

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade
Minute Book.
No. 4.

Attendances of Committee	1921 2 nd Apr.	1921 4 th June	1921 3 rd Sept.	1922 3 rd Nov.	Addresses
Capt. Page	1	-	-	1	3 S. Kiss Per. Ys.
" Oliver	1	1	1	1	31 Hmley Hill Road.
" Harker	1	1	1	1	5 Belgrove Gardens, Histon
" Shaw	1	1	-	1	17 Winkie Road
Exp. Capt. J.M. Middleton	1	-	1	1	3 Lonsworth House
" " Wotks	1	1	-	1	110 Catherine St.
" " J. Barbour	-	1	1	1	5 Market place
" " J. Matthews	1	1	1	1	8 Lyndhurst St.
Hon. Capt. Buckland	1	1	1	1	5 Lonsworth St.
Hon. Surg. J.R. Garland	-	-	-	-	Falston House.
J. Robson	-	1	-	1	46 Nagdotters Street
R.O. Middleton	1	-	-	1	5 Lonsworth St.
A. Roberson	1	1	1	1	3 Lonsworth St.
C. O. Snapton	1	1	1	1	3 Lonsworth St.
J. L. F. Patrick	1	-	-	1	3 Lonsworth St.
W. Brown	1	-	1	1	18 Salford St.
Thos. Ambie	1	1	-	1	15 Lonsworth St.
C. Fleming	1	1	1	1	66 Lonsworth St.
W. White	1	1	1	1	12 Morkimer Rd.
J. B. Brown (Hon. Sec.)	1	1	1	1	24 Bromley Rd.
S. Malrohu Pres.	-	-	-	-	11 M. Lonsworth St.
					70 Wey St.
					78 Fern Ave. J. (Hon. Sec.)

Annual Meeting.
Minutes of Annual Meeting held at the Brigade House South Pier on Friday the eleventh day of March one thousand nine hundred and twenty one.

Chairman
The President S. Malrohu Esq.

Minutes.
The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and on the motion of Mr R.O. Middleton seconded by Capt. Harker were confirmed.

Scoutmaster.
Mr. W. Vary and Mr. C. Matthews were appointed Scoutmaster for the purpose of conducting the votes for the election of the Committee.

Annual Report
The Chairman addressed the members present, congratulated them on being again assembled in the Watch House and moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet as printed and circulated. Capt. Page also made some remarks and seconded the motion which was carried.

Balance Sheet.

Auditor

On the motion of Capt. Hacker seconded by Capt. Shaw Mr. Matthew Stainbon was appointed Hon. Auditor and the meeting expressed their thanks for his past services -

Press

The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Press, this was seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and carried with acclamation -

Coastguards

A vote of thanks to the Coastguards was proposed by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, this was also carried with acclamation -

Funerals

Mr. Heming raised the question of the Brigade attending Funerals of deceased members - Capt. Page and Buckland explained what had been the custom in the past - Capt. Shaw also spoke on the subject also Capt. Hacker - Some discussion ensued & the Chairman also expressed his views and it was eventually decided



SOUTH SHIELDS
VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on Friday, March 11th, at 8 p.m., when the Annual Report will be presented to the Members. The usual voting paper is enclosed to all efficient Members.

March 4th, 1921

Yours faithfully,
J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1920.

This has been a most uneventful year. There have been no wrecks, and only on two occasions, December 4th and December 12th, has it been necessary to keep watch. On November 14th the Brigade attended St. Hilda's Church on the invitation of the Mayor (Coun. A. D. Johnston). There was a large muster of various public bodies and friends. About 40 of the Brigade attended. As will be seen by the Cash statement, a considerable sum of money has been spent this year in repairing, painting and decorating the Brigade House as well as installing new heating apparatus and new covers in both rooms. To do this we have had to appeal to our friends for help, and, as will be seen, so far with good results, for which we are very thankful. It will be necessary to try to get further help so that this coming year will find us free from debt. On June 28th the Brigade was inspected by Capt. Daintree, R.N., one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Life Saving Apparatus, when a rocket drill was gone through to his satisfaction, and he carefully examined all the gear in charge of the Coastguards. The Brigade lost two of its oldest members by the death of Mr David Cook and Mr W. E. Moffett, who were always most assiduous in their duties as Brigadiemen.

Auditor

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THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH
South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1920

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
To balance at bank 1st Jan. 1920	180 1 10	By Repairs to house	31 18 3
" Subscriptions from hon. members	83 4 0	" Painting and cleaning house	179 17 6
" Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	" Coals	1 13 0
" Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Society	30 0 0	" Gas and new lamp in tower	8 6 4
" Interest—		" Provisions	7 18 11
Tyne Commissioners £25 11 0		" Printing and stationery	7 10 3
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	30 16 2	" Uniforms	43 17 6
" Sale of surplus blankets	14 5 0	" Ambulance fund subscriptions, etc.	1 19 8
" Collection box in watch house	4 13 2	" Cheque books	1 5 0
" Balance due bank 31st Dec., 1920	66 13 8	" Insurances	4 11 10
		" Salaries and wages	82 9 0
		" Dr Grease memorial	20 0 0
		" Searchlight and engine stores	6 6 7
		" New stores and heating apparatus	54 2 10
		" New beds, pillows, etc.	5 3 3
		" Secretary's postages, carriage of goods, etc.	2 17 1
		" Bank charges	4 12 7
	£464 15 10		£464 18 10

JAS. PAGE (Capt.), Hon. Treasurer,
87 King Street, South Shields.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, 15th February, 1921.

Audited and certified,
M. STAINTON,
Chartered Accountant.

MEMBERS' NAMES

For Year ending December 31st, 1920.

EFFICIENT MEMBERS.			
1st DIVISION.	2nd DIVISION.	3rd DIVISION.	4th DIVISION.
Page, James (Capt.). Middleton, J. M. (D. Capt.). Fleming, C. Hilpatrick, J. L. Robson, John. Tait, James. Ryghamson, G. H. Wernidly, James. Laidler, George. McDonnell, Hugh.	Oliver, Fred (Capt.). Watts, John (D. Capt.). Cleet, John. Fraser, G. W. Grenyer, Richard. Kyle, James. Mathiesse, Charles. Pogate, Thomas. Vasey, W. M. Spence, J. W. Crawford, T. P.	Harker, C. A. (Capt.). Harbour, J. (D. Capt.). Darlberg, E. Jones, Thomas. Jainison, J. A. Middleton, R. O. Shields, H. Trotton, T. P. Wallace, W. Straker, J. D.	Shaw, C. E. (Capt.). Mathiesse, J. A. (D. Capt.). Bell, James. Crosbie, Thomas. Mickle, John. Robertson, A. G. Whitaker, J.
SEARCHLIGHT DIVISION.			
Ogilvie, Duncan. Haw, Frank.	Serafton, C. D. (Supt.). Macintosh, G. Y.	Dixon, Joseph. Hiley, Charles. Brown, W.	
NON-EFFICIENT MEMBERS.			
Burn, J. E. Campbell, John. Pieles, David. Thompson, Edward. Whitaker, J. Jun. Woodhouse, M.	Brown, J. W. Gentles, Thos. Lawson, A. Ramsay, David. Thompson, James. Smith, W. H.	Auly, G. W. Johnson, J. G. Pearcock, G. W. Watson, R. P. Smith, James. Sutcliffe, T. S.	Boysack, Thomas. Fraser, J. G. Brieger, C. R. Johnson, James. Lake, Mark. Pearcock, Jonathan. Swainston, John. Young, R. J. Train, Thomas.

Hon. Captain: T. B. GRIMES.

Hon. Surgeon: Dr G. R. HARLAND, Falstone House, Stanhope Road.

House Captain: J. W. BUCKLAND, 5 Winterbottom Street, South Shields.

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VOTING PAPER.

lection of Committee, 11th March, 1921.

J. M. Middleton	21
J. Watts	25
J. Barbour	25
J. A. Matthews	25
John Robson	25
R. O. Middleton	23
A. G. Robertson	25
C. D. Scrafton	24
J. L. Fitzpatrick	19
W. Brown	21
Thomas Crosbie	23
C. Fleming	21
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Funerals

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question should be discussed by the
Committee

Result of Election of Committee -
The Chairman announced that as
the result of the election the Committee
consists of the following members -
J. M. Middleton - J. Watts - J. Barber -
J. Matthews, J. Robson, R. B. Middleton -
A. G. Robson - C. S. Searston - J. L.
Fitzpatrick - W. Brown - Thos. Corrie -
C. Fleming -

A vote of thanks to the Chairman con-
cluded the Business of the meeting -

Chairman as reported his
views and it was eventually decided

Committee Meeting held at
the Watch House on Saturday
the second day of April 1921

Chairman - Captain Shaw.

Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting
were read confirmed.

Funerals - the minute of what took place at the
Annual Meeting was read - Mr. Fleming
opened the discussion and suggested
that members of the Brigade should be
summoned to attend the funeral of
any deceased member - Capt. Buckland
spoke of the former custom and how it
had lapsed - Capt. Page also gave his
views. Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that
a paragraph be inserted in the Gas-
ette if the Secretary knew in time
to have such a paragraph inserted -
Capt. Barker suggested that the
matter be left as it is at present -
Mr. Fleming explained how it was
that he had brought the matter

forward at the Annual Meeting - after
further discussion Mr. Matthews moved
that: If the Secretary were informed by
relatives in sufficient time that each
member of the Brigade be notified by
postcard of date time and place of funeral -
this was seconded by Mr. Fleming and
being put to the meeting was carried -

New Members

The following applicants were confirmed
in their appointment as members of the
Brigade - their memberships to date from
the date set opposite to their names.

Hugh McDonnell: - 2nd July 1919
Arthur Dixon Sticker: - 3rd January 1920
Edwin E. Briggs: - 4th September 1920
William Henry Smith: - 2nd October 1920
George E. Loides: - 9th November 1920

Cup Competi-
tion Scheme

Before the usual business of the
Meeting commenced the Divisional
Officer who attended explained
the suggested scheme for the Cup Com-
petition - the system of handicapping

and making the adopted in such
competition - Considerable discussion ensued
and the matter was left over to be considered
later -

Long Service
Ambulance
Medals

Capt. Harker moved that the meeting
congratulate Capt. Buckland, Capt. Shaw
& Mr. Fitzpatrick on having recently been
presented with the Long Service Am-
bulance Medal - This was seconded
by Mr. R.O. Middleton & carried.

J. Oliver

Chairman

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on Saturday 4th
June 1921.

Captain Oliver.

Minutes

The meeting confirmed the minutes
of the previous meeting -

Boys going up
the mast.

Captain Harker mentioned that some rule
should be laid down about this matter.
Some discussion ensued - It was re-
solved on the motion of Capt. Harker
seconded by Mr. Fleming that only
members of the Boy's should be allowed
to ascend the mast -

Discipline

Capt. Buckland reported that he had
noticed members leaving after drill
and before the call was blown and
returned to the house - it was
decided that steps be taken by the Officer
on duty to see that members did not
go away without leave until all
is finished.

Huts on the Sands

Capt. Buckland stated that Captain Page wished to report that the Tacks and Beach Committee had ordered all huts on the Sands to be moved to the South of the Bridge leading on to the Sands. There is only one hut now remaining to the North of the Bridge - that one is for sale and the purchaser has to remove it further South.

Reports

It was mentioned that the Cauldron had reported that the projector of the Searchlight had been moved some time previously on Sunday 10th April. and the Supt. of Searchlight reported later in the week that some of the taps and cocks of the Engine had been interrupted with as they were different from the position they had been left in.

Lock on Door

After some discussion it was decided that a new lock be fixed on the Outer Door of the Watch House and the necessary number of keys provided.

Cup Competition Scheme

The terms and conditions of this were read over considered and discussed.

Chairman

Minutes

Drills

Middleton.
Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on Saturday the 3rd September 1921.

~~Capt. Oliver~~ Deputy Capt. Middleton

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Question of holding Drills on a weeknight was discussed and after discussion it was moved by Capt. Harker that the next Drill be held at 8 - p.m. on the first Thursday in October next - this was seconded by Mr Matthews and carried.

The Chairman congratulated Mr Whitmore on his promotion and Mr Whitmore thanked the Chairman & Committee - James S. Page

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on Friday the 3rd
day of March 1922.

Chairman

Captain Page.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Annual Report
& Balance Sheet

The Secretary read the Annual
Report for Year ending 31st Dec 1921.
It was moved by Mr R.O. Middleton and
seconded by Mr Robertson that the re-
port be printed, circulated amongst
the members - honorary members and
subscribers and submitted to the
Annual Meeting. - Carried.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet for Year ending
31st Dec 1921 was read and explained
by the Hon. Treasurer. - after some
discussion it was resolved that
the War Loan Stock be sold to the
best advantage and the Overdraft

at the Bank paid off -
It was moved by Mr Barber and
seconded by Capt. Harker that the
Balance Sheet be printed along with
the report, circulated and submitted
to the Annual Meeting - This was
Carried.

Date of Annual
Meeting

It was resolved that the Annual
Meeting be held in the Watch House
on the 24th March 1922 at 7.30
in the evening.

Cup Competitions

This matter was brought up by Capt.
Harker and the Secretary and after
some discussion it was left to the
Secretary to write to the Divisional
Officer with reference to the matter.

Annual Meeting

Chairman

Notice

Minutes

Annual Report

Balance Sheet

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at
the Brigade House South Pier on
Friday the 24th day of March 1922

Captain Page.

The Assistant Secretary read the Notice
concerning the Meeting.

The Assistant Secretary read the Minutes
of the last Annual Meeting which
were confirmed on the motion of Deputy
Captain M. Middleton, seconded by
Deputy Captain Matthews.

The Assistant Secretary in the unexcused
absence of the Secretary submitted
the report the adoption of which was
moved by the Chairman and
seconded by Captain Oliver -
On being put to the meeting the
same was carried unanimously.

The Balance Sheet for the year
ending 31st December 1921 was

read by the Treasurer Captain Page
and on the motion of Captain
Walker and seconded by Mr.
R.O. Middleton was adopted by
the meeting.

Election of Deputy
Captains & Committee

It was proposed by Mr. Charles Matthews
that as there were no new nomi-
nations the Deputy Captains and Com-
mittee be re-elected - This was
seconded by Mr. Ramsay and on
being put to the meeting was carried
unanimously.

Auditor

Mr. Matthew Stanton was re-elected
Honorary Auditor and it was resolved
that a letter of thanks be sent to
him for his services.

Votes of Thanks

The Meeting passed a vote of
Thanks to the proprietors of the
Newcastle Daily Journal, the
Newcastle Daily Chronicle and
the Shields Daily Gazette.

Coast Guards

A vote of Thanks to the Coastguards was
moved by the Meeting with acclamation
and responded to by Mr. White.

Competition

A discussion as to the Competition ensued
and it was decided that a Special
Meeting of the Committee be called at an
early date to consider and arrange
matters.

Attendance at
Drills

Captain Barker drew attention to the poor
attendance of Members at recent drills.
Mr. Robson asked if it would be possible to
hold a monthly Smoking Concert. The
Chairman said the matter would be
considered in the Autumn.

A vote of Thanks to the Chairman con-
cluded the business of the Meeting.

From the Shields Daily Gazette of the 25th March 1922



SOUTH SHIELDS
VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

17th March, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the
Brigade House on Friday, March 24th, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual
Report will be presented to the Members.

J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1921.

In presenting the 55th Annual Report the Committee are pleased
to state that the work of the Brigade has been carried on with unabated
interest. Fortunately there is no wreck service to report, watches have
been kept when necessary and the monthly drills have been fairly well
attended.

On October 22nd a strong gale from the North East, and a heavy sea
caused a watch to be kept from 6 p.m. till 2 a.m. when the wind abated.
The watch was well attended.

In April classes were formed for instructions in Rocket Drill and
Ambulance. The classes were well attended for a time, but the attend-
ance gradually fell off and the classes had finally to be abandoned.

Coast Guards

Notes on the 18th. 1921

On March 10th an interesting ceremony took place at Sunderland in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade; the long and efficient service medals given by the Grand Prior of the Order of St. John were presented by Lieut-Col. C. B. Palmer, Commissioner for this Northern District to Divisional Superintendent J. W. Buckland and First Officer C. E. Shaw, of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade Division, and Superintendent J. L. Fitzpatrick, of Readhead's Works Division.

On Sunday, July 10th the Brigade attended a Church Parade arranged by the Comrades of the Great War Association. It was held in the South Park and was well attended by the Howitzer Brigade, Cadets, the Mayor and Mayoress and many of the Councillors and general public.

October the 2nd was the centenary of the death of Willie Wouldhave, the inventor of the lifeboat. The day was marked by a special service at St. Hilda's Church and the unveiling of a Memorial in the Churchyard. The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, the Volunteer Life Brigade and many representatives of the different public bodies in the town.

On November the 10th the Brigade was inspected by Capt. Aplin, R.N., his Majesty's Inspector of Life Saving Apparatus, Brigades and Companies. The Brigade went through the Rocket drill under the command of Capt. Page, after which the Inspecting Officer presented long service medals given by the King for 20 years' good and efficient service in the Brigade to the following—Capt. C. E. Shaw, Brigadesman James Thompson. There was also a medal for Thomas Readford, who did not live to get it; this was received by his widow.

