

# ROYAUMONT & V.C. ASSOCIATION of THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS NEWS LETTER



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**Object of the Association:** To maintain our war-time comradeship.

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**Hon. Life President:** Miss Ruth Nicholson, M.S.

**President:** Lady Sanderson.

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**Hon. Secretary:** Miss Leishman, Upper Loanside, Peebles.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Miss M. A. Stewart, Dunnydeer, Moniaive, Dumfriesshire.

**Hon. Editor:** Miss M. S. Miller, Meadowbank Cottage, New Galloway, Castle-Douglas.

## EDITORIAL

It seems strange to be writing this from Southern Scotland, a far cry from the great Metropolis. I wonder what the News Letter feels like in its new surroundings? The Editor, herself, feels strange in the "Editorial chair." She is glad to be able to follow two excellent predecessors who have, for years, mapped out the best ways of carrying on a paper such as this, so personal in its appeal and so reminiscent in character. This is the first number of the News Letter under a new Editor, so let us hope that, with support and encouragement from the members, it will be carried on with the same success and on the same lines as before.

Now, let us get down to the personal touch and see what we can say to our readers. The luncheon in October last year, in London, was a very happy one. Looking back, we recall past reunions when "La Colonelle," Miss Nicholson, "Mammy," the "Robin," and others of the hierarchy, sat up at the high table smiling down on a motley gathering of young women eager to exchange news and recapture the old magic of Royaumont with stories sad and gay. We have decreased in numbers since then, but all these reunions in London add up to make a

wonderful record of loyalty and an esprit de corps of which we may be proud.

Smieton, in a letter to us all, has explained what has transpired since the London office-bearers resigned, so I need not say anything about that here. Our first Committee Meeting in Edinburgh took place on a cold, icy day in January. Dow very kindly invited us to have it in her flat, and in this warm, pleasant atmosphere, we started a new chapter in the Records of Royaumont. Among other business, it was agreed to insert V.C., as well as Royaumont, for the heading of the News Letter—the Royaumont and V.C. News Letter. Middleton is continuing, meanwhile, the work of the Emergency Fund. We are very grateful to her for doing this. Some of our members who, owing to circumstances, had resigned, have re-joined. Among those, we welcome Daunt and Armstrong, and we hope there will be others.

### The News Letter.

The News Letter has always been greatly appreciated, not only by members in England and Scotland, but by those who have their homes in more

occasion of the Arundel "séance" of "Any Questions."

**Tollit.** We were all very sorry not to see Tollit at the luncheon and Meeting in London. Tollit has been such a loyal and faithful member of the Association, and we look back with gratitude on all the work she has done for it. The Editor has accepted her very kind hospitality on the occasion of every Royaumont Re-union she was able to attend, and for that she thanks her very sincerely. We may perhaps see her at an Edinburgh tea-party some day.

**Peter (Campora).** Word has come that Campora is in hospital, having been wounded in the hand and arm by the Terrorists. We are glad to get news of Peter. We often think of her in the midst of all this Algerian trouble and disquiet. We hope Campora will have a good recovery and be discharged from hospital with his hand not too seriously damaged.

**Simpson (Mrs Gray)** and her husband who has been on the sick list but has made a good, straightforward recovery after operation, are leaving shortly for Santa Margharita in search of sunshine. She says: "I think, having been so long in the East, there comes, to me at least, a great longing for sun in the early part of the year." We all share that feeling. She hopes to be at the tea-party on 31st August.

**Young.** Stewart went and saw Young recently. Young was very anxious to send a message to the Association. She says: "I am unable to write, but I send my love to everyone." We send back our loving greetings.

#### In Memoriam

**Macleod.** It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Macleod (Glasgow) after a long, trying illness. She would have been glad had she known that an effort had been made to continue the Royaumont Association. She always had a very keen interest in its affairs and she looked forward eagerly to the arrival of the News Letter.

Some of her Scottish Royaumont friends recall with pleasure the enjoyable dinner she gave at the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, many years ago. It was quite a social event. She invited some of her own professional friends to blend in with the Royaumont contingent. It was a great evening.

**Ashton.** Armstrong sent us the sad news of Ashton's death. Armstrong writes: "Ashton died in October, 1961, after a long and painful illness throughout which she remained the gay and gallant person she had always been. She was the last of her generation—a big family of eight brothers and sisters, and the nieces and nephews are scattered about England, Canada and U.S.A."

