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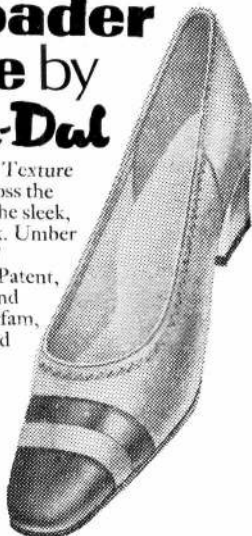
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Dear Editor,

I have recently had a prolonged period of inactivity following an operation. While convalescing in the serene surroundings of Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, I had to leave to return to hospital for a further operation.

Before I left I was encouraged by the many good wishes of patients and staff but the greatest encouragement came from a younger patient (a serving W.R.A.C. Officer) who reminded me of our motto *Suaviter in Modo Fortiter in Re*. "Gentle in manner resolute in deed" ran through my head as I left!

I have since noticed that the *Lioness* does not carry our motto and I think perhaps readers would like it to do so. Therefore I suggest you consider including the motto, if possible on the cover. W.G.

Editors Note: The motto is that of the Corps and not the Association of which it forms part. Views would be welcomed.

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Editorial

THE gracious presence of our new President H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, made our Golden Jubilee Annual General Meeting a very special occasion. The announcement that Her Royal Highness is expecting an addition to the family later this summer has naturally delighted all members, more especially so as this is the first time in the history of the Association, that our President has been young enough to anticipate such a happy event and we send Her Royal Highness our congratulations and very best wishes.

The first Gazette was published in July, 1920, so that exact date of our Golden Jubilee falls between the May and August issues of the Lioness. The then President of the Association Dame Florence Leach (Later Dame Florence Simpson) in her first message to members said that she hoped the Gazette would be a means of communication that all those who served would take advantage of and that it would be an incentive to join the Association which needed many new members. These words are as applicable today as they were 50 years ago.

We have pleasure in introducing a new recruit in this issue, Pte. Millie Tent, and hope that her experiences of service life will entertain our readers. We have frequently been asked to include crossword puzzles in the Lioness and are grateful to the member of the Leeds Branch who has contributed one for this edition. More would be welcome.

Annual General Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 7th March, 1970, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, by kind permission of the Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve Association. Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent presiding.

The Chairman of Council's welcoming Address

I am privileged this afternoon to welcome, on your behalf, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent as President of our Association. It is very fitting that Her Royal Highness should have honoured us, by both becoming our president, and presiding at the first Annual General Meeting during our 50th Birthday year.

We, particularly the older ones, are proud to continue the link with our Royal Family, and have such happy memories of the Princess Royal who became such a great friend and advisor, to us all.

I see the future as a great challenge to the younger generation, to continue the good work of the Association and to introduce new ideas. With Her Royal Highness, who has already shown such keen interest, at the helm, I feel sure we can look to the future with confidence.

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent's opening Remarks.

First I would like to thank our Chairman and everyone here for the kind way you have welcomed me to my first meeting of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association. While I very much enjoyed being able to meet quite a few members of the Association at the Reception, at St. James's Palace last December, this is the first opportunity I have had of saying, as it were in public, how very honoured and proud I am to be your President and how greatly I am looking forward to learning as much as I can about all you do.

There have only been three Presidents before me in the fifty years since the Association was formed. Dame Florence Simpson, who herself served in Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, and is still remembered I am sure by many members; she gave tremendous support, encouragement and guidance during the many years in which she held this office. She was followed by the Princess Royal who took a close personal interest in the affairs of the Association and, as you have said Colonel Hammond, will always be held in great affection by many people. Then my immediate predecessor, Dame Regina Evans, who achieved so much in her life and whose energy, experience and understanding was of immense value to the Association. You will see therefore that I am extremely conscious of how much the Presidents in the past have done for the Association, and I can assure you that I will do all I can to live up to their traditions of service.

Being a very new member, I have recently read the Rules of the Association and Item 9 in the Standing Orders for General Meetings is headed Length of Speeches and goes on to say that the Chairman shall have the power to limit the length of speeches; so to be certain to avoid being curtailed at my first very meeting, I am going to conclude, and to say how sorry I am that I am not able to join you at the Reunion later today but I wish you all a very happy evening.

The General Secretary read the apologies for absence from 46 members.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 8th March, 1969, having been circulated in the May issue of *The Lioness*, were taken as read, and signed as correct.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

Scottish Area Resolution 1969.

The Chairman said that last year Scottish Area had submitted a Resolution.

"That the venue of the Annual General Meeting of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association should not be confined to London".

After it had been discussed the President had ruled that the Resolution be referred back to Council for further consideration and that it be brought up again at the next A.G.M.

Colonel Hammond said Council had considered the Resolution and it had been decided that, as the majority of Branches, and Headquarters Area members, were located in the South, it was not possible to support it, although Council saw no objection to a change of venue, for a specific occasion, in the future, Scottish Area was satisfied with the ruling.

REPORTS

3. REPORTS OF COUNCIL

The Report of Council (printed elsewhere) was given by Colonel C. E. Hammond, C.B.E., Chairman of Council.

4. HON. TREASURER

Lt. Colonel A. R. Robertson, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, said that copies of the Audited Account were available for inspection in the Hall, and the Income and Expenditure account had been published in the February issue of "*The Lioness*". She continued by saying that at the end of the financial year the General Fund stood at £4,521, less liabilities of £252, which made a net total of £4,269.

The capital cost of investments was £4,158, and the market value, at the date of Audit, had been £4,050.

There had been £300 in the Deposit account. Annual subscriptions had been down by £50 but there had been a slight gain on 4 year and Life subscriptions. Funds from closed Branches had amounted to £9 12 5d. and £10 paid out in grants to new Branches.

On the expenditure side capitation fees were down slightly. The *Lioness* advertising revenue had decreased, but that had been compensated by an increase in subscriptions.

Printing, postage etc., had increased by approximately £70. The overall deficit on the *Lioness* was £247, which was an increase on the previous year. The Administrative expenses had been marginally lower, in spite of an increase in the Auditors fee.

The Treasurer concluded by proposing the adoption for the Audited accounts. It was seconded by Brigadier Dame Mary Railton and carried unanimously.

5. THE LIONESS

The Editor said that the big event during the past year had been the introduction of the new cover last May. Reactions had been favourable and it was hoped it would be a long time before it was out of date.

Lt. Colonel Millington said she was sorry to have to report that the finances went from bad to worse. Prices had continued to rise and unfortunately several of the advertisers had not renewed their contracts, contributions had fallen off and, with fewer advertisements, there were more pages to spare. As it was not possible to fill the spaces with photographs, owing to the cost of the blocks, the Editor appealed for more articles etc. Continuing, she said the Association had still been having trouble with changes of address. Members were asked to return the whole *Lioness* wrapper and if possible, before they moved. Colonel Millington said that the Assistant Editor, Captain Rowena Scott, had left at the end of last year, and thanked her for her help. She welcomed Captain Jennifer Brady in her place.

In conclusion the Editor thanked Major Coven, who had had a most disheartening time struggling to keep up the advertising revenue, and all the contributors who made the Journal and gave so much pleasure.

Major Coven said that Units and Branches might be able to help increase the number of advertisements by canvassing locally.

The Chairman said the possibility would be considered at the next Meeting of Council.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) *A.T.S./W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund*

The Chairman of the Trustees, Lady Margaret Sandeman-Allen T.D., said that copies of the work of the Fund and the Balance Sheet for the last financial year had been made available in the Hall. She said the Trustees met three times during the year and, in October, had been honoured by the presence of the President, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent.

Lady Margaret said the numbers of applications for help had risen by £29 to a total of 546 and of that number only 89 had been refused help. £6,037, had been spent on grants, which had been an increase of £700 on the previous year. The average grant had risen from £12 to £13 4 0d.

Lady Margaret said that although the majority of applications had come from ex-A.T.S., the number of requests for help, from ex-W.R.A.C., had increased. The administration of the Service Women's Benevolent Fund, which had given help to many ex-Q.M.A.A.C., had been transferred to the British Legion. Available funds were small, consequently the W.R.A.C. Fund had assisted 8 ex-Q.M.A.A.C. The Trustees were most grateful to the Army Benevolent Fund for providing free holidays at Pontins Camp for three mothers and their children. Lady Margaret said she was pleased to say there had been an excess of income over expenditure and more

that £2,000 had been invested. There had been an increase in the subscriptions and donations and the Trustees thanked all who had contributed for their generosity. Particularly the members of the W.R.A.C. who had given up their spare time to raise money by sponsored walks.

The A.T.S. Benevolent Fund had received, from the Executors of the late Princess Royal, the unused balance of a fund raised by Her Royal Highness during the first world war, which consisted of a cash balance and a holding of £750 3½% War Stock to the value of £743 16 9d. The W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund had received £50 from the estate of the late Mrs. Rollinson. In conclusion Lady Margaret said the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund had eight annuitants. The Fund was increasing slowly, but surely. Major donations during the year had included £218 from the W.R.A.C. Association, £100 from the W.R.A.C. Association, £100 from the Service Women's Club, Glasgow, and £76 from Corps Headquarters W.R.A.C., profit on the sales of various items.

