

**THE DORE & TOTLEY  
MINESWEEPING TRAWLERS  
COMFORTS FUND**

**1943  
CORRESPONDENCE**



THE DORE AND TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND

---

15th January, 1943.

The Rev. A. W. Mandall, Chaplain, R. N.,

Please receive the following goods:-

5 White Jerseys  
48 Blue Jerseys  
5 Pns Seaboot Stockings  
40 Pns Socks  
15 Pns Gloves  
20 Helmets  
5 Scarves.

Books and Cards.

I acknowledge receipt of the above:-

Signed... *Richard Seddon* .....

Date... 23 / 1 / 43 .....



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Mrs. R. B. Grayson  
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ADMINISTRATIVE  
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FERN GLEN  
DORE MOOR  
SHEFFIELD

Your Ref.

Our Ref

Jan 25th, 1944

Rev. A.W.Mandall, Chaplain, R.N.

H.M.Naval Base,

North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No.1.

30 Blue Jerseys.  
25 Oiled Jerseys.  
10 prs Socks.  
15 Helmets.  
10 Scarves.  
5 prs Gloves.  
3 prs Seaboot Stockings.

Case No.2.

43 Blue Jerseys.  
10 Oiled Jerseys.  
5 prs Socks.  
6 prs Gloves.  
~~15 Scarves.~~  
15 Helmets.  
6 Scarves.

I acknowledge receipt of the above.....

Signed.....AWMandall.....

Date.... 12/2/44....



12th February, 1943

Rev. A. W. Mandall, Chaplain, R. N. ,  
R. N. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

Please receive the following woollen goods:-

Case No. 1.

43 Jerseys  
7 White Jerseys.  
20 prs Socks.  
10 prs Gloves.  
15 Scarves.  
20 Helmets.

Case No. 2.

32 Jerseys.  
7 White Jerseys.  
3 prs Seaboot Stockings.  
30 prs Socks.  
8 prs Gloves.  
5 Helmets.  
5 Scarves.

Books. Magazines.

I acknowledge receipt of the above:-

Signed... *A. W. Mandall* .....

Date..... *11/2/43* .....







H.M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

19th February 1943.

Mrs. K.B. Grayson,  
The Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday and the promise of two cases of woollens which we will acknowledge and return the cases after they arrive.

With regard to Stoker Mann's enquiry for a pullover, his action is quite unjustified and distinctly against all regulations. The trawlers are never stinted for their requirements which are issued in bulk and recorded in the ship's Comforts book. The individual issue to each man is recorded in his paybook so there is absolutely no necessity for any man to ask an outside authority for a gift. I am afraid this Stoker has been trying to pull a "Fast one". The Agnes Nutton has been supplied with 20 helmets, 40 scarves, 22 pairs of gloves and mittens, 10 pairs of socks, 25 pairs of seaboot stockings and 20 jerseys in the last four months and her total complement is only twenty-four, including officers.

At the same time, we are very short of pullovers and jerseys and although the ships have had an adequate supply these particularly are required to keep our stocks at a safe level to meet requirements.

With regard to your generous Christmas gift, I must apologise for not answering, except for the bare acknowledgment but first my secretary went on leave, then I went on leave and then my secretary was ill for a week and so our office work got rather adrift.



We had several other subscriptions, some anonymous from people whose relatives had been safely conveyed to various parts so I passed the whole of the money to Captain M/S. As it was impossible, owing to sailings etc, to give one big party, through the good offices of our supply store we were able to purchase turkey, port, plum puddings, cigarettes and various other kinds of Christmas cheer which were equally distributed to all the minesweepers.

They were told to whom they were indebted for these most generous gifts but also that I had acknowledged and thanked the Dore & Totley Minesweepers Comforts Fund on their behalf, which of course explains why they have not written. It is of course, all part of the great Admiralty economy scheme, postage, and also explains my title, as everything connected with welfare must now go through me.

Regarding the cigarettes which you intend sending for each ship, I am sure these will be most welcome but I think it is only fair to point out to you that they receive forty free cigarettes per month for each man and are entitled to purchase duty free - i.e. 6d. for twenty. If under the circumstances you will feel like sending the gift we shall be most grateful but if you have some more worthy cause please consider it first.

I am afraid this has become almost a sermon.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*A W Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
PORT AMENITIES WELFARE LIAISON OFFICER.



FROM: Rev.A.W.Mandall, Chaplain R.N., H.M.Naval Base, North Shields.

DATE: 1st March, 1943.

TO: Mrs.R.B.Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise, Sheffield.

Dear Mrs.Grayson,

Thank you so much for the two cases of woollens  
etc., which arrived safely this morning. To see so many jerseys  
is a great joy and I am most truly grateful.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*A.W.Mandall*

Chaplain R.N.,  
Port Amenities, Welfare &  
Liaison Officer.

P.S. Owing to some local restriction on traffic, I shall be  
unable to return the crates for a few days.



H. M. T. Crampian

C/o C. P. O.

March 7<sup>th</sup>

London.

Dear Sirs

This morning has brought  
us your kind gift of cigarettes  
for the ship's company and I  
hasten to thank you sincerely  
on behalf of all: it is very kind  
of you, and your gift is much  
appreciated. I feel I must tell



you that we have now left  
the Tyne, and as far as we know  
we shall not be minesweeping any  
more so I fear we cannot count  
on your generosity in the future.  
We hope however to be doing a  
really important job so we are  
all happy about the change

Again thanking you  
yours sincerely.

W. H. C. Cols

Lt Col  
RNVR



Sig Wright  
JX 322614.

H.M.S. Southern Ocean

c/o G.P.O.

London.

8/3/44.

Dear Madam

May I take this opportunity of thanking you, on behalf of our Ship Company, for your generous gift of cigarettes which were received today.

You will be interested to know that you have provided some pleasure to us in a manner that we all enjoy. A smoke is very often a revive during the long hours when we are out sweeping the high seas



When the weather is often  
very inclement.

There are quite  
a number of us aboard whose  
homes are situated in the  
midlands, and it is grand to  
know that those at home can  
find time, in spite of all  
the additional duties imposed  
upon them in these days, to  
make sacrifices for us.

Assuring you of our  
best wishes and thanks.

