

# Teams

## The first team sent to Europe

The Guide International Service (GIS) was conceived in 1941. Guides could offer a particular service in the aftermath of war. They knew how to organise and run large camps with a minimum of equipment; many were accustomed to co-operation with fellow Guiders of other nations; all were used to working in a team. Therefore, given the right training, Guide teams would be well equipped to run refugee camps and wayside feeding stations in isolated country districts, until something more permanent could be devised. After rigorous training, the first GIS team took a troopship to Egypt in 1944, destination Greece. Two Guiders from Cambridgeshire, Alison Duke and Marjorie Jarman and six other women and two men comprised this team. They worked tirelessly, Chick as interpreter, a job she had also done in August 1939 when World Guiding met at Pax Ting in Hungary, and Jammie as caterer in dangerous and demanding circumstances. High in the mountains, they distributed clothing, found food, set up displaced person camps and most precious of all, they gave the Greeks hope.

Members of the 3rd team who went to Netherlands and Germany to work in a children's hospital. They helped in general relief work, handing out clothing and the repatriation of Displaced Persons.

