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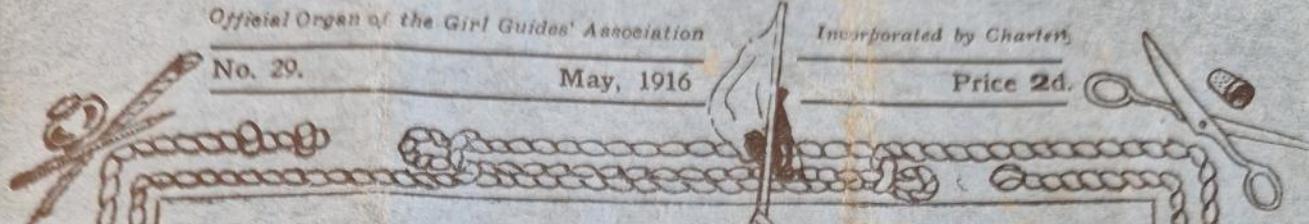
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MISS BADEN-POWELL'S LETTER.

May, 1916.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

A little rosy-cheeked, chubby girl, with flaxen hair, has been brought to England by our Troops. She cannot tell us her name or where she lived. When the Bedfordshire Regiment were marching to the first line of trenches, one of them found this poor baby in a wet ditch. As the regiment hurried forward they took her with them, and warmed and fed her, and in a few days she recovered from the ill-effects of cold and hunger, and became quite a pet amongst the soldiers.

It is said that she used to toddle out beyond the trenches, and the enemy would never fire on her.

When the Bedfordshires came away from the Front, they brought this little adopted daughter home, as they have been unable to discover her parents, and every possible care is bestowed on her. They have placed her under the charge of a nurse, and subscribe to keep her.

THE STRUGGLE FOR RIGHT.

We have had a few more visits from German airships lately, but they do not discourage us at all!

The hostile air raids in this country have hitherto had no influence whatever on the military conduct of the war, and there is no doubt that the courage and coolness shown by our people who were attacked by Zeppelins will continue through future raids.

Our Lowestoft Guides have experienced a hostile visit, and are quite ready to render first-aid under their able leader, Captain Stubbing. They don't know what fear is.

We must now convince everyone that this war is being fought for the good of mankind, not merely for our own national existence, but "for the preservation of common human rights, and to strengthen the spirit of the whole nation for the steadfast prosecution of this struggle for right.

"All must now give of their best if victory is to be ours, and we must strengthen patriotic enthusiasm by personal example and influence, loyalty in thought and speech, cheerful thrift, firm endurance, and unbending resolution to wage the war to a successful conclusion."

RECENT RALLIES.

I have held over twenty Rallies and Inspections lately in various parts of the Kingdom, and am as delighted as I am surprised to find how tremendously you all like being Guides. I am glad so many Companies stick to the outdoor pursuits and keep up the romance of our Guide work.

At some Rallies I watched a great deal of mechanical drill, to which I do not attach so much importance as to exercises of intelligence. Proficiency Badges are also often a snare, and do not always represent individual resourcefulness or any advance in responsibility.

The Badge I like to see is the War Badge, and I warmly applaud the *fourteen thousand* of our Girl Guides who have already qualified for and won our War Badge, awarded for special work in helping the Troops.

YORKSHIRE HONEY.

I must congratulate the Harrogate Guides on striking out in an ambitious line, and, amongst other things, gaining Badges for Horse Riding and for Bee Farming.

I am particularly pleased that the latter has been awarded to Gladys Mirfield, Amy Todd, and Lena Sizeland, so that, should we ever be cut off from our overseas supplies of sugar, I shall know where to apply for some really good honey.

Of course, even Yorkshire honey could not equal that which my bees produce in the middle of London, where I have kept hives for a great many years.

I sent some London honey to the Agricultural Show at Hull, and won prizes over the local bee-farmers.

LOOK AFTER YOUR GARDEN.

In case of running short of food, we ought all to grow "soya beans," as they are so nourishing and have so many uses. I hope you have all sown a good crop of vegetables as well as flowers. All my flower seeds are now coming up nicely, some in garden beds, some in flat soap boxes, and some in pots. If you sow yours soon, you will have lovely blooms in the summer.

For window boxes it is nice to have scented flowers, such as mignonette and convolvulus trained up some strings.

Your garden beds should now be hoed frequently, not only to kill weeds, but also to retain the moisture and break up the caked earth.

In sowing your seeds do not bury them, as that would suffocate them. The rule is that each kind of seed should, according to its size, be covered with as much earth as would be twice the thickness of the seed.

For your garden, the prettiest flowers to last well are godetia, candytuft, everlasting peas, pyrethrum, Shirley poppies, delphinium, penstemon, phlox, petunia, verbena, etc.

Very pretty flowers are schizanthus, aquilegia, pansies and violas.

The lovely pink flowers of acrolinium can be grown from seed, and if you cut them before they are quite open, as they are "everlastings" they can be used dry in vases all the winter. Lay the stalks flat till they are quite dry.

THE PROMISE OF SPRING.

The great chestnut trees are beginning to look like giant Christmas-trees dotted all over with their flowery candles. I wish you could see the pretty sight from my window, with the double white cherry flowers in feathery white clouds all over the tree, and the pink almond, which has become so much prettier since it put on a number of tiny pale green leaf buds in between its pink blossoms.

These exquisitely fresh spring flowers remind one of the new life and fresh growth which follow the deathlike slumber and dull inactivity of winter, when nothing was even trying to sprout or make progress.

The renewed life in springtime is the emblem of our renewed efforts for nobler aims, and of fresh endeavours to try to achieve our highest ambitions.

The following ladies have been appointed by Headquarters as Commissioners of the various Counties and Districts mentioned (in addition to the names published previously):

Bedford (District), Mrs. Trustfam Eve, Rushmoor, Bedford.

Berkshire (County), Miss Cruikshank, Holmesdale, Redlands Road, Reading.

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Stockport (District), Miss Rayner, Teviot Dale, Stockport.

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Buxton (District), Mrs. Sidebottom, Meringham, Buxton.

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Durham (County), Mrs. Pemberton, Belmont, Durham.

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Durham (North), Mrs. Priestman, Shotley Park, Shotley Bridge.

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Stockton-on-Tees (District), Lady Brown, Norton Manor, Stockton-on-Tees.