We regret the loss of two of our members by death during the year: Thomas Readford and Edward Thompson. They were both good Brigadesmen and constant attenders in stormy weather.

It will be noticed from the Balance Sheet that there is an overdraft at the bank amounting to £89 10s 3d as against £86 13s 8d at the beginning of the year. This is largely due to the fact that owing to the depression in trade we have not made our customary appeal for subscriptions to our Honorary Members. We now feel the necessity of asking our friends to assist us in reducing our liability. The Hon. Treasurer, Capt. Page, will be pleased to receive donations. It should be pointed out that an Annual Subscription of One Guinea entitles the donor to be an Honorary Member.

NOTE.—No Voting Paper is enclosed as there are no new nominations for the Committee. The Deputy Captains and the old Committee will thus be formally re-elected at the Annual Meeting.

Attendance
Drills

from the Shields Daily Gazette of the 25th March 1922

THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH

The South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1921.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions from Hon. Mem- bers	7 6 0	By Balance due Bank 1st Jan., 1921	86 13 5
„ Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Society	30 0 0	„ Repairs to House	4 16 6
„ Grants from Board of Trade	50 0 0	„ Coals	1 7 10
„ Interest:—		„ Gas	1 4 4
„ Tyne Commissioners	25 11 0	„ Provisions, Stores, etc.	4 17 0
„ War Loan	5 5 2	„ Printing and Stationery	6 13 8
„ Collection Box, Watch House	1 9 10	„ Tyne Commissioners' Ground Rent, etc.	9 3
„ Balance due Bank 31st Dec., 1921	89 19 3	„ Cheque Book	1 0 0
		„ Uniforms	15 9
		„ Insurances	4 11 9
		„ Salaries and Wages	50 14 0
		„ Searchlight and Engine Stores	9 11 11
		„ Secretaries' and Treasurers' Postages	15 0
		„ Bank Charges	5 19 4
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JAS. PAGE (Captain), Hon. Treasurer,
67 King Street, South Shields.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
23rd February, 1922.
Audited and Certified,
M. STANTON,
Chartered Accountant.

Cost Guards

On March 19th in connection with efficient service Mr. John were present in Northern District to Officer G. E. Shaw, and Superintendent.

Competition

On Sunday, 11th arranged by the Co. in the South Park Cadets, the Mayor and general public.

October the 20th the inventor of the at St. Hilda's Church. The service was at Life Brigade and the town.

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from the Shields Daily Gazette of the 25th March 1922

There was little business to transact at the annual meeting of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade, held in the Brigade House last evening. Capt. J. E. Shaw, President, presided, and Mr. J. H. Middleton, Capt. Oliver, Capt. Barker and Capt. Shaw.

Mr. Walter Beadland, assistant secretary, in the unostentatious manner of Mr. J. H. Beadland, then secretary, submitted the annual report, which stated that the work of the Brigade had been carried on with untiring interest. Fortunately, there had been no severe service in the past. Weather conditions had been very favourable and the Brigade had been fairly well attended. The Brigade had lost ten of its members by death during the year—Thompson and Edward Thompson, both of whom were good big game and constant hunters; the former, a 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 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" Harker	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
" Shaw	/	/	/		/	/	/	/	/	/
Dep. Capt. J. M. Middleton	-	/	/	/			/	/	-	/
" Walks	/		/				/	/	/	/
" J. Barbour	/	/	/	/			/	/	/	/
" J. A. Matthews	/	/	/	/		/	/	/	/	/
Batman J. R. Roon	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
" R. B. Middleton	-	/	/				/	/	/	/
" A. P. Robertson	/	/	/			/	/	/	/	/
" C. D. Scrimson	-			/			/	/	/	/
" J. L. H. H. H. H.	/	/	/	/		Resigned	/	/	/	/
" W. Brown	/	/		/	/	/	/	/	/	/
" Thos. Crookrie	-	/	/	/	/		/	/	/	/
" C. Fleming	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	/	/
Chief Carpenter	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Hon. Capt. B. B. B.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
J. B. Bowman	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Hon. Sec.										
S. Malcolm	-									
Pres.										
J. R. Hasland (Clerk)	-									

Special Committee Meeting
held at the Brigade House on
Friday 4th April 1922.

Chairman

Capt. Page.

Cup Competition

The Conditions of the Cup Competition
were read to the meeting - Discussion
ensued and it was decided to
enter for the Cup Competition and
the Committee proceeded to select
several members of the Brigade
to practise as a team, the re-
mainder of the Brigade to form
the Wreck party.

St. John's
Memorial

Resolved that the Brigade con-
tribute the sum of £2-2-0 towards
the cost of this County Memorial.

J. Oliver

Committee Meeting held at the
Brigade House on Saturday 7th October
1922

Capt. Oliver

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

The following were approved as
Members

W. Wallace Junr 52 James Methu St.
who joined on 7th June 1922
Samuel Hughes 29½ Saville Street
who joined on 4th April 1922.

A letter to Supt Buckland from
Col. C.B. Palmer was read and
after discussion it was decided that
the Supt. write to Col. Palmer saying
that he could hear the use of the
Brigade House if thought fit.

The two messages and letter from
the D.O. were read to the meeting
and discussed and it was voluntarily
resolved on the motion of Capt.
Page seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick
that the Brigade do not enter
for the preliminary Competition.

Chairman
Minutes

New Members

Revival of Ambul
ance Division

Competition

Rockets

A Resolution was moved by Capt. Page
and seconded by Capt. Barker that
a letter of protest be written to the Auth-
orities protesting against the restriction
confining the use of rockets to two per
year and that the Secretary communicate
with the Secretaries of Tyne-mouth and
Sunderland Brigades to ascertain if they
will make a similar protest.
This motion was put to the meeting and
carried.

Drills

After some discussion it was decided
the monthly drill take place on Sat-
urday afternoon until the end of
December 1922.

Drumming Drills

It was also decided that these
take place every Thursday evening
at 8 p.m. until the end of December
1922: the first of such drills to
take place on Thursday next
the 12th October instant.

Chas. Jones

Committee Meeting held at the
Brigade House on Saturday
3rd March 1923.

Chairman

Capt. Harker.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Annual Report

The draft Annual Report was
read to the meeting and on the
motion of Dep. Capt. Middleton
seconded by Capt. Page it was
resolved that same be printed
circulated and presented to the
Annual Meeting.

Balance Sheet

The Audited Balance Sheet was
laid before the meeting and dis-
cussed. resolved on the motion
of Capt. Oliver seconded by Dep.
Capt. Middleton that the Balance
Sheet be printed along with the
Annual Report and presented
to the Annual Meeting.

Date of Annual
Meeting

Resolved on the motion of Mr
R.O. Middleton seconded by
Capt. Page that the Annual
Meeting be held on the Friday
the 23rd instant at 7.30 p.m.

Smoking Concert

After some discussion as to
the advisability of holding a
Smoking Concert it was resolved
on the motion of Capt. Page
seconded by Capt. Oliver that a
Smoking Concert take place in
the Brigade House in October of
this year.

Y. Oliver

Annual meeting
Annual Meeting held
at the Brigade House South
Dier on Friday the 23rd March
1923.

Ch
Chairman

Capt. James Page M.B.E.

Mr

Notice

The Assistant Secretary read
the notice concerning the meeting.

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Minutes

The minutes of the previous
Annual meeting were read
and confirmed.

Letter from President

A Letter from the President
expressing his regret, being
unable to attend, was read to
the meeting.

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Annual Report

The Annual report as
printed and circulated was
read by the Assistant Secretary
and on the motion of the Chairman
seconded by D. Garland was
adopted.

Balance sheet

The Balance sheet as printed
and circulated was read by the
Treasurer and on the motion of
Capt. Barker, seconded by Capt.
Oliver was passed and adopted.

Wisdomy Drills

This matter was discussed and
after discussion it was resolved
that the matter be left to the
Committee to deal with at their
next meeting.

Election of
Committee

Mrs Jas. Tate and G. H. Stephenson
were appointed as scrutineers for
the purpose of counting the votes
for the Election of the Committee.
The meeting then proceeded to elect
the Committee by Ballot which
resulted in the following being elected:
J. Barbour, J. Watts, J. R. Brown,
A. G. Robertson, W. Brown, J. A.
Matthews - R. O. Middleton - J. M.
Middleton - C. S. Supton, J. G. G. G.
C. Fleming & J. L. Fitzpatrick -
The meeting passed a vote of thanks
to Mr. M. Strickland for his services
and re-elected him as Auditor.