Mrs. Rumbold asked why the balance of the Service Women's Benevolent Fund had been passed to the British Legion.

It was explained that the Fund covered more than the ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and consequently could not be administered by a Fund that only dealt with the Army.

(b) *W.R.A.C. Regimental Museum*

The Chairman of the Trustees, Brigadier Dame Mary Railton, D.B.E., said that there had been 3,937 visitors to the Museum in 1969 which showed that interest had been maintained. The financial position had continued to improve and Dame Mary said that, once again, she wished to thank the Commandant of the W.R.A.C. Centre for her co-operation and help. She also thanked Mrs. H. Bell, the Assistant Curator, both for her untiring work and for her money raising efforts for the Museum. From a number of gifts received during the year, Dame Mary mentioned an Officers Pattern skirt of the Gordon Tartan which had been put on display in the T.A. Room, the medals of the late Miss Floyd and the invitation to the Director W.R.A.C. to attend the Investiture of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales at Caernarvon, with the Investiture Programme, both of great interest. Dame Mary expressed the Trustees gratitude for the gift. She continued by saying the Trustees were most grateful to the Executors of the late Dame Regina Evans for lending the Museum her medals and various pieces of silver presented to Dame Regina during her service in the A.T.S. Another unusual gift had been the Regimental Statuette of the Parachute Regiment, presented to the Corps to commemorate the work of the Women who had taken part in the Regiment's North American Tattoo tour. The Director had decided the Museum would be the most suitable place for it to be displayed.

Dame Mary concluded by saying she hoped people would continue to remember the Museum because new exhibits were always appreciated.

(c) *GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE*

The Chairman of the Committee, Colonel C. E. Hammond C.B.E., said she was sure everyone would agree there could not have been a better way to celebrate the Associations Golden Jubilee.

838 members had attended the Reception and, when the accounts had been settled the financial position had been:—

Receipts	£758 13 7d.
Expenditure	£807 14 4d.

£49 - 9d. had been subsidised from the Association Fund to balance the account.

Colonel Hammond thanked the members of the Serving Corps who had worked so hard throughout the evening. She said their efforts had been very much appreciated. In conclusion she stressed the importance of reading instructions sent out by the Secretary, or printed in *The Lioness*, for functions of that nature. The fact that a number of members had not done so on that occasion had made the organisation much more difficult.

7. RESOLUTIONS

(a) "That the rates of subscriptions be raised to meet the rising costs, and to bring them up to a round sum before decimalisation" (Council). Mrs. A. J. Stevenson proposed the Resolution, and recommended the new subscription be:—

Annual	10/-	50 new pence.
4 Year	£2	
Life	£10	
Serving Other Ranks	2/-	10 new pence.
She suggested the breakdown of the Annual subscription be:—		
Lioness	6/-	30 new pence.
Branch	2/-	10 new pence.
Association	2/-	10 new pence.
	10/-	50 new pence

Lt. Colonel R. Engel seconded the proposal. Miss I Walker (Liverpool Branch) proposed an amendment to the breakdown of the subscriptions.

Lioness	5/6
Branch	2/6
Association	2/-
	10/-

Mrs. Beeston (Wolverhampton Branch) seconded the amendment.

The Amendment was put to the Vote and defeated. The Resolution as originally proposed was carried.

(b) "That the Chairman of the A.T.S./W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee be an ex-officio member of Council, and that the Rules be amended accordingly" (Council).

The Resolution was proposed by Colonel V. K. Stead O.B.E., T.D. (Ret'd.) seconded by Mrs. M. Bolton (Birmingham Branch) and carried unanimously.

(c) "That co-opted members of Council should normally serve for a period of three years, and that the Rules be amended accordingly" (Council)

The Resolution was proposed by Miss E. G. Marshall, seconded by Colonel M. K. Crewe Read C.B.E., T.D. and carried.

(d) "That in order to make voting at the Annual General Meeting more even, between Branches, each Branch should be given one vote only, to be cast by their appointed representative. In the absence of a representative the vote should be submitted by post." (No. 2 Sub-Areas Southern Area) The Resolution was proposed by Lt.Col. L. E. Holt.

Before the motion was seconded Colonel M. D. M. Humphery, C.B.E. proposed an amendment, that the sentence "In the absence of a representative the vote should be submitted by post" be deleted.

The amendment was seconded by Colonel D. H. I. Wilson, O.B.E. After discussion the Amendment was put to the vote and carried.

The Resolution then read "That in order to make voting at the Annual General Meeting more even between Branches, each Branch should be given one vote only, to be cast by their appointed representative". Miss de Bourbel (Canterbury Branch) seconded the motion. It was put to the vote and carried. The question was asked from the floor about votes for those members who belonged to no particular Branch. The Chairman ruled that Headquarter Area members would be entitled to vote individually.

(e) "that the date of the Annual General Meeting be any Saturday during March or April, at the discretion of Council".

The Chairman said this Resolution was put forward, from the Chair, under Rule 5 of Standing Orders for General Meetings, as a motion of urgency. In accordance with the Rules, Colonel Hammond took the decision of the meeting as to whether the motion could be considered. It was put to the vote and carried. The motion was then put forward. The Chairman said she believed it would be beneficial if the date of the Annual General Meeting be more flexible and that any Saturday in March or April could be arranged, on a trial basis. After discussion the Resolution was carried unanimously.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) *Chairman of Council*

It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Brigadier Dame Jean Rivett-Drake, D.B.E., J.P., that Lt. Colonel R. J. King, O.B.E., J.P. be elected. Carried unanimously.

(b) *Vice Presidents of Council*

The Chairman said that all four Vice Presidents were eligible for re-election and were willing to serve. Colonel M. D. M. Humphery proposed Mrs. A. T. Chitty, O.B.E., (Cheltenham Branch), seconded and it was carried that they be re-elected.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *W.R.A.C. Centre*

The Chairman said the Commandant of the W.R.A.C. Centre had asked her to say that due to unforeseen staff changes and Unit commitments, she had very reluctantly had to cancel the Open Day planned for 10th May. If any of the Association Branches would like to visit the W.R.A.C. Centre later in the summer, they would of course be very welcome. They were asked to write to the Commandant, giving plenty of notice of suggested dates.

(b) *Northern Area Re-Union*

The Chairman announced that the Northern Area Reunion would be held at the Lounge Hall, Harrogate, on Saturday, 26th September, 1970.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be announced later.

Lt. Colonel R. J. King a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent for presiding at the Annual General Meeting. This was carried with acclamation.

Colonel V. K. Stead proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Hammond and said she had a notable four years in the Chair. Members were all most grateful for all she had done during her term of office. Members showed their appreciation by sustained applause.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 16.35 hours.

Report of Council

THE Annual General Meeting last year was followed by a Tea Party and Sale of Work, with stalls provided by SOUTHERN, NORTHERN AND SCOTTISH, and HEADQUARTER AREAS. The proceeds of the Sale, together with a Green Shield and other Raffles, provided the really magnificent sum of £218 17 7d. for The Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. On Sunday morning we attended the service at the Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks. The collection, which was given to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund amounted to £12 10 0d. After the service, by the kind invitation of Padre Banyard, we met in the N.A.A.F.I. for coffee and biscuits. Council met four times during the year and dealt with all current business. The executive Committee and the Golden Jubilee Committee met as, and when, necessary. Successful Reunions were held by SCOTTISH, NORTHERN

AND WESTERN AREAS, also No. 2 Sub Area from SOUTHERN. The Association was represented on the Joint and Co-ordination Committees of the British Service and Ex-Service Organisations, The Women's Royal Voluntary Service Advisory Council, The British Committee of the World Veteran Federation and the World Veteran Federation Trust Fund.

I have to announce that our Honourary Treasurer of the Association, Mrs Stevenson resigned from office, at the end of the financial year, as she was moving out of London. We are most grateful to her for all she has done for the Association and are pleased that she will still remain on Council as Chairman of Headquarter Area. We are also very pleased to welcome Colonel Robertson as our new Honorary Treasurer, and wish her well in her task.

Whilst the death of Dame Regina Evans last October, was not unexpected, we all felt a great sense of loss at her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life and work was held, in conjunction with the other organisations with which Dame Regina was connected, in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was represented by Brigadier Dame Mary Raiton and Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent, by Colonel Davies. The Staff Band of the Women's Royal Army Corps played during the Service, and a large number of the Association were also present. We are grateful to Dame Regina for giving up so much of her busy life, to advise and guide us through a very busy period in the history of our Association, and shall remember her with great affection.

The Service of Dedication of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey last November was, unfortunately not well attended. Colonel Engel, Ministry of Defence, who planted our Cross was supported by a small contingent of serving women from 12 Company Women's Royal Army Corps. The only ex-service members present being the General Secretary and one member of the Clerical Staff from Headquarters.

Our Wreath was laid at the Cenotaph by Miss Piggie, of Wimbledon Branch, who was supported by members of the Association. Others attended the service in Westminster Abbey.

