
1919 - 1945 Lady Macartney

State Commissioner 1919 - 1945
The First 25 Years

This history has been written in the manner and style of the reports of the era concerned.

Since 1990 terms have been altered, and some style changes have been evident.

District commissioners are now "district leaders".

Local associations are now "girl guides support groups".

As the Annual Reports of years 1927, 1928 and 1937 have been missing for a number of years, this particular history lacks particulars of the events of those years.

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Extract from the Founder's speech at the World Conference, 30th July at Foxlease, England.

Guiding is a Movement not an organisation. The secret of our success and of our wonderful expansion in the comparatively short period of our existence is that we are a spontaneous and willing sisterhood, and not a formal and soul-less organisation. We find ourselves bound together by our voluntary acceptance of the guide law and Promise. This is the outward and visible sign under which we rallied; the hinge on which the Movement turns. But no Law can of itself be binding unless the spirit is also present to back it with a wholehearted determination for its performance.
Pioneer Days.

The girls who enthusiastically and determinedly joined the boys at the Crystal Palace Rally in London to greet the Founder, Sir Robert Baden Powell (later Lord Baden-Powell), and those who, on reading 'Scouting for Boys', confidently formed themselves into little groups in Australia, had no idea they would be torchbearers and pathfinders of such a great Movement - a Movement that has developed and expanded until millions of girls now enjoy fun adventure and excitement within the framework of the greatest voluntary association for girls the world has ever known. The girls of the past and present have built a firm foundation, and hopefully the Movement will continue to offer the necessary elements for future generations to enthusiastically continue the challenge of guiding.
An Idea - a Challenge!

Imagine the courage, determination, perseverance and ingenuity of that first small group of girls who were sufficiently resourceful to band themselves together at Tarragindi in 1915 and to persuade Miss Marjorie Grimes to become their leader! These girls designed their own uniform: a khaki shirt waist, a navy blue skirt attached to a bodice, scout hat, brown belt, black shoes and stockings and a black scarf. A book discovered in a Brisbane bookshop, 'How Girls Can Help the Empire', written by Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, contained the English address of the Girl Guides, so Miss Grimes contacted that address. In the meantime the girls learnt knotting, fire lighting, stalking, tracking and semaphore and they were enrolled by Scoutmaster A. Cribb of Ipswich as GIRL SCOUTS! The girls helped with the war effort by assisting in the kitchen of the Red Cross Cafe on Saturday mornings. On discovering that under the rules of the Movement it was impossible to acquire guide certificates, badges, etc. unless a central committee of representatives was formed the decision was made to put the troop into recess until the movement was officially initiated in Brisbane. There are reports of earlier groups known as Aides and even a photograph of one group of Aides but these groups were not officially recognised.

It's Official!

On 15th November, 1919 at Government House, Brisbane, in response to an invitation by Lady Goold-Adams, a number of representative citizens assembled for the purpose of forming a committee to establish the Girl Guide Movement in Brisbane. Among those present were the Mayoress of Brisbane (Mrs. McMaster), Mrs. P. Real, Mrs. E.H. McCartney, Mesdames H.L. Archdall, E.N. Merrington, J.A. Mackay (Girls' Grammar School), Rutherford, Greene, Brabazon, Bedford, Colonel Sharpe (Salvation Army), Rev. Dr. Merrington, Scoutmaster Snow and Miss Grimes. In the course of an interesting address Lady Goold-Adams explained that she had been asked by Lady Baden-Powell to start the Girl Guide Movement in Queensland. Already there was a membership of over 100,000 in England and the Movement had been taken up with enthusiasm in other countries.

Miss Bedford moved and Colonel Sharpe seconded the following resolution : "That those present at this meeting, recognising the benefit which it would be to many of the girls in Queensland if a Branch of the Girl Guides were established in the State, are prepared to give their support to such a Movement." Mr. Snow supported the resolution and promised to give any assistance he could to the organisation. A ballot taken resulted in an unanimous vote for the resolution. A provisional committee was formed as follows : Chief Guide for Queensland, Lady Goold-Adams; Chairwoman Mrs. Macartney; Members, Mesdames Archdall, A.B. Stark and A.B. Wilson; Advisory member, Scoutmaster Mr. Charles Snow; Secretary Miss Marjorie Grimes.

The newspaper of the day, "The Courier", reported : "Subsequently a most interesting display of flag signalling and firing was given by the brownies and guides of Miss Grimes' Tarragindi troop. A fine exhibition was also given by a party of boy scouts - the display ending with a "good luck" message to the Girl Guide Movement. Later tea was served in the drawing room, the girl guides and boy scouts assisting in looking after the guests." Just imagine the excitement and pride of those first guides, the gleam in their eyes reflecting the polish on their shoes; and their radiance at achieving their goal of being recognised officially as really belonging to the Girl Guide Movement!

The second meeting of the Executive on Thursday, 29th January 1920 was held at the Y.W.C.A. One letter from Lady Baden-Powell mentioned an "Imperial Council" formed in England to help and encourage the Guide Movement in the overseas dominions.

Some of these earlier decisions give a birds-eye view of that Executive at work:

It was suggested that the secretary interview Mr. Steer to complete the arrangements for the girl guides taking part in the welcome to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

That a coin afternoon take place on 18th September in the Domain, in aid of the Guide Committee funds.

An application form for Warrant as Officer was drawn up by Mr. Snow for use by the Girl Guides Association. Applications were to be forwarded to Miss Grimes, secretary.

On 18th October 1920, a letter of thanks was received for their kind messages of sympathy on the passing of her husband, the Governor, from Lady Goold-Adams.

It was suggested that an afternoon be held at Wynnum, the guides to give a display, in order to raise funds toward the English bill for badges, etc.

At a meeting on 28th February 1921, a letter was drawn up by the President, Mrs. Macartney, asking His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, to honour us by opening the Girl Guide fete at Wynnum South, on 9th April. The brownies under the leadership of Miss Law (Brown owl) were to be asked to pour out tea and wait on His Excellency at afternoon tea. Each member of the committee promised to be responsible for twelve cakes each. The Mayor of Wynnum was to be asked to receive His Excellency and welcome him to Wynnum.

At the April 28th meeting of the Executive, it was decided that Mrs. Macartney interview Miss Brockway and arrange for a quarterâ€™s tuition in physical culture for the Tarragindi guides.

In June it was proposed that a contribution of five shillings be paid yearly by the members of the Executive Committee. It was also agreed that a challenge shield should be produced for the benefit of the Queensland guide companies.

The September correspondence included a letter from Lady Goold-Adams, who had become representative of the Queensland guides on the Imperial Committee, England.

The Challenge Shield for 1922 was drawn up. It was to be presented to the company found to be the most efficient in the following subjects : ambulance, sewing (childâ€™s petticoat), and cooking (scones, two vegetables and grills).

Another decision made was that companies should pay one shilling (1/-) registration fee yearly.

At the 28th October 1921 meeting, it was decided that a rally should be held in the St. Margaretâ€™s School grounds on 19th November 1921, proceedings to commence at 3pm.â€•

In 1920 first companies were formed at Toowoomba and Townsville, and the first Easter camp was held and attended by guides from Tarragindi and Toowoomba.

The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) visited Brisbane and 40 guides and brownies paraded for him on the Domain.

Miss Jessie Law was appointed Brown Owl of the 1st Brisbane Brownie Pack and her warrant, together with one for Mrs. Price, Captain of Toowoomba, was signed on 21st June 1920.

In 1921 a company was formed at Windsor and in 1922 one at Toowong, Auchenflower and Southport. Another Easter camp and a Captainsâ€™ Conference were held during the year. Ipswich, Bundaberg, Charters Towers and Stanthorpe had been formed by 1923 and overall numbers had risen to 510 guides, 225 brownies and 35 rangers. The Tarragindi ranger company commenced in 1922.

During Exhibition week 1923, the guides were inspected by Her Excellency, Lady Forster at Government House. She congratulated the guides on their smart appearance and gave them much helpful advice.

On Empire Day, 24th May 1923, the Brisbane companies gave a concert and physical culture display to augment the funds of the State Executive. The sum of â‚¬40 was raised thereby.

During the year 1924, the Guide Movement made good progress throughout Queensland. In nearly every case the first company to start had so much support that the Captain was compelled to open a â€˜waiting listâ€™ until someone was trained to help her.

At the beginning of the year, the metropolitan guides formed a 'guard of honour' at Mrs. Michael Rodgers' wedding. After the ceremony representatives from each company were His Excellency's guests at the wedding reception at Government House.

Thanks were recorded to His Excellency, Sir Matthew Nathan, President of the Girl Guides Association (Queensland) for the many evidences of his interest in, and furtherance of the Movement in Queensland.

During the year, Mrs. Macartney (State Commissioner) and the Misses Grimes and Andrews represented Queensland at the World Camp and Conference held at Foxlease, England. While at Foxlease, Miss Grimes and Miss Andrews

(Herberton) participated in a course of training for prospective diplomas. Mrs. Cardew was appointed Deputy State Commissioner during Mrs. Macartney's absence.

One company comprised of aboriginal girls at Yarrabah Mission Station raised the money for their uniforms entirely by their own efforts. For five months they burnt charcoal in their spare time, from the sale of which they raised sufficient funds to buy their equipment.

During 1925 many companies were formed in country districts. Girls were beginning to realise the tremendous opportunities for pleasure, comradeship and self-improvement which Girl Guiding offered.

Notable events for this period were the two occasions when the guides paraded at Government House, the first was a farewell to Her Excellency, Lady Forster (our Commonwealth President) in August. On 5th September the metropolitan companies of guides gathered at Government House to farewell Sir Matthew Nathan, presenting him with a gold-mounted walking stick of Queensland ringed-boxwood, in token of their appreciation of his unflinching kindness at all times.

On the return of the State Commissioner to Queensland, action was taken to raise the standard of Guiding throughout the State. Experience gained overseas was of great benefit to Queensland. The Executive Committee was enlarged and several Vice Presidents appointed.

Miss Grimes, the other representative to "Foxlease", formed new Local Associations and companies and inspected those already formed in North Queensland. As a result of Miss Grimes' tour three companies were formed in Maryborough, two in Townsville, one in Charters Towers and one in Imbil.

The Entertainment Sub-Committee, under Mrs. Dixon, raised 9 40 by means of a bridge and mah-jong party held at Mrs. P.B. McGregor's home. This benefited Headquarters' funds.

In 1926 Miss Dorothy Hawthorn was appointed Organising Secretary for Queensland and Division Commissioner for the Metropolitan Division.

Miss Neth Hutchison was appointed State Secretary in August.

Mrs. Pennycuik resigned as Hon. Treasurer and Miss Jean Douglas was appointed to this position.

In April the Rotary Club organised a block collection in the city for Headquarters' funds. This realised Â£247.12.0d.

In June Mr. E.H. Macartney was appointed as Agent-General for Queensland which meant our State Commissioner would be absent from Queensland for the period of his term.

At a gathering of the Executive Committee, Commissioners and Brisbane and Ipswich Guiders, Lady Goodwin presented Mrs. Macartney with a delightful opal brooch set in platinum, the gift of all our Association members of Central and Southern Queensland. Also presented was a beautiful travelling rug and cushion, a gift from North Queensland. Just before Mrs. Macartney sailed, the State Executive gave a farewell tea in her honour at which she was the recipient of a writing case and address book, both bearing her initials.

Miss Hawthorn, who was awarded the Blue Cord Diploma in 1928, was appointed Deputy State Commissioner.

In July 1929 delightfully cool and airy rooms on the fifth floor of Kodak building became our Headquarters.

This year while on tour, Lady Goodwin visited the Torres Strait Islands and inspected all the companies there. Later while touring North Queensland she again inspected numbers of guides and encouraged guiding everywhere, and as a result a

guider was found in Cloncurry and a company was to be formed there.

Mrs. Simpson was appointed Head of Lones and two new Commissioners were appointed this year, Mrs. E.H. Sizer for Sandgate and Mrs. Morris for Gympie.

The Association was sorry to lose Miss Evans, District Commissioner for the City Area, who went to England early that year; also the District Commissioner for Rockhampton who resigned owing to ill-health.

In August, a ball was held to raise funds for Headquarters and our Association was honoured by the presence of Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Stonehaven and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Goodwin.

In 1930 application was made to Lady Macartney for permission to elect staff for the purpose of assisting the Deputy State Commissioner in her work. Permission was given and staff chosen from among the active officers of the Association to further work in the various departments in which these girls were capable of specialising : Brownies, Training, Camping, etc.

Mrs. Baker was appointed District Commissioner for Rockhampton and Mrs. A.P.W. Tregear for the City Area.

At Easter, the Federal Council Meeting, comprising delegates from all the States was held in Sydney, Queensland again being represented by Miss Hawthorn. Her Excellency, Lady Stonehaven, Federal President, took the chair at the meeting. Matters of interest covering a wide range of guiding in Australia were discussed. Her Excellency, Lady Stonehaven later entertained the delegates to afternoon tea at Admiralty House. New South Wales also entertained them at a luncheon party.

