

The Log Book of the Robin Patrol
10th Barry Girl Guides
1942 - 1947

Robin Patrol

PL Mary Andrews

PS Margaret Andrews

Muriel Howells (transferred to 3rd Barry G.)

Joan Osborne (transferred to the Nightingales)

Maisie Dodds (went to Scotland, ???)

Sheila Moore

Irene Moore (moved to Morscombe)

Veronica Harris (moved to Plymouth)

Evelyn Ambridge (no reason for leaving)

Margaret McGreggor (no reason for leaving)

Margaret Waumsley (transferred to the Chaffinches)

Norma Robbin

Norma Shannon

Sheila Jones

Friday, Sept. 4th, 1942

We had an evening of games.

Each PL had a pencil and paper and were asked intelligence questions in which we scored 9½ marks out of a possible 11. We then had "Roll-Call". "Roll-Call" being over we had a game of "Musical Chairs," and the Nightingale Patrol won.

Having finished playing games, for the evening, we got into "Horseshoe Formation" and sang "Taps", were dismissed and then broke up for the evening.
PL M.Andrews

Friday, Sept 11th

Unfortunately Captain was ill and unable to attend. "Capt" sent a letter with one of the other PLs.

The PLs had to take the Guide Meeting and we played "The Family Coach," and "Murder in the Dark," the murderer being Veronica Harris.

We then had "Roll Call". After Roll-Call we played "Musical Bumps".

Afterwards we sang "Taps" and said "Good Night" as we all went home.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Sept. 18th

To start the evening with we had general knowledge tests in which we gained four marks.

By the time we had finished it was time for "roll call". After "roll call" we got into "horseshoe formation" intending to do our play. Gloria Davies and another PL started a riot; by the time the riot had calmed down it was too late to do anything as it was getting dark and the electricity was shut off.

We again formed a horseshoe sang "Taps", said "Good Night" and departed to our separate homes.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Sept. 25th

First and foremost we had "Corner-Time". We then a game which was more or less a memory game. Each Patrol made up a sentence and passed it on to the next patrol. Later on, one guide from each patrol was picked, the chosen guide (Veronica Harris), went to the Kingfisher Patrol and repeated the sentence which was given earlier. In this case the sentence was "A guide should be neat and tidy when in uniform." For this we scored two marks.

Next, we had "Roll Call". Afterwards we marched into Horseshoe Formation and Capt told us that Mrs. Lomas (That is the District Commissioner) had told her there was a Girl Guide Church Parade at St Francis on the Hill Church. We put on our coats and hats and stood into our horseshoe formation once more, at the same time we were in the dark.

We were not able to keep the lights on after blackout time as the blackout was not correct.

After a little while we sang "Taps", were dismissed and went home.

PL M. Andrews

Friday, Oct. 2nd

We opened our Guide Meeting with the usual Corner-Time. After Corner-Time we had "Roll-Call", and inspection. We then marched into a "Horseshoe," and "Capt" gave us any necessary announcements. She told us that there would be no Guide meeting next week as she was going on holiday. We pleaded with her to allow us to have a meeting on our own. Capt allowed us to have a meeting on our own on condition that we were finished by 7.15.p.m. and that the Guides obeyed their leaders.

"Taps", were sung and we said "Good Night", were dismissed and went home.

After "Taps" "Captain" gave the whistle signal "Leaders come here!" We obeyed this call and "Capt", gave us arrangements for the following week. PL Thelma Courts (Nightingales) was to take "Roll Call".

Once more the Leaders said Goodnight and we went home once more.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct. 9th

As usual we opened with "Patrol Corners" and after a little while we had a team-game similar to Oxford and Cambridge. We then had an intelligence test in which we scored three marks.

Afterwards we had "Roll-Call" taken by PL Thelma Courtes (Nightingale Patrol). Capt was on holiday and she told Thelma to take "Roll-call" as she was the eldest leader.

After "Roll-Call" we sung "Taps" and wished everybody "Good-Night".

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct. 16th

We had an evening of games. We first had a game of the well-known game of Oxford and Cambridge (A & B) A side were successful; they won. Afterwards we had a game of "letters". The Nightingales were the top patrol with 9 marks, we were second with 8 marks.

"Roll-Call" was the next item in our weekly meeting. Afterwards we marched into a horseshoe formation. We then had a sing song, which included our favourite campfire songs.

When it was time to choose we sang "Taps", and were dismissed by our Captain.
PL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct. 23rd

Owing to circumstances Captain was a little late and so PL Joan Weaver (Chaffinch PL) taught us a little country dancing.

Capt arrived and so we had Corner Time during Corner-Time Margaret Andrews showed the Patrol Notice Board and new notices. We made arrangements for starting the Patrol Library, the fee is 1d a book and 2d for any damages made. Also on the notice-board was a notice telling the Patrol that we would correspond with another Robin Patrol (Somewhere in England.)

It was now time for Roll-Call and during Roll-Call Captain told Margaret Andrews that she had appointed her as my new Patrol Second.

After Roll-Call we marched into a Horseshoe Formation and we sang "Taps", Captain dismissed us and we close the meeting.

Photos' of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and The Chief Guide have been stuck in on the plain paper.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct. 30th

To start the evening we had Corner-Time. During Corner-Time the Patrol were excited as we had opened the Patrol Library.

Once more Corner Time had to come to an end and we prepared for Roll Call. After Roll Call we had inspection.

Country dancing then followed, Capt was going to teach us country dancing but a small number of the guides were disobedient and so the Company had to suffer. We had no dancing.

We formed a horseshoe and sang "Taps", were dismissed by Captain and we all went home.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Nov. 6th

Friday evening had once more arrived and it was time for our weekly Guide Meeting once more. Corner-Time once more opened our meeting. During Corner-Time Joan Osborne passed one of her Tests, Muriel Howells passed her Guide Threefold Promise. This was her second night at Guides.

The next item was Roll-Call. We then marched into a horseshoe formation. Capt told us there was to be an Enrolment Ceremony two weeks from now.

We suggested that we should invite our parents and so we said they were to come about 6.45.-7p.m.

It was now time to sing "Taps", so we did so and we then dismissed by Captain.

PL M.Andrews

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Patrol Leader Princess Elizabeth Registers. [Photographic News Agency]

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A SMALL CORNER OF HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

"We are glad to bring to the common arsenal of defence all that long experience in youth training has taught us"

December 1942

LET US GO FORWARD TOGETHER

"Let us build up the defence of comradeship — the intelligent co-operation of the many, who have one common aim"



Scouts help on the farm. (Top) Bringing up the cattle load. (Bottom) Sorting the cabbage.

WHEN the German army invaded Poland in 1939, the advance guard of tanks was met by charge after charge of the Polish cavalry. Men and horses, gloriously alive, pulsating with strength and purpose, flung themselves against the inhuman strength of the machines—and the machines went on. The caterpillar wheels never passed, in their turning.

By evening of that first day there was nothing to show for all that heroism and all that determination, but the blood-soaked corn of ruined harvest fields, and the clotted wheels of onward rolling tanks.

The Polish cavalry was the finest in the world. Horses and men were trained to the last ounce. But their training belonged to an age that had passed before the supreme test came to them. They were not armed for the battle of machines.

Hand of Comradeship

Youth in Britain today, faces the future as those young Polish patriots faced it—courageously, fearlessly. The same steel-bright quality of reckless endeavour is there.

But many thousands of our young people will not be called upon to die gloriously for their country, but to live gloriously for her, in years that may roll onwards, heavy with economic difficulty, ruthless to the weak and the defenceless as the advance of battalions of tanks.

With what are we arming them to meet that inevitable future? With what are they willing to arm themselves?

Mick Bennett, in his fine article last month, spoke for the Young Communist Organisation, holding out, on their behalf, a hand of friendship to all other youth organisations in this country.

We, in the Girl Guides' Association, representing a million girls of the British Empire, as well as many thousands from other nations suffering now the untold horror of Nazi rule, are glad to accept that challenge of comradeship.

We are glad to bring to the common arsenal of defence all that long experience in youth training has taught us, and to throw into the common pot, at this moment, the sum total of the training our leader, the old Chief Scout, gave us, in the motto we share



with our leaders the Scouts—"Be Prepared."

Giving Service

Up and down the country, since the outbreak of war, small groups of girls, five or six or seven strong, working under a girl leader, whose age is seldom more than fifteen, have been putting into practice the things learned in Camp and Club Room.

They have cared for evacuated children, collected salves, formed messenger corps, rendered first aid, worked in hospitals, mended and washed the clothes of men in the forces—a large percentage of the cases, with little or no supervision from older leaders.

CATHERINE CHRISTIAN

Editor of "The Guide"

writes this contribution to our discussion on Youth Service on behalf of the Girl Guides Association.

They are girls from all types of homes, from all religious denominations, and all political parties. Their one aim is to serve, and to train in order to be able to serve better.

One small Point of five, the youngest eleven, the eldest fourteen, set up an emergency camp kitchen in the backyard of a Rest Centre in a badly blitzed town and cooked for a hundred people for a week, using wood from demolished houses as their fuel, and broken bricks for their fireplace. They did not find the job difficult, they had learned how to camp.

Finer, Harder Training

Our experience leads us to believe that the capacity, even of quite young children, to serve their country, and to help in her defence, is infinite. But we believe that, like

the capacity of all ages, it is conditioned first and foremost by the training they have received.

The will to serve, the wish to help, is not enough. They must have practice, and they must "learn how." We believe that character is the first essential in building up a nation.

Against the minute and detailed character training of the Hitler Youth, organised with the devilish efficiency characteristic of all the Nazi regime, we believe that only a stronger, finer, harder training will serve.

We have a wide-spread, and growing organisation, now providing this training, in simple and tried form for thousands of young people, and we are willing to share it with as many thousands more as wish to join our ranks, or to go forward together with us.

We know that we have much to learn from the many other groups in the great Allied army of goodwill, that marries now towards a better and a saner world, and we believe that we have something to give to them.

Every Hour Precious

Against the years that are advancing towards us, let us build up the defence of comradeship. Not the exclusive comradeship of sect and party. But the intelligent co-operation of the many, who, having one common aim, bring each a worthy contribution, earned in the sweat of experience, and tried in the fire of action.

This is no time for long discussion, for hickering, for suspicion, distrust and criticism. Every day, every hour, is precious. Let the nation prove itself again, in the field of youth-training, by taking advantage of every moment and of all types of experience available, so to arm its young people that they may survive the shock of battle and the long strain of endeavour that lies before them.

