

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

**THE DEPOT FOR
KNITTED GARMENTS
FOR THE ROYAL NAVY**

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FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

REGISTRATION CARD

Sub-Depot No. HH 170

Name 7th Squadron

Address Bunk Hall

Totley Rise Sheffield

(The above number must be quoted on all communications)

.....
H.M.T.....

Dear Sir,

The excellent work carried out by some very generous friends of the navy at Sheffield has brought in a large sum of money which is to be spent on comforts etc for the personnel of the minesweepers stationed at the port.

To avoid repetition of gifts which may have been received from other sources, it is suggested that you fill in the enclosed form, giving your imagination full play and without thought to the cost. In this way, whilst you may not be able to obtain all you ask, the organisers of the fund will be able to decide how best to utilise the funds at their disposal.

On completion, the enclosed form should be returned to me at No. 11 Union Quay, North Shields .

Yours respectfully,

Guy R. May

CHAIRMAN :

W. J. D. Duffy

PRESIDENT :

Rear-Admiral Sir Thos. G. Spence Lyne, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O.

SECRETARY :

Mrs. R. B. Grayson

Registered under the
War Charities Act, 1940

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE
HEADQUARTERS

FERN GLEN
DORE MOOR
SHEFFIELD

Your Ref.

Our Ref

COPY.

WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1940.

It is hereby Certified that the Charity
called.....The Dore & Totley minesweeping
Trawlers Comforts Fund.....was on the 10th
day of November 1941, registered by the
Sheffield County Borough Council under the
above-mentioned Act.

Signed. E. B. Gibson

Town Clerk for and on
behalf of the above-
mentioned Council.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

THE FINAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE was held at the Admiralty on Thursday February 21st when it was reported that the Depot had closed down according to schedule (following the instructions of the Royal Naval War Comforts Committee) on December 15th after six years and two months continuous working. All surplus wool still in hand or returned by parties had been taken over by the Board of Trade surplus disposals organisation against a cash payment. The audited accounts were submitted and approved and a cheque for the balance of funds was handed to the Royal Naval War Amenities Fund to be used for the benefit of the men of the Royal Navy.

The total number of garments provided and distributed during the six years was four and a half million and the Secretary of the Royal Naval War Comforts Committee stated that there were still sufficient garments in hand to meet all Naval requirements for the next twelve months and asked if the Committee would agree that after any needs of the other Services had been met, including Allied Navies, any residue could be made available for Civil Relief under U.N.R.R.S. It was felt that this procedure would be in accordance with the wishes of all workers and it was therefore approved and agreed.

The records of all transactions - purchases and sales of wool - returns of garments - registrations of sub-depot parties etc. had been handed to the Admiralty and would be available as a basis of organisation in case of future need. The secretary stated that the thanks of the Board of Admiralty had been expressed in a letter sent to all sub-depots, collecting centres and organisers.

CAPTAIN BOWES LYON speaking on behalf of the Royal Naval War Comforts Committee, expressed thanks to the Committee, the Depot, the sub-depots and all workers for the splendid results achieved. He spoke in particular of his personal experience in two ships, in the Mediterranean and on the Arctic Convoy, where he had seen the distribution of garments and knew how much they were appreciated. He said the men realised all the work that had been put in by all those who helped and were responsible and they were deeply grateful. They felt that they had been well and thoughtfully looked after and Captain Bowes Lyon was happy to be able to express thanks on their behalf.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN, Lady Louis Mountbatten, said she knew she was speaking for all when she expressed her great sadness at the death of their Chairman, Admiral Sir Basil Brooke within a few days of the closing down of the Depot. The Committee unanimously desired to place on record their very great appreciation of all that Sir Basil had done to further the work of the Depot. Nothing had been too much trouble for him and although not in the best of health, he had not spared himself in their cause. It was also agreed that a very sincere and heartfelt vote of sympathy should be sent to Lady Brooke.

Lady Louis then placed on record special thanks to the Gaumont British organisation for the great work that had been done through their cinemas; to the Scottish Depot who had been responsible for the Scottish section and its purchases of wool; to the Royal Naval War Comforts Committee of the Admiralty for their continuous help and advice; to the Personal Service League for unfailing patience and helpfulness as purchasing agents for wool; to the owner for the loan of the premises 97 Eaton Square; to the auditors for their kindness in giving free services, and to the Committee, heads of departments, treasurer, secretary and collecting centre organisers. The six years work of the Depot, although perhaps little known had been quite exceptional. All those concerned

/in every

in every sphere of its activity had given time, help and generosity and put their hearts into the work. She had been present when it was started in 1939 and felt that a tremendous debt of gratitude was due to all, some of whom had continued right through the six years. Although she regretted that she had not been able to work with them all the time, it had been a great inspiration to her to know that the workers carried on under difficulties and in spite of everything. A grand job had been done and she was immensely proud to have been associated with it and wished to couple her thanks with those of Captain Bowes Lyon.

The Committee and the Royal Naval War Comforts Committee had hoped to issue special Certificates of Service to all workers on the lines adopted by the Red Cross and other organisations, but after much consideration it had been agreed that the difficulties of making a fair distribution in view of the many sub-depots who had cancelled for various reasons in the course of six years and the impossibility of tracing addresses made the proposition an impracticable one and it was regretfully abandoned. It was however felt that this short resume of the results towards which they had contributed would be of interest to all.

POST OFFICE
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr Grayson.
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise
Sheffield.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY.

(Registered under the War Charities Act 1940.)

SLOANE 9251

H. H. 170.

97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.
25.8.42.