Sunderland (District), Mrs. Streatfield, Ryhope Hall, Ryhope.

Hampshire (County), Mrs. Hayes Sadler, Lower Chilland, Winchester.

Hertfordshire (County), The Countess of Carrick, Claremont, Goff's Oak, Cheshunt.

Hertford (District), Miss J. Trotter, Brickendon Grange, Hertford.

Kent,
Bromley (District), Mrs. Mann, Hazeldene, Bromley.

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Manchester, Salford, and District (District), Miss Behrens, Holmeacre, Altrincham.

Accrington (District), Mrs. Harris, The Vicarage, Oswaldtwistle.

Liverpool (District), Dr. Mary Davies, 30, Princes' Avenue, Liverpool.

Leicestershire (District), Miss Owston, Bashloe House, Wigston.

MY VISIT TO FINLAND.

What I saw in the "Land of a Thousand Lakes."

By the
HON. LADY SHELLEY.

In the picture, the Hon. Lady Shelley can be seen driving in one of the primitive little Finnish carriages.



Finland is well-named the "Land of a Thousand Lakes" for this beautiful country is covered with innumerable lakes dotted with islands, also dense forests of pine, fir, and birch.

One can travel nearly all through Finland in steamers, and very comfortable they are, with nice little cabins and good restaurants. The rivers are full of rapids, down which large quantities of timber are floated from the woods in the interior.

Imatra Fall is one of the strongest water powers in the world, a gigantic rapid 930 yards in length, which rushes with a noise like thunder down the channel through the granite rock. It is a magnificent sight, this enormous mass of water foaming and tumbling over the rocks.

One of the largest lakes in Finland is Lake Saima, called the "lake of a thousand isles," its still, dark surface being covered with many fir-covered rocky islets. It is delightful bathing in this lake, the water during the hot summer months being quite warm.

The Finnish lakes are of enormous depth.

The scenery in Finland is neither grand nor impressive, but it has a special beauty of its own to which is added the singular charm of the light northern nights of a glorious summer, when for two or three months it remains lights all night.

In the south, the sun in the month of June sets at 11 p.m. or even later. In the north of Finland there is a Midnight Sun, and in winter it disappears altogether during December and January.

Spring arrives very suddenly, and almost in a day the trees will bear their first blush of green.

In summer the Finlanders live entirely out of doors, each house being surrounded with wide verandahs on which all meals are served.

A feature of these Finnish meals is the *Imörgåsbord*, consisting of numbers of little dishes placed on a sideboard to which each person helps himself before sitting down at the dinner-table. These little dishes include raw or smoked salmon, kaviar, smoked reindeer, radishes, etc.

The peasant's bread is baked only two or three times in a year, and before the next baking time it becomes as hard as a rock.

Every Finnish house has its bath house—a speciality of the country—separate from the dwelling-house; it is built of wood and has an enormous stove and the whole family takes a boiling vapour bath every Saturday.

Hot water for daily ablutions is difficult to get in some places, and is often brought to one's room in a tea-pot.

The little Finnish carriages are primitive and barely hold a couple of occupants. Over the horses' necks are those strange wooden hoops, so familiar in the Russian droschky. The sturdy Finnish ponies are as agile and surefooted as a cat, and gallop at full-speed down the hills, being brought to a standstill in an instant by the driver merely calling out "*Bur-r-r.*"

The Finns are a sturdy, hardy race, fair or brown-haired, usually short of stature and with flat features, prominent cheek-bones and small eyes inherited from their Tartar Mongolian ancestry. They are honest, persevering, industrious and extremely hospitable to strangers.

HOW TO WIN THE LAUNDRESS BADGE. (Third and final Paper.)

By M. A. TIPPING
(Captain, Alderley Edge Company).

I. HOW TO WASH WOOLLENS.

The most important points are (1) never to rub soap into anything woollen, but to melt the soap in the water so as to make a creamy lather; (2) never to allow woollens to lie about in a wet or damp condition, but to do them quickly and dry them at once; (3) always to pull them into shape with the hands while wet, and to pull them again, if possible, once or twice while drying. This is especially important in the case of knitted or woven woollens in order to keep them light and open.

On the washing day, when you have plenty of nice clean soapy hot water in your dolly-tub, put in the white woollens, dolly them thoroughly, wring them out, put them into fresh warm suds, shake them about in that, turn them inside out, and shake them about very well again (be careful that all stitching and bindings, etc., are quite clean). Then wring them out and rinse very thoroughly in really warm water.

Never use less than two lots of warm water for rinsing, as, unless woollens are freed from every suspicion of soap, they become hard and close and shrink fearfully.

Now put them through the mangle (twice is better than once), shake very well, pull into shape and dry quickly.

Coloured Woollens

are done in the same way, but it is better to do them separately, lest the colour stain the white things.

Shetland Shawls, etc.

require special care and nothing that I have tried is so successful as "Lux," which can be obtained from all grocery stores. Follow the directions on the packet, and you will have excellent results.

II. COLOURED COTTONS

are done exactly the same, except that you may rub them—and they are all the better for it—in the soapy water to get them clean. Dry them very quickly, and iron them with a cool iron.

III. BLANKETS

require several lots of hot soapy water in the dolly-tub, and a real good dollying each time. (N.B.—Some people put a little

ammonia in the first lot of water to help the lather and to remove marks, and this is quite a good plan. Allow 1 tablespoonful of ammonia to 2 gallons of water.)

Use several "rinse-waters" and wring the blankets very thoroughly. Shake them vigorously and hang out to dry.

Never wash blankets on a wet day if you can possibly avoid it, as it is very unsatisfactory to dry them indoors. A breezy sunny day makes the blankets wonderfully light and fluffy, and adds lustre to the laundress's reputation. Failing a breeze, the laundress had better give the blankets several good shakings during the process of drying.

IV. THE USE OF THE BLUE-BAG.

This is simply to give a whiter appearance to white cottons and linens, and should never be used in such a way as to impart a blue appearance.

The "square," or "thumb" of blue should be so securely fastened up in a small flannel or closely-knitted bag that no particles can escape into the water. Wave the bag about in the last "rinse-water," and remove it before putting the clothes into it.

A little practice will soon enable you to know when the water is sufficiently "blued." Keep the blue in its bag on a little plate in a dry place till required again.

