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ARMS AND THE GIRLS

Fifty factory girls in the South of England are hanging on to their uniforms, despite the War Office ruling that women are not to be enrolled in the Home Guard. Cutting the "HO" out of "HOME" they leave "ME" (Pity, I was quite enjoying myself). The letters M.E. represent the initials of their Firm. After a few weeks of rifle instruction they'll be guarding the Home Guard's Home. These girls intend to fight even if they wear out two fingers pulling triggers. Why, it would be a positive pleasure to be shot by a ME Guard.

The up-official uniforms have all been bought privately. A smart outfit for fifty smart girls.

And Smart Girls there are in plenty in the ranks of the W.A.A.Fs. Trained as armourers for the R.A.F. these girls are servicing machine-guns taken from fighter and bomber aircraft. They possess a thorough knowledge of mechanism and are expert in assembly and adjustment of the various weapons. Theoretical knowledge is put into practice on the range where leading and firing is all part of the instruction they receive. Any aircraft woman will tell you that this is what the well dressed girl is wearing these days.

The workings of power-operated gun turrets is also part of an armourers training. Yes, the little sisters of the R.A.F. are going great guns.