Yours very sincerely  
J. Wright.

The Secretary

Dore & Totley Knitting Club.

Dore & Totley,

Sheffield.



L. 78473.  
78478<sup>TO</sup> 4  
PCLs.

To the crew of the ..... *CAULONIA* .....

with every good wish from

The DORE & TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND,  
BROOK HALL,  
TOTLEY RISE,  
SHEFFIELD.

Please acknowledge.



L. 78460.

To the crew of the ..... *"Regent Bird."* .....

with every good wish from

The DORE & TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND,  
BROOK HALL,  
TOTLEY RISE,  
SHEFFIELD.

Please acknowledge.

*Recived 1000 cigarettes many thanks  
James H. Wink  
Skipper R.N.R.*



L. 78451.  
78453.<sup>TO</sup> 3  
PCLs.

To the crew of the ..... *"Star of Britain"* .....

with every good wish from

The DORE & TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND,  
BROOK HALL,  
TOTLEY RISE,  
SHEFFIELD.

*More received in good condition  
Please accept thanks, from  
Ship's Company*

Please acknowledge.

.....  
Date  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
"STAR OF BRITAIN"

Signed *M. Henderson* .....





L 78454 / 78455

2 Pels.

To the crew of the ..... "*Jean Edmonds*"  
with every good wish from

The DORE & TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND,  
BROOK HALL,  
TOTLEY RISE,  
SHEFFIELD.

*I have sent my  
Personal thanks,*

Please acknowledge.

*A. F. Challis*

**COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.T. "JEAN EDMONDS"**





Mr. T. Suma  
c/o G.P.O.  
London.

The Secretary,  
The Dore & Totley Mine Sweeping  
Trawlers Comfort Fund,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my ship's  
company I would like to send  
you our very grateful & sincere  
thanks for the gift of five parcels  
of cigarettes, which arrived safely &  
in good order today. There is no  
need for me to emphasise how  
much these kind gifts are appreciated.

With all good wishes

Yours faithfully

T. D. Tindley  
Lieut. R.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer.



H.M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

16th. March, 1943.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you very much for the advice notes of a fresh consignment of woollens. They will be returned, duly signed, when the goods arrive.

It was so good of you to include so many jerseys, which we so badly need. I know these are the most difficult to make and I suppose that is why other contributors rather fight shy of them. I rather suspect that they are the efforts of your "Sunshine Group", of which I have heard, but I am not in any way surprised, for one can always rely on Yorkshire for the best! I have no personal knowledge of Sheffield, but my only spell of Parish life was two and a half years in Huddersfield, and the support and keenness and enthusiasm I met there, from young and old, was a real inspiration. Obviously this applies to Sheffield, if one can judge by the Dore & Totley M.T.C.F., and the "Sunshine Group" in particular.

I wish it were possible to pay you all a visit to make personal contact, but there seems little hope of that in the near future. The "Sunshine Group" is well named; it certainly lightens my life!

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Alumandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.,  
PORT AMENITIES, WELFARE, LIAISON OFFICER.



H. M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

22nd. ~~March~~, 1943.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you very much for the Comforts received this morning, March 22nd. They will, as you say, help to keep our stocks at a safe level, and enable us to see that every man has sufficient warm clothing.

I am sorry to have to tell you that Mr. Mandall is unwell, but I trust that he will be back again with us before the end of March.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Richard Laddan.*

Assistant Chaplain.



War Benevolent Fund.  
Highcliffe Hotel,

Greystones Road.

Sheffield //

23/3/43

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find cheque  
value £10-0-0 as donation to the  
above Fund.

Your official receipts  
will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mayo.

Treasurer.



H.M.T. JAMES LAY.  
GPO LONDON.  
9/4/43.

Sir,

Just a line to thank you very much  
on behalf of my crew. for the the very welcome  
cigarettes.

It is wonderful the work you are doing for us  
minesweepers. and we all wish you the best of  
Luck in your daily work.

We are doing O.K. & quiet. Happy and and are  
all looking forward to the Tilt of the Song.

When the ships will sail again all over the world,  
wishing you all the best of Luck.

Yours faithfully

Gordon Skippes RNR.



4 Esplanade

Plover

Kent.

9-4-43

Dear Sirs

Many thanks for the cigs  
received by my ship's Company.

I have only just got  
out of hospital, we have had a very  
bad accident but are hoping to be  
on the job again soon.

Yours Sincerely

A. Christy

Commanding Officer

H.M.S. Canton.



10 April 1943

To the Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers  
comforts fund.

My dear friends it is with the  
greatest of pleasure that I send this  
few lines to thank you very much  
for the lovely gift of cigarettes that  
have been received on board my ship  
for distribution amongst my crew. This  
is always a very appreciable gift amongst  
the men of the minesweepers, considering  
the long hours and anxious times they  
have to go through in these terrible  
times and nothing, I can assure you  
pleases them better than to have  
a smoke whenever they have a  
few minutes to spare. Please accept  
my very best wishes and success  
to your fund, for the wonderful  
work you are doing.



I remain Yours sincerely

Shipper Lieutenant G. J. Abernethy I.S.C. R.S.  
Commanding Officer,

H.M.S. Louise et Marie.

Sp. B.P.O. London



H. to T. Jean Edmonds.  
c/o G.P.O. London  
10/4/43

Dear Sirs,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your very kind and generous gift of cigarettes of which my ship was one of the fortunate recipients. I can assure you that my crew of 25 join me in these thanks.

It is very nice indeed to know that people who now have so many calls and personal sacrifices to make have still time to think of others, many who are far from their homes and friends, and I wish every member and subscriber to your fund all the best of health.

Again thanking you for your kindness.

Yours sincerely  
A. H. Hallis  
Shp. R.N.R.



H. M. S.

12 APR 1943

"GENERAL BOTHA"



H.M.T. General Botha.  
c/o G.P.O. London.

12. H. 43.

Dear Sir.

We were delighted to receive your very welcome gift of three packets of cigarettes & I thank you on behalf of my ship's company & myself for them.

