

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

**1946
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H. M. NAVAL BASE

NORTH SHIELDS

The Captain and Officers
of H.M. Naval Base, North Shields, request the
pleasure of the company of

Mrs. K. B. Grayson.

to their "PAYING OFF" PARTY at the Park Hotel,
Tynemouth, on Friday, 15th February, 1946.
Cocktails 6-30 p.m. — 8-0 p.m., followed by
Dancing at the Plaza Ballroom, Tynemouth.
8-0 p.m. — 1-0 a.m.

Licensed and Running Buffet.

ADMISSION TO THE
PLAZA BY THIS
TICKET ONLY

R.S.V.P. TO —
SECRETARY TO NAVAL
OFFICER IN CHARGE,
TYNE AREA.

TEL: MORECAMBE 1387.

Your reply should be addressed
to the Secretary, quoting

F. 124135

Your reference



CHARITY COMMISSION,
THE ELMS,
MORECAMBE,

LANCS.

15th February 1946.

War Charities Act, 1940
Registration Authority -
Sheffield City Council
The Dore and Totley Minesweeping
Trawlers Comforts Fund

Madam,

With reference to your letter of
the 31st January I have to ask that
you will inform me what precisely are
the objects of H.M. Naval Base Welfare
Fund, North Shields and of R.N. Patrol
Services Aid Fund, H.M.S. Europa,
Lowestoft.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

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

Telephone No. 21400.
Telegrams: "Macredie, Sheffield."

Macredie & Evans,
Chartered Accountants.

ORCHARD CHAMBERS,
CHURCH STREET,
SHEFFIELD 1.

A. W. MACREDIE, F.C.A.
A. G. BEDINGFIELD, F.C.A.

AGB/JC

21st March, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

The Dore & Totley Minesweeping
Trawler Comforts Fund

I have now been advised by the bank that the balance available for distribution is £514. 16. -. and the two cheques to draw will therefore be £343.4.-. and £171.12.-.

When these have been presented at the bank, I can then prepare the final accounts.

Yours sincerely,

A G Bedingfield

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



Patrol Service Central Depot,
Lowestoft.

2nd April, 1946.

Ref. FWL/Aid Fund

Miss Hilda Duffy,
Chairman,
The Dore & Totley
Minesweeping Trawlers
Comforts Fund,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Madam,

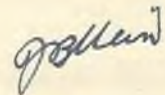
Please accept and bring to the notice of your committee my most heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Royal Naval Patrol Service Aid Fund, for the magnificent contribution which has to-day been received.

Although this fund is due to cease its activities at the end of May, its income has dwindled so rapidly, while the demands on its resources have remained the same or even increased, that such gifts as yours are more than welcome.

While the reason for the closing of this and similar funds is a cause for congratulation and comfort to all of us, the good fellowship and helpful spirit which has been displayed and appreciated throughout, will now be robbed of at least one of its outlets and the discontinuation of this fund is to be regretted.

Again thanking you for all the valuable help that has been rendered by your committee throughout the war,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,


Commander, R.N.

CSW

TELEGRAMS:—
Admiral, Chatham.
TELEPHONE:—
Chatham No. 3221.
(Extensions 210 and 519)

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE NORE,
ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
CHATHAM.

8th April, 1946.

No. 627/8/46.

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to the Port Amenities Liaison Officer has been forwarded to me as the Naval Base at North Shields has now closed.

As there is now no call for funds for local amenities I suggest you may like to donate this sum to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust in which case I should be glad if you will alter the cheque accordingly.

The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust is the central benevolent organisation of the Royal Navy, its primary objects as laid down by Royal Charter are:-

- (i) To provide relief in cases of necessity or distress amongst ratings.
- (ii) To make contributions either directly or through the agency of other benevolent institutions for the care, training and welfare of the families and dependents of ratings.
- (iii) To make provision of training for civil life and to assist ratings in order that they may obtain suitable employment after leaving the service.

I can assure you that your most generous contribution would be put to the best possible use by the Trust.

In the meantime will you please thank all the members for their generosity and assure them that their gift is very highly appreciated.

The address of the General Secretary of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust is:-

10 New Road,
Rochester,
Kent.

Yours faithfully,



ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

The Chairman,
The Dore & Totley Minesweeping
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Brook Hall,
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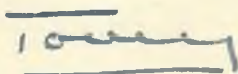
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The Chairman,
The Dore & Totley Minesweeping
Trawlers Comforts Fund,
Brook Hall,

Chaplain's Office,
R.N. Patrol Service,
Central Depot,
Lowestoft.

24th April 1946.

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

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I am in receipt of your letter of April 15th.

I note that you have a few woollen comforts in hand. This base is closing down on the 1st of June, but if you will let us have the comforts, we shall be able to distribute them to our men before that date.

Yours sincerely,


CHAPLAIN R.N.

The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust.

(Grand Fleet and Kindred Funds).

(2) 2-19

2nd May ... 1946 No. 19463

Received from... The Dore & Tatley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund.

One hundred & seventy one Pounds, £: 171

the sum of... twelve shillings, s: 12

... pence. d: —

being... a donation to the Trust on closing of the Fund.