Let us give them the tools—for without the tools, how are they to undertake the greatest job in the world that has even been scheduled—how are they to rebuild civilisation in a single generation, from its blasted, raw foundations, to the crowning star upon that pinnacle they, though perhaps not we, shall surely live to behold.



(Top) Miss Marie Mack, winner of Girl Guide V.C. for bravery during the blitz. (Lower) Working in the firm. (Bottom) Girl helping the farmer!





Friday, 13th Nov.

Corner Time as usual was the first item and during them Joan Osborne passed the remainder of her Tenderfoot Tests.

Roll Call was done and we marched into a horseshoe and had practiced an Enrolment Ceremony.

Afterwards we sang "Our Hymn", and "Taps".

Captain then dismissed us telling us not to forget the Enrolment next week.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Nov. 20th

The Enrolment was the talk of the evening.

First of all we had a shortened "Corner-Time", while the chosen Guides prepared the room for the Ceremony.

We then had "Roll-Call" and inspection taken by Captain". By this time it was time for the Enrolment so we marched into Horseshoe Formation and just then the District Commissioner (Mrs. Lomas) walked in.

First the National Anthem was sung. The Enrolment then began. Five recruits from the Robin Patrol, three from the Nightingales', three from the Chaffinches, and three from the Kingfishers; making fourteen in all, were enrolled.

We then had a "Campfire" in which we sang our favorite songs. It was now time to bring our Evening to a close as we stood and sang the Hymns England, "Our Hymn" and "Taps".

Our campfire was successful with fourteen new shining badges and the different faces in the glow of our "electric" campfire told us so.

We were now dismissed and went home full of the enrolments, with fourteen new shiny badges pinned in our minds.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Nov. 27th

Patrol Corner as is always was the first item of the evening. After Patrol Corner we had Roll-Call and inspection. This having come to an end we had the rest of the evening for games.

As it was getting late we given the order to form a horseshoe; then we sang "Taps", and were all dismissed by our captain.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Dec. 3rd

Patrol Corner was quite interesting this week every thing appeared to run quite smoothly in our Patrol. Joan Osborne and Veronica Harris each passed No. 7 and 8 in their Second Class Tests. Margaret McGreggor passed her Threefold Promise.

During Roll Call Mrs. Lomas gave us a visit to tell us that on Saturday 18th December there was a Christmas Tree Party like we had last Christmas and again each Guide was to take a present the orphans.

After Roll Call we were dismissed and the PL and PS's had a Court of Honour to decide what we should do.

The decision (the final one) is to be kept a secret until next week.

PL M.Andrews

Dec. 10th Friday

We were all anxious to know what we were doing for the Christmas Tree Party; but capt. Would not let them know until after Roll-Call.

Patrol Corner, and Roll Call and inspection being over we marched into a horseshoe and sat down.

Capt then told the rest of the Company what we were doing, "Christmas Eve Shopping". Capt told us it was a Tableau and gave us the different parts.

Our kind friend Gordon Chivers showed us the various knots etc. Before joining the R.A.F. Mr. Chivers was a Boy Scout.

After the excitement was over we stood to attention and sang "Taps".

Friday Dec. 18th

Patrol corner was the first item of the evening. After patrol corner was roll call. Roll call being over we played games: musical chairs, charads and telephones. By now it was getting late so we got into horseshoe formation sang "taps" and was dismissed by our captain.

PS M.Andrews

PL M. Andrews

Dec. 25th Friday

Today is Christmas day so there was no guides meeting.

PS M.Andrews

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Jan 1st. 1942

Corner-time was again the first item. Afterwards we had roll-call. Roll-call being over we played games. The first game as musical chairs, next telephones, then we had an intelligence test and last of all we played charads. Games being over we marched into a horseshoe and then sang "taps".

PS M.Andrews

PL M.Andrews

Jan. 8th Friday

We were all sorry to hear that Captain had sprained her ankle and was unable to attend the guide meeting and so the eldest patrol Leader took us in an evening of games. The first games we played was "Sergent Major", then charads and last of all musical chairs. Lastly we all gave our "subs" and departed.

PS M.Andrews

PL M.Andrews

Friday 15th Jan.

Captain's ankle was a little better this week and was able to attend the meeting but by the aid of a walking stick.

We started by playing a game of musical chairs which was won by Joan Morgan of the Kingfisher patrol. The next game as A hunting we will go. Roll-call was the next item, we next marched into horseshoe formation sang "taps" and was dismissed.

PS M.Andrews

PL M.Andrews

Friday. Jan 22nd

Patrol Corner, Roll-Call. We then had a marching game won by the Chaffinch PL Joan Weaver. We formed a horseshoe and had a short friendly chat; until it was time for "Taps" and dismissal, which then took place.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Jan. 24th

"Patrol Corner" was first as usual. We then had then Roll-Call and inspection; We lost two marks for dirty nails. We then had the marching game which we had last week. Won by Evelyn Trevitick (P.S. Nightingales) and Joan Weaver (PL Chaffinch)

As it was getting late we had "Taps" and we were then dismissed.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, Feb 5th

During Patrol Corner, Capt told us to practice up our Morse Code, which we did. Afterwards she signaled an easy sentence on the buzzer, which ran as follows, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."

We then had "Roll Call" and marched into a Horseshoe Formation; It was now nearing eight o'clock so we sang "Taps" and were dismissed.
PL M.Andrews

Friday, 12, Feb.

Owing to circumstances Capt. was a little late, so Thelma Courtes and Evelyn Trevithick took the Company in an intelligence test. Later on Capt arrived so we had Patrol Corner. Afterwards we had Roll-Call and inspection.

We then had a game of Musical Chairs (a favourite game of ours).

Owing to the Blackout we had to form a horseshoe and sing "Taps".

We were then dismissed by Capt and departed to our homes.

PL M.Andrews

Friday 19th Feb.

First we had Patrol Corner. Mavis Roche passed her Guide Law & Promise.

We then a game in connection with the Guide Law. During this game Mrs. Lomas came in. She told us about the Church Parade and the Carrier Pidgeons. Also that the Chief Guide (Lady Baden-Powell) was Broadcasting on "Thinking Day". And she is also visiting Barry on May 2nd.

We had Roll Call and marched into a Horseshoe, Sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

PL M.Andrews

Friday 26 Feb.

Patrol Corner was first. Afterwards we had a game of "Good Morning, Good Afternoon, and Good Evening."

We then had "Roll Call".

We then had a marching game like "Sergeant Major".

Afterwards we marched into a Horseshoe, Sung Taps, and were all dismissed.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, March 5th

"Patrol Corner" tonight was different. We went stalking and tracking around the neighbouring streets. We then came back and had "Roll Call".

Captain was going to a "Guiders Meeting" and so we had to close a little early.

We then had "Taps" and we were dismissed.

PL M.Andrews

Friday, March 12th

Before Capt. came we had an intelligence test. As we were finishing the game Capt came. She told us about the Chief Guide's Visit to Barry. Only Guides who were enrolled and had full uniform are to be allowed to Parade.

We then worked doubly quick to get the recruits ready for enrolment.

We had Roll Call and then practiced marching and forming up in threes.
Afterwards we sang "Taps", were dismissed and broke up until next week.
PL M.Andrews

Friday, March 19th

"Patrol Corner" was the first item of our Weekly Guide Meeting.
Roll Call was next, followed by the presentation of Second Class Proficiency
Badges and Stars.

Capt said we had to have a new Chief Guide for our Company. The Guides voted
for the Patrol Leaders and I won.

We then had a marching practice, & "Taps"
CPL M.Andrews

March 23rd. Tuesday.

This is a special meeting for Patrol Leaders and Seconds. Miss Morrison (A
special trainer from Headquarters) took us.

We had the first few steps of drill, songs and games. It was very interesting. We
were also given hints on our uniform, very good hints they were.

We sang "Taps" and were dismissed.
CPL M.Andrews

Friday. March 26th

Our Weekly Guide Meeting. Patrol Corner. During this time Mrs. Lomas came in.
She gave us another drill on the work Miss Morrison taught us.

8 o'clock, Mrs. Lomas, Went to her Sea Rangers. We then had Roll-Call, and
inspection; Marched into Horseshoe Formation, Sang Taps and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, March 28th

2.30 at All Saints' Church. Only eight of the Guides turned up, but as it has been
raining no one was expected to be there.

However, we went to Portkerry, and had a few games, went for a walk, and then
had a rest, and some more games.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 2nd

"Patrol Corner", for a short while. We had Roll-Call earlier than usual.
Mrs. Lomas came to tell us of the "Wings for Victory" Parade, tomorrow.

Capt told us about the Church Parade, on Sunday. It is Missionary Sunday in our
Chapel.

"Taps" were sung and we were dismissed.
CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, April 3rd

2.20 at Romily Road. We then went down to East Street where we met and got into Company Formation. We marched along to the "Memorial Hall", where we met the other Companies.

We then marched, (with the A.T.C., Sea Cadets, R.A.F., Waafs, Wrens, A.T.S., U.S. [unreadable], Civil Defence, Men and Women, R.A.F. & Watch Regimental Bands, Men & Women, N.F.S., Police, Men & Women, St John's Ambulance, Girls Training Corps & The Home Guard, also the British Legion & Old Contemtables) along High Street, down Windsor Road, Along Broad Street & Holton Road. We took the Salute at the King's Square, Marched further along Holton Road, along Court Road, into Wydamn Street where we were finally dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, April 4th

"Church Parade". We met at 10.40am at Lower Romilly Road. Not so many of us turned up as yesterday.

We formed up at Lower Romilly Road, and then marched, (with the Company Colours) into our Chapel.

Afterwards we marched back to Lower Romily Road, where we saluted the Colours and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 9th

"Patrol Corner was again as it is usual was first.

We then had "Roll-Call" during which Mrs. Lomas came in. However, she only came to tell us that on Thursday next, all the Guides are meeting at the Girls' County School, to have a rehearsal for the great forthcoming event.

After "Roll-Call" we had marching and then we marched into Horseshoe Formation.

We sang "Taps" and we then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Thursday, April 15th

7.30 Barry Girls' County School. All the Penarth & Barry District Guides met. We sang the songs which we are to sing at the "Chief Guide's Visit". The Colour Parties also practiced their parts.

