

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

**1945
CORRESPONDENCE**

P. A. L. O.

NAVAL BASE,
NORTH SHIELDS

K/1/45

Dear Mrs Grayson,

Your further parcel with Dartboards
Darts, playing cards, Ludo & 72 gambling games were all
received in good order. The first three were
particularly welcome as they are almost unobtainable
at present. I think I acknowledged the razor blades
&c when they arrived. The captains (of each traw-
ler) are conducting raffles of the three razors &
60 blades allocated to each ship, as a rating will
never admit he does not want a new one, gratis, and
the man who does happen to want one can then buy it
from one of the lucky ones drawn.

Yours sincerely,

George R. Reid

I have applied for discharge on personal grounds,
and after the end of the month my work will be
in the hands of Lt Cdr Burgan. May I ask you
to inform your Committee that their activities have
been perhaps the brightest spot for me in the
otherwise rather drab atmosphere of N. Shields.

I am just on to 69 so it is time I went out,
actually I shall be resuming practice as a solicitor
in London after thirty one years absence (what with
the two wars and the time I spent in Govt Colonial
service and in private practice in the colonies.

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ADMINISTRATIVE
HEADQUARTERS

FERN GLEN
DORE MOOR
SHEFFIELD

Your Ref.

Our Ref

Feb, 6th. 1945.

Lt.Cdr. Burgon,
F.A.L.O.
R.M. Naval Base,
North Shields.

The following goods have been despatched to you:-

Case No.1.

42 Blue Jerseys
18 Oiled Jerseys.
5 Helmets
10 prs Gloves.
5 Scarves.

Case No.2.

47 Blue Jerseys.
8 Oiled Jerseys.
15 Helmets.
5 Scarves.

Case No.3.

8 Blue Jerseys.
9 Oiled Jerseys
10 prs Seaboot Ist co
13 prs Gloves.
30 scarves.
11 Helmets.

I acknowledge receipt of the above.....

Signed..... *J.S. Burgon Lt Cdr. RNR*

Date..... *10/2/45*..... F.A.L.O.

NAVAL BASE,
NORTH SHIELDS

H.M. Naval Base,
North Shields,
Northumberland.

10th February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I have just taken over duty here as P.A.L.O. in succession to Lieutenant Reid R.N.V.R. and I intend to pass through Sheffield on Monday, 12th February, on my way North and if possible I will call on you in order to discuss the question of amenities, probably in the afternoon about 4 o'clock.

There is a demand for Dart Boards at present which we find difficult to supply, and I know your Committee have been most generous in this matter, but I would appreciate three or four more if possible.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Lieutenant Commander R.N.R.

P. A. L. O.

NAVAL BASE,
NORTH SHIELDS

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

Write
across

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Naval Base

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North Shields

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10/12/35

Dear Mr. Grayson

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I have just received

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your letter dated 6 inst. and two
 receipt notes which I return herewith
 The cases arrived today, and your
 wishes regarding distribution will
 be carried out.

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Please convey our
 thanks to the knitting parties concerned
 as their comforts are highly appreciated
 by the recipients.

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As stated in my previous
 letter I look forward to calling on
 you at Bevoe Hall sometime on
 Monday afternoon on my way back
 from London.

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I am glad you have
 cleared up the matter of the missing case,
 and I will make a search for the
 receipts you refer to

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With many thanks

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Yours sincerely

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C. S. Burgon

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Lieut. Col. RNR
 P. A. L. O.

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I have found the
 December receipt and
 enclose it herewith.

REFERENCE SHEET.

ADMIRALTY.

R.N. & R.M. Sports Control
From Board, 612, Queen Anne's
Mansions, S.W.1.
Dated.....19th..February,.....1945.

To The Hon. Secretary, Dore &
Totley Minesweeping Trawlers
Comforts Fund, Brook Hall,
Totley Rise. Sheffield.

With reference to your letter dated 16th February requesting Permits to purchase playing cards and indoor games, I much regret that I am unable to forward you these owing to the fact that they are rationed goods and in very short supply.

S. J. Davis
Captain R.N.
Hon. Secretary.

REFERENCE SHEET.

ADMIRALTY.