The Golden Jubilee Reception, held at St. James's Palace in December, will long be remembered as a Red Letter day on the life of the Association. We were very disappointed that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother was, at the last moment through indisposition, unable to be with us. We were delighted that Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent honoured us with her presence, and graciously filled the gap by taking on a large number from Her Majesty The Queen Mother's presentation list in addition to her own rather formidable one. We hope that Her Royal Highness was not too tired after, what must have been, a very strenuous evening.

A number of Branches increased their subscription to the Benevolent Funds and I am pleased to be able to

say that, making allowances for the Premium Bond Draw held the previous year, the total was again, slightly up.

Mrs. Scragg of Headquarter Area deserves a special mention for her continued efforts in collecting and selling, used British Stamps on behalf of the Benevolent Fund. I do not, of course, forget all the members who help by sending her their used stamps.

The Green Shield Stamps continue to arrive at Headquarters, sometimes without any clue as to the sender. We are most grateful.

I would like to thank all Area and Branch Officers for their untiring support. I appreciate the work and time that is spent on our behalf. Without their very willing co-operation the Association would fall apart.

A thank you too, to Lt. Col. Hingston, who retires in April. With Lt. Colonel Millington she takes care of our Benevolent Funds in such a splendid way.

Finally, I would like to thank our General Secretary Major Dixon and Editor of The Lioness, Lt. Colonel Millington. Never have two officers worked so harmoniously and unstintingly on our behalf, as during the past strenuous year. We are indeed fortunate to have such loyal and interested people to look after our affairs.

THE GRAND REUNION

THE Carisbrooke Hall at the Victory Club proved to be an ideal place for the Grand Reunion which was held there on Saturday, 8th March, 1970.

The attractive hall with its stage and balcony and the cheerful efficiency of the Victory Club staff all helped to make it a particularly happy and successful evening.

We are all very grateful to Lt. Col. King Vice Chairman of Council and her Executive Committee for arranging such an enjoyable Reunion.

On arrival everyone was able to help themselves to a drink and an excellent buffet supper before sitting down at small tables for a short informal opening to the evening.

Lt.-Col. R. J. King, O.B.E., J.P., accompanied by Colonel L. M. Davies, C.B.E., Vice President of the Association and Colonel C. E. Hammond, C.B.E., Chairman of Council then welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee. She was followed by the Director Brigadier The Hon. Dame Mary Anderson, D.B.E., A.D.C., who gave a most interesting talk on the activities of the Corps including her recent visit to B.A.O.R. Dame Mary went on to say how delighted Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent had been with all that she had seen of the Corps during her visit to Singapore and Hong-Kong as Controller Commandant in February. The Commander in Chief Far East, Admiral Sir Peter Hill Norton, K.C.B., had added a very special touch of his own by arranging that the official car used by Her Royal Highness in Singapore should carry the number plate "W.R.A.C. I"

After the R.S.M. of the W.R.A.C. College, W.O. I

Wolstenholme had thanked the Director, everyone started to move round the hall to meet old friends and the remainder of the evening was spent in the usual reminiscing.

It was most encouraging to see among the three hundred and fifty who attended a number of young serving officers and senior ranks. Although some of them admitted that they were a little apprehensive before they came, they were surprised to find how many people they knew and ended by thoroughly enjoying their evening. It is hoped that they will encourage others to come next time as the future of the Association will depend on them in the years to come.

No account of the evening would be complete without a special word of thanks and congratulations to the W.R.A.C. Staff Band who played throughout the evening under their Director of Music Captain Z. E. Bowness-Smith, A.R.C.M. On an occasion such as this, which is spent in looking back, it is nice to see these young representatives of the Corps today. No one who saw them at the Reunion can doubt that all that was best of the past is safe in their hands for the future.

CHURCH SERVICE

ON Sunday morning members of the Association attended Morning Service in the Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks. The W.R.A.C. Staff Band was in attendance.

The Church Collection which was given to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund, amounted to £17 9 10d.

Unit News

4 COMPANY

THE news that this Unit was to be honoured by a visit from Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent during February, 1970 was released to the Unit on 15th December, 1969.

Christmas came and went rather rapidly following the traditional style, and those who asked for early morning teas were a little surprised to find Lt. Col. E. C. Smith R.P.C. helping in addition to the W.R.A.C. officers and senior ranks. The Entertainments Committee put on two 'swinging' dances which were much enjoyed and the Combined Christmas Dinner with the Camp Staff was again a very successful event.

During January The Jungle Warfare School requested the loan of some W.R.A.C. to help in a scheme and nine members of the Unit were out in the jungle for three days and two nights acting the part of native women in a specially constructed village. It was a realistic and interesting exercise carried out by our adventure training enthusiasts.

The Inter Service Hockey was played off and the Army

came second. This year's team had good matches and displayed a better standard of play than last year.

The Swimmers are now training hard for the Inter Service Swimming which had been advanced because of the Rundown. We hope to repeat last year's victory.

There have been the usual number of changes in the Unit and we would like to welcome in particular Major N. Burgin, O.C. 4 Company W.R.A.C. designate, W.O. I E. A. Henderson, B.E.M. who is taking over as R.S.M. from W.O. I M. M. Slaven, Sgt. Muir who took over in the Command Pay Office from Sgt. Nye, Sgt. Cole vice Cpl. Bennett senior W.R.A.C. cook, Sgt. Limbert vice Sgt. Wright Sergeants Mess Caterer. Every best wish goes to all those who have just left the Unit either on posting or discharge.

Visit of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent

At 1015 hours on Thursday 12 February 1970 Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent honoured the members of 4 Company W.R.A.C. by visiting the Unit Lines and also went to some of the places where the W.R.A.C. are employed in Singapore. The weather, which had been uncertain a few days earlier, fortunately settled.

During the day, eighty-five members of the Unit had the privilege of being presented to Her Royal Highness. The next day Her Royal Highness visited six more members of the Unit employed in the Headquarters Singapore District.

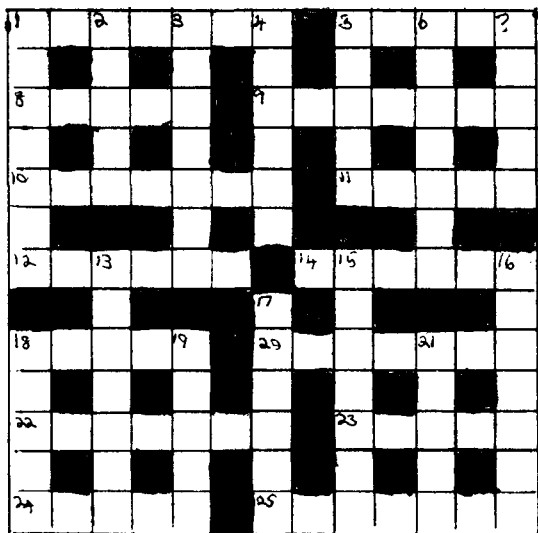
During Her Royal Highness's visit to Singapore, the Commander-in-Chief Far East, Admiral Sir Peter Hill-Norton K.C.B., invited twenty members of the W.R.A.C., which included Cpl. James W.R.A.A.C. and Cpl. Stewart N.Z.W.R.A.C., to a Combined Services Reception. All again were privileged to be presented to Her Royal Highness.

We were all delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness and hope that she enjoyed her visit as much as we did.

W.O. I M. M. SLAVEN

W.O. I Mary Martin Slaven enlisted in the A.T.S. during 1942. She worked her way up through the ranks starting as a G.D. Orderly then as a Storewoman, Administrative Warrant Officer. Throughout this period she amassed a vast experience of the different facets of both Regular and Territorial Army life. She has seen service in Germany, Cyprus and is now to leave 4 Company W.R.A.C. during March 1970 to attend a resettlement course and have leave prior to her retirement in May 1970.

W.O. I Slaven used her wise experience well with the training of young sergeants and general guidance of Unit Personnel. She will be missed by many who have reason to thank her for her selfless service and advice to them in particular and the Corps in general. Members of the Unit past and present join in wishing her well in her retirement.



ACROSS

1. A "beast of a magazine"? (Not really!)
5. Their names are on the war memorial.
8. Make a fuss of little Albert to get part of the flower.
9. They give you a step up in the world.
10. Stops. (Part of the R.M.P.'s job?).
11. A long time in the ship makes wise men.
12. What to do with the products of the cookhouse (We hope!).
14. She has at least one point in her favour.
18. I am included in the plan to provide a guide.
20. The transport driver may need this.
22. She who 3 down in the W.R.A.C. will be in this.
23. Take pleasure in starting in two directions and finishing with happiness.
24. The opposite to a "stand-down?"
25. Provides us with something to 12 across.

DOWN

1. The country where they drink like cats?
2. The 14 across of this is not a very good shot.
3. Joins up.
4. An aquatic disturbance.
5. Flanks
6. She gets her own back.
7. Billets for the birds.
13. Be brave and annoy the insect.
15. The partner is a fellow after the company.
16. This one is never in debt.
17. Satirical.
18. The Scottish Regiment's music begins with the officer's sign.

19. This company used to have horses.
21. This officer is of age.

Puzzle submitted by Miss I. Greaves of Leeds Branch.
The solution will be found on page 36.

