

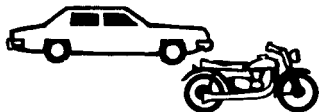
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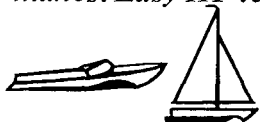


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Orders should be placed early for Christmas.

For Your Diary

October

- 14-19 Courvoisier Show (show jumping)
Wembley, London.
18 Vienna Boys Choir, Cathedral, Lincoln.
19-26 Bath Bach Festival, Bath, Avon.
29-30 Royal Horticultural Society Late Autumn
Show, Royal Horticultural Halls,
London.
31-
Nov 3 West Riding Cathedrals Festival, Cathed-
ral Sheffield, Yorkshire.

November

- 2 Fireworks Fair, Beaulieu, Hampshire.
5-7 Glasgow Antiques Fair, Albany Hotel,
Glasgow.
6 SSAFA Christmas Market, Chelsea
Barracks, London.
7-16 International Caravan and Camping
Show, Earls Court, London.
9 The Lord Mayor's Show, Guildhall to
Royal Courts of Justice, London.
10 Remembrance Service, Westminster
Abbey, London.
10-23 Queen's University Festival, Queen's
University, Belfast.
12-15 Careers for '75, Alexandra Palace,
London.
27-
Dec 1 International Ski Show, New Horticul-
tural Hall, London.
30 St Andrew's Day

December

- 16-
Mar 22 D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, Sadler's
Wells Theatre, London
18-21 Dunhill International Show Jumping,
Olympia, London.

January

- 1-11 International Boat Show, Earls Court,
London.
1-12 Camping, Outdoor Life and Travel
Exhibition, Olympia, London.
4 London Orpheus Choir, Handel's
Messiah, Queen Elizabeth Hall,
London.
4-12 The Holiday '75 Show, Olympia, London

February

- 7-8 Cruft's Dog Show, Olympia, London.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

*Pte L. Tudor and Cpl M. Amos of 27 Signal Regt.,
powering their way into the prize list at the
British Land Forces, Hong Kong orienteering
meeting.*

WRAC Staff Band

The following engagements may be of interest
to readers:

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| Sep 30-Oct 12 | Tour Berlin |
| Oct 26 | 6.30 pm Liphook Bonfire and
Carnival |
| 27 | Band Spectacular, Coven-
ry, includes the Bands of
Kneller Hall, Sandhurst
and Black Watch Regi-
ment. |
| Nov 9 | 11 am-2 pm Lord Mayor's Show,
London. |
| Dec 1 | Band Spectacular, Birm-
ingham, includes the
Bands of Kneller Hall,
Sandhurst and Black
Watch Regiment. |
| Feb 1 | Band Spectacular, Bristol,
includes the Bands of
Kneller Hall, Sandhurst
and Black Watch Regi-
ment |

Nuffield Centre Re-Opens

THE Nuffield Centre re-opened in June at
Villiers House, John Adam Street, Strand,
WC2. The centre is managed under the auspices
of the Nuffield Trust for the Forces and is open
to all serving men and women below commis-
ioned rank. The idea is to provide a place in London
where they can eat, drink and get together at a
low cost so that they have money left over to get
out and about and enjoy the sometimes more
expensive amenities offered in the capital. The
Nuffield Centre's facilities include a licensed bar,
lounge and cafeteria with hot and cold meals,
all at reasonable prices. There is a colour tele-
vision and dances are held including a special
disco on Saturday evenings. There is a daily
distribution of free theatre and cinema tickets.
The centre has no sleeping facilities. It is open
from 1530 to 2230 on Tuesdays to Fridays and
from 1200 to 2330 on Saturdays. It closes on
Sundays and Mondays.



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Editorial

IN the last three editorials we tried to explain why it was an economic necessity to enlarge the membership of the Association and to increase the circulation of Lioness. In both these appeals for readers' co-operation our pleas have received a positive and gratifying response. There have been more applications for membership and, since the June issue, the increase in orders for serving members has gone up from 600 to 1000 copies. In addition the attempt to attract more advertising matter is beginning to succeed.

Unfortunately the economic situation of the Country is such, that on the one hand stagnation in business tends to lead to economy in advertising and, on the other, production costs of the magazine continue to rise dramatically. In other words we are compelled to run faster in order to stay in the same place.

Nevertheless we greatly appreciate all the efforts being made by our Advertising Representative, by Commanding Officers, by our Printers and by all our ordinary members, both serving and retired, to make Lioness viable and ensure that it will continue as our Corps journal. We, for our part, will use our best endeavours to improve and maintain the standards of presentation and general interest which will enable the increased circulation to progress.

One event which has given great pleasure to all the staff at Corps Headquarters and the WRAC Centre, as well as to her many friends in the Corps, has been the award of the BEM to Mrs Hilda Bell. A former Warrant Officer in the Corps, for thirteen years, she has, almost unaided, been responsible for running the Museum. This has entailed research, correspondence, the sale of souvenirs and raising funds in addition to the more mundane tasks of cleaning and maintaining the exhibits, showing visitors round and generally "selling" the Corps to the public. In fact one party of primary school children were so impressed by Mrs Bell's educative and interesting explanations, that they recorded their impressions in delightful illustrations. We know that these uninhibited expressions of their thanks are among her most treasured possessions. The facts that nearly 5,000 people visit the Museum

annually and in 1973 Mrs Bell herself raised a record sum of £206 speak for themselves. But it is gratifying that this devoted and consistent dedication has been publicly recognised.

As this will be the last Lioness this year we wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Institute of Advanced Motorists

READERS may remember the article "Advanced Motorist to the Fore" in the February 1974 issue of Lioness. Research has revealed that there are currently 9 officer and 51 service-women members, of which 29 of the latter are serving as drivers.

Mrs. G. Romanis, Secretary of the Carlisle Branch, has written to tell us of their most distinguished member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Mrs D. Aplin MBE, who served in the QMAAC and ATS and, last year, received a commendation from Lord Louis Mountbatten for her work as President of the local SSAFA, is now 80 but took her IAM test at the age of 62 and passed. This made her the first woman in the North to do so and her IAM number is 1404-an achievement of which they are all very proud.

Services Resettlement Bulletin News

SERVICEWOMEN approaching the end of their engagements are advised to read the Services Resettlement Bulletins which are available in their Unit Orderly Rooms and local Army Education Centres. These give details of resettlement advice and training courses and also job opportunities in the following areas:-

- Bulletin No 2 Eastern and Southern Regions
- No 3 Scotland
- No 4 Wales

Director of Music WRAC Staff Band

CAPTAIN M. G. Lane ARCM, RH, who has been Director of Music WRAC Staff Band since November 1971, handed over to Captain L. A. E. Hopkin MBE, LRAM, WRAC, on 1st August 1974. The Band has flourished under Captain Lane's cheerful and ebullient leadership and the WRAC Centre is particularly pleased that he will be a very near neighbour in his new appointment as Director of Music Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.



Captain L. A. E. Hopkin MBE LRAM
Director of Music

Captain Lynette Hopkin joined the WRAC as a Bandswoman in August 1949 after having studied at the Birmingham School of Music. It was there she began to play the Clarinet. She was fortunate, later, to study under Thea King, the well known clarinetist. Apart from a nine months break of service during which she worked for the BBC, Captain Hopkin has served in the Band since her enlistment. In addition to her musical training in the Army she has, in her off duty time, continued her studies by attending classes at Morley College, and in 1958 she took her LRAM. In 1970 as Band Sergeant Major, she was awarded the MBE.

Captain Hopkin has successfully completed a three year course at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, where she won the Conducting Prize. She has assumed the Directorship in the midst of a very busy summer season, now drawing to a hectic close with London Parks Concerts and an overseas tour in Berlin.

We wish her every success in her appointment as our Director of Music.

Three Cheers for Ubique!

Joan Wanklyn

HAVE you ever served on a gunsite or been attached to a Gunner unit? Or married a Gunner?

It was only when I started to write this article that I realised how many of my friends have done just that—or, in the case of serving with the Gunners, tried their best but failed.

The friend I am thinking of failed through no fault of her own. Born in Woolwich, she longed above all else to “go on the guns”, so as soon as she was old enough she joined the ATS (it was during the War), passed her tests, and, walking on air, reported for gunnery training—only to be thrown out because she was too small! She still is—only 4 ft 10 inches. But she soldiered on, became an officer's batwoman and married an ex-RAF man—and here fate took a hand, because he became craftsman-caretaker to the Royal Artillery Museum and now they both know more about the Royal Regiment than many a Gunner!

My next heroine, whom I shall call Jacqueline, told me she served nearly a year in the ranks before “they” had a brainstorm and commissioned her (although she was back-squadded twice). She still blushes at what happened when escorting some girls on a visit to RAF Gutersloh. In one of the hangars she, as the officer, was invited by their guide to climb into the cockpit of a fighter. The Flight Lieutenant, standing on the wing, told her to close the canopy. Thinking her cap would get caught, she put up an arm, somehow pressed the wrong tit and with a loud explosion the canopy ejected itself skywards, hit the roof and descended on the tail of the fighter, narrowly missing the Flight Lieutenant who fell off the wing, cutting his head en route.

In the ensuing moment of appalled silence, Jacqueline, to her eternal embarrassment, heard a small voice that could only be hers, ask “Is my hat all right?”

