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Women at the Women's Army Corps Centre, Fort McClellan, Alabama, present arms during a brigade review (U.S. Army photograph).



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Editorial

MEMBERS will probably have noticed that this issue is larger than usual. This is due to a number of reasons: firstly our hard-working advertising representative has managed to obtain a record number of advertisements, the income from which is a vital factor in the continued production of the journal. Secondly there is more Association News than normal, including the publication of the annual accounts, and thirdly the Editor is trying (but with only partial success) to catch up on the backlog of Branch News), I am sure that all Secretaries realise that if they submit long reports containing a chronological account of all their meetings during the past twelve months there is a real danger that if once a report fails to get into an issue, its contents will be history by the time the next issue is published. Would all Secretaries, therefore, please consider whether they could perhaps send in short descriptive articles with, for example, news of old and new members, ways of getting new members, ways in which they have raised funds etc, rather than a long, detailed list of every meeting held and the exact form it took.

The Editor is very pleased to announce that Captain Susan Healy has volunteered to be our new Assistant Editor and as she is stationed in London we hope to see her now and again at Corps Headquarters.

Members will wish to know that on the occasion of the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh a greetings card was sent on behalf of all members of the Association; a telegram was sent on behalf of the Director and the serving members of the Corps.

The cartoon caption competition attracted quite a number of entries and it is hoped that the competition in this issue will attract even more.

Lastly, on a less cheerful note, all members are reminded that if they have not paid their current subscriptions they will not be entitled to receive any further issues of the journal.

Visit to Women's Army Corps US Army

by

Brigadier S. A. E. Heaney

I WAS delighted to pay a reciprocal visit to the U.S.A. in October of this year—the first official visit ever by a

D.W.R.A.C.

Flying out by R.A.F. V.C. 10 I drove from Dulles International Airport to Washington through the most beautiful wooded Virginian countryside; the trees were russet in colour and their beauty confirmed what one had always heard about the 'Fall' in the U.S.A.

The first weekend I was there I was able to do some sightseeing—seeing again the famous places that I had seen when I was last in the U.S.A. in 1945—attending their Staff College. I also saw the new Kennedy Arts Centre—a magnificent building overlooking the Potomac. As you may imagine the Presidential election was very much on everyone's mind and they were already erecting the stands for the inauguration at the Capitol in January. I was taken for a boat trip up the Potomac and was entertained on this occasion not only by Brigadier General Bailey the present director but also by three previous directors—Brigadier General Hoisington, Colonel Gorman and Colonel Hallaren.

And so to work—I started by paying official calls in The Pentagon—the U.S. Ministry of Defence and then flew off in a small U.S. Army Beechcroft to Hampton, Virginia to the H.Q. of the Army Recruiting Command. National Service is to end in the U.S.A. in 1973 when the U.S. Army is to become an all volunteer force. The W.A.C., which is at present about 9,000 strong is to expand to about 24,000 or more in the next three years. As a result recruiting and advertising, training and accommodation were the main topics of conversation. The W.A.C. enlist girls from the age of 18 and they may enter all but 48 of the 480 trades open to men. They do eight weeks recruit training and then go on to post basic trade training as we do. They may leave on marriage but have to complete a minimum of 18 months' service. They have, since 1942, received "equal pay" and those serving in Vietnam receive "combat pay".

Girls join the W.A.C. for very much the same reasons as girls join the W.R.A.C. One of the latest changes to their terms of service is that they may be given permission to remain in the Army when they start a family—provided that the husband and wife between them can look after the child.

I saw a number of recruiting stations and their procedures are, in essence, very like ours.

I visited Fort McClellan, Alabama—the home of the W.A.C.—where both officer and enlisted women basic training is done. This is a large post set in rolling countryside near the Appalachian mountains. The recruits live in

large barracks blocks—a platoon of 40 girls to a room with a spartan discipline. Once they go out to units their accommodation is not unlike ours with four to six girls to a room. I was struck by the amount of colour in the rooms which enhances their charm.

I reviewed a parade of about 1,600 at which the 60 strong Corps Band played and also saw some of the training. The recruits I met were very forthcoming and were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

At Fort Gordon in Georgia, I visited the Signals training and Military Police training schools. The classrooms and subjects being studied were very reminiscent of Catterick and Chichester. I also visited the hospital where medical tradesmen were under instruction—the U.S. Nurse Corps has no enlisted women—they are all in the W.A.C.

As you may imagine my visit did allow me some time “off” duty and my W.A.C. hostesses very kindly took me to Disneyland in Florida—a fascinating place.

Throughout my visit I was met by the greatest kindness and hospitality—I made many friends amongst the W.A.C. and I sincerely hope that they will come and visit us in the not too distant future.

Visit of Director US Women's Army Corps

THE Director of the United States Women's Army Corps, Brigadier General Mildred C. Bailey, visited the Women's Royal Army Corps Battery at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill in October, 1972.

The General, only the second U.S. Women's Army Corps officer to have achieved such a rank, was in Britain at the invitation of Brigadier Sheila Heaney, Director of the Women's Royal Army Corps, and had previously visited the W.R.A.C. Centre, Guildford, and W.R.A.C. College, Camberley.

She was met at Larkhill by Major Kate Parsons, W.R.A.C. Battery Commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Pat Norman, Assistant Director W.R.A.C. After a talk with the Commandant of the Royal School of Artillery, Brigadier Peter Foster, General Bailey toured W.R.A.C. living quarters and talked to some of the N.C.Os. Murmurs of appreciation followed the General because of her experimental uniform—a definitely trendy waist-length jacket with sleeveless pinafore dress which might well become standard U.S.W.A.C. uniform. At the Data Processing Section, she saw W.R.A.C. Experimental Assistants in Gunnery working with their data-plotters, computers and teleprinters, typical of the advanced equipment which the girls at Larkhill are trained to operate. The morning's activities were completed by a visit to W.R.A.C. Radar Operators and a chat with W.R.A.C. cooks in the dining-room and kitchen.



Brigadier General Mildred C. Bailey D.W.A.C., U.S.A., receiving prints of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge presented by the W.R.A.C. Battery, Royal School of Artillery.

General Bailey said that the organisation and work of the U.S.W.A.C. was very similar to its British counterpart, as both were fully integrated into the life and work of their respective Armies. She was impressed with the inclusion of fully-trained Physical Training Instructors in every W.R.A.C. unit and the opportunities for a far greater range of sports and games than was available in America. She also found the provision of washbasins in private cubicles a very much preferable system to the more open washing arrangements in W.A.C. barracks.

After lunch at the Royal School of Artillery, General Bailey visited Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral and was presented with pictures of both by the W.R.A.C. Battery at Larkhill.

News from Abroad

U.S.A. Mrs. Frances Nunnally of 7139, Cherokee Road, Richmond, Virginia 23225 writes:

“Receiving my first copy of the *Lioness*, turned time back to World War II, and transformed a middleaged housewife into a khaki-clad warrior, fighting the battle of buckets and brooms.

Crack-of-dawn bugles sent us rolling out of bed in unheated barracks in the midst of winter. In utter darkness we dressed so as not to wake our off-duty comrades. Cruelly cold floors and gusts of wind whistling through barrack hallways speeded stragglers on their way. Shivering, we trudged across a snow-covered parade ground to the messhall to be revived by steaming tea.

We served armies of men, scrubbed hundreds of tables, and swilled messhalls the size of a football field. We toted huge tubs of cocoa to warm drill-weary Tommies in between meals. We washed mountains of plates, and came up with hands ribbed like Grandmother's washboard. We stirred steaming pots and poured hissing kettles for tea—then donned P.T. uniforms to get our daily exercise.

Strictest secrecy cloaked our daytime activities when out with our boyfriends at night. Mata Hari was a chatter-box compared to the way we veiled our daily encounters with dishes, buckets, and brooms. We held our teacups with style, trying to hide our calloused hands. Questions about what we were doing for the war effort we brushed off with the right hint of mystery. Our part, we conveyed, held excitement, danger and occasional after-hour assignments. That's when we weren't able to show up for a date at night. That's when we were serving late suppers to famished Tommies, returning to barracks after bivouacking on nearby training grounds.

Altogether we had a rollicking time—neither drab uniforms, long hours back-breaking work, nor flying bombs could dampen our spirits. The climax came on a night in May 1945, when we danced around blazing bonfires, celebrating the end of the war. For many of us it meant a new beginning with marriage, children, friends, and homes of our own. But our years in the A.T.S. will never be forgotten."

Unit News

C.A.D. KINETON

The W.R.A.C. Element at C.A.D. Kineton was very busy last year reminding everyone of its existence. On 8th March the unit table tennis team won the Western Command Championship somewhat spectacularly by not conceding a point. As a result Cpls Pringle, McIntyre and Dorman and Lcpl Curran went on to represent the Western Command at the Army (Women's) Table Tennis meeting at Aldershot on 23rd March and although they acquitted themselves well were beaten by a very strong BAOR team, and a marginally superior team from 12 R.S.M.E Regt. Cpls Pringle and Dorman also represented the Army at the Women's Inter-Service Table Tennis Championships.

Attention was then focussed on the six brave under-21 year old girls who decided that the Ten Tors Expedition on Dartmoor would provide a worthwhile challenge.

