

1976

No. 2

Lioness



WRAC Staff Band

ENGAGEMENTS

September		
1	8pm	Concert Brighton Dome
October		
24	Evening	Massed Bands in concert Winter Gardens Bournemouth.
November		
19-21		Benson & Hedges Tennis Championships Wembley
December		
5		50th Anniversary St Albans Church, Wood Street, Guildford, "Songs of Praise".
9	Evening	Massed Bands in concert Fairfield Halls, Croydon
19	Evening	Massed Bands in concert Guildhall, Preston

November		
7		RAC Veteran Car Run London/Brighton
11		International Caravan & Camping Show Earls Court, London
13		Lord Mayor's Procession & Show Guildhall to Royal Courts of Justice, London
25		US Bicentennial Commemorative Service Westminster Abbey, London
December		
15-19		International Show Jumping Championships Olympia, London
31-Jan	9	Camping, Outdoor Life, Travel & Motor Caravan Exhibition Olympia, London

For Your Diary

September		
4		Royal Highland Gathering Braemar, Grampian
5-12		Farnborough Air Show, Farnborough, Hants
9-12		Burghley Horse Trials Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs
11		Horse Racing: St Leger, Doncaster
18-Oct	2	Windsor Festival, Windsor, Berkshire
28-30		Royal Horticultural Society Great Autumn Show Royal Horticultural Hall, London
October		
4-9		Horse of the Year Show, Wembley, London
20-30		International Motor Exhibition Earls Court, London
23-31		Daily Mail International Ski Show (including World and International Ski Competitions) Olympia
23-Nov	6	International Handicrafts & Do-it-Yourself Exhibition Olympia, London

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM GBE visiting the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop in his capacity as Colonel-in-Chief REME on 19th March 1976. The photograph shows members of the WRAC Detachment L to R Capt Goldsmith, Cpl McGrath, Cpl Prowse, Lcpl Geraghty, Cpl Curran.

Shopping List

Coasters Vinyl	·30	p&p 7p
Key Rings:		
Acrylic	·30	11p (up to 6)
Brown calf	·16	9p (up to 6)
Refills	·50	15p
Clipboards	£1·25	42p
Brief cases, plastic	·75	19p
Bookmarks leather	·25	9p (up to 6)
ID Cards/season ticket/		
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Corps shield light oak	£3·35	25p
Handbag mirrors	·40	11p
Combs in leather case	·45	9p
Car badges square	£1·70	11p
Pencils triangular	·07	7p (up to 6)
Notebooks with inserts	·35	9p
Most items are in green with the Corps Crest in gold. Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to CORPS HQ a/c.		

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Editorial

THE history of the QMAAC, ATS and WRAC is about to be written and it is an interesting fact that, without any deliberate plan on the Editor's part, a sketch of that history is often drawn in a single issue of *Lioness*. Having served in the middle period, as it were, of the Corps' existence we are in the best position to observe the contrast between the ceaseless work demanded of QMAAC members in 1917-18 and the light hearted adventures open to the off duty service-women in 1976. It were as if, merely by publishing contributions submitted to us, we can illustrate not two but three generations of women soldiers and the evolution of their service from a mere expedience to a full and satisfying career.

For example in the present issue we read of ex-QMAAC members attending their Reunion Dinner and an 80-year old helping with geriatrics on the one hand and young WRAC service-women, nearly sixty years later, having the opportunity to abseil, parachute, rock climb, sail and even do their two weeks Territorial Army training in Gibraltar.

That spirit of adventure must always have been there. In the grim situation of 1917-18 it had, of necessity, to be channelled, wholly, into the hard slog needed to survive what must have seemed like inevitable defeat. The "ATS generation" showed it again in the darkest days of the second war. Today, happily, the nation is no longer under mortal threat and there is time to live, as well as work; in fact time for what the present service-woman would call "doing her own thing". The interesting fact is that, on the whole, "doing one's own thing" tends to be something which requires those same qualities of courage, endurance and the willingness to "have a go". In other words the same spirit, evolved by the QMAAC and developed by the ATS, is just as strong and enduring in the WRAC today; the spirit which, even in peacetime, is exemplified by Lt Sampson receiving a Recommendation for Meritorious Service from the US Women's Army Corps and Sgt Hope being chosen to crew in the Transatlantic Sailing Race.

We would like to think that *Lioness* is the bridge, not only spanning the years, but revealing the three generations to each other in a close harmony of mutual interest and respect. Each generation of women, QMAAC, ATS and WRAC, were women of their time and of the nation's circumstances; each served the Army according to those different conditions. But contributions to *Lioness* reveal, time and time again, that the one unchanging factor is that spirit of service.

Prize Competition

Anagrams of Well Known Books

WHEN the letters of each anagram are rearranged they spell the names of some well known books. For example ON A HIVE becomes IVANHOE and HOW TED WARS becomes WESTWARD HO!

A £3 prize will be awarded to the competitor whose correct answer is the first to be opened on 12th November 1976. Please mark your envelopes "Competition".

ANAGRAMS

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Will not meet | 12. A clue's there |
| 2. Saints are ruled | 13. Then weigh it down |
| 3. A sweet rabbit, he | 14. Oi, I settle a fat cow |
| 4. Weigh the thin rugs | 15. Float halo to Dad |
| 5. Draw pea cane | 16. Drip Jane, Drip |
| 6. Nail the mast | deuce |
| 7. Tear the main bone | 17. Oh bundle these five |
| 8. Fear she got a sty | hot larks |
| 9. Allow Ned and | 18. How twin hens will |
| Eric in | diet |
| 10. Thin fools sell them | 19. Idiots were rich |
| 11. Wasp with drone | 20. Ruin this dog |

PRIZE WINNER

The winner of the word competition was Sgt P A Quince of 39 (City of London) Signal Regt (V). She managed to make up no less than 1,186 words from PERAMBULATION.

Presentations

MBE

Miss Theodora Morris

THEO Morris, formerly Lieutenant Colonel WRAC, was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours. Before the war she was a county lecturer for the Milk Publicity Council and joined the WRVS in 1957 on leaving the Army.

Miss Morris, a Tynesider, was responsible for founding the Meals on Wheels service in Cumbria and is now one of the County Organisers in what has become a very large area. Congratulations from all in the Cumbria Branch.

BEM

WO2 M T G Von Dahlen



WO2 Von Dahlen receiving the BEM from Her Majesty's Ambassador in Bonn on 6th May 1976

WO2 Von Dahlen was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours. She enlisted in the Seychelles in 1961 and her tours of duty include active service in Aden as PA to the Brigadier General Staff when she was awarded the GS medal South Arabia and PA to four successive Chief Transport and Movements Officers in HQ BAOR. WO2 Von Dahlen is now on the Staff of the Supervising Officer HQ BAOR.

LSGC

SSgt I Laurence



SSgt Isabella Laurence receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Brig C S F Carroll OBE MC, Garrison Commander Aldershot. SSgt Laurence left 10 Coy WRAC in April on promotion and posting to the WRAC College as RQMS.

Sgt J Wells



(Courtesy of The Kentish Gazette Canterbury)

SGT Jenny Wells, WRAC Recruiter for East Kent receiving her LSGC Medal from Brig B N L Fletcher, Commander Dover/Shorncliffe Garrison, in January at Canterbury. Sgt Wells served in the ATS 1940-1947 and rejoined with the Recruiting Organisation in 1964. She retires later this year and plans to continue her voluntary work with the WRAC Association East Kent and the Royal British Legion in which she holds four offices.

American Exchange

Honour for Lt P J Sampson

IN our last issue Capt C V M Montanaro wrote a fascinating description of the exciting but gruelling programme she and Lt Sampson experienced when they spent two years living and working with the US Army. Their physically arduous and mentally demanding duties extending from 0530 often until 2100 hours daily, were a sobering eye-opener to the exacting standards required of a US officer.

The fact that they adapted and stood up to this unique challenge has now been recognised by Lt Sampson receiving a Recommendation for Meritorious Service for her work as a Recruit Training Officer at the Women's Army Corps Training Centre, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Lt Sampson is to be congratulated on successfully handling what her American friends would perhaps call a "tough assignment" in a manner that does credit to her Corps.

