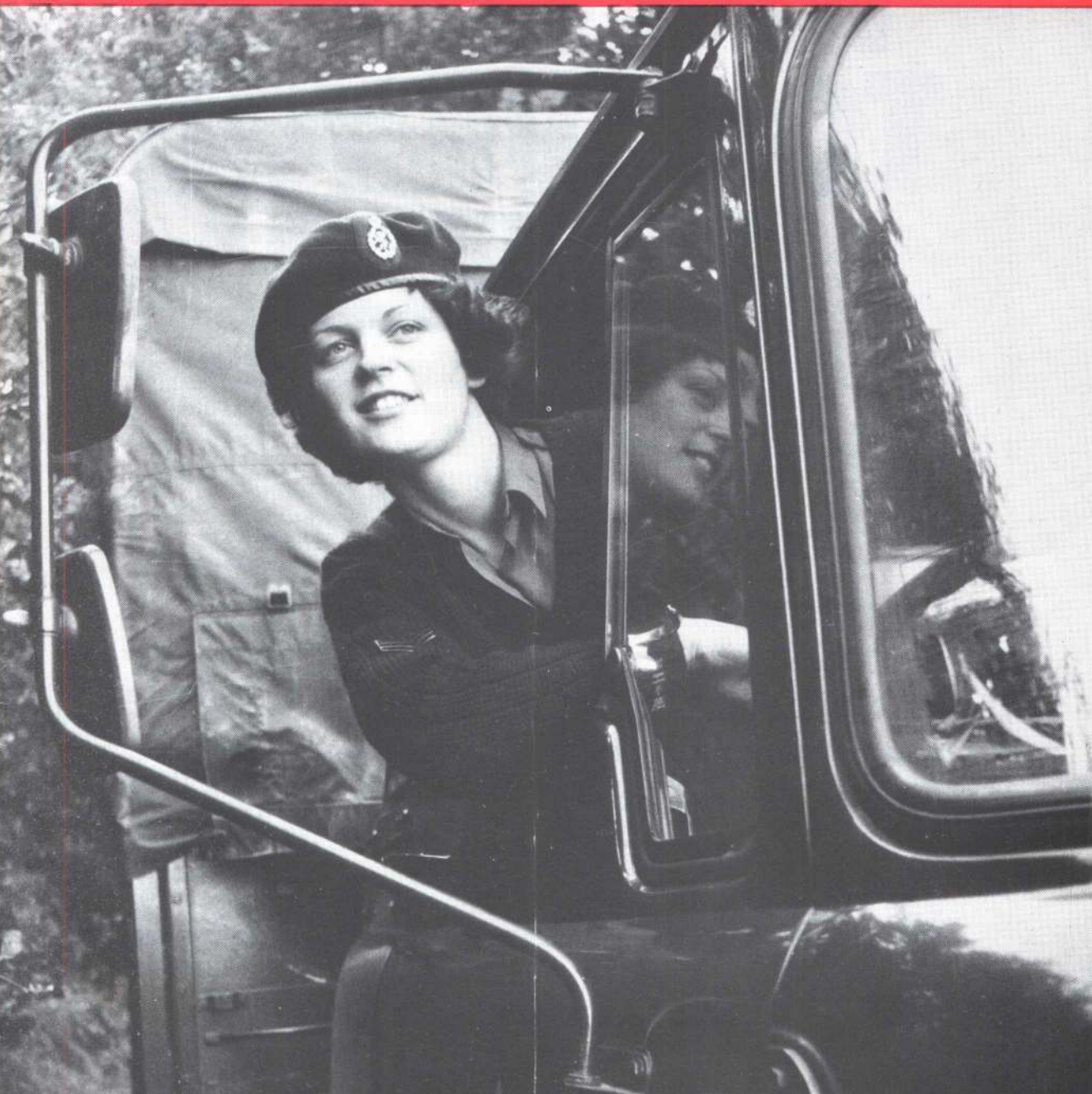


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EDITORIAL

1979 has certainly dawned in a turmoil of strikes and unrest. Housewives are accused of panic-buying when they do no more than provide for their families, and motorists are made to feel guilty for keeping the tank full so that they can get to work when there are no trains running. Many of you will be involved in the General Election which will inevitably take place this year. But more important than all of this — this is the year of the GRAND REUNION. The date is Saturday 26th May and we are honoured and delighted that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to be present. For all the details, turn to page 21 under Association News.

Among your friends when you were serving will be some who for one reason or another never joined the Association. Bring them to the Reunion.

We would like to draw your attention to the appeal for help from Universal Aunts on page 29. This might suit someone who is not working regularly or who is looking for something to do between jobs.

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Sgt Sheila O'Brien of 33 Signal Regiment (V) driving a 4 ton Bedford on Exercise "Calm Fence 1978" during Annual Training Camp.

Courtesy Manchester Evening News

Presentations LSGC



Captain Mary Woolford received the LSGC Medal from Brigadier M B Page, Commandant Bicester Garrison in August last year.



Sgt Flo Wood was presented with the LSGC Medal by Brigadier R J Parker MC, Commander AAC at a Pilots Wings Parade at the Army Air Corps Centre in September last year.



SSgt Jean Moffat BEM and SSgt Wyn Carnegie "Wetting" their LSGC Medals in the traditional way after they had been presented by Brigadier A Field, Director WRAC.



Pictured above are four Warrant Officers and two senior NCOs with Brigadier Anne Field, Director WRAC.

The occasion, held at the WRAC Centre Guildford, was the presentation by Brigadier Field of six Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. These are awarded for fifteen years service to the Army. Amongst the six of them they have nearly one hundred years service. All are serving at the WRAC Centre, although shortly two are being posted to BAOR, one to Northern Ireland and another within the UK.

They are from left to right:

(Back row) W02 Doreen Mapley, Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant; W01 Joan Beresford, Regimental Sergeant Major; Brig Anne Field; W02 Di Salisbury, Company Sergeant Major of No 1 Training Company; W02 Jackie Walton, Chief Clerk Pay and Docs Office.

(Front row) Sgt Phil Phillips, Works NCO; and SSgt Joan Dakin, Company Quarter Master Sergeant.



Sgt Betsy Clewlow (L) and Sgt Trish Smith celebrating with Brigadier J N Ghika, Chief of Staff London District after he had presented them with the LSGC Medal.

Presentation of Lord Lieutenant's Certificate to

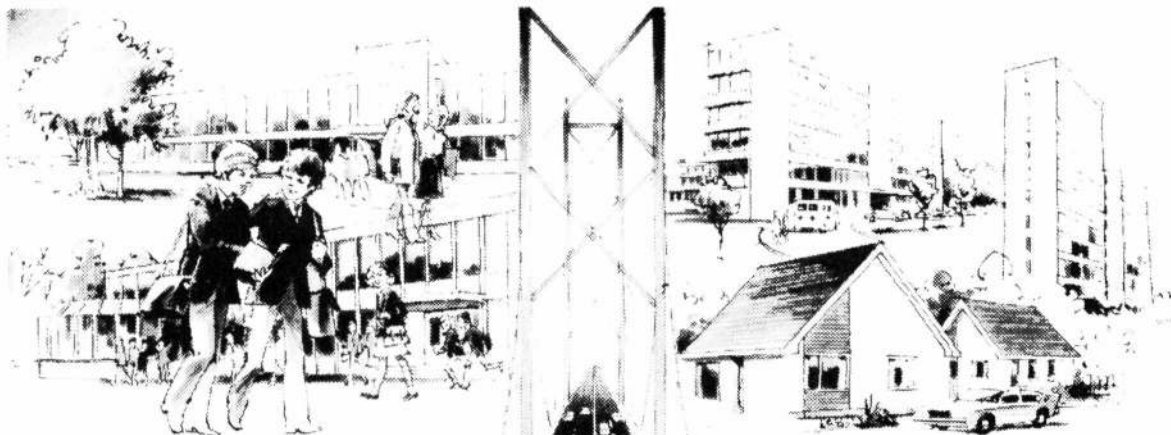
SGT M J COX WRAC (V)

Sergeant Marjorie Cox was awarded the certificate at a presentation at Swithland Hall, the home of the Earl of Lanesborough, for 27 years of outstanding and unbroken service in the TA/TAVR.

Pictured below with Sgt Cox are Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire, Colonel R A St G Martin OBE JP and the Commanding Officer of 38th Signal Regiment (V) Lieutenant Colonel Frank Pedley.



Sgt Cox holding her well-earned certificate from the Lord Lieutenant.



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EXERCISE "BOLD GUARD"

by W01 K J Bettison WRAC

The Late Late Show

Kathleen arrived Earlie for her wedding but was Laight for her reception!

It was to be expected of course when WRAC Corporal, Kathleen Earlie, 21, formed up to marry LCpl William Laight, 22, at St Augustines Church, Coatbridge, Scotland on Saturday, 9th September 1978.

Kathleen, who works as a clerk in Pay Services at HQ 1 (BR) Corps, met William, a G Branch Clerk in the same Headquarters, in a German Gasthaus close to their barracks in Bielefeld. They have had a lot of leg pulls about their names, but have taken it in good part.

Talking about their future together, Kathleen said "It won't be so bad when we're both Laight but I doubt if it will please our bosses!"



The happy couple after the wedding.

"You have a week to clear your desk, draw some combat kit and prepare yourself for despatch to Germany". Those were the horrendous words which greeted me on my return from three weeks of blissful leave at the end of August.

Once I had collected my thoughts I set about the task of preparing myself for two weeks under canvas in the Umpire Headquarters of Exercise BOLD GUARD. Four girls among thousands of soldiers conjured up all sorts of vivid thoughts! The first stage of our journey took us from Harwich to Esberg in Denmark. During this nineteen hour boat trip we were all allocated berths which included a private shower and loo; we really made the most of our luxurious surroundings, not knowing how long we would have to wait for another scrub!

