingdom and went to Fayid in 1947 for two years. She was the first Warrant Officer to be granted a Q.M. commission in July 1954 and served at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction as a Quarter Master for six and a half years where she was awarded the M.B.E. in the 1955 New Year Honours List. After a short tour with the T.A. and four years with 12 Battalion, she has come full circle and is now 21C of the unit which she left as an R.S.M. 12 years ago.

Next comes Sgt. Violet Mary Downie known as Auntie Vi who joined as a cook at Inverness in

September 1941. She is now the Administrative Sergeant for H.Q. Troop and is retiring in the Autumn. She will be best remembered as the M.F.O. Queen of Holding and Drafting Company where she served for four years and for her ability to pick up any kit bag and give it's exact weight. She also spent five years at Chilwell and three on the Detention Staff of the W.R.A.C. Depot.

Pte. Jenny Lean who joined at Wrexham in March 1943 will be well known as an ex-member of the A.T.S. Band, where she played the side drums and later as a personal stewardess to many officers. She has served in U.K. and was in BAOR for five years. She is a distinctive figure with her long service stripes as she rides to and fro on her Motor Scooter.

Then we come to W.O.II Helen Thomson who joined at Dalkeith in 1944 as a Pay Clerk. She is now the Warrant Officer of Clerical Training Wing R.A.O.C. where all W.R.A.C. Clerks receive their basic training. She served in Scottish Command for over five years and in Ministry of Defence for six years where she was Chief Clerk in both the W.R.A.C. Directorate and in A.G.16. She also served in BAOR and Cyprus where she played hockey.

S/Sgt. Doris Bond, our S.Q.M.S., joined at Leicester in July 1946 as a Pay Clerk and remained in this trade for eight years. She has served in the U.K., M.E.L.F. and BAOR changing to Q Duties in 1962. She played cricket and hockey in the Middle East and obviously learnt to dance somewhere along the line.

We must not forget Captain Grace Dexter who commands the Clerical Training Wing R.A.O.C. She joined in February 1947 at Guildford. She trained and worked as a clerk reaching the rank of S/Sgt. before being commissioned last year. She will be remembered in War Office Drafting and Holding Unit at North Mimms and Brighton from 1947 to 1950 and later at the School and in F.A.R.E.L.F.

Last but not least is S/Sgt. Mary Bates (née Reay), Chief Clerk W.R.A.C. Squadron. She joined at Manchester in April 1947 and has served in the U.K., Far East and BAOR. A keen swimmer, she became Army Swimming Champion from 1949 to 1954 and played hockey for BAOR from 1951 to 1954.

A mixed bag you might say with some justification but what a wide range of talents, experience and interests and it is woman like these who have carried the old spirit and traditions of the A.T.S. into the new Corps and given it life.

W.R.A.C. Depot

OWING to the various interservice functions taking place in connection with the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Women's Services in 1917, the Depot and Training Centre W.R.A.C. will not be opened for the celebration of Corps Day in 1967.

THREE SERVICES CELEBRATIONS SERVICE

BY kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, a non-denominational service will be held in Westminster Abbey on Thursday, 1st June at 11-30 a.m. Admission free, by ticket only.

GARDEN PARTY

BY kind permission of the Governor, General Sir Frank Simpson, G.C.B., K.C.B., D.S.O., the Garden Party will be held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Thursday, 1st June at 3-30 p.m.

Music will be provided by the W.R.A.C. Staff Band. Wheel Chairs, with attendants, will be available. Any member who would like the use of a chair is asked to let the General Secretary know, when applying for tickets.

DINNER IN PAINTED HALL, GREENWICH

BY kind permission of the Admiral President, Royal Naval College, a dinner for Senior Officers will be held in the Painted Hall, Greenwich, on Friday, 2nd June, 7-30 for 8 p.m. Officers of the equivalent rank of Major and above are eligible to attend. Formal evening dress will be worn. Instructions regarding the wearing of decorations will be sent out with the tickets.

Coaches will be available to take Officers from the Duke of York's Headquarters to Greenwich. A limited number of private cars may be parked at the Duke of York's Headquarters, for members using the coaches. Windscreen stickers will be required. Application for these will be dealt with in strict rotation.

It is hoped that Her Majesty, The Queen, and Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, together with other members of the Royal Family, will honour us with their presence at our celebrations. It is not, at present possible to give further details, but these will be published in the May issue of The Lioness.

Tickets will be available from 1st March and lists will be closed 1st May. A proforma has been provided for the convenience of members.

In all cases priority will be given to W.A.A.C. and Q.M.A.A.C. if any event is over subscribed, the remaining tickets will be balloted for. To enable a really fair distribution to be made, please apply early.

Branch Secretaries are urged to take full advantage of these celebrations to increase the membership of the Association and it is suggested that they should approach their local papers to obtain the maximum publicity possible.

