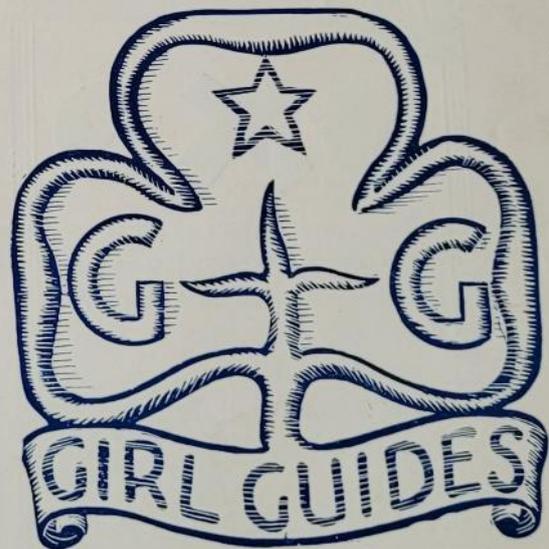


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## IN QUEST OF SECURITY

THE war, while providing us with an entirely new set of complications, has given us the opportunity to free ourselves from a diversity of trivialities which were holding us back from evolution. It has, or should have given us, time to think, to see life in its true proportions.

Humanity is gifted in the art of tying itself into knots, it has a genius for creating bogeys where none exist, and it delights in wasting time! That is an idea, I know, which will be unpopular with certain of my readers who are giving valuable and tireless service to their country, and who, with commendable energy, are the type who give that service in peace or war, because they are born to lead or organise—to handle the practical things of life. But I am not thinking at present, of the sort of wastage of time which consists of *doing* nothing so much as of the time which is wasted in thinking nothing, or, at least, in thinking of that which is of no importance. The outbreak of war jolted us right out of the rut into which it is so easy to slip when life goes on more or less uneventfully day after day, year after year, when trivial happenings in our homes, in the office, or in schools where we taught, assumed ridiculous proportions and occupied our minds to such an extent that we saw them as an important part of life, forgetting that beyond the narrow boundaries we were building round ourselves there were real and vital things. We came face to face, suddenly, with reality. All at once, time became precious, things we had almost ceased to notice assumed their real value because we might be about to lose them for ever, people with whom we had never seen eye to eye developed depths of kindness and friendliness we had never suspected. There was little time to think, and what there was we spent in thinking constructively—or at least kindly. We forgot ourselves and our own petty troubles in the magnitude of the disaster which had struck our generation.

But the war developed in an entirely unexpected way. Having uprooted us from our familiar haunts both of body and mind, so that many of us found ourselves evacuated; called up to new surroundings and a new routine of life; or just simply having left us stranded, most of our friends or colleagues having vanished, it did little more. We find ourselves in a position which is not unlike that in which we were before the war came—life goes on from day to day, nothing very much happens, we have, perhaps, more to do, but have we more to think about? Yes. There is plenty to think about—but *do we think?*

Have you ever asked yourselves, at the end of the day, what you have thought about since you got up that morning? It is a depressing experiment, believe me! You get up, you go through the ordinary routine of life, meeting the same people, or at least the same sort of people, you talk about—what? The war—a few far-

*He has outsoared the shadow of our night  
Envy and calumny and hate and pain.  
And that unrest which men miscall delight  
Can touch him not, and torture not again  
From the contagion of the world's slow stain  
He is secure.*

ADONAIS (SHELLEY).

sighted people discuss the peace which will come afterwards—but most of us, let us be honest, talk of the things which disappoint us, the people who annoy or irritate us, the little frets and jars of everyday personal life. It wouldn't matter if we kept them in proportion, if we saw them

only as passing irritations—after all we are only human—but we treat them as if they really mattered—we let them become bogeys, recurring over and over again in our conversation, and worse, in our thoughts. And, allowing them to haunt us, in this way, we endow them with an importance which they lack in themselves, for we give them dominance over us. We become slaves to trivialities, wasting brain and mind on that which is of no importance. We allow ourselves to become involved and entangled with a host of little petty irritations, which by themselves are at most only temporary, but which, given our attention, and united together, make a powerful drag on our wheel and keep us back from progress.

Somebody, I feel sure, will write to me and tell me I am painting an unfair picture of the Guide Movement, that we do not wish to give the public the idea that Guiders are people like this! I do not suggest that they are—any more than other people. But I cannot forget that Guiders were women before they donned our uniform. This wastage of thought is a human tendency, a thing which affects men and women everywhere, and I have not noticed that Guiders are particularly immune. I do think, though, that Guiders are big enough people to admit faults and to do something about repairing them. I think that if we, as Guiders, were to take ourselves in hand over this matter of wasting thought, we could gradually effect a tremendous improvement in the mentality of humanity.

At this time, when great practical problems are being set to the world as a whole, there must surely be some line of constructive thinking upon which each one of us can more fruitfully employ our time than in constant repetition of undirected thought about details of our personal lives. What we think about must, of course, depend on us, its choice will be our first exercise in concentration! If we are willing to discipline ourselves into such a habit of hard constructive thinking, we shall help to free the race from a bondage which is self-imposed.

Do let us try to become more detached, to see things in their true proportions, to discriminate between the essential and the non-essential, the valuable and that which is of lesser value. We are a force of women dedicated to the service of the young—how can we lead them when we ourselves are shackled? Only when we free ourselves from the bonds with which we hamper ourselves, can we go forward into the light, preparing the future of the world.

THE EDITOR.

than knowing how to be a member of a stretcher squad herself, as small girls must not be expected to lift heavy women and men, but they can show others how to do it.

And now to carry on with our railway accident. Burns are also to be included in the accident to be dealt with. It used to be very difficult to lay down any rules for the treatment of burns as medical opinion differed so widely on this subject and what one doctor would expect to be used another would not suffer; but lately all that has changed and this has been brought about by the use of tannic for burns.

In the old days the heated question was oil or no oil. Now there is no doctor who would countenance the use of oil and for this reason. The point of oil was that it soothed the extreme pain of the burnt or scalded nerve ends and gave the patient great relief, but, and here came a very big but, this same oil provided a nice warm bed and feeding ground for all kinds of microbes and they did not hesitate to avail themselves of this tantalising opportunity.

Tannic, on the other hand, gives a thin covering to the burnt surface and not only protects it from air and thus minimises the pain, but also prevents the starting up of a septic wound.

It is better, though, for tannic not to be applied by the first aid worker unless it is impossible to get the patient properly treated within, say, an hour of the injury, because tannic should not be put on a "dirty" surface and if it has been put on prematurely, the doctor may have to remove it even under anaesthetic and scrape the wound clean. It is therefore far better to put on a dry dressing and to keep the patient properly warm and at rest rather than risk his death by shock by hurrying him to the hospital. A safe method of treatment is always bicarbonate of soda in warm water and if possible the limb should be submerged in a bath of this or, in the case of a child, he may be plunged right into the bath.

If it is necessary for us to apply tannic there are three ways in which we can do it. The first, and the most usual, is the least satisfactory, and this is tannic jelly. It is most usual because it is so easy to apply, and in the case of just a small reddening of the skin it is a very suitable form, but the jelly part of it being made of glycerine it "draws" the affected part and makes it feel hot and uncomfortable.

Another way is the tannic spray, but this form is not for the amateur worker to deal with; and tannic powder which is simply sprinkled on dry and covered over with a dry dressing. The third way is very simple and probably the best for us to use, i.e., ordinary tea. Just dip any form of clean dressing in tea of the average strength and apply it over the part and that will be as good a treatment as we can give.

This method, too, has another advantage in that some of the very same tea which we have made for the treatment may also be used for giving the patient a stimulating drink and so we have killed two birds with one stone.

Put a good-sized pad of cotton wool over this dressing and bandage lightly and we shall have done all that can be expected of us to do.

We have not gone into the question of cutting away clothes because where the injury necessitates this, it is better for children not to be taught too much about it, as the untrained hand pulling bits of clothing out of a badly burnt area has its obvious dangers. It would be better in this case to cover the part with a dry dressing and leave the rest to the doctor.

V. M. S.

## "IN ENGLAND NOW" GIRL GUIDES IN WAR TIME

BROADCAST BY THE HON. MRS. MARSHAM

OVERSEAS TRANSMISSION III, 30TH JANUARY, 1940.