Received from The Bore & Totley
Minesweeping Trawler Comforts
Fund the sum of 19/- balance
of a/c Invoice 262/96 17.8.42.

PER PRO:

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS
FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

B.B. B/

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

97, Eaton Square, London, S.W.1.

I M P O R T A N T

Please read carefully

In view of the difficulty of obtaining sufficient imports of wool and also in view of the shortage of spinners, the three Services, in consultation with the Board of Trade, have agreed to apply certain restrictions in the use of coupon-free wool. As regards the Navy, the Admiralty have decided that gift socks and gift seaboot stockings should not be issued after present stocks are exhausted. The reasons for this decision are that seaboot stockings are a free issue in the Navy from Service stocks to all men who wear seaboots, and socks, the first two pairs of which are free, can be replaced by all Naval personnel on payment at a very moderate cost. (Naval personnel receive a special allowance, called Kit Up Keep Allowance, to enable them to take up necessary garments on payment.) Any grey 4-ply fingering in hand should be used for socks but oiled wool should only be used for jerseys and helmets. The garments most urgently required are high-necked jerseys, helmets and gloves with fingers (blue). Lists of garments returned should show whether garments are made of oiled or blue wool. Grey 4-ply wool has already been discontinued and oiled wool will only be available until present stocks are used up. In future, therefore, only navy D.K. will be available.

The price of wool will be raised by 2d. per lb. as from 1st October, making it 5/4d. per lb.

The Admiralty have asked for a redistribution of Sub-Depots to Collecting Centres to meet fresh needs. A new list is enclosed herewith. Please destroy your old one and in future send all parcels to the Collecting Centre for your County shown on this new list. Your Sub-Depot number remains the same.

Sub-Depots may like to know that up to the end of August, 1942, we have been able to distribute 2,458,502 garments and have a good stock ready for distribution now that the winter is so nearly on us. We should like to take this opportunity of letting all our workers know how greatly their efforts are appreciated and beg them to continue their good work.

Signed: EDWINA MOUNTBATTEN,
Vice-Chairman.

A. M. KINDERSLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

September, 1942.

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Mr. R. B. Grayson
Brent Hall
Tosley Rise
Sheffield.

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SLOANE 9251

H. H. 170

97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

13.10.42

We have to acknowledge with
thanks your p.o. for 8/8/42
cover postage of wool sent.
amg.
p.p. Hrn. Secretary
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Hon. Secretary :
~~Mrs. A. Maitland Doughty~~
Miss A.M. Kindersley.
97, EATON SQUARE,

SLOANE 9251-9252

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

S.W.1

Cheques should be made payable to "The Depot for Knitted Garments for the Royal Navy."

Sub-Depots : Please quote registration number on all communications. 30th November, 1942.

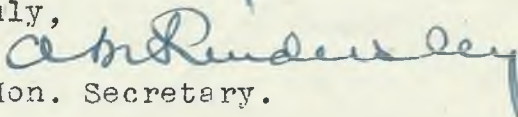
Mrs. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise, Sheffield.

Dear Madam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th. I much hope that by now you will have received the other bale of wool which was sent to you later and also the pound of wool from here with the letter of explanation.

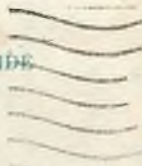
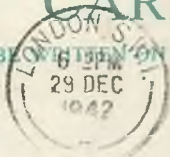
Very many thanks for the advice note from North Shields. We are so glad of the splendid number of garments you have dispatched.

Yours truly,


Hon. Secretary.

POST CARD

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

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Sub-Depot H.H.170

97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

29th December, 1942.

Very many thanks for Advice Note of woollen goods sent to North Shields. It is such a help getting these.

A. H. Rindesley

Hon. Secretary.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mrs. R. B. Grayson,
Secretary,
Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers' Comforts
Fund,

Brook Hall,

TOTLEY RISE,

Sheffield, Yorkshire.

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SLOANE 9251

Sub-Depot No. H.H.170.

97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

17th December, 1942.

So many thanks for sending the advice note
for woollen comforts despatched to North Shields.

This will be of the greatest help to us.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. M. R. Dudley".

Hon. Secretary.

POST CARD
THE ADDRESS IS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mrs. R. B. Grayson,
Secretary,
Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers
Comforts Fund,

Fern Glen,

Dore Moor,

Sheffield, Yorkshire.

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SLOANE 9251

97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

Sub-Depot No. H.H.170.

15th March, 1943.

Very many thanks for letting me have the
advice note for your last splendid consignment
of goods.

It is such a help getting these so
promptly.

A M Hindesley
Hon. Secretary.

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97, EATON SQUARE, S.W.1

Telephone : SLOANE 9251-9252

Hours : Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Sub-Depots : Please quote registration number on all communications.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE HON. SECRETARY

President :

The Lady Patricia Ramsay

Vice-Presidents :

Lady James

Lady Brownrigg

The Hon. Lady Drax

Lady Forbes

Committee :

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Lady Pound

Vice-Chairman :

The Lady Louis Mountbatten

Deputy Vice-Chairman :

Lady Charles

Hon. Treasurer :

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C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O.

Hon. Secretary :

Miss Kindersley

Mrs. A. V. Alexander

Lady Backhouse

Caroline, Viscountess Bridgeman

Mrs. Winston Churchill

Mrs. F. R. E. Davis

Lady Kennedy Purvis

Mrs. Charles Larcom

Lady Little

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham

Lady Whitworth

Sub-Depot No. H.H.170.

17th March, 1943.

