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THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER TALKS ABOUT THE W.A.A.F.

"During the last year I have visited the WAAF and many Royal Air Force stations and headquarters and on each occasion I have left with the great satisfaction of knowing that I have seen at work the most efficient and vital section of the Royal Air Force. You have probably seen already some of the cases of gallantry and devotion to duty by women of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. I look towards the day when a complete history can be written of those many others of whom a former Chief of Air Staff signalled "Splendid work, well done". The aim is, as far as possible, to enrol recruits into a trade in which they are qualified by their work in civil life. But there are a number of trades in which air women can be trained. I need not give you details of all these, so I need only remind you that women with good ordinary common sense can find a congenial place in the WAAF just as easily as those who possess special qualifications. There are still places to be filled, there is still work to be done, and in Mr. Churchill's stirring words "We shall not flag or fail, we shall go on to the end".