Jungle Warfare with the Green Berets

SGT. J. MOFFAT

ON Thursday the 15th of January, eight jungle clad girls of 4 Company W.R.A.C. in Singapore, set out on what was to be a most exciting and enjoyable three days.

We had been asked by the Jungle Warfare School to take part in an exercise and to make it more realistic we had been asked to wear sarongs. Our destination was a camp in the jungle where we were to join some Gurkhas who, dressed in Chinese uniforms, were to represent Communist troops, whilst sixteen Royal Marines, who had been living in the jungle since the 1st of January would attempt to locate the enemy camp and pass as much information as possible back to their Headquarters.

On arrival at the camp, we were met and briefed by Ssgt. Collins. Reveille was to be six thirty, breakfast at ten and dinner at six. This took a little while to sink in and Lcpl. Hanson, hoping she had heard wrong, asked what had happened to lunch, but seemingly the Gurkhas only had two meals a day and we had to do the same.

For the rest of the day we were left to settle in having been reassured that being on high ground, we wouldn't be bothered by snakes, but that at night we might see Honey Bears, but they were harmless. The Gurkhas had built us a longhouse and inside had made each of us a basha (that's jungle talk for bed). Sgt. Cole, on finding that there were leeches around, did a check every five minutes, whilst Lcpl. Hanson, still with food in mind, sorted through the rations to check that she wasn't going to starve.

We were told not to leave the camp perimeter as the Gurkhas had laid booby traps against the Marines. We soon found this to be true, as it wasn't long before we heard some going off, so we knew there were Marines in the area.

After dinner we all went up to see what the Gurkhas were doing, they had been rather shy when we first arrived, but the girls soon had them at their ease and we were soon having a good old sing-song.

Bedtime came along all too soon, and with a few screams and giggles everyone settled down. Only Ssgt. Henderson and Sgt. Cole were disturbed during the night, but believing it to be a honey bear they went back

to sleep. In the morning we found that it had been a Marine, and having found that he had been in a houseful of girls, he must have been more frightened than we were.

Next morning, much to the amusement of the Gurkhas, we were most rudely awakened by a thunderflash and were soon up and dressed in our sarongs, but some, not being as brave as the others, took the precaution of wearing their O.G. trousers and jungle boots underneath. We joined the Gurkhas and proceeded to break the silence of the jungle by singing through a megaphone. If the Marines didn't know where we were by this time, they would now. After about an hour Ssgt. Collins either took pity on us or he had enough of our singing, so we broke up for breakfast.

At ten we were asked up to see the Gurkhas cook their breakfast. Lcpl. Hanson, her mind never far from food, was helping them when the beady eyes of Lcpl. Williams spotted some Marines watching from the jungle. Quick as a flash the Gurkhas had a Bren gun firing, blanks of course, then the tracker and his dog were out after them, the girls were delighted when he came back with two prisoners. The rest of the day passed with more prisoners being taken and interrogated, the girls taking part in this with Lcpl. Hanson acting the part of the doctor, she had to check the prisoners over to make sure they were fit. Sgt. Cole and Lcpl. Crawford helped by searching the prisoners whilst the rest of us sat around eating and drinking, which I'm sure didn't help their morale. We weren't very successful in making the Marines talk, even when we threatened to strip them. Meanwhile outside the longhouse, Ssgt. Henderson had got hold of one of the Gurkha knives and was busy chopping. When we enquired as to what she was making, we were told to wait and see, much later she proudly presented to us what appeared to be a stool.

At this point Lcpl. Hanson was informed that she would have to leave as her indulgence flight for Hong Kong had come through. I think if she had been given the choice she would have stayed, but I must admit we were rather relieved as it meant our rations would last longer.

During the afternoon, the peace was shattered by the screams of Cpl. Skene we thought she must have been attacked by at least a python, but it turned out to be a leech on her finger. She didn't seem very pleased when Ssgt. Henderson ran for her camera instead of the insect repellent.

After dinner that evening we were asked to try some psychological warfare on the Marines. We were given the megaphone and proceeded to invite them to join us for beer, cigarettes and food. Toyko Rose wasn't in it, we kept this up for about an hour and a half, but the Marines did not respond at all.

One of the girls now decided that we should each tell a horror story, so for the next hour or so we listened to such tales as "The Crawling Hand" by Cpl. Skene and "The Apple Tree" by Ssgt. Henderson. By this time our candles had burned down low and volunteers to go

and collect more were noticeably scarce, but Cpl. Smith and Lcpl. Crawford plucked up courage and off they went, but they hadn't been gone long when they were back shaking in their jungle boots, informing us that they had been chased by wild pigs. Ssgt. Henderson and I not relishing the thought of sitting in the dark for the rest of the evening, decided to go ourselves and found that the wild pig was really Ssgt. Collins. This gave our Staff some bright ideas as were soon to find out. After she and Lcpl. Williams had been gone for some time, we were just beginning to get worried by their absence when there was a crashing in the undergrowth. With this it was every girl for herself, Cpl. Skene flattened Cpl. Smith in her hurry to depart whilst Lcpl. Crawford disappeared under the table. I couldn't have moved if I'd wanted to as Sgt. Cole had grabbed me and wasn't aiming to let go. Needless to say, it was our two funny friends throwing sticks.

No-one had any bother sleeping that night after all the excitement of the day, but in the morning Lcpl. Williams found Cpl. Skene lying petrified in bed with her hands over her eyes saying that there was something crawling over her legs. On inspection it was found to be one of the tubes we had been using for pillows, it will take her some time to live that one down.

After an hour of singing with the Gurkhas, we were told to have breakfast and be ready to move out by ten. The girls weren't too happy about leaving and there were a few long faces around. The Gurkhas turned out in force to help us carry our kit down to the transport. I hope they were as sorry to see us go as we were to say goodbye. Arriving back at camp, we found we had enough washing to keep us busy for a week, also some very exaggerated stories about the dangers we found in the jungle—they don't call us girls of the Green Beret for nothing!

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(GOOD-BYE GIRLS)

BY

CAPTAIN S. LAWRENCE, R.E.M., B.A.O.C.

For the past seven years, since March 1963, EMBLEM Camp in Belgium, the home of 15 B.O.D.(Rear), has been graced by the presence of the lady soldiers of the Women's Royal Army Corps. But alas all things come to pass and with the impending disbandment of this Unit 'Les Girls' had to go too and the last one walked through and out of our portals on 27th February 1970.

The break-up of a unit is a sad and nostalgic time because at heart most soldiers (and all women?) are sentimentalists and when the time for parting comes we remember not the hard work, the frustrating days etc., but the good times and the comradeships which we have enjoyed.

And we, the male element of 15 B.O.D. (Rear), have enjoyed and been proud to work alongside and have as our companions the Women's Royal Army Corps and this short article is a means of telling you that we appreciated all you did and were sorry to see you go.

The W.R.A.C. Detachment first appeared in Emblem Camp in March, 1963 and we well believe that they caused quite a sensation as they marched into the camp—the civilians agog and the soldiers presumably delighted!

But the girls had come to do a job and it took them only a very short time to find their feet and begin to take a full part in the daily activities of the Unit. And take part they did—to the full. Store-women, Clerks, Drivers, Telephone Operators, Mechanical Handling Equipment Operators and Packing and Preservation Staff—all very soon became an integral part of our organisation and it didn't take the men long to realize that work-wise some of the girls could teach them a thing or two!

And in the spheres of sport and training our girls were no slouches. Gold team medals in 1965 and 1966 for the Nijmegen Marches, exercises in Norway, Skiing at Silberhutte, explorations to the Ardennes and Luxembourg; and two champions amongst them—to wit—Capt. H. Beaver twice W.R.A.C. BAOR Skiing Champion and Cpl. Harding Inter-Service Individual Foil Champion.

But it was within the last six months that the W.R.A.C. showed and proved their sterling worth. The run-down

of the Unit and the transfer to Germany of our stores and equipment created a vast amount of work and the girls took their full share of it with cheerful willingness and nary a complaint, earning themselves the admiration and unstinting praise of their male colleagues.

We could not let the passing of our W.R.A.C. Detachment go unmarked and so before too many of the girls had departed we held for them a Farewell Parade on 12 December, 1969 and a Farewell Party following the day. The parade, which was held in the Gymnasium at Emblem, marked symbolically the end of the W.R.A.C. association with this Unit. It was short and simple and reviewed by our Commandant, Colonel L. G. Dally. Other distinguished guests were Colonel C. A. des N. Harper, C.B.E., Commander Advanced Base, Lt. Col. A. Field W.R.A.C., Assistant Director Women's Royal Army Corps, H.Q. BAOR, and Lt. Col. (Retd.) A. Duncan. Colonel Duncan, who is a Retired Officer at H.Q. Advanced Base, commanded 15 B.O.D. (Rear) when the W.R.A.C. Detachment arrived at Emblem in March, 1963 and he was thus in the unique position of seeing its arrival and departure. Before the Detachment marched past, Colonel Dally handed to Lt. Col. Field a suitably inscribed plaque which commemorates the association between 15 B.O.D. (Rear) and the W.R.A.C. Detachment. We hope that this plaque will find a home in the W.R.A.C. Museum.



W.R.A.C. Detachment 15 A.B.O.D. proudly display their plaque.

