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SERVICE FOR YOUTH IS SERVICE FOR THE NATION

I HAVE just been listening to a broadcast talk by Lord De La Warr, the President of the Board of Education. I can only say that I wish that every Guider in the Empire could have heard his speech, and could feel as impressed and heartened as I am feeling at this moment.

"Service for Youth is service for the Nation . . . Education is a definite and concrete part of the Home Front and for that reason alone it must be kept alive in these difficult days," Lord De La Warr said, addressing particularly Scout and Guide Leaders.

You, who are giving your utmost on behalf of the children, who are weary and dispirited at times, wondering what it is all about and where it is going to lead, who wonder, perhaps, whether you are doing enough, whether you should not be doing some more tangible form of work which would produce quicker results—you who have been content to take the path of quiet, unspectacular service, but who are at times assailed by doubts, you must take heart once more.

"This is not a war of armies but of ideas and ways of living," Lord De La Warr tells us. And again: "The old days of luxury are gone and will not return for many a long year. . . . Stick to what you are doing, but do it twice as hard, you must be fit, physically and mentally, if we are to be successful. . . . For upon the strength, skill, intelligence, endurance and staying power of the individual in every nation depends the winning of this war."

"This is not a war of armies but of ideas and ways of living." It may be that the bloodless revolution has come, a revolution in no way political, but far reaching in its social consequences. A bloodless revolution born of the horror and bloodshed of war. A war of ideas which, in its first few weeks has performed the miracle of introducing the people to the people. In the first week of war an elderly personal friend of mine, who, to give her her due had been working hard driving evacuees, wrote me a letter which made me feel ashamed. She is not a Guider. She wrote: "I drove for hours in the black-out, no joke in these country lanes. But never again. It is disgraceful, how dirty and filthy some of these people are, and it is hard for our nice clean cottagers. I never did approve of the evacuation scheme."

We had been feeling lost and rather forlorn amid the emptiness of childless London streets but we had been rejoicing, as we waited for a raid, in the fact that they were so miraculously empty. That letter was a slap in the face for me. I refrained from answering it in the way I should have liked to do.

It is obvious the great demand that a radical readjustment calls for from both sides, and one can have nothing but admiration for the tremendous sacrifices that have been made in many little homes where a child, perhaps difficult, undisciplined and seemingly ungrateful, has received the same unstinting care as a member of the family.

It is an undeniable fact that the conditions of numbers of the evacuees leave much to be desired. But, praise be—at last people like my correspondent have been shocked into realisation of those conditions. At last the different stratas of society have been forced to mix, and one hopes to understand one another. Let us try to understand before we criticise. For, in spite of the strides made by education in the last twenty-five years, is it not still partly lack of education which allows the existence of such conditions? Is it not partly the complacent acceptance by one strata, of the slogan "All is well" that has permitted the conditions under which the other great part of the nation has been existing?

Now we have our great opportunity. Before, so many of us did not know—we could not help it because we were ignorant. Now we have seen things which we will never forget, and by love and understanding and service we can do so much.

You, who are working with the children, you are doing the country a great service for you are building up her future. You can, through the medium of Guiding, give these children the firm foundations of cleanliness, health and upright character, on which to build their lives. You can give them courage to face a future which may be more difficult than any which children throughout history have grown up to meet. But it will be a future which, in its very difficulty, is hopeful, for the difficulties will be the breaking down of old barriers, the surging up of new enthusiasms and the eventual dawning of the new era. All good things in themselves, but psychologically unsettling to the child, who will need more than ever, a clue by which to find the way through the labyrinth.

The men have gone, many of them to give their lives in the service of this war of ideas, many Guiders have gone to release the men in the various services. And you remain to prepare and train the heirs of that future which this war is trying to ensure.

You must not doubt the importance of your work. You must hold steady and work twice as hard. Time will prove the value of what you are doing.

TRIBUTE.

To the Polish Guides who fell in the invasion of Poland,
September, 1939.

What tribute can we bring you, little Sisters?
No honour can be more than Death has set
As fins to your lives, but this we Promise—
Not to forget.

To keep undimmed the bright ideal you cherished,
To live with the same faith in which you died,
To live more truly, honouring your memory
Shall be our pride.

MARGARET TENNYSON.

THE EDITOR.

CARRYING ON WITH
THE JOB OF
GUIDING



Above: Mrs. Elliot-Carnegy,
Scotland's New Chief Commissioner,
with her daughters.



Above: Miss Ward,
Chief Commissioner for Wales.



Below: Miss Shanks,
Commissioner for Training.



Miss Newnham, the Guider
in Charge at Foslease.



Miss Angela Thomson,
New Commissioner for Camping for England.



The Guide Staff at War-time Waddow,
including Miss Grant, South Africa.

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE

I AM writing this to you all in September, from our little home in Kenya, where the sun is always shining, but where mails are now few and far between.

Up to this moment of writing, I have had no news from England, apart from a cable from Headquarters, since the middle of August, and am therefore completely in the dark as to how you are all faring, and details of what you are all doing, although I know that our Movement has responded well to the call to service.

Our thoughts are constantly with you, though for once I am strangely cut off from you all and feel deep pangs of anxiety at not being alongside you in this time of stress.

The early days of August saw us both away in camp in the Masai Reserve, enjoying a wonderful holiday in the midst of that grand country abounding in wild game of all sorts.

Our safari over, we returned to civilisation and mails and mid-August brought us a specially fine spate of interesting good news of Scouting and Guiding. Though living all this time away from active participation in your doings, the Chief and I delight as fully as ever in all the progress and success of Scouts and Guides everywhere. During this last year too, things seemed to be so definitely on the up-grade.

The Chief and I were so revelling in this good news of present happenings, and were rejoicing over the many good plans for the future as well.

In South Africa, arrangements were afoot for the "Ndaba Nkulu" for Guides and Wayfarer-Guides from all over the Union; New Zealand was to celebrate its centenary with a very special Camp and Exhibition for as many Guides as possible; a Wolf Cub Conference was to take place in Poland in 1940; the World Guide Conference was fixed to be held in France next year; and over and above all these things, for us personally, 1940 was to be rather special as we were planning to return to England to have a great re-union in our own home of our children and our grand-children who would be on leave then from Rhodesia, and I was looking forward to attending some Guide Rallies in our home-land once more after so long an absence.

It seems well nigh impossible to believe that this was but a short month ago, and that in a flash we should see our country whirled by necessity into the misery of war.

Having been in England through the crisis of September, 1938, we clung for days to the hope that it might again be averted and that sanity and justice would win through and overwhelm the forces of evil, hatred and cruelty.

Everything that we have in us of courage and determination must now be harnessed into facing this war—and the ultimate winning of it—so that the shadow of fear and anxious insecurity that was beginning to dominate Europe shall be for ever finished.

Looking far into the future one can visualise and hope that in due course the wave of super-nationalism that had flooded Europe,

as re-action to that very fear, will then die down once more and be replaced by a new spirit of tolerance and international goodwill.

This will be for the time when the conflict is over and one hopes a new era may dawn bringing peace throughout the world.

In the meantime, every Guide and Guider will, I am sure, be doing all she can to help wherever her help is most needed, and all will be giving of their splendid best to King and Country.

In thinking continually about our Movement and all its members, my first reaction was a great anxiety for the safe continuance of the many Companies who will be left leaderless with a high proportion of our trained Guiders otherwise engaged "for the duration."

But my second thoughts have been optimistic, for I feel that we may somehow manage to "gain on the swings what we lose on the roundabouts" and that numbers of women will be stirred to help the Guides to carry on and to act as understudies to those who have taken up other most urgent war work.

Also can we not feel confident that many of our older Patrol Leaders will rise to the occasion and keep their companies going, and even probably raise them in strength through recruiting into our ranks more young girls who will wish to "do their bit" in our Movement which is so universally known to be worth while, and so truly pledged for service to the country.

This time ahead of us will be an acid test of the stability of Guiding and those who go from our ranks to other organisations will carry with them the good name of the Guides and the goodwill of all their fellow Guides in the many exacting tasks that they will be called on to tackle.

We know that the struggle will be a hard one with the toll of anxiety and worry and sorrow and suffering as the terrible penalties of war, and all these heavy weights upon us will call for as much courage and fortitude as even the hardships to be endured by the fighting forces.

As a Movement, our first great sorrow comes with the news of the heavy losses suffered by the Polish Guides. I remember so well the reception that they gave us on the Baltic Cruise and the high standard of their Guiding. The Chief and I know that they will have met the terrible trials of war with the same steadfast spirit that inspired all their work.

Throughout our own Empire I believe that the lessons of Guider-ship will help us all in the dark days.

The courage that has been needed in your Guide work, the self sacrifice, the patience, the endurance and the faith in your allotted task will all strengthen you in what you have to do.

May God help us, as we strive more than ever at this moment to fulfill our Guide Promise to the utmost.

Of our Dadan Powell

LETTERS FROM OTHER LANDS

September, 1939.

To the National Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association,
17, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—In spite of everything that has been done to avert this crisis, war has broken out again. Our hearts go out to all the unhappy victims of this conflict.

In the name of the Girl Guides de Belgique, I wish to extend to the British Guides our deep felt sympathy in this terrible ordeal which is upon them.

So many of us found a welcome shelter in Great Britain 25 years ago. We look back with gratitude to the kindness which was shown us then. And we hope from the bottom of our hearts that justice will soon triumph, and that we may look forward to a new peace in which every country can find an honourable place.

May I ask you to greet particularly all our many Guide friends? They may be assured that our thoughts are with them in this great trial.—Yours, etc.

MME. MOREL-JAMAR,
Chief Guide, Guides de Belgique.

Mrs. Percy Birley, C.B.E.

MADAM,— . . . The thoughts of the Guides of South Africa are with their sister Guides in other lands, and we pray that the peace of the world may soon be restored . . .

L. A. MACNEILLIE,
Chief Commissioner.

September 9th, 1939.

Mrs. Mark Kerr, O.B.E.,
International Commissioner,
The Girl Guides Association, London, S.W.1.

MADAM,—In these days of anguish we are in spirit with you and with all the Guides of Great Britain.

At the moment of trial for your country, we feel more than ever the ties which unite us and we ardently pray that Guide ideals may triumph all over the world.

T. ERNST,
National Commissioner,
Federation des Eclaireuses Suisses.

OUR NEW CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE TO YOU

ON taking over my appointment as Chief Commissioner for England, I want to send a greeting to every Guider. My only regret is that I am unable, at the moment, to visit the different countries and greet you in person, but I hope the day may not be too far distant when I can do this.

I assume this high office with pride and yet with humility. Pride at being chosen to be your Chief Commissioner, humility in the knowledge that I am following such predecessors as the Chief Guide, Lady Delia Peel and Mrs. Percy Birley. I realise what a task I have undertaken and I can only promise you to do my best.

We have now entered into what may prove to be the most vital period in all the history of our great country. We and our Ally, the French nation, have entered into this war only after every effort for peace had been made and made in vain. We enter it, knowing full well what it will mean in sacrifice, in effort and in endeavour and with a firm belief in the justice of our cause, and we and our great Ally are to-day taking up arms in defence of that faith just as surely as did our forefathers in the Crusades.

The time has now come for us to put into practice the teaching and training laid down for us by that wisest and most far-seeing of men, our Founder. We now have an opportunity such as we have never had before of putting the whole resources of Guiding into action and we must not let the opportunity slip.

At the moment, Guiding may appear to be in a state of flux but this is only a temporary condition and things will soon settle down. I want you to bear in mind that Guiding has been stated by Sir John Anderson to be a work of national importance and that those who are taking part in it are doing a very real national service. And what work could be of more

importance or more vital to a nation than the training of its young people? So to those of you who for some reason or another are unable to volunteer for more exciting, more spectacular forms of National Service, I would say this: go forward with courage and determination with this labour of love, be steadfast and true to the promise you made when you became a Guide, strong in the certainty that by carrying on with the training of these young lives, you are doing a very real, very valuable service to the country you love. I know how you long to offer your services to what may seem to you a wider field. I know how much courage and endurance it needs to carry on in the same way week after week, month after month, but believe me you will find your reward in the response these children make to your leadership and in the happiness of knowing that you have helped them to start out in life on the right road.

Some of you are fortunate enough to be living in the reception areas, where there is such tremendous scope for Guiding. Where you will have the opportunity to bring into the lives of so many children, who, up to now, have never known it, the joy of helping

other people, of learning self discipline and how to take responsibility. You have before you a magnificent opportunity for service of the highest order. Don't let this moment pass, but do your very utmost to extend and develop Guiding in your own part of the world, and bring it to these children who have come to dwell amongst you as strangers. Let it be your aim to keep the flag of Guiding flying all the time.

Then there are those of you who have gone to take up some form of National Service, and have either handed over your Companies or

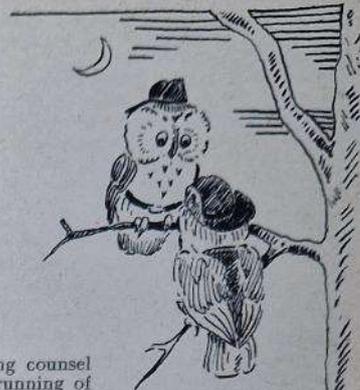
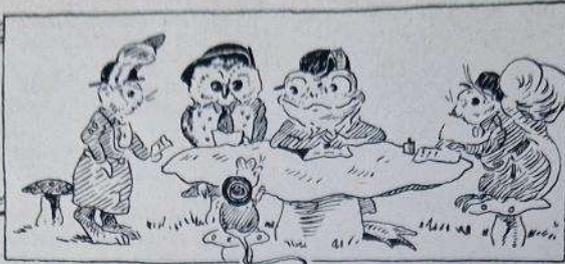
Packs to someone else, or have left the P.L.s. to carry on. In either case you must see to it that you do not lose contact with your Guides. If your Company has been running on the proper Patrol System, and I am sure that in most cases it has been, then your Patrol Leaders will have a glorious opportunity of putting into practice all that you have been teaching them, and of taking responsibility. This will be most excellent training for them and it will teach them a great deal, but you must not forget that your Leaders are young and cannot be expected to carry on indefinitely without some help, so I would suggest to you that you try and keep one hour a week for your Company, however busy you are, however far away. Just one hour to write to your Patrol Leaders, a good, cheery, encouraging letter. Tell them what you are doing, what exciting things you see and hear, send them a story perhaps, a new game or something to try out that you had hoped to try in one of your Guide evenings. Whatever you write, or whatever you send let it be cheerful, happy and inspiring. Even if your Company is evacuated and you don't know where they all are, go on writing to the Leaders you have traced. They may be temporarily attached to

another Company and happy, but the thrill of getting a letter from their own Captain or Lieutenant will be tremendous. And Owls, will you try and do something on the same lines? Try and trace your Packs and find out where they all are and send letters to the Sixers, even if they are not all together, and it will be a means however slender, of keeping touch and this is what we must do at all costs. Keep in touch. Carry on with our heads held high and in spite of all the difficulties that confront us. Remember, we are working for the future and that when war ceases and the world takes stock again, Guiding will be more urgently needed than ever before, so you and I must see to it that it does not languish and fade away for want of stimulant and nourishment. Keep a brave heart, keep smiling and remember we are Guides.

Already reports are coming in from all parts of the country of the splendid work Guides have done and are doing with the evacuees and in many other ways, and I would like to send these Guides through and express my warmest congratulations on their good work and express my happiness at finding they have indeed lived up to the Guide Motto "Be Prepared."



Mrs. St. John Atkinson.



TRAINING. IN COUNCIL.

GUIDERS and Patrol Leaders everywhere to-day are taking counsel of one another, in order to discover what is best for the running of the Company. Sometimes the Court of Honour has to be held in Captain's short off-duty hours. To these meetings the P.Ls. come with definite news of each Guide and with ideas and suggestions from every one in the Company. The Patrol System is proving itself anew to-day, for the

P.Ls. are showing a great sense of responsibility, and the Guides are responding to their leadership. There are two things which Patrol Leaders need from their Guiders very specially to-day. The first is trust. The Leader must know that her Captain trusts her, believes in her power to carry on and overcome all the difficulties that may crop up, and that the Guider understands how much it is going to mean in time and sustained effort on the part of the girl herself. The second thing the Patrol Leader needs is training. A great deal can be done, even in half an hour, if one can spend the time alone with one's Patrol Leaders. They can be given hints about the organisation of Patrol time, on methods of teaching, so that test work is exciting and original, and at the same time their own practical knowledge can be rubbed up. As the Captain listens to their plans for National Service and to the latest Patrol good turn, she will have ample opportunity to satisfy herself that the indefinable something, the essence which makes the spirit of Guiding, is there too.

THE PATROL IN COUNCIL.

Every Guider should make sure that her Patrol Leaders understand the running of the Patrol-in-Council, that part of Patrol Time which is set apart for thinking of the welfare of the whole Company. If the Leader is to have a worthwhile contribution to make at the Court-of-Honour, she must make a success of her Patrol-in-Council. She should have the agenda of the Court-of-Honour beforehand, and consult the members of her Patrol about each item in turn. Even the views of the newest member must not be overlooked, but she should discover at the first meeting that from the moment she joins, her opinions and ideas count. For the Patrol-in-Council the P.L. has to learn how to draw each member out so that she expresses her ideas freely. After this meeting the P.L. does not go to the Court-of-Honour simply to give her own ideas, but she is prepared, fortified with the encouragement of her Guides, and ready to act as a true representative of the Patrol, and of each individual member. It is in this way that we get government of the Company by the individual, through the medium of the Patrol-in-Council and of the Court-of-Honour. M. H. S.

PATROL SMARTNESS AND TURN-OUT.

Guiders will agree that their Patrol Leaders are very ready to demand a high standard of smartness from their Patrols and to set an example. Taking a pride in her uniform does a lot for the Guide herself, and indeed for every one of us. In order to help Patrol Leaders to make their Patrols the smartest possible the method of judging this part of the Beaver Patrols Challenge Achievement is given below:—

POINTS TO LOOK FOR.

Are the Leader and Second standing in their right places?

Have they their lanyards on correctly, and their stripes tidily sewn on in their proper place?

Are all their hat brims well pressed and are their hats worn with badges all in the middle? Is long hair plaited or tied back with a dark ribbon?

Are their ties well folded and well put on?



How they should be.

CORRECT.

P.L. on right of Patrol with newest recruit next to her and Second at other end of Patrol as they shepherd Patrol between them.

Lanyards attached to right swivel and worn outside belts. Stripes to be $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wide and 1-in. apart and the Second's stripe worn exactly in centre of her pocket.

Look in the photograph to see how nice a well-ironed tie can look. Patrol Emblem should come just above pocket and exactly over pocket button and stars on inside edge of left pocket flap.

Swivels on old-style belts should be clipped up if not in use and on new belts can be taken off.

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POINTS TO LOOK FOR.

Are the Tenderfoot Badges straight and shining and all pinned in same position on tie?

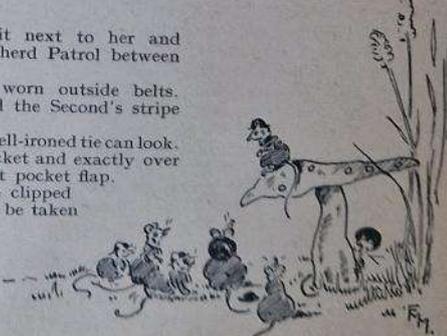
Are the Patrol emblems and stars neatly sewn on in the right places?

Do the belt buckles all come exactly in the centre?

Are their swivels correctly worn?

Are stockings well pulled up and shoes clean and laces tied with a reef bow?

Does every one look alert and cheery and is the Patrol standing well?



Please will you show me how to fold my tie? asks Hilda, the Patrol's newest recruit. She is very keen and thrilled with her uniform.

Now Leaders, how will you see that she keeps this pride in her uniform? By wearing yours correctly, and setting such a good standard that the whole Patrol turns itself out neat and clean and shining. It doesn't matter how old and faded tunics and ties are if they have been washed and pressed, you may be proud of your Patrol.

Here are some points to look for. Perhaps you could take one each week until the Patrol beams with pleasure at its well turned out appearance.

V. L. W.

TESTS.

How a Guider might deal with the reef knot at a Leaders' training.

It is important that every Guide should realise that, more than ever now, a very high standard of accuracy is required of her in all her tests. When it comes to the practical work the Leaders need to be given a definite method which will ensure real knowledge and thoroughness from each guide. For instance, taking the reef knot only in the first training, the Patrol Leader will want to find out whether her Guides can use the knot, tie it accurately and quickly, and undo it. The following suggestion can make a challenge competition.

1. Put a sling on another Guide. The knot should be tied at the first attempt, and should be in the right place. (Here is an opportunity to see that the P.L.'s sling is well put on.)

2. Now the reef knot when it is not possible to watch what is done. Tie a tie at the back of the neck yourself.

3. Go on to what is really difficult with a reef knot. Can you tie a bandage on your own wrist, first the right and then the left? It may be necessary to use teeth, but it is worth learning to be ambidextrous.

Undoing a reef will probably interest the Leaders, and many do not realise that the easiest way is to pull one short end across the knot till it lies beside the other end, then the knot slides apart.

After practising all this the Patrol can work a challenge on the reef, two Guides tying it at the same time and the quickest winning. Note the name of the Patrol champion, will she be able to maintain her position with the other knots?

M. V.

ANOTHER TREASURE HUNT

by

E. M. R. BURGESS

A CRUISE UP THE AMAZON.

(For any number of Guides from 5-50, suitable for playing indoors or out.)

THE Guides must imagine that they are the guests of Brazilian Guides going on a cruise up the Amazon. Various orders will be given. The test is to see who can carry out these instructions most efficiently.

Directions to Captain.

1. Arrange ten chairs in a wide circle with the seats facing outwards. Number them 1-10, clockwise. They should be spaced out at equal distances of about six feet. Copy out on separate pieces of paper the instruction lists given below, and place one of them on each chair in turn. Cover it over with a book, so that it cannot be read. On chair No. 3 put in addition to the list a pair of slightly tinted glasses. They are obviously a *cheap* pair (Woolworth's, 6d.).

Instruction Lists.

No. 1. There are many European nationalities on board. See if you can distinguish them all? These are their home towns:—Lisbon; Genoa; Istanbul; Marseilles; Geneva; Amsterdam.

Write down the names of the countries of their birth.

No. 2. You have found a pair of glasses which someone must have dropped. Here they are. Near by, the following people have been sitting in their deck chairs: 1. Colonel Blenkinsop, who wears a monocle; 2. Miss Simkins, who wears pince-nez; 3. Miss Brown, a school teacher with good eyesight, who is subject to neuralgia in the eyes; 4. Old Mrs. Smithers, whose glasses are attached to her dress by a gold chain; 5. Count Cramour, who has just recovered from a severe eye operation; 6. Miss Twinkle, the film star.

To whom do you think the glasses are most likely to belong?

No. 3. You see all kinds of birds and animals which in England are only to be found in the Zoo. Here are the jumbled names of some of them. Write them down.

1. docile rses; 2. O sky men; 3. rent a seat; 4. R.A. ports; 5. sun coat.

No. 4. Old Colonel Blenkinsop wants five English pounds changed into Brazilian currency. He gives them to you and you bring him back from the purser's office:—

1. sen and yen; 2. centimes and francs; 3. kopecs and roubles; 4. reis and milreis; 5. cents and dollars.

Which?

No. 5. At a Cinema show on board one evening you are shown pictures of Gibraltar. Someone near you tells you that Gibraltar is known as:—

1. The Gateway to the East; 2. The Rock; 3. The Citadel; 4. The Key to the Mediterranean; 5. The Great Barrier Reef; 6. The Giant's Causeway.

Which of these titles are correct?

No. 6. Miss Simkins persuades you to look through the photographs she took when on a Mediterranean cruise last year. She is specially proud of the Athenian ones. "These are the ruins of the mosque called the Parthenon," she says. "It stands on a hill called the Capitol. This country of Italy is, you know, famous for the pineapples it exports. The King's name is Constantine."

Alas! poor Miss Simkins' memory is failing. She has made five mistakes in her description. Correct them.

No. 7. You are surprised to discover two Guides from Europe on board. They give you some of their country's stamps for your collection. On them is written: MAGYAR KIR POSTA.

From what country did they come?

No. 8. The flowers to be found in the region of the Amazon are very lovely. You see fuchsias and water lilies, and old Mrs. Smithers tells you that she, on a previous cruise up this river has seen: Orchids, carnations, daffodils, passion flowers and begonias. She has made a mistake about two of these. Which two?

No. 9. Count Cramour is travelling on to North America when the cruise is ended. Before doing so he wishes to sail down the world famous canal near by. Which of the following is it?

Suez Canal; Grand Union Canal; Panama Canal; Kiel Canal; Göta Canal.

No. 10. Your cruise is nearly ended. You have seen glorious scenery and made new friends. You all gather together for a song. Here are some of the songs sung. What are they? (You will find the first letter of each word and the vowels given you.)

T - e S - i - - C - a - e - So - -.

Jo - - B - o - - - Bo - -.

T - e C - e - - - u - T - ee.

O - e Ma - Ri - e -.

Ta - -.

Directions to Captain—(continued).

2. If there are ten Guides sailing on the cruise, let each "go on board" at a different place, i.e., each stand by a different chair. If there are less, let them stand one at each chair, beginning at No. 1, according to how many there are. If you have only 8, the first 8 chairs only will be used at first, the remaining 2 being empty. If you have more than 10 Guides, there can be 2 at as many of the chairs as necessary; if you have more than 20 Guides, there can be 3, etc.

3. Explain to the Guides that when the whistle blows and you say "Begin," they must remove the book which hides the instruction list on the chair by which they are standing, and carry out the orders given. Directly the whistle blows a second time, and you say "Stop," they must replace the book on top of the list. The time allowed is *one minute only*. This time limit must be rigidly kept and the Guides should consider it a point of honour to replace the book immediately the "Stop" signal goes. When the signal is given again and you say "Move on," each Guide passes on clockwise to the next chair. Having arrived there she waits until you blow your whistle and say "Begin." The same method of procedure is followed until each Guide has visited each chair in turn. Then points are awarded for each correct answer. (See list.) The maximum is 25. If each Guide multiplies her number of points by 4, she will discover how much percentage she has shown of quick and accurate thinking.