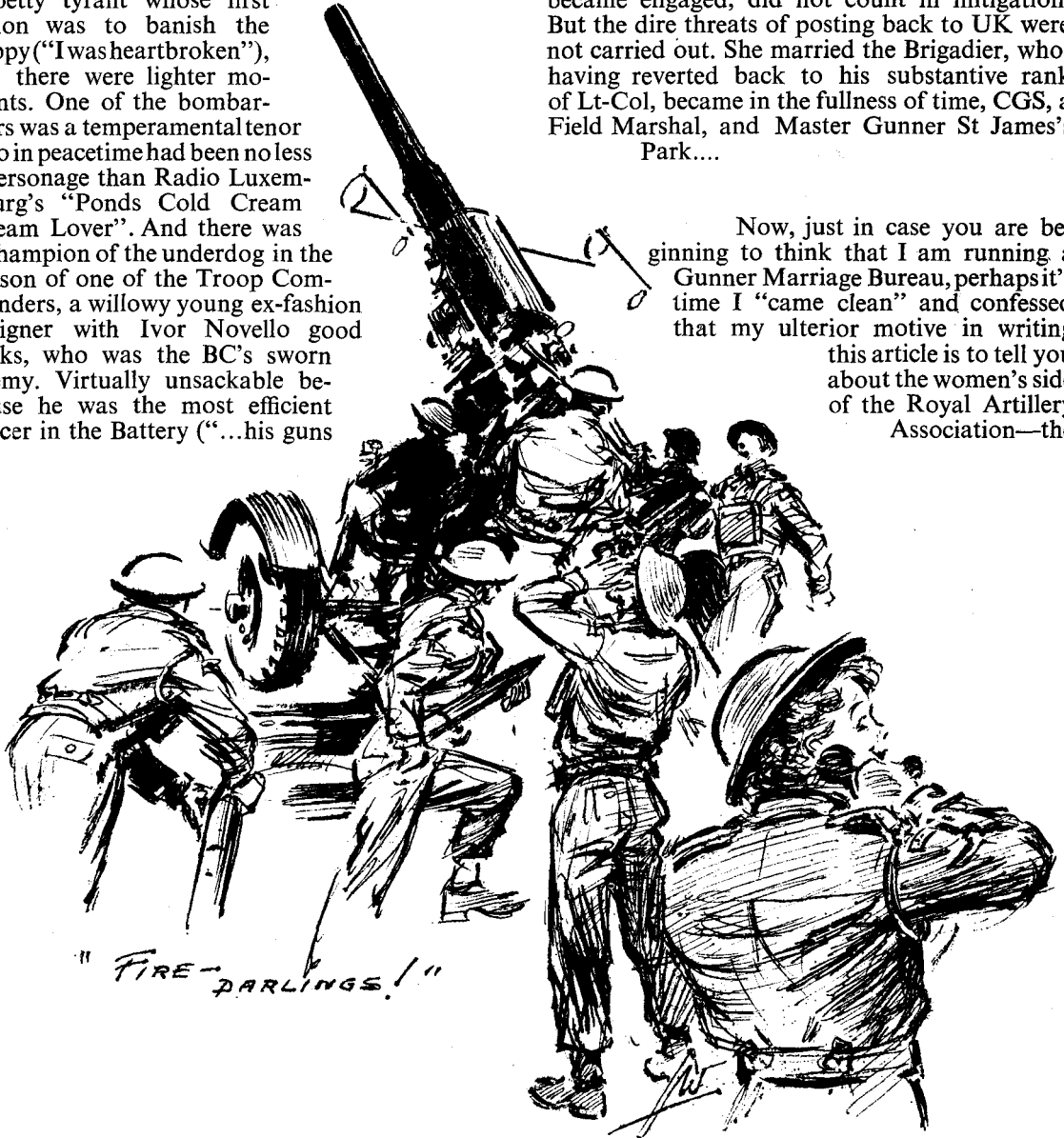
Driving numbly back down the autobahn to report to her Colonel, she composed a letter to her fiancé: “Dear John, I've just written off an aircraft, can you lend me £5,000?” But the Court of Inquiry proved less fierce than they looked, merely recommending that the RAF re-think their anti-visitor protection drill. Her fiancé, an unflappable Gunner major, took it all in his stride, and now commands the Depot Regiment Royal Artillery, through which recruits enter the Regiment. Jacqueline, a very human Colonel's lady, perhaps because of her fellow feeling for

those in trouble, knows considerably more than most people about welfare.

Back to the war again, to a very young subaltern with a Labrador puppy, who reported one blacked-out night to her first posting, a particularly dreary gunsite in Gloucestershire. It was not a happy Battery; the BC, an ex-dentist, proved to be a petty tyrant whose first action was to banish the puppy ("I was heartbroken"), but there were lighter moments. One of the bombardiers was a temperamental tenor who in peacetime had been no less a personage than Radio Luxembourg's "Ponds Cold Cream Dream Lover". And there was a champion of the underdog in the person of one of the Troop Commanders, a willowy young ex-fashion designer with Ivor Novello good looks, who was the BC's sworn enemy. Virtually unsackable because he was the most efficient officer in the Battery ("...his guns

ductions to the Gunners, but on being posted to Germany in 1944 on staff duties, our subaltern promptly fell in love with—a Gunner. There were minor hazards, such as incurring the grave displeasure of her superiors by appearing in the Kursaal in civilian clothes ("...a skirt and blouse that would have looked prim at the Vicar's tea party...") The fact that her escort was the Brigadier GS, to whom shortly afterwards she became engaged, did not count in mitigation. But the dire threats of posting back to UK were not carried out. She married the Brigadier, who, having reverted back to his substantive rank of Lt-Col, became in the fullness of time, CGS, a Field Marshal, and Master Gunner St James's Park....

Now, just in case you are beginning to think that I am running a Gunner Marriage Bureau, perhaps it's time I "came clean" and confessed that my ulterior motive in writing this article is to tell you about the women's side of the Royal Artillery Association—the



almost always hit the target and not the towing aircraft...") he was quite capable of adding the word "Darlings" to the order "Fire!"

Not perhaps the most promising of intro-

RAALS, or Ladies Sections. We women are honorary members of the Association, and anyone who has served on attachment to a Gunner Unit, or who has Gunner relatives, is eligible to join us,

and by so doing, to keep in touch with the Royal Artillery. Our members are beginning to affiliate very much more closely with the Wives' Clubs of Gunner Regiments, and there is a real opportunity for us to help in welfare work with soldiers' families, especially with widows. We urgently need more members, to join existing Sections, to form new ones in different parts of the country, especially Scotland, and also to become "Gunner Links"—independent members who are kept in touch through our Headquarters.

Are you interested, or do you know anyone who might be? If so, please write to me, Joan Wanklyn, c/o Royal Artillery Association Ladies Section, Artillery House, Connaught Barracks, Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, SE18 6SL, or ring 01-855 9649, and we will gladly send you details. Hope to hear from you!

The Girls Venture Corps

THE Girls Venture Corps is a national, uniformed organisation for girls between the ages of 13 and 20. It is self-financing and administered on a committee basis at national, regional, district and unit level. The Corps is run on similar lines to the Women's Services, with roughly equivalent rank structure and training for promotion and specialisation at all levels.

Briefly, its aims are to train girls to be responsible, self-disciplined citizens who will give service to the community and this is achieved through such means as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, camping, aviation training, gliding, rifle shooting, travel scholarships and so on. Because members must be prepared to accept a code of discipline and service to the community, the Corps is numerically smaller than organisations concerned only with teenage entertainment. Nevertheless many WRAC Officers and NCOs may have, already, come in contact with the GVC through camps, festivals, and the help given by Army Youth Teams.

Most units are in close association with a Unit of boys in the Army Cadet Force or Air Training Corps and the three Corps help each other in many ways, especially over accommodation and instructors. The Adventure Training Camps, for example, are joint affairs.

At present there are about 220 units but this number could easily be increased if suitable leaders were available. Former, or even serving, Officers and NCOs of the Women's Services are eminently suitable for this type of leadership as the basic training, discipline, command and administration, are the same. The demands are not great—one or two evenings a week and an occasional weekend, plus the "know how" of Service life, are adequate to command and train

a local unit of anything from a dozen to 50 cadets and many GVC cadets go on to join one of the Women's Services. All agree their early training was invaluable in their adult career.

Already, there are ex-Service Officers, NCOs and Servicewomen at all levels of the GVC and they invite any reader of *Lioness*, who might be interested, to write to Miss Hazel Prosper, Director, Girls Venture Corps, 33 St George's Drive, London SW1, for more information and details of local units.

Times Remembered QMAAC

Mrs Winifred V. Robinson

WE were just 100 QMAAC girls at Fort Brockhurst at the beginning of 1918 and, although most of us worked hard, we had a lot of fun and happy times.

We were billeted in married quarters about seven minutes walk from the Fort. Reveille and Last Post were sounded outside our billets and what memories those calls bring back to me now!

I shared a room with Marie, who married an Australian and went to Australia to live. We corresponded regularly until three years ago, Marie went blind. After that her granddaughter wrote letters for her, and kept us in touch until Marie died last year.

Three years ago my husband and I went back to look at the old Fort.

Across the bridge, over the moat and inside the open great doors, I could not believe it. Everything was exactly the same as though we had walked out yesterday!

I thought of all the girls who were there nearly 50 years ago, and whom I have never met since. Joney who fell in the harbour at Gosport ferry, Brownie who was so much in love, Phyllis Kesterton who sang "Smoke Clouds" at the concert and many others.