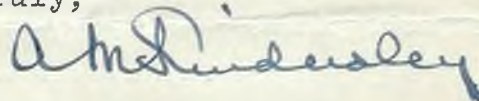
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

It was so kind of you to send another order for wool and also to let me know of your despatch of garments to North Shields. The wool went off to you yesterday and the receipt for your cheque will be found in the parcel.

I should like to take this opportunity of saying how much we admire the splendid work which you are doing and to ask you to convey, on behalf of Lady Pound and my Committee, their very grateful thanks and appreciation to all your knitters.

I think that there is no Sub-Depot that makes more of the long-sleeved pullovers which are the garments for which there is, as you know, a greater demand than for anything else.

Yours truly,



Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. R. B. Grayson,
Dore & Totley Minesweeping Trawlers' Comforts Fund,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

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97, EATON SQUARE,

S.W.1

SLOANE 9251-9252

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

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Dear Mrs. Grayson *Sub-Depots : Please quote registration number on all communications.* 8th June, 1943.

So many thanks for your letter letting me know of the magnificent cases of garments that you have sent to Mr. Mandall. It is indeed splendid the amount of work your party gets through and I send you on behalf of all here our most grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A M Kindersley
Hon. Secretary.

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

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MISS A. M. KINDERSLEY.

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Sub-Depot H.H.170.

97, EATON SQUARE,
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AMK/SEW

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20th July, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

✓ It is indeed kind of your Committee to have sent us this wonderful donation of £50 towards our wool fund. I cannot tell you what a splendid help this will be to us, and Lady Louis Mountbatten and my Committee desire me to send you their most grateful thanks and appreciation and to ask you to convey the same to all who contributed. ✓ I enclose a receipt herewith.

I must also thank you for sending the lists of woollen goods recently sent to North Shields, it is indeed a splendid consignment.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A M Kindersley

Enclosure.

Hon. Secretary.

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

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SLOANE 9251—9252

All communications to be addressed to the Hon. Sec.

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97, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1

28th September, 1943.

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

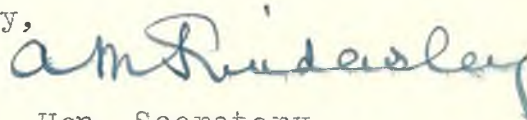
Mrs. R.B. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

How very kind of you to send such a splendid order for wool. I have today had dispatched to you the 198 lbs. navy D.K. and the more gloves with fingers and long sleeved pull'overs you can get done the more grateful we shall be, as these garments are so urgently needed at the present time and there are so many men being called up for the Navy and they all have to be equipped.

I also have to thank you most warmly for your wonderful donation of £10. 0. 0. towards our wool fund and I enclose the receipt herewith. Please convey the thanks of our Chairman and Committed to all who have done so well. Our new Chairman is Rear Admiral Sir Basil Brooke, G.C.V.O., who is Comptroller of H.M. the Queen's Household and he was most interested when I told him the other day of the splendid help you have given us.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

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Telephone:
SLOane 9251.

97, EATON SQUARE, LONDON, S.W.1.

October, 1943.

NEWS LETTER No. 8.

All our members will, we know, have heard with deep regret of the sad loss we have sustained by the death of our late Chairman, Lady Pound, who was such a help and inspiration to our Depot from its very commencement in October, 1939.

By the courtesy of *The Times* we are allowed to print the following appreciation which appeared in their issue of 23rd July, and which gives some idea of the affection and esteem in which she was held by all who had the privilege of knowing her:—

“The death of Lady Pound will recall grateful memories to the minds of many Naval Officers and Men and of their wives—especially to the minds of those younger ones who met her in Malta. It was there that her enthusiasm and hard work led to the establishment of a convalescent home for the wives and children of those who were unable to recuperate in their own homes.

“The friendship that she gave to all was complete. No one was more alive to the opportunities which come to a wife of a highly placed officer. But of all personal part in those opportunities it seemed that she was unconscious and oblivious. It was the object to be attained that claimed her attention and to which her mind and heart were devoted, not the part she took, far less the credit that might come to her. That did not affect her judgment at all. She was a woman of fine power of organisation, and her simplicity of character allowed whatever she undertook to go forward without being stopped by any consideration of who would get the credit. Fortunately for her and for those with whom she had to deal, she was equally unconscious of what is sometimes called position. Assistance without interference might well have been her motto.”

It was signed by “A Naval Officer,” but we are now permitted to give the name of the writer, Admiral Sir William Goodenough, G.C.B., M.V.O., who was one of her oldest friends.

We are very fortunate in having as our new Chairman Rear-Admiral Sir Basil V. Brooke, G.C.V.O., who has already made himself conversant with our work, and as one who has been so long connected with the Royal Navy, takes the deepest interest in everything that appertains to the comfort of our gallant seamen. We have received the following letter from him:—

“On taking over the Chairmanship of the Depot for Knitted Comforts for the Royal Navy, I was shown figures which amazed me. Three million garments in four years by voluntary effort is a magnificent achievement and does the utmost credit to all at Headquarters and the Knitting Parties. I would like to point out, however, that the needs of the Navy are ever growing, while workers, owing to War demands, diminish. With winter and undoubtedly the hardest part of the War to come, we must increase our efforts to the utmost, not only to supply the present needs but to build up reserve stocks. From four years of experience in the North Sea during the last War, I can assure you that the comforts we received then from kind donors were tremendously appreciated by all hands. Undoubtedly a man on look-out, or in any exposed position, does his job better when he is warmly clothed and is not distracted by trying to avoid icy draughts. Thus the fighting efficiency of a ship is improved, and surely this alone is a good enough reason for doing all we can to help. Let us, then, go ahead with ever increasing speed, determined to break all previous records.”

