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Editorial

THE attention of all members is drawn to the notice about returning the counterfoils of the tickets for the Premium Bond Draw for the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. The response, so far, has been most encouraging and, now that we have settled down again after the Christmas and New Year festivities, one last effort would result in all the tickets being sold and a substantial sum raised in aid of this worthy cause. All the annuitants are elderly, or severely handicapped, ex-service women living in their own homes on very small incomes and the 10/- a week from the Fund enables them to buy a few extras that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

The interest on the sum of approximately £500 would ensure that one more of our less fortunate members would have the comfort of knowing that she could rely on this small yearly increase in her income for as long as it was required.

This year the Annual General Meeting and Sale of Work are being held in April to give members the opportunity of attending Corps Day at Guildford on Sunday 25th. There they will be able to see the Princess Royal's Memorial Garden. No money from the Fund has ever been spent on the garden. The bird bath and roses were presented by generous donors and the yearly upkeep is paid for by the Officers of the Corps.

Members whose subscriptions does not include the Lioness are asked to note that it now costs 7½p a copy, or 30p per year.

Christmas Messages

The following messages have been received by the Director, Women's Royal Army Corps:—

From Clarence House.

"Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother bids me write to thank you for your message of Christmas Greetings which Her Majesty was very pleased to receive.

The Commandant-in-Chief sends to you and All Ranks, the Women's Royal Army Corps, her best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year."

From Kensington Palace.

"The Duchess of Kent was most touched by your telegram sent to her on behalf of All Ranks W.R.A.C. at Christmas, and please could you let everyone know how grateful she is for this very kind thought.

Her Royal Highness sends her best wishes for the New Year to All Ranks and; and once again, her warmest thanks".

From the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps.

"Christmas Greetings and best wishes for 1971 to All All Ranks W.R.A.C. from the Director and All Ranks W.R.A.A.C."

The British Legion Women's Section

Miss B. Stanley Clarke

MAY I follow up the very nice articles about the British Legion published in previous issues of The Lioness with some details about the Women's Section of the British Legion.

A lot of people do not realise that the Women's Section is a separate organisation within the Legion and has its own Charter.

Immediately after the last war, there was a great need for Homes for the Children of ex-servicemen. This was undertaken by the Women's Section and they ran three of the best Childrens Homes in the Country. One for the very young and up to about 14 years of age, the second catered for those from 14 upwards to and after school leaving age. The third Home was for maladjusted children.

These children remained in the care of the Women's Section until they were settled in life and in some cases until they were married. To them it was literally home and they were very happy there. The need for those Homes ceased about five years ago and new and more urgent needs have brought new schemes into being.

The next requirement was for homes and accommodation at reasonable charges and now there are two flatlets Homes in being, both full and running smoothly. One is in London and called Regina House after the late Dame Regina Evans who was the Women's Section National Chairman for 11 years and one up in the North at Southport in Lancashire called Bronwyn House. Among the tenants are two ex-service women.

Planning permission has now been obtained and we are starting to build a block of 24 unfurnished flatlets in Surrey. There will be a communal dining-room, for the midday meal and a Warden will be in full time residence, so that anyone needing care can receive a certain amount of attention. In addition to this the need has come for a block of flatlets in N. Ireland and this is now in hand. Ex-servicewomen are eligible to apply for a flatlet as well as widows and dependants and members of the Women's Section.

Holidays have been part of the work for many years. Two really excellent Homes are run so that members may have 2-3 weeks holiday free of charge. "Glenthorne" is at Weymouth with a nice garden and sun lounge and overlooking the sea and accommodating 22 members at a time. The second, "Queensmead" is up in the North doing the same work. Everything is done by the Warden to make their stay enjoyable. We believe in preventive medicine, a holiday to prevent illness as well as a holiday after illness, although there need be no question of illness in order to get a holiday, in either of these Homes.

A widow's allowance scheme is also in operation under which 450 widows are receiving a permanent allowance of 12/6d. per week in addition to their Government grants.

All these Schemes are supported entirely by the donations sent in each year by the Branches of the Women's Section. (No help is received from the Legion as they have their own Convalescent Holiday and Residential Homes to run). Many Branches also have a "Sunshine" Fund from which help is given to local people and gifts to elderly members at Christmas. Fares for those going to the Holiday Homes are also generally paid.

A great deal of visiting is done by Branches up and down the Country of aged and disabled ex-servicemen and women and their dependants and sales of Disabled Men's Industries are also arranged by Branches and Clubs.

There are a great many ex-servicewomen in the Women's Section. They like being independent in running their own Branches and in being responsible for their own National Schemes while still co-operating with the Legion in the many ways that arise when two great organisations are working together. Those who have been in the Women's Service have a very special contribution to make with their knowledge of organisation and administration and the right method of approach and co-operation with other branches of voluntary Services and with other people.

The British Legion and the Women's Section reach their 50th Anniversary this year 1971. Their Motto is "Service Not Self" and they have a great tradition of 50 years given to help the ex-service community. What we want to see and are beginning to see is a new generation among our ranks, to carry on that tradition. Many of us have done our bit, many of us are now doing it to the best of our ability, but presently it will be up to you.

Unit News

W.R.A.C. DETACHMENT HEBRIDES

THE sea here is all islands and the land lakes. That which is not rock is sand; that which is not mud is bog; that which is not bog is lake; that which is not lake is sea; and the whole is a labyrinth of islands, peninsulas promontories, bays and channels." This is one's first impression of Benbecula from the air—as seen by members of the newly formed W.R.A.C. Detachment Hebrides on arrival here last summer.

Thursday 3rd September, 1970 was a long awaited and much talked about day at the R.A. Range Hebrides. For, after years of discussion and planning, 11 W.R.A.C. were about to land in Benbecula as the first part of a Detachment of radar operators. As most of them had already suffered extremes of climate at Ty Croes in Anglesey, they came prepared for gales, rain and freezing temperatures; 3rd September itself however proved to be a rare, sunny day with clear blue skies and a not too biting wind—although there was much holding on to hats as they stepped out of the aircraft.

For months much hard work had gone on in Benbecula to convert three wooden huts into suitable living accommodation for W.R.A.C. and the result was a very cosy and modern looking home—the 'Benbecula Hilton', as it is now called by the Range, is the pride and envy of the other camp followers. Even now there is great trepidation amongst the Detachment that the proposed rebuild of accommodation will take place during their time here and that they may have to desert their huts for brand new barrack blocks. In spite of having to contend with frequent and often lengthy breakdowns of electricity and heating, all agree that life on the whole is far rosier than expected—tales of the great beyond in the Outer Hebrides have already proved to be somewhat exaggerated.