STOP PRESS

HER Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh have graciously consented to attend the Garden Party on 1st June, 1967.

TA Officers' Club in London?

IN view of the dispersal, in the near future, of the W.R.A.C./T.A. many serving and past Officers have expressed a wish to have some rendezvous in London, where all W.R.A.C./T.A. and Ex-W.R.A.C./T.A. Officers throughout the country could meet socially and generally speaking keep in touch.

Facilities have been offered at the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea for a (to start with) once a month evening meeting in the Central Officers' Mess (bar open of course !).

In addition the proposed Club has been offered membership of the Duke of York's Officers Luncheon Club with the attendant boon of a car park.

It is proposed that subscriptions for Membership should be:

London	...	...	£1 1s. 0d. per annum
Country	...	...	10s. 6d. ,, ,,

Annual or bi-annual parties to be charged according to current prices. It may not be widely known that any T.A. or ex-T.A. Officer is eligible for membership of the Service Womens Club which, of course, is "round the corner" from the Duke of York's and in these days of high hotel costs this club provides most reasonable and comfortable accommodation.

Obviously no real move can be made until it is known whether there is sufficient support for a club which would help to keep alive the old T.A. spirit and would be a place where members could not only take their friends but could also be kept in touch with any development of the new Service.

If you are interested or have any ideas about the proposed club—do write in to Major Dixon W.R.A.C., 'E' Block, Duke of York's H.Q., Kings Road, Chelsea, London, S.W.3 who is kindly acting as post box.

Please tell anyone who would be eligible but who may not read this article. Please do write—from small beginnings something really worth while could be created.

Danes in Scotland

AS mentioned in "De Danske Lotter Christmas Number", six Danish Lotter spent fourteen days in Scotland, at the invitation of the Women's Royal Army Corps.

Unlike the last trip to Scotland, which was only a week's duration, this visit lasted fourteen days, in response to a request from the Scots that the Danish party should take part in a fourteen day camp, that is, the period required for the Scots girls to fulfil their military obligation. During our whole stay in Scotland we were quartered at Fort George, Inverness, in the very north of Scotland.

The Fort was built about 1700, and lies attractively on a peninsula in the Moray Firth. The Fort is

surrounded on all sides by high walls and bastions, a world on its own, with its own particular atmosphere, which impressed itself very much on us during the fourteen days when we were guests of the 11th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

We got a living impression of Scots history and Scots tradition, through the sight of the tartan and the kilt, worn as a uniform, and through the music of the Pipes. We were wakened every morning by Reveille on the Pipes.

If one came with a certain antipathy for this sort of music, one learned after a time, to appreciate the melodies and surrender to the Pipes, recognising them as instruments which inspire the Scots both as a people and as soldiers, and we understood that, not without good reason, the Highlanders are people to reckon with.

During these two weeks we had an opportunity to accompany a Territorial Army Battalion at its Annual Camp.

This year's camp was, however, much affected by the forthcoming Reorganisation of the Territorial Army. Thus, this camp was the last one which this Battalion would attend as a unit. This caused some sadness among both officers and men, but all co-operated to make the final Parade a great occasion.

The farewell Parade was a considerable occasion. Spectators and guests, from near and far, were accommodated by the hundreds on the banking and on the walls of the Fort, and for over an hour we were treated to a splendid "Tattoo", perfect down to the smallest detail. There were speeches by the Commanding Officer and by the Army Commander, and at the end the Old Colours were marched off the Parade to the music of "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot".

With Fort George as our base, we visited another Camp near Edinburgh, the Headquarters in Perth, a nearby airfield, and finally, from a Signal Unit, a briefing on a fourteen-day exercise in the mountains.

Our generous hosts took us on many beautiful trips through the Highlands.

We are most grateful that this exchange has been made possible, and we should like to underline the importance of this way of getting better acquainted with other nations.

In the course of two weeks at Fort George, we managed to see a great deal of Scotland, on the trips which the W.R.A.C. arranged for us. We were, for example, taken on a sailing trip on Loch Ness to look for the monster, unfortunately without success. Another day we climbed Cairngorm, the second highest mountain in Scotland. A great experience was our trip to Edinburgh, with the Castle, Princes Street, the Floral Clock, etc. Quite apart from this we could always ask our private chauffeur to take us out in the evenings, in the minibus.

But what will make the trip quite unforgettable for us was the marvellous hospitality and the charming people we met. We take the strongest exception to

the general view that the Scots are mean. When we were out with the Scots people, men or women, we were simply not allowed to pay either for our drinks, or our meals. We were guests, and there could be no discussion.