We then practiced taking the salute outside the school.

Another practice is being held next Tuesday at 7 o'clock.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 17th

"Patrol Corner" was first and foremost we then cut this item short to have Roll Call.

We were then given the order to fall out, and the told to fall into Company Formation.

We marched around the Club Room until we satisfied our Capt.

After this we formed into a Horseshoe and we reminded about next Tuesday. Also told that we would have Guides next Thursday instead of Friday (Good Friday) As

it is Holy Week we can not have Guides in our Club Room which is adjoined to the Chapel, instead we are going to have our Meeting at Porthkerry.

We sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Tuesday, April 20th

7 o'clock B.G.C.S. Another rehearsal for our coming "Red Letter" day May 2nd. We sang the songs and on Saturday May 1st we are having a rehearsal at The Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 23rd

"Good Friday" Holy Week. No Weekly Guide Meeting.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 30th

Guides were different this week. It is "Daisy Day" and we went out selling them for the Children's Home.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, May 1st

2.30. The Memorial Hall, Our Last Rehearsal for the Great Chief's Visit. We rehearsed everything for tomorrow. We're all very excited.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, May 2nd

3 o'clock outside the Memorial Hall. The Great Day has arrived. How excited we all are. The Chief is "too nice for words." She is just like a "Mother", Everything went off fine.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, May 2nd (cont'd)

It was afterwards learnt that the Chief went to the Unity Hall where she was given tea accompanied by the Captains and Lieutenants, Sea & Land Rangers.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 7th

Patrol Corner was the first item in our Weekly Meeting. Having taken enough of the Evening her Patrol Corner. We then arranged ourselves ready for Roll-Call.

After Roll-Call we had a marching game of Sergeant Major. We then formed into Marching Order ready for a team game. After having enough of this game we had a game of Whirly Gigs, which is a popular game in our Company.

As it was drawing on it was time to end our meeting so we formed a Horseshoe, and sang "Taps", and were the dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 11th

Tonight we had an evening at Portkerry Joan Weaver, Joan Morgan, Sheila Hart and [blank] layed a track to Portkerry. The other stalked them until they finally ended in the woods. We went over to the fields, and had a few team games and ball games.

We then sat down around our "imaginary campfire" and had a singsong. Capt told us that we would not be having our weekly meeting next week, as she was going on holiday.

We then stood and sang "Taps" and were dismissed, until next time.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday May 21st

No Guide Meeting this week. Our Captain has gone on holiday.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 28th

Patrol Corner was first as is usual. We then had Roll-Call.

We marched into a horseshoe formation and made arrangements to go to Portkerry tomorrow afternoon.

Captain had to go on duty so we had to finish a little earlier.

We then sang "Taps", and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, May 29th

We met at 2.30 outside "All Saints" Church, We made our way to the shops at the Suburb and each bought a bottle of lemonade. We made our way to Portkerry and we picked some wild strawberries.

As time went by we made our way to go home, feeling quite hot and tired.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 4th

Patrol Corners, was first taken on our own, as Captain was delayed at the office. When Captain arrived it was almost time for "Roll Call".

Roll-Call being over we marched into a Horseshoe Formation, had a sing-song.

We then sang Taps and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 11th

Patrol Corners, opened our Weekly Guide Meeting. We then proceeded with Roll Call. Afterwards we marched into a Horseshoe Formation, sang Taps and were dismissed earlier than usual as Captain had to go on Duty.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday June 18th

We had our usual Weekly Meeting Routine – Patrol Corner, and then we had Roll Call and inspection.

We finished our evening with games, team and patrol games.

We then sang "Taps" and were dismissed.
CPL M.Andrews

23-2-43

The Princesses send a 'winged message'

PRINCESS ELIZABETH—now a Sea Ranger—and her sister Margaret look into the sky to watch a message-bearing pigeon they had just released set out for London.



The message, with others sent the same way, was received at a central point in London by Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide.

"I am very happy to take my part in sharing thoughts and prayers with all Rangers, Guides and Brownies throughout the world on this our Thinking Day," Princess Elizabeth had written.

"The winged message I send to you all brings greetings and good wishes from my sister and myself, with our sense of pride and thankfulness that Guides everywhere are taking their share in the great fight against evil."

Thinking Day is February 20, birthday of the late Lord Baden-Powell and of his wife.

The Princess Royal, president of the Girl Guides' Association, also sent a pigeon-post message.

A summary of the greetings was broadcast to the Empire last night by Lady Baden-Powell.

23-2-43

"WINGED" MESSAGE

PRINCESS GREET'S GIRL GUIDES BY PIGEON POST

Princess Elizabeth, now a Sea Ranger, sent this message by carrier pigeon to the Girl Guides yesterday:

"I am very happy to take my part in sharing thoughts and prayers with all Rangers, Guides and Brownies throughout the world on this our Thinking Day. The winged message I send to you all brings greetings and good wishes from my sister and myself, with our sense of pride and thankfulness that Guides everywhere are taking their share in the great fight against evil."

The Princess Royal, president of the Girl Guides' Association, also sent a pigeon message which, with Princess Elizabeth's and messages from other Guides, was received at a central point in London by Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide.

Thinking Day is the birthday of the late Lord Baden-Powell and of Lady Baden-Powell, and on it before the war Girl Guides in various countries exchanged wishes of goodwill.

STOP, LOOK, THINK



After the great food—British children at Beirut, whose, after the war, a Guide school will be founded again.



Guides of China before the war—they have faced the full brunt of battle for years longer than we have, and their respect is now to know us with pride.



They were happy then—Girl guides in camp before the war.



Indian Guides waiting buses to hold their own ground in the East.



Over the top when we met a fine group of guides who had just finished the leading time in war at the front in the East.

Girl Guides "Thinking Day"

Sea Rangers of the 1st Glamorgan (The Quest) Company and Girl Guides of the 1st and 10th Barry Companies attended a parade service at St. Francis-on-the-Hill, Barry, on Sunday, to celebrate "Thinking Day."

Barry Rangers and Girl Guides joined in the worldwide celebration of the birthday of the Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, and the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell, commemorated by all Girl Guides as "Thinking Day."

Messages of greeting were sent by carrier pigeon from all the Guides in all countries in the British Isles to London where they were received by Lady Baden Powell.

On Monday the Chief Guide broadcast a summary of the messages on the B.B.C. Empire and Foreign programmes.

A carrier pigeon bearing a message from Glamorgan was released from the Guild Hall, Swansea, on Saturday morning.

THE GIRL GUIDES

Chief Guide to Visit Barry

A red letter day for the local Girl Guides will be Sunday, May 8th, when as Rangers and Guides know, the Chief Guide of the World, Lady Baden Powell, will be attending a meeting at the Memorial Hall, Barry, at 3.45 p.m.

The meeting will be attended by Rangers and Guides from the districts of Barry and Weneos, Rhosse, St. Athan and Llancarfan, Dinas Powis, and Penarth.

A civic welcome to Lady Baden Powell will be given by the Mayor, Councillor F. A. Sharp, J.P.

All members of the public who are interested may obtain invitations for balcony seats from the Divisional Commissioner, The Moorings, Cold Knap, Barry.

Friday, June 25th

We had "Patrol Corner" as is usual in our Weekly Guide Rally. During this the seconders were left to attend to their Patrols. Captain and we leaders, had a short discussion. We decided that Margaret Waumsley was to be transferred from the Chaffinch Patrol to our Patrol.

Muriel Howells passed her Flags, knots and Law. Also Joan Osborne passed Bean Bag Test.

We then had "Roll Call" and then Captain presented the necessary with the Badges they had recently won.

The order to "Fall-Out" was given which we obeyed. The markers were then given, the command to Fall in. We marched around the club room a few times.

"Taps" were then sung, after arrangements were made for tomorrow night and next Friday.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, 2nd July

Tonight we had a change. Captain is on holiday again and so I took the Guides down to the woods. We stalked and tracked down. On arriving we hid. When all had arrived we played some games and then sung Taps and went home.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 9th.

On arriving at the clubroom, I was surprised to see all my patrol working in our corner (which is rather unusual). We had patrol corner, during which Muriel Howells completed her Tenderfoot, and seems to be quite a promising Guide.

We then had "Roll Call" and inspection. Afterwards, we marched into a horseshoe and were given particulars about the Guide Sports on Wednesday.

Capt took our names and all particulars which will be required.

We were also informed about the Church Parade on Sunday. Also a Sports practice on Saturday.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, July 10th

It had been raining and so instead of going to Porthkerry fields, we went into the shelter at Cold Knap, and practiced throwing a lifeline into the lake.

After having done the necessary practicing we were dismissed and went homeward bound.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, July 11th

As it was raining we went into the Schoolroom to form up. We then marched into the Chapel at 5 mins to 11 ready for the Morning Service. The service was conducted by our old Captain's (Mrs. Hockley) Father.

When we came out the rain had cleared and so we went to the air-raid shelters and saluted the colours and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Tuesday, July 13th

7 o'clock outside All Saint's Church. We went to Romilly Park to practice for the Sports for tomorrow evening.

We went through the races which are being run by the Guides.

Afterwards we sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Wednesday, July 14th

The Sports night has arrived. We started at 6 o'clock. They were held at the County School Hockey Field.

We come first out of all the Companies of Barry with 81 points. The 9th Barry were second and the 6th Barry were third.

This was a very enjoyable evening, during which Miss Evans (B.G.C.S.) was awarded the "Thanks Badge" by Mrs. Lomas, for the work which she did when the Chief Guide came to Barry.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 16th

"Patrol Corner" opened our Meeting this week, so had two new recruits, Carys and Nest Evans (twins). Muriel Howells brought a note and passed her strip and make a bed, and lay & light a fire.

We had "Roll Call" and inspection. We then had a marching game of "Sergeant Major" Afterwards we decided (with Capt) what we should do at the Garden Party & week Wednesday.

Having decided that, we sung "Taps" and were dismissed.

Tonight we had a "Court of Honour", during which we discussed what we should for the 50th Anniversary which is to be held in the Chapel in September.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 23rd

Patrol Corner, preceded Roll Call. During Patrol Corner, Carys and Nest Evans passed their Threefold Promise. After Roll-Call Mrs. Lomas came in and told us about the house to house collecting which our Company is to take part in.

We sang Taps and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, July 24th

We went bathing at the Pebble Beach. We took our tea and those who wished went in swimming.