Following disembarkation we proceeded in a convoy of nine landrovers to the destination of our base camp; a journey taking eight hours. By this time it was ten o'clock in the evening and we were all beginning to feel a little weary. It was pouring with rain and all thoughts of pitching tents in a quagmire quickly faded, as negotiations proceeded with the local farmer to use his barn for the night. My immediate reaction was one of horror as we began the task of sweeping away straw and animal litter before we could erect our camp beds. As I lay in my sleeping bag with the aroma of farmyard smells lingering in my nostrils and the sound of heavy rain crashing on to the tin roof above, my thoughts took me back to the sunny Spanish shore, where only three weeks before I was lying in peaceful oblivion unaware of the horrors about to befall me!

The following morning the farmer very kindly permitted the female contingent to use his bathroom; this cheered us up enormously. Very soon base camp was erected in the middle of an isolated wood amid pine leaves and fallen trees. This was to be our home for the next week. The role of the girls in the Umpire Headquarters was in a clerical and watch-keeping capacity. As a member of the watch-keeping team I was expected to know the phonetic alphabet, voice procedure and the use of SLIDEX and MAPCO. All very unfamiliar to a PTI! We were given several instructional sessions and had the opportunity of practising our signalling both from moving landrovers and the Command Post Headquarters. It

was very interesting hearing the Russian frequencies trying to jam our radio net. I was sorely tempted to tell them to buzz off!

The Exercise started ten days after we left England. During this period great armies of troops from several nations began to assemble in the area until the total amounted to 65,000. As watch-keepers we were not able to see much of the action; although we did see plenty of tanks and armoured vehicles.

Very soon it was time for the homeward journey. As we prepared to board the LSL at Esberg, word quickly flashed around that the Captain would not permit females to board his ship. Having already waited at the quayside for four hours, our hearts sank as we all wondered just how much more of a delay this would mean. Very quickly we were driven to a local hotel where we spent the rest of the night before boarding the Harwich bound Danish ferry the following day. Living and surviving in the field for two and a half weeks was certainly a new-found experience. Here's to Exercise GREAT DELIGHT on sunny Salisbury Plain in December!

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FROM "DOWN UNDER" TO RHEINDAHLEN

At present chief clerk in WRAC headquarters BAOR at Rheindahlen is 29 year old Sergeant Ruth Eagles of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (Ordnance).

Ruth is on a four-month attachment to the British unit to study United Kingdom service methods. She is normally based as chief clerk, Reserve/Plans Branch, at the Australian Army's Headquarters Training Command located in Sydney.

She is pictured with Lt Colonel Shirley Nield WRAC, ADWRAC BAOR.

Ruth's husband James is an Instructor in the Royal Australian Navy and her brother Roger is a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force serving in Malaysia.

Her parents, Mr and Mrs Ronald Harrison, live in Otley, New South Wales.



Lieut Colonel Nield and her Chief Clerk Sgt Ruth Eagles, WRAAC.

EXERCISE "GREAT DELIGHT" — (A Sequel to Exercise "Bold Guard")

Capt S E Reynolds

"Hello Zero, this is India One — Blue Forces are attacking this location in strength and Crossing Bravo has now been blown. Orange Forces are withdrawing. Casualties — Orange 30%, Blue 5%, over."

We had once again "gone off to war" to act as watchkeepers in Umpire Headquarters, based at Westdown Camp, Salisbury Plain. The date — 4 December 78. I thought that I would never forgive the firm who didn't dispatch my thermal underwear in time to reach me before I left for Exercise GREAT DELIGHT!

The WRAC contingent was this time much larger than for Exercise BOLD GUARD, with 20 "bold warriors", who during the 4 day exercise were to perform duties as clerks, switchboard operators, data telegraphists and umpire watchkeepers.

The old soldiers who had "survived" Exercise BOLD GUARD were much wiser in their preparations with the benefits of past experience. (I use the term "survived", as WO1 Kate Bettison now has a tee shirt with the inscription — "Survivor of Bold Guard"). An important factor in planning was that those who wished could make their own way to Westdown Camp in private transport. It is surprising how many "mod cons" can be concealed in the boot of a car!

Concealment is an important tactic as the men seem to consider it cheating to take anything but the bare essentials away on exercise. So, under cover of darkness on the first evening, the WRAC watchkeepers put "Operation Home Comforts" into action and moved all the kit they had brought with them into their accommodation. It is only in the strictest confidence that I will tell you that our resources were more than adequate — amongst other things we had each brought a kettle, fan heater, continental quilt and television set. There was obviously a bad security leak amongst our ranks as there were many pleas for a television to be given to the men for the Wales v New Zealand rugby international. The men got their television and our guilty consciences were relieved to a certain extent.

Miss Bettison set up her second exercise record of note. Her first, which incidentally was not mentioned in her article, was to travel 200 miles

and cross one international boundary before remembering that she had left her handbag next to the washing up bowl back in Denmark! Her second, was again by accident. Her electric blanket, hot water bottle, fan heater, kettle and dripping tap produced the first ever recorded sauna in Westdown Camp!

As well as being fascinated by all the "behind the scenes" activity during the exercise, many of us had the opportunity to go up in a helicopter and see the exercise in action down below. A novel experience for those who had not previously flown in a helicopter. My own helicopter trip was exciting. I was to act as an Umpire Liaison Officer and deliver the following day's orders to the enemy forces headquarters. The difference was that it was a night flight and I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to make such a fascinating trip.

The final day of the exercise ended with an assault on a hill by over 2000 charging troops. It was a most impressive sight and the sky was filled with exploding pyrotechnics. We considered that the person who thought of the name GREAT DELIGHT for an exercise on Salisbury Plain in December must have a wry sense of humour. Whether or not the soldiers who spent the four days and nights in trenches would agree with us — we certainly enjoyed it!

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We were going to spend two weeks in Southern Norway. The first week was given to hill walking, on very high hills, and half swimming in cleverly concealed snow covered rivers! But we, the intrepid females, took all this in our stride. The second week was spent canoeing, either through calm windless fjords or swelling surging seas.

We set off on Monday morning 22nd May, by train, coach and ferry to Norway and then on a four ton lorry to the British Outward Bound Centre at Isafjaer. The journey took 28 hours, a

long and tedious trip, but we had two weeks to look forward to. Or we thought as much!

On arrival at the Centre we were informed that it was compulsory to do a quick swimming test around the jetty. It was fairly cold and raining heavily, but off we went in swimsuits and pumps, into the cold water. We swam as fast as possible, trying not to feel the cold, and after about two minutes it was over. After a much needed shower we were offered a hot stew followed by delicious Norwegian bread smothered in butter and plastered with that mouth-watering condiment of childhood days, peanut butter. What a start! (No more fresh bread from now on).

We proceeded to an overnight stay and prepared our first repast 'Cordon Bleu' style. Well, mashed potatoes, beef and peas! Anything was a speciality when we were there in the cold basement, with the rain pouring down relentlessly outside. Our first night sleeping 'rough' on the concrete floor of the basement was surprisingly comfortable.

The following day was the start of our expedition. We woke to the sun's feeble rays struggling to illuminate the the beautiful scene which confronted us as we stepped out from our sanctum. The panorama before us, a fjord

surrounded by snow capped hills and acres of fir trees enthralled us all.

After breakfast from Arctic Compo Rations we amassed our kit and with one long lingering look at civilisation we set off. At this point I must introduce our Instructor, Flight Sergeant Scott, a merciless Scotsman who once or twice dined with death in the hands of three female compatriots. Our first morning proved slightly difficult. This was probably due to the unaccustomed weight of the rucksacks on our backs but by late afternoon we were getting used to the additional weight and bulk. The expedition covered all types of terrain, from flat stone stretches to sodden bogs and hip-high snow. Apart from the initial day the weather was glorious. Each morning we awoke to a deliciously warm sun and breathtaking views. Our alarm, usually at 0630 hours, was in the form of the Instructor, wide awake and bubbling over with life, shaking our tents till they rocked precariously on their poles! That was one way of getting us out quickly.

Whilst hill walking our camping areas were always in beautiful, secluded areas. One day we would be at the side of a cascading river of delicious icy water, another at the edge of a glass-smooth lake and one night was spent in an undulating field, our area demarcated by a bubbling brook. The final day of hill walking finally arrived. We had 11 kilometres to do, up and down hills, through morasses, several patches of snow, and lastly, what seemed to us a never ending road to our camp site. One by one, we dropped gratefully to the sun-warmed grass on our knees, then exclaimed in delight that at last the walking was finished. That night we could all relax – no more hills!

The following day we were to be met by the other half of the course – the men who had spent their first week canoeing. Meanwhile we enjoyed ourselves, playing cards, talking and even had a couple of games of volleyball on the Sunday morning. Some of us basked in the brilliant sunshine, determined to return home as brown as possible.

The next day we started our canoeing. We tightly packed our kit in plastic bags and squeezed them into both ends of our two-man canoes. The first day we covered a quick 11 kilometres. The weather was beautiful and all the while our faces were being bronzed by the sun and the reflection from the water.

We spent a lot of our canoeing on the sea, a welcoming contrast to the calm, still fjords. The

seas would swell and roll towards us lifting our canoes and buffeting us mercilessly. But we loved it and fortunately none capsized in these conditions. We did have one capsize but that was on a fjord, a narrow strait under a bridge with swirling currents and eddies. Again, the girls resurfaced feeling none the worse for their experience – just a bit cold. Our canoeing would finish for the day at 1400 hours at the latest. We would pitch our tents, have something to eat then spend the rest of the day sitting in the sun or shade, talking or playing cards. To me this was the best period of the day. To sit and relax with no cares was a real holiday. To have the sun beating down incessantly was delicious even though several of us kept our arms or legs covered to prevent burning.