A Cruise up the Amazon. (Solution).

- Portugal, Italy, Turkey, France, Switzerland, Holland.
- Miss Brown.
- Crocodiles, monkeys, anteaters, parrots, toucans.
- Reis and milreis.
- The Rock. The Key to the Mediterranean.
- These are the ruins of the temple called the Parthenon. It stands on a hill called the Acropolis. This country of Greece is, you know, famous for the figs (or currants) which it exports. The King's name is George.
- Hungary.
- Carnations, daffodils.
- Panama Canal.
- The Swiss Chalet Song. John Brown's Body. The Chestnut Tree, Ole Man River, Taps.

BROWNIE TEST WORK

SERVICE

THIS is the fourth of the series of five articles on Brownie Test work which have been appearing from time to time in *THE GUIDER*. The previous articles, which appeared in the June, July and August numbers of *THE GUIDER*, dealt with tests from the point of view of three of the four aspects of Guiding: Intelligence, Handicraft, and Health. (Readers are again reminded that the Brownie Book of Tests gives methods of teaching the various items of the tests.) And now, Service.

"Lend a Hand" is the Brownie Motto, and should be one of the foundation stones of the Pack life. (I wonder what we should call the others?) The recruit bears it at her first Pack meeting, though she may not understand what the secret word means when she hears the Pack chant *Lah, Lah, Lah*, at the end of the Brownie song; and often the words are included in her leaving ceremony, and the Brownie turns to Guiding with the words "Go up, and still lend a hand" in her mind.

The whole attitude of the Pack should be that of quick friendly service. If the Pack is on its toes, and on the look-out to help, the Brownie will absorb this attitude of mind quite unconsciously, and her desire to serve will be active, her amount of service only being determined by her ability. And with this will to serve gained, she has already won one of the first battles of life. Most children are eager to help, but this eagerness needs training. Brown Owl herself should show the way, and by her attitude symbolize the spirit of service, and by her own enthusiasm transform the Brownies' eagerness into real and definite acts of service.

"Help other people every day, especially those at home." Each Brownie promises this when she is enrolled, and the daily good turn should be a real and living thing to each child. Brown Owl should in her pre-enrollment training differentiate between those matters of service which are the Brownie's duty to do every day in her own home, and the extra good turn which should be, if possible, a surprise, and done without people knowing. All these things are parts of her service, the daily job being perhaps the more simple, as it is exact and laid down, while the good turn is always different and needs initiative and thought to carry out. On the other hand, the good turn varies, and is therefore easier, for one gets tired of daily jobs and it is often hard to stick to them. How much it helps if the Mothers can be induced after a visit from Brown Owl to enter into the spirit of the game, and appearing beautifully blind and deaf while a surprise is in the making, are therefore able to express great astonishment and pleasure when it comes to light!

The good turn must be fun, as must all else in Brownies, the enjoyment and fun in the action thus making a habit of helpfulness, without the dreaded result of priggishness and self-satisfaction which are only too easily developed in undue emphasis on the "good" side of Guiding. For service in its best sense is the very form of humility, the lovely humility of the episode of the washing of the feet in the Gospel. The recruit therefore learns to do a humble task at the very beginning, and learns to do it really well. In washing up the tea things, she can learn that service needs all that we can give, that we must be careful, thoughtful, and very particular. It is therefore essential that this part of the test should be taken practically, and no Brown Owl is really worth her warrant if she cannot devise ways to overcome the difficulties of "no place to do it in," or "no hot water," etc., etc. How else can we show the Brownie that her first job is important? If we fall back on theoretical knowledge only, we must not be surprised if the Brownie slurs over her job, and gets the attitude of "anything will do."

Just now, in this phase of our Country's history, we should remember particularly that the Brownie of to-day will have to shoulder big burdens, and play her part in a difficult future, and our training must be all the more careful, thorough and particular, so that our spirit of service may be well served by a trained ability to carry out what it suggests.



Washing up.

Photo: Audrey Pearson.

From this humble, and to a Brownie recruit, exciting and delightful beginning of service in the Pack, she takes her next step to the table-laying for two. This involves thought, care, and intelligence in the choice of utensils, and their correct position, and deftness in handling them. Real service always involves thought for others, and the Brownie in this test has to put herself in the place of the people who are to eat the meal, and to think what they will need. It involves more than just learning the correct tools and their places, because the utensils needed will differ with our guests. We do not, for instance, use the same knives and forks, nor have the same food when dining with the King, or supping with Micky Mouse or our friends Christopher Robin and Pooh, so we have to use our intelligence and discretion to make this service really good.

Most of the tests for the Golden Hand might be included in this category of service, but each item brings with it, so to speak, a new aspect, though all include the care, thought and thoroughness already mentioned. The message includes concentration, the first aid and clothes on fire parts of the test call for exact and trained knowledge which can be used under stress of an emergency, always a great test of character, and one which gives the spiritual side of service its opportunity, for the spirit and will have, so to speak, to conquer the shock to the physical, and enable the body to carry on under difficulties.

In cleaning shoes we return to the humble aspect with which we began, and the Brownie should be able to realise that to be able to do a humble job with enjoyment, and with pride in a good job well done, is one of the first signs of a true Brownie and Guide.

During the war most people are gladly doing their "bit," and the spirit of service is everywhere apparent. It is easy for the Brownie to share in this, and her life in the Pack should be all the richer since it should give her, small though she is, the feeling that she too is helping in the general effort. We are all keyed up to a higher pitch of effort during a war, and certain virtues assume a shining quality which is often lost during peace. This is a terrible thought, and one questions whether it is that we are not yet sufficiently militant against evil? "I come not to bring peace but a sword." Or is war the only fire yet capable of melting and welding a nation's soul through suffering to a finer calibre? To turn from such thoughts to our own minute addition to this effort, the Pack should think out its own ways of helping, and whether by knitting squares for cot covers, or by wooding for old folk, or by collecting waste paper, or helping a little more at home so that mother can have a little extra time for helping at a depot or canteen, or any other way, the Brownie can be given the opportunity to use her will to serve. More especially now than ever, must the Pack have a high standard of work, and no job undertaken should be lightly given up, and never, never must we be slack. The Brownie knows little or nothing of right causes, but she can and does catch the spirit of a crusade. We can couple this with the thought for others necessary to real service, and we can perhaps see that the evils of bitterness and revenge are kept at bay among the children, so that after the war they may use that same spirit of service in other and perhaps more lasting ways.

V. R. D.

"Most of our Brownies were evacuated with their schools and by the day war was declared we had most of their addresses so we wrote letters and sent a semaphore message (with a key) and five easy Brownie questions and a stamped addressed envelope to each. The last was to start the correspondence and it certainly encouraged replies. Most of ours are at Eastbourne, so I wrote to a Tawny from Eastbourne whom I had met at Foxlease and as soon as possible, with the help of a Commissioner they are to be invited to join Packs there. Meanwhile we are writing regularly; as the Brownies reply so the next 'thing to do' is sent. These are some of the things—Find a blackberry bush, describe it or draw a leaf or send me one. Draw a plan of the house where you are staying and tell us all about the people who live there. Ten Brownie questions. An outline drawing of a Brownie to colour and name. Plans for further ones include a Brownie Crossword, a Compass Game and Something to Make.

"Having dealt with those away, our District tackled the question of the 'left behinds.' One pack is in a neutral area so that is carrying on on Saturday afternoons and any Brownies living near have joined in. The others, about 10, we are inviting to a District pack in a central hall also on Saturdays. These children have no school, so Brownies mean a great deal to them at present. We try to give them something to do during the week. Two of them are working for Golden Hand and meet their Brown Owl near their homes on one night.

"Several of our Brownies have written home for their uniforms which sounds most promising. I do think the Owls in the Reception areas are splendid."

The above extract from one of many letters may be of interest as an illustration of the way in which Owls in evacuated areas are carrying on and are trying to keep in touch with their Brownies until they can join up in packs in the districts to which they have gone.

V. KERR,

Great Brown Owl.

MADAME MALKOWSKA'S STORY

Since war broke out letters have been pouring into Headquarters enquiring for the welfare of Madame Malkowska, the Founder of the Polish Guides. They came from every type of home. Guides, Rangers and Guiders, they all asked one thing:

"Where is Madame Malkowska? If you can find her and get her to England, we'll look after her."

We were deeply moved and eager to trace Madame Malkowska, our own first thought had been for her safety, but there seemed to be no way of getting news of her. There was a newspaper report of an "educated woman who had escaped with several girls from a school in the Tatra Mountains." The description sounded like Madame Malkowska. We wrote and asked for the name of the correspondent, but he could not be traced. We waited—always on the watch for news. Nothing happened.

Then on October 12th the house telephone rang. It was an Assistant from the Shop speaking, in a slightly dazed voice:

"Madame Malkowska, of Poland, is here and would like to see you."

She was in the waiting room, well and unhurt. A small, quiet unassuming woman of great dignity and charm. One could say very little, only wait, half dreading to hear her story. It seemed incredible that anyone had lived through the experiences she had had and should speak of them so calmly and with such courage.

Madame was in charge of her school on the southern frontier of Poland when war broke out. The peasants of a neighbouring village told those of Madame's own village: "Next week your Malkowska will hang from a tree." Madame's own peasants warned her in time matters were becoming serious, and, on August 28th, sent the children to their homes, keeping with her twelve Rangers who were on the school staff and two small orphans, a boy and girl aged 9 and 7.

On August 31st she went in to the nearest town for provisions.

She spent the night there, as was her custom, but at 4 a.m. on September 1st she was woken by heavy gunfire to find a bombardment in progress.

Her first thought was for the Rangers, fourteen miles away, at the school. There was no way in which she could get back to them. Enquiries at the station produced no result. There were no trains. Madame decided to walk.

So she set out on foot, crawling through ditches and dodging to escape the fire of the German mechanised columns which were already pouring in. She reached the school to find it completely destroyed. The Rangers, however, had escaped with the children unhurt.

The little party boarded an evacuation train, but there was worse to come. German aeroplanes flew over the train, bombing it. The terrified peasants fled to the fields. Madame ordered her Rangers to scatter far apart and lie close to the ground. She herself, with the two children lay under a haystack. The bombers returned, flying so low that the faces of the airmen could be clearly seen, and machine gunning the peasants, who, herded together, made an easy target. The children were quiet and good.

Presently the planes flew off, and the Rangers did what they could for the peasants. Later they continued their journey and finally reached the home of a friend of Madame's, over the Roumanian frontier. There they heard of a convent orphanage from which the nuns had been recalled, they went there and offered to remain and staff the orphanage.

Madame did not dare to stay with them. She was too well known, and her presence would have endangered them. She left them there with the children, looking after the little Roumanian orphans, and came to us, via Italy, Jugo-Slavia and France, not asking for help, but only eager to help us. Madame is confident and unshaken: "We must go on," she said. "Guiding must go on. We must hold steady and work for the future. Our children are the future."

I cannot write of the Polish Guides. Madame Malkowska herself has written a letter to you. I will let her tell you their story.

"Dear Guides,—It was good to get so many nice letters from you. I was deeply touched by your kindness and eager readiness to give help to our Polish refugees. Thank you for it all.

I am bringing you in return warm greetings from the Guides in Poland, who have been doing splendid work ever since war began.

You could see them everywhere helping courageously, doing their duty in a simple way. They worked in homes for children, in hospitals as nurses, helped to dig trenches, gave out food and drink to the evacuated at railway stations, where they worked day and night.

Weaker and younger ones provided home-made gas masks for the people (we were short of masks), bandages made from old linen for hospitals, collected clothes for

the evacuees, etc. Some of the older ones acted also as 'guards' in towns, listening for enemy bombers. They rang up the report centres when an air raid was approaching and warning was given to the inhabitants. They were trained beforehand to recognise different types of aeroplanes by the sound of their engines.

The Guides of Warsaw had the hardest time. I heard of one whole Patrol that was killed by a bomb at the railway station at Praga, the suburb of Warsaw across the river. The girls were just serving hot milk to the evacuated.

In one of the Warsaw hospitals which was bombed during an air raid Guide nurses rushed into a collapsing room, picked up their patients from the beds and carried them on their backs into safety. Thus they saved many lives by prompt action.

These are just a few facts which I heard. It was impossible to communicate with one's friends, as no letters ever reached their destination.

When I reached England I could hardly believe this country was at war. It is so peaceful and lovely.

However, difficult times may still be ahead and we have to be ready for them. But we shall also be ready for the time when war will end and we will have to put all our strength and courage and will into the building of a new world where the horrors of these days will never be repeated again."

OLGA MALKOWSKA.



Polish Guides at the Pax Ting.

PROGRAMMES TO-DAY

IS YOUR COMPANY PREPARED?

Many companies may be finding that at present there is no very definite form of National Service waiting for them to do, and while they are left to carry on with their ordinary meetings they may feel that they would like some advice as to how they can best prepare to be of service when the need does come.

The following is a suggested scheme of work for training Guides for National Service, based on ideas sent in by various counties, but it is only a suggested scheme, and everywhere it should be adapted to suit local conditions. Guiders are recommended to refer to the various Badge syllabuses in Policy, Organisation and Rules, and (again thinking of their own districts and their needs) to use these too as a basis for work. Emergency Helper and Child Nurse suggest themselves at once, while the many outdoor badges—Gardener, Poultry Farmer, etc.—may appeal more to other Guides.

All through this training, ordinary Guiding should not be forgotten, and many of the requirements for the 1st and 2nd class tests can be combined with these special war-time suggestions. Above all, there must be a background of the Promise and Law, for times of emergency reveal more clearly than any test whether a Guide really understands these, and whether she is able to interpret them in practice or in theory.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF WORK FOR TRAINING GUIDES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE.

In order to be able to help, according to her circumstances, a Guide should be able:—

To prepare and cook vegetables.

Make tea, coffee and cocoa.

Wash up.

Wash and iron cotton and woollen garments.

Darn, patch and sew on buttons.

Should know at least three occupations which would be possible for keeping children of 4-8 years of age interested or less frightened during an Air Raid, and be able to tell a story to children of the same age.

Should be able to carry verbal messages, and to report either verbally or in writing any importance occurrence which she has witnessed.

Be able to send a message from a public telephone box, and use an ordinary dial telephone.

Have a special knowledge of the locality in which she is likely to serve, with particular reference to A.R.P. stations, Casualty Clearing Stations, Gas Proof Shelters, Hospitals, Evacuation and other rallying posts, Wardens' Posts, Telegraph office, Telephone boxes and Doctors.

Have a practical knowledge of the fitting and care of civilian gas masks.

Know the dangers of panic in an emergency, and be so trained that she will be likely to help on the right lines should the necessity arise.

Have practised activities and the finding of her way about buildings in the dark, to give her assurance and enable her to help in the case of need.

(N.B.—Where any of these clauses is covered by an appropriate proficiency badge, it may be omitted from the above.)

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S LETTERS TO COMMISSIONERS, GUIDERS AND PATROL LEADERS

Dear Commissioner and Guiders,

With the outbreak of war we have had to face all the anxieties and changes that this catastrophe inevitably brings and also the disappointment at seeing interrupted and curtailed all the constructive work in which your hopes and energies are bound up.

As Guiders we are all asking ourselves where our duty lies. This must vary with our circumstances but whatever else we do let us see to it that Guiding is carried on as effectively as possible amid the difficulties which surround us. Some of us may have full time war jobs and we are proud that Guiders should serve in this way, but it is essential that those of us who are left behind should make even greater efforts to carry on and, if possible, extend Guiding. It is an essential part of our national life, it has a great contribution to give in the character building and power for service of the future generation, and it has a clear spirit of goodwill and a stability of purpose which the children of this chaotic world need to-day beyond measure.

We have been asked by the County Council Education Authority

to do all that is possible to help in dealing with the leisure time of the children evacuated to Hertfordshire, and in the leading article of *The Times* of September 15th it says that "Guide and Scout leaders who are assisting in this way could well regard this kind of helpfulness as their contribution to National Service."

Enclosed you will find some suggestions for the smooth working of Guiding in war time, and I hope they may be of some assistance. I am also sending a letter to the Court of Honour of each Company in the County and hope you will distribute them for me.

I am certain you will all help to carry on Guiding in your district as well as you can, though I know that it cannot be easy. I shall not be able to come and see you often, but I shall be at home throughout the war as far as I can tell, and I hope you will write to me and tell me how you are getting on.

In spite of all difficulties with which we are faced, let us be thankful for two things, this grand chance of proving the worth of the Patrol System, and this great opportunity of giving the powers of service, learnt through Guiding, to help our country.

Good luck to you all.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) HELEN GIBBS.

LETTER TO THE PATROL LEADERS.

Dear Patrol Leaders,

Now that our Country is at war, you will be wondering what difference this is going to make to Guiding, and to your patrol in particular. The difference it will make is so important that I have decided to write you a letter about it.

From all directions I have heard how splendidly Guides have helped in the evacuation and in other ways, and I am sure you are longing to go on.

First of all there are thousands of children in parts of Hertfordshire who have been sent from London for safety. I know you will do all you can to make them feel at home and enjoy their time here. Then there are lots of other jobs that want doing.

(1) Keep yourself physically fit, so that you can be more able to be of real use in whatever job you undertake.

(2) Food production is one of the greatest needs of our country to-day, so think of all the ways in which you can help. It may be you could keep chickens, or a pig, or help a farmer, or grow vegetables in a company plot, or make jam. Try to do your share somehow.

(3) Help at a play centre or nursery school which may be organised in your district. I know some Guides who help to bath 80 babies one night a week.

(4) Make some of the hospital supplies or children's clothes that are needed. The Red Cross and Women's Voluntary Service centres will tell your Commissioner what they need.

(5) Know your district. There are lots of new things to learn, where the First Aid posts and air raid shelters are, the name and address of your Evacuation Officer, etc., and to be really useful you must know them.

(6) Grown up people are all very busy, and many of them are sad and worried. Do all you can to help them by being cheerful and unselfish, and by thinking of good turns you might do for them in the house or garden.

You may find it difficult to meet regularly as a Company, as your Guiders will have less time, and your hall may be wanted by the Government Services, so you will have to arrange Patrol Meetings instead. If you do, try and see that at every meeting each person learns something new, and that every member of the patrol has a good laugh and enjoys herself. It is up to you to train your patrol to "Be Prepared" for anything, so give them a surprise now and then and see how they take it!

Any patrol who thinks it might be a help could keep a "War Record" of all their meetings, what they are doing to help the country, how many tests they have been able to get through, with cuttings of interest about the war, and photographs of local interest, etc. Get your District Commissioner or Guider to sign it, if she thinks it good enough, and send it to me. The last entry should be on March 31st, and the books should reach me by April 15th, 1940. There will be prizes for the six best records in the County, and we will have an Exhibition of them all next time we are able to meet together.

I know I can trust you to carry on with Guiding as well as you possibly can, to keep calm and cheerful, and to give whatever help you can.

Good luck to you all.

(Signed) HELEN GIBBS.

County Commissioner.

SPECIMEN LETTER TO PATROL LEADERS WHO ARE HAVING TO CARRY ON WITHOUT GUIDERS

Dear Leader,

Here are some suggestions for your Patrol, but remember, they are *only* suggestions and I feel sure you will have lots of exciting ideas yourself, and I want you to make your own plans and use your own and your Patrol's ideas, and I shall look forward to hearing about your activities.

PATROL IN COUNCIL. Gather your Patrol together and discuss when and where you are going to meet, and what you are going to do, getting ideas from each Guide. Show them this letter and discuss how much you can tackle this month. Keep this letter and use other ideas later. I hope you will keep a Log Book of all the exciting meetings you have and the service you undertake.

ROLL BOOK. Mark this accurately at each meeting.

PATROL DRILL. You will be taking your Patrol out a lot and I know you will want it to be the smartest in town. Drill your Patrol at each meeting and practice putting on your gas masks, so that if there is a raid you can move your Patrol quickly and quietly. "Patrol in two ranks—*FALL IN.*" Have the youngest Guides in the middle, and your Second in the last two. Better still make up your own Silent Drill Sign for this command.

INSPECTION. Command "Patrol—*FALL IN.*" Patrol falls in in line four paces in front of you with Second on right, and comes to "Stand at Ease" when in position—feet apart, hands behind back and *looking straight in front.* When you call Roll each Guide comes to attention smartly and replies "present, Leader." *Hints on Inspection.* Inspect Patrol each meeting. Remember to praise smartness but if badge out of position don't alter it yourself, allow the Guide to do so. *Belts*—shoe or furniture polish and elbow grease. *Badges*—correct position (in line with buttons) and *shining.* Tie—neatly tied, clean and well ironed. *Hats* often let us down! Well brushed and worn for inspection and when outside. *Pockets* often bulge and spoil smartness yet you must be prepared—discuss with Guides what they think should be carried in pockets. *Shoes* well brushed. *Don'ts for drill*—(1) Don't keep patrol standing at attention when speaking to them; (2) Don't whisper commands, then expect them to be obeyed smartly; (3) Don't give a command with your hands in your pockets! (or receive one in that position yourself!).

THE LAW AND PROMISE is the foundation of our Guiding. There is a tremendous thrill and responsibility in possessing a Guide Badge. We are lucky to have the Law to help us in our efforts and it is fine to think that over a million girls all over the world are trying like us to keep the Law. I suggest that each month we take one law and see how we can make it really practical in our daily lives. Here are some thoughts on the First Law "*A GUIDE'S HONOUR IS TO BE TRUSTED.*" This is the foundation of the other laws and we have each one of us to set our own standard of our BEST which is known only to ourselves and to God. Our Guide badge is a symbol of our honour, let us keep it bright. Let us wear our badges always to remind us of this. Things Guides are entrusted with: The honour of her Patrol, Company, County and Country; class, team and school. The keeping of someone's secret, and harder still the keeping of some secret resolve made to ourselves. The running of errands, posting of letters, delivering of messages, etc. If we can prove ourselves absolutely dependable in small things we will be prepared for greater service. Try this month to make this your special job; to prove yourself reliable in things undertaken for others, and also to carry out your resolves to the best of your ability.

1. Give your Guides jobs to do and trust them without fussing.
2. Get your Guides to collect pictures, illustrations from books, stories from papers, etc., illustrating this law.
3. Let them act this law or illustrate it in chalks.
4. Discuss with your patrol bringing out points such as: they are trusted to wear their uniform smartly, turn up in time, behave well in the streets, etc., for the honour of the Patrol and the Movement. If we tell a lie or fail in any way we are letting down the whole Movement.

IDEAS FOR SERVICE. (1) Collect oddments of wool and knit 6-inch squares. (2) Collect silver paper. (3) Collect books for soldiers and sailors. (4) Knitting of all kinds for Soldiers and Sailors. (5) Collect sphagnum moss for War Dressings. (Get the moss now, next month will be too late.) These are only a few ideas, probably you will think out your own form of Patrol Service. Remember the *Individual Good Turns.* These are exciting because they are a secret. Don't be content with one per day!

SIGNS. Some people go about with their eyes shut and see nothing. Some people go about with one eye shut—they see something and it means nothing. A Guide goes about with both eyes open, both ears listening, and her nose in action too! Watch the people you meet in the street, how they walk, their gestures, how they wear their clothes. Don't just stop there, but note the shops, turnings and buildings.

Tracking Signs. Send out your patrol to collect suitable material for making a trail—stones, twigs, etc. (remember leaves blow away!). Be sure they know the signs, then divide them into pairs or two groups and send each group off to make an exciting trail leaving secret messages, etc. Avoid using chalk as it is difficult to remove and of course all sign must be destroyed when finished with. Then each group follows the trail of the other group and perhaps finds the hidden treasure. You can play this in the streets using other forms of "sign," compass directions, outstanding buildings as landmarks, etc. Your patrol will be able to make up all sorts of games on these lines.

1. **Observation Games.** Send out Guides in pairs to observe as many things as they can, starting with say "L" and to collect, things beginning with that letter. Things they cannot collect they must remember where they have seen them. At the same time they will notice people they meet, try to decide what their occupation is and give them suitable names! Fix time limit of, say, 10 minutes.

2. **Memory and Observation.** Quiet game which can be played outside or indoors. Arrange 20 articles in rows of four. You will write down the names of the things and their position on the floor. Give your Guides 1 minute to look at them, then remove them to the side in a heap. Guides then sit round and in turn pick up one article and place it in its proper position, next Guide does the same. If a Guide thinks any article has been placed in wrong position she may remove it and place it elsewhere as her turn. This is a good memory test. See how many Observation Games you can make up. Your Guides will love them and it is a valuable piece of training.

3. **Secret Messages.** Invent games to help your Guides to remember messages accurately.

FIRST CLASS (and National Service). It is more important than ever to know your district well. Start by knowing thoroughly the streets round about your meeting place, then gradually enlarge your circle, testing out your knowledge by games invented by your Guides. Some suggestions for this month: (1) Know the First Aid Posts near your H.Q. (2) Shelters. (3) Doctors. (4) Air Raid Wardens. (5) Telephones, etc. Practice drawing simple sketches of how to get to them. **Game.** Each Guide will draw a sketch of some place you can reach in five minutes from your H.Q. giving no names of places. Drawings are placed round room numbered and each Guide tries to discover where the maps lead to. If any are wrong to go out and check up on it and correct it. Mapping needs a lot of practice so keep trying, it is the only way to learn.

SCOUTS' PACE (20 paces walking and 20 paces running). If you are needed in an emergency can you cover the ground quickly? Practice Scouts' pace. Can you cover one mile in 12 minutes and arrive in good condition? This, too, is training for service.

WOODCRAFT. Have you noticed the lovely red berries growing on the rose and hawthorn bushes? Study them, how do they grow? Compare the two kinds of berries. What is inside them?