As you know mine sweeping is a very monotonous job, hours & hours of steaming & sweeping & down your boat, in every kind of weather & as a constant look out has to be kept, there is little that we can do except smoke. I am sorry that I cannot give you any detailed account of the ship's doings, but you know now the censor frowns on chatty letters in these days.

With all good wishes to the people of Dorset & Topley and yourselves in particular.

I remain, yours sincerely,  
Percy H. Baker.

The Chairman.

The Dorset Topley Mine-sweeping  
Fraternal Comfort Fund.

COMMANDING OFFICER

12 APR 1943

H.M.S. "GENERAL BOTHA"

Commander, R.N.V.R.



H. M. S. "Riskato"

C/o G. F. O.

London

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

On behalf of myself,  
brother officer, and crew, I want  
to thank you for your kindly  
gift of cigarettes. We received  
them quite safely and in  
very good condition. Please  
believe me when I say they  
were a most acceptable gift  
and highly appreciated by  
all. Will you please thank  
all concerned, wishing your  
fund every success for their  
thoughtfulness

I Remain

Yours Sincerely

D. Baxter

Skipper R.N.R.





Secretary  
Dore L. Potley  
Miss Sweepers Fund  
13-4-43

Ben Idris

Dear Sir

On behalf of my ship's  
company I wish to thank all concerned  
for the parcels of cigarettes received  
on board to day. I can assure you  
these gifts are greatly appreciated.

Please convey to all members of the fund  
my personal thanks for their kindness  
with all good wishes

I. Am Sir

Yours Sincerely  
J. Parkinson

Skipper H.M.T. R.N.R.





## NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised  
December, 1935.

S. 1320b.

For use in  
Signal  
Department  
only

H.M.T. Jean Edmonds.

Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

Codress/Plaindress

No. of  
Groups:

TO:

FROM:

Received with many thanks to  
with brigadesWrite  
Across

A. F. Challis	A. Schutter (Sen)	Allen (PSC)	
A. Wood	T. Thomson (Sen)	E. Hughes	10
J. Bowling	H. Patterson (Sen)	W. D. Wilson	15
E. M. Gaden	L. J. Heard (SEA)	L. W. H. H.	20
E. Balls	E. Pearson (PSC)	A. Brownlee (Sen)	25
L. J. Hatten	R. Gibbons		30
E. Hopper	Walter Ross		35
R. G. Hatten	J. M. Bourne (Sen)		40
R. Ross	R. Machin		45
A. C. Duthie (Sen)	J. H. Hill		50

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of  
Receipt Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date



H.M. NAVAL BASE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

14th April 1943.

Mrs. H. Duffy,  
The Dore & Totley Minesweepers Comforts Fund,  
Brook Mall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Duffy,

By now you will probably have received some acknowledgments and letters of thanks from the various minesweeping trawlers for your generous gift of cigarettes. Unfortunately, some of them seem to have read the good wishes chit wrongly and have acknowledged receipt of the cigarettes to me. So far these acknowledgments have just taken the form of a chit saying "Cigarettes received, many thanks", but if any letters come along I will forward them to you.

I thought it wiser to let you know this as you may be wondering why all the ships have not replied to your exceedingly generous gift.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
PORT AMENITIES WELFARE LIAISON OFFICER.



Mrs. "Ratapiko."  
C/o G.P.O.  
London  
15/4/43

The Rose & Totley Inf's Fund.  
Totley Rise  
Sheffield.

Dear Sirs (or Madames)

Very many thanks for your  
kind gift of cigarettes to my crew  
and it has been very much  
appreciated. Our job at times  
becomes monotonous, but no less  
essential without the glamour  
given by the Press to some branches  
of the Service, so that it is ex-  
ceedingly nice to learn that the  
inf's travellers are not forgotten.

Again thanking you.

Yours very sincerely,

R. Tilling

R. T. Ch. R.N.R.



16/4/43

H.M.T. Delila  
% GPO London

Dear Friends

We received the  
cigarettes and many thanks  
to you kind we all  
appreciate it very much and  
are very grateful to you  
all wishing you the best of  
all on board <sup>good wishes from</sup>

yours Sincerely

Skipper & a good  
R.N.R.



18/4/43.

Rev. Mr. Harold.  
c/o G.P.O.  
London.

Dear Sir or Madam.

I thank very much for the gift of cigarettes forwarded to above ship. On behalf of the ship's complement I wish to express our gratitude for the gifts that has been sent to us from the Friends. They were very much appreciated indeed.

Yours Sincerely

S. J. Summers  
Shipper R.C.R.



H.M.J. Dorothy Lambert  
C/o G.P.C. London  
19.4.43

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of  
the crew and myself I wish  
to thank you and the patrons  
of the Fund for the gift  
of cigarettes. You will realise  
how much we appreciate your  
gift, and to know the  
minesweepers have been chosen  
by you is very gratifying.  
Hoping Victory will not be long  
delayed.

I remain,

Yours Faithfully

R H Maulkison

Stipps R.N.R



H.M. NAVAL BASE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

19th April 1943.

Mrs. K. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you for your letter of April 16th. I cannot understand where Sinclairs got the idea that H.M.T. Simerson and H.M.T. Lord Darling were not eligible for Duty Free cigarettes and I have certainly never heard of the Field Force Department. I have checked up with H.M. Customs this morning and have written Messrs. Sinclairs to this effect so the two trawlers will receive their parcels in due course.

I think it would be possible for me to pay you a visit in the summer and I should be delighted to give a talk to the Knitting Party. I feel that ~~these~~ personal contacts are very valuable and much more satisfactory than personal correspondence.

Thank you for your enquiries about my health, I was only a bit run down after a succession of colds and so took seven days rest and feel quite fit again now.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*A. W. Mandall*

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- To provide comforts for  
the men who keep the  
sea lanes open . . . . .

Your Ref.

Our Ref

April 22nd, 1943.

Rev. A. W. Randall, Chaplain, R. N.,

Please receive the following goods:-

Case No. 1.

44 Blue Jerseys.  
6 Oily Jerseys.  
30 prs Socks.  
15 Scarves.  
30 Helmets.  
20 prs Gloves.

Case No. 2.

56 Jerseys.  
4 Oily Jerseys.  
20 prs Socks.  
5 Scarves.  
5 prs Gloves.  
5 prs Seaboot stockings

Books, Cards, Magazines.