Auditor

There

The meeting accorded a
vote of thanks to the proprietors
of the Newcastle Daily Journal,
Newcastle Daily Chronicle and the
Shields Daily Gazette -

Coastguards
and fire

A vote of thanks to the Coastguards
was carried by the meeting with
acclamation -

J. J. Grant
Life

A vote of thanks to Mr. J. J. Grant
was accorded for his gift of an
Anemoid Barometer -

Chairman
minutes

A vote of thanks to the Chairman
was carried by acclamation -



SOUTH SHIELDS
VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

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March 9th, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on Friday, March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual Report will be presented to the Members.

The usual voting paper is enclosed to all efficient Members.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1922.

The Committee have pleasure in submitting the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1922.

Owing to such an open season very few watches were necessary and were held as follows:—

January 25.—A south-east gale with heavy rain and sleet. This gale began on the previous day with snow squalls and strong wind. Watch kept till after midnight.

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February 3rd.—A south-south-east gale with heavy sea and rain. Watch commenced in the afternoon, with a fairly good muster of members, which increased as the evening went on. Several vessels entered the harbour in safety, but watch kept till morning. On this occasion Mr. James Grant, Hon. Member, who had kept watch with us all night, intimated that he would take the place of the Aneroid Barometer to take the place of the present to the Brigade an Aneroid Barometer, and which was very Fitzroy Barometer that we had had so many years, and which was placed near a north window, is much out of order. This Aneroid, which is placed near a north window, is not only greatly appreciated by the Brigade, but often consulted by people going along the Pier, especially by seafaring men.

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July 9th.—The Brigade attended a Memorial Service held in the South Park. This Memorial Parade and Service was arranged by the British Legion to commemorate the death of all those who lost their lives in the War. The service was conducted by the Revd. Mr. Fryke, Vicar of St. Aidan's, and was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, the 74th Brigade R.F.A. Cadets, Scouts and other public bodies.

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August 21st.—The Brigade was inspected by Capt. Daintree, R.N., His Majesty's Inspector of Life Saving Apparatus, who was accompanied by Commander Hamilton Gordon, Divisional Officer. Capt. Daintree gave a very practical illustration of restoring the apparently drowned, as taught him by Professor Schafer, who is the greatest authority on the subject and whose method is now adopted in the Royal Navy and St. John Ambulance Brigade. Capt. Daintree afterwards presented the King's Long Service Medal to the following Brigadesmen, who had each completed 20 years' "good and efficient" service: J. L. Fitzpatrick, Thos. Crosbie, C. Fleming, J. Barbour, and J. Whitaker. This ceremony concluded the inspection. In the course of his speech Capt. Daintree expressed his satisfaction with the Brigade, the appearance of the House, and the way the drill was carried out.

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November 12th.—The Brigade attended St. Hilda's Church with the Mayor (Coun. E. Smith), the Corporation, and other public bodies. The Lord Bishop of Durham preached a sterling and heartfelt sermon to a very full congregation.

The Searchlight Division has kept the engine and light in good order during the year, and praise is due to them for their constant attention.

Classes have been held for instruction in the Rocket Drill, and all members now have a good knowledge of the apparatus.

From the Balance-sheet it will be seen that there is an overdraft at the Bank amounting to £52 10s. 3d. This is £37 less than the previous year, for which we have to thank the Honorary Members for their donations to our funds. The Committee is anxious that this adverse balance be paid off, and further Honorary Members are desired. The Honorary Treasurer, Capt. Page, will be pleased to receive donations. It should be pointed out that an annual subscription of one guinea entitles the Donor to be an Honorary Member.

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The South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1922

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
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To Subscriptions, Hon. Members, etc.	40 3 6	By Balance due Bank, 1st January 1922	50 19 3
" Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	" Repairs to House	15 16 11
" Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Society	30 0 0	" Gas	1 7 4
" Interest—		" Provisions, Stores, etc.	3 10 7
Tyne Commissioners	26 5 2	" Printing and Stationery	3 18 1
War Loan	5 5 2	" Tyne Commission, Ground Rent, etc.	9 3
" Collection Box, Watch House	3 0 6	" Insurances	4 10 1
" Repayment of Income Tax	32 2 0	" Salaries and Wages	80 14 0
" Balance due Bank, 31st Dec., 1922	52 19 3	" Searchlight and Engine Stores	6 5 0
		" Subscription to St. John Ambulance Brigade War Memorial	2 2 0
		" Secretaries' and Treasurers' Postages and Sundries	2 6 7
		" Bank Charges	3 15 6
	£214 15 7		£214 15 7

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
24th February, 1923.

Audited and Certified,
M. STAINTON,
Chartered Accountant.

From the Balance amounting to which we have funds. The and further H Page, will be annual subscription Member.

NOTE.—You will vote by placing an **X** in the square on the right of the name of the members you vote for. You cannot vote for more than **TWELVE** members.

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From the Shields Daily
Gazette of the 24th March 1923

"ALWAYS READY."

outh Shields Life Brigade's
Annual Meeting.

NEED FOR SUPPORT.

Half-an-hour sufficed to complete the business of the annual meeting of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade held in the Pale House last night. Mr James Page presided over a most attentive attendance of members.

At the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. R. H. (then secretary), Mr. Walter Duckworth read the annual report which stated that owing to such an "open" season very watches were necessary. On January 1, 1922, there was a south-west gale with very rain and sleet. This gale began on the 10th day with snow squalls and strong wind and a watch was kept till after midnight.

On February 3rd 1922, there was a south-east gale accompanied by heavy sea and rain. A watch was commenced in the morning with a fairly good number of men which increased as the evening went on. Several vessels entered the harbour in the night but the watch was continued until morning.

GIFT TO BRIGADE.

On this occasion Mr. James Grant, who kept watch all night, intimated that he had present to the Brigade an anorak sweater to take the place of the flannel sweater which they had had so many times and which was very much out of order. The searchlight division had kept the light and light in good order during the year. Classes had been held for rock drill and all members now had a good knowledge of the apparatus.

From the balance sheet it would be seen that there was an overdraft at the bank amounting to £20 10s. This was £10 less than the previous year, but which was due to the voluntary members for their donations.

The committee were anxious that the adverse balance should be paid off and additional honorary members were desired.

The report also stated that to thank the Brigade was impressed by Captain Bell the R.N., inspector of life-saving apparatus, to Messrs L. Thompson, Thomas Crockett, C. Fleming, J. Hudson and J. Wainwright, Brigadesmen, who had completed 25 years good and efficient service. The chairman expressed his satisfaction in the way things were carried out.

UNEVENTFUL SEASON.

The chairman, in making the abstract of the report, said it would be readily seen that they had not had time to engage in any active work so far but he thought they should congratulate the Brigade on what they had done, because active work means loss of life and property.

They wanted to see that the Brigade was efficient and "always ready." They had traditions to maintain and he believed that where they were called upon they would be ready to carry out the work for which the Brigade was formed.

It was essential that the members should attend the training drill. They were very much indebted to the honorary members for their assistance. They were desirous of increasing the honorary membership.

Mr Page congratulated the members who had obtained the King's long-service medal having completed 25 years' service.

Dr Harland, who seconded, tendered congratulations to the chairman and members of the Brigade.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr Harland, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

The committee were thanked and the formal vote of thanks concluded the meeting.

Committee Meeting held at the
Brigade House on Saturday the
4th day of April 1923

Chairman

Captain Oliver.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Drills

The question of having the monthly
drill on a Wednesday during the summer
months was discussed at some length
and eventually it was resolved that
for the next four months the drill
take place on the first Wednesday in
each month.

Kettles

It was reported that the large
Kettles which had been in use for
many wanted replacing - the
Committee authorized the purchase
of two new Kettles.

Engine Repairs:- It was reported that the
engine needed overhauling and

it was resolved on the motion of Capt.
Hunter seconded by Lieut. Capt. Bastow
that the work be carried out by the
Maker's Representative -

Drill on pier

Some discussion took place as to holding
a drill on the pier and it was left
to Capt. Buckland to interview the
Engineer of the R.F.C. and report at a
later meeting -

Committee Meeting held at the
Brigade House on Wednesday 4th
July 1923

Chairman

Capt. Barker

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read & confirmed.

Morning post

It was reported that this had been
replaced by a new post minutes by
Mps. J. P. Wadde & that a letter
of thanks had been written to them
on behalf of the Brigade.

Engine Repairs

This was again brought forward
and it was arranged that Mr.
Simpson should call upon Mps.
Hunt & Gardner and arrange for
their representative to inspect the
engine.

Electric
Supply

Capt. Page suggested that the
Secretary might make inquiries as
to the possibility of getting the

Corporation Electric Dept. to supply
electricity power so that the Search Light
could be worked in this way.

