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19	7 pm	Concert Deeside Leisure Centre, Queensferry.
22	Evening	Concert Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, Acrefair, nr Wrexham.
23	12-12.30 pm	Marching, Royal British Legion, Llay.
April		
23	Evening	Concert with Guildford Operatic Society, Civic Hall, Guildford.
May		
4	3-4.30 pm	} Concerts Regents Park, London.
	6.30-8 pm	
7		Centenary Service Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.
11	3-4.30 pm	} Concerts St James's Park, London.
	6.30-8 pm	
12-17	12.30-2 pm	} Concerts St James's Park, London.
	5.30-7 pm	
18	Afternoon	Losley House, Guildford.
25	3 pm	Concert Alexandra Palace Park, London.
26		Guildford County Spring Show.
June		
1	3 pm	Concert Parliament Hill, London.
8	3-4.30 pm	} Concerts Greenwich Park, London.
	6.30-8 pm	
15	3-4.30 pm	Concert Kensington Gardens, London.
18		Fleet Carnival, Hants.
22	3 pm	Concert Golders Hill, London.
27-29		Aldershot Army Display, Rushmoor Arena, Aldershot.
July		
2	12.30 pm-2 pm	Concert South Bank, London.
5	Evening	Military Musical Pageant Wembley, London.
17-19		KAPE Tour Wavertree Playground, Liverpool
24-26		KAPE Tour Platts Field, Manchester.
28- Aug 10		Concerts Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh.

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Editor.

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Editorial

ALTHOUGH readership of *Lioness* continues to increase and the improvement in the advertising outlook has been maintained, the general cost of production has continued to rise and it is quite obvious that such items as labour, paper, printing, postage and general distribution expenses will continue to increase in the foreseeable future. In order, therefore, to maintain our improved position, Council has decided that two issues only of *Lioness* will be produced in 1975 and these will be published in February and August but possibly with a slight increase in the number of pages. At the same time a more realistic price will have to be charged for copies sold which are not covered by the Association subscription. However, the total annual cost to readers of two copies at the new price of 25 pence each will not exceed the cost of three at the old price by more than a trivial sum. We feel this is a point which should be emphasised as the basic fact remains that the more magazines we sell the less likelihood there is of another increase in the price.

Three years ago Colonel Phoebe Lipscomb was persuaded to interrupt her well earned retirement in order to take over as General Secretary. We should like to record our appreciation of all she has done for the Corps in this multifarious job, involving not only the overall direction of Corps Headquarters but also the administration of the Association, Benevolent Fund and Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. Under her guidance the number of annuitants of the latter fund has increased from 14 to 29 and it was she who inaugurated the scheme to enable elderly exservicewomen to have Television in their own homes. She now feels that this is a good moment to hand over to a new Secretary and we hope Colonel Lipscomb will enjoy her retirement and be able to take up once again her leisure activities.

In February Brigadier N. C. King MBE will take over the duties of General Secretary to Corps Headquarters on his retirement from Command of the RCT Training Centre, Aldershot. Brigadier King has always been associated

with the WRAC and taken a keen interest in our Corps. We welcome him to his new post and hope he will enjoy working with us.

Finally, we should like to remind members that their subscriptions were due on 1st January and we hope that any readers, who have overlooked this point, will renew their subscriptions without delay.

Retirement

Colonel B. M. Metcalfe M.B.E.

COLONEL Betty Metcalfe, who retires in March 1975, spent the first two years of her service as a driver in 13th Hants MT Company in Southampton and Portsmouth.

Her first appointment as an officer was with the War Office Schools Lecture Team and she later did two more tours as a Schools Liaison Officer.

Colonel Metcalfe served overseas in Egypt, Cyprus and the Far East. She had a number of interesting Staff appointments including one in BAOR as GSO 3 (Int) and later one as GSO 1 in the Ministry of Defence with the DCGS Committee on the Future Structure of the Army. Colonel Metcalfe will be known to many members of the Corps through her appointments of OC Officer Cadet Wing as Commandant of the WRAC Centre and in her last appointment as DDWRAC UKLF when she visited so many Regular and TAVR units. She was also Chairman of the South West Area of the Association.

Colonel Metcalfe has given much to the Corps and we shall miss her charm and elegance. We look forward to seeing her in the future and send our very best wishes for a happy retirement.

For Your Diary

- February
15 Welsh Grand National.
22-23 Women's Lacrosse England Trials Putney Club, Chiswick, London.
24-
Mar 1 STAMPEX 1975 Exhibition New Horticultural Hall, London.

- 28-
Mar 3 Nordic Winter Games Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire.
- March
1 St David's Day.
5 "An Evening of Music with the Scottish Regiments", Usher Hall, Edinburgh.
4-29 Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition Olympia, London.
7-8 Horse Racing Sandown Park (Grand Military Meeting).
8 London Orpheus Choir, Bach St Matthew Passion Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.
11-13 Horse Racing Cheltenham, Glos (NH Meeting: Champion Hurdle 12th; Gold Cup Steeplechase 13th).
17 St Patrick's Day (Bank Holiday Northern Ireland).
19-22 Badminton: All England Championships Wembley, London.
24 Horse Racing: Flat Racing begins.
25-
Apr 5 The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company—Gilbert and Sullivan Savoy Theatre, London.
- 28-
Apr 1 Ulster Automobile Club Circuit of Ireland Rally Ballymena/Larne, County Antrim.
29 Rowing: Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race Putney to Mortlake, River Thames, London.
- April
5 Horse Racing: Grand National Steeplechase Liverpool.
16-19 Badminton Horse Trials, Badminton, Glos.
23-
Sep 30 Quincentenary St George's Chapel Windsor Castle, Berkshire.
- May
10-17 Glasgow KAPE (two bands).
21-23 Chelsea Flower Show Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.
21-22 West Midland Show Shrewsbury (Military displays and three bands).
21-24 Royal Ulster Agricultural Show and Industrial Exhibition Showgrounds Balmoral, Belfast.
22-25 Royal Windsor Horse Show Home Park, Windsor, Berkshire.
22-
Aug 6 Glyndebourne Festival Opera, Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex.
23-25 Aldershot Horse Show.
23-
Jun 1 Bath Festival Bath, Avon.
- 24-26 Tidworth Tattoo.
24-
Jun 1 Edinburgh KAPE (three displays, two bands).
28-31 Bath & West Show, Show Site, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
28-29 Golf: Walker Cup.
- June
4-5 Household Division Beats Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London.
4 Horse Racing: Derby Stakes Epsom, Surrey.
6-26 Aldeburgh Festival of Music and The Arts Aldeburgh, Suffolk.
7 Horse Racing: Oaks Stakes Epsom, Surrey.
7-17 Glasgow KAPE (two bands).
10-12 Three Counties Agricultural Show Malvern, Hereford & Worcester (Red Caps).
14 The Queen's Official Birthday: Trooping the Colour Horse Guards Parade, London.
17-19 Royal Armoured Corps Massed Bands Beat Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London.
17-20 Royal Highland Agricultural Show Ingleston, Edinburgh.
17-20 Horse Racing: Royal Ascot, Ascot, Berkshire.
- 23-
Jul 5 Lawn Tennis Championships Wimbledon, London.
25-26 Royal Norfolk Agricultural Show Showground, New Costessey, Norwich, Norfolk (display team; band).
27-29 Aldershot Army Display, Rushmoor Arena Aldershot (Royal Signals Motor-Cycle display team White Helmets; Red Devils; Red Caps; Nine Bands).
30-Jul 3 Royal Agricultural Show National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, Warwickshire (Red Caps).
- July
3- 6 Henley Royal Regatta Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.
4-13 Cheltenham International Festival of Music Cheltenham, Glos.
5 Military Musical Pageant (Army Benevolent Fund) Wembley Stadium, London.
8-13 International Musical Eisteddfod Llangollen, Clwyd.
9-12 Open Golf Championship Carnoustie, Angus.
12 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
12 Open Day, Depot, Queen's Division Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire.

16-

Aug 2 Royal Tournament Earls Court, London.

18-19 Cheltenham Tattoo.

21-26 Royal International Horse Show, Wembley, London.

22-24 Royal Welsh Agricultural Show Builth Wells, Powys.

23-27 Southern Cathedrals Festival Winchester, Hants.

25-

Aug 2 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo.

25-

Sep 20 Henry Wood Promenade Concerts Royal Albert Hall, London.

26 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop.

27 Open Day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington Camp, Dorset.

31-

Aug 2 Benson & Hedges International Horse Show Cardiff Castle, Cardiff.

August

1-

Oct 31 Son et Lumiere York Minster, York (excluding Sundays and Mondays).

2-10 Cowes Week Cowes, Isle of Wight.

3 Rutland County Show, Oakham (display team; band).

4-8 Royal National Eisteddford Criccieth, Gwynedd.

6-9 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo.

14-17 ARMEX 75, Harrogate (King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, APTC display; Red Devils 15-17 Aug; Ten Bands).

22-

Sep 13 Military Tattoo Edinburgh.

23-31 Port of London Clipper Regatta including Festival of Sail, St Katherine's Dock, Tower Bridge Area, River Thames, London.

24-29 Three Choirs Festival Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester.

24-

Sep 13 Edinburgh International Festival.

31 Start 'Financial Times' Clipper Race Thames Estuary; London/Sydney, Australia/and back (return about 26 Dec).

Prize Competition

Anagrams of Famous Women

WHEN the letters of each anagram are rearranged they spell the name of a well known woman. These women are famous for a variety of reasons, some are living and some long since dead but all are memorable for a particular achievement or career. For example PEAR OVEN equals EVA PERON.

A £2 prize will be awarded to the competitor whose correct answer is the first to be opened on the morning of 25th April. Please mark your envelopes "Competition".

ANAGRAMS

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Export a bitter | 12. They stamp |
| 2. Level a ditch | 13. Line changing for tele |
| 3. Pets may err | 14. Many forgotten |
| 4. Nip to a caller | 15. Edit the wills |
| 5. Garden garlic | 16. Rely on me tib |
| 6. A late crop | 17. A lumpy romany |
| 7. I fly the zebra | 18. I retain men to tea |
| 8. Shot elastic | 19. Bran or fools |
| 9. Mater snob | 20. Viewing a raid |
| 10. Click a ball | 21. He locks a chain |
| 11. Told by nine | 22. One cat grips ten |

PRIZE WINNER

The solution to the Flower Anagram Competition was as follows:

- | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Daffodil | 2. Verbena | 3. Chrysanthemum | 4. Delphinium |
| 5. Godetia | 6. Gypsophila | 7. Mesembryanthemum | 8. Campanula |
| 9. Geranium | 10. Aconitum | 11. Polyanthus | 12. Narcissus |
| 13. Veronica | 14. Montbretia | 15. Petunia | 16. Amaryllis |
| 17. Scilla | 18. Syringa | 19. Dianthus | 20. Mignonette. |

The winner was Miss B. B. Brown, Hon Treasurer of London Branch. She writes: "Approximately 33 years ago I gave a talk at my OCTU course on "Planning an herbaceous border"—I knew the study of these plant names would stand me in good stead one day!"

There were 23 other correct entries.

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Presentations MBE

WO1 B. Hammond

WO1 Barbara Hammond received her MBE from Her Majesty The Queen on 26th November 1974. She was last seen passing over on Cloud Nine and is earnestly requested to come home soon. But seriously, our sincere congratulations go to Miss Hammond, who has served P & EE from Pte to WO1 with loyalty and hard work, being mentor, adviser and friend to officers and servicewomen alike.

BEM

Mrs H. Bell



Mrs Hilda Bell receiving the BEM from General Sir Peter Hunt GCB DSO OBE ADC(Gen) Chief of the General Staff on his visit to the WRAC Centre 7th Nov 74

Cpl J. Black

As a reward for outstanding work, devotion to duty and selflessness, Cpl Janice Black was presented with the British Empire Medal on Monday 9th September 1974, by the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant KCB DFC at a small ceremony in the Main Building, Ministry of Defence.

Cpl Black has been with the Chief of Staff Secretariat (COSSEC) since February 1969. She soon proved her worth as a leading member of the team of twenty servicewomen who provide the shorthand and typing facilities for COSSEC.

Among those present at the ceremony were Cpl Black's husband and her parents Mr and Mrs Varrie, who had travelled from Scotland in order to share this moment with their daughter, Maj J M Clements, Officer Commanding 12 Company WRAC and the officers and staff of COSSEC.

LSGC

Capt J. F. M. Whitehead



Capt J. F. M. Whitehead receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Brig W. T. MacFarlane Director of Public Relations, at the Passing Out Parade WRAC Centre 14th Nov 74.

WO2 A. Merton



WO2 A. J. L. Merton receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Brig G. D. M. Landy OBE ADC, at COD Donnington.



SSgt G. Obbard receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Maj Gen G. L. C. Cooper MC GOC South West District, in the presence of Brig E. J. Nolan Hon ADC, DWRAC, at Sherford Camp Taunton on 9th Oct 74.

Sgt S. Parsons

THE Long Service and Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to Sgt S. Parsons, one of two passenger handlers, who work with 24 Transport and Control Regiment RCT at Hannover. The Medal was presented to Sgt Parsons by her Commanding Officer Lt Col R. C. Spencer RCT on 10th June 1974.