V. HOW TO REMOVE STAINS.

(1) *Ironmould* is caused by ink, or by the material when damp having come into contact with iron or tin. Leaving the copper or pan, in which the clothes are boiled, insufficiently dried is the frequent cause of ironmould.

The treatment of all (ink or rust) ironmould stains is the same.

Some people use chloride of lime and some use salts of lemon; but both are very dangerous; and frequently damage the material to which they are applied. So Guides had better avoid them and use a safer and almost always effective means of removing the ironmould.

Sprinkle the spot well with the juice of a fresh lemon and place the stained place in bright sunshine. Repeat the operation if the first application has not wholly removed the mark.

(2) *Mildew* is caused by clothes being put away damp. If very newly stained, the lemon juice process is good. It is even

better if a little salt is spread over the spot and then rubbed well with lemon juice.

Another plan—is to rub the spots with soap, cover the soap with French chalk (scraped, and spread thickly) and let the material lie out in the open air. Sprinkle water over it as it dries. Repeat the process if necessary. After this, wash and dry as usual.

(3) *Scorch Marks*, if not very bad, may be removed by *immediately* placing them out in very bright sunshine.

(4) *Ink Stains* should be dealt with at once before the ink dries. Place the stain in milk (buttermilk is even better), and as soon as the milk is discoloured change it. After the stain has come out, wash in the usual way.

(5) *Tea and Coffee Stains*. If possible, treat these before dry. Stretch the material over a basin and pour on boiling water from the kettle slowly, until the stains disappear.

If the stains are dry, soak the article in cold water and borax for a few hours, then in warm water and borax.

Another plan is to rub the stained portion with a clean sponge dipped in glycerine; then wash in cold lather, and afterwards in the usual way.

(6) *Grease Stains* can be removed by using borax and boiling water.

(7) *Fruit Stains* should be covered *at once* with powered starch, which should remain on for an hour or two; then rub it off, and generally the stain will have gone.

If the stain has dried on, rub each side of the material with yellow soap, spread over this a paste made of starch and cold water, and rub it well in. Expose it to the sun and air until it disappears.

Dipping the stain into sour buttermilk sometimes removes the stains as if by magic.

(8) *Paint and Tar Stains* must be removed by applying turpentine with a clean rag. Leave for a short time and then wash off.

VI.—WAR TIME HINTS FOR LAUNDRESSES.

After the boiler fire has once started, the heat may be maintained by using the cinders and ashes from other fires mixed with vegetable peelings and rubbish. It is a good plan to put these all together in a big bucket or box (covered up to prevent flies getting into it) ready for washing day.

Rice water carefully strained makes excellent starch for pinafores and blouses. So arrange to have boiled rice on washing day as part of the dinner. (N.B.—Rice, boiled

in water and well drained, is very good either with the meat course as a vegetable, or with the pudding course with treacle or with sugar.)

A little *pipeclay* dissolved in the water in which the clothes are put to soak on the day before washing day reduces the amount of soap required on the washing day itself very considerably, and is much cheaper than soap.

VII.—BLEACHING.

The Scottish method is excellent and easy. Take the articles to be bleached straight out of the soapy water, and hang them out of doors for twenty-four hours; then rinse and blue them and iron as usual.

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Results of examination held in March, 1916 :—

Gumpert, Miss E. L., First Class.

Thorndike, Miss G. I., First Class.

Hetherington, Miss M. G., Second Class.

O'Rorke, Miss C., Second Class.

Lodge, Mrs. E., Third Class.

Manning, Miss G. O., Third Class.

The O.T.S. Camp will be held at Box moor this year from August 5th to August 12th. Any Officer wishing to join the camp must become a member of the O.T. School first.

July 1st is the closing day for sending in names to Miss Hetherington, 23b, North Hill, Highgate, London, N.

BASKET-MAKING COMPETITION.

The Countess of Ancaster most generously offers the following prizes for useful baskets made by Guides themselves :—

First Prize	10/6
Second Prize	7/6
Third Prize	2/6

The baskets may be of any size or shape, but no wood boards must be used. All received will be given to the wounded soldiers (or sold for their benefit) after judging.

Points will be awarded for (a) usefulness; (b) neat work; (c) elegance of design.

All baskets must arrive at Headquarters (116, Victoria Street, London, S.W.) not later than by October 29th next. Each must be accompanied by a signed letter certifying that the basket is the unaided work of the Guide.

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING.

An Empire Day Article.

By LADY MASSIE BLOMFIELD (Commissioner for West London).

I think that it must be difficult for the great majority of you to realise the territorial significance of our great Empire.

Few of you whose homes are in the United Kingdom have been round the world or have seen even half of our Overseas Dominions.

But the Guides who live in this little island of ours are close to the Motherland's great throbbing heart, which has bred those brave sons who have gone out as conquerors and pioneers to every part of the earth.

This terrible war has brought back thousands and thousands of these brave men or their descendants to her shores to be trained for warfare, so as to save and defend her from a powerful and cruel enemy, who hoped for years past to turn them against their Motherland by wicked misrepresentations.

But, thank God! nothing shook their loyalty, and you all know how splendidly they have fought and died for her. They have, indeed, given us an example of patriotism which I only wish all our islanders had followed.

These grand patriots, who may be seen every day in London, are the representatives of Empire, and although you cannot see the glorious free countries from which they hail, you can judge, from their splendid independence and breeziness of manner and gait, of the Dominions which have bred them.

Now you will wonder what lesson our young Girl Guides are to learn from our noble kinsmen from over the seas?

You have only to look at the title-page of your Handbook to remind you what your founders have put there as a suitable motto to inspire you all.

How Girls can Help Build the Empire.

This is a very big and important work to be given to young Guides to do, and I would have you realise its full solemnity, especially in these terrible days of war, as we all have to prepare for the hereafter, which will not be a bed of roses or a life

of pleasure, but one of more strenuous work than has ever been known before.

I am going to put before you the lesson you have to learn on Empire in the form of the flag every Girl Guide Company carries and honours by saluting. It is the symbol of loyalty which is the embodiment of your first promise to God and your King-Emperor.

I lived with my husband in Egypt for twenty-eight years, and close to that immense harbour of Alexandria, where I used to see the flags of fifteen European nations flying on ships and boats, and amongst them our beloved Union Jack dominating all.