About half past seven we decided to go home. We packed our belongings and went after having enjoyed ourselves.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 30th

Tonight we had to count the "Barnardos Envelopes." The total was over £2.
We had "Roll-Call", and then went on the green and had sing-song.
Afterwards, we sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, August 6th

Instead of holding a weekly meeting in the clubroom, we were compelled to hold it in the Sunday School Room.

Captain tonight told us about the Pageant which is to be held in September. We were given the hall particulars and we are going to form ready for Roll-Call, and then march into a Horseshoe and sing a Campfire song and Taps.

Afterwards we had Roll Call, and formed into Horseshoe and sang "Campfire's Burning," we then sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, August 13th

Tonight we had patrol Corner and then had Roll Call. After Roll-Call, Captain gave out the Proficiency Badges which had been won.

We then had a game of the Sheep and Dog.

Afterwards we sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, August 20th

Tonight we had Patrol Corner and then Roll Call.

After Roll Call we formed into a Horseshoe and had an inspection. Camp-Fire, during which we sang our favourite campfire songs.

We then sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Aug. 24th

"Patrol Corner" was first and then we had "Roll Call". After Roll-Call we had a Camp-Fire, and sang our favourite songs.

We then sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Sept. 3rd

Tonight Captain was unable to attend. I took the meeting. We first had a general test on Nursery Rhymes. We then had Roll-Call and marched in a horseshoe. We had a Camp Fire and a game of "Copying".

We sang "Taps" and I then dismissed the meeting.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday Sept 7th

We had a very short Patrol Corner tonight, we then had Roll Call, straight after. Captain gave out the necessary Proficiency Badges, which had been won by various Guides. I had 11, and P.S. Margaret Andrews, had 3, the only ones from our Patrol.

We then had a very short trail laid around the neighbouring streets, which was followed up.

When the Guides returned we sang "Taps", and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, Sept 12th

We met at 20 to 11 at Lower Romilly Road, whilst forming into there's the Scouts and Cubs, marched into Church.

We marched into Church, and the Preacher was our own minister, the Rev. R.F. Trevithick.

Afterward the service, we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, September 17th

First and foremost we had "Patrol Corners". We then had Roll-Call and Capt. gave out the Badges, which included, two second classes. I had 3, and P.S. M.Andrews had 4 from our Patrol.

We then marched into a Horseshoe and sang "taps". We had to finish early as the R.L.S. required the Hall.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, September 24th

Tonight "Patrol Corners" was more like a knitting class. Captain was asked if we would join in the Scouts Toy Show which is being held in December. Capt brought some patterns of toys, wool etc, and the leaders picked some for their Patrols. We were busy winding up the wool and sharing out the Patterns etc;

"Roll Call" was next and we then formed into a horseshoe and sang "Taps" and were dismissed.

Next week we are having a re-arrangement of Patrols.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 1st

Tonight we went out to pick foliage to decorate the clubroom for the Primary Harvest Festival which is on Sunday.

We then had "Roll Call" and sand Taps.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 8th

Patrol Corner was first. We We then rearranged in Patrols. L & S remaining the same. Muriel Howells, Sheila Moot, Norma Robbin, Norma Shannon and Sheila, P.S. and P.L. are in our Patrol.

We then had Roll Call and had the necessary Proficiency Badges marked.

Taps were then sung.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, October 10th

Church Parade. We went to our own Church. We formed up outside and went into Church.

We were afterwards dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct 15th

We had Patrol Corner, during which Sheila Jones passed her laws. Norma Roblin passed her Lay & light a fire; strip and make a bed, tests for the second class.

“Roll Call” was then taken, and we then marched around and had the marching version of Sergeant Major.

We then marched into a Horseshoe sung “Taps” and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct 23rd

Patrol Corner was skipped and we had the usual routine meeting.

Roll Call was taken and we marched around the club room after inspection was over.

We formed into a Horseshoe and sung “Taps” and we were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Oct 30th

Patrol Corner was as usual. Captain told us about the revised edition to the 2nd law.

Roll Call was next and inspection followed.

We formed into horseshoe, sung “Taps” and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Nov 5th

Patrol Corner and the usual routine. Norma Roblins is attempting the 2nd Class Test on Nov. 27th. Probably it will be held at [unreadable].

Roll Call and inspection followed and we then formed a horseshoe, sang “Taps” and were dismissed.

Friday, November 12th

Capt is ill and so I had to take over. We had an evening of games and a sing song.

Roll-Call was preceded by a quick inspection.

“Taps” was sung and I then dismissed the Company.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday November 26th

Captain is a little better today, and was able to attend the meeting. We made arrangements for the “Toy Show” on December 11th, the games we will play.

We had Roll Call and formed straight away into a horseshoe. We sang “Taps” and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, November 27

2nd Class Tests at [unreadable]. Proficiency Tests. Norma Roblin failed in her knots.
CPL M.Andrews

Friday, December 3rd

Captain is ill again, but is hoping to be out next week. WE had games, first we had St. Major and then 'Jumping over the legs'.

We had Roll Call and a quick inspection. A horseshoe was then formed and we sang "Taps" and I dismissed them.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, December 10th

Captain is back at work and so was able to attend tonight. We fixed the pieces of our Toys and gave them into Cap.

We had Roll Call and inspection. We then formed a horseshoe and sung 'Taps'.
Captain dismissed us.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, December 11th

The Toy Show opened at 3 o'clock. The Guides, Cubs and Scouts had a store each. Thelma Court and I were selling in the Guides store. At half past 4, the sale finished and the parents and Cubs left.

We (the Scouts and Guides) had a few games while the tea was being prepared. Tea was brought by all and pooled, so we had our tea with the Seagull Patrol (PL David Hart)

After tea we all had games. The PL's had to wash the dishes. The Scouts taught us to play 'British Bulldog'.

We all had a happy time playing games. At half past eight, we formed a circle and the Scout Mistress said a prayer and we then repeated the Lord's Prayer, and were dismissed.

The Toy Show was held in the Schoolroom and raised a total of £13 or thereabouts.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, December 17th

As there were only a small number present tonight, we played games.

The first game was 'musical chairs'. We had a game of the 'Sheep and the Dog.' To finish we had a game of 'British Bulldog'. This game we learnt from the Scouts last week.

We were told that there is no more Guides until January 7th, 1944.

We sang 'Taps' and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, January 7th

Again tonight there were only a small number present. We had two or three games of 'British Bulldog'. This game now appears to be quite popular amongst our Company.

We also had a game of 'A Hunting we will Go.'

Norma Roblins was given the news that she has passed her Second Class Tests.

We formed a Horseshoe and sang 'Taps'. We were then dismissed.
CPL M.Andrews

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... party, to which we are inviting the Scouts. The Party is to be held on February 24th. We also decided what games we shall play.

We had a game quick game of 'The Cotton Reel Race'.

Taps were then sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, February 4th

Patrol Corner took place tonight. Sheila Hart is unable to take her part in "The Forge", and so I have been chosen. We decided we would do "Sleeping Beauty", and not "Babes in the Woods."

We had "Roll-Call" and inspection. Afterwards we marched into a Horseshoe Formation, and sat on the floor. Cap gave out the Parts for the pantomime. I was chosen as the Queen.

Taps were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, February 11th

Tonight, to start with, we played "The Town Hall Clock". We then had a short Patrol Corner.

Roll-Call took place, and it was followed by a quick inspection. Cap told us that there is a Church Parade on Sunday Morning. In the afternoon The Chief Guide of Poland is visiting Barry and there is a Parade at St Francis Church.

We then formed a Horseshoe, sung Taps and were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, February 13th

In the morning we had our Monthly Church Parade, at our own Chapel, the Preacher being the Rev. Sidaway.

After the service was over we marched outside and were dismissed.

In the afternoon we had to be at St Francis Church at 3 o'clock. We had a March Past outside, before going in, the Salute taken by Madame Malkowska. We went into the Church and listened to a very interesting talk given by Madame. We were then dismissed outside. A collection was taken for the G.I.S.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, February 18th

First we had a game of 'Colours' during which Miss A.B. Jones (District Commissioner) came in to talk to Captain about Tuesday. We then had a short "Patrol Corner."

Roll-Call then took place. Afterwards we had an Inspection Parade.

Cap told us that we shall be unable to do our parts at the party.

We formed a Horseshoe, sung Taps and we were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Tuesday, February 20th

Thinking Day

To celebrate today we (all the Guides in our District) met at our chapel Schoolroom. A play "The Forge" was acted, and two Guides from each Company took parts.

We had a sing song of the Empire Songs and Campfire songs led by Mrs. Evans, an old Barry Guide and Ranger.

A collection was taken for the B.P. Fund, which was placed on the Anvil.

Friday, February 25th

Patrol Corners was in the lead of our evening's routine.

Roll Call followed and then a short inspection. We marched into a Horseshoe and Cap told us to meet at 2.45p.m. in the schoolroom tomorrow afternoon.

The Leaders were asked to remain behind for a brief "Court of Honour", to which Mrs. Croome was coming.

During "Court of Honour" we decided what to do tomorrow afternoon.

Taps were then sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, February 26th

We met at the schoolroom, the Scouts and Guides all prepared to enjoy themselves.

First the PL's were given a list of articles which they had to collect. They then had to report to the Scout Hall, where they were given a morse message telling them to proceed to the Schoolroom. The Gulls were the 1st Patrol back. Our Patrol being the 2nd Guide Patrol and the 3rd in all. We all went back to the Scout Hall where we were shown around their H.Q.

We had a team game with the Scouts. WE also had a circle game with a ball.

On arriving back at the school room we went into our Patrols. As we had invited the Gull Patrol they joined onto us. We then had a game number game and general knowledge are combined.

We had our tea which included chips and sandwiches which we all enjoyed. Afterwards the PL's washed up the dishes. While the PL's washed the dishes the rest of the Troop and Company had a game which the Scouts chose.

We then had a game of 'Impromptive Speeches', which was very funny and well enjoyed. The popular game of 'Indoor Hockey' followed, that is another game we all enjoyed.

Next we had a sing song, in the campfire, of popular rounds. Each Patrol had to do a stunt. That was good fun and well enjoyed.