Visit of HRH The Duchess of Kent to Cyprus

IN May we were honoured by a visit from our Controller Commandant, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent, who was accompanied by the Director. When in Cyprus Her Royal Highness also visited the Army Catering Corps of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. Her arrival at Nicosia Airport was filmed by Cyprus TV and she was met by the British High Commissioner, Mr Oliver, (Representative of the Republic Government), DWRAC, Brigadier E. J. Nolan Hon ADC, Major W. G. Anderson and DADWRAC Major J. M. S. F. Tait. Her Royal Highness stayed the first night in Nicosia with the British High Commissioner and, next morning, called on the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, and on the Vice President, Mr Denktash, before travelling to Episkopi, where she was received by Air Marshal Sir John Aiken KCB Commander British Forces Near East and by Major General I. D. G. Butler General Officer Commanding Near East Land Forces. Later she visited the

WRAC members of HQ NEARELF in their offices and, after luncheon in the HQ NEARELF Officers' Mess, she was briefed on Cyprus and on the WRAC and ACC by the GOC, DADWRAC, OC WRAC Episkopi Captain G. K. Hammond and DADACC.

She then toured the Junior Ranks accommodation and, later, met all ranks ACC in the Junior Ranks Club. In the evening we were honoured by her presence at a reception given by WRAC and ACC officers in the HQ NEARELF Officers' Mess. Her Royal Highness attended a dinner given by Air Marshal Sir John Aiken in his other capacity as Administrator Sovereign Base Areas and most of the other dinner guests were civilian dignitaries.

Early next day Her Royal Highness set off in a car procession from Episkopi to Dhekelia. Within the Sovereign Base Areas the procession was led by a landrover of WRAC Provost and escorted by Sovereign Base Area Police. Outside these Areas the escort was provided by the Cyprus Police who maintained a speed of approximately 60 mph through the town of Limassol and 80 mph elsewhere, waving all other traffic off the road.



HRH The Duchess of Kent meeting members of the Netball Team at Ayios Nikolaos.

In Dhekelia Her Royal Highness had coffee in the Garrison Officers' Mess and was briefed by OC WRAC Captain A. E. Ruffle before visiting Postal and Courier Operators and Commun-

ication Centre Operators at work and meeting all the other members of the WRAC in the Junior Ranks accommodation. She had luncheon in the Garrison Officers' Mess with the Area Commander, Brigadier W. P. W. Robertson OBE, WRAC officers and the officers employing WRAC from Dhekelia and Ayios Nikolaos. After luncheon Her Royal Highness visited 9 Signal Regiment, unveiled a plaque naming the new junior ranks accommodation 'Kent House', and met all ranks WRAC in the junior ranks accommodation and on the Netball Court. Before leaving 9 Signal Regiment she had tea in the Commanding Officer's house with Lt Col H. A. Johnstone MBE R Signals, his wife and the WRAC officers employed at Ayios Nikolaos.

That evening in Episkopi Her Royal Highness dined with the GOC and his service guests, and the next morning, set off past cheering school children in another car procession for Nicosia Airport. During those four short days Her Royal Highness had met and spoken to every single member of the WRAC in Cyprus and had impressed us all deeply with her wide ranging knowledge of the Corps, with her charm and her unflagging zeal throughout a very packed programme in a temperature that rose into the 90s.

The Cyprus Emergency

WE received so many vivid and exciting eye witness accounts of the troubles in Cyprus that we have only been able to include excerpts in this issue. One thing stands out, however, that the WRAC did a magnificent job of which serving and ex-service members can be very proud and we congratulate them all. Editor.

In July as the temperature rose into the 100s, came the coup against Archbishop Makarios followed by the Turkish invasion. All members of the WRAC were fully employed, then, in manning Operations Rooms, working in Military and Civilian Reception Centres and turning their hands to whatever was required. It was a taxing period but for the WRAC it was professionally extremely interesting and rewarding.

Lance Corporal M. Ackland, Comcen Operator of 262 Signal Squadron, was on leave in UK for the first week of the coup. She writes:

"I was delayed in UK for a week awaiting a flight return to Cyprus, when I was lucky enough to get a flight on 20 July—the day the Turks made their invasion! At first the pilot was given instructions to divert to Malta because of this but later he was told to carry on to Akrotiri.

I arrived at approx 0900 hours and was told

there would be no movement to Dhekelia. Whilst we waited we could hear the bombs and saw a lot of smoke in the distance. A Britannia was about to take off the runway but was delayed for quite some time as it was too dangerous for the firing was too close.

We eventually boarded the Hercules destined for Kingsfield and I sat with the pilot; it was all very exciting as I'd never been in a Herc before. We flew out over the sea for about 20 minutes as it wasn't safe to go over land. On the radar screen appeared 4 dots—could they be Turkish warships? I must admit I was feeling very scared yet mysteriously somewhat excited by all this. One of the pilots looked in his illustrated book to try to distinguish what sort of ships they were—I never did find out, much to my disappointment!

Finally I arrived at Dhekelia and the next day was told that I'd be working shifts in the G Ops Centre, which proved to be very interesting—answering radio nets and entering operational info on the daily log sheets. During this time I gained valuable experience of the Army's operational side.

In this war, so much has been destroyed and many killed in such a short time. Each day the people of Cyprus live in hope that one day they will find peace and tranquillity on this beautiful Mediterranean Island—the Island of Venus."

Captain E. A. Ruffle, OC WRAC Dhekelia and Admin Officer 262 Signal Squadron, met her brother at Nicosia Airport only 3 hours before the first mortar bombs fell there, signalling the beginning of the Coup:

"Normally my job is administrative officer of 262 Signal Squadron but in an internal security situation such as this, I move my pens and pencils to the Operations Centre HQ Dhekelia Area where, with two other "Misfits" (one RAPC and one RAOC) I man the Station Staff Officer's cell. It is difficult to define exactly what job we do at the desk. We provided information on everything and anything to anyone who phoned in with a query; we kept a special watch on the situation as it affects the families of the soldiers, especially those living in the dormitory towns of Larnaca and Famagusta; we acted as a missing persons' bureau/statistics compiler/flight reservation desk—in fact, doing everything that the rest of the AQ Ops room had no time to do.

Part of the job was to control the evacuation of civilians of all nationalities who flooded into the Base: tourists, businessmen, press correspondents and so on. The RAF laid on Hercules aircraft to take these from Dhekelia to Akrotiri and thence to UK; the SSO (me!) controlled the number of passengers on each flight and kept the movements staff informed of how many still remained.

The most important task of all was the control of the withdrawal of families from the dormitory towns into the SBA and their subsequent evacuation to UK. The families were obviously upset and anxious about their belongings and their futures; the SSO (me again!) gave up to date and accurate information and tried to solve some of the many problems that arose!"

Sergeant F. M. Vincent, Clerk Education Branch HQ NEARELF, situated in Dhekelia had been working in the Civilian Reception Centre along with the other WRAC members of Education Branch:

"At 0300 on 20 July 1974 the Turkish invasion of Cyprus began and by 0415 I had been alerted and was hitching a lift in an Army ambulance—the only vehicle available—to the Dhekelia barrack block which was to be home for much of the following fortnight.

As a WRAC Sergeant working at Education Branch HQ Near East Land Forces in Dhekelia I had trained regularly for our stand-by role of operating a reception and evacuation centre for British and other nationals but never thought that I would see it in action.

Captain P. Brennand, Staff Sergeant R. Hinxman and myself were drafted into the Civilian Reception Centre along with the RAEC Officers but it was not until the Turkish invasion that the Centre really became busy. Thousands of refugees made their way to Dhekelia; many with little food and few personal possessions.

My job was to interview families as they arrived and note their personal details, problems and preferences. With over 50 different nationalities to deal with, this required patience but the WRAC team welcomed the challenge. The girls kept their cool whether confronted by bewildered holidaymakers or heartbroken refugees who had lost everything.

In all some 7,000 people passed through the centre and over 6,000 were subsequently evacuated to the United Kingdom. After two weeks the major task was complete and I was able to catch up on my sleep, enjoy the sun and sea again and pick up the threads in Education Branch. It had been an exhausting but worth while job and all the girls involved found it rewarding."

Sergeant B. Parkin, Analyst of 9 Signal Regiment, was involved in the first evacuation of dependants from dormitory towns in July and in the running of the Military Reception Centre in Ayios Nikolaos:

"When the order came through that we were to be ready to evacuate the families from Famagusta, the Families Reception Centre was to be opened up. My part in the scheme was to liaise between the Lion House Families Centre in Famagusta and the FRC so I joined the first

convoy of trucks and armoured vehicles as it left the garrison. The route the convoy took was through the Orange Groves and as we turned off the main road by the Greek National Guard Camp, we saw the Greek Cypriots arriving to draw their weapons. Along the sea front we passed the hotels where the tourists stood on the steps, cheering and waving, and we saw old Greek women dressed in black, crying openly.

The Lion House was a hive of activity, as the evacuation of the families had begun. The Sector Wardens were reporting in to say that certain families had gone and some were missing and could we get through to Ayios Nikolaos to see if they were staying with friends in quarters. But of course one of the first things that went, was the phone so we were left with only the radio link.

Though Lion House was not in the area of the fiercest fighting, it was near enough to tremble at some of the heavier bangs. Spectators who ventured out on to the balconies reported the sighting of vehicles camouflaged with tree branches heading up and down the main street.

Soon all the families were accounted for except for the sector nearest the Old City where the fiercest fighting was going on. At last their Sector Warden reported in to say that he would not be able to get the families out unless there was a cease fire. So a cease fire was arranged for the following morning.

At 0430 the next morning I was waiting in the convoy which was ready to leave for Famagusta. We sat there for one hour as we watched the planes, silhouetted against the dawn, bombing Famagusta. The trip to the Lion House was uneventful, the town itself was quiet compared to the previous day with only a few mortars and small arms fire. The evacuation continued, and soon all the families were out including those from the Turkish sector. By the afternoon the tourists were being evacuated and the Lion House closed down.

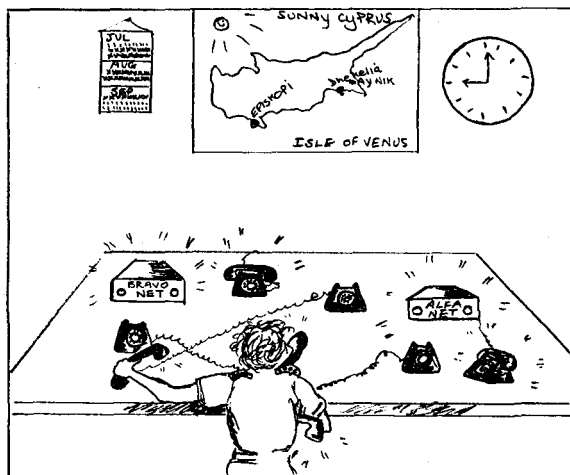
The evacuation had its lighter moments, one wife, one of the first to be evacuated reported that she along with several others from the same block of flats had climbed into a 4 tonner as it went round their area picking up families, was taken past her flat several times where her husband sat on the balcony along with his neighbours, drinking out of cans of beer and waving to their wives as they went past!"

2Lt M. Randall of 9 Signal Regiment saw the evacuation of tourists from Famagusta:

"Famagusta is a town which has a flourishing tourist trade and in mid-July the season is at its peak and this accounts for the 1,500 people who were brought out of the town over a two day period.

Following the Turkish invasion on 20 July and the two day evacuation of our own service families armed convoys were sent into the town to collect the tourists—many of whom had been sitting on their hotel steps waiting for a truck to arrive. The trucks—good old 4 tonners—were each provided with an armed escort who, besides providing protection, was there to help people on to his truck—no mean task with people weighing up to 20 stone who also have bad legs/hearts! From early Sunday afternoon until dusk the convoys were running non-stop along the 4 miles into town and when, operations stopped, they had pulled out about 700 people. Of these Ayios Nikolaos Garrison gave “bed and breakfast” to 450 in a club which is of a similar size to the ground floor of Guildford’s NAAFI. The remaining 250 were sent on to Dhekelia who were much better equipped to deal with them.

At 0600 on Monday we were already in Famagusta bringing out more tourists. The club was still being cleared from the night before so we managed to acquire from DOE a Pacific hangar which had lighting and a bare floor. By 0700 there were a few tables set up for passport control, a public address system and, most important of all only a few hundred yards away, a supply of cold drinks—for the workers as well as the guests. Once the “hotel” was open for business there was no lack of customers. At one time we had 770 people in the hangar all of different nationalities, beliefs and religions but once again most of them glad to be away from the town.



"An article for THE LIONESS? ... WAIT OUT"

In the last year the WRAC in Cyprus have been extremely fortunate: we have had visits from both our Controller Commandant and our Director and we have also had an opportunity to test our abilities out in a rapidly developing emergency situation."

Bunacamp Scheme

Adventurous Training in America

THIS scheme is arranged by the British Universities North American Club, founded in 1962. British students go on very cheap fares for 6-8 weeks to act as organisers/counsellors at American Youth Camps. Students at the Royal Military College of Science Shrivenham are encouraged to take part in some form of adventure training or volunteer work. Lt A. M. Stratford-Tuke currently reading for a degree at the RMCS has just returned from Camp Windy Wood North Carolina having been a Camp Counsellor during her summer holiday, and has sent us this report:

"The American type of children's summer camp is not encountered in Europe and the variety of omnipresent hyper-active children certainly isn't either! Camp counselling involves living, working and playing with children aged from six to sixteen, not only during the day, in activities, but also in the evening when you share a cabin with them.

The camps are not tented, but mostly long established, privately owned permanent structures, often with extraordinary Indian names. The emphasis at most camps is strongly on physical activity and the healthy curriculum of swimming, exploratory hikes and campcraft is supplemented by sing songs, camp plays and concerts indoors.

After I had been interviewed and accepted for the Bunacamp scheme, I was assigned to Camp Windy Wood in the foothills of the Southern Appalachian Mountains in North Carolina. For nine weeks I was to teach arts and crafts to children of all ages and to look after a cabin full of six year olds, teaching them various activities from nature study, through tennis, canoeing and riding to campcraft.