The Farewell Party was on a less formal note and it was a great success. A swing group provided the music, N.A.A.F.I. excelled in providing a superb buffet and the Commanding Officer 15 B.O.D. (Rear), Lt. Col. I. Renwick, O.B.E., R.A.O.C., obligingly cut the cake and ceremoniously kissed (symbolically!) the youngest member of the Detachment! In short, a grand time was had by all and it was fitting that our official farewell should end on a happy note.

And now you have gone and Emblem will never quite be the same again! To all of you who have served here we say thank you for a job well done and fare-thee-well wherever you may be.

Here and There

Miss I. J. Perceval, who was for so many years Secretary of the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund, has written to say that she was interested in the diagram in the February issue but objects to some of the text and wishes to point out that the heavy expenditure of the A.T.S. Fund during the immediate post war period, and the run down of its capital, were the result of planned policy.

This is, of course, true and the Army Benevolent Fund made generous grants to the W.R.A.C. Fund, over a number of years, to help it to undertake responsibility for the A.T.S. when the time came. The present re-organization was carried out with the help and advice of the Army Benevolent Fund. As a result of this the A.T.S. Fund no longer draws on its capital but is instead subsidised by the W.R.A.C. Unfortunately there is still not enough invested capital to be sure of being able to meet all future demands from the income of the Joint Funds so donations are still urgently needed.

Mrs. E. M. Chubbock (nee Cook), who now lives in Cape Town, writes recalling her service with the W.A.A.C. in France when she was on Mrs., Later Dame Helen, Gwynne-Vaughan's staff and particularly remembers her reading to the women by candle light during an unusually bad air raid.

Mrs. A. M. Hall (nee Bodle) commonly called Bogie, would like to hear from anyone who was at No. 2 Stores Depot, Regents Park, during the first World War.

Mrs. W. Robinson (nee Hyde) recently paid a nostalgic visit to the Old Fort Brockhurst at Gosport. The doors were open so she walked in and, to her amazement, everything was exactly the same as it had been over 50 years ago when she served there in the W.A.A.C. She stood and thought of all the girls who had been there with her and wondered if any readers of the *Lioness* remembered Brockhurst.

Ex-W.O. I V. Snow of No. 1 War Office Signals writes:—"Hullo there old Comrades' Where are you?"

The years roll by like the clouds, and, with the changing of the Seasons, so our lives and circumstances follow suit.

We met—and under all kinds of conditions both good and bad, found "Comradeship". Then we 'moved on', and in many instances lost touch with each other. Now, after 25 years, we have grown older, and shouldered quite different types of responsibilities—but—"Memories live on", untrammelled by changes of environment, and we 'wonder' where our old Comrades are, and what they are doing?

Where are the "Fighting 5th" and the No. 1 W.O. Signals of 1938-45? from Maidstone; Chatham; War Office, London; Cheltenham; Washington D.C. Jamaica?

It would be wonderful to 'pick of the threads' again, and hear all your news. I often 're-live' the hazardous, uncertain, yet happy times we spent together—do you?

I'd love to hear from you. My address is Flat 2, The Gables, 77, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

Re-Unions

A.T.S. MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION

THE A.T.S. Middle East Association Re-Union will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday 10th October, 1970 at the Service Women's Club, Lower Sloane Street. All friends are welcome to our Buffet Party.

Tickets 8/6d. (S.A.E. please) from Miss Sally Healey, Camelia Cottage, Nunnly, Frome Somerset.

GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

ON Tuesday 3rd March in the Epicure Restaurant the Edinburgh Branch held a dinner to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Branch.

Lady Martha Bruce, O.B.E., T.D., Governor of Gate-side Prison, Greenock, who served in the A.T.S. during the war, became a Lieutenant Colonel in the T.A. and was appointed Brevet Colonel on retirement, was the guest of honour. Two founder members were among the fifty who attended the dinner, Miss Mary Innes B.E.M., who is President of the Branch, and Miss G. J. Baxter. Two others had, unfortunately to cancel at the last minute because of illness.

The event, apart from being a highly enjoyable "get-together" also proved to be quite a successful recruiting exercise as some of those present, although eligible for membership, did not belong to the Association and a number of these enjoyed the evening so much that they decided to apply for membership.



OUR NEW RECRUIT SHOWS PROMISE AS AN ARMY PLAYER, DON'T YOU THINK MISS WHITEHEAD?

Branch News

ALDERSHOT. This has been a full and varied year for the Branch. We started off with our Annual General Meeting in March at which Miss D. Day was elected our Chairman for the year. In April, a Beetle Drive was held. In May Mrs. Dacre gave us a talk on Home Hints which was very timely as it contained ideas for Spring Cleaning as well as General Household Hints.

By general request, Mrs. F. J. Day paid us a return visit and gave us another Floral Art Demonstration after which the arrangements she had made were raffled for the funds. Also in June, the members had another visit to Mrs. Dacres home at Four Marks. She gave us a wonderful tea and kept us busy doing all sorts of competitions, and everyone came away loaded with plants from her garden. This year the Branch had a stall at the Army Show. This was organised and ably run by Mrs. Sutton, and different members helped to man it each day.

In July, the Red Cross came and showed films on:—

Across the Street, Across the World.
Isle of Man TT Race.
International Car Rally.

Later on in the Summer, a Scavenger Hunt was held. It is extraordinary how this invariably seems to coincide with a wet night but all those who took part seemed to enjoy themselves.

Other events during the Autumn were a Social Evening and another Beetle Drive. The latter for some reason is always very popular probably because it gives a good opportunity for everyone to get together, and chat while they are playing.

December was a busy month. Six members of the Branch attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at St. James's Palace and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Branch Dinner was held the Friday after. This was nearly a fiasco owing to Flu and the very bad weather. Out of twenty members who had hoped to attend, only twelve were able to get to the Sgts. Mess, Duchess of Kent Barracks where the dinner was held. Out of these one party had a taxi and two did not risk their cars and walked. But for those who did manage to attend, the Dinner was a great success. The W.R.A.C. Sgts. Mess excelled themselves and everything was extremely well done. We were especially pleased to have our Branch President Colonel Norman with us for the evening.

After Xmas, the Branch did not have another meeting

till February owing to the difficulty of travel for most of the members. In February, our Chairman gave an interesting and informative talk on Stamp Collecting which was a complete eye-opener to those who had only collected miscellaneous stamps in the usual schoolgirl fashion.

This year, we have again had a change of meeting place due to the R. Anglian Regt. going to Ireland and the Churchill Club shutting while they were away. But thanks to the kindness of the 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regt., meetings have been transferred to their Hollinghurst Club, Rhine Barracks, Aldershot. The Branch has not been able to take much part in local town events owing to so many members living at a distance but contributions have been sent to the Deaf Association, the Salvation Army and of course our own W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

AYRSHIRE. We have had a most successful season with meetings and outings being well attended. Our first meeting in September was a visit to the Gaiety Theatre after a delightful tea at the Country Club. We were joined by several members from the Glasgow Club.

A demonstration by one of our own members Mrs. Reid on how to make net balls and net trees was given at our October meeting. In November a most interesting demonstration on hat making was given by Mrs. Sword. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Three of our members visited St. Leonards Home taking a Christmas cake, crackers and balloons to the children in December. We were unable, due to circumstances, to give them their usual Christmas party. Several members travelled to London to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The Gas Board Showrooms were visited in January and several members were lucky enough to win the dishes demonstrated. The annual dinner was held in the Station Hotel on the 19th. This was a most enjoyable evening. We were delighted to have 18 members from the Glasgow Club and 1 from Edinburgh, join us on this happy occasion.

Two films about the W.R.A.C. & Q.A.R.A.N.C. showing training and conditions at home and abroad were shown at our February meeting. There was certainly no comparison to our days in the A.T.S. Forty members and friends enjoyed the Ayr Amateur Opera's production of "My Fair Lady" on the 24th February.

March saw our A.G.M. when new office bearers were elected. Policewoman Templeton also gave a very amusing talk on life in the Police Force. We had a very successful Country Dance on the 25th. We welcomed 3 new members at our February meeting.

BIRMINGHAM. The Branch has met regularly through the year, with a small nucleus of loyal supporters and we have enjoyed a cup of coffee and a chat.

Those who were able to attend greatly enjoyed the Western Area Reunion at Wolverhampton. This was a delightfully informal affair and our thanks and appreciation go to the Wolverhampton Branch who were responsible for the arrangements.

Much will be said and written about the Jubilee Reception at St. James's Palace, all I will say is that we spent a very happy and pleasant evening in splendid surroundings. What a pity that Jubilees don't occur more frequently.

As in previous years the Association of WRENS invited us to several functions the last one being their New Year Party held at the Nautical Club in Birmingham.

Two of us enjoyed our excellent meal with the Wolverhampton Branch early in January. This friendly and thriving Branch always gives us a welcome.

Once again we helped our funds by selling Christmas Cards and have finished the year in a much healthier financial position.