After much pounding up and down the local hills they made the 200 mile trip to Okehampton on Friday 19th May where they set up a base camp. The course involved visiting Ten Tors by walking a minimum of 35 miles, more if the map reading was not up to standard. Unfortunately the weather was very poor with a steady drizzle on Saturday and a downpour and strong winds on Sunday. However, five out of the six team members completed the course and the sixth only dropped out at the eighth Tor so that the others could finish within the allotted time. Cpl Pringle, Lcpl Rowat, Ptes Gavin, Cleland, McLaren and Smith returned to the unit on 22nd May extremely grubby and tired but having displayed a great deal of courage and determination in overcoming all the difficulties and dangers of the moors.

During May, June and July the unit rounders team took part in the Northern/Western Command W.R.A.C. Inter-Unit Rounders League losing only one of its eight matches and emerging top of the league.

On 8th July thirty members of the W.R.A.C. from Kineton joined with thirty from C.O.D. Donnington to form the W.R.A.C. contingent at the closure of Western Command march through Chester. The parade was led by General Sir Napier Crookenden, K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., General Officer Commanding in Chief Western Command mounted on a splendid horse from the R.A.V.C. Centre at Melton Mowbray. Eighteen hundred troops as well as a large vehicle column followed the G.O.C. round the three mile route through the streets of Chester in the pouring rain. However, the morale of the troops was kept at a very high level by the enormous cheering crowd which lined the entire route.

Between 10th and 21st July eight W.R.A.C. joined with fourteen male members of C.A.D. Kineton in a shark fishing expedition based on Falmouth. Of the eight, Ptes Primus, Rendall, McCafferty, Stoneman and Smith each managed to catch a blue shark weighing between 75 and 80 pounds.

At the same time another eight girls led by Pte Barker were busy organising an outing for thirty-two senior citizens from Banbury. During the weeks preceding the outing Pte Barker organised raffles and discotheques raising £150 to pay for it. Sunday 16th July fortunately dawned bright and sunny as the girls set forth by coach to collect their guests for the day. The coach then took the party to Caversham where lunch was provided in a hotel before everyone embarked on a river steamer to Henley. At Henley tea was taken in another hotel before everyone again climbed on to the coach to return to Banbury. From the many letters of appreciation received there is no doubt that for most of the old folk this day out was the highlight of many long and lonely months. Pte Barker and her team are particularly to be congratulated in view of the fact that they conceived the idea and carried it out with the minimum of assistance and supervision. We at Kineton like to think that this particular effort reflects the attitude of our Corps today.



The Winning Team in the Wiltshire Constabulary Safe Driving Competition 1972.

22 SQUADRON RCT

ON 2nd October 1972 a team of four drivers from 22 Sqn R.C.T., Lcpl. Venn and Pte. Palmer W.R.A.C. and Cpl. Hollamby and Cpl. Thorpe R.C.T. represented Wilton in the Wiltshire Constabulary Safe Driving Competition 1972, at Devizes. The event was divided into three parts:—

- a. Special Handling Tests, calling for accurate judgement and placing of vehicle.
- b. Road Route. This took the form of a miniature advanced test and was conducted by top Police examiners.
- c. Written Highway Code Test.

The team who had been invited to represent the Wilton Road Safety Committee, won the open team award, the Avon Trophy, bringing it to South Wiltshire for the first time ever. In addition, Lcpl Venn W.R.A.C., competing against a very experienced field, won the individual prize for the best lady driver. Later in October members of 22 Sqn R.C.T. acted as officials for a Bicycle Rally organised by Wilton Road Safety Committee to promote a better standard of cycle maintenance and riding among Wilton school children. Both W.R.A.C. and R.C.T. members of the Squadron acted as scrutineers and marshalls for this event, helping to ensure the smooth running and efficiency of the rally.

In September 22 Sqn were honoured to provide Lcpl Humphreys W.R.A.C. to act as personal driver to the Director, Brigadier S. A. E. Heaney, M.B.E., T.D., Hon. A.D.C., during the visit to this country of the Director of the Women's American Armed Forces. Lcpl. Humphreys

was driving a Daimler Limousine, which is in itself something of an honour as the driving of "Black Cars" does not often fall within the province of a W.R.A.C. driver.

Canoeing. As a result of Lt. Howell's attendance at a Canoe Instructor's Course at the Army Outward Bound School at Towyn, in May of this year canoeing as a sport among W.R.A.C. members of H.Q. U.K.L.F. has got off to a good start. Several keen canoeists have emerged and on September 24th 1972 we achieved our first successes in this field, when Lcpl Moir took 2nd prize in the Novice Ladies event of a locally organized Slalom and Lt Howell won the Open Ladies event.

12 COMPANY WRAC

In September members of 12 Company W.R.A.C. saw the result of eight months fund raising when a cheque for £250 was presented to a representative of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in the Sgts Mess. This money will buy and train a guide dog, the second to be sponsored by this unit.

The money was raised by a raffle, a sponsored walk and "long range tombola" under the leadership of W.O. 2 Valerie Young. Miss Young is by now an experienced fund raiser, devoting much of her spare time to working for worthwhile causes.

At the presentation, which was given coverage in the local press the representative of the Association expressed profound thanks to all concerned in this effort.

The next project to be supervised by the inexhaustible Miss Young was the annual raising of money by the Corporals Club to give a Christmas Gift to local old people. By dint of raffles and a jumble sale a total sum of £50 was raised.

In addition to these efforts some members of 12 Company W.R.A.C. have given much of their spare time helping at a home for handicapped women and girls run by a local Convent. Pte. Barbara Wilson and Pte. Maggie McPherson have been especially active in this and have for the last few months spent nearly every week-end at the home, helping to amuse the children and doing some general nursing duties. As a result of raffles, a competition and a bazaar, 12 Company W.R.A.C. will be able to present the home with a cheque for just over £100 in time for Christmas, half the amount having been raised once more through the efforts of Miss Young.

Not content to rest on their laurels, 12 Company are already planning more fund raising efforts for 1973!

D COMPANY W.R.A.C.—16 BATTALION R.A.O.C.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, as Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, recently visited the W.R.A.C. at the Central Ordnance Depot Bicester.

On the day the Duchess of Kent visited, there was no special parade as Her Royal Highness prefers to meet and chat with the girls informally while they are carrying out their normal duties. As many women as possible had the opportunity to talk to Her Royal Highness, among them Drivers, Technical Storewomen, Clerks, P.T.Is, and Medical Orderlies, and they all thoroughly enjoyed the royal visit. The Duchess of Kent asked many questions and showed great interest in the spontaneous and sometimes amusing responses she received.

419 TROOP R.C.T.

The Staff Inspection Team visited us from U.K.L.F. and it seems we are still in existence with a little increase in size and a lot more work.

The Safe Driving Competition at Richmond took place on 1st October, with a fairly good sweep of the first seven places, excepting second place which was won by a civilian lady. This shook us a bit but she was very good, as Sergeant Loynes—first prize winner—kindly pointed out. With her picture in the papers twice in one month she is considering charging for autographs.

On 1st November 1972, we were visited by D.W.R.A.C., Brigadier S. A. E. Heaney, M.B.E., T.D., Hon A.D.C., who presented the Savage Trophy to the best W.R.A.C. Driver, Pte. Hinnigan. This is now being regarded locally as quite an achievement and rightly so. S.S.M. Gough practically has to beat reporters and photographers off with his pace stick! Accompanying D.W.R.A.C. were D.D.W.R.A.C. U.K.L.F., Colonel B. M. Metcalfe, M.B.E., and A.D.W.R.A.C. London District, Lieutenant Colonel B. I. Forbes Adam, M.B.E.

Our ambulance cover was required for the visit of the President of West Germany to Windsor in October. Corporal Dyer, R.C.T., attended the Advanced M.T. Course and obtained a good pass.

Remembrance Day came in stages this year, with the R.C.T. Royal Albert Hall reunion then Corps Remembrance parade with the T.O. in C., various Mayors, Pensioners from the Royal Hospital Chelsea, and a few thousand others. Many congratulatory messages were received on the standard of driving, appearance, and cheerfulness shown. Then the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November in Whitehall.

In November Lance Corporal Jeacock, Privates Miller and Rees passed B.II. with the latter placed top. Lots of red male faces that day! H.G.V./Ambulance training continues apace, and we were happy to see A.D.W.R.A.C. at our last familiarization course in which other vehicles are pressed into training to give more experience. No funny stories concerning route learning this time—we haven't had a girl driving down the Airport Runway since 1971.

During this period the monthly mapreading/night driving rally at Wilton has continued which, with the distance involved to attend, makes a good training peak each month.

Passes this year:-	B.II	—	B.I	6
	B.III	—	B.II	4
	H.G.V.	—		12
	Staff Cars	—		4

Privates Law and Bradford are now qualified parachutists, with Private Law and Lance Corporal Massey also achieving the "Big One", Driver B.I in early December.

Sergeant Loynes went mountaineering again. Switzerland seems to have even further inspired her and now she just gallops up the Welsh hills. Linking with the R.C.T. instructors at Norton Manor it's Dartmoor next year.

W.R.A.C. CENTRE

The Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, Councillor Bill Bellerby and Alderman Bellerby, held a Reception in the historic Guildhall on 4th December in honour of the Officers of the W.R.A.C. Centre. In his welcoming address, the Mayor spoke of the happy liaison between the Centre and Guildford, and said how much he enjoyed his visits to the Centre.

Representatives of the Arts, Education, Police and Youth Organisations were among the civic dignitaries who came to the Reception to meet the Officers, and the evening was very gay and friendly.

