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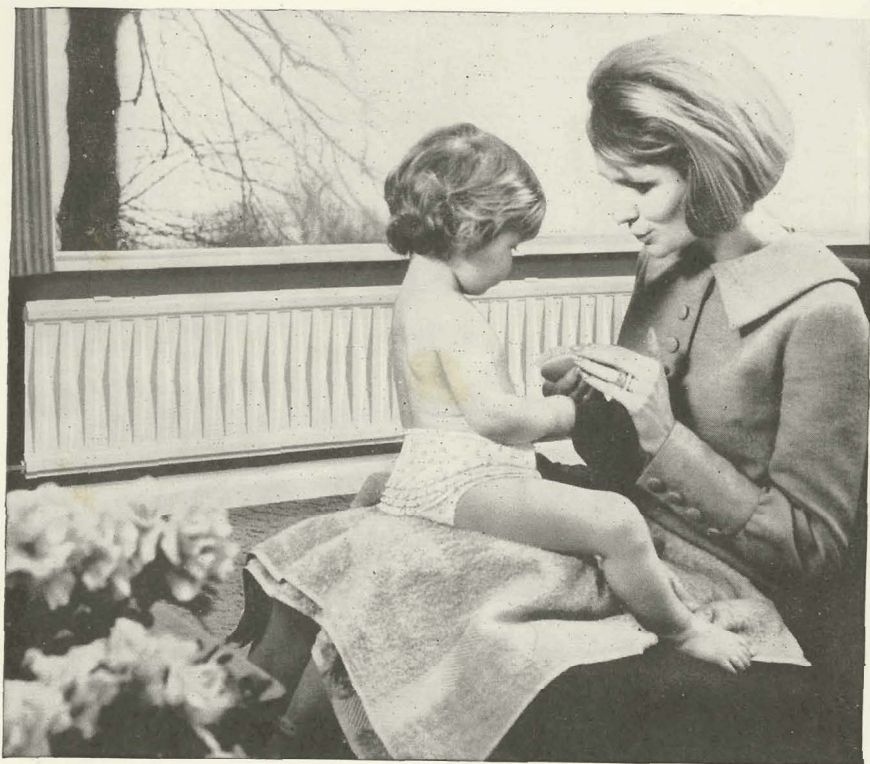


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CHAPTER I.

PURPOSE, PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

The purpose of the British Legion Scotland briefly summarised is as follows:—

to unite under one head all those men and women in Scotland who have served at any time in any Branch of the Services;
to assist them, their widows and dependants, in all their difficulties, in pension matters, in the relief or distress, in finding employment and in re-establishing them on their return to civilian life;
to raise funds to carry on the above work. The work is guided by the principles laid down in the Constitution.

The Legion shall be democratic, non-sectarian, and not affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or political organisation.

The Legion has been created to preserve the spirit of fellowship and service to others formed by all ranks and to maintain, in a strong, stimulating, united and democratic comradeship all those who have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces, or any Auxiliary Force, and others defined as eligible for membership under Rule 7 of the Constitution, so that neither their efforts nor their interests shall be forgotten; that their welfare and that of the dependants of the fallen may be safeguarded; and that just and equitable treatment shall be secured to them in respect of the difficulties caused in their lives as a result of their services.

The Legion exists to perpetuate in the civil life of the Commonwealth and the World the principles for which the Nation stands; to inculcate a sense of loyalty to the Crown, Community, State and Nation; to promote unity amongst all classes; to make right the master of might; to secure peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, and to consecrate and sanctify comradeship by devotion to mutual service and helpfulness.

In the Constitution the following are set forth as some of the objects for which the Legion is established:—

To perpetuate the memory of those who died in the service of their Country.

To educate public opinion to the view that the maintenance of the disabled and welfare of ex-Service men, women and dependants, is a National duty.

To obtain public recognition for the principle that ex-Service men and women in accordance with their qualifications are entitled to preferential treatment in all matters relating to the finding or provision of employment.

To assist ex-Servicemen to secure not less than the recognised standard rate of wages in accordance with their ability.

To promote the welfare of the women and children left by those who have fallen in War, and to arrange for and assist them to visit the graves of relatives killed in War.

To advise serving men and women in connection with their return to civil life, and to promote the interests of their dependants while they are serving, except in so far as concerns their discipline, privileges and emoluments in money or kind under the Regulations in force for the time being of Her Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces respectively.

To promote and support schemes for the education of ex-Service men and women and their children.