Joney and I were posted to Folkestone, on our way to France, but the Armistice was signed and we never got there.

I met my husband at a dance in Gosport. He was in the Navy and we were married in 1919. We are still "going strong".

In the second World War I was in the ATS at Dover and my husband was an ERA in the Navy on Russian Convoys. Our elder son was a night fighter pilot and our second son ERA RN.

Unit News Northern Ireland WRAC ELEMENT

COMPETITIONS abound in Northern Ireland and the Unit entered two teams in the 39 Inf Bde Forces Chance Quiz. Both teams were

knocked out in the second round but Cpl Gara was selected to represent the 39 Inf Bde combined WRAC team to play against the BBC team during July 74.

Lcpl Leadbetter and Pte Kirkpatrick represented the WRAC Cooks, Northern Ireland in the Cookery Competition at Aldershot and, although they did not win, they did well.

You may never hear of the WRAC Element, HQ Northern Ireland winning, or even competing, in any of the major Army sports, which is understandable, but that does not mean we work all the time. At least twice a week you can find 6 WRAC out on the sports field competing in the Garrison Summer six-a-side cricket league. Most of the girls have only just been introduced to the game and, although we remain at the bottom of the league, we have enjoyed every match and enjoyment is what matters.

There is plenty of entertainment available and one high spot was the Harry Secombe CSE Show. Another memorable evening was the Splash Party run by Mrs Smith of the WRVS. This consisted of a mixed rounders match followed by a variety of competitions held at the Garrison swimming pool. After this came a folk and disco evening. The WRAC darts team has also roused a certain amount of interest, not only at HQ, but by 3LI in Belfast who, after seeing the team photograph in 'Visor', invited us along for a match. It ended in a draw and we returned to Lisburn that evening having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Following our twice yearly dance, held in July, we are planning for the August Bank Holiday Festival and praying for fine weather as we hope to be involved in 'It's a Knockout' as well as running the lost children 'compound'.

So that you do not get the impression that Northern Ireland is all six-a-side cricket and darts, the more serious side of Unit news is that Pte White obtained her B2 Cook, with credit and five Corporals gained their military qualifications at Camberley. Cpl Stanton is now upgraded to a Data Telegraphist B1, Cpl Birt (PTI) passed her military calculations (EPC) with distinction and Cpl Brown passed three of her four EPC subjects and awaits results of the fourth subject. Pte Stamp passed her Projectionist Course so congratulations to all of them! There is never a dull moment here in Northern Ireland!

By the time your Lioness reaches you, Christmas will be almost with us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all who read the Corps Journal a very happy Christmas and prosperous 1975.

Scotland

RA RANGE HEBRIDES

IN March the detachment welcomed the arrival of some new faces when the Data Processing Section moved north from Larkhill with 9 EAsG.

There has been very little activity on the Range during the past few months but frequent visits to Lydd to assist with training of Regiments for Northern Ireland has kept a number of the WRAC occupied.

Sailing courses are being run on the Range which the WRAC are taking part in, the Range having just acquired 5 new bosun dinghies.

Sgt Horton came 4th in the Army Women's fencing championships and is soon to compete at the Royal Tournament.

Capt E. D. Elliot WRAC—OC Detachment went with the Army Women's Athletics Team to Germany and Holland, and won the shot putt event in both competitions.

242 SIGNAL SQUADRON

Exercise Highland Fling

2 LT Poulson took over as new OC WRAC from 2Lt S. D. Ellis-Jones in May just as the Squadron was preparing for their Annual "Summer" Camp. This year we were ultra courageous and set out for the wilds of the Isle

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of Skye, and the men, in their usual chauvinistic fashion, placed the WRAC tents a mere twenty yards from the wind-swept coast. We were sure they wanted out tents to inflate and fly away, in which they were nearly successful.

Exercise "Highland Fling" went extremely well apart from blistered heels, toes and groggy heads from a bout of too much bopping to the Squadron's racky record player. Actually the groggy heads might have been helped on by a well stocked bar under the able administration of Lcpl Short and Pte Dunster. All this was generally curtailed at midnight as Lcpl Cushnie (R Signals) inevitably forgot to fill the generator with petrol and we were plunged into darkness in which the female members, Lcpl Brown, Ptes Breckenridge, Pryn and Osborne could be heard blundering into the badminton net, falling over guy ropes or even over sleeping bodies as they tried to find their way back to their camp-beds.

We also did a fair amount of walking and perhaps our blisters developed from those monstrous DMS boots, never made for the delicate female foot. Other sport was induced by Cpl Malyan who each morning had us on our hands and knees struggling at press-ups or other equally strenuous activities.

The other attraction of the camp was a 36 ft Nicholson "TYROVIC" that the Squadron chartered. Altogether seven WRAC members of the Squadron sailed on her (2Lt Poulson, Lcpl Wylie, Ptes Maclanachan, Beecroft, Pryn, Osborne and Paterson). We managed to overcome our fear of the sea and settled into the somewhat cramped quarters in the forecandle. On one occasion Pte Pryn bravely tried to tow "TYROVIC" with our little rubberised dinghy. She blithely rowed for about ten minutes and when the shore seemed to get no nearer, it was hinted that it might be easier if she untied the painter still attached to TYROVIC! There were a few minor mishaps but all survived the journey and decided that a life dedicated to the sea was certainly for them.

Despite the wind, rain and cold we all enjoyed ourselves and as soon as we returned to the teleprinter keyboard and switchboard cords, a mass of applications for in-shore and off-shore sailing courses came flooding in.

South East District

WRAC CENTRE

Operation Cyprus Evacuation

THE first thing that anyone knew about the possibility of WRAC being used for operation Cyprus Evacuation was a signal on 20 July 1974 instructing us to be at Brize Norton within five hours.

On arrival we were told to get a good night's

sleep and report the following morning. Split into two shifts of 12 hours each—8 o'clock to 8 o'clock, the day shift waited for the first plane load. It arrived bearing mostly holiday makers who were dressed in clothing varying from swimsuits to blankets. All were upset, fortunately only a few were hysterical, but all bore stories of distress, ranging from mislaid husbands and complete loss of belongings to the gunfire and fighting which nearly all had experienced. Surprisingly, practically all the children—and they were numerous—accepted the situation with great aplomb, and this remained true for the duration of the operation. The WRAC were directly concerned with the care of these children.



Pte Moira Lynch of the WRAC Centre carrying a baby at Brize Norton

All the people who arrived from Cyprus, including the tourists, Greek and Turkish Cypriots and Service families, had experienced hardship of some degree, which had necessitated their keeping their children continually by their sides for days or weeks. The majority were only too pleased to see them in someone else's care for an hour or so whilst they arranged their onward move to their homes.

As the operation progressed, more and more work was taken over by the WRAC Detachment. It was discovered that we had a typist in our midst and she was immediately whisked off to the Ops room relieving an RAF officer and his cramped index fingers. A small detachment was sent to another building to help with the forms which had to be completed for each family on arrival from the aeroplane. Several members of the detachment were used as escorts and sent

off to destinations far and wide with exhausted mothers who could no longer cope with their exuberant children. The medical orderly with us was in great demand and from the beginning to the end of her shift, was rarely off her feet. Due to the influx of passengers and the disruption of normal services, members of the WRAC were continually helping the cleaning staff and it was a normal sight to see a WRAC girl with a vacuum cleaner in one hand and a can of polish and a duster in the other. Two of the WRAC had the almost continual job of making and distributing cups of coffee and tea to the travel-weary.

When we were finally told that the situation was improving and we could go home we were all very weary too, but felt happy that we had been of some help to the situation.

On the 14th August another detachment of WRAC was called to help at Brize Norton, this time to deal with the Service families evacuated due to the increasing tension in Cyprus. Once again members of the WRAC worked in every way they could to help the evacuees. Much as we enjoyed it, let us all hope that such services will not be required in the future.

12 RSME REGIMENT
Exercise Mildew

THE 21-23 June will long be remembered in the annals of the WRAC at 12 RSME Regiment as the time the detachment broke away from its normal sedentary existence to spend a weekend of outdoor activity camping at St Martins Plain near Dover. According to the Admin Instructions the aim of the exercise was "enjoyment", therefore those of us with previous camping experience looked forward to a weekend of fun; the remainder, however, were more dubious.

As the Detachment is 40 strong, quite a convoy sallied forth from Chattenden Barracks, including a 4 tonner with all the equipment and the coach bearing the main party. The journey to the camp site passed without event except for the usual rousing camping songs.

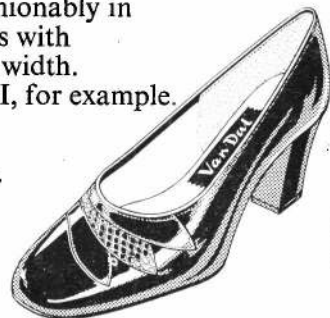
On arrival at the site we were all eager to pitch camp until someone spotted a "NAAFI Tent" and enthusiasm gave way to thirst. Suitably refreshed we set about organising our camp. The site was excellent, not too many bumps and most facilities within easy reach of the tents including the last word in luxurious ablutions! All this work did much to increase our appetites and before long we were enjoying our first camp meal. Who was it said "too many cooks spoil the COMPO?"