[Signature]
General Secretary.

THE ROYAL NAVAL BENEVOLENT TRUST.

HEAD OFFICE:
10, New Road, Rochester, Kent.
Telephone: Chatham 2743.

Quote:- 30/3/46 (2-19)

6th May, 1946.

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 30th April and cheque for £171. 12s. 0d. (one hundred and seventy one pounds twelve shillings) as a donation to the general funds of The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust from the Committee of the Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund. I am sure the President, Admiral Sir Martin Dunbar-Nasmith, V.C., K.C.B. and the officers and men of the Royal Navy who administer R.N.B.T. will appreciate very much the kind thought which prompted the sending of this generous gift to the men of the Navy's own benevolent fund. Please assure the members of your Committee that the money will be used to assist serving and ex-serving naval men and their dependents when found to be in necessity or distress.

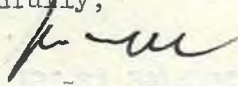
Unfortunately applications for help are showing signs of a considerable increase in number and you may be interested to learn that for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1945, grants were made in 15,424 individual cases and for the ten months ending 30th April, 1946 in 16850.

P.T.O.

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

Kindly accept and convey to all who made the gift possible, R.N.B.T.'s very sincere and warm thanks. A receipt is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. M.', written in a cursive style.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

PM/JH.

Encl:

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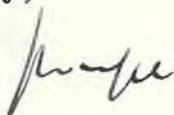
23rd May 1946.

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much indeed for your further contribution of £2. 11. 0. (Two Pounds, Eleven Shillings) which you so kindly forwarded on the 18th May.

This further gift, will I am sure, be very much appreciated by our committees and it is with much pleasure that I send a receipt.

Yours faithfully,



PM/KNW.
Enc.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

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

Telegrams: "Benevolent Phone Rochester".



Office of the Captain Superintendent
Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool

NO 369 CS

24th July 1946

Dear Mrs Grayson,

Many thanks for your letter dated July 23rd 1946,
re woollen comforts still on hand for the Minesweeping Trawlers.
If you will kindly send the garments to:-

The Captain Superintendent,
H.M. Naval Office,
Royal Liver Buildings,
Liverpool.3.

I will personally see that they are distributed to H.M. Ships still
engaged in Minesweeping in the North Sea.

In this connection I should like to thank you and
all those who have so kindly worked to supply comforts for the
Minesweeping Trawlers during the war years. On behalf of the Royal
Navy in general and the Trawlers in particular I should like to
express our warm appreciation of your efforts and our grateful
thanks for all the comforts you have supplied.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT

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



Office of the Captain Superintendent,
Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool.

13th September 1946

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

I am pleased to inform you that the case of woollen goods arrived safely today and I will arrange for its distribution to H.M. Minesweepers.

Again many thanks for all your good work.

Yours sincerely,

Captain R.N.

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

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Commander "Q" Movements,
Royal Liver Building.
LIVERPOOL.

18th November, 1946.

Mrs Grayson,
Brook Hall.
Totley Rise.
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mrs Grayson,

With reference to your letter dated 15th November, 1946, Captain Graham has now been released and the office of Captain Superintendent, Liverpool, is now closed down.

Your two parcels have arrived at my office and as there are no minesweepers in Liverpool at the moment, it is requested that instructions may be given to me as to their disposal.

Yours faithfully,

J.P.V. Evans.

COMMANDER "Q" MOVEMENTS.
LIVERPOOL.

*Replied asking for parcels
to be re-addressed to
John Humphrey.
H.M.S. Raleigh.*

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COMMANDER "Q" MOVEMENTS.
ROYAL LIVER BUILDING.
LIVERPOOL.

29th November, 1946

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

Dear Mrs Grayson,

We have, today, despatched the ten jerseys to
the Rev. J. Humphreys, H.M.S. Raleigh, Torpoint,
Cornwall.

Yours faithfully,



COMMANDER "Q" MOVEMENTS
LIVERPOOL.

DORE AND TOTLEY MINESWEEPING TRAWLER COMFORTS FUND.

Receipts and Payments Account

for the final period

1st July, 1945 to 6th May, 1946.

Receipts

Payments

Sunshine Trawlers

Printings

1. 15. 10.

Receipts less Expenses

9. 13. 6.

Tea Collections & Raffles

2. 1. -.

Bank Charges

13. -.

Donations

7. -. -.

Donation to Royal Naval Patrol
Service Aid Fund

343. 4. -.

Sale of Badges

10. -.

Sundry Receipts

27. 14. - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Donation to The Royal Naval
Benevolent Trust

171. 12. -.

Bank Interest

10. 8.

47. 9. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Balance at Bank and in Hand
at 30th June, 1945.

469. 15. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

£ 517. 4. 10.

£ 517. 4. 10.

I certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and vouchers of the Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawler Comforts Fund for the final period 1st July, 1945 to 6th May, 1946, and that the above Receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers produced, and explanations and information received.

Sheffield.
15th May, 1946.

A. B. Seddingfield F. C. A.

Hon. Auditor.