Corporals and officers are not admitted to the Sergeants' Mess, but as we had been helping among other things to feed 300 guests who came for the Parade, the Sergeants decided that they would hold a party for us. Colonel Bruce gave her permission, and the last evening was a wonderful experience for us, and we were really made to feel honoured guests. We sat at small tables, and were served with drinks, while a sing-song went on and ten of the best singers in the Regiment gave solos, and played harmonicas and guitars. The songs were in great variety, from folk songs to pop melodies. We still have, ringing in

our ears, a song from Stornaway which a W.R.A.C. sergeant sang. We also had to sing, and gave as our contribution, "Det var paa Frederiksberg". The trip was a tremendous experience, positive and negative impressions all mixed up, difficulties at the beginning in getting used to life in camp, our fascination with the scenery, the wonderful brown colours, and the happiness in meeting so many kindly and hospitable people. Such an exchange makes a tremendous contribution to the understanding between peoples, which we all long for.

Editors Note. This is a translation of an article that appeared in the Danish Lotter Magazine and describes the experiences of two of their members who, with four others, attended annual camp with 11 Seaforth and 51 (H) Div. W.R.A.C. last summer.

MODEL ARMY

Behind the Bandswomen lined up ready to play us into 1967, is W.O. II Kathleen Wilson (T.A.) with

her father, a former regular, whose hobby is making model soldiers.



"By courtesy of the Essex County Standard"

Here and There

WE congratulate Miss A. G. Russell on having successfully bridged the years by serving in all four Corps (W.A.A.C., Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C.). She is now 74 and tells us she is still working. Can any member beat this record?

Mrs. Sybil Tofts, a member of London Branch, joined the A.T.S. in 1938, was called up on August 25th 1939, and served at St. Mary's Bay on the Kent Coast as a Cpl. Last year, at the age of 60, she celebrated a personal anniversary of 25 years on the Underground. Her cheerful smile and friendly personality are well known to the passengers at High Barnet station, where she is still employed as a ticket collector and held in respect and admiration by all who come into contact with her.

It happened one drill night at a Mixed Signal Unit of the T.A. The parade was lined up for inspection with the Officers in front. The C.O. was at the ready, a few yards away, waiting for a signal to be called on, when a very new female recruit came rushing in and sidled up to him saying "Hello! Are you late too?".

We congratulate **Mrs. D. M. Wing** on her appointment as Governor of Holloway Prison, Britain's biggest gaol for women. Mrs. Wing served with A.T.S. Signals during and after the war and retired from the W.R.A.C. in 1956 with the rank of Major.

Correspondence

Dear Editor

The article on Page 2 of the last February issue of the *Lioness* had a special interest for me, as I had just been able to make a special gift to the Star and Garter Home. When I contacted the Commandant of the Home regarding a gift in memory of my two brothers who were killed in the first World War he replied that they were in urgent need of a new organ for the lovely memorial Chapel. He invited me to visit the Home, to see the old organ, and to my amazement I saw that it had been given by our late Commandant H.M. Queen Mary in 1924 but was now beyond repair. So with the passing years an Ex-Q.M.A.A.C. had the honour of giving a new organ in memory of two gallant young men and their medals are mounted in a case just above the organ on the extreme left of the photo.

The Inscription on the Organ

This Organ is given by Mrs. Maud Mackenzie in proud and loving memory of her two brothers.

Arthur William Hall died at Lemnos 1915.

Charles Frederick Hall died at Jerusalem 1917.

"We will remember them"

I hope you will be able to print this in the *Lioness*, as it would specially interest older members of the Q.M.A.A.C.

Maud R. Mackenzie.



The Star and Garter Chapel

Photo by courtesy of the Star and Garter

Branch News

Bournemouth. We began our Winter programme in September with a demonstration of massage and make-up by Mrs. F. Barnes and the two members who underwent "the treatment" enjoyed the experience. A fortnight later we joined the W.R.N.S. to hear a talk by a Boots' consultant on beauty care. The W.R.N.S. also invited us to their party and bring and buy in November and a very happy evening was had by all. Eight members attended the Ex-Service Parade at the Bournemouth Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday and Miss Messenger, Q.M.A.A.C. laid the wreath.