It wasn't long before everyone was drowsy, knocked out by the unaccustomed fresh air, and so we all gratefully climbed into our sleeping

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bags. We say all, but there was one person (who shall remain nameless) who, after several attempts, realised with shame that her lining

was upside down. However, after a few grunts, she too was sampling the delights of the slug.

The following morning the sunshine coaxed us from our pits (it wasn't difficult), and we began to organise our day. After breakfast we were briefed on our map reading exercise which covered about 8 miles over the surrounding countryside and included several hills, disused railway lines, wire fences and gates to be surmounted. We set off at intervals in groups of seven and, although nearly everyone covered the distance, only two completed the course accurately. Some discovered muscles they didn't know they had and had to rest, others strayed and are believed to be still walking. Another group, owing to either very bad map reading or excessive temperance, completely missed the halfway grid reference, which the rest of us were delighted to discover, was near a village Inn. However, in spite of all this, plus blisters and aching feet, we all enjoyed the day immensely. That evening we were grateful to be able to relax and relate tales of the day's events before staggering wearily to bed.

The following day was our last in the wide open spaces; camp was duly struck and all the equipment loaded and we boarded the coach back to Chattenden. This time the journey was very quiet, little chatter and no singing. We conserved our energy for the fight to be first off the coach. We are glad to report that no one was injured in the mad rush for hot baths. All in all it was a great weekend and it will be some time before the memories and the blisters subside.

D COMPANY, 16 BATTALION RAOC

Overheard In The Office

"I MUST think of something for the next Lioness."

"Shall I shoot myself, or something?"

"Let's not be impulsive. What about our Athletics team coming first in the District and third in the Army Inter-Unit Championships? What's more, Cpl Jones had a first, second and third in the Army Individual and a second in the high jump at the Inter-Services. Should I write that everyone has been very busy because of the Cyprus situation? Or is that stating the obvious, as it's well known how important COD Bicester and CICP are? Of course they wouldn't know how some of the storewomen revealed hidden talents and helped make United Nations flags. And we were all ready to receive families from Cyprus. To change the subject—there's the Walsingham pilgrimage, too. It went so well last year that the Padre took another group of

intrepid cyclists again this August and, in spite of the weather, it was a most successful venture. Anything else?"

"St Barbara's Day Drumhead Service and the march past?"

"The Chaplain General gave an excellent address in spite of which the heavens opened just as we began the march. That sounds all right and I won't go into details about how wet we got. I don't think we should send a photograph. They say it was shown to the CGS on 5 August and his visit went so well that we'd better not chance our luck again. How about a 'Do You Know' section? Do you know that the Depot covers 12½ square miles and has 2½ million square feet of enclosed, heated, storage space served by 34 miles of internal roads and 40 miles of railway and the engine called 'Greensleeves' is in the latest Corps film?"

"You're not writing an advert. You'll be saying 'Further information forwarded on receipt of s.a.e.' next."

"What a good idea. Why not add: 'Include 10p in stamps if unique autograph required.' There would be no need to put that it's mine and it might bring in some money for the Benevolent Fund to add to the £20 we are getting because of our good work at the Garrison Fete and our share of the £25 Cpl Medland earned in the RAOC Association's sponsored swim. I could never swim 30 lengths."

"You should mention Plymouth Buoy."

"Adventurous training weeks aren't news these days, especially when it rains for much of the time, though by all accounts they enjoyed their swimming, sailing, canoeing and walking."

"You're advertising again. There's always George."

"George? It took me a while to realise why Battalion were sending me letters about soldiers' hair lengths and the growing of beards. He may belong to the CSM and he may be the only puppy I've met who doesn't need a permanent escort of mop and bucket, but do be sensible. What *shall* I write about?"

West Midland District

COD DONNINGTON

ALTHOUGH readers may not have heard much about us recently, life at Donnington has been anything but quiet in the last few months.

DWRAC's visit to Donnington on 31 May was a great success. The Director was able to meet most of the WRAC here and she was extremely impressed with the standard of their accommodation which is first class and very well looked after.

A speight of retirements has kept us all very busy throwing farewell parties throughout June. The first to leave was Major M. G. Campbell MBE, who has retired from the WRAC after 33 years, to take up an appointment at Wadham College, Oxford. After farewell parties in the Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess she left for Oxford on 1 July.

The Commandant of COD Donnington Brigadier F. S. Goodwin CBE also retired recently and an extremely smart WRAC Contingent was on parade as part of his Guard of Honour during his farewell tour of the Depot.

In September we said goodbye to WO 2 Higgs, perhaps better known to older members of the Corps as Aubrey, her maiden name. WO 2 Higgs has done sterling service during her extended tour here. We wish her all the best in her retirement and believe that her golf will improve once she becomes a lady of leisure.

Cpl Jeanette Read astounded us all in May by raising over £100 in a sponsored walk around the bounds of the Parish of Edmond, a distance of 20 miles. The money has been used to improve Youth Club facilities in the Parish.

Not everyone is leaving Donnington however, and those of us who are left have not been idle.

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One of our proudest sports achievements in recent months has been the success of Sgt Denise Curran, a member of the Army (Women's) Rifle team, who became the Shropshire Ladies Rifle Shooting Champion. She has since left Donnington to go to Bicester. We hope Bicester recognises Donnington's generosity in allowing her to join them! Pte Mary Guntrip, also from Donnington, has done very well this year in Army Rifle Shooting and is now a member of the England Team with Sgt Curran.

Gliding at nearby RAF Cosford has become popular and it is hoped that we will have qualified glider pilots in our midst before too long.

Donnington has also done well this year in the West Area Inter-Unit Rounders League, although transport restrictions have made travel to fixtures away from home very difficult.

Pte Jane Van-Driessen has been chosen by the Staffordshire Regiment to add glamour to their KAPE tour in September. She is to be known as Miss Sarah (Staffords Are Recruiting At Home) and will mingle with crowds at their displays. When recognised as Miss Sarah, she will give away Regimental mementoes. She is also to be interviewed on Radio Stoke-on-Trent. Recognition for Donnington at last!

CAD KINETON

SINCE last writing to Lioness, the enormous rebuilding programme for the Station has been taking shape and the Army School of Ammunition moved here on 1 Apr 74.

We started off the sporting season with a WRAC Triangular Athletics match held at RAF Gaydon on 1 May 74 between COD Bicester, COD Donnington and ourselves. Donnington won and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

Sgt Mullany of CAD Kineton is to be congratulated on winning the Banbury and District table tennis league Ladies Challenge Cup at Banbury on 4 May 1974. This is a civilian league, held throughout the winter months. She also won the mixed doubles with SSM Bibby RAOC from CAD Kineton. Sgt Mullany represented the WRAC in the Inter-Services Championships in March of this year, and as a result was chosen for the Combined Services Team.

The Unit won the West Midland/South West District Athletics Championships in June and competed in the Army Inter-Unit Championships at Aldershot in July when we came fifth out of six Units.

We have seen several changes. WO 2 Jeffrey (CSM) was posted to the WRAC Centre in July and was replaced by WO 2 Pickard; 2Lt Lodge (2IC) resigned her commission and 2Lt McCulloch has taken over. Cpl Carslake (PTI) takes up her new appointment in Benbecula and Cpl Mangan has now joined us. We wish them all well. Looking ahead, we are running a SSAFA Fete in September and a two week Adventurous Training Exercise at Penhale Camp, Cornwall. We hope the good weather continues!

South West District

22 SQUADRON RCT

LIFE would be dull indeed without a diversion or two; the recent fuel shortage and now the spares crisis have provided sufficient light entertainment to prevent Troop Commanders and the details staff from falling into the torpor associated with the long hot English summer.



The Commander-in-Chief UKLF General Sir Roland Gibbs KCB CBE DSO MC congratulating Lcpl J. Baker on raising £100 for the Army Benevolent Fund. Also in the photograph Pte C. Stobbie and Pte K. Taylor.

These, with a number of other events have combined to make 1974 a, so far, extremely busy and interesting year. Perhaps most important has been the establishment, initially on a trial basis, of a Transport Support Unit at Tidworth. This is composed of some eighty vehicles and operates as a Detachment of 22 Sqn under the command of Captain John Garwood the erstwhile TCO. It is already evident that a number of savings are being made and it is hoped that this will lead to the formal establishment being accepted early in 1975.

At Old Sarum, Major Andy Gordon assumed the duties of TCO just in time to become involved in the Joint Welfare Establishment exercise "Sarum Castle". This is an annual event involving the visit to Old Sarum of over a hundred senior NATO Officers, and, an equal number of transport problems. The control of so many beflagged and bestarred cars could well have proved a problem, but thanks largely to the efforts of SSgt Luke and his aide Lcpl Lumbard the week passed off very smoothly.

Visitors to the Squadron have included the DTMO South West District, Colonel A. R. Harris, CEME HQ UKLF, Brigadier A. W. Reading OBE MC TD and most recently the Commander in Chief, General Sir Roland Gibbs KCB CBE DSO MC. The General met several members of the Squadron, in particular Pte Kathleen Taylor who was recently mentioned in despatches whilst serving in Northern Ireland, Lcpl Julie Baker and Pte Carole Stobbie. The latter two were the organizers of a sponsored walk in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Leading some thirteen others over a distance of fifteen miles, they raised the substantial sum of one hundred pounds which was received on behalf of the Fund's Chairman, by the Commander in Chief.