Tri Service Anniversary 1977

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in Westminster Abbey on Thursday, 3 March 1977. It will be attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Hotelympia Cookery Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to members of the Corps who won awards at this year's Hotelympia. Standards were very high indeed and exhibits showed artistic imagination as well as a high achievement in the culinary arts. Results were:

Cpl P J Rushen WRAC College

—Certificate of Merit

Women's Services Cooking Competition

Pte L Frost Cambridge Military Hospital

—Bronze Medal

Pte S J Woods Cambridge Military Hospital

—Serving a 3 course meal.



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Ask anyone in the Army what SSAFA means to them and you get answers such as "The people who get a report within a few hours, from a remote village in Wales with an unpronounceable name, when a servicewoman heard that her mother was dying". What is not so well known is that SSAFA goes on caring for a family long after the serving man or woman has returned to civilian life. Once a man or woman has served in any of the Regular Armed Forces or in war, his or her dependants can call upon SSAFA for the rest of their lives. Three quarters of the families SSAFA helps are now ex-Service and that percentage will rise as veterans of World War 2 get older. Younger men and women, too, face problems arising from prolonged illness and unemployment.

SSAFA's effectiveness in the days ahead depends upon new volunteers to take over from those retiring after years of devoted service. People with a Service tradition are badly needed

to give some of today's most valuable commodity—time. Wherever you are living now why not join the SSAFA team? Your Benevolent Funds use SSAFA to visit and report on family cases and to distribute grants. There is no pay but all expenses are met; training and all necessary up-to-date literature are provided. The work is rewarding. If you wish to help write to The Recruiting Officer, SSAFA, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BZ who will put you in touch with your nearest SSAFA Secretary.

A Family Affair

THE Graduation Ceremony at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham on 9th July provided a unique event. For newly married Lieutenants Peter and Amanda Parfitt formed up to the College Visitor (Sir William Hawthorne, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge) to be congratulated on achieving Honours Degrees in Applied Science. They are the first married officers to graduate from the Royal Military College of Science together.

Although they first met at Shrivenham during their course, they both hail from Dorset; Amanda's parents live in Portland and Peter's in Wimborne.

As the Army try, so far as is possible, to allow married officers to serve in the same station they are both now serving in Germany, having driven there immediately after the graduation ceremony. Peter is continuing his career in the Royal Corps of Signals and Amanda has been posted as Staff Captain 'Q' with 2 Div HQ Lubbecke Garrison.



Capt A *1 Parfitt with her sister 2Lt AWF Stratford-Tuke
(Courtesy of Army PR Aldershot)

Amanda Parfitt's sister, 2Lt Stratford-Tuke, was commissioned in August 1975 and is Assistant Adjutant Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Artillery, Bramcote, Nuneaton.

Going Down



(Courtesy of Van Dyck Studios Farnborough)

SPONSORED by The Depot Regiment RCT, based at Buller Barracks, Aldershot, the RCT Free Fall Parachute Club run a series of one jump introductory parachute courses open to RCT and WRAC personnel. In December last year 2Lt Katherine Harpur WRAC (pictured above) successfully completed the course. Since then she has done a number of descents and now helps the instructors train other WRAC students including leading them out of the aircraft on their first parachute descents.

Corps of Commissionaires

Jobs for the Girls

"JOBS for the boys" is the unofficial motto of the Corps of Commissionaires whose membership is open to all men and women who have served in the ranks of the Regular Forces, the Territorials or other Reserve Forces, provided they were discharged with a character record of at least "Very Good". The aim is to find work in civilian life for those who have completed their uniformed service to the nation.

The Corps boasts that, since it was founded in 1859, there have been few occasions when its promise has not been matched by performance.

The public image of the Corps is very high and the neat, distinctive cross-belted uniform is respected everywhere. At the turn of the century it received Royal recognition for the first time when Edward VII became a Governor. Since then every King and Queen has maintained this tradition and held the office of Chief Life Governor. Of course the Corps has changed. Originally it was meant to help only those who had served in the Army and Navy. Later membership was expanded to include the Royal Air Force. Next the Corps opened its doors to those who had served in the police, civil defence, fire service, merchant navy and coastguards. In 1970 women were admitted for the first time.

Increasingly members of the Corps are being found jobs in "civies". Although much of the work still consists of providing uniformed Commissionaires for duties with private companies, government departments, at national and international exhibitions and sporting events, the emphasis today is increasingly towards civilian jobs. Commissionaires work as drivers, storemen, clerks and administrators, indistinguishable from their work mates and there is scope for women to be employed as drivers, clerks, administrators, reception and security duties.

For those Commissionaires who wish to earn extra money at weekends or during the evening there are special, temporary assignments. In London, for example, many are often on duty for big occasions including the Cup Final, international matches, pop concerts and at exhibitions at Earls Court, Olympia and the new sports complex at Crystal Palace.

Although a few similar bodies exist in other parts of the world the Corps remains a distinctly British Organisation. In fact its only un-British characteristic is its name. Captain Edward Walter, the founder, imported it from France where the word "commissionaire" indicates someone who can be trusted with responsibility, a message, money or a post of duty. With security work playing such an important role in the activities of the Corps today, the name remains as suitable now as it was more than 100 years ago.

Perhaps, however, it is time for a new unofficial motto: "They can be trusted".

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Ode to France

S A Bowen

(As seen through the eyes of the WRAC STAFF BAND)

This is an ode to the 'Tour de France'.
We couldn't speak French but we took a chance;
We all got up at the break of day
And by half past five we were on our way,
Driving along by field of clover,
To catch the nine o'clock boat from Dover.

Eventually we crossed the ocean,
Of what lies in store we haven't a notion.
On Calais soil we plant our feet;
French bandsmen are there our bus to meet
With "Bonjour Mademoiselle!" and a "Parlez-vous?"

Come on Miss Bell it's up to you!

Our accommodation's just right for a night—
Skimpy curtains and communal light;
So we go for our first drink of the tour;
(I say the first 'cos there's plenty more.)
Lunch comes next, we're all ready to start
But there's half an hour between each part;
And here is another piece of good news—
We found, to our cost, they have UNISEX
LOOS!!

Our first engagement's a short parade
Rapidly followed by more lemonade.
Next, that evening, a concert grand
with a "short" programme by every band.
Some of it's short but some of it's long
And the midnight hour has come and gone!
At last we finish around twelve-thirty
But then there are drinks in case we're thirsty.

We start off Sunday with another procession;
(You'd think by now we'd have learnt our lesson;)
They told us that it would not be far
But that was just to the very first bar!
The French do some things right you see;
We could learn from them it seems to me.
Next for lunch it is "Poulet and Frites"
Roughly translated as "Chicken and Chips".

The afternoon comes—the end of our stay;
We're off on a march a VERY long way.
We sail at last for England's shore
Sleepy, hungry and very footsore.
But, before we are home one twist of Fate
Customs are waiting at the gate.

We couldn't speak French but we took a chance;
Now it's "Au revoir" and "VIVE LA
FRANCE!!!"

Top Army Talent at Bordon

IN February SEME Bordon was host to an Army show SIDE TWO '76 which brought together many top military musicians and singers. The concert of Jazz, Swing, Popular and Folk Music was given in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and demonstrated the versatility of army musicians in light entertainment. In addition production, direction, lighting and even building the massive 40' square stage was carried out by Army personnel.



Dixie Belle in action L to R: WO2 M S Lloyd, LCpl A Peters, LCpl L Hennicker, Cpl S Guy, SSgt E Weight. In the background Cpl F Tull on Percussion and Cpl J Dyndal at the Piano between WO2 Lloyd and LCpl Peters.

The WRAC contributed two main items to the concert. Accompanied by the Swing Section of the REME Staff Band, Sgt Betsy Clewlow, previous winner of two Army Song Contests, gave an excellent performance and The Dixie Belle, led by Band Sergeant Major Maureen Lloyd, produced that lively Dixieland sound which is so popular with most audiences.

Never Too Late

MRS Romanis of Carlisle Branch has sent us a charming report on their newest "recruit", 47160 Miss E Wilson, ex-QMAAC, who now lives in a Sheltered Housing Community flat in the area. Mrs Romanis met Miss Wilson when her own mother was given a flatlet at Petterill House and, naturally, the conversation soon turned to ex-servicewomen and to the WRAC Association, Carlisle Branch of which Mrs Romanis is Secretary.