Before leaving, Colonel Rankin thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for their kindness and hospitality, and said how much the co-operation and good will of Guildford citizens was appreciated by everyone at the Centre.

39th (CITY OF LONDON) SIGNAL REGIMENT (V)

EXERCISE: Many of the W.R.A.C. element of the Regiment took part in the Regimental Autumn Exercise "RED GROUSE". This included three detachments of W.R.A.C. only—one in Germany and two in Cyprus. The Cyprus Detachments were visited during the exercise by Major Denne, W.R.A.C., who came across from Episkopi.

MARRIAGE: Serving officers will be interested to hear that Captain Heather Greenland has now left the Regiment on her marriage to Lieutenant Colonel Derek Maldwyn Jones. For the occasion a guard of honour was provided by the officers of the Regiment. We would all like to wish her and her husband every happiness in the future.

NORTHERN IRELAND

"Happiness is Association shaped", or so it seems in Northern Ireland, where the Ulster Branch of the W.R.A.C. have turned up trumps!

In October we invited the Association to hold their Annual Meeting in the W.R.A.C. Wing of Thiepval Barracks. Some of our girls thought they would be

kind and "come and hold the knitting wool," little knowing what a lively crowd were coming to tea! Their illusions were soon shattered, and at the end of the day one astonished Kathy was heard to say "I don't know why the O.C. worries about us, you should hear what THEY used to get up to!" (The O.C. has been even more worried since, waiting to see if her own girls follow suit!)

After a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon we were very touched to be given a large cheque by the Association, and it was with great pleasure we set out to buy sets of Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess and many more indoor games to go to the girls living and working in Londonderry, Armagh, Belfast and Lisburn; games which are very much appreciated especially during days of restrictions.

Several Association Members have invited girls to their own homes, and the lucky ones thoroughly enjoyed being away from camp and in a home for a few hours of relaxation and (I suspect) spoiling! Large boxes of magazines and books have been collected and brought to the camp, always a popular gift for tired girls to take up for bed-time reading.

On top of all this kindness, imagine our surprise and delight when "Mother Christmas" appeared at camp in the person of Mrs. Sheila Kerr, our Branch President, bearing HUGE gaily decorated boxes full of presents! Piles and piles of Christmas gifts, smelling absolutely gorgeous and beautifully wrapped, were spread everywhere—we could hardly believe our eyes: each girl serving in Northern Ireland received a gift, and those who had to be on duty at Christmas even had two!

All of us feel the deepest gratitude for so much kindness, and for the thoughts and the effort that had gone into buying, wrapping and collecting of the presents; it showed, in a very tangible way, the wonderful spirit of comradeship that unites us all in our Association.

Royal Signals Prize WRAC

The Major Autumn event of 4 Sqn was the presentation of the Royal Signals Prize W.R.A.C. As most of the members of the Corps will know the prize takes the form of a silver rose bowl and it is awarded annually to the W.R.A.C. officer who has given the most meritorious service to the Royal Corps of Signals.

Major Greta Baylis was awarded the coveted prize for her work as Chief Duty Signals Officer in charge of the Salisbury Comcen at H.Q. U.K.L.F. Wilton. The presentation was made in the presence of many officers at pre-lunch drinks in the U.K.L.F. Officers' Mess. The Commander in Chief, General Sir Basil Eugster, handed her the trophy. This was followed by the Signal Officer in Chief (Army) Major General J. M. Sawyers, giving Major Baylis a small silver vase which she will keep for ever. The Rose Bowl is kept in the Officers' Mess of the W.R.A.C. College, Camberley. Major Baylis has now



After receiving the Royal Signals rose bowl trophy Major Greta Baylis is given a vase containing a single rose by Major General J. M. Sawyers, Signals Officer-in-Chief.

got 30 years service behind her. She joined the A.T.S. in 1942 and was commissioned in 1963. She was promoted Major in March.

Strategic Studies at 'The College by the Sea'

by

Captain Elizabeth Saxon

I THOUGHT when I arrived at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth in October to read for an M.Sc.(Econ.) in Strategic Studies, that I would see no-one from the Services for a year. On my third day here a Colonel from R.M.A.S. called to see all Service students. It then seemed as if we might take over the College! I met that day Lieutenant Dorothy Killbery W.R.A.C., two R.C.T. officers, one R.A.E.C. and one R. Anglian and there are others and also members of the Navy and R.A.F. here.

It was a good example of the educational opportunities available to officers today, I am the only postgraduate student this year but by no means the first from the Army; at least six R.A.E.C. officers have read Strategic Studies here. The undergraduates are reading a wide range of subjects including International Politics, History, Philosophy, Russian, American Studies, Physics and Education. They are obviously taking part in many student activities from ballroom dancing, sailing and singing to editing the International Politics Department's magazine. I have less free time but still manage to play chess once a week.

Everyone seems very happy at Aberystwyth and it is easy to see why. It is a delightful little sea-side town, bereft of tourists for most of the academic year, and with magnificent mountain scenery within a few miles. From my room I look out across the sea and feel the building shudder as great waves break against it at high tide. It is a far cry from the dirt and bustle of London. Welsh is spoken in the streets and the pace of life is far slower. The local people have time to drink tea in the cafes, potter in the antique shops, and wander past some of Aberystwyth's very fine Georgian houses. In the town library the librarian chooses books for people—"I put this on one side for you, Mrs Jones, I think you'll like it."—and knows everyone. Suffocating perhaps if you lived here always but charming and refreshing for a year or two. The town too is enjoying the College's Centenary celebrations; an excellent new theatre has been opened on the campus for College and town use, and, as ever in Wales, there is music.

The comfortable atmosphere is reflected in the students, who form a high percentage of the population. The University of Wales has always had good staff-student relations in my experience and Aber is still small enough, at 2,600 students, to give personal attention. The medical service too is excellent; the M.O. always has time to hear a moan or worry that might save a nervous breakdown. There have been student demonstrations in other years and, indeed, next week the Freshers are boycotting the exams on the grounds, ostensibly anyway, that they have only just done A-levels and to take a fortnight off to revise and sit for exams in the first term is lecture time wasted. It is a reasonable argument although the alternatives are better. I will be surprised if the Registrar does not manage to settle the business fairly amicably.

Left Wing politics are little in evidence, although they do exist. In fact there is surprising evidence of strong Right Wing groups of the Monday Club and the Monarchist Society. Those going to these meetings look as hairy and unconventionally clad as the rest! The range of opinions and types of people seem much as they did when I was a Fresher at Swansea in 1961. There is perhaps a wider social cross-section now than then. These present day students are poorer than we were too, and certainly we were poor. The grant of £450 (maximum) is quite insufficient for people to keep warm, well-fed and to buy books and stationery. The 'rowdies' have done a great disservice to the majority in turning public opinion against students and lessening their chances of an increased grant. Scruffy clothes are the norm but in some ways they are a means of keeping self respect by making a virtue out of a necessity. Certainly few students are dirty.

It will be good to be teaching again next year but meanwhile I am extremely grateful to M.O.D. for sending me on this course. Sometimes I look at the pile of books and shudder; a year is a very short time and I am the only one of the seven on my course who has not

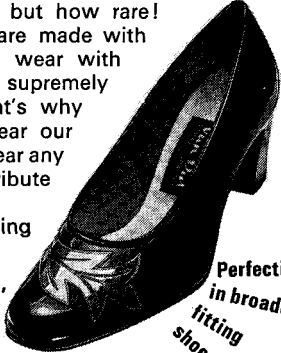
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read International Politics as an undergraduate. There is a limit to the amount of poetry I can inject into a paper on Clausewitz or Thernonucleur War! It is good to be in an academic climate again though and I hope I'll return with many new ideas to pass on. Of course there are still the exams in June but perhaps I could boycott them!

News of Members

611 (M.T.) COMPANY Can anyone help Mrs. Barraclough trace the whereabouts of any of her friends in 611 (M.T.) Company who moved ammunition in the Sherwood Forest in 1943-45? Replies please to the Association.

A.T.S. PALESTINE. Does anyone know the present address of W./P.A.L./195196 Feige Ruchel Fry (nee Reichler), A.T.S. Palestine? The only available address is that on enlistment—No. 8 Montefiore Street, Tel Aviv. An identity bracelet belonging to her has been found, which may be of sentimental value and the finder would like to return it. Replies to the Association.

Obituary

Miss A. L. Brown, O.B.E.

Mrs. J Cockram, Secretary of York Branch writes:-

"York Branch announce with deep regret the death of Miss Alice L. Brown, O.B.E., who died at the home of her brother on 24th August, 1972.

Miss Brown was one of our oldest members and served in the 1914-18 war and received her O.B.E. by rescuing colleagues whilst under bombardment in France.

She was a very keen member of the Association, though for some years now has been unable to attend meetings, kept up a regular correspondence with us and took a great interest in Branch activities.

We were very pleased that just a few weeks before her death we were able to have her with us at the home of Lady Jackson where she thoroughly enjoyed meeting old friends, and took a delight in talking to some young serving members who were also present.

There will now be a very noticeable gap in our ranks."

Miss J. S. M. McVean

Mrs. R. Armstrong of Glasgow Branch writes:-

"It is with deep regret that the Office Bearers, Committee and members announce the sad passing of our President Miss J. S. M. McVean on September 17th 1972.