A camp fire and drinks followed. Songs patriotic and humorous were sung round the camp fire and undoubtedly everyone thoroughly enjoyed that evening.

The next day, with only fifteen minutes of canoeing till civilisation and a shower, everyone was in high spirits. By 0700 hours we were in the water to complete the final leg. On the quay just outside the Centre we could see infinitesimal figures awaiting our arrival. We'll show them we thought, and we proceeded to sing as loud as possible our endless repertoire. "Why was he born so beautiful, why was he born at all?"!

On returning to the Centre we learnt much to our delight, that two of the men had not completed their hill walking. We also learnt that we were the first course of girls to complete the Expedition successfully.

In general the course was extremely hard going, but we all felt we had achieved something.



Fifteen volunteers with 2Lt Dawson, and Flight Sergeant Scott.



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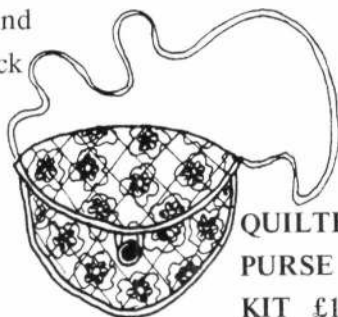
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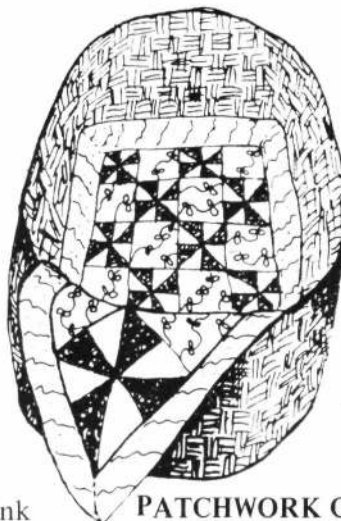
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LCpl S Cranwell-Child who received the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Medal from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace in December.

Cpl E P Forster, Pte B A Brandon and Pte A Williams of the WRAC Staff Band who are currently students on Pupil Musicians Course at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. This is the first time that WRAC musicians have been accepted for this course.

Lt C I Buchanan who has won the Royal Signals Rose Bowl Prize for the junior WRAC officer considered to have contributed most by leadership and professional approach to her job.

2Lt S Whittle who is the 1978 winner of the Burberry Trophy which is awarded to the TAVR Volunteer of the Year.

Pte P M Harrison, Pte A L Prescot and Cpl R Holland who came first, second and third respectively (beating all the male entries) when competing for the Princess Anne Cup for novice jumpers at the 1978 Royal Tournament.

Lieut A R Roadnight who was awarded a special prize by the Director of Army Training for officers participating in the Progressive Qualification Scheme Part I.

Cpl Pellatt who has received the Mary Naomi Wallace Award for 1978. This was given in memory of Naomi Wallace who was a member of the ATS, and is awarded to a musician of high ability who is recommended by the Director WRAC and the Director of Music.



Cpl Ann Pellatt who won the Mary Naomi Wallace Award in 1978.

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Sea Canoeing — East Friesian Islands

Captain E D Elliott

HQ BAOR is not an ideal posting for sea canoeists, but during my tour I found a couple of other enthusiasts and together we decided to organise an expedition to promote sea canoeing in BAOR.

From charts and maps the island of Wangerooge, the eastern-most of the Friesian Islands, looked a suitable place to base the course, and an ideal point from which to make an attempt to canoe to Heligoland. In December last year WOs Bob Etherton and Roger Nadin, Cpl Mike O'Connell and I set out from a very muddy beach to the North Coast of Germany to recce the island of Wangerooge. The Friesian Islands do not look their best on a cold misty December morning, and it was hard to imagine this bleak almost deserted island with beaches packed by holiday makers. Nevertheless we decided it would be a suitable base, and planning began.

A grant was obtained from HQ BAOR and they

were also persuaded to purchase six sea canoes for the pool of adventure training stores. The canoeists came from units throughout BAOR and included one from the US Army. The party totalled fifteen and set out for Wangerooge on 12th May. Having fixed the dates for the expedition I subsequently got my posting order and for the first week I was handing over the responsibilities of SOPT BAOR. However on 21st May I arrived in Wangerooge, in the pouring rain. My arrival was met with a certain amount of surprise as those who had not met me before had not realised that I was WRAC. Everyone looked very bronzed, having had a week of brilliant sunshine, but as usual I had brought the bad weather. The rain didn't last long but it was replaced by fog, which never really cleared until the day we left.

The only long journey I was able to complete was to paddle back to the Mainland to collect more fuel for the burner (driven on by the thought of no hot food if I failed). In spite of bad weather the party completed twelve trips, nine at proficiency standard and three at advanced standard. The crossing to Heligoland was not attempted as wind conditions were unfavourable.

The most strenuous part of the exercise for me

was moving all our kit from the campsite to the railway line. The station master had been persuaded to leave us a truck to take the kit to the harbour. The only problem was that he forgot to send the engine to pick it up and we had to push it up the line — good training for me, as it was a fortnight before the Army Athletics Championships!

I am now in Northern Ireland where I have just started on my latest adventure which is to canoe around the coast of Northern Ireland. So if any canoeists are posted here, prepare yourselves for some sea canoeing.



On the beach at Wangerooze

L to R: Cfn Hodson REME, LCpl Buchan REME, WO1 Ford RAOC, Capt Elliott WRAC, Cpl Rodger RMP.

Tri-Service Aldershot Tattoo for 1979

SSAFA are taking over the entire Aldershot Rushmoor Arena, lock, stock and barrel, to present a new tri-service Tattoo. Although the next traditional Aldershot Army Display will not take place until 1980 the public will still be able to enjoy a spectacular service event on the last weekend of June 1979. The promise of full interservice co-operation will ensure that the very high standards of previous Army Displays will be maintained by this brand new SSAFA venture.

All proceeds from this event (to be known as the SSAFA Aldershot Tattoo) will go to SSAFA funds. Make a note of the date in your diary and help SSAFA to help Service families.



SPORT



Squash

The Army Individual Women's Championship was held at Aldershot from 23rd-24th November 1978. The winner was Capt J Dixon and the runner up was Major S Taylor.

Tennis

The winner of the Army Women's Singles Championships 1978 was once again 2 Lt J R Dixon.

BAOR Summer Sports

This season has been a particularly good one for us and nearly made up for the summer weather we didn't have!

We started the BAOR Championships with tennis. Three things stand out in my memory — a practice call-out at 0430 hours, which depleted the Signal and RCT teams, and didn't do much for the rest of us, temperatures well into the 80's, and the Director, Brigadier A Field presenting the prizes at least an hour late because the SOPT took nearly 2 hours to lose in the finals to LCpl M Senior. We won our Interservice match 7 — 2, and then went on to win — by the skin of our teeth — the Inter zone Championships (last won by BAOR in 1968). We had another notable success when Captains Angie Wood QARANC and Sue Burwell WRAC won the BAOR Ladies Doubles, and ended a long civilian reign.

It has not been all tennis here. We did have some excellent swimming results, especially Pte Corris, 16 Signal Regt, being selected for the Combined Services team.

Our Rounders final was contested by 29 Coy WRAC and 68 Sqn RCT in very damp conditions, but eventually 29 Coy WRAC emerged victors and went to UK where they came a creditable 3rd.

68 Sqn, however, pipped everybody in the athletics and they returned from UK in 5th position.

UNIT NEWS

CAD Kinton

This year has been very active for those of us at CAD Kinton. A massive rebuild programme within the Depot has meant lots of changes and new opportunities for WRAC. Servicewomen have now been part of the Guided Weapons set-up for several months and moves are afoot to involve them in the more satisfying employments at Kinton.

On the adventure training and sports side LCpl Kim Edwards enjoyed a Sailing Cruise aboard the Schooner "Winston Churchill" and Pte Sharon James won the RAOC Junior Soldiers Dinghy Sailing Championships at Netley – the first time this trophy has been won by a female.

In June we had a joint RPC/RAOC/WRAC exercise in North Wales with lots of sailing, horse riding, rock climbing, canoeing, swimming and hill walking. It proved to be a great success, so much so that it was decided to return to the same location with just WRAC later on in the summer.

It has been a most enjoyable year for us all. We are sorry to say goodbye to W02 Laycock and hope that she will enjoy her new post at Mill Hill. At the same time we welcome W02 Salisbury as our new Company Sergeant Major.



Pte Sharon James who won the RAOC Junior Soldiers Dinghy sailing Championships at Netley.

EDINBURGH

242 Signal Squadron

THE 1978 EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO Pte Sawyer

When Pte Mulvana and I volunteered to ride a tandem in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, we weren't quite sure what we were letting ourselves in for. But it wasn't long before we found that the tandem was an 1894 model and the costume we'd be wearing was from the same period. It consisted of mustard coloured bloomers, with a matching tie blouse and a blue tailored jacket, finished off with a straw boater and blue parasol.

Pte Mulvana and I rode the bike on alternate nights, with a Scots Guard taking the front seat. Although our performance was a short one, it was very amusing, as our ride down the Castle Esplanade was accompanied by the tune "Daisy" played by the band of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

On August 24th, the General Officer Commanding, HQ Scotland, and the Lord Provost held a reception at the City Chambers, Edinburgh, to which we were both invited, along with representatives from each band and display taking part in the Tattoo. It was a very enjoyable and interesting occasion.

In all, we spent a very pleasant four weeks at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



WRAC from CAD Kinton on exercise in North Wales.

WRAC Battery — Woolwich

2 Lt Tricia Ash-Edwards

In September we said goodbye to Major Esme Pritchard-Davies who left us for Beaconsfield, and welcomed our new Battery Commander Major Helen Erskine. We also lost Sgt Helen Telford, who couldn't wait to get to Cyprus!