WHEN the day after war was declared we received cables from Guides in all parts of the Empire asking how they could help us, our Overseas Commissioner, Princess Alice, cabled them various suggestions, and we are now receiving gifts of all kinds; clothing for evacuees, hospital supplies, comforts for the troops, from Canada, Australia and South Africa. Our Chief is in Kenya with the Chief Scout, and is doing great work in that country on behalf of Guiding.

We are, of course, very grateful for these gifts and for the thoughts of Guides in the British Commonwealth for us in these sad days.

Many people thought that if and when war came Guides would "fade out," but exactly the reverse has happened. Never, I should say, has the opportunity for "service" been greater, and I am proud

to say that not for one moment have the Guides faltered. The tasks we have been asked to do are many and various. Many Guides have been called to the Women's Services, and as our President, the Princess Royal, said in a message to us, "I am proud to think that their Guide training has proved a ready passport into any field of work." We were afraid that owing to Guides being called up to National Service, companies might have to be closed, but instead we find Patrol Leaders willing, anxious and able to carry on the companies.

We were amused to hear from a Brownie how her pack made Christmas cards for a sailors' hospital, and one Brownie wrote on a card: "If the sailor who gets this card wants any mufflers or socks, please write to ..... Brownie Pack." A very enterprising and optimistic Brownie! Again from Lancashire we hear that a great many animals have had to be evacuated from various zoological centres to other parts of England. The authorities in charge of the places to which they were sent were faced with the problem of how to pay for the upkeep of so many new inmates and asked people to "adopt" an animal. Eight Lancashire Girl Guides, hearing of the scheme, and thinking that the handsome animals and birds would be in the greatest demand, wrote to the zoo asking to be allowed to adopt something "that was utterly unwanted." They were given five crocodiles which they support by saving their pocket money!

A regular war service is now in being, called the "Save All Supplies," and all conceivable forms of waste material are collected and sold to buy comforts and clothing for the troops, refugees, etc. Tinfoil is also being collected for the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund.

In the evacuation of children from our large vulnerable towns, Guides played a big part both in the towns and reception areas. They acted as messengers, staffed information offices, met trains, prepared billets and so on. One Guide wrote to her captain, "We Guides are doing all we can to help, and there is plenty to do, but the most important thing at present seems to be to keep the grown-ups cheerful."

We found that there was a very real need in the reception areas to extend Guiding for the evacuated children. Over 100 companies have been formed, and the value of this to the children and also to the authorities cannot be over estimated.

The Queen, herself a Guide, visited our Headquarters just before Christmas, and saw and heard of all our various war work. Her Majesty's visit was a very great encouragement to us all. Madame Malkowska, the Chief Guide of Poland, was present, and the Queen presented to her our Bronze Cross in recognition of the bravery of all the Polish Guides.

One is immensely struck here in London by the really amazing amount of work of every sort and kind connected with the war which is being done. Many of the pleasant things of life have gone, and many unpleasant things have come, but to all there is the feeling, as I heard the Bishop of Kensington say, that the " nastiness " of the war must be offset by every possible measure, and Guiding and all it stands for can very definitely help in this. We have our "ideals" of almost everything in life, and we realise the "ideal" that we are fighting for, and this can surely be brought nearer to everyone by our Promise—"To do my duty to God and the King."

## PEMBROKESHIRE GUIDERS' WEEK-END

Pembrokeshire decided to hold a training week-end for Guiders during the last week-end in January.

After many initial difficulties the County Commissioner's motto—"where there's a will there's a way"—won the day. About 50 enthusiastic Guiders and Guiders-to-be assembled at the Fishguard Bay Hotel, Fishguard. The staff of the hotel entered into the spirit of the week-end, camp beds were put up in the larger bedrooms and trestle tables set up in the dining-room.

"The Adventure of Youth"—this was the keynote of the week-end. What matter that outside it rained and it blew? That nearly all the outdoor activities planned had to be abandoned and a programme more suited to the weather conditions quickly arranged? Inside all was warmth and friendliness, the Commissioners welcoming all who came to join the large family party; those who knew more sharing their knowledge with those who knew less; all eager to help one another to better and more adequate leadership of youth on its great adventure; the two trainers, Miss Kay and Miss Page, showing us new ways and more exciting paths to follow. Who will forget the stirring games, the Tenderfoot obstacle race on Saturday afternoon, ending in a wild hunt by some 40 Guiders for good turns that could be done on a bare plot of ground by the sea in a hurricane, forty of them? The camp fire singing? The Enrolment and the Enrolment talk? The nightly vespers and the "Guide's Own" on Sunday? Perhaps through all these things there came to many that week-end a clearer vision of the meaning of this great adventure—the Adventure of Youth.

## CAMPING IN 1940

A CHALLENGE has been thrown down to the campers of 1940. Things are not going to suffer from dullness, by being too easy. Instead, we are going to have the fun and satisfaction of having to bring our resourcefulness and ingenuity into play. We will have to depend less on the ready-made and more on the improvised, and the best improvisations take a deal of time to work out satisfactorily so we must start soon.

Take sites; we have been told we may not camp near to naval, military or air establishments, it is obvious that much is going to hang on the decision as to what is and what is not an "establishment" in this connection. This temporary doubt will soon be settled, but without waiting for the verdict, we can cultivate an eye for spotting possible sites. True we may have, partly, to reorganise our ideas about these, for, whereas we have hitherto often chosen large and open fields or sunny and perhaps rather exposed hillsides, we must now choose broken-up ground where we can tone down our tents to look like boulders or tree shadows. It has always been one of the axioms of the camper in this country not to camp in woods, but nowadays we shall probably find camping in woods one of our best methods of concealment. One does not want to pitch close up against the bole of a tree, and in gales one must be careful about falling branches, but use may be made of the spaces between trees. These, with their patches of dappled sunlight and shadow, offer splendid concealment to well camouflaged tents. It is fun camping in a wood, specially in the early morning when the wood first begins to wake up. There are so many busy workers hurrying along their runs, so many lovely singers in tree and undergrowth. Another alternative is to make use of hedges.



White tents in a peace time Woodland Camp.

Against these, suitably camouflaged tents are indistinguishable from the air.

Methods of artificial camouflage can perhaps be our next consideration. Suggestions for carrying out this and for obtaining further information appeared in last month's *GUIDER*. The successful and appropriate-to-the-surroundings camouflage of a set of patrol camp equipment has great possibilities for a County, Division, or District Inter-patrol Competition. We may even go a stage further than camouflaging tents, and build our own shacks out of natural materials. This is a joy that can only fall to the lot of a lucky few, but for those who are able to get materials, it spells enthrallment through the fascination of the work entailed. But it takes time! Anyone who hopes to sleep in the home-made shack before many months are out, should start on it now. *Pioneering*, by Gilcraft, obtainable at Girl Guide Headquarters, may prove helpful in this respect.

Equipment besides being camouflaged, should be light and portable. Hints on how to achieve this will be found in *Campcraft*, also in *Hiking and Lightweight Camping*. Even menus and dishes will have to be adapted to present-day conditions. Here is another possible subject for competition—war-time camp menus and recipes and their approximate cost.

Transport is another matter which will need careful consideration beforehand. Owing to troop movements, the railways, kindly disposed as they are towards Guides, may not be able to cope with advance equipment with quite their usual efficiency. Even when it is escorted by Guides, large quantities of equipment will hardly be welcome on the railways. Road transport will also be very much restricted owing to the rationing of petrol, so trek carts and farm waggons may come into their own again, and the companies will experience the thrill of getting themselves to camp under their own steam. Valuable information on how to pack and handle a trek cart will be found in *Campcraft*.

Adjustment will also be necessary in our thinking about the size of camps. It looks as though in all but a few remote places very small camps may become the general rule. If this does happen no one need despair for the value of a small camp is far greater than that of most large ones.

It is more than ever essential through this coming camping season for Guiders to keep in close touch with their Camp Advisers. The Commissioners for Camping are working in the closest co-operation with their County Camp Advisers. New circumstances are constantly arising, and fresh developments appearing, which need thought and very often prompt action. The Camping Branch has the machinery set up throughout Great Britain ready to give effective advice and help to all Guiders in need of them.