Miss Wilson said she was posted to Woolwich Arsenal along with a Company of 35 women. As far as she knows the only one left of the original band, besides herself, is the friend with

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whom she still keeps in touch, Miss Matilda Bartholomew of 51 Sylvan Avenue, Wood Green, London N22. Naturally both would like to hear from any other ex-QMAAC who may remember them.

After leaving the QMAAC Miss Wilson nursed in University College and Hammersmith Hospitals until returning to Carlisle 16 years ago. Even now she is by no means idle. She "sews a fine seam", makes beautiful cakes and, at the age of 80, is helping to look after one of the residents in the Geriatric part of the Home! We applaud Miss Wilson's spirit and welcome her to the Association, hoping she will enjoy her contact with ex-servicewomen in the Branch and reading about the young serving women in *Lioness*.



In addition to the photos of Miss Wilson published here—and the rabbit-potting one particularly intrigues us—the Secretary also sent two very interesting documents which, although nearly 60 years old, are in mint condition; Miss Wilson's enrolment marked "For Duration of War" and her discharge with a Work and a Character report of Very Good. Obviously Miss Wilson continues to live up to the Army's assessment and we hope she will enjoy many years as an active member of Carlisle Branch.

Gymnast Instructor Turns to Recruiting

SERGEANT Diana Lodge WRAC has decided to end her spectacular career as an army gymnast and turn to recruiting in Doncaster instead. Sgt Lodge who represented Great Britain in Gymnastics in the 1966 World Games at Dortmund when only 16 and was later selected for the Olympic team in Mexico, has thrilled crowds at demonstrations and displays throughout her Army career with her daring feats of gymnastic skill.



L to R: Capt S Macey, Sgt D Lodge, WO2 G Clack and Sgt H Cobb at the Army Careers Information Office, Doncaster.



Carlisle Branch has decided to "adopt" Petherill House, visit the residents, run errands and take the active ones out and about. They have already had an expedition to the Lake District with a dozen ladies from the Home and agree they are wonderful people; "an example to us all" as Mrs Romanis says.

After a highly successful swansong during the Army Show at Harrogate last year, she became a recruiting Sergeant in January because she enjoys "getting out and meeting people", something she will be able to do much more in her new job than she was ever able to do as a gymnastic instructor at Aldershot.

Unit News

South East District

REGIMENTAL DEPOT RAOC

THE permanent staff were invited to sponsor a Church Sunday at St Barbara's Garrison Church on 11 Apr 76. In order to make a day of it a sponsored walk was organised for the afternoon and we were blessed with fine weather. The Company walked 8 miles along the derelict (soon to be renovated) Basingstoke Canal and raised £68.96 for Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. This, together with the offertory of £16.00 from the Church Service, made the whole day worthwhile as well as enjoyable.



Sgt McGregor

From walking on the ground we move to walking in the air. Inspired by the enthusiasm of Maj Jim Steele RAOC several girls from the company have taken up parachuting. Sgt Rena McGregor was the first to go up and Cpl Elaine Jackson then followed. To date they have completed four jumps and have recruited Sgt Martin, LCpl Davis and Cpl Evans to the sport. Rumour has it that the 2IC, 2Lt Clare Harkin, is soon to follow. Perhaps we will start the first airborne WRAC Company!

In these days of equal opportunity the CSM, WO2 White, decided that the permanent staff should "go to war". Our "war" lasted from 1400 hours to 2359 hours on 26 May 76. The Skill-at-Arms Wing of Training Battalion RAOC led by RSM Thompson compiled a training programme including .22 shooting on the new mechanical range, NBC training, bivouaging, night sentry duties and cooking 'compo' in the field. Thus trained, when night fell, the WRAC senior ranks and officers "attacked" the camp. Nobody won our 'war' but everybody agreed they had enjoyed it.

South West District

22 SQUADRON RCT

RCT Girls at Inverness



Capt Kate Howie of Elgin (left) passes on instructions to members of 22 Sqn RCT Wilton at Cameron Barracks, Inverness. The Unit were taking part in a driving competition during their annual camp at the Barracks in May.
(Courtesy of Aberdeen Journals Ltd)

Scotland

RA RANGE HEBRIDES

The Postal Run

Capt A M H Barrington-Ward

BEING stationed in the Outer Hebrides is somewhat different from being stationed on the mainland. One of our weekly "joys" is the air drop to the Island of St Kilda. This is a trip done by a minute plane taking letters, magazines and other unbreakable items to the detachment stationed on the island. Normally the plane is able to take two extra people for the trip. The WRAC have always been keen to do this so, each week, after anxious telephone calls and

hours of waiting the WRAC are sometimes lucky enough to get their flight.

Pte Henshaw and I were fortunate to choose the most glorious day for our trip. The day before we went LCpl Batty had to return without dropping the mail because the weather was too turbulent! Anyway the weather was on our side and soon our little plane was tearing down the runway gathering speed for take off. Within seconds we were in the air, gaining height and heading out to sea. Our route took us over the Monarch Islands and then across the sea to the Island of St Kilda. The view was most spectacular and I, who am a bit dubious about flying, felt fairly confident! However on the approach to St Kilda things started to get busy in the back of the plane. We all had mail bags stacked on our knees and these had to be passed to the back so that they could be thrown out of the plane at the appropriate moment.



The engine noise changed, the airborne machine juddered and soon we were swooping down to the island at the most alarming angle and speed. There was a positive signal of the hand, a shout saying "NOW" from the pilot and out went one mail bag through the gap in the side of the plane. I gingerly peeped out of the window and saw that the bag had bumped down near the landrover where two soldiers were eagerly waiting for their mail. This drama happened seven times until all the mail bags had been hauled out. Then we circled the island to check that everything was in order. Again the engine changed sound, juddered, groaned and we banked steeply upwards over the cliffs. Fortunately all was in order and I was able to look forward to the quiet trip back after all the dramas of the air drop. However this was not to be because, to my horror, I saw Pte Henshaw adjusting her seat

ready to take over the controls of the aircraft. I muttered quietly to myself and then suddenly the familiar engine change occurred and within seconds the plane was in convulsions. After a recovery period which seemed hours, the plane was a little more steady except for the flip turns and the swoop dives which had to be practised so that Pte Henshaw could become a proficient pilot!

Soon the Monarchs were in view and it was time to "brace up" for landing. Pte Henshaw was relieved of the controls and the plane landed gently on the runway. Sadly our trip was over. Pte Burns QARANC and Pte Wilson were the next lucky ones to experience the air drop and soon we hope that all the WRAC and QAs will have the opportunity to see St Kilda and be able to relate their own exciting tales on "The Postal Run".

North East District 8th SIGNAL REGIMENT



PTE Maureen Garland became the first Trainee this year to receive an 'A' grading on a WRAC Comcen Operators Course in 8th Signal Regiment. She is seen in the photograph receiving a Royal Signals Plaque from Lt Col G W Young Royal Signals, Officer Commanding the Trade Training School.

On leaving school Pte Garland worked as a secretary with a computer company where she handled telex equipment. This experience proved useful when she joined 98 Squadron 38th Signal Regiment (V) and was employed as a Data Telegraphist. She travelled to Blackburn from her home town of Preston, for training, where her sister was already a keen member of the Squadron. She went on weekend exercises and attended two summer camps, gaining experience of communicating in the field. Pte Garland is posted to NORTHAG Signal Troop and we wish her every success.

LCpl Denise Bird and LCpl Jackie Thorley were part of an 8th Signal Regiment team which took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the Variety Club of Great Britain, the Outward Bound Trust and the Army Benevolent Fund. Prior to the walk they underwent a strenuous training programme for three weeks, during which they completed the Lyke Wake Walk—over 40 miles across the North Yorkshire Moors in 12½ hours which is a record time for this year.

At the start of the Sponsored Walk LCpls Bird and Thorley led the team out from Catterick at 1900 hours on 6 May and marched throughout the night in pouring rain, spurred on by cups of coffee and wry comments from the rest of the team. Although aching with tiredness and blistered feet they led the team into Imphal Barracks, York at exactly 1100 hours on 7 May as planned, a distance of 50 miles. They were met by Brigadier Prescott, Deputy Commander North East District who congratulated them on a wonderful achievement. It is estimated that the team will raise £500 for the three charities.

West Midland District

CAD KINETON

THE first half of 1976 has been a very busy and enjoyable period for the WRAC Element at CAD Kineton, with numerous comings and goings of people. We have already seen an almost complete turnover of servicewomen since January '76, a trend started by the arrival of a new OC, 2IC and CSM all within a month of each other.