As we try to enter teams for all sorts of competitions it was lovely to see our efforts so well rewarded. Briefly our successes have been:

Cookery — Cpl Dawn Hamer and LCpl Michelle Osborne, cooks in the new Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, won the Army Cookery WRAC Unit team event.

Driving — LCpl Sue Mitchell, LCpl Tracy Doneghan and Pte 'Bownie' Bowness were the Best Ladies Team in the Jubilee Driver of the Year.

Orienteering — In the London District competition we surprised all by coming first, so we battled on and went to Germany for five days, and completed in the BAOR RA Ladies Individual Championships where Pte Lynn Ashby came first.

Swimming — We came 2nd in the London District Championships and our two star swimmers went forward to the Inter Service Championships where Pte Lesley Eyre won the diving and Pte Alison Mills came 5th in the freestyle. They both now represent the Army.

Athletics — This has been our most successful sport this year. The unit team won the London District Championships and were second in the Army Inter Unit Championships. In the Inter Service Championships Sgt Betsy Clewlow was 2nd in the javelin and Pte Jan Cox was 2nd in the Shot.

This year our summer camp took place at the RA Barn at Perthi in North Wales. It covered a period of three weeks with a different group coming up each week. The Barn was fairly primitive and we catered for ourselves, doing wonders with compo! Each day started with a different activity. These included rock climbing, abseiling, hill walking and swimming. Also we managed to fit in a visit to some slate mines and did some sightseeing at Caernarvon and Bangor. The most memorable part of the week was the

climbing of Snowdon (unfortunately always in cloud whenever we reached the summit) and the 100 ft abseil at Dolwyddelan. Each exercise ended with a tremendous barbecue which was a superb finishing touch to a hard week.

Sailing — We are very lucky at Woolwich to be able to use the RA yacht 'St Barbara III'. In July Pte Tia Murray and myself were members of a crew of eight on Exercise Swedish Rhapsody. We had two weeks to sail the boat to Gothenburg, Sweden, where another crew was taking over to compete in the Tall Ships Race. From Gosport we sailed to Calais, then into the North Sea where we experienced the only two rough days and nights of the entire expedition. The supplies were replenished in Den Helder, Holland before going further north through the Kiel Canal. This canal was magnificent, and it was quite an experience going into a lock with huge tankers and liners of all nationalities on either side. Through the canal we sailed into the Baltic where the scenery was beautiful, and the quantities of jelly-fish that could be seen from the boat, amazing. We sailed into Copenhagen which was the highlight of the cruise. A Danish friend of the Skipper proceeded with a special visit to the Tivoli Gardens, and finally to dinner at his parents' home. True Danish hospitality at its best!

From Copenhagen it was beautiful sailing through the small islands on the Swedish coastline to our final destination of Gothenburg. Besides having a good tan we had learned a great deal about sailing, having logged 815 miles.



The crew of St Barbara III at the end of Exercise Swedish Rhapsody with 2Lt Tricia Ash-Edwards on the far left and Pte Tia Murray standing next to her.

68 SQUADRON RCT

EX LONG MARCH – FROM RHEINDAHLEN TO DONAUWORTH

In 1704 the Duke of Marlborough led an army of 19,000 men to the battles of Schellenberg and Blenheim. Their march lasted just over six weeks.

On 3rd August watched by many well wishers who included the ADWRAC BAOR Lt Col S Nield WRAC, 10 members of 68 Squadron RCT, led by Lt R J R Ames RCT, set off in period costume. Their object was to cover the same route taken by the Army of the Grand Alliance, and passing through or near to Koln/Bonn, Koblenz, Gross Gerau, Heidelberg, Schwabisch Hall, Heilbronn and finishing north of Augsburg.

Marching in pairs, male and female, usually wearing tracksuits, though with lesser clothing on occasions, each covered 10 miles per day and 70 miles overall. The group averaged 40 to 50 miles each day with a 'rest' day spent in Heidelberg. When not marching the team provided their own back up driving vehicles, erecting camps and cooking the meals each night.

The rain started within half a mile of the start and continued on and off for the next 10 days. There was only one completely fine day. Nevertheless spirits remained high despite the conditions and the route over which they walked. Despite the hour at which they retired the marchers were usually up by 7 am and on the road by 8.45 am, having had a cooked breakfast and dismantled the camp. The evening meal was the only large meal they had and was always appreciated. Of particular note was the superb steak and kidney pie prepared on the back of the van under sometimes stormy conditions by Pte Paula Douglas! It was a work of art.

Besides having to cope with traffic on the roads, the marchers had to overcome the terrain, which ranged from hills to long flat stretches. SSgt John Grant and Pte Elaine Platts tackled the 7 km hill up out of Braubach near Koblenz and SSgt Marie Dennis, walking in flip flops that day, together with LCpl Barry Hughes had a good stage in the Sinzig area. LCpl June Rigby (PTI) had all her escorts (male) running for parts of their



LCpl June Rigby and W02 Peter Kelly leading the marchers to the Rathaus in Donauwörth.

stages and when she did the stage with LCpl (Muscles) Thomson, they ran the whole 10 miles in 65 mins.

Having completed all 35 stages the group arrived in Donauwörth on 11th August. When they started the last half mile down the main street of the town at 10.50 am on 12th August the sun shone and many local residents and tourists turned out to applaud and record the achievement on film. Having had more photographs taken on the steps of the Rathaus they went inside with the acting Bürgermeister Herr Josef Hack so that he could welcome them on behalf of the town, and receive from them the letter of friendship which Lt Ames read out in German before handing it over. Each of those taking part in the march received a folder on the Stadt of Donauwörth and additionally Herr Hack gave an autographed copy of a book to the OC, Major J R Arymar RCT.



SSgt Marie Dennis presenting a plaque to the Bürgermeister.

TAVR

34 Signal Regiment (V)

MAYORESS MEETS WRAC IN BAOR Lt Chris Bland WRAC (V)

The Mayoress of Middlesbrough, Mrs Mary Stokes and her husband Councillor John Stokes who is currently Mayor, visited the men and girls of 34(N) Signal Regiment (V) during their Annual Camp in September/October 1978.

The Regiment was located in woodlands near Krefeld, Western Germany and the consistent sounds of rain dripping from the soaking trees became the background 'music' to the tasks performed in what has been described as the wettest fortnight on record.

Mrs Stokes, however, was unperturbed. Donning combat jacket (reaching new heights of tactical elegance with the addition of a gold chain) and 'wellies' she visited the girls in all their locations. The Mayoress showed particular interest in the domestic arrangements and chatted informally to all ranks from Communications Centre to Cookhouse.



The Lady Mayoress with the Officers' Mess Stewardesses.
From L — R Pte Jan Wall, Pte Dawn Adams and Pte Jackie Waugh, all from Middlesbrough.



Some Leeds members of 49 (West Riding) Squadron staffing a Communications Vehicle.



Cpl Pam Wilson from Leeds at work with the field kitchen.

33 Signal Regiment (V)

Visit of Colonel D P Clark MBE

Colonel Clark MBE honoured the Regiment with a visit during a Regimental week-end exercise. She managed to visit each of our four Squadrons in their various exercise locations and probably succeeded in speaking to almost every member of the Regiment — all were determined to “get in on the act”!

We were delighted when Colonel Clark agreed to promote, in the field, Cpl Sheila O'Brien of 42 Sqn to the rank of Sgt. From the smile on Sheila's face it was obvious that she was both proud and happy and not a little surprised at the event. The poor WRAC Sgt who was temporarily stripped of her chevrons so that the promotion could take place had to lurk in a tent nearby and almost missed the opportunity of meeting the Colonel.

Colonel Clark rounded off her visit by lunching in the field with HQ Sqn. She expressed her

pleasure at being able to renew acquaintance with several members of the Regiment with whom she had formerly served during her tour with 42 Signal Regiment (TA) in Manchester, and for the opportunity to see a few familiar places which she remembered during her student days in Liverpool, although part of the City had undergone a face-lift in her absence.

To Colonel Clark a heartfelt thanks from all of us at 33 Signal Regiment (V).



Sgt Norrie checking their location with Pte Bernie Leonard LCpl Cheryl Dawson and Pte Sandra Fleming during Ex Calm Fence 1978.

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2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers

TAVR GIRLS ATTEND CAMP IN THE USA

On the 16th September last year four girls of the WRAC Platoon 52nd Lowland Volunteers attended annual camp at Fort Knox USA with 130 men of the Battalion. The camp was part of a new exchange programme with the United States National Guard involving a Company of 2/52 Lowland being hosted by 1st Bn 166th Infantry, the Ohio National Guard at Fort Knox Kentucky and Company A of 1/66 Inf being hosted by 2/52 Lowland at Sennybridge, South Wales. The unusual feature of this exchange was that the host unit provided all the equipment, vehicles, food, etc. In other words, our soldiers went 'all American' even to the extent of adopting the American steel helmet. This is the girls' own account of their trip.

We, LCpl Susan Guiney, Pte Christine McGrath, Pte Linda Thomson and Pte Anne Houston, were the first TAVR girls ever to visit the USA on an official army exercise. We flew from Prestwick in a US Air Force C 141 to Louisville airport near Fort Knox.

Fort Knox is a very large military training area covering 110,193 acres, and as everyone knows, is also the home of the US Gold Bullion Depository (which we were only allowed to view from the outside, unfortunately). On the base there was everything one could possibly require — clubs, bowling alleys, restaurants, shopping centre, etc. Prices were, surprisingly, much cheaper than back home. There was also an excellent taxi service, and Louisville, a mere 30 miles away, was very popular for nights out.

There were three American girl soldiers billeted with us, and although the girls are an integral part of each regiment, they are, in the infantry, non-combatant like the WRAC and their work is mostly of a clerical nature. In other corps they are combatant and carry guns.