We feel sure that all our Sub-Depots will work as loyally and energetically under his Chairmanship as they have done throughout the last four years.

The demand for garments is greater than ever as the numbers of naval personnel are increased, and in the coming months it is up to us to see that the men, not only in the big ships, but in the hundreds of small craft which do such splendid service day in and day out, shall be warmly clad.

Remember that every little helps so please all try to do a little each day, and if possible interest others. We have lost over 1,500 Sub-Depots who have regretfully been obliged to close down for various reasons and this means, at the least, 18,000 knitters who can ill be spared, although we know most of them have taken on other important war work. If each Sub-Depot succeeded in adding one more knitter to their group it would mean an increase of 2,086 workers.

The Depot has now been working 4 years, and owing to the great work done by our Sub-Depots and the generous gifts from overseas, we have been enabled up to the 30th September to issue approximately three million garments. The numbers of the different garments issued are as follows :—

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 339,267 Scarves. | 323,469 pairs Gloves. |
| 346,802 Helmets. | 467,863 Jerseys. |
| 695,281 Socks. | 380,988 Seaboot Stockings. |
| 190,939 Mittens. | 38,728 Caps. |
| 38,177 Wristlets. | 65,485 Sheepskin Coats. |
| 4,531 Blankets. | 32,788 Miscellaneous. |

During this time our Sub-Depots have purchased 291 tons (or 651,840 lbs.) of wool and the total value of garments distributed is over a million pounds. We are proud of this achievement, but we cannot and must not let the Navy down now—we owe too much to their courage and endurance. Garments most urgently needed still are jerseys and gloves.

We would like to reiterate once again that under the Admiralty scheme of authorised distribution, although we may not send comforts to individual men or ships, all our garments are in the hands of Port Amenities Liaison Officers at ports and bases all round the coast. Any man or crew requiring woollens should therefore apply to the P.A.L.O. at any port taking their pay books with them.

Owing to restrictions on the use of metals we very much regret that we are no longer able to supply our usual blue and gold enamel badges, but we are lucky in having been able to secure a supply of similar badges in plain silver which we hope will be equally popular.

Remember, all wool is now 2s. 10d. per lb., post free, but must be ordered in amounts of 6 lbs. or multiples thereof.

The following table gives an idea of how orders and remittances should be sent :—

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------|---|----|----|-------------|---|----|----|
| 6 lbs. ... | | 17 | 0 | 30 lbs. ... | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| 12 lbs. ... | 1 | 14 | 0 | 36 lbs. ... | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| 18 lbs. ... | 2 | 11 | 0 | 42 lbs. ... | 5 | 19 | 0 |
| 24 lbs. ... | 3 | 8 | 0 | 48 lbs. ... | 6 | 16 | 0 |

EDWINA MOUNTBATTEN, *Vice-Chairman.*

A. M. KINDERSLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

IMPORTANT
PLEASE PASS ROUND
TO ALL WORKERS

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14th October, 1943.

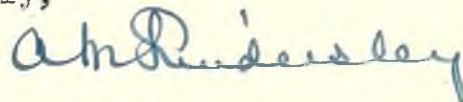
Sub-Depot H.H.170.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So very many thanks for your very kind cheque and order for wool. It is really magnificent the amount of work that you do for us and we cannot be sufficiently grateful.

I was very interested to see the leaflet with details of the film show that you got up. The result was certainly most satisfactory and I send you many congratulations. I am particularly glad to hear that you are trying to get more knitters as we are finding it very difficult to keep up our supplies and already we are having demands for hundreds of long sleeved pullovers which we are at present unable to deal with. Your wool has been dispatched today.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

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

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SLOANE 9251-9252

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Dec. 1. 1943

Dear Mrs Grayson

So very many thanks for your letter of Oct 26th enclosing the wonderful list of garments sent to Rath Shields. It is so splendid of you to get so many pullovers made as they are so desperately wanted. I do wish I could issue you some sock wool but alas we are still forbidden by the Admiralty & B. of Trade to do so. Again thanking you Believe me sincerely yours
A. M. Dunderley Hon. Sec.

Sherron Lane School; Sheffield.
November 11th 1943.

Dear Mrs Warr,

The girls who have done this knitting are mostly 9 & 10 years old & they are very anxious to hear from a sailor, so could their names & addresses be left on the garments please?

I haven't seen up the Pullover, as I believe you said you wanted to see it yourself. I'm hoping to have all the others finished before Christmas. I hope you & Mrs King are well.

Yours sincerely
J. J. Roberts.

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN

6 DEC
1942



Mrs R. B. Grayson.
Barnock Hall
Totley Rise
Sheffield

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY.

(Registered under the War Charities Act 1940.)

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97, EATON SQUARE,

Box: 6. S.W.1.

So very many thanks for
list of garments dispatched. It
is indeed magnificent & we
are so grateful. Because this P.C.
but owing to influenza I am with-
out even a typist.

Sir M. Dunderdale
H. Dec.

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97, EATON SQUARE,
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29th February, 1944.

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

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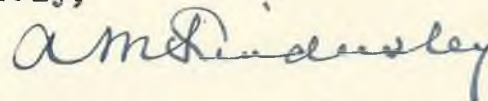
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So many thanks for your letter and list of garments sent in to North Shields in January. We are indeed grateful for the splendid work that you are doing.