Miss McVean joined the A.T.S. and served in the ranks from April 1942-January 1944. After this period she was commissioned and posted to 158 (M) H.A.A. R.A. January 1944 to August 1944 then to 134 (M) H.A.A. R.A. August 1944-1945, when she was released.

In June 1950 she was commissioned into the W.R.A.C. T.A. and served as Lieutenant 591 (M) L.A.A. S./L. Regiment R.A. (Cameronians) in Glasgow June 1950-May 1955, 315 Bn. W.R.A.C. (T.A.) in May 1955-March 1960. Appointed O.C. with rank of Major September 1960. In March 1961 she was appointed C.W.R.A.C. to 52nd Div./District and held that appointment until she relinquished her commission in September 1963. She was awarded T.D. in January 1963.

After her service in the Army Miss McVean went back to teaching and changed for a time to Youth Employment which gave her a chance to talk to the young folk in many walks of life. She felt a desire to go back to teaching and shortly after was promoted to Senior Woman Teacher; this job she was doing at the time of her passing.

She loved to travel and went out to her brother in Australia for two years. Unfortunately her stay was cut short as her mother was taken ill and she felt it her duty to return home after just over a year. On her way home she flew to New Zealand where she spent five days returning by way of the Pacific Ocean. Her interests were many and varied, she was extremely interested in Wild Life and Photography and delighted us on a number of evenings with her slides.

She was a very enthusiastic member of the Branch and worked hard as President. She was a wonderful person and she is missed very much for her cheeriness and brightness at meetings, and for her interest in everyone who knew her. Apart from her Association work, she was keen on her work for her Church and in this sphere was held in very high esteem.

Miss McVean was aware of her short time to live but only a few of her friends knew of this. Her main concern was for her ageing parents.

At the Cremation there was a very representative party of Serving and ex-Service members.

We at the Branch extend our deepest sympathy to her sorrowing parents and Brother."

Miss E. M. C. Gowers, T.D.

S.M.E.O. writes:-

"It is with great sorrow I heard of the death recently of Elizabeth Gowers, after long and distinguished service in the A.T.S.

No apology is made for setting out the details of her Service Career in full for her remarkable devotion and loyalty to the Service which speaks for itself.

Elizabeth must have been known to many by reason of her appointment as Chief Recruiting Officer London A.T.S. which she filled with such distinction. From the time of recruitment until long after the women left the Service her sympathetic eyes watched over them in their civilian life from the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee. Elizabeth joined the A.T.S. in September 1938 as a Junior Commander, served with 13th Essex Company and was then posted to second Echelon during the Dunkirk evacuation, and was appointed Chief Recruiting Officer A.T.S. London in 1940, A.G.18 - 1941. She accompanied D.A.T.S. on her Canadian and U.S.A. tour 1942 and was demobilised 1946. Served on the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee from 1946-1971. Invested at Buckingham Palace in 1943 with the O.B.E. Was presented with the King Christian "Liberty Medal" in 1948 for services to Denmark, then, the first Servicewoman to be so honoured. Elizabeth was awarded the T.D. in 1951 and served with the Essex Home Guard 1952-56, when it was disbanded. She retired in 1946 and from that year until 1971, she served on the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee.

Despite her being known to so many of differing ranks perhaps few knew of the scope of her distinguished service. She was confident and full of fighting spirit but always calm and quiet. So much so that even I, a close friend of hers for many years and a colleague on the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee since 1946, feel that I knew all too little until now of her invaluable achievements.

I am sure that the many who were privileged to work with Chief Commander Elizabeth Gowers will remember her, as I do, with affection and respect."

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.

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Mrs. Frances Luckin

Miss Myatt of London writes:

"I don't know whether you have been notified of the death of Mrs. F. E. Luckin (ex SSgt.) but just in case you have not, I thought I would advise you that she died on 17th April, 1972, in Canada. She was a Life Member of the Association.

I, personally, will miss her very much. I first knew her at Chilwell, in 1941—she had come from Canada in 1940, to join up—and we were, in fact, made up to Sergeant on the same day. She was the founder of the 'Balmoral Club' at Chilwell (she was a Scot, of course) which was very successful. We always kept in touch and although she went back to Canada in 1946, we met on many occasions on her return to this country. She often came back to visit her many relations here. I am sure her many friends will be very sorry to learn of her death—she was a lively person and wrote such newsy letters. Although she was 76, she insisted that she only came of age this year, as her birthday was 29th February and her first official birthday was 1904 as there was no Leap Year in 1900!"

We regret to announce the deaths of

Miss Alice Bull

late Warrant Officer W.R.A.C., who died on 22nd August 1972 after a long illness, borne with great courage and patience.

Editor's Note: Miss Bull's great interest in, and loyalty to her Corps and her concern for those in difficulties is shown by her will in which she left a handsome donation to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Alice Cameron (nee Longley)

a member of Brighton Branch who died on 12th July, 1972, at Watling, Mrs. Cameron served in the Q.M.A.A.C. at Larkhill, Etaples and Abbeville.

Mrs. Lilian Garstin

of Penzance, Cornwall who died on 27th October, 1972.

Mrs. Elizabeth Glover (nee Corkhill)

of Ferndown, Dorset, who died peacefully on 6th September, 1972. Mrs. Glover was a member of the Q.M.A.A.C. and a member of Bournemouth Branch

some of whose members attended the funeral on 13th September.

Miss Miriam Lambert, M.B.E.

of Edinburgh, who died on 14th August, 1972, aged 88. Miss Lambert was a founder member of the now defunct Edinburgh Servicewomen's Club.

Mrs. Beatrice Lythgoe (nee Chapman)

a very loyal member of Brighton Branch for many years, who died on 5th August, 1972, aged 79 years. Miss Lythgoe served in France with the Q.M.A.A.C. on signals duties.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin (nee Roden)

of Dudley, who died on 10th September, 1972. Mrs. Martin served in the Q.M.A.A.C. from 1917-1919 at Chester.

Mrs. Ruby G. Mundy (nee Fowler)

on 8th April, 1972, in Canada aged 85.

Miss Kate Woodward

of St. Leonards-on-Sea, who died on 10th November, 1972, aged 91.

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Impressions of my First Annual Camp

by

Pte. C. A. Pratt, W.R.A.C. (T.A.)

MY feelings before attending Annual Camp at Proteus were mixed ones of apprehension and excitement, which were neither aided nor abetted by my arrival at Leeds Barracks where the long wait, during the final equipment packing was eventually terminated by the sudden departure in the private car part of the convoy. The journey was an exciting one, and as we passed the military convoy, my heart swelled with pride and a great feeling of "belonging" to a group of people acting out a worthwhile cause in preparation for a national emergency that we all hope will never happen.

Settled in our billets, I soon got to know the other girls, at least to say "hello" to, and I quickly learned how good it was to have the two close friends I made on the first day. Of course, being a new recruit, wet behind the ears, of some grand two and a half months' standing, drill, together with initiations into the ways of the Regiment were of the first importance. The first thing that struck me almost immediately, was the overwhelming loyalty of every soldier to his or her own troop, and yet all pulled together to make 49 Squadron the fine squadron it is, and part of an obviously successful regiment.

I found drill immensely satisfying and enjoyable, and nothing unpleasant in the discipline necessarily imposed on us, as some of the girls found at first. When, as a group, we finally passed out on the Friday, I felt as I have never felt before, possessed with a tremendous sense of achievement, as we demonstrated our capability of working as a team on parade with the Regimental Band, being reviewed by our Group Commander, the C.O. and O.C. Recruit Troop.

In the first week, my only irritation was caused by the seeming waste of time that I felt was often imposed on us followed by a rush to get things done for zero hour. This was mainly caused, I feel, by the size, of the Camp, and no-one being sufficiently versed in the whereabouts and proceedings of the services at that time. For example, "I haven't got the key to the Lecture Room, have you?" and so it went on, until we settled into the military routines.

The exercise however was completely different. Looking back on it now, I see that on the whole, I found it, if not enjoyable in the sensual meaning of the word, then challenging and thoroughly worthwhile. There I saw people pulling together and fighting for achievement as one force, instead of a disorganised band of individuals with their own separate jobs to complete, which one finds so much in the civilian field. The morale was really something to be admired. Of course there was the usual moaning about the weather, and lots of it, but meal times were wonderful; we took one look at our full mess-tins, then at each other, and rolled over laughing—in the mud of course!

I also felt I learned more about my trade; Com Cen Op and how it worked—the procedure and its meaning, than I had learned since I first enlisted. I never knew how much one could mentally digest in four days.

Yes, my first camp was a complete success for me personally (aside from anything else), but if I was asked to stay for another fortnight, I would be forced to say, "Not for another month at least, until I catch up on my sleep".

Remembrance Day 1972

COLONEL L. M. Davies, C.B.E., Lieutenant Colonel R. J. King, O.B.E., J.P., Brigadier S. A. Heaney, M.B.E., T.D., Hon. A.D.C., a number of ex-Service and Serving members attended the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey, where the Cross was planted by A.D.W.R.A.C. London District.

A contingent of ex-Service members marched past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Greater London Branch represented the Association; the wreath bearer was Miss M. Tatum, M.B.E.

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A.T.S. Dinner Club

THE annual meeting of the A.T.S. Dinner Club took place at Derry & Toms on Saturday October 14th, 1972. It took the form of a luncheon, since it was thought that members might find this more convenient. Judging by the large increase in the number of members attending and the obvious pleasure expressed by so many, this departure from custom has proved to be most successful.