Sport

ARMY WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Sgt B Clewlow

THERE has long been talk of an Army Women's Athletics Team going outside the UK for fixtures but somehow the dream has never become reality until this year. It came, eventually, as a delightful surprise when Captain Phillips, Secretary, Army Women's Athletics Association, contacted athletes with the news that, with financial help from the Army Women's Central Sports Committee and contributions from WRAC units in the UK, a visit to West Germany and the Netherlands, sports teams in Eindhoven (Holland) and Aachen and Bonn (West Germany) had been arranged.

We assembled at Victoria Station, London, on the morning of 17th May 1974 to meet Captain Phillips and WO 2 Dabbs (Team Captain), ready to board the boat train to Dover. Our UK members had come from far and wide but, like good soldiers, we all turned up on time and were enthusiastic about the adventure before us.

After a long and interesting journey we arrived at Aachen where we had to change trains for Monchengladbach and promptly discovered our

connection had already left. Although we couldn't speak German, our combined initiative had us boarding the next train, feeling very smug, to our destination. There, Captain Thompson WRAC, SOPT/WRAC HQ BAOR, made us very welcome, we were soon speeding towards Rheindahlen. We arrived at 2230 hrs which made a very long day! Miss Dabbs, SSgt Di Lodge and myself, having been invited to a Tramps' Ball being held that night in the WOs and Sgts Mess, accepted and spent a further couple of hours dancing and enjoying ourselves.

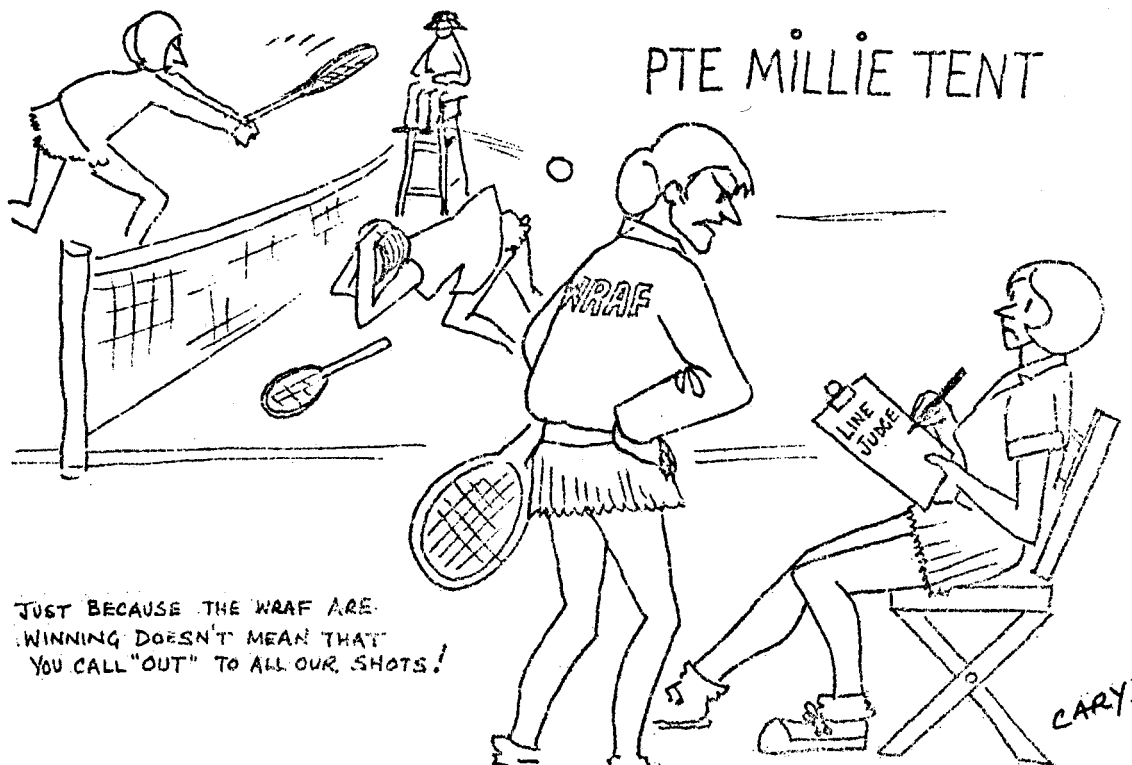
Perhaps Rheindahlen has drawbacks as a posting but, on our fleeting visit, we didn't see any. Indeed, after training on the first day, we were able to languish under a brilliant sun by the side of a huge outdoor heated pool. Nearby lay a good shopping area with restaurants and bars, two cinemas and lots of other sporting facilities in the Camp area alone. In Monchengladbach the streets are wide and filled with many lovely shops, including the well known C & A Modes.



Army Women's Athletics Team about to depart for their Holland and Germany tour, L to R: Pte S. Godwin, Cpl B. Jones, WO2 J. Dabbs, Capt L. Elliott, Lcpl C. Skozypczak, Pte B. Lewis, Lcpl A. Patterson, Sgt B. Clewlow, Ssgt D. Lodge, Cpl M. Birt

The first of our athletic fixtures was at Bonn. Sprinters and long-jumpers only were required here, in the huge ultra-modern Stadium resembling the Crystal Palace in London. Although our girls gave of their best, the standards were extremely high and, as the results were given in German, I cannot quote the exact times and distances. This event, however, put us very much on our toes and we felt ready for anything afterwards.

After a day's training at RAF Wildenrath our next competition was a match versus the Women's Athletics Team of Philips Sports Club, Eindhoven, Holland, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical goods in Europe.



We had a splendid day and won this match. Afterwards we were entertained in their clubhouse, as well as being presented with medals, lighters and manicure sets, even the WRAC driver got a gift!

Our last competition was against a club in Aachen who very kindly provided us with an English-speaking guide. He showed us around the city and the very beautiful Cathedral with its adjoining treasury of precious metal artifacts and religious relics. Lunch in Aachen was fun with our Team Captain, unperturbed as ever, conducting a broken-English conversation with our German friends whilst, at the same time, in a rich, fruity North of England dialect, asking for "Sausage and chips for seven, please." Exasperatingly she got her order before those placed by the more adventurous of us who'd tried out our German! Our opponents in Aachen were of a very high standard and won the competition. However, from our point of view, the match produced, in addition to three match firsts, five personal bests from our girls and made the trip completely worthwhile and a great success. We returned home on 24th May well pleased with our efforts.

I am sure that the whole team's feelings are summed up when I say the visit was most enjoyable for we had learnt a lot and improved

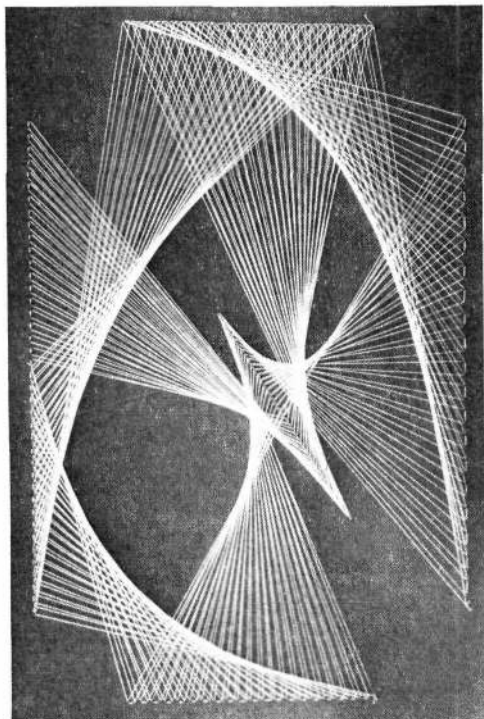
our athletic performances. We hope that in future years others will be given the opportunity we have so much enjoyed and benefited from. A final word of thanks must go to everybody who made this splendid tour the success it was.

HOCKEY

"I NEVER knew that anyone got into such a state about Inter service Hockey!" Thus spoke one Senior WRAC Officer as the Secretary and Captain were trying to get all the players, and their kit to the right place at the right time.

The Army Hockey Squad had been playing matches throughout the season and, in fact, both Captain and Secretary had been 'in a state' throughout, since not only did players have to be assembled but umpires had to be found, in fact on one historic occasion the Chairman nobly took over the whistle.

The Inter-Service Tournament was held in Portsmouth and followed a coaching weekend with the National Coach and a good 2-2 draw with the Civil Service Team. All players managed to arrive at the right place, after various tours of Portsmouth, but one player managed to leave her night attire behind and slept in an Army Hockey shirt (the Secretary had remembered some spare kit).



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The team spirit throughout was excellent and several lively 'sticky bun and coffee' sessions were held in J Lyons' shop and the team are now ready to take on all comers at Bowling after their practice in Portsmouth.

One thing is certain—we shall be back, fighting for the cup in 1975!!

Team: G. K. Capt Warne†, R. B. Capt Patrick, L. B. Maj Taylor†, R. H. Sgt Taylor (Capt)*, C. H. Sgt Boden*, L. H. Cpl Moir*, R. W. Lcpl Malyan, R. I. Lcpl Skrzypczak, C. F. Lcpl Lakin*, L. I. 2 Lt Harwood*, L. W. Sgt Kerry†. Reserves: Cpl Carslake, Cpl Westmore, Lcpl Sandford, Pte Gower.