Drills on piers

Some discussion took place as
to this and it was left to the
Secretary to call the Committee to-
gether to discuss the matter.

Special Committee Meeting held
at Watch House on Friday 27th July
1923 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman

Capt. Page.

L.S.A.
Competition

Secretary explained that the meeting
had been called to consider the
letter from Inspector L.S.A.
Lyne - as to Competition to be held
some time in September next -
decided all those who had been
previously selected and not pre-
sent at this meeting to notify

by the Secretary to be present at the Drill on 1st August fore.

Drill on pier -

Secretary was instructed to notify Commissioners that the Drill on 1st Aug. would not take place from the pier.

Requet Machine

The members of the Committee present ^{proceeding} outside on the pier to practically consider the best means of steadying the machine on the concrete pavement of the pier.

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on November 2nd 1903

Chairman

Capt. Page.

Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Smoking
Concert

It was resolved on the motion of Capt. Oliver seconded by the Secretary that the Smoking Concert and presentation of Cup take place at the Watch House on 7th Dec^r next.

Sub-Committee

The following were appointed a Sub-Committee to make all arrangements:- Capt. Page & Buckland, Sep. Capt. Barberer, Hon. Sec. & Hon. J. Y. Wilson with power to add to their number.

Mayor's Sunday

It was decided that the Brigade would accompany His Lordship the Mayor to St. Hilda's Church

on the 11th morning -

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on Tuesday the 5th
February 1924 at 7-30 p.m.

Chairman - Captain Page -

Minutes - The Minutes of the previous meet-
ing were read and confirmed -

Bdu. C. Riley - Captain Page referred to the death
of Bdu. C. Riley who had looked
after the Brigade House for many
years and it was resolved that
a letter of condolence be sent
by the Secretary to Mr. Riley.

Brigade Watch-
man - Resolved that Bdu. Joseph Dixon
be appointed at a salary of 15/-
per week and that his duties
were to keep the house clean

and to be in attendance at meetings
and in case of threatening weather
to be in attendance and have fires
etc. in order - Bdu. Dixon was then
called into the Room and the Chairman
informed him of his appointment
upon these terms -

Annual
Report and
Balance Sheet

These were read to the meeting by
the Secretary & Treasurer respec-
tively and it was resolved that
the same be printed and circulated
to the members and presented to
the Annual Meeting for adoption -

Annual Meeting

It was decided to hold the
Annual Meeting on the 28th
February 1924 -

New Members

The following new members
were approved -

Geoffrey Foster - 21st Aug. 1923
John Brown 23rd Aug. 1923
Charles F. Hutchinson 10th Jan. 1924

Wreck Signals

The Sec. mentioned he had received a letter from the Sec. Invermouth Brigade as to proposed alterations in wreck signals. It was reported to the ^{1st} meeting by the Station Officer (Mr. White) that he had received a notification that our wreck signals remain as at years past -

Searchlight

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had spoken to Mr. Edgar So. Shields, Assistant Electric Department as to the supply of Electric Energy and Mr. Edgar was going into the matter and Capt. ^{page} Arnold bring the matter up again when he had full information -

Cup Competitions

The Conditions of the Competitions were discussed and it was resolved that the Sec. notify the Station Officer in writing of the Brigades intention to compete -

Annual Meeting held at the Brigade House South Pier on Thursday the 28th February 1924

Annual Meeting

Chairman

Captain James Page.

Notice

The Secretary read the notice concerning the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed -

Letter from President

A Letter from the President was read stating he would not be present at the Meeting.

Annual Report of Balance Sheet

These having been printed and circulated amongst the members were taken as read and on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Capt. Oliver were adopted -

Deputy Captains & Committee

There being no new nominations the Deputy & Committee were re-elected.

Auditor

Mr. Matthew Stanton was re-elected Auditor & thanked for his past

Election of Com-
mittee -

Services -
Brigadesman Robson asked if every
Member of the Committee was efficient -
The Chairman asked the Secretary "Did
the rule 'this was done' the words 'effective
member' bring in the rule - The Chairman
explained that as there were no new
nominations the old Committee continued
in office - and the Secretary informed the
meeting that all the Members serving on
the Committee were efficient -

Brigade Watch-
man -

The Chairman referred to the death
of Brigadesman Riley and informed
the meeting that the Committee had
appointed Brigadesman Joseph Dixon
as Brigade Watchman - Upon
this Brigadesman Stephenson raised
the question of the Committee's power
to appoint - The Chairman however
ruled otherwise -

Votes of Thanks

Votes of Thanks to the Press, the
Craftsmen & the Chairman concluded
the business of the meeting -



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

15th February, 1924.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on
Thursday, February 28th, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual Report will be presented to the
Members.

J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1923.

The Committee present the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1923.
Owing to the very mild winter few watches were necessary.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18.—The weather for some days had been rather stormy with rain
showers, then hail and strong south-easterly winds, the sea being much disturbed. On the
Sunday the wind increased with heavy showers of hail and sleet. Watch was kept. There
was a good attendance of members.

INSPECTION.—On June 22nd the Brigade was inspected by Capt. Aplin, R.N., Inspector-
General of Life Brigades and Companies. Capt. Aplin inspected the Gear, Rocket Lines,
Whips, Hawsers, etc., and found all in good condition. He then put the Brigade through
the Rocket Drill, and expressed himself highly satisfied.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—On July 18th the Brigade attended a Memorial Service held in the
South Park. This Memorial Service is arranged each year by the British Legion to com-
memorate the death of those who lost their lives in the Great War. It was largely attended
by the 74th Brigade R.F.A., Mayor and Corporation, Cadets, Scouts, and other public
bodies.

"CHRONICLE" CUP COMPETITION.—This Cup was given by the "Newcastle Chronicle"
for excellence in drill, etc., and is a Challenge Cup to be competed for each year. The team
has to consist of 15 members and an officer. After being in abeyance for some years, it has
been revived again this year, and our team, under the command of Capt. Page, were success-
ful in carrying off the Cup for the year. There were about twelve competing teams from
different stations, each having their drill on their own ground, the different parts of the drill
being done against time, Capt. Betts, R.N., Inspector of Coastguards, being Judge and
Umpire. Our operations took place on the beach near the Brigade House, Capt. Betts being
accompanied by the District Officers from Seaham and Rhyth. The drill was smartly
executed, and at the close the Inspecting Officer announced that South Shields had a clear
majority of points over the rest of the competing teams, and were therefore the holders for
the year of the "Chronicle" Cup. Mr. R. Y. Carter, of South Shields, acted as time-
keeper. Roker team was placed second, and Tynemouth third. Our team was: Brigades-
men Robertson, Robson, Jamieson, Brown, Grenyer, Preston, Macintosh, Wallace, Laidler,
Ramsay, C. Matthews, Spence, Crosbie, Laidler, and Dep. Capt. Matthews; wreck party,

MAYOR'S SUNDAY.—On November 11th the Brigade was invited by the Mayor to accompany the Corporation to the usual service at St. Hilda's Church. The sermon was preached by the Dean of Durham, and there was a crowded congregation.

AN APPEAL FOR FURTHER HONORARY MEMBERS.

It will be observed from the Balance-sheet that there is a credit balance of £115/5/11, but it became necessary to realise War Savings Certificates to the value of £64/0/0 to meet our liabilities, and there is a debit of some £10/0/0 due for overhauling the searchlight engine. We are grateful for the assistance of our Honorary Members, but notice there is a slight falling off in subscriptions during this year. Without their aid we could not meet our liabilities. We would be grateful if we could add further names to the list of Honorary Members, the subscription being £1/10 per annum. The Honorary Treasurer, Capt. Page, 67 King Street, South Shields, will be pleased to receive subscriptions or donations.

Meyers, W. Betts & Son.

H. A. Ackman, Esq.
Mrs. C. Bowman
M. C. Cavan, Esq.
C. M. Dryden, Esq.
G. Drury, Esq., Majors
James Grant, Esq.
Horton Oil Company, Ltd.
Marine Engineers' Club
Mrs. W. B. Readhead
Messrs. Robinson, Brown & Co.
David Richardson, Esq., J.P.
Miss M. Skinner
Messrs. Scott Brothers
Smith's Dock Co., Ltd. (per Hy. Darling, Esq.)
Lieut.-Comdr. C. R. B. Taylor.
A. J. Wares, Esq.
J. W. Wood, Esq.

J. P. Wardle, Esq.
R. E. Binks, Esq.
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Messrs. Orbeck & Co.
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Thos. Reed, Esq.
H. S. Scott, Esq.
George Scott, Esq.
Col. C. R. Toomer
Type-Tees Shipping Co., Ltd.
Messrs. Witherington & Everett.
Messrs. Vaughan & Dymond.