CANTERBURY. Since the last report some of our members attended a Commissioning Ceremony at Camberley which we found very interesting and we were pleased to make new friends and greet old friends in the Sgt.'s Mess afterwards. Later in April, we had a theatre outing, then in May we went to a members home (Miss E. de Bourbel) on the sea front at Deal for tea, and a week later visited the new R.E. Barracks near Chatham, where we were made very welcome. In June, several members went on a day trip to France and as the day was one of the hottest of the Summer, we all enjoyed it very much. In July, members attended 'Open Day' at the local Queens Rgt. Barracks and later, a few went to the Army Tattoo at Dover. In August we met at the Army Careers Information office on the sea front at Dover and the Secretary showed films she had taken of previous outings. September's meeting was at Mrs. Bennett's flat at Margate. In October we had our Annual Service at the Garrison Church followed by coffee at the Barracks with the compliments of the Adjutant of the Queens Regt. We ran an Autumn Bazaar in October which proved successful in spite of many others on the same day. In November, members attended the Cathedral Remembrance Service and the Standard was carried on the Parade. The Standard was also carried on the Battle of Britain Parade, the Annual Church Service and at the Festival of Remembrance at Margate. Later in November we had our Annual dinner and A.G.M. In December several members went to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. For 1970 we have had a meeting at Miss K. Maxted's flat in Canterbury and a Theatre Outing.

Our knitters continue to make children's garments for the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund and we sent £20 to the fund. We pay the subs of several sick or elderly members and give them a present at Christmas. Our sick visitor Mrs. Bella Mephram has visited several sick members and other ex-service women during the year and taken flowers

from the Branch. Our President (Miss M. Machin) has had her share of hospital this year but is now on the mend (literally, as she has recently broken a bone in her knee). We are pleased that Col. Angela Cobb has agreed to be our first Vice President.

CHELTENHAM. In May the highlight of our meeting was some very nice films about life in the W.R.A.C. and the Army Nursing Service, put on for us by the Staff of the Gloucester Army Careers and Information Office at the suggestion of their (Sgt.) Ramsey Secretary of No. 2 Sub Area. It was all most delightful, and the old hands were very much interested to see how things are done today as opposed to 25 years ago.

In July we found that the Staff Band of the W.R.A.C. would be taking part in the Cheltenham British Legion Searchlight Tattoo and felt that we must go in force and support them. Forty eight members and friends met at "The Game Cock" for drinks and a light supper first and then went on by car to the ground. We were very pleased that Brig. Dame Mary Railton came over with Lt. Col. L. E. Holt to join us and also Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. W. Chitty. The Tattoo was very well put on and the appearance of the Staff Band among the massed Bands and also members of the W.R.A.C. who took part in the P.T. Display made the chief interest of the evening and calmed us down after a hair-raising display of acrobatics by a Helicopter Team.

Miss Sheward and Miss Rock very kindly asked us to go out in July and see the lovely country and pretty villages which lie at the foot of Bredon Hill. It was a really glorious evening and we motored round for about an hour before going back to Bredons Barton for refreshments and a short meeting.

October brought our usual Bring and Buy in aid of Branch Funds and as the result of our efforts £13 6 4d. was added to our Bank Account.

Brigadier Dame Mary Railton came as our Guest of Honour to the Christmas Party and we were also glad to have Lt. Colonel L. E. Holt one of our Vice Presidents. As usual everyone brought lovely dishes ready to serve for the Buffet Supper and many more prizes were given for the Raffle. Mrs. Burke a Q.M.A.A.C. and A.T.S. member, her daughter Mrs. Wilcox and a friend dressed a wonderful doll especially for the Raffle and also produced a mystery prize, all of which caused great excitement and speculation. The mystery prize was won by Miss E. Lawrie, who has done all our duplicating for us since the Branch first started. Dame Mary spoke to members telling them the work of the Benevolent Fund and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. We were so pleased that she won one of the Raffle prizes. The Raffle was organised by our Branch Treasurer Mrs. Bennett and realised £8 13 3d. for the Benevolent Fund.

On December, 15th the great day arrived and 22 members including Miss E. G. Marshall, Miss C. Lewsley Williams, Branch Chairman went off to London

by coach for the Golden Jubilee. Unfortunately the 'flu' had taken its toll and a number of members were unable to go at the last minute. However everyone else set off with great expectations. With a very good driver they made good time and had lunch at Beuron near Henley as arranged. Then on to the Victory Club at Seymour Street to change and have tea at 5 o'clock, set forth again, arriving at the Palace at 5.50 p.m.

It was with great disappointment that we heard that H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was unable to be present, but members were delighted to see H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent who spoke to everyone she could in a party of eight hundred people. It was really a most wonderful and not to be forgotten evening in beautiful surroundings that everyone joined in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Association. We would like to express our very grateful thanks to Colonel Hammond, Major Dixon and the Executive Committee for all the care and trouble they took to make it such a successful and lovely evening. And now having held our Annual General Meeting and achieved an increase in membership of 8, making a total of 55. Miss E. G. Marshall has agreed to become Branch President which has pleased us all. Her kindness and care in dealing with the work and progress of the Branch over many years and the work she has done for the Association as Representative for Southern Area has been very much appreciated and we are delighted that she has accepted. Mrs. Barnett has retired from being Branch Treasurer to our great regret for she has been a wonderful Branch Officer and has done a great deal more of us than her correct and accurate care of our money. We give her our very grateful and heartfelt thanks and now extend a very warm welcome to her successor Mrs. Blomfield who is one of the original members of the Branch and hope she will enjoy her term of office. Our Annual Meeting closed with a lovely programme of coloured slides on 'Toadstools and Botanical Specimens' which were brought and introduced by Mrs. A. T. Syrett a friend of Mrs. G. Goode. It was a fascinating and unusual subject which Mrs. Syrett has studied for some time, and which fascinated us all.

DUMFRIESSHIRE. 1969 was another exciting year for us, as we had the Re-Union at Edinburgh Castle, in the Spring, to go to, and the Jubilee Celebrations in London in the end of December. About 30 members were able to go to Edinburgh by private bus, and enjoyed the meeting of friends and the superb venue, of great Historical Interest. Only 9 members could go to London in December, for the Grand Reception in St. James's Palace, and what an experience this was. The only disappointment was the absence of H.M. The Queen Mother, but the Duchess of Kent made up for this and our Secretary had the honour of being officially presented to her, and thought she was charming and did an excellent job, as she was nearly overwhelmed by the visitors.

The kindness of Miss Harvie Anderson in inviting the Scottish members to tea in the Houses of Parliament was greatly appreciated by all, and added to the excitement of a real Red Letter Day.

Our usual activities have taken place, such as Annual Dinner in March, Summer Outing to Galloway in July, and our Beetle Drive for the Benevolent Fund, to which we sent our usual Donation of £10. The Branch continues to flourish and although some members are always moving away, we are replacing them, as we had 9 new members last year, and find our meetings brighter than ever.

GLASGOW. Since our last Report, the Branch held a very successful Coffee Evening in October. Our Annual Dinner was held in November 22nd, at which M'ss Molly Urquhart was our principal Speaker. Several of our members travelled down to London to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in St. James's Palace. We met a lot of old friends there, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

15 of our members attended the Annual Dinner of the Ayshire Branch in January, and later in the month, Miss Sally Brown and Mrs. I. Waddell showed us some of their slides. A few of us also attended the Dinner run by the Women's Service Club Committee in the Glassford. February there was a Tupper-ware Demonstration.

At the beginning of March four of our members were the guests of the Edinburgh Branch at their Annual Dinner and on the 19th of that month we had our Annual General Meeting. The office Bearers remain the same.

H.Q. AREA. This Christmas brought greetings and news from all parts of the Globe. From Australia we heard from Mrs. Batterham who at last has given up her long journeys across and around Australia to settle in the War Veterans Home in Perth West Australia. Our best wishes for a restful and happy sojourn in that lovely city. From the same Continent cards from Mrs. K. Allen and family, Margaret Dallas and Donna Storozenko. The latter's card was a charming study of an Aboriginal child by a young Australian artist. Mrs. Evans, writing on her 84th Birthday tells us that, doctor willing, she intends visiting England soon. We look forward to her arrival but hope she will wait until the Spring or Summer and perhaps a little sunshine. Her card was a most interesting view of Sydney cove West Side in 1810. Also from Sydney we heard from Iris Roderick who in spite of being forced by arthritis to use a stick continues her old lively self.

From Africa came a long and extremely interesting letter from Mrs. Chubbock (Ex. W.A.A.C. E. M. Cook) with reminiscences of Estables and Abbeville and of Dame Helen.

Sister Gwendoline, one of our most faithful correspondents is now in Tanzania. She describes the lovely

surroundings in which she works but she is very cut off and isolated. There is only one bus in or out each week, on Wednesdays. One imagines that Wednesday must be a very exciting day for all concerned! There is also a charming card from Margaret McWilliam.

America sent greetings from Olive Austin and F. Murray Scott who feels it is a "long time since we drilled in Hyde Park in Mufti-Skirts 6 ins. off the ground, prior to going to France in the W.A.A.C." She adds "I am always so impressed with the achievements to-day of the youngster in the Corps". We also heard from Mrs. Ethel Speed.