That flag sends a thrill through you when you live in a foreign country, a sensation that you never experience at home. Indeed, the love of our flag has been left out of our Island education far too long. But the Scouts and Guides are teaching it to us and bringing it back to its right place in our Home training.

It is on the sea that one realises our Empire most, and the power of our glorious Navy, which has brought the Union Jack into all parts of the world, and created this Greater Britain over which the sun never sets.

I want you to understand how *you* can uphold our beloved Union Jack. We must never lower it or "foul" it in any way. It must be kept flying high and clear and clean, and never be entangled with anything sordid or seditious—no tampering with the enemy, no shirking of duty to your King and Country.

Every boy and girl, as the great Lord Roberts told us, can keep the flag flying all over our Empire.

Believe me, there is no half-way about it; you either uplift it on high or you lower it and drag it through the mud and besmirch its bright colours.

Every good and noble act, everything that makes for the brightest and best in you, as spotless British maidens, will keep the Flag of Empire flying clear and stainless. But every bad and shameful deed will bring the Union Jack down into the dust, and lower and degrade that symbol of all that is best and noblest in our Great Empire.

Each one of us can help to make or mar our nation's reputation. So watch over your Flag of Empire, dear Girl Guides, as part of your great heritage, and try to add to its glory.

HOW TO BREAK A FLAG.

You have no doubt seen a sailor hoist a flag up to the top of the mast in the shape of a ball, then, "Hey presto!" with a tug of the rope it bursts forth into a full-sized flag.

All Guides should know how to "break a flag," as it is called. You first prepare



your flag by folding it in half lengthwise, and in half again the same way. Now fold it the broad way, bringing the two ends together, and then once again.

You now roll it very tightly towards the rope, wind the rope round it once, then tuck the rope in below itself, as shown in sketch. Your flag is now ready to hoist.

Attach the end of rope on the mast to the toggle (wood part) of the flag, and the other end to the spliced loop on the end of rope attached to flag. Hoist the flag up, toggle end first, until it is at top of mast, and hold it firmly there, then give the other rope a sharp tug, and the flag opens out.

TEAPOT PROVERBS.

One player goes out. The others choose a word, say "little," which is in every case to be replaced by teapot. The one who has gone out then comes in and asks questions, for example:

"Have you been here long?" Answer; "No, only quite a teapot while."

The player asking questions has to try to guess the word which *teapot* represents. Each player must bring it into her answer.

THE RECREATION HUT FUND.

Money for the soldiers' Recreation Hut is mounting up splendidly, and we have pleasure in publishing a further long list of contributions.

More funds are still needed urgently. Has your Company got its certificate yet? See back page of cover.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	185	6	0
Miss Churchill	0	2	0
1st St. James's, West Malvern Co.	5	5	0
5th Midlothian Company	1	12	0
2nd Ealing Company	1	0	0
Stockport Company	7	4	3
Maidstone Company	1	0	0
1st Gowerton Company	1	10	0
1st Bethnal Green Company	2	0	0
1st Whimple Company	0	10	0
1st Denbigh Company	1	0	0
Anonymous	5	0	0
1st Bushey Company	0	16	0
1st Highfield, Watford, Company	8	0	0
1st Barnard Castle Company	0	10	0
3rd Cheltenham Company (3rd instalment)	0	15	0
1st Trefnant Company	1	11	0
1st Chiddingstone Hoath Company	2	1	10
2nd Lewisham Company	1	7	0
1st Bangor Company	7	0	0
1st Halesowen Company (1st instalment)	9	0	0
1st and 4th Torquay Companies and 1st Rosebuds	0	4	0
Miss J. Peters (Henley-on-Thames)	0	1	0
1st Bayswater Company (2nd instalment)	0	3	6
Guide R. M. Morse	0	2	6
Miss Spokes	0	2	6
1st Blackburn Company	4	0	0
2nd Bath Company (2nd instalment)	2	0	0
1st Shields Company	0	2	6
2nd Kingsbridge (Galmpton and Hope) Company	0	13	6
1st Llanishen Company	0	5	0
4th Sheffield Company	0	8	6
1st Peaslake Company	0	6	0
2nd Paddington Company	2	10	0
2nd Widnes Company	10	10	0
1st Tewkesbury Co. (1st instalment)	0	5	0
2nd Hunstanton Company	2	14	0
1st Kensington Company	3	10	0
1st Kingsbridge Company	2	0	0
Six Guides of 5th Durham Company	3	10	0
1st Farthingstone Company	0	3	0
Alderley Edge Company	10	0	0
3rd Bath Company (4th instalment)	42	5	6
1st Llandogo Company	2	0	0
Miss Christian Bower	0	1	0
1st Jarrow Company	0	14	6
1st Mansfield Company	0	2	0
3rd Shrewsbury Company	0	15	0
1st Halesowen Co. (2nd instalment)	1	0	0
2nd Woking Company	1	0	0
Miss C. O'Rorke	1	0	0
1st Bengeo Rosebuds	1	1	0

1st Poundstock Company	2	0	0
13th Liverpool Company	0	10	6
1st Teignmouth Company	3	0	0
2nd Exeter Company	2	10	0
1st Seaham Harbour Company	1	0	0
1st Dover Company	0	2	0
2nd Durham Company	1	1	0
1st Rodmell Company	0	8	0
Jubbulpore Guides	1	0	0
1st Lossiemouth Company	0	10	0
Miss M. Dixon	0	1	0
2nd Croydon Company	0	10	0
Miss K. Smith, Croydon	0	4	0
Montrose Guides	0	5	0
2nd Lone Company	1	10	0
Nantlle Vale Company	7	0	0
2nd Derby Company	4	10	0
1st Reigate Company (2nd inst.)	1	9	0
1st Denbigh Company (2nd inst.)	2	2	0
Bawtry Company	3	0	0
2nd Liverpool Company	5	15	0
Leeds Companies	0	5	0
Miss Mary Mewborn	0	10	0
1st Adlestone (Princess Mary's Village Homes) Company	2	12	6
1st Hawkhurst Company	1	0	0
Whimple Company (2nd inst.)	5	0	0
1st Eye Company	0	10	0
11th Leeds Company	0	10	0
1st Muswell Hill Company	0	10	0
1st Marlow Company	1	0	0
1st Wimbledon Company	0	2	6
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WAR WORK ON THE LAND.