A thirteen mile journey from Benbecula, the centre of the three islands, takes us to South Uist over a connecting causeway, from which, in reasonable weather, can be seen the surrounding mountains including those on Skye and the many lochs in the area. The actual Range is situated here on the lovely white-sanded but windswept shores of the Atlantic Ocean. As elsewhere in the Hebrides, the Rangehead area itself is a bird watchers paradise, to say nothing of the fish which may be caught in the surrounding lochs. An avid interest in fishing is springing up—the most popular method being a trip out in one of the Army boats sea fishing—for those of us that are good sailors. Even the non fish eaters are acquiring a taste for their own haddock, mackerel, cod and whiting;—a valuable and much sought after member of the Detachment was a fish filleter before joining the W.R.A.C. and is most popular on the homeward trip gutting fish before arrival at the moorings. The O.C's car had recently acquired a

distinctly fish smell.

Other hobbies already hotly pursued are hill walking, cycling and dressmaking with the varied assortment of tweeds available. Some members have taken up shooting which seems only to offer long hours lying in damp, cold grass or sand having risen at 4 a.m. to catch the morning flight. As the dawn does not break until after 9 a.m. in the winter perhaps the morning flight will wait for us on chilly weekends. In the meantime the less hardy members of the Detachment are more taken up with Youth Clubs, Guides and Brownies, warmer and more comfortable occupations for the winter. We hope that our more Southerly colleagues will listen to the shipping forecasts with sympathy when gales and storms are forecast in the Hebrides over the next few months

16 SIGNAL REGIMENT

Exercise Barn Dance

One of the tourist attractions in Germany is the Mohne See. It is the beautiful lake of Dam-Buster fame. Arousing great interest amongst the sight see-ers in July, was a train, standing on a disused track at a disused station. This British Military Ambulance Train was to be the home and H.Q. of 16 Signal Regiment for the duration of Ex Barn Dance. For two weeks the Tape Relay Centre was to be above ground in its mobile role. The rumour that this was a holiday for 1 Squadron proved to be not entirely without truth. It is said a change is as good as a rest. The "moles" of Krefeld were delighted to work in the fresh air above ground.

Dressed in B.D. and green berets, the girls looked very fit and war-like. One tourist was convinced that they were a platoon of female marine commandos "Ozervise vy zey look so fit?" The reason of course was obvious. One morning in two was spent carrying full buckets of water to the water boilers for the bowwers.

Despite the long hours of work and fatigues on the morning off everyone found time to swim and canoe between shifts, and to visit the Dam and the local shooting festival on their sleep day.

In retrospect; perhaps the Manager of the N.A.A.F.I. had good reason for saying that beer could not be sold at wholesale prices to PRI to stock the junior ranks exerceise canteen, because "Wholesale for messes or canteen yes, but for any entertainments, even a Barn Dance, NO".

Exercise Greenbase II

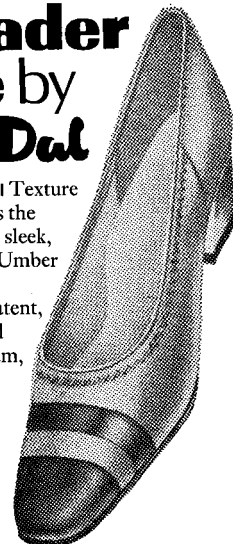
At the end of July some of the W.R.A.C. joined 2 Radio Relay Troop in their annual camp, which was held at Cochem in the Eifel. The camp was by the banks of the river Mosel, where the cluster of Khaki tents stood out like a sore thumb amongst the multi-coloured splendour of continental 'holiday homes'!

The Mosel valley is one of the most celebrated wine-producing areas of Germany and directly opposite the site the famous vines covered the steep valley side almost

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to the top. Walking along the top of the ridge overlooking the valley one saw just how sheer the slope was and how every available inch of land was cultivated. The produce was sampled in the picturesque wein-kellars of the town!

A boat trip down the Mosel is reputed to be the best way to "see the sights" and the medieval castles, perched on spurs to command stretches of the river, were very beautiful.

Despite its beauty, it is not advisable to swim in the water of the Mosel and fortunately there was a large open-air swimming pool nearby which was patronised on the hottest days! Although the W.R.A.C. did not take part in the overnight escape and evasion exercise which covered over twenty miles of pretty rough country they did a good deal of walking and when all the blisters had healed were much fitter on their return to the Regiment.

Ex Lung Fish

A small contingent of W.R.A.C. were extremely happy to join their male counterparts for the two weeks of Ex Lungfish in August, especially once the beauty of the location of the exercise had been seen. The camp site stretched along one side of a picturesque lake near Huckswagen, a lake in which water was remarkably clear and was to prove extremely advantageous for their activities.

Once again khaki rapidly spread over the green grass, clashing with the bright colours of surrounding tents and caravans, but very soon the few wrinkled noses of distaste for their drab neighbours turned to curiosity and interest as strange looking equipment of canoes, aqualung air tanks, weighted belts, wetsuits, flippers, snorkels and masks were unloaded from large "foreign" trucks. Everyone soon settled into their different way of life and made the most of their amphibious fortnight.

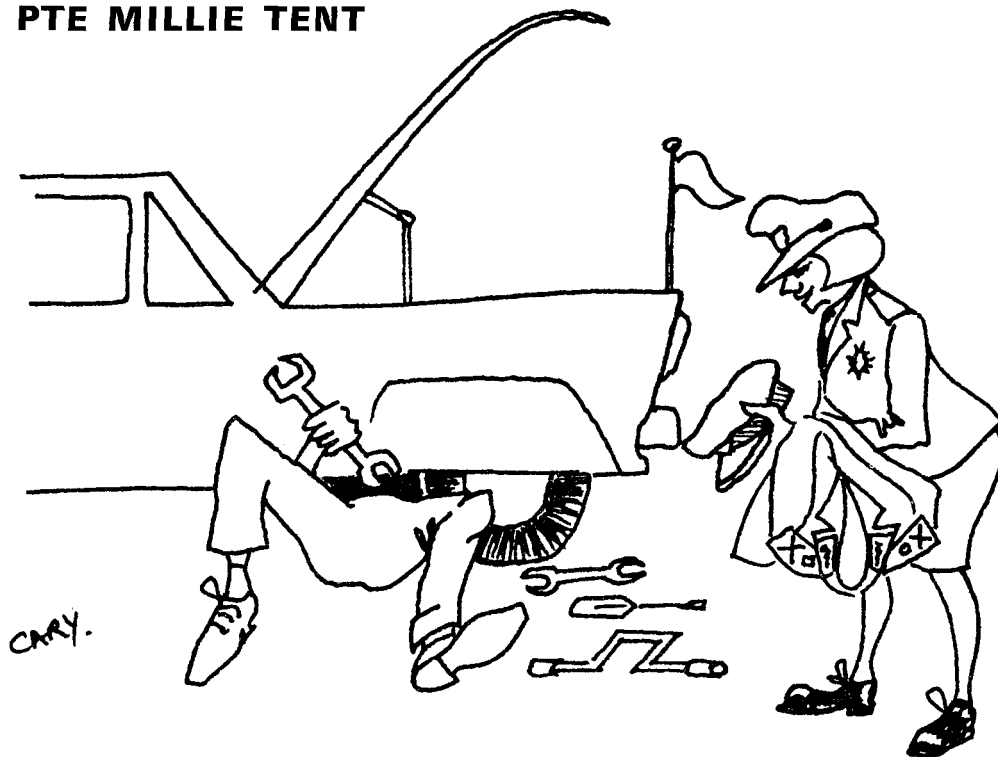
The first week proved to be fairly hectic, with the experienced instructors taking every advantage of the poor weather to keep the contingent constantly active. Canoeing, snorkling and aqua-lung diving were the main features of the exercise and basic safety precautions were immediately drummed home to all before any physical participation was allowed. Rigorous exercises were done in all three sports before anyone was considered proficient enough to venture the canoeing or snorkling alone, and the aqua-lung diving was never carried out unless each participant had a partner by their side. Since the lake was teeming with fresh water fish in all shapes and sizes, everyone was delighted that the water was so clear