Viewed all round, 1940 is full of endless possibilities for the enterprising camper. It follows that through the war, we may lose much that has been the result of years of careful building. Let us counter-



Building the Patrol Hut for daytime use.

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a different attitude towards the life and people. We had no badges, no uniforms, no outward signs to show we were Guides, but it was the eager desire of each girl to show by her behaviour that she was a Guide. The Law became the corner-stone of our lives.

The young leaders were very strict as there was no one to control their work and no big gathering (like rallies, camps) could help them to compare their results, so every word that reached them was followed like a sacred commandment. If a recruit wasn't keen enough to do all that was asked of her, she was turned out without the slightest hesitation.

It happened sometimes that a Scout or Guide from Galicia got across the frontier to Russian or German Poland and visited these Guides and Scouts, but this was always connected with great risks for both sides and many a time the daring adventurer was caught and sent to prison.

Sometimes girls from German and Russian Poland came to us for a short training or to a camp, but this was also dangerous. Girls who came to our trainings or camps from other parts of Poland never disclosed their real names. It happened a couple of times that spies were actually in the camp, but owing to these precautions no harm was done to anybody.

Such were the conditions in which Guiding was taking root in Poland. The soil was rich and ready for the seed, but the weather was very stormy. Perhaps this is the reason why the seed has grown into such a sturdy plant. A good toss with wind and rain and hail and cold is infinitely more wholesome for a healthy growth than sheltered greenhouse conditions.

## "DROP IN AND ACT"

By MRS. ERIC STREATFIELD (KITTY BARNE)  
Commissioner for Music, Drama and Films.

"DROP in and act." Perhaps there isn't time just now to put on a real play, but that's no reason why we shouldn't go on enjoying ourselves dramatically, even in the black-out. If we have worked hard all day we have earned something pleasant in the evenings.

The small sixpenny book *Acting for All*, by Robert G. Newton (Nelson, 6d.), a most useful little book, talks of "Informal Drama Meetings"; but perhaps for children an "Acting Party," the opposite number of a Folk Dance Party, sounds better. Clubs are going well in many of the reception areas, the grown-ups are agreed that the arts matter to the children as much as ever they did, therefore a night—or at all events a room—put aside once a week for acting seems a natural arrangement. There are hundreds of Guides away from home, missing the Guide company with its annual entertainment, missing the school play that could not be managed this year, missing the extra time that allowed a bit of historical acting in class; these are the people who want a "Drop in and Act" evening.

Now what happens if you do have it? If the doors open and the children do drop in, all ready to act, perhaps twenty of them? It's all very fine to talk but what do you do?

Well, to begin with there must be a Leader (only we have taken a dislike to that word), a stage manager, a coach, a producer—whatever you like to call him or her—who understands what he is about. The blind cannot lead the blind over this; they fall into the most incoherent, boring ditch possible, and the evening is a frost in the warmest weather. But scattered over the country there are dozens of people, dramatic enthusiasts, people with a sense of humour and a knowledge of how to get others to act, even children. They can't all be doing war-work all the time; the chances are they will be ready to help if they're asked. Try the local dramatic society. If not write to me and I will see if I can help. The British Drama League and the Village Drama League, who have been our good friends for years and years, are still there and still lively, in spite of the war.

Given that such a person is found—let us call her the Coach—what happens then? Probably acting games to begin with; acting games that have real expressive acting in them, not just a sort of dumb-crambo such as you have at a Christmas party. A stage is not necessary, or even advisable. It is much better to play the acting games on the floor with the performers all casually mixed up; then Coach can catch the gleaming eye of a child who is dying to do something but is far too shy to volunteer (always the ones that act best) and say "You see if you can go and open that door as if you were afraid there was a burglar outside" (or the postman with a Christmas present; or a traveller, rather deaf, asking the way; or anyone else). She will probably tip-toe cautiously towards it, perhaps poker in hand, while the others watch, waiting their turn to do it far better themselves. Very soon they will be making up their own characters and situations, particularly if there are boys among them.

Coach may begin by doing some natural home-made acting of this

kind, the sort that is taken from life, that needs the imagination that we all have and seldom use. Perhaps she will see who best manages to express what they feel, whose face is best worth watching. Perhaps she will hand an actor a letter, and say "Now open this and haps she will hand an actor a letter, and say "Now open this and haps she will hand an actor a letter, and say "Now open this and haps she will hand an actor a letter, and get it torn up in a show us what's inside, good news or bad," and get it torn up in a rage, wept over, furtively concealed (I have even known it eaten in a burst of spy-fever). That is a good game both to watch and play.

Or she can make her actors walk in different ways; like an old man (but not the shaky, quavering, senile old idiot that belongs to the stage); like a child of four who has fallen down and scraped her knee; like an affected, mincing grown-up girl. Or she can make them show different kinds of weather; walking in an icy wind (we have had a plenty of practice in that this year); on a frightfully hot day; in a gale. A good competition is to set teams of three making a snow-man, never forgetting for a moment what kind of weather it is.

All this kind of thing can be done in dumb show—mime, as we call it now—and that is a very good way to start an acting evening. People so often feel shy as soon as they hear their own voice. A good way to get over this is to see who can say the first seven letters of the alphabet most expressively—sadly, gayly, crossly, slyly, like the game of "adverbs." Very soon it is as easy to talk as it is to act without words, and real acting can begin. Coach may start by letting her actors talk in their own acting games; then the thing is to be careful that everyone does not speak at once in an incoherent buzz. To listen well on the stage is one of the actor's hardest tasks and it is just as well to begin that at once.

"Shop," for instance, generally the most boring of all acting games and one that girls will play endlessly, can be made quite interesting if careful characters, properly thought out, are chosen by the audience (the people not acting at the moment) want to know exactly what is bought and why, whether the customer is easy to satisfy, what sort of person the shop assistant is. A party of four or five can be told to argue it out at home and come back next week with the thing complete.

Another good *mise en scène* is a Court of Law. The actors may never have seen one but they always seem to know all about the judge, prisoner, warders, jury, witnesses and everyone else. If no other story offers the Queen of Hearts making tarts and having them stolen by the Knave, with or without accomplices, who is caught and arraigned before a judge—that story can be a grand home-made drama, with sometimes, if talking is allowed, a most unusual verdict and sentence.

The summer is coming when people are sure to be generous with their gardens. There will probably be a lot of acting by children who must do the entertaining while the grown-ups are so busy, let us keep our hand in during the black-out.

## FACING FACTS

DO you like the appearance of your Rangers and Guides? Are they your idea of attractive British girlhood? Do you like what you see in your own mirror? How, in your estimation, do you and your Rangers compare in looks with the women and girls who have joined the W.A.A.Fs., or the A.T.S.?

"Oh—the old uniform bogey!" I can just hear the groans of despair! "We can't be expected to compete with the new services when we have to wear a uniform like ours."

But, you see, it's not uniform I want to discuss. It's you. It's your hair, your skin, your hands, and the way you put your uniform on.

A comparatively few Guiders are smart women. By "smart" I mean well groomed, well-cared for people who take a pride in the way in which they keep their nails; in the well-brushed, glossy appearance of their hair; in the way in which their uniforms fit. While there is actually little real untidiness in the Movement, the general standard of pride in appearance is sadly low; there is, as you all know, a tragic lack of interest. Why? An idea seems to have grown up in Guiding that it is rather beneath us to take any interest in things feminine and attractive; that it is a matter of pride to be hearty, hardy, weather-beaten females. Is there to be no happy medium between the dowdy and the glamour girl?

It seems to me that the time has come for us to take ourselves to task in this matter. We expect a high standard from our Rangers and Guides, and in every other demand we make on them we say that the personal example of the Guider is of great importance. Why not in this also?

I should like to be able to think of the Guide Movement as a great force of healthy, attractive girls and women, the ideal of British womanhood. Instead of which I come dangerously near thinking of it as a sisterhood of dowdy spinsters!

I know I shall be strongly criticised for suggesting that you should

give time to feminine trifles when there is so much of importance that must be done in a world at war. Honestly, though, how much has the war really demanded of you, personally, up to date?

You may be working hard, but is there really no time to brush your hair thoroughly before going to bed? Is it honestly impossible to wash it, regularly, with a good shampoo? Are you, truthfully, so busy that you have no time to rub a good cream into your hands at night, and after washing, or washing-up? Can you honestly not spare a moment to cream your face after you have been out in the wind?

