

# Very Little Rubble Litters London Streets Now, Faye Anderson Says in Letter

By Barbara Fox

Off to London they shall go, two fair ladies. London—after Paris. All these excursions have been taken by Faye Anderson who is stationed in Germany with the Red Cross Recreational Unit. Faye has written many interesting letters to her parents, the Walter Andersons and from these letters different experiences that Faye encountered while in Europe have been packed into these articles.

"We flew from Frankfurt to London," Faye begins, "and I am convinced that this is the only way to travel."

Aboard the ship were 10 Ger-

man girls going to America to be married. Looking at them made me a little ill. Most of the girls could hardly speak a word of English, none of them were married, and all of them had children ranging from three years to mere infants. I felt sorry for these girls, the children and the boys they were going over to marry.

What a way to start married life!

Airport Reconstructed

"It was nine o'clock in the evening when we arrived at the London Airport, which must have been constructed during or since the war. Most of the build-

ings were of wooden structure and looked very temporary.

"As we drove along the streets of London we saw badly bombed areas where all the rubble and debris had been completely cleared away. There was either a blank spot where a building once stood or merely the wall facade or whatever wasn't destroyed.

"It was a pleasant relief after all the trash of Germany where not a thing has been removed. England seems to have a sense of pride that one can't help admiring.

Friendly People

"It wasn't long before I fell in love with London. The people are so friendly they outdo themselves for outsiders. The quiet winding narrow little streets, courtyards and alleys; the impressive looking, old but beautifully kept buildings; the Bobbies with their funny high hats and chin straps; beautiful parks and squares, all made me love it more.

"England is full of tradition," Faye continued. "Temple Bar is a small statue in the middle of the

road marking the entrance into the actual city of London. Here on state occasions the King must still utilize the Lord Mayor giving him permission to enter the city gates.

"This tradition dates back to the time when kings used to enter and take whatever they wanted from the city. The people of the 14th century didn't go for this system so they got together and elected a Lord Mayor to stop any king as he entered the gates. This has been going on throughout the ages.

See Westminster

"During our tour of the city, we came upon Buckingham Palace as the changing of the guards was taking place. A very impressive sight even though they are still wearing the khaki uniforms.

"The Scotland Yard building didn't impress me too much, but it was interesting to see the place you read so much about in fiction and in current news.

"As we went through Westminster Abbey, we were told many interesting stories concerning the kings, poets, scientists, musicians etc., and one story lingered in my mind because it was quite humorous.

"The plaque that is over Ben Johnson's grave is considerably smaller than others buried in that day. People weren't cremated as they sometimes are today and so the stones usually covered the whole length of the person. The story told is this:

Days Are Busy Ones

"Ben Johnson before he died asked the King to have him standing up so that on Judgment Day he would be the first one out. He had his wish and thus his tombstone covers his head only."

Faye concluded her letter with these days in London are busy ones. Touring, trying to locate our hotel in strange territory, looking at old stations and places of interest, getting passports in order and various other things which go with traveling.

"All these things have made a very tired little girl out of me so

I must stop writing now and start dreaming about Henry VIII, Tenyson and all the other famous old people I have met in these past few days."

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Client—That's right. I'm a dentist.

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