**Martland.** From the "Times," February 27th, 1962. "On February 26th, 1962, in London, EDITH MARJORIE MARTLAND, M.A. (Cantab), M.B., B.S., of 10 Manor Court, Pinehurst, Cambridge, Emeritus Consultant Pathologist, Salisbury General Infirmary, formerly Pathologist, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital. Funeral Private."

A very endearing personality and a much loved "doctoresse."

**Bruce.**—At 17 Barnshot Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, on Sunday, 18th March, 1962, LUCY HELEN MARION BRUCE, of Crianan, Isle of Iona, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. P. Bruce, of Braeburn, Currie, Midlothian.

#### AN APPRECIATION.

Butler and Robinson write:

"To those of us who have been much with Bruce since Royaumont days, knowing her intimately and privileged to enjoy her friendship, was revealed an unusually beautiful spiritual nature, generous and unselfish to a degree, yet full of humour and a zest for life. Happily, she was able to achieve her great wish to build a home on Iona, and had spent much time there where she was perfectly in tune with its wonderful atmosphere.

"She was a courageous believer in her principles. She felt that the Brotherhood of Man was the only hope for World Peace and that better understanding could only be achieved by personal contacts, especially between East and West, and she succeeded in making many between people of different races and religions.

"She had a full and happy life and had just finished writing a book which will no doubt prove to be full of interest and wisdom. Having achieved this, she was ready to pass on to the wider spheres, and she was looking forward with joy and eagerness to the next life.

"Her friends will rejoice with her in her happiness."

#### Smeal in "Any Questions."

Miller has asked me to give an account of the Arundel "Séance" of "Any Questions." As this took place many moons ago and, as I have a first-class memory for forgetting, it may be a bit incoherent, but anyway I'll "have a Go."

I managed to get one of the limited number of tickets which were allotted to the town via the Local Authorities, and holders were urged to co-operate by sending in questions (one or more) to ensure the success of the evening. So, all agog and full of the best intentions, I staggered up the very steep Arundel hill (which to me seems to become increasingly steep every day!) to the hall where the Séance was held, and handed in two questions. We had to be in the hall one hour in advance in order to be primed and to give a panel a chance to choose the

questions they considered most suitable. During this time, we were entertained by an amusing "patter" kept up by a B.B.C. official. We were told that our team consisted of Lord Boothby, that "enfant terrible"; Percy Cudlipp, Macdonald Hastings and Gilbert Harding—his first and last appearance on "Any Questions" just before his death—and, of course, the famous Freddy Grisewood. They were wine and dining in the town and knew nothing about the questions.

Thirteen of the latter were chosen out of the 300 handed in and, strange to relate, one of mine was chosen, causing me a bad attack of "stage fright." (Oh, mais, oui, oui, oui!)

The chosen 13 victims were then herded out to the front row, and everything made as fool-proof as possible. There was no rehearsal, but each person (in case we were unable to read our own writing) was handed his or her question typed out in LARGE LETTERS, and we were told roughly in what order we would be called. Instructions were also given as to when to begin and to end clapping by means of a little light flashing on and off. (This struck me as rather amusing!) After this lapse of time I am a bit hazy, alas, about the different questions handed in, but I do remember my own:

IS IMAGINATION MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWLEDGE?

(This one, I confess, I hastily adopted at the very last moment from something I had once read.)

My second question was:

WOULD ANY SYSTEM OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT BE EFFECTIVE IF COMMUNIST CHINA WERE NOT INCLUDED?

The first question was the one chosen and I think, on the whole, the team agreed that IMAGINATION was more important than KNOWLEDGE.

However, the thrill of the evening for me was, after the show, when Freddy Grisewood (who is rather badly crippled and whom I'd only previously

"met" on the wireless) stepped down from the platform, came over to me, shook my hand and congratulated me on my questions, saying it was the kind of question they had always wanted but never got. He then introduced me to his wife and we had a little chat. I could hardly believe it was me . . . .

Little as I deserved this honour, I confess it made my day, and I returned to my abode feeling I had had an entertaining and exhilarating evening.

#### A BORDER PERSONALITY

In a recent issue of the "Southern Reporter" there was a Pen Portrait of a "Border Personality"—our "Ramsay"—and I give a short résumé of the jobs she has held which will probably interest our members.

She always says the most interesting periods were her work with the S.W.H. which we all know, followed by ten months with the Army of the Rhine, 1919-20, as Secretary to Decima Moore at the British Empire Leave Club, and later, visits to India and Canada.