I know that war work of almost any kind is hard on the appearance—but I also know how quickly that care can be given, and how important it is for the girls and women of a country to keep the feminine grace and charm that is their heritage.

Do let us try to remember that it is a duty we owe to the country and to our men folk, to be well groomed—more than ever, now that there is so much ugliness to be seen everywhere.

Let us set such an example to our companies that the Guide Movement will achieve a reputation for smartness and attractiveness which will bring it right to the fore among the women's services. At present, the general public are inclined to think us cranky, and not without reason, if we persist in taking so little care of our looks.

If we want to remain the foremost youth movement for girls, we must look to our laurels. It is so tremendously important that the things of real and lasting value that Guiding can give should reach as many girls as possible. We have so much that other Movements lack. Yet girls who respect their looks think several times before they become Guides. The very girls we want, for their good and our own.

Are we going to defeat our own ends in this way simply because we are too lazy or too ignorant—or—dare I say it?—too smug—to take the trouble to present an appearance which will make them envious, rather than make them laugh.

What are we going to do about it?

## A MAGNIFICENT GOOD TURN

THE Guides of Victoria, Australia, wanted to endow a Guide House. So they planned a "Walkabout"—an exhibition of Guiding, and Guide Handcrafts which would stimulate public interest in Guiding and increase the endowment fund of the Guide House.

All the plans were going ahead well—it looked as if the "Walkabout" would be a magnificent success and the fund for the Guide House would be firmly established. But the date was September, 1939. Everyone knows what happened then, but fewer people know what happened to the Guides' "Walkabout."

Somehow, a Guide House seemed less important, then, to the Guides of Victoria. They read of the evacuation in England and they wanted to help the old country. They heard that English and Welsh children, evacuated from the slums of the big cities, were in need of clothes, and a hard winter was coming on. What could they do to help?

Then someone thought of the "Walkabout."

It had been planned for September 25th-30th. It should go on—they decided—only now it must be a greater success than ever, because money must be raised to provide warm clothing for thousands of children. So they went to work themselves more energetically than ever—and the proceeds of the Walkabout were roughly £1,000! More came from other sources—by

January £2,045 5s. 8d. had been raised by the Guides, and by then the cases of garments were, some of them, on their way to England.

It is almost impossible to realise the magnitude of this gift unless you have seen the clothes which the Victoria Guides made, and the statement of accounts. They bought 9,540 yards of flannel, 1,537 lbs. of wool, £17 worth of elastic! And the clothes were delightful. The standard of dressmaking and knitting is practically professional—everything is most beautifully finished and lined. Six thousand garments had been cut out on January 23rd, and of these more than half had been cut out by hand before a firm of tailors took an interest, and came forward with an offer of machine cutting.

There is every variety of garment from socks to overcoats, there are sets of kilt and jersey for every size and shape of girl up to fourteen years old, there are boys' suits of trousers and jerseys, there are vests, pyjamas, shirts—everything to keep a cold child warm.

Fifteen large wooden cases, carefully packed with moth powder, have arrived at Guide Headquarters in London. Here they have been unpacked, sorted, repacked and sent off to Guide Commissioners in the reception areas, to be distributed by the Guides in conjunction with the W.V.S. representative. A new link has been formed in this way between the Guides of Victoria and the Guides in England and Wales.

On Friday, February 23rd, Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Commissioner for Overseas Guides, went to Cuckfield W.V.S. Branch and helped to unpack the clothing and handed it over to the local Guides for distribution among the evacuees. Her Royal Highness was delighted with this splendid gift from Victoria.

We have just heard that four more cases are on the way—in this way do the Guides of Victoria understand the laws of loyalty and helpfulness! Even the smallest Brownie has done her share towards this magnificent good turn, and many of the garments bear personal messages from the maker to the wearer. Evacuated Guides and Brownies in the home country are warmer because of the generosity, industry and enthusiasm of Guides in Australia.

When one thinks that the Guides of South Africa have also sent a generous cheque and parcel of clothing to Waddow Children's Hospital, and that another is on the way; when one remembers that Waddow has also received a large parcel from Canadian Guides; when one remembers all the things which have not yet arrived from all parts of the Empire because of the slowness of the mails, and when one considers all that the Guides all over the Empire are doing in the way of making comforts for their local defence troops; then a glow of pride and gratitude warms one.

So is an Empire welded together. So is the future assured.

### A CHANCE TO HELP!

The National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare has a fund from which to buy materials for working parties throughout the country who are anxious to make garments for mothers, and children under five, who are in distress through the war and are not being assisted from other sources.

If any Guiders or Rangers would like to make garments for the National Council to distribute, they should write to the Secretary, The National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

### BOOKS WANTED!

Books are wanted for the sick children in hospital. Before the war Guides made collections of books and amusements for the children, now, in the press of war service this good turn has been rather pushed to one side. But the need is still there, and greater than it was. Offers of help should be sent to: The Secretary, Hospital Library, 48, Queen's Gardens, Lancaster Gate, London, W.2.





the duty means sitting hour by hour, waiting for the yellow raid warning which we hope will never come. Not long ago, when a yellow warning did come through, the Guider receiving it passed it through quite calmly and collectedly, just as if it were only another "duty report," and her calmness and quick response were very favourably commented upon. This is extremely responsible work, and we have been honoured in being entrusted with it.

Many Guiders and Rangers from the Division are doing other voluntary A.R.P. and hospital work, but the manning of the County Control Room is a Divisional undertaking.

Well done, Glamorgan! Stick to it!

Thank you, 5th Clevedon, for your long letter telling me about your adventures! Collecting waste paper in a gale in the black-out sounds strenuous indeed, and I think it is splendid the way in which you are keeping up your Guiding in spite of the black-out and the distances you all have to travel, in the country, to your meetings. I wish I had room to include all your letter in THE GUIDER, but there's more news than usual this month, and I must play fair!

Another good report comes from the County Secretary for Dorset: Marnhull Rangers and Guides. Collect waste paper, and tinfoil. On Saturdays they tour the village, our County Commissioner in charge of a pony cart, and another part of Guides take a trek-cart.

Blandford Rangers. Captain and three Rangers are in the A.T.S. A Ranger is a postwoman, and the rest of the company work in the canteen for soldiers. Four ex-Guides and the Lieutenant of the 1st Blandford Company are also in the A.T.S. They are all serving in the 1st Dorsetshire Company of the A.T.S.

4th Sherborne Rangers and Guides have collected clothes, which they cleaned and mended, and sent to Polish refugees.

Weymouth Companies. Make a house-to-house collection for silver paper. The Guiders have a working party to knit for the Navy.

The Captain of the 3rd Dorchester Company is serving in the A.T.S. Lieutenant is married. The Company is carrying on under the Company Leader and the two oldest Guides and meeting in spite of the black-out and no club room at Company Leader's house. Fourteen Guides attend regularly. Their only anxiety is about camp, and if it will be possible to camp if Captain is still serving in the A.T.S.

1st Chideock Company (only eight Guides). Picked blackberries, bought sugar and made eleven pounds of blackberry and apple jam for a military hospital. They also collected money and helped with a Christmas party for evacuated children in Bridport. They are organising and running a collection for waste paper in Chideock and knitting for soldiers and working for the Knitter's Badge.

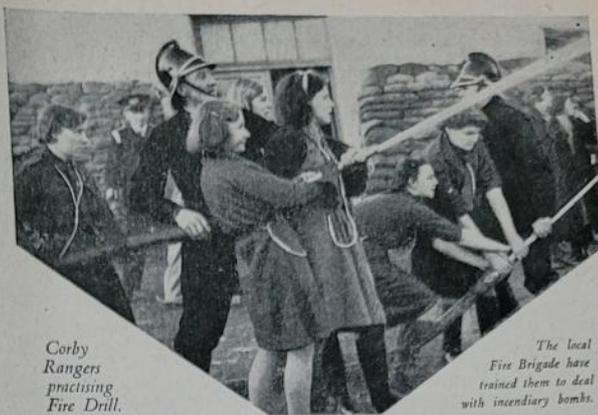
1st Upton Company is collecting waste paper. They gave a party to evacuated and village children and sent parcels to a home in Poole for evacuees.

1st Broadstone Company are enrolling evacuated children into the Company and gave evacuees a party.