Lady Macartney was elected by a large majority to be Australia's voting representative at the International Conference held in England in July.

The active Guiders' Conference which took place at the same time as the Federal Council was very helpful from a trainer's point of view.

Miss Thraves, who had taken a very active part in Charters Towers guiding since the Movement first started in Queensland, returned to England.

The Warwick District became the proud possessor of a hut, which was erected and furnished free of all debt. At the opening of this hut in May, a Thanks Badge was presented to the Mayor, Alderman Connolly, for making the land available and for the splendid help he gave in connection with the establishment of the building.

In August, Rear-Admiral E.R.G.R. Evans gave a lecture in aid of our funds and those of the Boy Scouts' and Ex-Naval Men's Associations. This lecture on "Captain Scott's last Antarctic Expedition" took place in the City Hall in the presence of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stonehaven, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Goodwin.

The greatest event since the inauguration of guiding in Queensland took place in 1931, when the Chief Scout and Chief Guide visited Queensland. On Tuesday, 24th March, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell arrived in Brisbane and were met by His Excellency Sir John Goodwin (Chief Scout for Queensland), Lady Goodwin (State President of the Girl Guides), Miss D. Hawthorn (Deputy State Commissioner, Girl Guides), Mr. C. Snow (Chief Commissioner, Boy Scouts), the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and representatives of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations. The Chiefs were the guests of the Governor and Lady Goodwin during their visit. That evening a dinner party was given in their honour.

A morning tea party in honour of Lady Baden-Powell was held on Wednesday, 25th March by the State Executive Committee. The Chief Guide met the members of the Executive and gave an informal talk on various guiding subjects. Later she visited and inspected our State Headquarters.

In the afternoon Lady Baden-Powell and Lady Goodwin paid a visit to the guiders' training camp which was being conducted at Ashgrove by Miss Dorothy Hawthorn, and with which they were delighted.

In the evening a Civic Reception and Public Welcome were accorded Lord and Lady Baden-Powell in the City Hall.

On Thursday Lady Baden-Powell gave a lunch hour address to all guide workers in the Lady Mayoress' room at the City Hall and in the evening the two Chiefs visited Erapah - the scouts' camping ground - where they and His Excellency and Lady Goodwin partook of their evening meal. Numbers of commissioners, scouters and guiders, rovers and rangers were present at this function. After tea all gathered round a huge campfire and both the Chiefs gave informal talks to the assembled scouters and guiders. Songs were sung and several informal items were given for the entertainment of the visitors.

On Friday morning at a morning tea at Rowe's Cafe, Lady Baden-Powell met a large number of commissioners and representatives of Local Associations from all over Queensland. The Chief Guide gave a most delightful and instructive talk and engaged in a little individual chat with everyone present.

That evening the big combined rally was held at the Exhibition Oval. There were approximately 2000 scouts and 1450 guides present and various displays were given by the different branches of both Associations. Included in these was a special item of bridge-building, given by some scouts from the North Coast. This aroused great interest.

Troops and companies from all over Queensland sent representatives to this rally, which was witnessed by a large and appreciative gathering of the general public. Scouts and guides from the north of New South Wales also joined in.

Miss Hawthorn, Deputy State Commissioner for Queensland, was presented with the Medal of Merit by Lady Baden-Powell at the close of the rally, and both the Chiefs addressed the assembled scouts and guides.

On Saturday morning Lord and Lady Baden-Powell left for Sydney and were farewelled by His' Excellency and Lady Goodwin, Mr. Snow, Miss Hawthorn and a very large number from the Scout and Guide Associations.

During his farewell visit to Brisbane in May, Admiral E.R.G.R. Evans offered to give his famous "Drover Patrol" lecture in aid of our and the Scout Association funds.

His Excellency, the Governor and Lady Goodwin toured through Northern and Western Queensland in the months of May and June. Guides and brownies in the various centres visited were inspected by them and receive much encouragement.

As the result of a recommendation received from the Captains' Conference, permission was granted by the State Executive for the inauguration of a guiders lending library. Any guider in the State was eligible to make use of the books contained therein upon payment of a small fee. The library was opened in October.

The fifth meeting of the Federal Council was held in Melbourne at the end of October, Miss Hawthorn and Mrs. K. Reid being our representatives. The main discussion related to the conditions and qualifications necessary for the Training Certificate. Overseas reports were read and discussed.

In 1932 it was resolved to alter the end of the financial year to 30th September. This decision was made at the request of Imperial Headquarters in order that the Queensland report might reach them at an earlier date.

Owing to the epidemic of infantile paralysis in Queensland at the beginning of the year, the companies and packs remained in recess until March when the epidemic had abated, and the annual swimming sports were postponed until later in the year.

Lady Macartney returned to Australia on 15th February after two and a half years in England. Lady Macartney attended numerous guide conferences in England and gave us the benefit of her experience and ideas thus gained.

On 19th March we combined with the Scout Association in a farewell rally at the Brisbane Exhibition to Sir John and Lady Goodwin. The guide item consisted of country dancing - sets from a number .of companies taking part. The rangers had a campfire and sing-song and the brownies danced; and a grand 'run-past', each pack in the form of a chariot and horses, the Brown Owls holding the coloured reins.

Victoria's State Secretary, Miss Sybil Irving, who had spent a month at Imperial Headquarters the previous year learning their methods of organisation, filing systems, etc., gave our Association invaluable assistance for some weeks in April and May.

Owing to the depression, the twenty-first birthday of the Girl Guide Movement was celebrated very quietly by each company in their own respective districts. The majority of companies and packs held church parades.

Lady Wilson consented to become our State President when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson, Lady Wilson and Miss Marjorie Wilson arrived in Queensland. Miss Marjorie Wilson was interested in guiding and the 1st St-John's company was proud of having her with them as lieutenant.

A ball to raise funds for Headquarters was held in Show Week under the patronage of and in the presence of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Isaacs, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Wilson and Miss Wilson.

Mrs. E.T. Hart was appointed District Commissioner for Windsor and Miss O. Bardsley, District Commissioner for Coorparoo and Greenslopes. Mrs. G. Neal, District Commissioner for Warwick, returned from England during the year. Miss M. Grimes, District Commissioner for Annerley, was given a year's leave of absence on account of ill-health. Miss Florence Vallance was on leave of absence and intended spending some time at Foxlease to study rangering.

Three conferences were held in Brisbane in 1932; in addition Miss Dorothy Miris conducted debating classes in Brisbane for guiders.

1933 - Formation of State Council and Amendment of Queensland Constitution.

On 18th September a meeting to form the State Council and to approve the amended Queensland Constitution was held in Brisbane. Lady Wilson presided. The council was to consist of twenty-five members, namely, the Executive Committee, the three Division Commissioners of Queensland, ten prominent citizens and a representative of the Local Associations of Queensland. The State President, the Chief State Commissioner and the State Secretary were members ex-officio. The Council was successfully formed and the amended Constitution forwarded to Imperial Headquarters to be adopted.

During the All Australia Camp at Jamberoo, a Commissioners' Conference took place.

A Federal Council Meeting was also held at Jamberoo at the end of January, Miss Hawthorn being our representative.

Miss Margaret Stodart was appointed Equipment Secretary at State Headquarters on 2nd March.

At the beginning of May, in order to assist the raising of funds for the Queensland Girl Guides Association, Miss Marjorie Wilson convened a meeting of girls in Brisbane. All present formed themselves into a committee called the Girl Guide Auxiliary Committee of which Miss Wilson was appointed president, Miss Betty Anning, secretary and Miss Mary Luya, treasurer.

The first Queensland Handcraft Exhibition was held in Brisbane at Shell House from 7-19th August. In the unavoidable

absence of Lady Wilson, the Chief State Commissioner, Lady Macartney performed the opening ceremony.

On 11th August the first conference for the Local Associations of Queensland was held in Brisbane. During the year Local Associations were formed at Kedron, Ashgrove, Palmwoods, Eudlo, Dalby and Killarney.

The Association was pleased to welcome Mrs. H.S. Gresham who arrived in February from New South Wales. She had been District Commissioner for a very large area in that State for some time and before then had been in turn a Brown Owl and a Captain. She was offered the position of Division Commissioner for South Brisbane.

Miss Florence Vallance returned from England and was appointed District Commissioner for Cairns.

Mrs. J.M. Grant and Mrs. K. Wilson were appointed District Commissioner for Ashgrove and Annerley respectively. Mrs. H.W. Irwin was appointed District Commissioner for Cunnamulla.

Miss Marjorie Grimes resigned her position as Head of Brownies, a member of the Executive Committee and District Commissioner for Annerley.

Two Commissioners' Conferences were held during 1933.

At the beginning of the year, the sum of sixty-four pounds was received from Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, who very generously sent that amount as a refund of portion of her salary and expenses incurred during her visit to Queensland some years before. As a number of Local Associations, companies and packs had subscribed towards her expenses, the refund was returned pro rata to the Local Associations, companies and packs in question, a certain amount being held in trust for those that were in recess.

The Association was sad to lose Marianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.P.W. Tregear, to whom sincere sympathy was extended. Marianne had held the position of Tawny Owl in the 1st St. John's Pack.

Thanks were also extended to His Excellency the Governor, Lady Wilson and Miss Wilson for their help and interest; to the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust for their generous assistance and to the Ambulance Brigade for the use of their rooms.

In October 1933, Lady Macartney paid a short visit to Toowoomba and formed a Local Association.

A Wildflower Show held in Ipswich on 16th September was opened by the Chief State Commissioner, Lady Macartney.
1934

In 1934 exhibitions of guide handicrafts were held at Eudlo in April and Sarina in August. The Gladstone rangers and the Dalby company and pack had displays of work in their local shows.

In August the Annual Ball was held in Brisbane and was attended by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson; also Lady Isaacs (wife of the Governor-General) who was visiting Brisbane at that time.

In 1934 it was decided that as the Commissioners' and Guiders' Council was such a representative body of guiders, that the Captains' Conference and the Owls' Council amalgamate.

Seven new Local Associations were formed Dalby, Toowoomba, Clermont, Herberton, Atherton, Flaxton and Picnic Bay. Proserpine and Longreach Local Associations went into recess.

The amended Constitution was returned from England during the year with some minor alterations. These were

approved by the Queensland State Council and again forwarded to England.

Through the continued courtesy of Chandlers Broadcasting Station 4BC, Miss Sydney Foott handled our segment of the children's session.

At the annual meeting held in September a Thanks Badge, mounted on a small shield of rose mahogany, was presented to the Shell Company on behalf of the Commissioners' and Guiders' Council.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, arrived in Queensland early in December 1934 and was greeted by rangers, guides and brownies in Warwick, Toowoomba, Brisbane and Nambour. In Brisbane on 6th December, a large rally was held at the Exhibition Grounds in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and at the invitation of the Royal National Association. About 1,200 metropolitan rangers, guides and brownies took part and stood in block formation whilst listening to an address by His Royal Highness. About thirty-five Union Jacks were carried by colour parties, and these made a most impressive sight as they marched past the Saluting Base, two abreast, followed by the companies and packs. The brownies were harnessed to poles with red and blue streamers, and "ran past" in formation. Some guides from Toowoomba and Nambour were present.

On 15th December, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell arrived in Thursday Island on board the "Marella". The ship stayed there only a day, but the Thursday Islanders took every opportunity of seeing and entertaining the Chiefs. A Guard of Honour of white and native guides and scouts was formed at the wharf, and brownies and cubs were there too. On her way down the Queensland coast, the "Marella" anchored outside Townsville for a few hours, and a number of guiders and guides from that town went out in a launch to greet the Chiefs, and had tea on board with them.

The ship touched Brisbane on 20th December, arriving early in the morning and leaving again in the afternoon. A number of guiders, guides and brownies assembled with the scouts at Anzac Square during the morning, and were inspected and addressed by the Chiefs. To the delight of all, Lady Baden-Powell here presented our Chief State Commissioner, Lady Macartney, with the Silver Fish - the highest honour that can be awarded in the Guide Movement. His Excellency and Lady Wilson afterwards entertained the Chiefs and their two daughters, the State Executive Committee and Mrs. Zahl from Badu Island, at morning tea at Government House. Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were then taken to Lone Pine, and were particularly delighted with the native bears (koalas). Lady Macartney afterwards lunched with the Chiefs on board the "Marella".

1935

Eighty five guiders and guides including the Deputy State Commissioner, the State Secretary, Miss Edwards and Miss Bowman visited Victoria to attend the Jamboree held from 28th December to 7th January.

On 6th April 1935, a fete was held at Government House. Unfortunately when His Excellency and Lady Wilson were taking the Salute as guides and scouts marched past, the rain came down in torrents and continued spasmodically throughout the afternoon and evening. However, each of the Associations benefited to the extent of E;300. Our allocation was placed in a special account. Hopefully, it was to be the nucleus of a fund to purchase a camping ground.

On 12th May, rangers, guides and brownies throughout Queensland attended their own churches, as Thanksgiving Services for His Majesty's Jubilee.

