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TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

1st June, 1943.

Dear Miss Strachey,

Thank you very much for your letter of 29th May and for the very kind message from your Executive Committee. Will you please thank them for me?

I am deeply aware how much I and all the other women now holding responsible positions in the Civil Service owe to the work of bodies like your own; and I trust that we shall fulfil some at least of your hopes.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. Sharp

Miss P. Strachey,  
London & National Society  
for Women's Service.

## ITEMS FROM HOME AND ABROAD

**War Savings.** — Last week £12,836.229, representing a saving of 5s. 8d. per head.

**Women Staff Officers.** — Canadian women may now be staff officers on an equal footing with men.

**R.N.V.R. Half-stripes.** — The half-stripe on the cuff and shoulder-strap of a Lt.-Cmdr. in the R.N.V.R. will in future be waved in the same way as the broad stripes.

**Italian Mayors Dismissed.** — Four mayors of the Abruzzi Department of Italy have been dismissed for failing to organise the food supply properly, stated Berlin Radio.

**Giraud's Information Minister.** — Gen. Giraud has appointed M. André Labarthe as Secretary of Information in the North African Administrative Committee, and Gen. Chambre, whom he succeeds, has been appointed Secretary without Portfolio.

**Shop Wage Agreement.** — The National Joint Industrial Council for the Retail Bookselling, Newsagency, Stationery, Tobacco and Confectionery Trades has adopted a revised agreement covering wages and working conditions.

**Woman Chief of Staff.** — Miss E. A. Sharp, an Assistant Secretary at the Treasury, has been appointed Chief Establishment Officer, a post which ranks as a Principal Assistant Secretary and carries a salary of £1,525 a year. She thus becomes Whitehall's first woman "chief of staff."

**"White Knight" Dead.** — Harry Claff, known to theatre-goers as "The White Knight," has died at Edgware, aged 63.

**Lt. T. S. Winton, R.N.V.R.** age 26 who played golf for Cambridge in 1937, 1938, and for Scotland in the Boys' International at Carnoustie in 1933 has been lost at sea.

**W.L.A. Rally.** — This afternoon the Women's Land Army will hold a big rally in the courtyard and grounds of Arundel Castle, the residence of the Duke of Norfolk.

**Dean C. J. Jackenzie.** Acting President of the National Research Council of Canada, has arrived in Britain to confer with British scientists on questions of scientific research relating to the war.

**Convict Recaptured.** — Henry Beresford, aged 23, who escaped on March 28 from Lincoln prison, where he was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude for housebreaking, was recaptured in Wimbledon.

**A New Hornet.** — The aircraft-carrier Kearsarge, under construction at Norfolk, Virginia, will be renamed the Hornet to perpetuate the memory of the lost carrier from which Gen. Doolittle's bombers took off to bomb Tokyo.

**Windsor Races Check.** — Visitors who went by motor vehicle to Windsor races were subjected to a police check. All motor vehicles were stopped on the outskirts of the town.

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