When she was at home she was not idle, being County Secretary for the Girl Guides for 17 years, organiser of Poppy Day in Peebles for nearly 30 years, and member or President for almost as long of the Women's Section of the British Legion, Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

For some years she was Chairman of the local committee of the Queen's Institute of District Nurses, is a Vice-president of the Peebles branch of the Ladies' Guild of the R.N.L.I., besides doing much work during the last war with the W.V.S. and the Unionist Association.

For her war services she was made a Freeman of the Royal and Ancient Burgh of Peebles.

Now she has retired from most of these organisations and is concentrating on making a new garden at Whyteknowe.

#### Accounts and Notices.

##### STATEMENT OF ROYAUMONT AND V.C. ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS, 20th MARCH, 1962.

1961.					
Received from Treasurer	...	...	£24 17 0	Payments.	
Donation from Salway for News Letter	5 0 0			Cheque Book	... .. £0 5 0
Donation from Moffat for Tea	...	...	0 10 0	Miller for Stamps	... .. 0 10 0
Subscriptions	...	...	6 10 0	Stewart for Stamps	... .. 0 5 0
				Balance in hand	... .. 35 17 0
			£36 17 0		£36 17 0

The Credit Total of £36 17/- includes future Subscriptions paid in advance amounting to £3 5/-.

(Sgd.) MARGARET A. STEWART.

#### ROYAUMONT AND V.C. ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY FUND.

Balance in hand ... .. £230 14 7

(Sgd.) R. MIDDLETON.

bers if the Association continued. Out of 71 replies to a further question whether the Emergency Fund should be continued, 40 were in favour of continuing the Fund for the benefit of members.

Smieton said that in view of these replies she proposed to put two Resolutions to the meeting but before doing so would like to hear from representatives of the members in Scotland regarding the formation of their proposed committee and to have their comments on the response to the questionnaire.

Ramsay-Smith confirmed that it was proposed that the Royaumont Association should be continued with Headquarters in Edinburgh with Smieton as President and Miss Nicholson as Hon. President. Ramsay-Smith further stated that the following would form the committee: Ramsay-Smith, Hon. Chairman; Leishman, Hon. Secretary; Stewart, Hon. Treasurer; Miller, Hon. Editor of News Letter; together with Rose Morris, Dow, Warren, Betty MacPherson, Miss Martland, Nicky, Moffat.

**Resolutions:** The following resolutions were then put to the meeting:

1. Members resident in Scotland having expressed their willingness to continue the Royaumont Association with headquarters in Edinburgh and having nominated a Committee for that purpose it is hereby agreed that as from to-day the management of the affairs of the Association shall be entrusted to this Committee and their successors and that, except as regards the Emergency Fund, all cash balances now standing to the credit of the Association shall be transferred to them for use by them solely for purposes of the Association, together with the Account Books, Minute Books and all other relevant papers at present in the custody of the former Committee.

2. This Meeting agrees that the Emergency Fund shall be continued for the benefit of Members of the Royaumont Association and that it shall be administered by four Trustees with power to appoint an Honorary Treasurer and on the death or resignation of any Trustee, to appoint a successor.

These Resolutions were carried.

**Emergency Fund Trustees:** The following were appointed to act as Trustees: Smieton, Miller, Miss Martland, Ramsay-Smith, with Middleton as Hon. Treasurer.

**Subscriptions:** It was agreed that subscriptions should be raised to 5/- per annum owing to increased cost of printing and postages.

**Carey-Morgan:** Carey-Morgan's suggestion, reiterated throughout the Meeting, that the Royaumont Association should close down altogether, was defeated.

Hope was expressed that Scotland would be able to carry on the Royaumont Association for many years.

### From Far and Near.

**Anderson, M. (Madame Petitpierre).** We are all sorry "Andy" wasn't able to attend the Annual General Meeting in London. Many of us were looking forward to having a chat with her. She must make her next visit to Dorothy coincide with the Edinburgh Tea Party.

I wonder if she has preserved her little giggle? (Editor.)

**Armstrong.** Delighted to hear you are continuing your membership. Stewart will fix up your subs. for you all right. Armstrong's letter to Smieton contained the sad news of Eva Ashton's death. We have commented upon it in the obituary column.

**"Betty" (Mrs C. R. Bruce).** We were very sorry that, owing to cold, "Betty" was not well enough to come to Edinburgh for our first Committee Meeting. Now that the Reunions are to be held in Edinburgh, we hope to see "Betty" more often. She was very regular in her attendances at those held in London, but her health, for several years now, has prevented her from being present.