Time was passing and so Mrs. Croome (Scout Mistress) said a short prayer, we sang Taps, and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews



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THE B.-P. FUND

The Pigeons Set Off



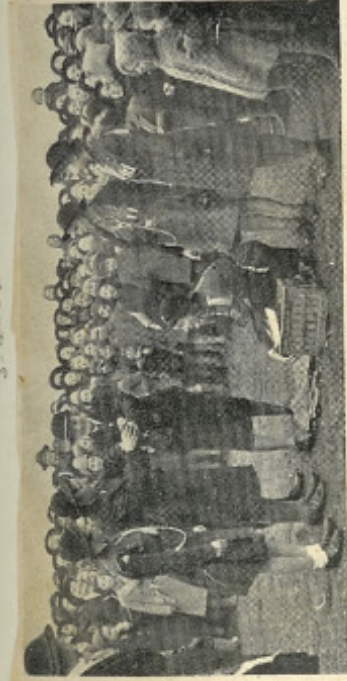
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At the Special Ceremony: A guide leading out a County Kestrel.

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Lady Gregg, C.C. for Survey Work, releases her county's pigeons from Winkfield Common.

LADY BADEN POWELL VISITS BARRY.
GUIDES TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

A milestone in Local Guide History was passed on Sunday, when the Chief Guide of the World, Lady Baden Powell, visited Barry for the first time.

She attended a rally held at the Memorial Hall, of Guides, Sea Rangers, and Land Rangers from Barry and Wenvoe, Penarth and Dinas Powis, Rhosse and Llantwit Major. The rally was conducted by the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. R.H. Iomas.

Addressing the Guides and Rangers, and many of the Public who attended, the Chief Guide said that although she had not visited Barry before, she had often heard of it, for Guiding, in Barry, began in the early days of the Guide Movement. The town which had a great history had been important, for it had served the whole world with its two great industries, coal exporting and shipping. The Guides were another great service which the town was already sending out to serve in the four corners of the earth. "Each one of you matters", the Chief Guide told the Rangers and Guides. "Each one of you counts in the sisterhood of Guides. You will play a part in helping to make your own Wales and the World a finer place".

The Chief Guide then renewed the Threefold Promise with the Guides and Rangers. A scroll entitled "To our Chief" was read by Mary Howell a member of the Barry Girls' County School Ranger Company.

A Programme of Welsh Songs was sung by Barry Guides and Rangers. Penarth Guides also gave a selection of English Songs. Community singing was conducted by the Chief Guide.

After taking the Salute at a march past of the Guides and Rangers the Chief Guide was given a tremendous send off by the Guides and Rangers

Tonight we had a team game of 'throwing the Ball in the Box', we then had a quick 'Spelling Bee'.

By this time Mr. Baker was ready with cinematography which he had so kindly offered to bring along. We were shown pictures of London and Mr Baker explained them as there were screened.

We then had a quick 'Roll Call' and formed a Horseshoe.

While in the Horseshoe we thanked Mr. Baker for coming and giving us such an interesting evening.

'Taps' was sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, March 9th

'Patrol Corner' took its usual place. This was followed by Roll-Call and an inspection parade.

Cap told us that there is to be our Monthly Church Parade on Sunday.

We formed a Horseshoe, sung 'Taps' and were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, March 11th

Church Parade this morning resulted in a very poor turn out.

The morning service was taken by the Rev. Hepworth.

After the service we formed up outside, saluted the Colours and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, March 17th

Tonight, being as it has been such a pleasant day, we decided to go out stalking and tracking. The track was laid by Margaret Andrews, Margaret Parker, and Dorothy Perkins.

We arrived back close on blackout after having been around Porthkerry.

Taps were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, March 24th

Tonight, each PL was given a list of articles to be collected by the Patrol. These articles sent us to the Beach, Park and Porthkerry.

When all four Patrols had arrived back to the clubroom we had Roll-Call.

We then formed a Horseshoe, sung 'Taps' and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, March 31st

As the weather had been rather fine we decided to go out stalking and tracking. PL Thelma Court, PS Margaret Andrews and Sheila Hart layed the trail. The rest of the Guides followed it up.

When the last of the Guides had arrived back, we had Roll-Call and then marched into Horseshoe Formation.

Taps were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, April 7th

'Good Friday'. Easter Week.

No Meeting.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, May 7th

Church Parade. We marched into church. The service was taken by the Rev. R.T. Trevithick. After the service we marched outside, saluted the Colours and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Thursday, May 11th

We had to attend at Court Road Methodist Church at 7 o'clock, in connection with the Methodist Youth Week.

The Brownies, Scouts, Girls Guildery and Boys Brigade were also present. Each organization gave an item lasting not less than 10 minutes. We gave our 'First Aid' display, which went off to our satisfaction.

We were, after all was finished, dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 12th

Patrol Corner took its usual place. We then had Roll-Call and a thorough inspection. We were told about the Parade tomorrow, and I am to take them. We marched around the Clubroom and sung Taps and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, May 13th

"Salute The Soldier" Parade. We formed up in High Street, where we joined on to the end of the parade, which included American Soldiers and Sailors, English, Navy Army and Airforce, Air, Naval and Army Cadets, Police, Civil Defense, A.T.S., Girls Guildery, Scouts and Guides.

We marched along Holton Road. The Salute was taken at the King's Square, by Major General D. Paige, CBE, MC.

When we turned off to Court Road, I was given orders to dismiss my company.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 19th

Tonight we had the usual Patrol Corners which was followed by Roll-Call and inspection.

We then marched into a Horseshoe and Cap told us of the Youth Parade on Sunday morning. We had a short Campfire during which we sang our favourite Campfire Rounds.

We sang Taps and were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, May 21st

All the Youth Organisations of Barry met and formed up at Romilly Park.

We then marched up to the Mayors Chapel, Salem Baptist, Beryl Road. The Salute was taken at the Theatre, The Mayor and Mayoress were both present. (Hy. Thomas and Miss Doreen Thomas)

After the service we then proceeded along Broad Street, Gladstone Road, Tynewydd Road onto the Kings Square. The Mayor then gave a short interesting talk and then thanked us all for attending. Three Cheers were then given, led by the Sea Cadet Commander. Each unit was then dismissed individually.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, May 26th

'Patrol Corner' was preceded by Roll-Call and inspection.

We then formed a Horseshoe and sang Taps and then dismissed.

The leaders and seconds were to remain for "Court of Honour". We decided that Beryl Balmont was to be the New Chaffinch Seconder.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 2nd

Patrol Corner and Roll-Call took their usual turn in tonights meeting.

After Roll-Call Cap announced that Beryl Balmont is the new Chaffinch Second. The Year Stars were also presented to the necessary guides. The Guides who are helping to spring-clean the clubroom were also chosen.

We formed a Horseshoe, sung 'Taps' and were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 9th

Tonight we had a very busy time. We spring-cleaned the clubroom. The duties of sweeping, dusting, brushing vases, scrubbing, dish washing, window-cleaning, polishing, etc, etc, were divided amongst the various guides who were present.

When all the work was completed we had a piping hot cup of cocoa and a plate of chips each.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 16th

Tonight we opened with Roll Call. We then marched into a Horseshoe Formation. The Colour Party then took their place.

The Enrolment Ceremony then started. The first two recruits to be enrolled were Norma Roblin and Norman Shannon. In all seven (7) recruits were enrolled; two from our Patrol.

We then sang 'Taps', saluted the Colours and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, June 23rd

We had a short 'Patrol Corner' tonight while PL's Marfydd Dally and Bettine Brisley went out and laid a track.

The rest of the Guides then followed the trail, when all had returned we had Roll Call and marched into Horseshoe Formation.

Taps were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday June 30th

Tonight we had an evening of games. A game chosen by each Patrol. We chose a version of Oxford and Cambridge. The Kingfishers chose 6&7's. The Nightingales chose Copyings and the Chaffinch chose [blank].

By this time the chips had arrived and the cocoa was made. These were eaten and drincken around our Campfire.

Taps was sung and we dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 7th

Tonight only a very small number of Guides attended. We had a game, more or less a marching game called

We had Roll-Call and formed a Horseshoe. Capt told us that on July 26th, the Chapel are holding their Annual Garden Party, at St Barnes's School.

We sang 'Taps' and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 14th

There was nothing unusual at Guides tonight. Just Patrol Corner, Roll Call. We then formed a Horseshoe and sung 'Taps'. We were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 21st

Tonight we had Patrol Corner followed by Roll-Call.

After Roll-Call we were told about the Garden Party on Wednesday. We are going to demonstrate a night at Guides.

We had a short game and then formed a Horseshoe. We sang Taps and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Wednesday July 26th

As it was raining the Garden Party had to be held in the schoolroom.

We demonstrated Patrol Corner, Roll Call, and Taps. We then were dismissed.

Everything went off to perfections.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, July 28th

Tonight as it was an extraordinary warm day we went down to Portkerry. We stalked and tracked down to the meadow. We then had a game of 'hide and seek'. Afterwards we had a short campfire.

"Taps" are sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday August 4th --- September 15th
Holidays. (Annual)

September 15th. Friday

Tonight we went down Porthkerry as practice for the Sports tomorrow afternoon.

"Taps" were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Saturday, September 16th

The weather held good and I'm please to record that our Company came 1st for the 2nd year in succession. 1st Barry were 2nd. 9th Barry 3rd.

'Taps' were sung at 6 o'clock and the whole district were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Wednesday, September 22nd

Patrol Corner took place and then we had Roll-Call.

After Roll Call we formed a Horseshoe, sat down and talked all about the Sports.

We then sang 'Taps' and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, September 24th

Tonight we had a switch around at Guides.

We no longer have a Nightingale Patrol, that has left 3 Patrols.

The new members of our Patrol are PL's, PS's, remain the same. Margaret Hodson, Barbara Haxley, Shirley Williams, Joy Fidler, Brenda Ferriday and Sheila Moore. Are on working for 2nd Class except Joy Fidler and Brenda Ferriday.

We had Roll-Call and formed a Horseshoe. 'Taps' were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 6th

During Patrol Corner tonight Shirley Williams and Margaret Hobson completed their 2nd Class Test.

We had Roll-Call and inspection. We lost one mark for grubby nails.

'Taps' were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 13th

Patrol Corner took the usual place tonight.

We have a Church Parade on Sunday morning. Roll-Call was followed by marching process.

'Taps' were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, October 15th

The Church Service this morning was conducted by the new minister the Rev. H. Rigby.

Seventeen of the Guides were presented.

We saluted the colours after the service and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 20th

Patrol Corner was rather longer than usual tonight.

Roll-Call and inspection were followed.