We were fortunate enough to be allowed to pursue our normal duties, while in America — namely two drivers, one medic and a signaller. The drivers were given a crash course on handling American vehicles, and within a short time, driving on the wrong side of the road became

second nature. An unexpected luxury was the fact that some of their trucks had automatic transmission which made them much easier to handle than our own four-ton Bedfords. The jeeps, for all their combat appearance, did not handle nearly as well as our own landrovers, particularly over rough ground. Our medic had very extensive training with the American medical team. There were many things to be treated, which are virtually unheard of here — snake bites, poisoned ivy stings, heat exhaustion, etc. The ambulances are very well equipped, and the air conditioning inside them made them quite the most comfortable place to be during our stay. American signals are slightly different from ours and very, very slow. Their call-signs can be confusing, but Linda soon had the hang of it and was able to jump from British signals on the company net to American signals on the battalion net, even subconsciously using an American drawl for the benefit of our hosts!

The first week's training was tough, as the men accustomed themselves to the American equipment and methods. The weather was very hot but we had been issued with tropical combat suits which made it bearable. Several of our boys suffered from heat exhaustion during this week, but Susan soon had them on their feet again. There were one or two other minor casualties, but in the main, our progress was excellent. The Americans found it hard to believe that our soldiers were only part-time as they excelled themselves in everything they did.

The Americans have an incredible amount of equipment. We four were tested on the pistol ranges and qualified two expert and two marksmen, which quite surprised our hosts. We found their pistols much lighter and easier to handle than anything we had used before.



Pte Anne Houston gets combat American style.

It was becoming more and more difficult to tell the two nationalities apart as the Scots addressed each other in Yankee slang and the Americans started sporting Glengarries and tartan stable belts. We had even become accustomed to the American food and were enjoying it as much as our counterparts, although a plate of fish 'n' chips or a decent cup of tea would not have gone amiss. Their arrangements for eating are quite different from ours in that each company eats in a different cookhouse (mess hall) and all ranks eat together.

On the second week we were out in the field on exercise, which proved to be very interesting and even exciting at times. We were living in jungle-like conditions; keeping an eye open for snakes and being eaten alive by mosquitoes were occupational hazards. We certainly had a few lighter moments but the training was intense and at times difficult. The drivers had a difficult time over the extremely rough terrain and at night we could not use lights at all. All the time we were waiting to be attacked and we were even bombarded by helicopters dropping propaganda leaflets on us.

However, we all agreed that the experience was invaluable and our boys proved to be more than a match against the Americans. In fact our Company won the inter company competition.



Ptes Linda Thomson and Christine McGrath join in a demonstration of an eightsome reel for the Americans.

Footnote:

2/52 Lowland have a fully recruited WRAC platoon of 34 girls. We have the quality and the quantity but lack expertise and are therefore always looking for ex regular WRAC personnel to assist. In particular we need an ex regular

WRAC Sergeant or Corporal (married or single) living in, or about to live in, the Edinburgh area to take up the post as TAVR platoon sergeant. Any takers should contact us on 031-556-9531

UOTC

Edinburgh & Heriot

Watt UOTC

2 Lt E A Bain WRAC TAVR

Annual Camp for WRAC in UOTCs tends to be the time when female members of the contingent put the seal on a fact which has gradually been becoming apparent throughout the training year — that they can do the same job at least as well as the men, and usually better!

The RE sub unit spent the first week at Ripon with their WRAC party of 1 subaltern, 1 JUO and 7 O Cds, erecting an 80 feet DS span Bailey bridge, driving heavy plant machinery and erecting part of a medium girder bridge. Are those bumps on their arms, rolled up shirt-sleeves or muscles?

The RA sub-unit joined up with Bristol UOTC at Otterburn for 2 days dry training, followed by 4 days live firing of our 25 pr Mk II field guns. WRAC in both UOTCs teamed up so that on one occasion the guns were fired with a female CPO



RE Sub Unit at Ripon

L — R JUO J Shankland, O Cds J Harding, M Wood, K Harris, H Moffat, S Ingram, F Darroch.

and a female No 1 on every gun in the Battery. Gunnery staff were full of delight and admiration, but expressed anxiety that, if this situation continued, they might have to re-badge to include a lioness!

The Infantry sub-unit, who earlier this year accepted 4 WRAC O Cds for a probationary period of 6 months at the end of which, if they kept up with the men in all aspects (did I see them drinking pints in the Mess?), they would become fully-fledged Infanteers, spent the first week at Altcar with a 2 day section battle-drills exercise, section drills, and a day on the ranges firing SMG, pistol and SLR. The shooting competition run that day was won, naturally, by a WRAC O Cdt!

The Transport sub-unit also spent the first week at Altcar on HGV training. Increasing WRAC interest in the sub-unit is reflected by the appointment of a female JUO, and the week resulted in the addition of 4 WRAC O Cds to our complement of HGV drivers. Who needs power-steering and servo-assisted brakes?

The Royal Signals sub-unit spent the week servicing radio sets, setting up a "Skywave" link and providing communications for the Infantry exercise.

The second week brought a 3-day unit exercise at Swynnerton as a result of which the WRAC strengthened position in the unit even more by surviving the rigours of cold, compo rations, rain-soaked sleeping bags, blisters, and all the other delights of living in the field. At the end of the exercise it was officially confirmed that WRAC could remain as members of the Infantry sub-unit even although '58 webbing was not designed for carrying powder and lipstick.

Thursday saw a return to slightly more civilised pursuits with a WRAC Training Day incorporating such subjects as Military Law, practical problems, drill mutuals ("Swing those arms or I'll cut one off and hit you with the soggy end!"), clothing and quartering, officer/NCO relationships and mess etiquette. The Unit Mess Dinner followed in the evening during which introductions had to be carried out anew as none of the men recognised the WRAC with clean faces and dresses.

Friday brought the unit decathlon, with all O Cds participating in a competition of military skills followed by loading and preparation for departure the next day. Major Weaver (DADWRAC Scotland) visited in the afternoon, and recounting the events of the past two weeks to her brought home to us all just how much had been achieved and enjoyed in that time.

Northumbrian Universities OTC

EX "MAIDENS SCURRY"

Junior Under Officer U M Daly

On 29th October last year the North East District March and Shoot Competition included for the first time a WRAC Competition. Ten teams from Regular and TAVR Units took part in a fast cross country march and SMG Shoot, with a testing command task and questions on Map Reading, NBC, First Aid and Army Health for members of the Team.

At NUOTC with a strength of nearly 30 WRAC we felt we had a good opportunity to achieve something in this competition. In the past the men's march and shoot has taken place right at the start of our training year (University Year). However, this year with the slightly later date we were able to put in two weekends of special training. We had the advantage of an already well trained shooting team which was successful earlier in the year at the Altcar Inter UOTC Shoot and North East District Shoot where they were champions. Other volunteers made up the numbers to a full team of 8, and the training was concentrated on shooting and fitness. We suddenly became a local attraction on the Newcastle highways as we took four mile runs from our Drill Hall through the parks.

On the day before our own exercise our men had narrowly missed their opportunity to win



L - R Back Row:

O Cdt A Davies, 2 Lt C D Smith, O Cdt B M O'Callaghan, O Cdt L Dodd.

Front Row:

O Cdt D B Turnbull, JUO U M Daly, JUO J S Stephenson, O Cdt J A Knight.

Stainton Chase after some confusion on the ranges. This coupled with their result of second for the last two years encouraged the ladies team to do really well. The tests which we did first went well, and conditions were good as we left for the march with our Training Major chasing along in the rear. We raced over the fells of Catterick Training Area with the consolation that if we did not win we might at least lose a few pounds, and arrived in good time to be the only team that gained full marks on the March.

The command task with shades of "It's a Knock Out" proved precarious but our leader, 2Lt Cherrylyn Smith balanced the team across the obstacle and we seemed to provide a great deal of entertainment for the spectators.

After a good shoot there were only the tense moments awaiting the results, especially as Sheffield UOTC, one of our main rivals, had yet to finish. It was a close run thing but we were proud to be the first winners of Exercise "Maidens Scurry".

ASSOCIATION NEWS

GRAND REUNION AND AGM 1979

The Grand Reunion will be held at the WRAC Centre, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford on Saturday 26th May 1979.

Her Majesty The Queen has graciously consented to attend the Reunion.

Entry to the WRAC Centre will start at 1.30 pm and will be by ticket, price £1 including tea. Tickets will not be available at the gate and **MUST BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY.**

The Reunion is open to all who served in the WAAC, QMAAC, ATS and WRAC and not only to members of the Association. So bring along any friends or acquaintances who served with you. In order that this may be a particularly memorable day all the members of the Association are asked to publicise the occasion by spreading the news among their friends, clubs, local newspapers and radio stations in every way.

Some accommodation for the night 26/27 May will be available at the WRAC Centre in 4-bed servicewomen's rooms. Charge for bed and breakfast — £1. Applications to General Secretary with money — first come first served.

The AGM will be held in the WRAC Centre Assembly Hall at 5.15 pm.

AGM 1978 — AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 15th April 1978.
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
 - a. Council
 - (1) That the Vice Chairman be elected for a 3 year term and the rules be amended accordingly to read:
Rule 4 — add new sub paragraph
"(h) The Vice Chairman shall be appointed for a term of three years and will take office on November 1st following election".
Rule 8f — after "Vice Chairman" insert
"(When vacancy occurs)".
 - (2) That the rules concerning serving officers and servicewomen subscriptions be amended as follows:
Rule 6 — delete sub para (b) and substitute
"(b) All WRAC officers and servicewomen serving with the Colours who subscribe to the Association quarterly through the Paymaster shall be deemed to be annual members of the Association for so long as they are so subscribing".
Rule 5 — delete existing sub para (b) and substitute:
"(b) Servicewomen serving with the Colours who subscribe through the Paymaster and whose units receive a bulk allocation of copies of the journal".
 - b. Election of Chairman of Council and Council Vice Presidents.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date of next Meeting.