Games. Collect six specimens of leaves for each couple of Guides. Give them the leaves and send them out to match them, trying to name the tree to which they belong and discovering by observation something else about that tree. Avoid pulling leaves, there are plenty of fallen ones. Guides come back with duplicate leaves and ask the others the questions on the things observed. Discuss. Don't mind if you cannot name the specimens, you can verify names from tree books in Public Library. This is a good way to learn.

Museums. Make a museum of all the interesting things found by your Patrol during the month.

GUIDE ADVISER. Your Guide Adviser is.....

You will receive your monthly letter through her and if you want advice on anything, she will be glad to help you.

Next month I will explain how your Guides may be tested for Tenderfoot and Second Class.

And now, Good Luck and Good Guiding.

LONG WOLF. (Lone Wolf's Letters will be continued.)

NOTE:—These letters in page form will be obtainable, price ½d. post ¼d., each from the Editor.

THE GUIDE COMPANY AND FOOD PRODUCTION



*The 1st
Roundhay
Rangers at
work on their
allotment.*

[Photo: Yorks. Evening News]

By W. E. SHEWELL-COOPER, N.D.H., F.L.S., F.R.S.A.,
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THE Guide Company in a war has a great opportunity of being of great service to the country. Even the Brownie Pack can help, while Rangers, because of their age and ability should be able to organise their efforts in all kinds of directions.

One of the ways in which the Company can help is by the growing of fruit and vegetables to help the nation's food supply. The crops produced may either be used by the families of the Guiders themselves, or a portion, or even 'all, could be given to the hospitals, or to the sick, infirm, old and needy.

The "plot" should not be too far away from the recipients for the vitamin content of vegetables, and so their value, largely lies in their freshness. It is never wise to let a vegetable get stale.

Any Company that determines to cultivate a common allotment may want to know what the cost is, in pounds, shillings and pence. For this reason, I have tried to work out a scheme which allows for the harvesting of vegetables over the twelve months of the year. Only too often a gardener finds himself with a glut of vegetables during the summer months and a scarcity during the months of December, January and February. The Company, however, by sowing root crops, and by planting out various "greens," like sprouting broccoli, curly kale, and the like, will ensure that what are usually thought of as bare months are really months of "increase."

The first big problem which the Company will have to face when attempting to cultivate land for vegetables is that of the supply of manure. The areas devoted to the peas and beans, the potatoes, celery and leeks, the members of the cabbage "tribe" ought all to be well manured with organic matter. Guide Companies in country districts will be able to get hold of loads of farmyard manure from some friendly farmer but those in the towns must collect all the organic matter they can—tea leaves, potato peelings, cabbage leaves, leaves from trees, the tops of celery, carrots, parsnips, etc., the pea haulm, and in fact anything that will rot down. This should be piled up into a large heap and should be rotted down by the use of Adco, a preparation which should be used at the rate of 1 or 2 ounces to the sq. yard for every 6-inch thickness of refuse collected. It is surprising what this chemical will rot down, and what a valuable manure results from kitchen and garden waste.

Unemployed men in the Camden Town area call regularly on the local greengrocers, collect from them all the waste vegetable matter they can, with the result that they have grown excellent crops on this for years now, rotting it down as suggested.

A plot 30 feet long and 15 feet wide would be quite a suitable size for a Company to start on, and seeds for such an area could be purchased for about 10s. If potatoes are to be grown, another 3s. or 4s. should be added, but if growing for hospitals, it must be remembered that they can buy their potatoes quite cheaply from farmers, wholesale and so the Company would do better to concentrate on other vegetables!

What is known as catch cropping should, of course, be carried out. That is, the planting up of a particular plot of land directly the previous crop has been harvested. For example, directly early peas were gathered, the row could be planted with broccoli, or could be sown with spinach. There is never any need to leave a strip of land vacant during the spring, summer and autumn.

Inter-cropping is also possible. That means the sowing of one

crop in between another. For instance, when brussels sprouts are put out in rows 3 feet apart, lettuces can be planted in between, spinach or radishes can be sown, and so can an early maturing type of carrot.

The ten shilling seed order may be made up as follows:— $\frac{1}{4}$ pint four kinds of peas, early, mid-season and late. The varieties might be the Clucas, Latham Wonder, Comet and Gladstone. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of broad beans should do, variety Early Windsor. In the case of French beans choose three varieties, purchasing $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of each. Black Wonder, which doesn't get the Halo Blight disease, Canadian Wonder to follow, and Unrivalled which is so delicious not only as a bean, but can be used in the salad bowl. $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of the Best of All runner bean should give a picking over a long period. It is a nice-looking bean, and a heavy cropper.

It is as well to plant four kinds of cabbages—a spring cabbage for April, like First Early Market No. 218, the Swift for summer, Utility for the autumn, and the Ormskirk Medium savoy for the winter. A threepenny packet of each will be ample. The autumn and winter cauliflower (known as the broccoli) is always welcome. A threepenny packet, therefore, of the following three varieties should secure succession—Veitch's Self-Protecting, Lenten Monarch and St. George. Both the purple and white sprouting broccoli are used in January and February and so a 3d. packet of each should be bought.

Two cauliflowers, All the Year Round and Majestic would be advisable and so would a hearting borecole, and a type of brussels sprout known as the Favourite. A threepenny packet of each variety will produce plants galore.

In the case of the root crops similar priced packets of the Empire Globe beet, the New Model carrot, the Student parsnip, the James' keeping onion, and the White Column leek, should be ordered. The last two aren't strictly root crops, but they fit in with them quite well. Two 2d. packets of spinach are very necessary. Choose such varieties as Broad Leaf and the New Giant Prickly. Of course, lettuces—there are two sorts of the cabbage type worth growing, namely Delicacy and Winter Crop, the former for the summer and the latter for the winter and a cos known as Lobjoit's Green. Threepenny packets are again advisable.

Naturally, it is impossible in a short article like this to give details as to the best ways of planning and cropping, but it is proposed to continue these articles month by month. Next month, details will be given on the best ways of carrying out the digging and the initial preparation.

Meanwhile, those who are thinking seriously of tackling this vital problem should consult the recently published 6d. book, "Grow Your Own Food Supply," which can be obtained from any bookseller, or 7d. post free, from the Horticultural Bureau, Hextable, Kent.

BEAUMONT—

A HOME FROM HOME

AN ordinary middle-class house in its own garden "somewhere on the South Coast,"—the very perfectly appointed home of a foreigner on English soil. Then the imminent threat of War and 48 hours later the house, with its many art treasures was cleared, lock, stock and barrel, leaving a beautifully decorated shell. Another 48 hours of emptiness and to the house came a harassed "House-Mother" in search of a roof under which to shelter some 50 girls to be evacuated from London's teeming millions.

"This," thought she, "is a haven where all will be *couleur de rose* and the occupants will be angels and become Guides and Brownies at once."

Forthwith she summoned a willing band of local Guiders and Guides who got together at lightning speed equipment of all kinds from all corners of the town. Some gathered in food, some cooking utensils, some cut up hessian for temporary curtains for the myriad windows, some made a sick-bay, some filled palliasses with straw that seemed to have been put everywhere! Some found plates and mugs and knives and forks and spoons, some collected chairs and tables and all the many things that go to make a home.

Ten hours' hard work and the house was ready and well-earned rest looked temptingly near. But that was not to be. Just when the doors were being closed, an S.O.S. came: "You must be ready now and not to-morrow to take your billetes." Within 20 minutes (barely time to boil kettles) motor omnibuses arrived and out poured mothers and children of all ages and sizes and strength of crying!!

"But we are prepared for girls only," we cried in chorus.

The Billeting Officer smiled a wan smile: "Be sports, its 8 p.m. and they have no other place to go."

The door remained open and the house was filled to overflowing.

Nearer midnight a weary band of Guiders returned to their homes in pitch darkness, having fed 21 families (71 people in all), shepherded them to their rooms, quieted the babies, and left them to sleep the sleep of exhaustion.

The next day came the long expected and dread word WAR and within 20 minutes of its declaration an air raid warning and that for which these women had left their homes, namely safety, they felt was not to be found.

The first of many problems for solution was of algebraic kind! If one family per room constitutes a slum in London, what do 7 families per room become at X? The method of solution employed was to ask for a visit from the Sanitary Inspector and in due course the answer came. It was, no doubt, arrived at by obtuse calculations:—



1 adult = 1 person, 1 child over 7 years = 1 person, 1 toddler between 18 months and 7 years = $\frac{2}{3}$ of a person, 1 baby under 18 months = $\frac{1}{2}$ a person and the cubic contents of the bedrooms would contain 48 persons, but long before the problem was solved the inmates were on their way home. The first week-end husbands came down looking pathetic and back went their wives with them till by the next Sunday it became an epidemic and all the Government evacuation plans so carefully laid, fell to the ground. In 18 days the house was closed again, it would seem so much labour and expense had been for naught, though the partings on both sides were made with regret and Thames dockside and sunny South Coast were both the richer for an insight into another aspect of life.

There was much for laughter and for tears in our contacts one with another. Laughter in the joy of the children in their new surroundings, the garden full of flowers, the lily pond with goldfish, where it became one person's work to stand till it was emptied lest a drowned baby should be found. The fun of switching electric fires and lights on and off, of running hot and cold water taps in undreamedly luxurious blue baths and yellow basins; of walking up and down stairs when your legs are just long enough to reach the next step and oh, the tears when either of these games was stopped by interfering grown-ups or else you slipped and fell on the polished floors or burnt your finger or some other youngster coveted your own fair spot.

Laughing admiration there was too of the women's fortitude in leaving their menfolk and their homes; in the struggle that life with its uncertainties must bring; in their quiet acceptance with the less good things with which their lot was cast; in the dignity when they saw (in many cases for the first time) the grandeur of the sea, the beauty of the Downs, the splendour of the world of nature showered on them in such rich profusion—and oh, the tears that could be shed at so much human goodness being allowed to run to waste; that with our modern education their ignorance could be so crass; that with our vaunted health authorities their habits could be so primitive and their squalor so intense. Oh! the pity of it.

Of the staff of Guiders and the many Guides who came at odd times to do odd jobs, no words of praise were wanted or could be too high. The cooks achieved marvels by cooking on an electric stove with camp dioxies and at the end handed over a balance of £7 18s. 8d. having given breakfast, dinner and high tea at a cost of 1s. per adult per day and 6d. per child. The pantry staff "butled" as to the manner born; the nurse was kept busy night and morning with her First Aiding; a crèche was run whilst the women did their own bedrooms in the morning and whilst they had their meals; and last but not least the handywomen made A.R.P. protections, repaired everything as it was damaged and incinerated daily.

"The infection of a good courage" which "meets life's ills and accidents with gallant and high-hearted happiness" was never absent and the Guide Law was everywhere to be felt, due largely to the fact that one of the Division's best friends, constituted himself its Chaplain and on September 3rd gave his pastoral Blessing to the house and its inmates—and thus "the going out and the coming in" were forever hallowed.



A MIXED BAG OF NEW GAMES

by E. M. R. BURGESS

FRIENDLY RELATIONS (a game for the Camp Fire).

Apparatus required. A box of counters.

The Game. The Guides sit with Captain in a circle. Captain reads out each of the following descriptions. The answer to each begins with the same *three* letters as the name of the person, and the description usually contains a clue. The first Guide to answer correctly receives a counter. The winner can either be the individual guide gaining most counters, or, if there are Patrols of equal number taking part, the Patrol with the largest number of counters.

Example. Stephen's father aspired to great heights: he was a —. (Answer: steeplejack.)

1. Polly's young man with the stately tread was a —.
2. Judith's grandfather was a learned —.
3. Dennis had a melancholy uncle who was fond of extracting pain from many a source: he was a —.
4. People used to tell Gregory that his face was as red as a beetroot: his father was a —.
5. Stella's mother was fond of the sea: she was a —.
6. Cherry's father had his finger in many a pie: he was a —.
7. Blanche was engaged to a brawny-armed —.
8. Phoebe was the living image of her father, the —.
9. Haidee's sister was fond of ruling the waves: she was a —.
10. Toby's father saw his stock in trade go up in smoke: he was a —.
11. Boadicea's brother was warranted worth his salt: he was a —.
12. Conrad's father had many illusions: he was a —.
13. Laura's aunt had a spotless reputation; she was a —.
14. Brenda's uncle, a tubby, high-spirited little man, was a —.
15. Vera's grandfather was a regular churchgoer: he was a —.
16. Clothilde's father cracked things under canvas: he was a —.
17. Mildred's mother busied herself with many a shape: she was a —.
18. Minnie's brother at times was caged: he was a —.
19. Manfred's sister had a superb carriage: she was a —.
20. Mercia's uncle was always ready to give and take: he was a —.
21. Winnie's brother was always in and out: he was a —.
22. Primrose's father was very impressive: he was a —.
23. Charles's uncle wore uniform of a kind: he was a —.
24. Stanley's brother was a bookish lad apprenticed to a —.
25. Drake's grandfather sought the material things of this world: he was a —.

Solution.

1. Policeman,
2. Judge.
3. Dentist.
4. Greengrocer.
5. Stewardess.
6. Chef.
7. Blacksmith.
8. Photographer.
9. Hairdresser.
10. Tobacconist.
11. Boatswain.
12. Conjuror.
13. Laundress.
14. Brewer.
15. Verger.
16. Clown.
17. Milliner.
18. Miner.
19. Mannequin.
20. Merchant.
21. Window cleaner.
22. Printer.
23. Chauffeur.
24. Stationer.
25. Draper.

MUSICAL SHOE (a game from Holland).

Apparatus required. Each Guide must provide herself with a shoe—if possible one with a substantial sole and heel.

The Game. The Guides are seated in a circle on the floor. If more than twelve are playing, it is advisable to have two circles rather than one very large one.

When the tune and words given above have been learned, each Guide takes hold of a shoe, and as the song is sung passes it to the Guide on her right. She does this on each of the beats marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. On beat 7, however, instead of passing a shoe, she taps on the floor to her left with it, passing it on to her right when beat 9 comes.

As soon as everyone is familiar with the game, any Guide who hesitates or makes a mistake is counted out, until only two players remain. The time of the tune can then be quickened until only one player, the winner, is left.

ACTIONS (a dramatic game).

Apparatus required. A box of counters.

The Game. Divide the Guides into two or three teams of equal number. All are seated down one length of the room. Captain stands at one end of the room. No. 1 in each team comes up to her and is shown a slip of paper bearing instructions. Each No. 1 must then proceed

to the opposite end of the room acting according to her instructions. Meanwhile, all the other Guides are watching, and at once vote by a show of hands for the one whom they think best portrays the character required. The idea is that each Guide shall act so well that there cannot be any doubt as to what she is intended to be doing! The one voted for as the best receives a counter. Next, all the Nos. 2 come up to Captain for their turn, and are given different instructions. They act, and are voted upon—and so the game goes on until each Guide has had one or more turns. The team securing the largest number of counters is the winner.

Suggested Actions.

1. A policeman on his beat.
2. Skating across a pond.
3. The first bathe of the season.
4. A snowball fight.
5. A postman delivering letters.
6. A man delivering sacks of coal.
7. Laying and lighting a hike fire.
8. Gardening.
9. Trying to catch a runaway pig.
10. Stopping and boarding a bus.
11. An artist at work.
12. An opera singer upon the stage.

THE SAD STORY OF GWENDOLINE ANN (a writing game).

Apparatus required. None.

The Game. Each Guide has paper and pencil. When Captain reads out the following verses, whenever she pauses at the end of a line, the Guides must write down a word to complete the sense and to rhyme with the preceding line. At the end, when the answers are given, one point is scored for each correct word, the Guide with the highest total winning.

1. Gwendoline Ann was *not* a Guide,
For in her work she took no —.
2. "Just anyhow will do," she said,
And never thought to air her —.
3. One day—believe if it you can—
She washed up in the —.
4. When answering the 'phone, she'd shout:
"Sorry, the Missus has gone —!"
5. Another day, to roast some pork,
She put it on the toasting —.
6. Of film stars great was Annie's knowledge,
Her favourite was Cecilia —.
7. Sorely she longed to learn to skate,
And made her mistress quite —.
8. She made a rink to practise more,
And spread soap on the kitchen —.

9. To "talkies" oft her mind went straying,
When she the table should be —.
10. "Ann, bring the ale for your master weary."
Her thoughts flew straight to Wallace —.
11. "Ann, make some mustard." Then her soul man
None other was then Ronald —.
12. "Ann looks unkempt when'er you view her."
(She pinned her cap on with a —.)
13. Soon she had spots and horrid pimples,
Instead of gay, bewitching —.
14. Because she fed on sweets and cake
Between her meals—a great —.
15. She went her careless, slipshod way,
Approving dirt, until one —.
16. Poison from septic finger spread,
And not long after she was —.

Solution.

(1) Pride, (2) Bed, (3) Frying pan, (4) Out, (5) Fork, (6) Colledge, (7) Irate, (8) Floor, (9) Laying, (10) Beery, (11) Coleman, (12) Skewer, (13) Dimples, (14) Mistake, (15) Day, (16) Dead.

STOP!

Have you read the notices on pages 434 and 435. They concern you.

NIGHT ATTACK (a team game).

Apparatus required. None.

The Game. Two teams of equal number are required—preferably with not more than from six to eight Guides in each.

One team represents the Observer Corps. Each Guide is a different "post," and, as the action of the game takes place at night, has her eyes bandaged. She then lies down full length upon the floor. The "posts" are spread out at varying distances down the length of the room. The other team represents enemy aircraft attempting to make a raid without being spotted by any of the Observer Corps.

When the whistle blows, there is silence. A time limit of five minutes is allowed for the enemy aircraft to make their flights. Each Guide must pass between each "post" without being heard, her course thus being a zig-zag one. If any of the Observer "posts" think that she hears an enemy aircraft approaching, she points in the direction from which she believes the sound to come. If she points directly at any Guide, then that particular enemy aircraft is at once shot down, and retires from the game. If an Observer *TWICE* wrongly locates an enemy aircraft, i.e., points to a place where there is no one, that particular "post" is disabled, and no longer allowed to take part in the game.

At the end of five minutes, points are scored as follows:—1 point for each Observer "post" successfully passed by any individual aircraft; 5 extra points if an aircraft succeeds in passing all the "posts" unheard.

The teams then change places, the winner being the one with the larger number of points after each has had a turn at being enemy aircraft.

KNOT CIRCLE (a Tenderfoot or Second Class Knot game).

Apparatus required. A piece of cord for each Guide.

The Game. The Guides form a wide circle with Captain in the centre. Captain calls the name of a Guide who runs up to her and is shown the written name of a knot. The Guide has to tie this knot, and, having done so, take it with her and begin running round the outside of the circle. She drops the knot behind someone, at the same time touching her on the shoulder, then continues running round the circle. The Guide thus touched must pick up the knot, recognise it, run to Captain and tell her what it is, and return to her place in the circle before the first Guide who dropped the knot and who is running round the outside of the circle has reached the space left by the second Guide. Whichever Guide succeeds in being the first to fill the space scores a point. Captain then calls out another Guide—and so on, until everybody has had a turn.

Alternatively, Captain can give the Guide called out the use of the knot instead of its name. Each knot must, of course, be checked for accuracy.

HOW TIME FLIES (a game to help with First Class).

Apparatus required. One piece of chalk.

The Game. The Guides are divided into teams of six. Each team stands in circle formation, and in the centre a circle of about 18 inches diameter is marked out on the ground.

At the whistle, No. 1 in each team steps into the circle and remains there for ten seconds, then steps back into her place. Immediately No. 2 steps into the circle and remains there for fifteen seconds. When she steps out, No. 3 steps in for twenty seconds, to be followed by No. 4 who stays for thirty seconds, No. 5 who stays for forty seconds, and No. 6 who stays for sixty seconds. Each Guide must judge her own time without any help from anyone else. The team wins which finishes nearest the correct time, which has, of course, been kept by Captain.

N.B.—The time taken by each Guide must include the stepping into the circle, and each Guide must closely watch her predecessor, so as to be ready to step in as she steps out.

WITHOUT A SCORE (a game for a hike).

Apparatus required. Each Guide should provide herself with twenty (a score of) small pebbles, holly berries, nuts, or anything of a similar nature.

The Game can be played by any number of Guides. It will make the miles roll by very quickly.

Each Guide walks with a partner. Before the hike begins, certain things are decided upon to be searched for, such as rabbits, bird tracks, certain kinds of trees, flowers, berries, etc., nests, spiders' webs—or, if by the sea, shells, crabs, marine plants, seaweeds, etc. Whenever a Guide sees any of the things decided upon, she tells her partner, who checks it. If she is right, she throws away one of her pebbles. If both Guides see the object at the same moment, both throw away pebbles. The winner is the Guide who is first *without a score*, i.e., has been able to discard all her twenty pebbles.

This game can also be played in towns and observation kept for special kinds of cars, policemen, cats, horses, pillar boxes, etc.

The P.L. should see that the Guides do not rush madly about. They should keep on the trail and well within sight of one another, and there should be no lagging behind.

TRAINING FOR PATROL LEADERS

There will be a Training for Cadets at Foxlease during the Christmas Holidays. Guide Patrol Leaders will be eligible to attend this training if they have their County Commissioner's consent. Dates will be announced later.

TO THOSE ON 'SERVICE'

THERE is a lot of brass button polishing being done these days by Guiders and Rangers who have joined some Service. A greatcoat can provide 20 buttons at one sitting and I wonder how many have thought to go into "action" with their trefoil under the lapel of their service jacket, and polish that every day too. It is a most comforting thing to do and one feels it a passport into future friendships and openings, a sort of masonic emblem. It is surprising how it will melt even the most official heart if you turn back your lapel and show a shining trefoil, provided that your instincts were right! It is usually possible in spite of all these different uniforms to "smell" out a fellow Guider.

Also, that wearing of the trefoil helps one, in an extraordinary way, to keep a balance, and to bring into one's duties a more tolerant and understanding outlook, as all the spirit of Guiding one has ever felt, or picked up, comes into play. So Guiders and Rangers, do wear that trefoil hidden away somewhere.

When Peace breaks out, and we all go back to our Guiding, how grateful we shall be to those who kept it going in the inspiring way in which it is functioning to-day. How ashamed we would be if they told us we had altered, and where was that sort of "Guiding" way we had before.

There is a great deal of loneliness among Service folk who are suddenly uprooted from a routine life and sent far away. One is always moving on, even though one is surrounded by crowds, and a "Commissioner's Register" is like an A.A. book to find "somewhere to go." Do take it with you, and when you arrive, ring up the Commissioner and ask to be linked up with the Guide folk in your spare time. Oh! the difference it will make, and who knows what you cannot give, as well as take.

In this connection, I should like to describe my own experience. I arrived "somewhere in the North" from the South of England, remembered a Guider I had once known, immediately got billeted on her, and the kindness shown was indescribable. Then I met my opposite number in the Scout world, the Assistant Commissioner for Rover Scouts, and we at once formed what we called a "B.P. Society" amongst the members of the Air Ministry Staff to which

we were attached. We put up the following notice on every available notice board.

SCOUTING.

If there is sufficient response amongst the staff of the Air Ministry now in it is proposed to form a B.P. Society for past and present members of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements.

OBJECTS.

1. To spread the principles upon which the Scout and Guide family are founded.
2. To give practical assistance to Scout and Guide units in and to other local organisations concerned with the voluntary training of the young.
3. To arrange outdoor and indoor activities for its members.

In a few days we had 11 Scouts and Rovers and 20 Guides and Rangers and Sea Rangers, all most enthusiastic and thrilled. The local Commissioners were rung up and it is shortly hoped to be able to help fill the gaps where Scouters and Guiders have left to go on full time duties in some service.

The keenness shown will probably produce several new members who have never been in the Movements before and who will be of the greatest assistance after we are at peace again, and in the meantime we can use our spare odd moments now in training them. Could not the B.P. Society idea become general and more be formed in all the various spots "somewhere in England" where thousands are working away from home? In this way those who are cut off from Guiding at present need not be any longer.

Do not be too busy. One can work from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week and yet there is always a moment. Do also seek out Guide talent. Here, "somewhere in England," we have produced from our W.A.A.F. detachment, a Guider who arrived complete with fiddle, and who now takes a folk dance evening each week for local Rangers, Air Ministry Civil Servants, and W.A.A.F. personnel.

All this is passed on that it may help those fellow Guiders and Rangers who may also be missing their Guiding. We needn't miss it. Let's take our Guiding with our work and with us always, and try to be "Bridge Builders."

ANNE HOPKINS,

*Assistant Commissioner for Rangers (Sea Rangers) and
The Women's Auxiliary Air Force.*

A NEW COMPETITION

Are you a Cook? Have you Quartermastered camps, small or large? Have you found your camping experience useful in catering for families suddenly and alarmingly increased by the Evacuation Scheme, with a somewhat inadequate allowance per head? Have you, perhaps found yourself with several hungry people billeted on you from one of the services, and have you found that only by ingenious planning you could make both ends meet? Yes? You have done one, or all of these things? Good! Then you're the very person we want.

THE GUIDER, undismayed by the collapse of the Handcraft Competition, has turned to the kitchen and had another idea. Here is a competition which the war cannot affect. A competition, in fact, which has grown out of war conditions.

We have heard many pathetic complaints that people simply don't know how to manage. Very well—we'll help them. The Guide Movement is always ready to be of service, and what we don't know about catering simply isn't worth knowing.

We want you to send us a set of economy menus, based on healthy dieting, for (a) a family of two people, (b) a family of four people, (c) a family of six people. The menus should be for breakfast, dinner and supper for one week (eight days). Economy recipes should be given.

They should be clearly written, or typed, and the closing date of the competition will be November 21st, 1939.

Entries should be addressed to the Editor, THE GUIDER, Girl Guide Imperial Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

The coupon which you will find on page 435 should be firmly attached to each set of menus.

The menus and recipes become the property of the Editor.

Prizes will be as follows:—

1st prize—1 guinea.

2nd prize—10s. 6d.