Guernsey. Another year has slipped away, with our numbers falling to only sixteen members, but we still continue to be a very happy, financially sound and active Branch. We enjoyed a varied programme last year, with emphasis on 'dining out' which we all enjoy. A belated Christmas party was held in January, and proved very enjoyable. In February we had 'A Beetle and Bottle Drive' where the main features were noise and hilarity. Serious play and concentration were forgotten, but the evening was a very happy one. In March we visited the Electricity Showrooms and were entranced to see how to cook a Six Course Dinner. A 'draw' was made for all the various dishes, and the lucky members were delighted with their prizes. We dined out in April at a local hotel and enjoyed good food, after which we talked over life in the Services amidst happy laughter. In May we went to 'The Little Theatre' and enjoyed a Comedy in which Denis Price took the lead. In June we repeated once more our highlight of the year—a trip by boat to Herm, a lovely peaceful island five miles away. Once again we enjoyed an excellent meal, and returned to Guernsey at midnight in wonderful moonlight on a very calm sea. No meetings were held in July or August. In September we opposed a Womens Institute team in a Quiz. The W.I. team was the victor by a very small margin, after a well fought contest. A visit to the Telephone Exchange in October was most enlightening, and we left feeling much more sympathetic towards the hard working and deft operators. The A.G.M. was well attended, and at the request of the old stalwarts of the Committee, who have held office for years, a new Chairman, and a completely new Committee were elected. We trust this change will be an incentive for renewed enthusiasm in our Branch, and we look forward to another happy year.

Hull. 1966, brought our Branch five new members, two from Bridlington, Mrs. Crozier and Mrs. Laybourne, who up to date have not managed to get into Hull for our meeting. We had a trip to Scarborough for the Open Air Theatre, the Show and the weather

were most enjoyable. With Bring and Buy Sales, Theatres and our Dinner Party also a visit to our Chairman's beautiful garden, we have had a very good year.

Sheffield. News of our Branch has not been reported in the Lioness for quite some time, but we continue to be very active, and are proud of the constant attendance of members, most of whom have been with us since our foundation in 1947. The Annual Dinner was held in July as our Chairman, Mrs. Tannett and her husband were out of the country earlier and the event without them is out of the question. Everyone agreed that to arrive in summer dresses instead of the usual snow boots, etc., made the occasion even more pleasurable than usual. We also had a family outing to Chester Zoo which we all enjoyed very much until The Rains Came. In October we had the annual Night of Terror (Jumble Sale) and were happy that not too many personal belongings disappeared. The Bring and Buy Sale was supported by an entertaining Film Show, and the proceeds were this year donated to the Salvation Army who have always done so much for Service personnel. At a previous meeting an Army official had given us a most interesting account of their many activities. We are very pleased to welcome two new members, Mrs. Barlow who was the W.R.A.C. recruiting Sergeant in Sheffield, and Miss Bradley the present recruiting Sergeant, and we sincerely hope they are here to stay. How very nice it is to have a serving member again.

A.T.S. Dinner Club

THE Annual Dinner of the A.T.S. Dinner Club was held in London, at Derry and Toms on Saturday 5th October, 1966. It was a very happy and successful evening and everyone enjoyed the excellent meal provided. The Chairman, Dame Mary Tyrwhitt and Vice Chairman, Dame Leslie Whateley were present with 180 members and their guests. After the Dinner Dame Regina Evans outlined the programme for next years 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Any ex A.T.S. who would like to join the Dinner Club may obtain particulars from the Hon. Sec., Miss L. Parker, Rush Common House, Abingdon, Berks.

REMINDER

1967 Subscriptions are now due. Please remember to pay at the new rates:

Annual	...	...	...	7s 6d.
4 yearly	...	...	...	£1 10s 0d.
Life	...	...	...	£7 10s. 0d.

Exercise 'Konstanz — in an Orange Submarine!

By

Lieutenant T. M. Forest, W.R.A.C.

IN September a party of 12 from the W.R.A.C. Platoon of H.Q. 1 (BR) Corps went on adventure training in Bavaria. The advance party consisting of S/Sgt. Cranidge W.R.A.C. and myself took a land-rover down with all the equipment, and the main party travelled by train—and it was a very long journey, they assured me, with frequent stops! After all the weeks of planning, and ensuring we had all the necessary authorities, we started our adventure on the shores of Lake Constance, on 5th September 1966.

Our first task was to erect the tents. The bivouacs were simple enough, but when it came to the 160 pounder, we discovered there was endless complications. Fortunately L/Cpl. Herbert from Sennelager had done this job before, so she took charge of the operation. We took it in turns to do the cooking and fatigues, and this worked well, with no one complaining about the meals!

The aim of the exercise was to develop initiative and leadership, in a completely different environment to the customary office one. We spent much of the time on various map reading exercises, which involved using a basic knowledge of conventional signs and map references to reach a given point by a set time. On one occasion we cooked our meal "in the field" and the rest of the time took haversack rations prepared by the duty personnel of the day. We returned to our base each evening, where another meal was cooked on equipment provided in the P.R.J. caravan which we were using as a main base and which was lent by H.Q. Regt. 1 (BR) Corps.

Naturally enough, everyone wanted to swim in the lake, which was only 100 yards from our camping site. We went in every day at one time or another and everyone managed to acquire a healthy looking suntan. We were extremely lucky with the weather; it rained twice during the whole of our stay, and both times at night, so that the only people disturbed were those who had chosen to sleep outside, and they had to beat a hasty retreat to their bivouacs.