A Horseshoe was formed. 'Taps' were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, October 27th

Patrol Corner tonight took its usual place and was followed by Roll-Call.

After Roll-Call we had a game of Musical Bumps, which was won by Margaret Andrews, PS.

We then formed a Horseshoe and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, November 3rd

Tonight we had our usual meeting. Patrol Corner was, as is our routine, followed by Roll-Call.

After Roll-Call we had an inspection. We then marched into Horseshoe Formation, and had a short Camp Fire.

"Taps" were then sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, November 10th

Patrol Corner, tonight took its usual place.

Roll-Call then followed, after which we had inspection.

We then had a game of Whirly Gigs.

A Horseshoe was formed. Taps were sung and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Sunday, November 12th

This mornings Church Service was led by Mr. A. Andrews.

Very few Guides were present this morning.

After the service we re-formed our positions outside the Chapel and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, November 17th

Tonight we had Patrol Corner during which we discussed our ideas for the Toy Show, which we are holding with the Scouts, on December 9th, on a Saturday afternoon.

We then had Roll-Call, and were told that a Brownie Pack will shortly be formed attached to the Chapel. The Brown Owl being Miss Joyce Stevens, one of our old Guides.

We formed a Horseshoe, sang Taps and were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

From the 17th of November until the 5th January were the Company's Christmas holiday, and so no meetings were held.

1945

<u>Robin Patrol</u>	Date of Birth	Date of Commencement
C.P.L. Margaret Andrews	16-9-30	March 1941
P.S. Shirley Williams	13-5-33	May 1943
Barbara Haxley	23-10-33	May 1943
Irene Lewis	15-1-32	December 1944
Brenda Ferriday	4-9-33	May 1943
Joy Fidler	3-5-31	July 1944
Noeline Davies	23-12-31	December 1944
Glenys Brown	5-11-30	January 1945

Friday, 5th Jan

As there were only a few guides at the meeting tonight we had an evening of games. We then gave captain our "subs" and formed a horseshoe, sang "taps" and were dismissed.

PS M.Andrews

Friday 12th Jan.

To begin the evening we played the game of 2's & 3's. Roll-call came next and during this captain appointed the new patrol leaders. Margaret Andrews is the Robin PL and also CPL, and Shirley Williams is the Robin Second. After roll we went to our patrols for a while, then we formed a horseshoe and sang "Taps".

CPL M.Andrews

Friday 19th Jan

We began the evening with patrol corner, during which Joy Fidler and Noeline Davies finished their tenderfoot, and hope to be enrolled soon. Glenys Brown, a new member, was welcomed into the Robin Patrol. Glenys, who came from the Barry Island company has been enrolled and is now working for her second-class. After Patrol corner we had a game of musical chairs which was won by Joan Osborne of the Chaffinch Patrol.

Following musical chairs we had "roll call" and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday 26th Jan

Owing to a bad snow storm tonight's meeting was unable to take place.
CPL M.Andrews

Friday 2nd Feb.

This week it was the Kingfisher Patrol's turn to supply the games and so PL Margaret Polly started the evening with a games of Oxford & Cambridge. The next game was called "colours" which was won by the Robin Patrol with 11 points. Before the games we had patrol corner during which Joy Fidler, Noeline Davies, Irene Lewis & Glenys Brown each passed some of their 2nd class tests. After games we had "roll call" in which we were told that there was to be a church parade on Sunday, and everybody was expected to turn up. A "court of honour" was held after the company was dismissed. During this we had to decide who was to be in the colour party on Sunday. PL Margaret Andrews was chosen as colour bearer & Joyce Lee & Sheila Hart were chosen to walk with her.

CPL M.Andrews



Be Prepared —AND THEY ARE!

"THEY'RE OFF!" Behind this exciting statement in a Girl Guide News Bulletin in June, telling the world that the first team of Guide relief workers for Europe had left England, lies the story of the Guide International Service.

For the past eighteen months over six hundred Guides have been steadfastly preparing themselves by incessant training in camping, first aid, child welfare and all kinds of emergencies, to fit themselves for their great task of helping the people in war-ravaged countries to rebuild their lives.

Coming to Rebuild

Remembering their motto "Be Prepared," they are ready to do any type of work which may be needed—organizing camps for those trying to return to their homes, mending wayside first-aid posts, running emergency feeding centres, looking after children and helping on remote villages and farms.

In Poland alone it is known there are 150,000 children who do not know their own names. It is hoped the G.I.S. volunteers will be able to start children's homes and then, when they are running smoothly, hand them over to Polish welfare workers.

"Here we are, we're coming to rebuild much that has been shattered" is the cry on

the lips of these volunteers. Fifty-four volunteers have passed the final tests and another 400, including doctors, nurses, dentists, drivers, cooks, bakers and child welfare workers, are in training. The first team to leave England is led by Miss Margaret Wilkinson, J.P., of Lancashire, and includes nine Guides—one served in the Serbian retreat in the last war—and three Scouts. The team wears khaki uniform with plain buttons and the British Guide International Service badge and flashes—the World flag emblem of a gold trefoil on a blue ground.

How They Trained

I am sure you are longing to know how the volunteers prepared themselves. (By the way volunteers must be members of the Girl Guide Movement, medically fit and over twenty-one years of age. The Secretary of the Guide International Service (British), Girl Guide Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace-road, London, S.W.1 will give you further information.)

The G.I.S. volunteer I chatted to recently carried a borrowed Serbo-Croat dictionary in her rucksack. She was struggling to learn what looked to me unpronounceable words, and was hoping to be sent to Yugoslavia.

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Guides have already raised over £25,000 and trained six hundred voluntary workers for relief work in the war-ravaged countries of Europe

Be Prepared—and They Are!—(continued from page 28)

"Oh, yes, we've been attending test camps. 'Travelling light and travelling on' is the motto they give us," my volunteer told me. "I mean we camp with the minimum of equipment, sometimes sleeping out under the stars, and are prepared to move on whenever the order comes."

"Didn't you find you got pretty whacked at first—I mean not having regular meals and hauling trek carts over mountain sides?" I asked.

"Well, I must say I had a queer feeling below my belt when we worked for nearly a whole day on a slice of bread and hot water at breakfast and hot water without the bread for dinner. But I got through my jobs," murmured my volunteer. "And after all it won't be 'a joint and two veg.' over there every day."

A Brownie Helps

How did the G.I.S. (B) start? Well, the desire to help their sister Guides and other children in occupied countries came from Rangers, Guides and Brownies themselves. A Brownie of eight came up to her Brown Owl one day and said, "Please give this to the starving people in Poland." Quite on her own she had collected sixteen shillings in three months. A Guide walked to school for a whole term instead of taking a bus and went without her penny lunch bun and gave the saved money to the G.I.S. Fund.

One of the first five voluntary organizations to become an associate member of the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad, the Girl Guides Association takes its place with the Society of Friends, the British Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., the Salvation Army and Save the Children Fund. Now comes the thrilling news that

the G.I.S. idea has caught on in other parts of the world.

Keenly Interested. Anxious raise money equip team. Please cable amount.

This message was flashed across the Atlantic recently from the Girl Scouts in America, and we may be sure that whatever they put their hand to they will achieve.

Indian Guides Join In

Looking from West to East, the Guides in India have formed a Service and are training themselves to help with children's relief work in Burma and Malay. Guides in Northern Rhodesia have launched a fund for the G.I.S. and a Guider in Australia (a medical officer) has volunteered to join the British Service. So the tale goes on.

At the time of writing over £25,000 has been collected. How will it be spent? Well, the Governments of Great Britain and the United States of America have promised stores and medical supplies, so the G.I.S. (B) Fund will be used to equip volunteers, help them with their training and lay up a nest egg for future developments. Frame rucksacks to carry equipment over long portages, heavy coats, mountain boots, washable overalls for hot climates (where infectious disease may be rife), heavy dixies for stew, ground-sheets, blankets, first-aid chests—all are needed.

Another Milestone

As Lady Baden-Powell said, in opening the Fund, the Guide International Service is "the biggest milestone in the history of the Movement . . . but I have absolute faith that my British family will hold out well-filled hands of friendship to my family in Europe. They are trusting in us—and waiting."

T. Wallis Myers.



Polish Guides and Scouts in an English Camp last year.



W. M. Wilson presents during a message to one of the presents to be sent to the Chief Guide in February, 1931.

ABOUT THIS SALUTING



Do you see a Commissioner visiting a Company to inspect them officially. She is greeted by the Guide in dress, etc., standing at attention, given for the full salute. The salute is followed by the left handshake. This would be perfectly in order for a Patrol Leader or really receiving a visiting Guide. She would salute in the same way, and then shake hands. It would also be correct between Patrol Leaders, or between a Guide and Guide, Guide and Leader, or two Guides. Notice the Guides' salutes. You can see both the front and back views—and both are in the correct position.



FRANCE



ICELAND



EGYPT



FRANCE II (in 4)



GREAT BRITAIN



POLAND



IRELAND



SUOMI-FINLAND



WORLD BUREAU



AUSTRALIA



SWEDEN S.F.A.



SUOMI-FINLAND



SUOMI-FINLAND



SOUTH AFRICA

Across the Road

A CROSS the road from Imperial Headquarters there is a little old house, situated on a narrow street...

Where there Guides out there?

If you want to know about foreign Guides, what they do, how they work, when they meet, it is best to have them...

DO YOU REMEMBER?

What the Chief Guide thought

When I was a young man, I was a member of the World Guide Club. I remember the excitement of the first meeting...

Where do WE stand?

Where do we—all of us—the small and new Guides, the large, more experienced Guides of the World Guide Club...

Ideas worth Remembering

- 1. A Brovrie gets up immediately after waking. 2. A Brovrie makes her bed herself, and does not wait for others to do it. 3. A Brovrie washes herself carefully and does not forget her arms, neck or feet, and cleans her fingernails.

"Guide Customs"

Some of the countries had rather a good idea which we might adopt, in Companies or even Packs. They used to show up a lot of what they called "Guide Customs"...

Something we can all do

The way in which we can begin to get ready for after the war, and for the great days of Guiding that will begin, when these Guides can wear their uniforms again...



BRAZIL



U.S.A.



