

COMMUNICATION WRENS' TRAINING

The number of W.R.N.S. Signal and Telegraphist ratings under training remains at the maximum number we can accommodate and, in addition to Part II training, the fourth advancement course for W.R.N.S. Telegraphists has just finished and the first Signal advancement course is at present under way. After 30th November, 1949, there will be no further advancement in the Signal category without professional qualification, so it is up to those who wish to qualify to apply for a course. There will be four courses of four weeks' duration during 1950, and as far as possible vacancies on courses will be filled in the order in which applications from recommended candidates are received.

It will have been noted by W.R.N.S. Telegraphists that for the past few months some Wrens of the category have been drafted straight to shore W/T

stations on completion of their training at *Mercury*. It is emphasised that, as stated in the last issue of *THE COMMUNICATOR*, priority is given to those who have served in the Air Command for a minimum of nine months and who have requested to transfer to General Service, a list of such volunteers being kept at Burghfield. At the time of writing, there are no Wren volunteers on this list, and until there are it will be necessary to fill shore W/T vacancies from *Mercury*.

In October a party of twenty-four W.R.N.S. Telegraphists under training gave an impressive display of marching manœuvres at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, as part of National Savings Week Rally. The show, which was televised, filmed and broadcast, included performances by members of the three Services, and this is probably the first time members of the W.R.N.S. have demonstrated marching manœuvres, as this is not normally part of their curriculum.