**Bruce, L. H. M.** The Editor visited Bruce shortly after Christmas. She is crippled with arthritis. She says: "I can only get about at a snail's pace with a stick. I am glad the Association is being carried on. I owe so much to Royaumont, two of my closest and dearest friends, Butler and Robinson. Besides, it was an experience that widened one's outlook and enriched one's life."

(On the eve of going to Press, we have just heard of Bruce's death. She will be much missed by many friends who shared her ideas and high ideals. We send to all members of her family our deep sympathy.)

**Daunt.** At last there is news from Daunt. She has re-joined the Association, and we welcome her once more within the fold. She writes: "It would be lovely to see you all, but at present there is no possibility of getting over to Edinburgh. My nephew, who will eventually live here, is ordering all sorts of things to be done, and as far as I can see I shall be coping with workmen for months. I daresay it will be pleasant when everything is finished but at my age I should prefer to carry on with what I have. However, since he is footing the bill, I can only sit back and watch—and suffer. He lives in the U.S.A. and just cables instructions and won't come over until all is finished. He sent a lawyer to start the work and only notified me when the said lawyer was already on the 'plane. I prepared for one, and found there were four of them—most upsetting when the nearest butcher is miles away and I am coping with a faithful housekeeper who has been here for 50 years and one man, and I have been using only the part of the house needed for

personal use. Happily, everyone considers Irish people odd and unexpected, so things passed off not so badly."

She sends her love to all old friends and the best of luck to the resurrection of V.C. and Royaumont.

**Dow** is one of our most enthusiastic members, always willing to help. She very kindly invited the Committee to her delightful flat in Edinburgh for its first Meeting. We hope Dow and her sister are having an enjoyable time in Switzerland.

**Dunn, M. J. F.** Those of us who were out in Royaumont in 1915 were delighted to see Dunn again at the Annual General Meeting in London in October. She is very disabled with arthritis. She writes to Smieton: "In September, 1960, I had to go on the sick list, and since the beginning of 1961 I have been tossed by ambulance from hospital to nursing home. I am now waiting to reach the top of an all too prevalent 'waiting-list.' When I arrive there I hope to settle down in London for my remaining years." We hope that Dunn has had some successful treatment.

**Minchen.** Minchen is far from well and is now waiting to be operated on for cataract. However, she has enough spirit left to tell the following story: "Of course I am in favour of continuing the Royaumont Association, if for no other reason than the memory of a speech by Miss Courtauld at a dinner long years ago. In that speech she foreshadowed the last two surviving Royaumontites, old and worn, still creeping to an Annual Re-union and exchanging reminiscences over their bowls of gruel. How we shouted with laughter then! We are not quite there yet. I, for one, have never forgotten Miss Courtauld's words. She never doubted that as long as two members remained, they would carry on to the finish. I think her faith in that should be honoured."

**Merrylees.** The highlight for 1961 for Merrylees was a visit she paid to Andy and Georges (Petitpierre) at their villa in France. The remembrance of it keeps her "spirits up—the perfect spot and the perfect host and hostess." Merrylees sends us the news that Barclay will be in London on the 28th August when she leaves for Spain and Rome. This is just three days before the Edinburgh tea-party at which we might have had the pleasure of seeing her again.

**Moffat,** writing to Miller, says: "Leaving from Manchester in a cargo boat I have had a wonderful holiday in Canada. We sailed up the St. Lawrence Seaway to Toronto where I made some visits. I saw the lovely Muskoka region with its lakes and connective streams all available by canoe. Then out to Alberta where the oil fields are most interesting. I loved the Rockies, the Jasper National Park, Banff and other towns. The journey across

Canada by 'The Canadian' was a great experience. Finally back to Ottawa and Montreal. It is at this point of my journey that Royaumontites may evince some interest, for it was at Montreal that I met Dr Leila Henry ('little Henry') with whom many of us enjoyed working in Jeanne and Marguerite. Unfortunately I had only one day with her, but it was delightful. I arrived in time for a most enjoyable luncheon party at which I met Clark who used to work in the office with Ramsay-Smith, also a sister whose name I am sorry to say I don't remember. Henry's husband came in for a few minutes to give a special greeting to the little circle of Royaumontites. I stayed on after the others left and we talked our heads off. I loved the house with its Chinese lacquer red front door, and I saw the photos of her daughter's wedding, also those of her son's children. She invited me to go and see their summer home in the Laurentians, but I could not manage it. I was very disappointed, but I was sailing in a few days. The return voyage from Montreal to Manchester was most pleasant despite the fact that we had an encounter with 'Hurricane Frances'."