The annual ball was held in Brisbane on 20th August in the presence of and under the patronage of His Excellency and Lady Wilson, Lady Hore-Ruthven (wife of the Governor of New South Wales) and the Admiral and Officers and the Fleet, who were also guests.

During the year new Local Associations were formed at Kelvin Grove, Annerley and Mt. Morgan. In recess were Windsor, Gympie, Palmwoods and Eudlo. The annual meeting of the combined Local Associations of Queensland was held in Brisbane in August.

Letters of Commendation were written to Miss Lily Wilson, acting lieutenant of the 1st Northgate-Nundah Company, who rescued two guides from a flooded stream and Hazel Goodfellow of the 1st Herberton Company for rescuing a small boy

who had fallen into a swimming pool.
1936

In 1936 Hamilton Local Association was formed. Country Local Associations in recess were Ayr, Magnetic Island and Mt. Isa.

The Commissioners' Meeting was held in August as was the combined Local Associations' Annual Meeting.

It was with deep regret that our Association learned of the death of His Majesty King George V in January; a cable of sympathy was sent from the guides of Queensland through His Excellency the Governor, to our President, the Princess Royal. A Citizens' Memorial Service was held at the Exhibition Grounds on the evening of 26th January. Guides in country districts attended local services.

In May, owing to the depressed state of Headquarters' funds, new offices were found in Exton House. The drop in numerical strength was responsible to a large extent for the deficit in funds.

On 1st August 1936 a large rally of all the Brisbane rangers, guides and brownies was held at Government House in honour of the Lady Gowrie, approximately 1500 taking part and presenting a most spectacular display. The brownies were assembled in a large Fairy Ring and the rangers and guides were on the lawns in company formation complete with Colour Parties. His Excellency and Lady Wilson gave refreshments to all our guides and brownies at the conclusion of the function. Guides and brownies greeted the Lady Gowrie at the various country centres which she visited during her Queensland tour.

Mrs. E.C.D. Ringrose was appointed commissioner for the Bardon Milton area.

The Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly was responsible for getting in all the quotas to the Training Fund from the metropolitan area and paying those in to the Training Fund in regular instalments.
1937-38

In 1937 Miss D. Hawthorn was awarded the Coronation Medal, Lady Macartney, Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and Mrs. A.P.W. Tregear, Division Commissioner, the Medal of Merit.

The majority of companies and packs started in late February 1938 were put in to recess early in March because of the outbreak of infantile paralysis and the Government restrictions on children meeting in any numbers.

On 27th May there was an attendance of over 500 guides and brownies at the Unveiling of the Memorial to His Late Majesty, King George V by His Excellency the Governor in King George Square, Brisbane.

The guide company in Dalby held a very fine exhibition of work in July. The Jandowae Company was also present on this occasion and was entertained by the Dalby guides at a campfire tea. The Sherwood Local Association very kindly donated a Union Jack, pole and Trefoil to the 3rd Extension Company, at the Montrose Home for Crippled Children, and this was dedicated on 3rd September. Lady Macartney and Miss Hawthorn were present at this ceremony.

Mr. R.C. Hancock was appointed to the State Council and Mrs. G.H. Baker appointed as Division Commissioner for Rockhampton.

The Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly was thanked for its continued support in guaranteeing the training quotas from the metropolitan areas and also for its gift to the camping ground fund.

The death of two Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ross Munro and Mrs. James Forsyth were recorded; also the death of Miss Kitty Stark, who was among the first to join when guides started in Queensland in 1919 and was the first guide in Queensland

to win her All Round chords.

The annual meeting of the combined Local Associations of Queensland took place in the Lord Mayor's room City Hall, Brisbane on 16th August.

In order to arouse more interest in our Australian aborigines, a badge was introduced for Australian guides and rangers.

In May, the Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly helped the Executive Committee with the 'Petticoat Lane' stall at the Government House Fete which was in aid of Red Cross Peace activities and the Bush Children's Health Scheme.
1939

Special First Aid and Child Nurse classes held in Brisbane in 1939 were exceptionally well attended.

Five members of the Association attended a five day Instructor's course in Air Raid Precautions. Later these instructors conducted several series of classes for members of the Association and any outsiders who were interested.

The Association offered the services of all the senior qualified members of the Association to the Queensland Government for use in A.R.P. work, First Aid, Home Nursing, assisting with evacuation camps, etc. The younger members were busy knitting and collecting papers for the Comforts Fund.

At the inauguration of the Women's Voluntary National Register, Miss Dorothy Hawthorn was appointed Records Secretary and devoted a great deal of time to that work.

Through the generosity of the Melbourne Steamship Company, a most successful bridge party was held on board the M.V. 'Duntroon' in November, in aid of funds for Girl Guide Headquarters. This netted C60.19.3d.

During her visit to Gladstone in December, Miss Hawthorn opened the but which Mr. H. Friend had presented to the guides and brownies there.

At the end of March, Miss Margaret Martin, Imperial Commissioner for Camping, Commissioner for Training in Scotland - and holder of the Red Cord Diploma, arrived in Brisbane, and remained for a month. Her visit was an outstanding success.

A special guide item - a five minute concert party - was included in the Easter Eisteddfod held in Brisbane and several companies entered. The 1st Balmoral guides won the beautiful cup.

The first Brownie Room in Queensland was opened at Bardon in July by the State Commissioner, Lady Macartney.

A bridge party held in July in the Lady Mayoress' room at the City Hall was arranged by the Executive Committee and netted a little over C12.

During July, the Captain and all the members of the 1st Rockhampton Company paid a week's visit to the Bundaberg guides. It proved a successful and enjoyable idea.

Regret was expressed at the death of Miss Joan Tregear, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.P.W. Tregear, who was an ardent guide and guider for many years.
1940-41

1940/41 in spite of wartime organisations springing up on all sides, there was an increase in enrolments and several new

packs and companies were formed.

It was with deep grief that the Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly recorded the death of their beloved President, Miss A.P.W. Tregear. She was Commissioners' representative on the State Council, representative of the Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly on the Executive Committee, and Division Commissioner for North Brisbane.

The Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly invested £60 in War Savings Certificates.

Guiding and Scouting suffered a severe blow at the beginning of 1941, through the death of the World Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell. One of our Brisbane guiders said "We deeply grieve the loss of this great and much loved man, who made guiding and scouting possible for the World."

A Memorial Service (which the Chief Scout himself had compiled before his death) was held throughout the world on Sunday, 19th January 1941, and companies and packs all over Queensland were called together, out of recess, to attend in the various centres.

Miss Hawthorn who was called up in March 1940 for the W.A.A.A.F. was later promoted to the rank of Flight Officer in the W.A.A.A.F. and was in charge of a training unit at Bankstown, near Sydney.

Miss Molly Woolnough was appointed Commissioner for Brownie Training, Miss Helen Taylor, Acting Commissioner for Guide Training, and Miss Hilda Riding, Acting Head of Camping.

The Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly was disbanded in February of 1941 and handed the sum of £136.15.11d. and six Commonwealth Bonds to the Training Fund for the years ahead.

Mrs. Dunne, Eagle Owl, resigned. As Miss Pat Dickens, her work in the Movement had been of great value and had a wide influence on all brownie packs.

In spite of decreased numbers owing to War Service a series of brownie and guide trainings were undertaken by keen guiders. The number of old guides taking up brownie and guide work greatly increased.

The Brownie War Service Badge was introduced. Brownies were eligible for this badge after completing an hour a week for three months doing war work and as part of the necessary knowledge for this badge, brownies had to carry messages reliably, to know the nearest public and private air raid shelters near their homes and on route to school, to know public telephones and phone numbers of essential services and many other things which enabled them to be of practical use in an emergency.

After eighteen and a half years of service, Miss Neth Hutchison resigned in January 1941 as State Secretary. Miss Annabelle Rankin was appointed to that position. Miss Hutchison was elected a member of the State Council. A farewell party was arranged and a portable typewriter and despatch case were presented to Miss Hutchison.
1943-45

In spite of Queensland being near the War Zone, the year of 1942 was successful with a decided increase in the numbers of both guides and brownies and also the formation of several new companies.

On Thinking Day 1942, a very inspiring "Guides' Own" was held in the Lady Mayoress' room in the City Hall. Despite weather a large number were present, and an excellent address was given by Mr. Ringrose of the University of Queensland.

Miss Josie Hickey was presented with the Badge of Fortitude in 1942. She was a member of the Montrose company and

later became Lieutenant of the company and one of the Lone Guide Captains.

Miss Annabelle Rankin, State Secretary, was given leave of absence for the duration of the war. She became Y.W.C.A. Senior Representative, Queensland Line of Communications. When visiting northern country centres, Miss Rankin consented to visit the guides and brownies whenever possible.

Miss Gowrie left for Melbourne to join the W.A.A.A.F. She had given 15 years of service to guiding as a guide, guider and commissioner. She was an active member of the Training Department and secretary of Correspondence Training and Commandant of the V.A.D.

Many new packs were started and old ones re-opened.

1944 was an extremely busy and successful year with a steady flow of recruits.

Early in the year, the Association was honoured to receive from Her Majesty, the Queen, an autographed photograph of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth dressed in Sea Ranger uniform.

Thinking Day was held at the Coorparoo Scout Den at which over 800 guides and brownies were present. The Free French League of Help and the Australian Scots Association sang and danced folk songs and dances of their own countries; the French to represent France and the Scots to represent the British Isles. At the end of the afternoon, an international tableau was presented, one guide from each company representing a country in which there were guides before the war. Items of interest about each country were read by Miss Annabelle Rankin as each country took its place in the Horseshoe. Commissioner Snow, of the Boy Scouts Association, spoke on the life of Lord Baden-Powell.

A handicraft exhibition was held from 23-26th August, through the auspices of the New Education Fellowship Conference, and the guides, scouts, Army Education and the Queensland Art Society took part. Our part of the exhibition was a great success and helped to show the public "what guides do".

The 1st Kangaroo Point Ranger Company was started in February 1944, with Mrs. Simmons as captain.

All brownie packs had a very busy year, keeping on steadily with their test work and also increasing their scope for "good turns".

In the year ended September 1944, the following sentiments were expressed in the annual report:

"There are many articles in our Press, and discussions on the air, of the new world in which we shall find peace and security for all people. Our beloved Chief, the late Lord Baden-Powell, gave us the vision of Peace on Earth, established by the Brotherhood of man and the Ideals of scouting and guiding fostered in every language and creed. By following his teaching each and every guider should feel that she is doing a worthwhile job by passing on to the children in her care the spirit citizenship of service to others, fair play and good - with these small seeds she is helping towards the large National and World-wide effort to find that Peace on Earth."

A number of companies reopened after their forced inactivity caused by the war situation and many new companies were formed. The Northgate-Nundah rangers met with the 1st Kangaroo Point rangers for training purposes. Seven rangers passed their ranger test and were enrolled in August.

H.E.S. training steadily proceeded and a series of lectures were given on health and hygiene by a Sister from the Maternal and Child Welfare Centre. Lectures were also given on first aid, gas attacks, fire fighting and incendiary bomb fighting. Practical instruction in physical fitness by a National Fitness leader and a lecture on the use and care of respirators by a member of the Police Force were also given.

During the year two Church Parades were held and colours carried. The rangers held a moonlight hike along Bardon Creek and attended an Easter camp at Walton Bridge.

A ranger Colour Party was supplied at the presentation of the Mobile Canteen at Llangland Park, Coorparoo and two rangers helped the staff in charge of the arrangements. Rangers were represented at the Thinking Day Rally and the Guide Sports, and two rangers were on duty at the Handicraft Exhibition, wearing the new ranger uniform. The ranger exhibit was divided into four sections - home craft shown by a model house and grounds, woodcraft shown by a model campsite, war work and service shown by models of rangers at switchboards, hostels and canteens, and a delightful model of a ranger giving a pint of blood to the Red Cross.

Rangers gave regular monthly donations to the Guide Prisoner of War Fund, helped at Canteens, Hostels, attended Naval Headquarters as switchboard attendants, entertained evacuees, made camouflage nets and sewed and knitted for the Red Cross and A.C.F. They also helped at the "Good Turn Cafe".

The 25th Anniversary of Guiding in Queensland saw the end of the war after nearly six years of wartime problems and wartime restrictions.

Along with other States, Queensland was delighted when H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester accepted the position of Federal President of Australia. A box of flowers was sent to the Duchess and a gracious letter of thanks was received from her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Clive. The Duchess invited one delegate from each State to afternoon tea at Admiralty House to hear details of the Conference - the Federal Council Meeting.

The G.I.S. (A) and Federal Conference of delegates from all States in the Commonwealth were held in Sydney in June 1945. Mrs. H.S. Gresham and Miss Daphne Carpenter attended. The Federal Conference dealt with post war and other guide matters.

At a Commissioners' Conference held in March 1945, it was decided to give a party to the guiders of Brisbane to introduce Mrs. Gresham, Acting Deputy State Commissioner. Guiders' parties recommenced again in March with a campfire given by the Coorparoo-Greenslopes District.