and spent many happy hours floating silently on the surface watching the lazy swimming of these creatures, or frantically chasing them with a useless butterfly net in a vain attempt to get near enough to catch one.

Luckily, for the second week at Huckeswagen the sun appeared, and, with the gruelling of the basics of these sports over, activities became more leisurely and interspersed with sunbathing. Timed canoeing races were frequent, as were such antics as attempting to stand upright on top of a canoe and paddle back to shore without capsizing. One intrepid character even tried doing handstands on the flimsy, fibre-glass single in the middle of the lake, but only succeeded in bringing scores of photographers to the scene eager to catch the moment of his downfall! Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable two weeks and many returned to the Regiment with all too respectable suntans for anyone to believe they had been working hard at all.

On Tuesday the 15th September S/Sgt. D. E. Phillips was presented with the L.S. G.C. Medal by Colonel E. J. Bardell, O.B.E., F.R.G.S. at a parade held in Krefeld.

PTE MILLIE TENT



SHALL I HOLD THAT SPANNER FOR YOU GENERAL ?

Kitchen Manoeuvres

not quite the place to take a tank and you should know! All day long you've been driving tanks, tackling machine gun emplacements, and crawling through mine fields - mind you, you did have a break at midday when you made the Colonel a cup of tea in his bunker.

But now evening has come and you can become a woman again, out of that combat suit and heavy boots and back into nylons and lace, it's a wonderful feeling.

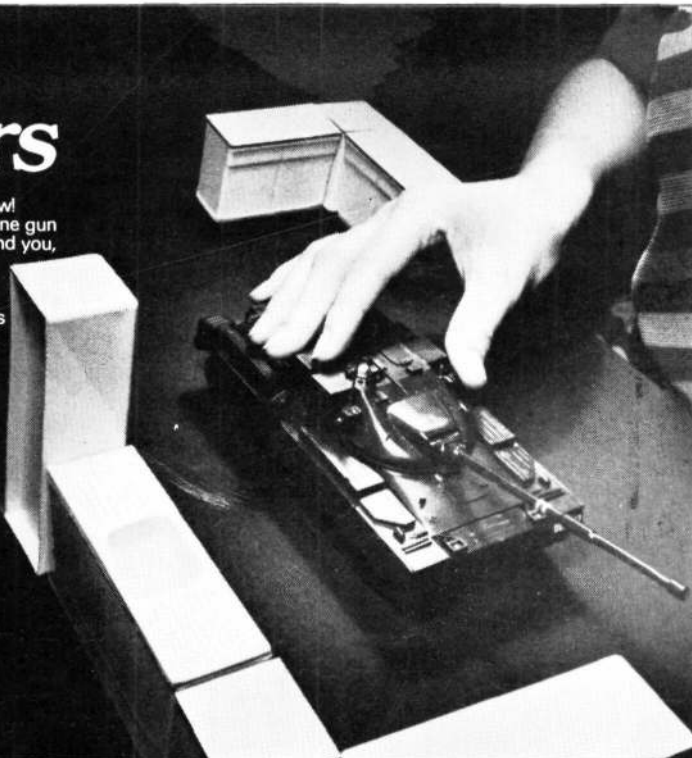
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Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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THE Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 24th April, 1971, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, London, S.W.3. at 3 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 7th March, 1970. (Circulated in the May issue of The Lioness).
2. Business arising from the Minutes.
3. To receive the Report of the Council.
4. To receive the Report of the Hon. Treasurer.
5. To receive the Report of the Editor of The Lioness.
6. To receive the Reports of the Committees.
7. Resolutions
 - (i) Council Resolution
"That Headquarter Area be re-organised into a Branch, or Branches, as may be considered necessary".
8. Election of officers.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Date of Next Meeting.

SALE OF WORK

A SALE of Work will be held after the Annual General Meeting, proceeds to be given to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and to the Association Fund.

Tea will be provided for which tickets will be sold at the door price 6/6d. each.

BRANCH SECRETARIES MEETING

THE Secretaries Meeting will be held at 11.30 a.m. in the Canteen of 'E' Block, Duke of York's Headquarters, by kind permission of Brigadier E. H. C. Weldon, C.B.E., D.L. Members of Council look forward to meeting Branch Secretaries for lunch, as their guests.

Q.M.A.A.C. REUNION

THE Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion will be held in the Ball Room, The Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, W.1. on Friday 23rd. April, 1971 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets to include afternoon tea 11/-. Closing date for application for tickets will be 8th April, 1971. No tickets will be available for sale at the door. Please apply to the General Secretary, W.R.A.C. Association, Block 'E', Duke of York's Headquarters, London, S.W.3., enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope.