R.N. & R.M. Sports Control
From Board, 612, Queen Anne's
Mansions, S.W.1.
Dated.....26th February, 1945.

To Hon. Secretary, Dore & Totley
M/S Trawlers Comforts Fund,
Brook Hall, Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Copy to:- P.A.L.O., North Shields.

With reference to your letter dated 21st February, I quite appreciate that you are a Comforts Fund for M/S Trawlers, and previously I have been in a position to assist. The situation now, however, is that I have had to regretfully decline to assist all voluntary bodies which kindly used to expend their funds on comforts, sports gear, etc. for Naval personnel, owing to the fact that all such permits for purchases have to come out of my general allocation.

While the splendid work that such voluntary bodies perform is much appreciated, I would point out that the general welfare of the men of the Fleet is the
/responsibility.....

REFERENCE SHEET

ADMIRALTY

responsibility of the Admiralty.

R.N. Currie

Captain R.N.
Hon. Secretary.

With reference to your letter dated 21st February, I quite agree that you are a Committee member for the Trawlers, and I have been in a position to assist, however, is that I have had to respectfully decline to assist all voluntary bodies which kindly need to expend their funds on comforts, agents gear, etc. for Naval personnel, owing to the fact that all such parties for purchases have to come out of my general allocation.

While the Admiralty work that such voluntary bodies perform is much appreciated, I would point out that the general welfare of the men of the Fleet is the responsibility....

Answered.

H.M. Naval Base
North Shields

2nd March 1945

Dear Mr. Grayson

Morry thanks for your letter of 28th February contents of which are noted with interest

I appreciate your efforts on my behalf, but for your information I would add that the R.N. & R.M. Sports Control Board is one section of my own department at the Admiralty and between ourselves your request to them caused a flutter, which is one of the things we like to avoid.

When I mentioned the subject of games to you I was under the impression on information from my predecessor that your Committee had these things available, and it was far from my mind that you should purchase them specially, however, I have been advised by the Admiralty regarding your application, and I suggest that you do not approach them in the

matter of getting permits, as it is
laid down that P.D.L.O's must
deal direct with his own department
if purchases are necessary.

I have not met your son, but
I know his ship, and the friends
of his at Bamford are probably my
cousins, as my grandfather's family
came from Hope originally before
living in Sheffield, and my early
life was spent at Wisewood in the
Parish of Ecclefield.

My father invented the Buzon shearing
machine manufactured by Messrs Buzon
and Ball, Malin Bridge.

Some day I hope for the pleasure
of meeting your son and if I come
across his ship I will certainly make
my number.

Again with many thanks
Yours sincerely

Edmund Buzon

REFERENCE SHEET.

ADMIRALTY.

R.N. & R.M. Sports Control
From Board, 612, Queen Anne's
Mansions, S.W.1.
Dated.....6th March,.....194 5.

To The Hon. Secretary, Dore &
Totley M/S Trawlers Comforts
Fund, Brook Hall, Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

With reference to your letter dated 28th February, I am afraid you do not quite understand the position in relation to the supply of priority sports gear.

Although there are such goods in the shops, this does not alter the fact that if they are sold the supplier requires a Purchasing Certificate to enable him to replace the goods sold, and in this case it has to come out of the small allocation which I have left.

The allocation of priority sports gear is made to my Board by the Board of Trade, and has to last for 12 months for the whole of the Navy.

/I would.....

ADVERTISING
REFERENCE SHEET

I would assure you that we are not ungrateful
for the good work carried out by your Fund and many
other similar bodies, and it is regretted that we
are unable to assist you to carry on where it
relates to the issue of priority sports goods.

From
Dated

S.R. Gurn

for Captain R.N.
Hon. Secretary.

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Your Ref.

Our Ref

March 21st, 1945.

Lt. Cdr. R. Burgon,
H. M. Naval Base,
North Shields.

Please receive the following goods:-

Case No. 1.

36 Blue Jerseys.
22 Oiled Jerseys.
5 Scarves.
10 Helmets.

Case No. 2.

27 Blue Jerseys.
8 Oiled Jerseys.
1 pr Seaboot Stockings
10 Helmets.
10 Scarves.
10 prs gloves.

I acknowledge receipt of the above...

