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Mrs. Havers
107 Today,
Has A Party
 "Star" Reporter
LITTLE Mrs. Rebecca Havers was already awake today when nurses called her at the Central Homes, Union-road, Leytonstone, to wish her a happy birthday. She was 107.
 Outside the ward was a 22-lb. iced fruit cake with 107 candles for the party she was sharing with 1,000 of her companions and the staff of the home this afternoon. The Mayor and Mayoress of West Ham have been invited.
 "Mrs. Havers has been at the home for more than ten years," said the matron. "She has had a cake baked for her by the cooks each year since she achieved her century."
 "More than 1,200. cakes and pastries have also been made for the party to make sure everyone has a good time. The staff have been saving little bits here and there for weeks past to make this possible. It took the cooking staff more than 12 hours to prepare."
 "Mrs. Havers's own tastes are very simple. She likes porridge for breakfast and today, for a treat, had two helpings."
 "She has a keen sense of humour and one of her greatest amusements is listening to the radio."
 "At her last birthday she recited a 24-verse poem, with every word perfect, and sang."
 "She was with us all through the war and seldom went down to the canteens. Her attitude was 'If I've got to die, I'll die in my bed.'
 "She can still walk without sticks, and is quite agile. She never complains. She has two sons, both over 70, who used to visit her fairly regularly."