On 1st March, the Jubilee Appeal for £1,600 for post-war Guiding was launched. The money was to be obtained through four target months, the objective to obtain travelling trainers and organisers; to purchase a permanent camping ground and training centre; and to open a centre for guiders and their friends, complete with Headquarters Cafe, showers and a room for meetings.

On 7th April, a brownie and guide Swimming Sports was held at the Ithaca Baths. £12.10.0d. was handed to the Jubilee Appeal. Mrs. Gresham, then Acting Deputy State Commissioner, presented the cups.

A Guides' Own was held in the City Hall on 22nd July 1945. Four hundred guides and brownies, as well as representatives of Local Associations State Council, State Executive and the Boy Scout Association attended. The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust.

The generous donation granted to our Association by the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust in 1923 enabled our Association to restock all literature and badges.

The 1924 donation from the Trustees of the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust enabled us to open an office of our own at Victory Chambers. This meant that the guides could get supplies of literature and equipment within the State.

A grant in 1925 from the Trust enabled Miss Grimes to tour through the north of Queensland.

A generous donation in 1926 enabled Headquarters to stock the literature and equipment necessary to cope with the

Movement's rapid expansion.
Service.

From the earliest days of guiding, girls were encouraged to give service to those less fortunate than themselves and to the Guiding Association.

Companies helped to alleviate distress amongst the families of the unemployed and made presents and clothes for children in hospitals. A brownie concert in aid of the Christmas Cheer Fund at which all packs in the Brisbane Division were represented, raised a net profit of £32. This was in 1930.

In the next few years brownies made baby clothes to be presented at Christmas time to the Creche and Kindergarten; rangers, guides and brownies helped unemployed and distressed families, took time to sew for Lady Goodwin's sewing circle, assisted deserving cases in their area with food and clothing, and some companies and packs provided Christmas trees and gifts for poor children as well as gifts for those in hospitals, creches and kindergartens. Financial assistance was given by some companies to the funds of Social Service League and to the Ambulance, this being raised by the personal efforts of the guides.

Townsville rangers, guides and brownies made toys for the Palm Island Mission Station and assisted the Social Service League. Brisbane rangers gave service in Creche and Kindergartens.

In 1933, Brisbane brownie packs organised a concert, half the proceeds were donated to the Ambulance and half to a deserving case in the General Hospital. The Townsville rangers donated a cot to the Children's Ward in the General Hospital. Help was given at Baby Clinics, food and clothing were given to children in need and the knitting and sewing of children's garments for hospitals were examples of the service rendered by our brownies, guides and rangers until the commencement of World War II.
War Effort - Queensland Plays her Part.

With the outbreak of war in September 1939 service became of prime importance to our Australian guides, rangers and brownies as we did our best to assist our less fortunate sisters overseas.

Five Queensland members, Nan Edwards, Amy Shaw, Doris Heindorff, Muriel Jackson and Neth Hutchison, attended a five day instruction course in air raid precautions and later acted as instructors.

In May 1940 the Girl Guides of the British Empire were asked to raise £20,000 to purchase two air ambulances and a life motor boat for the British forces. There was a splendid response to this appeal and the Queensland guides, brownies and their friends subscribed over £389. The basic wage was then approx. £5 (approx. \$10) per week. Even the native companies in the Torres Strait Islands contributed, one Lieutenant giving ten shillings out of her monthly earnings of £4 (approx. \$8). So great was the enthusiasm throughout the Empire, that over £48,000 was subscribed and the money donated to various units of the fighting forces as follows : £15,000 for two air ambulances; £5,000 for a life motor boat; £11,000 to the Royal Navy for motor ambulances; £10,000 to the Army for rest rooms; £5,000 to the Y.M.C.A. for huts and equipment. This left some still to be distributed. The life motor boat was actually used in the evacuation of Dunkirk, and was called the "Guide of Dunkirk".

The Queensland guides made themselves generally useful in a number of ways. In addition to knitting they helped in no small way with A.R.P. (air raid precautions), they assisted at Red Cross and Comforts Fund entertainments, they bought War Savings Stamps and Certificates and sent large contributions in money and goods to the British Bombed Children's Fund. The Girl Guides Association of Queensland realised that help could be given in a very practical way by sending clothes to Polish refugee children who were pouring into the allied and neutral countries. Messrs. R.W. Thurlow and Co. generously lent the ground floor of a building in Wharf Street as a depot. Money was quickly subscribed and raised, material bought and made up, discarded clothing collected and packed, and the first cases were despatched to London in November 1940. The committee of the fund arranged several functions to raise money, the most successful being the "Pageant of Famous Women" staged in the gardens of "Ross Roy", Mr. W. Ross Munro's lovely home at Indooroopilly.

When it was realised that refugees were fleeing from countries other than Poland, the appeal was changed to the Allied Refugee Children's Fund, and the cases of clothing were sent to the Queensland Agent-General for distribution wherever

practical. However, after the horrific bombing of England and the urgent need of British children for warm clothing, the committee concentrated on them. The name of the fund was altered to British Bombed Children's Fund. With Miss Gyneth Campbell in charge, energetic sewers and packers spent a great deal of time at the rooms of the British Bombed Children's Fund. Over 34,000 garments were sent to England and, with the exception of two cases, all reached their destination. The two cases sunk by enemy action were insured and the money was collected by the Queensland Agent-General in London and given to those in need. In addition to the warm garments collected in Brisbane, numerous parcels were sent from guides and their friends from all over Queensland, the brownies excelling with many lovely knitted rugs.

A children's carnival was held on 17th May 1941 at Moorlands, Auchenflower, the home of the late Dr. Mayne. This resulted in the British Bombed Children's Fund benefiting by two-thirds of the net profits, £193.8.8d. Many of our adult leaders were V.A.D.s as well as carrying on guide work. Guides fitted and sewed housewives for the A.I.F., and collected papers, tins, waste material and clean old sheeting, the latter being sent to the Red Cross for bandages. Pennies flowed in for the adoption of prisoners of war.

Rangers from the metropolitan area helped to staff the soldiers' rest rooms run by the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. at the City Hall. Guiders gave assistance with filing and checking at the Department of Information and many did voluntary clerical work in other Departments and for the Defence. A number of guiders qualified in Air Raid Precaution work, and both guiders and guides concentrated on first aid, home nursing and child nursing. Training in outdoor cooking was given to members of the Mothercraft Association so that their girls would be fit and ready to help with evacuation camps should the necessity arise. The record section of the Women's Voluntary National Register was organised and handled by members of the Girl Guides Association, and in country areas also, guiders gave assistance with the collecting and filing of returns.

In the early 1940s it was decided to commence a Baden-Powell Memorial Fund and, from a portion of the money, to furnish quiet rooms for service personnel in hostels in Queensland. Within six weeks more than the required sum of money had been raised and quiet rooms were furnished in Brisbane, Toowoomba and Lowood. War bonds were also purchased to be redeemed after the war and placed towards a permanent Memorial to the late Chief Scout.

When the work for the British Bombed Children had to be discontinued, the committee decided to start a small cafe. Rooms were found in Edward Street and the opening was on 15th October 1942. The committee agreed that at the end of each month the profits should be divided into quarters, one quarter going to the Girl Guides Association, one quarter to the repayment of a debt incurred in starting the cafe and the remaining half to war funds.

From September to March 1943, 29 hand-knitted and crocheted rugs were made and sent out to First Aid Posts, and to the following Service Hostels, as brownies continued their service: C.U.S.A., the Presbyterian and Methodist, and St. George's. In country areas rugs were completed, pillows and cushions filled with snippings for hospitals, Service Clubs, and First Aid Posts, just as in the City.

In May 1943, more rugs from the city and country were given to the Mothercraft Association for their new Hostel for babies as was also a large box of babies' clothes, several eiderdowns, play mattresses and pillows. In spite of the shortage of materials and scraps, 151 lb. weight of snippings was snipped by the brownies and used for mattresses, pillows and cushions.

Brownies everywhere accepted the challenge to raise 1500 for the Quiet Rooms which were part of Queensland's Memorial for the late Lord Baden Powell. In some cases they worked with guide companies and in true brownie style, but in still more instances, the individual brownie worked, held her own concert, fete or party, and in countless ways of self-denial earned and saved the pennies, shillings and pounds which went to help make up the amount cleared. Even so, they still subscribed regularly to the support of the Girl Guides Association's Prisoners of War effort.

Another challenge was given to the guides and brownies, this time to raise £1,200 for a mobile front line canteen. This challenge opened in September 1943, and in May 1944 each guide's and brownie's dream came true when their very own canteen was ready for presentation to the Australian Comforts Fund, Queensland Division. A -march past was held before the presentation. Lady Wilson, State President, took the salute. Over 1,500 guides and brownies were present as well as two hundred interested parents and friends. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Chandler, President of the Australian Comforts Fund, Queensland Division, received the canteen. The canteen had the guide trefoil on each door of the truck and Girl Guide across the front. One hundred pounds remained after all canteen accounts were paid, and the State Executive Committee decided to buy five radios to present to the Australian Comforts Fund.

In 1944 all brownie packs had a very busy year, keeping on steadily with their test work and also increasing their scope for "good turns". The brownies were still working hard for the war effort, in spite of the fact that the wool and material needed COUPONS.

In May, a suggestion came from the "Cheerful Victims" - those guiders and friends who made the rugs and cushions - that anyone who still had a coupon left should be asked to give it for wool and materials. The Rationing Commissioner very kindly gave permission for this to be done and a circular was sent out to all commissioners and guiders in Queensland. The result was outstanding. Coupons literally poured in, and the unbelievable total of 804 coupons were received from country and city. Whether the Rationing Commissioner got a shock is not known but the Association got a very pleasant shock, and was thus able to purchase 1,242 skeins of wool and 55 yards of material, costing approx. £53.

Packs and companies sent parcels to Girl Guide Imperial Headquarters for British packs for Christmas. Sugar and dried fruit helped to give some packs a little extra for Christmas.

Many children who had been injured in the bombing of London were the recipients of toys, books and games collected and donated by Queensland companies and packs. Guides over thirteen years assisted in the "Good Turn Cafe" during the Christmas and August holidays. This service counted for the National Service Badge which required a service of ninety six hours.

In December 1944 guides and brownies answered an appeal for books for 7th Division, A.I.F. to form a library to be attached to the "Girl Guide" mobile canteen. The "Good Turn Cafe" committee presented sixty eight new books, and three hundred were given by the members of the local association, companies and packs.

In July 1945, the Girl Guides Association joined in the U.N.R.R.A. Clothing Appeal. Girl Guide Voluntary Aid Detachment (V.A.D.).

A Girl Guide Voluntary Aid Detachment was formed in December 1940 and was granted registration by the Defence Department in August 1941. The officers were as follows Medical, Colonel George Macartney; Lady Superintendent, Matron E.M. Paten; Commandant, Miss Neth Hutchison; Assistant Commandant, Miss Edith Gowdie; Quartermaster, Miss Amy Shaw; and Miss Muriel Jackson, Gas Officer. Miss Jackson was selected to attend special classes and undertook intensive training in how to cope with victims of sulphur and other gas attacks. Later she passed on this training to some of our guiding members.

The V.A.D.s attended necessary lectures and held practices, and members had their set duties at first aid posts in and around Brisbane. Some of the girls attended regularly at military and private hospitals, convalescent homes, and mothercraft centres where shortage of staff was acute. Miss Meg Ginn was one of the first to go overseas with the Voluntary Aids. Miss Nan Edwards, for many years a Captain and Hon. Treasurer of the Executive, was also chosen, while Miss Betty Leslie, Toowoomba, and Miss Joan Anderson, Boonah, were two more guiders to leave with the first contingent. Miss Joan Blake (Mrs. Guthrie), a member of the G.G.V.A.D., was called up for the W.A.A.A.F. as a teleprinter. In January 1942 Miss Neth Hutchison, Commandant, and State Secretary for eighteen and a half years, resigned to join the services. Her successor, Miss Edith Gowdie, left for Melbourne to join the W.A.A.A.F. in 1943, and her Assistant Commandant, Miss Annabelle Rankin, was given leave of absence for the duration of the war to become Y.W.C.A. representative

Queensland Line of Communications. Miss Muriel Jackson then became Commandant.

The V.A.D.s proved that guide training and personal effort were invaluable in providing the services and community with capable alert women well prepared to tackle any emergency. Visits.

The establishment of guiding in Queensland was greatly assisted by the encouragement, advice and training given by visitors from overseas and interstate.

The chief event of 1923 was the visit of Miss Margaret Prior, Imperial representative from Headquarters, London. Her visit seemed to

make Queensland members aware that we were part of the British Empire and part of an international Movement. She arrived on 24th July and was met at Ipswich by the District Commissioner and the State Secretary, Miss D. Hawthorn.

On arriving in Brisbane she was welcomed by the State Commissioner, Mrs. E.H. Macartney and a Guard of Honour was formed by the Brisbane companies. She then drove to Government House, where she was the guest of His Excellency the

the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, P.C.G., C.M.G. On 25th July, a civic reception was given to Miss Prior by His Worship, the Mayor of Brisbane.

Early in August, a public meeting was held. Miss Prior's address created much enthusiasm and a number of those present joined the local association.