Signed..... *R. Burgon* Lt Cdr RCN

Date..... *3/4/45*

E.A. LOWRIE,
NAVAL BASE,
NORTH SHIELDS



H.M. Naval Base
North Shields

3rd April 1945

Dear Mr. Grayson,

Many thanks for
your letter of 30th March, and
for the two cases of woollens
which arrived yesterday and I
enclosed the two forms of receipt
as requested.

Please convey our
whole hearted appreciation for these
gifts which are very welcome and
our men think a lot of them.

The dark board situation
seems hopeless at present, and
we cannot raise them anywhere,
however, many thanks for trying.

I am glad your son is
enjoying some well earned leave
after all his ship went through.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
C. S. Burgeon



420, Whirlowdale Road,

SHEFFIELD. L11.

May, 12th, 1945.

Dear Mrs Grayson,

Whirlowdale Road Thanksgiving and Victory
Celebrations.

At the conclusion of the above Celebrations the surplus food was sold for the sum of £6.3.0. It was suggested that this sum be passed to the Merchant Navy Wool Fund and I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for this amount.

Will you please forward a receipt in due course,

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Jarvis.

Mrs. K. Grayson.

Enclos. Cheque.

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Your Ref.

Our Ref

June 24th 45.

To Lt. Cdr G. R. Burgon,
H.M.S. Naval Base
North Shields.

Please receive the following woollen comforts:-

Case No. 1

22 Blue jerseys
8 Oiled jerseys
15 Scarves
10 Helmets.

Case No. 2

22 Oiled jerseys
11 Blue jerseys
10 pairs Sea Boot Stockings

I acknowledge receipt of the above

Signed G. R. Burgon

Date 10/7/45

W.E.L.S.O.
NAVAL BASE,
NORTH SHIELDS

H.M. Naval Base
North Shields

10th July 1945

Dear Mr. Grayson

Many thanks for
your letter of June 24th; and
I am enclosing receipts as
requested and we are returning
the cases.

On behalf of the
Director of Welfare Service I must
send out grateful thanks to your
Committee for all the good work
they have done for the Minesweepers
at this Base, which has always
been deeply appreciated.

At present I am well
and awaiting my release.

Trusting you are well
and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely

C. P. Brown

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Your Ref.

Our Ref

July 21st + Aug 8th

To Lt Cdr Dungen
H. M. Naval Base
North Shields.

Please receive the following

Case No 1

Case No 2.

Case No 3.

13 oiled jerseys
47 blue "
15 helmets
15 prs gloves
5 scarves

35 blue jerseys
5 oiled "
5 scarves
1 pr socks

30 oiled jerseys
5 blue "
10 prs sea boot etc.

Acknowledged by
W. E. Mullachy

21/8/45.

Mr. K.D. Grayson
Brook Hall
Totley Rise, Sheffield



H.M. Naval Base
North Shields
14/8/45

Dear Mr Grayson,

Many thanks for
your letter of July 23rd advising me
of the woolies you are sending.

These will be most useful
to the crews of minesweeping during
the post-war mine clearance period.

I shall cease to function
after tomorrow the 15th, as I am released
under Group 1. and I shall proceed
to my present home 91 Sidcup Hill,
Sidcup. Kent. to rejoin my family.

My successor is Lieut-Comdr
Millachip R.N.V.R. and he will forward
the receipts and empty cases.

Some day in the future I
hope for the privilege of meeting you
and thank you personally, meanwhile
I send my kind regards and best wishes
Yours sincerely
C.S. Burgon



From. Lieut Cdr.W.E.Millachip.R.N.V.R.
Welfare Service Officer.Naval Base.North Shields.

Date. 21st.Aug.1945.

To. Mrs.R.B.Grayson. Secretary.
The Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund.
Brook Hall. Totley Rise. Sheffield.

Dear Mrs.Grayson,

The Three cases of comforts,addressed
to Lieut Cdr.Burton.R.N.R. have just arrived,and are
really most welcome.

No doubt when Lieut Cdr.Burton wrote
to you,informing you of the fact that I had taken over
from him,he mentioned that this Base was going to operate
for a further two years,as a post war Mine clearance Base.
So I can assure you that all the woollens,which you have
so kindly sent will be put to a very good use.