100 Razor blades.

I acknowledge receipt of the above:-

Signed.....

Date.....





THE  
ROBERT SINCLAIR TOBACCO CO. LTD.

BLLENHEIM TOBACCO FACTORY  
WESTGATE ROAD - NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE 1

Telegrams "Tobacco" Newcastle-on-Tyne (Two words)

Telephone 25421 (Three lines)

KCHW/JC

24th April 1943

The Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers  
Comforts Fun,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sirs,

With further reference to Duty Free orders for H.M.T. "Simerson" and H.M.T. "Lord Darling", we have been in touch with the Field Force Department who now inform us that these two vessels are entitled to receive Duty Free supplies and arrangements have been made for the despatch of same in accordance with your instructions.

Yours faithfully,  
For THE ROBERT SINCLAIR TOBACCO CO. LTD

*K. H. Westcott*

MANAGING DIRECTOR.



H.M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

29th April 1943.

Mrs. K. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you so much for your letter of April 26th and the further consignment of woollens which have arrived today. We are returning the cases at once.

I am glad to hear that the cigarette matter has been cleared up and cannot understand how the hitch occurred.

As far as I can remember both advice notes were returned last time but my W.R.N.S. Secretary was ill and it is possible that her relief misunderstood me. We certainly cannot find the missing advice note in our files.

With reference to games etc., there is an excellent fund called the Northumberland & Durham War Needs Fund here which supplies all the trawlers with an adequate supply of games. I am very grateful for your kind offer but feel that it would be unfair and in fact, unnecessary to have a further supply from you.

With regard to the careless unpacking of the cases, the more years I do with this "Firm" the more I wonder if brains are the prerogative of officers and petty officer. I am very sorry that the cases have been treated so abominably and will try to avoid such happening in future, but here again we labour under a difficulty, for as fast as I get a storeman trained he becomes fit for sea duty and I have to start all over again with someone else - "Truly the Kingdom of God tarries" - and no wonder.

Next Monday I go on leave for ten days and believe me I am going to forget such things as ships and seamen exist.

Again many thanks for your kind interest and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*W. Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N. PORT AMENITIES, WELFARE LIAISON OFFICER



30/4/43

H M. S. Blenheim  
C/O SPO  
London

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your very kind  
gift of cigarettes which we found waiting  
for us on our return from leave.

Your gift was much appreciated by  
all the ship's company & on their behalf  
I would like to express their grateful  
thanks.

Yours truly

G. S. Dood

                      
Lieut RNR.



H.M. Mines 263.

GPO London,

May. 3/43.

To the Hon & Tottley Minersweeping Travellers  
Comforts Fund.

As Commanding officer of this ship, I wish  
to thank you for your very kind  
thought in sending 1000 Cigarettes  
to my crew; I can assure you these  
were much appreciated.

Yr truly  
P. P. Lees.  
P. P. Lees RVR



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FERN-GLEN  
~~DORE-MOOR~~  
SHEFFIELD

Your Ref.

Our Ref

May 17th, 1943.

Rev. A. W. Mandall, Chaplain, R. N.

R. N. Naval Base ,

North Shields.

Please receive the following goods:-

Case No. 1

40 Jerseys.  
5 oiled Jerseys.  
10 prs socks.  
25 helmets.  
15 scarves.  
10 prs gloves.

Case No. 2

27 Jerseys.  
3 oiled Jerseys.  
30 prs socks.  
5 prs Sea-boot stockings  
5 prs gloves.

Magazines. Books. Cards.

I acknowledge receipt of the above:-

Signed. A. W. Mandall  
Date. 25/5/43



Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

6th July 1943

Mrs. K. Grayson,  
The Dore & Totley Minesweeping Comforts Fund,  
BrookmHall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you for the two cases which arrived safely yesterday and the cases have been returned today as per the enclosed delivery note.

As we received no advice notes about these cases I am returning the two notes found in the cases and if you should be sending the others later I shall of course, sign them and return.

Please convey our thanks to the Dore & Totley Comforts Fund.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*W. M. Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
PA. L. O.



From The Commanding  
Officer  
H.M.D. Regent Bird  
c/o G.P.O.  
London.

To  
The Dove & Totley minesweeping  
Trawlers Comforts Fund.  
Brook. Wall.

Totley Rise  
Sheffield

To our dear Friends at Sheffield

To Day i have Recived a package of cigarettes No 1000  
as a gift from your fund to my Self and Ships Company.  
and i am asked. By my crew to Write and thank the Fund.  
and its Workers also i would like to thank all the Kind  
Friends who contributed to the Fund to make these nice gifts  
Possible so if it is Possible to thank these People on our  
Behalf me and my ships company Would Be Greatly Obliged to  
you. So thank you again and i Wish your Fund and Workers.  
Every Happiness and Best of Health

i Remain dear Friends

yours Sincerely

James H. Wink.

Skipper R.N.R.





Commanding Officer-  
H.M.S. 'Southern Foam.'  
G.O. G.P.O.  
London.

Kind Friends.

I take this opportunity, on  
behalf of my crew, & myself, of thanking  
you all, for your generous gift of cigarettes  
which I am sure, is greatly appreciated, by  
every one of the ship's Company.

Thanking you again.

I remain.

R. S. Bowling. skt. R.M.





*Lord Mayor's Parlour,  
Town Hall,  
Sheffield, 1.*

13th August 1943.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise, SHEFFIELD.

Dear Madam,

DORE & TOTLEY MINESWEEPING TRAWLERS COMFORTS FUND.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Councillor H. E. Bridgwater, J.P.) asks me to say how sorry he is that the pressure of his appointments makes it impossible for him to accept your kind invitation for Tuesday afternoon, the 14th September next.

I return the copy of the balance sheet you were good enough to send. The Lord Mayor is pleased to see the good work you have done.

Yours faithfully,

*Frank Mayes*  
Lord Mayor's Secretary.



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Mrs. J. D. Duffy

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SECRETARY :

Mrs. R. B. Graydon

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**THE DORE & TOTLEY**  
**MINESWEEPING TRAWLERS**  
**COMFORTS FUND**

**Brook Hall,**  
**Totley Rise.**  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEADQUARTERS

FERN GLEN  
~~DORE MOOR~~  
SHEFFIELD

- To provide comforts for  
the men who keep the  
sea lanes open . . . . .