3rd prize—7s. 6d.

We regret that, owing to war-time expenses, we cannot maintain our usual standard of generosity regarding prizes, and can only offer one set of prizes to cover the three alternative sets of menus.

FURTHER OUTLOOK—BRIGHT

AMONG the thousands of evacuees from London a large group of girls from Paddington and Maida Vale High School set out from Paddington Station not knowing whither they were going. Only after the train had been started for about an hour did they learn that their destination was Cornwall. With the additions who have swelled the numbers since, there is an influx of about 220 girls into Camborne. Among this number there are about 40 who are already Guides in 23 different London and Middlesex companies and there are 20 recruits anxious to join. As one member of the staff has had considerable experience of Guiding, the school decided that it would be an excellent plan to start a School Guide Company and wrote to the Guide authorities in both London and Cornwall, who gave their unqualified approval.

The School Company is intended to be a very flexible body, since the miracle may happen and the war come to an end. If the School were suddenly transported back to London, it would, of course, be necessary to disband the company altogether, or, in consultation with the London Captains concerned, merely to send back those girls who wanted to return to their old companies. The Captain of the Paddington Company in exile hastens to mention this point, since she could not write to each of these 23 Captains.

Local conditions in Camborne make it necessary for the children's welfare to impose a curfew every evening, the time of which will be altered periodically as the winter evenings approach. The meetings therefore have been fixed for Monday evenings as long as the Daylight Saving Bill is in operation, and then for Saturdays. There has as yet been no decision taken about Church Parade since the Guides and recruits count among their ranks Anglicans and Free Church, Roman Catholics and Jewesses—some of the latter refugees from Austria and Germany. There are four patrols, Robin, Thrush, Kingfisher and Swallow, and one Senior Patrol of Cadets. These will be trained to keep the company records, take meetings and watch over the interests of the company generally. They will also lend their services to the local Guides and Brownies when necessary. One of the girls who is already 18 is going to be a Tawny Owl in the Camborne Brownie Pack.

Since the numbers of girls keen to continue Guiding are more than could be fitted into a single company, above a dozen have been attached to a Camborne Company—one complete Patrol and a few others. This Camborne Company is very keen to continue its work even though at the moment meetings have been possible only in odd corners and by Patrols. The Militia has requisitioned the Community Centre where the meetings are normally held. The School Company is fortunate in this respect, as it is able to use the Camborne County School Hall. One of the most encouraging facts has been the personal interest which the West London Division has taken in the Company. The Guides were more than delighted to receive by post a cheque towards the Company funds "with the best wishes of West London." Anyone who has started a Company can well guess what a tremendous help that has been.

The children have settled down very well on the whole in their new surroundings. There have been a few cases of real homesickness—though one very small Guide was apparently seen on the day after her arrival crying in the main Post office where the Brown Owl works. She quickly choked back the tears when she saw a Guide Badge the other side of the counter and a pair of kindly eyes showing their surprise! The Brown Owl and the small Guide have since become firm friends and the visits to the Post Office very frequent. It seems that there will be ample opportunity for the Company to lend a hand, for there are many jobs always waiting to be done to help the hostesses in the new homes, many more probably, one may reasonably suspect, than the Guides undertake in their own homes in London!

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Guide friends for any kind of outside contact. Please don't let them down, if they have come to your town or village. Do make an effort to visit them, to see that they are getting their Post Letters regularly, to attach them to the nearest active company, so that they can attend the meetings occasionally and share in its activities. Give them an opportunity of doing something to help. People who have children billeted on them cannot be expected to cope with all their sewing and mending as well; evacuated children will need new or renovated clothes soon, if not now; children's day nurseries, which are now night nurseries as well, are already appealing desperately for woollies and other clothes. Whatever your company proposes to do, let any evacuated Post Guide or Ranger share in the work. Already the Guide Movement is on its toes ready to help in every way that lies in its powers. Let us be quite sure that we are making use of all our resources and that the Brownies, Guides and Rangers in the Extension Branch, as well as the more active members of the Movement, get the chance to play their part.

THE EXTENSION BRANCH

We are hoping that Extension companies will continue to flourish and that the motive effected by so many of the hospitals and institutions will have a stimulating effect both on them and on the areas to which they have been sent.

Due to my work with the A.T.S. I am only able to give a very limited time to Guiding now, and the Executive Committee have therefore given permission for the appointment of Assistant Commissioners for Extensions for the eleven areas mapped out by the Women's Voluntary Services.

These Assistant Commissioners, who will all be experienced Extension Guiders, ought to be able to give valuable help to Guiders, Commissioners and Extension Secretaries, who should apply to them for advice and information in any difficulty. The name of the Assistant Commissioner for each area may be obtained from Headquarters.

Good luck and good Guiding to you all, and remember that the needs of the Extension Guiders were never so great as at the present time.

NANCY BRITTON,

Commissioner for Extensions.

HAVE YOU AN EXTENSION COMPANY?

By M. A. SANDERMAN,

Headquarters Extension Secretary.

HAVE you an Extension company in your District? Have you any individual Post Brownies, Guides or Rangers in your District? If the answer is yes, whether you are a Commissioner, Guider or Ranger, or Patrol Leader, please remember that they are part of your district, and include them in your own mind when you are thinking and planning for your District.

If you are in an evacuated area it is unlikely that any of the Institution or Hospital companies will be left, and the best help you (as Commissioner) can give them now is by writing to the Commissioner of the area to which they have been sent, urging her to get the company or pack re-started as soon as possible.

It is very likely, however, that Post Guides or Rangers may still be at home even in evacuated areas and your friendly interest will be of untold value to them. They may want to evacuate, in which case your County Extension Secretary will be able to tell you what local arrangements are being made in addition to the Government scheme. They may want help in filling in registration forms, in blacking out their room satisfactorily or over the innumerable small practical details of daily life for which they have been dependent on neighbours who have now been evacuated. They want to know that Guiding can still bring them friendship and that their Post Letters will come to them regularly, though they may temporarily have to miss the personal contacts with their local companies. They need, too, to feel that they have the chance to do a job of work for other people, and it is worth using a good deal of ingenuity to find some outlet for this longing to serve. Apart from obvious suggestions such as hospital knitting, there should be many opportunities for Post Rangers at the present time to help families where the mother has been evacuated, by doing the mending and odd jobs for the working members of the family still at home. Very many people, too, are willing to keep used postage stamps, silver paper, cigarette cards and tins and other oddments for which the hospitals are always clamouring, if they can be saved the bother of storing and sorting and packing them up, and Post Rangers could well undertake this. With a paper shortage in view old envelopes could be sent to be renewed with fresh labels and sticky tacks, or arrangements made for oddments of paper to be taken charge of while waiting for collection by the Boy Scouts.

In reception areas the position is of course very different and Commissioners may suddenly find themselves with a deaf school, an institution for mental defectives or an orthopaedic hospital in their area. If this is so, please don't be frightened through what you feel is your lack of knowledge of handicapped children into not getting a company started as soon as possible. If you do need expert or technical advice (and the handicapped are considerably more normal than most people will believe) the head of the institution, your own County Extension Secretary, or the Extension Department at Headquarters are all prepared and ready to help you in any way that you need. The new Extension Handbook, published by Headquarters, is a mine of information about the running of Extension companies, and the welcome to Guide visitors which can always be expected from the institution staff and patients is a sure passport to success.

So many people seem uncertain as to how handicapped Guiders should be dealt with that it might be worth saying here that the

more normally they can be treated the easier it is for everyone. A little extra care, as unobtrusively as can be, a few minor adaptations of games and tests, a little extra time for everything; with these and commonsense the meetings should present no difficulties. Above all it must be remembered that it is Guides and Brownies you are dealing with, not babies, or mascots, or hothouse plants. It is a mistake to make things too easy for them, or to expect too little from them. They value Guiding because it makes demands on them, and it is unfair to deprive them of the essence of Guiding, which is service for others, especially at the present time. An Extension Company must feel it is a part of its own District, ready to share its difficulties and responsibilities as well as its privileges, and any co-operative effort for war service should if possible include Extension companies in the area. Hospital schools specialise in handwork and those living in institutions have usually far greater experience of practical needlework than other children, but on the other hand a Guide meeting spent in sewing the same seams as during the rest of the week is hardly invigorating and every effort should be made to introduce as much variety, excitement and adventure into the meetings as possible. This is to a certain extent dependent on the goodwill of the hospital or institution authorities, who are usually most anxious that Guiding should be encouraged, provided that it does not interfere too much with hospital routine and throw added work on the staff. Guiders running Extension companies are the guests of the institution authorities and should always be ready to adapt their programmes to their wishes at least until they are able to discuss any difficult points with the responsible authorities.

There is only one more type of Extension company in connection with reception areas that remains to be dealt with, and one which concerns Patrol Leaders and Rangers as much or more than it does Commissioners and Guiders. These are members of Post Companies and packs, invalids living at home, perhaps bedridden, perhaps only partially disabled, but in any case too greatly handicapped to be able to lead a normal life at home, at school or at work. They are less likely to be in touch with clubs, churches or social activities than other people, they may indeed be entirely dependent on their

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EVACUATION

A GUIDE SMILES AND SINGS UNDER ALL DIFFICULTIES

YOU will doubtless have a number of articles on the many-sided subjects of "Evacuation." So may I add mine?

First of all I should like, on behalf of the Guiders and Owls of London to pay a heartfelt tribute to the splendid way in which the country Guiders and Owls are looking after our own Guides and Brownies.

It is a great deprivation to London Guiders not to be able to be with their Guides and Brownies at this time, but we know that by the magnificent help and response shown by the country Guiders and Owls they are in safe and sympathetic surroundings.

I should like, through the medium of your columns, to make a few suggestions to town Guiders.

1. *Tracking down the evacuated Guides and Brownies.*

If you do not know where your children have gone to, you might call on the parents and ask them to give you their address and name of school, or write to the Education Officer of your borough.

2. *Keeping in touch with the evacuated Companies and Packs.*

A number of Guiders have started Company magazines to be circulated at regular intervals. Do use this opportunity to impress on the children the name and number of their London Company or Pack, and their District.

Country Guiders are finding it extremely difficult to trace the evacuated children's Companies and Packs, as many Brownies and younger Guides have a very hazy idea of the names of their own Companies or Packs. They know that in London their "Brown Owl's name is Miss Jones, and that they meet in a Hall just round the corner," but that is where their local knowledge ends! Be sure to see that your children know where they belong.

If the Captains and Owls could also impress upon their children the name of their Division, they would be doing an invaluable service.

When the children have been traced, the London Guider will wish to find out the name and address of the country Guider who is looking after them.

The local Commissioner will be very willing, if approached, to put both Captains or Owls in touch with each other. To find out the name and address of the local Commissioner, write to your own District or Division Commissioner (or to Headquarters or the County Secretary), who will gladly supply the information. (Stamped and addressed envelope please!)

London Guiders are urged to write to the country Guiders who would welcome any particulars about their Brownies or Guides. The children would be very pleased if their country Guider had had a letter from their "Real" Captain or Owl.

Owing to the fact that approximately 40,000 Guides and Brownies have been evacuated from London, the system of "Transfers" has been abolished, but it does not mean that London Guiders need not supply helpful information to the country Guider.

3. *Funds.*

In many villages, new Companies and Packs are being formed. Where are the funds coming from?

The children should certainly make an effort to pay their subscription towards the cost of the room, but what about equipment? I should like to suggest that the Company and Pack funds be used for this and a certain sum sent to the existing or new Company or Pack.

As all Guiders realise, Company and Pack funds are composed of subscriptions from the children, periodically augmented by the proceeds of various entertainments, etc. It is the privilege of the Court of Honour to deal with the money as they consider best.

The time has come when the money is urgently needed for the benefit of the children; do not hoard it but send some of it away to the country. You will naturally retain some, but if you have any spare funds send them as soon as possible to the country Guider. I should like to suggest a rate of 6d. per head, or in better-off Companies or Packs, 1s. per head. Just work that out for yourself, and see if it is not a fair proposition!

4. *Equipment and Uniform.*

Many new Companies and Packs are hampered by the lack of equipment. Do look through the Company or Pack cupboard and send some of those interesting books and exciting charts and games to your children in the country, both they and their Guiders will be most grateful. The property should be clearly marked and the evacuated children should be responsible for looking after it.

Some of the "evacuees" have already persuaded their parents

to send them their precious uniforms. This should be encouraged, as a little friendly uniform rivalry among town and country children would do no harm. One Guide who was evacuated to a remote village wrote, "I have shown my uniform to everybody in the village, and no one can help me find a Captain." (Unfortunately they do not grow on every bush!)

5. *Evacuated Guiders.*

The solving of these problems unfortunately means a lot of extra work for the postman, but perhaps the Guides can do him a "good turn" by helping him deliver his Christmas mail!

In transferring so vast a number of Guides and Brownies an immense amount of adjustment and resource is required, but owing to the excellent way in which the country Guiders are dealing with the situation, the difficulties are being swiftly overcome.

I earnestly hope that all these measures may be of a temporary nature, and that before long the Guides and Brownies may return to their homes having gained valuable experience of country life and ways, and continue their Guiding in security and peace.

MARJORIE RAPHAEL,
(County Secretary for London)
(W.V.S. Bucks.).

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

We are most anxious in this difficult time to keep alive the correspondence between Guides and Rangers in this country with their sister Guides and Rangers abroad, both in foreign countries and the Dominions.

In many of the areas where there are evacuated children, we have heard that there are difficulties in writing, partly for lack of pocket money, and partly because the people with whom the children are billeted do not like the idea of their writing abroad.

Guiders in these areas are already finding out which of the children in the area are Guides, so that they may help them with their Guiding. Can they not also do something to help the foreign correspondence? Many of the Guides in these areas have already got pen friends abroad, and it would be a tragedy if the correspondence was allowed to drop because of lack of facilities for writing or the lack of pennies to buy stamps or writing paper.

One of the firmest foundation stones to a lasting World Peace is understanding between the peoples of different nations, and this is being fostered and strengthened through the International camps and conferences arranged for our young people, and perhaps more firmly still by the happy friendships made through correspondence.

Nothing must be allowed to shake this foundation so irretrievably that it cracks, and endangers the whole structure.

Now at a time when our children's and young people's lives, and also those of the young people of other countries, have been so unsettled, it is up to the grown-ups to help the children go on with the "building."

I know that you are all doing National Service work, but if you can spare a little of your precious time to helping the Guides who have left their homes and are in strange surroundings, to keep up their correspondence with Guides abroad, you will be doing something which is really worth while and just as important, as driving an ambulance or taking duty at a fire station.

Some of you may be working in connection with evacuation. If so, bear it in mind when you visit the homes, and discuss it with the parents, and if you can help them to see the importance of it, you may be able to enlist their co-operation.

It is so very worth while.

K. C. WILKINSON,
Post Box Secretary for England.

FOXLEASE COTTAGES

The two cottages at Foxlease are to be let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or a holiday. The larger one contains two double bedrooms and one single, a sitting-room furnished by Canada, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the cottage is 3½ guineas per week in summer, and 3 guineas per week from October to March.

The "Link," which is the bungalow furnished by America, contains three bedrooms, a sitting-room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the "Link" is £2 2s. per week in winter, or 2½ guineas per week in summer.

These charges include light, coal and oil. Guiders cook and cater for themselves entirely, although, if necessary, a woman can be engaged to board them at the rate of 30s. per head per week, or merely to cook and clean at the rate of 9d. per hour, in addition to the above charges.

A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking the cottages, and this is forfeited should the booking be cancelled. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the cottages to wear uniforms. Any enquiries should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease.

GETTING ON WITH THE JOB

"I'VE never had much to do with girls, but I find these Guides most level-headed and sensible. When you ask them to do a job they do get on with it and do it thoroughly."

"Oh, ask the Guides, they'll always help." That's what they are saying about you nowadays, you who are getting on with the job. You have been put to the test and you have proved yourselves ready. We have long since ceased to be surprised by the reports which come into Headquarters, in fact when someone tells us something they think is outstanding about what Guides have done, we say calmly: "Yes, of course, they would. There's not much a Guide can't do when she makes up her mind to it. This war has proved that conclusively."

One lot I know of, in Hertfordshire to be exact, seem to make a habit of bathing eighty babies and take it quite as a matter of course. It's just one of the things they are doing among many others. They have taken a nursery school completely under their company wing. Another Hertfordshire company of which I have heard was mobilised at very short notice to prepare an empty house for the reception of evacuees. The Guides scrubbed the house from top to bottom, helped to collect furniture, and now the Patrols take it in turn to be on duty for messages, etc. They also work in the garden.

The District Commissioner for Patricroft writes to us with feeling that her Guides are "keeping their Captains on the go!" They



The end of a perfect day—
Sphagnum
Moss gatherers
returning home.

Photo: The Scotsman



Here we go gathering Sphagnum Moss.

Photo: The Scotsman

two First Aid posts and we have a party ready for the play centres when these are organised. Another party helps Mothers and Babies by taking charge of the Babies while the Mothers rest and enjoy their tea parties.

All Patrol Leaders and Pack Leaders have had to take on extra responsibility, as, of course, many Guiders are on full time National Service. But I am glad to say the Guides realise that their companies and packs must carry on and continue as formerly. We are fortunate in having some very willing Guiders amongst the visitors and they are a tremendous help."

One of the most pleasing things of all is the knowledge that, almost every letter or news cutting we read stresses the fact that the companies and packs are going on. "The Leaders are carrying on." That is a stock phrase, and it brings joy to our hearts for it means that, although a quarter of a century has passed since we, as Leaders "coped with the last war," Guiding is still the same. The modern girl, in spite of all the alarming things we are told about her, is very much what we were when the Movement was young. Demand enough of her, and she will rise to the occasion.

That is why Guiding has increased so greatly since war broke out. No child likes feeling left out, and the Evacuees won't stand by and see the Guides getting all the exciting jobs to do. Headquarters has registered 95 new companies and packs in England and Wales since war broke out and



Receiving Evacuees.



Messengers on duty.

Photo: Yorkshire Herald

it is encouraging to note that the numbers show a steady increase each week.

Glasgow Guides have been responsible for the comfort of thousands of evacuees, for one of their jobs has been the collection and distribution of clothing and blankets. Nearly two thousand parcels of clothing were sorted, parcelled and sent out from Guide Headquarters in one month. The Guides have also been acting as messengers and orderlies at recruiting offices in the city, at the Head A.R.P. office and at the W.V.S. office. Guiders are on duty in First Aid posts all over Glasgow. They know their jobs, for the Guiders' first aid class was formed at their County Headquarters almost a year ago and was followed by the first practice classes to be held in Glasgow. They take our motto in earnest in Glasgow, it seems, for in the spring fifty Rangers took extensive training at the Sick Children's Hospital, so that in the event of the nurses being called away, they would be able to take over their duties.

While on the subject of nursing, my thoughts come nearer home, to the Home Nursing classes which are being held in the Council Chamber at Imperial Headquarters twice a week. Guiders are doing the teaching, in this case, and they are training volunteers for the Auxiliary Nursing Service, as the L.C.C. evening classes had to close down and many of the volunteers who are working girls could not attend daytime classes.

Another contribution to the field of nursing was started by the 4th Kennington Company and has now become a District Service. The 4th Kenningtons began work at Lambeth hospital on September 11th and they started by making swabs and embroidering ward linen. Every evening since then two Guides have gone on duty at the hospital and it is interesting to read the company record book and to see how the Guides progressed from the simple jobs like washing flower vases, to bathing children, serving meals, feeding bottle-fed babies, packing sterilising drums and even giving the patients their medicine. They had countless other duties but there simply isn't space to describe them! And some people call Guiding child's play!

The Bedfordshire County Commissioner sends a fine report of her Guides' work with the Evacuation, describing how they served refreshments, helped with luggage and children and assisted with the

transfer of the blind from Streatley to Toddington, where their help in the house was invaluable. They also gave a concert to entertain the elderly evacuees, collected clothing for the children and have made themselves responsible for their mending. At Dunstable the Guides distributed leaflets in record time and assisted the W.V.S. In Bedford Guides are attached as permanent messengers to the W.V.S. office, and to the Chief Clerk at the Shire Hall. They are also helping at a daily canteen for evacuees, and at a playroom which is attached to the canteen.

In Norwich, the Guides, remembering that we are an out-of-doors Movement, have started work on allotments with the object of producing vegetables. They have also, in addition to the usual sewing and knitting activities, taken groups of evacuees under Patrol wings, helping in houses where the children are billeted and seeing that they get proper fresh air and exercise by taking them for daily walks and explaining the country courtesy which prevents trespassing and the leaving about of litter.

The following report has been sent to us from Denbighshire and it is so interesting, that we are publishing it in full although it is rather late in appearing.

"Orders to the part to be played by the 1st Denbigh Guides in the case of Evacuation."

"The Guides have been appointed as the official messengers to give the warning to the Billeting Officers in Denbigh of the start of the Government Evacuation Scheme. On hearing news of the outbreak of war, one or more Leaders should immediately report at the Council Offices where they will take it in turns to await instructions from Mrs. MacNicol, the Chief Billeting Officer. All Leaders and Seconds and possibly Thirds must be available for immediate service and must be get-at-able by those Leaders who are keeping in touch with Mrs. MacNicol."

A copy of the above orders was given to the Leaders in Denbigh several weeks before the War. The reason for having messengers was in case of a breakdown in the telephone system. On the news being given out on the wireless that evacuation would start next day the orders were acted on and from then onwards the Guides, whose Captain was away, and who were therefore working under the order of their Patrol Leaders, had a busy time. They were commandeered as messengers and orderlies to the Billeting Officers and W.V.S. Committee and their work varied from



Fox Photos

H.Q. Class for Nurses in the Council Chamber, Imperial Headquarters.

Sea Rangers of the R.E.S. somewhere on the Thames.



Photo: Daily Herald

delivering all the billeting notices to filling palliasses cases and conveying them to those billets where they were needed. They also went to all parts of the town to find out the answer to any question of which anyone dealing with evacuation was in doubt.

When the first evacuees arrived on the Saturday evening the Guides showed the children where to go, they helped with luggage and took the nearby ones to their billets trying to console those few whose feelings of forlornness and weariness got the better of them. They worked till late that night and then received an appeal from the caretaker of the school which was being used as the reception centre, asking if they could be there at 9 a.m. the following morning to help him to clean and prepare the place for the next batch of evacuees. Three days of receiving and helping with evacuees ended with the sorting, and packing of all surplus emergency rations. Thus as soon as one type of job was dealt with another arose, and for the next 10 days the Guides continued to be at the beck and call of all the hard worked local Committees. They made time, too, to take evacuees out in parties of 10 to 20 for "Country Walks" with the idea of starting the town children off with the right attitude towards the countryside and of how it should be treated. A few responsible Rangers were found among the personnel of an evacuated school and these were immediately roped in to run outdoor play centres.

After the first rush had subsided the Guides received the following letter from the Secretary to the local W.V.S. Committee—"The Committee of the Denbigh Borough Branch of the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence have asked me to express their thanks to you for the very great assistance which you gave us during the very busy days of the last fortnight. It made all the difference to our work to have reliable and willing messengers always at hand. Thanks are due for the many hours of patient waiting as well as for many messages cheerfully and capably accomplished."

This same Company can look back to the outbreak of the last war when its then members immediately volunteered to act as additional telegraph boys—telephones being few and far between in the country in those days. They also acted as patients at an emergency hospital organised by the V.A.D. Good luck, 1st Denbigh, you know the meaning of tradition.

We at Headquarters, are watching the evacuation scheme with the greatest interest, for we consider that this mingling of town and country children is likely to result in a new type of child who possesses the advantages of both town and country.

We are therefore, particularly thrilled to see Denbigh and Norwich seizing the opportunity which the war has brought to education.

Probably other districts are doing the same thing—but we have not been told about it yet. We do wish some of you would write and tell us how your schemes are working out, and do, if you have a moment and a good anecdote, write and tell Headquarters. We do want to know how you are getting on and what you are doing, and if you have a good laugh do let us share it!

Spaghnum moss has come into fashion again. How I remember the lovely soft feel and look of it in the last war! Now Perthshire and Stirling Guides are hard at work gathering it from the moors and sending it to Red Cross depots.

The Guides of Pinner, Middlesex, have been visiting the First Aid Posts regularly and scrubbing the floors. They also helped with the filling of sandbags at the same post and ran messages. They, too, are knitting blankets and collecting clothes for evacuees and have started work on an allotment. Not content with all that, they are on the look out for other forms of service.

In Worcestershire the Guides have lived up to their County Secretary's statement that they were ready to do anything and there are very few centres of activity where Guides are not to be found.



Making Splints.

Photo: Fox

Guides carried parcels, suit-cases, babies from station to schools, from schools to billets, packed up 400 48-hour rations; provided, erected and staffed "lats" à la camp for station arrivals; provided special messengers for billeting officer and hospital; arranged games for evacuees at one school on the afternoon of their arrival so giving the teachers an unexpected rest.

Since then Guides have been helping to clean an empty house to be used as a "Sick Bay" for evacuees; Guide H.Q. has given over their equipment to be used in this Home—cupboards, crockery, etc.

The Senior Guide Company organised a "Cleaning Material Day" for the above Home. 60 lbs. of soap, brushes, dusters, etc., were given by the Guides in the Division and collected.

Opportunities for service in the scattered rural County of Hereford are, in many cases difficult to come by, however willing the spirit! Guides and Rangers are working as B.R.C.S. and St. John Ambulance Brigade members, Ambulance and sitting casualty car drivers, A.R.P. Wardens, W.V.S. organisers, telephonists at A.F.S. and Report Centres, and land work. In the reception areas Guides have helped tremendously with work for the evacuees, and, have welcomed them to their Companies and Packs. Guides were invaluable as messengers to A.R.P. and W.V.S. Headquarters. Some Companies are already "digging for victory." More than one instance has shown young Guides keeping their heads and coping with the situation when those around them were flustered.