Upon receipt of the three empty cases,
I would appreciate you signing the D.80.and have same
returned to me.

Once again very many thanks for your
most noble effort.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Millachip.
Lieut.Cdr.R.N.V.R.

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~~DORE MOOR~~
SHEFFIELD

Your Ref.

Our Ref

29th August 45

To Mr/Can W. E. Mullachy
H.M. Naval Base
North Shields

Please receive: -

30 blue jerseys
25 old "
9 scarves
9 pairs Sealoot Stockings
4 Beluch's

Acknowledged by W. E. Mullachy
29 Sept 45.



FROM.....Lieut Cdr.W.E.Millachip.R.N.V.R.
WEL.S.O. H.M.Naval Base. North Shields.
DATE..... 29th.Sept.1945.
TO.....Mrs.K.B.Grayson. Dore & Totley Minesweeper Comforts Fund.
Brook Hall,Totley Rise.Sheffield.

Dear Mrs.Grayson,

Thank you very much indeed for the further consignment of woollens, which arrived this morning. They are most acceptable as I have just started making the annual issue of warm clothing.

The empty case is being returned to you immediately.

Once again very many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Lieut Cdr.R.N.V.R.
WEL.S.O.



FROM..... Lieut Cdr.W.E.Millachip.R.N.V.R.
Welfare Service Officer. H.M.Naval Base. North Shields.
DATE..... 22nd.Oct.1945.
TO..... Mrs.R.B.Grayson. Brook Hall. Totley Rise.Sheffield.

Dear Mrs.Grayson,

Very many thanks for your letter
of the 19th.October.

The Rev.Mandall has been appointed
Chaplin on board the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S."Colossus",
and the Rev.W.E.Rae has taken over his duties at the
Naval Base,North Shields.

The Rev.Rae has a small fund at his
disposal for welfare cases,and I know he would appreciate
any assistance which your committe can give.The money from
this fund is used to help families of naval ratings living
in North Shields.

Your last consignment of woollen were
very much appreciated by the crews of the Minesweepers,
and I know they will be very disappointed when they get
to know that the Dore & Totley Fund is closing down,as
you have been such a good friend to this Base.

Once again very many thanks for all
your help.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Millachip
Lieut Cdr.R.N.V.R.



Ref. 4.B.

H.M. Naval Base,
NORTH SHIELDS;
Northumberland.

Mrs. J.D. Duffy, 26th November, 1945.

Chairman, The Dore & Totley

Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund,

Brook Hall,

Totley Rise,

SHEFFIELD.

Dear Madam,

Reference your very kind letter asking for particulars of the fund administered by me - this is a small fund financed by the Men's Canteen Committee and specially designed to render immediate assistance to the families of ratings based here. It will be appreciated that there are many occasions when immediate assistance is required and that it is seldom possible, unless one is on the spot, to get immediate help from the larger Benevolent Funds. It will also be appreciated that as well over 90% of the men here are engaged on mine-sweeping duties, my fund is financed by and caters almost exclusively for, mine-sweeping ratings.

If ever I require to render assistance on a large scale to the family of a mine-sweeping or trawler rating (correctly termed Patrol Service rating) I invariably refer the case to Lieutenant Commander (S) T.P. White, R.N. for the benevolent consideration of the R.N. Patrol Service Aid Fund, H.M.S. "EUROPA", R.N. Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft. The turn-over of this Aid Fund is quite considerable and it is undoubtedly the correct fund to which your Committee should turn if it feels that mine, the H.M. Naval Base Welfare Fund, does not meet the requirements of the case. Incidentally should this Base close down any balance that remains in my Fund will be handed over to the R.N. Patrol Service Aid Fund.

We have our own little Welfare Department in the Naval Base, North Shields, and comprehensive records of all cases. As I have with me two Chief Wrens specially trained in Welfare work we carry

out/....

* H.M.S. Europa Lowestoft. I believe your approval & consent to this course is necessary & I shall be glad to receive same

To. The Secretary
The Church of the Virgin Mary, Lowestoft.
out all our own investigations. Of course the rendering of financial assistance is but one aspect of our welfare activities.