On the sports side Sgt Mo Mullany won the Army Women's Table Tennis Championships and, for the third year running, retained the Banbury Ladies Single Table Tennis Championship. Our congratulations to her. At the end of April "Exercise Bargee" went into operation for a week. Skipper Sgt Lawton with her crew of Ptes Wilson (two), Bracewell and Rose set sail on the Barge 'ELONDE' for a tour of the British Waterways or, more precisely, the Oxford Canal! This epic voyage encountered almost as many hazards, if not more, as can be found on an Atlantic crossing. The tales that returned of running aground, girl overboard, (they were moored at the time!) and the art of survival on compo and chips, would certainly do justice to any Treasure Island novel!

Pte Williams spent a very hectic but fun-filled week at Butlins on Barry Island assisting with

various sporting activities. LCpl Roberts and Pte Pugsley have been put through their paces on an Adventure Training Course at York and Ptes Templeton and Gemmell tried their hand (and nails) on a Rock Climbing Course in July. Amidst the other canoeing and sailing courses there has also been a steady stream of volunteers to the Tidworth Tattoo and Biggin Hill Air Fair.



Pictured above from left to right "The Ladybirds" Team in Ten Tors Expedition 1976. Top row: Pte C Bracewell, Pte G Martin, (Minibus driver), LCpl A Hamilton (Team Leader), Pte M Carter. Bottom row: Pte C Wilson, Pte L Wilson, Pte M Corbett, Capt Y Phipps (Non-Walking Team Manager) and Cinnamon (Team Mascot).

On 21 May our "Ladybirds" team of six, led by LCpl "Hamish" Hamilton, set forth for the renowned Ten Tors Expedition across Dartmoor. They were just six of the incredible 4,000 people who participated and their goal was to cover 35 miles in 2 days which included scaling ten of the Tors. As could have been expected it rained on their arrival at Okehampton and their first hazard was to assist the OC and 2IC in putting up their tent during a first class gale! It was an early start on Saturday 22 May, rising at 0430 hours and setting off at 0700 hours, equipped with tents and provisions. But the sun shone brilliantly and morale was very high. Unfortunately they did not complete the 35 mile course; "Hamish" and Pte Carter both suffered minor injuries on the first day and were returned to Base. The OC and 2IC are convinced that they marched at least 40 miles themselves during those 2 days by walking from their tent to the Control Centre to see how the Team were progressing. It was a valiant effort by all of the Team and, although it was extremely hard going, we shall be there again next year to master the Tors of Dartmoor.

London District

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EVIDENCE that the long and cordial relationship between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the Women's Royal Army Corps flourishes is shown in our picture when, on 25th June 1976, at the invitation of Lt Col T K Thompson MBE, Commanding Officer The Depot Regiment Royal Artillery, Col V I Fisher, Commandant WRAC Centre was the Inspecting Officer for a Pass Out Parade of Royal Artillery Recruits.

Col Fisher, cool and resplendent in No 1 Dress despite the soaring temperature, said in

her talk to recruits and their families that she started her Army Service as a "Gunner" and had since served with the Royal Regiment several times during her varied career. After the Parade Col Fisher presented Sgt Ronald Hills RA of the RA Band with his LSGC medal.

Our photograph shows Lt Col T K Thompson MBE, Capt T O G Stokes, Adjutant, Lt S Thomas, Parade Commander, WO2 (TSM) R Howe and, in the background, WO1 (RSM) P Lewis, who featured in our previous "first" published in *Lioness* Issue No 2 of 1975.

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Cpl M Smith abseiling

THE scorching weather over the Easter weekend was welcomed by a party of ten campers from this unit led by WO2 Pickard and Sgt Kay. They planned to set up camp at Boppard along the Rhine Valley and, after several attempts with temperamental tents, eventually succeeded. Their four days passed pleasantly, viewing the beautiful scenery, visiting old castles and sampling the local wines!

Meanwhile back at Dusseldorf plans for this year's Military Training Camps were well under way. It was decided that the WRAC clerks attached to HQ Rhine Area would, as usual, attend their camp at Vielsam while the Postal Courier Operators, for the first time, were to carry out similar training to their male counterparts at Grobbendonk in Belgium. Without question this decision was a great success. At Vielsam everyone participated in all forms of Adventure

Training—canoeing, rock climbing and, of course, walking in preparation for the Nijmegen Marches; formal military training for our clerks will take place at Arsbeck in September. At Grobbendonk the Postal Courier Operators embarked upon a fairly intensive week of NBC and First Aid Training, Orienteering, Pistol and SMG firing—the latter being purely voluntary! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all WRAC at both camps were congratulated on their superb effort and enthusiasm.

On the sporting scene this year saw our unit winning the BAOR Inter-Unit Tennis Tournament for the first time having previously been runners-up. Cpl Dobbs and LCpl Dickens were representing the unit for the last time whilst Cpl Skrzypczak and Pte Crouch had only just arrived; a splendid way to begin and end a tour and, in Cpl Dobbs's case, her career as a Physical Training Instructor.

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Cyprus

Sgt S A Scamadine

SKI-ING in Cyprus? 'I don't believe you; it's hot over there and there certainly won't be any snow'. Well there is and plenty of it as I was to find out on my arrival here last October. The Troodos Mountain range which is over 1768 metres at its highest point Mt Olympus, is snow capped from early January to late March early April each year allowing people to ski and toboggan to their hearts delight.

I decided within a very short time that this was the place for me. So straight away I applied to join one of the military ski courses run by the Military Training Centre at Troodos and, so that I would not make too much of a fool of myself when I did get there, took eight lessons on the dry ski slope here in Episkopi.

On the morning of January 26th, well wrapped up and with a mountain of warm clothing in my

case, I set off to travel the 30 miles to Troodos. I arrived at about 1030 to be issued with a long list of things I had to do before lunch; find my accommodation (which turned out to be a converted bar), get my skis, boots, sticks, lift pass; book in here, book in there and finally report to the unit cinema at 1430.

Before we were let loose on the snow we were given a short lecture and shown a film which was enough to put many of us off as it showed expert skiers doing what appeared to be the impossible. In fact it was not very long before many of us were following them, only in our cases the end results were not intentional. On the first day of the course we had all been roughly placed into groups for the first two days only and on Wednesday morning we had to show our paces so that we could be put into groups for the rest of the course. Each group was then allocated to one of the two slopes in Sunvalley. Sunvalley 1 was the easy slope for beginners and Sunvalley 2,

that little bit more difficult before going on to the North Face which sounds like Everest. Looking down it from the top it looks like Everest.

For the next two weeks everyone worked hard. We skied from 0800 to 1200 and then again from 1400 to 1600 with everyone feeling exhausted and ready to drop into bed at the end of the day. On the last day of the course the final test of our skill was the ski race. I think many of us, when we saw the course, wished we had not had so much to drink at the end-of-course party the night before. Sunvalley 1 had sprouted red and blue poles all over making it look more like a forest than a ski slope. The question was could we get down the slope and through the poles in the right order at one and the same time. Apart from one or two slight mishaps everyone managed to get down without too much trouble.

Once the race was over it was time to hand back all our equipment, do our last minute packing, say our goodbyes and catch the transport back to our units. I for one certainly enjoyed myself and, if given half the chance, will be back up there again next year.

Hong Kong Visit of the Director WRAC



BRIGADIER E J Nolan CB Hon ADC, DWRAC, on a recent visit to Hong Kong talking to (L to R) Capt S B Ellis-Jones, Lcpl J O'Hara and Cpl E A Tolton. Pte L A Thompson is in the foreground. Cpl Tolton of East Grinstead, Sussex met her husband Graham, a Lcpl in 27 Signal Regt in Hong Kong and the couple returned home at Christmas for their wedding. "We like Hong Kong" says Cpl Tolton, "it is a great place for a married Service couple to be stationed."

HOCKEY IN MALAYSIA Cpl E Dewsbury

CAPT Angela Wood QARANC and I were two members of the Women's Services selected to be members of a Hong Kong Hockey Association representative team to play in Malaysia over the Easter period '76. The team was selected early in February and hard training from the Captain and coach, Jean Field, began. The training, on two nights a week, entailed circuit training, hockey skills and Sunday practices which usually consisted of matches against other teams.