I left Shrivenham for the United States at 0400 hours on Friday 7 June and finally arrived at Camp Windy Wood over three thousand miles later at 0400 hours on Sunday 9 June.

The camp Directors and the other American counsellors made their three English counsellors feel instantly welcome and we soon settled down to the camping way of life. The camp itself was in a beautiful setting with log cabins scattered through attractive woodland. It had a wide frontage on an un-British lake and appeared to have every imaginable sporting facility.

The twenty five counsellors spent a busy week before the children arrived getting used to the sports equipment, preparing our cabins, planning teaching schedules and learning useful tips for the following eight weeks. I learned First Aid with a difference when we were taught all about rattle snake bites and poisonous spiders, not to

mention action on contact with poison ivy. We built endless campfires, until the art of lighting them with one match had been mastered, canoed the Indian way, and my first attempt at Western style riding still has painful memories.

The children duly arrived and the counsellors' peace was at an end. The camp routine was bracing—Reveille at 0700 hours, followed by the flag raising ceremony and cabin clean-up. The first activity was at 0845 hours and the children chose from a huge list, including archery, riflery, boating, riding, arts and crafts and gymnastics. I worked in the crafthouse each morning and spent three hours up to my eyes in basketry, paint, clay and embroidery threads, after which it was a dash to my cabin to get my charges ready for their swimming lessons.

Mealtimes at camp were something of a bun fight and the children, who came from extremely wealthy families, appeared to throw quantites of food in direct proportion to the incomes of their parents!

In the afternoons I joined in an activity with my cabin group and we had a wonderful time hiking in the beautiful countryside around the camp, exploring a local zircon mine, canoeing out to the islands on the lake, or riding.

The campers would spend two or three nights a week under canvas and these certainly had their amusing moments. On one occasion, my camp cuisine was visited by a pair of skunks and needless to say, there was an immediate evacuation!



Scene from the Indian ceremony

Camp Windy Wood reminded me very much of Peter Pan and his Never Never Land; for example, Christmas Day just happened to fall on 11 July when the campers were woken up at midnight to eat cake with red icing and to receive presents from Father Christmas. He arrived on a sledge, singing carols, but was in fact, a sewage worker called HoHo. Halloween

GUIDER IN CHARGE and ASSISTANT GUIDER IN CHARGE

OLAVE HOUSE

45 Longridge Rd, London S.W.5

There are vacancies for a Guider in Charge (Warden) and an assistant Guider in Charge at this World Guide Hostel. Interesting and challenging posts for those keen to work with young and older people of all nationalities. Beginning salaries £1500 and £950 respectively, annual increments plus full board, laundry etc. and comfortable accommodation. Further details and application forms from Mrs. Owen Hughes, Compton Dundon, Somerton, Somerset.

came round fifteen days later but, at a temperature of ninety degrees, it was hard to make it authentic.

At the end of camp, the campers and counsellors put on a show for the parents. This was an Indian story set to music as Camp Windy Wood was in the heart of Cherokee country, and each cabin presented a dance. We enjoyed it tremendously, but it was taxing on the imagination, especially if John Wayne and "The Alamo" is all one knows about the Cherokee Injuns!

The energetic weeks at camp passed quickly, but I was lucky to be able to take three weeks leave before returning home.

During that time, I travelled nearly five thousand miles on Greyhound buses through many States in the US and paid a fleeting visit to Canada, staying with the friends I had made at camp. I found the American families extremely generous and hospitable and they took me to such places as the incredible Walt Disney World in Florida and to the Expo '67 show in Montreal. I also spent a few days in New Orleans and Philadelphia and had a lovely time in Washington DC.

Summer 1974 is one I shall always remember happily, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to make some wonderful American friends and to gain an insight into the customs and culture of a cross section of American society".

WRAC Welfare Assistants

WO2 J. P. Gray

ON 16 September 1973 8 WRAC Warrant Officers and Senior Ranks assembled at the WRAC College to start our training the next day as WRAC Welfare Assistants. We were to commence a two year pilot scheme, which, if successful, is to be expanded. Being a completely new type of employment for the WRAC we wondered what we had volunteered for! We did not have long to wait, and were given good introductory talks by the Director WRAC, Col J. Sims (MOD PS4), Col (Retd) A. Lerwill, UKLF Housing Organisation and Col (Retd) V. Senior, SSAFA, who explained our role in life is to help with the day to day minor problems of married families requesting such assistance, to be able to interpret the more serious needs of the families and direct them to the appropriate authority and shall make routine visits to families when requested. We shall have a close liaison with the Social Services, Health Visitors, Commanding Officers, Unit Families Officers, Padres and any other department which has contact with the problems that can arise with the families.



WRAC Welfare Assistants photographed during their course at the WRAC College Camberley
(Courtesy of Soldier Magazine)

After attachments to gain knowledge of the Housing Commandants' Organisation, we attended a course at Bristol University, which proved to be an extremely interesting, mentally shattering two weeks since we had to exert our brains as they had not been exerted for a long time! We covered amongst other subjects Social Service provision in UK, various aspects of child growth, counselling, marital problems, family law, the work of the Health Visitor, Probation Officer, family planning and birth control.

We then returned to our areas to recuperate for a week before being attached to either a SSAFA Social Worker at Aldershot, Colchester, Catterick or Bulford, or to a Unit Families' Officer, for a month. Some of us were lucky enough to have leave before starting our jobs as WRAC Welfare Assistants on the 7th January 1974.

It is not easy to explain the type of work we do—it is so varied but very interesting. Some of the types of problems we cope with are marital, suspected baby/child bashing, financial, accommodation, fostering and adoption queries, irregular occupants—the list could be endless—but as our work is of a very confidential nature it is not possible to enlarge by quoting examples. We all agree that it is one of the most satisfying jobs we have done in the Army; so if any serving Senior Rank thinks she could be interested, I can assure her we all think it is a very worth while job.

The Edinburgh Military Tattoo—1974

Capt H. E. Erskine

FOR nine of us it was a Scottish summer of bagpipes, tartan dresses and sore feet..... but perhaps we should explain.

Once again it was the turn of the Women's Services to dance in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo so at the end of July, along with girls from the WRNS and WRAF, we packed our bags and headed North. After settling in, we went straight into practising the art of Scottish Country Dancing and discovering muscles we didn't know existed. (There is a story that the largest chemist in Princes Street ran out of liniment by the second day!) We were joined in our item by eight super girls from the Police Tactical Reserve of Sri Lanka who, after they had done their own national dance, did a quick change and to the delight of the crowd came back in tartan. All four teams were in different tartans; for rather obvious reasons we had the Erskine and, although we say it ourselves, we looked rather fine.

The weeks of rehearsal soon slipped by, but, with the aid of Miss Nicol and Lt Erskine, we eventually mastered our dance 'The Firth of Forth' and the dance routine which formed the background for the Sword Dance. But Lcpl Carol MacKenzie from 29 Coy WRAC was right out in front of the other Sword Dancers, the Scottish Country Dancers and the Massed Bands, managing to show up some of the men with her Highland Dancing.

Almost without realising it we reached the first night and, although we were a bit nervous, everything went according to plan and we got a terrific reception from the audience, which every night for 3½ weeks was 8,000 strong. By the end of the first week we were all in the swing of things, enjoying the atmosphere, not only out on the esplanade with the floodlit castle in the background, but also 'behind the scenes' where friends were made, particularly with the RAF Gymnastic Team. Need we say more!



L to R: Pte Porter, Cpl Dixon, Pte Fitzgerald, LCpl McKenzie, LCpl Van Horrick, Cpl Burleigh, LCpl Jones, Pte Morrison, LCpl Muir.

But all good things must come to an end and, suddenly, all the weeks of practising and performing seemed to vanish as we stood on the esplanade watching a most spectacular fireworks display and listening for the last time to the lone piper playing on the battlements.

Would we do it again? Strange, when the train pulled out of Waverley Station and you get your last glimpse of the Castle you forget the sore feet, the waiting about in the cold and decide..... I'll be back, perhaps I'll see you?

Unit News

Northern Ireland

WRAC ELEMENT

TIME stands still for no man—especially here! Every WRAC Officer with the exception of Maj Purton, will have changed since the last Lioness was published! Welcome to all 'new girls' and thank you all those who have left either on completion of tour or with wedding bells ringing in their ears! A special thanks to Lt Jane Neeve who, after six years sterling service, leaves the Corps. We will miss her and husband John and wish them all the very best for the future.

We were delighted to see Brig E. J. Nolan during October. Once more we rushed her around nearly every place where there are WRAC. Also in October members of the WRAC Element organised a sponsored swim to raise funds for their Christmas Dance. The response was good and Ptes Burgess, Watson, Casey and Mrs Gilbert (ex Pte McMahon) were amongst those who did 40 lengths of the pool to raise £85, some of which is to go to charity. In conjunction with 39 Infantry Brigade, when free, many of the unit visit a spastics home and take the patients shopping or for an airing in the park. We hope that this community relationship will develop and offer these lonely people some pleasure in their restricted lives.

On the 4th November DADWRAC, RSM MacIntosh and WO2 Trout attended the opening of the Field of Remembrance at Belfast City Hall and planted a cross in memory of all the women who served in the Army during the two world wars. Three members of the Corps represented the WRAC at a Festival of Remembrance. It was the first time since 1967 that the Festival has been held. Perhaps it bodes well for the future.

The Christmas period is with us but unfortunately this contribution has to be with the Editor before we can tell you how we fared but we have planned another 48 hour jigsaw marathon, Carol Service, Dinner, Discos, Barrack Room Decoration Competition and branch/office parties. After Christmas we will all be looking forward to the longer days and greater opportunities for visiting some of the many beautiful places in the Province.

Scotland

RA RANGE HEBRIDES

Visit of HRH The Duchess of Kent

Lcpl H Aaron

ON the 26th September 1974, HRH The Duchess of Kent arrived on the Isle of Benbecula to open the newly completed Officers' Mess at the RA Range Hebrides. The Range has been undergoing extensive modernisation in both residential and working units, and this rebuilding is now almost completed. At the airport the welcoming party for the Duchess was headed by the Lord Lieutenant of Invernesshire, and after inspecting the guard of honour, the Royal Party went to lunch in the new gymnasium, where HRH met many of the guests including our own Director—Brig E. J. Nolan Hon ADC. Lunch was followed by visits to the Junior Ranks dining hall, the Junior Ranks Club, then, the WRAC accommodation where the Duchess met

some members of the WRAC Detachment. The formal opening of the new Officers' Mess came next; this was the only open air event of the day and was also the only time during the day that it rained.



HRH The Duchess of Kent meeting Pte L. Clayton a Radar Operator

The Duchess was then driven the 16 miles to the new Range Control building on the Island of South Uist, where she was able to meet the rest of the WRAC Detachment and talk to them about their work. Unfortunately the visit was all too short and the Duchess drove back to Benbecula where she had an informal tea in the Sgts' Mess, before leaving to fly back to London. We hope that Her Royal Highness will have occasion to visit the WRAC Detachment, Hebrides again, before too long.

West Midland District

CAD KINETON

THE WRAC Element at CAD Kineton has seen a busy last few months. Planning the SSAFA Fete in September took up much time but on the day, in spite of torrential rain, cold and wind, the WRAC helped to contribute £35 to the final total of £507 made by the Unit. Programmes sold like hot cakes and WO2 Pickard did a roaring trade on the bookstall. Several keen horsewomen, under Sgt Maureen Mullany, gave pony rides to a never ending queue of enthusiastic children. The "Ball in the Bucket" contest, and the "Guess the Weight" competition—where people had to guess the weight of Pte Diane King who was dressed up—both proved highly entertaining and successful. 2Lt Pat Bradford donned a shawl, gazed into her crystal ball and, from the shady depths of her tent, told some excellent fortunes!

After the Fete ten WRAC joined a party of soldiers, under the guidance of Capt Jeremy

Blower RAOC, on an Adventurous Training Exercise at Penhale Camp, Cornwall. Again, despite bad weather, the exercise was a tremendous success and the girls took part in Rock Climbing, Sub-Aqua, Pony-trekking and Sport. We were fortunate enough to have the expert help of Capt R. D. Patrick WRAC SOPT WMD and SSgt Swailes WRAC, from the UKLF School of PT (South) as instructors. Before Lcpl Jeannie Smith joined the exercise at Penhale, she had competed in the Fork Lift Truck Driver Competition at Bicester, where she won the Best Military Operator Cup and the Best Lady Operator one too. WO2 Pickard is also to be congratulated for raising £34 single-handed, by walking 20 miles on a "Help the Aged" sponsored walk! She was the only person from CAD Kineton to take part.

The Annual Remembrance Day Parade took place in the beautiful old town of Warwick this year. All the WRAC attended a very moving service in the Collegiate Church of St. Mary beforehand, and afterwards took part in the parade at which the Mayor of Warwick took the salute.

The WRAC Element at CAD Kineton has just started its Sports League fixtures for the 74/75 season of Hockey, Netball and Table Tennis. So far five matches out of six have been won and the teams are to be congratulated. The WRAC again organised a Christmas Party for senior citizens and a choir, under the able leadership of Cpl Glasgow RAOC, provided some very enjoyable entertainment.

It all helps to put the WRAC at Kineton on the Map—I said Map not Mat!