The British Women's Patriotic League offers a six weeks' course of training on the land under the Women's Farm and Garden Union to two Girl Guides of sixteen or over.

The Girls must be big and strong, and show inability to pay for their training themselves. On completion of the six weeks' course, they will be given situations on farms where they will live in and receive, in addition, 4/- or 5/- per week.

All applications must be made to the Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 116 Victoria Street, London, S.W., not later than May 31st.

QUITE SAFE.

GROCER: "Well, my little dear, what will you have?"

SMALL GIRL: "Three penn'orth of treacle, please."

GROCER (as he hands the jar over the counter): "Where is your money?"

SMALL GIRL: "In the jar, sir; I put it there so as to be sure not to lose it."

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

By LT.-GEN. SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, K.C.B.

Girls in Munition Factories.

A recent visit to the munition factories in the north has given me further proof of the value of women where they have character and have been trained to handicrafts.

A large number of them had been taken on at the three particular factories which I visited to take up work which so far had been considered entirely that of men. The women soon proved not only that they could learn how to do it, but that when they had got into the swing of it they could do it far better and more quickly than it had ever been done before.

Then in two cases there had been the alarm of Zeppelin raids.

In one of these the women—although having nothing but a glass roof between them and the enemy—went on with their work without any excitement at all.

In the other case there was a good deal of apprehension among the managers and foremen, and the women were all moved into a protected chamber, where they promptly organised a concert to help to pass the time. In the men's department one man, at any rate, was so affected by the situation that he fainted!

The women looked very bright in clean overall garments and head-covers, but in spite of their disguise it was very easy to see that many of them were ladies.

How?

Well, because their shoes and stockings betrayed them!

It seemed to me that there are good openings for girls who could model and make moulds in sand for metal-casting. Also a girl who could draw accurately with mathematical instruments would have a good field for work.

But above all, at these works, the brightness, the cheeriness, and the keen energy of the girls were such that they spread to the other departments, and a better spirit was engendered and a bigger output of work resulted.

At one place where a big reception was given, at the opening of a new recreation hut for workers, a company of Girl Guides

was on duty to hand refreshments round. I heard numbers of people praising the quiet quick way in which they did it, and more especially, the pleasing and smiling politeness with which they tended us.

This was apparently an unheard-of thing among the girls in that district till the Guides came into being.

Our Asset and Our Need.

In a short Easter tour of inspection among the Guides and Scouts in parts of Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Wiltshire, I saw a good deal that was interesting, much that was gratifying, and a very great deal that gave the highest hopes for the Guide Movement in the future.

Without going into details, two outstanding points impressed themselves upon me—

- (1) The tremendous keenness of the Captains.
- (2) The urgent need of District Commissioners.

The keenness and loyalty of both workers and girls, even in unexpected and out-of-the-way centres, was very inspiring, and suggested immense possibilities before us so soon as systematic organisation replaces the former sporadic growth.

The Commissioner.

Such organisation can only really be carried out by a keen and capable person on the spot.

For this reason we are appointing a Commissioner to each county, who, in her turn, finds local ladies to act as District Commissioners. The "District" is, for convenience, usually the Parliamentary Borough, or an equivalently large town.

Each county and each district thus becomes a decentralised entity, responsible for its own life and administration.

The District Commissioner must necessarily be a lady of standing, who is interested in the higher aims of our Movement, who has organising ability, tact, and a sense of humour, and who, moreover, is acceptable to the Captains and Committees in her district.

Her Duties.

Her duty is not only to be the representative of Headquarters in the district, but also to be the representative of the district to Headquarters.

For this reason, although she is appointed by the County Commissioner and Headquarters, we consult local wishes so far as possible.

This does not mean (as a misprint in the original Handbook seems to imply) that the District Commissioner is elected by the Local Committees. She forms these Committees.

At the present stage of organisation, in places where local Committees exist without a Commissioner, they can help us very considerably by suggesting the name of a lady who would be capable, and at the same time popular, as District Commissioner.

Of course, we are fearfully handicapped at this moment by the war. All the best women are already up to their necks in war work; but it is always the busiest who can find time for extra duty. They are only up to their necks in it; their heads are still clear, and those who have their heads clear and their eyes open can look ahead and see things in their true proportion.

We must not let present circumstances, however big they be, blot out what lies beyond.

The need for developing the Girl Guide Movement is immediate and nationally important. The ultimate victory of this war is not going to be decided only on the battlefields at the Front, but will rest with that nation which, within the next ten or twenty years, possesses the most efficient citizens, women as well as men, to raise it industrially and commercially—and in integrity—from the havoc wrought by the war.

And that is where the results of the Guide training are going to tell, if the Movement is properly organised and taken in hand by capable women, now while the future mothers and citizenesses of that period are yet in the mouldable age.

Will you help in this effort to obtain Commissioners by explaining it where you see an opening?

For any aid or suggestion in this direction I shall be extremely grateful.

A Good Turn.

Hearing that a young invalid girl greatly needed an air cushion, the 3rd Bath Company made her a present of one. We have

only to look at the Hut Subscription List to see how hard these girls are working for the Hut, and when it was suggested that it was not right to ask them for a further subscription, the reply from their Captain was:—

"The Guides will very soon bring it all in by giving up any extra pleasure or by doing overtime work."

Thank you, Guides!

Another War Service for Guides.

Girls of eighteen and over are much wanted for helping in the canteens for munition workers in the hundreds of centres in the United Kingdom.

Guides who can find time to do duty at these places will be rendering a good service for the country, and such service will count towards the War Service Badge.

The Women's Volunteer Reserve have sent us a special appeal for Guides to come and help them at this work, where hundreds are needed for the night as well as the day shifts.

I shall be glad to hear the names of those who can undertake it in their own or other locality.

The Guides' Hut in France.

The Recreation Hut presented by the Girl Guides has already been set up at a great Army centre in France, and was recently opened amid much enthusiasm by Miss Lena Ashwell and her company of entertainers.

The place was crowded to its utmost capacity by a most appreciative crowd of soldiers.

It is going to be a big success as a place of rest and recreation, and the Guides will have the blessings of thousands of their gallant fighting men for what they have done in providing it.