5th Parkstone Company is making blankets of knitted squares, and knitting comforts for the troops.

1st Corfe Castle Company are working for the Red Cross.

S.R.S. Lion is knitting comforts for the Navy.



Corby Rangers practising Fire Drill.

The local Fire Brigade have trained them to deal with incendiary bombs.

4th Parkstone Pack is knitting squares for a blanket to be given to the Red Cross. Have welcomed evacuees into the pack.

1st Colehill Pack. Knitting squares for a blanket, also cuffs for soldiers. Packed parcels for distressed areas.

Eighty-six Dorsetshire Guiders are doing some special national service, some full, some part-time. Twenty-one are in the Women's Land Army, A.T.S., W.R.N.S., F.A.N.Y.S., thirty-eight in the nursing services, nine A.R.P., and thirteen in various jobs such as billeting, care of evacuees, cooking, etc.

(There are 300 Guiders in Dorset, including Commissioners and Secretaries.)

Dorset is putting up a splendid show, we would like to hear more about the 3rd Dorchester Company's adventures without a captain. So many companies must be in the same position nowadays that we would like to publish, from time to time, a detailed account of the progress they are making, it would help other companies and it might be good for Guiders!

Tremadoc and Prentig Companies (Carnarvonshire) did a combined good turn to unevacuated London dockland children, for they knitted up red wool into a hundred and twenty woollies. The rest of the county was making clothes for evacuees, and Tremadoc and Prentig heard that the London docks were very short of help.

I was most interested to hear from a Captain of a new Company in Cheshire, the 3rd Alsager, which was started on the first Saturday in October. They made £9 3s. 7d. from an entertainment and have bought twelve pounds of wool from the Personal Service League to make thirty-two regulation scarves for the troops. The two patrols are competing as to which can collect most tinfoil for the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund. Captain, Lieutenant, and the Court of Honour are working hard for First Class, and the rest are determined to be Second Class soon. Another new Company, the 1st Walton, started by the same Captain and Lieutenant on December 9th, with five Guides, now consists of thirty-five! They are knitting hard making blankets, and have been lucky enough to be given an allotment in the vicarage garden. This is really good news and we wish both these new companies good Guiding.

The 1st Newdigate Rangers, Guides and Brownies have knitted six full-size blankets for the Polish refugees and five smaller ones for the National Society of Day Nurseries, for the "under fives," these are distributed by the W.U.S. The "Newdigates" are also collecting all waste materials, and knitting for the Services. A short time ago they got up an entertainment in aid of the Red Cross and made £12, and one of the best actresses was Ruth Salomon, a little refugee from Danzig, who is also one of the busiest and keenest Guiders.

While I am on the subject of raising money, what about the latest news from Scotland? Larnarkshire announces quite calmly, as if this sort of thing happened every day, that they are raising £350 to buy an ambulance to send to Finland? And they're doing it, too! The County Commissioner writes that she will send a full report with photographs, for the April GUIDER. How's that for generosity and determination?

A small company of twelve Guiders at Wilpshire has undertaken and started to knit sets of scarves, mittens and helmets for the entire regiment of a colonel in Wilpshire. As they cannot afford to buy so much wool he provides it, and the Guides knit—one wonders if they will ever have time to eat or sleep! It's a gallant effort. These same Guiders have already made eight blankets, and they did yeoman service during the first period of evacuation, organising



clothes for Polish Refugees.

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amusements for the children and taking them home afterwards, cooking a meal for them, washing up, mending, and staying with them until their foster-parents returned from their "afternoons off."

Oh—I nearly forgot the crocodiles! Adoption seems to be the fashion nowadays, and the latest things in protegés are five crocodiles which have been adopted by the Shamrock Patrol of the Presall Guides! They were evacuated, with many other animals, to Chester Zoo, and the upkeep of so many animals became a problem. The authorities hit on the idea of individual adoption, and the Presall Guides, reading of the scheme, decided that there would be a rush to adopt all the attractive animals and birds. So they wrote to the Secretary, asking to be allowed to adopt something which was utterly unwanted—and found themselves foster-parents to five crocodiles. They are highly delighted with their pets, too, and hope to go and visit them in the summer.

The 1st Whetstone Guides have been lent a garden for the duration and have planted seventy cabbages. And Eastbourne Guides have been lent a garden of half an acre where they are learning to dig for victory. A fuller report of their efforts appears on another page.

Rockferry District sends a good report:

Since the last week in September, a sewing party has been held every Wednesday evening at the District Commissioner's house, which has been attended by several of the Guiders and Rangers, and a great deal of work has been sent in to the W.V.S., Children's Hospital and Tranmere Infirmary.

A collection was made from the packs and companies amounting to 15s., and a subscription of 5s. was sent to the Division Commissioner, for the Red Cross Central Fund. We received from this fund one pound of white wool, out of which has been knitted and sent in two pairs of operation stockings and two pairs of bed socks. Fifty-nine articles have been completed up to date.

The 3rd Brownie Pack have had a letter from the soldier who received their first blanket, and they sent him fifty cigarettes for Christmas and received a Christmas card from him. The pack has also raised money by whist drives at Brown Owl's house and sent cigarettes to twenty soldiers at Christmas.

The Guides of the District worked as messengers for the District Commissioner every evening until the nights became too dark, and have also helped at the Hospital Supplies Centre. They are now working hard to take Emergency Helper Badge, in addition to patrol work on the lines suggested in *The Guide*, meeting at their Leaders' or Guiders' houses.

Most of the Rangers are A.R.P. Wardens or Auxiliary Nurses, or doing some kind of voluntary war work, as also are the Guiders.

The crew of S.R.S. *Princess Royal* are also doing their bit. They volunteered to help at the Mersey Mission to Seamen, and are meeting every Monday at Skipper's house, where they are busy knitting for the sailors, and continuing their work at home. They have already sent in two parcels of knitted articles to the Mission, and have collected several parcels of books and magazines. All the wool for the knitting has been supplied by the Sea Rangers themselves, and they have just held a whist drive in aid of their wool fund. Every Saturday morning several members of the crew go down to the Mission and help with the cleaning and cooking. They have also answered S.O.S. calls for 7.30 in the morning, to help with breakfasts for the seamen when convoys have come into port. At Christmas, some of the crew helped to decorate the chapel and common room, and helped at the Christmas party given for the seamen.

Cheering news comes, too, from Worthing:

Fortunately, two Division Commissioners and about twenty Guiders are among our visitors from London, so we have divided the London Guides into two Districts under the two Commissioners, for we have nearly three hundred Guides, Brownies, or recruits to deal with: these are now settled in seven companies and packs. They all meet on Saturday mornings in council school halls. Splendid work is being done in spite of the fact that there is a great lack of uniform, and that many Guiders are working single-handed and are strangers to the girls they have in their companies and packs, however, all seem to be practising the eighth Law, and a very happy spirit prevails. Visitors at the Christmas parties included many from London, and Guiders have met and mixed at their meetings and socials.

We are sure that the links of Guide friendship have been greatly strengthened in this way.

Now both London and Worthing are working for an Annual Division Guide Competition; and we feel it will be a real help to have others competing with us.

There are other forms of national service going on, nothing spectacular, but we hope, useful, such as knitting for the evacuees, and for the Forces; washing up at a sick bay for evacuees. Our hospital Guides, too, are ready for jobs.

A scheme is also on foot to arrange Group entertainments, for

which tickets will be sold, and all the proceeds are to be sent to help stricken Poland or Finland.

And that, I think, is all I can fit into this month's *GUIDER*. You have responded nobly to my appeal for news, and if any reports have been left out, they will appear next month. I'm fairly certain that I've fitted you all in—so don't think, optimistically, that I've got enough news for the April *GUIDER* and don't want any more. I have always to supply the general Press as well as the *GUIDER*—so I'm always hungry for news, and now that I have seen what you can do when you try, I shall expect to be kept well supplied. Don't let me down—will you?

## LONDON SEA RANGERS' REUNION

In spite of all the familiar war-time difficulties, the London Sea Rangers held their Annual Dinner on January 20th, and well over two hundred were present, some having travelled from Bognor, Leigh-on-Sea and Reading in order to attend.