North East District

5 SQUADRON, 8 SIGNAL REGIMENT

Katharine House

THE weekend of 7/8 June 1974 was a "red letter weekend" for the WRAC in Catterick. It was when Teddy Bears, Pandas, Dogs and Cats moved three miles from Jaffa Lines to their new accommodation in Vimy Lines, Katharine House. About one hundred servicewomen accompanied the move. Arrangements were worked out well in advance by CSM Wyn Pickard and Sgt Margaret MacKay. The OC Maj Elizabeth Ross and the Admin Officer 2Lt Valerie Jolley were completely excluded from these plans on pain of death and were only allowed to watch the operation from afar. Sergeant Major and Sgt Joan Jeffrey helped the girls load the four trucks at Jaffa for despatch to Katharine House. St Trinian's wasn't a patch on it!

The incoming Sergeant Major, Sadie McDonald and Sgt MacKay were the Reception Committee and Sgt MacKay soon had everyone

truly organised by brewing pots of tea. Boxes were unpacked, record players turned on, new territories explored and it was not long before the new house had that "lived-in" feeling.

Now a word about Katharine House itself. It is set in the middle of 8th Signal Regiment within easy reach of WRAC Squadron HQ, the Trade Training School, where many of the WRAC either instruct or are trained, and the cookhouse. It is three stories high and has excellent facilities within it. The bedrooms accommodate four girls each and NCOs have their own single rooms. All bedroom furniture is fully fitted in an attractive beige and white finish and provides ample storage space; the wall space above the bedhead is "pin-board" so that service women may pin up their favourite photographs and posters without damaging any wall surfaces. Bathroom facilities are ample and very attractive, with excellent lighting and an abundance of mirrors. There is a laundry complex on each floor which consists of a washing area, a drying room and an ironing area. There is also a washing machine in each of these complexes, with separate spin dryers, and sinks for those who just want to wash "smalls".



A sitting room in Katharine House

There is a sitting room on each floor with a separate one for NCOs on the ground floor, three out of four of these rooms having colour TV. The sitting rooms are very attractive with bright yellow and green chair covers and yellow curtains, and the house is fully carpeted throughout with the exception of bathrooms and washing rooms which are tiled.

On the first of October, we were delighted to have Mrs Collin, wife of the GOC North East District, to open Katharine House officially and this was featured in the local newspapers. Mrs Hart, wife of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, entertained us to tea at her house after the opening.

Eastern District

PROOF AND EXPERIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT—SHOEBURYNNESS

Exchange Visit

IN order to let the two branches of Experimental Assistants in Gunnery (EAsG) see each other and try out their opposite number's work, an exchange visit was arranged between P & EE Shoeburyness and RA Range Benbecula.

Although there were signs of apprehension on its departure, the party from Shoeburyness thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Outer Hebrides and found it most useful and informative. They looked remarkably sane and healthy on their return too, as indeed did their counterparts from Benbecula, whom we were very pleased to have with us for a week. Strangely enough, not one of them mentioned seeing wild haggis or being approached by hairy Highlanders with naked and knobbly kneecaps. Perhaps one needs special Scottish glasses.

Anyway, we hope further exchange visits can be arranged for the mutual benefit and enjoyment of both branches of the EAG trade.

South West District

30 SIGNAL REGIMENT

30 SIGNAL REGIMENT is based at Blandford Camp, with outposts as far afield as Gan, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Belize, recently members of the Regiment have gone to Australia, the Solomon Islands and the Windward Islands.

The Regiment has some very unusual traditions which we are proud to keep alive. One of these comes from our affiliation with the Worshipful Company of Dyers, one of the Livery Companies of the City of London. The Company are allowed to keep swans on the Thames along with the Queen's swans and each year are involved in the ancient practice of "Swan-upping", when all the swans and cygnets are caught and the cygnets marked by notches on the beak for identification. So, it is, that we use the Swan as our Regimental symbol. It is on our flag, on our vehicles and every year we invite the dignitaries of the Dyers Company to our Cygnet Dinner here in Blandford.

No, we don't eat devilled swan or roast cygnet, but we do have a unique ceremony called the "Loving Cup". This is a special and very large cup which is filled with Madeira or Port. After all the other toasts have been completed, this cup is passed round from the Commanding Officer to his left, finishing at the senior guest. It is not just a matter of standing up, taking a sip and passing it on. There is a special procedure of bowing, before and after you drink, to the person on your left, and while you are turned

towards him the person on your right faces the other way to guard your back. It all takes a lot of thought after a hearty dinner and is very nerve-racking the first time you have to do it under the gaze of the assembled multitude.

London District

12 COMPANY WRAC

Santa's Little Helpers

WITHOUT a shadow of doubt one of the busiest Units at Christmas time is the Home Postal and Courier Communications Depot Royal Engineers at Mill Hill, London. As the head office for Service mail HPCCD RE serves more than 70 British Forces Post Offices throughout the world. Of the 350 "posties" employed at Mill Hill, 130 of them are members of the Women's Royal Army Corps stationed at 12 Company WRAC.



WRAC Postal & Courier Operators coping with the 1974 Christmas mail rush at HPCCD RE Mill Hill.

The WRAC are employed on jobs which range from clerical duties, readdressing incorrectly addressed letters, special issue stamps and First Day Covers—to routine sorting letters and parcels. For those on sorting office duties it means long periods of standing on any of the three shifts that cover the 24 hours of each day, sorting piles of letters and parcels in order that they may reach their destinations in the shortest

possible time. In addition they are required to repack parcels which have broken open in transmission. This particular section of the sorting office is nicknamed "Heartbreak Corner."

So—to all of you who posted at the last minute for Christmas 1974, spare a thought for the hard working postal workers and post early next Christmas.

BAOR

WRAC PLATOON HQ 1 (BR) CORPS

OVER the last six months there have been certain unusual events taking place "at the sharp end", that is in Headquarters First British Corps, Bielefeld.

In July two offshore sailing courses were organised, departing from Kiel and sailing round some of the Danish islands. The CSM of HQ Company, WO2 Aldridge of the Irish Guards, was persuaded to take 2 novice crews of 5 WRAC on "Exercise Maiden Voyage". This meant two courses of four days offshore sailing in a 43' ketch with three sails, "Rasmus III". Crew No 1 was composed of WO2 Martin Aldridge, Capt Susan Osborne, Cpl Patricia Rosewell, Lcpl Dorothy Morris and Pte Lyn Mackie.

It was superb sailing with much running before the wind and dropping in at the Danish ports of Sondeborg, Dyvig and Marstal. The crew returned to Kiel highly exhilarated and overflowing with admiration for the skipper. The second crew had a more difficult time owing to engine faults as Lcpl Hudson relates:

"The second crew of Rasmus III consisted of WO2 Martin Aldridge, Lt Maggie Gibb, Sgt Ann Mason, Lcpl Leslie O'Shea, Lcpl Alyson Hudson and Pte Lynn Oakley. At the Kiel Training Centre on 19th July Rasmus III was handed over to us and it didn't take long for us to settle in. After a few short periods of instruction we set off for a "chug" round the harbour to get our sea-legs and decided that we would leave for Marstal (in Denmark) early the next morning.

WO2 Aldridge woke us up with a cup of tea (a luxury we were to receive for the next four days) at 0500 telling us we would slip moorings at 0630, and by 0900 felt as if we had been working all day. Sailing is hard work but good fun, unless you are sea-sick—as were two of the crew, apparently caused by the fumes of leaking diesel oil that were particularly concentrated in the boat's 'loo'. To an experienced sailor I don't suppose the sea could have been termed 'rough' that day but it certainly seemed like that to us poor landlubbers attempting to make mugs of tea in the cabin from time to time. Due to leaking oil and water the floor of the cabin

became more and more slippery as the day wore on. We sighted Marstal while under full sail and that evening a few of us walked around this pretty town. It seems to be a popular stopping off place for sailors of all nationalities.

Next day we set off for Svenborg. It was a beautiful day, with a fair wind and we sailed through the channels (narrowly missing the Marstal ferry) to Svenborg. Then our trouble started. The last crew had had trouble with the engine and so did we. We tried to switch the engine on to dock at Svenborg but Rasmus only coughed, spluttered and whined. We tried to sail in but could not, due to a large ship being 'parked' in an awkward position. We circled, still trying the engine and eventually ran aground and had to be tugged off by a small launch driven by some extremely strong gentlemen. The engine would still not start and by this time the battery had gone flat, so the skipper decided to go back to Kiel via Marstal. We were doing fine until we reached Marstal channel which is about 50ft wide and as Rasmus III is 43ft long we were constantly on the look-out for shallow water. It seemed only a matter of time before we would run aground again, then, one of the crew had a brainwave and tried the engine. It exploded into life and the tense atmosphere of minutes before disappeared as we came alongside Marstal jetty. We again stayed the night at Marstal and on the Monday decided to sail to Mommark, have a quick look round and then return to Kiel.

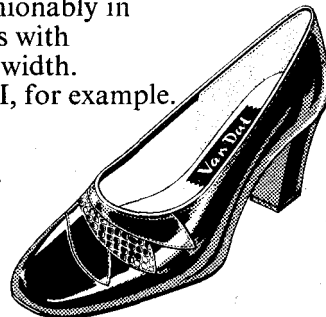
We set off for Mommark after hearing several conflicting weather reports of between 7-9 and 3-5 gale force winds. We were having difficulty keeping on our course, so we put up the big Genoa sail. This was a bit of a disaster as one of the fair leads broke and came clean out of the deck. What with this, engine trouble and the fact the pump for the bilges had broken the night before, the skipper decided that now we would definitely head back to Kiel, so we changed course and, with Lt Gibb at the tiller, set off 'homeward bound'. It was a little frightening at times as we only had a port-side light on the bows, and a lantern hanging at the stern. Several times we feared for our lives and, as we came upon Kiel Lighthouse, it seemed we would certainly be run down by the big ships that appeared from nowhere, fast. Coming into Kiel itself we were escorted by a police launch, the occupants of which seemed quite concerned that we could hardly be seen. They weren't the only ones.

I think all the crew were heartily glad when we eventually drew Rasmus into home jetty. The trip had been very tiring and fraught with mishaps but despite this everyone agreed it had been a really enjoyable experience."

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**8 COMMAND POSTAL & COURIER
COMMUNICATIONS DEPOT RE**

WE may be a small unit but we are also an active one. Lioness readers may not have heard from us for a while but we are still alive and well and living in Dusseldorf and Rheindahlen. Our lives have not been dull in the last few months and we are happy to submit the following items which we hope are of interest to our WRAC friends.

In June Cpl "MO" Nicol achieved the British and Army Canoe Union Certificates after attending a two week canoeing course at BOBC Norway which was hard work but also great fun. She also gained her Amateur Swimming Association Survival Award (Silver) at Bielefeld. Pte Dickens (Rheindahlen) is also congratulated on attaining her ASA award.

A feature of life in Germany is the marching which is held throughout the year. After hard training early in the mornings before work, four members of the Element namely Capt Walton, Sgt Finniss, Cpl Nicol and Cpl Lockwood, completed the arduous four day marches at Nijmegen and marched 100 miles on roads—no mean feat (feet?) Sixteen of the less energetic members of the Unit helped at the British Reception held during the week.

Sport in the Unit has been going well recently; we have competed in the Tennis, Rounders and

more recently the Squash championships in BAOR. At these championships our PTI, Cpl Julie Northcott, played a good final match but was beaten into second place. Other competitors from the Unit were Cpl Lockwood, Cpl Nicol and Pte Dickens. Cpl Northcott has thus gained a place in the team to represent BAOR in UK. We are also competing, with great hopes, in the Badminton and Hockey Leagues this season and several members are participating in Skiing during the winter months.



Members of 8 CPCCD RE at the end of the 4 days Nijmegen March 1974.

However, it is not all play and no work in 8 Command. At the beginning of November the Unit sent a Philatelic Display to Spandau-Berlin to commemorate the town's 70th Anniversary. Two WRAC, Lcpl Peacock (nee Goldswain) and Lcpl Wilkinson, helped the Royal Engineers with the display in Berlin and the trip was also aided by the auspices of Capt Cox WRAC.

Hong Kong



LCpl M. Woodruffe of Sunderland preparing for the Christmas mail rush in Hong Kong.

Sport

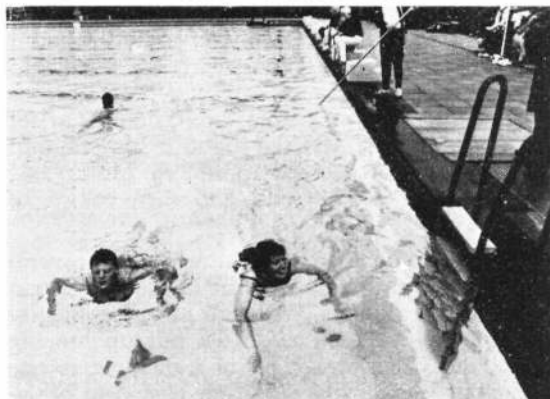
SWIMMING

The Half Century (Plus Three) Survivors of Bielefeld

Capt A M H Barrington-Ward

DURING the last swimming season, three survival swimming courses were held at Bielefeld for members of the QARANC and WRAC, the aim being to work for the Amateur Swimming Association Survival Medals and the Royal Life Saving Society Resuscitation Awards.

The course was run at Bielefeld with the help of Cpl Rosewell from HQ Regt, 1 (BR) Corps and was divided into two parts; the mornings were spent at the Hillegossen outdoor heated pool and the afternoons in the lecture room learning about water safety and artificial resuscitation. Each student on the course was able to select the medal she would work for and then, for the rest of the course, the students remained in the Bronze, Silver, Gold or Honours group. All students worked for either the Preliminary or Advanced Resuscitation Award.