Three of us went along the other night to visit the Sea Rangers on the River Emergency Service on the Thames and found one of them giving semaphore instruction to a Hospital Sister. She has taught all her non-Ranger shipmates to signal and is quietly and justifiably proud of them. They, in their turn, are proud of her and cannot say enough in praise of Sea Rangers.

We feel that Headquarters is more than ever the central focusing point of the Movement and it is a lovely feeling that so many of you who are perhaps in London on leave for only a short time, or passing through on your way to another job, come in to see us if only for a few minutes and are glad to find us there. The same thing applies to letters and telephone calls, people ring up or write to us from all over the country—people who have realised the need for Guiding to-day and who, though they may not have been active for a long time, are rallying round us to help with the many new companies which are being formed everywhere in the Reception areas. One such enquiry came from a man who wrote to say that two Guides had been billeted in his house, and he and his wife were anxious to help them with their tests, could we advise them about books, etc. We were delighted by the request and sent him a list of suitable books together with the address of the Local Commissioner. That is the sort of interest we value, and there is no doubt we are getting much more of it now.

We are beginning to hear now from our Guiders who are on active service and we are proud to find that, in every case, their Guide Training has stood them in good stead. The fact that it is a splendid all round practical training as well as a code of life, should be proved conclusively to the world now, and should encourage those Guiders who have chosen it as their form of National Service as opposed to some more spectacular work, to believe more than ever that they have done the right thing.

The Roundhay Rangers have taken over a large piece of ground and are well away on the good work of food production. Every spare minute is spent on their allotment and we understand that Mr. Middleton's wireless talks have become extremely popular.

Leamington sends us the following report:—

During evacuation week-end over 70 Guides were on duty at the station.

It was a proud moment when the Director of Education (Evacuation Officer) gave out through his microphone: "ALL officials please go off the platform during arrival of trains; Girl Guides and V.A.D.s only are on platform duty."

MY CANADIAN TOUR

By SIR PERCY EVERETT.

Hon. Treasurer of the Girl Guides Association.

LEAVING England on August 5th, I covered approximately 19,000 miles before I returned on September 26th, fifty-two days later. This was an average of 362 miles a day, but as 8,000 miles was flown, it was not quite so alarming as it sounds.

The main purpose of my tour was to represent the Chief Scout, and to see something of Scout life in the Dominion, but by the wish of the Chief Guide, in every Province I visited I made a special point of making Guide contacts also. Apart from my own personal place in both Movements as Honorary Treasurer of the Guides and Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Scouts, I am all in favour of close co-operation. I was glad, therefore, to take part in many joint Rallies of Scouts and Guides, and many jolly conferences of Scouters and Guiders.

I had a wonderfully warm welcome wherever I went, and while I was naturally most interested in getting into touch with the activities of the Canadian Guides, they were very keen to hear all about Guiding in England. After the outbreak of war, they were especially anxious to know what National Service had been undertaken by Guides in this country, and how they, too, could help in this grim struggle. I found everywhere the most splendid loyalty and love of Britain, and I came back charged with the warm good wishes and sympathy of our 57,000 Guide sisters of Canada.

I heard on all sides of the thrill of Their Majesties' visit, and whenever I was able to show the film of the Guide service at Windsor, at which Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were present in Guide and Brownie uniform, it was most popular.

My first meeting with Canadian Guide Commissioners was in Quebec. In this historic city, many of the Guides are French speaking, and their work is on the same lines as the Guides de France. Here I was shown Louis XIV robes and other treasures in the Bishop's Palace.

Then I flew from Ottawa to Vancouver, a 2,300 mile flight right across the continent, between 9.30 one night and 11.30 next morning! It was a magnificent journey. The first 1,000 miles were done in the dark, with a very fine display of the Aurora and a terrific thunderstorm, but after Winnipeg we could look down on the thousands of square miles of wheat crops just being harvested. Climbing to 15,000 feet, we flew in the morning sunshine over the snowcapped peaks and sharp edged mountains of the Rockies, with an endless vista of forests, canyons, lakes and rushing torrents. It was the most wonderful sight I have ever seen anywhere in the world. This air passenger service for linking up the great Dominion is only three months old, and the plane's arrival at most of the airports was still a novelty which attracted large crowds.

In Victoria I met the Guide Provincial Commissioner, Mrs. Morkill, and a number of Guides at an evening conference, which was very jolly and attended by many young Guiders and Scouters. After a successful visit to Vancouver, I came back through the Rockies by train to Calgary, where I met more enthusiastic Guiders at a tea-party. At the Scout Jamboree here, I spent the night in a tepee put up for me by Cree Indians, who had shown it to the King and Queen. They were in full war paint and at the Camp Fire gave me the title of Eagle Chief.

In Saskatoon Guiders in uniform greeted me on the station, and in Regina I attended a joint Rally of Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs. The Guides put on a show of acrobatics and other good displays. They were splendidly keen and well turned out, and I was glad to have the opportunity of talking to them.

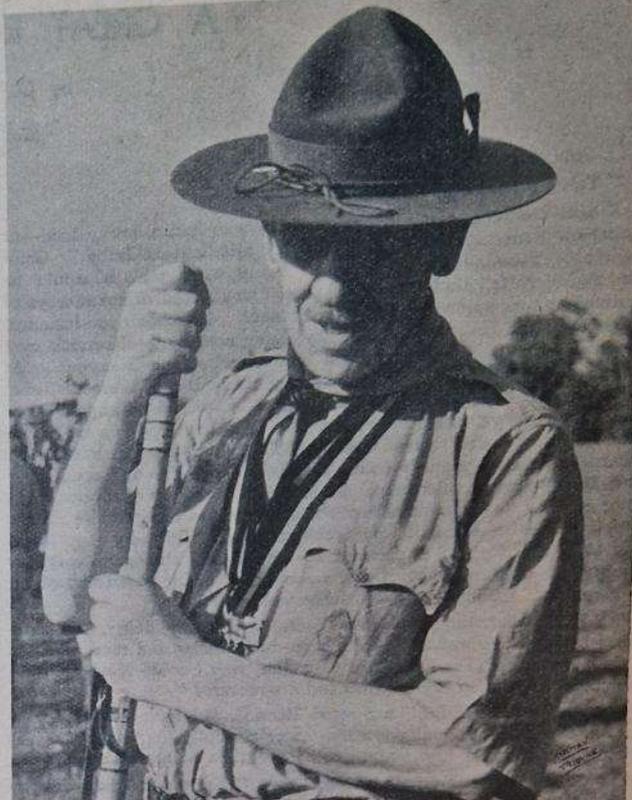
In Winnipeg, there was an even larger Rally of Scouts and Guides, showing how flourishing the Movement is in Manitoba. The photograph shows the precarious platform from which I spoke.

I visited Dominion Headquarters in Toronto, and was entertained by Mrs. Warren, the Chief Commissioner, to meet the chief Guide people of the Dominion.

Speeches, talks and questions at lunches, teas and dinners in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all showed the keenness and interest of the Guides in the eastern Provinces. I was also able to visit a Guide Camp in Rothesay, near the home of Mrs. Hugh McKay, who was in charge of that wonderful Canadian Camp in July.

I found Lone Guides in the Childrens' Memorial Hospital in Montreal, and there, as in England, both Matron and Doctor paid tribute to the value of Guide training to these children.

Speaking in the United States to a meeting of over 1,200 Scout Leaders, I was specially asked to tell them of A.R.P. work as well as World Scouting. Both here and all over Canada I spoke on the importance of:—



Sir Percy tells a good one!

1. Following the Chief Scout's advice in the training of their Troops and Companies.
2. The value of delegating responsibility.
3. The need for keeping closely to the handbooks *Girl Guiding* and *Scouting for Boys*.

In Ottawa there was another joint Rally, after which I showed the Windsor Film and gave a talk. The Guides loved seeing and hearing of the active interest taken by our President and other members of the Royal Family.

Throughout Canada, Guiders and Guides joined in sending the Princess Royal a message of love and loyalty. I brought away with me a splendid impression of these fine Canadian Guides, eager, willing and loyal, and I deeply appreciated my opportunities of meeting them and their leaders.

Before leaving I lunched with the Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir, who are both interested in our Movements, and then I set off on the last and most thrilling part of my actual travelling, the flight across the Atlantic in the American Clipper. We paid a brief visit to Newfoundland, which from the air looked all lakes and forests, and then soared over the Atlantic. In the afternoon sunshine it looked like a great flat lake, but later we ran into gales and fog sending us 200 miles off our route. In spite of these I slept well, and we arrived at 1 p.m. at Foynes next day, over a very green and peaceful looking Ireland, where again we had a very friendly greeting.

I have been able to give impressions of my trip to H.R.H. the Princess Royal, and she has graciously sent a letter acknowledging my report. To the Chiefs also my letter recalled happy memories of their own visits, and we must hope that many more personal contacts between Guide people here and in Canada will be possible in the future.

It was a great thrill for me when I was honoured by an invitation to meet His Majesty the King on my return from my visit to Canada and the United States.

For three-quarters of an hour I was able to tell the King the full story of my meetings with Scouts and Guides in Canada, and of their devotion to the Throne, and of the intense loyalty and enthusiasm of our race in Canada. As a little personal touch, which His Majesty enjoyed, I was able to tell him that "The Queen stole the Show."

The King was specially interested in my contacts with the Leaders from every State of America, when I visited the National Council of Scout Executives of the United States at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

by O. BARDSLEY

(Continued.)

And now for the second part of the Promise.

"To help people at all times."

"Like carrying a parcel for someone who had a heavy load—going on a message for your Mother, or minding the Baby." Commissioner assented hurriedly. "So many ways that it would be impossible to tell them all—each person would find different ways of helping others according to circumstance. In school, for instance, you can often help your teacher by doing nothing"—Recruit's eyes opened wide—"but listen and attend to what she is saying. At home you can help by being cheerfully obedient and there are times when you can help someone by a smile. It would be impossible to tell all the ways; and so the main idea is to be always on the watch for an opportunity to lend a hand. That develops observation—we learn to look at people's faces, especially Mother's, and see if they are tired—then to offer help. Then we learn the joy of service, looking on jobs as 'opportunities' for carrying out our promise instead of tasks to be avoided. By tackling them in this way they lose a great deal of their unpleasantness—even the humdrum everyday jobs take on a new aspect and we begin to know something of the 'dignity of labour'—through tasks well done.

"Remember, too, that we are learning as we are doing, and learning because one wants to learn is so much easier and more pleasant than because one is forced to. By the way, could you help me change a wheel on my car or mend a puncture?"

"I'm sure I could," answered Recruit. "I have helped Daddy take the nuts off, and put them away carefully and work the jack and hold the tyre levers and hand tools when he needed them."

"Splendid," complimented the Voice, "but tell me, how did you get all this training?"

"I just watched and helped because I wanted to," came the reply.

"That is why you would be able to help others in the same plight, and why we must be always on the alert to learn *how* to do things so that we may help others or ourselves in need. Watching and wanting to—or observation and interest—are needed if we are to fulfil this part of the Promise—first, to find how to do the job and then to find an opportunity of using the knowledge gained. As you grow in Guiding, you will be able to pass tests, and later, to qualify for various badges. At each stage, you will have gained further knowledge and that fits you better to help others."

"It sounds like a full-time job to me," said Recruit, and was assured that she need not worry.

"For each day will bring its own opportunities and joys of service. Then the Guide slogan, a 'good deed every day' might easily become a starting point for many helpful acts.

"Last but not least, comes the Promise—"

"To obey the Guide Law," chimed in the Recruit, and after a valiant effort finished "pure in thought, word and deed. I know them off by heart, truly I do, but sometimes have to stop and think which of the middle ones comes first."

"How many Laws are there?" was the query.

"Why, ten," was the reply.

"Then show me your hands—open the fingers—and see if we can fit the ten laws on to the ten fingers, so that they can't get out of place."

"Oo-oh!" breathed Recruit, "of course," and so, one by one, the Laws were fitted on. 'A Guide's honour is to be trusted,' going to the thumb.

"Most important finger on your hand," commented the Commissioner, "a big fellow who helps all the others to do

their jobs—and so with the Law—for unless a Guide has a sense of honour, high standards, high ideals, and can be trusted, all other accomplishments would be of little value. So fix the first Law on the first thumb and try the next. Why! here is 'A Guide is loyal' and on the pointer finger—showing the way she is to go—the way of belief in herself and her ideals, of faith in her leaders, of trust in her friends, and of firm steadfastness in her endeavour. Good! it fits well. Try number three. "A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others," said Recruit.

"Snugly safe on the biggest and longest finger of your hand—the sturdiest and stoutest—ready and willing for the cap of useful service. How about the next one? 'A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.'"

Recruit's voice broke in excitedly.

"And it's on the same finger as Mummy wears her wedding ring and her engagement ring!"

"Why, so it is!" wondered the Kindly Voice—"let's call it the heart finger, and it will remind us of the great love which a Guide is to have towards others! Next, please! Little finger, and what have we for you? 'A Guide is courteous,' do you fit well? Just tuck your finger down Recruit, and try to imagine your hand without it—looks kind of odd, doesn't it—and unbalanced, even though the little finger does not do a great deal of work. Now for the law of courtesy—perhaps it could be omitted from everyday life, but think how odd life would be without the little courtesies—'Please' and 'Thank you,' 'I beg your pardon' and 'Excuse me'—shaking hands, a gentleman raising his hat, a lady's bow, the rising to offer a seat, the opening of a door—all little things but they make the wheels of life run smoothly—they give balance to life just as the co-operation of Little Finger makes the task of the hand easier. What do you say, does it fit well?"

"Yes, indeed," agreed Recruit, "and the next one, too, 'A Guide is a friend to animals' on the next little finger. That is the right one, isn't it?"

"Why, yes! so it is—and the same applies to this little finger and its law as to the other—for kindness to animals shows a desire to care for all God's living creatures, dumb friends of ours, who are so often dependent on us for food and shelter. I sometimes think of these two laws as being the oil of human kindness, which keeps the wheels of Life running smoothly. Just as the bearings of an engine must be kept well oiled or the engine runs hot and seizes. So courtesy and kindness help us in our relations with others, and prevent tempers from being roused and impatience and anger from developing. So I think we may say that five and six are well fitted.

How about the next one 'A Guide obeys orders'?"

"An' it's on the other ring finger," exclaimed Recruit.

"No, you don't! Not *two* wedding rings," she was told, "but think of the salute when you will make your Promise—three fingers up, thumb holding little finger down—and tell me what the three fingers stand for in the salute."

"To do my duty to God and the King. To help other people at all times, to obey the Guide Law," chanted the Recruit, ticking them off one by one—"Why, that is the obey finger, and it has the obedience law on it—oh! goody—another fit. I think the next is just right too. 'A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties' goes on to the biggest finger."

"Perhaps that is because it is the hardest thing to do to

AN IDEA

Would a few days off in the New Forest be possible at Christmas? If you think that the idea would appeal to you and might be possible will you write Foxlease? We are thinking of having a house party from about December 22nd till 29th if enough people would like to come. We should be glad of suggestions, at present the plan is to have the week for Guiders and their friends or parents. The forest is ideal for walking at that time, the house has huge log fires to do that we should all enjoy. So if you think you might be able to come write to me and then more details shall appear in the December *GUIDER*. We are also holding a Training for Cadets in the Foxlease Cottages are to let—see page 417.

J. M. NEWNHAM.

FOXLEASE TRAINING DATES

November	7-14—Guide week.
"	17-21—Brownie week-end.
"	24-27—Guide week-end.
December	1-5—General week-end.
"	8-12—General week-end.
"	15-19—General week-end.

THE GUIDER

keep cheerful when one is bothered, or in pain, or when things go wrong," came the comment. "There's a little verse which says:

"It's easy enough to be happy
When life goes by like a song
But the one worth while
Is the one who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

But it is worth the effort, for it helps others to be brave as well as ourselves. So I think that Law has found a good home. And here is Peter Pointer again and his cap is 'A Guide is thrifty.' We might look on this law as a pointer or signpost, Guiding us to a measure of security by taking care of the gifts of life—material ones like food and clothes, and money and other possessions—and more important still of that precious gift Time, and energy and mental powers. We can replace, to a certain extent, wastage in material things, but Time cannot be bought or replaced and once wasted it is lost, leaving us with nothing to show for the gift. By exercising thrift, we are able to benefit others beside ourselves, and from our savings carry out better the law of helping others. Yes! I think we need that signpost. But let's go on—to see if Number Ten is placed as well as the others. 'A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed' and a big

thumb to hold it. Do you remember what we said of the first thumb and law—most important fellow on your hand—and you will notice that the two laws which fit on the thumb deal with our inner life, with the standards and ideals and thoughts which each person has for her very own. They belong exclusively to the individual and no one can know another person's inner mind. But the result of those thoughts is seen in the words spoken and actions done. We build our lives on our thoughts, which precede every word and action. So you can see how necessary it is for us to have in mind right thoughts which will cause us to speak good and true words, to do right and true actions. Then too, we shall find that those thoughts and words, and actions, will lead us to mix with people whose minds are in tune with our own, each new good contact arming us better against attacks on those high ideals and standards which we have set up."

There was silence in the quiet study for a time and then a small voice said slowly, "On my honour—to do my best—to do my duty—to God—and the King—to help other people at all times—and to obey the Guide Law. What a lot there is in that Promise. Please may I go home and think it over?"

P.L. broke the silence. "Thank you," she said in somewhat awed tones. "I never realised how much there was in the Promise either. You have given me something to think about too!"



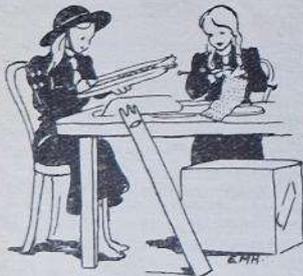
THE GUIDES GROW UP

1914

From *The Girl Guides Gazette*.
When the Guides grow up and Patrols are scattered,
Through every country beneath the sun,
Shall we feel after all that this Movement mattered.
Or think it was ended when schooldays were done?

To resourcefulness, loyalty, comradeship, duty,
To interpreter, naturalist, signaller, cook,
Musician, and artist (for lovers of beauty),
Add the doing "good turns" by hook or by crook.

But the needs of the world are so great and so many—
What worth are these badges! Proficiency tests!



Where weapons whose value is little, if any—
The sling and the stone of a stripling who jests!

Yet these five barley loaves and these two small fishes,
May be blessed till a hungry host is fed—
Let the Guides "Be Prepared," not just wish empty wishes,
Let them all do their share in distributing bread.

All over the Empire, the new growth is springing,
And leaders are needed all over the land;
From villages, cities, the message is ringing
"Come amongst us and train us and lend us a hand."



When the Guides grow up and Patrols are scattered,
Through every country beneath the sun,
We shall know for certain this Movement mattered,
And be proud of the Guides, each one, each one.

ALICE BAIRD.

1939

Now that the years have cast you asunder,
You who were Guides such a long time ago,
Now that the guns have reopened their thunder
See what the Movement you founded can show.



Schooldays are over for you, but the others
Still follow on down the trail that you laid,
You have grown up, you are some of you Mothers
Of those who to-day, bear the name that you made.

Do they uphold the tradition you cherished?
Children of yesterday, can you be proud
Knowing the dream that you loved has not perished
But lives on in the vows that these children have vowed?



Eager for service, as you, they are ready.
See, they are everywhere known by their name.
Tested and trusted, resolute, steady,
Working with laughter for love of the Game.

Yet they are calling, "Come now and lead us
Others are waiting to join us to-day,
Others are longing to serve and they need us,
Will you not help us to show them the way?"

To the ends of the earth the Patrols are scattered,
True and alert, as you dreamt they would be,
For now it is proved that your Movement mattered,
They have looked on the vision you meant them to see.



MARGARET TENNYSON.

RIP VAN WINKLE TAKES THE FIELD

By CATHERINE CHRISTIAN.

VI—HARRIET PLAYS CHESS.

"CHECK to your Queen." Sir John's fine hand hovered above the chess board, then slid the Black Knight forward to menace the White Queen. "Harriet, my dear, what were you thinking about to let that happen?"

Harriet, sacrificing a pawn without compunction edged the little ivory figure one move out of danger.

"At the moment," she confessed, "I was thinking almost exclusively about Miss Purbeck."

"Blasphemy! who is she?" Sir John's eyes were on the chess board, but his mouth quirked at the corners.

"The Vicar's sister from Madderley and Captain of the 2nd Maddingly Company. She thinks I'm in league with the devil. She came to tell me about it this afternoon."

"What? Five miles through that rain? She's either a missionary or a mischief maker."

"You're right," Harriet agreed.

"How—right?" he looked up, startled.

"She's both—it's a pity because her brother is a good well-meaning type of many. I found her warming her goloshes at the drawing room fire this afternoon—her nose aglow and her hair in wisps—waiting for me to get back from my hospital committee. She told me almost at once that she 'deeply deplored' a great deal that you said in your lecture last Sunday."

"Wise woman," said Sir John, moving a castle without apparent motive. "So did I. So does anyone with imagination. The history of modern Europe is a deplorable matter."

"Chk!" Harriet's impatience showed in the quick, decisive skating of an ivory bishop out from cover.

"That wasn't Miss Purbeck's regret. She felt we were gravely misguided folk to have gathered a dozen young women beneath our roof at this momentous time only to poison their minds with doubt."

"Doubt?" Sir John was puzzled. "What doubt?"

"Just doubt," Harriet told him.

"Is the woman mad?"

"No. A trifle 'set in her ideas' I gather. She says you belauded the godless Soviet, found excuses for the Fascist tyranny and spoke of the arch-fiend of Germany as though he were no more responsible for his actions than the inmate of a mental hospital."

Meditatively, Sir John moved a pawn.

"One must speak as one believes. I rather imagine I speak from the head, and I give your Miss Purbeck credit that she speaks from the heart," he conceded mildly. "What else did she say?"

Harriet chuckled. "That we should be better employed bringing our Guiders to God than stuffing their brains with conflicting information on which their Maker would not examine them should they be called unexpectedly into His awful presence."

"You said—" Sir John queried.

"I reminded her of a text which promises us that in God's house there will be many mansions," Harriet told him. "It was a bad move. She knows her Bible as Cromwell's Ironsides knew it and I came off distinctly worsted by Apocalyptic horsemen and the thunders of Isaiah. I'm afraid I took an unfair advantage, however. I reserved my parting shot for the front doorstep."

"Which was—?"

"I say unto you—love your enemies," Harriet repeated gruffly, and moved one of her remaining Knights.

Sir John, brooding over the next move, shook his head—

*"The cry of hosts ye humour
Ah, slowly towards the light
Why brought ye us from bondage
Of our dear Egyptian night?"*

You know, we take a great risk, Harriet, when we try to induce people to think. Most of them would be happier if they didn't."

Harriet snorted.

"Nonsense. Nursery days are happy (or should be) but is the adolescent who is kept back in nursery conditions happy? School days are happy, for the normal boy or girl, but what is more irritating than the adult human who has refused to progress in responsibility of outlook beyond the 'old school tie'? No. To every age its own joys and its own drawbacks. People who chose in the modern world to remain insular and separatist and intolerant, shutting their eyes to the great forward trend of thought are like little children who refuse to grow up—they will become pitiful and querulous misfits in that new world to which the tide is relentlessly sweeping us all forward. That's why, no matter what the opposition, I will hold my Guiders' meetings every month—I will see to it that these women, excellent in their intentions and conscientious to a fault, have the opportunity to grow. The children are growing. They were born to ever-moving horizons of the mind. They can adjust their focus, as young eyes adjust to a changing distance. But these older women, with so much of worth and experience to give, must have practise—they must accustom themselves, if necessarily, by degrees, to the great tracts of new country, in the realm of mind, which have been opened up by explorers of all nationalities lately."

"That was why I was so angry," Harriet added disarmingly as her eyes met her husband's, "so furiously angry, with that silly old obstructionist this afternoon. She meant well—and we parted, I believe, with mutual respect—but, oh, the precious time that people waste, trying to damn the waterfall that harnessed, will light their whole city, and go on lighting it, long after they are dead."

Sir John nodded, as he moved the decisive piece across the board.

"Check," he murmured, "check mate, I think. Harriet you're a good player, but you've still got the fault you had when I first taught you the game in that rest hut in Serbia. You try to move too fast!"

Unperturbed, Harriet studied the board. There was one move left which he had not calculated. He saw it a second before her strong fingers round the delicate piece of ivory and laughed.

"It'll be a long game now," he admitted cheerfully. "Let's put it on one side and play it out to-morrow. You and I, Harriet, are pretty evenly matched—even at chess!"

The next morning brought Sybil Raven, battling through the rain on her bicycle, to deal with the District's increasing post.

As she set out the typewriter and slit envelopes at the desk in the little dressing room Harriet had turned into an office, she talked rather breathlessly to Harriet's back. Harriet, at the table in the window, was doing household accounts and she insisted that conversation enlightened that proceeding.

"Haven't you ever heard of the Comte de St. Germain? He could write a different letter with each hand and add up a column of figures at the same time. It's just a question of practised mental skill, as driving a car is practised physical skill. We don't set ourselves nearly a high enough standard in these things," she had commented during the first days of Sybil's secretaryship.

Sybil had accepted the information, but, strictly brought up in conventions of politeness, she still found it difficult to hold conversation with that absorbed back.

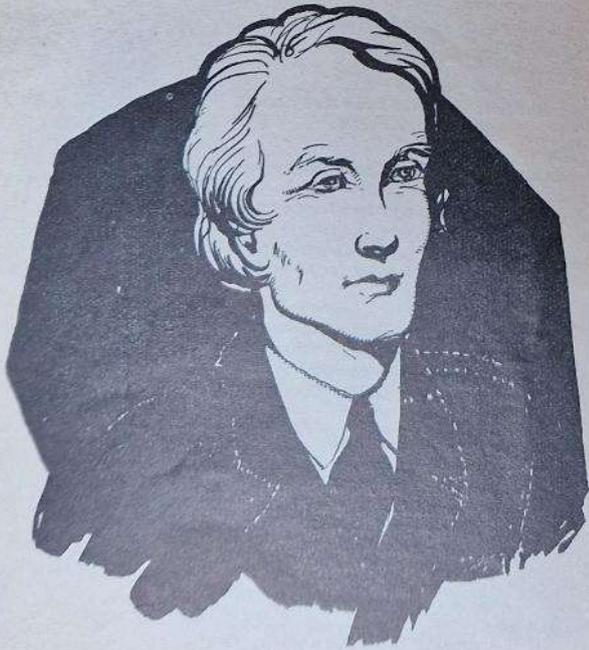
"There's a letter from Alethea. She says she's spending most of her time being sat on by boards, or else sitting on them herself," she reported. "She sounds rather sort of discouraged, I think."