We had hired a rubber dinghy, and this could be seen on our swimming parties laden with up to 6 women, and slowly sinking to the strains of "We all live in an orange submarine"—we had adapted the Beatles hit tune to suit the colour of our craft.

There were two birthdays during the week's camping, and we celebrated these by visiting Lindau, and places in Wasserberg itself, where our base was situated. Mostly, during the evenings though, everyone was tired after their day's effort and content to sit round singing. L/Cpl. Halstead from Bielefeld had brought her guitar, on which she played successfully

a range of tunes from 'pop' to classical Spanish dance music. On the Saturday we had a free day, and several of us went across the lake into Switzerland. The remainder decided to take advantage of the good weather and sunbathe.

Unfortunately after one week we had to strike camp and return to Bielefeld. We all remember gratefully the kindness and cheerfulness of the local people, who always greeted us with a smile and seemed genuinely sorry to see us leave. We do have a number of photographs to remind us of our adventure, including several for Public Relations taken by Captain D. M. Drummond and Major C. L. Harling who came down on a liaison visit. It is to be hoped that next year we will be given another monetary grant to enable us to do adventure training, and who knows where our adventures may lead us then!!

Unit News

W.R.A.C. College

FRIDAY 21st October 1966 was a unique day when Sgt. Hilda "Pixie" Burden, already the holder of the Territorial Army Efficiency Medal and clasp, receiver her Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Birgadier Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E.

Sgt. Burden earned her Territorial Medal during her service with the A.T.S., which she joined in 1939. A native of Blandford, her first unit was the 1st Dorset A.T.S. which moved to Bovington when war was declared. There Sgt. Burden, in between periods in the kitchen, worked as a turner in the R.E.M.E. workshop, making essential nuts and bolts.

From 1948 to 1960 Sgt. Burden was employed in officers' and sergeants' mess as mess caterer in Edinburgh, Munchen Gladbach and at the W.R.A.C. Depot. Since 1960 she has been mess caterer in the Officer Cadet Mess, first at Hindhead and now at Camberley.

Sgt. Burden is due to return to civilian life next August when she will have completed 28 years' service. As yet she will not commit herself to any plans for her retirement other than that, in all probability, she will try to find a job somewhere catering. For that, she certainly has a wealth of experience.

Commissioning Ceremony

THE next Commissioning Ceremony at the W.R.A.C. College on Wednesday 12th April 1967 will be held in the morning at 11-30 hrs. The Ceremony will be followed by a luncheon for the Inspecting Officer, official guests, Officer Cadets and their parents and friends.

Any W.R.A.C. Officer wishing to attend should apply to the Administrative Officer, W.R.A.C. College, Portsmouth Road, Camberley enclosing a cheque or

postal order for fourteen shillings and sixpence (14/6) if they require lunch (drinks included). If there is a heavy demand it may be necessary to limit luncheon tickets to those who apply early owing to the lack of space in the Officers' Mess.

Applications for tickets for luncheon in the W.Os and Sgts' Mess should be forwarded together with a cheque or P.O. for 7/6, made out to the Mess, to the Administrative Officer.

Cheque and P.Os for the Officers' Mess should be made out to the P.M.C.

12 Coy

ON Tuesday 11th October 1966 everyone breathed a sigh of relief for the sun was shining—today was the Annual Administrative Inspection. We were honoured by the visit of the Chief of Staff London District, Brigadier R. C. Windsor Clive, who was to be the Inspecting Officer. There were 170 W.R.A.C. on Parade all impeccably turned out for this important day. To add to the occasion the W.R.A.C. Staff Band took part in the Parade which all helped to make the day a great success.

On September 9-11th a week-end was spent camping in Fingeringhoe. Two Officers and thirty women spent the two days rifle shooting, swimming and horse riding. Although there were quite a few bruises and tired faces on their return everyone agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We were sorry to say goodbye to one of the senior ranks of the unit in December. Sgt. J. Firmin who had been with the Unit for over 7 years and had seen 12 Battalion change to what it is today. We wish her the best of luck in civilian life and hope to see her on future Reunions.

Meritorious Service Medal

HISTORY was made recently when the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to W.O.II Marion Mackay was announced.

W.O.II Mackay joined the A.T.S. in February 1939 and has had unbroken full time service with the colours since 3rd September of the same year. She was promoted to Senior Leader in October and already holds the Territorial Efficiency Medal with Clasp and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. For the past three years W.O.II Mackay has been serving on the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) Permanent Staff in Northern Ireland and will retire next month. We offer our congratulations on this wonderful record of over 27 years as a Warrant Officer and on being the first member of the Corps to earn the Meritorious Service Medal.