Once in groups, the students then had to adhere strictly to the rules of the medal they were taking. The rule which caused great amusement was "the order of dress" for the tests. For the Bronze Medal pyjamas had to be worn; for the Silver—pyjamas and a jersey; for the Gold—vest, pants, socks, slacks, blouse and jersey and finally for the Honours Medal, the same as the Gold but with gym shoes! Having adorned themselves in this swimming attire, the students then had to prove that they could perform the survival tasks in the water, according to the rules for the medal they were taking. The 'killer' task was to swim 100 yards in less than four minutes with clothes on! This was done in the Silver, Gold and Honours group. Treading water with hands clasped behind the back was tiring for the Gold Medallists. Cpl Rosewell was our only Honours candidate and had to swim 500 yards in less than 15 minutes (with clothes)

and complete four duck dives through a bicycle tyre submerged beneath the water. Pte Dupak (68 Sqn RCT) and Pte Kirkaldie (16 Signal Regt) did not like jumping off the top board for their Gold Medals, but at the end of the training, haversack rations were brought to the pool and a picnic lunch was enjoyed by the deserving survivors. At the end of the course all the students were proficient in duck dives, treading water, with or without using arms or legs, making floats from clothes and of course the marathon swims.

In the afternoon the lectures took place with the main stress on water safety, first aid and artificial resuscitation. We used a mannequin for the practical resuscitation who was nicknamed Annie and she was very life-like indeed! By the end of the season nineteen Resuscitation Awards were successfully passed.

The final total of medals awarded was fifty-three, which included one Honours Medal, four Gold Medals, fifteen Silver Medals and nine Bronze Medals. Pte Dupak passed her Advanced Resuscitation Award. Pte Compitus (16 Signal Regt) passed both her Bronze and Silver Medal, having started off as a weak swimmer. Capt Hamilton QARANC (BMH Rinteln) passed her Preliminary Water Safety Award and also helped with the Advanced Resuscitation Awards.

The courses were hard work but the standard achieved was excellent. Now, if any students are in difficulty in the water they are able to tread water for considerable lengths of time, they are able to duck dive under debris and obstacles even burning oil, they know how to assist others as well as themselves by inflating their clothes with air. Long distance swimming is not so difficult when one knows a few tips 'to ease the strain'.

Sadly, the season has come to an end and now I look forward to next summer when I can greet more potential 'survivors' to Bielefeld. Meanwhile I am now running Beginners Courses—training the new generation of potential survivors!

TENNIS

Army (W) Veterans Lawn Tennis Tournament
IT is proposed to hold an Army (Women's) Veterans Lawn Tennis Tournament pm Sunday 27 July 1975 in Aldershot if there are sufficient Veterans interested. This would be a Doubles Tournament for which partners would be drawn. The Army (W) Lawn Tennis Inter Zone Championships will be starting on that Sunday afternoon and so the Veterans Tournament will not be played in isolation. The following are qualified to enter:

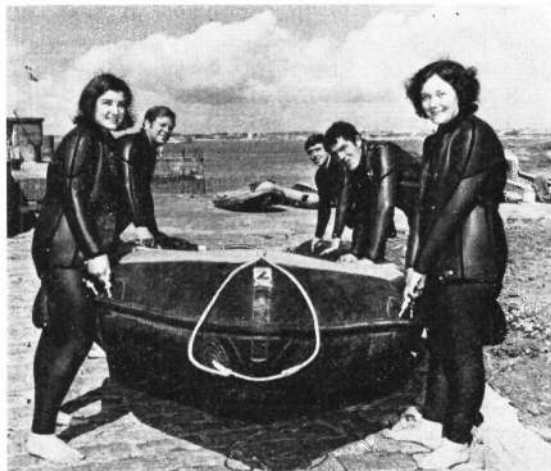
- a. Any serving Regular QARANC/WRAC officer or servicewoman over the age of 45 on 1 January 1975.
- b. Any retired Regular QARANC/WRAC officer or servicewoman over the age of 45 on 1 January 1975.

Anyone interested in playing in this Tournament is asked to forward their names to one of the following by 30 June 1975:

Lt Col D. J. Temple WRAC, Chairman Army (W) Lawn Tennis Association, HQ South West District, Sherford Camp, Taunton, Somerset, or Capt P. H. Dixon WRAC, Secretary Army (W) Lawn Tennis Association, WRAC Centre, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, Surrey.

ARMY GIRLS FIRST AT JOINT SERVICES SUB AQUA CLUB

ALTHOUGH the Joint Services Sub Aqua Club at Fort Bovisand is actually run by the Royal Navy, two officers from the WRAC were the first girls to take the course. They are Capt Sue Stebbing of the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop and Lt Margaret Jones, Women's Services Liaison Officer at Basingbourne Barracks.



L to R: Lt M. Jones WRAC, SAC R. O' Hare (RAF Mountbatten), Chief Mech T. Higgins (HMS Defiance), Marine B. Hall (42 Commando RM), Capt S Stebbing WRAC.

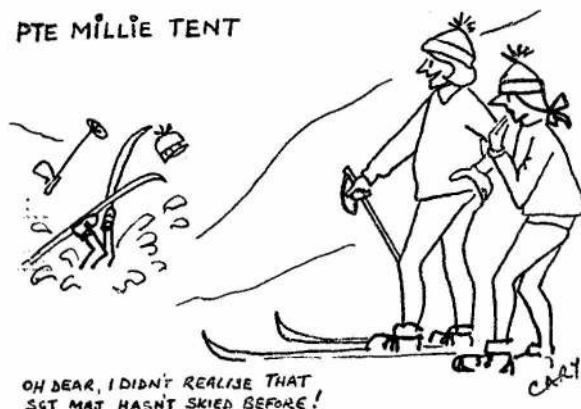
Each full course of 12 is divided equally between the three Services with four representatives of each. Courses, which last a week, are either for beginners to introduce them to the sport or a more advanced course for supervisors. This is to train up experienced divers so that they can assist in forming and running sub aqua clubs in their units.

ARMY SAILING ASSOCIATION Offshore Regatta

IN competition with 17 male entries a WRAC boat came first in the under 30ft class at the Army Sailing Association Off-Shore Regatta at Gosport on 14/15 September 1974. This is a first time achievement and the members of the team are congratulated.

Lt A. M. F. Pote, 2Lt G. Harvey, Cpl S. Hope.

PTE MILLIE TENT



GYMNASTICS

WO2 D. F. Lodge was selected to accompany the APTC Gymnastic team tour to Gibraltar 12-19 August 1974. During the tour she took part in several displays arranged for school children. The highlight of the visit was the performance at Gibraltar Army Day on 17 August 1974. On the following day there was an Olympic Gymnastic Display at the Central Open Air Piazza. The team was presented to the local Minister for Sport at a reception.



WO2 D. F. Lodge performing with the APTC Gymnastics Team on their visit to Gibraltar 1974.

Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve

LONDON UNIVERSITY OTC

AFTER a decline in numbers during the last two years the WRAC Sub-Unit is now thriving with about 20 active and very enthusiastic members. During the year 2Lts Sarah Valentine and Sheri Majury were commissioned, giving a current strength of six officers. Two other sub-alterns, 2Lts Julia Liesching and Wendy Kirk, have been posted to TAVR Signal Regiments.

The highlight of the year's activities was a two week Summer Camp in Germany with 16 Signal Regiment. After a long but exciting journey by train and boat via Dover and Ostend we were met in Monchengladbach by two vehicles, one for personnel, the other solely for our volume of baggage! We had a warm welcome when we finally reached Krefeld and spent two nights there, with the opportunity of surveying the area, before leaving with 2 Sqn for their own Summer Camp at Treis-Karden in the Moselle.

We piled into the back of a 4 ton vehicle, excited at the prospect of 10 days under canvas in such a lovely part of Germany. Looking very smart in combat trousers and white summer blouses, we received many admiring glances as we sped along the autobahn. We were not disappointed when we arrived at Treis; the area is so picturesque, with the camp site set on an island in the Moselle. We quickly settled in, sharing two tents in the WRAC lines. Later several fieldmice settled in with us!

After a delicious meal in the tented Mess we were given an outline of the planned activities, and learnt that reveille was to be at 0615 hours each morning, followed five minutes later by PT for thirty minutes. At this point we rapidly adjourned to a local Gasthaus to sample the fragrant Moselle wine, the first of many tastings.

Activities during our stay included canoeing, cycling, walking, map reading and weapon training, when three of the seven WRAC, participating in the pistol classification, achieved Marksman standard. OCdt S. Mortars scoring 100.

One day we were asked to help with Camp Administration and were initially horrified to discover we were detailed to take over the cook-house for twelve hours. However, under the expert eye of a catering adviser, we managed very well and the men of 2 Sqn were full of praise for our efforts—the only adverse comments being aroused by the chocolate sauce which some unfortunates had mistaken for gravy!

The day assigned to 2 Sqn for their Battle Efficiency tests arrived and the girls were determined to complete the course too—a 10 mile road walk in 2 hrs 10 mins. Minus weapon and

pack, we set off in high spirits and all returned bar one casualty, in good time. OCdts Carter and Struselis looked all set for a repeat performance!

Time was found for several visits up and down the Moselle amidst beautiful surroundings. We never ceased to be impressed by the acres and acres of vineyards. In the evenings there was the bath run to a nearby German barracks, the liberation run to sample the night life in Cochem, sports, bingo and an occasional film. A river-boat cruise on the last evening provided a memorable finale to our camp with 2 Sqn. We were sorry to have to return to Krefeld and then England, and look forward to another opportunity to visit BAOR.

40 (ULSTER) SIGNAL REGIMENT (V)

A Likely Tale!

ONE Friday a young civilian, who had decided to join the Regular Army, went to the local Recruiting Office and was enlisted at 1130 hours. At 1230 hours she reported to her new Regiment and was promoted to Sgt—well she is good looking! At 1430 hours she went to the local District Headquarters. The stores were opened for her and she was kitted out by the Sergeant Major.

On Saturday she was put on an aeroplane to fly to Belgium for a fortnight's exercise, also visiting Holland and Germany. En-route in the RAF Britannia she was invited to travel on the flight deck where the controls were explained to her. During the two weeks exercise she was chatted up by a couple of Generals and a few Brigadiers and given a trip in a helicopter. It wasn't a dream or fairy tale—it's the truth—ask our new Sgt Nannette Glover.

Correspondence

Deputy Lieutenant

Dear Editor

I thought you might like to have the under-mentioned information for inclusion in the next issue of Lioness.

"Lt Col M. H. Morgan (nee Pine) MBE TD has been appointed with effect from 14th August 1974, a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of West Glamorgan. Her husband—Col F. S. Morgan CBE DL JP was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Glamorgan in 1946 and it may be that it is an unique situation in that both husband and wife are now Deputy Lieutenants for the County. Lt Col Morgan will be wearing the uniform of the Corps on those occasions when it is necessary for uniform to be worn."

I would like to add a note that I have not been

able to take any active part in any functions held in London for the past ten years, since my husband lost his sight. This does not preclude me from taking a very active interest in anything connected with the Corps, through Lioness and I would like to send my greetings to any of my ex-colleagues who may be interested. We both would like to welcome here any of them who may find themselves in this locality.

Yours sincerely

Lt Col M. H. Morgan MBE TD DL
WRAC (Retd)

Herbert's Lodge, Bishopston, Swansea.

This reflects very great credit on the Corps.
Editor.

Corps Magazine Title

Dear Editor

In reply to Sandy Williams's letter published in the October issue of Lioness.

She states the Corps motto "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re" is a matchless one for the Corps; the WRAC Collect is excellent. This I agree with wholeheartedly. What I do not agree with is her definition of "lion."

My Little Oxford dictionary defines "lion"—large carnivorous beast noted for his courage; courageous person; celebrity. In my own opinion the name "Lioness" illustrates what it takes to live up to the Corps motto, WRAC Collect and life in general—if it is to be lived to the full.

I never have the time to live in the past but I have taken a few minutes to think about the Corps History, after I read Sandy Williams's letter. "THEY did come, THEY did see, THEY did conquer" and your up and coming young members of the Corps are still having to conquer the problems of this ever changing world. The past or the present was never achieved through lack of courage—so please do not cast aside the name "Lioness" without putting a great deal more thought before the action.

I close with very best wishes to each serving member of the WRAC, keep up the spirit of the Corps and the COURAGE of the "lion".

Yours sincerely

Miss M Slaven (ex WO1)

90 Chapel Street, Kilburn, Derby.

IN a letter to the Editor dated 25th November 1974 Miss Lois Woodhouse of 23 Brookhouse Road, Ormskirk, Lancs writes:

"Re October Lioness—I, for one, do NOT agree that the name of our Corps magazine should be changed.

During the war Churchill said, quote 'The Nation had the Lion's heart.' We need to be strong, roaring and ferocious in the present days of terror. Further meaning can be seen in any book on heraldry!

The Editor, in my opinion, made a very good reply. New innovations are fine but let us keep our tradition (The envy of the USA for one!)

It will take more than words or symbols to change the courage and determination of the WRAC. Bless 'em all.

CORPS MOTTO

Suaviter in Modo, Fortiter in Re

FOLLOWING our information in the October issue on how our Corps magazine came to be called Lioness, Miss B. M. Brewster (ex WO2) of Castleford, Yorks has written to us regarding the origin of the WRAC motto. Miss Brewster, who served in the Army for 26 years describes how, during dinner one evening, she happened to notice the label on a bottle of 1972 Riesling and, over the crest of the wine company, was written "our" motto, but in reverse: Fortiter in Re, Suaviter in Modo. This led her to wonder whether the wine company had purloined it from the WRAC or vice versa and she sent us the label to prove her point! In fact, neither is guilty. Nobody has exclusive right to a motto; our form of it, for example, is in use by Lord Newborough and probably by other families and firms.