SWEDEN



CANADA



INDIA

Keep Moving

If you take a holiday, you know that it is no good to start (Continued on page 57)

THE COOK'S BADGE-3

(Continued from last week)

SAUCEPANS

- (a) **Aluminium**
1. If greasy, steep in very hot water, otherwise steep in cold water.
 2. Wash with hot soapy water, using a saucepan brush or a piece of steel wool.
 3. Remove stains with either (a) Panshine or Brooks' soap; (b) steel wool.
 4. Rinse in clean hot water.
 5. Dry with a dish cloth.
- (b) **Iron Lined with Tin**
1. Wash in hot soapy water.
 2. Remove stains with Panshine or sand.
 3. Rinse in clean hot water.
 4. Dry with a dish cloth.
 5. Finish drying in a warm place.
- (c) **Iron Lined with Enamel and Enamelware**
1. Steep in cold water to loosen starchy foods or in hot water if greasy.
 2. Clean with hot soapy water, using a dish cloth.
 3. Remove stains with kitchen salt or Panshine.
 4. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a dish cloth.
- (e) **Steel**
Clean as for aluminium

Care of Saucepans

- (a) Never allow them to boil dry.
- (b) Clean in the correct way.
- (c) Remove all marks and stains.
- (d) Do not put away damp, and store on a shelf or stand which will allow air to circulate round the pans.

Frying Pans

May be one of the following metals:—(a) Aluminium, (b) steel, (c) iron.

Cleaning

1. Melt the grease and strain off into a basin.
 2. Wipe thoroughly with a pad of paper.
 3. Store away carefully.
- Do not wash in soapy water except occasionally.

Earthenware Dishes

1. Steep.
2. Wash in hot soapy water.
3. If necessary, clean the outside with sand or bath brick or Panshine.
4. Rinse and dry thoroughly.

GLASS COOKING UTENSILS

To Clean

1. Steep.
2. Wash with hot soapy water.
3. Remove stains with steel wool or a saucepan brush or Panshine.

4. Rinse thoroughly in hot water.
5. Dry with a tea towel.

CUTLERY

(a) Knives

1. Wash in hot soapy water, keeping the handles out of the water.
2. Remove stains from steel knives with Panshine or sand.
3. Rinse in hot water and dry well.
4. Steel knives should be polished up with emery paper. Stainless steel knives are washed in hot soapy water, rinsed and dried.

(b) Forks

If steel, clean as for knives, otherwise as for spoons.

(c) Spoons

Wash in hot soapy water, rinse and dry.

To Clean

1. Take all the parts to pieces.
 2. Remove all food with a fork.
 3. Wash in hot soapy water.
 4. Rinse and dry with a cloth.
 5. Finish drying in a warm place.
- Wipe all jars and flour dredgers and store away tidily.

MINCING MACHINES

CARE OF KITCHEN STOVE

(a) Electric

1. Before cleaning, always switch off the current.
2. Clean whilst still warm.
3. Wipe over metal plates with newspaper and remove any marks with a damp cloth.

(b) Gas

1. Wipe over with a damp cloth whilst still warm.
2. If any grease has been spilt on the bars or rings, remove them and wash them in hot soapy water. Dry and replace.
3. Wash and dry the enamel sheet.
4. Rub up any bright surfaces, e.g., taps.

Clear away all the utensils and then clean out the sink.

1. Scrub, rinse and dry the draining boards.
2. Wash the sink and rinse well.
3. Rub up the taps.

It has not been possible to mention every detail of the Cook's Badge in these short articles, but we do hope that they have inspired you to practice cooking, and that they will help you to gain the badge. If you are keen, you will continue to cook until you can produce a really good meal. Even then, you'll go on cooking, for it is such an interesting and useful thing to be able to do well.

W. FLAHERTY
A. LORD.

Spruce Up

HAVE you seen the chaffinches lately? My, but they put us to shame, they look so smart in their clean Spring feathers—every feather in place, and all the colours gleaming. They hop about in the muddy roads, and are out in all weathers, but one never seems to see a bedraggled object among them. Of course, they haven't got the coupon problem, but—

How do the Guides up and down the country compare with this gleaming smartness of the winter birds? Well—go and look in your own mirror, and ask yourself. Are you, on an ordinary day when you are wearing uniform to your meeting, or perhaps to school or work first, as shinningly smart as you might be? Have you really put every ounce of energy, forethought, contrivance and hard work into turning yourself out in such a way that a stranger, who had never seen a Guide before, would be bound to say: "There goes a girl who belongs to a smart organisation. There goes a girl who is proud of a uniform that is something to be proud of?"

There are a great many strangers about in our country at the moment. There are men and women from almost all the countries in Europe, there are members of our own vast Empire, and men and women from America. One day they will all go back to their own lands. What impression would they take of Guiding, if YOU were the only Guide they had ever met? In some cases, you will be. Don't ever forget that. It is almost a certain guess that YOU will be the Guide some stranger will remember, and when Guides are mentioned in years to come, the picture in that person's mind will not be of some ideal Guide, or even of you turned out for a special occasion—but of you, just as you are, when you are hurrying along on an ordinary day.

What can we do about giving these strangers the right and best impression of Guiding? Only one thing. Keep right up to the scratch all the time, weekdays and Sundays and special days and off-days. It is very hard. It is harder than ever in

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Friday, Feb 9th

As captain was a little late this evening CPL M. Andrews took the guides in the game called "The Sheep & the Dog". Captain then arrived and we had patrol corners during which Glenys Brown passed her seven knots. Roll call followed, after which we had a game of "Whirly Gigs" and "Oxford and Cambridge". After this we formed a horseshoe and were dismissed.

CPL M. Andrews

Friday, Feb 16th

To begin the evening we had patrol corner which was followed by roll call. After roll call Captain left. Lieutenant then took us in a Intelligence Test which was won by the Robin Patrol with 11 points. As it was getting late we formed a horseshoe, and sung taps, and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Feb 23rd

For the first part of the evening we devoted time to some stalking and tracking, so Marfydd Dally, Noeline Davies, Margaret Andrews laid the trail, we could not go far because we had to be back before blackout, anyhow we were back 7.30pm. Until ½ past 8 the guides formed a horseshoe and sang campfire songs. Roll Call then followed and we were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, Mar 2nd

Tonight as there were only a few guides present the meeting closed at 8p.m. First of all we played "The Sheep and the Dog", then "Musical Chairs" and "Musical Bumps". We then gave Captain our 'subs', formed a horseshoe, sang taps, and were dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday, March 9th

To begin the evening we had some stalking and tracking in which M.Andrews, B.Belmont, G.Brown laid the trail and the rest of the guides did the stalking. Following that we had a game called "Geography", then in which the Kingfisher Patrol won. Then we went to our Patrol corners, then we had roll-call followed by "Taps" and were dismissed.

PS Shirley Williams

CPL M.Andrews

Friday March 16th

As there were only a few Guides present to-night we had an evening of games.

PS Shirley Williams

CPL M.Andrews

Friday 23rd March

As there were quite a few Guides present to-night Capt decided to take us for a walk to porthkerry. So we had roll-call were dismissed and then we went to our patrol corners. After that we went to Porthkerry we had a game of release & then a game of touch in which PL M.Andrews, G.Brown, J.Fidler chased us. After that we sang "taps" and were dismissed.

PS Shirley Williams

CPL M.Andrews

Friday March 30th

As it was Good Friday we did not have a meeting in the Guide Hall

PS Shirley Williams

CPL M.Andrews

Friday March April 6th

To begin the evening we went to our Patrol Corners helped Guides to pass there 2nd Class. Then Capt had roll-call – we were dismissed. At 7.30pm Capt decided that we should go tracking. The trail was laid by S.Hart, B.Belmont & S.Williams. We followed the trail and landed in Porthkerry. At last we found the Guides that laid the trail. So we sung "Taps" & were dismissed.

PS Shirley Williams

CPL M.Andrews

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SONG OF THE BELLS

December 15, 1944 THE GUIDE 405



An International Guide Company in Egypt.

Christmas

Holy and majestic, the sharp crackle of paper, the crisp crunch of footsteps on the snow, the flutter of oneekops falling into the letter-box, laughter and happiness and peace—and, over all this, the voice of the bells, now loud and joyful, now faint, whispering in the distance, ringing out their message of goodwill across the world, over the great cities, the quiet little country towns and lonely villages, over the ruined towns, over the woods and moors and hillides, over the battlefields of the world. Listen, do you hear them? And when they pass bells that will never ring again, bells that are broken and cracked, lying in ruins of peaceful spires and ancient towers that once rose upward, tall and lovely, to the clear, pure skies! They are silent now, yet they will never be silenced. Always, for ever and over the wind will carry their voices, whispering the Christmas message, telling the old beloved story that can never die and always there will be people and children who will hear them, and remember the story and be glad.

Do you remember how and they seemed, those Christmases in Britain when the bells were still? And do you remember the first time they rang again how we ran to the windows and flung them open, crying, "Hark! The Christmas bells!"? Then, almost immediately, we remembered that there were people, only just across that strip of water that we call the English Channel, for whom Christmas was still silent. This year, perhaps, many of them will hear the bells again, in Bruges and Amsterdam? Will the Guides of Paris rejoice as they hear the great bells of Notre Dame thundering the message of peace and goodwill into the cold, clear air of Christmas morning? Will the Guides of Brussels pause in whatever they are doing and call to one another, "Listen to the bells!"? They are the Guides who, on the day the Allies arrived, put on their uniforms beneath their coats and the Allies entered the town, and the money had gone off, case their overcoats and the Guides were seen again in

French wearing the uniform that is famous all over the world. How are they, this Christmas, I wonder—the first Christmas for so long that can be kept in freedom? And how are the British Guides in Belgium? Here at Headquarters we have already received greetings from Belgian and French Guides on their liberation, and we have had the most thrilling report from the Lieutenant of the British Guides in Antwerp. They greet us, magnificently, in secret, all through the occupation. When their Lieutenant was arrested the Company Leader took over, and now the Lieutenant, who was released just before the liberation, writes: "The *Geselschap* never seemed to suspect the existence of our Guide Company, and when they visited my home, they never even went into the Guide attic. Some of the former Guides bravely went to do a spring cleaning, hiding or destroying all that could have been discovered. Bells and, during my five months' imprisonment, our acting Lieutenant found a new meeting place and carried on the usual Guide and Scout activities. All through those four years, Iungers and Guides found many opportunities of rendering service and doing plenty of useful good turns. We visited regularly, and supported, many poor families; we organized Christmas parties for poor children after having made and mended clothes and toys to give them; we helped the victims of air raids, mending the wounded, cleaning the houses. We helped the farmers, mending, mending shoes, etc."