Back row L to R: Sue Thornby, Trish Kendall, Rona Pitman (Vice Captain), Jean Field (Captain & Coach), Mieke Schuitema, Teresa Thomas (Manager), Lynette Litmaw, Anne Evans, Cpl Dewsbury WRAC. Front row L to R: Anne Higginson, Capt Wood QARANC, Jill Clark, Kay Cullamm, Sue Jones, Jill Catt (Goal Keeper), Jane Bird, Sandy Atkins.

Our team met at Hong Kong airport, smartly dressed in our blue walking out suits and we landed at Ipoh, Perak in the early hours of the 12th April. The opening ceremony was to be a march past by all participating teams. Our build up for this event was extremely amusing as it meant that I, being the only one trained in drill, had 30 minutes in which to form a presentable squad from our team by practising up and down the corridors of our hotel, much to the delight of the hotel staff and other guests. Our efforts were not in vain as we were nominated the smartest squad in the parade!

Our first match was against Selangor who had International players in their team and we were beaten 4-1. We realised by this result that we would have to change our style of play. The next match was an International against Singapore who were also guests in the tournament. We put our new tactics into effect and, after a very hard and long match with temperatures in the nineties, we came away with a pleasing score of

1-1. The following two matches were against two Inter-State teams, Penang and Pahang, the results of which were wins of 2—0 and 3—0 respectively.

The Captain and coach, Jean Field, felt that the team was now ready for a game against Malaysia but we had one more match first against Johore which we won 5—1. The Inter-State competition had finished with Selangor the winners for the 3rd consecutive year.

The remaining matches were Singapore v The Presidents XI and Hong Kong v Malaysia XI. At 0530 we rose, tense and nervous. This was the game we had come to play and we won it, 4—1. To celebrate our victory the manager, Teresa Thomas, arranged for us to go to Penang for two days which made a welcome break. The tour was highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable.

Sport

ATHLETICS

Athletic Team's Visit to Holland

ON 14 May 1976 we embarked from Sheerness on the overnight boat to Vlissingen (Flushing); the seven hour crossing was very smooth so there was no requirement for any Kwell's! Reveille next morning was earlier than normal with everyone breakfasting at 0530 hrs. On arrival at Eindhoven we were met by the Chairman and Team Coach from the PSV Athletic Club who were to be our hosts for the weekend. After the welcoming we were taken to the Dutch Army Camp at Oirschot where we were being accommodated. It was very amusing to see the Dutch soldiers, complete with guns and their hair flowing from beneath their berets and helmets. Apparently there is no hair regulation! Soon we were joined by our Germany based team members who had travelled to Holland by minibus. After lunch we were escorted by our hosts round the shops in Eindhoven before being taken to the stadium for our match with PSV Eindhoven and Parthenon Dordrecht.

The match was very interesting and there was great excitement when Pte Venissa Head put the shot 14.55 metres, improving on her Welsh record of 14.31 metres. She went on to better this with 15.02 metres. Many of the athletes bettered their personal performances and the match was excellent value. The points scored were Dordrecht 83; AWAA 78; PSV 57. Afterwards we were entertained in the PSV Clubhouse to a bread tea consisting of soup and an assortment of

rolls with meat and cheese. By this time most of us were feeling slightly jaded and although several still had enough energy to visit the Club at Oirschot, the majority of us retired early.

On Sunday morning we feasted well on a typically English breakfast prepared by the Dutch cooks and served by their waiters. For our second match we had to travel 70 kilometres by coach to Dordrecht where we were welcomed by our host team Parthenon. A specially designed medal to commemorate the occasion was given to our members and, in return, we presented the Corps Plaque for their Club. The match was more cut-throat this time as many of the Dordrecht Athletes were trying to justify their places in preparation for Olympic selection. They fielded their best team and are the Dutch Club champions. The result was Dordrecht 91; AWAA 77; PSV 55.

After the match we returned to Eindhoven and were taken to a Motel for dinner. Speeches were made on behalf of both teams and we presented PSV Club with an engraved silver-plated salver as a memento of our visit. They reciprocated with eight individual presents which were given to five athletes who had improved on their personal performances of last year and three to the team's newcomers.

All too soon Monday morning arrived and we left Eindhoven station at 0700 hours en route to Flushing where we boarded the homeward boat. The weather by this time was extremely promising and we were all soon positioned in strategic sun traps on deck. Throughout the passage the sea remained like a millpond making the combination of calm seas and scorching sun a fitting end to a most successful and enjoyable weekend.

INTER-SERVICE NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Championships were held at HMS Nelson, Portsmouth from 22-24 March 76. The WRAC again won the Inter-Service Trophy for the fourth year in succession and are to be congratulated on the very high standard of play maintained throughout the Championships. The results of each match were:

WRNS v WRAC	25—55
WRAC v WRAF	45—33
WRAF v WRNS	41—30

The trophy was presented by Admiral Sir Terence Lewin KCB MVO DSC.

ARMY (W) SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

THE Squash season has been a busy and successful one with ten matches being played. We won six, lost two and had two matches cancelled by opponents at the last minute. The record of wins is better than previous years but unfortunately luck ran out on us for the Inter Service Championships. We were unable to field our strongest team due to the unavailability of our number two string, SSgt Jackson. Undoubtedly her presence in the team would have given us an equal chance in battle and certainly a second if not a win. As it turned out a match win did not materialise though there were some very close ones.



Front row L to R: Cpts Fraser, Whitehead and Lt Moules. Back row L to R: Majors Bolland, Taylor and Capt Jones.

The strength of our players has certainly improved and final selection was made difficult by the similar standard of players. The representative team in the Inter Service Championships was: 1. Maj S Taylor. 2. Capt M Jones. 3. Capt B Fraser. 4. Capt J Whitehead. 5. Lt A Moules. Res: Maj C Bolland. New colours were presented to Lt A Moules and Maj S Taylor was selected to play for the Combined Services Team.

INTER-SERVICE (W) TABLE TENNIS 1976



Back row L to R: Sgt Thompson (ASPT), LCpl Waring (181 Pro Coy RMP), Sgt Mullany (CAD Kington). Front row L to R: Pte Male (NORTHAG Sig Tp), Capt King (HQ WM Dist), Cpl Rolfe (12 Dvr Trg Regt RCT)

THE annual battle for the Crichton Cup took place at RAF Hereford in February and was much closer than in previous years. The WRNS won and the WRAF just pipped the WRAC, by one point, as runners-up. However the WRAC played well and two members, Capt W R King and Sgt M Mullany, were selected for the Combined Services match against Herefordshire which the former won 7:3.

Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve

4th (V) BATTALION THE KINGS OWN ROYAL
BORDER REGIMENT

THE "Lion's Den", as the Junior Ranks Club at Phoenix St is affectionately known, can never be the same again after its storming by Lionesses. This refers to the fact that International Women's Year held a special significance for the newly formed 4th (Volunteer) Bn The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment when we acquired a WRAC Platoon. The allusion is heightened when you see our girls in uniform, for the WRAC

cap badge which depicts a Lioness rampant—the only occasion a female beast appears on a military badge—complements the Kings Lion of the Battalion cap badge which the girls wear on their jackets. The platoon is an integral part of HQ Coy and the intention is that the girls should perform the duties they can do better than, or as well as, men in order to release fighting troops. Consequently there are vacancies for clerks, drivers, storewomen and cooks as well as for signallers and intelligence staff.

In any new venture like this it was predictable that family loyalties would provide a sound basis for recruiting the new platoon and the two daughters of Lcpl West and Lcpl Rigby's daughter were founder members. The WRAC Platoon is based on BHQ and trains at Lancaster although two members of the platoon were recruited at Barrow (C Coy) and one in Kendal (B Coy).

The distinction of being the first WRAC Officer of the Battalion goes to Lt Oonagh Jolliffe who transferred from RARO to take up this appointment after a gap of ten years in her TA service. First commissioned at Edinburgh University OTC in 1957 she served with a transport company of 319 Bn WRAC (TA) and with 42 Signal Regiment (TA).

The girls made their first official appearance in uniform in public at the Armistice Day Service in Lancaster. In rather different uniforms they have completed weekend courses at Warcop and a day on the Crag Bank ranges familiarising themselves with the SLR. Although, of course, it is not intended that WRAC should carry personal weapons the skill of some of our budding Annie Oakleys may well qualify them to shoot in Bn or Coy representative teams next year.