I have made enquiries with regard to the trawlers at Cleethorpes and am told that these particular ones come under the Merchant Navy. I have, therefore, written to the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund telling them of the report you have heard and asking them if any action can be taken.

I am sorry to say we are still not allowed to issue sock wool.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

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28th March, 1944.

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

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

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

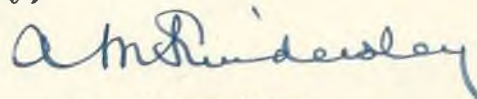
So very many thanks for your splendid order for wool and also for your further donation of £10. 0. 0.

My Chairman and Committee ask me to send you their thanks and appreciation for all that you are doing for us.

We are particularly anxious at the present time to keep our knitting up to full strength as the demands upon us have increased so very largely and are likely to increase still further.

The wool is being despatched to you today and I hope it will arrive quickly, but as you know, transport is very difficult in these days.

Yours sincerely,



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9th May, 1944.

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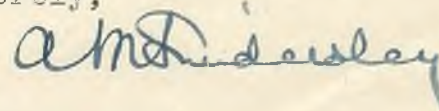
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Once again I have to thank you most warmly for a most generous donation towards our free wool fund.

Please convey the thanks of my Chairman and Committee to all who have so kindly contributed towards this gift and assure them that this continued help is invaluable.

I have ordered your wool direct from the Manufacturers, as we had not sufficient Paton and Baldwins wool to fill you order.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

97 Eaton Square,
S.W.1.

June, 1944.

To the Heads of all Sub-Depots of the Depot for Knitted
Garments for the Royal Navy.

Vice-Admiral Sir Algernon Willis, K.C.B., D.S.O., the Second Sea Lord, paid a visit to our Depot, 97 Eaton Square, a short time ago and afterwards sent me a letter a copy of which I enclose.

I should be most grateful if you would read this if possible, to your knitters, as I feel sure they would like to know how much their work is appreciated by the Admiralty and will wish to respond to his appeal for their continued support.

BASIL V. BROOKE.

Rear-Admiral Sir Basil V. Brooke, G.C.V.O.,
Chairman of the Depot for Knitted
Garments for the Royal Navy.

2nd Sea Lord,
Queen Anne's Mansions,
S.W.1.

21st June, 1944.

My Dear Sir Basil,

Following my visit to the Depot recently I think that I should take this opportunity, as Chief of Naval Personnel, to record the grateful thanks of the Royal Navy for the really magnificent work done by your organisation which, since its inception, has produced approximately four million woollen garments. Please convey a message of sincere appreciation to your Committee and to all your kind helpers at the Depot, at the Collecting Centres and to the members of your knitting parties.

However favourably the war develops, there can be no doubt that a considerable part of the Navy will be engaged in European waters during the next winter - to name one section only, the minesweeping forces will be busy clearing the seas even after peace is declared. Nor can anyone predict how far north the British Navy may be required to operate in the Pacific against the Japanese.

May I therefore appeal for your continued help in providing comforts to the Navy.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED)

A.U. WILLIS.

Rear Admiral
Sir Basil V. Brooke, G.C.V.O.

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21st June, 1944.

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

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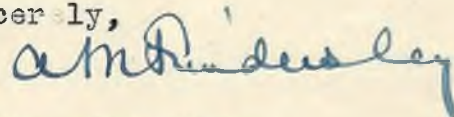
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So very many thanks for your letter enclosing consignment note of your woollen goods recently sent to North Shields. It is a splendid collection and we are most grateful.

You can well imagine that by September there will be a very largely increased number of men to be equipped so that all the garments we can get in now are of the greatest possible help.

How splendid of you to be holding a garden party in August to raise funds for the winter. I know what a lot of work this entails and can only wish you the very best of luck and a fine day.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

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Sub-Depot H.H.170.

25th September, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So many thanks for your letter containing advice notes of the consignments sent to North Shields.

I am indeed grateful for the splendid amount of garments you have sent, but feel that I must point out we are not allowed by the Admiralty to issue oiled wool for seaboot stockings and it should only be used for long sleeved pullovers for the use of the men in stormy weather. The seaboot stockings are now an issue in the Royal Navy, but you need not feel that the ones sent will not be welcome, as they are still very often asked for.

I am so very glad to hear of the great success of your Garden Party. I think it was quite magnificent to realise such a large sum.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

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18th October, 1944.

Sub-Depot H.H.170.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you for your letter. I am very much hoping that I may soon be able to tell you that seaboot stockings can once again be knitted, but I am still awaiting the final decision.

I wish that I could say that you could send the woollen comforts to the Lieutenant on H.M.M.S. 57, but the Board of Trade and the Admiralty insist that all garments knitted with coupon free wool must be returned to us or to one of our Collecting Centres and that they must be distributed by the Port Amenities Liaison Officers at the different ports, whom we keep fully supplied.

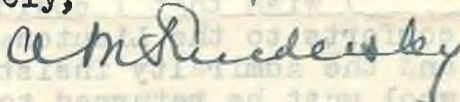
With regard to the cutting I saw one very much like it in the paper and I got a copy of the House of Lords' Hansard to see exactly what Lord Winster said. It appears that there is a Report being prepared by a Committee on the subject of the Merchant Navy Comforts and I quote a small part of his speech.

"My Lords, perhaps I may be allowed to reply briefly to the question put to me concerning the welfare of the merchant seamen. What I said in my speech was that a Committee under

Mr. Graham White is preparing its Report on the subject of seamen's welfare and I said I thought members of the public would be well advised to restrain their generosity and gratitude until that Committee has reported, when they will then know how to apply their generosity in the most effective manner."