Your Ref.

Our Ref

August 18th, 1943.

To the Rev. A. W. Mandall, Chaplain, R. N.,

H. M. Naval Base,

North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No. 1.

11 Oiled Jerseys.  
49 Blue Jerseys.  
5 Helmets.  
10 Scarves.  
5 prs Gloves.

Case No. 2.

8 Oiled Jerseys.  
37 Blue Jerseys.  
5 prs Sea-boot Stockings.  
10 prs Gloves.  
30 prs Socks.  
20 Helmets.  
5 Scarves.

I acknowledge receipt of the above

Signed.....*A.W. Mandall*.....

Date.....*25/8/43*.....





THE DORE & TOTLEY  
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THE ABBEYDALE PICTURE HOUSE

*Tuesday, September 14th, at 2-15 p.m.*



# Naval Films Display



## *Programme*

- 2-10 p.m. MUSICAL INTRODUCTION.
- 2-15 p.m. NEWS FILM OF THE WEEK.
- 2-20 p.m. Mrs. J. D. DUFFY, the Chairman, will introduce the Rev. A. W. MANDALL, Chaplain R.N., Port amenities Welfare and Liason Officer, who will give a short talk on the men of the Minesweepers.
- 2-30 p.m. NAVAL FILM SHOW.
- 3-20 p.m. Rear-Admiral Sir THOMAS J. SPENCE LYNE, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., President of the Fund will speak.
- 3-35 p.m. SILVER COLLECTION, during which the Grand Draw will take place and the draw for the lucky Programme.
- 4-0 p.m. TEA.

*Price 6d.*



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Telephone  
KENSINGTON 3264

Our Ref.



IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,  
SOUTH KENSINGTON,  
LONDON, S.W.7.

9th June, 1943.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th June. We should very much like to help you in lending you some films for the purpose you have in mind but we should be unable to let you have films for use at a local cinema unless the show you propose is out of ordinary cinema hours and ~~is~~ if no admission fee were charged. On the other hand we should have no objection if a collection was made.

We regret that we have no films depicting the work of Minesweeping Trawlers but we enclose herewith a copy of the Ministry of Information sound film catalogue in which you may find something of interest. The preface of the catalogue will give full details as to the method of application.

Yours faithfully,

*W. R. Price*  
W.R. Price.

Mrs. R.B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise, Sheffield.



# ABBEYDALE PICTURE HOUSE LIMITED

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LESLIE LEWIS  
INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTORS: J. E. SKINNER (CHAIRMAN)  
J. T. DOBSON  
I. GRAHAM  
E. RANSOM HARRISON

TEL. CENTRAL 24721

Registered Office:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK CHAMBERS,  
11, YORK STREET,  
SHEFFIELD 1.

19th July, 1943.

Dear Madam,

I refer to your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to Mr. Harrison, from which I note that your Committee have decided to proceed with the Film Show. The date suggested, Tuesday September 14th, is open so far as we are concerned

I note the suggestion of the Committee to make an inclusive charge for a tea, ticket and programme, and I would remind you that it would be necessary for you to claim exemption from entertainments duty in respect of this and enclose the necessary form for submission by you to the Customs and Excise. I may say that this form presupposes no expenses whatsoever. I should be glad to have full details of your intended programme when this has been settled.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Lewis', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
NR. SHEFFIELD.



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IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,  
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LONDON, S.W. 7.

28th July, 1943

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 26th July I note that you have arranged for a film show at the Abbeydale Picture House on 14th September next. We regret that unfortunately there are no films available either from this library or elsewhere on either the work of the men of the minesweepers or the need to provide comforts for them. The films with the nearest approach to this subject are those of the Merchant Service together with H.M. Minelayers. Of these "Food Convoy", "Merchant Seamen", "Heroes of the Atlantic" and "Malta Convoy". <sup>and the last</sup> The latter is a new film lasting 13 minutes and has plenty of action. I do not think that the film "Battle of Supplies" is particularly suitable for your purpose, dealing as it does with the strategy of transport rather than the actual scenes of transport taking place.

I shall be glad to hear from you and have your comments in the light of information contained herein and if you would like to have the films mentioned we shall be happy to book them for you.

Mrs. R.B. Grayson,  
Crook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
Sheffield.

p.t.o.



When writing will you be good enough  
to give the full address of the Cinema as the  
films would be sent direct.

Yours faithfully,

*W.R. Price*

W.R. Price.

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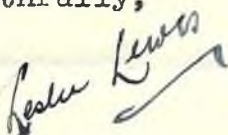
*Registered Office:*  
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK CHAMBERS,  
11, YORK STREET,  
SHEFFIELD 1.

4th August, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I have delayed replying to your letter of the 26th ult. until I could see our Manager, Mr. Brown. With regard to the first point you mention, namely the combined tea ticket and programme, I can only advise you that in a case of this description it is necessary to get a ruling from the Customs & Excise Office, Leopold Street, regarding the entertainments tax question, and you should therefore, take an early opportunity of calling upon them. The films should be 35 milimetre size as you presume.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Lewis', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.



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WHISTLING KETTLE, Etc., Etc.

The Draw will take place on SEPTEMBER 14th, 1943.

**TICKETS 6d.** which is accepted as a donation to the above fund

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*Secretary:* Mrs. Grayson, Brook Hall, Totley.



BROOK HALL.  
TOTLEY RISE.  
SHEFFIELD.  
Tel.No.70913.

August 23rd 1943.

Dear

As a member of the Knitting Circle will you help to make this venture a great success by spreading the news of it, and by selling the enclosed tea and raffle tickets.

A small contribution in kind, (cakes, tea and margarine in particular) towards the tea would be gratefully accepted.

Any unsold tickets together with the counterfoils of the raffle tickets should be returned to me not later than Sept.8th, as it is necessary to know for how many to cater.

Yours sincerely,





Chaplain's Office  
H.M. Naval Base,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

25th August 1943.