Museum

THE Master Gunner and all Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Artillery have presented a Spode plate produced to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of

the forming of the Regiment in 1716, to the Women's Royal Army Corps.

This magnificent plate is now on show in the silver room with the model of the 3.7 H.A.A. Gun presented by Anti Aircraft Command.

W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess

THE Officers of the Mess held a Reception in the State Rooms of St. James's Palace on Wednesday, 16th November, 1966, and were honoured by the presence of their Commandant-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

With Her Majesty's gracious permission, a portrait of the Queen Mother, painted by Mr. Douglas Anderson, has been copied by Miss Stella Schmolle and purchased by the Mess. It was on display at the Reception and has now been hung in the Officers' Mess at the Depot and Training Centre.

The Annual General Meeting of the Headquarter Mess will be held in the Duke of York's Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 24th April, 1967. Notices will be sent to members as soon as the accounts have been audited.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS REGULAR ARMY

Major: Capt. P. A. Sunnucks.

Captain: Lieutenants A. J. Smith, L. H. Campion.

2/Lieutenants: D. R. S. Bult-Francis, A. F.

Hoggins, J. P. Barnes, D. R. Fraser, J. M.

Harrison, E. A. Poole, M. M. Whitehouse, D. F.

Moxom, D. E. Shee, D. J. Erskine, L. Crossley,

J. A. Pearce, G. M. Minogue, W. E. Cornock-

Evans, A. M. Kennon, J. Kincaid, P. A. MacLeod.

2/Lieutenant (on probation) E. A. Condict.

LIMITED SERVICE REGULAR COMMISSIONS

Lieutenant: 2/Lieut. S. E. Stuart.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Lieutenant: 2/Lieuts U. E. Godfrey, S. W. Morgan.

2/Lieutenant: M. J. Rook.

2/Lieutenant: (on probation) K. G. Clarkson.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

REGULAR ARMY

Captain D. V. Palmer.

Captain (Q.M.) B. Hooper.

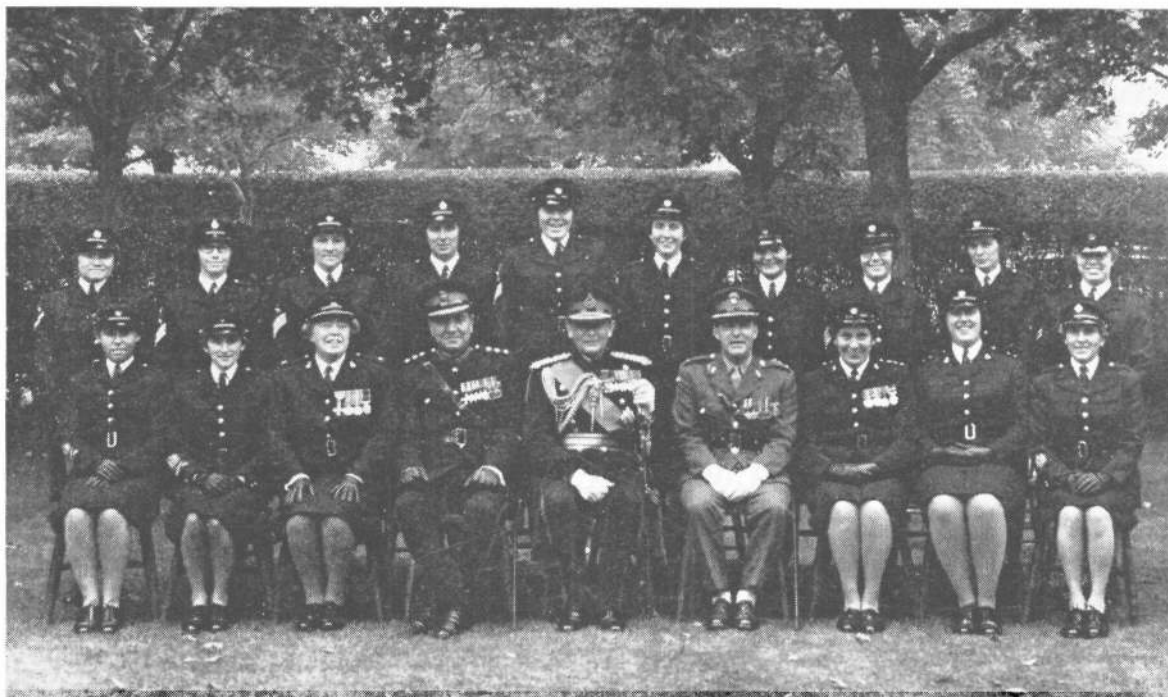
Lieutenants I. R. Purton, L. M. Morris.

2/Lieutenant B. Payne.

New Year Honours List

M.B.E. Capt. E. Cansick (T.A.), W.O.II M. H. R. B. H. Grant, Major M. D. Hogarth (T.A.).