It will still need books and magazines for its reading room, also games such as chess and draughts and dominoes. So send them along!

And it will need the services of Guide Officers or ex-Guides to assist to run it.

Any who are desirous of helping in this way should send in their names without delay to Lady Baden-Powell, Girl Guide Headquarters, 116, Victoria Street, London, S.W., and she will supply them with all particulars.

N.B.—The Fund for its purchase is not yet completed, but the men were in great

need of the place, and as the Guides were responding so well to our appeal, we went ahead and bought the hut in anticipation of the Fund being successfully brought up to £500 before long.

The closing day for the fund is June 1st, and by then I hope we shall find ourselves with a handsome sum in hand.

Greetings from Russia.

St. George, as you know, is the Patron Saint of our Russian Allies as well as our own. On St. George's Day I received the following letter from some Scouts in Russia:—

The Russian Scouts in Kier salute the initiator of the ideal organisation of Scouts, General Baden-Powell, brothers and sisters, British Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, on the general holiday of St. George, the patron of the Scouts the whole world over.

They send their heartfelt greetings to the British Army and Navy, and shout "Hurrah!" for the honour of young Britain. There are in Kier four corps of Boy Scouts and one of Girl Guides. There are many of these who would like to correspond with their oversea brothers and sisters.

Well, Guides, we are all grateful for this very kindly greeting; but I would point out that in this last sentence there is an invitation to you. If any of you are willing to write a letter or to send picture postcards to your Russian sisters, it will evidently be much appreciated.

We shall be very glad to forward your communications if you send them to Headquarters.

Archie Baden Powell

COMPANY NEWS



(We shall be glad to print in these columns reports of the doings and progress of Companies, which should be as brief as possible. It would be a good plan for each Company to appoint one of its officers or members as correspondent to the "Gazette." She would then be responsible for reporting all the more important events in the history of the Company and any matter of general interest to our readers.)

London and District.

Bethnal Green.—Twelve War Service Badges have been won by the 1st Bethnal Green Company, in addition to a number of Proficiency Awards. Cakes are made regularly for the local Military Hospital.

Hammersmith.—Some of the members of the 2nd Hammersmith Company made a bed-rest, which they presented to Rear-Admiral Sir R. Massie Blomfield on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday.

Herne Hill.—On April 15th, Mrs. Moore (Commissioner for S.W. London) was present and gave a most interesting address at a display given by the 2nd Herne Hill (Brockwell Park College) Company. A good sum was raised for the Home for Disabled Soldiers, Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond. Two parents of the Guides have each presented a stretcher to the patrol to which their daughters belong, and another home-made bandage

winder has been given by a member of the 1st Streatham Common Troop of Scouts. A Guide's mother has presented Company name tapes.

Newspapers are being collected for the National Relief Fund.

Leyton.—Miss Baden-Powell attended the annual display of the 1st Leyton Company, when Guides from the 2nd Woodford, 1st Victoria Park, 2nd Forest Gate, 2nd Silvertown, and 1st Bow Companies were also present. A capital entertainment was given.

N.E. London.—Miss Baden-Powell inspected the North-East London Guides last month, and was present at a display in which excellent step dancing and fancy drill predominated. There were also present the District Commissioner, the Hon. Mrs. R. Bingham, Commissioner the Lady Monk Bretton, Canon and Mrs. Dewsbury.

Miss Baden-Powell presented quantities of Proficiency Badges, also complimentary gifts to Captain Miss McElwee and Lieutenant Miss Purkiss, and prizes for the competitions. The President then delivered an address to the Guides, which was enthusiastically received.

Plaistow.—Patrol-leader Ivy Myers, of the 1st Plaistow Company saved a boy's life last month. He had fallen into the Thames from the Embankment and sank twice before anyone realised that he could not swim. Then Ivy threw off her coat and jumped in to the rescue. She succeeded in bringing him to some steps, where willing hands helped them to safety.

West London District.—The 1st South Kensington Company has sent two big boxes of children's clothes to the Serbian Relief Fund. The sum of £3 was raised by an entertainment in aid of the Hut Fund.

England.

Ashburne.—The five Ashburne Companies have been busy in many ways with war work, in addition to qualifying for a number of Badges.

Ashington.—On April 26th the 1st Ashington Company gave a varied display, followed by afternoon tea and a concert. Artistic programmes were prepared by one of the Guides. Mrs. Bryers presented prizes and Badges.

Bath.—The annual meeting of the Bath Local Committee was held on April 5th. Representatives from all the eight Bath Companies were present, and a general discussion on the aims of the Girl Guide movement took place. Councillor Miss Hope, Commissioner for Bath and District, took the chair, and Miss Lowe, Commissioner for Bristol, kindly consented to speak. Excellent reports showing the activities of each Company were read, and the large attendance of those interested in promoting Girl Guide work in the various parts of the city showed the keenness and enthusiasm which the organisation had aroused.

Bengeo.—The 1st Bengeo Rosebuds were able to send £1 is. to the Hut Fund as the result of a sale and display last month. Most of the articles were made by the girls themselves. Scarves are being knitted for the Church Missionary Society.

Brighton.—During the Patriotic Economy Exhibition Week, members of the 4th Brighton Company were on duty as guides and programme sellers. Patrol-leaders' and Corporals' Meetings and Guide "sing-songs" are now monthly features.

At the Economy Exhibition displays were given by the 1st, 4th and 7th Brighton Companies.

Bury St. Edmunds.—Twice a week the local Guides open a waste-paper Depot in connection with the National Relief Fund. They also help, every week, in the garden at the General Hospital and do messenger work for the V.A.D. Hospital on Saturday mornings. Fifty comfort bags have been made for wounded soldiers on board ship.

Charminster.—The 1st Charminster Company was inspected recently by Miss Macpherson Lawrie, District Commissioner for South Dorset, who also presented Badges to the Guides. Forty-three Badges have been won during the last six months, including War Service, Ambulance, Matron, Laundress, Needlewoman, Knitter, Dairymaid, Naturalist and 2nd Class, also nine Attendance Badges. The Guides and Brownies gave a short display of First-Aid and Stretcher work, and showed different ways of carrying injured people. Socks, account books, butter, pressed flowers, and laundry work were displayed on a table at the end of the room. Nine Guides do washing for a local Red Cross Hospital, others take round milk, butter and eggs for the farmers, besides making garments and knitting socks for the soldiers. The elder Brownies also help with the Red Cross washing.