*Combined Services Team

†Combined Services Reserve

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ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY OTC

TRAINING at Aberdeen UOTC has been particularly exciting this year because of one of the most successful recruiting drives ever. The numbers now stand at forty seven and the commissioning of 2Lt McGrath means there are two officers. OCdts Hamilton and McKay passed their certificates of Military Training at Easter when Aberdeen UOTC was 'host' OTC for the course and examination. AUOTC entered all the competitions at Exercise "Northern Lights" when we were pleased to see DWRAC and DADWRAC Scotland. The biggest cheer of the day went to Aberdeen's mixed dancing team who executed the reel of the 51st Division in the Highland style! Camp this year is at Westdown and after a thorough year of training covering amongst other things Map Reading, Orienteering, Signals, .22 Shooting, Watermanship, Scottish Country Dancing and Bridge Building (a speciality of OCdt Shanlin) we are assured of an exciting two weeks).

EDINBURGH & HERIOT-WATT

UNIVERSITIES OTC

THIS year the Scottish Inter-Universities OTC Competitions were held at Barry Buddon Camp near Carnoustie. The WRAC elements of each OTC, including girls from Queens University, Belfast who join us as competing guests each year, took part in the Orienteering, Shooting and Scottish Country Dance competitions. Enthusiasm to do well in each competition was heightened this year because the Director, Brigadier E. J. Nolan and DADWRAC Scotland, Major C. G. Parsons, were guests for the weekend.

The girls of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt Universities OTC managed to retain, for the third year in succession, the Scottish Countries Dance Cup but did so by only one point after a very exciting competition. They also met with success in the Orienteering Competition with OCdt Jean MacKenzie gaining the most points to become the best individual WRAC entry. Success was also achieved by the girls of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt Universities in the Shooting Competition.

2Lt Brenda Chapman and OCdt Alison Gauld emerged as the best individual WRAC shots. Their high scoring was also attributable to the WRAC team winning the SMG Competition and helped the combined male and female elements of the University to win the most handsome shooting cup. This weekend proved most rewarding and made all the hard work on training worthwhile.

With a total of 40 girls in the OTC of E & HWUOTC it is not possible to report on all their achievements and the interesting activities in which they are involved. At the moment we have 7 student WRAC TAVR Officers and 2 of that number, 2Lts Gwyneth Isaac and Moya Osborn leave us in October to join the Regular Corps. We wish them every success in their future career.

Two girls, 2Lt Liz Pow and OCdt Broster were very fortunate in obtaining a fortnight's attachment to 262 Signal Squadron and BMH Dhekelia in Cyprus. They found the experience invaluable and were extremely appreciative to have had the opportunity to train abroad with the WRAC.

64 SQUADRON 38 SIGNAL REGIMENT (V)

TAVR Orienteering 1974

WEEKEND training in orienteering during the last few months by men and WRAC of 38 Signal Regt (V) has recently paid dividends.

The Sheffield based 64 Sqn and Support Group were joined by 93 Sqn WRAC from Blackburn to train in the woodlands around Sheffield and were able to enter two men's teams and two WRAC teams in the North Eastern, North Western and Scottish Districts Championships. These were held in Delamere Forest near Chester on March 10th over a good course. The teams of 64 Sqn and 93 Sqn came first and second respectively in the Women's Services WRAC competition with Pte Julie Millitt of 64 Sqn the individual winner.



The happy 64 Sig Sqn team with their Sports Officer Major (TOT) Stuart Cottage TD. Standing L to R: Ptes B. Lonsdale, C. Thorneloe, OCdts P. Parker, H. Sheard. Kneeling L to R: Ptes C. Marsden, J. Millitt.

The men's team from 64 Sqn came fourth in their event, so they, along with the two WRAC teams, were selected to represent the Northern Districts at the Army (UKLF) and TAVR Orienteering championships on April 7th.

The perfect setting of Ampleforth College, near Ripon, and fine weather made these championships in Gilling Wood an enjoyable sporting event. The women's course proved to be tough with 64 Sqn winning the Women's Services TAVR competition in 6 hrs 37 minutes

01 second. The Queens University OTC Belfast were the second team in a time of 6-40-42.

Both these TAVR teams recorded a faster time than the winners of the Women's Services Army competition with both Women's Services events being competed over the same course.

Correspondence

Dear Editor

The motto "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re" is a matchless one for our Corps; the WRAC Collect, also, is excellent.

In view of the appropriateness of these two "tags" I suggest that the name of our Corps magazine is incongruous and should be changed, if possible.

My dictionary defines "lion" as "a large, wild beast, noted for its strength, roaring and tufted tail" and everyone knows that a lioness can be more ferocious than a lion!

I believe that a magazine with a title more in keeping with the spirit of the Corps motto and collect would attract more readers and buyers; I suggest, therefore, that a competition be held—to find a more imaginative name than "Lioness" which almost certainly gives the impression that we like to be aggressive and domineering and which would be better suited by a motto of, "I came, I saw, I conquered".

Whats says the Editor and what say other members of the Corps?

My salutation and ending in this letter deliberately avoid the "Sir—Yours etc" touch since this is intended to be a kindly prodding to stimulate discussion. However, it is none the less in earnest for that.

Yours sincerely
Sandy Williams
(Major S. L. Williams, BEM
WRAC)

A UNIQUE HERALDIC SYMBOL

The Name "Lioness" for the Corps magazine has its origins in the history of the Association.

The QMAAC Association was formed, on 15th December 1919, under the existing QMAAC badge. Subsequently, in 1941, Council extended the Association to include former members of the ATS and their badge was added to that of the QMAAC. In March 1943 the question of a single new badge to replace these two was raised and Council decided that this could not be settled until after the war. However, the matter was

discussed again in Council in May 1944 and it was decided to hold a competition, among serving and ex-servicewomen, to design a badge for the combined Association. In November of that year Council unanimously chose a lioness rampant from the entries submitted. In fact, at the AGM of the QMAAC and ATS Comrades Association held on 24th February 1945, Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, the senior Vice-President stated:- "Your Council have selected this design from those submitted in the recent competition; it seems to them a fitting symbol of the activities and significance of our members in both wars. The lion is one of the best-known Army symbols, a lioness is therefore appropriate, defending her hearth and home, as you have helped to defend yours, but no one can say that a lioness is unfeminine!"

The badge had already been approved by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal who was Honorary Corps President. Her Majesty Queen Mary, had shown great interest and suggested an unofficial approach to Garter King of Arms who, in fact, produced the design which was finally adopted to replace the two separate badges of the QMAAC and ATS. It is interesting to note that a lioness rampant is unique, in Heraldry, to our Association! The adoption of this symbol made it unnecessary to effect a change when the WRAC was subsequently incorporated into the Association in 1950.

At the same time Council decided to replace the unwieldy title of 'QMAAC and ATS Comrades Association Gazette' by the more simple "The Lioness" as being the one symbol typifying the spirit of all three Corps.

The Editor.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting will be held in The Study Centre, Imphal Barracks, York on Saturday 15th March 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

There is a good bus service from York Station.

BRANCH SECRETARIES' MEETING

THE Secretaries' Meeting will also be held at The Study Centre, at 11.30 am on Saturday 15th March 1975.

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

To assist in planning and catering will Branch Secretaries please notify the General Secretary if they are able to attend.

TEA AND FUND RAISING

THE Association will hold a Fund raising function with Produce and General Stalls, Raffles and Tombola after the AGM. Proceeds to be given to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and Association Fund.

Tea will be available, for which tickets can be purchased at the door. Full details in the February Lioness.

Green Shield stamps and prizes would be most welcome and can be sent to the General Secretary at any time.

GRAND DRAW

A GRAND Draw is being sponsored by the Association in aid of the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and Association Fund. The winning tickets will be drawn at the AGM.

Prizes this year will be Premium Bonds. 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £20, and 25 Prizes of £2.

Tickets are being sent to Areas and Branches. The Chairman hopes that everyone will make the same splendid effort to sell tickets (at 5p each) that resulted in such a successful Draw last time.

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Brigadier S A E Heaney CB MBE TD (Retd)

Reunions

SCOTTISH REUNION 1975

THE Scottish Reunion is to be held in Glasgow on 26th April 1975. Once again we extend a welcome to any who have served in the QMAAC ATS or WRAC. This Reunion is not restricted to those who have served or are serving in Scotland and, indeed, in the past many have travelled from far afield. Haste ye back! See the next issue for further details.

Focus on Benevolent Fund

UP to Early August of this year 198 cases had been considered by the Grants Committee. Of this total 149 were ex-ATS, 46 ex-WRAC and 3 ex-QMAAC.

There are now 27 annuitants under the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and it is hoped that this Fund will be able to accept more annuitants as a result of the Grand Draw which is being organised.

The Committee, which considers cases for the Funds and recommends annuitants to the Managing Trustees, consists of retired officers (who serve voluntarily) with a serving officer to represent the Corps. A WO1 and a WO2 attend each month, and we hope that this helps the servicewomen to get a better understanding of the work of the Funds, which they are now supporting so generously.

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON THE BENEVOLENT
FUND GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Mrs A. J. Stevenson (nee Serocold)

IT seems that every Tuesday morning, since the beginning of time, has been reserved for attendance at the Grants Committee, first of the ATS Benevolent Fund and, later, of the WRAC/ATS Joint Grants Committee. I joined the Grants

Committee, I think, in late 1948. At that time the Committee met at 81 Eaton Square, a huge house which, during the war, had been the Headquarters of the Duchess of Northumberland's ATS Comforts Fund. In April 1949 the Benevolent Fund moved to 73 Elizabeth Street, which was the home of the Benevolent Fund and the Employment Office until 1964.