"Humph, I don't wonder! Send her that cutting out of the paper about her Jane Mansel rescuing the man who fell in the canal. That'll warm her cockles," Harriet suggested. "Any news of the others?"

"A post card from Ernie 'somewhere in France,' Sybil laughed rather shakily. "He says 'I think I will never forget Irminster and all your goodness to me. Reg and I often talk of it, we find we do not seem able to settle down here somehow.' Isn't he sweet? Who illustration to that? Wouldn't you love to see Bairnsfather's?"

"Is it long?" Harriet asked.

"Not very, about six pages."



Harriet groaned.

"Don't read it to me, tell me what it says."

There was a short silence. Harriet's pen travelled down a column of figures. Ivy stalks slashed at the window. The fire, newly-lighted, puffed sullenly under the down draught.

Sybil said accusingly—

"Oh, Harriet, I believe you've been bad. I believe you've been teasing her!"

"Teasing who—Miss Purbeck? My good girl, I wouldn't dare." Harriet swung round and met the young, accusing eyes with an expression hard to fathom.

"But she's all upset and worried. She says you contradict yourself."

"Don't we all?" Harriet queried.

"Yes, but—oh, I'm sure you've been purposely muddling the poor old thing. You know—but perhaps I oughtn't to say this—"

"I should," encouraged Harriet.

"Well," Sybil stumbled, looking very young and earnest, "you haven't tried all your life, like I have. You just see people as they seem on the outside. But there is often another side you can't know about, because you haven't lived here long enough."

"Yes—I admit that possibility. But how does it apply to Miss Purbeck?" Harriet wanted to know.

"Only that she's so good—and so awfully religious—you just can't expect her to understand about making allowances for people."

"I see," Harriet nodded. "Her religion prevents her from tolerance. You're right, Sybil—I didn't understand. I'd somehow got the impression Miss Purbeck was a Christian. A mistake—we all make 'em from time to time. Now about the new system of application for badges, Sybil—"

Sybil hesitated—began a sentence, bit it off, began another and finally burst out with—

"But you don't understand—"

Harriet swung round on her, and for a moment the glint in her eye was like the gleam of steel as a rapier is unsheathed.

"It isn't Miss Purbeck as a person I resent (and I'm a fool to resent anything, for resentment is no more nor less dignified than a baby's yelling because it can't get at the rattle it's heaved overboard from its pram with its own hand) but it's the grit in the cogs, the weight on the ankle, the drag on the wheel she represents that's so pitiful. In these days when there is so much to be done, and so little time to do it in, surely all people of goodwill ought to be able to work together without prejudice. I go to Madderford Church and listen to Miss Purbeck's brother assuring me that certain Nazi leaders are indisputably possessed by a material and actual devil, and I am willing to give his theory fair consideration and weigh its pros and cons. It seems to me that as an ordained priest he should have some authority to speak about devils. When Miss Purbeck of her own free will comes to listen to my husband lecture, it seems to me she should give his theory of lunacy as cool and balanced a once-over—he is, after all, a doctor, and should have some authority to speak about madness. But never mind. The millennium will come, just as next year's bluebells will, when the time is ripe and not before. In the meanwhile, it isn't for me to set myself up as above a woman who will walk five miles in the rain to correct an error, even if it's not her own. Take down this letter to Miss Purbeck, and we'll see if her religion helps her to recognise the other cheek when gracefully and completely turned!"

At eleven o'clock, Harriet glanced at her watch.

"You must finish by yourself, my dear. I am on duty from now until one. In my advisory capacity."

"Oh, let me be a fly on the wall! Can't I type busily in a corner or copy things in a big book or something?" Sybil begged.

Harriet shook her head.

"No, my dear. The troubles of my Patrol Leaders are heard strictly *in camera* and preserved beneath the seal of the confessional. It's the only way. How would you have liked your troubles made mock of when you were a funny little crab with a soft shell, aged in the region of thirteen?"

"I shouldn't," Sybil agreed, "But, oh, Harriet, I do envy you!"

"Hmph. That's as may be," Harriet remarked, combing her grey hair a trifle smoother before the small pier glass. "It's all right when one knows the answers."

"But you always do," Sybil stated fervently. "Do you still allow them only ten minutes by the clock?"

"Fifteen, if the matter warrants it. They don't need longer, if they collect themselves, and if they don't, they are the type that will wallow in the trough of their own emotional wave indefinitely, wasting my time and their own. If the trouble isn't off their chest in ten minutes, it must stay on until next Saturday. They can always have another shot then," Harriet explained equably.

Sybil's assurance—

"You always know the answers," recurred to her, as she went downstairs to the drawing-room, where a bright fire crackled, and late chrysanthemums glowed in a tall white jar. She wondered how old she would have to grow before she could rest in such an assurance herself. Some inner humility told her that she never would. Under the steady, shrewd appearance, the bluff manner, there would always lurk the anxious touch of the gardener, handling small, rare cuttings and conscious of the clumsiness of his hands, however loving.

Bessie Bundle had her orders. Patrol Leaders who called were shown in with a certain ceremony, in the order in which they arrived,

and shown out again discreetly, when the time was up. Her face was solemn as she announced "Selina Hardy, Blue Tit Patrol 1st Irminster, my Lady."

Selina was tall and fair, with all-round cords and the competent look of a 1st Class Guide. She had consulted Harriet before and came to report progress. In half her allotted time she went off, satisfied, having authorities' approval of the instructor she had discovered to teach her Patrol first aid.

"Betty Andrews, Robin Patrol, 2nd Madderford," announced Bessy, and a big, shy country girl ambled in.

With some difficulty Harriet unravelled her story—

Her Patrol, in spite of being "good enough meaning," were "slack like."

"They don't seem to pay no manner of attention to what I do be telling them," she complained. "Goes in one ear and out the other it do."

A few questions brought the trouble to the surface. Though her ideal of a Patrol was excellent, Betty obviously lacked the imagination that inspires action, and was woolly minded. She went off, rather doubtfully clutching at a leaflet of the Beaver Test.

"You can't enter for the test now, but it'll give you some ideas to work on," Harriet pointed out, "and it'll give them something to go by—a standard."

There was a pause, after Betty had been shown out. Then in came a funny, self-possessed little object, aged twelve, with a long bob and a squint, who was announced with a grin, by Bessy as "Valery Newcomb, Eagle Patrol, High School Company."

Gravely, she set before Harriet the conflicting loyalties which must always haunt an artist in this material world.

"I want to give my life to music, Lady North—my *whole* life. But I've got to be a Patrol Leader, because Captain chose me before she went away. The Patrol say I don't work hard enough and they'd much rather have our Second, Elsie, as Leader because she's good at games. I do work, awfully hard, but you see I practise two hours every day, and then there's homework."

"Bring the Patrol along next Saturday. We'll all talk it over together. If they want to change Leaders, and you don't mind going back to the ranks, I think I can explain matters to Captain," Harriet promised.

Three others with similar molehills were quickly disposed of—then came a delicate girl of fourteen, with thick chestnut curls and eyes heavy with crying and lack of sleep. Harriet looked at her keenly expecting a mountain.

"What's the trouble, Stella?" she asked kindly.

Stella stood before her, tragic as only the young can be.

"I—I can't go on, I've tried—honestly I've tried. But I can't go on any more. I'm no good. If I was any good, I wouldn't have let such a thing happen," she said tersely.

"What has happened?" Harriet asked.

The weak chin quivered, the vain, too sensitive mouth trembled uncontrollably.

"That—that little new one—Irene. She's stolen a ring worth pounds from the people she's billeted on. Lady North—I never told anyone and I made the others promise not to—but she's been a thief ever since she came to us. We've tried to be loyal to her—I—thought we could save her."

Harriet's memory, travelling over her Companies, brought to her mind the picture of a sullen, resentful Gypsy face, and a child's contemptuous shoulder turned when she had spoken at a recent enrolment.

She put a comforting arm round shaking shoulders—"It was foolish not to tell me about her before—but I respect your motive," she said quietly. "Don't worry, I'll see what I can do for Irene."

"It isn't her I mind. It's—its that they'll all say she's a Guide and a thief. The papers will say that—it'll disgrace all Guides everywhere. I'm so ashamed of her—little—little beast. When we'd all been so—so lovely to her. I never wanted an evacuee in my Patrol." The choked voice wailed in sudden, devastating honesty.

It took the rest of a full quarter of an hour to deal with that. In some cases Harriet was thorough, and she left Stella no illusions. Chastened, but with the dazed look of an explorer who, for the first time sees the snows upon a peak too high to scale, she went out, and Harriet, noting the set of her shoulders, nodded to herself, as she made a note in her diary to follow up the case of Irene.

There was a pause of minutes, then a slight determined figure, with a thick mop of fair hair came striding into the room and saluted abruptly—

"Oh, hallo Delia—how are the chickens getting on?"

Harriet always did her best not to have favourites, but preferences are human. She liked Delia Morrison, motherless daughter of one of Sir John's younger colleagues at the Hospital, and her eyes showed it.

Delia grinned.

"They're all right—laying like mad. We've decided to have two more next Saturday, when we all get some pocket money. Please Lady North, I've come to ask you something."

"So I imagine," Harriet remarked. "Well, if I know the answer I'll tell you."

Delia took a deep breath.

"Please, I'm fifteen and I want to know *exactly* how babies are born. It's not curiosity. It's because we're supposed to 'Be Prepared' aren't we? and in air raids things like that do happen. Ellen and Patricia and Mary and I want to know how to cope with

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By Mrs. SOONTS.

the Crafts Council (under the auspices of the National Council of Girls' Clubs).

a baby being born. We'll promise not to tell Binkie and Rose if you think they're too small—but their mothers don't mind them knowing if you think it's all right. My Father said he'd rather I asked you than him, because you're better at it than he is."

Harriet nodded. As though replying to the most everyday query she said: "It's a practical idea, Della. It's unlikely in a town like this that you'll ever have to deal with a baby being born entirely on your own, but if you know about it you'll know what the people who are coping are likely to want—and you'll be able to help. Get me the block and pencil off the desk and come over here. I'd better start with a diagram."

Satisfied, Della took herself off after her fifteen minutes had almost touched the twenty.

Bessy, putting her head round the door announced—
"It's the last—our Norah from the Oaks."

Harriet, pulling herself together, greeted a broad, black browed, scowling girl of seventeen pleasantly.

"Well Norah—how's the Patrol?"

"Isn't one, that's what I've come about," was the gruff reply. Harriet raised her eyebrows—

"Just what's the trouble?"

"Me," Norah told her. "Aven't got the sense I was born wiv. Lost me temper, I did, wiv' them all last night. Me and Alice (that's our Second) we 'ad a row—well, you couldn't call it a row exactly. But she made me wild, and I 'it her—I 'it her with an 'addock, as a matter of fact, as we was coming out of the fish shop. She's one of the temperamental sort and she carried on shocking. Glad of the black out, I was. It did 'ide our uniforms anyway."

"Hmph," Harriet looked grave. "I hope it didn't spoil the haddock?"

"The —?" Norah was flabbergasted.

"Nerve storms aren't awfully important just now. Haddock's are. That's all," Harriet said gently.

Norah stared at her. Slowly the beginning of hope showed on her face.

"We was just about dead beat, all of us. We're working over-time every night, yer know."

"I do know."

Norah drew a deep breath. Disconcertingly, her eyes filled with tears—

"I don't never want to be like that—not really. A Ranger ought to be—well, a lady, it seems to me." She muttered "I do try—but it kind of gets you down—all this black-out and worry and all. Alice didn't mean no 'arm. 'Er boy's in the navy and she's been like this ever since the Royal Oak went. But I've got me worries, too."

"In a war the strong help along the weaker, even when they're worried themselves, Norah. Don't lose heart, my dear. You can carry the weight of that Patrol as well as your own worries. You're big enough," Harriet told her gravely.

Norah rubbed her nose anxiously.

"I suppose I could tell them I was sorry, only I 'aven't got no excuse, like, to go round to see them."

"Yes, you have. You can tell them I'm pleased with the work they've been doing, on duty every night in all weathers at the first-aid post until eleven o'clock. Tell them I've arranged for a different Patrol to take their shift on Monday and I'd be pleased if they'll come to the pictures with me, instead." Harriet said briskly—

"Oh, yes, of course I know they'd been doing it, and doing it very well, Norah. But you can't have all work and no play. That settle your troubles?"

Bewildered, a little doubtful of Harriet's ethics, but elated, the Leader of the Oaks departed.

Harriet leaned back in her chair, and for a moment sat, her eyes closed by her hand.

Virtue had gone out of her, but she felt, as she always felt, when the young, vigorous life of her District had been pulsing under her fingers, that the end justified the effort.

The words of a woman with whom she had much in common resounded to her—

"Our children are the future."

Smiling a little, she rose, and went to pay a visit of inspection to those even younger citizens who had chosen her house as the station from which to set out on the adventure of living.

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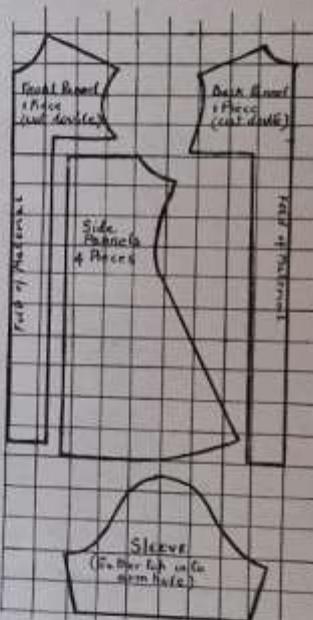
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GUIDERS who are interested in Handwork will be wondering how their Guides' activities in this direction may be of especial use in war time.

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Many a woollen frock too threadbare to be worn by a grown-up can be cut into a child's frock or dressing gown by using the "good" parts only. More substantial coat materials can be used for small boy's trousers, as well as children's coats, and old felt hats can be made into slippers. Grown-ups' jumpers which are worn out can be washed, unravelled and reknitted into smaller garments. Remnants of material will often cut a small garment or can be used for collars, cuffs, etc., while remnants of knitting wool (not used wool) can be made into "net darning" scarves—a welcome change from the usual knitted scarf. In fact, a Guide's ingenuity and handiness can be utilised in innumerable ways.

PATTERN



Slipper Patterns and their Craft Direction Papers 8-13 are very helpful for decorative embroidery. Net Darning for scarves is described in Direction Paper Number 5.

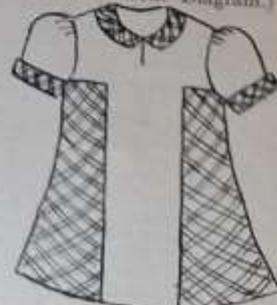
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BLACK OUT TIME IS BOOK TIME

by

K. M. EVANS



IN Winter War-time Guides and Guiders alike will probably find that they have much more time in their own homes than they are accustomed to. The days are short, and for the sake of saving light and fuel business premises will shut early, and everyone will hurry home to escape crowds and darkened streets.

Of course there is a lot to be done for our soldiers and sailors and for all those engaged in War service, and one's instinct will be to use every spare moment for doing what one can which will be useful and helpful to them. But, even so, a certain amount of recreation is essential, and in the home circle we shall have to be self-dependent for that recreation.

The people who love books will, I think, be the easiest to amuse, and those who have books in their own homes may suddenly find that they have an abundance of entertainment there to which they have long been indifferent. How many of us can truthfully say that we have read all the books we own? So often we are hunting for the very latest thing; we go to libraries, we borrow from our friends; and we rush to buy attractive new editions as they appear—heedless of the fact that on our own shelves there is as rich a store as can be tapped by any of these methods.

"Our books are all old, stodgy ones," you may say. Well, perhaps a little "stodge" may be good for you. You may come to be very grateful for a little stodgy nourishment for your brain, just as later when food rations are tightened up you may very readily partake of a different menu from that to which you have been accustomed. When one comes to analyse the somewhat superficial brilliance of modern literature, it may prove, like the ice-cream and the sundae of the modern menu, less satisfying than the old-fashioned apple pudding, and in both cases the homelier fare will last longest.

But in our library, is it all stodge? Let us run a finger along the shelves and see what we find. For those of Brownie age first: Most homes include a copy of Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales—what does that mean? Why, it is treasure trove, a fortune in itself. The Fairy Tales vary so much that among them one can find something surely that will satisfy every child's taste. Think of *The Red Shoes*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Wild Swans*, *Id and Little Christina*.

The Water Babies (Kingsley) always proves a favourite, and *Alice in Wonderland* (Lewis Carroll) too. For those who like stories all about real people and their daily doings Mrs. Ewing is unmatched—*Jan of the Windmill*, *We and the World*, and the always popular *Mrs. Overthway's Remembrances*.

I think the reading of such stories at bedtime in war time might prove a great treat and a relative to excitable little people, and later the memory of them would remain as something pleasing in contrast to the something grim of this grave spell. It would be nice to be tucked up and dream of the riotous fun at the Mad Hatter's Teaparty or the old-world peace of Mrs. Overthway, than of rather inexplicable gas masks and rationed suppers.

Now, the Brownies considered, what remains for girls of Guide age? Well, there are Charlotte Yonge, Louisa Alcott, Kingsley again, Mrs. Gaskell, George Eliot, to say nothing of Dickens, Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Guides who like a historical tale will enjoy all that Charlotte Yonge wrote: *Unknown to History*, *Two Penniless Princesses*, *The Chapel of Pearly*, *The Dove in the Eagle's Nest*, *The Prince and the Page*, *The Pigeon Pie*.

Louisa Alcott's stories: *Little Women*, *Good Wives*, *Little Men*, are homely ones, and deal with difficulties in family life rather like the Guides may have to encounter, which cultivates their sympathy and interest from the beginning.

Dickens, Scott, Stevenson: These authors may look a little formidable and even be a trifle difficult to get into at first, but those who persevere will be rewarded with the most intriguing plots, the most lavish and also most delicate descriptions, pages of lively humour, and characters so perfectly portrayed that they will live on in memory for always and for ever and become almost a part of life.

A very good way of spending long sociable evenings for older girls is for each member of a party in turn to read aloud while the others knit or do needlework—or for one who is especially gifted as a reader to read right through a chosen book. The works of these three writers gain tremendously by being treated in this way.

The Guiders themselves need never be dull and will have a long list of inspiring and stimulating tales, if, alongside Dickens, Thackeray, Stevenson, they find on the same shelves the works of George Eliot, Charlotte Brontë, Jane Austen, Antony Trollope, Mrs. Gaskell, Miss Mitford. These are all old-fashioned books, but they are based on manners and morals for all time, and so they rejoice and beguile us from the dreariness that will be forced on us this winter. The long sleepy chronicles of the Barchester series (here is the order of them: *The Warden*, *Barchester Towers*, *Doctor Thorne*, *Framley Parsonage*, *The Small House at Allington*, *The Last Chronicle of Barset*), of *Middlemarch*, *North and South*, transport us into a world so different from our own that we may temporarily feel quite removed from the one we live in.

Conrad, Galsworthy, Kipling, should come into their own. This winter, and who will not welcome an evening at home, even with the light dimmed and the necessity to nurse the fire carefully between times because of coal restrictions, if one has such an old favourite as a G. B. Stern (*Tents of Israel*), Kate O'Brien (*Without My Cloak*), an Arnold Bennett (*The Old Wives Tale*), a Marjorie Bowen (*The Dutch Trilogy*), a Storm Jameson (*The Lovely Ship*), or a Margaret Kennedy (*The Constant Nymph*)?

Fiction apart, there may be times when a biography would be more to your mood. Then I hope your shelves will be found to contain—perhaps, *The Paston Letters*, *Hoswell's Life of Johnson*, *Lord Chesterfield's Letters*, or those of Dorothy Osborne to Sir William Temple; or, may be, *The Compleat Angler* or *The Garden That I Love*.

Here are the facts of other people's lives freely revealed, their loves and hates, their troubles and joys, their sickness or disappointment—all so very much like our own, but to us so full of romance and thrilling interest because of the different setting and the magic of "long ago." I was going to add Pepys' Diary, but that delightful chatty creature has been so vulgarised and imitated, the victim of so many cheap skits and so much quizzing, that one almost passes him quickly on his shelf, fearful that if one tries to enjoy him as of old some horrible parody will obtrude itself between oneself and the charming original and make him seem altogether different.

Therefore, all things considered it seems the leisure you have forced upon you need not be dull or unproductive; you may even some day, looking back, be able to say: "You know, as far as books and reading go, the Black-Out proved to me almost a blessing in disguise."

BE PREPARED

AN isolated village in the Welsh Mountains, the flushed, troubled face of a child who said:

"Two years ago, when you enrolled me you said that I must always be prepared. I am ready now and I want to help, and no one has asked me to do anything."

It is because of this child and others like her that I am writing this article.

Have any of you who read this, I wonder, been eager to help some time or another and known the disappointment or discouragement of being put aside? Why need we damp these children's keenness when now our country needs us All?

In towns and bigger villages, Guides are finding work of real worth to do. They are being recognised, used and valued by the local authorities where they live. In the country, it is not yet so easy for them even though they are as anxious to serve as the others. In many places where evacuated children have been received, companies are busy absorbing them and teaching the new recruits their Tenderfoot test. In another few weeks I foresee not only the isolated child who prompted me to write, but many, many more who, having imbibed the spirit of service, will be asking:

"What can we do to help?"

It is up to us to have an answer ready.

During these early days of war, it would be unwise to rush headlong into momentous decisions or changes. Better to wait a little and let these come after carefully considered thought. Later there may be many things for Guides to do such as the finding of spagnum moss, collecting, bandage making, etc. For the moment then, can we evolve something for the Guides to tackle for the next few months, and by doing so assist companies being run by Patrol Leaders and new Guiders.

With these points in mind, we in Montgomeryshire issued a challenge on September 22nd to every Guide in the county to train for and pass their Emergency Helper (First Aid) and Cook's badges before December 31st. Companies with 90 per cent. passed will receive a gold star certificate, those with 80 per cent. passed, a silver star. A letter is being sent by the Commissioners to all Local Associations and Examiners asking them to keep up the standard and not hesitate to fail Guides unless they are satisfied that their work is of exceptionally high merit. Guides are being given direction and memory tests, with a view to message carrying and the "useful article" in the 2nd class test has now to be made for the benefit of something outside the company, such as for a hospital, or the relief of refugees.

Another county, I am told, is arranging a rambling club where the evacuees are being taken by the Guides and taught, not only woodcraft, but the care of other people's property. These are only given as suggestions to start the ball of thought rolling, for what suits one county may not work in another.

Let us, however, all remember our motto "Be Prepared" and see to it that the Guides at this moment are learning something and that while they can feel they are doing their share of training to be useful in wartime, it may also stand them in good stead in their own homes when peace comes again.

Guides need something that really takes "a deal of doing." They want much to be asked of them, to fail in this would be to belittle Guiding as an instrument of use to our country.

"Be Prepared." In peace days I have known Guiders who feared to put a bowline to practice, yet have glibly said: "The knot you would use for saving life." Do we really expect a Guide faced with an emergency such as the burning of her cottage to save her life and those of others by keeping her head and effecting a rescue which we have never dared practice. Yet now, as then, if we use our sense we shall not risk their safety! What is the use of talking and not practising? Of having a motto and not keeping it? A terror rehearsed becomes an adventure, the feeling of horror, of helplessness is alleviated because one has learnt to pit one's skill; with a child this is more than ever true.

Here then, as never before, our motto comes before us "Be Prepared"—for what? We do not know, but in so far as we can, let us help our Guides so that whatever their lives may bring, they will not fail either through lack of knowledge, or through lack of courage. In learning to help others in calamity, they will themselves be brave. Let them share! It is their right. True it is we who bear the brunt of the struggle and grief which is coming now, but they are the future of our land. Men who are dear to us have gone to fight for this heritage, have died, are dying for it now. Surely it is for us to see that they are not followed by a generation of weaklings, absorbed in their

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"Be Prepared" nations are gathered out of nurseries and those who hold the leading strings of children care too for this—if they look far ahead beyond the grubby face of a small evacuee, to the Britain of the future which is being built now. HEATHER KAY.

CRAFT WORK IN WAR TIME

By MRS. SONNIS,

The Crafts Council (under the auspices of the National Council of Girls' Clubs), Hamilton House, Bidborough Street, London, W.C.1.

THE first few weeks of the war have proved to the Crafts Council not only that Craft Workers realise the necessity for "carrying on" but that many who have had no previous experience of Craft Work have found the necessity to begin! People all over the country have been in touch with us about their particular problems and it seems that the Crafts Council is to have an even wider sphere for its work than before.

Although work as advocated in the past by the Crafts Council—through the lectures of its Organisers and through its publications and sales—will keep its place during the war both educationally and as a lenitive, there is a definite need for suggestions for work of a more topical kind. Guiders will be glad to hear of the publication of a series of supplementary wartime direction papers, which will in time be added to. Here is a list up to date:—

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The Time-table has already been made out for three terms, but is being changed to include topical Craft subjects.

BOOKS WHICH WILL HELP YOU

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The importance of smartness of uniform is dealt with and the

reason we wear uniform is an important part of this chapter as it is a matter which is not always properly understood and appreciated by Guiders nowadays.