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		Balance, 1st November, 1969								
2,750	5	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the				(92	9	1)	2,657	12 9
		year								
		LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND								
	992	Membership Life Subscriptions				976	14	8		
	780	Lioness Life Subscriptions				768	0	3		
1,772									1,744	14 11
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		SPECIAL FUND								
		Legacy—Lt. Col. C. A. Cecil							572	0 0
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	12	Less: Depreciation for the year				11	0	0		
111									100	0 0
4,159		INVESTMENTS, at cost (per schedule) (£4,050								
		Market Value £4,300)							4,158	13 8
		CURRENT ASSETS								
	82	Stock of Badges				80	16	6		
	54	Interest accrued and Income tax recoverable				74	15	7		
	69	Sundry Debtors				37	13	0		
		<i>Cash at National Westminster Bank Limited</i>								
	200	Current Account				221	1	3		
	300	Deposit Account				200	0	0		
	719	Deposit Account No. 2								
1,219									421	1 3
6		Cash in Hand							4	5 8
1,430									618	12 0
		LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES								
	191	Membership Subscriptions paid in advance				187	0	6		
	219	Lioness Subscriptions paid in advance				216	8	0		
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS HELD ON 31st OCTOBER, 1970, AT COST

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		£	s.	d.	£
800	3% SAVINGS BONDS 1965-75 £800 Stock	800	0	0	680
600	BRITISH ELECTRICITY 4½% GUARANTEED STOCK 1974-79 £596 18 4 Stock	599	14	6	454
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494	LONDON COUNTY 6% STOCK 1972 £500 Stock	494	3	3	480
300	LONDON COUNTY 5½% STOCK 1985-87 £300 13 0 Stock ...	300	0	0	207
50	BRITISH LEGION HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD £50 Bond ...	50	0	0	50
<u>£4,159</u>		<u>£4,158</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>£4,300</u>

W.R.A.C.—CORPS DAY 1971

CORPS Day 1971 will be held at the W.R.A.C. Centre, Guildford, on Sunday, 25th April.

A letter giving details will be sent out to Commands and Association Branches from the W.R.A.C. Centre early in 1971.

H.Q. AREA

THE splendid response to the appeal to sell tickets for the Premium Bond Draw, in aid of the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund, made it plain that many members of H.Q. Area would welcome an opportunity to take a more active part in the affairs of the Association.

The present organisation and the numbers involved make it impossible for the Chairman of H.Q. Area to keep in touch with so many members and Council have been considering how matters could be improved.

Many members belong to H.Q. Area because they feel they cannot undertake to attend monthly meetings. In spite of this they could be held on the strength of their nearest branch. This would help them to keep in touch and allow them to go to meetings on any special occasions when they were able to manage it.

There are, of course, some areas of the country not well covered as Branches have had to close down. Many of these could re-open if Office Bearers could be found. There is no obligation to hold monthly meetings. At least one successful Branch is known to hold only three functions a year, a dinner, a summer outing and an Annual General Meeting.

The Area Chairman will write to all members of H.Q. Area in the U.K. asking them for their suggestions and encouraging them to join their nearest Branch.

ASSOCIATION MOTTO

IN reply to Colonel Gibson's letter in the May Lioness last year, Mrs. Rumbold wrote agreeing that the motto should be shown on the cover and saying that "surely there cannot be a motto for each, for each is part of the other".

Unfortunately it is not quite as simple as this as the motto "Suavator in modo, fortiter in re" (Gentle in manner, resolute in deed) was approved for the W.R.A.C. and was not intended to apply to the Association. Authority would have to be obtained for any change in this ruling.

The matter was discussed by Council in October, 1970 and it was decided that members should have a chance to express their views before making any decision.

Suggestions from Branches or individuals should be sent to the General Secretary so that she can lay them before Council for their consideration.

PREMIUM BOND DRAW 1970/71

THE Draw will take place after the Annual General Meeting.

Members who have not already done so, are asked to return their stubs, with cash, to the General Secretary as soon as possible.

The names of the winners will be published in the August edition of The Lioness.

THE SCOTTISH REUNION 1971

THE Scottish Reunion will be held in the Eglinton Rooms, Ayr on Saturday, 3rd April 1971 from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The Reunion is not restricted to those who have served or are serving in Scotland but is open to all members of the Q.M.A.A.C., A.T.S. and W.R.A.C.

Tickets priced 65p (13/-) may be obtained from the Reunion Treasurer:—

Mrs. H. G. Hay,
3, Angus Avenue,
Prestwick,
Ayrshire.

Please enclose stamped addressed envelope with your application.

MILITARY MUSICAL PAGEANT

A Military Musical Pageant, sponsored by the Evening News in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, will take place at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 3rd. July 71, at 7.30 p.m. Over 1800 musicians will take part.

Tickets are obtainable from the Box Office at Wembley Stadium, Middlesex or at the usual agencies. Prices range from 30p to £1.50 with reduced rates for parties of 20 and over. Why not make up a party from your Branch?

THE A.T.S. DINNER CLUB

THE 1970 Dinner was held as usual at Derry and Toms on Saturday 3rd October. As it was a business meeting there were no official guests but 180 members and personal guests were present for another very happy evening. It is surely a sign that time is passing when one of the subjects discussed was the possibility of having a luncheon instead of a dinner. If we do so we will once again be following in the steps of our predecessors.

A.T.S. MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION

THE Annual Reunion was held on Saturday, 10th October, 1970 at the Women's Services Club, Lower Sloane Street, London. There was a good attendance, including a number of officers who had not attended previously, though unfortunately some of the more regular members were prevented by illness from being present on this occasion. It was a very pleasant evening, enhanced by the delicious refreshments provided by the Club, and proved an opportunity for members from as far afield as Scotland to meet again and exchange news.

Mrs. Chitty was in the Chair for the Annual General Meeting, at which it was agreed that the 1971 Reunion should be held in the Spring rather than the Autumn. It was decided also that instead of holding two separate Reunions the Middle East Officers' Association would in future join forces in an All Ranks Reunion.

Here and There

Long Service Records?

L/Cpl. Paddy Roache retired from the W.R.A.C. last October after 28 years service including overseas tours in the Canal Zone, Germany and Cyprus. Her last posting was to Northern Ireland. Although her home was originally in Eire she has gone to live in Northolt with another well known member of the Corps **Cpl. "Twinkle" Starr**, who retired earlier last year 27 years in the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C.

We congratulate them both on such long and valuable service and wish them all the best in the future. As Cpl. Starr took part in a 12 mile sponsored walk for the Benevolent Fund at the age of 55 we expect their retirement will be an active and, we hope, a happy one.



L/Cpl. Paddy Roache

Photo by courtesy of the Belfast Telegraph

Miss Elizabeth Pike W/482 writes "I was the first volunteer to join the 1st City of London A.T.S. Coy at the White City, in 1938, and my Coy Commander was Mrs. Welch whose husband was a Captain in the Regiment to which we were attached. This was the time of the Munich Crisis

and when war was declared we were at the Practice Camp in Cornwall and were immediately mobilized. Now that I am retired I often think over those very exciting days and am wondering how many original volunteers of the Company are still in England, and remember us. If there are I would love to hear from them, as there would be lots to talk about. I have lots of snaps which keep my memory fresh. I was Senior Leader in the A.T.S. My permanent address is: 178, Valley Road, Henderson, Auckland 8, New Zealand.