As many will know, Derry & Toms is to close in 1973. This is a matter for great regret since the Club has been meeting there for many years. The dinners provided have been of the highest quality and the Management has always shown the utmost co-operation. In recognition of his help and consideration over eleven years, on behalf of the Club, the Chairman, Dame Jean Rivett Drake, made a presentation of a pencil set to Mr. Sparkes, the Catering Manager. So ends what has proved to be a very happy association with Messrs. Derry & Toms.

In 1973, the Club will hold its Business Meeting and Dinner on Saturday, October 13th, at the Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St. James' Street, S.W.1. Notification of this with full details will be sent to members in due course. At the same time they will be invited to send in their nominations for the Committee.

Any former members of the A.T.S. interested in joining the Club should apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss O. A. Rutter, M.V.O., M.B.E., 11, Roundhill Grove, Southdown, Bath, BA2 1JT.

Prize Competition

Word Game

A prize of £2 will be awarded to the reader who submits the highest number of words made from the word:—

CAULIFLOWER

Words must be English, of two or more letters, and each letter in the master word may be used once only in each word. NO proper names, trade names, plurals or abbreviations. 80-100 words would probably be a good target to aim at. Entries should be typed, or printed in block letters, be pinned to the entry form below and reach the Editor by 15th March, 1973,

Name

.....

Number of words submitted.....

PRIZE WINNER

The winner of the Cartoon Caption Competition was Officer Cadet V. Briggs from Glasgow & Strathclyde O.T.C., whose caption read:

"Sorry, Ma'am, Q says if you want a ladder you'll have to go and sign for it!"

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

W.O. I Joan Spencer, W.R.A.C.



W.O. I Joan Spencer being presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by Lt. Col. Simon Fraser, CRLS West Midland District.

Warrant Officer Spencer enlisted into the Women's Royal Army Corps on 22nd January 1954.

Her first appointment was with 601 (City of Bristol) (M) H.A.A. Regt. R.A.(T.A.) as a P.S.I. Sgt. (Type 'R'). On the re-organisation of A.A. Command, W.O. I Spencer changed to a Regular Engagement, and in May 1955 was posted to W.R.A.C. Depot, Guildford, as a Cpl. Training Instructor. Promotion to Sgt. followed five weeks later, and she continued as a Training Instructor until May 1957, when she was posted to S.P.S.O. Branch as a Personnel Selection Staff Tester. Promotion to Sgt. followed in March 1958 and she remained in the S.P.S.O. Branch until October 1961. She was promoted to W.O. II and posted to 7 Independent Company W.R.A.C., Ty Croes as C.S.M., remaining until February 1963. A posting to the Army School of Education,

Beaconsfield then followed. In August 1963 she was promoted to Regimental Sergeant Major and posted to 27 Independent Coy W.R.A.C., Cyprus, where she completed a tour of duty. Returning to U.K. in August 1965, her next appointment was with 42 (Lancs and Ches) Div./Dist. T.A. at the Headquarters in Southport, where she remained until the re-organisation of the Territorial Army on 1 April 1967. On 14 June 1967, she was posted to A.C.I.O. Birmingham as a Warrant Officer Recruiter, which appointment she still holds.

The Long Service & Good Conduct Medal was awarded to W.O. I Joan Spencer on 21 January 1972, and was presented to her by Lieutenant Colonel Simon Fraser, the C.R.L.S. West Midland District on Monday 2 October 1972.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 17th March, 1973, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, London SW3 4RX at 3 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18th March, 1972. (Circulated in the June 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 Honorary Treasurer.
5. To receive the Report of the Editor of the Lioness.
6. To receive the Reports of the Committees.
7. Resolutions.

Council Resolutions:

1. 'That the wording of Rule 10 published in the February Lioness be approved'

10.—AREAS AND SUB-AREAS

- (a) The country shall be divided into Areas, which will normally comply with the United Kingdom Military Structure, with Sub-Areas as approved by Council.
- (b) The W.R.A.C. Head of Service will in each Area be Area Chairman and a member of Council. These Areas shall elect a Vice-Chairman, who shall wherever possible, be an ex-Service member who will be a member of Council. Where there are no Sub-Areas a Committee of Branch Representatives shall be formed under the W.R.A.C. Head of Service.
- (c) Where Sub-Areas are formed each one will elect a Chairman who will be a member of Council, and a Vice-Chairman, one of whom will, wherever possible be a serving member of the Corps. They will also appoint a Secretary.
- (d) Sub-Areas will select a convenient centre as their Headquarters, and the location of this Headquarters, will decide the Military District in which they are situated even though some of the Branches may be in another Military District.
- (e) Area or Sub-Area Committees may organise Area or Sub-Area functions as required and undertake such other duties for the good of the Branches as a whole, as the majority of the Branches in that Area or Sub-Area shall agree to delegate to them.
- (f) A sum of up to £5 to cover postage may be issued annually to each Area or Sub-Area, by the Treasurer of the Association."
2. 'That the Amendments to Rules 7, 8(b), 9, 11 and 12 and Standing Orders for A.G.M. para 3 as published

in the February Lioness be approved.'

Rule 7 Line 5. Delete "six weeks" and insert "by 15 November".

Standing Orders Para 3, Line 3. Delete "eight weeks" and insert for A.G.M. "by 15 November".

Rule 8(b) The Members of the Council shall be:-

The President

The Vice-President

The four Life Vice-Presidents

The four Council Vice-Presidents elected by the Annual General Meeting

The Chairman elected by the Annual General Meeting

The Vice-Chairman elected by Council

The Honorary Treasurer elected by Council

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Areas

The Chairmen of Sub-Areas

The Chairman of Headquarter Branch

The Director W.R.A.C. who may authorise her Deputy to take her place at any meeting that she cannot attend

D.D.W.R.A.C. U.K.L.F.

The Commandants W.R.A.C. College and W.R.A.C. Centre

The Senior W.R.A.C. Officer Medical and Womens' Services Manning and Record Office.

The ex-Director for three years after relinquishment of appointment.

Two Servicewomen serving on a regular engagement and nominated by the Director W.R.A.C.

A representative of the Q.M.A.A.C. whenever possible

The Chairman of the Managing Trustees A.T.S./W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

The Chairman of the Grants Committee A.T.S./W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund.

Not more than three members may be co-opted by the Council and will normally serve for a period of three years.

Rule 9(a) (first paragraph of Rule 9 in 1968 Rule Book)

The Members of the Executive Committee shall be:-

The Vice-Chairman of Council, who shall act as Chairman

The Treasurer of the Association

Two ex-Service Members of Council, appointed by the Council

Three Serving Members of Council, appointed by the Council"

Rule 11—BRANCHES Add new final paragraph (m). This was previously contained in Rule 9.

(m) HEADQUARTER BRANCH In addition there shall be a Headquarter Branch, which shall include members overseas or otherwise unattached, who do not wish to retain their membership of a geographical Area/Sub-Area. The Chairman shall

be a member of Council. £5 to cover postage may be issued annually by the Treasurer.

Rule 12—FINANCE Amend first sentence of second paragraph to read

- (b) All cheques drawn on the Funds of the Association require two signatures which will be those of two of the following: The Treasurer, the General Secretary, and a nominated member of the Council.

8. Election of Officers
9. Any other business
10. Date of next meeting

PLEASE BRING THIS COPY OF THE LIONESS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

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. Members of Council look forward to meeting Branch Secretaries for lunch, as their guests.

QMAAC REUNION

THE QMAAC Reunion will be held in the Old Comrades Association Room, The Victory Club, Seymour Street, London W.2., on Friday 16th March, 1973, from 3-6 p.m. Tickets to include tea 65p each. Applications must be received by 3rd March, 1973. Please apply to the General Secretary, W.R.A.C. Association, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, enclosing 65p and stamped addressed envelope.

CHURCH SERVICE

BY kind permission of the Governor General Sir Charles Jones, G.C.B., C.B.E., M.C., members of the Association may attend morning service in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, on Sunday 18th March, 1973, at 11 a.m.

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.

A Grand Tombola Stall and Produce Stall will provide attractive prizes and purchases. A gorgeous doll beautifully dressed may be yours for guessing her birthday.

Tea will be available, tickets on sale at the door price 30p.

GRAND DRAW

THE Vice-President of the W.R.A.C. Association, Colonel L. M. Davies, C.B.E., has consented to draw the prize winning tickets after the A.G.M.

The prizes which are nearly all donated will be on display.

Any counterfoils not already returned should be sent immediately to the General Secretary.

The Prizes are:

Holiday for two Austrian Tyrol	Holiday up to £50 Wallace Arnold
Two nights for two in new London Hotel	Handbag
2 x 50 Benson & Hedges King Size Cigarettes	Electric Overblanket
Knee rug	Hat and scarf set
Two tickets for Members' Enclosure 2,000	Two tickets for Wimbledon Finals
Guineas	Two tickets for BBC show and £5 expenses
£10 Marks & Spencer voucher	Year's subscription to Homes and Gardens
£5 Boots voucher	One pair of linen sheets
Six rose bushes	Electric Kettle
Two tickets for Trooping the Colour	Two tickets for Ebor Day
Two theatre tickets	£5 Boots voucher
Year's subscription to Woman's Journal	Wilton rug
Beauty case by Yardley	

Branch Secretaries W.R.A.C. Units and Detachments

3 Sqn. 10 Signal Regt. W.O. 2 E. M. Bird, The Duchess of Kent Barracks, Maida Road, Aldershot.

12 Trg. Regt. R.C.T. Sgt. E. R. Blake, Buller Barracks, Aldershot.

Regimental Depot R.A.O.C. W.O. 2 J. Edwards, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey.

