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OUR GUIDERS ON NATIONAL SERVICE



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WE WISH THEM WELL

GUIDING IN WAR-TIME

by

MARJORIE SHANKS
Commissioner for Training

GUIDERS throughout the country are engaged in war service of all kinds. They are to be found in all the branches of the Women's Voluntary Services and are throwing themselves wholeheartedly into their duties and occupations. It is hoped that whilst they are engaged in this most important work, they will not forget their companies and packs, and that in some measure at least, their Guiding may be continued. For many of them it will be an impossibility to carry on an active part in the company, and then the patrol leaders will have their chance to show what they can do. Very often it is going to fall to the Leaders to help to make the Guides and Brownies who have been evacuated from other districts, feel at home in their new surroundings. It is very important that the newcomers should realise that their fellow Guides in their temporary homes are ready to look after them.

GUIDE COMPANIES.

Many Guiders, unable to hold company meetings at present, may find time for informal Leaders meetings. These will be invaluable to the life of the whole company, for it will enable the patrol leaders to have their Guiders' counsel about good turns that are being done, and their advice about the number of non-Guide evacuees, they should attempt to look after in each patrol, or if it is a good plan to have them to Patrol Meetings, or better perhaps to take them out on separate excursions. There is no fear of the Guide companies not going ahead. The best Guiding can be done in patrols.

It is early days to attempt to organise a War-time scheme of training for Guides, but Guiders will be given a lead shortly. What is most urgent is that they undertake the jobs that need to be done locally, and play their part in the neighbourhood where they live.

RANGER COMPANIES.

There is a vital need for increasing the Membership of Ranger Companies where this is possible.

- (a) Because so many adolescents need help just now.
- (1) There are so few places they can go to.
 - (2) They are lonely, left behind by evacuation.
 - (3) Many of them are frightened and need the membership of a Ranger company to steady their morale.

He gave it to the children. It is for us to preserve it for them.



- (4) Many are unemployed.
- (b) Because there is so much that girls of Ranger age can do if they are organised. e.g.
 - (1) Helping with play centres and recreation rooms for evacuated children.
 - (2) Forming service units, ready to lend a hand where necessary (in spare time) at jobs such as canteens, messengers, household help for those in difficulties, working on food production, etc.

BROWNIE PACKS.

Owls will be wondering what is going to happen to their packs in the present upheaval.

Perhaps the Brownie Branch, out of all the Movement, might suffer most, for the children are not of an age to carry on alone, if their Owls are too busy to take the usual Pack Meeting, and many packs have had to be broken up through the evacuation of the Brownies from the large towns. One can only be thankful that it is so, and yet, in the heart of every Town Owl, whose pack has gone to safety, there must be the hope that her work is somehow to be carried on, and not entirely lost, now that the children are scattered.

This is where the Country Owls come in, especially those who have not been called up for any definite War service. Even occasional Pack Meetings are better than none at all, but the taking in of the Town Brownies and little evacuees is a big question. There is absolutely no good at all in making a huge pack. One can run a big Play Centre but not a large Brownie pack. Sometimes there would have to be two Pack Meetings a week, instead of one, in order to accommodate all the Brownies and their new friends, but although one does want a weekly Pack Meeting very badly indeed, it is better to have it once a fortnight, and have a real pack at the Meeting than a horde of children once a week. Some Owls may have time to run the pack or packs and a Play Centre as well. Owls should realise that Brownie work and this additional work with children is indeed of National importance, and they should not cruple to ask non-Guide helpers to come to their assistance.

Many people, to-day, who cannot do other forms of War Service will gladly help with children's activities. Brown Owls and Tawnys everywhere will want more helpers, but they should consult Commissioner, if she is

THE CHIEF'S CABLE:

Glad that Guides have seized opportunity of proving their splendid readiness and efficiency for rendering service. May success attend all their courageous effort.

BADEN POWELL.

available, before fixing up with permanent assistants. Brownie work is dependent more than any Branch of Guiding, on having people who understand, and are really good with children.

If any Owls have any spare time when they have finished their many activities, perhaps they might volunteer to help with Ranger work, which during this War Emergency is such a vital necessity.

But, beyond everything, it must be remembered that the Chief A.R.P. Warden in each locality must be consulted before any Meetings are arranged after dark. It is to be hoped that the majority of Guide and Brownie Meetings may be arranged in the daylight.

In these days we must take a long view, and if we can manage to carry on our Guiding, it will help us to do this. We shall be doing practical work for Peace. For the first time in the history of Guiding, the children are free for half the daylight hours each day, and the Ministry of Education Circular advises the formation of Guide companies and Brownie packs. This is another testimony to the Educational value of Guiding, and shows us that today—in War-time—as in time of Peace, we have a job to do that is indeed worth doing.

"HOLD FAST IN ONE SPIRIT"

The tragedy we have all tried to avert, by deed, thought and prayer, has come upon us. Perhaps, fortunately we are all too busy to think very much nowadays, for if we had time to think we might be weakened by the very horror of it all. We might become angry, and anger is a thing which is better kept out of this war, because it leads to hatred, and hatred breeds injustice and cruelty. If we allowed ourselves, for instance, to think too much about what is happening to the Polish Guides, it would be easy to hate. Instead, we pray for them, that they may be spared to carry on the work they were doing so magnificently, that those who must die, may be given courage to do so honourably and without flinching. They must know that we are with them in spirit, that we long to help them in their great trouble, and that we will help them, directly it is possible. But in the meantime, we can only pray, and trust that they may be encouraged

by the knowledge that their sisters are with them in sympathy and thought.

Even for the Polish Guides, there must be an afterwards, though many of them must feel, now, that this is the end. The time will come when they are free and at peace once more, to build up their splendid work, which has been so ruthlessly destroyed. We know, that they will start afresh, for Madame Malkowska has trained them well in the use of the will, and the Polish heritage is courage.

There must be many Guiders in Britain to-day, who

feel anxious about their Guide work. Their companies and packs have been taken away from them, or they have had to leave them for service elsewhere. They may be tempted to think that their work of years has been undone by the upheaval of the past month. Let them remember the Polish Guides and put that fear from them as destructive. If the Poles can begin again, so can we. And there is, as yet, no sign that we have been stopped, or even been seriously threatened.

Guiding, it is true, has received a severe jolt, a jolt which was perhaps, necessary to wake it into activity. But once really awakened, it cannot easily be subdued. Here at Headquarters, far from feeling anxious, we feel we are at the heart of a living virile body which is moving towards great things.

The children are taking over. Years of the Chief Scout's training have fitted them to do so, and we can trust them to do the job well. If we could not trust them, we should have failed to give them the thing which was given to us to pass on to them. Hard though it seems to accept such a thought, this war may even do Guiding good, for some of us were over anxious, too inclined to spoonfeed and mollycoddle. We may, with the best possible intentions, have been the very reason

why it was possible to criticise some modern Guides as apathetic and uninteresting. Now the children have their chance. Let them take it, and show us where we were wrong.

And we ourselves? Let us try to keep a balance of sanity and fair judgment in the midst of a crazy world. And let us try to avoid to some measure, all the attendant evils of war. My hairdresser mourned to me the other day: "This means the end of all the little gracious things of life, nobody will have time now for nice manners and pretty clothes."

A MESSAGE FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

At this time of national need I know that Guides throughout the country are doing splendid work in every field of service, and my thoughts and prayers are with you in the great effort you are making. You will be called upon, as time goes on, to make sacrifices, and I know that you will do so bravely and uncomplainingly in the true Guide spirit. No nation rises above the level of its womanhood, and it is to the women and girls of Britain, so many of them Guides, that the country looks for calm reliable service in this time of anxious strain.

So many of our Guiders have been called to the Women's Services, and I am proud to think that their Guide Training has proved a ready passport into any field of work. To each of you called to the service of your country, I send my good wishes.

The fact that so many Guiders and Rangers are now on active service throws a special burden of responsibility on the Patrol Leaders, and I know that they will rise to this occasion as splendidly as did those other young leaders during the war of 1914-1918.

But to the general public I would say that these girls are young, and the demand made upon them is great. I appeal to all those women who can possibly spare the time, to come forward and give their assistance, particularly in the reception areas for evacuated children from which already come countless letters asking for the immediate formation of companies.

The children are eager to help, and the Guides are already proving themselves reliable workers under their girl Leaders.

To all Guides everywhere I send my greetings, and I pray that God may give you good courage to meet the strain of these grave days with the gallant spirit which has ever been the mark of our Movement.

Mary

Let us cling to those things as long as we can. Don't let us become too brusque or strident. There may not be time for elaborate haddressing, but most of us, with a little care, can still retain some daintiness and charm. Let us try, in the midst of blackout precautions with their gloom and ugliness, still to devise some way in which our homes can be attractive and cheerful. There is so much unavoidable ugliness about war, do let us keep as much as we can of the gay and lovely things of life.

For these things have their value. This world we live in will go on, even if we do not, and the children will follow us to build again on the foundations we leave them. If it is to be their fate to dig among the ruins, let us see to it that they find some jewels, not only dust and ashes.

THE EDITOR.

THE STORY OF POLAND

The Polish people have a national history dating far back to the days before written history existed.

The story is one of great achievement and great upheavals, due doubtless partly to the geographical position of the country and partly to some qualities, which while endearing them to their friends, perhaps have made them unwise in the choice of leaders. I think many thoughtful Poles will agree that one of the weaknesses throughout their history was the inability to form a strong state under a leader of their own nationality. For this reason they often elected a king or sovereign belonging to another race, a custom which sometimes served them ill.

It is interesting to remember that Poland was united to Lithuania by the marriage of the Christian Queen Hedwiga of Poland with the pagan King Jaguello of Lithuania, and from that union sprang the line of kings who were destined to lead the Poles to the greatest of their achievements, because it was during the reigns of Sigismund I and III, that Poland reached the position of a great central power with her ambassadors in every court, and men of culture and letters collected in her cities.

Later on in her history under Jan Sobieski, she helped to push back the Turks when they tried to invade Western Europe. It was her national hero Sobieski who was again sent for later in his life to defend the walls of Vienna from a further onslaught of the Turkish hordes.

After the line of the Jaguello kings was ended, Poland fell on evil days, and it was during these days of disputes

and quarrels among themselves that the Poles adopted the custom to which I have already referred, and their many foreign rulers began. This finally led to the downfall of the Polish state, and its division between Germany, Austria and Russia. Twice Poland was divided, and finally disappeared altogether from the map of Europe. She emerged for a moment in puppet guise as the Duchy of Warsaw under Napoleon, but it was not really until 1918 when the Polish legions were led so successfully by Marshall Pilsudski that an independent state made its reappearance.

The modern Poland, well ordered and well governed has learnt her lesson from the past. Her people are, alas, once more fighting for the right to exist in peaceful liberty. They are led by men of their own race, friends and comrades of the great Marshall, who constructed his modern state on such good foundations.

Poland may disappear for a time once more from the map of Europe—but she has gained belief in her cause among all the democratic people of the world. We are convinced that before too long, we shall see once again a free and peaceful state, bearing the proud name now so closely allied with the cause in which we all believe.

MESSAGE TO THE NATION

This message to the home-stayers whose part of carrying on every-day affairs amid the suspense and straitened circumstances

and sorrow that a great war brings, was sent out from the office of the Duty and Discipline Movement in 1914:—

Let us be quiet, who are left behind
To be our Country's common heart and mind
Of usual work and hour-accustomed ways,
Let us breathe steadily these everyday,
Which dreadfully in dim suspense arise,
That God may look out calmly from our eyes.

Our duty is to stand by used affairs,
Our discipline, deep smiling, slow speech, prayers,
Through all anxieties, ills, waiting, woe,
That while our arms to righteous battle go,
This heart of us they spring from may fulfil
Its blood-beat with their fight—"I ought—I will."

GUIDING IN RECEPTION AREAS.

Now that the colossal task of evacuation from the big cities and towns is practically complete, we would like to appeal to all Commissioners to do their utmost to encourage Guiding in the reception areas.

There can be no possible doubt of the very real need which exists, and the immense value of the work. It is hoped that Guide companies in reception areas will be enlarged to take in any Guide who has been evacuated, and we would suggest that every available Guider who can give her time, or any part of it, should at once endeavour to get into touch with those responsible for the evacuated children and start fresh companies wherever possible. It is hoped to send round all information re Registration and all other details shortly.

It appears to us that never was there a moment when the Guide spirit could be better exemplified than at this moment, and we do appeal to everyone connected with the Movement to make every effort that lies in their power to give the joy and worth-whileness of Guiding to those who may never before have had an opportunity of taking part in the Movement.

JOAN MARSHAM.

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

GOOD WORK BY GUIDES IN 1914

From the "Girl Guides" Gazette" of August, 1914

Guides all over the country will be interested to read what those other Guides, the people who, in 1914, first gave our Movement its great name, did in the service of the nation. We hope that the following reports may help the Guides of to-day to devise ways in which they can carry on the tradition which began in the early days of Guiding.—EDITOR.

AT the moment of going to press, letters from all parts of the country are pouring in, all containing the same news—that every Girl Guide who has taken her promise of loyalty is doing her utmost for King and Country in this time of trouble.

In accordance with the wishes of Headquarters, a great many companies have offered their services to their local Red Cross or St. John's V.A.D., and the girls are kept very busy.

The 1st Crowborough Company are collecting hospital equipment on their trek cart, delivering messages and sewing.

Ipswich Guides are working hard preparing a Rest Station Hospital. A few girls have to camp there so as to be prepared for emergencies. The bigger girls are helping to train farm lads in stretcher work.

Holmwood Guides have offered help to their postmistress and are employed by the Red Cross for sewing.



The Leicester Company has been given the task of making roller and triangular bandages, fomentations, wringers and flannel bandages. At Tunbridge Wells the girls are making and padding splints.

The 1st Lewisham Company are helping to equip a field hospital. They are used largely as messengers and will be employed later in the laundry.

Essex.—Doing needlework.

Hornsea.—Helping Red Cross Detachment. Scrubbing floor of Drill Hall in preparation for a temporary Hospital.

Topsham.—Guides acting as messengers and parcel carriers, chiefly to V.A.D., and Relief Committees.

Frant.—Offered services to Sussex V.A.D.

Exmouth.—Offered services to Red Cross Devon 66.

Saxmundham.—Placed themselves at the disposal of the Aldeburgh V.A.D.

Portlady.—Offered services to V.A.D.

Weymouth.—Aiding Red Cross by running messages.

West Hartlepool.—Volunteered to help in Cameron's Hospital.

Woolwich.—Offered services to Soldiers' Help Society. Peterston-super-Ely.—Offered to help with temporary Hospital.

Quayside.—Assisting St. John Ambulance.

Falmouth.—Volunteered service to Government.

Thornaby-on-Tees.—Offered services to Red Cross.

Ventnor.—Offered services to Red Cross.

West Farleigh.—Helping postmistress to deliver telegrams. Offered services to V.A.D.

Little Belton.—Act as messengers in their own village.

Wymondham.—Helping mothers who go out to work.

Manchester.—Starting to work.

Wellington.—Attached to Red Cross.

Chelmsford.—Offered services to Red Cross, to run errands and fetch and carry, etc., for the nurses.

Burgess Hill.—Darning socks for the Territorials at present guarding the lines.

Darwen.—Guides willing to help in conjunction with whatever organisation is formed in the town.

South Hackney.—Communicating with Red Cross.

Waterford.—Waiting to do anything in their power.

Liverpool.—Working in connection with Liverpool Lady Mayoress' Bureau.

Farnham.—The Captain is busy starting her husband and son off; afterwards she will call an urgent meeting of the Guides.

Barnet.—Offered the Guides to the V.A.D.

Wolverhampton.—Making aprons, caps, and running messages, etc.

Sunderland.—Joined Red Cross working classes.

Thetford.—Working with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

We much regret that as we have to go to press we have to hold over several reports of the Guides' work for their country.

We are glad to note that not in one single instance is a suggestion made for the girls to work apart from the recognised local authority. Each company is ready to sink its own individuality and "do the work that's nearest, though 'tis dull awhile."

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

From the "Girl Guides' Gazette" of September, 1914.

So many Companies of Guides are doing such splendid work to help the country in her hour of need, that reluctantly we have been obliged to condense the reports in order to insert as many as possible.

Crowborough.—Captain Nesta Maude has joined a party of nurses, and is now working under the Belgian Red Cross Society in Belgium.

Rugby.—The Guides here are making slippers, socks, night shirts, etc., for the Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association.

Ilford.—The 1st Barking and 2nd Ilford Companies (under Miss V. M. Hewett) offered their services for harvest work.

Newbridge.—The girls' weekly subscriptions are to form a relief fund. This fund is also to be helped by money which would ordinarily be spent on sweets and amusements.

Liverpool.—Work is being undertaken in connection with the Lady Mayoress' Bureau.

Northamptonshire.—Aprons and caps for nurses are being made as well as garments for the wounded.

Northumberland.—Working parties have been

formed and ambulance work is also being done.

Bellingham (near Macclesfield).—The Guides have undertaken the domestic work of a convalescent home fitted up in a private house.

Little Melton (Norfolk).—The Guides will act as messengers and help a working party.

Dudley.—Headquarters are being used for First Aid classes and nursing lectures, while ex-Guides have been asked to rejoin, with a good response.

Guildford.—Guides of the 1st Guildford Company have become members of the V.A.D. and Red Cross.

Redhill Police Orphanage.—Willing to do cooking, needlework, and anything else.

Walsall.—Help will be given in poor homes.

Denbighshire.—The Glen Conway Guides have fitted up their club-room as a hospital and are practising sick nursing and invalid cookery.

Llanfair Aram Lily.—Patrol have offered their services to the V.A.D.

Denbigh.—The Guides were employed as telegraph messengers; they are also helping the V.A.D.

Southsea.—Help is being given to the Relief Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

Bexhill.—Useful work being done for the Red Cross Society as cyclist messengers.

The Alderley Edge Company is giving great assistance to the local Red Cross Society, and in addition to making garments, bandages, etc., has promised to wash and roll ready for use all bandages used in the Red Cross Hospital. A Guide will call for them each day. Cyclists are at call for messages at any time.

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THE GUIDES GO INTO ACTION

TO be a Guide is to be wanted, these days. Headquarters are so proud of you all, when, one after the other, the calls come through on the telephone.

"Can you send us half-a-dozen responsible people for work in the Control Room?"

"Could you possibly send two or three Guiders to interview recruits for the Women's Land Army?" (Three Guiders went, and were greeted by Mrs. Walter Elliot, wife of the Minister for Health, with, "Oh, good, here are the Guides!")

One official of the Women's Land Army, finding the three Guiders hard at work said: "Now I know that prayer *is* answered—I've been wondering why things were so much easier to-day."

A harassed official, coping with with eight hundred children instead of 120 which he had been expecting: "I simply don't know what we'd have done without the Guides, they really have been perfect dears."

This is the sort of thing



A Canteen Worker.



*Filling Sandbags
at a warden's post.*



*Helping with
evacuated
children.*

we are hearing every day, and each morning the post brings letters from people in charge of evacuated children—people who have never been Guides, but who know what we are—asking us to help them start companies and packs. Old friends suddenly appear in the restaurant, almost unrecognisable for a moment, wearing the uniforms of the A.T.S., the A.F.S., the W.R.A.A.F., and each of them has some story to tell of Guides in their own particular service. Miss Leverson, the C.C.A. for London, looking charming in her Auxiliary Fire Service uniform, came to snatch a hurried lunch. "The Guides were marvellous in the raid alarm yesterday morning," she said. "We all had to go down to the shelter, and some were a bit flustered. But the Guides had them singing camp fire songs, men and all, in less than no time—the morale of the Guides is just fine."

Do you wonder we feel proud of you? I wonder how many of you saw the column headed, "Well done, Girl Guides," in the lunch time edition of the *Evening News* on September 7th? It described some of the things the Guides are doing, and it seemed, reading it, as if there was nothing to which you could not turn your hands.

Opening the bundles of news cuttings which come in from the news agency has become an



Receiving visitors.

exciting job, for every day we hear of some new venture which makes us realise more than ever that the Guide Movement is an important form of National Service.

We no longer have to ask for Publicity. It is all we can do to keep up with the demand from the press for news and photographs. All day long the telephone is busy, arranging for press photographers to be allowed to visit certain centres of work and take pictures of the Guides in action.

For we are news, nowadays, and we are hard at work almost wherever you go. The two Editors on their way to work one morning, spotted a white cap cover going briskly in the direction of the river.

"Hullo—do you want a lift?" we called, stopping the car.

She was a good specimen, that Sea Ranger. Very calm, and taking everything for granted. She belonged to the River Emergency Service, and it hadn't struck her that she was doing anything out of the way.

"Tell us what you have to do?" we asked.

"Oh well—anything that comes our way, but mainly First Aid," she replied.

"You're mostly responsible for Artificial Respiration, aren't you?"

"Yes. But that's all right. I got my Bronze Medal this year."

That's the sort of spirit you find among Guides everywhere, but in the case of the Sea Rangers who have joined the R.E.S., it is particularly outstanding. For their work is really splendid. They are working with the River Ambulance

steamers and they are first and foremost responsible for Artificial Respiration. This comprises the Schäfer Method, and the Rocking Stretcher, as well as the administration of oxygen by means of the Novox Box, an apparatus containing an oxygen cylinder, and used in conjunction with the Schäfer Method of Artificial Respiration. Since early in July lectures have been given on these three principles, and the Sea Rangers have had every opportunity of becoming absolutely efficient in this important branch of their work.

When not engaged in special duty, the Sea Rangers are expected to be prepared to assist with First Aid, when necessary, unhitch life-belts from the side of the steamer, go on to the smaller Patrol Boats if help is needed with casualties on board, and be ready to do any useful job from making a cup of tea to putting a new pane in a port-hole. Their uniform will be the same for all its women volunteers, whether they be trained nurses, V.A.D.s or Sea Rangers, except that each section wears its own distinguishing badge or armband. Each member has her tin hat and gas mask.

About fifty London Sea Rangers have joined up, but more are required. The Port of London Authority states, that the River Emergency Service is a full time paid job, and they are keen to get more Sea Rangers, as they find their work is invaluable.