The Leaders will love Mrs. Burgess' ideas on Patrol Corners. It is a brilliant suggestion to compare them to Caravans—after reading this part of the book I longed to make a corner for myself on the lines the author describes. The same applies to the suggestions for the making and equipping of Patrol Boxes. The author quite obviously is well acquainted with the type of company which is not fortunate enough to be well endowed with the luxuries of Guiding for her book is a mine of information of how those luxuries may be conjured out of very little. It is, of course, quite impossible in one short review to give even an adequate idea of all the subjects covered in the book. I can only say that games, competitions, handicraft, hiking, first aid, all these and many more are dealt with in a most excellent way.

I do hope that all Guiders will make quite sure that their Leaders possess the New Handbook. It costs only 6d. and even the poorest Companies would find the money well invested if Company funds could rise to a copy for each Leader.

J. M. S. M.

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A Very Ordinary Company. By Joan Herbert. (Pearson. 1s.)

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Here is another useful book for Captains, experienced as well as new. Employing the same pictorial form, Miss Herbert packs her chapters with all manner of original and useful matter, notably new games and ideas for enlivening Company meetings as they come round. In theory the Company may be an "ordinary" one—but when it comes to using the *smell* of kippers as a clue in a tracking game—well, that Company can give most of us hints that come in extraordinarily useful!

One word of warning—the publishers have definitely economised on the cover—do not be put off by it. The inside is of very different quality!

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Hints on Girl Guide Badges. (Brown, Son, and Ferguson. 3s. 6d.)

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No Guider can afford to be without a copy of *Hints on Girl Guide Badges*. The book is a training in itself, and deals with every badge that it is possible for Rangers and Guiders to take. There is an article on every badge, each written by an expert, and the new Guider who is at a loss for information, will find the book as useful as the Patrol Leader working alone and determined to make herself and her Patrol proficient.

The book is the standard work on badges, and it is published in agreement with the Girl Guides Association. If you are new to Guiding, or if you have returned to it after some time, *Hints on Girl Guide Badges* should be your first purchase.

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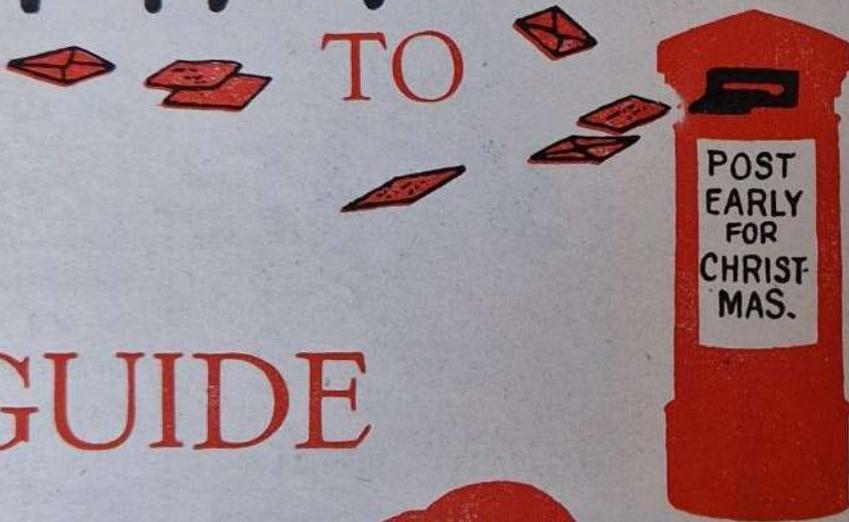
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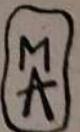


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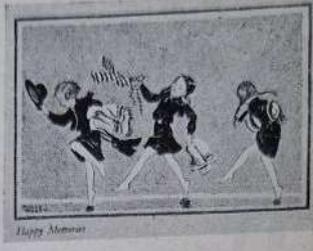
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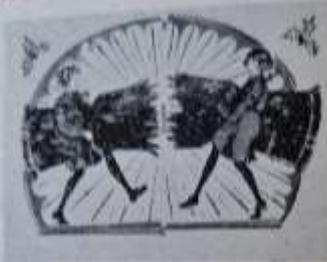
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The ships raced against, the ships we sailed around, the *Iron Duke* we went aboard so often, the ships we knew so well by sight all have sailed out to their stations, and one, H.M.S. *Courageous*, that 250 Sea Rangers spent such a happy afternoon aboard has been sunk. The sailors we had joked with, invited to *Implacable*, signalled to, raced against, attended Divine Service with on board H.M.S. *Iron Duke* are out at sea manning those ships. It's all so different now, and yet is it? We could tell in the summer with all the preparations that were going on, and the dozens of searchlights we watched at night from the *Implacable* poop, that something might happen, although we prayed it wouldn't, and it did, and that spirit we felt so strongly then amongst our fleet is the same to-day as ever.

What of the Sea Ranger section? What of the 700 *Implacable* trained Sea Rangers? The Sea Rangers too, have gone silently to their stations. Were we, too, prepared? Did our training help us as we hoped? Are we able to meet the challenges thrown out by this queer world to-day? Did we just take our Sea Rangering in our stride, having a good time, never stopping to pause and look out at the wider horizons, realising how soon we would be tested? Lots of you have new jobs, maybe with time to think in the night watches, to adjust your Guide ideals to the present job. Do you wear your trefolds hidden under your service clothes, if not do, and honour your badge and all that it stands for.

A lot will be expected of us as Sea Rangers, we have had a specialised training. What use can it be put to? There is the London River Emergency Service, the W.R.N.S., where lots of Sea Rangers are joining up as fast as they can be accepted. There are locks in our rivers which you can help to man, later the Sea Scouts will want assistance with their coast watching, there is lots of extra help needed in the smaller harbours. There are several ways of helping by adopting lighthouses, lighthouses, small trawlers, and sending them knitted goods, or caring for their families at home, or why not knit for the London Sea Rangers in the River Emergency, who will be manning the boats in the foggy cold winter nights? Then Sea Rangers have always been handywomen, so go out and do any job that's needed regardless of its nature and don't grumble.

Like every other branch of Guiding, Sea Rangers are going to be left a good deal on their own for the duration. Skipper has gone off on National Service. What have we always said was the special point of "sailing"? That it would enable us to be able to handle any difficulty with discipline single-handed! Well, here's your chance, take it, and don't have a spill. The reputation of the crew will entirely depend on the show you put up and the behaviour of many individual members of that crew. Remember how one bad oar lost you the race in pulling? It is the same now—do take care and set an example. Remember for every mistake you make that is shown publicly, someone will see and tell. For every odd way of wearing uniform other than the regulation way, someone will complain. If you get that side right, all the super things will also be reported, the work done without a grumble, efficiency, cheerfulness, someone will tell that too, but don't let the former wipe out the latter.

I've seen so many of you now in training, racing at your musters and regattas, I know what you are and can be, don't fail now, will you?

To new crews that are starting, training will be difficult but you will manage and what a thrill for you, there are so many left who need Sea Rangering.

I have just got my first day's leave and am going to try to spend some of it visiting the River Emergency Sea Rangers. I get sent north and south and wherever I can I will try and link up with you, but it is difficult. But do remember that I wear our blue trefold under my W.A.A.P. lapel and am enjoying using it hard if I see another Sea Ranger—don't forget we have our threefold message to give and live, and who knows how soon we shall once more be scrap-

ing the varnish off our boats again and sailing away? Until then, remember all you learnt in *Implacable*. Good Guiding and I know we'll be prouder of our sails to come if we face it well now and do not let the Sea Ranger Fleet down. Remember our last night in *Implacable* and the motto I left you with there. I repeat it now "Don't Sag."

ANNE HOPKINS,

Assistant Commissioner for Rangers (Sea Rangers).

1914 AND 1939—AN APPEAL TO OLD GUIDES

IN August, 1914, some of us put on our thick serge Guide uniforms and were thrilled at being allowed to act as hospital orderlies and to help with all kinds of war jobs. Now history has repeated itself and 25 years later children in blue Guide uniforms are again finding countless opportunities for carrying out their promises—especially that of "service." (From all over the country splendid reports are coming in, but I can only dwell on facts known to me personally.) As soon as war was imminent the local Guides reported at the W.V.S. Centre at the Council Offices and there they have worked unceasingly from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. taking messages, filling and taking round palliasses and blankets, rescuing lost evacuated children, collecting prams and clothing, doing odd jobs for the Evacuation Officer, Billeting Officer and the W.V.S. officials—in fact, they have been at the beck and call of everyone in authority.

Up till a few weeks ago Guiding locally had been going through rather a difficult time owing to the lack of Guiders and general support—now there will be no lack of support for Guiding in the future, for everyone has been impressed by the efficient and willing help given by the Guides and their devotion to duty—(for after all these children have been giving up their holidays day after day) and what is the result? The Guides have proved their worth, that their training is making them the sort of people willing to serve and to be useful in an emergency. Head teachers of evacuated schools having seen how useful and reliable the Guides have been, are saying they want their children to be Guides too, while the Commissioner (who has worked in a camp overall daily with the Guides!) has a list of 50 local children wanting to be Guides. They have looked with envy at the blue clad Guides tearing about on bicycles and being given all the jobs to do.

We know many of the younger Guiders have joined the W.A.T.S., Red Cross, and taken up other forms of National Service, new Guiders will not be easy to find—the Guides (bless them) will carry on with their Guiding as best they can—but, however splendid the Patrol Leaders are, we all know they must have an older person to "hold the reins." Old Guides, here is your chance, come back to Guiding for the sake of the children, offer your services to your nearest Commissioner or Recorder, even if you can only give occasional help with a Company or Pack meeting, every bit of help will be appreciated and may make all the difference.

Those of us who have grown up with Guiding since its early days have sometimes wondered whether we had not lost something which we had in the old days, but having seen the marvellous way the Guides of to-day have risen to the occasion, it is evident that the same desire "to serve" is there, just as it was in 1914, only more so now because there are many more Guides in the world to-day.

It does make us realise that the Guide spirit is every bit as much alive to-day as it was 25 years ago and all is well as far as Guiding and the children are concerned.

It is now up to all Old Guides to back the children and to give them every scrap of help that is possible. Let us bring out our old notebooks and text-books again and refresh our memories of "what we used to do" and pass them on to the Guides so that we may "hold the fort" till the Guiders come back to their Companies or Packs and until new Guiders can be found.

Let us remember that Guiding is one of the most important parts of National Service that any woman can undertake.

JOAN FRYER,

Headquarters Recorder, Old Guides.

THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

THANKS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—We London people are fully aware of the many problems which have been created in country districts by evacuation and we are all the more grateful for the kindness with which our children have been received.

I have been asked by the London Commissioners Council to write and thank, through THE GUIDER, all those Country Guiders, Rangers and Guides who have done so much to welcome our Guides and Brownies, and to help them to adapt themselves to their new conditions.

From all parts of the country come letters saying how much this welcome has meant to them and we hear of many new companies being started by country and London Guiders in conjunction.

Surely this will be for the ultimate good of all the children, and will result in better understanding and friendship throughout our country. Meanwhile we should like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those—specially to our fellow Guiders—who have taken our children into their hearts and homes.

Yours, etc.,

ROSE KERR,

County Commissioner for London.

FOUND—SOME BROWNIES.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I have just left my Brownie meeting. I think you'd be interested to know that a pack has been started for the evacuated children. At first we had only those who were Brownies, now we have decided to allow others to join until the pack numbers about 30.

I get one half-day a week and I take my own Brownies, and the new pack on alternate Thursdays from 2.0 p.m. If Brown Owls read this who had children in the "Essendine School" they can write to me or to their Brownies at the address below, I have three of the 5th Paddington amongst them.

EDITH YOUNG,

Brown Owl.

The Guides' Hut, P.O. Footpath, Kings Langley, Herts.

S.O.S.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I am running a Brownie Pack in East Horsley which, as we are in a reception area, has now been invaded by a large number of youngsters from Fulham (evacuees) who are anxious to become Brownies.

My present Pack now numbers thirty-four, and there are others who would join if they could. Some of these children are already Brownies and have sent home for their uniforms, while two or three are paying for new ones. Unfortunately, many of them seem to have been more or less abandoned by their parents, and will certainly never be given enough money to pay even for the cheapest Brownie uniform.

These children are genuinely anxious to join our Movement, and have made several attendances already. The value of Brownie training and ideals is going to be of tremendous importance in the coming days, not only to the children themselves, but also to their foster-parents, who in many cases are finding their charges somewhat of a "handful."

If any Guiders (possibly in evacuated districts?) have any cast-off Brownie uniforms to dispose of, I would most gladly pay for their postage. My own Pack funds are practically exhausted with the unexpected strain of providing such an abnormal number of emblems, badges, and other necessary etceteras for my new Brownie family, but where necessary I will pay any reasonable expenses as regards secondhand uniforms myself. The larger sizes are the ones most needed, as most of my children are tall of nine and ten.

I could find "tenants" for a dozen uniforms right away, and would be so grateful, for the children's sake, if Headquarters could help me. It seems most probable that these children will have to remain in their new homes for a very considerable length of time, possibly years; and those of us who are Guiders have a tremendous responsibility towards them. They simply must not be allowed to run wild, and remain ignorant of those high ideals which we, as a

nominally Christian country are striving so earnestly to maintain in international relationships.

With many thanks in anticipation of your assistance.—Yours, etc.

MARJORIE JENKINS,

(Warranted) Brown Owl, 2nd East Horsley.

White Lodge, Glendene Avenue, East Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey.

ON SERVICE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—You ask me to write a short note telling you what I am doing. I am in command of an A.T.S. Company which provides 110 clerks who work in the different offices of the Headquarters of the Southern Command. Attached to us are 12 cooks and house orderlies, 21 motor drivers, and ten teleprinters. We live in what used to be a theological college which is an addition to a beautiful old house in the close of a cathedral.

All of our four officers are Guiders. My Deputy Company Commander is a Division Secretary, and the two Junior Officers are a District Commissioner and a Brown Owl.

Although we have been working pretty hard since we were called up, which was a week before war was declared, and although we have been spending nearly all our time trying to find out how the Army likes to do things, and what they mean when they speak of such things as rosters, signals, W.E.F., Bins ash (before the war we would have said rota, telegram, dated and ash bin), in spite of all this we have found time to discover that many of our associates are Guiders.

It was a great joy to find that our General's wife is an ex-Division Commissioner, that the head of the local W.V.S. is the County Extension Secretary, that the regimental sergeant-major of the company which provides us with cooks, is a County Secretary and Camp adviser. One of the motor drivers is the sister of an erstwhile editor of *The Guide*, who is herself, we believe, driving a lorry. We are always coming upon N.C.Os. and volunteers who are Guiders and many of the people living in these barracks have been Guiders.

Before long we shall have a Guide Meeting here and when we do we will write and tell you about it.—Yours, etc.

NANCY BRITTON,

Commissioner for Extensions.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I have just received my copy of THE GUIDER, and thought I must write to you. I don't know if I had told you that I was on the Reserve (Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve) and so was called up on the Friday before the declaration of war. I went up to the North of England where we were assembling, had ten days there, collecting kit, getting vaccinated, etc., and then were moved off. We are right in the country, just a tiny market town, and have turned a good sized house into a hospital, and now tents are going up, so that eventually I think we will have about 400-600 beds. We have about a hundred I think in the house, either in rooms, or else in the corridors.

We are taking in all sick troops at present, and I have a small ward of eight beds, and seem to be getting mostly accidents (motor cycle).

Our billets are really most comfortable. I never realised Army beds would be so soft! Precious hot baths are procurable from time to time, the hot water usually rises to about one a week for us, but thanks to camping, I find that quite adequate! I imagine that if we go up nearer the line, and are in tents in the winter, we will realise that we are now living in complete luxury!

When THE GUIDER came, it reminded me of the fact that I was enrolled about a year before the end of the last war, and remember being very hurt because I was told I was too small to go down to the depot at Bognor and help clean it. I felt sure that I was quite capable of cleaning a grate or scrubbing the floor! However, this time, I was one of the lucky ones to be sent up with one of the first contingents, by the time you get this, I will have been on "Active Service" for a whole month, although it seems much longer. Time goes fairly quickly now we have something to do, and at times we can be quite busy in spite of the fact that we have only about one-quarter of our total number of patients.

I must stop now, as everyone else in my room is trying to go to sleep. We have long nights at present, as we have to be in by nine, so we have 9-10 hours of sleep every night.

Yours, etc.,

ROSAMUND WANSBOROUGH,

Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.



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EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Held on September 27th, 1939

PRESENT:

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, C.B.E. (Chair).
Miss Browning.
The Countess of Clarendon.
Sir Percy Everett.
Miss Gibbs.
Mrs. St. John Atkinson.
Lady Somers.
Miss Ward.

By Invitation:

Mrs. Mark Kerr.

The Chairman welcomed Sir Percy Everett on his return from his very successful tour of Canada as representative of the Chief Scout.

It was reported that Miss Angela Thompson had accepted the appointment of Commissioner for Camping for England.

The resignation of Miss Knight as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee was reported. It was agreed that the General Purposes Committee should be temporarily suspended, and that any matters relating to that Committee should be referred to the Training and Camping Committee.

A small sub-committee consisting of Lady Clarendon, Miss Browning and Miss Anstice Gibbs was appointed to consider what steps could be taken immediately to stimulate Guiding all over the country.

The resignation of Miss Mary Shaw as Assistant Commissioner for Extensions (Deaf Companies and Packs) was reported.

Reports from the International Commissioner and the Commissioner for Kindred Societies were submitted.

It was agreed that Miss Shanks be co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee.

It was approved that the Girl Guides Association collaborate with the Boy Scouts Association in a leaflet being published entitled "Suggestions for Leisure-time Activities for School Children" to be circulated to educational authorities.

Routine and Financial business was transacted.

The date of the next meeting, Tuesday, October 10th, was confirmed.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Held on October 10th, 1939

PRESENT:

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, C.B.E. (Chair).
Mrs. Percy Birley, C.B.E.
Miss Barkeley.
The Countess of Clarendon.
Mrs. Houston Craufurd.
Sir Percy Everett.
Lady Geig.
Miss Gibbs.
Mrs. St. John Atkinson.
Miss Shanks.
Miss Shepherd.
Miss Ward.

By Invitation:

Mrs. Elliott Carnegie.
Lady Moore.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended a very hearty welcome to Mrs. St. John Atkinson who succeeds Mrs. Birley as Chief Commissioner for England, and to Mrs. Elliott Carnegie, who succeeds Mrs. Houston Craufurd as Chief Commissioner for Scotland.

The Chairman expressed very deep regret at the resignations of Mrs. Birley and Mrs. Houston Craufurd.

It was agreed that no meetings of the Advisory Board should be held during the War, but that Branch Commissioners should be invited to attend meetings of the Executive when anything concerning their Branch was to be discussed.

A report was received from the Vice-Chairman on the work of the sub-committee formed to stimulate Guiding under present conditions.

It was agreed that Guide uniform may be worn when doing National Service. A strong recommendation was added that Badges should be worn at all times. It was also agreed that Guides under 16 years of age may wear uniform when doing war work at the discretion of their Commissioners.

It was reported that Mrs. Birley would continue to act as Chairman of the English Committee, and that a meeting of this Committee would be held in the near future.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Chief Commissioner of South Africa cancelling the All South Africa Camp (Ndaba Nkulu).

It was agreed that where real necessity arises among evacuated children a triangular tie (worn Scout fashion), shoulder knot and belt, in addition to the trefoil should be the first parts of uniform to be acquired, but that Guides should be encouraged to make every effort to complete their uniform.

Suggestions for a shortened Guide Second Class Test, a war-time alternative Ranger Test and a basis for a National Service Award were referred to the Committees of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ulster.

It was agreed that the Overseas Directory and Report should be published as usual this year.

It was approved that there be a permanent cover design for THE GUIDER for the duration of the war. It was also agreed to ask County Secretaries and District Commissioners to urge Guiders to read THE GUIDER and THE GUIDE, and to hand on any information relevant to them contained in these papers, as being the quickest means of getting in touch with Guiders and Guides all over the country.

The appointment of Miss Usher as Assistant Commissioner to the Commissioner for Camping for England was approved.

Routine and Financial business was transacted.

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, October 24th, at 2 p.m.

The meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14th, at 2 p.m. was confirmed.

AWARDS

Medal of Merit. (For Good Service.)

Mrs. FitzHenry, Assistant Colony Commissioner, N. Rhodesia.

Blue Cord Diploma.

Miss Bubbers, of London.

Gold Cords.

Company Leader Gwenyth Bonell, 187th Birmingham Company.
Ranger Marjorie Skill, 6th Preston Rangers, Sussex.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

ALTERATIONS TO BOOK OF RULES

Brown Owl's Warrant.

P.O.R. Rule 32. Page 27.

Agreed that for a Brown Owl's Warrant the words

"Tell a story for ten minutes" should be changed to:—
"From five to seven minutes."

Emergency Helper Badge.

P.O.R. Rule 38. Page 57.

"Note . . . qualified doctor or nurse" to read

"Note . . . qualified doctor or nurse. Where difficulty is experienced in obtaining the services of either or these, the County Commissioner may approach a suitable Red Cross or other qualified official."

CADET AND PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING

There will be a Training for Cadets at Foxlease during the Christmas holidays. Guide Patrol Leaders will be eligible to attend this training if they have their County Commissioner's consent. Dates will be announced later.

KNITTING AS WAR SERVICE

The Personal Service League and the British Red Cross Society are bringing out at once a booklet containing all the official patterns for the three fighting forces (socks for the Army can be made of any coloured wool, not necessarily khaki), as well as the requirements of the Red Cross. The Girl Guide Association is arranging that supplies of wool suitable for making these garments shall be obtainable from Imperial Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, at very moderate prices.

It should be understood that supplies will only be available for authorised representatives of Brownie, Guide and Ranger Working Parties as it will be impossible to supply individual customers.

Details as to where garments should be sent will be published in the December GUIDER.

GENERAL NOTICES

GUIDE AND BROWNIE EVACUEES IN DORSET

Guiders whose Guides and Brownies have been evacuated to Dorset are asked to inform Mrs. Forder, County Secretary, Yeoleaze, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset.

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The Shop at Scottish Headquarters, 16, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, will close in future at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. until further notice. It will, however, remain open until 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays as usual.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Rose Isabel Mickleburgh, beloved Division Commissioner for Oswestry West, Shropshire, from 1929-1936.

Jessie Ann Paterson Weasenham, of Dundee, Scotland, on October 3rd. For six years Brown Owl of the Chapelshade Pack and also a member of the 28th Chapelshade Ranger Company.

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THE GUIDE ARMLET

Enquiries have been received concerning the use of the white armlet now stocked at Headquarters. This armlet is intended to be worn in the black-out. It is not a National Service Badge nor is it intended as a substitute for uniform.

THE HANDCRAFT COMPETITION

We wish to call the attention of Guiders to the fact that THE GUIDER Handcraft Competition has definitely been cancelled. We hope, however, that those who had intended to enter for the competition will not be put off by its cancellation, but will continue to knit and sew as a means of war service, giving the garments made either to the fighting forces, or to the evacuees.

SUPPLIES OF "THE GUIDER"

We understand that Guiders are having a certain amount of difficulty in obtaining their copies of THE GUIDER from the newsagents who usually supply them. We cannot understand why this should be so, but would like to impress on our readers that this trouble can easily be avoided by ordering THE GUIDER direct from Headquarters. The subscription price is 4s. 6d. per annum, and your copy will be despatched to you automatically every month.

THE GUIDE

A rumour has arisen that The Guide has ceased publication. This is not true. It is smaller in size, but still going strong every week. Guides who have difficulty in obtaining copies locally should inform Headquarters, giving name of their nearest newsagent.

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WAR EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has approved the formation of a War Emergency Committee under the joint chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner (Mrs. St. John Atkinson) and Lady Clarendon. This Committee is charged with power to take action on all matters appertaining to War Time Guiding and is now functioning at Headquarters.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

It has come to our notice that some members of the Girls' Life Brigade are anxious to attend Guide meetings in reception areas, where there are no meetings of their own organisation. Headquarters is sure that Guiders and Guides will welcome them. In the present emergency they will, of course, wear the G.L.B. uniform when attending Guide meetings as guests.

POLISH REFUGEES

Will Guiders who know the whereabouts of Polish refugees among the evacuated children, write to the International Secretary at Headquarters giving full particulars of name, address, age, religion, etc. Information concerning other foreign children now joining companies will be very welcome.

WHISTLE SIGNALS

Guiders should make sure of the local regulations concerning whistle signals as in some parts of the country the use of whistles other than for A.R.P. purposes is forbidden.

Appointments and Resignations

Approved by the Executive Committee, October, 1939.

ENGLAND.

BERKSHIRE.

BERKSHIRE, SOUTH-EAST.—Div. C., Miss S. Denis de Vitre, Keep Hatch, Wokingham.
WOKINGHAM.—Dist. C., Mrs. Hurlt, "Red Heath," Finchampstead Road, Wokingham.

RESIGNATIONS.

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WOLVES.

MOSELEY.—Div. C., Miss D. Burton, 70, Arden Road, Acoccks Green, Birmingham, 27.

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MOSELEY.—Div. C., Mrs. Adams.

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RESIGNATION.

MARCH.—District C., Miss J. Stallard.