In 1954 a letter was sent to Units asking for suggestions for a Corps Motto. Dr Edgar Feuchtwanger of Southampton University, who at that time used to lecture on the British Constitution and Current Affairs at the WRAC School of Instruction, suggested Suaviter in Modo, Fortiter in Re as being both an appropriate reminder of the aim and spirit of our Corps and also, being strong, basic Latin, incapable of misconstruction or parody. All proposals were considered by WRAC I and Dr Feuchtwanger's, which had been submitted by the School of Instruction, was chosen.

Following concurrence by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as Commandant-in-Chief and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal as Controller Commandant, endorsement from the College of Arms and the approval of the Army Council, an application was submitted to Her Majesty The Queen. Army Order 20/WRAC/71 was issued on 20th July 1955 permitting the WRAC to adopt the motto with the literal translation: "Gentle in Manner, Resolute in Deed".

All this, of course, does not answer Miss Brewster's question as to who got there first, the wine company or the WRAC. It does, however, tempt us to wonder whether the wine has lived up to its distinguished motto as successfully as the WRAC has!

Editor.

Association News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 15th March 1975 in the Study Centre, Imphal Barracks, Fulford Road, York at 2.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 16th March 1974 (circulated in June 1974 issue of Lioness).
2. Business arising from the Minutes.
3. To receive the Report of Council.
4. To receive the Report of the Honorary Treasurer.
5. To receive the Report of the Editor of Lioness.
6. To receive the Reports of Committees.
7. Resolutions.

Council Resolutions:

- (1) "That in order to keep pace with the rapidly increasing costs of running the Association, producing and distributing Lioness, the number of issues be reduced to two a year and new subscription rates of Life £15 and Annual £1, be introduced in 1976 and the rules amended accordingly."
- (2) "That the frequency of Council Meetings be reduced to three a year and the rules amended accordingly."
No 1 Sub Area of South West Area Resolution:
- (3) "That the WRAC subscription rate be increased to 75p per year, to be reviewed annually and that a further appeal be made to Life Members for a donation towards the cost of Lioness." This Resolution does not have Council support.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Date of Next Meeting.

PLEASE BRING THIS COPY OF LIONESS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRODUCE IT AT THE GATE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. CAR PARKING AVAILABLE.

BUSES from York Station every 10 minutes Nos 4, 4A, 4B.

Members are reminded of voting procedure, i.e. 1 vote for each Branch.

BRANCH SECRETARIES' MEETING

THE Secretaries' Meeting will be held at 11.30 am in The Study Centre on Saturday 15th March 1975. Members of Council look forward

to meeting Branch Secretaries for lunch as their guests.

Will Secretaries please assist arrangements by letting the General Secretary know whether they will or will not be attending.

GRAND DRAW, FUND RAISING AND TEA

THE draw for the winning tickets of the Grand Draw will be made by Col L. M. Davies CBE after the AGM. All counterfoils must be returned by 14th February 1975.

The Fund raising will include Tombola, General and Produce Stalls and Raffles. Something for everyone to buy or win!

Gifts in kind may be sent to Lt Col F. M. Cook, HQ North East District, York YO1 4AU, up to the last moment, or to the General Secretary up to 13th March. Gifts in cash will be welcomed by the General Secretary at any time.

Tea will be available, at a cost of 25p.

NORTHERN AREA EVENING PARTY

NORTHERN Area are running a small Reunion in the Merchant Adventurers' Hall York from 6.30-10pm on Saturday 15th March 1975. All members welcome, tickets price 50p (which includes light supper) available at the AGM.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 1974

COL L. M. DAVIES CBE, Col B. I. Forbes Adam MBE (representing Brig E. J. Nolan Hon ADC), Col D. H. I. Wilson OBE (Retd) and a strong contingent of ex-service and serving members were at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey, when the Cross was planted by Lt Col P. Norman MBE, ADWRAC London District.

Ex-service members marched past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, the wreath bearer was from the London Branch.

LORD KITCHENER MEMORIAL HOLIDAY CENTRE

THE Centre is at Lowestoft, on the sea front, within easy reach of the main shopping area. There are two TV sets and good home cooking under the personal supervision of Mrs Wilson.

A holiday at the Centre is open to any ex-servicewomen (except invalids) and husbands if they also are ex-service, during the periods 26th April to 14th June and 6th September to 30th September at a cost of £14 each for the two weeks.

Unfortunately we did not have the dates early last year and only 3 people were able to go, but they all said they had a happy holiday and felt better for the sea air of Lowestoft.

As the holidays are open to all ex-service-women, not only members of the Association, members with ex-service friends might like to go with them, or tell them how to find out the details. All applications for a holiday require the Centre's official form and nomination by the Association. All details from the General Secretary.

FOCUS ON BENEVOLENT FUND

DURING the year covered by the Annual Report (1 Nov 73—31 Oct 74), a total of 314 cases were dealt with by the Grants Committee. Of this number 80 were ex-WRAC and 9 ex-QMAAC. The amount spent on grants was £6,374. In addition to this figure the Army Benevolent Fund donated grants to the value of £750 to ex-service members.

In order to help the housebound and very elderly it is now possible for the Committee to allot up to 10 black and white TV sets to deserving cases. These sets will be paid for by the Funds through Radio Rentals. This scheme will, we hope, bring interest and comfort to those who receive them.

It may interest our readers to know, that there are now 29 Princess Royal's Memorial Fund Annuitants. It is just ten years since the Fund was started and we hope through further donations to be able to increase the number.

We are pleased to be able to take this opportunity of thanking individuals and Branches for the very generous support which they give, both financially and in kind, to the Funds and are grateful for £693.04 the profit on the sale of the WRAC Commemorative Covers.

If there is anyone who does not already receive a copy of the Annual Report and would like to do so, or who would like a Banker's Order Form, may we suggest that you write to the Secretary for one.

Reunions

NORTHERN AREA REUNION

THE 1974 Northern Area Reunion was held in the Parliament Room of the Royal Baths Assembly Rooms in Harrogate on Saturday 19 October. Unfortunately many "regulars" were prevented from attending this year, mainly due to illness and various domestic reasons, but nevertheless a sizeable crowd of members did manage to turn up. Lt Col F. M. Cook, AD-WRAC North East District and Northern Area Chairman, presided and was supported by the Vice Chairman, Col V. K. Stead OBE TD JP DL and the Northern Area Secretary, Miss M. D. Bradley.

Lt Col Cook opened the proceedings by welcoming everyone present. This was her first visit to a Northern Area Reunion since she showed some films in 1967. She extended a special welcome to Col H. Wilson, Chairman of Council. It was hoped the Director Brig. E. J. Nolan Hon ADC would be able to join us but at the time she was en route to America for an official visit to the American Women's Army Corps and had sent apologies. In the absence of the Director Lt Col Cook related some interesting items of Corps news including exchanges of serving officers with their counterparts in America and Australia, the success of a WRAC boat competing with 17 male entries in the Army Sailing Association Offshore Regatta at Gosport and coming in first and a WRAC Private driver collecting three cups in the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition and, once again, routing all male competition, both events showing the present WRAC doing their best to keep up the traditions of their predecessors. Lt Col Cook concluded by reminding members that the 1975 AGM would be held in York, only the second time in history that it had ventured from London and she hoped everyone would book the date and also attend an evening function which it was planned to hold in York's historic Merchant Adventurers' Hall.

Col Wilson then thanked Northern Area for inviting her to the Reunion and said how much she had looked forward to coming after serving for a long time in Northern Command. She imparted various items of Association news, mentioning the amazing amount and variety of activity going on at Corps HQ, which few people knew anything about. Inflation was hitting hard, particularly in relation to the cost of producing *Lioness* and some action would have to be taken to keep it viable and retain it as a means of communication with Branches and individuals. As a member of the Grants Committee she was able to report that the Benevolent Funds were in a healthy state but emphasized the need to build up capital for the future. In conclusion, a special plea was made for an effort next year to increase the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund on completion of ten years of existence. The 29 annuitants are very grateful for help received and with more money available their number could be increased.

A vote of thanks to Col Wilson and Lt Col Cook was proposed by Mrs Cockram of York Branch and seconded by Mrs Graham of Leeds.

After tea the attractive raffle prizes were presented and the proceeds of this, a collecting box and a Bring and Buy stall, ensured that a substantial donation could be sent to the Benevolent Fund. Before leaving members looked at a very interesting photographic display provided

by Lt Col Cook which, amongst other subjects, depicted the "Fashion Parade" of historic uniforms for the Catterick Army Display in June.

SCOTTISH REUNION 1975

THE Scottish Reunion will be held in the Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers, Glasgow on Saturday 26th April 1975 from 6.30 to 10pm. Once again we emphasise that this Reunion is not restricted to those who have served or are serving in Scotland but is open to all who have served in the QMAAC, ATS or WRAC.

Tickets, price £2 may be obtained from the Reunion Treasurer: Miss E. Mitchell, 20 Fleurs Avenue, Glasgow G41 5AP.

Many have enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of our Scottish Reunions in the past. Please book early and enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

QMAAC REUNION

THE QMAAC Reunion will be held in the Old Comrades' Association Room at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London, on Friday 18th April 1975, from 3-6pm. Tickets, to include afternoon tea, 66p each. Please apply to the General Secretary, WRAC Association by 3rd April 1975, enclosing 66p and stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will not be on sale at the door.

MIDDLE EAST ATS REUNION

THE Mid/East Reunion will be held on Saturday 10th May 1975, 6-9pm, at the Helena Club, Lower Sloane Street, SW1. Tickets £1.25 (incl. Buffet Supper) from Sally Healey, Camellia Cottage, Nunney, Somerset by 15th April 1975. Please enclose SAE. Members and friends especially welcome.

News of Members

Sister Gwendoline CSP, (ex WO2 G. Wright) of St Cyprian's College, Rondo, PO Box 212, Lindi, Tanzania writes: "I appreciate receiving *Lioness* and enjoy reading news of the present day activities of the Army, especially news of old friends in the ATS. May I say how much I like the new *Lioness*. I pass it on to a missionary friend, Brenda Stone, who served in the ATS in Egypt and lives about 75 miles from here. She is doing grand work with African midwives in local dispensaries and organises health centres and family planning. I myself am Bursar at this college—a Theological College. We have 22 students in residence with their families, so we have plenty of work with women and children. May I send greetings to all members of the Association and to any old friends who may remember me."

CAN ANY QMAAC HELP?

THE following poem was composed during the 1914-18 War and was sent to us by Miss A. K. Fraser (ex QMAAC) of Westgate on Sea, Kent. Copies of the poem were sold, in the early part of the War, in aid of the British Red Cross. Miss Fraser has asked us whether any member of the QMAAC knows if A. Gebbett is still alive or can throw any light on her identity.

A CORNER IN ABBEVILLE

A Gebbett WAAC

There is a Camp in Abbeville,
Lit with electric light,
Where each dutiful WAAC girl
Creeps in late each night.
Second gong has been ringing,
Maiden feels she could swear,
Orderly, bouncingly grinning,
Standing with death warrant there.

There are some Non-Coms in Abbeville,
Each with a golden stripe;
Not all tarred with the same brush,
Some of superior type
Split on dear little WAAC girls
Who winning officers meet,
Who cigarettes smoke in cafes,
Or taste wine red or sweet.

There is a snug little surgery,
Where we go mornings and nights,
And a real WAAC officer standing
Ready to doctor your bites.
Number 9 pills by the dozen,
Bandages quite a good stack,
Used by sick girls for garters,
Instead of bringing them back.

There are some rules made for Abbeville,
And the founder you feel you could
choke,

But what seems to you first rotten,
You treat later on as a joke!
You walk fifty yards with your best boy,
But unless you are positive sure
That a couple are coming behind you
You mustn't walk half an inch more.

There is a time in Abbeville,
When you'd like to take to your boot!
It's when you meet one of the Officers
and you've bally well got to salute,
Your brain, it gets quite in a muddle,
You don't know your left from your
right
You'd rather drown in the first puddle,
But wish that a shop was in sight.

It's a Swanky Camp this in Abbeville
With its enclosures of purest white paint,
Which really are private Cemeteries,
Tho' we try to pretend that they aint.
Where each little Non-Com WAAC girl
Can lay her golden stripe down,
With her tootsies kick up the daisies
Till God says "Give her a Crown"!!

Book Reviews

Pack Up Your Troubles

by Charles W. Davis
Regency Press £1.00

THIS strongly bound, well produced little volume is unusual, not only because it is humorous rather than funny but it can be read by anyone, from a child to a maiden aunt, without offence or embarrassment, a refreshing change from the usual earthy language often used by writers on Army humour. Mr Davis adds to the reader's enjoyment by making much of it a personal record and, even when stories are not first hand, his thumb-nail sketches of the characters bring them to life and give such realism that the reader accepts that the events are accurate and true. Every soldier, from the Junior Leader to the Chelsea Pensioner, will find in these pages someone he recognises.

The author's style is the very antithesis of 'sick humour' for, although he has many a tilt at officialdom, there is not one trace of malice or resentment. Eccentricity is treated with indulgence and respect and mention of the Famous—Freyberg, Rawlinson, Churchill, Haig—add to the interest especially of older readers.

Incarceration in prison camp or hospital can be a grim business but humour manages to emerge without giving offence, even in these unlikely surroundings, mainly because Mr. Davis writes with discipline and restraint.

The author spent 26 years in the RASC and can be excused his slight digression into serious mien in defence of 'Fred Karno's Army', as he alleges men of other regiments and corps dubbed it. But no apologia is needed for the RASC's work and worth is recognised by everyone who ever served and, fortunately, the author's sense of humour soon reasserts itself with two very amusing anecdotes about his beloved corps.