Headquarters fire-fighting squad.



On duty with the A.F.S.

Many of Headquarters staff have gone, though they appear again from time to time, flying in to buy some necessary bit of equipment which they know can be

found in Headquarters Shop, though it be sold out elsewhere. They come in wearing Khaki, Air Force Blue, or the Navy Blue of the Wrens or Fire Service, but each one is unmistakably a Guide.

Those who remain to staff the Shop are very pleased with life, for they have been selling equipment to most of the Services. It is nothing to see a young Army Officer buying camp equipment in the Camp Shop, and we had sold out of our stock of Navy Blue haversacks within the first two days of the outbreak of war. However, more were rushed into stock and the demand still goes on.

One of Headquarters typists has sent us the following letter. She was called up to the Auxiliary Fire Service on the outbreak of war, and she, also, seems to have the same spirit of calm efficiency which is so noticeable among the Sea Rangers.

"I expect you would like to know all that has happened, so I will tell you briefly. A messenger came to say we were mobilising and would I be ready with sufficient food for 48 hours, and blankets and washing material, within an hour. Then I was taken to the local station where I have been having lectures, and collected my equipment, and from there came with several others to this station.

We had a frantic week-end getting the place in order. Fortunately the schoolkeeper was good enough to lend us all we needed in the kitchen, and also blankets. There are four of us on duty in the watchroom, two on and two off alternately every four hours, day and night, but even when we are off duty we must be available, and may only leave the grounds for two hours a day.

"So far we have not had a fire alarm call, although even this moment (2.0 a.m.) we are waiting for a trial one, and hope everything will go as well as we have planned.

"To-morrow I have 24 hours' leave, and am so excited at the thought of a bath, and to be able to get into pyjamas and sleep in my own bed. We have to sleep here with all our clothes on, but for our shoes and helmets. I have been informed that I am bound to stay here now that war has been declared, but I am quite content with the present, even though the future looks black."

We are now beginning to get news from the counties of what the various companies are doing as their regular war service. For the first week nearly everyone was busy receiving and billeting evacuated children, but now the companies are beginning to settle down to regular war service of various kinds. The 8th Hove, for instance are collecting old clothes which they will cut down and make into clothes for evacuees, and they have started a depot where the clothes may be sent. They are also

collecting odd pieces of wool to knit into squares for blankets.

In Stirling the Guides, Scouts and Boys Brigade have joined together to run a Messenger Service, and a room in the Guide Headquarters has become the central office. All Guides and Rangers willing to help are asked to register there, bringing with them their parents' written

permission. Those who have experience of typing and duplicating are also asked to volunteer. Definite times for duty are being allocated, so that no-one will be overworked.

More than 50 Guides had enrolled on September 8th. Well done, Stirling! It should be of great value to places like the Royal Infirmary to know that by applying to the central office they can get reliable messengers whenever they require them.

Glasgow Guides have also formed a Messenger Service, and Guide Headquarters has been turned into a clearing depot for blankets and clothing for evacuated children.

In Selsdon, the Guides have turned out full strength to form a Messenger Service, they also work at the A.R.P. Warden's Posts and paint the pavements.

On another page will be found a description of the splendid work done by Wallington Division.

Those are only a few examples of what we are doing, but they go to prove, I think, that the Guides of 1939 are not less prepared for service than those other Guides who first gave the Movement its reputation for efficiency in the war of 1914-1918.

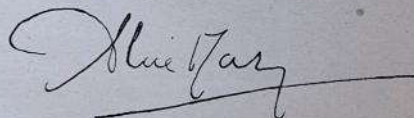
Unfortunately, time is short, and this article must go to press without waiting for further reports, but we hope to publish more every month. We appeal to you to send us, however shortly, news of what you are doing for war service. We ask you to put your Guide Training at the service of the Nation, and to think for yourselves where and in what way, it will be of most use. Don't just do what others are doing, use originality, initiative, and commonsense—and don't forget that, first of all, you are a Guide. You have a duty to the Movement which has given you your training, and made you the useful member of society that you are. There are millions of children who need Guiding now, more than they have ever done before. Don't forget them—remember, they need your leadership. To be a Guider is one of the greatest ways in which you can serve your country, for in this way you can serve the generation which will inherit the Peace which we are trying to ensure for the rest of time.

A MESSAGE FROM H.R.H. PRINCESS ALICE TO GUIDES OVERSEAS

The chance to help in the fight for freedom and justice has come first to the Guides in Great Britain because they are nearest to the scene of action, and they have been splendidly helpful and reliable.

As Commissioner for Overseas, I know all you Guides in whatever part of the great Commonwealth of Nations you may be living, are just as anxious to play your part, and I am certain will find plenty of ways in which you can do so, but don't desert your Guiding for war work unless your help is especially needed. Remember the young will need your care ever so much more now when probably both their parents may be engaged in war work of some sort. It is no use fighting against Hitlerism if we allow the new generation to grow up without religion, good principles or discipline. These ideals are the very foundation of our Guide Movement, and it is on such a foundation alone that we can hope to build a new and happier world—a world in which peace and goodwill shall prevail against the forces of cruelty and injustice.

With Guide greetings,



Commissioner for Overseas.



THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

October, 1939

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		Price Postage				Price Postage	
		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	
AWARDS				COMMISSIONER (Silver Tenderfoot)		2 0 14d	
CORDS, All-Round, Blue and White...		1 3 2d		COUNTY PRESIDENT		1 0 14d	
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First Class		2 14d		RANGER CAPTAIN		8 0 14d	
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Recruit (Extension)		2 14d		County, Red crossed pens		2 0 14d	
Second Class		1 14d		Division and District, White crossed pens		2 0 14d	
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GUIDE				TAWNY OWL		7 14d	
First Class, Red		6 14d		THANKS BADGES—			
Green		6 14d		Silver, with Bar pin		6 0 14d	
Blue		6 14d		Gold, 9 carat, with Bar pin		1 0 6 free	
Proficiency		2 14d		ENROLMENT CARDS			
Second Class		2 14d		BROWNIE		1d. each or 10d. per doz.	
Tenderfoot—				GUIDE		4 14d	
Brown		2 14d		RANGER		4 14d	
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Miniature Tenderfoot, Gold (fitted with special safety catch)		1 0 free		PROFICIENCY BADGE CERTIFICATE BOOK		4 2d	
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Miniature Tenderfoot, Brass, Ranger or Sea Ranger		6 0d		BOOK OF PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES FOR CADETS		10 4d	
N.B.—Miniature Tenderfoot are for wearing out of uniform, only.				TRANSFER FORMS—book of 24		2 14d	
PATROL—				TRANSFER FORMS FOR GUIDERS		2 14d	
Choral, Guide and Ranger		4 14d		LEAVING CERTIFICATES—Juniata		2 14d	
Boatmen		4 14d		—Guide		3 14d	
RANGER—				BROWNIE PACK CERTIFICATES		9 2d	
Proficiency		2 14d		OLD GUIDES MEMBERSHIP CARDS		1 14d	
Star		3 14d		(Issued to Commanders, County Secretaries, Recorders and Warranted Carpenters only)			
Tenderfoot—				HAT BADGES AND HATBANDS			
Brown, with red cloth back		2 14d		CADET HAT BADGE, White enamel		8 14d	
Enamel		6 14d		GUIDE HAT BADGE		3 14d	
Gold and Enamel		1 0 6 free		RANGER HAT BADGE		3 14d	
Low Ranger		8 14d		SEA RANGER CAP RIBBON		1 14d	
Trade		4 14d		SEA GUIDER CAP RIBBON		1 14d	
SEA RANGER—				SEA GUIDER. May be ordered from Headquarters		8 14d	
Proficiency Blue		2 14d		SERVICE STARS			
Alle Sea Guide (Sea Ranger Test)		4 14d		Numbered Stars issued as follows—			
Tenderfoot		6 14d		BROWNIE (Brown Background)		2-3 years	
Trade and ratings		4 14d		GUIDE (Green Background)		2-5 years	
FIRST CLASS BADGE, Metal, for Guides, Red, Green or Blue		10 14d		RANGER (Red Background)		2-10 years	
BLACK BADGES, Ranger, Sea Ranger, Guide and Old				SEA RANGER (Navy Background)		2-10 years	
Guide		8 14d		GUIDER (Without Background)		2-25 years	
BROWN OWL		7 14d		One Year on Brown, Green, Red or Navy Cloth (unnumbered).		1 14d	
CADET CAPTAIN, White Enamel		8 14d		Backgrounds for Stars		2 14d	
CAPTAIN		8 14d					

UNIFORM

		Price Postage				Price Postage	
		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	
BROWNIES				PLIMSOLES (Brown)		per pair	
PACK LEADERS' BADGE				SOCKS AND STOCKINGS		1 0 2d	
THREE GOLD STRIPES embroidered on a brown background		3 14d		BROWN SOCKS—			
—worn instead of the field brassard		2 14d		3-length plain cashmere, sizes 8, 9 and 10		per pair	
STRIPES for Sizers, with two Gold Brass Bars on brown material		1 14d		BROWN STOCKINGS—		2 3 2d	
STRIPES for Brownies, with one Gold Brass Bar on brown material		1 14d		Sizes 5, 6 and 7—Cashmere		2d	
BELTS				BROWN OR GOLD		4d., 6d., and fashions 6d.	
Size 25 to 30 in., 32 in.		10 2d		GUIDES			
CAPS				BELTS (with Official Buckle)			
BROWN WOOLLEN, in two sizes—small and large		1 4 2d		All sizes, 25, 30 in. to 30, 32, 34, 36. Exact measurements should be sent, as three holes must be left on each side of buckle.			
INSTRUCTIONS FOR KNITTING A BROWNIE CAP		1 14d		SWIVEL BELTS. Two swivels		1 10 2d	
EMBLEMS				NEW DESIGN BELT, made in good quality hide, very light in weight, 1 in. wide with new style clasp (nickel plated on steel)		1 10 2d	
Names given in Brownie Handbook		2 14d		PLAIN BELTS. 25 in.—30 in.		1 4 2d	
HATS				BELT BUCKLES. Old design		1 3 2d	
BROWN COTTON, Sizes 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7		1 2 2d		SWIVELS. Old design		3 2d	
BROWN MELTON, " "		1 3 14d		SWIVEL on leather loop for Guide and Guiders' new style belt (IMPORTANT.—No belt can be exchanged if buckle has been moved.)		6 2d	
JERSEYS				BLAZERS			
BROWN 24 in.		2 6 2d		Sizes 32 in., 34 in., 36 in., 38 in.		13 0 6d	
26 in.		3 0 2d		DISTINGUISHING MARKS			
28 in.		4 0 2d		STRIPTES			
30 in.		4 5 2d		CADET PATROL LEADERS' white enamel bar		2 14d	
KILTS				SECOND'S STRIPES		6 14d	
BROWN, ALL WOOL SERGE, on bodice				—BADGE, Sea Rangers		1 14d	
Length from				EMBLEMS		4 14d	
shoulder to hem,				BIRDS, FLOWERS or TREES		2 14d	
Length 25 in.		5 0 2d		PLAIN (for embroidery)		3 14d	
" 27 in.		5 3 2d		HATS		2 14d	
" 30 in.		5 9 2d		Sizes 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7, 7 1/2			
" 32 in.		6 0 2d		Inches 10 1/2, 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 22, 22 1/2			
KNICKERS				GUIDE, SOFT WOOL FELT		2 6 4d	
BROWN INTERLOCK WOVEN. Sizes 14, 16, 17, 18, 20		1 3 2d		RANGER HATS, new style, made in Navy waterproof drill, Single hats will be posted in a light-weight box for which no charge will be made, and four hats can be posted in a strong cardboard box at an extra charge of 6d. per box and 6d. postage. Full hats returned will be chargeable unless sent back in a box.		3 0 4d	
BROWN FLEECE-LINED. Sizes 14, 16, 17, 18, 20		1 6 2d		SEA RANGER. Sizes 6 1/2—7 1/2		3 0 4d	
BROWN CASHEMERE CLOTH. Sizes 14, 16, 18, 20		1 6 2d		COVERS for above		9 14d	
LANYARDS							
OVERALLS							
(N.B.—Length is measured from back of neck to bottom of hem.)							
BROWN COTTON—							
Quality							
Length 25 in. (Sleeve 12 1/2 in. Sleeve 14 in.)		3 7 1/2 4 3 5 6					
" 30 in. " 15 1/2 in. " 16 in.		5 14					
" 35 in. " 17 1/2 in. " 18 in.		5 14					
" 40 in. " 19 1/2 in. " 20 in.		5 14					

THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION PRICE LIST

		Price		Postage	
		s.	d.	s.	d.
HAVERSACKS					
NAVY, double	per pair	2	0	2	d
Slides for above	per pair	1		1	d
GAS MASK CASES					
NAVY silk Poplin, rubber lined	per pair	2	0		2d
ARMLETS					
For wearing at night, in or out of uniform, during the Black-out.					
Made in white material, stamped with the trefoil in blue					
	per pair	9		1	d
JERSEYS					
SOFTWOOL, V-neck, in blue to match "Summer Uniform."					
Sizes: 32, 34, 36 and 38-in.					
	per pair	4	6		4d
KNICKERS					
NAVY BLUE, INTERLOCK, 18, 20 and 22 in.	per pair	1	4		3d
LIGHT BLUE to match Camp Overalls, 18, 20 and 22 in.	per pair	1	0		2d
LANYARDS					
WHITE COTTON, best quality only	per pair	3			2d
OVERCOATS					
Length 33 in.					
NAVY PILOT CLOTH, double breasted, lined	per pair	21	0		free
throughout—					
" 36 in.					
" 39 in.					
" 42 in.					
" 44 in.					
" 46 in.					
Made to special measurements, 3/6 extra.					
PLIMSOLLS (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	6		d
SHOULDER KNOTS					
PATROL COLOURS (Now supplied without brass clips).	each	1	1		d
SHOULDER TAPES					
With NAME OF COMPANY—					
White ground—					
2 dozen	per pair	4	0		2d
3 " "	per pair	4	6		2d
4 " "	per pair	5	0		2d
6 " "	per pair	6	6		2d
12 " "	per pair	9	0		2d
Khaki or Navy ground—					
2 dozen	per pair	4	6		2d
3 " "	per pair	5	0		2d
4 " "	per pair	5	6		2d
6 " "	per pair	7	6		2d
12 " "	per pair	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.	19½ in.	20 in.	3	6 4d
NAVY MELTON SHORTS. Size 9, waist 29-30 in., outside leg 21½ 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: 38 in., 40 in., 42 in.				9	0 6d
Length: 30 in., 32 in.					
Hips: 45 in., 47 in.					

SOCKS					
ANKLE SOCKS—Wool Mixture, unshrinkable.					
WHITE. Sizes: 9, 9½ and 10 in.					
LIGHT BLUE, to match Summer Uniform, 9, 9½, 10 and 10½ in.	per pair	1	0		2d
LEAF MOULD—Cashmere—9, 9½, 10, and 10½ in.	per pair	1	3		2d
Ditto, COTTON, White only	per pair	6			2d

STOCKINGS. 9, 9½ and 10 in.					
BLACK CASHMERE, Ordinary length	per pair	2	3		2d
LISLE, Gym. 9 in. only	per pair	3	6		3d
BLACK OR BROWN LISLE	per pair	2	3		2d
BROWN COTTON, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, and 10½ in.	per pair	1	0		2d

TIES					
BEST QUALITY ONLY, guaranteed fadeless:					
Crimson, Gold, Emerald, Lemon, Orange, Royal Blue, Scarlet, Sky, Myrtle Green					
Width: 4d., 6d., and		8			2d
WIDE, Medium Quality only		6			2d
DARK GREEN, best quality only, and White		8			2d
BLACK SATEN, for Sea Rangers		1	0		2d
STRIPE TIES (open end) for Rangers. Any colours to customers' requirements. To order only, minimum order of one dozen each					
from		2	0		extra
STRIPE SQUARES to match striped ties can be made specially to order only. (Minimum quantity: 3 squares) per square					
NAVY BRAID for Sea Rangers' Ties. 1-in. wide. per yard		7	6		extra 1½ extra

TUNICS (GUIDE). HEADQUARTERS BLUE—Official Shade.
(N.B.—Length is measured from back of neck to bottom of hem.)

COTTON—Jumper Length—					
Inside Sleeve. Length.					
Size.	1	24 in.			
2	16½ in.	28 in.	5/6 & 4/6	4d & 4d	
3	20 in.	28 in.	4/6 & 5/6	4½ & 5d	
4	20½ in.	30 in.		5d	

Overall Length—		4th		3rd		2nd		1st	
Cotton Qualities		Price	Post	Price	Post	Price	Post	Price	Post
Inside									
Sleeve	length								
16 in.	27 in.	3/3	4½d	3/6	4d	4/3	4½d	5/6	6d
17 in.	30 in.	3/6	4½d	3/11	5d	4/9	6d	5/9	6d
18 in.	33 in.								
19 in.	36 in.	4/4	4½d	4/4	5d	5/3	6d	6/3	6d
20 in.	39 in.								
20½ in.	42 in.	4/6	4½d	4/11	5d	5/9	6d	6/9	6d
21 in.	44 in.	5/6	4½d	5/6	5d	6/3	6d	7/3	6d
21 in.	47 in.								

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

MELTON OVERALLS				SERGE OVERALLS			
Length.		Inside Sleeve.		Length.		Inside Sleeve.	
30 in.	16 in.	7/6	6d	30 in.	17 in.	14	6 6d
33 in.	16½ in.			33 in.	18 in.		
36 in.	17 in.	8/6	6d	36 in.	19 in.	16	6 free
39 in.	17½ in.			39 in.	20 in.		
42 in.	18 in.	9/6	6d	42 in.	20½ in.	18	6 free
44 in.	18½ in.	10/6	6d.	44 in.	21 in.	19	6 free
47 in.	19 in.			47 in.	21½ in.		

Overalls made to special measurements, 1/6 extra.

GUIDERS

Badges—				DISTINGUISHING MARKS			
COMMISSIONERS' COAT BADGES						1	0 1½d
Cockades—				COMMISSIONERS'—			
County, Silver				{ Please state whether aluminium or tinsel preferred }			
Division, Silver						3	0 1½d
District, Saxe Poplin						2	3 1½d
District, Saxe Barathe						2	3 1½d
SECRETARIES—				County Red			
Assistant, Red and White						1	0 1½d
Division, White						1	3 1½d
District, Navy and White						1	0 1½d
DISTRICT CAPTAINS', Green						2	3 1½d
CAPTAINS', Navy						1/6 & 1	0 1½d
OLD GUIDES—Navy, with red, green and navy bars						1	6 1½d
BROWN OWLS', Brown						1	0 1½d
Cords—				COMMISSIONERS' (complete with badge, 13 in. from shoulder to knot)—			
County, Gold and Silver				{ Please state whether aluminium or tinsel preferred }			
Division, Silver						10	6 3d
District, Saxe						8	0 2½d
(Without Silver Badge, 2/6 less.)						5	0 2d
Sashes—				PRESIDENTS'—			
County, Gold and Silver, 6 in. wide						13	0 3½d
Division, Silver, 3 in. wide						6	6 2d
District, Saxe, 3 in. wide						6	6 2d
Hat Cord—				Silver			
Diploma						2	0 1½d
Camp Advisor						6	1½d
(ribbon)						6	1½d
AREA DIRECTORS' TASSELS						2½	1½d
						8	1½d

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 (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, 6½, 6¾, 7, 7½, 7¾.)			
BROWN, long gauntlet		5	11 3d
BROWN CAPE LEATHER, long gauntlet		7	9 3d
BEST BROWN WASHABLE LEATHER, long gauntlet		14	6 2½d
BROWN CAPE LEATHER, gauntlet, lined wool		10	0 3d
BROWN LEATHER, LINED WOOL, cheaper quality		4	11 3d

HATS			
Sizes: 6½, 6¾, 6¾, 7, 7½, 7¾, 7¾			
In ins. 20½, 20½, 21½, 21½, 22½, 22½, 23½			
NAVY WOOL FELT, Heavier weight		4	9 6d
NAVY, Lightweight, extra shallow crown		4	9 6d
NAVY WOOL FELT, Heavier weight		4	9 6d
" FUR FELT (improved pattern)		11	9 6d
" Featherweight, sizes 6½—7½		11	9 6d
NAVY RIBBON for renewing on Guiders' Hats	per yard	3	1½d
HEADQUARTERS BLUE DRILL, for unofficial wear—			
Water-proofed. Sizes, 6½, 6¾, 7, 7½, 7¾			
CAMP HATS, with stitched brim. Sizes 6½, 7, 7½, 7¾	Made in		
Headquarters Blue Duro Fabric to match overalls		2	6 4½d

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.	38 in., 40 in.	7	6 5d
38 in., 40 in.	38 in., 40 in.	8	6 5d
JERSEY, NAVY, Polo Collar and 2 pockets : 32 in., 34 in., 36 in.			
38 in., 40 in.	38 in., 40 in.	7	6 5d
38 in., 40 in.	38 in., 40 in.	8	6 5d
JERSEY, Headquarters Blue, V-neck ... 34 in., 36 in. ...			
38 in., 40 in.	38 in., 40 in.	7	0 4½d
38 in., 40 in.	38 in., 40 in.	8	0 4½d
JERSEY, Light Blue, V-neck and 2 pockets ... 38, 40 in. only			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	10	6 5d
JERSEY, Light Blue, with Collar and 2 Pockets. 38, 40 in. only			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	18	11 5d
HEADQUARTERS BLUE, V-neck. Extra Fine Quality ...			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	8	6 5d
CARDIGAN, Navy, Fine Wool with Pockets ...			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	8	6 4½d
HEADQUARTERS BLUE ...			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	14	11 5d
LIGHT BLUE, 38 in., 40 in., only ...			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	14	11 5d
HEADQUARTERS BLUE, Extra Fine Quality ...			
38, 40 in. only	38, 40 in. only	14	11 5d