During her stay Miss Prior visited all the local companies and enrolled St. Margaret's School and the Ipswich guides. Training classes for guiders and Brown Owls were held, and many girls availed themselves of this excellent opportunity. The outlying districts of Ipswich, Southport, Bundaberg, Toowoomba and Stanthorpe were also visited. Lectures were given and inspections held. A large rally of guides was held at the Government Domain. Afterwards the guides and brownies assembled and formed a huge G.G. and a trefoil.

During the winter months of 1924, Miss Bush (Diploma'd guider from Victoria) visited Queensland at the invitation of the State Executive Committee, to hold training classes for guiders. During her three week stay, Miss Bush organised the Central Training class under Miss Evans, held a guiders' training camp, inspected several companies and gave helpful advice on the standardisation of badge test work.

Later in the year, the Association was visited by Miss Pamela Nathan, a niece of our President, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and former Captain of the 1st Tientsin Company, China. Miss Nathan performed very valuable work for the Headquarters Executive, inspecting companies and giving useful lectures in signalling to the guiders' training class.

The Lady Marjorie Dalrymple who came from New Zealand in charge of the New Zealand contingent to the interstate camp in New South Wales returned with our representatives to help with training here.

Towards the end of July 1926, Miss Alice Behrens, an Imperial representative arrived in Queensland. She addressed Local Associations, guiders and patrol leaders and guiding advanced and became more widespread and popular under her capable instruction and lucid explanation. Miss Behrens left for Sydney at the end of August and Lady Marjorie went on her tour of Northern Queensland. Great progress in guiding in the north was a result of her visit.

In 1932 Miss Margaret Wilson, diploma'd guider (Scottish Red Cord Guider) arrived in Brisbane in June 1932. She was lent by Imperial Headquarters and although her time in Brisbane was mainly taken up with the testing of our four candidates for diplomas, she helped in many ways with suggestions and new ideas as well as actually taking training sessions. She performed extremely good work during the time she was visiting companies and packs in other parts of the State. She visited Queensland from June to August.

Victoria's State Secretary, Miss Sybil Irving, visited Queensland in April and May.

Miss Hawthorn began her tour of northern and central Queensland on 24th April 1933, returning to Brisbane on 23rd July.

Miss Aspinall, Eagle Owl and Commissioner for Brownies in New South Wales, spent three weeks in Brisbane in September 1935. She held special brownie training classes.

In 1936, Her Excellency, Lady Gowrie, Federal President of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, visited Thursday Island in July and a Fairy Ring and a Guard of Honour were formed for her by the guides and brownies there.

Miss Margaret Martin, Imperial Commissioner for Camping, Commissioner for Training in Scotland and holder of the Red Cord Diploma, arrived in Brisbane and remained in Queensland for a month - March/April, 1939. She was sent out at the request of the Federal Council of the Girl Guides Association of Australia.
Training.

In 1923, Miss Margaret Prior, the first representative from Imperial Headquarters, visited Brisbane and inspected companies, addressed Local Associations and did much to place guiding on a firm footing in the State.

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In 1925 guiders™ training classes were held once a week throughout the year.

Miss Grimes visited Yarrabah, Herberton, Townsville, Charters Towers, Hughenden, Bowen, Rockhampton and Maryborough in 1926. She carried out inspections, trainings, camps, formed Local Associations and enrolled guides. She was appointed ~Head of Camping™.

The visit to Queensland of Lady Margery Dalrymple did much to improve guiding in the State especially training and camping.

Miss Alice Behrens (sent from Imperial Headquarters) held camps and patrol leaders™ conferences. During Miss Behrens™ visit, Miss Hawthorn was tested for her Blue Cord Diploma which she received- about the following year and thus became Queensland™s first Diploma™d Guider. Miss Olive Bardsley was enrolled as Queensland™s second ranger gu

Miss Hawthorn and Miss Campbell visited Toowoomba several times to carry out training and testing.

In 1931 training commenced for the year with the sessions given at the camp held for country guiders during Lord and Lady Baden-Powell™s visit Queensland.

Metropolitan training classes started immediately for girls whose interest in guiding had been aroused by the Chief™s addresses.

Correspondence courses for prospective Captains and Brown Owls at Springsure, Hughenden, Longreach, Herberton, Tully, Chinchilla, Kingaroy, Killarney, Eudlo, Imbil, Gladstone and Victoria Point were of benefit to these country leaders.

A series of classes dealing with brownie training, conducted by Miss Grimes, commenced on 13th May.

A campcraft training weekend was held at Victoria Point from 24-26th January 1931 with Miss Hawthorn as Camp Commandant. There were 13 trainees, some sleeping under canvas and those who had never camped before were billeted in a house on the property. A programme of general camp organisation and routine was followed.

A general training camp for leaders took place at Walton Bridge, Ashgrove from 19-31st March. This camp was organised to enable any visiting guiders from the country who were able to come in for the visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell to have an opportunity of getting instruction in guide work at the same time. The work was divided between

general and campcraft training. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Goodwin visited the camp and His Excellency also gave an extremely interesting and instructive lecture dealing with the "Art of Tracking" as he had had much experience with hunting all types of game. The staff consisted of Camp Commandant Miss Hawthorn, Miss Grimes, Miss Lane Miss Bomford and Miss Edwards (Camp Secretary and Transport Officer).

Guiders from Cairns, Townsville, Ayr, Bowen, Sarina, Proserpine, Rockhampton, Warwick and Toowoomba were present together with a limited number from the Brisbane area. It was the wettest week in the record wettest March for 80 years. No casualties resulted, the only girls who caught colds being amongst those who were billeted out as arrangements and accommodation had again to be limited to enable everyone to keep dry.

Two Brisbane guiders were successful in gaining their camper's licence : Miss Dolling and Miss Lamb.

In 1932 activities in the Training Department commenced at the end of April and continued without a break until the end of July.

A visiting Red Cord guider, Miss Margaret Wilson, performed extremely good work during the time she was visiting companies and packs in country areas, and although her time in Brisbane was mainly taken up in testing our four candidates for Diplomas, she helped in many ways with suggestions and new ideas as well as actually taking sessions. During the time Miss Wilson and Miss Hawthorn were on tour practical training sessions were given to both guide and brownie guiders in the country towns visited.

During the metropolitan training series, four Field Days were held at Ashgrove when practical outdoor training work was done. The Ambulance Brigade generously allowed the use of their rooms on numerous occasions during this series of training classes and the Country Women's Association gave the use of their rest rooms and huts for meetings at the various places visited in the country.

Miss Dorothy Hawthorn, Blue Cord Diploma'd guider, was appointed to be a salaried Trainer in Queensland on 1st February 1933.

During October and November 1933; Miss Hawthorn, Commissioner for Training, visited South West Queensland, including Ipswich, Toowoomba, Dalby, Warwick, Killarney, Roma, Charleville, Cunnamulla and Canaga in her itinerary. A lengthy tour of Northern Queensland from June to August 1934 included Rockhampton, Mackay, Sarina, Ayr, Townsville, Cairns, Gordonvale, Herberton, Hughenden, Charters Towers, Innisfail, Tully, Atherton, Longreach, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Maryborough.

In January Miss Hawthorn held a ten day training camp for guiders at Ashgrove. Miss Aspinall, Eagle Owl (N.S.W.) attended and conducted sessions on brownie training.

In March, Miss Mary Jackson was appointed an assistant to Miss Dorothy Hawthorn in the Training Department.

Miss Hawthorn, a member of the Australian Panel of Examiners for the Australian Training Certificate, visited Sydney at the invitation of New South Wales Headquarters, to assist with the examining of some candidates for this test.

In November and December. Miss Hawthorn, Commissioner for Training, visited several centres in South Western Queensland. She visited Thursday and the Torres Strait Islands and numerous towns in Northern Queensland from May to August. It was indeed unfortunate that funds would not permit the appointment of an assistant to the Training Department when Miss Jackson vacated the post at the beginning of the year.

As a result of the visit of the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide to Thursday Island when the Chiefs were en route to the Victorian Centenary Jamboree in January (and the interest which the Aboriginal Department of the State Government displayed in a scheme to adapt guiding to the native races in Queensland) Miss Hawthorn visited many of the settlements in Torres Strait during May and June, 1935.

On 10th October Miss Hawthorn and Miss Aspinall left Brisbane for an extensive tour of the North Coast areas. Companies and packs and Local Associations were visited and trainings held in the different country towns. Miss Aspinall handled the Brownie Branch and Miss Hawthorn dealt with guide, ranger and Local Association members. In 1936 Toowoomba was visited. Shortly after returning from Toowoomba Miss Hawthorn left for the north - Cairns, Atherton, Herberton, Gordonvale, Mossman, Mackay and Sarina being visited.

At Easter the usual training camp was held at Walton Bridge, Ashgrove.

In September another series of classes was arranged; two nights a week for campcraft and second-class work.

For twelve months in 1937 not a great deal of progress was made owing to the poliomyelitis epidemic that caused so many companies and packs, not only in the metropolitan area, but in many country centres, to suspend their meetings until released from the ban by the Health Authorities. During October to December, metropolitan training classes and several Field Days were held.

Metropolitan training classes were held in February and March and the final series over the months of June, July and August in 1938. All sections of guide and brownie work were covered. Country training was carried out by correspondence and also by country visits.

Miss Margaret Martin from Imperial Headquarters visited Queensland from the 27th March until the beginning of May 1939. During her visit her time was fully occupied giving training sessions and help to commissioners, local associations and guiders. Miss Martin's trainings were much enjoyed by everyone, and she gave us many ideas and new schemes, greatly enthusing everyone who came in contact with her.

We were fortunate that Miss Martin's visit coincided with our annual training camp at Easter. She expressed her pleasure and interest in camping in such entirely different circumstances to her own country, and was most interested in the "pioneering" aspect of our camping here. She faced the problem of erecting a ridge tent Queensland fashion with bush forks and poles and tried her hand with an axe in true pioneering style. She tried out the monkey-bridge erected across the creek by the trainees. Queensland turned on bad weather, drizzle and gusts all day and every day, but despite the adverse conditions every guider present elected the camp a tremendous success. Guiders from Atherton, Boonah, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Howard and Toowoomba, together with Brisbane guiders gained experience in practical work.

Miss Hilda Riding accompanied Miss Hawthorn and assisted with testing on a tour of Gympie, Murgon and Wondai in September. On the way home Yarraman was visited.

During October Miss Hawthorn visited Bundaberg, Cairns, Atherton and Herberton. A weekend camp was held during the visit to Cairns. Townsville Ayr and Gladstone were visited on the return journey. Miss Helen Taylor accompanied Miss Hawthorn for portion of this tour and Miss E.G. Bickersteth (Red Cord Diploma) who was visiting Queensland at the time also joined the party in an unofficial capacity.

While Miss Martin was in Victoria, the Victorian Girl Guides very generously offered to arrange a conference for the Diploma guiders of Australia. Guiders were present from all States with the exception of Western Australia. The conference was held at the newly acquired property of the Victorian Girl Guides Association at Britannia Creek, near Warburton.

During the latter part of this year, touring was somewhat curtailed for two reasons. First, on account of the late payment of quotas from some centres, and secondly because the Association undertook a big job of National Service, that of recording the Women's Voluntary National Register for this State. This involved a tremendous amount of classifying, filing and recording work.

In 1940 all places visited, training and organising work was carried out with packs, companies and Local Associations. It was interesting to note that throughout the country centres the general public as well as the children were supporting the Guide Movement enthusiastically and our numbers increased very materially; this was heartening because there could

have been a falling off of interest owing to the numerous calls on people's time and energy for the war-time activities.

News came to hand that Miss Pat Dickens and Miss Molly Woolnough had been awarded their Eagle Owl Diplomas.

A series of training classes in all branches of brownie work was held in October and November 1940 and a second series in August and September 1941.

During the Easter holidays a training weekend for country brownie guiders was held at the home of Mrs. C. Ogilvie at Cleveland and with this a pack holiday was combined.

This year the number of former guides taking up brownie work greatly increased.

The Brownie Branch and guiders were sorry to learn of the resignation of Mrs. Dunne, Eagle Owl.

As Miss Hawthorn was now with the W.A.A.A.F. touring was curtailed.

A weekend visit was made to Bundaberg at the end of March. Miss Gowdie was able to fit in a visit to Gladstone later in the year.

There were two series of training classes in the Metropolitan area. one in the latter part of 1940 and a second series in August 1941.

The Easter training camp was again held in Paten's paddock, Walton Bridge, 20 guiders attending.

In 1942 the usual Easter training camp was cancelled owing to the shortened holidays. A training camp was held for the Brisbane guiders as a finish to a series of training classes.

A series of training classes for unwarranted brownie guiders were held from the beginning of May until the end of August and as a result five Brown Owls and two Tawny Owl warrants were issued.

With the cancellation of the Easter training camp there was no direct contact made between country guiders and the training department though they kept in touch by correspondence. A camp was held at Paten's Paddock, Walton Bridge for the Hospital Orderlies.