B.E.M. Sgt. H. L. Burden.



Keeping Fit

This picture was taken last September when senior W.R.A.C. P.T.s attended a Convention at Aldershot.

With the Instructors, from left to right in the middle of the front row, are:—

Major M. E. MacLagan, Colonel B. R. D. Garside (Inspector of Physical Training), General Sir Reginald Hewetson (Colonel Commandant A.P.T.C.), Lt.-Colonel P. E. Y. Dawson (Commandant A.S.P.T.), Captain J. Wiffen and Lieut. M. S. Wing.

Officers' Postings

(1st September to 30th November 1966)

Major S. W. Foley, SC Q(Maint) HQ BAOR, Germany.
Major C. L. Harling, HQ 1 (BR) Corps, Germany.
Major C. A. Lesse, HQ WRAC 44(HC) Div/Dist(TA), Shoeburyness.
Major E. G. Pritchard-Davies, SC Q2F (A), MOD, London.
T/Major A. M. M. Clissitt, DADWRAC, HQ Western Command, Chester.
Capt. D. M. Drummond, OC HQ Coy, D & TC WRAC, Guildford.
Capt. M. J. Hall, Arabic Interpretation Course, Durham University.
Capt. S. N. F. Potter, SC Q(Mov) 1(b), MOD, London.
Capt. J. C. Swann, P & E Establishment, Shoeburyness.
T/Capt. J. A. Cameron, SC A, HQ 44(HC) Div/Dist, Shoeburyness.
T/Capt. P. A. Carnell, 21C, 10 Coy, WRAC, Aldershot.
T/Capt. B. A. Castledine, Asst Planning Officer, CAD Kineton, Kineton.
T/Capt. C. V. Hickman, OC WRAC, HQ Northern Command, York.
T/Capt. D. M. Hurrell, 58 Sqn RCT, Cyprus.
T/Capt. L. M. Oldridge, Army Team of Lecturers.
T/Capt. E. A. Robinson, SC(O), AG16, MOD, London.
T/Capt. R. M. Scott, SO3 (Sigs), HQ Northern Command, York.
T/Capt. W. A. Scott, SC AG(Co-ord), HQ FARELF, Singapore.
T/Capt. A. J. Smith, 4 Comms Unit, Cheltenham.
Lieut. J. M. Bunyan, 16th Signal Regt, Germany.
Lieut. A. M. Douglas, 29 Coy, WRAC, Germany.
Lieut. S. E. Messom, Asst WSLO Eastern Command, Hounslow.
Lieut. J. M. Reed, 28 Signal Regt, Germany.
Lieut. E. A. Saxon, Asst Adjt, D & TC WRAC, Guildford.
Lieut. R. E. Smith, RAC Centre, Bovington.
Lieut. S. E. Tarry, Lt A, HQ 43(Wx) Div/Dist(TA), Bristol.
Lieut. J. F. Tugwell, 6 PI Coy, Germany.
Lieut. M. S. Wing, SO3 (Tpt), HQ FARELF, Singapore.
2/Lieut. S. C. S. Bonavia, JSSC, Latimer.
2/Lieut. K. G. Clarkson, 6 Coy, WRAC, Woolwich.

2/Lieut. J. E. R. Chatterton, Asst WSLO Northern Command, York.
2/Lieut. E. A. Conduct, 8 Indep Coy, WRAC, Bicester.
2/Lieut. P. H. Dixon, 68 Sqn RCT, Germany.
2/Lieut. G. A. James, D & TC WRAC, Guildford.
2/Lieut. G. M. Minogue, 1 Indep Coy, WRAC, Edinburgh.
2/Lieut. S. J. R. Mitchell, Dhekalia Garrison Admin Unit, Cyprus.
2/Lieut. M. Mackenzie, 6 Trg Regt RCT, Yeovil.
2/Lieut. C. R. Podmore, D & TC WRAC, Guildford.
2/Lieut. D. F. Rumsey, 10 Coy, WRAC, Aldershot.
2/Lieut. J. L. Ryves, 10 HQ BAOR, Germany.
2/Lieut. R. A. Stuart, 28th Signal Regt, Germany.
2/Lieut. S. Taylor, ASPT, Aldershot.
2/Lieut. M. E. Ward, 4 Comms Unit, Cheltenham.

Obituary

Miss K. Acland, O.B.E.

COUNCIL announce with deep regret the death of Miss Katharine Acland, a Life Vice-President, on December 6th 1966.

Miss Acland served with the V.A.D. during the First World War and was appointed an M.B.E., in 1917. She was subsequently made an O.B.E., for her distinguished service as a Chief Commander A.T.S., during the Second World War, as a Group Commander and as A.D.A.T.S. South Western District.