Finally Europe, Mrs. Muriel Bol (nee Clarke) sent a card from Holland and from England we heard from Beatrice Temple, Ethel Burrows and our faithful stamp collector Mrs. Scragg. Mrs. Ashcroft one time Officer's Mess cook has sent us letters with amusing accounts of her service days. She intends to write a book as soon as she can get down to it and we have suggested she starts off by sending a contribution to the Lioness!!

To these and the many hundreds from whom we never hear we send our heartfelt good wishes for 1970 and many years to come.

LIVERPOOL. Although it is some time since we published in the Lioness, this does not mean the Branch has been inactive. Meetings have been held regularly each month and have been well attended. Our activities have included a Dutch Auction, Whist Drives, Colour slides of Holland, Annual Bring and Buy Sale, and a Christmas Social.

Thirteen members travelled by minibus to the Western Area Reunion at Wolverhampton on 11th October, and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

The highlights of the year, of course, was the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at St. James's Palace with a record number of members attending. Eighteen members went up to London for the event, most of them arrived on Saturday 13th December, 1969, and made it a long week-end together. We were disappointed that the Queen Mother was unable to be present, but were delighted when the Duchess of Kent undertook the additional duties. Three of our members were presented to Her Royal Highness, and were captivated by her charm. Time passed too quickly, but it will long remain as a memorable occasion for all of us.

We got off to a good start in the 1970's. The Annual General Meeting in February was well attended, despite bad weather. Our next meeting was an Easter novelty contest, and as usual our members were most generous. As a result we have been able to donate gifts of toys and Easter eggs to the local Children's Hospital.

We are grateful to our members and their friends for continuing to support us so generously. Because of their help and kindness we have been able to make a donation to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund, and also help others less fortunate than ourselves.

LONDON. We continue to hold our meeting twice a month and we have some very good evenings. In September members brought along their colour slides taken on their various holidays.

In November we held a successful Bring and Buy Sale and Mr. Frank Eaton showed us his colour slides taken in India, these were accompanied by tape recordings of Indian music. In December we held our Annual General Meeting and a very enjoyable Christmas Party.

Many of our members attended the Jubilee Reception at St. James's Palace and some of us had the honour of being presented to H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent. Our grateful thanks to all those who made possible this memorable evening.

MANCHESTER. A party of members travelled to Wolverhampton, for the Western Area Reunion in October, and had a very enjoyable day, in perfect weather. Their presence will be remembered, as they came away with most of the raffle prizes.

The big excitement in 1969 of course was the Golden Jubilee Reception. Although I think we had our share before going to London. Mrs. A. M. Watterson was photographed by the Manchester Evening News, who also printed a photograph of her in uniform, together with a long column about her service in two world wars, she is 80 and there were write-ups in the local papers of other branch members. We made the most of our day in London, and for those of us who served there, it was lovely to wander round the shops which were once as familiar to us as the ones in our own home towns. We enjoyed the Reception, and thought the Duchess of Kent was most charming.

We have had to change the day of our meetings. In future we meet on the first TUESDAY in the month, in the sergeants mess of the R.C.T. Barracks, on Upper Chorlton Road. Perhaps those members who found Thursday inconvenient, will be able to attend on a TUESDAY.

Three new members have joined us, Mrs. Dorothy Rudgley, Mrs. I. (Renee) Thomas, and Miss E. (Betty) Rushton, and the more the merrier.

STAFFORD. We are sorry to have lost 3 members and 3 Associate members since our last report for various reasons, but hope to welcome them back before long as happily as we welcomed 2 new members, Mrs. Hay and Mrs. White. For our September meeting we were most impressed and interested in the W.R.A.C. and Q.A.R.-A.N.C. films shown to us by Major Thomas Q.A.R.A.N.C. to whom we were most grateful for travelling from Chester for our evenings enjoyment.

October meeting was another film show and talk on British Canals. Not only did we travel on the boat through locks and learned how to navigate them, but we were given a mine of information on the countryside, animal life and the architecture of the bridges we went over and under, extremely entertaining.

Four members had a jolly good time at the Wolverhampton Reunion and appreciated the hard work put into the organisation to make it all so enjoyable.

November was an open evening with so much business to get through for the coming activities. The main one being the very successful Autumn Fayre which enabled us to send £20 to the Benevolent Fund and £2 to "Link" for the old peoples Christmas parcels. We were delighted to have members from the Wolverhampton Branch and the Staffordshire North Branch and appreciated their support.

We had an enjoyable trip to Birmingham when a coach of 54 members, husbands and friends went to see the Black and White Minstrel Show. Having had such a busy November we had no meeting in December, but the eleven members who went to the Golden Jubilee Sherry Party had a wonderful day. After a good day spent mostly in Oxford Street we found ourselves standing in St. James's Palace. The Secretary felt most honoured to have been presented to H.R.H. Duchess of Kent and all were captivated by her charming presence, in the splendour of the magnificent State Rooms and all agreed it was a never to be forgotten evening.

January found us at our Annual Dinner, unfortunately numbers were depleted by the 'flu', but the 13 had no qualms when they sat down to enjoy an excellent meal. Our meeting was a talk and a tour of the new Fire Station. It was all so impressive and we had no idea of the equipment carried to cope with just every emergency. It was a good idea to finish at the top of the building in the bar! No one came down the pole!!! We had a successful Jumble Sale in February and a most entertaining talk about the Girl's Venture Corps who were trying to start a unit in Stafford. I've a feeling some of the members will be giving a hand to help it get started.

WIMBLEDON and DISTRICT. Our membership is now 65 and remains fairly steady in the sixties as a few go and a few come each year.

We commenced our winter season in September with a very enjoyable evening of slides projected by our Hon. Secretary and supplied by members. We were taken on a delightful tour of the Scilly Isles and saw some lovely scenery in Scotland and Holland. In September also, some of us went down to see our President Dame Mary Railton, and Lt. Col. Holt, in their delightful new homes at Gt. Bedwyn, near Marlborough. The party was 16 in all, eleven in a hired minibus and five in private cars. Dame Mary and Col. Holt entertained us right royally and had organised a most entertaining Treasure Hunt in the gardens followed by a delicious tea.

In October we held our Annual Dinner, once again at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, which was very successful. In November the Branch Annual General Meeting was held and in the absence of any new applicants for the jobs, the Officers were re-elected! We were very pleased to be asked in the Association's Jubilee year, to lay the

wreath on behalf of the Association at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Miss Piggie laid it accompanied by eight other members from the Branch. In addition to this Mrs. Collyer and Mrs. Wyeth laid the wreath on behalf of the Branch at the Wimbledon War Memorial.

In December we held our Christmas Party as usual and, of course, many of us attended and enjoyed the Reception at St. James's Palace. January saw two events—the ever popular Beetle Drive and a visit to the local pantomime, both very successful evenings. More members' slides in February and our annual Bring & Buy in March at which a record profit of £12 16 0d. was made.

In February we were given a talk on "Guide Dogs for the Blind", by Mrs. Thair, herself a blind person. She explained to us how the dogs were trained and something of their training. Another talk which proved to be very interesting was on the subject of "Antiques", our speaker had brought some of her own small antiques to show us, and very lovely they were, we hope to hear more on this subject at a later date.

In March we had a talk on Tangiers by Miss Giles; she told us a great deal about the dress and customs of the people. Our members very much enjoyed the Grand Re-Union at the Victory Club on 7th March and would like to thank the organisers for a very happy evening.

SOUTHAMPTON. We have enjoyed a very full and varied programme during the winter months and attendances at our monthly meetings have almost doubled during the past year. We have acquired 12 new members, all Ex-A.T.S. except one, who was in Q.M.A.A.C. Among our recent activities we have had a Wig Party, a Cheese and Wine Party, two film shows (one given by one of our members of a recent trip to Ceylon and S. Africa) a Christmas flower decoration demonstration and a bring and buy sale. The latter was for items made and donated by our members and included a rug, a ladies dress, wine, marmalade and a variety of cakes, sweets and knitted articles. We were amazed at so much hidden Talent!

A large contingent from our Branch attended the Reception at St. James Palace in December when our Secretary had the honour and thrill of being presented to H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent. Everyone agreed it was a most memorable evening.

We were very sad at the death last November of one of our founder members Miss Edith Wilkins, who died as a result of injuries sustained in a road accident. "Wilkie" was in the A.T.S. from the outbreak of war, and apart from serving with several of our present members, was instrumental in getting them to join the Association.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

FAMILIES living on Social Security benefits can often obtain grants towards school clothing for their older children from the local Education Authority but

this does not apply to the under fives.

With the help of various Branches and individual members of the Association the Benevolent Fund has tried to bridge the gap by sending parcels of woolies to some of the needy families. More knitters would be welcome. The garments that are most useful are infant's vests and matinee coats and toddler's jerseys, with a round neck that can be worn by either boys or girls.

Most people who knit have ends of wool left over and these can be used up to make warm, colourful and attractive pram or cot covers. Branches might like to get together and make up one of these among their members.

Any smaller number of squares made to the following pattern would be appreciated and should be sent to the Secretary, W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund, Block E., Duke of Yorks H.Q., King's Road, London, S.W.3., who will arrange for them to be put together.

SEA SHELL AFGHAN SQUARES

For quick knit, double knitting or 4 ply wool using No. 8 needles.