D Coy, 16 Bn. R.A.O.C. W.O. 2 S. Cartmell, St. Georges Barracks, Arncott, Bicester.

Camp Admin. Staff. Sgt. E. J. Dakin, Worthy Down, Winchester.

R.P.O. Brighton W.O. 2 I. E. Murphy, Preston Barracks, Lewes Road, Brighton.

R.A.E.C. Centre W.O. 2 N. J. O'Connell, Army School of Education, Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Army School of Physical Training Sgt. A. Hall, H.Q. and Depot A.P.T.C., Queens Avenue, Aldershot.

W.R.A.C. Centre, W.O. 1 I. Stevenson, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, Surrey.

W.R.A.C. College. W.O. 1 J. McIntosh (wef 11 Feb 73 W.O. 1 A. M. Doig) Portsmouth Road, Camberley, Surrey.

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Area/Branch News

NORTHERN AREA REUNION: The Northern Area Reunion was held in the Crescent Room of the Royal Baths Assembly rooms in Harrogate on Saturday 30th September. Once again there was a very good attendance of members from the Northern Area Branches and various individuals from as far apart as Lancashire and London. Lieutenant Colonel R. M. Engel, A.D.W.R.A.C. Northern Command and Northern Area Chairman, presided and was supported by the Vice Chairman, Colonel V. K. Stead, O.B.E., T.D., J.P., D.L. Sadly one familiar face was absent in that Mrs. E. M. Suttle, who had been Northern Area Secretary for many years had passed away at the end of July and her cheery presence was greatly missed by many old friends at this annual get-together. As there had been no opportunity to elect Mrs. Suttle's successor, Miss M. Bradley stood in as "temporary acting Secretary" for the purposes of the Reunion.

Lieutenant Colonel Engel opened the programme by extending a very warm welcome to everyone present and especially to the Director, Brigadier Heaney, to Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Michell who was a former Northern Area Chairman and to Colonel Lipscomb who had recently taken over as General Secretary and was with us for the first time. She asked everyone to join in paying tribute to Mrs. Suttle and said how very greatly she would be missed.

After some brief notices concerning the afternoon's programme, Colonel Stead thanked Lieutenant Colonel Engel and Miss Bradley for their efforts in organising the Reunion during the difficult period following Mrs. Suttle's death when many ends remained untied.

Lieutenant Colonel Engel then introduced the Director, who said she was delighted to be present and added her personal word of tribute to Mrs. Suttle and her many years of loyal service to Northern Area and the Association. She then gave a resume of the state of the Corps today, saying that recruiting was going well and for the first time for many years there was a surplus of girls. A new commercial film had been produced for advertising purposes with which everyone was very pleased—it was the first time the Corps had had a commercial film for cinema showing. Recently an Alan Whicker programme on the W.R.A.C. had appeared on television and everyone outside the Corps appeared to feel this had been good publicity. The range of trades was now the same as in the past. In Northern Ireland a number of girls were working in difficult conditions, but they are carrying on the tradition which their predecessors had set for them and were doing a fine job. 'Women's Lib' had not yet produced any desire to burn bras but the Corps was going to discard its tie and substitute a collar-attached blouse with a green tab. There had been progress in equality and since the 1st April the pay was 92½% that of the men. There was also scope for adventure training and numerous outdoor

activities were available. The Director's "news bulletin" was received with great interest and a vote of thanks to her was proposed by Miss Winterburn and seconded by Miss Walton.

The Chairman then introduced Lieutenant Colonel Michell who had agreed to give us an account of her recent world tour. Lieutenant Colonel Michell said she was delighted to be back in Northern Area again after her eventful travels during the past year and hoped we would be interested in her adventures. Many of the audience felt they could have made good use of an atlas to follow her progress from Rome and Beirut to South America via Iran, Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti and Panama, not to mention various "odd spots" in between. It provided a very colourful story of life in far-off lands and many of us wished we could experience such a journey ourselves, in fact instead of in imagination.

A vote of thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Michell was proposed by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Captain Angus.

An excellent buffet tea was then served, after which the lucky prizewinners in the raffle were revealed. The proceeds of the raffle, a collecting box passed round during the afternoon, and a "Bring and Buy" produce stall meant that a healthy sum could be sent to swell the Benevolent Fund.

Towards 6 p.m., people set off on their homeward journeys, saying 'Au revoir' for another year.

SUB AREA 3 REUNION 1972: The Sub Area 3 Reunion was held this year at Oxford on Sunday 24th September. Sub Area members from the Aldershot, Newbury and W.R.A.C. College Branches, also members from Southampton and Swindon, met at the Oxford University O.T.C. Mess where they were greeted by the Chairman of Oxford Branch Mrs. M. Paton M.B.E. and her helpers Mesdames Skinner, Perry, Goldie, Adams and Miss Steyton. Also present was Lieutenant Colonel H. Powell, A.D.W.R.A.C. South East District, who is also President of the Aldershot Branch. About 54 members in all were present.

After eating their picnic lunches in the warmth and comfort of the Mess, which was much appreciated because it was a fine but rather overcast and cold day, the members were taken on a tour round the colleges ably conducted by four of the husbands of Oxford Branch members (Mr. Skinner, Adams, Paton and Giddings). They were shown Magdalen College where they visited the Chapel, then went down to Christchurch Meadows and along the Broad Walk. They then visited Tom Quad and saw the Christchurch Cathedral with its lovely rose window. Then the party returned passing the Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera back to the Mess to tea. This was good and plentiful, which was not surprising when one learnt that one of the members was an ex Sgt. Cook. A raffle was then held with many varied prizes and the Oxford Branch presented the Sub Area with £1.50 towards their funds.

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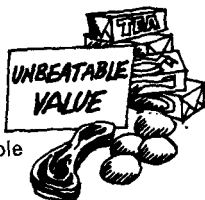
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The Sub Area Chairman expressed her thanks to the Oxford Branch for holding the Reunion and making possible the link up between the Branches on either side of the Sub Area. After this members left for their respective homes after a most enjoyable day.

BATH. The past year has been a busy, yet varied one, when we started off with the Branch A.G.M. and Dinner, followed by a "Pub" Lunch at the home of our Chairman in aid of a local charity. This was followed by a Jumble Sale, and then the No. 2 Sub-Area Reunion, organised by Cheltenham Branch, when we visited Littlecote House and had a most enjoyable day. An evening trip to Chepstow and through the Scenic Drive, with a meal en route took place in July. I hasten to erase the impression that we only enjoy ourselves!—Members have been working hard all the year making articles for our Stall at the Halloween Fair, and a record sum of £82 was raised in October to help not only the W.R.A.C. Benevolent Fund, the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund, and the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, but also several local charities. We marked the 25th anniversary of the Branch in November by holding a celebration Dinner in a local hotel. The Chairman gave a practical demonstration of making Christmas decorations in her home, and we held another Jumble Sale early in December. We finished 1972 with our annual Christmas Dinner, which members and friends enjoyed immensely. In conclusion we congratulate Sylvia Bunyan on her recent marriage to Mr. Jack Musgrove and wish them both every happiness. We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to health to Mrs. Townsend and hope Mrs. Rawlings at Corsham will also soon be better.

EDINBURGH: Edinburgh Branch were greatly privileged when Mrs. A. Russell Simpson, a member of the Branch who is a Life Vice President of the Association, arranged for her niece, Miss Joan Dickson, the internationally-famed cellist, to give a recital for them. This took place in November at Mrs. Simpson's home when we were treated to a feast of splendid music which included works by Bach, Rachmaninov, Bruch and Shostakovich. Miss Dickson's virtuoso playing was most beautifully complemented by the accompaniment of her sister Hester at the piano. It was an evening to remember and will long be talked of by those fortunate enough to be present.

HARROGATE: Following trials and tribulations earlier in the year as a result of the alteration and redecoration of our meeting room, we now have an attractively furnished and comfortable 'home' with more room and greatly improved facilities for more ambitious projects.

In September, being on home ground, members attended the Northern Area Reunion in Harrogate and helped in various ways, including acting as "door-women" and at our monthly meeting at the end of September Mr. and Mrs. Richardson came and showed

some fascinating slides of Greece, Turkey, Tunisia and Ibiza.

In October we had an enthralling talk by Mr. F. Wintersgill on "Our London", during which we were somewhat surprised to find out how little we really knew about our own capital city, its history and its odd corners and customs.

November brought the A.G.M. which produced so much interesting discussion on various topics that we did not have time to plan our usual Christmas Dinner and this has now been postponed until January when everyone has recovered from the Christmas festivities. At the January meeting the local Senior Probation Officer came to speak and following a 'planning session' we hope to start a recruiting campaign to attract some new members and arrange a series of interesting events for the rest of 1973.

MIDDLE EAST. Several new faces were seen when the Middle East Group met for its Annual Reunion on Saturday, May 20th, but sadly there was one face missing—that of Mrs. Mabel Lead who has been such a regular attendant in past years, and who died at the age of 81 in December 1971 after a life spent helping others. Altogether 34 members were present.

SALISBURY: We have continued our monthly meetings during the past year and these have been fairly well attended. Some of our members live some distance outside Salisbury and are not always able to be with us.