Mrs ULICK VERNEY
ex-Chief Commander ATS

Hundreds of ex ATS Officers will be sorry to hear of the death on 2nd September 1978 of Mrs Ulick Verney (ex-Chief Commander ATS). Mrs Verney was appointed as the Company Commander of 1st (London) MT Coy ATS on the formation of the ATS in 1938 and subsequently became the first Commandant of No 2 ATS OCTU in 1942. The Association was represented at the funeral by the Chairman.

REUNIONS

NORTHERN AREA REUNION – 1978

A very happy afternoon was spent by Northern Area members at the Reunion held in the Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Harrogate, on Saturday 7 October.

Unfortunately the new Chairman of Northern Area, Lt Col A Bray, ADWRAC, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment but the Vice Chairman, Col V K Stead, officiated and extended a warm welcome to all present and especially the Director who had travelled from London for the day to join us.

The Director said she was delighted to be able to attend and to return to the North where she had served and also had roots. She gave information on "what goes on in the Corps today" which was of great interest to ex-service members and covered the Regular Corps, TAVR, overseas commitments and happenings and the WRAC Staff Band. This had been an exceptional year for the Band in that it had played and marched at the Lord Mayor's Show, was selected to be the resident Band at the Royal Tournament and had also taken part in the Edinburgh Tattoo. The Director thanked Northern Area for inviting her to the Reunion and hoped everyone would have an enjoyable time. Mrs A Barnes of Hull Branch thanked the Director for her interesting talk.

An excellent tea was then served and for the remainder of the afternoon the room closely resembled the Tower of Babel! The Director drew the raffle and distributed prizes to lucky ticket holders. The Bring and Buy stall, Raffle and collecting box were generously supported and ensured a healthy donation from Northern Area to the Benevolent and Princess Royal Funds.

ATS DINNER CLUB

Over two hundred members and guests were present at the Annual Luncheon of the ATS Dinner Club which was held at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel on Saturday 14th October 1978. The Chairman, Mrs A J Stevenson, presided.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by the Vice-President, Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, and followed by "The Club", proposed by the Chairman, Mrs A J Stevenson, and "Absent Friends" by Lt Col M S F Millington, the Vice-Chairman. There were no formal speeches but the Chairman welcomed members, especially 22 who were there for the first time, and gave various messages of good wishes and apologies for absence, including one from the President, Dame Leslie Whateley. As 1978 was the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the ATS, Miss A K Elliott, whom many would remember as a senior Cookery Instructor, had kindly made and iced a magnificent Birthday Cake. Brigadier Dame Mary Tyrwhitt then cut the first slice of the cake which was greatly appreciated by everyone. Enough remained to enable the Secretary to send slices to members who had not been able to come to the luncheon owing to ill health.

Eight members, who had been unable to attend, sent donations for one of the Benevolent Funds. As a result of their generosity a total of £25.25 was sent to The Princess Royal's Memorial Fund.

Please note that the next luncheon will be held on Saturday 6th October 1979. It will be followed by a business meeting so only members of the Club will be eligible to attend. Anyone who served in the ATS, and is interested in joining, can obtain particulars from the Secretary: Mrs M Storer, Bel Air, Llangrove, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 6EY.

REUNION NOTICES

QMAAC TEA PARTY

The annual QMAAC Tea Party will be held at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF on Thursday 8th March 1979 from 3 pm to 5.30 pm.

Tickets price 80p from General Secretary, WRAC Association.

DRIVERS & CLERKS TRAINING CENTRE REUNION DINNER

Due to the Grand Reunion taking place in May 1979, the next Drivers and Clerks Training Centre Reunion Dinner will take place in Worthing on Saturday 18th May 1980, and not in 1979 as previously stated. For details write to Miss F J Little, 'Kabete', Common Hill, West Chiltington, Sussex RH20 2NR enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

NORTHERN AREA REUNION — 1979

The next Northern Area Reunion will be held in the Study Centre at Imphal Barracks, York, on Saturday 29 September 1979 from 2.30 to 6 pm.

Tickets £1, including tea, obtainable from Miss M Bradley, 60 West End Avenue, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 9BY (Tel. 57023 evenings) not later than Thursday 20 September.

Please send stamped addressed envelope with remittance payable to 'WRAC Association — Northern Area'.

LONDON BRANCH LUNCHEON

To mark the 40th Anniversary of the forming of the ATS and the 60th Anniversary of the London Branch of the Association, London Branch are holding a luncheon at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, Waterloo on Thursday 20 September 1979 at 12.15 pm for 1.00 pm.

Tickets are £5 exclusive of wine and can be obtained from: Miss B B Brown, 10 Elmbank Avenue, Arkley, Barnet, Herts, EN5 3DS, or at the monthly Branch meetings.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the WRAC Association, London Branch.

AUSTRALIAN REUNION

The British Ex-Service Women's Association of Australia are holding a Reunion at Melbourne, Victoria over the period 23-28 April 1979, and welcome any members of the Association who would like to attend. Details from Mrs Joan Jones, 7 Wright Road, Avonsleigh, Victoria 3159, Australia.

WOLVERHAMPTON BRANCH MEETINGS 1979

Meetings at the Maltings Day Centre, Stafford St., Wolverhampton 7.30 — 9.30 pm on the 4th Monday of the following months:

March, April, June, September, October, November. All ex-service women are invited.

BRANCH NEWS

GUERNSEY. Travelling to the mainland is too expensive for any of our members to take part in any of the social activities of the Association there, much to our regret. But our Branch, though smaller in number with the passing of time, is still quite active and interested in what is going on.

We meet once a month, sometimes just for a chat, and have a party at New Year. Also for the last two years the Secretary has put on a Dinner Party at her house — the cost being shared by the members, who really enjoyed the 3 course meal, complete with wine, with the Secretary's husband as Head Waiter!

May 9th is a public holiday in the Island, to commemorate Guernsey's liberation from the German Occupation. Last year to mark Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee, a Festival of Liberation was held in the new Leisure Centre, with two representatives from each ex-service organisation taking part in a parade. Before a large audience, our two members proudly marched to the tune of "Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill" played by the Band of the Lifeguards, then everyone enjoyed the "Wartime Greats" sung by guest artist Ann Shelton.

Last year's highlight was the visit in June of Her Majesty and HRH Prince Philip to the Island. On parade in her honour were a number of our members and our President, Miss H Rayson, went by invitation to the Court of Chief Pleas, presided over by Her Majesty. As Her Majesty had served in the ATS during the war and is a member of the Association, our Secretary took the liberty of writing to tell her that members would be among the Parade, and received a reply, written on the Royal Yacht Britannia, saying how pleased she was!

We all look forward to receiving our 'Lioness' and send best wishes to all members of the WRAC Association.

KENT It is with great regret that I write to tell you of the death of our beloved President, Miss Marjorie Machin, on November 15th at the age of 84.

Miss Machin was our President from October 10th 1947 up to her death — 31 years! She was loved by all. She joined the Army in the first world war and worked for the Flying Corps when it was formed. In 1938 she helped Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan to form the ATS.

Twelve members of the Kent branch attended the funeral service at Charing Church where she had worshipped all her life as she lived quite near in the same house, Richmond House, where her parents went as newly-weds. She had a Union Jack draped coffin with her medals cushioned on top, alongside a WRAC Association wreath, and Mrs Jenny Wells took the WRAC Association Standard and was accompanied by the Standards of the local Royal British Legion and Womens Section.

Miss Machin was well known in many circles including the Charing Drama Group and the Playing Fields Association. She loved hockey and cricket which she watched with great interest, while her car (a 1927 Austin Twelve Windsor saloon called Albert) was creating its own interest.

Miss Machin was moved into a Nursing Home about 8 months ago and it broke her heart to part with 'Albert' and her home and her little dog Thomas, and she often went back to the house to see what was happening to her old home.

A lovely picture of Miss Machin and 'Albert' was printed in the Sunday Express on April 9th 1978.

MANCHESTER We take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Una Greenwood (ex ATS and surely the last of the GI Brides) to Steve, an American whom she met during the war when he was billeted with her parents in Manchester.

Some of you may remember seeing Una with us at various reunions, for around 1948 she was unfortunate enough to go completely blind.

At our June meeting we presented her with a stainless steel engraving of the Houses of Parliament, and drank to her future. She and her husband are in Florida at present, but whether they decide to settle there, or in England, Una's friends at Manchester Branch wish them both every happiness.

STAFFORD This year has been one of variety and interesting entertainment. We have an average attendance at meetings of eighteen members in our new accommodation in the Voluntary Services Centre. Membership is now 29 and 3 associate members, some living too far out to attend meetings, but they are kept in touch.

We attended the Remembrance Day Service and laid our wreath at the memorial ceremony.

Our successful jumble sales enabled us to donate £10 to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund and £5 to Stafford Hospital Radio. Fun and games at the Christmas Party was thoroughly enjoyed, as also was the dinner for our birthday celebration in April.

The AGM in March was followed by a get-together which was enjoyed by everyone.

On one evening 17 members enjoyed the hospitality of our President Mrs Dickson at her home at Barlaston, and on another enjoyable evening Mrs Hayden and Mrs Jones entertained 16 members at Gnosall. All members won a prize in the raffle which was part of the entertainment. Both trips were very much appreciated. Another member, Mrs Wooding showed us a film of the family holiday in and around Texas. It was extremely interesting and we watched with envy.

As a follow up to the history of brewing we had a coach trip to Burton-on-Trent with a tour round the brewery and the museum. We were very pleased to have Miss Hodge with us as she lives in Burton and is unable to get to meetings. An extra interest in the museum was to see the cricket bat with which Miss Hodge's grandfather made a record score for Bass in 1901. It was a very pleasant evening for 40 members and their friends.

There was an excellent spread at the end of the tour with as much of Bass Products as we wished to drink which was very much appreciated.