May I in conclusion thank you for your kindly interest and assure you that as our Canteen Fund here is very generous it will be no disappointment to me should your Committee decide to send its balance to the R.N. Patrol Service Aid Fund, Lowestoft. Regarding the disposal of your surplus wool - Lieutenant Commander Millachip has informed me that he will be very happy to receive this. Apparently he has one or more organisations whom he supplies with wool for comforts for our Patrol Service ratings.

Yours faithfully,

W. Dyan Lea

Chaplain, R.N.

Dear Sir

One + Tolley Munro's Travellers Comforts Fund

Was chartered Oct 1940

Registered at 5, Bedford

Lowestoft, Nov 1941

The above organisation has now ceased

its activities and the fund has been handed a

sum of about £500. The fund has throughout its

existence supported the ~~Lowestoft~~ Munro's Travellers

men of the North Shields Naval Base. I have been

in consultation with the Port amenities welfare officer

& the Chaplain and after consideration of

their suggestions my Committee has decided to allot

& hand over the above mentioned sum as to one third

thereof to H.M. Naval base welfare fund North Shields and

as to the remainder to R.N. Patrol service aid fund



JOHN HEYS,
TOWN CLERK AND
LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER,
SYDNEY HILTON,
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.

TELEPHONE NO. 20061.

TELEGRAMS:

" TOWN CLERK, SHEFFIELD 20061."

LICENCES AND LOCAL TAXATION DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,

SHEFFIELD, 1

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE.

REFERENCE	
Ours	LTL/Y
Yours	

29th November 1945.

Mrs. K. B. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
SHEFFIELD 11.

Dear ~~xxx~~ Madam,

WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1940.

**Dore and Totley Minesweeping
Trawlers Comforts Fund.**

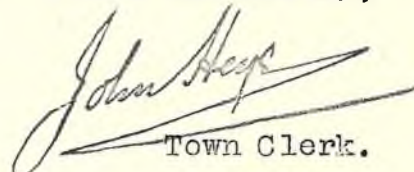
In view of the termination of hostilities no doubt a number of war charities will be ceasing operations and your attention is drawn to the following points:-

- (1) Subject to the conditions mentioned below the funds of a charity must be applied solely to the registered objects.
- (2) If this becomes impossible then the consent of the Charity Commission must be obtained before applying the funds to any other object.

Note: The Charity Commission require the alternative objects suggested to be as near as possible to the registered objects.

- (3) All applications for permission to dispose of funds to objects other than the registered objects must be made to the Secretary, Charity Commission, The Elms, Morecambe, Lancs. A copy of the letter to the Charity Commission should be forwarded to me at the time the application is made. A copy of the Commission's reply to the application should also be sent to me immediately it is received.
- (4) When all funds have been disposed of in accordance with the directions of the Charity Commission, the certificate of registration should be returned to me together with a final balance sheet.

Yours faithfully,


Town Clerk.

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

Your Ref.

Our Ref

Nov. 30th 1945.

Lt/Cdr. Killachip.
H.M. Naval Base,
North Shields.

Please receive the following:-

Case No. 1.

22 Blue Jerseys.
25 Oiled Jerseys.
11 Scarves.
10 P.s Gloves.
6 Helmets.
3 P.s Seebat Stockings.

Case No. 2.

20 Blue Jerseys.
12 Oiled Jerseys.

Case No. 3.

20 Oiled Jerseys
10 Blue Jerseys
8 lbs Oiled Wool.

I acknowledge receipt of the above

Signed *W. E. Welsch*

Date *21/12/45*

W.E.L.S.O.
NAVAL BASE
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 12th 45.

Annual General Meeting

Those present: -

Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Welbourn. Mr. Richardson.
Hutchings. Fyson. Mole. Williams. Turner.
C. Fyson. Slater & Son. Barker.
Springfield

Mr. Mole took chair.

Apology from Mr. Jubb. Still not well enough
to attend. hence lateness of meeting.

Report of Annual Meeting read.

1433. 906 years

2789 (1943).

Report adopted. Mr. Richardson.
Sec. " Turner.

Apologies from many people.

Committee re-elected. Mr. Welbourn.
Sec. Barker.

Mr. Mole. proposed vote of thanks to
Hutchings the Sec for all the work
Mr. Fyson does.