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A.T.S. PROMPT ACTION

By switching off electrical equipment when a bomb fell on mixed heavy anti-aircraft site on the N.E. Coast early on Friday, two A.T.S. averted danger to a detachment.

The A.T.S. were Private Emily Wallcott (22) of Cardiff and Private Elma Mills (19) of Fife, Scotland. Private Wallcott was a stage dancer until about five months ago; Private Mills was a typist. They were both engaged on secret equipment during the raid. When bombs fell, they were knocked to the ground by blast but showed considerable presence of mind by remembering, as they got up, to switch off the electric current.

Lance-Bombardier Wilson of Strathaven, Lanarkshire, who was in charge of a detachment, picked up one of the men on the site who had been slightly injured in the leg by a bomb splinter and carried him to a canteen.

The battery Commander said the girls on the predictor and other instruments carried on although they were covered in mud from head to foot. He added: "They went on without batting an eyelid".

And throughout the raid the guns did not cease firing. - War Office. M.o.I.1

LORD KINDERSLEY PRAISES THE G.P.O.

The Postmaster General has received a letter from Lord Kindersley, President of the National Savings Committee, expressing great appreciation of the willing help given by Head Postmasters, Postmasters and members of the Post Office staff generally in the Warships Week campaign. Lord Kindersley offers the warmest thanks of the National Savings Committee for all that the Post Office has done.

The Postmaster General in passing on its appreciation says: "This further well merited tribute is encouraging evidence of the way in which the staff of the Post Office has responded to the special demands and difficulties of wartime".
General Post Office

M.o.I.2

BANDS TO PLAY IN ROYAL PARKS

Army bands will play in two of London's Royal Parks during Sunday evening (May 3). In Hyde Park the band of H.M. Coldstream Guards will play from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., while in Green Park the band of H.M. Grenadier Guards will play from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

This is the start of the season of the performances in the Royal Parks. -
Ministry of Works

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