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			KNITTING WOOLS		Price Postage	
					£ s. d.	
"KONORT" "Fingering, 3-ply					5½	
Brown and "Headquarters Blue"			per oz.		5½	
"KONORT" "Fingering, 3-ply					5½	
"Headquarters Blue" and Brown			per oz.		5½	
			Postage on 4 ozs.		2½d	
LEAFLETS						
BROWNIE CAP LEAFLET					1	
BROWNIE JERSEY AND CAP					2	
CARDIGAN, with two pockets.					2	
Instructions for making in 3- or 4-ply wool					2	
JERSEY, with V neck and two pockets.					2	
Instructions for making in 3- or 4-ply wool					2	
KNITTING NEEDLES						
LENGTH, 12 in.			Sizes 8, 9, 10 and 11		per pair	
LENGTH, 9 in.			Sizes 8, 9, 10 and 11		per pair	
SET OF STEEL KNITTING PINS.			Size 12		per set	
					3 1½d	
					2 1½d	
					3 2d	
JUMPERS						
LENGTH, 28 in.			Neck, 13½, 14, 14½, 15.			
NAVY TAFENA, with collar attached					7 6	
Collars for above					8 1½d	
Jumpers made to special measurements, 1/6 extra.						
KNICKERS						
NAVY RAYON LOCKNIT, W					2 6	
NAVY RAYON LOCKNIT, O.S.					2 11	
ART SILK, good quality, Navy.			Size W.		3 6	
ART SILK, O.S.					4 6	
FINE INTERLOCK, navy.			Sizes 22, 24 in.		2 6	
LEAFMOULD, Rayon Locknit.			W.		2 6	
LEAFMOULD, Rayon Locknit.			O.S.		2 11	
					3d	
					3d	
LANYARDS						
WHITE COTTON					3 1½d	
GUIDER'S UNIFORM DRESSES FOR OFFICIAL WEAR						
GUIDERS' AND RANGERS' IMPROVED STYLE.						
Headquarters Blue. Made from Duro Fabric.						
Fully Shrunk.						
Length 44 in., hips,			37 in., 39 in., and 41 in.			
" 46 in., "			39 in., 41 in., and 44 in.		14 6	
" 48 in., "			41 in., 44 in., and 47 in.		6d	
" 50 in., "			41 in., 44 in., and 47 in.		15 6	
Please state Length and Hip Measurements when ordering.					free	
Made to special measurements, 3/6 extra.						
REPP, IMPROVED STYLE. "HEADQUARTERS BLUE."						
Length 44 in., hips,			37 in., 39 in., and 41 in.			
" 46 in., "			39 in., 41 in., and 44 in.		10 0	
" 48 in., "			41 in.		6d	
" 50 in., "			41 in., 44 in., and 47 in.		11 0	
Made to special measurements, 3/6 extra.					6d	
WOOLLEN. IMPROVED STYLE. "HEADQUARTERS BLUE."						
Length 44 in., hips,			37 in., 39 in., and 41 in.			
" 46 in., "			39 in., 41 in., and 44 in.		23 6	
" 48 in., "			41 in.		free	
" 50 in., "			41 in., 44 in., and 47 in.		27 0	
Made to special measurements, 3/6 extra.					free	
SCARVES						
ARTIFICIAL SILK MAROCAIN, Cravat-shaped.			Navy or			
Headquarters Blue					2 0	
WOOLLEN, H.Q. Blue or Navy					2 3	
					1½d	
					2½d	
SHORTS AND SPORTS SHIRTS						
For Camp only, and not to be worn at other functions.						
NAVY MELTON SHORTS, pleated style.						
Sizes 8. Waist, 27-28 in.			Outside leg, 21 in.		7 6	
Sizes 9. Waist, 29-30 in.			Outside leg, 21½ in.		6d	
Cellular Sports Shirts for wearing with Shorts only.					8 0	
Headquarters Blue shade, polo collar.			Sizes S.W., W., and O.S.		3 9	
					3d	
STOCKINGS. 9, 9½, and 10 in.						
BLACK OR BROWN LISLE					per pair	
BLACK SEA ISLAND COTTON					2 3	
BROWN SEA ISLAND STOCKINGS, 9 in., 9½ in., 10 in., 10½ in.					3 0	
BROWN CASHMERE STOCKINGS					3 0	
MENDING FOR STOCKINGS.			Leaf Mould shade		2 3	
			Black and Brown		2½d	
					1 1½d	
					1½d	
TIES						
MERCERISED COTTON—Fadefless					1 0	
Black, Brown, Crimson, Emerald, Gold, Myrtle Green, Orange,					2d	
Pale Blue, Scarlet, Royal Blue, White, Lemon.						
TOOTAL TIES—Washable, Navy only					1 6	
FINE QUALITY POPLIN					2 6	
Colours as for 1/- ties except White, Myrtle Green and the following in addition: Dark Green, Navy, Saxe Blue, Green (for District Captains).					2d	
OLD GUIDE TIES					2 6	
Red and Green stripes on Navy background					1 6	
Baratheas, Navy and Saxe Blue					2 6	
Irish Silk Poplin					3 6	
Brown, Green (for District Captains only), Saxe Blue, Navy					3 8	
					2d	
SHIRTS						
Neck 13½, 14, 14½, 15 in.						
NAVY TAFENA					6 0	
WHITE SPUN SILK					15 6	
WHITE SUPER POPLIN					11 6	
WHITE "TORRALCO"					1 0	
WHITE EGYPTIAN COTTON					7 6	
Above shirts are supplied with two collars					4d	
cannot be obtained					4d	
extra navy collars					5 6	
"VANTELLA" fine white poplin with "Van Heusen" semi-stiff collar and cuffs, which will not crease and need no starch					11 3	
"Van Heusen" Semi-stiff Collars					1 3	
WHITE "MACCLESFIELD" SPUN SILK					1 12	
					3 4d	
					1½d	
					free	

TAILOR-MADE UNIFORMS AND OVERCOATS									
Made to measure only. Self-measurement form on application.									
GUIDERS' UNIFORMS—									
NAVY SERGE, heavy or light weight	4	14	6	Extra skirt	1	11	6	free	
NAVY SERGE, fine	5	15	6	"	1	18	6	free	
"	6	16	6	"	2	5	6	free	
"	7	17	6	"	2	12	6	free	
Coats will be made without shoulder straps unless specially required.									
GUIDERS' OVERCOATS—									
NAVY BLANKET CLOTH	3	5	0	free					
NAVY MELTON	4	7	6	free					
extra quality	5	15	6	free					
UNIFORMS FOR THE AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE									
JACKET AND SKIRT, Baratheo or Whipcord	8	8	0						
OVERCOAT, Melton	8	8	0						
CAP	1	5	6						
POPLIN SHIRT (2 collars)	12	6	and 14	0					
TIE to match above (same material)	1	2							
WOOLLEN SHIRT (1 collar)	16	9							
TIE to match above (same material)	1	11							
STOCKINGS, Silkestia khaki	2	11							
The above prices include all Badges and Buttons.									
READY-MADE UNIFORMS AND OVERCOATS									
GUIDERS' UNIFORMS. Sizes: W.X., Women's, S. Women's.									
Good quality lightweight serge	2	17	6	free					
Better quality medium weight serge	3	7	6	free					
(3/- extra for special measurements, 5/6 extra if a fitting is required.)									
GUIDERS' OVERCOATS, double-breasted, lined. Good quality									
pilot cloth. Lengths, 44, 46, 48 in. slim fit and 48 in. Woman's	1	15	0	free					
(3/6 extra for special measurements.)									
GUIDERS' OVERCOATS									
Reduced until present stock is exhausted.									
Length 44 in., 46 in., 48 in. only	1	5	0	free					

UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

FOR GUIDERS' UNIFORMS		BELT HOOKS		
		per pair	4	2d
BEST QUALITY, black		BUTTONS		
CHEAP		per doz.	5	2d
"	"	"	2	2d
"	brown	"	2	2d
MATERIAL				
CAMP OVERALL, Light Blue, 36 in.		per yard	8	Post
CASEMENT CLOTH, Brown and Headquarters Blue, 36 in.		per yard	10	extra
"	Brown and Headquarters Blue, 36 in.,	per yard	1	3
"	Brown, 48 in.	per yard	1	6
DURO FABRIC, Headquarters Blue, fadeless and fully shrunk,		per yard	1	8
36 in.		per yard	3	9
WOOLEN FABRIC, Headquarters Blue, 36 in.		per yard	4	6
SEUGE NAVY, 54 in.		per yard	4	6

PAPER PATTERNS

BROWNIE OVERALL and KNICKERS, 8-10, 10-12	...	} each 6	14d
BROWNIE SUMMER OVERALL, with short sleeves and knickers, 8-10, 10-12	...		
CAMP OVERALL, short sleeves, 12-14, 14-16, 16-18	...		
GUIDE OVERALL (three sizes, 12-14, 14-16, 16-18)	...		
GUIDER'S JUMPER and SHIRT	...		
GUIDER'S UNIFORM PATTERNS—			
Sizes: 32 in., 36 in., and 40 in.	...		
GUIDER'S and RANGERS' OVERALL, new design (sizes 32 in., 36 in., 40 in. bust)	...	9	20
	...	9	20

WET-WEATHER OUTFITS

CHILDREN'S MACKINTOSHES.		Size 38 in. ...	8	0	6d
"	"	40 in. ...	8	6	6d
"	"	42 in. ...	8	6	6d
"	"	44 in. ...	9	0	6d
RUBBER SOUTHERSTERS. Sizes 61, 64, 7, 74, 74		...	2	6	24d
SHOWERPROOF COATS FOR GUIDES, Navy.		Lengths, 40 in., 42 in., and 44 in. ...	1	1	0 free
SHOWERPROOF COATS, navy, length 44, 46, 48, 50 in.		...	2	2	0 free
WATERPROOFS, heavy weight, length 48, 50 in., O.S.		...	2	4	6 free
"	lightweight, length 46 in.	...	1	12	6 free
" a ventilated yoke which gives a free current of air and prevents condensation		...	1	1	0 free
" lightweight, cheaper quality, 44, 46 or 48 in.		...	10	0	6d
MACKINTOSH CAPES, Navy. 40 in., 42 in., 44 in.		...	8	6	6d
" 46 in., 48 in.		...	9	6	6d
WELLINGTON BOOTS. Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		...	6	6	6d

FLAGS, SHIELDS AND TOADSTOOLS

		FLAGS			
UNION JACK,	6 ft. by 3 ft., mounted on brass jointed pole	...	1	1	6 free
" "	3 ft. by 3 ft., 9 in. mounted	...	17	6	free
" "	6 ft. by 3 ft., unmounted...	...	10	6	6d
" "	4 ft. 6 in., unmounted...	...	9	6	5d
UNION JACKS,	best all wool bunting, quality as above, but cheaper quality	...	7	6	4d
		for flying, roped and toggled ready }			
Sizes:	4 yd.	8 yd.	24 yd.	1 yd.	Postage extra
PRICE	81/-	19/-	15/-	4/6	
Best super quality	1 yard		6 0

WORLD FLAG, light blue hunting, with gold trefoil printed,		Price	Postage
4 ft. 0 in. by 3 ft.		g	d.
Mounted on brass-jointed pole	1 3 6	free	
Unmounted	17 0	free	
Mounted, with name of Company, 1 line white lettering,			
	printed 1 9 6	free	
Unmounted	1 3 6	free	
Mounted	1 13 0	free	
Unmounted	1 7 0	free	
WORLD FLAG, light blue hunting, with gold trefoil in facelace			
cambric, stitched, 4 ft. 0 in. by 3 ft.			
Mounted on brass-jointed pole	1 0 0	free	
Unmounted	14 0	free	
Mounted with name of Company, 1 line white lettering,			
	stitched 1 3 6	free	
Unmounted	10 0	free	
Mounted	1 6 6	free	
Unmounted	2 1 0	free	
WORLD FLAG, light blue hunting, with gold trefoil printed,			
3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in.			
Mounted on brass-jointed pole	1 2 0	free	
Unmounted	15 0	free	
Mounted, with name of Company, one line white lettering,			
	printed 1 7 6	free	
Unmounted	1 0 0	free	
Mounted	1 12 0	free	
Unmounted	1 4 6	free	
WORLD FLAG, light blue hunting, with gold trefoil in facelace			
cambric, stitched, 3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in.			
Mounted on brass-jointed pole	18 6	free	
Unmounted	9 6	free	
Mounted with name of Company, 1 line white lettering,			
	stitched 1 2 6	free	
Unmounted	10 0	free	
Mounted	2 5 6	free	
Unmounted	18 6	free	
Gold lettering on either flag, 5/- extra.			
Three weeks are required for the making of Printed Flags, and one week for Stitched Flags.			
When ordering World Flags, 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, one in three actions can be obtained at a charge of 10/-.			
CARRIERS, leather, for flag		4 6	4d
COLOURS AND TASSELS (Red, White and Blue), for Union		4 9	5d
Covers, waterproof, for flag. Length 47 in.		6 6	6d
53 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-plated Fringe		1 0	2 1/2d
FLAG POLES, brass-jointed, varnished		2 6	8d
FLAG POLES, better quality, polished		2 6	8d
FLAG POLES, 3-section, for sending overseas		10 0	extra
PATROL FLAGS, with emblems (birds and flowers) printed in colours		1 2	1 1/2d
PIKE TOP for flagpole		3 6	6d
SIGNALLING FLAGS, MORSE, 24 in. by 24 in.—			
SILK		2 9	1 1/2d
Cotton		1 0	2d
SIGNALLING FLAGS, SEMAPHORE, 12 in. by 12 in., per pair 18 in. by 18 in.		1 6	2d
STICKS for Signaling Flags—		1 9	2d
Morse		5	6d
Better quality (varnished)		9	6d
Semaphore, 24 in.		5	6d
International (one pair for each flag)		2	6d
This postage covers 6 Morse or Semaphore sticks. One cannot be sent except at purchaser's risk.			
TREFOIL, for flagpole, Guide		5 6	6d
Ranger or Sea Ranger		8 0	6d
SHIELDS			
BROWNIE SHIELD, 8 in. by 7 in. One in oxidised silver		5 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
19 in. by 19 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 13 in.		2 2 0	free
RANGER SHIELD, 13 in. by 13 in., with Ranger Trefoil and Ribbon in brass for engraving		3 3 0	free
STATUETTES			
BRONZE STATUETTE of a Girl Guide at the salute. Mounted on a four-sided chromed plinth		1 10 6	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		19 6	free
Ebony finish, polished		19 6	6d
TREFOIL for poles, double-sided, Guide		8 6	6d
Ranger		12 6	6d
TREFOIL TRANSFER for Standards		6	1 1/2d
for World Flag		6	1 1/2d
TOADSTOOL—			
1 ft. high, white		13 6	6d
" " natural		14 0	6d
with emblems (please state emblems required)		2 6	6d
10 in. high, natural		7 0	6d
TOADSTOOL, wooden miniature, with carved owl		43 6	7 1/2d
BROWN OWL, for Toadstool. Paper mache		3/6	4/9
BROWN OWL, Plush		1/0	3/6
Emblems, 6 1/2 in. high, printed on cotton-backed rubber, can be cut out		6	1 1/2d
WANTS for Brownie Slacks, with emblem		8 0	6d
Emblems only		8 0	6d

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT		Price	Postage
		s. & d.	lb. & oz.
AMBULANCE, First Aid Elastoplast Dressings	...	...	...
BIKE FIRST AID OUTFITS, in Navy Waterproof Case	...	1	6 3d
AMBULANCE OUTFITS, Pocket Case	...	2	0 8 1/2d
Medium size	...	...	...
AMMONIA PENCILS	...	5	2d
HANDKERCHIEFS, TRIANGULAR, plain	...	2	2d
BUTTON STICK, for badges and stars	...	14	5 6d
BEEZER AND LAMP in case	...	6	3 6d
BEEZER AND LAMP, cheaper quality	...	7	2 6d
Rebber for axle	...	...	...
COMPASSES, Hunter, best quality, gunmetal case, luminous	...	7	6 3d
floating dial	...	3	6 2 1/2d
COMPASSES, brass	...	1	6 3d
on wrist-strap	...	1	2d on 12 yds
CORD FOR KNOTTING	...	...	...
Red, Brown, Bull, Drak, Blue, Green	...	...	...
DURAGLIT MAGIC WADDING, for badge cleaning	...	1d, 4 1/2d & 7 1/2d per tin	3 1/2 & 4 1/2
EMBLEMS, wooden birds	...	2	0 2 1/2d
HANDKERCHIEFS, white embroidered with trefoil	...	1	0 2 1/2d
HANDKERCHIEFS, Brownie	...	2	1 1 1/2d
IODINE PENCILS for the pocket	...	1	3 2d
KNIVES, "Girl Guide", with blade and marine-spike	...	2	6 2d
with two blades and marine-spike	...	...	...
with one blade, marine-spike, tin-opener and corkscrew	...	3	0 2 1/2d
KNIVES, Sports, with two blades, marine-spike, screwdriver, tin-opener and corkscrew	...	8	6 3d
KNIFE SHEATHS, brown leather, with ring to hang on belt	...	2	8 2d
Small KNIFE IN SHEATH, to hang on belt	...	2	6 3 1/2d
LIFELINE, new pattern, 21 yards rope and 3 cork floats	...	...	...
Rope should be soaked before using	...	4	0 6 1/2d
LIFELINE, 280 yds. line, complete with reel and harness	...	1	10 0 1/2d
Made to order only	...	...	...
MONEY BOXES, with Brownie emblem or Owl	...	3	0 4 1/2d
Red, blue, yellow, orange or black	...	...	...
(Please state which colour required.)	...	...	...
MORSE TAPPERS	...	6	0 5 1/2d
cheap quality	...	5	6 3d
PEROXIDE PENCILS for the pocket	...	5	2 1/2d
PLAYER'S LINE FOR MAKING LANYARDS—	...	...	...
White	...	per coil	6 1 1/2d
POUCHES, leather, to hold ambulance outfit	...	1	10 5d
PURSES, BELT—	...	...	...
Guide's	...	2	6 2 1/2d
With pocket and gusset	...	1	2 10 1/2d
ROPE, for knotting	...	per yard	1 3 1/2d
SAFETY CHAINS, girl	...	4	1 1/2d
gold	...	3	0 1 1/2d
SKIIPPING ROPE with ferruled ends	...	Length 10 ft. 6 in.	0 3d
12 ft. 0 in.	...	3d	3 1/2d
with ball bearing handles	...	Length 12 ft.	...
approx.	...	2	3 4d
SPLINTS, extension, for practice	...	4	0 6 1/2d
STAVES, Natural Ash Wood 4 ft. 6 in.	...	per set	0 8 1/2d
5 ft.	...	9 1/2	0 8 1/2d
(See less than 3 can be sent by rail.)	...	...	...
STRETCHERS, specially light, for Guides. To order only	...	2	5 0 1/2d
SLINGS for above	...	1	9 3d
STRETCHER NETS	...	1	9 3d
STRING, 2-lb. balls	...	per ball	1 3 1/2d
TIE PINS, rolled gold	...	10	6 1 1/2d
TORCHES, ball, 1 1/2 in. or 1 1/4 in.	...	1	0 2 1/2d
BATTERIES for above	...	4	0 3d
TORCHES, Black, for cycles or camp	...	2	6 4d
WATER-BOTTLES, glass, felt-covered	...	2	0 8 1/2d
WHISTLES—	...	...	...
Compas	...	1	4 2 1/2d
Nickel	...	8	3 3d
"New Ranger"	...	1	0 10 1/2d

BOOKS

FOR GUIDES

FOR GUIDES			
Bible. The Holy. Bound in navy blue leather stamped with trefoil design.	.....	.....	3 0 6d
A Manual of Prayer for Girl Guides. Preface by Lord Bishop of Oxford. Published by Mowbray	.....	8000 Cover	1 0 2d
Books of Common Prayer and Hymns. A. & M. Navy leather, embossed with trefoil	.....	.....	2 0 2d
Brownie Prayer Book. Paper cover	.....	.....	2 6 3d
Brownie Prayer Book. Cloth cover	.....	.....	6 3d
Catholic Girl Guides' Prayer Book	.....	.....	1 6 3d
Girl Guide Prayers and Hymns. For use in Camp or Club room (Interdenominational)	.....	Paper covers Cloth boards	2 12d 1 4 2d
Girl Guides Services and Prayers	.....	.....	1 6 2d
Girl Guides' New Testament. The. Pocket edition	.....	.....	1 6 2d
Guide Law, The. Illustrated booklet. By M. L. Hogg and J. Phoenix	.....	.....	2 6 2d
Guide Law, The. Short Readings and Prayers	.....	.....	6 3d
On the Right Trail. By Flora Freeman. Especially for Guides of the Roman Catholic Church	.....	.....	2 0 3d
Steps to Girl Guiding. An abridged edition of the Handbook. By Lord Baden-Powell	.....	.....	8 12d
Tracks to Adventure. By Vera Marshall	.....	.....	6 3d
Yourself and Your Body. By Sir William Grenfell	.....	.....	2 8 0d
ON BROWNIES			
Brown Magic. A book for Brown Owls. By V. Rhys Davids	.....	.....	2 0 3d
Brownie Games. By Estelre Polly. From a Brown Owl's Note Book	.....	.....	1 0 12d
Brownie Games. By A. M. Knight	.....	.....	2 0 3d
Brownie Handbook. The. By Lord Baden-Powell	.....	.....	8 12d
Brownie Tests. Compiled by V. Rhys Davids	.....	.....	4 12d
Brownie Ceremonies. Pamphlet	.....	.....	2 0 3d
For Brownies. By U. M. Williams	.....	.....	2 8 3d
Golden Hand, The. The	.....	.....	4 12d
Mimes for Guides and Brownies	4 12d
More for Brownies. By Ursula Mowbray Williams	2 8 0d

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Price Postage

DANCES

FILMS AND LANTERN SLIDES

STANDARD SIZE FILMS, 35 mm.

The Fourth Law. Story film, 3 reels. Silent.		
One exhibition	...	\$1 0 0
Two exhibitions	...	\$1 15 0
Three exhibitions	...	\$3 5 0
The Chief Scout on Guiding and Scouting. 1 reel. Talking.		
One exhibition	...	10 0

SUB-STANDARD FILMS. 16 mm. Silent

	One exhibition	Two exhibitions	Three exhibitions
Woodlarks. 1 reel.

