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Mrs. Cox.

To: Mrs. Huxley.
From: Mrs. Scott.

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28th November, 1942.

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We have seen in two or three Narrative ... Reports lately, of which the one I attach is typical, that W.V.S. members are making toys for sale by the Red Cross. In view of the fact that the War-time Nurseries are so very short of toys, and that each Region has its toy-making Committee, on which W.V.S. is represented, would it be possible for the energies of these local branches to be diverted to the Regional Scheme? I have not liked to make representations to the Regions concerned without first consulting you.

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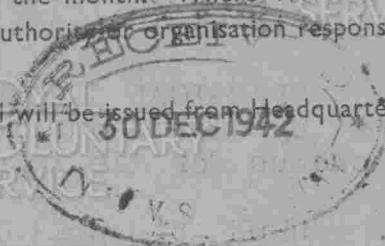
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**WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR CIVIL DEFENCE
MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORT**

COUNTY...Hertfordshire.. CENTRE...Rickmansworth.. MONTH...December, 1942....

This report should describe the activities of the W.V.S. Centre during the month. Where W.V.S. members are assisting in activities outside the work of the Local Authority, the Authorising organisation responsible for such activities should be stated.

A list suggesting the subjects on which information would be most helpful will be issued from Headquarters from time to time.



1. HOME GUARD TEAS.

On December 5th and 6th, W.V.S. served teas to twenty five of the 8th Battalion of the Hertfordshire Home Guard. The Commanding Officer expressed great appreciation of this service.

2. CAMOUFLAGE.

The Camouflage group work four afternoons a week and during the past month twenty two sniper suits have been completed and given to the Eastern Command H.G. The Camouflage Officer has just given us 100 yards of sacking and requested us to make sandals. In order to help us defray the small expenses incurred, the H.G. collect used razor blades, which we send to: Reconditioned Products Ltd., 16 New St., Leicester. From these old blades we have realised £1.10.0d.

3. RED CROSS TOYS.

A. W.V.S. Work Party made some charming soft toys and during the months of November and December turned over £59.16.8d. to the County Red Cross.

4. THE HON. MISS DOROTHY PAGET, the well known racehorse owner, consulted W.V.S. again this Christmas, as in the past, in regard to giving money for the school children's parties. It seemed wiser to give assistance to poor and destitute families and to the old people in the hostels instead of to the children. She sent us a cheque for £75, which we divided up, giving the recipients part in cash and part in credit at their grocery shops.

5. KNITTING.

The Regional Wool Depot sent us 114 lbs. of wool during December

P.T.O.

Signed Helen Dickenson Chetton
(Centre Organiser)

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and an urgent request for sweaters and socks for Malta. Almost all this wool is now in the hands of our knitters.

6. CLASSICAL CONCERT FOR THE R.A.F. BENEVOLENT FUND. was given by one of our members on Sunday, December 20th and we sent a cheque for £18.10.0d. to the Fund.

7. UNDER 5'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES were held at each of the two nurseries on December 22nd and 23rd. Both nurseries had a tree and Father Christmas presented each baby with two presents. The mothers and helpers were invited to tea and the parties were great successes. On behalf of Miss Paget, W.V.S. gave each nursery £5, which will be spent in one big toy for the nurseries.

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