On St. George's Day, the Guides attended Church Parade and brought eggs for the wounded.

Chesham.—The local Guides have raised money for the Hut Fund in the following ways: Collecting and selling newspapers to butchers and fruiterers, £2 16s.; savings, etc., in money-boxes, £1 15s.; hay-box-cookery demonstrations, 11s. 6d.; sale of babies' frocks, £1 13s.

Golden Common.—The first enrolment of Brownies took place last month, seven being enrolled. Guide Gladys Wakley, of the White Rose Patrol, has been made Leader of the "Oak" Patrol of Brownies. Two Red Rose Guides were also enrolled on the same day, and five Proficiency Badges were presented. The Company now numbers eleven Guides, seven Brownies, one Lieutenant, and one Captain. They are working hard at collecting waste paper, which is sold, and the proceeds go to the Vegetable and Fruit Fund for the Fleet.

On April 28th Lady Baden-Powell inspected the White and Red Rose and the Brownie Patrols. The Guides gave displays in First-Aid, Morse and Semaphore signalling and Physical Drill. Lady Baden-Powell said she was very pleased with the work done, especially the signalling, and warmly congratulated the Guides and their officers, Captain Etta Campbell and Lieutenant Rachel Lowth, on their smart appearance and on the number of Proficiency Badges won. She also presented 3 1st Class Badges and All Round Cords, and 8 Proficiency Badges.

Halifax.—A successful Café Chantant was given by the 14th Halifax Company. The programme included a novel ambulance display. The opening scene showed a Guide headquarters when a Zeppelin raid took place. After the danger was over, the girls went out to see what help they could render. A number of patients were found, and these were skilfully treated and bandaged.

Hurstpierpoint.—The 1st Hurstpierpoint Company now consists of three Patrols. A fund of £14 was raised by a concert, since which the Guides have been busy making their uniforms. Every week the Company darns the socks of the soldiers at the convalescent home. In addition, orders are taken for mending stockings at 1d. per pair. With the money thus earned, small comforts are bought to put in the parcels of returned socks for the soldiers. Last month primroses were sent to a children's hospital.

Kendal.—On Easter Monday the 1st Kendal Company had an enjoyable outing in spite of bad weather. On April 16th six Guides gave a musical club drill at the Y.W.C.A. Concert. Two hockey matches have been played against the 2nd Kendal Company, honours being easy. Cookery, Dressmaking, and Musician Badges have been gained.

Keswick.—Miss Behrens very kindly came over from Manchester for the enrolment of the 1st Keswick Company. She gave a most impressive address, and made the Guides feel how much they had to work for. As it was a very dark evening, Scouts with lighted lanterns showed the way to the room.

Letchworth.—The Countess of Carrick (Commissioner for Hertfordshire) inspected the 1st Letchworth Company and witnessed its first display last month. Demonstrations of signalling, ambulance work and drill were given. Lady Carrick then presented a number of Proficiency Badges, afterwards addressing the assembled Guides.

Lone Company (2nd).—This Company has had the good fortune to get Mrs. Parker, the sister of Lord Kitchener, to become its patroness.

The Company consists of three Patrols, the Thistle, Acorn and Ivy, and has the beginnings of a Brownie Patrol. There are twenty-four members in all, and they possess the following badges: one First Class, eleven Second Class, forty-eight Proficiency, one Nursing Armlet, and one All-Round Cord. A monthly magazine is published, in which all the Company news appears, and to which the Guides are all asked to contribute. The library, as described by Captain Dalzell-Walton some time back, has been largely added to. At the suggestion of Corporal Morgan, of the Thistles, the badges have been standardised, and minute directions are given as to how to pass each one.

At least four War Service Badges will be claimed shortly.

The Company Leader, Ursula Devereux (Tregoyd, Three Cocks, R.S.O.), who is taking charge in lieu of a Captain, will be pleased to have suggestions from other Guides, and to exchange magazines.

Lone Company (5th).—This Company now numbers twenty-nine, including three of the original members. Two Guides have won the War Service Badge. The Patrol-leaders and Corporals are responsible for the progress of the girls under them and are expected to write to them every month to help them in working up for their Badges. The Company library contains two hundred volumes, and a magazine is run. A good sum has been raised for the Hut Fund.

Maidstone.—The Colours of the 4th Maidstone Company, given by the Captain, were consecrated by the Rev. T. G. L. Lushington, Rural Dean, in his private chapel. Work has been done for the Hut Fund.

Manchester and District Association.—The 71st Manchester (1st Culcheth) Company gave a concert, the programme of which included musical plays, songs and dances, and an original First Aid dialogue, written by a member of the Company. The receipts are to be divided between the Sunday School and the Holiday Fund of the Company.

The 43rd Manchester (1st Prestwich) Com-

pany gave an entertainment which realised £8 for local hospitals. A musical cantata, "The Crown of the Year," was given. All the dresses were made by the Guides.

The 37th Manchester (1st Pendleton) Company made £12 by a concert. Songs, recitations and dialogues were given by the Guides, and very effective tableaux and the Guide Song by 130 Guides and Brownies. Part of the entertainment took the form of a Camp Yarn.

Paignton.—The 1st Paignton Company has given its first Display and Concert. The programme included fire drill, signalling, staff and club drill, songs and recitations, and a short sketch entitled "Nelly," written by one of the Company. Mrs. Fuller presented 21 Proficiency Badges to the girls during the evening. As a result of the Concert, the sum of £7 8s. 6d. has been sent to the Blue Cross Society.

Portsmouth.—A Union Jack was given and presented to the 1st Portsmouth (Lord Beresford's Own) Company by Mrs. Griffin. The District Commissioner (Mrs. Temple Cole) and various members of the Committee were present. Mrs. Cole inspected the Guides and handed several badges and attendance stars to them.

Reigate.—The Kerri School Company collected a large number of bottles for sale in aid of the Hut Fund. Notices were left beforehand at houses in the district, the Guides calling later with sacks, baskets, a cart, and two hand barrows.