At the time of the move to Elizabeth Street, the Chairman of the Grants Committee was Lady Cohen and the General Secretary was Miss Perceval who continued, in that post, until 1964 when the ATS/WRAC Grants Committee, who were by then working as one, moved, under the aegis of the WRAC Association, to the Duke of York's Headquarters. Miss Perceval was succeeded by Lt Col D. Hingston who was joint Secretary with Lt Col M. Millington until Lt Col Hingston, in her turn, was succeeded by Mrs Aggleton. In 1972 the Headquarters of the Funds was moved to Guildford with further changes of personnel and considerable changes in the Grants Committee as so many members based in London found the journey to Guildford difficult and time consuming.

From the earliest days until her death the Funds were honoured by the continuing and informed interest of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and, on her death in 1965, the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund was set up to make continuing grants in deserving cases. In 1967 Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent graciously consented to become President of the two Funds and has continued the Royal interest.

In the early post war years most appeals to the Fund were for help with debts for rent, Hire Purchase, gas and electricity, or clothing, often arising from unemployment, sickness or poor management of the family budget. Often financial difficulty arose through ill health—frequently TB—of either wife or husband and sometimes both. Another common appeal for help was for the provision of cot, pram and layette for recently married, expectant mothers. As time went on the type of help needed was for school clothing instead of layettes and beds for growing children, instead of cots for babies. But with WRAC cases considered in joint committee with ATS cases, the need for cots and prams and layettes continues to this day, as well as the needs of older dependant children. Also more and more arises the need of ex-servicewomen who are now pensioners. In the mid fifties a useful liaison was formed with various educational trusts who helped with schooling, particularly for fatherless children and orphans and, though this need has now decreased, the Funds are still able to help one

parent families with seaside holidays, thanks to the generosity of Pontins.

In demobilization days the fund worked, in close co-operation with the British Legion, in making loans for house purchase and small businesses. It was never the practice of the fund to make continuing grants in the form of pensions but, when the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund was set up in 1965, small weekly or monthly grants were started on a regular basis to deserving cases.

I can remember Tuesdays in Eaton Square when the Committee met at 10 am, took a break and lunchtime and continued through the afternoon, on one marathon occasion, returning on Wednesday morning to complete their list. From 1945 to 1953 the total of grants in each year exceeded £10,000 and, in 1947, a record sum of £29,455 was given. At that time the maximum grant given to one individual seldom exceeded £20.00. Perhaps it is thanks to the Welfare State that there are no longer the same number of applications but, owing to inflation, the grants now have to be of larger sums and there are always cases which do not come within statutory benefit. These are the cases which the Benevolent Funds will always consider a first priority and continuing support for the fund will still be needed.

News of Members

Miss D. WISE would welcome news of Gwenn Marsden of Sheffield, served in Hull, Paull and Preston 1941-42. Replies to 22 Tunis Street, Stepney Lane, Hull.

Mrs J. BALLINGER (nee Morbey) would welcome news of anyone who served in 'K' Coy, No 5 London District Group 1947/48. Replies to c/o Postal Department, The University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull.

Miss M. BECKET (ex W/3681) of 7 Ullswater Avenue, Richmond, Whitehaven, Cumbria writes: In January 1939 Miss G. St. G. Jackson formed the 10th (Cumberland) ATS Coy at Whitehaven. On 31st May this year nine members of the Company met to have Dinner at the Chase Hotel, Whitehaven to meet Miss A. Mitchell MBE (ex W/3682), who had been CSM with the 10ths. Miss Mitchell served at Luton, Llandudno and saw service in the Middle East. After demobilization Miss Mitchell joined the Prison Service and retired as Governor of Women's Open Borstal. She now enjoys a very busy retirement near Newton Stewart in her beloved homeland! There must be few CSMs who have been held in such high esteem and with so much affection as our Miss Mitchell. It was an evening the 10ths will never forget.

Obituary

Arbuckle. On 20 January 1974. Mrs Arbuckle MBE (ex QMSI Sutherland) ATS/WRAC 1939-1964. Regular and TAVR members will remember her as an Instructor at the Army School of Cookery and as STI at both Southern and Northern Commands.

Hibberd. In May 1974, Mrs Rose Hibberd (nee Jackman) QMAAC 1917-1919.

Hill. On 5th July 1974, Colonel Ruby (Billie) Hill. OBE Retd. Aged 56. ATS/WRAC 1941-1972. She was seconded to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1945 and subsequently became an Assistant Director of Ordnance Services. She was made an OBE in 1963 and retired in 1972 on her 55th birthday.

Horsenail. Mrs Horsenail, Stafford Branch.

Marshall. On 20th August 1974, Miss E. G. Marshall. Former member of Council and President of the Cheltenham Branch. ATS 1939-1947.

Norris. On 5th May 1974, Mrs. G. E. M. Norris, aged 82.

Rothwell. On 23rd June 1974, Mrs Dorothy Ellen (Bill) Rothwell (nee Lord) ATS/WRAC 1939-1960.

Stephens. On 21st June 1974, Miss M. F. (Nancy) Stephens ATS 1942-1945.

Sutherland. On 16th June 1974, Mrs A. F. (Karen) Sutherland.

QMAAC REUNION

THE QMAAC Reunion will be held in the Old Comrades' Association Room at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, on Friday the 18th April 1975 from 3-6 p.m. Tickets to include afternoon tea 66p each.

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ANAGRAMS

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| 1. Doff a lid | 11. Sup thy loan |
| 2. Beer van | 12. Cuss rains |
| 3. Thy ram munches | 13. Iron cave |
| 4. I help in mud | 14. Bitter moan |
| 5. Dig a toe | 15. Unite pa |
| 6. A slippery hog | 16. A silly ram |
| 7. Hear my mums | |
| bent me | 17. Lilacs |
| 8. A puma clan | 18. Gray sin |
| 9. Ruin a gem | 19. Unit dash |
| 10. I con a mut | 20. Gent on time |

Aldermaston Depot (ATS) Association

AS 27th April 1974 approached some members of the Association felt that the final Re-union might well be rather a sad occasion; but it proved to be a lively and happy one.

Twenty-seven members attended; some had been on the permanent staff of the Recruit Training Depot when it opened in November 1939, the others at later dates, including some who had been present in September 1942 when the Unit was closed.

After a most luxurious lunch, Miss M. I. Gorrington presided over the business meeting, welcoming the many members present. Miss D. M. Beston read apologies for absence and messages of good will, including ones from the Misses Pauline and Janet Ferguson, the Committee of Aldermaston Village Hall who on this occasion, in view of the interest in the village shown by members of the Association over many years, was making no charge for the use of the Hall, and Collier Macmillan Schools Ltd, the present occupiers of "The Court" who, once again, had granted the Association's members the privilege of re-visiting the grounds.

A report was received on the financial position, and it was agreed that the balance of funds, after all outstanding expenses had been met, should be equally divided between the ATS Benevolent Fund and the Fund for Cancer Relief. Subsequently the sum of £28.11 was sent to each of these Funds.

Miss Gorringe referred to Miss Beston's service to the Association as Secretary and Treasurer since its inception and, on behalf of 45 members whose signatures had been appended to a card of good wishes, presented her with an inscribed silver salver. Overcome by surprise and delight, Miss Beston tried adequately to convey her appreciation of such a marvellous gift, and thanked all present for their friendship, which she hoped to retain and for their support over many years. Presentations of orchids and silver vases were made to Miss Gorringe for presiding over the Association since the death of Mrs L. M. Ferguson, and for her interest and support over the years; and to Miss R. Glover and Miss R. Parry, who, in addition to arranging the refreshments at this final meeting, had supported and worked for the Association in many ways. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Miss M. C. Goulding, Miss M. E. Norcott, and Mrs H. D. Upright who had arranged the presentations.

During the next hour many cameras were heard clicking as members wandered around the grounds of the Court, enjoying once again the tranquil scene presented by the lake, the stately trees and the flowering shrubs. As on the occasion of previous reunions at Aldermaston, flowers were placed on the grave in the village churchyard of Corporal Harold who died whilst a member of the permanent staff at Aldermaston in November 1941.

Before leaving the village members partook of tea, including a large iced cake in the Village Hall and thus ended a chapter in their lives.

Area/Branch News

BRIGHTON. We continue to meet monthly and try to arrange Sunday afternoon outings once a month if possible. In February we held our Annual Dinner at the Cranbourne Arms and it transpired that our hosts, Mr & Mrs Kelly, were ex-Army and ex-ATS. They made us very welcome and the meal was excellent.

Seven members attended the Grand Reunion. Mrs Gladys Wye (nee Bowley) was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

and Mrs Eileen Holden (nee Holmes) was presented to Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent.

Seven members went on a Coach Trip to Harting and Chilgrove in June and, despite heavy rain at times, thoroughly enjoyed it. The sun shone when we stopped for tea at Midhurst.

Our Chairman, Miss "Jimmy" Keene, broke her thigh a few weeks before Christmas, but we are pleased to report that she is now feeling much better.

GREATER LONDON. The Branch's year began with a visit by members to see "Cockie" at the Vaudeville Theatre in February. At our April meeting we had a very interesting talk by Mrs June Berkovitch on the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureaux. On both these occasions excellent refreshments were organized by our Committee members, Miss Morigi and Miss Rees. For our summer outing, in June, 11 members with guests went by river steamer to visit Greenwich. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and we were fortunate to have fine weather.