The South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1923

To	Subscriptions, Hon. Members, etc.	£	s.	d.	By Balance due Bank, Jan. 1st, 1923	£	s.	d.		
.. Grant from Board of Trade	31	15	0	.. Repairs to House	52	29	3			
.. Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Society	25	0	0	.. Gas	4	15	4			
.. Interest—	20	0	0	.. Printing and Stationery	0	19	11			
.. Tyne Commissioners	20	10	3	.. Ambulance Division, Books	5	10	2			
.. War Loan	5	5	2	.. Tyne Commission, Ground Rent, etc.	1	4	6			
.. Collection Box, Watch House	1	18	6	.. Insurances	0	9	3			
.. Sale of War Savings Certificates	64	0	0	.. Searchlight and Engine Stores	4	10	0			
				.. Cheque Book	7	9	0			
				.. Coals	1	0	0			
				.. Salaries and Wages	1	2	4			
				.. Secretary's and Treasurer's Postages and Sundries	80	14	0			
				.. Bank Charges	1	14	2			
				.. Cash in Bank, Dec. 31st, 1923	1	4	3			
					11	5	11			
		£	174	18	5		£	174	18	5

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
19th January, 1924.

Audited and Certified,
M. STANTON,
Chartered Accountant

JAMES PAGE,
Honorary Treasurer.

The Business of the Meeting.

Committee Meeting held at the Brigade
House on Wednesday 4th June 1924 at
8.45 p.m.

Chairman - Capt. Hacker.

Minutes - The Minutes of the previous
meeting were read and confirmed.

New Members - The following new members were
approved as follows:-
Joseph Keith Murphy 18th Feb. 1924
John Peel 14th Apr. 1924
James Davison 20 May 1924
Ethelred Jones 20 May 1924

Non-efficients - The following were dealt with -
Division I.
J. Whitaker Jr. - Struck off.

Division II.

Arthur Lawson:- Bdu Robson
intimated that this member was
dead and the Committee decided
that this should be verified.

G.W. Fanger - to be written to.
J.P. Crawford - do -

Division III.

G.W. Aubry Struck off
J. Smith Struck off
J. Soudby Struck off
R. P. Robson Struck off
Thomas Jones - to be retained
J. E. Johnson Struck off

Division IV.

Thomas Boyack - Struck off
Thomas Grain - Struck off
E. J. Young - Struck off
James Ball - to be written to
James Jamieson - do -
Mark Lake - Struck off
J. Frezer J - Struck off

It was also decided that enquiries
in the case of Bdu T. Gutter be made.

Press.

Some discussion took place as to

the advisability of having a notification inserted in the Social Press that new members were required for the active work of the Brigade and it was left to Capt. Buckland to see Mr. Fernandez.

Photograph

It was moved by Brigadierman Robson and seconded by Dep-Capt. Barbour that a photo of Team Cup 1923 be taken and that a framed copy of same be hung in the Brigade House.

of McArthur

Committee Meeting held at the Brigade House on Saturday 1st November 1924 at 5 p.m.

Chairman Captain Harker.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

minutes coming out of minutes

It was reported that the instructions contained in the previous minutes had been carried out.

New Member

Arthur W. Ramsay's application was confirmed as from the 14th October 1924.

Rocket firing

Capt. Page raised the question of "not being able to fire at the mast" in its present position and moved that a letter be written to the Board of Trade upon the question. This was seconded by Capt. Oliver. It was resolved after some discussion that a

Sub Committee consisting of Captains
Page & Buckland and the Secretary
to deal with the Question -

Two Commis-
sioners

Capt. Page also referred to the
extension work now being carried on
in the vicinity of the Brigade House
and as to how it would affect the
Brigade in getting on to the Sands
in case of wreck - after discussion
it was resolved that the matter
also be left to the Sub Committee to
deal with -

Brigade Com-
mander
R. P. Shields

Resolved that the Secretary write
a suitable letter to this member
and inform him that he had been
made an Honorary Member -

John Robson

This member was present & received
the Congratulations of the Committee
on his recent appointment -

James Page
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Committee Meeting held at
the Brigade House on Thursday
the 3rd March 1925 at 7.30
p.m.

Chairman

Capt. Page

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read & confirmed -

Sub Committee
Report. Meet

The Secretary reported that Capt.
Bett's, Capt. Page & himself had
walked over the ground and the
Question of temporary drill ground
had been suggested by Capt. Bett's,
particularly if the Brigade intended
to enter the Chronicle Cup Competi-
tion 1925 - Capt. Page fully
explained the situation - No
resolution was come to the
matter being allowed to stand
over for further consideration at
a future date -

New Members

The following New Members are

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approved:-

Oswald Huber. 3rd January 1925
William Robson. 3rd January 1925
Robert W. Gallant. 3rd January 1925
Edward Coaster. 15th January 1925
Edgar Slutchbury. 15th January 1925

Resignation
in person

A letter from Mr R.O. Middleton to the Secretary was read - resolved that resignation be accepted & that Secretary write to Mr Middleton expressing regret.

Annual
Report
in person

The Secretary read the draft Annual Report which was discussed and considered & with slight amendments it was resolved that same be printed and circulated to the members and be sent out with the notice of the Annual Meeting.

Balance Sheet
in person

The Treasurer read the Balance Sheet to the meeting and it was resolved that same be printed along with the report & circulated.

Annual Meeting

Resolved that this be held at the Hotel on Thursday the 26th March 1925 at 8 p.m. and that after the meeting "beats night Refreshments" be served.

Drills
in person

Resolved that the monthly drills for the summer months 1925 be held on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.30 p.m. and the first of such drills take place on Wednesday 6th May.

James Tagg

Committee Meeting held at Hotel Home on Thursday 26th March 1925 at 7.45 previous to Annual Meeting.

Chairman

Capt. Oliver

Notice of Motion
Walker Rule Co.

The Secretary announced that he had received notice for the Rules and that in order to comply

with the existing rules it was necessary that the Committee should formally approve same before being presented to the Annual Meeting for adoption or otherwise.

Dr. Capt. J. Barber having explained the object of moving such alteration and being supported by the Secretary the Committee decided that the question should be put on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

James Page

Annual Meeting held at the Watch House at Spinnor Thursday the 26th March 1925.

Chairman

Captain Page

Notice concerning meeting

The Secretary read the notice concerning the meeting.

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The Secretary referred to a letter he had received from the President in which he drew attention to the fir-

ancial position & emphasised the fact that there was a debit balance - The Secretary also reported that Capt. Bushland, to who had not missed attending an Annual Meeting since 1875 to the present time, was confined to the house and unable to attend.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

Sentinels

Three Members of the Brigade were appointed to act as Sentinels to count the Votes for Election of Members of the Committee - three others for the purpose & the business of the meeting proceed.

Blyth L.S. Brigade

Before proceeding further with the business of the meeting the Chairman suggested that the Secretary write to the Blyth Brigade complimenting them on their success on being the recipients of the Bond of Trade Shield 1923. This was agreed to.

Annual Report

The Chairman having spoken on the report moved its adoption; this was seconded by Bdu. Whitaker and carried.

Balance Sheet

The adoption of the Balance Sheet was moved by Capt. Oliver and seconded by Bdu. Chas. Matthews and carried.

Election of Committee

The Simultaneous having completed the Causing of the Order - The Chairman announced the Result as follows:- Elected Deputy Capts:- Babour, Matthews, Middleton, Watts, and Bdu. W. Brown, A. G. Robinson, Chas. Matthews - J. C. C. - J. F. Robinson - C. Fleming - J. A. Gunnison - & G. F. Washington.

Notice of motion to alter Rule 6

The Secretary read Rep. Captain Babour's notice of motion "that the word five in Rule 6 should be altered to four" so that four drills per annum would suffice for a member to become effective.



SOUTH SHIELDS
VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

17th March, 1924.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 8 p.m., when the Annual Report and Balance-sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1924.

The Committee beg to present their Fifty-ninth Annual Report.

There have been no outstanding incidents to chronicle. The usual monthly drills and inspections are nearly all that has occurred during the period covered by this Report.

JANUARY 8.-A well attended watch was held when a very strong easterly gale sprang up with hail and sleet showers. The gale abated about 2 a.m. on January 9.

FEBRUARY 12.-A strong south-east gale commenced during the day, and by evening it was blowing hard. A watch was kept during the afternoon and evening but the wind moderated considerably about 11 p.m.

JULY 27.-The Brigade attended a Church Parade in the South, Marine Park. This Parade was arranged by the British Legion in memory of those who laid down their lives in the Great War. A very impressive service was conducted by the Rev. F. S. Myers, Vicar of South Moor. The Service was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, many of the Aldermen and Councillors, the Brigade of Field Artillery, the Cadets, Scouts, and other public bodies.