The Merchant Navy, as you know, appeals very largely for comforts etc. and gives out a very large number and in the past there has, I know, been some overlapping, but I do not think there is so much now. We, of course, do not deal with the Merchant Navy but with the men of the Royal Navy and their needs are greater than they have ever been. Within the last fortnight we have had to send to different ports over 6,000 long sleeved pullovers, besides quantities of other garments.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
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31st October, 1944.

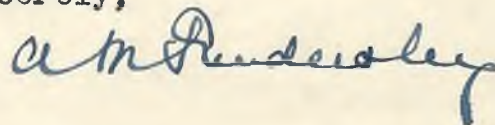
Mrs. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So many thanks for your letter and for letting me know of the latest consignment of knitted goods you have sent to North Shields. I think the work you do is quite magnificent and I am most grateful.

I keep pointing out to the Admiralty how very much socks and seaboot stockings are needed, but so far have not been able to get them to rescind the order.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary,

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

97 Eaton Square,
S.W.1.

November, 1941.

To the Heads of all Sub-Depots of the Depot for Knitted
Garments for the Royal Navy.

I have received the enclosed letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with regard to the need of comforts for the Royal Navy.

Owing to a statement made with regard to the Merchant Navy Comfort Service many of our splendid workers, to whom we are all so deeply grateful, have been led to believe that the Royal Navy's need for comforts was no longer urgent. I can assure you that far from this being the case we are at the present time unable to meet all the requests from the officers at the various ports who distribute the garments, and I beg you all to keep up the good work for our gallant men of the Royal Navy.

BASIL V. BROOKE.

Rear Admiral Sir Basil V. Brooke, G.C. V.O.,
Chairman of the Depot for Knitted
Garments for the Royal Navy.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

1st November, 1944.

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to the Second Sea Lord of 9th October, and to inform you that notwithstanding the possibility of a termination of the war in Europe in the near future the need for warm garments in the Navy is as great now as it ever has been, and will continue to be so for some time. The Navy is still operating in cold Northern waters as hitherto, and will probably be continuing to do so throughout the coming winter. In the Far East, where a hard task still lies before us, our ships will often be operating in cold climatic conditions, and not, as is apt to be the popular impression, only in a hot and sunny atmosphere. Again, even when the war with Japan has terminated, mine-sweeping work will have to continue for a long time under arduous and severe conditions.

2. My Lords appreciate greatly the very valuable work which has been done by your Depot and your working parties in knitting warm garments for those serving in the Royal Navy and they are deeply grateful to all the members of these parties for the time which they have voluntarily and so willingly devoted to providing these necessary comforts, which are such a boon to Naval personnel. My Lords trust that the need for a continuation of this work for some time to come will be fully realised and that knitted garments will continue to be provided on the same scale as hitherto.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(SIGNED) J. G. LANG.

Rear Admiral Sir Basil V. Brooke, C.C.V.O.,
Chairman of the Depot for Knitted Garments
for the Royal Navy,
97 Eaton Square,
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and Port Elizabeth. They also give out vouchers which are exchanged here, but the bulk of the sheepskin coats are sent in bales to ships or ports for general distribution.

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Canada, send lovely soft leather jerkins lined with woollen material and from Lagos the Windcheater Leather Jacket Fund sends wonderful leather jackets.

From Nyasaland the Nyasaland Council of Women send knitted articles most of which are made of thick hand spun wool.

6. FREE WOOL.

The issue of "Free Wool" to Sub-Depots has had to be limited to the amount of money available from donations. During the five years now under review the total cost of this free issue has amounted to £7,207.

7. PURCHASE AND COST OF WOOL USED.

Since the opening of the Depot the consumption of wool has totalled 855,957 lbs. (approximately 382 tons), and has cost £197,966. This will give some idea of the volume of work done by the knitters of the Sub-Depots.

8. GARMENTS ISSUED.

The combined efforts of all those who are connected with our work have resulted in the distribution of four million garments to our gallant sailors.

Special thanks are due to our Sub-Depots for the wonderful amount of knitting they have accomplished and also to those helpers at Headquarters and the various Collecting Centres who have undertaken the arduous work involved in packing and sending out the wool and unpacking, sorting and despatching garments to the various ports for issue to our men.

A POSTSCRIPT FROM THE ROYAL NAVY WAR COMFORTS COMMITTEE, ADMIRALTY.

I should like to congratulate the Depot and the Sub-Depots on five years' magnificent work and to say how much the Navy has owed to them in this period, and how deeply they appreciate it. The need is still as urgent as ever.

(Signed). R. W. BLACKLOCK, Captain, R.N.,
Chairman of the Royal Navy War Comforts Committee, Admiralty.



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| Mrs. Charles Larcom. | Lady Willis. |



A SOUVENIR OF FIVE YEARS' WORK

THE Depot has been issuing knitted garments to the Royal Navy for over 5 years and the Committee in expressing their grateful thanks to all the voluntary workers whose untiring efforts have contributed to such excellent results, feel that the following information will be of interest to all those who have helped so splendidly. The demand for comforts is as great as ever and it is increasingly difficult to supply all that are needed. The Committee hope that Sub-Depots will still continue to knit to meet the urgent needs of the men of the Royal Navy.

1. ORGANISATION.

In October, 1939, the Admiralty authorised this organisation to be a central distributing depot for all branches of the Royal Navy, including the R.N.R. and R.N.V.R.