Mrs. R.B. Grayson,  
"Brook Hall",  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

We have this morning received the two cases of woollens as per the enclosed advice note, for which we are most grateful in view of the fact that our big winter issue commences next month and we expect heavy demands to be made upon our stock.

The packing cases will be returned to you within the course of the next few days.

Yours sincerely

*aw Mandal*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.

PORT AMENITIES, WELFARE, & LIAISON OFFICER.





Dear Mr Grayson,

Thank you for your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I shall acknowledge officially & return receipts after the goods have arrived.

It is awfully kind of you to suggest bringing my wife & peke. From what I know of Tony my sympathy is all with the retrievers, the longer the dog the more his demands for play. We shall be delighted to accept your kind invitation &, as my wife has never been in Yorkshire, she is especially looking forward to the visit.

I tried to get permission <sup>from</sup> ~~for~~ NO 11c to come by car but as Sheffield is outside the Tyne Command he was more or less forced to refuse. We shall travel by train on the 13<sup>th</sup> & back on the 15<sup>th</sup> but I'll let you know the details later.

The peke I might add was only purchased recently because we are in a furnished flat & he is most suitable. He is a good little thing and anything but a lap dog. Actually I was married last October but



owing to war work my wife was only able to join me  
a few weeks ago for the first time. A three day  
break together will be great fun & we are looking forward  
to our visit immensely.

I started this letter three hours ago but  
there have been such a number of interruptions that I've  
completely abandoned the attempt to write something  
coherent. Further details anon.

Again many thanks for your kind offer &  
all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

AW Mandall





Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

8th September 1943.

Mrs. R.B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I find that there is a train leaving Newcastle at 12.0 noon on Monday the 13th, arriving at Sheffield 4.25 p.m. If this is convenient to you we shall travel by it.

As yet I have had no communication from you regarding the programme for my visit. Mr. Ward of Wardonia Works has invited me to look round his factory on Tuesday morning and I should very much like to do so if it is convenient to you, but I have written to him saying I will let him know something definite after my arrival in Sheffield, for after all liaison with the Dore & Totley is the first object. Please understand that I am entirely in your hands for the whole visit and I am quite ready to do anything you feel necessary or helpful in stimulating interest for your most valuable work.

We are looking forward to the visit immensely.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*W. Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
P.A.L.O.





Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

16th September 1943.

Mrs. K. B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

We arrived back safely and not very late. The trains were crowded and we had to stand a good portion of the way.

There appears to be quite a lot of odds and ends at the office so forgive me if I just say thank you very much for your kind hospitality and all the magnificent work being done by the Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund.

Please remember me to the rest of the family and once more very many thanks, we really did enjoy our visit.

Yours very sincerely,

*W. Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.



Grand Hotel  
West Hartlepool

28th Sept. 1943

Dear Mrs Duffy,

I enclose receipt for the cheque sent with your letter of the 27th.

Will you please convey my very grateful thanks to your Committee for your very generous assistance, which has removed all financial questions from the problems we have to tackle in our Wrens' Band. We shall now have all the money we need. Your Committee would no doubt in due course like to hear details of how it will all be spent, and I shall let you know.

Our drums are still on the way, but the new fifes have been delivered and the girls are making good progress with them. My bandmaster (who has very high standards) will not give any guaranteed date for the first public appearance, but when the day arrives for the seamen to parade with the Wrens at the head of the column I shall have a photograph taken to send to you.

It is quite impossible for me to express my thanks adequately,- I am very every grateful indeed.

Yours sincerely,

*R. King*  
Captain R.N.



Naval Offices  
Grand Hotel  
West Hartlepool

8th Jan. 1944

Dear Mrs Grayson,

You will remember that your Committee gave us a very generous subscription to the Wrens' Band about a couple of months ago. I promised that I would send you a photograph to show you the result, and enclose one I had taken on the first official appearance of the Band on 14th December when the Admiral and Lady Maxwell came here to present the Drum-Major's Mace.

We had all hands on parade, and the Band performed with professional verve and skill,- a tremendous success. I am really very proud of them, especially the drummergirls, and there is no doubt that they are an immense asset to this Base.

Thanking you again for the great help you gave us in making it all possible,

Yours sincerely,

*R. D. King-Harman*

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(R. D. King-Harman)  
Captain R.N.







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ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEADQUARTERS

~~FERN GLEN~~  
~~DORE MOOR~~  
SHEFFIELD

*Brook Hall,*  
*Totley* *Rise*

Your Ref.

Our Ref

27. 9. 43

*I acknowledge the receipt of  
fifty pounds being a donation to  
the Wren's Band Instrument Fund.  
(Tees Naval Base)*

*B/*

*R. King-Hammon*

*Captain, R.N.*

*Naval Officer-in-Charge Tees.*



FORE AND TOTLEY MINESWEEPING TRAWLERS

COMFORTS FUND

11th October, 1943.

The Rev. A.W. Mandell, Chaplain, R.N.,  
Port Amenities Liaison Officer,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No. 1.

40 Blue Jerseys.  
15 Oiled Jerseys.  
10 Pns Socks.  
5 Scarves.  
5 Pns Gloves.

Case No. 2.

38 Blue Jerseys.  
12 Oiled Jerseys.  
10 Pns Socks.  
10 Pns Gloves.  
20 Helmets.  
5 Scarves.

I acknowledge receipt of the above.....

Signed.....

Date.....





"CALLIOPE"  
NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1943.

Dear Mrs Grayson,

Very many thanks for returning the tatum powder. I presume my wife must have left it behind, a normal procedure where ever she goes. Yes, thank you, she is quite fit again & we are looking forward to our leave which starts on Tuesday. My Wren is on leave now but she will acknowledge the woollens after they arrive. We have distributed about 9,000 garments in the last month. It has been a sad time for us this last fortnight as we have lost three of our minesweeper shippers. One died suddenly within 24 hours of visiting the theatre, the second fell overboard in the blackout, & the third dived in front of a train to rescue a dog, he got the dog clear but was killed himself. It has cast quite a gloom on the Base.

Congratulations on the financial result



of the meeting. I hope it brought more knitters.

It was awfully good of you to send £50 to West Hartlepool far more than I hoped for.

Capt. King-Harman is having the band's photograph taken & sending you a copy. He is very grateful for your generosity.