"CHRONICLE" CUP.-The Competition for this Cup was held on the evening of July 28. Our team, under the command of Capt. Oliver, did what was considered a very good performance such as hitting the Apparatus into action in 53 seconds, bringing a man ashore in 3 mins. 27 secs., stowing the rocket line in 6 mins. 3 secs., resending the wagon in 4 mins. 14 secs., and heaving the cane 29 yards and 27 yards, gaining 272 points in all, the final result of the Competition being, Saxon Sluts 1st, Tyemouth 2nd, South Shields 3rd.

AUGUST 22.-Capt. Daintree, R.N., Inspector-General of L.S.A., inspected the gear of the Brigade and expressed himself satisfied. Owing to the time of Capt. Daintree's visit no muster of the Brigade took place.

That each member in order to make him-

OCTOBER 4.—After the usual monthly drill, Long-Service Medals were presented to Deputy Captain Matthews and Brigadesman W. M. Vasey. The presentation was made by Capt. Betts, R.N., Inspector of Coastguards, Brigades and Companies for the Tyne District (Berwick to Hartlepool). In the course of his remarks he said these medals were instituted by H.M. King George the Fifth in 1911 and ordered to be stamped with his medallion, making them King's Medals. They were to be given for 20 years' continuous service in Brigades and Companies, such efficient service to consist of regular attendance at drills, keeping watch in stormy weather when necessary, and good conduct generally when called upon for service.

NOVEMBER 15.—The Brigade accompanied the Mayor (Alderman J. G. Winkell) and the Corporation to the usual service at St. Hilda's Church. The service was preached by the Vicar, a large number of townspeople being present.

During the Year 1924 the Committee regret to report the deaths of Brigadesmen Charles Riley and James Tait. Charles Riley died on the 24th January, 1924. He had been our Caretaker for many years, being appointed on the 14th January, 1907. He was diligent in the performance of his duties and liked and respected by all. The Brigade attended his funeral on the 28th January. James Tait died on the 28th August; he had been in bad health for some considerable time, but was able to attend the July drill. The Brigade attended his funeral on 30th August.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

From the Balance-sheet it will be observed that there is an overdraft at the Bank of £15/12/5. It is only from the kind assistance of our Honorary Members that we can meet our liabilities. The Committee would draw attention to the falling off of the annual subscriptions from our Honorary Members. In the year 1922 we received £40/3/6, in 1923 £23/15/6, and the present year £23/1/0. This no doubt arises from the fact that some of the Honorary Members have forgotten to send us their usual annual subscription and are therefore in arrears varying from one to two years. This, the Committee feels sure, arises from inadvertence and from the fact that no reminder is sent to these members. The Committee suggest that in future when the Annual Report is sent a reminder will accompany the Report setting forth the amount due to maintain honorary membership, the subscription being £1/1/0 per annum.

We will be glad if we can add further names to our list of Honorary Members. The Honorary Treasurer, Capt. Page, or the Honorary Secretary, will be glad to receive the names of any wishing to join us.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

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J. J. Grant, Esq.

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Mrs. W. B. Readhead.
Thos. Reed, Esq.
David Richardson, Esq.
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Messrs. Scott Bros.
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THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH The South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

RECEIPTS.	L. s. d.	PAYMENTS.	L. s. d.
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" Subscriptions, Hon. Members	23 1 0	" Gas	1 11 4
" Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	" Printing and Stationery	4 12 0
" Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Society	10 0 0	" Tyne Commission, Ground Rents, etc.	0 0 3
" Interest—		" Insurances	4 4 2
Tyne Commissioners	13 14 0	" Searchlight and Engine Repairs	15 5 0
War Loan	5 5 2	" Uniforms, etc.	6 10 6
" Collection Box, Watch House	2 3 3	" Coals	1 4 3
" Balance due Bank, 1st Dec., 1924	15 18 5	" Provisions and Stores	2 34 2
		" Smoking Concert	9 3 1
		" Cheque Book	1 0 0
		" Salaries and Wages	22 4 0
		" Secretary's Postages & Sundries	1 4 3
		" Bank Charges	1 1 8
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Newcastle-on-Tyne,
24th February, 1925.

Audited and Certified.

M. STANTON, Chartered Accountant,
JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

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Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

VOTING PAPER.

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INTOSH, G. Y.	12	21
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THEWS, J. A.	4	29
DLETON, J. M.	10	23
BERTSON, A. G.	2	30
SSON, J. T.	7	25
RAFTON, C. D.	14	18
ATTS, J.	9	23
HITAKER, J.	13	20

FE.—You will vote by placing an X in the square the right of the name of the members you vote You cannot vote for more than TWELVE nbers.

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Supplies for a member to become effective

Capt. Barlow then moved that the meeting
adopt this alteration in Rule 6 and explain
ed his reasons for the amending of the rule.
Bdr Whitaker seconded.

Capt. Barlow moved an amendment that
a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider
the present Rules and advise upon what
amendments were thought necessary - this
was seconded and a general discussion
ensued in which several members of
the Brigade took part - The Chairman
suggested at the end of the discussion that
Capt. Barlow should withdraw his amendment
and Dep. Capt. Barlow add words to his
motion which would give the Committee
a discretion in the matter - and that
if this were carried the Committee between
now and next annual meeting could
consider the present rules and if desir
able suggest what proposed amendments
be brought before the next annual
meeting. This course was approved
adopted and Dep. Capt. Barlow moved
that Rule 6 should read as follows: -
"That each member in order to make him

himself effective must attend four drills during the year ^{but} ~~and~~ that the Committee have power to take into consideration inability to attend drills, illness or other reasons provided a member's previous service justifies the Committee exercising their discretion in returning such members as effective." This was seconded by Balu Whitaker and on being put to the meeting was carried.

Dep. Capt. & Committee

Balu A. G. Robertson raised the question of anyone being elected a Dep. Capt. or a Committeeman or having a vote for either of these positions unless such person was himself an effective member of the Brigade at the time. The Chairman announced that it was now too late to deal with any such case at this election but that in future any such case brought to the knowledge of the Officers and/or Committee would be firmly dealt with.

Auditor

M. Mathew Stanton was re-elected Auditor and thanked for his services in the past.

Votes of Thanks

(a) Purs - A vote of thanks was moved by Capt. Shaw and seconded by Dep. Capt. Middleton and carried with acclamation.

(b) Confirms - a vote of thanks to the Council was carried with acclamation and was responded to by Mr. White.

Chronicle
Caps.

After discussion it was decided that the Brigade should ^{enter} the Competition for 1925.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

for the transport of gear would be made
by the Court Guard who would acquaint the
Secretary what such arrangements
were when completed -

James Page

Adjourned Committee Meeting held at
the White House on Thursday 14th May
1925 at 8 p.m.

Chairman Capt. Page -

Minutes of
3 last meetings

The minutes of the last three previous
Committee Meetings were read &
confirmed -

Congratulation

Capt. Hacker before proceeding to further
business moved that the following:-
Messrs R.O. Middleton & the Secretary be
congratulated on their appointment as
Justices for the Borough and Mr. J.M.
Middleton on his election as a Guardian.
The Secretary & Mr. J.M. Middleton replied

Capt. Oliver

and thanked the Committee - the Secretary
announced Resolutions Mr. R.O. Middleton -
Resolution carried -

The Committee through the Chairman
congratulated Capt. Oliver on the 25th anniversary
of his marriage on the motion of Capt. Hacker -
also thanked for the gift of a Billiard table
to the Brigade -

Rules

A Sub Committee consisting of the four
Captains Secretary & Asst. Secretary &
Supt. Capt. Middleton & Barclay was
appointed to consider the Rules and
report in accordance with resolution
passed at Annual Meeting -

Defaulters

The Committee authorised the Secretary
and Assistant to deal with the list of
names before the meeting -

Supt. Capt.
Hacker

It was decided that Capt. Page should
interview this Deputy Captain -

Visit of
Inspector
General

The Secretary informed the meeting
that Capt. Appleton would visit the station

at 2 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th inst. & stated that he had written to say the Brigade could not muster for a drill but that he would ^{notify} the Officers that some could be present.

Secretary
Dr. G. W. G.

Capt. Page produced the plan and several members of the Committee proceeded to inspect the proposed ground and having a site for the mast it was left to Capt. Page & Brookland to make arrangements.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House at 8 p.m. on the 30th October 1925

Chairman
James

Capt. Page

Minutes

The ~~minutes~~ ^{minutes} of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Resignations
James

A letter was read from Dep. Capt. Watts resigning his membership of the Brigade. The resignation was accepted and it

was noted that a letter be sent to him thanking him for his services and notifying him that he had been elected an honorary member for service.