Major Joan Rodway writes to say that she was sorry not to be able to send her usual Christmas Cards this year. She has been convalescent after a major operation and still has to take things quietly but looks forward to a new lease of life in 1971.

The Association staff were delighted to welcome Mrs. E. K. Evans from Australia on her recent visit and to help her to celebrate her 85th birthday which took place while she was staying in London at the Victory Club. We hope she had a good voyage home and was not too tired after her long journey.

We congratulate **Pte. A. Addy** of 68 Sqn. R.C.T. on putting up a good performance in both the Rheindahlen and Nijmegen Marches last year. She wrote an interesting account of her experiences which we are unable to publish owing to lack of space and the fact that this event has already been covered on several occasions.

WALLETS

After the lapse of some years we have again been able to obtain a supply of leather wallets suitable for the normal diary refills. A bulk order had to be placed to get them at an economic price.

The wallet can also be used without the diary and costs £1.5p.

Branch News

GLASGOW: Since our last report we have had several enjoyable functions. In April, we held a Whist Drive and in May we had a flower demonstration and an outing to Finlaystone, Longbank. After the summer holiday break, we began with a Slides and Film night given by two of our members, Mrs. E. Wavich and Mrs. R. Armstrong. We also had a visit from the members of the Ayr Branch, a Lingerie Party and Coffee Evening. These functions were enjoyed by all who attended them.

On November 21, we held our Annual Dinner in the Marlborough House when Bailie Anna Douglas spoke on Art Galleries and Museums. 43 members were present including 2 members of the Ayrshire Branch.

Twelve of our members were invited to a Social by the Association of WRENS, and I am delighted to say that

the W.R.A.C. Association won a quiz. Some of us also attended a coffee evening and Christmas Fair run by the W.R.A.F. Association. We enjoyed both these functions.

PRESTON. Although small in number is still enjoying loyalty with hard working members. We enjoyed our annual Dinner at the Masonic Hall in conjunction with the Council of Ex-service Mens and Womens Associations, £5.19.—being collected by our members for the sale of Poppies for the British Legion. I would like to thank Col. Walker, Chairman, Western Area W.R.A.C. Association and Vice Chairman Mrs. K. Moorcroft and all Secretaries and members who attended the meeting in Manchester for the beautiful Flowers and Golden Wedding Greeting card. I was unable to attend through ill health, but I hope to thank them personally at the G.M. in April If I still keep improving. I was deeply touched by their kindness.

SALISBURY. During the past year we have enjoyed some very pleasant meetings at the College of Sarum St. Micheal, thanks to the Principal Miss Ashley and to Miss Walker. Our members remain much the same, although several members have not been able to attend any meetings this year owing to illness, etc. We hope to see them back with us in the New Year.

The Southern Area Re-union arranged by Portsmouth was a very happy occasion and we congratulate them on the excellent arrangements for our enjoyment, we will all remember the visit to Southwick House and the D.Day map.

We visited Mrs. Pyke at Landford in the Spring and later on we went to Col. Gibson's at Woodgreen in June and to Col. MacFie in July., all of which members enjoyed very much. We had a visit from the local W.R.-N.S. branch early in the year and they showed a film about life in their service at the present time, rather more luxury than most of us remember some many years ago! To vary our meetings we had a wig party in the autumn when a local hairdresser came with several of her assistants to model the wigs and tell us about them, then we were able to try some ourselves, much to the enjoyment of the lookers on.

At our Annual General Meeting in November we elected the same officers to carry on for another year and we were able to report a healthy balance in our funds and to vote a donation to the Benevolent Fund.

To round off the year we had our Annual Dinner at the Red Lion Hotel in Salisbury when we were very pleased to welcome Col. Hammond as our Guest of Honour. This year we were a larger company than the previous year and everyone had a very happy evening and an excellent dinner. We were very glad to have some very illustrious ex-Service members with us, and also this year two serving officers from units in the area.

Exercise "Singin' Nun"

IN August last year Sgt. McGregor, L/Cpl. Martin and L/Cpl. Sams, all of 13 Signal Regiment, set out for Salzburg with the aim of obtaining the signature of the Mother Superior of Salzburg Convent and to see where the "Sound of Music" was made.

Unfortunately it is not possible to reproduce the whole of the beautifully illustrated account that was sent for our inspection but the following extracts may be of interest.

"With much enthusiasm we set off from camp on the evening of the sixth of August on the first leg of our long journey to Salzburg. The next morning found us nearing Austria and invigorated with fresh enthusiasm eagerly awaited the appearance of Salzburg station. At last we were there and joined the taxi queue which seemed largely to consist of American tourists. At this point I should mention that we had already booked accommodation for two nights in what the official guide-book termed a "Naturfreundhausen", which many of our colleagues were only too willing to translate as "Nudist Colony". So it was with great anticipation that we told the first taxi driver our destination, not so unnecessary it seemed, as after one look at the address he laughed, apologised and said he could not possibly take us. At our second attempt the next driver did not seem at all perturbed and in we bundled joined by a young American girl whose company we were destined to keep for the next week.

We soon saw why we had been refused at first, the road seemed to climb and climb until at what appeared the highest point in Salzburg we reached the hotel not I hasten to add a "Nudist Colony".

Our first day in Salzburg turned out to be really scorching, so we devoted the rest of Friday to exploring the town which as we soon discovered although quite small is extremely beautiful. On returning to our hotel we found that our friend had managed to find us some information about a tour whose theme was purely that of "The Sound of Music". This was ideal for us as one of our aims was to find out about and see where this famous film was made, so feeling pleased with ourselves we passed a very comfortable night in not so comfortable looking bunk-beds.

The following morning we had a leisurely breakfast and then took the lift down to the streets below. At approximately half past two the coach came into view and having boarded it we set off. The tour proved to be a very comprehensive excursion around the various locations used in the film, with details supplied by a charming Irish girl.

The next two days require little mention, due to the fact that from six o'clock Saturday evening it rained ceaselessly, and the bigger part of the time was devoted to nothing more than dodging the rain and buying suitable clothing such as wellingtons (of which L/Cpl. Martin

and myself managed to find a pair in the most dazzling orange one could imagine) and plastic macs.

We also took this opportunity to investigate more thoroughly the tiny alleyways which run like warrens through the town, with the result that we now know Salzburg almost better than our home towns!