**Rolt** has been in the middle of the fight to save Ullswater from becoming part of the Manchester Water Scheme. As those interested in the debate already know, the Bill was rejected, a decision that must have been very satisfying to all those who worked so hard to preserve and maintain the beauty of their homes in a very lovely part of England. A good cause entailing hard work was always something Rolt could enter into with zest and enthusiasm. It was a tremendous effort crowned with success, much to Manchester's discomfiture.

**Rutherford (Mrs Riordan),** writing from Australia to Dow, tells of her meeting with Figgis in Olinda where the latter was holidaying. "Figgis—such a nice person, a real old-timer, with such a straight back."

Dow, writing of Rutherford, says: "Rutherford's husband is not strong, but she had been able to get away with her sister to Western Australia on a 'Wild flower and Forest area conducted tour.' I have seen Rutherford's younger son several times, as part of his post-graduate experience was gained on the Scottish Hydro-Electric Scheme in Glen Affric."

**Dr Saville** thinks she is too old to travel. For this reason she says: "It does not really matter whether the Re-union takes place in London or in Edinburgh. What I love to receive is the Royaumont Annual Association news." We are to try and do exactly that (Ed.).

**Smeal** was in Hampshire in April and saw Butler and Glossop. She has sent in a rather amusing description of the evening she spent with Freddy Grisewood and his panel. It was on the

distant parts of the world. For this reason, we want to make a success of our little paper, the success it has had from the very first number. We should like our readers to remember, however, that the Editor must have "copy" if they want the news. The excerpts from letters in the "From Far and Near" column have been enjoyed by us all. To retain this part of the News Letter please send in notes about yourselves and your families, if you have any, as well as news from old Royaumontites with whom you may have come into contact. A few wish to send in short personal experiences, reminiscent or otherwise, that they think might interest others. If there is not space for those in one News Letter, they can always be put into the following one. Nil desperandum. At any rate, have compassion on the poor Editor sitting desolate, gasping for news, with an empty sheet of paper in front of her.

#### The Subscription.

It has been proposed and agreed that we should raise the subscription from 2/6 to 5/- per annum. We have had to do this on account of the raised prices for printing and for postages. In a short time we may have to get a new "block" of the "Abbaye," the photograph that has adorned the head of the paper for many years. The present one is showing signs of wear, and cannot be used much longer. If a "block" has to be made, the printer has to have the original film of the photograph. Does any member happen to have one, or any other film of Royaumont suitable for the purpose?

Subscriptions for the current year were due on 1st January last, and future subscriptions should be paid on 1st January in each year or as soon thereafter as possible. This will greatly help our Treasurer in the running of the Association. Some of our old members are not joining the Association in Scotland but would like the News Letter to be continued. As the cost of the News Letter must, of necessity, come out of the members' subscriptions, are these members willing to pay the 5/- subscription to the Association, in which case, they will receive the News Letter?

#### The Tea Party.

It has been agreed to have a tea party in Edinburgh once a year. We have fixed this year's Meeting for 31st August at the Royal British Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh. We hope it will be a suitable date for those who want to come. The month of August may be a convenient time of year for Royaumontites from the South to be with us. There is always a considerable "va-et-vient" between England and Scotland during the summer. So let us hope that some of the English members will be able to attend. Notices will be sent out nearer the date, giving time and place. The Annual General Meeting will be held *before* tea.

As our Chairman suggests in her letter to the members, will members keep the date in mind and make Edinburgh one of their stopping places when planning summer holidays?

#### A Greeting from our Hon. Life President.

With regard to the election of Miss Nicholson as Hon. Life President, our President had a letter from Miss Duvall from which we quote the following:

"She (Miss Nicholson) is in entire agreement with the transference of the affairs of the Association to a Committee in Edinburgh and that you should become Acting President. If they elect her Hon. Life President she greatly appreciates the honour and accepts with pleasure. She especially wants all to know that she cannot personally take part owing to the great infirmity from which she suffers—all this to her great regret."

Since this letter was received, Miss Nicholson has been duly elected Hon. Life President.

#### Letter from our President.

The Hare and Hounds Hotel,  
Westonbirt,  
Near TETBURY, Glos.

Dear Members,

When, at the Annual General Meeting, held on 7th October, 1960, a Resolution, of which no prior notice had been given, "That the time had come to close the Association," was passed, it looked at first as though the Association had been summarily and finally extinguished.