At these Headquarters when the work began, over 80 voluntary workers were employed in the various departments dealing with the purchase and despatch of wool, receipt and issue of knitted garments, correspondence, filing, receipt of money and various other duties, and nearly 4,000 Sub-Depots were knitting garments. In July, 1941, to facilitate the distribution of knitted garments, 10 Collecting Centres were established at ports selected by the Admiralty. In April, 1942, a further decentralisation of the work was made by the establishment of the Scottish Branch under Mrs. Ivory, which has done invaluable work in obtaining the wool locally and supplying an ever-increasing number of garments.

In December, 1939, the Gaumont British Section, comprising 78 Sub-Depots, was formed under the Presidency of Mrs. Jarratt. This section raises its own funds and has made a most valuable contribution of thousands of knitted garments.

2. WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE.

At the request of the Director we were glad to help the W.R.N.S. by storing and distributing their wool and receiving and despatching the knitted garments when required.

3. WOOLLEN COMFORTS FOR RUSSIA.

In November, 1941, the Admiralty asked us to assist in supplying within a month, half a million pairs of gloves. The response to

the appeal was magnificent and 122,230 pairs were despatched to Russia. Great credit is due to the untiring efforts of our many Sub-Depots who worked ceaselessly to meet these requirements.

Unfortunately, owing to the very short notice given to us, 5,000 more pairs arrived after the specified date; these, however, were despatched to the men of our own Navy, where they were of the utmost value.

Mrs. Winston Churchill, in her thanks to the Depot, mentioned that the gloves were so beautifully knitted that they were admired by all who saw them.

4. SPECIAL PULLOVERS.

Through the kind offices of Mrs. Winston Churchill, who raised funds for this purpose, the Depot received a quantity of thick grey rug wool; this enabled our knitters to make 7,000 of the thickest possible pullovers which were greatly appreciated by the men engaged on minesweeping. British Columbia also sent pullovers knitted by the Siwash Indians. These were extremely thick and were beautifully knitted in wool which was water-resisting owing to the retention of its natural oil; they rivalled those made of grey rug wool.

5. OVERSEAS GIFTS.

It is difficult to express adequately our gratitude to all our friends abroad for the donations and gifts of comforts of all kinds which have reached us in such large numbers.

From Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Newfoundland, South Africa, the East and West Indies, Kenya, and in the earlier days, the Federated Malay States, Hong Kong and Shanghai, wonderful gifts have been received as well as from the U.S.A., Argentina, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Peru, Portugal and Spain.

From India and South Africa we have received most valuable gifts of thousands of sheepskin coats, gloves and helmets which are beautifully warm and a great comfort to men serving in cold regions.

The Indian sheepskin coats are sent by the Navy Sheepskin Jackets League, Srinagar, Kashmir. Subscribers to the League are entitled to vouchers for presentation to their friends in the Royal Navy, which are then exchangeable here for coats.

The South African sheepskin coats are sent by the Navy War Funds of Johannesburg, King William's Town, Pietermaritzburg

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Sub-Depot HH.170.

15th January, 1945.

Mrs. J.D. Duffy,
Eastwood Farm,
Epperstone, Notts.

Dear Madam,

So very many thanks for your kind letter and order for wool. I have sent the order through at once but being for such a large amount, it will have to come through the manufacturers and I hope will arrive shortly.

We are quite overwhelmed with your wonderful donation for free wool, which will be of the greatest possible help as we are needing to give out more and more as the years go on. My Chairman and Committee desire me to send you their thanks and appreciation and to ask you to convey the same to your Committee.

Yours truly,



HON. SECRETARY.

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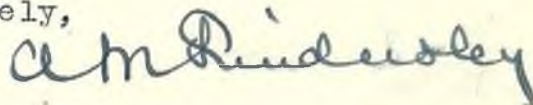
Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So many thanks for the advice notes of the two consignments of knitted garments sent to North Shields.

I do indeed congratulate you on having sent such a magnificent contribution and send you and your helpers our most grateful thanks.

I see that not only have you been supplying them with woollen garments, but that you have sent razors and razor blades, which I know will be of the greatest help.

Yours sincerely,



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Sub-Depot H.H.170.

27th April, 1945.

Mrs. Duffy,
Eastwood Farm,
Epperstone.

Dear Mrs. Duffy,

We were so delighted to get the splendid list of garments that you had despatched to North Shields as the need is as urgent as ever. We are finding it increasingly difficult to get all the comforts for which we are asked, especially as in the summer so many people have outdoor work to do, and it is particularly helpful when we get knitting parties such as yours who send in so regularly.

I have just heard from the Admiralty that they will be requiring a very large number of pullovers etc. for distribution abroad in June next and this is over and above the very large quantity they have asked us to get ready for September. Not only have we got to equip our Fleet in the Pacific, but we also have to remember that even if the war were to end at once the Minesweepers will have to continue for, they tell me, at least two years.

My Chairman and Committee desire me to send you their thanks and to ask you to convey the same to all your knitters.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Kindersley

Hon. Secretary.

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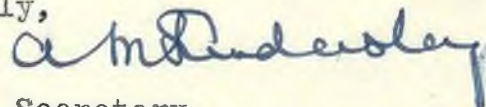
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I am enclosing with this a letter for you to read at your weekly meeting. I must also thank you most warmly for the list of garments that you have sent to North Shields. It is indeed most helpful to get such a splendid amount of the jerseys which are so badly needed. I also enclose some order forms.

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P.S. I hope I am right in having sent the wool to Mrs. Grayson, but as we have always done so before I imagined you would not wish it sent to your private address.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

97 Eaton Square,
S.W.1.

June, 1945.

To the Heads of all Sub-Depots of the Depot for Knitted

Garments for the Royal Navy.

