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**Notes for Commentary on News-reel,  
"A Day in the Life of A.T.S. girls,"  
taken in the Northern Command.  
(9.12.40).**

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The various "shots" show:-

1. Start of the day - Girls getting up.
2. At Breakfast.
3. Doctor visits patient.
4. Kit Inspection.
5. Washing undies.
6. Hairdressing.
7. Physical Training.
8. Serving in the Officers Mess.
9. On Parade.
10. Playing Hockey.
11. Clerical workers.
12. Dancing - End of the day.

I should be grateful if your commentary would emphasize that life in the A.T.S. is interesting and happy; that the girls do important work such as Clerking, cooking, waiting at table, driving vehicles and operating teleprinters and kine-theodolites etc.

Please stress that these girls are releasing soldiers for other duties - and you know what that means.

Girls in the A.T.S. have everything provided for them - clothes, food, lodging, hairdressing, holidays with pay and free travel warrants. On that basis the lowest rank of Volunteer (equivalent to Private) is worth about £2:10 a week, whereas a Senior Leader's job is worth at least £5 a week.

Life in the A.T.S. is grand, healthy and happy. The girls love the comradeship of the Service and they are playing a big part in helping to win the war. The Army is proud of the girls in khaki.

Any girl who wishes to help her country can obtain full particulars of the interesting life in the A.T.S. from any Army Recruiting office.

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Short notes which may be useful

Girls are from all levels of society - various age groups but they mix very well. Pay varies for N.C.O.s ranks from 52/6 per week to 12/6 clear cost equivalent to £5/0/6 to £2/10/0 in civilian life as clothes food etc are all provided.

Girls keep dolls in bedrooms, have shown one with doll of celebrated "Charles McCarthy".

Suggested order of cutting as in mind when shooting.  
 - Physical training -  
 - getting up bedroom scenes - washing face - breakfast -  
 - cigarette lighting scene - sick room - hit inspection  
 - office work (stock work shots if wanted) - waiting on  
 at officers mess - washing clothes - hockey match  
 - recreation room activity - hair dressing - dance  
 scenes to close.

If in any bedroom slots daylight appears at windows this is quite O.K in any case as all the girls had been on night duty, have been in this camp more night nearly morning duty than anything else apparently.

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