In 1943 a series of training classes was held for brownie guiders from February to April. Brownie Revels were held again, but to prevent overcrowding in any one central place, a committee was formed and organised three separate Revels.

A series of Field Days on First Class guide test work for guiders and patrol leaders held at Holland Park on Saturday afternoons during January 1943 were well attended. Another series, this time for guiders, and covering company management and certain sections of test work were commenced on 1st September.

The age for training as Lieutenants and Captains was lowered to 16 and 18 thus allowing many keen guides to join the department.

The Camping Department endeavoured to train guiders for the licence test by holding a series of theoretical classes during the months of June, July and August. Four camps were arranged where the guiders gained practical experience in the organisation and running of camps.

The most outstanding feature of activities in 1944 was the re-opening of a number of companies after their forced inactivity caused by the war situation and the formation of many new companies.

Brownie Revels were held on 16th September 1944 at the Coorparoo Scout grounds. Two hundred brownies and visitors were present.

A short series of training classes was held in April and May for brownie guiders. Testing was carried out in all sections of guide work.

With the assistance of Miss Muriel Jackson a series of training classes was held in the Ambulance Rooms from 12th June to 17th July (inclusive) in 1945.

Miss Clare Whittaker was appointed as District Captain in the Coorparoo-Greenslopes District and Miss Florence Vallance again took up her warrant as District Captain at Cairns.

Both Brownie and Guide Guider correspondence training departments were very busy. One of the greatest needs however was an experienced trainer who could visit country packs and companies.

A camp was held especially for country guides whose guiders, though endeavouring to obtain licences, could not take their guides. This camp was held at Walton Bridge from 11-12th December, with training guiders and guides from Gympie and Byrnestown companies.

The Easter training camp was held for the first time since 1941. Twenty-two guiders attended from Byrnestown, Gympie, Dalby, Toowoomba and Brisbane. Miss Helen Taylor, Commissioner for Guide Training, gave instruction in company management and guide training. The purchase of ridge and bell tents from the Army made this camp possible.

A series of classes on the theoretical side were held in Brisbane, but unfortunately like the camps they could not be held in the country.

A debt of gratitude is owed to those who continued to fan the flames with their contribution towards all areas of training in the first 25 years of guiding and especially during the difficult war years.
Camping - Adventure and Fun.

1923 Five companies attended the annual camp held at Southport during the Easter holidays. Various competitions and sports helped to make the camp a great success.

1924 A guiders' training camp was held at Glasshouse Mountains during the visit of Miss Bush to Queensland.

1925 During her stay in Townsville, Miss Grimes held a camp. Two adult leaders from the 1st Townsville company qualified for their campers' licences.

1926 The first interstate camp was held at Camden, New South Wales, in January 1926. Eight representatives from Queensland were present. The first "all Queensland" camp was held at Southport for one week's duration. This was for guiders and patrol leaders and was attended by girls from different areas of the State. Miss Marjorie Grimes was camp commandant at a guiders' testing weekend held at Southport.

1929 The first item of interest in 1929 was the holding of the interstate camp in Victoria in January. Twelve guiders and guides from Queensland in charge of Miss Hawthorn were present. The Camp Adviser for Northern Queensland, Mrs. Smith, held a training camp and several guiders succeeded in gaining their Campers Licence.

1933 - An All Australia camp was held at Jamberoo, New South Wales, enabled extensive training to be carried out embracing ranger, guide, brownie and camperâ€™s licence work. Miss Dorothy Hawthorn was in charge of our contingent of thirty commissioners and guiders.

A camp was held in April at Walton Bridge, Ashgrove for the purpose of testing for camperâ€™s licences and for giving a limited number of guiders an opportunity to gain camping experience. Two guiders were successful in gaining their licences in this year, Miss Mary Jackson, Captain of 1st Valley Playground Company and Miss Freda Pines, Acting Captain of the Sea Rangers. Miss Vallance of Cairns had her licence endorsed for all branches of camping and Miss Armstrong had hers re-issued for indoor camps only.

Another camp for licence testing was held at Ashgrove on 9-10th September.

At the training camp at Walton Bridge in January, the total number present was thirty-five from metropolitan and country companies and packs.

During the time Miss Hawthorn was on tour, licence testing weekends were held at Sarina, Townsville and Rockhampton. Miss Vallance held two camps in the north for her guide company; one at Ravenshoe and the other at Dunk Island. Miss Jane Armstrong, 2nd Cairns, held a House Camp at Mossman in May.

Camps were held by the following metropolitan companies : 1st Enoggera at Dayboro (Miss Bliss having finalised her camperâ€™s licence in March); 1st Auchenflower and 1st Bardon at Ashgrove; 1st Clayfield and 2nd Bulimba at Leachâ€™s Crossing; 1st Kelvin Grove at Samford.

The 1st Brisbane Sea Rangers (S.R.S. Southern Cross) held their camp on a houseboat at Southport at Easter.

1934/35 One of the most exciting events for the year was the Jamboree held in Victoria from 28th December to 7th January. Thirty guiders and guides went from Queensland. Ten thousand scouts and six thousand guides from all parts of the world attended this Jamboree and the huge rally at Frankston. The rally was one of the largest of its kind, held anywhere in the world in that era. The Chiefs were present at all functions. Five Queensland guiders were able to represent Australia at the International Camp in Ireland held in July and the Ranger Gathering held in Belgium about the same time. A training camp was held at Washpool, Warwick. Guiders from Warwick, Toowoomba, Killarney and Texas attended. The training was limited to campcraft only.

A training camp at Ashgrove over the Easter weekend contained sessions on general training and testing for camperâ€™s licences. On Easter Sunday, Lady Macartney visited the campsite and conducted the Guidesâ€™ Own Service. Lady Murray, the Chief Commissioner for Papua, was also welcomed to the camp.

A House Camp at Yorkey Knob, Cairns was held for general guide training. Guiders from Herberton, Cairns, Atherton and Gordonvale being present. Another camp was held in Rockhampton in July.

1937 A jamboree of the Townsville companies was held at Magnetic Island in September. Miss Hilda Riding gained Camp Training Certificate.

1938 Activities at the Easter training camp were limited to the practical training necessary in woodcraft and pioneering. An aboriginal company camp was held by the girl guides at Saibai Island, Torres Strait. About twenty girls went for a weekend excursion from one end of the island to the other in two parties. One party put in an hourâ€™s work at one of the native gardens in which food for the whole native community was grown while the other helped a native villager in ill-health by preparing a meal for the children.

An important appointment which marked the growth of camping in this State was that of Miss Hilda Riding to the position of Camp Adviser.

1939 Camping received a great inspiration with the advent of the Imperial Commissioner for Camping, Miss Margaret Martin, whose visit coincided with our annual training camp at Easter.

Guiders qualified for indoor and outdoor licences as a result of numerous camps held.

1941 Camping proved popular and a number of camps were held in the metropolitan area and at Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton.

There were also a number of pack holidays at Cleveland.

Five of our licensed guiders assisted at the Mothercraft Association in the campcraft section of their training camp held at Frenchâ€™s Paddock, Ashgrove.

1942 Camp activities were restricted to smaller camps in hike tents as all the ridge and bell tents were handed over to the Defence Department. A camp was held in Patenâ€™s Paddock Walton Bridge for the Hospital Orderlies. Misses Bliss and

Laidlaw assisted the Mothercraft Association on one of their camps. A number of company camps were held but the number of licensed guiders in active guiding had decreased.

1943 Three camps, one in the metropolitan area and two in the country, (in addition to those arranged by the Camping Department) were held.

1944 Approximately 260 guides camped during 1944. Three guiders completed the licence test, Mrs. M. Simmons, Misses Clare Whittaker and Eunice Barclay. Miss D. Carpenter expected to finish hers at a company camp being held at Samford in October. A camp held especially for country guides whose guiders, though

endeavouring to obtain licences could not take their guides to camp, was held at Walton Bridge from 11-12th December 1944, with training guiders and guides from Gympie and Byrnestown companies.

1945 We were very fortunate being able to purchase tents from the Disposal Commission. All our duck tents had been sold to the Army when they were urgently required. Though the tents were not in the same condition as the original ones, they were reasonably good and all companies who provided tents had theirs replaced and the Camping Department also had theirs replaced.

The 1945 Easter training camp was held for the first time since 1941. Twenty-two guiders attended from Byrnestown, Gympie, Dalby Toowoomba and Brisbane. Training in campcraft was held and a number of items in the Licence test passed. Miss Helen Taylor gave instruction in company management and guide training. The address at the Guides' Own on the Sunday was given by Mrs. Gresham who inspected the camp and had afternoon tea camp style, with the guiders. The newly acquired tents stood the test of a very heavy storm, keeping the campers dry. Fourteen company camps were held during the year.
Huts.

1930 Warwick Hut, furnished and free of debt, opened in May by Lord Mayor, Alderman Connelly, who had made land available. The Lord Mayor was presented with the Thanks Badge. He had assisted with the establishment of the building.

1932 A few days before Lady Goodwin sailed for England, she performed the opening ceremony of the 1st Kangaroo Point Company hut, this being the last guide function she attended in Brisbane.

Greenslopes company was presented with a but already erected. Windsor companies were granted the use of Clarke Park on which to build a hut.

1933 In April Lady Macartney visited Bundaberg for the opening of the guide but which she named the Simmonds Hut in honour of Mrs. Simmonds who was president of the Bundaberg Local Association. This was the fifth guide but in Queensland.

1934 The 1st East Brisbane but was opened in March by Lady Macartney. This but was a disused railway carriage. The Sandgate but was opened by Lady Macartney in July. At the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute a special room was set aside for the two guide companies. The erection of a second but in Rockhampton was being considered. Northgate-Nundah Local Association purchased a building which they hoped to erect as a hut. In Townsville the Association there was granted the use of a piece of land at Kissing Point, which would also be used as a camping

ground.

1935 Three guide huts were opened in that year - Rockhampton, Annerley and Northgate-Nundah.

1936 Bardon but (opened by Lady Macartney) and Mt. Morgan. The Mt. Morgan but was erected practically free of any cost, the land and materials being donated and the building built by voluntary labour. The Ashgrove company's but was

built on land lent to the guides by Mr. and Mrs. Denis O'Connell.

The but of the 3rd Toowoomba company was also in the course of erection, Mr. Forster having lent the guides some ground. The Townsville but was nearing completion.

1937 The State Commissioner, Lady Macartney, visited Toowoomba on 9th October and performed the opening ceremony of the 'Helen McDonnell' hut. This building was erected to the memory of their late District Commissioner, Mrs. Aeneas McDonnell.

1938 The Gladstone guides and brownies were fortunate in being donated a but by Mr. H. Friend, and to supplement this, Mr. Golding (Junior) gave the furnishings and lighting. During her visit to Gladstone in December, Miss Hawthorn opened the hut.

1940 Kelvin Grove but opened in March 1940.
Rallies and Revels.

The first memorable gathering was when the guides paraded on the Domain before the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII).

In 1923 a large Rally of guides was held at Government Domain during Miss M. Prior's visit to Queensland.

In 1925 a Rally was held at Government House and a cup presented to the winners by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan.

A Rally was held on 20th August 1926 when both Miss Behrens and Lady Dalrymple were present.

In 1927 a Rally was held in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. The first company of Cadets (St. Margaret's School company) attended the rally.

Brownie Revels held on 20th May 1930 were much enjoyed. Hamilton won the trophy, a brownie totem presented by Miss Grimes for the best dolls' house and various competitions. The Coorparoo Brownie Pack gained second place.

The annual Rally was held at Yeronga Park on 23rd October 1930, the salute being taken by our President, Lady Goodwin. The Shield presented by Mrs. R.J. Stark was won by St. John's Company and Hamilton and Auchenflower tied for the cup donated by Mrs. John Grant. Rallies were also held in Ipswich and Townsville during the year.

A Rally for the West Moreton Division was held in Ipswich on 18th April in the presence of the State President Lady Goodwin and the Deputy State Commissioner, Miss Hawthorn. Handicraft was the main feature of the rally.

Rockhampton guides and brownies held a Rally in July 1931.

Brownie Revels were held in Yeronga Park on 12th September 1931. The Revels were organised by the Owls' Council. They were not competitive.

On 7th November a Rally was held in the Townsville Gardens followed by a campfire and tea on the beach.

On 19th March 1932 a combined farewell Rally with the Boy Scout Association was held at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds to farewell Sir John and Lady Goodwin.

Townsville held a Rally to welcome His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, Lady Wilson and Miss Wilson.

In 1933 Brownie Revels were held at Mowbray Park, East Brisbane on 27th May.

The annual Townsville Rally took place in June 1934. As well as field activities a competitive arts and crafts display was held.

The two Herberton companies invited Atherton to join them in a Rally in November 1934.

On 24th May 1935 the Queensland Government decided to hold Jubilee celebrations and Rallies were held in many centres. In Brisbane rangers, guides and brownies assembled at the Exhibition Grounds in the presence of His Excellency and Lady Wilson.

Our State Commissioner was a recipient of the Jubilee Medal.