Among the familiar blue jerseys there was a sprinkling of khaki, Air Force blue and the smart glitter of brass buttons—for the London Sea Ranger Crews have contributed many capable members to the A.T.S., the W.A.A.F.S., and of course, the W.R.N.S. The present head of the W.R.N.S., Mrs. Laughton Matthews, is Sea Ranger County Coxswain for London. Miss Hopkins, the Sea Ranger Pilot, is a member of the W.A.A.F.S. Both received an enthusiastic welcome when they arrived.

The dinner itself was a delightful informal and chatty affair. Everywhere, one could tell, the Rangers, gathered in groups at the small tables, were swapping yarns of their experiences since they had last met—many of them at "Implacable" Training, or at camp, last year, in a world that had not foreshadowed to them their adventurous journey of that night, through a snow-covered, moonlit London under war conditions.

After dinner Miss Hobkinson, the acting Sea Ranger County Coxswain for London (to whose efforts, assisted by Miss Denis and other able helpers, the party owed its organisation), spoke of the work of the London crews and the happenings of the year. She praised the work of the Skippers who had trained people willing and able to take up war service in many capacities and referred particularly to the work of the River Emergency Service. She stressed the importance of sound Sea Ranger training continuing in all cases where crews could carry on, and urged them not to allow such war-time activities as knitting (however useful and even essential) to encroach too much time which should, strictly speaking, be given to Sea Ranger activities.

Mrs. Laughton Matthews made a most amusing and inspiring speech, and recounted some of her experiences in her new capacity. Much laughter was provoked by her quotation from the qualifications put forward by applicants for enrolment in the W.R.N.S.:

"I have crossed the Channel six times and never been sea-sick."

"I have a growing knowledge(!) of the Morse code."

"I have always had a longing to go overseas and see the world."

The optimistic certainty that to become a W.R.N. promoted one immediately to life on the ocean wave was, of course, erroneous, but Mrs. Laughton Matthews went on to say that out of the thousands of applicants who applied, the qualifications given by Sea Ranger training—reliability, discipline, sense of humour—had carried real weight and would prove of lasting value. She ended with "God bless you all—I shan't forget you."

The Pilot, speaking a little later in the evening, struck a serious note half-way through a most amusing speech by asking the Sea Ranger Branch as a whole to consider whether they were steering. She reminded them that, though we must all dream of the reconstruction to be undertaken when the war is over, we must first win the war—and that only complete one-pointed effort from every single individual could ensure winning it. She suggested that many of the older Sea Rangers might feel that their work was rather to help and train new and younger "Seas" in their crews, than to enjoy themselves Sea Ranging. "The important thing, wherever we are, in whatever service we have enrolled, is to *live out what we feel inside*. Whatever we may be doing we are and shall always be Sea Rangers," she said in closing, and turning back the lapel of her service coat, showed the blue Trefoil beneath it. A cheer went up from the Seas when Mrs. Laughton Matthews at once showed that she also wore her badge in the same position.

The evening closed with a grand sing-song, which was opened with an entertainment by 15 "Seas" who have become members of the W.R.N.S., and continued, through sea shanties and songs, to the realistic "Wreck of the Hesperous," conducted by the Pilot, and Grace Harvey, of the S.R.S. *Shannon* (who, incidentally, made a good speech of welcome earlier in the evening to the guests, including the Editors of *THE GUIDER* and *The Guide*).

Closing time came all too soon, and the highly intrigued staff of the restaurant (who had attended the sing-song in force) watched—we thought a little enviously—the "Seas" stream out into the Arctic night, wishing each other luck and promising—"Hitler permitting"—to repeat the entertainment in a year's time.

## EXTENSION GUIDING

### EXTENSIONS AND FOXLEASE.

We are having our annual training week at Foxlease from Friday, June 7th till Friday, June 14th, and I hope to have the opportunity of meeting many new Guiders there as well as renewing "old acquaintances." I know how helpful it will be to us all to be able to discuss the many new problems that are continually arising in connection with our companies and packs, and I hope that Extension Guiders will make every effort to come, especially if they have not recently been to a training.

N. BRITTON,

Commissioner for Extensions.

### POST RANGERS AND OLD GUIDES

THE 1st Somerset Post Ranger Company has been running for eight years, and most of the Rangers had been Post Guides before that, which means that they have been receiving Company Letters every month for ten years or longer and had been Guiding for that time. It was increasingly difficult to find new interests or new items for the Company Letters. The Rangers were aged mainly from 23 to over 30 years of age, and they were too old really to want to work for badges, apart from a few individual ones which they took on their own. Living in the country and isolated because of their handicap they still found Guiding an interest and an inspiration, and lived for the Annual Post Camp.

So we decided to become Old Guides, and those new in Guiding and under 21 transferred to the 2nd Somerset Post Ranger Company.

We arranged the following scheme:—

(1) *Company Letters* were sent out quarterly, the first in the year in time for everyone to receive it by Thinking Day, and the rest at intervals based on the publication of the *Council Fire*, which provides many items of value. Pages in the Company Letters are on general Guide and Ranger subjects, discussions, ceremonial, Guide Law and prayer pages, and news of the other Rangers and friends. International Guiding finds a place also. Company Letters may be kept a little longer than usual, but naturally prompt sending on helps.

(2) *Foreign Friends.* We arranged to correspond with a foreign Guide or company but the war cancelled this.

(3) *Service.* Knitting for the Personal Service League is to be continued.

(4) *Badges.* Any badges can be taken, individually.

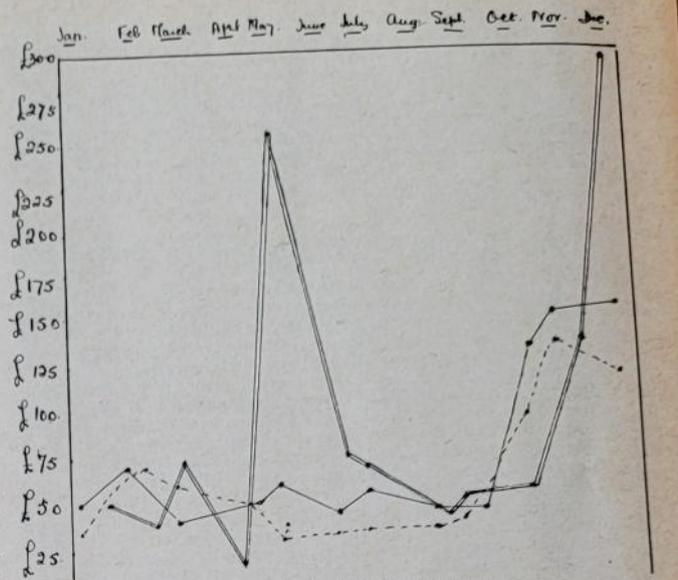
(5) *Local Old Guides.* We hoped that every Ranger would be attached to her local Group as well, even though getting to the meetings might be difficult. We are trying to arrange for each Ranger to receive THE GUIDER though this is very difficult. Can any readers help in this way? Post Rangers do appreciate this link with active Guiding, especially with only the four Company Letters a year.

The scheme has worked well. The Rangers enjoy the Company Letters more, because they do not have to bother about tests in which they were really not interested as they had all passed the Ranger Test or the old Ranger Second Class, and they all feel linked together as a small, friendly group, hoping to meet again at camp as before, receiving news of and ideas from each other.

From the Guider's point of view the arrangement has worked well also. It released a lieutenant to help with another company (one Guider is now sufficient) and has enabled the captain to give more time to the recruits and Post Guides. Quite often the older Post companies are "marking time" and the girls are taking the time and energies of Guiders who are needed for new and younger companies. The Rangers saw the point of this when the plan was discussed and agreed to become Old Guides in the same way that the older Rangers in an active company stand aside to make room for the younger girls.

We feel we are pioneers in being the first Post Old Guides and having tried it and found that it works we do recommend the idea to Guiders who feel that they are making no progress and yet do not want to deprive Post Rangers of the interest and the inspiration of Guiding.

DOROTHY SMALES.



Extension Handicraft Depot Sales Graph.

Sales totals. 1937 (dotted line) ... £726.  
1938 (single line) ... £886.  
1939 (double line) ... £1,156.