The Fourth Law. 2 reels.

The Girl Guide Movement in Scotland. 3 reels.
(Obtainable only from Scottish Headquarters, 16, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.)

A Day in Camp. 1 reel.

Headquarters. 1 reel

A Day at Sea. 2 reels
Winter Service, 1938 (coloured). 1 reel
Our Choice. 1 reel
Winter Service, 1938 (black and white). 1 reel.

Each reel takes approximately 10 minutes to show.
(Postage both ways charged on all 16 mm. films.)

	LANTERN SLIDES

	LANTERN SLIDES.
Guiding in Foreign Lands	(Hiring fee, 1/- per set.
History of Guiding	Postage, 1/- per set each way.
International Guiding	(Lecture notes with each set.

GAMES

HAPPY GUIDES	A card game on the Health Badge	2	6	34c
HAPPY MORSE	A card game on Morse Alphabet	1	6	0

LEAFLETS

"GIRL GUIDES" (giving brief information about
 Brownies, Guides and Rangers)
 CITIZENSHIP FOR GIRLS
 GUIDING BY POST
 SEA RANGERS
 HOW GUIDES CAMP
 WHAT ARE GIRL GUIDES?
 A MILLION CHILDREN NEED LEADERS
 HOW TO START A GIRL GUIDE COMPANY
 WHAT ARE GUIDES?
 WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES? } Old stock

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WHAT ARE LONG GUIDES?	Price	Free	id
GUIDING FOR THE HANDICAPPED ...			
EXTENSION LEAFLET. New ...		1	
HINTS TO CAMP ADVISERS ...		Free	
NATURE TRACKING LEAFLETS. Series III. Habits of Animals and Manimals		2	14d
BEHIND THE OPEN. Part I No. 15 & Part II No. 16 each		0	14d
CONFERENCE. Special No. 3		0	14d
DO'S AND DON'TS		0	14d
WHEN LEAFLETS—HOW TO START A COMPANY, AND GUIDE TESTS: BROWNIES; RANGERS		3	14d

PAMPHLETS

PAMPHLETS			
ANNALS OF HEAD MISTRESSSES JOINT CONFERENCE	6 1/2
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MORE TREASURE HUNTS AND GAMES OF ADVENTURE

By E. M. R. BURGESS.

MANY Guiders now-a-days are busy people, and very often it proves to be the busiest who, in spite of all they have to do, find time and interest to run a Guide company. Where every spare moment is precious, the planning of company meetings cannot involve the lengthy or complicated preparation of games or Treasure Hunts. This article, therefore, suggests two treasure hunts which each take no more than ten minutes to prepare. The ideal is to have large areas in which to search, but the following two can also be played in small halls and playgrounds.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Any large educational stationer will supply coloured sheets of thin cardboard. If funds will run to it, buy in a stock of these in various colours. If they are used for messages and instructions, they will add to the attraction of the game. Always write all directions very clearly.

THE WASHER GIRLS OF WASHINGTON-CUM-SUDSBURY. (Suitable for playing at your own Headquarters with 12, 15, 18, 21, or 24 Guides.)

Washington-cum-Sudsbury was a little town famous throughout the countryside for its washer girls. None of your machine work here. Oh no! for every rosy-cheeked wench carefully did her washing in the waters of the sparkling Ripple, and hung it out to dry on smooth, white stones or lines stretched along the banks of the river.

No one could wash clothes a more dazzling white, or iron them more smoothly, and no one could sing more sweetly than the washer girls of Washington-cum-Sudsbury at their work. Only last Sunday the Mayor had been proclaimed by a Sunday newspaper, *King of Launderesses*, and his photo had appeared seated in the midst of a throng of his "subjects," with a robe of white towelling and a crown made of clothes-pegs.

And, moreover, the B.B.C. had sent down a representative to request the Mayor with three of the washer girls to come to London the very next Saturday to appear in *In Town To-night*. Imagine the excitement in Washington-cum-Sudsbury! Who would be the lucky trio?

"Alas!" sighed the Mayor after he had gone into the whole matter so thoroughly that he had missed his afternoon snooze and consequently felt distinctly cross. "Every single washer girl wants to go to London, and it seems quite impossible to choose between them. As their faces won't be seen, they don't matter, and all the girls seem to wash like nightingales."

"If you please, Your Worship," suggested the Town Clerk, who was anxious to get home to his tasty tea with a kipper, "how would it be to hold a contest?"

"A contest?" snapped the Mayor; "what kind of a contest? Haven't I told you they can all sing?"

"Not a singing contest, Your Worship, but a contest for intelligence. As they can all sing well enough, what you want is to take with you girls with plenty of common sense who can speak up well for themselves and do honour to your Worship and to Washington-cum-Sudsbury."

And so it was arranged, and on Tuesday evening all the washer girls came to the Town Hall to enter in threes for the grand contest which the Mayor and his Clerk had devised. As to which trio won you must decide.

Directions to Captain.

1. Divide the Guides (who are washer girls for the moment) into groups of three.
2. You will require the following things. Probably most of them you already have at your Company Headquarters:

List.—Bowl (enamel bowl used for washing up will do, or sugar bowl); penny; newspaper; piece of white chalk; door-mat; drain pipe (in its natural position!).

Treasure Card.

Leave a folded newspaper on the table, and inside it place the *treasure card*.

3. Provide one treasure card on which are written the words **THE REWARD IS YOURS**.

4. Write out on small oblong strips of paper or cardboard the following clues. There must be enough of each for every trio to retain one. Thus if fifteen Guides are taking part in the search, you will require five copies of each clue; if eighteen Guides, then six copies, and so on.

Clues.

Clue 1.—(giving the place where Clue 2 may be found.)

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And he had fiddlers three;
If you think of a rhyme for old King Cole,
You'll find you've discovered me.

Clue 2.—(giving the place where Clue 3 may be found.)

Nine letters tell you where you next must arrive,
4, 18, 1, 9, 14, 16, 9, 16, 1.

Clue 3.—*Threatens*—(giving the place where Clue 4 may be found.)

Change my A for E—no less, no more—
If you would reach Clue No. 4;

THE GUIDER

Then take paces half as many
From the window pane and penny.

Clue 4.—(giving the place where Clue 3 may be found.)
Though beaten, shaken and down trodden,
you still will find me doing my duty.

Clue 5.—(giving the place where Clue 6 may be found.)
Three feet I measure : go straight there ;
Then seek three-sided figure everywhere.

Clue 6.—(giving the place where the treasure card may be found.)

Girls who are intelligent will daily
seek intelligence in me.

Clues No. 1 is handed to each trio at the beginning of the hunt. The other clues should have been previously hidden by you as follows :—

Clues No. 2.—Turn a bowl upside down in or beside the sink and put the clues underneath.

Clues No. 3.—Place just inside a drain pipe. Your H.Q. are sure to have one or more outside. Choose whichever is most suitable.

Clues No. 4.—Choose one of the window panes in your H.Q. and stick on it (with plasticine or putty) in an inconspicuous position a penny. Fifteen paces from this in any direction hide your clues in some suitable spot.

Clues No. 5.—Place them under the door-mat.

Clues No. 6.—Hide these in your yard outside, and close by the hiding place chalk a triangle.

4. Read out to the Guides or tell them the story given. Then ask them to imagine that they are taking part in the washer-girls' contest in the Town Hall and its adjoining courtyard, *i.e.*, (your Company Headquarters and playground outside). Tell them that there are six clues, of which you are giving them the first. Each clue will tell them where to find the next. The winning trio will be the one which brings you six clue cards and the treasure card. Explain that, whenever a clue is found, *one* copy of it only must be taken by each trio, who must replace the others exactly where they found them. Warn the Guides to keep their discoveries as much to themselves as possible, otherwise they will draw attention to the fact of their success, and thus help other searchers.

THE EYE OF CHILI BOM BOM.

(For two teams of Guides of any number, suitable for playing in woods, or on the downs or common where there is plenty of cover.)

Directions to Captain.

The Guides represent two rival parties of explorers, each laying claim to treasure found in a ruined temple in Bolivia. This treasure is :—

Six nuggets. (Stones or pebbles of varying sizes ; they should be able to be easily identified.)

Six large rubies. (Red buttons : Woolworth's).

The eye of Chili Bom Bom, a famous sapphire of colossal size. (A blue rubber ball, golf ball size, from Woolworth's.)

Choose two places some distance apart, one to represent the temple, and the other a canoe in which each party of explorers hopes to depart with the treasure.

The Game.

The teams, which we will call A and B, toss up to see which party shall first be in possession of the treasure. Suppose A have the treasure, then they place it in their camp near the temple, while B retire out of sight.

At the whistle, A rush out to their canoe, alarmed by a report that someone has cut it adrift. Meanwhile B, raid their camp, seize the treasure and hide it, each piece separately, anywhere within the boundaries set by the temple and the canoe. (Captain should make the extent of these boundaries *quite* clear before the game begins.)

Hiding means putting it behind or in something but not burying it. *Part of it must be visible.* B must finish hiding the treasure before A have discovered the false

alarm and returned to their camp. A may *run* to the canoe, but must *walk* back to camp. As soon as they have discovered their loss, they cry "Thieves!" and the game from this point consists in B trying to get the nuggets and precious stones from their various hiding places to their canoe without being caught by A, who, as soon as they catch anyone with any part of the treasure, seize it and replace it in their camp, but they do not take any prisoners. At the same time, A also try to locate the hidden pieces of treasure themselves and carry them to their camp. When once a piece of treasure has been placed in canoe or camp, it cannot be moved again.

B have plenty of opportunity to be wily, and some of them should try to make plans to attract the attention of A, so that others can have a clear run to the canoe.

A time limit is set (ten minutes is quite suitable). At the end of this period points are awarded as follows :— Five points to whichever team possesses the Eye of Chili Bom Bom. One point for each other treasure in the canoe or camp.

If any pieces of treasures are missing, *i.e.*, neither in the canoe or camp, then they are not counted by either side. Each must, however, be at once located by whichever member of B team hid it. Should she not be able to find it, team B forfeits a point.

The game can be repeated, A and B changing positions.

USE YOUR BEAVERS NOW!

This is the moment to rally your Beaver Patrols. The war provides another challenge to achievement. Those who are already Beaver Patrols should be the first to take up the challenge. Let the Beavers lead the way.

THE PATROL LEADER'S DAY HAS DAWNED

THE moment has arrived when the Patrol Leader steps straight into her own. It is on her that much of the active work of Guiding will fall from now onwards, and it is now that the value of the Patrol system will be proved. The reason is obvious. The Guide Movement is an invaluable source of supply for the new women's services, and in every direction one hears of Guiders who have been called up. The shortage of Guiders was serious before the war. It has now become acute.

There will be many people, however, who will see good in what some may fear will be a heavy blow to the Movement. Not for nothing did the Chief Scout institute the Patrol System, and there is no reason to believe that what the Patrol Leaders did in 1914 cannot be done again by the Leaders of 1939. They are taking up the challenge already, and it appears that, although some critics have said that the girl of to-day is spoonfed and lacks initiative, she has been waiting for a crisis such as this to show herself in her true light.

The Guides are eager to play their part; they ask that much should be demanded of them, and it would be a wicked thing to damp their enthusiasm by refusing to allow them to assume the responsibility they are anxious to take. It would also be a great loss to the nation, for the Guides are capable of rendering valuable service, working in patrols, and in this way releasing the adults for more strenuous work. There is a great deal which they can do without a Guider's supervision. In fact, they will probably be all the better without it, for they will be on their mettle, and it will be their pride to prove that they can be trusted to carry on alone.

There will, no doubt, be many objections. People will say that the weight of responsibility would be too great for a young Leader to carry alone. There is no denying that the good Leader will take her responsibilities very much to heart, and the strain may tell on her. The bad Leader will not take them seriously enough, and the result would show in slackness, revolt or demoralisation. But both of these objections can be overcome quite simply.

Not all our Guiders have gone. Nearly everywhere there are those whose work keeps them at home, and even



though they are few and the demand for their service as Guiders colossal, they should be able to give enough time to Guiding to make this "big push" a brilliant success. By a wise use of the Patrol Leaders and a light hand on the rein, there is not the slightest reason why the few Guiders that are left should be overworked or the Patrol Leaders overstrained.

What is required now is training for the Leaders, and the Guiders who remain in a District should try to organise at least one Patrol Leaders' Training per month. Where possible, they should hold Courts of Honour also, so that the Leaders can feel they can discuss their problems with someone older and more experienced than they are. It is essential that the Leaders should be kept, or be given a means of keeping themselves ahead of their Patrols, and where a Guider sees no way of arranging Leaders' Trainings in her absence, she should at least make certain that they fully appreciate the aims and meaning of Guiding before leaving them on their own to fend for themselves. Even then she should be sure that they read *The Guide* regularly, and, in cases where she considers it wise, she might arrange for her copy of *THE GUIDER* to be read by her senior Leader, who can then pass on information to her fellow Leaders.

Both *THE GUIDER* and *The Guide*, from now on, will be concentrating on producing material which will be useful to Leaders who are carrying on without Guiders, and to Guiders who are acting as advisory supervisors in a District which is running under Patrol Leaders. *THE GUIDER* will also be producing articles which will help new Guiders who know nothing of Guide methods and who are running, or helping to run, companies of evacuated children.

Another objection will be that it is unwise to allow children to be out after dark. There is absolutely no reason why they should be. In the case of Guides in reception areas for evacuated children, the school hours may remain slightly reduced, so that the Guides may be free for at least some of the daylight hours every day. Guiding has never had such an opportunity before, and, at the same time, it has never been so necessary. It is essential that this extra leisure time should be well occupied, both as a means of keeping the children busy and happy, and, more important still, in order to remedy the harm which such a reduction in education would do. It is a wonderful chance for the Guides to do all those things which up till now have been limited by evening meetings confined to a clubroom.

There are still, however, many Guides who have not been evacuated for various reasons. For these, presumably, the school hours will remain unaltered, and the question of meeting after dark in a black-out becomes more difficult to solve. In the first place, it will be unusual for a company to remain complete; it will be more likely that only a few stragglers will be left. They can get together at a central point, and avoid long distances. One patrol I know of are fortunate enough all to live in the same street, and they meet at the Patrol Leader's house. But even if that is not possible, Saturday afternoons remain.

The question of activities hardly arises, there is so much, now, that Guides can do, but Guiders may find it a good idea to suggest that, where circumstances are suitable, the Guides should work in connection with Captain's war work. Where Captain is a nurse, the Guides could supply her hospital with bandages, dressings or knitted clothes and blankets, etc. Every opportunity of strengthening the link between Guider and Guides should be taken, so that the children shall not feel completely cut off. Even where Captain is working at a distance, it will be well worth her while to write, as regularly as possible, a joint letter to her Guides.

The Guiders who are left should beware of using too much authority or supervision. Let them visit the companies occasionally to satisfy themselves that all is going well, but they should not make their visits too frequent, or the Leaders will feel that they are not trusted, and the Guiders will exhaust themselves completely in trying to do too much.

In some cases it may be possible to enlist the sympathy of the local Scouters. I know of one case where co-operation with the brother Movement is working well already, and it is most definitely a thing to be encouraged provided that wise supervision is available.

There is no doubt that, properly handled, this crisis in the life of the Movement can be turned to good account. Of late years the criticism that the Patrol System was losing value has arisen from time to time. The fact that, in the first week of war, so many Patrol Leaders became Leaders in deed as well as in name, proves that it is still the best method by which to train the young, and that it is not only the best, but the most natural and the most popular.

All that is needed is trust and the wise administration of advice and authority. The Leaders will do the rest.

WOODLARKS IN WAR-TIME.

Woodlarks camp-site is now occupied by cripple girls evacuated from London. Their ages range from 16 to 28.

A certain number have been drafted on to billets in the neighbourhood, but these will continue to use Woodlarks as a club and centre of occupation and recreation.

It is expected that these girls will remain here for the duration of war, as the new buildings and the installation of the hot water system make Woodlarks habitable during the winter.

My own house, which is just over the road and opposite the camp-site, is being used as "Woodlarks Hostel." Two downstairs rooms are equipped as dormitory and dining-room for cripples, and nine helpers can sleep upstairs.

As my children's nurse has been called up for National Service I am unable to run the "Woodlarks War-time Scheme" myself, on the spot. My chief work is the job of organising the camp staff.

If any Guider or Ranger is not yet involved in National Service will they please come for a week, a month, or longer, and help at Woodlarks?

Or perhaps if anyone has been working very hard and has some leave it might be possible to spend part of it in camp. It should not be too strenuous, and provided enough helpers volunteer the whole scheme should run very smoothly.

I am taking my children to a tiny bungalow which we shall run ourselves, but I shall of course keep in close touch with Woodlarks and hope to be able to keep the camp supplied with a steady stream of helpers.

Please write and offer any period of help you can, and your letter will be forwarded to me and replied to promptly.

E. D. STROVER,
Woodlarks,
Farnham,
Surrey.

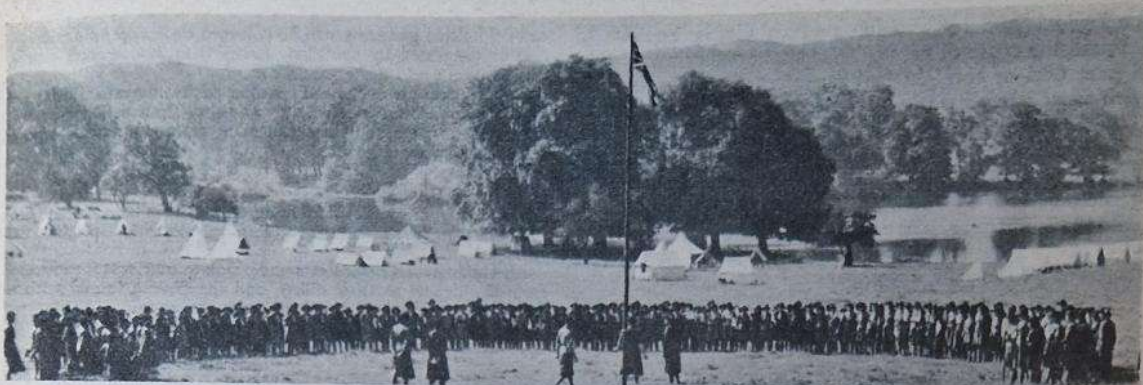
HEADQUARTERS EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT

We are carrying on our business in the Headquarters Shops in London and the Provinces. The Executive Committee decided that all stock held at present by the Girl Guides Association in their Headquarters Shops shall be sold at the prices given in the current list, but there is no doubt that in future purchasers will almost certainly have to pay increased prices.

Owing to board of trade insisting on compulsory War Time Risk Insurance we, in keeping with other firms, are reluctantly compelled to pass on a portion of this to our customers. You will therefore find that a percentage of 2½% will be added to the value of the goods on your invoice.

Guiders and Guides will appreciate, however, that conditions are somewhat difficult and although we shall do our very best to provide the prompt despatch of orders, we are sure you will understand if sometimes delay is caused.

You will agree that it is our duty to keep the Headquarters Shops going to enable us to supply to the Movement all uniform and equipment which may be required and we hope that members of the Movement will give us their continued support.



THE BEAVER GUIDE CAMP

GUIDES have had many wonderful and exciting camps in the thirty years of their existence, but there was something special about this Beaver camp—a feeling of tense expectancy about it, and when the 240 excited Guides tumbled themselves and their luggage out of the buses on Wednesday, August 16th, we knew that this tense feeling of excited expectancy was in them too, and small wonder, for were they not camping at the home of their Royal President—the only Guides ever to have done so? But when they saw the ideal site which was to be their home, a field sloping down to the lake and right before the house itself, they felt that they had in full measure received the reward for their labours to achieve the coveted Beaver. More was to come, but they did not yet know all that.

The Guides were divided up into their eight groups and settled themselves in for the night.

At 10.30 the next morning files of Guides converged on the central flag-staff for Colours and to receive a welcome from Miss Maynard (Chief Beaver) and to sing what was to be the morning song of praise, Eleanor Farjeon's "Morning Has Broken." Back they went to their groups, for what was to be a most kindly—and may we add typical?—act of our Royal Hostess. She must have known that, wonderful as all this was, the keenest desire in every Beaver's heart was to see the Princess herself, and so round she came,

visiting each group in turn and watching the Guides put the finishing touches to their camp. Guiders and Guides soon realised that every detail was noticed and a sincere interest taken in all their work and that was an added stimulus to keep "on our toes." These visits were daily repeated, to our great joy, and on Thursday Her Royal Highness visited the camp in uniform.

It would take not only the whole of one, but the whole of several issues of *THE GUIDER* to tell all, and so we must pass quickly over much that one longs to tell about. There were daily baths; a track to find the beaver stolen by jealous backwoodsmen from the Chief (a horrible fate was meted out to the said backwoodsmen when they were found bound by the lake, they were revived by handfuls

of muddy water poured down their mouths and necks and frog-marched by hot and sticky hands till safely disposed of). Every evening there was a camp fire by the lake with songs and stunts. "Ebenezer" the lion proved a great favourite in spite of the continual difference of opinion between the front legs and the hind! On the Saturday evening a Red Skin rode into the circle to announce the visit of the chief of the tribe, and in he rode in feathers and war-paint (the latter smelling strongly of cocoa.)

Then came Sunday, and how can we tell of the succession of excitements of that day? In the morning, the Guiders were shown over the house, while



One who cared very deeply for them.

the Guides had a discussion on how Guides could help forward the cause of peace. The spokesman showed that a great deal of thought had been put into this, and that each was determined to play her part to the full, even though it might not be a very big part. Then the Princess herself showed Guides and Guiders the view from the terrace and then took them on a tour of the gardens.

In the afternoon, the special service was held in the church. Her Royal Highness was preceded by her standard up the aisle, accompanied by the Chief Commissioner, and County Commissioner with her standard, and when they had reached their places, the Union Jack and Guide Colour were slow-marched up to the altar. Lord Harewood read the lesson, and the Archdeacon of Richmond talked to us on the First Promise.