Usually we hold our meetings at the College of Sarum St. Michael thanks to the Principal Miss Ashley and Miss Walker, and at one of these meetings we were able to see over the college. Unfortunately it was one (?) of the wet evenings in June and we had a small attendance and had to dash from one building to the other in the pouring rain! In May, we visited Colonel Gibson at her new home near Fordingbridge when we had a most enjoyable evening. Another happy evening was spent with Colonel MacFie at Middle Wallop in July.

Our Annual General Meeting took place in November—we have the same chairman and secretary, but a new Treasurer, Mrs. Dodkins. We thank our retiring Treasurer for all her hard work she has done for us. We were able to report a satisfactory balance in hand and able to make our annual donation to the Benevolent Fund.

The Secretary attended the Annual General Meeting in London and several got to the Reunion the same evening. Eight members were able to attend the Southern Area Reunion arranged by the Cheltenham branch at Littlecote House and afterwards at Marlborough. Two of our number are on the British Legion Services Committee and we also attended the annual Remembrance Day parade in Salisbury.

The highlight of our year has been our Wine and Cheese Party held just before Christmas at the College of Sarum St. Michael. We were indeed fortunate to have such a lovely setting for this and many thanks are due to Miss

Walker for the excellent arrangements. We were sorry that the Principal was not able to be with us, neither was Colonel Hammond. We are always glad to see old friends at this annual event and this year we were very glad to have so many serving members with us from neighbouring units.

This year will see a different meeting place for us. We have been able to arrange to have the use of a room at the British Legion Club and we will be meeting there on the *fourth* Wednesday of each month, excluding June, July, August and December. We have arranged several speakers for the coming year and hope to see all our members with us.

SHEFFIELD. Sheffield Branch has continued to meet at the Victoria Hall during the past year, sending representatives to the various meetings and reunions, the highlight being the Reunion at the Victory Club when Florence, our secretary was presented to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.

We were sorry to lose one of our 1st World War Veterans in the death of Mrs. Topsy Green who had endeared herself to us all, and will be sadly missed. Our two other Q.As. Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Marshall are not always able to attend meetings but they support our every venture.

At Christmastime, we enjoyed together, a very good amateur production of My Fair Lady. In fact we almost thought we were at Drury Lane.

This year we unanimously decided to help the Sheffield School for Mentally Handicapped Children as our good cause.

We had several happy events during the year. Mrs. Joan Whittle's son Hugh was married during his leave from the R.A.F., and our President Mrs. Tannett was overjoyed in becoming a DOUBLE GRAN. There was a wee boy Nicholas, for Melody in South Africa, and a wee girl Rebecca for May in London.

Our Annual Dinner was quite an occasion, our 25th one, SILVER. There was a celebration cake and we were all delighted to receive from Eileen, our Chairman, a gift of an inscribed ball point pen "A.T.S. 25th Anniversary".

SOUTHAMPTON. We are happy to report that our membership is increasing, and many members attend our monthly meetings, held in very comfortable and congenial surroundings. Our Speakers have been on a wide range of subjects including "Make up Demonstration" "Guide Dog Association" and the "History of Southampton" and we have also held Bring and Buy Sales to raise funds for our Branch. Over thirty members attended our Annual Dinner at the Royal Hotel, and enjoyed an excellent meal. We were indeed delighted to welcome Col. D. Humphery, C.B.E., Vice Chairman of Council and our chief guest, and in her speech she gave valuable information regarding the activities of the Association, and the planned re-organisation of the Sub

Areas. Six of our members attended the Reunion at the Victory Club which was a most memorable evening.

Notes from a Wheel Chair

Miss Lund-Linton ex A.T.S., W.R.A.F. and
W.R.A.C./T.A.

THE following extracts are from recordings made by "Buzz" Lund-Linton during the years 1971 and 1972 to show how, despite being confined to a wheel chair, she manages to get around and about and enjoy life as much as possible.

In September I went to the last day of Hickstead; it was great fun and as I cannot get my chair out of the car myself I got the old man who puts up the jumps to get it out and haul me from the car by the back of the trousers which I wear because it is easy to pick me up by the waistband. Then I watched the jumping and did some shopping in the tents. It is rather difficult if you are home-bound to get shopping done so I make the most of the opportunity at Horse Shows and things. After it was over I came home and had three Cornish farmers in fits of laughter putting me back in the car, hanging on to the back of my trousers. They were in as giggling a state as I was; you have never seen anything so amusing.

During the summer I attended the Beating the Retreat of the Highland Brigade on the Horse Guards. When I first wrote to Aberdeen for a wheel chair space they did not know what to do with me, but after a good deal of talking on phones they got me a very good seat amongst the Press, and I was frightfully thrilled to see the Highland Brigade. They were terribly kind in the car park, humping me back in the car, as I will not let my friends who are my own age group help me.

In July, the local Royal Air Force Association Branch organised a party to visit Windsor Castle. We have a special ambulance for people in chairs and a coach for the others. We arrived at Windsor, where there is a lift for us, half an hour before it was open to the public and were taken round the various apartments. When we came out I met the Canon's wife. She used to be my tennis partner at school forty three years ago and I had not seen her since. We had a natter and I took a lot of photographs and we went over St. George's Chapel.

The previous month the local Branch arranged a party to the Safari Park at Windsor. There we sat with thousands of yelling school kids, watching the Killer Whale and the Dolphins perform; I thoroughly enjoyed the animal part of it but just in the middle my camera jammed. It was a bit of a nuisance but luckily there was a Kodak branch there and I was able to get it unjammed. Since I have been disabled I have a photographic record of everything I have done from a wheel chair or a car, and I have some very good ones taken through the windscreen of a car.

It is now 1972; I started this tape recording over a year ago. I have just returned from a holiday in Yorkshire. My biggest blow is that I am no longer allowed to drive but I managed to obtain the services of a student to drive me, and a friend with whom I worked in the Hospital Service many years ago to act as escort. After picking up my escort in Lewisham on Friday we drove to Scotch Corner in Yorkshire and stayed at a hotel for a long weekend. We arrived in time for dinner, the first time I have been out so late at night for a meal, and it was a thrill to be able to do something on my own again. On Saturday my chauffeur deposited me with some old friends in Yorkshire whom I have known for forty years. When we got back to the hotel in the evening we found that there was a dinner dance; I haven't been to one for twenty years. There were four twenty-first birthday parties going on that night and we watched the dancing from a very good table near the edge of the floor. During dinner a gentleman came and spoke to me. He was a racehorse owner whose horses are trained at Malton. He said he had backed two winners that day—both his own—one had come in third at 50 to 1 and the other first; he was very elated and joyful about it.

Next day my escort and chauffeur left me with my friends again and I had a most enjoyable day and in the evening two retired W.A.A.F. Warrant Officers drove seventy miles to have dinner with me. I was terribly thrilled to see them, one I hadn't seen for fifteen years, the other since 1967. On Monday back home again, via Nottingham and down the M1; the first time I have ever been on a motorway and I have never been so bored in my life. It seemed to me we were only doing thirty miles an hour when we were doing over seventy.

I got a friend to take me to the last night of the International Horse Show, with which I was thrilled. At Wembley I am not allowed to sit in my chair but have to be carried to my seat, which the Manager very kindly organises for me. Afterwards I had to stay in my seat until all the spectators had left; well, the rest was on T.V. but this was a side line. I suddenly saw the arena being cleared in front of me and a third being marked off with a hedge. Next thing, tables, chairs, cloths and food and drink were rushed on in front of me and when I asked a chauffeur standing beside me what was happening he said 'You-know-who is throwing a party for the competitors'.

Way back in the winter I got some very good photographs of the Meet of the Chiddingfold and Leconfield Hunt at Bolney. Later last summer we were all invited to tea at the House of Lords by Black Rod, and I was allowed to take photographs provided I turned my back to the Commons! Last year I went to the Battle of Britain Service and my escorts took an excellent photograph of Baroness Spencer-Churchill leaving the Abbey through the R.A.F. Guard of Honour.

In April I had the privilege of being invited to the Sovereign's Parade at Camberley when the Salute was

taken by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. It was a very beautiful day. I was wheeled across the Parade Ground by a Cadet from overseas. Afterwards I saw his photograph in the paper; he was the grandson of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia.

Donnington Hall, Room "504"

THERE must be many readers who remember the few who came from Castle Ashby and took up residence in dear old 504, and will not be at all surprised to know that several have continued the friendship over so many years.

Dear Frenchie who wrote the scripts for our shows, and songs for us to sing as we drove our convoys the length and breadth of Britain. Rather naughty songs at times which enabled us to get all our grumbles off our chests. Frenchie lives in her thatched cottage in Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, and loves to see old faces from Castle Donnington.

Our artist Bobbie Watkins, now a citizen of the USA, living in the precincts of the great Temple in Salt Lake City, happily married to a former US Senator. She will surely be painting beautiful pictures of the Rockies she admires so much.

Pip Allcott who transferred from Convoys, and ran Company Office and kept us all well organised, well paid, and disciplined. She emigrated to Canada and is now Mrs. Rice living in her beautiful English home in Toronto. Mrs. Allcott is also in Toronto. Many of us remember her so well when she welcomed us to her home in London during the war.

Eve Anderson from Leeds and Cheshire, Danny Dando from Bath who together are visiting Pip in Toronto during August and September. What reminiscing there will be.