Successful Rallies were held in Toowoomba in July and in Silkstone -Booval in August.

The annual Townsville Rally was held in September 1935. The 1st Atherton and 1st and 2nd Herberton companies competed in a Rally held in Herberton in November.

On 1st August 1936 a large Rally of all the Brisbane rangers, guides and brownies was held at Government House in honour of Lady Gowrie. Guides and brownies also greeted Lady Gowrie at the various country centres which she visited during her Queensland tour.

Rallies were held in 1937 at Herberton and Rockhampton. The 2nd Rockhampton brownies won the totem for the brownie event.

A Rally was held in 1938 at Cairns in August.

The Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly arranged a Rally which took place at Kedron Park on 10th September 1939. Lady Wilson and Miss Marjorie Wilson were present and were received by the State Commissioner. Lady Wilson took the Salute at the March Past and later presented Miss Hilda Riding (Captain of the 2nd Bulimba company) with her camping adviser's green ribbon, for which she had recently qualified. The Shield was won by the 1st Tarragindi Guides. In the evening a campfire was held and the prize given to the 1st Annerley Company.

In September a Rally was held in Rockhampton, the cup being won by the Mt. Morgan company.

A Rally took place at Atherton, the 1st and 2nd Herberton companies sharing the honour of winning the cup.

In 1939 Rallies were held in Rockhampton and Atherton.

A Rally of rangers, guides and brownies was held at Government House on 12th May 1939 as a farewell to our Federal President, Her Excellency, Lady Gowrie.

A Rally arranged by Headquarters in September 1939 created much interest. As well as the competitive Shield, the Assembly presented a hike tent to the winning company, 1st Ashgrove. 1st Annerley won the march past, and 1st St. John's, company management.

A Rally was held in Brisbane in September 1941. The 1st Ashgrove Company won Mrs. R.J. Stark's shield and the Executive Committee's hike tent and they also carried off Lady Macartney's cup for the best collection of clothes for the British Bombed Children's Fund. The 1st Hamilton Company won Lady Macartney's cup for marching, also Miss Helen Taylor's special trophy for clothing for the Fund. The Windsor and Toowong companies tied for the sports trophy and the 1st St. John's Brownie Pack was awarded a certificate, given by Miss Hilda Riding, for the best collection of clothing among the packs. The features of the afternoon were signalling, sports, a most unique brownie display and story, a pageant depicting the raising of the 48,000 throughout the British Empire for the Air Ambulances, V.A.D. stretcher and first aid work, and a march past by all the companies.

In 1943 Brownie Revels were held again but to prevent overcrowding in any one central place, the committee organised three separate revels.

An inter-district Rally was held between Warwick and Goondiwindi on the long weekend in June.

Swimming carnivals and sports days were well-attended over these twenty-five years and thoroughly enjoyed by the girls. Mary Tregear Memorial Library for Guiders.

In appreciation of the work of the late Mrs. A*P,W* Tregear who had been a member of the Executive Committee, Division Commissioner for North Brisbane and President of the Commissioners' and Guiders' Assembly, a fund was started in the metropolitan area and proceeds were put to a library for guiders. This was opened at Headquarters by Lady Macartney in December, 1941.

As well as some guide magazines there were 129 books in the library in 1942. Miss Dolling donated her guide books and St. John's Brownie Pack presented a book in memory of Marianne Tregear who had been a Tawny Owl in their pack.

The charge for borrowing was threepence a book and the time limit one month.

Miss Gowdie lent the Association a lot of her books for the duration of the war as she joined the W.A.A.A.F. in 1943. Post Box.

Post Box, Queensland commenced in 1930 with a remarkable lady, Miss Lilian Laidlaw, as secretary, an appointment she held for 32 years. She also held the appointment of Australian Post Box Secretary for a period of nine years. By means of Post Box, guides desirous of corresponding with guides of other States and countries were put in touch with guides in those States or countries.

Numbers of applicants for pen-friends in the early years of guiding were as follows : 1931 - 250, 1932 - 360, 1933 - 184, 1934 - 500, 1935 - 400, 1938 - 250, 1939 - 200. 1940 was not such a busy year for Post Box as the war upset the world so much that the European countries were practically closed to correspondents. One hundred and fifty guides were linked mainly in the British Dominions and the United States. In 1941, 160 guides were linked with others in the British Isles, South Africa, Canada, India and the United States. One hundred and twenty guides were linked mainly Canada, U.S.A. and England in 1942, and in 1943, 272 guides were linked. In 1944, 228 links were forged, then word was received from the Federal Council that the Post Box was to discontinue owing to Censorship Regulations being more firmly applied. In 1945 girls were linked with girls resident with Australia, mainly with those in New South Wales and South Australia. Towards the end of 1945 the censorship ban was lifted, and Miss Laidlaw was able to resume linking our girls with those in other countries. Trophies.

1924 A Cup was generously presented by Hardy Bros. for proficiency in sports and guide knowledge, to be competed for by the various metropolitan companies early in 1925.

1925-1928 (inclusive) No record of cups.

1929 In March, the Annual Swimming Carnival was held in Brisbane, Hamilton Company winning the Senior Cup, Valley and Sandgate tying for the Junior Cup. Ipswich Rangers won the Ranger Trophy. The Valley Brownie Pack won the Brownie Cup.

Later in March a sports meeting arranged by the Captains' Conference was held at the Grammar School. Hamilton again won the Shield, Sherwood came second and St. Margaret's third.

In September, a Guide and Scout Exhibition was held at Indooroopilly. The Leslie Williams Cup for the best display was won by 3rd Ipswich Company. Kelvin Grove won a cup for a good company exhibit, Tarragindi for the best patrol.

Over the years, many cups and shields were donated for events by individuals, e.g. the trophies for Ranger Regatta and Canoe Capers.

However, there were some special trophies and these have been recorded for posterity.

John Darnell Trophy. The Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade (Q.A.T.B.) received a grant from the late John Darnell estate and very generously donated a portion of this to the Girl Guides Association in the form of a trophy to be presented to the guide company winning the greatest number of Ambulance, Sick Nurse or Child Nurse badges in the year and for the highest record of practical application of the principles included in these badges.

1934 John Darnell Trophy won by Glennie School Company for their work in 1933; Hughenden came second, 1st Rockhampton - third.

1935 John Darnell Trophy was won by the 1st Hughenden Company.

1936 John Darnell Trophy was won by 2nd Bulimba Company.

1937 No record.

1938 John Darnell Trophy was won by 1st St. John's (13th Brisbane) Company.

1939 John Darnell Trophy was won by 1st Rockhampton Company.

1940 John Darnell Trophy was won by 1st Windsor.

1941 John Darnell Trophy was won by 1st Mt. Morgan Company for year 1940.

Two beautiful cups were donated for competition in 1941, one from Captain and Mrs. E.R.B. Pike for the most efficient company in Queensland and one from the family of the late Mrs. A.P.W. Tregear in memory of her and to be awarded to the best company in Queensland that had not won a trophy during the current year.

1942 John Darnell Cup and Kit Bag - 1st Windsor.
Mary Tregear Memorial Cup - 1st Greenslopes.
Pike Cup - 1st Mt. Morgan.

1943 No record in annual report.

1944 Mary Tregear Cup - 1st Bardon.

Pike Cup - 4th Rockhampton.

Four National Service badges were won by the 4th Toowoomba company, the first company in Queensland to win these badges.

1945 Mary Tregear Cup - 1st Roma.
Pike Cup - 1st Northgate-Nundah tied with 1st Buranda.
Lones - "A Lone but not alone"™.

Lones are girls who live in isolated areas that are not within accessible travelling distance of a guiding unit. Some reside in lighthouses, on islands, remotely situated cattle stations or even at boarding schools. These girls participate in guiding by correspondence and where possible are included in region activities such as camps, rallies or an occasional meeting.

The leaders of the various lone units had their own Commissioner for Lones who co-ordinated the work of the leaders of the lone units.

It was reported in 1923 that a lone patrol of Rosewood guides had been enrolled and would be run in conjunction with 1st Ipswich Company. By 1926 there were two lone patrols with a total of twenty-one guides and in 1929, Mrs. H.G. Simpson was appointed Head of Lones. By 1931 records show that Doris Appel of Nanango was in charge of a lone company of seventeen guides and four recruits.

A ranger unit of five rangers was established and six lone guide companies totalling ninety-three guides were in existence in 1935.

The biggest change in Queensland Lones was the breaking up in 1935 of the large first company into four smaller companies, three of the new guiders coming from the ranks of the old company. In 1936 there were six lone companies in Queensland, 5 guide and 1 ranger. The ranger company had grown and its guider was warranted.

Queensland Lones™ own flag was unfurled in 1937. It was a World Flag with "Lones"™ across the top and the word "Queensland"™ on the base. In that year a lone guide and ranger camp was held at Walton Bridge in August and every lone company was represented. Miss D. Hawthorn was the commandant. The campers learnt more in a week than in months of written work.

The world-wide competition for 1937 was won by the 2nd Lone Guide Company and was the work entered by one guide. The competition was run by Imperial Headquarters with the entries being judged in London. The 1st and 2nd Lone Rangers gained second and sixth places in the ranger event.

In 1945 the Lones operated a self-denial scheme - this was donated to a fund for a campsite.

Miss D. Appel resigned as Commissioner of Lones for Queensland in 1945.

The 2nd Lone Ranger Company continued to flourish under the guidance of Miss D. Tilley. In 1945 there were eleven members in the company. Despite the war, Lones managed to carry on two Lone companies and the Lone rangers. Extending the Hand of Friendship - Extensions.

Guiding was extended to include the handicapped girl in Queensland in 1933 with the formation of a company for girls suffering blindness and another for girls with speech or hearing disabilities, at the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute.

By 1937 there were six Lone companies, one with handicapped girls, the majority of girls living at Montrose Home,

Corinda. An extension guider was found to lead the girls and the company thus became an extension company.

During the war, Mrs. Dorothy Mills managed to run the Mont Company almost as an ordinary company and the badges won and activities carried out were deserving of praise. The guides did war work contributing four shillings per week to the Prisoners of War Fund. They knitted, collected old stockings for snippings and made and filled bags. of Fortitude In 1944 Lady Macartney presented Miss Josie Hickey with the Badge

In 1945, 1st Montrose, 52nd Brisbane Company had 21 guides, one Company Leader and one Lieutenant in the company. During the year many of the guides were discharged from Montrose but the numbers were kept up by including the new patients. Four girls were enrolled and there were seven recruits. Meetings were held regularly throughout the year, weekly at first, and then fortnightly with the patrol leaders helping to take alternative weekly meetings. Miss Marjorie Berry was appointed to act as Captain and hold weekly meetings again.

Mrs. D.H. Mills was Commissioner for Extensions.

Miss M. Woolnough's cadets were responsible for obtaining the greater part of the finance necessary to buy a typewriter for Josie Hickey's use in connection with her work with Extension Lone Guiding.

In 1945, 2nd Montrose Lone Guide Company had 15 guides and one lieutenant in the company.

Early Companies and Packs.

1919 Tarragindi Guides.

1920 Toowoomba and Townsville Guides.

1921 Windsor Guides.

1922 Toowong, Auchenflower and Southport Guides.

Miss Jessie Law was appointed Brown Owl of the 1st Brisbane Brownie Pack in 1920.

The Tarragindi Ranger Company commenced in 1922.

1923 Guides at Charters Towers, Ipswich, Rosewood, Mt.Coot-tha, Hamilton,

St. Margaret's C. of E. School, Yarraman Mission, Bundaberg, Sandgate,

Kelvin Grove, Rockhampton, Tufnell C. of E. School.

1924 Yarrabah Mission Guides (aboriginal company).

1925 Three guide companies in Maryborough, one in Imbil, two in Townsville, one at Charters Towers.

1926 Two companies formed in Badu and Moa in the Torres Strait. They were led by white leaders of the Islands.

1927 A guide company was formed in Papua. As by legislation the natives could not wear ordinary European clothes, the guides wore a navy blue sarong and a blue band round their arms on which to pin Tenderfoot and other badges.

1928 1st Coorparoo Company (23rd Brisbane). Two companies were formed at Nauru Island (Central Pacific), one being in the leper station.

1929 Cloncurry, Bulimba, Roma, Southport, Blackall and Warwick. Maryborough Brownie Pack progressing well. Gympie formed two brownie packs. Company at Murray Island, Torres Strait led by aboriginal leader. Miss Gray started a brownie pack at Moa (the first of the Torres Strait islands). Good reports from Miss Cross Groote Island in Gulf of Carpentaria. Mrs. Chatterton's company still carrying on at the London Mission at Port Moresby, with satisfactory progress.

1930 The Gladstone and Gordonvale companies were reopened and a suitable captain found. New companies were formed at Roma, Silkstone-Booval, Rockhampton, Yeppoon and two in Townsville.