After the service came the March Past, and then the Princess came with Lord Harewood and other distinguished guests to tea in camp. The visitors divided up after tea to inspect the camp and watch the displays, which included rescuing a child fallen over a cliff and saving a child from drowning. The great day finished with a Camp Fire at which the Beaver Song, with its improvised verses, was sung, and at the end, Her Royal Highness graciously accepted a Beaver Staff while the Guides gave vent to their feelings in the "Beaver yell." All that they would like to say, and could not, went into that yell, for children are quick to know, and they knew now that their President was not only a President in name, but one who cared very deeply for them and took a sincere interest in them. The mementos given to each one that afternoon would be taken back to every corner of the Kingdom and treasured.

We have said that the day finished there, but we were wrong. Who came and cut the sandwiches for the Guides' lunch on the following day? Her Royal Highness herself cut and spread until midnight, though in the dark her marmaladey hands stuck to the knife. Also, she toured our groups, unbeknown, just before "Lights out." And so it will be understood why we sang with such fervour "May she be our President for many a day," and why the yell "Beaver's thanks!" resounded quite so violently over the lake.

V. M. S.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF GUIDING

Blackburn.

The Blackburn Brownies are appealing for spare wool with which to knit blankets for use in the national emergency. Wool and

cast-off knitted garments will be collected on receipt of a post card. It is suggested by the Hon. Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth that the Girl Guides could make patchwork.

As fireguards are in demand for some of the homes to which young evacuees have been billeted, the Division Commissioner has also agreed to arrange for their collection from households who no longer require them.

Colwyn Bay and District.

The Colwyn Bay and District Girl Guides have been working hard ever since the first train arrived bringing women and children from Liverpool.

All Guiders who owned cars undertook to transport the evacuated from the depots to their billets, and the Guides helped with the children, cheering them up where it was necessary.

Though most of the Guiders and Guides have children billeted in their own houses, they have also been running a house in which children and blind people have been temporarily lodged.

Donaghishire.

The Girl Guides in Denbigh have certainly been doing "their bit" during the last week, and they got through their manifold duties. They have been the messengers for the Women's Auxiliary Service and also messengers for the Evacuation Officers. They carried luggage, filled mattresses, and carried these and blankets to the houses where they were needed. They have been doing clerical work both in the Evacuation and A.R.P. centres. In their "off" time they have taken parties of evacuated children for walks in the country to teach them "country sense"—to shut gates and be careful of property—and they have arranged and played games with these children in the recreation grounds.

Eastbourne.

Guide work is in abeyance at the present time in Eastbourne as ordinary meetings cannot be carried on owing to the nightly black-outs and also owing to the fact that all available halls have been acquired for evacuees and official workers. The Guides are doing their part, however. They are managing the house, "Beaumont," Duns-road, running it for the party of evacuees staying there. They started with over seventy mothers, toddlers, and babies, and now have a party of about forty in all. Miss H. Bowen (Division Commissioner) is in charge, and Miss Stubbs (District Commissioner), and Miss Rowbottom are doing the cooking. Miss Harris (the Brown Owl) is in charge of the dining room staff, and parties of Guides are working in relays.

Edinburgh.

The help of the Edinburgh Girl Guides is being asked for various forms of voluntary National Service. Already over 200 Rangers have registered for emergency work, and of these a large number have been called up. Any Ranger and Guide over 15 who still desires to enrol should do so as soon as possible.

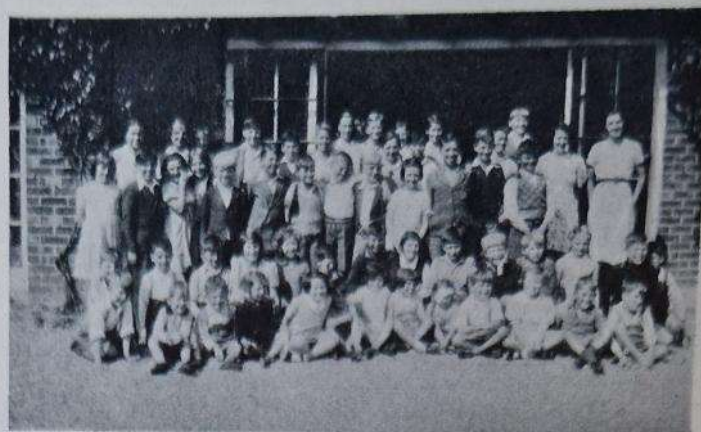
Under the Edinburgh Education Authority a hostel for evacuated cripple children is being entirely staffed by Guiders and Rangers.

NOTICE

Guiders whose Guides and Brownies have been evacuated to Cornwall are asked to inform Miss Lethbridge, County Secretary, Tregease, Launceston, Cornwall.



"A MANSION WITH SOFT BEDS, A BATHROOM AND A DRESSING TABLE EACH"



Training Week, September 1st-15th, 1939.

8.15 Prayers and colours.
8.30 Breakfast.
9.45 Court of Honour.
10.15 Session.

You know the time table that starts like that as the skeleton outline that stands on the hall table at Foxlease. For the last two weeks, September 1st-15th, that time table has been adapted as follows:

7.45 Call all rooms, finding some dead asleep and some rushing anywhere in the room.

7.55 Staff breakfast.

8.15 Prayers.

8.30 Breakfast—"Everyone bring a mug and a plate, Nippies lead the way."

9.0 Orderly work—"Orderly patrol. Can you beat the record of 547 bits of paper picked up in the garden and yard?"

9.45 Bedmaking and rooms—"Well done Denbigh! that is a real pull up, a red star this time."

10.30 Shoe inspection—"Hi, Dolores where's that polish, what's the good of a girl looking after it?"



Three Trainees.

"Say Miss can we swim today?"

10.45 Guiders Court of Honour over middle morning tea—

"Can you keep your boys out of my rooms at night?"

"Dennis has lost his only pyjama trousers."

"Did you

manage to make Paddy (age 5) sleep in his own bed last night?"

11.0 till 12.45 Games, swimming anything like that.

1.0 Dinner—"Nippy is that second helpings? No, really there aren't fourth helpings today."

2.0-2.30 Rest—Pattering steps down stairs "Brian what are you doing?" "Coming down."

"What's happening now?" "Rest." "Where should you be?" "In my room." "Where's your room?" "Upstairs." "Then go there," and the ensuing pattering upstairs.

2.30 till 5.0.—Bathing or

games or expeditions to the village.

5.0 High Tea.

6.15 Camp fire.—The most frank and devastating ones that the Guider-in-Charge has ever run, with boys on the ground, on the benches, in the bushes and up the trees.

6.30 Fives, sixes and sevens, bed!

7.0 Biscuits in Hampshire.

7.10 Eights and nines, bed!

7.30 Tens and elevens, bed!

Big boys black out the house.

8.0 Bed for the last lot and staff supper.

9.0 Listen to the news, the first opportunity.

9.30 Lights out, ground sheets down from the windows.

A busy time, but such fun. A very different



Ready to leave.



Colours.

THE GUIDER

group of occupants from what Foxlease usually has—16 children, boys from a big Portsmouth School, and their younger brothers and sisters. There were also three masters, whose help was quite invaluable, and four Mothers who worked tirelessly at laundry and mending.

You may be interested in the working of the patrol system under these conditions. The children arrived dead tired at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 1st. They had been at school since 7.30 a.m., the babies hardly knew if they were asleep or awake, but even so, the bigger brothers were looking after the little ones most wonderfully. Directly after they had had a good meal we got patrols—green, plum, red, purple boys, blue and orange girls. Court of Honour was never a great success, the Patrol Leaders had no idea how to find out their patrol's wishes, but they learnt to get their patrol together, and organise them for jobs. For programme the ages were so varied that generally activities had to be suited to age groups. The most popular job was mess under the name "Nippies." Why, we never discovered, as you were so busy fetching second helpings, that it seemed doubtful if you eat yourself. Wash up went with a will, by the end you needed gum boots, but that meant that the pantry floor was well washed!

Some of the remarks have been a joy to the Guiders working on the staff at Foxlease. On arrival this sentence came from a boy aged nine with no pause for breath. "Is this the Girl Guides I don't want to come here have you any apples?" On postcards home which we helped to write—"We are in a mansion run by Girl Guides from twenty upwards." "We have lovely soft beds, a bath-room, and a dressing table each, so you needn't worry."

One cannot end this description without a word of the last camp fire. Small prizes for rooms were being given when one of the masters got up and said some of the nicest things about Foxlease that the house has heard. He then asked Joany (aged four) to give the Guider in Charge a most lovely box of chocolates for the staff. After a stagger and a trip the presentation was safely made, and Joany went back to murmur to another of the staff, "Is the lady minding my sweets for me?"

The party left in a large bus, very happy, to go to Copythorne, where there are billets for them, and a large modern school. Not one scrap of damage had been done to the house or garden in the whole fortnight. Foxlease is left with some very happy memories of September 1st-15th.

Now can Foxlease help you again? We hope to open for training on September 26th, and the various weeks and week-ends suggested are printed in the next column. Do come if you can. Our experiences have convinced us that these children need all that we can give them. We at Foxlease will try to fit in training as you want it, each training can easily be general to include Brownie, Guide and Ranger sessions. Sessions can be complete in themselves, so that even if you can only spare twenty-four hours we will try to make it worth your while.

As well as training Foxlease gives a great opportunity for rest and refreshment, so if you can get away for an odd day and night, just to walk and rest in the New Forest do come, you can join in the training or not as you like.

NOTE.—It is well worth going to Foxlease if only for a day or so. Guiders are very welcome to go there and rest, and need not attend Training Sessions unless they particularly wish to.

EDITOR,

FOXLEASE TRAINING DATES

September 26th-October 3rd—Guide Week.
October 6th-10th—C.C.A.s (cancelled). This week-end is now for General Training.
October 13th-17th—Executive (cancelled). This week-end is now for General Training.
October 20th-27th—Guide and Ranger Week.
October 30th-November 4th—Commissioners.
November 7th-14th—Guide week.
November 17th-21st—Brownie Week-end.
November 24th-27th—Guide Week-end.
December 1st-15th—General Week-end.

WADDOW IN WAR-TIME

Those Guiders who left the Ranger Training here on August 30th would have been surprised if they could have visited Waddow three days later. The question of Waddow being used as a Children's Hospital had been considered, but no one could have imagined that so complete a change could take place in so short a time.

The first job was to darken the windows, 87 in all, and camp ground sheets were found to be excellent darkeners! The bedrooms were stripped of their loose furnishings, floors stained and polished and tables on the landings and passages covered with white oilcloth, giving quite a hospital atmosphere. The rooms on the first floor given by Yorkshire, New South Wales, S.E. Lancashire, Cheshire and Liverpool, are turned into lovely sunny wards, and the single rooms upstairs are being kept for special illnesses and isolation cases. Canteen stores are all packed away and instead of them the shelves and tables there are covered with all sorts of medical stores and hospital equipment. Lorries arrive daily with large bales of equipment, cots, blankets, mattresses, towels, etc.

By September 7th Waddow was ready to hand over to the Lancashire County Council, who had accepted the loan of it, as a Children's Emergency Hospital for ill evacuated children.

We really felt that the work had begun when Sister Shaw arrived and took on the position of Matron. Miss Wotton is Guider-in-Charge, though in rather a different capacity, Miss Anderdon is fast getting used to filling in County Council case sheets instead of Guiders Application forms. Miss Grant of South Africa is helping with the housekeeping, and the nurses so far are Miss Beveridge, Miss Cameron and Miss Miller, Diploma'd Guiders from Scotland. The entire domestic staff volunteered to remain and is thrilled with the new little occupants of the House.

The first patient arrived with mumps on September 8th, and we were delighted to find that he was a cub. One of the next was a Brownie who was thrilled to find she was being nursed by Guiders, and that perhaps her own Brown Owl had slept in the bed that she was now occupying.

Already we have had several gifts from Guide friends, and many delightful bed-jackets, woollies and children's books and magazines have found their way into the wards.

The Lancashire County Council medical Staff have been most appreciative and helpful, and Waddow feels that it has made many new friends.

IMPRESSIONS OF POLAND AND POLISH GUIDING

by JANE WARNER

THIS seems a suitable moment at which to recall impressions of Polish Guides, whom we feel sure, are making a very effective contribution to the needs of their country during its fearful trial.

Polish Guides are essentially a very living part of the national life of their country. Formed before the war in Austrian Poland, owing to the foresight and energy of Olga Malkowska, after Poland regained her independence they quickly adjusted themselves to the needs of the whole country. For this reason, we know that they are doing the same to-day and only wish we could reach them and send them our sympathy and all the moral support in our power.

One of the difficulties of the Polish State after 1918, was to develop the more backward parts of the country, and bring nearer the standard of living of the better

developed provinces. To understand this,

you must remember that from 1795 until 1918, Poland had been split up between Germany, Austria and Russia. The Russian

part of Poland in which

Warsaw is situated had practically no schools and very few good roads, and the standard of living of the people was very much lower than in the other parts of Poland. The organisers of the Guide Movement quickly realised this, and one of the most helpful contributions the Guides made was through their camps, purposely situated near villages where a knowledge of Hygiene and the rudiments of sanitation were sadly lacking. By encouraging

the villagers to come to these Guide camps, the Guide camp Doctor and her Guide helpers were able, not only to treat minor complaints, but also to show the villagers how they could be dealt with and to teach them in many different ways. This plan very soon brought the Guide Movement into happy relationship with the other people of the country, and I think, is one of the reasons why it came to be so quickly recognised as of great national value.

Although, naturally, the young Polish Movement at first concentrated on the needs of its own state, owing to the vision of its founder Olga Malkowska and her comrades, the Guides quickly developed contact with the Guides in other countries, and right up to the outbreak of the present war, the Polish Guide Movement was always ready to contribute a share, both by sending leaders and by sending delegations, to the international life of the whole Guide Movement.

Their belief in the Guide ethics is also very real. Poland is essentially a Catholic country, and the Catholic church supported and encouraged the development of Guiding and Scouting from their beginnings. One of the most beautiful sights I remember personally, was the fifty Polish Guiders in national costume kneeling to hear Mass at a camp-made altar, surmounted by a huge cross of silver birch. Mass was being said by a priest whose Scout's shirt showed at the opening of the collar of his surplice.

The practical work of tests and badges is also carried on with a very high standard. Camp training given to the Guiders, includes a very great deal of good map making, elementary topography and actual manual work with all kinds of wood. Wood is cheap in Poland, and so like other Guides of the central European countries, Polish Guides make their own bedsteads directly they arrive in camp, their own camp wardrobes, chairs and tables made of birch or pine, lashed together and so on.

This very short description may give some idea of a live, strong Guide Movement which has developed so as to include girls of all ages from seven upwards. Like the other people of their country, the Polish Guides and their Guiders always give one the feeling of tremendous energy, tremendous enthusiasm and great determination to meet difficulties with fearless courage. This is doubtless the way in which they are meeting the terrible trial through which their country is passing at this moment. That the Polish Guides are helping in every way to care for the sick and wounded, to help the old, to protect the defenceless and harbour the people that are left homeless, we may be quite certain.

If, by chance, a copy of this paper reaches them, we know that they will receive it with some feeling of our sympathy, and of our pleasure at being able to call them sister Guides.



*Madame Olga Malkowska,
The Founder of Guiding in Poland.*

INASMUCH

(Some Impressions of Evacuation)

WE were all prepared for our guests a good two hours before the first of them arrived. Our Headquarters were close to the station—a large garage emptied of cars—and soon we had packing cases opened and rations put up. We also made ready a canteen where hot and cold drinks could be supplied. "Would you like milk, lemonade, tea or Oxo?" we asked each batch of grown-ups as they arrived. The children mostly drank milk. There were chairs for the mothers with babies, and for others, too, while they waited for cars or buses to take them to their billets. Scouts and Guides helped carry luggage of every description, and were at hand for any and every kind of odd job.

The first children came from Limehouse and Stepney. Strangely quiet, in little groups of ten under the charge of an L.C.C. teacher or helper, they filed in. There were George, Mark and William—three brothers, the eldest of whom was eight years old—pale faced, wide-eyed, and each dressed in a suit of the same material, a blue pin stripe of father's, cut up to clothe his small sons. George had shouldered all William's luggage besides his own, for poor William had been very sick. Guides relieved him of some of his burdens, and carried the three bags of rations just issued. In each bag were provisions for twenty-four hours—Nestle's milk, Ideal milk, corned beef, 2 lbs. of biscuits, and a half-pound packet of chocolate.

Then there was Albert—a shock-headed little fellow with bright blue eyes. He carried all his belongings in a large string bag slung over his shoulder, and bulging out



of the top was a flabby football. It was he who wrote on his post card home:—"Don't worry, Mum. I'm in the richest house in England—like in the films—and the lady is a real Mum to me."

Gladys came from Kennington. She had a towelled red head, and oh, how hot she was! Her mother, anxious for her to take as much as possible with her, had dressed her in two or more of everything! Poor Gladys wore as outer garments a sateen frock of vivid pink, a cotton frock, and over these a gym tunic. On top of these were a jersey and a mackintosh. "Coo!" she said, wiping the sweat off her forehead with a hand which left black streaks everywhere, "Guides! Shall we be Brownies 'ere, Miss, like at 'ome?"

The children were wonderful. There was no grumbling, no pushing, no tears. They obeyed orders quietly and in perfect order.

Next day we heard many human stories from their hostesses. Mary, Joan and Theresa were three little girls from dockland, where their father was employed as a labourer. You should have seen the loving care with which their mother had packed for them. The evening came, and they were put to bed in three spotless pairs of pyjamas, but when their kind hostess looked in after half-an-hour to see if they were asleep she found them still wide awake.

"Is anything the matter?" she asked.

"Please," whispered Mary, then hid her head shyly in the pillow. When coaxed at last to speak she said: "Please, we sleeps together at 'ome!"

Their hostess was understanding. Soon two of the three beds were moved close beside each other, and the two youngest were content. But when, still later, another visit was paid, Mary's lonely bed was empty, and Mary was fast sleep between Joan and Theresa in the "crack" between the two beds which had been moved together.

We had mothers and babies from Bermondsey and Battersea. Few of them had only one child with them: many had four, and one had seven. There were different nationalities too, and one family of Greeks who could speak hardly a word of English. How glad they all were of a cup of tea! Then off they went by car or bus to their new quarters. I met one of them the next day. "This is the first 'oliday I've 'ad for sixteen years," she said.





There was the other side as well. Some of the mothers, accustomed to the incessant—and to them friendly—noise of London streets, felt lost and strange in the quiet of the country. These were full of complaints: others were full of gratitude.

One of the schools evacuated was a Church school, and the Vicar had come down with the children to see them safely settled in. It was a sultry day with not a breath of air stirring, and most of us were uncomfortably hot. I saw him with a tiny boy and girl clinging to either hand—brother and sister of older children of school age. The little boy, grubby and dog-tired, stumbled. In a moment the vicar had him in his arms. "There we are, Johnny!" he said as he clasped him by his little green velveteen knickers. Then he turned to the little girl. "Your turn next, Sally."

That has been the attitude throughout these days of evacuation. "Your turn next." We have, blessedly, ceased to think of ourselves.

CIRCLES

QUESTIONS are being asked about the respective functions of Circles and Old Guides, and whether both are needed.

Let me state definitely that there is scope and necessity for both, since each caters for quite different requirements.

Circles are of infinite value and importance since, without them, many Guides would lose touch with Guiding and never return to it.

They exist to provide a home, temporary if

possible, for the keen Guider who has had to give up her active or Lone Company. There is hope of her eventually taking on that or another one, but meanwhile she maintains contact with Guiding. She does this in two ways.

When she is recommended to join a Circle, the Guider is given a paper on which she finds a series of questions asking what she is prepared to do actively for Guiding while she is in the Lone Circle, *e.g.*, whether she can help at rallies or with secretarial work, or with tests, or, in emergency, with a company.

Besides this, a Circle Letter is sent round every six months by the Leader in order to give general and local news of Guiding. It should contain extracts from *THE GUIDER* and *The Council Fire*; perhaps from *The Scout*. News of the County or Division, of international Guiding, and of the Circle members themselves, for whom pages are set aside in each Letter, enabling them to write of their own personal and Guide interests and activities.

Such items keep the Guiders *au fait* with what is going on in the world of Guiding, and in addition there may be discussions on art, literature, local government, world affairs, or some such large and enlightening subject!

All this helps to keep minds alert and well-informed, ready to cope again with active Guiding as soon as opportunity arises. It will be recognised that obligations are definite though not over-exacting, and the Circle member has the benefit of regular, up-to-date information and contact.

Lone Circles are intended for three groups of Guiders who want to keep in close touch with Guiding:—

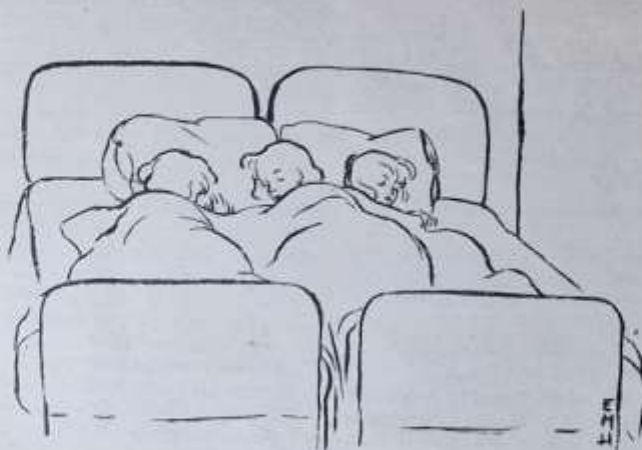
1. The keen Guider who is temporarily unable to run an active or Lone Company.
2. The Guider whom illness prevents, temporarily or permanently, from doing company work.
3. The Guider living in some isolated place where all actual contact with Guides is impossible.

The Circle is invaluable for all these, to whom Old Guides do not offer the same definite, regular contact, however excellent is their provision for one more casual. From practical experience we know that it facilitates the return of Guiders to active Guiding, and more especially is the Division Circle useful in having a nucleus from which the local Commissioners can draw for temporary help.