All the recruits attended a WRAC recruit camp at Scarborough in October 1975 run by 34(N) Signal Regt (V) and passed out as Trained Soldiers. In January we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Lt Col F M Cook ADWRAC during our Monday evening training session. Our most pressing need is for a WRAC Senior NCO so if somewhere in this area there is an ex regular volunteer WRAC NCO with time on her hands we should be most interested to hear from her.

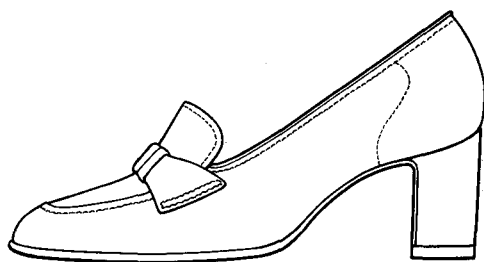
4th (V) BATTALION THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF WALES (24th 41st FOOT)

The Invasion of Gibraltar—1976

THE men of 4th (Volunteer) Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales were issued with live ammunition but the WRAC platoon had far more lethal weapons—each girl travelled fully armed with make up, perfume and swimsuit. The invasion was mounted from our various drill halls

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on the last day of January with coaches taking the men and the girls on the first leg of their journey—to South Cerney. Here the platoon gathered, late at night, after a full day at their civilian jobs and discussed, planned, plotted and dreamed about the forthcoming fortnight in Gibraltar. For most of us it was our first trip abroad apart from a day trip to France whilst at camp last year. Early next morning we were briefed, documented and eventually moved to Brize Norton where, after a further 'short' wait, we had the signal to go. We scrambled into the Belfast and fastened our seat belts in an effort to keep ourselves from bouncing from the seat with excitement. The engines started and, some 4½ hours later, we arrived in Gibraltar at 9 pm. The view was incredible; springing up from nowhere stood the 'Rock'. Its silhouette towered above us with its red warning lights and looked decidedly eerie from the blustery tarmac. No sooner had we settled in the WRAF block, than we had a phone call from the RAF inviting us to the Frontier Club Disco on Sunday night. Sunday was spent getting ready for the next fortnight including briefing and kit and equipment. After a long day we finally got to the disco.

Monday morning was the start of the working week. We were split up and assigned our locations of work around the Rock. Some of us

worked with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force with the balance working for Fortress Headquarters and 2 RGJ. Surprisingly everywhere we went we were greeted with enthusiasm.



Pte Pam Carter our Staff Car driver

Most of the men had been informed they were to have infantrywomen working alongside. There were, however, a few bemused faces and, needless to say, a few laughs at us in our working dress—lightweight drills! Later in the week the looks turned to admiration when they realised that, like the men of D Coy, the girls could tackle any job and do it well. Our two medics watched an operation and, contrary to expectation, did not faint. Two drivers practised on a Ferret and appeared to be better than the regular drivers as they left it to our instructors to reverse it into the CO's staff car! Pte Carter from then on gave all Ferrets a wide berth. Our clerks went into all aspects of clerking; no orderly room ever had as many casual visitors as 2 RGJ that fortnight! The signallers signalled and attended an excellent cadre sponsored by 2 RGJ—it was nice to have a man carrying one's radio for a change! The cooks cooked and showed their prowess in a very well organised cookhouse, except that meals were never available when they were really wanted.

The 'Rock Tours' were very popular being run in turn by the Gibraltar Regt and 2 RGJ. The views from the top, luckily climbed by land-rover, were fantastic with Morocco seen clearly in the distance on a fine day. The apes proved to be a big attraction as were St Michael's Cave and the Windsor Galleries. Everyone found the tours most interesting and fascinating. A day trip to Tangier was a lively if smelly experience. The camels were a great attraction and, much to the Training Major's despair, no one would offer more than 20 camels for a member of the WRAC platoon! Even a few camels would have solved our transport problems in Gibraltar. Alas, as no gallant Arab on his dashing white charger would abduct us into the desert to join his harem, we went quietly back to the Rock.

The second week flew by with everybody settled in to an established routine. All too soon it was time to say goodbye to all the many friends we had made both at work and socially, to whom we send our thanks for helping to make the visit so interesting and worthwhile. After a long journey, which we usefully used to catch up on some much needed sleep, we arrived back in our drill halls late on Saturday. On Monday morning it was back to work, this time our civilian jobs—and no one could understand why we didn't have a sun tan!

39th (CITY OF LONDON) SIGNAL REGIMENT

FIVE WRAC from this unit saved all the money from their TA weekends and, with their army sox in their pockets, went off to Soll in Austria to spend it on a week's skiing. The party consisted of Capt G Murgatroyd (semi expert), Sgt J Etheridge (expert), Sgt P Quince (semi beginner), Lcpl R Kemp and Pte C Parish (both beginners).

The holiday started on 17th January and included such restful pastimes as tobogganning, bowling and a sleigh ride in the rain. The first day was spent trying out our skis and introducing Lcpl Kemp and Pte Parish to the joys of snow-ploughs, drag lifts and wet trousers. From then the experts amused themselves hurtling up and down the mountainside while the beginners had daily lessons in how to stay upright!

Apart from Capt Murgatroyd pulling her arms out of their sockets, Sgt Quince falling off the drag lift, Pte Parish being run over by a toboggan and Lcpl Kemp smacking someone in the ear with her skis, there were no serious accidents and a marvellous week was had by all.

The funny of the week must go to our ski instructor. Having spent a good ten minutes getting Lcpl Kemp on to her feet and her skis straight he said "Very good. Now stay like that and please stop standing on my hands!" His fingers were firmly wedged under the skis!

Association News

THE AGM was held at The Victory Services Club in London on 20th March 1976 with the Vice President in the Chair. It was attended by 130 members.

The Association Chairman in the Report of Council said that, due to the revised subscription and the reduction in *Lioness* from three to two issues, the Association started 1976 on a firm financial footing. Membership of ex-Service branches had increased by 26 and serving membership had reduced by 78 making a total membership of 5,892 compared with 5,938 in 1974. The Chairman thanked individuals and branches who had given generously of their time and money to help the Benevolent Fund and Princess Royal's Memorial Fund. Council were grateful to Association and Branch office holders, without whom the Association could not thrive, for the time and hard work they expended to make branches successful.

The Honorary Treasurer explained the published accounts and pointed out that income exceeded expenditure by £1,466 compared with £190 in 1974. This was due to the fund raising at the 1975 AGM and Grand Draw, an increase in serving officers' subscriptions and an increase in the sale price of *Lioness* from 10p to 25p. The cost of printing and distributing the *Lioness* had risen by £311 despite the reduction from three to two issues.

The Editor of *Lioness* reported that the number of copies sold had improved in 1975 but that contributors had not yet adjusted to two issues and were reminded that material was required by at the very latest 14th December for the February issue and 30th June for the August issue.

The Chairman of the Trustees reported that the Benevolent Funds had considered a total of 347 requests for assistance and had authorised £9,350 to be given in grants. With the assistance of the Army Benevolent Fund seven mothers and their children had been given a week's holiday. Eight new annuitants had been accepted for Princess Royal's Memorial Fund making the total now 34.

The Chairman of the Museum Trustees reported that the number of visitors to the Museum had risen to 5,013 compared with 4,748 in 1974.

Lt Col G E M Saunders-Davies TD (Retd) was elected to be the next Chairman of Council and Lt Col M W Soames MBE (Retd), Lady Jackson, Col R M Green (Retd) and Col M N Jamieson (Retd) were elected Council Vice Presidents.

A vote of all members present at the AGM was taken on the location for the 1977 AGM and Edinburgh was approved by a substantial majority.

Copies of the Minutes of the AGM are held by Branch Secretaries but any member requiring a personal copy can obtain it from the General Secretary.

AGM AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS 1977

THE Annual General Meeting 1977 will be held in the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh on Saturday 2nd April 1977. The Branch Secretaries' Meeting will be held at 1130 hours in the Assembly Rooms.

Association Branches in Scotland are arranging Fund raising activities after the AGM with a Bring and Buy sale which they hope will be supported by branches everywhere.