Yes, I think the cheque for Christmas is the best way. I know it seems rather impersonal, but such things as changing complement, sickness & so forth make many complications e.g. ratings in the "pool" or in hospital that particular week would miss an individual present whereas their "relief," who might be here for only a fortnight would get a gift to which he was not really entitled. An even distribution by Commandant's is by much the fairest way.

Again many thanks for all your kindness  
Yours very sincerely,

Allmandall

ps. Couldn't you & your husband pay a two day visit to the Base we'd be delighted to have you with us & really see things!



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H.M.S. CALLIOPE

*To all our kind friends in Dore & Totley*


**Hearty Greetings for Christmas  
and every Good Wish for  
the New Year**

**From** *Captain L.M. Shadwell*  
*and the Tyne based Minesweepers*

~~NEWCASTLE-upon-TYNE~~

*Naval Base, North Shields*





Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

21st October 1943.

Mrs. K. B. Grayson,  
"BrookmHall",  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

The two cases of woollen garments arrived at the Base on Tuesday, and I now enclose the two delivery notes duly signed as requested.

We are most grateful for this consignment as our stocks are very low, particularly our stocks of socks and jerseys.

Mr. Mandall is on leave at the moment but will get in touch with you regarding your further queries on his return.

We are returning the packing cases to you in the course of the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard Laddan.*

for Chaplain, R.N.  
Port Amenities, Welfare, Liaison Officer.



Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

4th November 1943.

Mrs. K.B. Grayson,  
"Brook Hall",  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I enclose a letter from Commander Sandon, following a conversation I had with him regarding the generous offer from the Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund, re. Christmas presents.

Commander Sandon and I both realise that it is rather an impersonal way, but, as I explained last year, the difficulty of secrecy, moving complement, etc., make it rather difficult for an individual issue to each man. I do want you to understand that your gift is not just swallowed up in Base Funds, but every man is aware to whom he owes the extra good things, beyond general messing, which he receives at Christmas, which, but for the Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Fund would be missing.

You know how grateful we are for all your untiring efforts and I often feel rather helpless in trying to show our appreciation. If you could only pay us a visit and hear what the men themselves have to say, I feel sure it would be a great stimulant and reward for your many labours. Do you think this would be possible? My wife and I would be delighted to give you and your husband hospitality, and Commander Sandon and I would arrange for you to see and visit as many ships and men as possible in the time at your disposal. I think you would also be interested to see our office routine and store and the general way of distribution of comforts, in short, we would do everything in our power to make such a visit interesting and enjoyable.

What a splendid result from the film show, you must have felt well rewarded for your efforts.

My leave is now over and was beneficial and enjoyable, now I am back for another five months of work but the enthusiastic support I receive from the Dore & Totley and kindred institutes makes my task much lighter. In spite of various difficulties,



Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

4th November 1945.

for example, rationing, the prospects of supplies for this winter are fairly good.

I trust you son is getting on well at K.A.

All good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Alm Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N. P.A.L.O.

P.S. Tony tried conclusions with an Irish terrier while on leave and did not too badly!



R.N. Base,  
North Shields.

3rd November, 1943.

Dear *Mandall*,

Following our conversation of this morning I have seen most of the Commanding Officers this afternoon and they unanimously agree that the best way to spend the generous gift of Dore & Totley would be as we did last year in providing a jolly good Christmas spread.

The cheque was handed to the Base Accountant Officer and the donation equally divided and credited to the various ships according to the number of crew. The normal rations were drawn at Christmas but the extras, such as turkey, puddings, cake, drink and smokes were paid for by the ships share of the Dore and Totley donation.

A grand time was had by all and the men thoroughly enjoyed it.

When you write will you please convey my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Duffy for their interest in my little ships.

Yours sincerely,

*B. Landon.*  
*CD m/s*

The Rev. A.W. Mandall, A.L.C.D.,  
Chaplain, Royal Navy,  
Port Amenities, Welfare, Liaison Officer,  
Naval Base,  
North Shields.



Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

23rd November 1943.

Mrs. K.B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

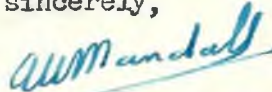
The two cases of woollen garments arrived safely yesterday and have now been unpacked and checked. The number of jerseys stated on the lists enclosed in the cases is given as 99, whereas the number actually received was only 89, the remainder of the garments were all correct.

We are most grateful for this consignment of garments as our stocks are once more becoming rather low.

The two packing cases will be returned in the course of the next few days and we enclose herewith the two consignment notes duly signed as requested.

Again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
Port Amenities, Welfare, Liaison Officer.



DORE AND TOTLEY MINESWEEPING  
TRAVELLERS COMFORTS FUND

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Nov. 15th, 1943.

Rev. A.W. Mandall, Chaplain, R.N.,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No 1.

31 Blue Jerseys  
24 Oiled Jerseys.  
10 prs Socks.  
5 Helmets.  
10 Scarves.

Case No.2

42 Blue Jerseys.  
12 Oiled Jerseys.  
10 prs Socks  
11 prs Seabeet Stockings  
18 Scarves.  
10 Helmets.  
10 prs Gloves.

I acknowledge receipt of the above...

Signed... *A.W. Mandall* .....

Date... 21 NOV 1943 .....





Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
NORTH SHIELDS.  
4th December 1943.

Mrs. K.B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

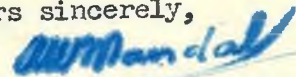
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I am afraid I was not in when the last lot of woollens arrived and they were checked by my storeman and Wren, the latter writing the letter. Apparently there were 89 jerseys but the cases appeared full and there was no evidence of anyone having tampered with them. Best (the storeman), thinks it is the 20 oiled jerseys which have been omitted. I don't think we need worry about them as I feel sure there is some mistake and no question of theft.

The cases should have reached you by now.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



CHAPLAIN. R.N.



Chaplain's Office,  
H.M. Naval Base,  
North Shields.

9th December 1943.

Mrs. K.B. Grayson,  
"Brook Hall",  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I enclose receipt in respect of the  
Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund gift of  
£200 for Christmas Cheer. We are indeed very grateful  
and the extra £50 will just make up the difference.  
At the risk of court martial and other dire penalties,  
I think I dare tell you ~~that~~ there are fourteen extra  
trawlers this year so you can understand just what a  
difference your further generosity has made.