She served for many years on Council and took a particular interest in the work of the A.T.S. and

W.R.A.C. Benevolent Funds. Although she had been prevented from attending recent meeting owing to ill health, she was still a member of the Grants committee at the time of her death.

Miss Acland was Mayor of Chelsea from 1959-1961, during her terms of office she helped to raise £12,000 for World Refugees Year and continued to play an active part in the affairs of the Borough.

All who had the privilege of knowing Miss Acland held her in respect and admiration not least for the courage, good humour and determination with which she overcame her physical handicaps and never allowed them to interfere with the unassuming welfare work she did for so many good causes. With her passing the Association has lost not only a Life Vice President but a staunch supporter and dearly loved friend.

A memorial service was held in Chelsea Old Church on Monday, December 19th, 1966.

Miss M. Carter, T.D.

WE very much regret to announce the sudden death on 28th October of Miss Monica Carter in Charmouth.

Miss Carter joined the F.A.N.Y. in August 1937 and later the A.T.S. serving for the first years of the war with M.T. Companies in Southern and A.A. Commands. Further service in A.A. Command took her to a Z Regiment and it was on promotion to Senior Commander that she went to the Practice Camp in Bude. Returning to Southern Command, Miss Carter's last appointment was as 2nd in command of one of the Aldershot Groups.

"Nick" Carter or "Auntie Mon" as she was known to many of her fellow officers was much loved for her kind heart, great sense of humour and wonderful knack of getting on with people.

After her service Miss Carter continued to live an active life, giving a great deal of her time to the Red Cross and more recently to the British Legion, and although it is only some 7 years since she and her brother moved to Charmouth she had made many friends there. She will be greatly missed by them as well as by very many of our members who remember her with affection and respect. Our sympathy goes out to her brother.

Mrs. H. M. Cook (Butterfield)

D. M. S. Writes:—"Mrs. Hilda Cook was a former member of the Leeds Branch, and moved to Carlisle about two years ago. She died there in hospital on 7th October 1966. Mrs. Cook served during the first World War in Q.M.A.A.C., at Hastings and Dieppe. She attended many of the Q.M.A.A.C. Re-unions in London and was a member of the Dinner Club.

She was a very active member of the Association, having held office in the Leeds Branch at various times, as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. During the last war, she worked very hard for children who were evacuated to Leeds, and since the war, did a

great deal of work and visiting ex-service women in homes and hospitals in the Leeds area. She will be very much missed by her many friends."

Mrs. N. Eddels

LONDON Branch announce with regret the death of Mrs. N. Eddels (Barford) who served at Wimereux during the First World War.

Mrs. L. M. Jackson, M.B.E.

LONDON Branch regret to announce the death of Mrs. L. M. Jackson (Rogers) who was a Deputy Administrator at the Connaught Club and had been a Life Member of the Association since 1920.

H. P. Writes:—"Sadly I report the death of Mrs. Jackson—Bebe Rogers as she was when she joined the Q.M.A.A.C. in the early summer of 1917. A Member of the Womens Volunteer Reserve, she came equipped in every way to assist her former W.V.R. officer, Miss Ireland, in the drilling and training of the recruits who poured into the Connaught Club, and who, when poured out again for Service Overseas, went, largely helped by Rogers, on their way with shoulders back and heads held high.

Between the wars, after her marriage, Jackson did a great deal of public work, Girl Guides being her speciality and when war came again in 1939 she joined the Womens Land Army and made her mark there.

As one who worked with her at Connaught Club in those early hectic days, and knew her quite closely until her death, I pay tribute to a Grand Old Comrade who—not by me alone—will be greatly missed.

L/Cpl. S. Jones, W.R.A.C.

29 Coy. W.R.A.C. regret to announce the death of L/Cpl. Sylvia Jones on Tuesday 8th November 1966 as a result of a traffic accident in which she was knocked down by a car and fatally injured. Although L/Cpl. Jones had only been serving in the W.R.A.C. for a short time she had proved herself to be a gay and cheerful person who enjoyed life, her work, and any outdoor activities. She was buried with full military honours at Rheindahlen Garrison on Friday 18th November 1966. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her family and her many friends. She will be greatly missed by all Ranks.

Miss E. Kirby

MAIDSTONE Branch regret to announce the death of Miss Elsie Kirby who served in the A.T.S. from May 1939 till September 1945 with the rank of Cpl.

Mrs. E. M. Y. Roberts

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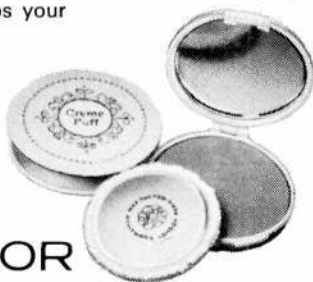


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