With the advent of Tuesday morning came a small ray of hope in the form of a glimmer of sunshine, and by midday there was a reasonably blue sky. The time had come, we decided, to begin our search for the convent of Salzburg. We had a vague idea in what direction it was, so off we went. Soon we found ourselves gazing upwards at what seemed like hundreds of steps, which with true fighting spirit we began to climb. Up and up until at last we were standing outside the walls of the convent. Walking a little further we came upon the entrance and after one last look at the breathtaking view of the town far below us we ventured in.

Inside the walls of the convent we found a private graveyard and a little further on a small chapel. After investigating the chapel we followed the path around the kitchen of the convent where we spoke to a nun and a housekeeper. Although the language difficulty loomed large we eventually, with the assistance of passers by, managed to express our request, but were told that unfortunately the Mother Superior was away that particular day but if we came back the following morning we might be allowed to see her for a few minutes.

The next day we arrived at the convent about half past ten and were immediately recognised and asked to wait a few minutes. Soon the housekeeper, whom we had met the previous day, asked us to follow, her and she led us into what seemed to be the private apartments of the nuns. At the end of a long corridor we came to a small room where she left us and within a few minutes the Mother Superior entered through a door at the other side of the room which was divided by an elaborately carved grill. Once again there was the difficulty of different languages but we managed quite well despite this and our aim was completed with the signing of our postcard by the Mother Superior. We said our goodbyes and left feeling very pleased that we had achieved what we had set out to do".

WRAC College

WE approach the end of 1970 with the feeling that it has been a successful year. Our last major event was the 53rd Commissioning Ceremony at which the General Officer Commanding in Chief Southern Command Sir Michael Carver G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. A.D.C. made the presentations and gave a stirring address. Seven officer cadets were commissioned of whom one was for a non-nursing commission in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. This service was perhaps a little more special than usual as it was the last one at which W.O.I. Wolstenholme,

our R.S.M. was present. In the New Year she will take up her new post with 29 Coy W.R.A.C., BAOR.

On 30th September the Sgts. Mess held a very successful Jumble Sale. A Donation of £60 was made to the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

In November we held our Harvest Festival service. The produce collected for the Service went to the Kingsmere Old Peoples Home and Old Dean Evergreen Club in Camberley and we were delighted to welcome some of the old people to the service, after which they enjoyed being entertained by the Sergeants Mess.

A Carol Service was held in December and as usual the choir, so ably trained by Captain Shenton our Quartermaster, and the W.R.A.C. Staff Band under Captain Bowness-Smith made it a very happy and pleasant occasion. This was also enjoyed by several local senior citizens.

Christmas went by in traditional style and the Junior Ranks Dinner, skilfully cooked, served and "washed up" by the Commandant, Officers and Senior Ranks was a great success.

We were very pleased to hear in October that our PTI, Corporal Panting had won the Challenge Trophy for her track performance throughout the Athletics season. Our sports calendar has become increasingly full, with both Army and civilian matches in which we have enjoyed average success.

Our year in Cyprus

1970 seems to have been quite a busy year for us in Cyprus-

In the sporting world we lost both Hockey and Netball matches to the W.R.A.F., but did very much better in summer sports, particularly in Tennis as Captain J. R. Barker won the Army women's singles title and the mixed doubles with her partner Lt. Col. B. Robertson. She is also a very strong swimmer and aqua lung enthusiast.

Easter saw the three W.R.A.C. officers in Episkopi joining a party on a tour of the Holy Land, a really memorable visit. Others have visited Turkey, and the Lebanon as well as Israel.

We celebrated our Corps weekend in Dhekelia, the other two detachments from Episkopi and Ayios Nikolaos travelling there to make it a real get together. On the Saturday we organised a most successful fete in aid of the Benevolent Fund, and on the Sunday attended a W.R.A.C. sponsored Church Service in the Church of England and Roman Catholic Churches. Some intrepid campers from Episkopi spent their Whitsun grant near Kyrenia, to which delightful spot other individuals have gone, and many have returned with their stories of the trip by donkey from Bellapais to Buffavento Castle. We all enjoyed the Summer in or by the water, according to our own particular tastes.

The Autumn saw us preparing for the visit of H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, who was coming to R.A.F.

Episkopi for two days, and we were greatly honoured in that she spent some time with the W.R.A.C. as well as with the W.R.A.F., of whom she is Air Chief Commandant. During her visit all the W.R.A.C. officers were presented to her, and many from our three locations, representing all the trades and employments of our Corps on the island. The Duchess officially opened the Sovereign Club for Junior ranks and their families, and here she met the Episkopi W.R.A.C. This was followed by a static display in Happy Valley of our types of work here. Her Royal Highness showed great interest and spoke to everyone whether it was in our "mini" post office, communications centre, office or outside the marquee where our W.R.A.C. Provost showed off their gleaming Land Rover. It was a proud and memorable day for us all.

Our next event was a dance run in aid of the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund at Dhekelia. An outstanding success, we seem to have had most of the United Nations Force there, of many nationalities, and as well as a very enjoyable time being spent, our contribution to the fund was quite a worthy amount too. Winter was the time of the sponsored walk, the W.R.A.C. of 262 Signal Squadron walking from Famagusta to Dhekelia in aid of their own Squadron funds, and then 9th Signal Regiment's W.R.A.C., walked from Dhekelia back to camp. The journeys were 20 and 14 miles each and all are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

Touring in Greece

Sgt. Sandy Fawcett

THE four happy wanderers of 68 Sqn. W.R.A.C., had one motto, "Athens or Bust". In Yugoslavia we almost bust. All went well in the North, it was ideal camping country until the night we had a storm and had to swim out of our tent. We did not bother to dress, just put on our Bikinis and broke our soggy camp.

After a "unanimous vote" to find the sun, we found it and wished we hadn't. It was so hot we could hardly breathe and we had to fight the flies for every meal we prepared. The soil was so hard our tent pegs would not penetrate the ground.

We decided to head along the coast road. Here we had some hair raising experiences with mad drivers and the narrow mountainous road. There were more cars in the sea than on the road, perhaps they found it cooler there? We did not think it was quite that hot. Brenda saw a burning car wheel on the road and all eyes turned to the sea to find the rest of it. The roads got worse as we turned towards the Greek border. In fact there were no roads, only road signs and dirt tracks crowded with donkeys and ox drawn carts. If you stopped along these tracks, children sprang from nowhere begging for cigarettes and surrounding the car like wild Indians, wiping the windscreen be it clean or dirty. You could not drive on unless you took half of them with you.

We were following one track over a mountain after dark when the mist came down. I put the fog light on but we still could not see and had visions of taking a disastrous short cut to the bottom. We had no choice but to pull off the road first chance we got and wait for morning. When dawn broke we saw how close we had come to taking that fatal short cut. There we were, plonked on the edge of a precipice as if we belonged there. Our "do or die" spirit nearly gave up the ghost. Then we saw the funny side of things and pushed on—Athens or Bust.