The Circle is an essential part of Guiding and should be used increasingly in these days when work and strain too often cause Guiders to be off the active list for varying periods.

Commissioners who advise their Guiders to join a Circle, and those who do join find that it is the ideal place for the keen Guider whose heart is in Guiding.

MURIEL M. HALL,
Commissioner for Lanes.



A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

IT was quiet in the Study as Commissioner rose to welcome her visitors—the Patrol Leader with aspirations to First Class Honours, and the Recruit whom she had trained, and then patrol leader remained to “listen in” to the dialogue which followed, “so that you may know for yourself how well Recruit responds to your training.”

“—To-do-my-duty-to-God’n-the-King, To-help-other-people-at-all-times-and-to-obey-the-Guide-Law,” finished Recruit breathlessly, and sat back feeling that she had got over that important hurdle safely, anyhow.

But what was Commissioner saying?

“Ah! yes—very well memorised. By the way, will you promise me something?”

Eagerness to oblige Commissioner overcame caution, and without hesitation Recruit assented, whereupon Commissioner said casually:

“Will you promise to be a hypothetical conglomeration?”

Dismayed silence for a moment, and Recruit faltered: “I can’t promise that, ‘cause I don’t know what it means.”

“Oh! So that is a condition?” quipped Commissioner. “Then perhaps we had better make sure that you really understand the Guide Promise which you know so well from memory. Let us examine it carefully and see if everything is quite clear to you. Take the first two words, ‘I promise’—just what do you mean when you say ‘I promise’?”

“If I say I will do something, I will try to keep my word,” volunteered Recruit.

“That is—when you make it of your own free will—you undertake a responsibility which may not always be easy to shoulder. For that reason, we should think well before giving our word—it is not wise to enter lightly or rashly into an undertaking. This Guide Promise of ours is a very big one, and, rightly understood, can help us through all kinds of difficulties, to play the Game of Guiding through Life. We are examining the Promise, word by word, and phrase by phrase, so that you may know exactly what you will pledge yourself to try to fulfil. What is the next phrase?”

“On my honour.”

“What is your honour, Recruit?”

“Easy one,” thought Recruit, and recited quickly, “My honour means that I can be trusted to be truthful and honest.”

“Ah! but what *is* your Honour? It is not just a meaning, but definitely a part of You.”

Recruit admitted defeat, so Commissioner tried another tack.

“What is it in you that makes you truthful—that won’t let you get off the ‘bus without paying your penny—that sends you back to the shopkeeper with the coin too much in the change he gave you?”

“Why,” answered Recruit readily, “I wouldn’t be happy otherwise, because I know what is right.”

“That should help us to get a better idea of Honour,” mused Commissioner. “A feeling or a sense of what is right and true and good—and a determination to let that

sense guide us. It is hard to explain because it is not part of our physical body—it cannot be handled or weighed—but it is something which belongs to our mental and spiritual being—high standards, high ideals that simply *are* to be trusted because we have these high standards, based on good home training, careful teaching, and a will to do right. Do you remember reading of Sir Galahad, who was the purest and noblest of King Arthur’s Knights, because he had such a high ideal, the vision which urged him always on to seek the Holy Grail? A promise is an undertaking, but when we back that promise with all our highest and finest ideals, a promise becomes a very big and solemn responsibility. And, in case the aim might seem to be set too high, the words ‘to do my best’ follow, as if the limitations of human nature had been taken into account.”

Recruit was rather relieved about this phrase.

“Sometimes we try hard and don’t succeed,” she said.

“Ah! yes!” consoled Commissioner, “everyone has had that experience. Sometimes success may not come until many efforts have been made—perhaps it may not come at all—but at least, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we did our best. Men and women who have done great things have failed many times before they discovered new truths. Louis Pasteur, the Curie’s, Arkwright, George Stephenson, Florence Nightingale, Marconi—you don’t suppose they had no failures—of course, they did—but failure seemed to make them all the more determined to give of their very best in order that mankind might be benefited. ‘To do our best’ means that we have a stout heart and plenty of the quality which I call ‘stick-at-it-iveness’ and these are qualities which a Guide learns to develop. In climbing a hill, the hardest part is the last steep pinch—then we put a car into low gear and slowly but surely the top is reached, to give us either a wonderful view or easy going. We must not be like the rather portly person who was too puffed or too tired or too lazy to finish the climb to the top of the mountain, and who sat down halfway and said: ‘Well, anyway, I think this is the grandest view. I’m not going any further!’ Only our best will do—and each of us has to judge whether or not we have done our very best.”

“And now on to the next part of the Promise. ‘To do my duty’—”

“Means to do the job I ought to do,” came from Recruit.

“And,” the kind voice added, “so very often, the job that lies near to our hands. Maybe, other work seems much more attractive than the humdrum same old job we have done so often—that is where the Guide uses all her thinking power to decide for herself where her duty really lies—cleaning up the Guide Hall in company with her patrol is so much more fun than cleaning shoes or minding Baby at home—and volunteering for Service in wartime so much more exciting than remaining in one’s job and thus helping to educate the younger members of the family. And ‘one’s duty to God’—how would you explain that?”

Recruit hesitated before venturing:

“Going to Church!”

“Anything else?”

"Well, reading the Bible!"

"Anything else?" pressed Commissioner.

"And saying one's prayers?"

Then the ideas petered out, and the kindly voice began:

"Once a minister preached a very fine sermon. At the close of the service a man thanked him for the sermon, and expressed his enjoyment of it. 'And yet,' said the minister, 'that sermon is only half finished!' 'Half finished!' echoed the man, 'I don't quite understand.' 'My preaching of the sermon is only half of its message,' answered the minister. 'The other half is yours—to go into the world and put it into practice!' You say, Recruit, that duty to God means going to Church, reading the Bible, saying your prayers—a little arithmetic here, please—how much time would that occupy in the week?"

Recruit thought carefully and calculated that seven or eight hours would be a generous allotment.

"Do you think that there need be no thought of God in the rest of the 168 hours?"

"Then we should love God all the time?"

"Depends on what you mean by 'loving God'! Suppose you went to all your friends and relations and told them one by one that you 'loved God'!"

Recruit gave a little chuckle. "They'd say I was barmy," she said; and then, sobering, "I see what you mean. 'Saying' isn't much good—I'd have to be doing things to show I really loved Him.

"What things, and to whom?" probed the voice, seeking to simplify and clarify meanings in Recruit's mind.

"Oh! all sorts of kindness, and being helpful and cheerful and thoughtful to—to everyone I could find—people I met, folks at home—anyone who needed help."

"Splendid," complimented the questioner. "You see, love and duty go often together—they are expressed by doing. We *learn* the rules for right doing at Church, and from the Bible as well as at home, and are helped in our endeavour to do right by prayer and meditation, and then we demonstrate by our own behaviour and attitude to Live the practical results of doing our duty to God."

"I see it now," said Recruit. "We show our love to God by our love for other people—so, if I'm kind and courteous and friendly and loving, I really am loving God by doing."

"Until," went on Commissioner, "we show that we are 'Temples of the Living God,' and His Spirit is really in us."

Recruit breathed deeply.

"And is duty to the King like that, too? I thought it meant fighting for him, or nursing wounded soldiers in war-time, or saluting the Flag or the National Anthem."

"Let me ask you something; have *you* ever fought for the King?"

"No," admitted Recruit.

"Neither have I," was the reply, "and I don't expect I ever shall! By the way, have you ever *seen* the King?"

"Only at the cinema."

"Does he know you?"

Recruit smiled broadly.

"No! I'm sure he doesn't."

"And yet we are promising to serve him and be loyal to him. Let us try from another angle. Who is the Head of your family?"

"Why, Father is," said Recruit wonderingly.

"Very well! When your Father comes home at night, would he enjoy finding Mother gossiping with a neighbour,

you and your brothers scrapping, the house untidy and no dinner ready?"

"I should say not," fervently answered Recruit. "He likes Mother in a nice frock, dinner ready, his slippers warmed, and we have to be tidy and ready too, or we catch it!"

"In fact," commented the kind voice, "he likes peace and harmony in the home and needs them, too, for he has the weight of responsibility for providing and caring for you all, and that is no light task. Now, I wonder if you could picture a much larger family, spread over the whole world—"

"I know!" said Recruit, "The British Empire, and the King is at the head of the Empire family—only it's a family of nations isn't it?"

"True," came the answer, "and the weight of responsibility on the King is very heavy. He could not know each person individually, but he can and does know each of the countries which form this great Commonwealth of nations, and he knows, too, that the Empire can only be great and happy if each country is a happy contented place for its people to live in. Words such as school, home, Church, office, factory, are only *names* of places—the boys and girls, men and women who work and play and live there give the Life and Spirit to these names, and so it is with our Empire—not just countries and territories—but people who live there—individuals like you and me and countless others. If we try to do our best, to make others as happy as ourselves, to make our homes places of harmony and contentment and happiness, and by so doing to influence others to do the same, don't you think that our country might grow happier and better because we are trying to make our corner of it a better place?"

Recruit pondered a moment.

"Then our duty to the King really begins with ourselves and those round us—just like our duty to God," she remarked. "I thought it might be hard to do—but now I see—we've got to *live* it every minute of the day—loving God, and serving the King, and 'honour' and 'doing your best'—no wonder they are all in together—it would be hard to untangle them, wouldn't it?"

"Come to think of it, it would," was the laughing reply. "And now for the second part of the Promise—'To help other people at all times.'"

O. BARDSLEY.

(To be continued.)

LITHUANIA AND POLISH REFUGEES

DEAR EDITOR,—Many of the British Guides who enjoyed the wonderful camp in Lithuania last year will realise how desperately the resources of that hospitable small country must be strained by the tragic influx of Polish refugees.

That the Lithuanian Girl Scout Association will be making every effort to assist the national effort of succour is undoubted.

It has occurred to me that some of the British group who went to Lithuania may like to show in a practical way their recollection of that beautiful peaceful visit, and their deep sympathy for the present terrible distress.

I shall be only too glad to receive any sums of money anyone may care to send me for this purpose. I will try to arrange that the money be sent to the Girl Scouts of Lithuania either through the Save the Children Fund earmarked as coming from the British Guides, or direct to Lithuania Girl Scout Headquarters.

We could also ask the Lithuanian Girl Scouts to express to any Polish Guides they find among the refugees, and doubtless there will be hundreds, our sympathy, our understanding, and our hope for the future.

The amount of our gift will be small, but they will know that the feelings it represents are very real and very great.—Yours, etc.,

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RIP VAN WINKLE TAKES THE FIELD

V.—HARRIET PLANS THE CAMPAIGN.

By CATHERINE CHRISTIAN.

"THANK goodness, even the newly born don't enjoy this war," Harriet remarked grimly. "It's wars people enjoy that drag on for years!"

She turned the squirming little object on her lap over, with capable gentleness and powdered its pink behind with as little sentiment as a cook flouring fish. She held out a hand to the Patrol Leader beside her:

"Safety pins, please."

"Oh, Lady North, isn't he sweet? Is he really only two weeks old?"

Rather breathlessly one of the three Patrol Leaders clustered in the bathroom, spoke for the rest.

Harriet gave them a glance—

"Hmph! You think he's sweet, do you? All right, Alice, take him and put on his night-dress for me—Take a good grip on him, child, he isn't a stinging nettle."

"Oh—he—he sort of bent in the middle—I was afraid of hurting him!" Quite pale with responsibility; Alice, one of the High School Patrol Leaders, subsided on to the side of the bath, clinging to the evacuated baby, like a drowning man to a lifebelt.

"I'll take him if you like. I've helped Mother, times and over, with our little ones." Rosy, from Sybil Raven's village company, offered placidly.

But Alice was firm.

"I'd better get used to him. We may have to look after lots of babies if this war goes on," she said shakily.

"Here, Angie, can you sort of push his arms in? We'll manage all right, Lady North."

"We'll manage all right," Harriet, closing the bathroom door behind her, stood still for a moment in the dimly-lit corridor. How often, in the weeks since the war began had young voices said that to her—eager, intense voices, voices brittle with strain, voices gone dogged with sheer physical exhaustion.

"They've been fine," she thought, "fine, all of them. It isn't for my generation to be proud of them. We've thrown our dice, and lost. We had twenty years to build a wall against the floods, and we failed. Now these youngsters are fighting knee to knee and shoulder to shoulder with us, to save what can be saved. It isn't for us to condescend to our peers."

Walking heavily, for she was more tired than she would have admitted, she went downstairs.

In the hall she met Sir John.

"Well," he greeted her cheerfully. "How's George Percy Stanislaus? Still muling and puking his way into life?"

"He'll do," Harriet nodded. "I'm letting him begin as he's got to go on in this house. The Patrol Leaders have taken him over."

Sir John chuckled.—

"Harriet's prescription for all difficulties—'let the Patrol Leaders take over,'" he commented, "my dear, if you'd ever gone into general practice you'd have handed out bottles and bottles of coloured water, all labelled '*The mixture, as before*'—"

"And my patients would have recovered in their hundreds," Harriet assured him—"It's all a matter of faith. I've faith in the Leaders, and the Leaders won't let me down. Gracious goodness, my dear man, why should they? They're old enough to be competent by all natural standards. The Medicis led battles at fifteen and Queen Elizabeth was a proficient Hebrew scholar at five. It's only in the last hundred years we've come to look on anything under twenty as a precious burden, to be guarded and cherished, and on no account permitted to strain itself by entering into its normal heritage of conflict."

"Hmph!" Sir John stroked his chin. "there may be something in that, though an orthodox psychologist would probably talk about anxiety-complexes, and power-types and other unpleasant phenomena."

"As long as there are a few of us left in the background, anxiety won't steal sleep from most of the Patrol Leaders I know," Harriet told him shrewdly, "and as for power-types—commend me to an average patrol to deal with swelled-head and bossiness more adequately than any of us could. How are things at the Hospital?"

"Decks cleared for action. Nothing much to do now but wait for the first convoys." He sighed, then toughened. "The wards that we've kept for local cases, and the evacuated 'chronics' are very chirpy on the whole. It's marvellous how a national disaster brings personal



problems into perspective. How's our ox and our ass, and the strangers within our own gates?"

"All doing well. I think we shall have two more citizens for the British Empire shortly—and I *may* need you if that little Bermondsey mother proves as difficult a case as I'm afraid she's going to. I'd be glad, too, if you'd have a word with Ernie and Reg about clamping the potatoes. Their efforts, though worthy, are a trifle unskilled."

Sir John chuckled again, counting on his fingers—

"Four expectant mothers, arrived on the day war was declared. Pip Hayward and her boy brought down here almost by force, after you'd heard the second air-raid alarm. Two soldiers billeted in the garage and having all meals in the house, and twenty evacuated 'infants' playing ring-a-ring-a-ring a roses round our apple trees every afternoon, and staying to tea on Sundays. Admit it's a quaint war, Harriet."

Harriet snorted—

"I've my hands as full as every capable grandmother ought to have during war time, that's all," she asserted. "War, for the older woman, mostly boils down to extra dish-washing and a lot of anxiety. I hoped I'd got my wars over when I was young enough to do the interesting things—and yet—"

"And yet what?"

Her eyes softened—

"I'm not sure that I want to be young enough to be right in it again, so that the end of the war is like a high wall, beyond which one can't see a thing. Do you remember that feeling, John?"

"By Jove, I do!" he agreed grimly. "I'm not sure that I haven't got it again to some extent, Harriet."

"If you have, snap out of it," she advised rather sternly. "Some of us have got to hold our horses and be ready to start the real jobs when peace is signed. We'll have a lot of capital to begin on this time, if only we can keep the long view now. All this mixing town and country children is going to count for good, and so is the fact that women are managing to take their share in the running of the essential services without needing to crop their heads and stride and swear as we did. The most hopeful thing of all—the sign that seems to me like the star of the wise men at the moment, is that these grim youngsters are hating war. I believe they are hating it in every country. If they hate it enough, it'll go the way slavery went, down the cosmic drain."

He looked at her with tired, amused eyes—

"One day, my dear, you'll get breakfast and wash it up before you go to bed, and we shall have Monday on Sunday morning regularly. I never knew anyone else quite so many moves ahead in the game. When you clamoured to prepare your District for a war in the face of optimistic disapproval I at least thought you'd find yourself fully occupied, once a war arrived."

"And so I am!" Harriet glanced at her watch. "I must go and meet my 'skeleton staff' down at Miss Barton's at seven. Pip and Bessie will give you supper. If there's an air-raid I shall go to cover where I am, so don't let Ernie and Reg feel they've got to get medals coming out to bring me home!"

They laughed.

One of Harriet's most cherished memories of the outbreak of war would be of those two eighteen year old boys searching the countryside for her during one of the first alarms, and assuring her a trifle shakily, when found, that—

"An air raid ain't much—it'll be a bomb or two and then all over."

They had both been distinctly apprehensive and had found Harriet's practical suggestions for possible shrapnel-dodging impressive.

"You was in the last war, then?" Reg had asked—and, being told she was, had sighed, "I wasn't. You see—" long pause—"I wasn't born."

He would never know that that single statement, made at that moment, brought Harriet nearer tears than anything had done since the crisis began.

Armed with torch and gas mask, she set out to walk the half mile into Irmminster.

The darkness, like rich blue velvet, wrapped her round, from the moment she crossed her own threshold. There was a nip in the air, and an October smell of rotting leaves and wet dahlias. Overhead the stars pricked the sky in a pattern as thick as studs on a Spanish leather chest, and Harriet found time to be glad that some beauty had been given, even though so much had been taken away. The major portion of her mind was busy planning for the winter ahead.

What was going to be needed? Her heart sank a little as her mind glibly reeled off the familiar list of "comforts for the troops," parcels for prisoners of war, Red Cross requirements—this time they'd need warm clothes for evacuees and blankets for children, of course, and—

"Oh, Miss Barton will have thought out all that side of it!" she told herself impatiently—and fell to more difficult calculations.

In the basement of Miss Barton's house in the Minster Close, they were arranging a Club for Rangers to use during their time off. Harriet found Miss Barton herself there, wearing an Air Warden's armband, and looking, despite a fixedly cheerful smile, both worn and deflated. She had, as Harriet knew, volunteered for at least four different services, only to be turned down on medical grounds. The shock had brought her, for the first time, face to face with the fact that she was an old woman, and today, she looked it. Little Miss Babington, neat and bird-like as ever, in spite of unfamiliar A.T.S. khaki, greeted Harriet jubilantly.

"I got twenty four hours leave. I've been out with my Brownies all the afternoon, picking blackberries," she announced, "and, Lady North, I've found a *lovely* person to take over the pack. She's married and got three children, but she says she can manage beautifully. She was a Guider seven years ago somewhere in Camberwell. She saw our advertisement in the *Irmminster Times*."

"Good!" Harriet approved. "This is the moment when Old Guides can come into their own, as I believe I said in the advertisement!"

Miss Barton groaned dismally.

"I know we shall get all the wrong type of person

applying. Only the throw-outs—the people who aren't fit for anything else, will want to do Guiding in war time."

For a moment Harriet's mouth tightened. But when she spoke her voice was gentle—

"I hope we are going to find some women left who are long-sighted and unselfish enough to put aside the personal gratification of immediate 'war works,' and give their time to training a generation who—ten years from now—will face the toughest reconstruction problems ever presented to humanity, on half-time education, and all the inevitable physical and nervous disabilities that follow a childhood of strain and insecurity. As for 'unsuitable' people—I've yet to find the person, man, woman or child, who isn't 'suitable' for something, if you put them in the right pigeon hole. That part of the programme will be up to us."

She sat down at the bare wooden table, on which the black-shaded light cast a pool of whiteness, and drew some typewritten lists towards her.

"Well, where have we got to? Alethea Harman, driving an ambulance. Sybil gone to the Censor's office, Miss Patterson Forsyte, in charge of our own Red Cross Post; Miss Wilks and Miss Barnes both transport driving—we're certainly well represented in the Services!"

She ran a pencil down the list before her—"Five Sea Rangers from here in The Thames Emergency Service—(now how did Alethea manage to shove that duck? I thought they were only drawing on London ships?) Half our Cadets off on the land—and the Tanneries taken over by the Government—"

"Did you know the authorities specially commended the emergency fire service the Rangers had established?" Miss Barton put in. She sounded a trifle more cheerful.

"I'm glad of that. I believe they'd prove themselves pretty competent in a tight corner, those hussies," Harriet commented. "I'm hoping to get down to see them this week—and I want to have a look at the Convent, too, I hear they're doing great things."

Miss Babington chuckled—

"You should have seen Mr. Warner's Scouts from the St. Christopher School, sand-bagging their entry, under the command of two pocket-size Patrol Leaders, and the Sisters," she remarked. "They've made a workmanlike job of it, too."

"Ah!" Harriet lifted her head, sharply, "that reminds me. I want to get in touch with the Scouts. They're even harder hit than we are, as far as losing their grown-up personnel goes. I mean to suggest those who are left combine with us to make a joint 'Enquiry Bureau,' to which Patrol Leaders of either sex can apply for information. It'll halve the work for us all, if we organise it properly. Miss Barton, if you approve, I'd like to turn your little back scullery place out there into an office, where one of us can be on duty for an hour every evening. I'll have the telephone put in, and then Patrol Leaders can ring up or call and see us, and we shall keep in touch with them. I am proposing to be 'at home' from two to six, myself, on the first Saturday in every month to Patrol Leaders, and on the third to Guiders. The alternate Saturdays will be Patrol Leaders' Training for the District, either in the Taylors Hall (that's only a high dive from the A.R.P. shelter in King William Street, if we get a raid) or

out of doors when weather permits and conditions are favourable. Our monthly Guiders' meeting, if people agree, I should like to hold on a Sunday afternoon—"

Miss Barton stared—

"Guiders' meeting?" she said. "But, Lady North, surely—" Then her face cleared, "Oh, you mean if—when—we get new Guiders?"

Harriet shook her head. She looked rather pensive.