GRAND DRAW 1977

A GRAND Draw is to be sponsored by the Association in aid of Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and Association Fund. Prizes will be Premium Bonds; 1st £50, 2nd £25, 3rd £15, 4th £10, 5th £5 and 15 prizes of £2. Tickets (5p each) will be sent to Areas and Branches and it is hoped that the support will be as good as in 1975. The winning tickets will be drawn at the AGM.

SCOTTISH REUNION 1977

THE Scottish Reunion is to be held in Edinburgh at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 2 April 1977. Scotland will welcome anybody who has served in QMAAC, ATS or WRAC whether North or South of the Border.

Reunions

QMAAC OLD COMRADES DINNER CLUB

THE annual reunion and luncheon of the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (1917-1919) Old Comrades Dinner Club was held on May 27th at Royal Overseas House, Park Place, London W1. Fifty seven old comrades were present at this very enjoyable occasion. Many members are unable to attend through inability to travel but the majority still keep in touch. We look forward to next year's gathering.

MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION

THE Annual Reunion took place on May 8th at the Helena Club. Unfortunately the attendance was lower than usual as many regular attenders were unable to come for various reasons and included the Secretary Sally Healey who was ill. However the numbers were increased by five members of the London District Branch who were warmly welcomed.

An excellent meal was provided by the Club as usual and the time was spent very pleasantly in conversation and reminiscences.

During the evening the Annual General Meeting was held at which Mrs Chitty was re-elected Chairman and thanked sincerely for coming so far to attend the Reunion. Sally Healey was re-elected Secretary in her absence and best wishes sent by all for a speedy recovery.

ATS REUNION—11 CORPS

LOOKING round it was hard to believe the reason for the gathering of 36 ladies at the Victory Services Club on 22nd May, 1976. I defy any outsider to have guessed that they were ex-ATS personnel celebrating their demobilisation in 1946—in fact a 30th Anniversary Reunion! With everyone looking so youthful it was impossible to credit that, among their number were several Grandmothers recalling the happy comradeship of 1942-1946 while serving with Headquarters 11 Corps stationed at Felsted. This later became 2 Corps, then Essex & Suffolk District and finally moved to Newmarket in 1944 when it became HQ East Anglian District. Present was the ATS Company Commander from Felsted days, WOs, NCOs and Privates who had worked together in all branches, A, Q, G(Ops & I), Medic, Kinema, Education, REME, a really comprehensive 'parade'. All mingled happily and talked over old times, filling in with news of intervening years.

A nucleus of about 16 has foregathered annually starting with the official reunions held at the Royal Albert Hall directly after the war and following with privately organised meetings. These took the form of high tea at a Strand Corner House with drinks later and, about 10 years ago, changed to a meeting at the Victory Services Club in a private room with a buffet and bar.

Thanks to one organising enthusiast these old friends have kept in touch at least once a year and have spent many happy evenings remembering and reliving the brighter side of those dark days. For this special occasion an extra effort meant that there were no less than 27 ex-ATS present, joined by a few guests including 5 daughters, who seemed to be enjoying themselves as much as their Mums! It must be rare for any similar female group to be still meeting in this way after so many years and what a happy occasion it was! One attender had come over from the States for her first reunion and a well-known woman's magazine had sent along a feature writer and a photographer to record this Reunion.

It is maybe hard to visualise another such well attended Reunion but there is no doubt that these will continue to be held while a sufficient number wish it, even if a ground floor room eventually has to be found to accommodate wheelchairs!

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IT is hoped to hold a reunion for past members of this Battery at the Connaught Rooms, Holborn, London in September 1976. If interested contact Mrs P Dakin, 6 Lerryn Road, Bridgemarky, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG.

WESTERN AREA REUNION 1976

THE Western Area Reunion will be held at the TAVR Centre, Park Street, Cardiff on Saturday 23rd October 1976 at 3.30 p.m. There will be a talk by Capt C K Fisher WAC (US) on "The Women in The United States Army". Tickets £1.75 include buffet and entertainment starting at 5.30 pm to which husbands and friends are welcome. Accommodation available if required. Tickets from Mrs E Poole (Secretary), 31 Wingfield Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff up to 10th October 1976. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with remittance payable to "South Wales WRAC Association".

QMAAC TEA PARTY 1977

A Reunion Tea Party will be held on 3rd March 1977 in London. The exact location has yet to be confirmed.

Tickets from General Secretary WRAC Association - price 80p.

News of Members

Mrs Jean Brooks of 6 Copt Elm Close, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos will be pleased to hear from anyone who served at Felsted or Newmarket.

Branch News

BOURNEMOUTH. The Branch continues to flourish but, due to expense, we have decided to meet at the YMCA Westover Road every two months for a trial period. The AGM was held in November 75 at the home of Mrs Rumbold and nearly all the members turned out for this very enjoyable evening. It is, however, with much sadness that we have to report the death of Mrs Rumbold in March 76.

The Dinner arranged for the 5th March, attended by about 28 members and friends, was most successful. We still meet up with the WRENS and six of us attended their Dinner. We thoroughly enjoyed No 2 Sub Area Reunion arranged by the Swindon Branch on the 6th June and especially the performance of the Kennet Vale Silver Band. One of our members, Mrs Smith, was allowed to conduct the Band as her prize for winning a competition. Six members also attended the Dunkirk Veterans Association Service at St Peters Church.

We have gained one new member, Mrs J Hooper, and we also welcome back Miss Bull from the Isle of Wight; she is a great help to the Branch.

GLASGOW. The Branch met as usual on the second Tuesday of the month, from October to May, in the Renfield Church Centre. There was a varied programme and the meetings were well attended. The last "gathering of the clan" was an afternoon outing to Culgean Castle and was a tremendous success.

We are pleased to report that, with the help of Major Robertson and Major Sharp, we have been able to acquire new premises for our meetings at the Royal Fusiliers Club, 10 Newton Terrace. The first meeting of the new session will be held there on September 14th at 7.30 pm and will be a Whist Drive. We hope there will be a large turn out of members on that night.

PENRITH. The Branch is now organised to meet every two months and meetings have been well attended. Although still a small branch new members are coming in and it is felt that there is more potential in the area.

For a period meetings were held in members' houses and the Secretary, Miss E Shepherd, held a most enjoyable party at her home, which was attended by Mrs W S I Whitelaw. However, the Royal British Legion have now very kindly provided a room in their Penrith Club. The Summer meetings are taking the form of outside visits to places of interest and the most recent jaunt when this 'pride of Lionesses' (to quote our resident wit) visited Tallantire Hall, Cockermouth, the home of Major and Mrs Derek Pattinson when the beautiful spring garden was in full bloom. The Hall is also the venue for Mrs Margaret Thatcher's first visit to Cumbria in the near future.

The bi-annual 'get-together' with Kendal and Carlisle branches was held at Lowther when members made a short tour of the area to see Lowther Castle. The Chairman, Mrs I Bridges, welcomed all the members and tea was served by the Penrith branch.

STAFFORD. The past year has been very full and interesting. Starting with two talks one with the assistance of photographs "Around London" which included some good shots of Guildford Cathedral, the other on "Decorative Embroidery" demonstrated by some interesting framed work. We visited Blythfield Reservoir where we were shown a trout hatchery, one of our members tried to hook one by hand! Spode Hall and its delightful gardens, a tour through the Shropshire countryside and Hawksmore Nature Reserve all featured among our summer trips.

Later in the year we were able to visit the new Police Headquarters where a useful and informative talk was given, so now we all know the most effective locks and bolts to use to secure our homes. This visit was preceded by a talk on the "Duties of a Magistrate" and we were surprised to learn of the long hours of service given.

Several members attended the wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday in November. With two successful Jumble Sales and Raffles we were again able to make donations of £10 to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and £5 to Stafford Disabled Persons Association.

BRANCH NOTICES

WOLVERHAMPTON. Branch meetings are held four times a year on the fourth Monday of March, May, September and November 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in The Study, Public Library, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton. New members and visitors welcome.

Obituary

Atkey. Mrs Barbara Menzies Atkey, Pinnacles, White Sheet Hill, Beaminster, Dorset, ATS.

Batchelor. On 11th March 1976, Lt Col Hugh Thomas Nicholas (Nick) Batchelor, The King's Own (Retd), 54 Kelston Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, Aged 57 years. One time DS staff WRAC Staff College, Frimley Park 1953.

Bates. Senior Commander Marjorie Kathleen Elizabeth Bates, St Monica, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. ATS.