## WADDOW

### WADDOW EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

DEAR GUIDERS.—We are anxious to be able to keep the Waddow Emergency Hospital supplied with Guider nurses. To do this, it is necessary to compile a list of Guiders who have some knowledge of nursing, i.e., St. John or B.R.C.S. certificates or Civil Nursing Reserve training and who are *physically* fit and able to offer their services under the Lancashire County Council when needed. The nurses are required for working under the Matron and trained staff. We are very keen to be able to complete the offer of Waddow as a hospital by being able to call upon Guiders as probationers as the need arises and so make a real contribution to National Service. Are any of you free to help? The Rangers, Guides and Brownies from this country and overseas have come splendidly to the fore by contributing 220 parcels of books, toys and clothes. Now what can the Guiders do for us? If any of you are free and willing to put your names on the list for service at Waddow, would you write to the Secretary at Waddow, sending her your qualifications, a doctor's certificate—to show that your health will stand up to hospital life—and the name and address of your Commissioner, and say whether you are prepared to come for a short period or for as long as you are required. Details of salary, etc., on application. *Can you help?*

MARY BIRLEY,

Chairman of the Waddow Committee.

### GIFT LIST.

*Bedjackets:* 7th Blyth Guides; Mrs. Mitchell, Blyth; 292 Liverpool Guides. *Blankets:* Mrs. Farrington, Burton; Bexhill-on-Sea Guides; Miss Carter, Sunderland; Gateshead Town Rangers; Gateshead Y.W.C.A.; 2nd Newquay Guides; 1st Attingham Park Rangers; 1st Stenton Guides and Brownies; 1st Forsbrook Guides. *Vests, sleeping suits, socks, clothes, etc.:* Arbroath Guides; Barnsley Central Guides; Regent Street Congregational Guides; 7th Colne; 1st Thurrock Guides; 2nd Gee Cross Rangers; Miss Aldrick, London; 1st Little Thurrock Guides; Miss Exley, South Africa; Miss Francis, South Africa; Batley Rangers and Guiders; 2nd Cheshire Lones; 1st Cheshire Lones; 1st Kirkcaldy Rangers; Liverpool Girl Guides National Service Bureau; Winnipeg District Guides, Canada. *Donations:* Cofimvaba Guides and Brownies, South Africa; Slaidburn Rangers and Guides. *Books, scrapbooks and comics:* 10th Addiscombe Guides; Cara Schofield, 1st Melksham Guides. *Toys:* Mrs. Dewhurst, Flint; Miss Cameron, Argyll; Ballachulish Guides, 6th Kirkcaldy Rangers.

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## THE GUIDER HEADQUARTERS INSURANCE POLICIES

### GUIDER'S INDEMNITY POLICY.

All Guiders within Great Britain and Northern Ireland are insured under the Guider's Indemnity Policy, the premium for which is paid by Headquarters. This means that all Guiders are protected against any legal claims which may be made against them for accidents and/or occurrences to Guiders in their care, or for damage to property caused by those Guiders. *It is not an accident policy for the Guides themselves, and the accident must be proved due to negligence on the part of the Guider for the claim to succeed.*

### PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS INSURANCE.

(This policy runs for twelve months from November 8th each year.)

**At this time of national emergency it cannot be too strongly emphasised that all Guiders should be insured under the policy.**

#### COVER.

The object of this insurance is to cover the moral liability of Guiders for accidents sustained during organised Guide activities throughout the year, including camp. Counties, divisions, districts, companies and/or packs should insure their total membership on an annual basis. If this is not possible, then the total number attending any one camp may be insured for the period of the camp only, *but it should be noted that when insuring for the whole year the rate of premium is exactly half that required for camp only.*

#### NATIONAL SERVICE.

It has been arranged that this policy shall also cover national service work done in uniform and approved by the Guide authorities concerned, with the provision that the cover shall not extend to those forms of national service which are insured by, or would, but for the existence of this policy, be insured by the local authorities, under whom the Guiders have volunteered their services. It must be clearly understood that in no circumstances does this policy cover accidents directly caused by war, i.e., bombing, gun fire, gas, etc. Cover for individual cycling is excluded from the policy at all times.

#### RATES OF PREMIUM.

*Annual Basis.* 12s. 6d. per hundred, i.e., 1½d. per head (to the nearest maximum penny).

*Camp.* £1 5s. per hundred, i.e., 3d. per head (for the period of camp only).

(Smaller numbers in proportion.)

Units insuring on and after March 8th on an annual basis are quoted a reduced premium of 8s. 4d. per hundred, i.e., 1d. per head, to allow for the months of the policy already expired on condition that they intend renewing at the full rate next November for the following year.

**Application for insurance must be made on one of the official forms to be obtained from the Secretary, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, and no applications can be completed until the premium has been paid.**

#### CLAIMS.

**Headquarters must be notified immediately an accident or illness occurs. Failure to comply with this within seven days may invalidate the claim when made.**

A form will then be sent to the applicant to be filled in. This must be returned to Headquarters as soon as possible. All bills and accounts for expenses incurred must be sent in directly the claim is complete, and wherever possible accounts should not be paid until the claim has been passed by underwriters.

**The existence of this insurance policy must not be disclosed unless unavoidable,** as frequently charges are unnecessarily increased when it is known. Only if claims are kept as small as possible can the present low rate of premium continue. **Guiders and parents should act exactly as they would do if no such policy existed.**

### CHEAP RAILWAY VOUCHERS

The Railway Clearing House has now agreed again to the use of our cheap vouchers for members of the Movement travelling to camps, rallies, etc. (These reduced fare facilities were suspended last September.)

Under the new system introduced last spring a voucher form will be supplied by Headquarters on request to any Guider of whom they have trace. This form has simply to be filled in and signed by the Guider herself, and can then be exchanged at the station booking office for the tickets required.

Please note that it is still essential for arrangements to be made with the railway concerned at least one week before the date on

which it is intended to travel. The Railway Clearing House reserves to itself the right to refuse issue of cheap tickets unless this condition is strictly observed.

#### UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.

For parties travelling from the Underground (London Transport) Stations the Headquarters form must be forwarded in advance to the Commercial Manager, London Transport, 55, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1, and exchanged for one of their special vouchers. The forms themselves cannot be dealt with at the Underground Station booking office.

### AIR RAID EXERCISE

Practice makes perfect, so the saying goes, and of all occasions which call for perfection, that of first-aid treatment and service is among the most pressing.

It is understood that special exercises for A.R.P. services are to take place from time to time, and one Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago was fixed as the occasion of the first practice in a northern country town, and by 2 p.m. a large convoy of ambulances, cars, and personnel had assembled in the appointed place of meeting, complete with all the necessary equipment, such as first-aid apparatus, splints, stretchers and rugs. All those actually on duty were in full uniform, with steel helmets—balanced rather precariously it must be admitted—in place of hats. All were on the *qui vive* for the signal which would send them post haste to the then unknown scene of action.

Suddenly word came from the Control Room that raiders had passed, and that high explosive bombs were dropped, causing many casualties, serious and otherwise. The message was passed on instantly to the First Aid and Transport Sections, and in a matter of seconds the cars and ambulances started up, personnel took their places, and the convoy moved off. Word had mysteriously gone round that something was afoot, and many people had gathered in the vicinity, to stare curiously as the convoy streamed by along the country roads.

The scene of the incident was reached in a short time, and the vehicles drew up. The first to arrive was the Mobile Unit Van, that unique and ingenious invention—product of the exigencies of this war, embodying all the equipment of a hospital casualty ward, complete with doctor, sister, and trained staff, and ready to be set up at a few minutes' notice wherever its services might be needed.

The scene of action was soon one of lively but controlled activity, everyone knowing their job, everyone cheerful, which spoke volumes for the careful preliminary organisation upon which everything depended. Nurses were everywhere: nurses busy treating their patients, who were labelled as to their respective injuries and in many cases were lying prone upon the ground. Inside a building, nurses were skilfully setting up the contents of the Mobile Unit cases. The steriliser was soon hissing, steam pouring from the boiler, solutions and disinfectants were being carefully measured.

The doctor moved about among the throng of patients, nurses, and attendants, examining the work of the first-aiders, and giving advice.

In one corner of the room helpers were busy preparing tea and refreshments.