1931 1st Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.), 2nd Bulimba 2nd Somerville House, 1st Clayfield, 1st Valley Rangers. Metropolitan packs - 1st Catholic Daughters of Australia, 1st Auchenflower, 2nd Bulimba, 1st Glen Kedron, 1st Judean. Country companies - North Ward 9th Townsville, 1st Barcaldine, 4th Toowoomba, 1st and 2nd Longreach, 1st Eudlo and 1st Tully. Country packs - 1st Stratford, 1st Toowoomba, 2nd Ipswich. Out of recess 1st Herberton Brownie Pack, 1st Mackay and 1st Indooroopilly Guide Companies, 1st Townsville Rangers. The Annerley District Local Association was formed in October.

1932 Clayfield, All Saints, Bardon, New Farm, Glen Kedron companies. All Saints and Bardon packs were also formed. Country companies

2nd Mackay, Kingaroy, Amiens, Palmwoods, Nambour, Marian, Canaga and Mt. Isa. Country packs - Coolangatta, Canaga, Roma and Mt. Isa.

1933 Metropolitan companies - 1st East Brisbane, 1st Ashgrove, 2nd Kelvin Grove, 1st Extension, 2nd Extension. 1st Sandgate Rangers 1st Sea Rangers. Country companies - 1st Coolangatta, 1st Atherton, 1st Cunnamulla, 1st Killarney, 5th Ipswich, 1st Magnetic Island (Townsville). 1st Gladstone Rangers, 1st Mt. Morgan Rangers. Metropolitan packs - 1st Ashgrove. Country packs - 1st South Townsville, 1st Presbyterian (Townsville) 1st Tambourine 2nd Toowoomba, 3rd Warwick, 5th Ipswich, 1st Cunnamulla. The 1st Extension company was formed in May at the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School, South Brisbane. The Lone Company grew and was divided into two with Miss Doris Appel as captain of the first and Miss Sydney Foott as captain of the second. Miss Freda Pines became captain of our first Sea Rangers - Southern Cross.

1934 Metropolitan companies - All Saints (re-formed), 2nd Sandgate, 2nd Catholic Daughters (C.D.A.), 1st St. Stephen's (2nd Coorparoo), 1st Annerley. Metropolitan packs - 1st Clayfield, 1st Greenslopes. Country units - 1st Warwick Rangers. 1st Herberton, 2nd Herberton, 1st Thursday Island, 2nd Toowoomba, 3rd Toowoomba, 1st Mackay, 1st Flaxton, 3rd Rockhampton, 2nd Thursday Island. The 3rd Lone Company with Miss Gwen Crust, Brisbane, as Acting Captain.

1935 Metropolitan companies - 1st Milton, 1st Chelmer. Country companies 1st Mt. Morgan, 1st Theodore, 1st Yorke Island, 2nd Cunnamulla, 4th Lones, 5th Lones, 6th Lones, 1st Toowoomba Rangers 1st Rockhampton Rangers, 1st Sarina Rangers, 1st Lone Rangers. Metropolitan packs - 1st Balmoral. Country packs - 1st Mt. Morgan, 1st Magnetic Island, 2nd Herberton, 4th Rockhampton.

1936 Metropolitan companies - 1st Buranda, 1st New Farm Rangers, 1st C.D.A. Rangers. Country companies - 1st Brandon, 1st Mabuiag Is., 1st Boigu Is., 1st Yam Is., 1st Dauan Is., 1st Dalby Rangers. Packs 2nd Enoggera, 1st Milton, 1st Atherton. The 1st Kingaroy and 1st Murray Island Companies re-formed. The 1st New Farm Rangers took the place of the 1st Valley Rangers who were in recess. The 1st Valley and 1st Playground Packs amalgamated as did the 1st Playground and 1st New Farm Companies. Miss O. Bardsley formed a class for Cadet Rangers in Rockhampton.

1938 Country companies - Jandowae Tara, Murgon. Metropolitan packs East Brisbane. Country packs - 1st Cairns, Tara.

1939 Metropolitan companies - S.G.S. "Sirius", 2nd C.D.A. Country companies - Boonah, 4th Cairns try 4th Rockhampton, 5th Rockhampton, 5th Toowoomba, 6th Toowoomba, Cunnamulla, Herberton Cadets. Packs 5th Toowoomba, 5th Townsville, Bundaberg. The following amalgamated - 1st and 2nd Kelvin Grove Companies, 1st and 2nd Sandgate Companies, 1st and 2nd Cornwall Companies, 1st and 2nd Windsor Packs.

1940 Bundaberg Country companies - Southport Blackall Emerald, Roma, 2nd g, 5th Cairns, Emu Park, Yeppoon, 1st Mareeba Lones, 1st Babinda Lones. Metropolitan packs - 2nd Northgate-Nundah, Annerley. Country packs - Roma, 3rd Cairns, 2nd Bundaberg, Boigu Is.

1941 Country companies - Texas, Millmerran, Byrnestown, Pialba, Jambin Gatton, Springsure, Howard. Metropolitan companies - 2nd Ashgrove.

1942 Country units - Townsville & Moa Island Rangers (the last mentioned being comprised of native girls), Mt. Morgan Brownie Pack.

1943 Country units - Goondiwindi, Bowen, Gympie, Ingham Company and Pack, Dunwich, Cloncurry, Proserpine, Hughenden Chinchilla. The following companies were no longer in recess : Country - Innisfail, Gayndah, 1st Cairns Company and Pack, 4th Cairns; Gladstone and Blackall Packs. Metropolitan - Hamilton.

1944 Country companies - Collinsville, Caloundra, Hughenden, Nambour, Edmonton, Mareeba, Mitchell and Clifton. Metropolitan - 2nd Moreton Bay, Kangaroo Pt. Rangers and Northgate-Nundah Rangers. The following companies were no longer in recess : Country - Mt.Isa, 4th Townsville, 2nd Bundaberg. Metropolitan - West End. The following packs were formed - Nambour, Gympie and Greenslopes. No longer in recess : 4th Townsville, C.D.A.

1945 Companies formed - 6th Rockhampton (St. Barnabas), 3rd Warwick, 6th Cairns, 1st Blackheath College (Charters Towers). No longer in recess - 1st Cairns Rangers, 2nd Townsville, 2nd Mackay, 2nd Cairns, 1st Ipswich, 5th Townsville, 1st Mt. Morgan. Packs formed - 1st Caloundra, 4th Cairns, 3rd Mackay, 2nd Nambour. Packs no longer in recess - 1st Ayr, 1st Townsville, 5th Townsville, 1st Goondiwindi, 2nd Cairns, 1st Ipswich, 1st Tarragindi. Companies and Packs in Recess.

1930 Ingham, Goondiwindi, Herberton in temporary recess. Toogoolawah disbanded.

1931 Goondiwindi, South Kolan, Ingham, Imbil, Bowen, Herberton and Bowen Brownie Pack.

1932 Goondiwindi, South Kolan, Ingham, Herberton, 1st Toowoomba, Poid Is. Companies and Moa Is. Pack in recess until qualified.

1933 Metropolitan companies - 1st All Saints, 1st Bulimba, 1st West End, 1st St. Margaret's, 1st Somerville House. Country companies - 1st Barcaldine, 1st Texas, 1st Moa Island. Metropolitan packs - 1st Bulimba, 1st Toowong. Country packs - 1st Herberton, 1st St. James (Townsville). With the exception of Badu, the aboriginal companies in the Torres Strait Islands were still in recess.

1934 Companies - 1st Proserpine, 1st Longreach, 1st Coolangatta 1st Ipswich, 3rd Ipswich, 5th Ipswich. Packs - 1st Ipswich.

1935 Metropolitan companies - 1st Valley Rangers. Country - 1st Eudlo, 1st Palmwoods. Country packs 1st Palmwoods, 1st Thursday Island. Metropolitan packs - 1st West End.

1936 Country companies - 1st Ayr, 1st Magnetic Island, 1st Mt.Isa, 1st Ipswich, 1st Nambour, 3rd Warwick, 1st Gladstone Rangers, 1st Warwick. Metropolitan packs - 1st Yeronga, 1st Judean. Country packs - 1st Innisfail, 1st

Bundaberg, 1st Magnetic Island, 1st Mt. Isa, 1st Stratford, 1st Silkstone-Booval.

1938 Metropolitan ranger companies - 1st Clayfield, 1st Central 1st Catholic. Country - 1st Dalby. Metropolitan guide companies - 1st Kedron, 2nd Catholic. Country - 1st Maryborough, 1st Toowoomba (Glennie), 1st Roma, 2nd Charters Towers. Metropolitan brownie packs - 1st Milton, 1st All Saints, 1st Sherwood, 1st Kedron, 1st Tarragindi. Country - 3rd Townsville, 1st Bowen, 1st Maryborough, 1st Maroochydore. Sherwood and Chelmer companies amalgamated.

1939 Companies - Milton, Clermont, Gympie, Silkstone-Booval Charters Towers, Bowen, Murgon, Jandowae, Tara, Lone Rangers. Maroochydore about to be re-formed. Packs - Holy Trinity Milton, Kedron, 2nd Mackay, 2nd Warwick, Roma, Bowen.

1940 Companies - 3rd Cairns 6th Toowoomba, Pomona, Wondai, Yarraman, Cunnamulla, Sarina Rangers, 2nd Herberton.

1941 Herberton Cadet Rangers, Cairns and Mackay Rangers, Brisbane Sea Guides, 1st Howard Company, Babinda and Mareeba Lones, 3rd Rockhampton Pack and native companies on Boigu, Cocoanut, Darnley, Dauan, Mabuiag, Saibai, Yam and Yorke Is., and the brownie pack at Boigu.

1942 Country - Thursday Island, Cairns and Townsville Districts, Maroochydore. Metropolitan - Hamilton (amalgamated with Clayfield).

1943 Boonah, Jambin, Mt. Morgan.

1944 Dunwich, Blackall.

1945 1st Pialba, 1st Emerald, 1st Imbil, 1st Gayndah, 1st Collinsville.
Warrants.

In the formative years of guiding warrants were difficult to obtain - a real challenge, especially for country guiders who had to train by correspondence. Miss Hawthorn, supported by her Board of Examiners, was kept busy checking warrant papers. In those days written papers as well as practical tests were required to obtain a warrant.

Miss Hawthorn, a Blue Diploma™d Guider, travelled many miles throughout the State and to the Torres Strait Islands to train and assist our guiders and girls.

Miss Hawthorn's black record book containing results of warrants and tests is now part of our Archives collection. These warrants were then recorded on personnel cards.

Finance.

Finance was one of the Association's most difficult problems in the early days of guiding. We were progressing when suddenly war broke out and all our efforts were diverted to assisting the war effort which all our members considered deserved our highest priority.

Numerical Strength.

The total membership for 1944 was 2,981 and for 1945 was 3,500.
Guide and Brownie Tests.

Guides - Tests included Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and All Round Cords, Gold Cords.

Brownies - Tests included Recruit, Second Class, First Class, Brownie Wings.

Girls received a Star for each year's membership. After completing the fifth year, a five year Star replaced the four single Stars.

Lady Macartney.

It was in 1919 that Mrs. E.H. Macartney became chairman of the committee to establish guiding in Queensland and this was the beginning of a term of 25 years as chairman of the State Executive Committee.

In 1924 the State Commissioner, Mrs. Macartney, with Miss Grimes and Miss Andrews, represented Queensland at the World Conference and World Camp at Foxlease, England. After her return to Queensland much was done to tighten up and raise the standard of guiding throughout the State. Her experience of guiding overseas was of great benefit to Queensland.

In 1928 Mrs. Macartney was presented with the Medal of Merit for her service to guiding - the first Australian Commissioner to receive this award.

In 1929 Mr. Macartney having been appointed Agent-General to London, Mrs. Macartney departed Queensland for London and was absent for a period of 2 1/2 years. She took this opportunity to gain more guiding experience and in 1930 she represented Australia at the historic World Conference in England at which Lady Baden-Powell was elected World Chief Guide.

Lady Macartney returned to Australia on 15th February 1932. She had attended numerous guide conferences in England and Queensland thus was able to benefit from her experiences, ideas and advice gained.

On 20th December 1934 at a gathering of guide and scout representatives in Anzac Square, Brisbane, where the young people were addressed by the Chiefs, Lady Baden-Powell presented Lady Macartney with the Silver Fish, the highest honour that can be awarded in the Guide Movement.

At a rally attended by His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson and Lady Wilson to celebrate the Jubilee of His Majesty, King George V, Lady Macartney was a recipient of the Jubilee Medal.

Lady Macartney steered the Association through the formative years and through the tremendously busy World War II years. She served the Association for the first 25 years of its existence with dedication, loyalty, integrity and honour.

She resigned her appointment in 1945 owing to ill-health. We cannot do justice in words to the influence Lady Macartney's personality had on the whole Movement. For she was a true guide leader, preferring to lead through others letting others take the credit when things went smoothly, but taking responsibility and accepting criticism if the need arose. In all of those years her active interest was maintained, and her kindly concern for all sections of the Movement will long be remembered. Through her efforts guiding became strongly established during its first twenty-five years.

Lady Macartney was appointed an Officer of the Order of St-John of Jerusalem in 1937.

On a bright, sunny afternoon, Anzac Day 1949, guiders gathered at her home to honour her passing.