The tenor of the book is typified by the illustrations all of which are reproductions of published cartoons and posters, ranging through the two World Wars. It must be unique to produce a book on military humour which is full of real characters and contains not a single buffoon. Definitely a book to appeal to all tastes and one to dip into again and again.

The Royal Blue and Gold Cookbook

by The Marchioness of Cambridge

Jupiter Books

£2.50

A collection of recipes gathered by the Marchioness from a wide circle of friends including Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother—even Clark Gable and many others.

It is designed as a Charity Cook Book and makes no pretence to be a highly technical book nor one for the catering trained only. In fact, the recipes are generally quite simple ones with easy to follow methods. Only one or two could have been improved, either with the addition of the numbers catered for or with fuller descriptions of the method for producing classical sauces and of the technical terms used.

The recipes are laid out one to a page, with separate sections in the normal sequence of eating or planning menus. Some useful colour plates and a small metric conversion table supplement this, together with an easy to follow index.

Advice from the editor is “be adventurous and enjoy your cooking”. This is as it should be and the book can add to your confidence whilst doing it.

It is perhaps a little expensive at £2.50 a copy, but it is an aid to a very worthwhile charity and provides a collection of simple but good dishes using pure ingredients, rather than convenience foods to produce those welcome words of praise from your guests.

All royalties on the sale of this book will be used by The Royal British Legion Women's Section to support their welfare work.

Obituary

Lt Col R. J. King OBE JP

IT is with great sadness that we report the death of Lt Col Rosemary King on 9th September 1974 after a short illness borne with characteristic fortitude and courage. She was 60 years of age.

Lt Col King enrolled in the ATS in February 1939. She was commissioned in September 1940 and served during the war in Scottish Command, AA Command and BAS Ottawa. In 1946 she became CO of 3 Continental Group BAOR and later ADATS 5 AA Group, Scottish Command and ADWRAC AG15. Throughout her service and as a retired officer she was a great supporter of the WRAC Association and a member of Council

in various capacities for thirteen years, including Chairman from November 1971 to October 1973. She was a Trustee of the Benevolent Funds for 4 years until 1974 when she was forced to resign because of illness.

She was an exceptional officer and will be remembered for her devotion and loyalty to the Corps, her charm, elegance and humour, especially by those of us who had the privilege of serving and working with her.

Mrs Dorothy Russell Simpson

ON 1st November 1974, Mrs Dorothy Russell Simpson, ATS 1938-1943. Retired as Chief Commander. Life Vice-President of Council. Miss P. E. Yeates, Joint Honorary Secretary Edinburgh Branch writes: “We knew her well. For so many years she was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of our activities and a regular attender at our monthly meetings. We had the greatest admiration for her indomitable spirit which kept her so cheerful, particularly latterly when failing sight imposed what must have been irksome restrictions on so active a life. But her gentle kindness to everyone she met evoked more than admiration. She was a beloved friend on whom one could always rely for wise counsel and help in any situation. And even more, to be in her company was to become infected by her own enthusiasm and great love of life. She will be sorely missed by us all.”

Campbell. Miss Peggy Campbell of Rowan Tree Cottage, 16 Carnforth Road, Kilncladzow, Carlisle, Scotland.

Galley. Miss L. K. Galley, Member of Didcot Garrison Group, ATS 1942-1945.

Hamilton. On 5th October 1974, Private Ann Hamilton WRAC of Crewe, Cheshire. Aged 19. As a result of a bomb incident.

Hicks. On 9th September 1974, Officer Cadet Marion Susan Hicks, member of Birmingham University OTC. Medical Student.

Hind. On 29th September 1974, Colonel A. C. D. Hind MBE (Retd). Aged 71. ATS/WRAC 1939-1957.

Maddox. On 17th October 1974, Mrs Patricia Elizabeth Maddox (ex-Cpl) ATS 1938-1943.

Miles. On 25th September 1974, Mrs Kathleen I. Miles (nee Bourton) ATS 1940-1945.

Pearson. On 16th September 1974, Miss Barbara Pearson BEM (ex-Staff Sergeant) ATS/WRAC 1939-1966.

Slater. On 5th October 1974, Private Caroline Slater WRAC of Cannock, Staffordshire. Aged 18. As a result of a bomb incident.

ROYAL CAMBRIDGE HOME FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS

SUPERINTENDENT required late Spring. Applicants should be active, healthy and with a real interest in the welfare of the elderly. Duties consist of the general running of the Home, the keeping of accounts and secretarial work. Clerical experience and a knowledge of practical book-keeping is essential. The Home accommodates 30 widows and is situated near Hampton Court. Excellent self-contained flat provided. For the right person this post can be a secure and happy environment for many years.

Apply Chairman, Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows, 84 Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey. KT8 9AH.

Stockley. On 11th December 1974. Miss Winifred May Stockley, 14 Walton Village, Walton, Liverpool 4. ATS/WRAC 1940-1962.

Swinton. On 27th September 1974, Mary, Countess of Swinton, aged 84. MB of Harrogate writes: "Countess Swinton served locally throughout 1939-45 war, starting the North Riding Group based at Richmond, Yorks. She later served in York as Second-in-Command to Chief Comm-

ander Ainsworth and was subsequently appointed Commandant of the ATS Training Centre at Richmond, where she remained until the Centre was closed. Countess Swinton was responsible for getting the Association going in the North after the war and had been area representative Benevolent Fund for the North Riding. She was a person with a very lively personality and a keen sense of humour."

THE WOMENS ROYAL ARMY CORPS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATING QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS AND AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE COMRADES ASSOCIATION)

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AT 31st OCTOBER 1974

1973
Cost

Market Value
Cost 31st October
1974

599.73	BRITISH ELECTRICITY 4½% GUARANTEED STOCK 1974-79 E596-92	—	—
634.57	EQUITIES INVESTMENT FUND FOR CHARITIES 1000 Units	634.57	689.50
300.00	LONDON COUNTY 5½% STOCK 1985-87 £421.66	527.70	332.26
	£300.65		
50.00	BRITISH LEGION HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD. £50 BOND	50.00	50.00
1,331.55	8½% TREASURY LOAN 1997 £1,376.71 'A' STOCK	1,331.55	764.07
1,791.47	5% EXCHEQUER STOCK 1976-78 £1,941.97	—	—
943.25	8% TREASURY LOAN STOCK 2002-06 £1,026.61	943.25	497.91
	7½% TREASURY LOAN—2012-15 £4,682.48	2,390.99	2,224.18
<u>£5,650.57</u>		<u>£5,878.06</u>	<u>£4,557.92</u>

THE WOMENS ROYAL ARMY CORPS ASSOCIATION
(INCORPORATING QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS AND AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL
SERVICE COMRADES ASSOCIATION)

BALANCE SHEET—31st OCTOBER 1974

1973	£	£						£	£
			GENERAL FUND						
3,705			Balance at 1st November 1973	...	...	...	...	4,471·58	
767			Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	...	190·54	
<u>4,472</u>								<u>4,662·12</u>	
—			Less: Loss on Sales of Investments	...	...	...	...	300·89	
—	4,472							—	4,361·23
			LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS FUND						
1,037			Membership Life Subscription	...	...	...	...	1,085·31	
932			Lioness Life Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	1,042·88	
<u>—</u>	1,969							<u>—</u>	2,128·19
			SPECIAL FUND						
572			Legacy—Lt Col C. A. Cecil	...	...	...	...	390·50	
—			Lioness Donation Fund	...	...	...	...	123·83	
—	572							<u>—</u>	514·33
									<u>£7,003·75</u>
									<u>£7,003·75</u>

REPRESENTED BY:—

FIXED ASSETS

OFFICE FURNITURE

81			Balance at 1st November 1973	...	...	...	...	73·00	
8			Less: Depreciation for the year	...	...	...	...	7·00	
<u>—</u>	73							<u>—</u>	66·00

5,651			INVESTMENTS—at cost per schedule	...	...	...	...		5,878·06
			(Market Value £4,558)						

CURRENT ASSETS

81			Stock of Badges at cost	...	...	...	...	80·60	
75			Interest accrued and Income Tax Recoverable	...	...	...	...	25·02	
295			Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	...	229·55	
<u>1,112</u>			Cash at Bank—Current Account	...	...	...	...	579·22	
826			Deposit Account	...	...	...	...	712·83	
<u>1,938</u>								<u>1,292·05</u>	
10			Cash in Hand	...	...	...	...	10·08	
<u>£2,399</u>								<u>£1,637·30</u>	

Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES

178			Membership Subscriptions Paid in Advance	...	...	...	...	191·88	
267			Lioness Subscriptions Paid in Advance	...	...	...	...	286·73	
665			Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	99·00	
<u>£1,110</u>								<u>£577·61</u>	
	1,289								1,059·69
									<u>£7,003·75</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1974

1973	£	£		£	£
			INCOME		
			Subscriptions		
500			Annual (including £59·94 Income Tax recovered on Covenants)	690·29	
192			Proportion of Four Yearly and Membership Life Subscriptions	203·92	
	692				894·21
	392		Income from Investments		431·35
	48		Deposit Account Interest		68·90
	39		Donations		6·60
	4		Sale of Publications		8·35
	10		Sale of Badges		11·28
	5		Branch Funds Received on closure		25·85
20			Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion—Sale of Tickets	22·10	
17			Less: Catering, Printing and Sundry Expenses	22·51	
	3				(41)
	<u>1,193</u>				<u>1,446·13</u>
			GRAND REUNION—Sale of Tickets etc.	963·21	
			Less: Expenditure	1,091·82	
					(128·61)
1,090			Grand Draw, Sale of Work etc.		—
1,000	90		Less: Donation to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund		—
	<u>1,283</u>				<u>1,317·52</u>
	516		Less: Total Expenditure		1,126·98
	<u>£767</u>		Excess of Income over Expenditure...		<u>£190·54</u>
			EXPENDITURE		
			BRANCHES		
141			Capitation Fees	137·44	
5			Grants	15·00	
	146				152·44
			THE LIONESSE PUBLICATION		
768			Annual Subscriptions	918·95	
240			Proportion of Four Yearly and Life Subscriptions	286·02	
168			Advertisements	224·09	
				<u>1,429·06</u>	
1,176			Less: Printing, Postage etc.	2,164·41	
1,183	7				735·35
	<u>153</u>				<u>887·79</u>
	28		Expenses of Annual General Meeting		3·00
			ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
127			Printing and Stationery	12·75	
64			Postages	42·10	
16			Subscriptions and Donations	25·00	
			Commissions etc. re Purchase of Shares	28·33	
6			Sundry Expenses	21·90	
114			Audit and Accountancy Fee	99·11	
8			Depreciation of Office Furniture	7·00	
	<u>335</u>				<u>236·19</u>
			<u>£516</u>		<u>£1,126·98</u>

Branch News

STAFFORD. During the past year the attendance has been good at our events; a very interesting evening when the RAF Mountain Rescue Team gave us a talk illustrated with slides, another talk on Antiques with lots of examples for us to see and a general knowledge quiz when we found that the Brain of Stafford is not the Brain of Britain!

The highlight of the year for 8 members was the Grand Reunion, especially for Mrs Valerie Farrell, who was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Our monthly raffles and successful Jumble Sales have enabled us to make our usual Christmas donations—WRAC Benevolent Fund £10, the Mayor's Appeal for the disabled £5 and Christmas gifts to the two young children of our late members.

ULSTER. It has been our pleasure to give a Christmas present from our members to every WRAC serving in Ulster. However, when the number serving rose to 260 in 1974 we realised we could no longer rely solely on the generosity of our members to provide all these gifts. We were, therefore, faced with a serious financial problem, as the funds of the Branch had already been distributed, either to the WRAC Benevolent Fund, or directly to troops serving here.

Although meetings have been difficult and often impossible to arrange, we were in such financial straits that we just had to make a real effort. We decided on a "Nearly New Boutique" which was held in a hall the Royal British Legion kindly allowed us to use free of charge. We were amazed at the number and variety of "misfits" and "mistakes" our members produced from their wardrobes. We were even more amazed to find at the end of the day that we had over £140 in the "kitty", made up from the proceeds of the Boutique and donations from members unable to attend.

We were in the happy position of being able to purchase sufficient gifts which, added to the number donated by our members, made it possible for the Christmas tradition to be continued. Every WRAC serving in our Province had a small token on Christmas morning with greetings from the Ulster Branch of the Association.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Our meetings have continued on the 4th Monday of each month and this year we were pleased to welcome two new members. There were fewer members at our New Year's Dinner, but those present enjoyed the meal and the evening. Invitations to the Mayor's Civic Sunday, open night at a local Hotel and the Women's Organisations Church Service,

shows once again, we are being noticed. Our Branch is a member of the local Ex-Service Council and it was through them we found suitable accommodation for the mini Reunion held here in October. Through the hard work of most of our members there was a good table display of eats for this occasion; my apologies to all those guests, who, because of the secretaries' long discussions were kept waiting. Thanks to Miss Learmouth and Mrs Bolton for their donation of a bottle of Sherry towards our Raffle prizes and as members gave other items, including a bag of sugar, £7 was raised and £3 was given from the Branch to make £10 donation to the WRAC Benevolent Fund. Excellent photographs were taken by a local Magazine.

BRANCH MEETINGS

WOLVERHAMPTON. 4th Monday of each month (excluding August and December) 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in The Study, Public Library, Wolverhampton.

NEW BRANCHES

We are pleased to report the formation of two new Branches in 1974, the **KENDAL** and **SOMERSET** Branches. We wish them every success for the future.

Notices

25th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COVER

A profit of £693 was made from the sale of First Day Covers. £350 was given to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and the balance of £343 went to the WRAC Benevolent Fund. All Covers were sold.

