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W.A.A.Fs PLAN BRIGHTER WINTER NIGHTS

Just in case they do not have enough to do in helping to beat the enemy this winter, here are some of the things which the W.A.A.F. personnel at one of Fighter Command's forward stations have planned for their off-duty hours.

Brains trust sessions, quizzes (in which questions are put to two competing teams), debates, play readings and classes in languages, beauty culture, drawing and accordion playing.

In addition the station has just started a W.A.A.F. orchestra and a bugle and drum band which, it is hoped, will shortly appear at church parades and other ceremonies. All the personnel for these are clerks, cooks and girls with other definite jobs on the station. They practice in their spare time.

No outside talent is being brought in. The teachers for the various classes are women who happen to have special knowledge of the various subjects.

One night a week on this station is "camp night" on which no W.A.A.F. may have a pass out and which is nominally devoted to a special cleaning of quarters.

But there is more to it than that. The flight officer in charge of all the W.A.A.Fs takes this opportunity when everybody is "at home" to tell the girls about any new Air Ministry orders which may have been issued affecting their welfare, pay, rights and duties and which they may not have had time to read for themselves.

Another way of brightening "camp night" this winter will be the holding of unofficial classes in which the girls are divided into groups of ten. Each member must then offer to teach the group something and a vote will be taken as to which subject is to be studied first.

So, if you don't know how to pass the long winter evenings - join the W.A.A.F.

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