The four girls mentioned above were Sgt. Sandy Fawcett, Lcpl. Josie Winsdor, Lcpl. Brenda Killick and Lcpl Jane Yeo.

W.R.A.C. H.Q. MESS

THE Annual General Meeting of the W.R.A.C. Headquarter Mess will be held in the Duke of York's Headquarters on Monday 3rd May, 1971 at 2.30 p.m.

Notices will be sent to members as soon as the accounts have been audited and printed.

READERS RECIPES

Chocolate Mousse

- 1 large tin Ideal Milk
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoons gelatine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup strong black coffee

Mix all ingredients together in a saucepan, bring to the boil stirring all the time. Pour into a basin and allow to cool. Beat well, leave for a while and beat again till thick.

Like the proverbial Walnut Tree this dish is improved by a lot of beating. It will keep for several days.

Eggless Chocolate Cake

- 1½ cups flour.
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 5 tablespoon cooking oil

Mix all the dry ingredients together and make 3 hollows. Into these add the vanilla, vinegar and oil. Pour the cold water over and mix well. Turn into a prepared cake tin and bake for 1 hour at 350°.

Shanghai Savoury Eggs

- 1 lb. minced meat or minced chicken.
- 4 eggs
- 1 Chicken bouillon cube
- 1 tea cup water
- Corn Oil

Make chicken stock by dissolving the soup cube in the measured water and let it get cold. This is essential. Fry the minced meat lightly in the corn oil, season and place in a shallow oven proof dish. Add the stock to the mincemeat. Beat the eggs well, season with salt and pepper and pour them over the casserole where they will mix with the chicken stock.

Cook in a preheated oven, gas mark 3, until the top has set and looks like custard, which will take about 30 minutes.

Lemon Rice

(serve it with fish)

- 1 oz. butter
- 1 cup rice
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ clove garlic (optional)

Cut the garlic in half and rub cut side round the saucepan.

Melt the butter and fry the rice till it becomes opaque. Add the water, bring to the boil and simmer till nearly all the water has been absorbed. Add the lemon rind and juice and continue gently for a few minutes. Serve with any white fish and grilled tomatoes.

Layer Pie

- 1 lb. cooked mashed potatoes.
- 1 oz. butter
- 1 egg
- a little milk
- ½ lb. skinned sliced tomatoes
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 oz. mushrooms
- small packet frozen peas
- ½ lb. corned beef sliced thinly
- Parsley to garnish
- Salt and Pepper

Cream potatoes with the butter, milk, egg and seasoning. Fry onion, tomatoes and mushrooms together. Put a layer of potato in the bottom of a greased oven proof dish then add alternate layers of the tomato mixture, corned Beef and peas, ending with a layer of potato. Bake in a moderate oven for 15-20 minutes until golden brown on top. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Sport

Women's Inter Service Results 1970

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
Athletics	RAF	ARMY	RN
Badminton	RAF	ARMY	RN
Fencing	ARMY	RAF	RN
Hockey	RAF	RN	ARMY
Lawn Tennis	RAF	ARMY	RN
Netball	ARMY	RAF	RN
Rifle (Small bore)	RN	RAF	ARMY
Squash	RAF	RN	ARMY
Swimming	RAF	ARMY	RN
Diving	ARMY	RAF	RN
Table Tennis	RAF	ARMY	RN

Obituary

Mrs. B. A. Burr

EDINBURGH Branch regrets to announce the death, on Christmas morning, of Mrs. Peggy Burr (Ellis) who met her husband whilst serving in Wimereux, France, in 1917.

Mrs. Burr was one of the early members of the Edinburgh Branch of The Old Comrades' Association and, although she had been unable to take an active part in Club activities recently, she and her family have always taken a kindly interest in ex-Service members.

Mrs. I. O. Holliss, T.D.

H.Q. AREA regret to announce the death of Mrs. Irene Holliss on 5th January, 1971. Mrs. Holliss served in the W.R.A.F. during the First World War and in the A.T.S. during the Second World War, with the rank of Chief Commander.

She was closely associated with Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan and Lady Margaret Sandeman Allen, in working for S.S.A.F.A. for a number of years and, during part of this time was Hon. Treasurer of the W.R.A.C. Association.

The W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund owes Mrs. Holliss a debt of gratitude. She served as the first Treasurer from 1951-54 and took over as Secretary in January of the following year. She resigned this post in March, 1962 but remained on the Committee of Management until the re-organization in 1964, having given 13 years invaluable service and helped to bridge the gap between the generations. Her daughter Elizabeth also served in the A.T.S. and we extend our sympathy to her on the loss of her Mother.

Miss M. B. Hemelryk

Mrs. G. M. Knight

WE regret to announce the deaths of Miss Hemelryk, a Life member of the association, who was a Specialist Messing Officer in the A.T.S. from November, 1938 to August 1945, and Mrs. G. M. Knight, of H.Q. Area, a Worker Q.M.A.A.C. from 1917-18.

Miss C. E. Swettenham

WE regret to announce the death of Miss Catherine Swettenham on 29th December, 70, at Lagan Valley hospital, after a long illness.

Miss Swettenham had been a Life member of the Association since 1944. She was one of the first to join the A.T.S. in Northern Ireland and Commanded 41st Co. Armagh Coy. A.T.S. when it was formed in 1938 and was Messing Officer at the pre-war camp at Greypoint the following year.

She later Commanded No. 1 Northern Ireland Group A.T.S., with the rank of Chief Commander, and helped to start the W.R.A.C. (T.A.) when it was raised after the War. The Girl Guides in Northern Ireland also owe much to her devoted work for the Movement over many years and she will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of serving with her in any capacity.

Major (Q.M.) J. Wiffen W.R.A.C.

ALL who knew Joe Wiffen will be sad to hear of her death on the 16th October, 1970 at The Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, London.

She joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a volunteer in February 1939 and was called up for full time service in September of that year. In 1954 she became a Warrant Officer Class I after service with the A.T.S. and W.R.A.C. Units of Eastern and Western Groups, Anti-Aircraft Command, 9 and 10 Independent Companies and the W.R.A.C. Depot.

As a Regimental Sergeant Major she served with 323 (Staffs) Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.), Drivers and Clerks Training Centre and 14 Battalion W.R.A.C. in Germany.

In November 1961 she was granted a Quarter Master Commission and served with the W.R.A.C. Depot and 42 (Lancs) Div./Dist. T.A. until joining the Army School of Physical Training at Aldershot in November, 1964. During these last six years of her life, her enthusiasm, service to her unit and the men and women she served, made a strong impression for good on everyone who knew her.