It was not difficult to see who was enjoying most, and to the full, the excitement of the incident. The many children who had volunteered to be patients found in the whole affair a thrill not soon to be forgotten. To be swathed in bandages, placed on a real stretcher by nurses in uniform, and finally lifted into a smart new ambulance and taken for a ride—that was indeed an irresistible adventure for them, and called for many shouts and laughter from patients in many cases supposed to be unconscious. Two children heavily bandaged and splinted were heard to implore that they should be the last to be inspected by the doctor, as they would like to stay like that all day, while others remarked that they had never seen doctors and nurses so busy before.

When the last stretcher case had been brought in, the last patient had been treated and the bandaging inspected, warning was given that the services of the whole unit were urgently needed elsewhere, and in less than five minutes the surgical instruments, dressings, and all utensils had been re-packed into the Mobile Unit Van, and the convoy was once more under way.

And should these excellent services never be actually needed, and one hopes that the occasion will never arise, the work is nevertheless invaluable from the point of view of team-spirit and self-control, and incidentally reveals much as to the way in which personnel react when put to a practical test. And few people perhaps realise how many hours have been spent beforehand in preparing all the details, and so ensuring that the affair may proceed with smoothness and efficiency.

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### MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON FEBRUARY 13th, 1940

#### Business Transacted.

##### PRESENT:

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, C.B.E. (Chair).  
Mrs. St. John Atkinson.  
Miss Bardsley.  
Mrs. Percy Birley, C.B.E. (Co-opted).  
Miss Browning.  
Mrs. Carnegie, M.B.E.  
The Countess of Clarendon.  
Sir Percy Everett.  
Miss Gibbs.  
Lady Greig.  
Miss Shanks (Co-opted).  
The Lady Somers.  
Miss Ward.

##### By invitation:

Miss Lander.

#### Presentation of the Silver Fish to Mrs. Drysdale.

Mrs. Drysdale has been connected with Guiding in the Argentine since 1928 and has been Organising Commissioner since July, 1931. She has done excellent work under very difficult circumstances, and it is very largely owing to her that the British Girl Guide Association is a large and flourishing one of about 600 members.

It is difficult to maintain one's influence when one is often away, but in spite of the fact that Mrs. Drysdale was frequently absent from the Argentine she has been the inspiration of Guiding there since 1928. During that time it has grown from a few scattered companies to a flourishing organisation of some 600 members. The keen efficiency of British Guide methods is good for the Guide Movement and it is very largely due to the untiring efforts and splendid organisation of Mrs. Drysdale.

Mrs. Drysdale was enrolled as a Guide in 1917 in the Tudor Hall School Company, Chislehurst (one of the first school companies to be started). When she took up Guiding in the Argentine in 1928, she started an open company and pack in a district where hitherto there had been only a school company.

In 1930 she became Commissioner for the Southern District and soon afterwards succeeded Miss Holland as Organising Commissioner for the Argentine.

Although Guiding depended and always will depend on the support of the big English school in Buenos Aires companies and packs have been started outside, some as far away as Mendoza, Bahia Blanca and Cordoba. Interest in these outlying districts was stimulated by Mrs. Drysdale's energy in going to visit them, often travelling more than a day to reach them.

#### In England Now: Chairman's Broadcast.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee broadcast to the Empire on January 30th in the "In England Now" series, describing the work which is being done in Britain by Girl Guides. See page 62.

#### The War Service Badge.

The Committee has approved the recommendation that time spent "on call" for first aid posts, etc., should count in part towards the War Service Badge, but that 144 such hours must be spent instead of the 96 hours on actual duty.

#### The Polish Refugee Account.

A Polish Refugee Account has been opened, and the balance in hand is £99 11s. 11d. The money collected for the relief of Polish refugees will be sent to the Polish Scout and Guide Committee in Paris, with the proviso that it should not be used in enemy or enemy occupied territory.

#### The British Council's Scheme for Distribution of Periodicals.

A scheme devised by the British Council for the distribution of periodicals and newspapers to refugees in lonely parts of the country was put before the Committee. It was agreed that the scheme should be published in THE GUIDER. See page 80.

#### A Message From Brazilian Banderantes.

The following message of sympathy from the Banderantes of Brazil, sent by Donna Alice Carvalho de Mendoca, their President, was read to the Committee:

"In these days of anguish we all in Brazil are in spirit with you and with all the Guides of Great Britain and France. We pray ardently that Guide ideals may triumph over the world.

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#### Policy, Organisation and Rules.

It was approved that a leaflet be inserted in the book of *Policy, Organisation and Rules*, showing special war badges and war-time alterations.

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#### The Annual Meeting of the Council.

Arrangements have been made for the Annual Meeting to be held on April 2nd at 3.15 p.m. The President, The Princess Royal, has notified her intention of being present.

#### Gifts from Australia.

Fifteen bales of beautifully-made clothing for evacuees have been received from the Guides of Victoria, Australia. H.R.H. Princess Alice and the Chairman have both written to thank the Guides, and a letter will be sent by the Executive Committee. See report on page 69.

#### Tinfoil Collection for the Lord Mayor's Fund.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Company have agreed that Guides may collect tinfoil from the L.M.S. passenger stations, other than the London termini. The collectors should apply to Station Master's Office. Certain branches of the Westminster Bank have also agreed to save tinfoil for Guides.

#### Badge Orders.

Headquarters would be grateful if all Counties, and especially those who owing to war conditions have made arrangements to order badges from Headquarters direct through Districts, would note that it is not necessary for such orders to be received at Headquarters by any particular date in the month. At the moment they are being concentrated into the first week of the month, which makes a rush of work for our depleted staff. (In the case of a large County, we may have to deal with 50 District orders, instead of one from the County!). If the orders were spread out over the month, it would be a great help to us. We must also stress the point that only warranted Secretaries can be supplied with badges. Unwarranted Secretaries must continue to get their supplies from their Counties until they are warranted. Also, it is not necessary to enclose certificates with orders.

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## AWARDS

#### Chief's Diploma.

Miss Martin.  
Miss A. P. Bickersteth.

#### Blue Cord.

Mrs. Carlton, of Western Australia.

#### Eagle Owl.

Miss P. Dickens, Queensland, Australia.  
Miss M. A. Woolnough, Queensland, Australia.

#### Gold Cords.

Company Leader Annie Birch, 33rd Bradford Company, Yorkshire West Riding North.

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## SLEEPING BAGS

### KAPOK

Green cambric cover, filled with kapok. Length 5 ft. 9 in.; Width at top 2 ft. 5 in., tapering to 18 in.; Weight 2½ lb. approx. With Zipp fastener.

Price 16/6. Postage 7d.

**Lightweight for Hikers.** Green cambric cover, filled with finest Java kapok, having an attached Pillowslip into which bag can be folded. Width 2 ft. 3 in. (non-tapering); Weight 2½ lb. approx.; Length 5 ft. 9 in. and 6 ft.

Price 19/- and 20/-. Postage 7d.

### DOWN

Blue, Brown, or Green quilted sateen cover, filled with good quality down. Very light and warm. Width 2 ft. 5 in. (non-tapering); Weight 3½ lb. approx. Length 5 ft. 9 in. and 6 ft.

Price 25/6 and 27/6. Postage 8d.

As above, better quality filling, and with Pillowslip attached. Price 30/- and 34/-. Postage 8d.

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Green rotproof canvas, lined grey wool. Length 6 ft.; Width 2 ft. 1 in.; Weight 5 lb. approx.

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**"Chieftain" Rug.** Blue, Brown and Green coloured check designs. Size 50 in. × 60 in. Weight 2½ lb. Price 7/-. Postage 7d.

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In Blue, Green, Orange and Red casement cloth, filled with kapok. Size 20 in. × 14 in. and 20 in. sq.

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Length 6 ft. 3 in.; Width 2 ft. 3 in.; Weight 3½ lb. approx. Filled with kapok mixture. Fawn suede drill, reverse side green rotproof canvas.

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### Lightweight.

Size 6 ft. × 3 ft. Weight 20 oz.

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### Mediumweight. (Weight 32 oz.)

Size 6 ft. × 3 ft., 6 ft. 6 in. × 3 ft., and 6 ft. × 4 ft.

Price 5/6, 6/- and 6/9. Postage 7d.

### Heavyweight.

Size 6 ft. × 3 ft. Weight 36 oz.

Price 7/3. Postage 7d.

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**Oil Lamp.** Chimney protected by wire guard. Burning capacity approx. 22 hours. Price 6/6. Postage 7d.

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