A contribution from Peggy Hawksworth (Sheffield Branch) who had the privilege of those wonderful holidays with Pip in Toronto.

Correspondence

MUSEUM

Miss Eileen Scott of Ealing writes:

"I read with interest the announcements under Museum Notes. I was in Camp 1 at the time of the raids there when Miss Cross was our Administrator, and Miss Cartledge forewoman. I spent practically all my Q.M.A.A.C. days there except for a very short time at Camp 3. I hope the missing medals will turn up. Perhaps they are being treasured by some relatives."

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 2/Lt. J. A. Freebairn, att. 10 Sig. Regt.
 2/Lt. S. Hamer, att. R.A.E.C. Centre (course).
 2/Lt. M. A. Harwood, A.S.P.T.
 2/Lt. R. A. Hewlett, W.R.A.C. Centre.
 2/Lt. J. L. G. Ivol, att. R.A.E.C. Centre (course).
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 2/Lt. A. M. Lovatt, Attending P.I. Course.
 2/Lt. J. MacKay, 30 Sig. Regt.
 2/Lt. Y. M. T. Phipps, att. 8 Sig. Regt.
 2/Lt. C. M. Reynolds, W.R.A.C. Centre.
 2/Lt. F. E. Richards, 8 Sig. Regt.
 2/Lt. E. A. Ruffe, 10 Sig. Regt.
 2/Lt. A. M. Stratford-Tuke, W.R.A.C. Centre.

Warrant Officers' Postings

(1 Jul-31 Dec 72)

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 W.O.II V. I. Brown, W.R.A.C. Centre.
 W.O.II B. Herterich, R. & L.S. H.Q. North West District.
 W.O.II W. K. Pickard, 8 Sig. Regt.
 W.O.II S. Cartmell, C.O.D. Bicester.
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 W.O.II H. W. G. Thomson, M.V.E.E.
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 W.O.II J. P. Gray, W.R.A.C. Centre.
 W.O.II V. Bantock, Royal School of Arty, Larkhill.
 W.O.II F. A. Germain, R. & L.S. Northumbrian District.
 W.O.II J. Powell, W.R.A.C. Centre.
 W.O.II S. M. Weatherill, 29 Coy W.R.A.C.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS Regular Army

Lieutenants: 2/Lts. E. D. Cameron, C. A. Howell, M. R. King.
 2/Lieuts.: M. G. Byrne, I. J. Croft, P. M. Hollingsworth, S. D. Jones, C. L. Lee, J. C. Petty, Y. Pierce, A. R. Westlake.
 2/Lieutenants on probation: S. A. Ashard, H. E. Erskine.

Special Regular Commissions

Lieutenants: W.O.II J. L. Lawson, 2/Lts. S. M. Arnold, P. J. Fisher, G. Travers.

Short Service Commissions

Captain: Lt. A. C. E. Walters.
 Lieutenants: 2/Lts. F. Ablett, A. F. Hall, A. M. Kinniburgh, P. M. Lewis, S. Machin, P. J. Parker, E. A. Smith.
 2/Lieut.: S. M. Thurston.
 2/Lieutenants on probation: D. L. Allen, F. Y. Cook, B. B. Towe are confirmed in their appointments.
 2/Lieutenants on probation: S. Burwell, A. P. Cox, J. A. Freebairn, S. Hamer, M. A. Harwood, J. L. G. Ivol.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS Regular Army

Colonel R. Hill, O.B.E.
 Major M. M. Power
 Captains J. M. Bunyan, H. R. Greenland, L. Hancock.
 Lieutenants P. A. Tinsley, P. A. Williams.
 2/Lieutenants J. E. Segar.

Short Service Commissions

Lieutenant C. E. Mendham.

Newly Selected Army Hockey Team

by

Private Gae Tully

On Friday October 13th 1972 the annual selection of the Army Hockey Team was held at Aldershot. Players came from all over the U.K. and BAOR and the standard of all the players was very high. After a hard day of trials the selectors finally came up with the first XI.

Saturday was the first day the team was coached together, before they played the first match of the season, which was against Guildford Ladies, who are renowned for being a first class team. The match started evenly with both teams attacking from the start. In the 19th minute with a through ball from the left played by Lcpl Malyan the Army scored their first goal of the match and season by Cpl Benstead.

After the first goal the Army team took command and out-paced and out-played Guildford Ladies. Before half time the Army added two more goals by Pte Deighton-Smith and Officer Cadet Hewlett to make the score 3-0. At the start of the second half Guildford Ladies fought back hard and were rewarded by a goal in the 40th minute. After this goal the Army defence led by Cpl Bowden and Capt. Patrick held out the Guildford attack.

With the Army attacking again in full force Pte. Deighton-Smith, the team's new and youngest member, scored her second and well deserved goal of the match to help the Army team to victory by 4 goals to 1.

Annual Army Music Group and Singer Competition

AS I am convinced that the W.R.A.C. abound with musical talent, it always seems strange to me that only a handful of us have ever entered for the annual Army Music Group and Singer Competition, the finals of which are held in the B.B.C. Camden Theatre, London, each Spring—following the semi-finals for all the Commands appropriately staged at Kneller Hall.

I personally know of a guitar-strumming and vocal P.T.I., a song writer/singer Recruiting Sergeant the ex-lead guitarist of the 'Militaires' and a melodist stewardess from Shoburyness who are all excellent candidates for the singer category. For the group division, it may be of interest to know that any *two* people constitute a group so, apart from all our likely bets in the obvious W.R.A.C. Staff Band, anyone who can tootle, pluck or bang a bit could have a go—and why not! In my experience, although whilst competing I felt sickly with nerves, the musical knowledge gained and the acquaintances made have made the suffering worth-while, not to mention the filip obtained for my relatives and friends when I've been featured on radio programmes as a result of winning this competition.

I do not have any immediate plans for entering again after winning twice but I would like to wish anyone else who may enter the 'very best of luck!' Further information and details can be obtained from:—

Chief Clerk,
A Branch,
London District,
Whitehall,
London S.W.1.

B.A.C.

NOTE:

Sergeant Clewlow has, as a result of becoming Army Singer 1970 and 1972, been featured in a number of local newspapers; this has indirectly benefitted recruitment in the South London area. In addition she has broadcast a number of times for B.F.B.S. and B.B.C. World-Wide services—on Christmas Day she sang on B.B.C. Radio 2 'The Frankie Howerd Christmas Gala'—the musical arrangement for which was provided by Malcolm Lockyer and the B.B.C. Radio Orchestra, being featured on the same bill as Frankie Howerd, Selena Jones, Alan Price/Georgie Fame, June Whitfield and Ray Fell.

Branch Meetings

SWINDON: The newly formed Swindon Branch will meet on the third Wednesday each month at the Drill Hall, Swindon.

Resettlement News

FOR the benefit of those readers who are nearing the end of their service we shall publish, as available, a brief resume of any relevant current information available in the Services Resettlement Bulletin.

A SETTLED RESETTLEMENT

HOUSING is one of the most formidable problems of resettlement. It requires careful consideration because it can affect your life and happiness for many years to come, says the latest issue of the Services Resettlement Bulletin.

This issue of the Bulletin—No. 5 of 1972 "A Guide to Resettlement"—gives advice about renting and buying a home: how to apply for a council house, raising money for a mortgage, special house purchase schemes, and professional charges.

The 84-page issue also gives information about trade union membership, concessions by professional bodies, and organisations which help men and women leaving the Services to find employment.

The Services Resettlement Bulletin is available free of charge from your local Royal Army Educational Corps Officer.

Scottish Reunion 1973

THE Scottish Reunion will be held in the McRobert Centre, Stirling University, Stirling on Saturday 16 June from 6.30-9.30 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.

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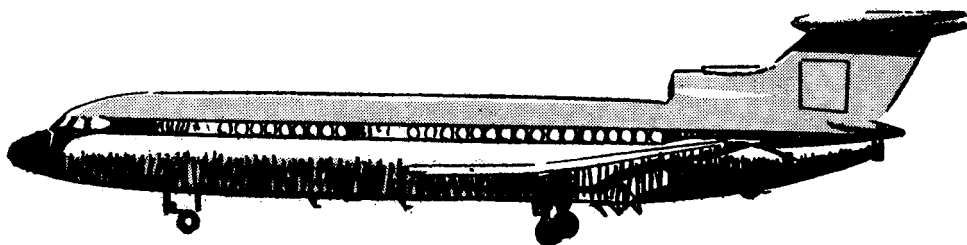
and may be obtained from: W.R.A.C. Reunion Treasurer, W.R.A.C. Branch, H.Q. Scotland (Army), Edinburgh EH1 2YX. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

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Personal Column Charges. 3 lines 30p, each additional line 10p, (box numbers included). Non members 50% more. Notices of forthcoming reunions where admission is charged may be inserted at a cost of 10p per line.

Opportunities available in the fields of book distributing and consumer services (see advert on page 23). For further information contact Major P. A. Sunnucks Retd), 57 Larkwood Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire. Telephone Crowthorne 3662.

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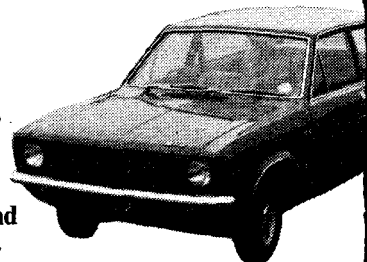
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