Alt hough the actual fighting in Europe is at an end much still remains to be done by the men of the Minesweepers, Trawlers and other small ships working round our coasts and in northern waters. This work is of a particularly difficult and dangerous character and must be carried out under conditions of great discomfort and will certainly be necessary all through the coming winter. Our Navy is also still fighting in the Pacific and far Eastern waters, as far north as the Aleutian Islands and south to the Ant-Arctic.

The Committee, therefore, most earnestly hope that all Sub-Depots who can possibly do so, will continue their excellent work and thus help us to meet the requirements of our men still carrying on. Garments - particularly jerseys - are urgently needed so that we may have stocks ready for distribution in September. If the response to this letter is as good as we hope we shall not have to call upon you for further efforts, but we must continue until the job is done.

We send our most grateful thanks to all the knitters who have enabled us to give what has been required in the past five and a half years, knowing that they will help us to carry on to the end.

BASIL V. BROOKE Chairman.

EDWINA MOUNTBATTEN, Vice-Chairman.

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24th July, 1945,

Mrs. Duffy,
Eastwood Farm,
Epperstone.

Dear Mrs. Duffy,

I notice on looking at your file that I have not had any list of garments sent to North Shields since April last and I should be most grateful if you have despatched any, if you could let me know the numbers so that they could be entered in your folder.

We are urgently needing a good number of garments to be ready by the Autumn so I hope your splendid party is able to continue.

Yours sincerely,



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8th August, 1945.

Mrs. Grayson,
Brock Hall,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,


In Miss Kindersley's absence I am writing to acknowledge with very many thanks your letter of the 3rd August received this morning, and for the list of garments which were sent out during June.

I am sorry to hear that the number of your knitters is being depleted, but we do quite realise the difficulties of keeping parties going now, especially when the immediate need for comforts appears to be less urgent. We are very grateful to the Dore and Totley Branch for saying that they will continue to knit.

The position at the moment is that the Admiralty have informed us that a large quantity of garments is required immediately for our fleet in the Pacific and this we are despatching as rapidly as possible, and after this comforts

will be needed through the coming winter for the men of the minesweeper and trawler fleets who will be working in the north sea and home waters. We hope it may be possible to collect enough garments for these purposes by the end of the year and as soon as we have any more definite information about the general closing down of the organisation we will of course let you know. Very many thanks for continuing to help.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Vice-Chairman.

THE DEPOT FOR KNITTED GARMENTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

97, Eaton Square,
S.W.1.

September, 1945.

Dear Madam,

Owing to the unexpectedly early cessation of the war in the Pacific we have now been informed by the Admiralty that their requirements of comforts in that area have been met and they estimate that there will be sufficient garments in the making and ready by the end of November to meet the demands in home waters through the coming winter. They have therefore advised that this organisation and its working parties can be closed down. No further wool will therefore be supplied after the 30th September, 1945, and we would ask Sub-Depots to be kind enough to return as many finished garments as possible to this Depot not later than the 15th November, 1945.

On behalf of myself and my Committee I wish to take this opportunity of again expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to all Sub-Depot organisers and their knitters for the splendid way they have carried on under many difficulties - in many cases continuously for nearly six years - a record of unselfish service which has enabled this Depot to distribute the great total of 4,074,597 garments and we know how very real has been the gratitude of the men who have received their comforts throughout the war.

To all our workers and helpers, collectively and individually, we say THANK YOU.

BASIL V. BROOKE.

Rear Admiral Sir Basil V. Brooke, G.C.V.O.
Chairman of the Depot for Knitted
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POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mrs. Grayson,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
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10th October, 1945.

In Miss Kindersley's absence through illness I am writing to thank you for your kind letter enclosing the lists of garments sent to North Shields. We are most grateful for these and quite understand the delay.

Anne Harris

Secretary to Miss Kindersley.

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18th October, 1945.

Mrs. Duffy,
The Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund,
Brook Hall,
Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

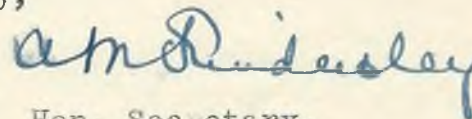
Dear Mrs. Duffy,

I am venturing to write and point out that we are still holding 5/8d. to your credit on your order of the 27th April, 1945, and as our accounts are now being closed I shall be glad if you will let me know what you would like done about it.

Would you like a postal order for this amount or may we keep it to add to the sum which we shall be handing over to Naval Charities when this Depot is closed?

With many thanks for the excellent work you have done.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

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23rd October, 1945.

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

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

So many thanks for your letter. I notice you do not let me know what you wish done with balance of 5/8d. that I enquired about in my letter to Mrs. Duffy of the 18th October.

I do not know of any Fund especially for minesweepers, but the Royal Naval War Amenities Fund at the Admiralty will be continuing to help the men of the Royal Navy and would I know, be very grateful for any contributions. The other organisation I would suggest is the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, 10 New Road, Rochester, Kent. I enclose a leaflet with regard to this.

You have indeed done wonderfully well during all these years of war and we are deeply grateful to you.

Yours sincerely,

A M Kindersley

Hon. Secretary.

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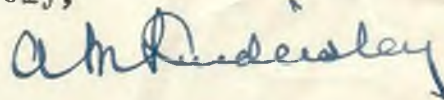
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Totley Rise,
Sheffield.

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th instant and for saying we may keep the 5/8d. held to your credit. It is most kind of you and it will help us very much.

I shall look forward to hearing what you have decided with regard to your surplus funds in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.