Members of the Branch were well represented at both the 25th Anniversary Service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and at the Grand Reunion.

HARROGATE. The last few months seem to have been fairly quiet although we have managed to have some entertaining meetings and made plans for the future. Activities have ranged from a talk on "World Development" by Sister Lucy from the Convent of the Holy Child in Harrogate to colour slides of the Harz Mountains and a hilarious Beetle evening. One or two of the "do it yourself" projects which we usually organise during the Summer holiday months failed to get off the ground, because everyone was too busy enjoying a chatter to get down to business!

We suffered a great blow in the tragic death of Janet Collier in March and miss her cheery presence and bright ideas very much indeed. Our annual event in aid of the Benevolent Fund had already been tentatively planned so we extended its scope, invited friends and the general public and raised the sum of £31 to donate in memory of Janet. Everyone appeared to enjoy the evening and we have already been asked a number of times when we plan to have another similar "do".

In June a small party of us went to the Catterick 'Open Day' and spent a very enjoyable if somewhat chilly afternoon inspecting the various displays. The highlight, of course, was the Fashion Parade of uniforms through the ages in the WRAC tent, although it was a sobering

experience for us to find "our" uniforms appearing as historic items!

We have quite a varied programme of events planned for the Autumn and Winter session, including, of course, the Northern Area Reunion to be held in Harrogate in October and a Christmas Dinner.

MIDDLE EAST. The Annual Reunion took place on Saturday May 11th at the Helena Club, Lower Sloane Street, London SW1. Unfortunately a number of members were unable to attend, but in spite of smaller numbers the evening was a great success, thanks to the efforts of our most efficient secretary Sally Healey.

Mrs Chitty took the Chair for the brief AGM, at which she was congratulated on her recent Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Committee and Officers were re-elected and the Secretary and Treasurer thanked for all her work during the year.

The Staff of the Helena Club produced a meal which was up to their highest standard and this was much appreciated by everyone. There was the usual exchange of news and reminiscences before we had to leave to catch our last trains home.

SHEFFIELD. Members continue to meet twice a month at the Victoria Hall and the AGM once again returned its permanent staff. We were sad to lose two members after distressing illnesses, but happy to welcome a few new grandchildren into the fold. Our President Mrs Helen Tannett, and Mrs Dora Taylor gave us very anxious times during their prolonged illnesses but there was great rejoicing when they were able to join us for the Annual Dinner at the Royal Vic looking very radiant once again. The Christmas highlight was a visit to the musical Kiss Me Kate.

Miss Sykes and Miss Bell continue to represent us at the various functions and also visit members, who are unable to attend our meetings.

The Social Secretary is pleased to report a visit from Bobbie Watkins from the USA and a subsequent reunion of several ex 29 VRD drivers.

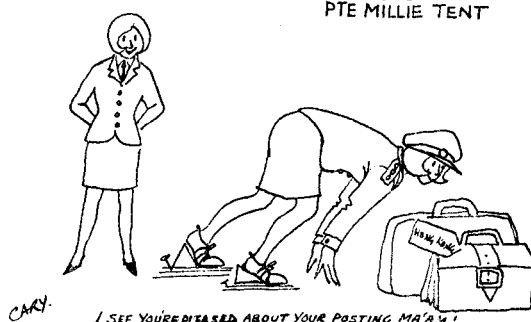
An item of news which may interest many of our older members:

Miss Ettie French, who was a driver through two World Wars is still serving her country. She has just been whisked away to Northern Ireland to make a TV appearance in a concert of her Father's songs, the late Mr Percy French. The concert was staged by an organisation striving to bring together Catholics and Protestants and so promote peace—Vive La ATS.

Officers' Postings

(1 Apr 74 - 31 Jul 74)

Maj P. M. Farwell Attached MOD(A) PS 12(b)
Maj A. E. A. Herdman-Grant OC WRAC COD Donnington
Maj P. Ineson OC H & D Coy WRAC Centre
Maj A. J. Purton 1 Regt RMP BFPO 801
A Maj C. V. Hickman WRAC College
A Maj A. A. Kelly DAAG O MOD (AG16)
A Maj M. McKenzie 17 Trg Regt & Depot RA Woolwich
Capt S. P. Binns HQ West London Admin Staff
Capt H. M. Cary SC MOD (AG16)
Capt A. L. C. Cunningham SO3 MOD PR9 (A)
Capt L. A. E. Hopkin Director of Music, WRAC Centre
Capt J. M. Perry 2ICD Coy, COD Bicester
Capt J. M. Roulstone WRAC College
A Capt C. A. Blanch SC Q (Accn) HQ Berlin Inf Bde
A Capt S. M. Cannon 10 Coy WRAC
A Capt M. L. Earnshaw SC WRAC HQ BAOR
A Capt S. D. Ellis-Jones 27th Signal Regt Hong Kong
A Capt J. Flake OC WRAC RAC Regt Depot
A Capt P. A. Hanna WSLO London Dist
A Capt J. L. Lawson RMP Trg Centre Chichester
A Capt K. H. E. Meacham SO3 Signals HQ BAOR
A Capt R. M. M. Readall SO3 Trg RAC Centre Bovington
A Capt M. A. S. Richey 29 Coy WRAC
A Capt S. D. Roberts WSLO Colchester
A Capt G. Travers AA College Chesham
Lt J. A. Guthkelch Asst Adjt 22 LOC Bty RA
Lt I. M. Hawes Attached HQ NEARELF
Lt J. L. G. Ivol Attached to AES(UK) BFPO 801
Lt M. A. Jones WSLO Basingbourn HQ Eastern Dist
Lt R. M. Lawrence Attached 4 Comms Unit attending Long Course
Lt J. W. Neale Attached 12 Coy WRAC
Lt J. Pilkington Attached to 10th Signal Regt as Asst Adjt
Lt A. M. F. Pote Attached MOD (PAT 2)



Lt M. Randall Attached 9th Signal Regt Cyprus
Lt A. B. M. Stead 10th Signal Regt Aldershot
Lt S. A. Strong Attached 10th Signal Regt Wilton
2Lt E. Brown Attending PI Course JSPI Huntingdon
2Lt T. M. Burwood 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt P. A. Campbell Attached WRAC Centre
2Lt C. A. Cardwell Asst Adjt Junior Leader Regt RA, Nuneaton
2Lt A. Chaganis Admin Offr AAC Centre, Middle Wallop
2Lt J. P. Chapman Attached 10 Coy WRAC
2Lt H. J. Clews Attached 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt F. S. T. D'Apice Attending PI Course JSPI Huntingdon
2Lt J. L. Dodworth Attached RMP Trg Centre Chichester
2Lt P. J. Gold WRAC Centre
2Lt L. C. Gosling Attached WRAC Centre
2Lt C. A. Greenwood WRAC Centre
2Lt G. A. Haydon WRAC Centre
2Lt P. A. Hetherington Attached COD Bicester
2Lt S. E. Hovell Attached 10th Signal Regt
2Lt S. E. Hume-Lewis Attached 8th Signal Regt
2Lt C. V. Hyland Attached 1 Regt RMP BFPO 801
2Lt C. L. Johnson Asst Adjt 29 Cdo Lt Regt RA
2Lt D. M. Jones Attached MOD WRAC (1)
2Lt J. A. Jones Attached 12 Dvr Trg Regt Aldershot
2Lt V. M. Jolley 8th Signal Regt
2Lt E. Lovelace Attending R Signals "Q" Course
2Lt J. Murdoch Attached COD Donnington
2Lt V. L. P. Pengilly WRAC Centre
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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Regular Army

Captains: K. M. Howard, S. M. Osborne, R. Wheelock
Lieutenants: K. J. Edwards, J. J. Goldsmith, R. M. M. Rendall, E. A.
Ruffle, S. J. Westlake
2/Lieutenant: S. E. Hovell, C. D. Hume-Lewis, V. M. Jolley

Special Regular Commissions

Captain: C. A. Marriott
2/Lieutenant: P. A. Hetherington

Short Service Commissions

Captain: S. A. White
Lieutenants: K. H. Colley, P. S. Malcolm
2/Lieutenants: P. A. Campbell, S. M. Cannon, J. P. Chapman, H. J.
Clews, J. L. Dodsworth, P. J. Gold, G. A. Haydon, C. L. Johnson,
J. Murdoch, V. L. P. Pengilley, C. M. J. Reddy
2/Lieutenants on probation: T. M. Burwood, P. S. Malcom, G. Taylor

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Regular Army

Colonel: R. M. Green
Major (QM): G. Baylis MBE
Captain: M. Y. Charlwood
Lieutenants: J. E. Hole, C. A. Howell, M. W. Thomas
2/Lieutenants: A. R. Westlake

Special Regular Commissions

Captain: S. D. Macey
Lieutenant: W. A. Hooker

Short Service Commissions

Lieutenants: J. A. Baker, M. J. Cunningham
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Warrant Officers' Postings

WO 2 S. Cartmell 16 Signal Regt
WO 2 S. B. McDonald 8 Signal Regt
WO 2 W. K. Pickard CAD Kineton
WO 2 M. I. Woolford Service Attache Bangkok
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For this reason all of us who have enjoyed the ad-

vantages of service life, should be prepared to help extend them to those who are in difficulty, and to offer friendship to all those who have now left the service.

The best way to do both is to join the Association.

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