HISTORY OF ARMY PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION

A call to all ex PIs.

THE Intelligence Corps is to compile an official Corps History part of which will deal with photographic interpretation. Many Officers and Servicewomen of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and the Women's Royal Army Corps have served with photographic interpretation units. Subaltern Margaret Hodgson ATS was among some of the first Army PIs in 1942. Several WRAC Officers are known to have attended PI courses from 1951 onwards, e.g. Capt J Sharcott who later became an instructor in the subject 1956-1958.

Officers and Servicewomen of the ATS/WRAC who served with, or were associated with photographic units world wide between 1942 and 1960, are asked to contact Capt H.B.

Eaton, Intelligence Corps, Joint School of Photographic Interpretation, RAF Wyton, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 2EA. Tel: Huntingdon 52451 Ext 472.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION LADIES SECTIONS

CALLING anyone who has Gunner relatives, or who has served on attachment to a Gunner Unit! Did you know that the Royal Artillery Association has a women's side—the Ladies Sections—and that you are eligible for membership? You can either join a Section (there are already thirty-seven), start a new one with a couple of friends, or become a Gunner Link—an independent member affiliated to Headquarters. It's a way of keeping in touch with the Gunners, of sharing in the free-masonry of the Gunner Family, and of lending a hand with "friendship welfare"—which means putting the human touch into welfare work.

Interested? Details from Joan Wanklyn, c/o Royal Artillery Association, Artillery House, Connaught Barracks, Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, London SE18 6SL (01-855 9649). Tell your friends!

There has been a very encouraging response to the article "Three Cheers for Ubique" published in the October 1974 issue of *Lioness* and we now have 23 Gunner Links, 6 of whom have ATS/WRAC connections.

SERVICES RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN NEWS

SERVICEWOMEN approaching the end of their engagements are advised to read Services Resettlement Bulletins which are available from Unit Resettlement Officers and local Army Education Centres. These give details of resettlement advice, training courses and also job opportunities. Bulletin No 6 concentrates on careers in driving, while the training section highlights the Open University. Northern England is singled out for attention in the regular regional opportunities feature.

EX-SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

THE Ex-Services Employment Office, formerly run by the WRAC Association, ceased to operate in October 1974.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Personal Column Charges. 3 lines 75p, each additional line 25p (box number included) Non members 50% extra. Notices of forthcoming reunions where admission is charged may be inserted at a cost of 25p per line.

For Sale. Officer's Green Greatcoat, Mess Dress, Riding Mackintosh and Dannimac. Size 36-28-40. 5' 6". All in excellent condition. Box 1/75.

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For Sale. Two Officer's No 2 Dress suits, new pattern. Greatcoat scarlet lining. Mess Dress, silk sash (Hilliers Couture). All approx size 14, bust 36", waist 26", hips 36". All little worn and in very good condition. Box 3/75.

New Year Honours

MBE: Major (QM) E. Anton, Capt G. K. Hammond.
BEM: WO2 A. J. L. Merton, Cpl C. J. Jones (Retd).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Mention in Despatches: Capt J. L. Lawson, Pte P. K. Taylor (Retd)
LSGC Medals: Capt J. F. M. Whitehead, WO1 S. Hartley, WO2 C. Bradley, WO2 A. C. Byrne, WO2 A. Merton, WO2 N. M. Miller, SSgt G. Obbard, Sgt S. Parsons.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Regular Army

Colonel: H. Powell.
Lt Colonel: E. R. Denne, MBE
Lt Colonel (QM): M. G. Fahy
Captains: H. M. Cury, S. J. B. Griggs, G. K. Hammond, L. A. E. Hopkin MBE LRAM, C. V. M. Montanaro.
Lieutenants: I. J. Croft, E. D. Elliott, E. D. Ellis-Jones, M. G. Gibson, J. A. Guthkelch, I. M. Hawes, P. M. Hollingsworth, C. L. Lee, J. C. Petty, Y. Pierce, A. M. Steel, G. B. Travers.
2/Lieutenants on probation: A. C. Moules, S. M. F. Veillard are confirmed in their appointments.
2/Lieutenant: A. J. Isaacs.

Special Regular Commissions

Major: S. P. Nield
Captain: J. L. Lawson.
Lieutenants: R. E. Longden, J. F. M. Whitehead.
2/Lieutenant on probation: L. A. Relph is confirmed in her appointment.
2/Lieutenant: H. Matthews.

Short Service Commissions

Captains: P. Brennand, A. D. Larkins, A. M. Rowe, E. A. Smith.
Lieutenants: C. E. Bradley, C. I. Buchanan, J. E. Day, M. A. Harwood, D. M. Lobban, R. Morgan, P. H. Sherratt.
2/Lieutenants on probation: B. O. Allen, P. L. Bradford, E. Brown, F. S. T. d'Apice, J. A. Jones, J. C. A. Smith are confirmed in their appointments.
2/Lieutenant: S. P. Hutt.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Regular Army

Majors: M. G. Campbell, MBE, C. V. Hickman, V. C. Jones.
Captains: J. M. B. Phillips, R. E. Smith.
Lieutenants: M. A. Cross, M. R. Gibb.
2/Lieutenants: J. C. Lodge, A. B. Tombs.

Special Regular Commissions

Major: B. M. Godin

Short Service Commissions

Lieutenant: W. M. Brown
2/Lieutenant: C. A. Greenwood.

Officers' Postings

(1 Aug 74—31 Dec 74)

Lt Col (QM) M. G. Fahy SCQ (Mov) 2C MOD
Maj (QM) E. K. Anton WSLO Shrewsbury
Maj D. M. Athoe WRAC Centre

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Maj L. H. Campion 29 Coy WRAC
Maj(QM) S. C. Cushen 10 Signal Regt Wilton
Maj R. A. Holloway MVEE Chertsey
Maj E. M. Miseroy GSO3 VTa MOD
Maj E. G. Pritchard-Davies RPO Brighton
Maj S. P. Richards WRAC College
Maj A. J. Smith MOD (WRAC1b)
A Maj B. Blueman WRAC College
A Maj G. Dexter COD Bicester
A Maj C. A. Marriott HQ UDR
A Maj E. Tye Attached School of Signals
A Maj S. L. Williams HQ UKLF
Capt J R Barker SEME Bordon
Capt C R Bolland WSLO York
Capt P. H. Dixon WRAC Centre
Capt(QM) E. J. Edwards WRAC Centre
Capt S. F. Healy SC1(QOps/Plans Co-ord) HQ UKLF
Capt (QM) D. Jones WRAC Det Admin Staff Worthy Down
Capt J. A. Lavers GSO3 (SD/Co-ord) HQ UKLF
Capt R. M. Lawrence Attached 4 Comms Unit
Capt C. V. M. Montanaro Attached WRAC College
A Capt A. P. Cox 8 Comd PCCU RE
A Capt H. E. Erskine SCQ(Qtg) HQ Rhine Area
A Capt J. J. Goldsmith AAC Centre
A Capt G. Harvey AA College Chepstow
A Capt M. A. Harwood RSA Larkhill
A Capt C. M. Lewis Catering Gp Aldershot
A Capt J. E. Marrs SCQ HQ WM Dist
A Capt E. A. Walton WSLO Nottingham
A Capt J. F. M. Whitehead SOPT HQ SE Dist
Lt H Bellingham-Smith Attached NITAT (UKLF)
Lt S Burwell HQ 28 Amph Eng Regt
Lt I. J. Croft WSLO attached (R&LS) HQ NE Dist
Lt K. M. Howie 22 Sqn RCT
Lt C. M. Kimber Int & Sy Gp Germany
Lt R. E. Longden 29 Coy WRAC
Lt R Morgan WRAC Centre
Lt J. W. Neale Asst WSLO Attached HQ Scotland
2Lt P. M. Barry 7 Regt AAC
2Lt C. M. Bates WRAC Centre
2Lt S. M. A. Beament 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt E. Brown JARIC (UK)
2Lt P. J. Buckoke 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt T. M. Burwood HQ NI (WRAC Element)
2Lt P. A. Campbell WRAC Centre
2Lt K. L. Carruthers JARIC (UK)
2Lt J. P. Chapman 10 Coy WRAC
2Lt H. J. Clews WRAC Centre
2Lt J. M. Dain SEME Bordon

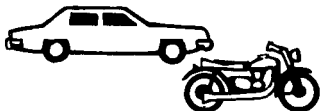
2Lt F. S. T. d'Apice JARIC (UK)
2Lt D. F. Davies 1 Regt RMP
2Lt M. E. Davies 12 Lt AD Regt RA
2Lt S. A. Deane Attached 36 Hy AD Regt RA
2Lt J. L. Dodworth Attending ACC Course
2Lt C. J. Fleming 10 Signal Regt
2Lt S. E. Forbes 22 Loc Bty RA
2Lt P. J. Gold AAC Centre
2Lt L. C. Gosling 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt M. L. R. Graham JARIC (UK)
2Lt S. E. Hovell 10 Signal Regt
2Lt C. D. Hume-Lewis 10 Signal Regt
2Lt S. P. Hutt WRAC Centre
2Lt G. M. S. Isaac 29 Coy WRAC
2Lt A. J. Isaacs 12 Coy WRAC
2Lt Y. M. Jinks COD Bicester
2Lt J. A. Jones 68 Sqn RCT
2Lt E. Lovelace WRAC Centre
2Lt H. J. Matthews Regt Depot RAOC
2Lt I. E. McCulloch CAD Kineton
2Lt M. J. Osborn Attending RAEC Course
2Lt E. A. Peatman-Cooke Attending RAEC Course
2Lt J. C. Petty Attached to RAEC Centre
2Lt R. P. Platt-Higgins 8 Signal Regt
2Lt D. Platts 16 Signal Regt
2Lt C. M. J. Reddy 68 Sqn RCT
2Lt L. A. Relph 16 Signal Regt
2Lt P. J. Samson HS WRAC Centre
2Lt J. C. A. Smith Attached 2 Div HQ & Signal Regt
2Lt D. M. H. Stanley-Johns Attached RSA Larkhill
2Lt W. H. Swinton-Eagle SEME Bordon
2Lt A. Trehern 10 Coy WRAC
2Lt S. J. G. Turner HQ WRAC College
2Lt S. M. F. Veillard 1 Regt RMP

Warrant Officers' Postings

(1 Sep 74—31 Dec 74)

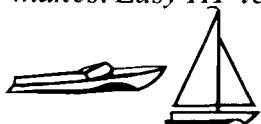
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A/WO2 M. Templeman The Depot Regt RA
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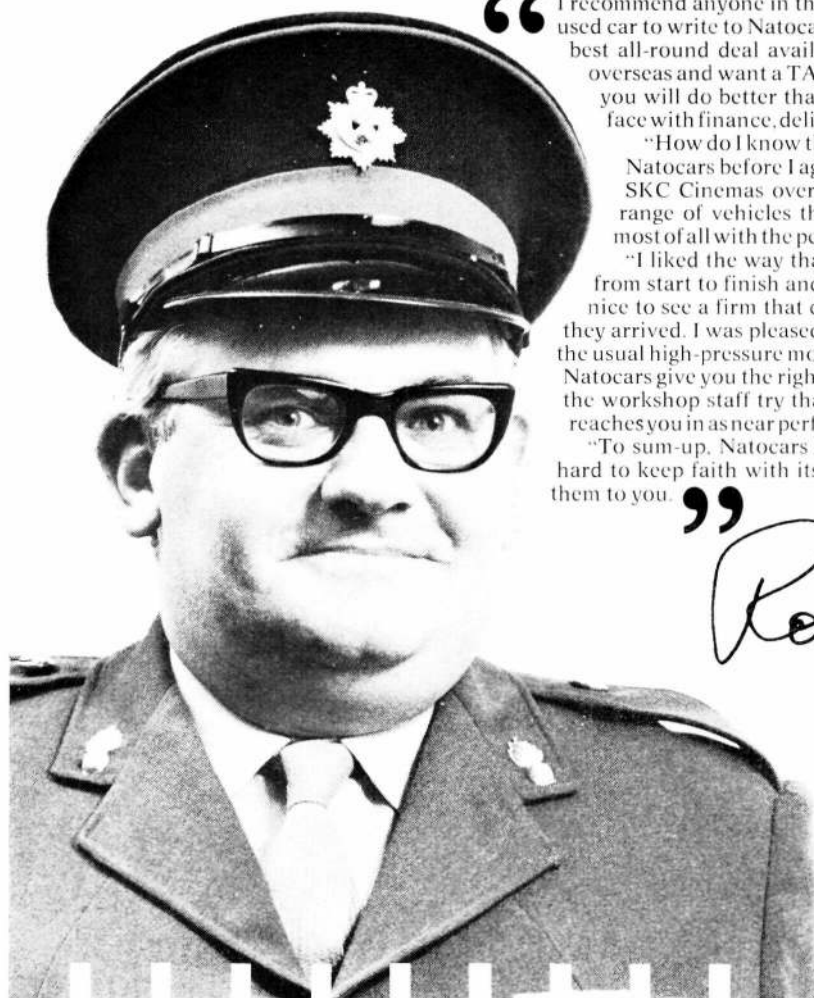
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“I liked the way that you deal with only one member of staff from start to finish and not a lot of different departments. It was nice to see a firm that dealt with all enquiries and letters the day they arrived. I was pleased that the Information Pack did away with the usual high-pressure motor trade salesmen, and relieved to see that Natocars give you the right advice even if it means losing a sale. Even the workshop staff try that little bit harder to ensure that each car reaches you in as near perfect condition as possible.

“To sum-up, Natocars seemed to me to be a firm that tries very hard to keep faith with its customers, and that's why I recommend them to you.”

Ronnie Barker

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