Just the sort of things that we have been doing over here, you are thinking!

But that was not to be, and the Christmas time should be such a joy, as far as ever we can, and most especially for those for whom it has so many various forms of War service, the raising of funds, and the carrying out of all your Guiding it and the remembrance of what Christ's birth meant to the world, I feel sure extra effort to bring what happens to you, to those around you, to make your own Christmas-time more joyous by making somebody else the happier through your own personal effort.

My loving thoughts are with you!

ofan Baker Powell

What will the Guides of Holland be doing at this Christmas? Many of them are free, yet and that is the great thing, but what has happened to their country? Think of the floods. The bells of Holland will be ringing, we hope, but over lands and gardens. Yet we know that the spirit of Guiding is burning like a flame in that brave little country. British people who have been there since the liberation tell us that the Guides and Scouts are everywhere, always busy, friendly and cheerful. (Do you remember that the eighth law difficult to keep on a wet day? It is hard to think first of other people?)

Where will our own first G.I.S. team be this Christmas? We don't know, yet we can be very sure that they are lucky people, for it is quite certain that, wherever they are they will be bringing happiness to some of the children who

Yes, but there is a difference. We have had a lot of difficulties—the kids, the big bombs, evacuation, parents who didn't like their daughters to go out after blackout (some of us weren't even sure that we liked going out in the blackout) enough to be bothered going to Guides even if our parents didn't mind! Think what it must have felt like to be constantly on the alert for the Gestapo; think how much more anxious parents must have been. Read this from a letter from the Company Leader of the 1st St. George's Guide Company in Brussels: "We had a nice little party at the New Year (1944-45), but it was getting dangerous. One of the Guides heard a German as if from talking about us and giving every detail about our meetings, etc. In March, 1944, I was called twice to the Gestapo, and I realised how dangerous it was. . . . This Company had to be very careful after that, but the Guides still kept up their keenness and managed to meet from time to time. There was a Christmas like in 1942 in the snow, and some Belgian Scouts and Guides were fortunate and even managed to camp regularly. There is a picture of some of them on this page. Does that make you feel good? It is just one of the stories of Guiding in other countries that are making us feel proud and happy at the same time at Headquarters.

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for five long years, have been hungry and cold and unhappy at Christmas time; who have had no chance to understand what Christmas means. Where will the second and third teams be? They are here, now, at Headquarters. Perhaps they will still be here—perhaps they will have received their sailing orders for some foreign country. Wherever they are, we know that Australian Guides, and Guides in Kenya, will be thinking of them very specially, because Doctor Meredith Ross, the Australian Guide, is the leader of the second team, and Miss Frensdorf, of Kenya, is one of the volunteers. We at Headquarters will think of them particularly, too, for Philippe Wood-Hill, our own Overseas and International Secretary, is also going with them as a volunteer. A lot of Guides from other countries who have lived in Britain during the war will miss Miss Wood-Hill this year, because of the happy Christmas parties she has made for them at Our Ark, when she was Warden before she became Headquarters International Secretary.

We wish—oh, how we wish—that the Guides of Poland, and all the other still occupied countries could be free this year. What will be happening at Christmas in those lands which are still cut off from us? We only know, as we know all along with Holland, France and Belgium, that our sister Guides there, under all difficulties, will be remembering and keeping the Guide Law. If our thoughts and prayers can help them, they will be helped—that is another thing of which we can be sure. For then the phantom bells will ring, bringing to them the wishes that we cannot yet send on Christmas cards, but which are real and living and warm in the hearts of Guides and Girl Scouts in happier lands the world over. We send a special greeting to the Guides of the Channel Isles, who are bound to us by such a strong family tie.

Our greetings, also, to the Guides of our far-off Empire—those Guides for whom the fourth law has been as real throughout the war years, whose friendship for us we have such great cause to know so well through the wonderful gifts and messages which they have sent us when our homes were smouldered and our precious treasures were spoilt.

We are thinking of our own Guides evacuated overseas to

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Christmas Message from the Chief Guide

TO all Guides everywhere I want to offer my best wishes for a and a good NEW YEAR.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS. In the earlier months of this year our hopes had risen high with a great expectation of hoping that the war would be over, and that this Christmas would find us at peace once more.


But that was not to be, and we have all got to "carry on" with renewed courage, making the best of things, as you have done already for so long, with a only cheery tone, and it is up to us to carry on to the best of our power, as far as ever we can, and most especially for those for whom it has so many various forms of War service, the raising of funds, and the carrying out of all your Guiding it and the remembrance of what Christ's birth meant to the world, I feel sure extra effort to bring what happens to you, to those around you, to make your own Christmas-time more joyous by making somebody else the happier through your own personal effort.

My loving thoughts are with you!

ofan Baker Powell



The 1st Battalion Company, 1944.



A Group of British Guides in Ireland.



Friday April 20th

To begin the evening capt called us to her table & talked about camping & the Parade on Sunday. After that capt made us form up to practice marching when that was done M.Andrews who is carrying PS Shirley Williams
CPL M.Andrews

Friday April 27th

There was no general meeting tonight, because the Guides volunteered to sell flags for the National Children's Home and Orphanage.
CPL M.Andrews

Friday 4th May

7pm – roll-call during which Captain told the Guides that we are starting a new system. Roll-call was to be at 7pm then patrol-corner for about ½ hr followed by a game, then dismissal. We carried out this system tonight and the result was quite satisfactory. Captain was quite pleased with us.
CPL M.Andrews

Friday 11th May

As it was very hot in the club room tonight Captain decided to take us to Porthkerry to play a game of rounders. We stayed here until 8.45 then as it was getting late were were dispersed and went home.

CPL M.Andrews

Friday 18th May

There were only a few Guides present and so we sat outside the clubroom and Captain gave us some arrangements which she had gathered from a previous Guiders' meeting. June 2nd all the Guide companies from Glamorgan and the neighbouring counties are visiting Cardiff to see Princess Elizabeth. Our company is joining in with the Barry Island and St Frances Companies. June 20th all the Guides in Barry are having a campfire, it hasn't been decided where it is going to be held but we shall know very soon. After this little conference, we had Roll-call, then played a game of musical bumps and we were then dismissed.

CPL M.Andrews

Robin Patrol, May 1947

PL	Joyce Lee	23 Oxford Street
PS	Maureen Sims	27 Tan-y-From
3	Barbara Davies	48 Oxford Street
4	Shirley James	19 Salisbury Road
5	Valerie Burman	17 Heol Pantycelyn

May 16th, 1947

We had a very successful Guide evening – all the Guides were quite (for once) First of all, we had Patrol Corners – and Sims, Babs & Shirley learnt some of their morse. Our new recruit – Valerie – passed her Promise. Patrol Corners was followed by Roll Call and the Robins all paid their subs. Inspection followed, and Capt. said we all needed to clean our badges more. Then we formed a horseshoe and discussed Lady Baden-Powell's visit to Cardiff. Taps followed and we were then dismissed.

... and some of us learnt our tests. Once again all the patrol gave subs and Patrol Funds (keep it up Robins!) Sheila Hart came in and talked to Leo and me but looked like a sick monkey, said she was miserable about something but did not know what. We thought that we would go out tracking to-night but as Capt could not come it was put off till later on. Tommy played the piano for us as we were fed up of being good & well-behaved. Leo & Beryl started Taps & how we got through it I don't know! Ah Well! Wonders will never cease.

PS Maureen Sims

30th May, 1947

We could not get into the Guide Hall until seven o'clock, as the caretaker forgot to open the door. Capt arrived at 7.15pm – and as it was very hot, no-body felt like working. Nevertheless, we had patrol corners. This was followed by Roll Call, but everybody was fooling around – so it took about half an hour.

After Roll Call, Capt told us about the final arrangements for Lady Baden-Powell's visit to Cardiff. Only four Guides wanted to go, including Margaret Polley C.L.

After this discussion, we marched into Company formation and dismissed.
Cheerio Robins

PL Joyce Lee

6th June 1947

We had to wait a while before a man came to open the door so we could get into the hall. We had Patrol Corners to begin with but no work was done. Glesni Edwards joined our Company. We had Roll Call and Capt told us we had to give out Dr. Barnardo envelopes. We grumbled a lot but finished early & gave them out before going home. We are to collect them again by next Friday ie on the way to Guides next week.

Do your duty Robins & don't forget

PS Maureen Sims

13th June 1947

The PL of the Robins did not come because she was ill after eating a North Pole on Wednesday.

On the way to guides Beryl & I collected our Barnardo envelopes and took them to Capt when we arrived. As Windsor Road had not been collected, Tommy & I volunteered to do it. We stayed for a while afterwards & played games, then we sang Taps & went home.

PS Maureen Sims

20th June, 1947

To-night everyone was looking very smart as A.B. Jones was expected to turn up. We had Patrol Corners but everyone was fooling about. Then we had Roll Call & Marfydd was just going to start inspection when Miss A.B. Jones walked in. We had inspection & then went to Patrol Corners & did some work! Everyone was very good. Capt gave us an intelligence test on knots & we all did quite well.

Then we had a game called stepping stones with 2 pieces of paper to walk on. After this we had Taps & Miss Jones spoke to us about camping at Swanbridge before we went home

PS Maureen Sims

27th June, 1947

Polley, Beryl, Gloria, Thompson, Betty Barnes & Tommy went to practice for the hike tomorrow, so I was the only one there who was either a leader or seconder. Marfydd came & asked me to take the other Guides out so I took them down to the fields to play rounders. We had two new recruits – Ena Tomkin & Gloria James.

PS Maureen Sims

All Through the Night
 ar Hylt y Nos.

rather slowly.

Descant for the voice

ah ... ah ... all through the night ar hylt y nos. ah ... ah ...

Air.

Deep the silence round us pressing, all through the night, Dark the path that we are treading, Hylt awantou'r aer ddifweddau, ar hylt y nos. "Ayma's ffyddi i'w gogymant"

all through the night ar hylt y nos. ah ... ah ...

all through the night ar hylt y nos. Hill the coming day descending, Golen acell yw dyfynllwch. By the hope within us burning, i'w arddangan gwir bydd ffwrthoch.

ah ... ah ... all through the night ar hylt y nos. ||

In the dawn our footstep's leaving, Daul'r naffard newn bewelwch. all through the night ar hylt y nos. ||