We spent a very hilarious evening when the cartoonist Mr Follows, gave a demonstration and talk of his Humour and Art, the secretary being a good target!

Our last entertainment in 1978 was a demonstration and talk on how to make Christmas crackers and other Christmas gifts.

ULSTER. Despite the tribulations and violence experienced these many years in our beloved country we continue to hold our regular Meetings and enjoy our get-togethers.

A Cheese and Wine Party at Government House was well attended and our guests all enjoyed themselves. We were able to walk around the beautiful

gardens before quenching our thirst and sampling the marvellous cheese dips.

We realised the sum of £160.00, some of which was used to buy Christmas gifts for ex ATS who are ill.

A Poppy Cross was placed in the Garden of Remembrance on behalf of the Association.

Our AGM was held in November and we all look forward to another successful year under our new Office Bearers. We welcomed one new member and three returned to the fold which brings our membership to 73.

Anne house in which we lived and worked, and it took all the RHQ Staff – including the Colonel – to get them out!

I am still in touch with Eileen Jeffery, who also joined at Uxbridge in 1938 and is at present in Singapore in the hotel business. I also visit Mrs Wyn Boileau (ex Senr Cmdr) who was in 26 Bde and now lives in Dorset.

I wonder how many more of the 1st Middlesex Platoon are still around?

Yours sincerely,
Hilda W Bamber (ex Jnr Cmdr)

Correspondence

6 'Rosemount',
St Catherine's Road,
Bournemouth BH6 4AB

Dear Editor,

I was most interested in Col Millington's article in the recent 'Lioness' – 'Gunners' Mates', as having joined the TA in 1938, I subsequently served in the 1st AA brigade under Brigadier Keith Thorburn in 1939-40, and at his suggestion, I personally went around London in an Army truck to help recruit the nucleus of women for Mixed AA Units. With a number of girls from the gun sites, we made the Churchill Movie. For this purpose we were issued with the first battle dress uniforms given to women – from the men's store, and I enclose a 'still' from the picture which was taken on the Hampstead site. On this occasion Mr Churchill himself was there to see it filmed, along with Chief Commander Harnett and of course, the Brigadier, whom, despite his 14 stone, I managed to bowl over when we dashed from the dugout to the gun pit on alert!

I joined at Cowley Place, Uxbridge, and along with several others in the Platoon had the distinction of being sworn in by the husband of our Platoon Officer, who was a regular RAF officer at Uxbridge. My first war station was South Side, Clapham Common with a Searchlight Regiment, which was then taken over by Colonel Mortimer Wheeler, no less. We later moved out to Upshire Bury, Waltham Abbey, whence Col Wheeler used to visit the Sites on horseback.

We had many happy and hazardous times at Upshire, including an occasion when a herd of cows crowded into the front hall of the Queen



"Somewhere in Hampstead" – October 1941.

Mrs E L Daniels QMAAC who lives at Point Chevalier, Auckland, New Zealand writes:

"I look forward to the 'Lioness' and take little parts such as the photo of 1st World War, QMAAC uniform and send it to 'Pro Patria' NZ WAAC Association. I am getting very old, but always made welcome to the get-togethers.

My husband and I are celebrating our 55th wedding anniversary on August 11th; just a quiet family day, as Mr Daniels is not in the best of health.

Our QMAAC members are dwindling away. I wonder if a greeting could be passed on from Mrs Lillian Robertson, NE Green Signals Division Calais 1917. I try and visit her. She is in Ranfurly Home, Auckland, a lovely home for ex-service men and women, where the inmates are well cared for. We are both members of QMAAC Old Comrades Dinner Club and both in our 80s."

Miss Druitt writes of her friend Miss H M Harvey whose death is reported on another page:

"Those of you who went overseas from the Depots at Warrior Square, Hastings in 1917 and later from the Metropole Hotel, Folkestone may remember her as the Sergeant in 'C' Company. Miss Jacobs was the Officer and I was her RSM. She was commissioned in 1918 and went on a recruiting stunt, speaking at cinemas etc. Later she was on the staff of the Service Women's Club, Buckingham Gate, and succeeded Blanche Ireland as secretary for ten years. She will be sadly missed by those who knew her best".

Mrs Nora Stenning (nee Mitchell) has written to us about her friend Miss A Brown (Brownie) who died on June 18th at Brighton. Mrs Stenning who served as a Signaller at Etaples and Le Touquet writes:

"When I was demobilised in 1919 I left her behind in Etaples where she was Camp Sergeant. When I caught up with her she was running a country inn together with another QMAAC, Edwards. She had taken over from her father and I was amazed to see her handling cellar work as to the manner born. For many years before her death she was crippled with arthritis and with failing sight, but bore her disabilities with great courage.

I congratulate you on the format of the Lioness, successor to the Gazette which with others, I helped despatch as a member of Miss Warrior's team. I admire the bright young WRAC members with their smart uniforms, so unlike our useful but rather drab coat frocks. Still, we loved them! I am still in touch with some of my old comrades, so if news of a Signaller is required, it is possible that I could prove a link.

I do hope this will be seen by those who knew Brownie and will be glad to know that she is at rest. Although I am nearing 88, I can still see her tearing round the camp with the roll-call bell, full of beans.

With best wishes to all who have made the Women's Army a noble tradition."

Colonel D H I Wilson has moved to Reas Cottage, Reas Lane, Marton-cum-Grafton, York, YO5 9QB. Tel: Boroughbridge 2012.

All friends and their dogs are welcome.

Miss M Tindall M Inst AM

Ex-Captain Marjorie Tindall left the regular WRAC in 1968, joined the TAVR and retired in August 1978, after 34 years service.

Miss Tindall is now working for the Royal British Legion Women's Section and is Area Secretary for the whole of the East Midlands Area.

She writes to us: "We all know that the Women's Section raise money for the Poppy Appeal for ex-Services but little do we know what wonderful work the ladies do in other fields.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section has Rest Homes for Widows and ex-Servicewomen where they can go for a holiday and rest FREE of charge. There are flatlets for ex-Servicewomen, Welfare funds and Children's Reserve Fund.

Ex-Servicewomen who require financial help can also be given a weekly grant, depending on circumstances.

Why don't *you* join the Royal British Legion Women's Section when leaving the WRAC. You can help them and they can help you."

2A Thorn Park,
Mannamead,
Plymouth, Devon. PL3 4TG

Dear Madam,

I am notifying you of my change of address, also would you be good enough to allow me to enquire through the Lioness — whether anyone who receives the Magazine remembers W/55892 Pte Marian Thurston (my single name).

I was posted from training at Aldermaston, and thence to Plumer Barracks at Crownhill, 'G' Coy, which was disbanded and then I went to Ordnance at D Coy Seaton Barracks — thence to Bridgwater, Winchester, and finally to Tidworth. We worked hard and played hard. I made a lot of good friends, but the years go by and suddenly you want to know if anyone remembers your name!

I enlisted as a Volunteer in 1941 and was demobbed in 1945, by which time I was married.

They were good days, always busy, but never dull — I wouldn't have missed being an "AT" for all the stripes in the Army! I came out a Private — but I *did* have a Good Conduct Stripe! Heigh ho!

I hope someone will remember and get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Marian Reynolds

Mrs G Graeme-Caldwell writes from 18 Park Avenue, Bedford, MK40 2LB:

"Is there any way I can discover who is left alive from the first Women's Service Officers who trained for one week at the Duke of Yorks Barracks? The first contingent met in December 1938, called mainly from those who had served in the 1914-18 war. For the week 27 February - 4 March 1939 I was there with volunteers for training, and from these the head of what is now the WRAF was chosen. I became the Junior Officer to Mrs Gell and we formed the Warwick and Leamington ATS. Lord Gort's daughter the Hon Jacqueline Vereker was our Section Leader, and she alas died in Australia as Lady de L'Isle and Dudley. I recall two sisters, the McGee's, but no knowledge of whether they are still alive.

At the age of 86 I have been recorded by the BBC to speak for just under 5 minutes during the War Graves Commission Broadcast, November 12th, the first woman to have this honour, hence my interest in knowing how few of we first Service Women Officers are still alive.

That week in 1939 proved of great historical interest during which Mr Neville Chamberlain then Prime Minister, gave a Dinner and Dance to which my husband and I were invited. Unfortunately Mrs Chamberlain was too seriously ill to attend and Lady Vansittart, wife of Sir Robert acted as Hostess. Tables were arranged to seat in parties of six or eight, and the table alongside ours was headed by Lord Gort. His daughter the Hon Jacqueline Vereker who assisted Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan at the ATS Course, was as amused as I to greet each other on this memorable evening.

Though a very undistinguished guest at the Prime Minister's party, I decided owing to Lady Vansittart's ambassadorial connections with Germany, never to part with the dress I wore on that occasion until one of my three daughters grew old enough to wear it. Alas all three outgrew my 5' 2", as have also my six granddaughters. The dress lies in the bottom of a cabin trunk (who uses them now?) and was worn by me once at a Military Ball in Lubbecke where my Brigadier son-in-law, then a Lt Colonel, was stationed. Dancing with the General at 3.30 am (I was then 80) and complimented on my ball gown, I gave its historical association to his delight."



Thank God you're not in their situation.

Like a number of young soldiers trying to keep the precarious peace in Ireland, he was killed. His wife and child were still in married quarters in Germany, his former posting.

They were flown back to England. At the airport SSAFA had organised an escort to accompany them from the airport to a London station where the train was to take them to Scotland. SSAFA had booked a sleeper, and at the end of this long journey, another SSAFA representative had arranged for their relatives to meet them at the station.

But this is not the end of this SSAFA story. SSAFA will continue to keep a friendly eye on this bereaved family for as long as it is necessary, to make sure that the widow and her child shall never feel friendless and forgotten.