On the 22nd October, 1970 she was laid to rest in the Military Cemetery at Aldershot. Those of her friends who were unable to attend will wish to know that students from her unit were present at the moving ceremony and

were representative of most Regiments and Corps of the British Army.

A worthy tribute to a W.R.A.C. Officer who will long be remembered by those who served with her.

N.C. writes:—"When I mentioned to a member of this Branch that Joan Wiffen had died she was stunned at the news. We knew her very well as she came from Maidstone and made her home there with her sister. We saw her at the Re-Union last March at the Victory Club and had quite a chat".

Officers' Posting

(1 Sep 70—31 Dec 70)

Col. B. M. Metcalfe, M.B.E., D.D.W.R.A.C. Southern Command
Col. J. L. Rankin, Commandant, W.R.A.C. Centre.
Maj. E. M. Miseroy, O.C. W.R.A.C., Hounslow Garrison.
Maj. C. G. Parson, O.C. W.R.A.C., School of Artillery, Larkhill.
Maj. M. A. Mack, O.C. H. & D. Coy., W.R.A.C. Centre.
Capt. P. J. Huggett, Ministry of Defence (VTb).
Capt. L. C. Stubbs, H.Q. Berlin Inf. Bde.
Capt. G. Dexter, Ministry of Defence (Q1a(A)).
Capt. N. L. Heath, Chester Garrison.
Capt. S. C. Farmer, R.A.P.C. Centre Worthy Down.
Capt. J. M. Perry, 12 Trg. Regt. R.C.T.
Capt. K. Hughes, A.S.P.T.
A/Capt. C. R. Bolland, S.O.P.T. Southern Command.
A/Capt. P. A. Ames, 13 Sig. Regt.
A/Capt. A. F. Hoggins, 44 Sqn. R.C.T.
A/Capt. A. M. H. Barcroft, Junior Leaders Regiment, R.A.
A/Capt. J. Bryce, (nee Robinson), W.S.L.O. Reading.
A/Capt. A. M. Rowe, H.Q. 1 (B.R.) Corps.
A/Capt. E. R. C. Flanders, W.S.L.O. Plymouth.
A/Capt. M. G. Silcock, 252 Sig. Sqn.
A/Capt. S. A. Buchanan, J.S.S.C. Latimer.
Lt. A. M. Page (nee Doherty), 12 Coy. W.R.A.C.
Lt. K. M. Howard, (nee Johnson), 16 Sig. Regt.
Lt. M. B. S. Amberton, 68 Sqn. R.C.T.
Lt. A. Gwyn, (nee Ablett), 8 C.P.C.C.D., Dusseldorf.
Lt. H. M. Cary, 18 Sig. Regt.
Lt. V. Batchelor, Joint School of Photographic Interpretation.
Lt. L. M. Ganter, W.S.L.O. Catterick.
Lt. A. C. Godwin, W.S.L.O. Catterick.
Lt. J. Dyer, 233 Sig. Sqn.
Lt. K. H. McGill, J.O.C.P.T. (Salisbury).
Lt. J. A. Mason, W.R.A.C. Centre.
2/Lt. R. A. Ridley, Army Aviation Centre.
2/Lt. J. D. Wilson, C.O.D. Donnington.
2/Lt. M. J. Palmer, Depot R.A. Coy W.R.A.C.
2/Lt. C. M. Lewis, A.C.C. Trg. Centre.
2/Lt. M. I. Rankine, W.R.A.C. College.
2/Lt. S. E. Rice, W.R.A.C. College.
2/Lt. S. F. Stewart, A.C.C. Training Centre.
2/Lt. S. R. Stebbing, T.E.R.A. Ty Croes.
2/Lt. S. M. Arnold, 12 Coy W.R.A.C.
2/Lt. A. G. McVeagh, W.R.A.C. Centre.
2/Lt. S. C. A. Wilson, H.Q. Western Command.
2/Lt. P. J. Parker, Hounslow Garrison.
2/Lt. J. M. Starbuck, R.A.E.C. Centre.
2/Lt. P. Brennand, R.A.E.C. Centre.
2/Lt. F. Ablett, W.R.A.C. Centre.
2/Lt. E. D. Cameron, W.R.A.C. Centre.
2/Lt. P. J. Rigby, W.R.A.C. Centre.
2/Lt. G. B. Travers, 16 Bn R.A.O.C.
2/Lt. P. J. Darnell, Depot R.A.O.C.
2/Lt. C. A. Howell, 12 Trg. Regt. R.C.T.

Warrant Officers' Postings

(1 Oct—31 Dec, 70)

W/378555 W.O.I. E. A. Mahony, H.Q. BAOR.
W/346844 W.O.I. S. Hartley, Mechanical Documentation Unit R.A.O.C.
W/353315 W.O.II B. Herterich, H.Q. Western Command.
W/345097 W.O.II E. Needham, Depot, R.A. Coy W.R.A.C.
W/337232 W.O.II O. Higgs, Regtl. Wing, R.A.O.C., C.O.D. Donnington.
W/385626 W.O.II J. P. Gray, 16 Sig. Regt.
W/44715 A/W.O.IJ. McIntosh, W.R.A.C. College.
W/356236 A/W.O.II S. M. Weatherill, W.R.A.C. Centre.

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NEW YEAR HONOURS

O.B.E. Lt. Colonel (Q.M.) W. D. Andrews.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS REGULAR ARMY

Brigadier S. A. E. Heaney, M.B.E., T.D., D.W.R.A.C. is appointed Hon A.D.C. to The Queen 29 Sep 70 in succession to Brigadier The Hon. Dame Mary Anderson D.B.E. retired.
Capt. (Q.M.) Lieut. (Q.M.) K. Hughes from S.S.C.
Lieutenants: Lieut. M. J. Rook from S.S.C., 2/Lieut. M. L. Earnshaw
2/Lieutenants, on probation, S. C. A. Wilson, A. G. McVeagh, J. M. Starbuck, L. M. Ganter from Special Regular Commission.

SPECIAL REGULAR COMMISSION

Lieutenant. 2/Lieut. M. B. S. Amberton.
Lieutenant (Q.M.) K. Hughes.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

Captain. H. C. McCosh.
Lieutenant 2/Lieuts. A. D. Larkins, J. Martin.
2/Lieutenants on probation, A. D. Larkins is confirmed in her appointment.
2/Lieutenants on probation, P. Brennand, P. J. Parker, N. T. Rowland.

RETIREMENTS ETC. REGULAR ARMY

Lt. Colonel B. M. Ridler.
Major M. E. Snowden.
Captain E. C. Smales.
Lieutenants, S. C. Charlton Dewar, P. S. Law, C. J. Collier, E. M. Clifton.
2/Lieutenant J. M. Ingham.

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