All good wishes for Christmas and 1944.

Yours sincerely,

*CW Mandall*

CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
P.A.L.O.



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- To provide comforts for  
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sea lanes open . . . . .

**THE DORE & TOTLEY**  
**MINESWEEPING TRAWLERS**  
**COMFORTS FUND**

Brook Hall,  
ADMINISTRATIVE Bldg.  
HEADQUARTERS

FERN GLEN  
DORE MOOR  
~~SHEFFIELD~~

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Dec. 15th 1943.

Rev. A.W. Mandall, Chaplain, R.N.

H.M. Naval Base,

North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No. 1

38 Blue Jerseys.  
12 Oiled Jerseys.  
15 Helmets.  
10 Scarves.  
15 pair Gloves.

Case No. 2

42 Blue Jerseys.  
18 Oiled Jerseys.

Gramophone Records.

I acknowledge receipt of the above.....

Signed... *Ed. Pearson*.....

Date... *1/1/44*.....

Regret delay in returning these forms.



Film Show Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1943.

Mr. Doncaster	10. 0
<u>Donations by Grant</u>	5. 0
many home.	£ 1. 0. 0
Mr. Alfred Turner	£ 1. 0. 0
Rev Mr. Archer	10. 0
Mr. Harrison	£ 1. 1. 0
Anon	10. 0.
Mr. Anderson, Dore Rd	10. 0.
Mr. Wortley, Leeds	2. 6.
Mr. Bardsley	2. 6
Mr. Hutchings	2. 6
Anon	1. 6
Miss Gomm	10. 0
Mr. C. K. Grayson	10. 9.
Mr. Shepley	7. 6

Anon

Sale of Cakes.

7. 18. 0.	}	7. 14. 2.
<del>6. 10. 0.</del>		
<del>14. 2.</del>		
1 - 18. 0		<u>7. 17. 4.</u>

Mr. Potts (several)

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Williams

Several donations

Sale of garden produce

Miss Gomm & Mrs R. A. Gomm

Tickets. Mr. Kelly

Mr. Springfield.

Jarvis

Wellbourn.

Seaman

(via Mr. English).

English.

(Donation to home.)

1. 0. 0.

6/-

7/6.

4/6

10/-

10/6.

8. 14. 0.

(1. 0. 0.)

23. 16. 3

2. 6

Donation  
Mr. F. Pearson

11. 12. 6.

(included in tea &  
raffle tickets.)



Banked.

Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	£ 8 - 7 - 6.
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	19 - 10 - 6
" 8 <sup>th</sup>	11 - 17 - 6
" 14 <sup>th</sup>	17 - 15 - 0
" 15 <sup>th</sup>	67 - 18 - 0
" 17 <sup>th</sup>	16 - 2 - 0
" 22 <sup>nd</sup>	35 - 19 - 0
" 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 - 15 - 0
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 - 10 - 0
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	£ 183 - 14 - 6

Tea Tickets	£44 - 16 - 6
Donations	£23 - 16 - 3
Sale of cakes	£ 5 - 17 - 4
Sale of programmes	£ 7 - 17 - 0
Silver Collection	£26 - 10 - 3
Raffle	£74 - 14 - 6

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£183 - 11 - 10

Since received 14 - 2

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£184 - 6 - 0



# Programmes.

W. B. Grayson

5. 0



~~Specially donated for Printing expenses.~~

↑  
Gwen

~~£1-1-0.~~



DORE AND TOTLEY MINESWEEPING TRAWLER COMFORTS FUND.

<u>Receipts and Payments Account</u>			<u>for the year ended</u>	<u>30th June, 1943.</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Payments</u>
<u>Garden Parties</u>				
Balance of 1942 Garden Party	13.	9. 6.	Wool	379. 12. 8.
Christmas Fund	103.	10. -.	Contribution to Christmas Dinners	150. -. -.
Tea Collections & Raffles	32.	13. 7½.	Cigarettes	49. 19. 6.
<u>Sunshine Trawlers</u>			Carriage	2. 6. 7.
Receipts less Expenses	325.	19. -.	Manilla Tags	1. 14. 3.
<u>Donations</u>			Badges	3. 14. 6.
Abbeydale Golf Club Ladies	5.	5. -.	Bank Charges	16. -.
S.W.C.T.A. per Mrs. Cooper	13.	-.		
Highcliffe Benevolent Fund per S. Mayor	10.	-.		
Dore First Aid Post per Mrs. English	25.	-.		
Other	16.	14. 5½.		
Bridge & Whist Drives	16.	9. -.		
Annual Subscriptions	2.	3. -.		
Sale of Badges	2.	12. -.		
Receipts from Sundry Sales	7.	12. 6.		
Bank Interest	1.	9. 7.		
	575.	17. 8.		588. 3. 6.
Balance at Bank and in Hand at 30th. June, 1942.	493.	1. 10½.	<u>Balance at 30th June, 1943.</u>	
			At Bank	466. 15. 11.
			In Hand	14. -. 1½.
	£ 1,068.	19. 6½.		480. 16. -½.
				£ 1,068. 19. 6½.

I certify, that I have examined the Books, Accounts and vouchers of the Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawler Comforts Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1943. and, that the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers produced, and explanations and information received.

Sheffield.  
25th August, 1943.

A. G. BEDINGFIELD. A.C.A.

Hon. Auditor.

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H.M. NAVAL BASE,  
NORTH SHIELDS.



Mrs. R.B. Grayson,  
Brook Hall,  
Totley Rise,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

We have today received the consignment of woollen garments as stated on the enclosed dispatch note.

Please convey our grateful thanks to the members of the Dore & Totley Comforts Fund for this splendid gift of warm clothing for the men serving in our minesweepers.

The packing case will be dispatched from here tomorrow and we sincerely hope it reaches you in good order.

Enclosed are the two consignment notes duly signed.

Yours sincerely,

*E. A. Pearson W.R.N.S.*

pp. Rev. A.W. Mandall, CHAPLAIN, R.N.  
PORT AMENITIES, WELFARE, LIAISON OFFICER.