"No," she said, "I was actually thinking that those of us who are left have a lot of work to catch up with, if we're going to be ready to help in a practical way when this war is over. If we got together now and then, and put our minds to it, we might get a grasp on a few of the essential fundamentals we shall need. Economics, for instance, and the history of Europe, and a simple outline of philosophy. I'm proposing to send suggestions for reading along these lines, and the necessary books, to the ones on active service. Alethea tells me she has hours of sitting about and doing nothing—she might be able to put in some very useful work, and so might the others."

Miss Barton snorted—

"Really, Lady North, do you think *anyone* will have the time or the heart to study abstract subjects during a war?"

"Lots will have the time—and they had better hurry up and take heart," Harriet said grimly, "It's ignorance and muddle and 'with best intentions,' that has landed reasonable, kindly, normal humans in a position where they must kill and maim, or be killed and maimed. If we mean anything except a shibboleth when we call ourselves 'Guides' we'd better do our part towards illuminating the darkness of our world by a little sane and laborious self-instruction in fundamental realities. How men's minds work, the mistakes of our ancestors, and the problems of production and distribution are going to be everybody's business in the next peace—and if we mean to be of use then, we can't waste time now. Besides—" Harriet's eyes twinkled, "we can always knit while we talk or read. That's a great insurance against possibly 'wasting' minutes!"

Miss Barton shook her head.

"Well, I suppose there's something in what you say," she murmured doubtfully. "You've certainly proved to us all that we ought to trust your judgment, Lady North. I'm glad you have a plan for keeping in touch with our people on active service." She added, more cheerfully, as she felt herself on firmer ground, "I do feel we ought to do something for those girls who are serving their country. Besides, it would be such a pity if they drifted away from us and lost interest. We shall need them, after the war."

"Yes—we shall need them," Harriet stood up, rather abruptly. Beyond the white circle of the light, for a moment, she seemed to catch a glimpse of those determined faces—not the faces of girls glamourised by patriotic propaganda, but faces that looked out at a hard, unpleasant weary task and saw it for exactly what it was—a mistake that need never be repeated. How many would come back? How would they come back?"

"We'll keep in touch with them," she said, and the warmth in her voice made the words a promise, as well as a statement.

(To be continued.)



CARRYING ON

by

HEATHER KAY



THIS is a plea written on behalf of Patrol Leaders by one who was of Brownie age in the last war. In actual fact, not a Brownie but a Scout. We ran ourselves; no one older than prep. school age was ever with us—unorthodox perhaps—but I think it was the most *real* and *live* Guiding I have ever done. We enrolled ourselves when we knew the Law, and anyone failing to keep it, or to do the Good Turn, would have been ruthlessly flung out. Looking back, I realise how badly we were wanting something to live up to—something to *do*. We learnt our tests, and our adventurous activities I have never forgotten. It meant something to be a Scout; no longer did those voices worry us: "You are too young, dear, to understand. . . ." There was a purpose for us.

Many Districts last week-end were receiving evacuated children. My work took me motoring the length and breadth of the county. Nearly everywhere there were Guides about in uniform talking to the refugees, holding babies, comforting, carrying the proverbial parcels, and acting as cheerful and happy messengers wherever they were sent. Only once did I see a Guider with her Guides. In one village I met a District Commissioner with a fleet of cars to take the children to their new homes, and she said to me: "Well, I am afraid we'll have to close down Guides now until the end of the war; the Guiders are away, and everyone is too busy to think of running them." Two hundred yards away I met a Patrol Leader. "It's all right for us to carry on isn't it?" she asked. "This new crowd may be homesick . . . they can do things with us. . . . Captain is away . . . but shall I call a meeting for to-morrow? . . . WE CAN MANAGE!"

This is not advocating companies being let loose without care or thought, but where there are good Patrol Leaders, let us give them their chance. Visiting them, encouraging them, and keeping an eye on results could perhaps be done by local Association members if a District Commissioner or Guider is only available at very rare intervals. Again, let us keep

our eyes open for ex-Patrol Leaders and Rangers who have married and who, owing to the war, are back in their old homes with their babies. (Three have already volunteered to help with Packs and Companies in this neighbourhood.)

It is true that all Companies could not manage alone, that some children already in them, and others evacuated into the district, are quite beyond the control of Patrol Leaders. Nevertheless, in the right sort of company the good I think would outweigh the bad . . . the Patrol System—the gang following its leader—would go forward. There are still, fortunately, some Commissioners and Guiders left to deal with difficulties and snags! Let us avoid appointing unsuitable Guiders to meet the rush of coping with numbers, but rather throw down the challenge to the Guides themselves to show their worth. Can we not find some way, difficult as this may be, to train our Patrol Leaders and help them to visit companies and watch the work of Rangers and Leaders, so that this Movement may go forward, now, when the need is great.

Let us by no means put Guiding aside, as of no consequence. We are all ready to serve where we are most needed. This is a way of service which can be shared by those who are not free or physically fit for work of longer duration.

Those who were very young in the last war will remember that children cannot be spared from the tension, the strain in every home—these children whose tomorrow is our country's loss or gain. Can we in this moment remember this? Can we in the midst of this hurtful present look to the future? Even when our thoughts are bound with anxiety, and our activities by big issues, let us not forget the children—their hopes and fears more real than perhaps we think. Many are separated from their home influence. Can we help them through Scouting and Guiding to have steady nerves and quiet minds—to find a means of service and, most of all, in the keeping of their Promise and Law, steadfast ideals?



MIX WELL!

By E. M. R. BURGESS

IF the pudding is to be palatable, if we are to hope that those to whom it is offered will come back for a second helping, then it must be mixed well. That is the secret which lies behind good cooking. That is the one great essential of good Guiding in these days of national emergency. This mixing well is no easy matter. The ingredients themselves are so varied. The country Guide and the child from the docks or other congested town areas have such vastly differing outlooks. How, then, are we Guides to face up to the task of running meetings for our own Guides and Brownies, together with a dozen or more strangers? Alternatively, how are we to tackle a completely new company of children on whom we have never so much as set eyes before? Here is another challenge to achievement.

THE MIXED COMPANY.

Let us, first and foremost, guard against any suggestion of superiority. If your Guides are allowed for one moment to adopt a patronising attitude, the mixture will never run smoothly off the spoon: indeed, it will become increasingly lumpy. Speak briefly to your own Guides before they meet the newcomers. Much will depend on what you say and how you say it. I would ask that you try and make them see that the thing which matters most is that each newcomer shall be made to feel that she is *really wanted*. Alas! that in these days of evacuation we have heard these words on the lips of grown-ups who come to suggest returning to their homes: "You see, we're not welcome." Guiding gives your Guides a grand opportunity of showing real friendliness, of thinking of others before themselves. . . . And do not let them believe for an instant that this is a job for P.I.'s and Seconds only. It is the first duty of every single Guide in the company, and if every single Guide does not do her bit, the welcome will not be whole-hearted.

I would suggest that for the first mixed meeting all individual company concerns, such as badge work, tests, etc., are put on one side. Guiding is an adventure; Guiding is a game; Guiding is a world-wide fellowship, which takes no count of class, or race, or colour. If these are the first impressions gained by the newcomers, you will have gone far towards meeting the challenge. The rest will follow later.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME for a Guide Company welcoming a dozen or more girls who have not previously been Guides.

1. Roll Call Drill.

The newcomers watch, and fall in afterwards with the Patrols to which they will belong.

2. Team Game.

It is as well to choose a game which is new, *i.e.*, which the children are not likely to have played before in school. Here are two ideas:

OBSTACLE RACE (suitable for indoors or out).

Apparatus required.—For each Patrol provide one chair, one ping-pong ball, one double sheet of newspaper rolled tightly lengthwise to make a stick, one bean bag, one tin lid of any size. Also provide for the use of all the Patrols

one tray or bowl filled with buttons, counters, beads of all sizes, shapes and colours, and a piece of chalk.

Formation.—Patrols equally numbered standing in files at one end of the playground or room. Place the chairs, overturned, one in front of each Patrol at a distance of about 18 feet. (Distances will vary according to the space available.) Put the tray or bowl of buttons, etc., in a central position on the floor at the opposite end of the room. Half way between each chair and the tray draw with the chalk a circle of about 18 inches in diameter. About six feet behind this in the direction of the chair draw a straight line parallel to each file. Put a bean bag on each line. In front of No. 1 in each file place a tin lid with a ping-pong ball inside it and the newspaper stick close by.

The Game.—At the whistle, each No. 1 takes the ping-pong ball out of the tin lid, puts it on the floor, and propels it forward with the newspaper stick until she reaches the chair. She makes a complete circuit of the chair, clockwise, with the ball, brings it to rest underneath the chair, lays down the newspaper stick and runs on to the chalk line. Captain is standing here. Each Guide then picks up the bean bag, and either throws or slides it along until it comes to rest inside the chalk circle. She must fetch it back to the chalk line, if unsuccessful, and try again, for she cannot continue the race until she has succeeded. After succeeding she picks up the bean bag out of the circle and replaces it on the chalk line, then runs on to the tray or bowl. There she picks out any identical pair of buttons, counters or beads, runs back with them to Captain, who remains stationed at the chalk line, and when they have been checked as correct runs to the chair which she stands upright, using her *left* hand only. Finally, she picks up the newspaper stick and propels the ball back to the starting point. There she replaces it in the tin lid, hands over the newspaper stick to No. 2, and retires to the rear of her file. Each No. repeats the same actions, the Patrol winning which is the first to finish.

CAN YOU SPILL?

Apparatus required.—One packet of coloured wooden spills from Woolworth's. Divide them into small bundles, one for each Patrol, so that each contains the same number of spills of each colour, and keep one bundle for yourself.

Formation.—Guides seated in Patrol corners, with the spills spread out on the floor.

The Game.—In the centre of the room make a simple pattern on the floor or on a chair, using some or all of the spills. At the whistle each P.I. gets up, runs to look at the pattern, returns to her corner, and chooses a spill which she places in the correct position on the floor for the forming of the pattern. As soon as she has done so, No. 2 in the Patrol does likewise, and so on, each Guide taking it in turn to go and look at the pattern. The Patrol which first succeeds in reproducing the whole of the pattern correctly wins the game.

N.B.—If a spill has been wrongly placed, another Guide on her return may alter its position, and this must count as her turn.

3. PATROL TIME.

The newcomers can be shown the Patrol corner and possessions. Then let each be taught the use of a reef knot, and the difference between a reef and a granny. Let one or two Guides in each Patrol who are not acting as teachers, go outside and lay short tracks, one for each Patrol. Each track must be distinctive, *i.e.*, one Patrol's track might be distinguished by each sign having a holly leaf close beside it; another by an acorn, etc.

4. KNOT TEST. REEF OR GRANNY?

For each Patrol provide a long garden cane, or stick, round which you have tied with string, six reef knots and six grannies. These sticks are placed on the floor at one end of the playground or room, one in front of each Patrol. The Guides stand in Patrol files at the other end. At the whistle, each Guide runs forwards in turn, unties a granny knot and reties the string as a reef knot. There should be equal numbers playing in each Patrol.

TRACKING.

5. WOODCRAFT.

The Guides will have returned by now from laying their track. Let your recruits understand from the very beginning that woodcraft plays a very big part in Guiding, and that Guides are out-of-doors' people. Suppose you have four Patrols. Then A will try to follow B's track, B will follow C's, C will follow D's, and D will follow A's, pointing out all the different signs as they are discovered. The Guides in each Patrol who were responsible for laying the track explain what their special Patrol sign is, and show the trackers where each trail begins. By the time the tracking is over, the newcomers should have a good idea of what woodcraft signs are used for.

Afterwards talk to all your Guides about tracking, emphasising that it is a kind of secret language by means of which you can leave for those coming up behind you a trail which they can easily follow. Suggest the importance of the following points, asking the Guides to give reasons for their importance.

- (1) Make your signs on the ground or not higher than shoulder height. You do not want anyone to waste time hunting for them.
- (2) Make all your signs quickly, clearly and visibly, but in such a way that they do not attract the attention of strangers.
- (3) Never make any signs on anything which is movable, *i.e.*, vehicles, level crossing gates, etc.
- (4) Do not damage property belonging to other people by drawing large arrows on walls, breaking branches, etc.
- (5) Do not make your signs too far apart. If there is any likelihood of the route being mistaken, from one sign you should be able to see, or at any rate easily find, the next.
- (6) Do not lay tracks where passers-by or road traffic can disturb them.
- (7) Make allowances for weather conditions. If it is very windy, make sure that your signs are not blown away, by fixing them in position with wet mud or clay.

1. (ALTERNATIVE TO WOODCRAFT.)

If it is wet, have a sing-song. End with a very short talk on the aims of Guiding, stressing its international aspect, and the desire of all true Guiders to serve their country and their fellows by learning to be prepared in all circumstances.

6. Make a circle. All Guides repeat the Guide Law, standing, then the meeting ends with TAPS. Give each newcomer a copy of the Guide Law and Promise to take home with her.

OUTLINE PROGRAMMES FOR THREE SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.
SECOND WEEK.

1. Teach the whole company *whistle signals and silent hand signals* (see G.G. Diary, 1939, pages 24 and 25). Practise them. Let each Patrol make up, in addition, its own special whistle signal. Each must, of course, be different. Explain how important it is to be alert in mind and action.

2. GAME.—FIND ME.

Formation.—Each Patrol has a "home" at one corner of the room or playground. Each Guide must collect for herself and take to her Patrol Leader something *red*, something *white*, and something *blue*.

The P.L. arranges these things in three groups, according to colour. Some adjustment may have to be made to see that there are the *same number* of things in each Patrol heap or group.

The Game.—One Guide in each Patrol is blindfolded, the rest watch. The P.L.'s take up their position somewhere accessible and not too far away (each P.L. in turn can choose exactly where). They should stand at a distance of about two yards from each other in circular formation. At a given sign each begins to blow her special Patrol whistle signal. Her own blindfolded Guide has to find her. Whoever is the *first* to do so is given one red article from *each* of the other Patrols, the *second* to do so is given a *white* article, the *third* a *blue* article. Then another Guide from each Patrol is blindfolded and takes her turn. When every Patrol has had an equal number of turns, the number of red, white and blue articles remaining in each Patrol is added up, three points being scored for each red, two for each white and one for each blue.

No help other than the individual P.L.'s whistle signals must be given to the blindfolded Guide. The P.L.'s will find that they can help or hinder their Guide, according to the way in which the signals are given.

3. PATROL TIME. UNION JACK.

Supply each Patrol with red, white and blue chalks and half a packet of oblong postcards. Let each Guide take one of the newcomers in her Patrol and draw for her on separate postcards the flags of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick. Meanwhile the Guides can explain how the three flags were amalgamated to form the Union Jack. Then let the recruit turn each postcard over and draw the same flag from memory on the back.

At the end of Patrol Time, uncase with due ceremony the Company Union Jack, so that the recruits can pick out for themselves the different crosses. Explain why we hold our National Flag in such honour.

From earliest days banners and flags had a sacred significance. That is why so many of them still bear crosses. In the Middle Ages certain noble families became very powerful and often each relied on the help of some special saint. Sometimes the saint was also taken as the protector of their country. So we find that during the Crusades St. George became the patron saint of England—and of Portugal and Aragon as well. His red cross became the inspiration of the Crusaders, and his standard was carried before our Kings, to lead them into

battle. In 1606 St. Andrew's cross was added, and in 1801 St. Patrick's cross completed the Union Jack, which represents to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our country. It is the symbol of the British Commonwealth all over the world, and wherever it flies it stands for justice, freedom and good faith.

4. UNION JACK TEST.

Supply each Patrol with brown paper. Each Guide should have a piece about foolscap size, larger if possible. She should answer each of the following questions by drawing on it a miniature flag. The Patrol wins whose drawings are judged at the end to be the most correct and the neatest.

- (1) Draw the cross which the Crusaders wore over their armour.
- (2) Draw the cross of St. Patrick.
- (3) Draw the cross of the patron saint of England.
- (4) Draw the cross which was joined to St. George's cross when King James VI of Scotland became King James I of England.
- (5) Draw the cross added to our national flag when in 1801 Ireland was united to Great Britain.
- (6) Draw the cross which has the place of honour and is uppermost in the side of the flag nearest the pole.

5. BOUNCE BALL. TEAM GAME.

Apparatus required.—One tennis ball and one small hoop for each team.

Formation.—Teams of six standing in files.

The Game.—In front of No. 1 in each team draw two parallel chalk lines on the floor at a distance of about ten feet from each other. Beyond the farther one place the hoop on the ground.

No. 1 runs forward bouncing and catching the ball three times as she does so. The fourth time she bounces the ball inside the hoop. She then stands behind the hoop and throws the ball to No. 2, who has moved up immediately behind the first chalk mark, and now stands where No. 1 first stood. No. 2 starts at once to bounce the ball as No. 1 has done. No. 1 meanwhile runs to the rear of her file. The game continues until No. 1 has arrived back in her original position when she cries "Sit," and the team sits down, the first to do so winning the game.

6. HEALTH RULES. CLOTHING.

Suggestions for a talk, followed by questions to be worked out in Patrols.

You should try to make the very best of your personal appearance, and clothing either helps or hinders you. Be careful in choosing, not only a colour and material, but also a pattern which suits you. If you are inclined to be fat, do not choose a tight waist and very full, short skirt; if you are thin, do not choose a frock with no fullness in it. Be careful too in the choice of cuffs, collar, belt and scarf. There are so many kinds of cheap material now on the market that everyone has the opportunity of choosing something which really will suit her. Remember that in summer the sun's rays are more powerful than in winter, so that you will need clothing which will reflect the sun's rays, not absorb them. Therefore choose light colours, for they reflect the sun's rays better than dark ones.

Delia and Dahlia (two normally healthy Guides).

1. It was blowing hard from the south-west with heavy showers. Delia went out to a Concert muffled up round

the neck with a thick scarf, a mackintosh and Court slippers. Dahlia went to the same Concert with no scarf on, a mackintosh and thick soled shoes. They both had a mile to walk to reach the Concert Hall. One was in bed with a chill afterwards. Was it Delia or Dahlia?

Answer.—Delia. With a warm wind blowing, however strongly, it is unnecessary to muffle up your neck, and only likely to produce a weakness there. It is important, however, not to get wet feet, or, if you can't help it, to change shoes and stockings at once. Delia's thin-soled shoes were soon soaked through and she had to sit through the Concert in them. Sailors rarely catch cold, and yet their necks are constantly exposed to the wind and wet.

2. In December Delia wore loose fitting vests and knickers, made of a loosely woven wool mixture. Dahlia wore tight fitting combinations made of a closely woven woollen material. Which kept the warmer and why?

Answer.—Delia. Clothes which fit loosely have a layer of air between them and the skin, and will be much warmer than tightly fitting clothes, because air is a bad conductor of heat and therefore the heat of the body will be retained longer. Tightly fitting clothes, such as garters, elastic round the waist, corsets, etc., are dangerous, for they not only stop the air from circulating over the skin, but they restrict the circulation of your blood and your breathing.

7. Foxlease Vesper, sung in a circle or Patrol formation. Dismiss!

THIRD WEEK.—An out-of-doors programme. Give each Patrol the following instructions, having first defined the extent of the island on which they are to be

PIONEERS.

You are on an afternoon's hike to an island you have never visited before. You are working in Patrols and have the following programmes to carry out:

- (1) Choose a suitable place for a Patrol home. Lay, but do not light a fire here. Twelve yards distant from the fire improvise and erect a weather vane to show in which direction the wind is blowing.
- (2) I have heard that rabbits and squirrels are to be found on this island. Can you find any? If so, do not disturb them, but write down what you saw and where.
- (3) Make smoke prints of the leaves of five different trees or shrubs which you have found and name them.
- (4) Take bark rubbings of three different trees and name them.
- (5) Collect one specimen of each of the following:—A live insect, a wild flower, a bird's feather, a berry, a piece of moss, a fir cone, a blade of grass ten or more inches long, a shell.

NOTES.

- (2) Wooden animals cut out by fretsaw can be bought for 1d. each, or pictures used. Three rabbits and three squirrels should be placed in suitable hiding places about the grounds. Guides should write down where they discover them.
- (3) One or more pieces of glass should be provided for each Patrol, also a taper and matches. The glass should be smoked very carefully, and the taper must not be held too near.

Smoke Prints may be made as follows:—Choose three leaves of distinctive shape, not too stiff and not too large

(neither holly nor horse chestnut are suitable). Put down the smoked glass on a perfectly flat surface. Place the leaf on the smoked glass face foremost, and hold it in position until you have placed over it a piece of thickish paper. Then press hard on the paper, rubbing thoroughly the surface immediately above the leaf. Remove paper and leaf, then place the leaf carefully, blackened side downwards, on the piece of white paper ready to receive the smoke print. Replace the piece of thickish paper on top, and rub hard the whole surface above the leaf. Be careful to hold both leaf and paper quite steady, or the smoke print will smudge. It can be "fixed" by spraying with the same liquid which is used for fixing charcoal drawings.

(4). BARK RUBBINGS.

Take a fairly thick piece of plain paper and press it firmly against the bark of a tree, choosing a position in which the bark clearly shows its form, but where it is not too bumpy. Rub the paper all over very thoroughly with a heelball (black, Woolworth's, 1d.). To obtain a good result it is necessary both to press and rub really hard.

Points may be awarded at the end of 45 minutes as follows:—

A. *Choice of site*, 10 points. (Is it protected in any way from the prevailing wind; has it good drainage, etc., should a sudden storm arise?)

B. *Patrol organisation*, 15 points.—i.e., the way in which the P.L. has dealt with the situation, and the method she employs to get the programme carried out.

C. *Fire laying*, 8 points. (Has a good place been chosen, has the fire been laid with suitable wood, and with due regard to the direction of the wind, if any?)

D. *Weather vane*, 15 points. (Is it workable, is it secure? What knots have been used, if any?)

E. *Accurate estimation* of the required distance between fire and weather vane, i.e., 12 yards, 4 points.

F. *Discovery of rabbits and squirrels*, 6 points.

G. *Smoke prints*, 15 points. (Are the leaves named correctly, are the smoke prints well arranged and unsmudged?)

H. *Bark Rubbings*, 9 points. (Do they show a distinct pattern; are the trees named correctly?)

I. *Specimens collected*, 8 points.

This total comes to 90 points. When Captain goes round to inspect each Patrol Home, she should award an additional 10 points if the fire can be successfully lighted with one match, and 5 points if it can be lighted with the use of only two matches. The final maximum is, therefore, 100.