Batthey. In January 1976, Mrs Rose Batthey (née Page), 7 Pattshull Avenue, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton. ATS 1942-45.

Bond. On 21st June 1976, SSgt Doris Bond at Doncaster Royal Infirmary while on terminal leave. WRAC 1955-76.

Bowyer Smyth. On 2nd July 1976, in a Brighton nursing home, The Lady M J Bowyer Smyth OBE TD of Cranmer Court, Sloane Avenue, London SW1. Commandant Officers' School and OCTU Windsor and one time Commanding Officer 326 (City of London) Battalion (TA). ATS 1939-1948. Chief Commander ATS later Brevet-Colonel WRAC (TA).

Burgess. On 7th October 1975, Miss Gladys Dorothy Burgess, 7 St Julians, Cranston Road, East Grinstead, Aged 80. ATS 1938-44. Oldest member of the Middle East Association.

Court. Miss Nora Court, Flat 6, 107 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent. QMAAC. Miss Court was secretary of Maidstone Branch for several years.

Faragher. On 22nd February 1976, SSgt Norah Faragher. A member of 10 Coy WRAC, Aldershot. WRAC 1952-76.

Gardiner. On 16th January 1976, Miss Helen Catharine Jane Gardiner, 86 Cranford Road, Aberdeen. ATS 1942-46.

Gosselin. On 16th March 1976, Miss Kathleen Natalie Gosselin, Gross Ghyll Cottage, Little-dale, Caton, Lancaster. Senior Commander. ATS 1938-45.

Gould. On 12th June 1976 Mrs Leonora (Lonnie) Mary Gould (née Court), 15 Bruce Grove, Orpington, Kent. ATS 1938-45.

Hartwell. In April 1976, Mrs Elizabeth M Hartwell, 133 Boroughbridge Road, York. Aged 88. QMAAC.

Hopkinson. Mrs Rose Ellen Hopkinson, 15 Kendal Road, Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Aged 80. ATS 1938-45. Certificate of Merit.

Kingsley. On 27th March 1976, Mrs Lucy Kingsley (née Snell), aged 81. QMAAC.

Longworth. On 3rd May 1976, Miss Jessie Longworth, 6 Devonshire Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside. ATS 1939-45. ATS & WRAC (TA) 1948-52.

Mullins. In December 1975, Miss Elsie May Eleanor Mullins, 82 Stansted Road, Southsea, Hants. ATS 1940-49.

Petersen. On 6th April 1976, Miss M Peterson, 49 Lyttleton Road, Liverpool. ATS.

Promhows. In May 1976, Mrs Annie L Promhows, Canduff, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent. QMAAC.

Richards. On 25th December 1975, Miss E M Richards, Flat 1, Victoria House, Weston Road, Bath. ATS 1939-49.

Rumbold. On 20th March 1976, Mrs Emily Victoria Rumbold (née Newing) Flat A11, Pine Grange, Bath Road, Bournemouth. QMAAC 1917-18. President of the Bournemouth Branch for many years.

Shearer. In September 1975, Mrs Edna Winifred Shearer (née Brooks), 34 Glebe Way, Whitstable, Kent. ATS 1939-41.

Stevenson. On 14th March 1976, Miss Minnie Stevenson, 35 Church Street, Bangor, Co Down, aged 86. QMAAC 1917-18, ATS 1939-45.

Stewart. In February 1976, Mrs M G Stewart, Waikerie, 5 Little Gays, Hill Head, Fareham, Hants.

Stokes. On 18th June 1975, Miss Margaret Louisa Stokes, 34 Fromefield, Frome, Somerset. QMAAC 1917-18.

Stryker. On 4th June 1976, as a result of a traffic accident, SSgt Alison Sybil Stryker of 1 Regiment RMP, Northern Ireland.

Turner. On 22nd December 1975, Miss Barbara Lilian Turner, 16 Sloane Avenue Mansions, London SW3. Controller ATS.

Wyatt. On 7th January 1976, Mrs H Wyatt, Park Hall Home, Crescent Range, Thurlow Street, Rusholme, Manchester. Aged 93. QMAAC.

Notices

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We still have a number of the Duchess of Kent Christmas cards left from last Christmas. These are undated and available at 12 pence each postage paid. Anyone wishing to purchase should apply to the Secretary, Corps HQ WRAC. Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6QH.

ARMY DEPENDANTS ASSURANCE TRUST

The Army Dependants Assurance Trust has made good progress and is now one of the largest voluntary life assurance schemes in the world; by the end of March one in nine of all officers and soldiers were members.

ADAT, first mentioned in the June 1974 issue of *Lioness* and again referred to in our August 1975 issue, provides servicemen and women with a cheap and simple form of life insurance. In basic terms this means that, for 30p per week premium, a servicewoman can insure that in the event of her death her dependant would receive £520 a year tax free, increasing to about £1,000 a year after 20 years membership. It is emphasised that this insurance does not only cover fatalities on active service, e.g., Northern Ireland but death from any cause natural or accidental. Moreover all members of the scheme can continue membership when they leave the Army which means they have increasingly valuable personal insurance for the rest of their lives.

The response to this scheme, among serving members of the Corps, has been disappointing and it is felt that this may be because the full benefits of joining are not understood. All ranks are urged to ask for details of the scheme at their Unit Orderly Room as the longer they are insured by ADAT the more their dependants will benefit.

SERVICES RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN NEWS

Resettlement Bulletin No 1/76 deals with advice on a career in the RSPCA and as an instructor with the Training Services Agency. Job opportunities in the Greater London area are also featured. Bulletin No 2/76 lists employment prospects in Scotland and Bulletin No 3 gives advice on careers in the NAAFI and as a Traffic Warden. There is also information about the Occupational Guidance Service. Full details of resettlement courses are included in the reference section of all three Bulletins which are available from Unit Resettlement Officers and Army Education Centres.

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If you are leaving the Service it would be well worth your while to get in touch with your local Employment Officer. The telephone number and address of the nearest Branch can be obtained from Corps and Regimental Associations or from Post Offices and Employment Offices.

HEALTH & BEAUTY THERAPY

There have been a number of warnings in the press and on BBC women's programmes regarding commercial establishments training women for careers in Health & Beauty Therapy. Any servicewoman considering taking up this career is advised to consult their Unit Resettlement Officer before committing themselves to a course of training.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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BIRTHDAY HONOURS

MBE: Capt K H Hughes
BEM: Cpl M B Symmonds

HONOURS AND AWARDS

LSGC: Pte H M Cobb, SSgt E M Rhodie, Pte
M I Waterman, WO1 S M Weatherill

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Regular Army

Colonel: E. J Bowles
Lt Colonel: B M Laverack
Major: C D Green
Captains: C E Birtwistle, K J Edwards,
D J Killbery, K D Kinchin,
P S Malcolm, J Pilkington,
R M M Rendall, R G Warne
Lieutenants: C D Hume-Lewis, C A Lee,
V M McKinlay

2/Lieutenant: S Davies
2/Lieutenant on probation: D L Halliday

Special Regular Commissions

Captains: J M Ball, V Batchelor
2/Lieutenant on probation: C M Buchanan

Short Service Commissions

Captains: A P Cox, E A Peatman-Cooke
Lieutenants: E H Bell, T M Burwood,
P A Campbell, S M Cannon,
B Chapman, J P Chapman,
H J Clews, H L Dodworth,
P J Gold, G A Haydon,
P A Hetherington,
C L Johnson, S C Jones,
J Murdoch, V L P Pengilley,
C M J Reddy, V M Stradins,
C M Swallow.

2/Lieutenants: S L Bates, J E Bennett,
V J Bretton, A M Carter,
E E Clear, J A Dathan,
V Evans, A E Ewan,
K G Grantham-Wright,
J A Johnson, L M Kerley,
C Lace, D M Legg, J Perks,
J K Petty, A R Roadnight,
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2/Lieutenants on probation: P A Binnie,
L J Esslemont, C F Harkin,
L Marsh, J L Ransom,
S E Reynolds, S H Rixham,
R E J Robinson, V L Wright

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Regular Army

Colonel: B I Forbes Adam MBE
Majors: P M Farwell, E J Morgan
Captain: M L Welter
Lieutenants: E A Hanlon, H J Macklin,
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If you know somebody who has served in the QMAAC, ATS or WRAC why not give them this application form for Membership?

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