As soon, however, as news of this decision reached other members who had not been present at the Meeting, it became clear that many disagreed with the decision. At a Meeting called by Ramsay-Smith and held in Edinburgh in January, 1961, of members resident in Scotland, it was found that out of twenty-eight members consulted, twenty-four were in favour of carrying on the Association with Headquarters in Edinburgh.

In these circumstances, it appeared desirable to try to ascertain how many members, not only inside but also outside Scotland, would wish to be members of the Association, if the members in Scotland proceeded with their scheme.

Out of ninety-three replies received to a Questionnaire circulated to members to elicit this information, as many as sixty-two expressed the wish to become members if the Association continued, and out of seventy-one replies to a further question whether the Emergency Fund should be continued for the benefit of members, forty were in favour.

At a Special General Meeting held on October 3rd, 1961, the former Committee resigned en bloc.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the members of that Committee for their valuable work during so many years and especially MacKay who, since Collum's death, has edited the News Letter most successfully.

At the same Meeting, two Resolutions were passed, by the former of which it was agreed that the management of the affairs of the Association should be transferred to the Committee in Scotland and by the second, that the Emergency Fund should be continued for the benefit of members.

The members in Scotland are to be congratulated on their courage and initiative which have ensured that the Royaumont Association shall live a little longer.

As the years pass it becomes increasingly difficult for most of us to attend meetings and functions but the Edinburgh Committee have no ambitious programmes in mind. They hope, however, at least to be able to publish a News Letter at regular intervals to enable members to keep in touch with one another and for this purpose it is essential that members should notify the Editor of any changes of address and from time to time to keep her supplied with any items of news which would be of interest to other members.

The Royaumont Association, which was formed in 1918, "To maintain our war-time comradeship," has hitherto amply fulfilled that purpose and now that it is being given a new lease of life I hope and believe that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

"SMIETON"

(Lady M. I. Sanderson).

#### Letter from our Chairman.

Whyteknowe,  
Peebles,

February, 1962.

Dear Members,

As Chairman of the new Committee in Edinburgh, I want to let you know what we are doing to keep the Royaumont and V.C. Association going.

We had a Committee Meeting in Edinburgh lately at Dow's flat where she very kindly gave us tea. Everyone was most enthusiastic, and we decided to have a Tea Party this summer in Edinburgh on 31st August. Sister Rose Morris is making the arrangements and will be sending out notices of time and place and price of tickets. So when you are planning a holiday, could you include a visit to Edinburgh on 31st August? It would be such fun to have a large gathering and exchange news.

We have had to raise our subscriptions to 5/- because of the increased cost of postage and printing, and if you could send your subscription to Stewart she would be delighted to have it without applying to each of you. Our funds are rather low, but we hope shortly to send out a revised list of members with addresses.

Smieton is giving a report of the London Meeting, so I need say no more except to send you good wishes for 1962 and hope to see many of you in August.

Yours ever,

RAMSAY,

#### Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Royaumont Association held in London on 3rd October, 1961.

After an excellent lunch, a Special General Meeting of the Royaumont Association was held on 3rd October, 1961, at the Service Women's Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

Mrs Alison was in the Chair.

Those present: Warner, Parkinson, Paley, Adrain, Thorne, Middleton, Miller, Adam, Mackay, Smeal, Ramsay-Smith, Big Andy, Howard-Smith, Leng, Dunn, Salway, Smieton, Little Andy, Alison, Large, Morgan, Oliver, Butler, Merrylees, Moore.

Apologies for absence: There were many apologies for absence, which were mainly on account of illness or distance.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and signed by Mrs Alison.

Resignations: The following members of the Committee, namely, Mrs Alison (Hon. Chairman), Salway (Hon. Treasurer), Morgan (Hon. Lunch Secretary), Large (Hon. Secretary), Mackay (Editor of the News Letter), then tendered their resignations. Ramsay-Smith said that these resignations were accepted with regret and thanked Mackay for her work as Editor and Morgan as Lunch Secretary over many years.

On the suggestion of Ramsay-Smith, it was agreed that Smieton should take the Chair for the rest of the Meeting.

Smieton said that when in January last, members in Scotland had expressed their willingness to carry on the Association with Headquarters in Edinburgh and to provide the necessary Office-bearers, she thought that an attempt should be made to ascertain how many members not only in but also outside Scotland would wish to continue membership.

Questionnaire: Out of 93 replies received to a questionnaire circulated to members to elicit this information, 62 expressed the wish to become mem-

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