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OBITUARY

Anniken. Miss A Anniken of Scarborough, Yorkshire on 13 November 1978. QMAAC.

Aplin. Mrs D Aplin MBE of Keswick, Cumbria on 27 July 1978. Junior Commander ATS.

Brown. Miss A Brown of Brighton, Sussex on 18 June 1978. QMAAC.

Chadwyck-Healey. Lady Chadwyck-Healey of Hook, Hampshire on 26 August 1978. Chief Commander ATS.

Chinn. Mrs F E M Chinn of Hungerford, Berkshire on 20 November 1978. Junior Commander ATS.

Cohen. Miss Rose Cohen of Leeds on 9 January 1979. ATS.

Cranton. Mrs Amy Cranton (Deeming) of Washington DC USA in December 1978. QMAAC.

Cumming. Miss E Cumming of Blandford, Dorset in September 1978. ATS.

Grundon. Mrs E Grundon of Wakefield, Yorkshire on 19 May 1978. QMAAC.

Harvey. Miss H M Harvey of Hammersmith, London on 17 August 1978. QMAAC.

Hughes-Reckitt. Mrs N Hughes-Reckitt of Ipswich, Suffolk on 29 July 1978. Chief Commander ATS and Hon Colonel 305 Bn WRAC (TA).

Lazarus-Barlow. Miss P M Lazarus-Barlow in November 1977. Junior Commander ATS.

Linklater. Mrs M D Linklater of Newmarket, Cambridgeshire on 7 June 1978. QMAAC.

Machin. Miss M Machin of Charing, Kent on 15 November 1978. Senior Commander ATS.

Mann. Miss J L Mann of Prestbury, Gloucestershire on 21 November 1978. Chief Commander ATS.

Mason. Miss E E Mason of Worthing, Sussex on 4 November 1978. QMAAC.

McInnes. Miss J McInnes of Edinburgh on 20 July 1978.

Morrish. Major G L Morrish in Plymouth on 23 August 1978. ATS and WRAC 1945-1962.

Muir. Miss G C Muir of Edinburgh on 2 August 1978. ATS.

Powell. Miss S A Powell of Westbridge, London on 14 June 1978.

Ramsay. Captain Ailsa Ramsay BSc of Edinburgh & Heriot Watt UOTC in a parachuting accident on 25 November 1978. WRAC TAVR.

Stopford. The Hon Mrs R C Stopford MBE of Cambridge on 9 July 1978. ATS.

Thorp. Miss B Thorp of Maidstone, Kent. Sgt ATS.

Verney. Mrs E L Verney of Alresford, Hampshire on 2 September 1978. Chief Commander ATS.

Vizard. Mrs C Vizard of Poole, Dorset in June 1978. Former President Wolverhampton Branch. Senior Commander ATS.

Walker. Mrs V W Walker of Oxford on 17 August 1978. Sgt ATS.

Whiddington. Mrs L K Whiddington MBE of Holme, Norfolk on 4 December 1978. QMAAC and Controller ATS.

Wilson. Major Jo Wilson of Ruislip, Middlesex in a traffic accident on 24 November 1978. ATS and WRAC 1945-1976.

Woods. Miss E J H Woods of Portsmouth in November 1978. QMAAC and ATS.

BOOK REVIEW

WINGING WESTWARD

by Joy Burden

The Dower House, Kingweston, Somerton, Somerset from whom copies can be obtained.

This is not a military book although Kingweston House, home of the author's family for eleven generations, was a Searchlight Headquarters during the last war, and many ATS Officers and auxiliaries will have passed through between 1941 and 1945. It is the story of a family who have lived for more than two hundred years in a small unspoilt village in rural Somerset; a family whose sons flourished and prospered in all the professions, travelling the world to exert their own influences, but coming home to where their roots lay deep in the English countryside.

Mrs Burden (nee Dickinson) has written a lively, fascinating and often humorous account of her family, from the Dickinson ancestors of Caleb Dickinson who came to Somerset in 1745 and built Kingweston House, to the last Caleb Dickinson, her brother, who set out on a flying mission in 1941 and never returned. In her own words this is "the portrayal of an ordinary English family from a shadowy start in the 1590s till its last days on Mid-Somerset soil."

Kingweston House is now a boarding house for Millfield School. One senses that far from regretting that the house is no longer in the family, the author is more than content that her childhood home has come alive again to the sounds of young voices, and is once more the springboard for youthful hopes and aspirations.

LONDON GAZETTE

PERSONAL COLUMN

NEW YEAR HONOURS MBE

W02 M M Hemming

PROMOTIONS Regular Army

Colonel: D P Clark MBE

Lieutenant Colonel: S P Nield, S P Richards

Captains: M G Gibson, S D Harrington,
P M Hollingworth, I J Horner, C M Kimber,
P A Laing-Morton, Y Pierce, J C Petty

Lieutenant: S L Bruce

Special Regular Commissions

Captain: M I Woolford

Short Service Commissions

Captains: S E Curzon, S H Jordan

Lieutenants: K M Bayliss, H R Beazley,
R A Butterworth, J R Dixon,
V J Freeman-Tozer, V A Gee, D Gell,
S M McFarlane, J M McKinnon, A M Moyes,
C Nicholls, J M Rayne, E E Reed,
N S Rixson, E K Russell, J M Simmonds,
P M Watkins, D M Willcox

2/Lieutenants: I M Bagshawe, S D Braybrooke,
S J Brown, H Burns, D V Clarkson,
E C Green, E M Lemonde, P T M Rushton,
J M Sugden, J C Turpin, L A Wade

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS Regular Army

Majors: M More, A E A Herdman-Grant

Captains: D J Killbery, M G Gibson, J M Reid,
G Taylor

Lieutenants: R A Hewlett, C A Lee

2/Lieutenant on probation: U H B Osmond

Short Service Commissions

Captain: P A Prince

2/Lieutenant on probation: A K Sabbat

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THE WOMENS' ROYAL ARMY CORPS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET — 31st OCTOBER 1978

	1978 £	1977 £
GENERAL FUND		
Balance at 1st November 1977... ..	12,062	8,066
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,138	3,996
Profit on Sale of Investment	144	—
	17,344	12,062
LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND		
Membership Life Subscription	1,473	1,390
Lioness Life Subscription	1,777	1,617
	3,250	3,007
SPECIAL FUND		
Legacy — Lt. Col. C.A. Cecil	391	391
Lioness Donation Fund... ..	291	291
	682	682
	<u>£21,276</u>	<u>£15,751</u>
Represented by:		
FIXED ASSETS		
<i>Office Furniture</i>		
Balance at 1st November 1977... ..	48	53
Less: Depreciation for the year	5	5
	43	48
<i>Investments — at cost per Schedule</i> (Market Value £16,577)	16,055	10,981
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Stock of Badges at cost	32	35
Sundry Debtors	215	195
Cash at Bank:— Current Account	1,013	1,461
Deposit Account	1,973	1,212
	2,986	2,673
National Savings Bank — Investment Account	2,095	2,000
Cash in Hand	14	27
	5,342	4,930
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors	164	208
	5,178	4,722
	<u>£21,276</u>	<u>£15,751</u>

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AT 31st OCTOBER 1978

Cost 1977		Cost	Market Value 31st October 1978
635	M. & G. Charifund		
—	1,000 Units	634.57	
1,423	1,067 Units	1,668.79	3,081.00
50	London County Stock 5½% 1985-87 — £2,305.75	1,423.08	1,590.97
1,332	Royal British Legion Housing Assn. — £50 Bond	50.00	50.00
943	8½% Treasury Loan 1997 — £1,376.71 'A' Stock	1,331.55	1,023.93
	8% Treasury Loan 2002-06 — £1,026.51	943.25	677.50
	7½% Treasury Stock 2012-15		
	£5,231.12	2,686.57	
	1,317.00	992.69	
3,679	£6,548.12	3,679.26	4,215.35
2,919	9% Treasury Convertible Stock 1980	—	—
—	8½% Treasury Loan 1987-90 — £3,490.98	3,045.88	2,810.24
—	9½% Treasury Stock 1980 — £1,802.18	1,788.66	1,752.62
—	9¼% Treasury Stock 1983 — £1,545.68	1,489.65	1,375.65
£10,981		<u>£16,054.69</u>	<u>£16,577.26</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1978

	1978 £	1977 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions:		
Annual	2,223	2,382
Proportion of Four yearly and Membership Life Subscriptions	144	170
	2,367	2,552
The Lioness Publication —		
Subscriptions	3,748	2,448
Proportion of Life Subscriptions	179	215
Advertisement Revenue...	229	208
	4,156	2,871
<i>Less:</i> Costs of Printing, Postage, etc.	2,164	2,165
	1,992	706
Income from Investments	1,417	992
Deposit Account Interest	61	193
Donations	—	12
Sale of Publications	10	6
Sale of Badges	1	4
Branch Funds received on closure	7	11
Q.M.A.A.C. Reunion —		
Sale of Tickets	14	49
<i>Less:</i> Cost of catering, printing and sundry expenses	24	56
	(10)	(7)
Grand Draw — Surplus	—	461
<i>Less:</i> Donation to the Princess Royal's Memorial Fund	—	231
	—	230
	5,845	4,699
<i>Deduct:</i> Total Expenditure — per Schedule	707	703
	<u>£5,138</u>	<u>£3,996</u>

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1978

	1978 £	1977 £
EXPENDITURE		
Branches —		
Capitation Fees	110	114
Grants	15	5
	125	119
Expenses of Annual General Meeting and Secretary's Meeting	45	117
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing and Stationery	159	126
Postage	84	103
Subscriptions and Donations	55	30
Commissions, etc. re purchase of Shares	43	22
Sundry Expenses	27	38
Audit and Accountancy Fee	164	143
Depreciation of Office Furniture	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	537	467
	<u>£ 707</u>	<u>£ 703</u>



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