Rodborough.—On Easter Sunday the 1st Rodborough Company was inspected by Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell, the latter of whom spoke to the Guides, and complimented them on their smart appearance. Since this inspection there is promise of the Company, which before consisted of twenty Guides, being increased to forty.

Salisbury.—On April 22nd the local Guides were inspected by Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell who expressed pleasure at their keenness and efficiency. As only two days' notice of the visit was given, no special work could be prepared. Another batch of pillows made by the Guides was sent to the Red Cross Hospital as an Easter gift.

Southport.—The 1st Southport (Christ Church) Company made £5 for Guide Funds by a display; the girls are now earning money for the Hut Fund and making bed-jackets for the local hospital. Cakes and groceries were collected for a stall at the C.M.S. sale of work. The Company consists of four Patrols.

South Shields.—Last month the 1st South Shields (All Saints) Company held a badge presentation ceremony. By the sale of old newspapers to tradespeople a donation for the Hut Fund has been raised.

On Easter Sunday a fine Union Jack was dedicated by the Vicar, while on the Tuesday the Guides gave an entertainment at the Sunday Schools.

Swindon.—The Thistle Patrol of the 1st Swindon Company has won the shield for efficiency presented by Miss Nicholson, Commissioner for Wiltshire. The Mayoress of Swindon handed over the trophy.

Teignmouth.—The sum of £3 has been sent to the Hut Fund by the Teignmouth Company as the result of an entertainment and display given last month. The programme included a patriotic song and march, a drill by the Rosebuds, signalling and First-Aid displays (the latter written by the Captain) and Mrs. Gell's masque, "The Empire's Honour."

Weston-Super-Mare.—Patrol leader Olwen Williams (2nd Weston-Super-Mare Company) has been presented with the Bronze Medal of the Royal Life Saving Society for rescuing a companion who had got into difficulties while bathing. She has also received the Guides' Silver Cross for life-saving.

Scotland.

Catrine.—The local Company held its first full dress Church Parade last month at Sorn, when a special address was given by the Rev. H. C. Begg.

Dundee.—A well-attended concert brought in a good sum for the funds of the 1st Dundee Company. Dances, an ambulance display and a sketch, "The New Recruit," were popular items.

Kilmarnock.—The sum of £40 was raised by the local Guides for the Red Cross by means of a cake and candy sale.

Wales.

Bridgend.—The Companies run in connection with the County School are most active and interesting reports are given in the school magazine. Money has been earned for various war charities, and special efforts were made to send a big contribution to the Hut Fund.

Overseas.

India.—Permanent headquarters have now been established at Calcutta, with Mrs. M. M. Bear (27, Harrington Mansions) as Commissioner. Hints from the Officers of successful British Companies will be much welcomed. It is hoped that the Guide work will now go ahead with great vigour. New Companies are being started all over the peninsula.

Vancouver.—The local Guides are working hard and doing splendid patriotic duties. An officers' training class has just been started and a magazine is shortly to be issued. Miss Mansfield is responsible for the very efficient organisation of the movement in the district.

The Patrol-leaders and Corporals of the 2nd Ottawa Company wish to correspond with a few English Guides. Address—Miss Symes, Y.W.C.A., Ottawa, Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hut Fund.

On another page you will see what a splendid amount has been sent up to the time of going to press for the Recreation Hut Fund.

There is no question that "Tommy" at the Front will be grateful when he has the chance of using the Girl Guides' Recreation Hut.

Empire Day.

Since the war started, the Mother Country and her Oversea Dominions have been bound together more closely than ever. This year, therefore, we shall celebrate Empire Day with especial heartiness, at the same time renewing our promise of loyalty to King George, to whose mighty Empire we are so proud to belong.

Lady Massie Blomfield (Commissioner for West London) has most kindly written an article on the Keeping of Empire Day (to be found on another page), which will inspire us to do even more than we have already done to assist our men folk in their fight for freedom and liberty.

Let us all hope that long before the next anniversary of Empire Day comes round the world may be at peace once more.

An Appeal.

We are anxious to secure two copies of the issue of *The Gazette* dated February, 1914. If any Guide or Officer has a copy to dispose of, will she please let us know? We are willing to pay sixpence each for the two copies.

OFFICERS' DRESS.

At a meeting of the Headquarters Committee the following dress was decided upon for Officers:—

Girl Guide hat turned up at left side.

Blue Norfolk jacket, black horn buttons, with pockets.

Girl Guide ordinary blue uniform.

Pale blue tie, with Officers' Rank Badge.

Brown leather belt.

White shoulder knot.

Gauntlet gloves.

Brass buttons forbidden.

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Ditto, Superior Quality (send size)	Each	Postage	Special Girl Guides' Skipping Ropes (Swivel Handles) excellent for prizes	Each	Postage
Hats, Officers (send size)	1/9	5d.	Stretcher Nets, Strong Twine Net for Ambulance purposes, poles to be slipped through each side	1/4	3d.
Belts, Leather	3/6	6d.	Ambulance Outfits	6d. & 2/6	2d&3d
With Rings and Swivels (State Waist Measurements.)	1/8	2d.	Pouches, Strong Leather Pouch with Loop to hang from Belt to hold Ambulance Case, etc.	1/9	2d.
Neckerchiefs (Merceen)	2/-	3d.	G.G. Lanyards	3d.	1d.
Superior Quality	4d.	1d.	Whistles	9d.	1d.
Navy Hat Bands (Official Registered Design)	8d.	1d.	" (Aeroid)	1/-	1d.
(Through Secretaries only.)	6d.	1d.	Knives	1/3 & 1/-	2d.
Patrol Flags, with Emblem Embroidered in Silk	1/6	1d.	Shoulder Knots	2d.	1d.
Haversacks (Single Division)	1/-	3d.			
" (Double Division)	1/-	2d.			
Union Jack	12/6	6d.			

MISCELLANEOUS.

OFFICIAL CHALLENGE SHIELDS (Designed by Miss Baden-Powell). The Shield measures 10½ by 10½ inches, and is made in two qualities.

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 Comprises a cooking can, fry-

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The costume is strongly, neatly made from a durable blue serge. When ordering state measurement of the bust and length of skirt.

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The Headquarters has had the opportunity of purchasing some new Haversacks, made of exceptionally strong drill. They are wonderful value for the money. The offer can never be renewed, so take advantage of it at once.

Large size, 1/9; postage 3d.

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