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Division and District, White crossed pens	2	6	1½d	
Camping, Green crossed pens	2	6	1½d	
TAWNY OWL	7		1½d	
THANKS BADGES—					
Silver, with Bar pin	6	0	1½d	
Gold, 9 carat, with Bar pin	1	6	6	free
ENROLMENT CARDS					
BROWNIE	1d.	each	or 10d.	per doz.
GUIDE	1d.	each	or 10d.	per doz.
RANGER	1d.	each	or 10d.	per doz.
LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARD	4		1½d	
<i>(Through District Secretary)</i>					
FORMS AND CERTIFICATES					
PROFICIENCY BADGE CERTIFICATE BOOK	4		2d	
DITTO FOR SCHOOL COMPANIES	2		1½d	
BOOK OF PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES FOR CADETS	10		4d	
TRANSFER FORMS—book of 24	3½		2d	
TRANSFER FORMS FOR GUIDERS	3		forms	
LEAVING CERTIFICATES—Brownie	2		1½d	
" " Guide	3		1½d	
BROWNIE PACK CERTIFICATES	9		2½d	
OLD GUIDES MEMBERSHIP CARDS	1		1½d	
<i>(Issued to Commissioners, County Secretaries, Recorders and Warranted Captains only.)</i>					
HAT BADGES AND HATBANDS					
CADET HAT BADGE, White enamel	8		1½d	
GUIDE HAT BADGE	3		1½d	
RANGER HAT BADGE	3		1½d	
SEA RANGER CAP RIBBON	1	2	1½d	
GUIDER CAP RIBBON	1	2	1½d	
SEA GUIDER	8		1½d	
<i>May be ordered from Headquarters</i>					
SERVICE STARS					
<i>Numbered Stars issued as follows—</i>					
BROWNIE (Brown Background)	2-3	years	...	
GUIDE (Green Background)	2-5	years	...	
RANGER (Red Background)	2-10	years	...	
SEA RANGER (Navy Background)	2-10	years	...	1½ 1½d
GUIDER (Without Background)	2-25	years	...	
One Year or Navy Cloth (unnumbered).	1½		1½d	
Backgrounds for Stars	2		1½d	

UNIFORM

		Price Postage		Price Postage	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
BROWNIES					
PACK LEADERS' BADGE					
THREE GOLD STRIPES embroidered on a brown background—worn instead of the Gold Braid armlets ...	...	3		1½d	
STRIPES for Sixers, with two Gold Braid Bars on brown material ...	...	2		1½d	
STRIPES for Brownie Seconds, with one Gold Braid Bar on brown material ...	...	1		1½d	
BELTS					
Sizes 25 to 30 in., 32 in. ...	...	10		2d	
CAPS					
BROWN WOOLLEN, in two sizes—small and large ...	...	1	4	2d	
INSTRUCTIONS FOR KNITTING A BROWNIE CAP ...	...	1		1½d	
EMBLEMS					
Names given in Brownie Handbook ...	...	2		1½d	
HATS					
BROWN COTTON, Sizes 6½, 6¾, 6¾, 7 ...	...	1	2	2d	
BROWN MELTON, " " ...	...	1	3	1½d	
JERSEYS					
BROWN 24 ins. ...	...	3	6	5d	
" 26 in. ...	...	3	9	5d	
" 28 in. ...	...	4	0	5d	
" 30 in. ...	...	4	3	5d	
KILTS					
BROWN, ALL WOOL SERGE, on bodice, Length from shoulder to hem, ...	...	5	0	3½d	
" 27 in. ...	...	5	3	3½d	
" 30 in. ...	...	5	9	3½d	
" 33 in. ...	...	6	0	3½d	
KNICKERS					
BROWN INTERLOCK WOVEN, Sizes 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 ...	...	1	3	2½d	
BROWN, FLEECE-LINED, Sizes 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 ...	...	1	0	3d	
BROWN CASEMENT CLOTH, Size 14, 16, 18, 20 ...	...	1	6	2½d	
LANYARDS					
BROWN, for Pack Leaders only ...	...	4		1½d	
OVERALLS					
<i>N.B.—Length is measured from back of neck to bottom of hem.</i>					
BROWN COTTON					
Length 25 in. Neck 12½ in. Sleeve 15½ in. 4th 3rd 2nd 1st ...	...	3	0	6	3½d
" 27 in. " 12½ in. " 16 in. ...	...	3	0	6	3½d
" 29 in. " 13½ in. " 16½ in. ...	...	3	0	6	3½d
" 32 in. " 14½ in. " 17½ in. ...	...	3	0	6	3½d
<i>Overalls made to special measurements 1/6 extra.</i>					
<i>Length is measured from back of neck to bottom of hem.</i>					
PLIMSOLLS (Brown)					
Sizes 10, 11, 12, 13, 1 and 2 ...	...	1	6	4d	
SOCKS AND STOCKINGS					
BROWN SOCKS—	...	per pair	1	6	2d
1-length plain cashmere, sizes 8, 9 and 10 ...	...	per pair	1	6	2d
BROWN STOCKINGS—	...	per pair	2	3	3d
Sizes 5, 6 and 7—Cashmere ...	...	per pair	2	3	3d
TIES					
BROWN OR GOLD ...	...	4d., 6d., and fadeless 8d.	2d		
GUIDES					
BELTS (with Official Buckle)					
<i>All sizes, 25, 26 in. to 30, 32, 34, 36. Exact measurements should be sent, as three holes must be left on each side of buckle.</i>					
SWIVEL BELTS. Two swivels ...	...	1	10	3d	
NEW DESIGN BELT, made in good quality hide, very light in weight, 1 in. wide with new style clasp (nickel plated on steel) sizes 25 in.—36 in. ...	...	1	6	3d	
PLAIN BELTS. 25 in.—38 in. ...	...	1	3	3d	
BELT BUCKLES. Old design ...	...	6	2	1½d	
" SWIVELS. Old design ...	...	3	2d		
SWIVEL on leather loop for Guide and Guiders' new style belt (IMPORTANT.—No belt can be exchanged if buckle has been moved.) ...	...	6	2d		
BLAZERS					
NAVY MELTON, Sizes 32 in., 34 in., 36 in., 38 in. ...	...	13	0	6d	
DISTINGUISHING MARKS					
PATROL LEADERS' STRIPES ...	...	2	1	1½d	
CADET PATROL LEADERS' white enamel bar ...	...	4	1	1½d	
SECONDS' STRIPES ...	...	6	1	1½d	
" BADGE, Sea Rangers ...	...	1	1	1½d	
BIRDS, FLOWERS or TREES ...	...	4	1	1½d	
PLAIN (for embroidering) ...	...	3	1	1½d	
HATS					
Sizes 6½, 6¾, 6¾, 7, 7½ ...	...	2	1	1½d	
Inches 19½, 20½, 21, 22, 22½ ...	...	2	1	1½d	
GUIDE, SOFT WOOL FELT					
RANGER HATS, new style, made in Navy water-proof drill, with three-section crown and stitched brim. Sizes 6½—7½ ...	...	3	0	4½d	
Single hats will be posted in a lightweight box for which no charge will be made, and four hats can be packed in a strong cardboard box at an extra charge of 6d. per box and 6d. postage. Felt hats returned will be chargeable unless sent back in a box. ...	...	3	0	4½d	
SEA RANGER, Sizes 6½—7½ ...	...	3	0	4d	
COVERS for above ...	...	9	1	1½d	

	Price	Postage
	£ s. d.	
NAVY, double	2	6 1/2d
Spare Sides for above	1	1 1/2d

HIVERSACKS

	Price	Postage
	£ s. d.	
SILVER PLATED, on a chain	2	6 1/2d
REAL SILVER, on wristlet	5	0 1/2d

These prices include 3 lines of engraving.

ARMLETS

For wearing at night, during the Black-out		
Made in white material, stamped with the trefoil in blue	9	1 1/2d

IDENTIFICATION CARD CASES.

COLOURED LEATHERETTE CASE, embossed with Trefoil	1	0 2d
CARDBOARD, plain	2	1 1/2d

JERSEYS

SOFTWOOL, V-neck, in blue to match Summer Uniform	4	6 4d
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KNICKERS

NAVY BLUE, INTERLOCK, 18, 20 and 22 in.	1	4 3d
LIGHT BLUE to match Camp Overalls, 18, 20 and 22 in.	1	0 2 1/2d

LANYARDS

WHITE COTTON, best quality only	4	2d
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OVERCOATS

NAVY PILOT CLOTH, (double breasted, lined throughout—		
Length 36 in.	21	0 free
" 42 in.	21	0 free
" 44 in.	35	0 free

FLIMSOLLS (Black and Brown)

Sizes 1 and 2	per pair	1	6 6d
Sizes 3 to 8	per pair	2	0 6d
Sizes 3 to 8, with elastic gusset	per pair	2	11 1/2d

SHOULDER KNOTS

PATROL COLOURS (Now supplied without brass clips).	each	1 1/2	1 1/2d
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SHOULDER TAPES

WITH NAME OF COMPANY—			
White ground—			
2 dozen	4	0	2d
3 "	4	6	2d
4 "	5	0	2d
6 "	6	6	2d
12 "	9	0	2d
Khaki or Navy ground—			
2 dozen	4	6	2d
3 "	5	0	2d
4 "	5	6	2d
6 "	7	0	2d
12 "	10	6	4d

The above prices are for Tapes measuring not more than 4 in. Tapes exceeding this length will be charged accordingly. Unless colour is stated, lettering will be made in red. Shoulder tapes can only be made in quantities quoted above. (When ordering shoulder tapes, Guiders should be careful to give the correct name of the Company as registered.)

SHORTS AND SPORTS SHIRTS

For Camp only, and not to be worn at other functions.			
NAVY MELTON SHORTS.			
Sizes	6	7	8
Waist	24-6 in.	25-8 in.	27-8 in.
Outside Leg	19 in.	19 1/2 in.	20 in.
NAVY MELTON SHORTS, Size 9, waist 29-30 in., outside leg 21 1/2 in.	4	0	5d
Cellular Sports Shirts for wearing with Shorts only.			
Headquarters Blue shade, polo collar.			
Sizes: S, W, W, and O.S.	3	9	3d
SEA RANGER ROWING VESTS.			
Sizes: 34 in., 36 in., 38 in.	5	3	3d
NAVY DUNGAREES.			
Sizes: S.W., W., O.S.	per pair	3/6	and 6 6 6d

SKIRTS

NAVY.—No bodice, on elastic from waist.			
Length:	26 in., 28 in., 30 in.	7	6 6d
Hips:	36 in., 40 in., 42 in.	9	0 6d
Length:	30 in., 32 in.	9	0 6d
Hips:	45 in., 47 in.		

SOCKS

ANKLE SOCKS—Wool Mixture, unshrinkable.			
WHITE, Sizes: 9, 9 1/2 and 10 in.			
LIGHT BLUE, to match Summer Uniform, 9, 9 1/2, 10 and 10 1/2 in.	per pair	1	0 2d
LEAF MOULD—Cashmere—9, 9 1/2, 10, and 10 1/2 in.	per pair	1	3 2d
Ditto, COTTON, White only	per pair	7	6 2d
STOCKINGS, 9, 9 1/2 and 10 in.			
BLACK CASHMERE, Ordinary length	per pair	2	3 2 1/2d
LISLE, Gym, 9 in. only	per pair	3	6 3d
BLACK OR BROWN LISLE	per pair	2	3 2 1/2d
BROWN COTTON, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, and 10 1/2 in.	per pair	1	2 2d

TIES

BEST QUALITY ONLY, guaranteed fadeless:			
Crimson, Gold, Emerald, Lemon, Orange, Royal Blue, Scarlet, Sky, Myrtle Green	4d., 6d., and	8	2d
WHITE, Medium Quality only		6	2d
DARK GREEN, best quality only, and White		8	2d
BLACK SATEN, for Sea Rangers		1	0 2d
STRIPED TIES (open end) for Rangers. Any colours to customers' requirements. To order only, minimum order of one dozen each		2	3 extra
NAVY BRAID for Sea Rangers' Ties, 1-in. wide.	per yard	1 1/2	extra

TUNICS (GUIDE). HEADQUARTERS BLUE—Official Shade.

(N.B.—Length is measured from back of neck to bottom of hem.)

COTTON—Jumper Length—			
Size	Inside Sleeve	Back Length	
1	16 1/2 in.	24 in.	3/6 & 4/6 4d & 4 1/2d
2	18 1/2 in.	26 in.	4d & 4 1/2d
3	20 in.	28 in.	4 1/2 & 5/- 4 1/2 & 5d
4	20 1/2 in.	30 in.	5d

Overall Length—	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Cotton Qualities	Price	Post	Price	Post
Inside Sleeve length				
16 in.	3/3	4 1/2d	3/6	4d
17 in.	3/6	4 1/2d	3/11	5d
18 in.			4/9	6d
19 in.	4/-	4 1/2d	4/4	5d
20 in.			5/3	6d
20 1/2 in.			5/9	6d
21 in.	5/-	4 1/2d	5/6	5d
21 in.			6/3	6d
21 in.			7/3	6d

Made to special measurements, 1/6 extra.
Navy available in certain sizes only.

MELTON OVERALLS

Length.	Inside Sleeve.	Price.	Postage.	Length.	Inside Sleeve.	Price.	Postage.
30 in.	16 in.	7/6	6d	20 in.	17 in.	14	6 6d
33 in.	16 1/2 in.			33 in.	18 in.		
36 in.	17 in.	8/6	6d	36 in.	19 in.	16	6 free
39 in.	17 1/2 in.			39 in.	20 in.		
42 in.	18 in.	9/6	6d	42 in.	20 1/2 in.	18	6 free
44 in.	18 1/2 in.			44 in.	21 in.		
47 in.	19 in.	10/6	6d.	47 in.	21 1/2 in.	19	6 free

Overalls made to special measurements, 1/6 extra.

GUIDERS

Badges—			
COMMISSIONERS' COAT BADGES ... 1 0 1 1/2d			
Cockades—			
COMMISSIONERS'—			
County, Silver	{ Please state whether aluminium or tinsel preferred }	3	0 1 1/2d
Division, Silver		2	3 1 1/2d
District, Saxe Poplin		2	3 1 1/2d
District, Saxe Barathra		2	3 1 1/2d
SECRETARIES'—			
County Red		1	0 1 1/2d
Assistant, Red and White		1	3 1 1/2d
Division, White		1	0 1 1/2d
District, Navy and White		1	3 1 1/2d
District, Green		2	3 1 1/2d
DISTRICT CAPTAINS', Green		1	6 1 1/2d
CAPTAINS', Navy		1	0 1 1/2d
OLD GUIDES—Navy, with red, green and navy bars		1	6 1 1/2d
BROWN OWLS', Brown		1	0 1 1/2d
Cords—			
COMMISSIONERS' (complete with badge, 13 in. from shoulder to knot)—			
County, Gold and Silver	{ Please state whether aluminium or tinsel preferred }	10	6 3d
Division, Silver		5	0 2 1/2d
District, Saxe		5	0 2d
(Without Silver Badges, 2/6 less.)			
Sashes—			
PRESIDENTS'—			
County, Gold and Silver, 6 in. wide		13	0 3 1/2d
3 in. wide		6	6 2d
Division, Silver, 3 in. wide		6	6 2d
District, Saxe, 3 in. wide		4	0 2d
Hat Cord—			
Silver		2	0 1 1/2d
Diploma		6	1 1/2d
Camp Advisor		6	1 1/2d
(ribbon)		2	1 1/2d
AREA DIRECTORS' TASSELS ... 3 1 1/2d			

BELTS

NEW DESIGN BELT, in best quality hide, 1 in. wide, very light in weight, made with new style official clasp, nickel-plated on brass. Sizes, 28 in., rising 2 in. to 40 in.			
		2	3 3d
LEATHER, with official buckle, old design, and two swivels			
		3	9 3d
(Please state size: 28 in., rising 2 in. to 38 in.)			
(IMPORTANT.—No belt can be exchanged if buckle has been moved.)			

GLOVES (Sizes, 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7, 7 1/2, 7 3/4)

BROWN, long gauntlet	5	11 3d
BROWN CAPE LEATHER, long gauntlet	7	9 3d
BEST BROWN WASHABLE LEATHER, long gauntlet	14	6 2 1/2d
BROWN CAPE LEATHER, gauntlet, lined wool	10	9 3d
BROWN LEATHER, LINED WOOL, cheaper quality	5	11 3d

HATS

In ins.	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	22	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
NAVY WOOL FELT, Heavier weight	4	0	6d				
NAVY, Light weight, extra shallow crown	4	0	6d				
NAVY WOOL FELT, Heavier weight	11	9	6d				
" FUR FELT (improved pattern)	11	9	6d				
" Featherweight, sizes 6 1/2—7 1/2	11	9	6d				
NAVY RIBBON for renewing on Guiders' Hats	per yard	3	1 1/2d				

JERSEYS AND CARDIGANS (Bust, 34 in., 36 in., 38 in., 40 in.)

JERSEY, NAVY, Soft Wool Cashmere, V-neck and 2 pockets.			
	34 in., 36 in.	7	6 5d
	38 in., 40 in.	8	6 5d
JERSEY, NAVY, Polo Collar and 2 pockets:			
	32 in., 34 in., 36 in.	7	6 5d
	38 in., 40 in.	8	6 4 1/2d
JERSEY, Headquarters Blue, V-neck			
	34 in., 36 in.	8	6 4 1/2d
	38 in., 40 in.	13	6 5d
JERSEY, Light Blue, V-neck and 2 pockets			
	38, 40 in. only	13	11 3d
JERSEY, Light Blue, with Collar and 2 Pockets. Extra Fine Quality			
	Headquarters Blue	8	6 3d
	Headquarters Blue, with Pockets	8	6 4 1/2d
CARDIGAN, NAVY, Fine Wool, with Pockets			
	Headquarters Blue	14	11 3d
	Light Blue, 38 in., 40 in. only	14	11 3d
	Headquarters Blue. Extra Fine Quality	14	11 3d

		Price	Postage
		£	s. d.
WORLD FLAG, light blue bunting with gold trefoil printed,			
4 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft.		1 3 0	free
Mounted on brass-jointed pole		17 6	free
Unmounted		1 4 0	free
Mounted with name of Company, 1 line white lettering, printed		1 3 0	free
Unmounted		1 13 0	free
Mounted		1 7 0	free
WORLD FLAG, light blue bunting with gold trefoil in badless			
cambic, stitched, 4 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft.		1 2 0	free
Mounted on brass-jointed pole		15 0	5d
Unmounted		1 5 0	free
Mounted		1 10 0	free
Unmounted		1 1 0	free
WORLD FLAG, light blue bunting with gold trefoil printed,			
3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in.		1 2 0	free
Mounted on brass-jointed pole		15 0	free
Unmounted		1 7 6	free
Mounted		1 12 0	free
Unmounted		1 4 6	free
WORLD FLAG, light blue bunting with gold trefoil in badless			
cambic, stitched, 3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in.		1 0 0	free
Mounted on brass-jointed pole		10 6	5d
Unmounted		1 4 0	free
Mounted		1 7 6	free
Unmounted		1 0 0	free
Gold lettering on either flag, 3/- extra.			
N.B.—Owing to the length of time taken for making PRINTED			
FLAGS, customers are advised to order STITCHED			
FLAGS if they are urgently required.			
When ordering World Flag, Guides should be careful to give			
the correct name of the Company as registered.			
N.B.—Mounted Flags cannot be sent overseas; if a pole is			
required, and in three sections can be obtained at a charge			
of 10/-.			
CARRIERS, leather, for flag		4 6	4d
CORDS AND TASSELS (Red, White and Blue), for Union		4 9	3d
Jack only		8 6	6d
Covers, waterproof, for flag. Length 47 in.		7 6	6d
CYCLE PENNANTS, New and better Design in Blue Felt, with			
printed Trefoil. Size, 6 in. by 3 in. Complete with Chromium-		1 0	2 1/2d
Plated FIBING		6 6	6d
FLAG POLES, brass-jointed, varnished		7 0	3 1/2d
FLAG POLES, better quality, polished		10 0	extra
FLAG POLES, 3-section, for sending overseas		1 2	1 1/2d
PATROL FLAGS, with emblems (birds and flowers) printed in		3 6	4d
colours			
PIKE TOP for flagpole		2 9	1 1/2d
SIGNALLING FLAGS, MORSE, 2 1/2 in. by 2 1/2 in.—		1 0	2d
Silk		1 6	2d
Cotton		1 9	2d
SIGNALLING FLAGS, SEMAPHORE, 12 in. by 12 in., per pair		1 6	2d
18 in. by 18 in.		1 9	2d
INTERNATIONAL		1 9	2d
STICKS for Signalling Flags—			
Morse		5 6d	
Better quality (varnished)		9 6d	
Semaphore, 2 1/2 in.		3 6d	
International (one pair for each flag)		6 6d	
This postage covers 4 Morse or Semaphore sticks; lower than			
this cannot be sent except at purchaser's risk.			
TREFOIL, for flagpole, Guide		2 6	6d
Ranger or Sea Ranger		8 6	6d
SHIELDS			
BROWNIE SHIELD, 8 in. by 7 in. Owl in oxidised silver		15 6	free
GUIDE SHIELD, Reproduced in Copper, with lacquer finish,			
mounted on wax-polished wooden background.			
Size 13 in. by 13 in. With 6 record shields		2 10 0	free
10 in. by 10 in. Without record shields		1 10 0	free
5 in. by 5 in.		15 6	free
GUIDE SHIELD, with oxidised trefoil, 3 record shields,			
mounted on polished oak background. Size 11 in. by 11 in.		2 2 0	free
RANGER SHIELDS, 11 in. by 13 in., with Ranger Trefoil and			
Ribbon in relief for engraving		2 2 0	free
STATUETTES			
BRONZE STATUETTE of a Girl Guide at the salute. Mounted			
on a four-sided oxidised plinth		1 10 0	free
GIRL GUIDE in Bronze		13 6	6d
(Plinths may be obtained specially, price 7/6.)			
FOR STANDARDS			
POLES, 9 ft. in three sections—			
Ash, varnished and polished		10 6	free
Elaborate finish, polished		19 6	free
TREEFOIL for poles, double-sided, Guide		8 6	6d
Ranger		12 6	6d
TREEFOIL TRANSFER for Standards		6 1 1/2d	
for World Flag		6 1 1/2d	
TOADSTOOL—			
TOADSTOOLS			
3 ft. high, white		12 6	1/2d
natural		14 0	1/2d
10 in. high, natural		7 0	6d
TOADSTOOL, wooden miniature, with carved owl		2 8	4 1/2d
BROWN OWL, for Toadstool, Paper mache		2/3 & 7/9	
BROWN OWL, Plush		1/6	2/3
Postage		3d	5d
EMBLEMS, 6 1/2 in. high, printed on cotton-backed rubber, on			
in cut out		6 1 1/2d	
WANDS for Brownie Sizes, with emblem		3 3	6d
Emblems only		2 0	2 1/2d

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

		Price	Postage
		£	s. d.
AMBULANCE. First Aid Elastoplast Dressings			
HIKE FIRST AID OUTFITS, in Navy Waterproof Case		1 5	2d
AMBULANCE OUTFITS, Pocket Guide		2 0	3 1/2d
Medium size		6 20	
AMMONIA PENCILS			
BANDAGES, TRIANGULAR, plain		2 20	
BUTTON STICK, for badges and stars		14 9	6d
BUZZER AND LAMP in case		6 3	6d
BUZZER AND LAMP, cheaper quality		7 1	2 1/2d
Reels for above			
COMPASSES, Hunter, best quality, gummetal case, luminous		6 6	2d
floating dial		4 0	2 1/2d
COMPASSES, brass		1 9	2 1/2d
on wrist-strap		1 2d	00
CORD FOR KNOTTING			12 yds-
Red, Brown, Half, Drab, Blue, Green			1 1/2d
DURAGLIT MAGIC WADDING for badges		1d. 4 1/2 & 7 1/2d	per tin
cleaning		2 0	2 1/2d
EMBLEMS, wooden birds		1 0	1 1/2d
HANDKERCHIEFS, white embroidered with trefoil		2 1/2	1 1/2d
HANDKERCHIEFS, brownie		2 1/2	1 1/2d
JODINE PENCILS for the pocket		6	2d
KNIVES. These are temporarily suspended from our list owing			
to the difficulty in obtaining supplies of steel.			
KNIVES, Sports, with two blades, marine-spike, screwdriver,		6 6	3d
in-opener and corkscrew			
KNIFE SHEATHS, brown leather, with ring to hang on belt		8	2d
SMALL KNIFE IN SHEATH to hang on belt		2 6	1 1/2d
LIFELINE, new pattern; 24 yards rope and 3 cork floats.			
Rope should be soaked before using		6 0	6d
LIFELINE, 280 yds. line, complete with reel and turners		1 10 0	1/-
Made to order only.			
MONEY BOXES, with Brownie emblem or Owl		2 4	4 1/2d
Red, blue, yellow, orange or black			
(Please state which colour required.)			
MORSE TAPPERS		6 6	2 1/2d
cheaper quality		4 6	2d
PEROXIDE PENCILS for the pocket		6	2d
PLATER'S LINE FOR MAKING LANYARDS—			
White		6	1 1/2d
per coil		1 10	5d
PURSES, BELT—			
Guide's		5	2d
With pocket and gusset		2 6	2 1/2d
ROPE, for knotting		1 3d	
per yard		4	1 1/2d
SAFETY CHAINS, gold		3 0	1 1/2d
SKIPPING ROPES with ferruled ends			
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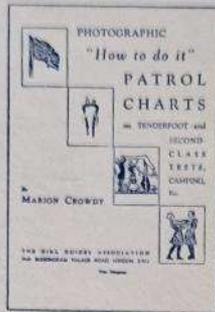
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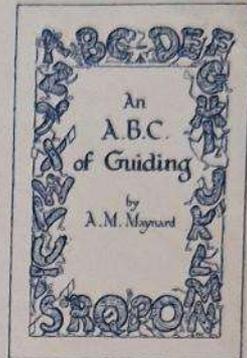
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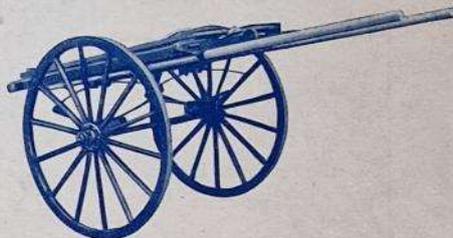
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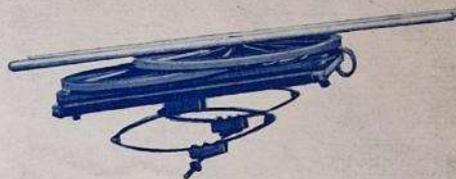


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