Cast on 41 stitches, knit 8 rows in garter stitch.

Knit 18, knit 2 tog, knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit 18.

Next row knit.

K. 17 tog, K1, K2 tog, K.17.

Next Row knit.

Continue this pattern decreasing on either side of the centre stitch till 3 stitches remain.

Cast off.

The Regular Forces Employment Association

THE object of the Association is to find suitable civilian employment for men and women, not only when they leave the Services, but in the years to come. It is registered as a Charity and anyone, below commissioned rank, who left the Regular Forces with a character of not less than "GOOD" after three years, is eligible for the Association's services which are given free.

The Association has 44 Branches covering the whole country. During the past year it found employment for 10,700 men and women. Of these 4,200 were from the Army and included 53 W.R.A.C.

If you have lost or mislaid the address of your local branch, it can be obtained from the nearest post office or employment exchange.

Officers' Postings

(1st December, 1969 to 28th February, 1970)

Maj. M. G. Campbell, Chief Instructor, W.R.A.C. Centre.
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 Maj. J. Hands, S.O.2. Edn., Institute of Army Education.
 Maj. A. J. H. Hodgkinson, Edn. Instructor, W.R.A.C. College.
 Maj. F. Odell, Instr. Offr. 51 A.E.S., BAOR.
 Maj. J. F. M. S. Tait, O.C. Offr. Cdt. Wing, W.R.A.C. College.
 Maj. D. M. Athoe, S.O. 3 Edn. H.Q. Northern Command.
 Maj. J. Cato-Symonds, D.A.Q.M.G. (Q.M.), H.Q. NEARELF.
 Maj. D. D. W. Brousson, Admin. Offr./O.C. W.R.A.C., R.P.O. Brighton.
 Maj. D. J. Temple, S.O.2./D.A.D. W.R.A.C., H.Q. Scotland.
 A/Maj. S. W. Jones, W.R.A.C. Centre H.S., Attending P.I. Course.
 A/Maj. N. R. Burgin, O.C. 4 Coy W.R.A.C., Singapore.
 Capt. C. L. Swire, W.S.L.O., H.Q. Northern Command.
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 Capt. (Q.M.) S. Farmer, 21.C. School of Artillery, Larkhill.
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 Capt. (Q.M.) H. L. Sanders, Assistant Quartermaster, W.R.A.C. Centre.
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 A/Capt. E. A. Poole, 262, Sign. Sqn., Cyprus.
 A/Capt. P. A. Dixon, P.I. JARIC (U.K.), Bampton.
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 W/397492 W.O. II A. Maskens-McIntyre., 13 Signal Regt.
 W/361820 W.O. II W. J. Parker-Wade, H. & D. Coy W.R.A.C., Holding Element.
 W/408564 A/W.O. II M. I. Woolford, Staff of the Defence Attache. British Embassy Bangkok.
 W/395648 A/W.O. II M. I. Waterman, 3 Sqn. 10 Sig. Regt.
 W/98106 A/W.O. II A. Humphries, W.R.A.C. College.
 W/196299 A/W.O. II N. J. O'Connell, Trials Estab., R.A. Tycoos.
 W/319344 A/W.O. II L. W. Sowerby, W.R.A.C. College.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS REGULAR ARMY

Colonel: Lieut. Colonel M. N. Jamieson.
 Major: Capt. M. J. Hall.
 Captain: Lieuts. C. D. Green, A. H. S. Matthews, F. J. Harlow, J. M. Perry, E. Tye., A. K. Brown.
 Lieutenant: 2/Lieuts. J. Seaman-Reed., P. A. Bryant, C. Nettleship, S. F. Healy, J. M. B. Phillips.
 2/Lieut.: J. A. Flake, V. Batchelor, J. E. Marrs, S. E. Rice, C. A. Sykes.

SPECIAL REGULAR COMMISSIONS

Captain: Lieut. S. E. Murray Stuart.
 2/Lieut: H. D. Fenn.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Captain: Lieut. S. L. Williams, B.E.M.
 Lieut: 2/Lieut. J. A. Baker, S. C. Charlton-Dewar.
 2/Lieut: 2/Lieut. A. C. Spencer (on probation) is confirmed in her appointment.

RETIREMENTS ETC. REGULAR ARMY

Major: M. M. Sims.
 Captain: M. C. Oakden.
 Lieuts: L. M. Mortimer, J. F. Jackson, K. G. S. Swallow, A. M. Webb.

Major: SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION
 I. F. Hill.

Obituary

L/Cpl. R. Bourne & Cpl. S. Bourne

IT is with deep regret that we announce the death of both L/Cpl. Reg. Bourne, Royal Signals and his wife Cpl. Sue Bourne, W.R.A.C.

This young and popular couple died tragically within three days of each other as a result of an accident in their newly found home near 13th Signal Regiment. Reg joined the Regiment in February, 1968 and Sue, whom he met in the Regiment, in March, 1968.

Prior to joining the Army in November, 1966 Reg, as in his later life, enjoyed sport to the full. His acts of charity were well known in his home town of Warrington, more especially by the handicapped children of that town. Sue, whose father is now serving with the Royal Welch Fusiliers in Hong Kong made an ideal and loving wife.

They were buried together with full military honours at Rheindahlen Military Cemetery on the 10th February, 1970.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. & Mrs. Bourne and to Colour Sergeant and Mrs. Evens and their families.

Miss P. E. Cleeter

PORTSMOUTH Branch regret to report the death on March, 9th, 1970 of Miss Phyllis Cleeter at her home in the Isle of Wight. Miss Cleeter served in Q.M.A.A.C. and the A.T.S., and was a keen member of the Association for many years. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Miss L. Draisey

CHELTENHAM Branch very much regret the death on February 26th, 1970 of Miss Louisa Evelyn Draisey.

Miss Draisey joined the A.T.S. shortly after the war was declared and served at Bristol, Robinswood Barracks, Gloucester, and at the Royal Armoured Corps Training Centre, Farnborough as a Sgt. Cook. She loved her time in the Service and became one of the first members of this Branch of the W.R.A.C. Association when it was formed in 1960. She enjoyed every minute of our meetings and activities.

In recent years she had very bad arthritis and early this year developed the serious and long illness from which she died, but the seldom missed a meeting, and we shall long remember her indomitable spirit.

Miss M. Ferguson

EDINBURGH Branch announce with regret the death of Miss Mary Ferguson in her 84th year. Fergie was a forewoman and worked with "ordnance" on the docks at Le Havre from 1917-1919.

After demob she went to America, coming home in the 1930's to nurse her aged parents. She was a very loyal member of the branch and her quiet presence will be sadly missed at our 'first' Tuesdays.

Miss R. Parker

M. D. Writes "It is with the greatest possible sorrow that we report the death of Rose Parker (Paddy). Miss Parker joined the "W.A.A.C." at Connaught Club in 1917 and went to France from there. She was a member of the London and also of Ilford Branch since its inception in 1921 and was Secretary of Ilford Branch from September 1939 for several years. Though for some time she has suffered indifferent health she was present at as many functions as she could manage to attend, a generous, cheerful and active person. The last 3 years she has lived at the Heathgate home in Ilford and had been a source of help to many of the occupants, organising games of whist etc., etc. It is known she did very good work at the GIVEN-WILSON Institute, Plaistow and also was a Captain in the Girl's Life Brigade. Paddy is now at Rest but missed and remembered by many".

Miss O. Carter

Miss E. A. Harman

Miss M. Long

Miss M. Wills

WE regret to announce the deaths of Miss Oliver Carter of London Branch who served in the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. from 1941-63.

Miss Ethel Harman, a Life Member of H.Q. Area and Miss Long of Bath Branch, both ex workers Q.M.A.A.C. and Miss M. Wills of London Branch who served as a cook in Q.M.A.A.C.

Miss P. Voites

WE regret to announce the death of Miss Peggy Voites in hospital at Bradford on 22nd December, 1969, after a long period of ill health. Miss Voites was a

loyal and cheerful member of the A.T.S. and will be remembered by those who served with her at Donnington from 1940-45.

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Personal Column

Charges

Personal Column. 3 lines 4s. 6d. each additional line 1s. 6d. non-members 50 per cent more. Box No. 6d. Reunion notices; Notices of forthcoming reunions where admission is charged may be inserted at a cost of 1s. 6d. a line.

Edinburgh. When in Edinburgh stay in 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.

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Reunion. Will Ex-A.T.S. COD Feltham 1943-46, particularly "Sandhurst", interested Reunion planned London 12th June, contact Mrs. Bradfield (Cpl. Williams), 71, Morton Gardens, Wallington, Surrey. Phone No. 647-3696.

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Change of Address. Mrs. N. Giles of Carshalton will be moving on 1st June, 70 to Post Office Bungalow, Lockerley, Nr. Romsey, Hants.

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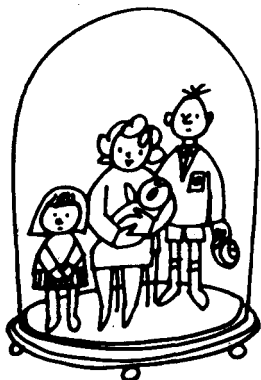
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