4TH WEEK.

1. ROLL CALL DRILL.

2. KNOTS AND KNOT GAME.

Why do we learn knots? To be able to use them to help ourselves and other people.

Let everyone practise a bowline, which is very useful because it makes a loop which will not slip.

Then let everyone practise a round turn and two half hitches. Explain that these are used for fastening a rope to a hook, ring, post or railing, so that whatever strain is put on them they will not slip. They are very easy to undo.

SPEAKING DOG TOBY.

Divide the Guides into pairs, each recruit with a Guide,

and any additional Guides in twos together. One Guide in each pair is dog Toby, and the other his mistress. The mistress has to catch the dog and tie a leash round his neck (neck—right wrist), before Toby can count twenty at a reasonable rate. If she does not succeed, Toby runs away again and has to be caught afresh. When she does succeed, she attaches the leash to a chair-leg, post, or anything suitable. The first mistress to tie her dog up wins the game, provided that the knots she has tied are correct.

For the second time of playing, dogs and mistresses change places.

3. PATROL TIME.

Leaders in charge to do as they think best. Suggest that they test recruits in Union Jack knowledge, tracking signs, etc., and also provide work for their Guides.

4. OBSERVATION GAME. CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Apparatus required.—Draw 20 different simple figures or patterns (such as a square, a diamond, a Maltese cross, etc.) each on a separate card or slip of paper. Place these at intervals round the room.

The Game.—At the whistle everyone goes round looking at the various designs and trying to memorise them. After three minutes each Guide is asked to make rough drawings of as many of them as she can remember—all being drawn on the same piece of paper. When this has been done, Captain holds up each pattern in turn for everyone to check her own drawings (or drawings may be exchanged and checked by a next-door neighbour). Each correct one scores a point, the winner being the one with the largest number of points.

5. WHAT WOULD YOU DO? COMMON SENSE.

Formation.—Patrols in corners. Explain the necessity for level-headedness when dealing with any emergency. Then read out in turn each of the following imaginary emergencies. Allow three minutes for discussion as to what should be done, the P.L. making notes on decisions. Each P.L. then reads out what her Patrol considers the best things to do—the different points being discussed, and Patrols voting as to which are the most helpful suggestions.

EMERGENCIES.

1. You are driving along wintry lanes in a car as the only passenger, when suddenly a blinding snow storm comes on. What could you do to help the driver?

2. You have been to Boots' library to change a book for your mother's friend, Mrs. Brown, who lives next door. When you return with the new book—the next on the list of books which she has given the librarian—you find that she is greatly upset because she has left a postal order for half-a-crown inside the book you have just returned. She cannot remember its title, nor can you, as it was raining and the book was wrapped up in a brown paper parcel which you handed in to the librarian. What would you do?

3. You have found a dog without a collar, and it has followed you home. It is obviously lost. What would you do?

4. You and a friend are staying for a holiday in the country at the Mill House. One day you go for a walk, and when you are some miles away from home you are surprised by a thick mist which suddenly blots out the

whole landscape. You have just reached a plank bridge across the stream. What would you do?

1. One day you hear a scream in the next field, and going to investigate, find a young rabbit caught by its hind leg in a wire noose. What would you do?

6. Mother has sent you out shopping with a £1 note. You go into the stores, which are very full as it is near Christmas time, and when at last you are served you ask for the groceries required. Having received them and paid for them you go out of the shop, only to remember when you are a few yards away that mother gave you a £1 note, and you have only been given change for 10s. What would you do?

6. TEAM GAME. CONTRABAND.

Equipment required.—Two boxes of matches.

Formation.—Make two teams with an equal number in each. One team represents Customs' Officers, the other Smugglers.

The Game.—The Customs' Officers retire out of sight while the Smugglers hide their loot upon their persons. This loot takes the form of three matches per person. They can be hidden anywhere, provided that *some portion of each match is visible*.

The Smugglers having concealed their contraband stand in a long line, and the Customs' Officers are then called in to make their examination. They file slowly past the Smugglers, *keeping on the move all the time*. Any match seen by a Customs' Officer is immediately removed, but no searching of anyone's person is allowed. The Customs' Officers pass along the front and the rear of the line of Smugglers, then count the number of matches confiscated. At the same time the Smugglers count the number of matches they have successfully retained. One point is scored for each match confiscated, and two points for each match retained undetected.

The teams then change places, Smugglers becoming Customs' Officers and *vice versa*. The winning team is the one with the highest score.

7. FORM A CIRCLE. TAPS.

N.B.—At all times, whenever possible, be out of doors.

"THE GUIDER" COMPETITION

It is with regret that we have to announce the cancellation of THE GUIDER'S Handcraft Competition in the form of a competition. We do not feel justified, at this time, in adding to the work at the Post Office by asking them to handle the thousands of extra parcels and correspondence which such a competition would entail, and we cannot undertake, at Headquarters, to receive and house the entries until they are judged, as we cannot guarantee their safety in the event of a raid. It is possible that *The Guide* will not hold its Annual Good Turn Party, which makes the assembling of so many gifts in a central place rather pointless.

Nevertheless, we feel that the need for your generosity will be greater than ever this year, and we appeal to all our readers not to allow their industry to relax. There are, already, many causes which can be helped by your efforts, and we ask you to work harder than ever before. One cause we know of would greatly benefit by your help. The Sea Rangers in the River Emergency Service are

doing excellent and hard work. They will be out in all weathers in the winter, and if they are to keep fit they *must* keep warm. A good supply of Balaclava helmets is needed, and it seems only fitting that they should be made by other Guides and Guiders. The Sea Rangers ask us also to remember the Doctors, Nurses and V.A.D.s, also the other members of the crews who are doing this work. This need, of course, will be experienced by all who have to do with the river or the sea—so you should be kept busy. The helmets—and mufflers too, if the Brownies want to help—should be made in heavy durable navy blue wool.

In next month's issue we hope to publish more suggestions, and a more detailed scheme whereby you can arrange to send your parcels to some local depot.

In the meantime—go ahead and good luck to you. Practically every item in the competition will be of invaluable use somewhere!

FOR BROWN OWLS

News has already come in of the work which is being done by Owls in reception areas where their Guide training and experience is proving invaluable in the entertainment and care of numbers of children of all ages and types, but many Owls have also written anxiously about the best course to take, either for their own evacuated packs or for those Brownies who have arrived in reception areas.

Guidance as to the best general policy to pursue will be found elsewhere in this number, there will be many difficulties of all sorts to be overcome, but realising how tremendously Guiding can help at this moment, and how much it will mean to Brownies to be able to be Brownies still in their new surroundings, it is certain that Owls will do everything in their power to make this possible.

If there is any difficulty in getting in touch with packs which have been evacuated or any problems with which I can help, please write to me direct, and I will do all I can. Will you please send me also, ideas which are proving successful, and which I can pass on to others who need suggestions.

V. Kerr.

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A LETTER AND A REPLY

To the Great Brown Owl.

Dear Madam,—Like many other London Brown Owls at the moment I am left without a pack. It is a very new pack, and I should very much like to keep the Brownies interested until such time as they are able to return to normal conditions.

Is it possible for me to put them in touch with packs near where they are billeted? Failing this, would it be possible for me to run it as a Post or Extension pack? If the latter is so, could you possibly let me have any particulars of the procedure?



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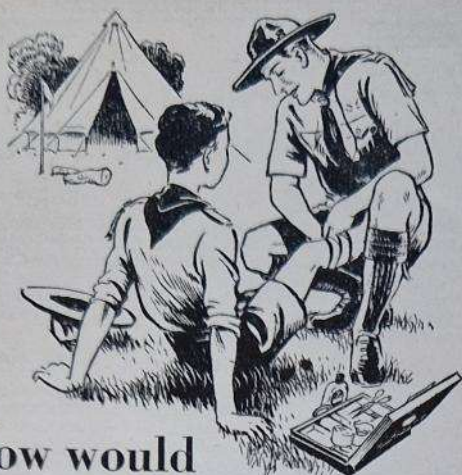
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EVA M. BAILEY.

15th A Ilford Brownies.

Dear Miss Bailey,—I am very glad you wrote to me if I can be any help to you, as I agree with you, that it is just now particularly that the fact of being Brownies should be of real use to the children of evacuated packs.

I would suggest that your Commissioner could probably help you to get in touch with a Commissioner in the District to which your Brownies have been evacuated, but if through this means you fail to hear of a Brown Owl who will take on your pack, either in addition to her own or for even occasional meetings, please write to me again, and I will see what can be done. You cannot run your pack as a Post or Extension pack as these schemes are for invalids or for hospital packs, and an essential part of either scheme is personal contact with a Brownie Guider as Brownies cannot run themselves, but I am sure it would mean a great deal to your Brownies, for the present in any case, to have any help you could give them through letters to the pack; these might be on the modified lines of a post Brownie letter, and could contain suggestions for competitions or collections, hints on testwork, which they could be practising by themselves, ideas for good turns in their adopted homes, stories, etc.

I hope you will hear that your pack is settling down well in new surroundings, and that it won't be too long before the children will be able to return in safety. It has been splendid for them to have such lovely weather for a start hasn't it?—With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

VIOLET KERR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I promised to let you know of any special work done here. I don't think I have heard anything out of the ordinary. Guides (any available) were magnificent as messengers for the Town Hall, Women's Voluntary Services and A.R.P., and everyone said they didn't know what they would have done without them.

At a large hospital an S.O.S. was sent out by Matron for Guides to assist in blacking out windows with brown paper, etc. We sent up a large party for several days, while the infants were evacuated from large children's hospitals in London. The Guides turned to and helped to feed the babies, and Sisters say they were invaluable in the rush.

Rangers took duty at A.R.P. Headquarters' office, answering telephone, typing, etc., after they had left their own work.

Two Guides were attached to the Secretary of the Land Army and were kept busy all day till the order went forth "no out-of-doors" duties. They are all heartbroken!

Medical Officer of Casualty Station rang us up one day to ask us to collect small bottles (aspirin type) as none were available from the chemists. Dozens were collected, washed and delivered in a few hours.

I'm writing this at 2 a.m. in an A.R.P. Warden's post in a very dark room, so forgive scribble. Hope you can read it.—Yours rather sleepily,

(signed)

JANET ALLAN
Division Commissioner.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—In spite of the strain and stress of present days, involving the evacuation and scattering of our large family to all parts of England, I must not forget to write and thank the many Girl Guide companies who this year so generously invited over 140 of our Guides as guests to their camps. The girls came back refreshed, and all the better for their contact with Guides outside their own Village, and we are again most grateful to their kind hostesses for the generous hospitality, and the inspiration given to our Barnardo Girl Guides.—Yours, etc.

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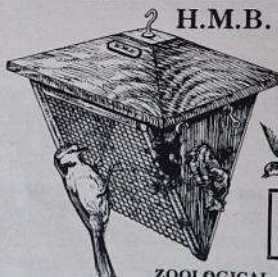
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Policy, Organisation and Rules. 6d.

This is an annual publication, giving full details of organisation, and also such points as uniform, etc. It explains the various branches into which, for convenience of administration, the Movement has been divided, and it gives the full requirements for all badges and tests, including syllabuses of the latter. It is essential to the new Guider, who, if she studies it thoroughly, will find herself able to answer most of the questions her recruits will be anxious to ask.

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An interesting booklet, lavishly illustrated, which gives information about the activities of Guides both at home and overseas. It would prove interesting reading to anyone new to Guiding, and is a very good introduction of the subject to parents or others with whom the new Guider may come in contact, or who have no previous knowledge of the Movement's extent and activity.

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Here is an invaluable "crib" for the Guider, be she new or old! It is packed from end to end with ideas and hints, as well as solid information. If bedside books were the fashion (and perhaps under present circumstances they are again!) this is the one to recommend. Every page gives food for thought, and either answers a query, or starts a useful train of ideas.

Brown Magic.—V. Rhys Davids. (C. Arthur Pearson). 2s.

Some people are specially attracted to the Brownie branch of Guiding, and for them this book, written by one who has proved herself little short of a genius with children of Brownie age, will be worth its weight in gold. It covers the entire field of Pack Management, and has wise words to say about most of the problems which are likely to arise. Pack meetings, story telling, the "difficult" child, tests and ceremonies, all find their place in the writer's scheme, and the warm, loving understanding

which illumines the book throughout will recommend it to all who feel their work lies with the under-elevens.

Brownie Games.—V. Rhys Davids. 1s.

"What shall we play?" ask a dozen eager voices—and if you are new to the main game of Guiding yourself you may find everything except "oranges and lemons" has gone clean out of your head. For this reason, the book of Brownie Games should find a place in your haversack when you start out for your first Brownie meetings. It will help to bridge many a difficult moment, and, since it is classified in a straightforward fashion, reference to it while making your plans for the meeting should result in a well-balanced programme for your Brownies.

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We want to reassure our readers that *THE GUIDER* will continue publication as usual in spite of war-time difficulties. We intend to do our utmost to ascertain that the paper should take the place of *Trainings*, so many of which have been cancelled, and, bearing in mind the number of new Guiders who will, we hope, be reading the paper, we intend to cater particularly for those who know little or nothing of Guide methods.

With this end in view we appeal more urgently than ever before for articles and photographs. Those experienced Guiders who can possibly spare the time to write for us, or, if they feel they cannot write, at least to submit practical ideas and suggestions which can be written up at Headquarters, are most emphatically asked to do so.

We are not asking you, now, to support *THE GUIDER*, we ask you to help us train new leaders for the Movement, an important form of war service, and one which should be near the heart of every Guider. Whatever you are doing, at least you will have time to tell people about *THE GUIDER*, and we will be glad to send specimen copies on the receipt of a post card.

To those on active service. Please send us your photographs, wearing your new uniform, and stating what you are doing. We are collecting photographs for the page "Our Guiders on Active Service," and if yours is good enough, we shall hope to publish it there.

THE GUIDE. 2d. weekly.

This is the "official organ" of Headquarters for keeping in touch direct with the Guides and Patrol Leaders. Now, more than ever before, one may say that no company can afford and no patrol ought to afford to be without it. It contains all the news of the Movement of interest to the Guides themselves, as well as articles on Tests and Badge work, Woodcraft, Games, and Camping and Hiking. The stories are well above the average standard of schoolgirl fiction, and written for the most part by authors who were themselves Guides, and can, accordingly, avoid the traps and pitfalls which yawn before the uninitiated! Competitions and an "Advertisers Club" encourage the Guides to express themselves through their own paper, and open discussion of Patrol problems is encouraged on the Patrol Leaders' Page. At present, *THE GUIDE* is catering particularly for the Patrol Leaders left in charge of Companies and for the problems of the "Evacuation" Company.

(NOTE.—Specimen copies will be sent free on application to the Editor, *The Guide*, Imperial Headquarters.)

PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS INSURANCE

This Policy runs for Twelve Months from November 8th each year.

AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY IT CANNOT
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COVER.

The object of this insurance is to cover the moral liability of Guiders for accidents sustained during all organised Guide activities throughout the year, including camp. Counties, Divisions, Districts, Companies and/or Packs should insure their total membership on an annual basis.

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 Guides 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.

PREMIUMS.

The premium for those insuring on an annual basis has now been still further reduced to 12s. 6d. per hundred, i.e. 1½d. per head (to the nearest maximum penny). This reduction should make it possible for all members of the Movement to be insured.

Camp rate 3d. per head for the period of the camp only.

RENEWAL.

The present policy expires on November 8th, and renewal forms will be sent during this month to all those already insured. It is fully realised that in many cases renewal will be impossible this year, but it is hoped that the Guiders in charge of Companies to which evacuated Guides have been temporarily attached will see that they are included in the company's cover. When arranging their insurance, Guiders are also asked to include any recruits in their total membership, as no adjustment in numbers is required later.

It is anticipated that during the span of the 1939-1940 policy an exceptional number of new companies and packs will be formed. Where collective cover for Counties, Divisions or Districts has been arranged, it is hoped therefore that they will be willing to take out additional cover for any companies and packs not formed and therefore not included when the collective insurance was completed.

APPLICATION.

Application forms must be obtained from The Secretary, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. Full particulars and schedules of compensation will also be sent on request.

CLAIMS.

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



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EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Held on September 12th, 1939.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, C.B.E. (in the Chair).
Mrs. Percy Birley, C.B.E.
Miss Browning.
The Countess of Clarendon.
Mrs. Houson Craufurd.
Miss Gibbs.
Lady Greig.
Mrs. St. John Atkinson.
Miss Shepherd.
Lady Somers.
Miss Ward.

By Invitation :

Miss Leathes.

The Chief Commissioner reported that she had been in touch with the Medical Officer of Health for Lancashire, and that Waddow had been taken over by the Lancashire County Council as a Hospital for evacuated children.

It was agreed that the County Commissioners' Conference arranged for October 18th, 1939, should be cancelled.

It was agreed that no Annual Census for 1939 should be taken and that the Commissioners' Register should not be reprinted.

The Chairman reported that under the new compulsory insurance scheme a large cheque to cover insurance of stock had been paid. It was decided that for the moment a charge of 2½ per cent. be made on all purchases to help towards this cost.

It was reported that Headquarters Offices and Shops were now open from 9-5.

Routine and Financial business was transacted.

A report from the Training and Camping Committee was submitted and approved.

The date of the next Meeting, Tuesday, October 10th, at 2 p.m. was confirmed.

AWARDS

Badge of Fortitude.

Patrol Second Florence Watkins, 1st Staffordshire Post Rangers.
Ranger Nellie Ashmore, 1st Staffordshire Post Rangers.

Red Cord.

Miss A. M. Walker, of S.E. Lancashire.

Blue Cord.

Miss Attwater, of New South Wales, Australia.

Green Cord.

Miss Attwater, of New South Wales, Australia.
Miss Hawthorn, of Queensland.
Miss Page-May, of Kent.
Miss Morrison Bell, of Gloucester.

Gold Cords.

Company Leader Betty Tomlinson, 25th Middlesbrough Company, Yorkshire, N.R.

Company Leader Joan Williams, 4th Bexleyheath Company, Kent.

Cadet Patrol Leader Ruth Starte, 2nd Northwood Company, Middx.

Patrol Leader Margaret Humphries, 4th Withington Company, S.E. Lancs.

Patrol Leader Patricia Nicholson, 4th Withington Company, S.E. Lancs.

Patrol Leader Georgina Pickering, 2nd Sudbury (High School) Company, Suffolk.

Patrol Leader Mollie Seabrook, 2nd Sudbury (High School) Company, Suffolk.

Cadet Kathleen Fox, 62nd City of Edinburgh Company, Scotland.

Cadet Marion Phillips, 5th Oxted and Limpsfield Cadets, Surrey.

Cadet Margaret Wright, 5th Oxted and Limpsfield Company, Surrey.

Ranger Doris Atkinson, 4th Withington Company, S.E. Lancs.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

APPOINTMENTS

Sea Ranger Coxswains.

Warwickshire : Miss Taverner, 51, Waterside, Stratford-on-Avon.
Hampshire : Miss Sutliff, Roseday, Bath Road, Bournemouth.

THE EXTENSION HANDICRAFT DEPOT

The Extension Handicraft Depot is now specialising in ankle-socks, jerseys, cardigans, scarves and other uniform accessories for members of the W.V.S., A.T.S., etc. The need for Extension Guides to earn their living is of the greatest importance at this time, and it is hoped that this new development of the Depot will be widely supported.

THE CRAFTS COUNCIL AND THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

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PUBLICITY

Although we realise how busy Guiders are at the present time, we do appeal to you to inform us of what is going on in your Districts. We know that the Guides are doing splendid work which would be of great interest to the Press, but we are dependent on you to send in the information. The Guide Movement has definite news value nowadays, and the Press are eager to know what we are doing, but we cannot pass on information which you do not send us! Very few people have thought of letting Headquarters know their news, and the reports we publish in this number of THE GUIDER are mainly drawn from newspaper cuttings. We know you are busy—but really, it won't take you long to scribble a report on the back of a post card and send it to the Publicity Department at Headquarters!

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

On September 2nd, CONSTANCE MAY PENGELLY PHELPS, of Greenhill, Lymington, Devon, for 24 years a member of the Guide Movement.

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CONFERENCE

BROWNIE CONFERENCE.

The Brownie Conference which was to be held at Toynbee Hall from November 3rd-5th has been cancelled.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK.

Guide Advisory Committee.

It is regretted that the Conference arranged to take place on October 7th in the Chapter House has now to be indefinitely postponed.

COUNTY OF LONDON.

Owing to the present war-time conditions the following events have to be cancelled:—

- Inter-Divisional Swimming Gala.
- Meeting for "Old Guides."
- Conference for Brownie Guiders.
- Guiders' Training.
- Annual Census.

TRAINING

THE HAMPSTEAD AND MARYLEBONE TRAINING SCHOOL on Monday evenings has been cancelled until further notice.

THE EXTENSION TRAINING DAY arranged to take place in London on October 7th is cancelled.

BARROW HILL ROAD. Training is cancelled.

THE BLIND TRAINING arranged for the week-end of October 20th-23rd, at Nab Wood Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, Westmorland, is cancelled.

THE TRAINING AT ELFINSWARD, HAYWARD'S HEATH, Sussex, is cancelled.

Appointments and Resignations

Approved by the Executive Committee, September, 1939.

AUGUST.

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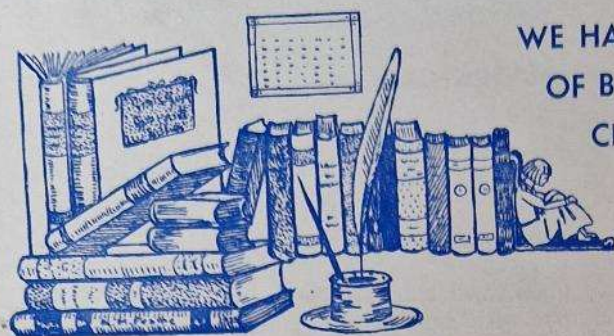
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