A letter was read from Searchlight Supt. S. S. S. resigning his membership of the Brigade - The same was accepted.

Report
on Rules
James

The Rules as amended suggested by Sub Committee with further minor suggestions were approved and it was resolved that these be drawn up and submitted to the next Annual meeting for confirmation.

Letter from
James
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A letter from the General manager of the New York Commission in reply to letters already written by the Secretary as to the position of the P.C. N.A. but was read to the meeting and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Secy & Capt. Page to reply.

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Capt. Page informed the meeting that the Brigade would celebrate their

Diamond Jubilee on the 15th January
next and it was desirable to mark
the event in some way - after discussion
it was resolved that a Sub Committee
consisting of Capt. Page & Buckland
& the Secretary make the necessary
arrangements for celebrating the occasion.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Watch
House on Friday the twelfth day of
February 1926 at 7-45 p.m.

Chairman

Capt. Page -

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and approved

Annual
Report
& Balance
Sheet

Report. Annual Report and Balance
Sheet as printed were laid before
the meeting, previous Balance
Sheet to Annual Meeting for
adoption -

New Rules

The Secretary read over the draft

of the New Rules which the Committee
were presenting to the Annual
Meeting for adoption -

Agenda
for
Annual
Meeting

This was laid before the meeting
as drawn up by the Secretary
and adopted

Question of
Rights
of
Chairman &
Committee

It was decided after discussion
that on this occasion instead of
appointing Secretaries as hereto-
fore that the votes be counted
before the full meeting.

67 votes

1926 & 1927.

Attendance of Committee	6 th Jan	2 nd June	20 th Jan	24 th Oct	12 th -13 th 1927	24 th -25 th 1927	Addresses
Capt. Page	/	/	/	/	/	/	3 So. New Terrace
" Oliver	/	/	/	/	/	/	31 Hoxley Hill Road
" Barker	/	/	/	/	/	/	5 Belpave Gardens
" Shaw	/	/	/	/	/	/	17 Ashwin Road
Dep. Capt. J. M. Middleton	/	/	/	/	/	/	141 Lorston Road
" J. Brubaker	/	/	/	/	/	/	5 Market Place
" J. A. Matthews	/	/	/	/	/	/	8 Loughborough St.
" A. G. Robertson	/	/	/	/	/	/	16 Loughborough St.
Hon. Capt. Bruckland	/	/	/	/	/	/	182 Westoe Road
" Surg. G. R. Hales	/	/	/	/	/	/	Fablon House, Sharnbrook
Brigadier Gen. W. Brown	/	/	/	/	/	/	15 St. Helena St.
" C. Matthews	/	/	/	/	/	/	Queen St.
" J. Jamieson	/	/	/	/	/	/	53 Shutebridge St.
" E. Fleming	/	/	/	/	/	/	24 Broughton Rd.
" G. McIntosh	/	/	/	/	/	/	187 Invermay Rd.
" J. Y. Brown	/	/	/	/	/	/	
" W. M. Vasey	/	/	/	/	/	/	52 Park. Ave. Clontarf
" G. Laidley	/	/	/	/	/	/	2 Baring St. Clontarf
" G. Whitaker	/	/	/	/	/	/	30 Baring St. Clontarf
Secy. J. W. White	/	/	/	/	/	/	3 Henry St.
Hon. Secy. J. Brown	/	/	/	/	/	/	Courtyard Station
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Annual Meeting held at the



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

11th February, 1926.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Brigade House on Friday, the 12th inst., at 8.15 p.m., when the Annual Report and Balance-sheet will be presented to the Members. The Committee will meet at 7.45 p.m. The usual voting paper is enclosed to all efficient members.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925.

The Committee beg to present the fifth Annual Report to the Members of the Brigade and the general public. There was not much of interest to report in the early months of the year, the prevailing winds being westerly, and that meant calm seas in our neighbourhood.

On MAY 19 Capt. Applin, R.N., Inspector-General of Life-Saving Apparatus, inspected the Brigade. He visited the Brigade House, Rocket House, and examined all gear, etc. Owing to his visit being timed for 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it was impossible to hold a drill. He was met by some of the Captains and Secretary, who discussed various matters with him.

THE "CHRONICLE" CUP Competition was held on July 18. Capt. Batts, R.N., Inspector of Life-Saving Apparatus, being the Judge and Umpire. Our team did very well in all the stages of the competition except the Heaving Cane. They, however, eventually obtained third place in the competition.

On SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, the first watch of the season was held. Moderate gale from the east, and rain squalls; sea high. Watch kept till midnight, when weather moderated. Watch well attended.

NOVEMBER 25.—The alarm guns were fired at 7.15 a.m., a vessel having been observed in distress off the coast. There was a strong north-east gale blowing, with heavy snow showers. The Brigade mustered, and the rocket wagon was taken towards the Three Rocks, where the vessel was observed to be drifting. She finally grounded under the high cliffs on the south side of Ladies' Bay, or more properly called Graham's Sand, as it is described in Admiralty charts. After various adventures the Rocket wagon was put to a spot about 45 yards from the stranded steamer, and the first rocket was successful in establishing

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C. M. Dryden, Esq
G. Drury, Esq
Alf. Elvingham, Esq

Annual Meeting held at the
Watch House at 8.15 p.m on
Friday the 12th January 1926

Chairman

Captain Page

Three concerning
meeting

The Secretary read the Notice
concerning the meeting.

minutes

The Minutes of the Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed

Annual
Report

The Annual ^{Report} ^{Letter} was ^{as} read the
same having been printed and
circulated amongst the members
and its adoption was moved from
the Chair and seconded by
Capt. Oliver - same was
adopted unanimously.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet was
adopted on the motion of the
Secretary seconded by Capt
Hawker.

Honorary
Auditor

Mr. Matthew Stanton was
thanked for his services as
Auditor & reappointed.

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The Chairman moved a vote of
thanks to the pers. which was
carried with acclamation.

Election of
Deputy
Captain

The voting papers for the election of
Deputy Captains were handed
in and counted at the meeting
the result of the voting was
as follows:-

Barbour J. 28 votes

Brown W. 16 "

Matthews J. 30 "

Middleton J. M. 18 "

Robinson A. G. 28 "

The Chairman declared Messrs
Matthews, Barbour, Robinson
and Middleton duly elected.

Election of
Committee

The voting papers for the Election
of Committee were handed in and
counted with the result that

the following were elected on the
Committee - W. Brown, C. Matthews,
J. S. Jamieson - C. Fleming, A. G.
McDulloch, J. F. Robson, W. M. Bray,
A. Laidler, & J. Whitaker in
addition to the Deputy Captains.

New Rules

The Secretary read the draft of
the New Rules to the meeting and
it on the motion of Dep. Capt. Middleton
seconded by Bdu. Dixon resolved that
same be adopted and become the
Rules of the Brigade as from to day's
date.

Confidence

A vote of thanks to the Commandant
was carried with acclamation
and acknowledged by Station Officer
White.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman
concluded the Business of the meeting.

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at the Watch House on
Wednesday 2nd June 1926.

Chairman: Capt. Oliver

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting read
and confirmed.

New Rules: Secretary stated that copies of the
Rules could now be had on
application.

Drill ground: Capt. Page moved and Capt. Harker
seconded that "Capt. Oliver be en-
titled on being the first to fix a
wicket on the new Drill ground -
this was carried.

Long Service
Medal

Secretary reported that this medal
had been presented to Mr. Searson
at the drill on the 10th April by
Capt. Baehus.

New Members

The following new members were

approved of as from date of enrollment
William Johansen - enrolled 28th June 1925
Henry Dixon " " 25th Nov. 1925
Alfred J. Orton " 3rd Dec. 1925
Stanley Gordon " 10th Dec. 1925

Mr. P. Watkins - 21st January 1926
Anthony W. Dixon 6th March 1926
Thomas Martin 10th April 1926
Ronald McFarlane 15th April 1926
Matthew Brown 14th May 1926
Joshua J. Cook 28th May 1926
Joseph Nicholas 2nd June 1926

Defaulters.

The name of James Davidson, No 4
Division was struck off the
Roll of Membership of the Brigade
on account of non attendance.

James Page

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Watch House on Thursday
20th January 1927. Cpt. Payne, Chair.
Those officers present were
read and confirmed.

Minutes

Annual Report

This was read to the meeting by the
Secretary and with some slight
suggested amendments was adopted.

Balance Sheet

Submitted by Treasurer and
adopted. Order to be printed & circulated.

Annual Meeting

Resolved that same be held 3rd February.

Resignation

Mr. Thomas Corbie - accepted - Secretary
directed to write letter.

Arthur Jones - accepted.

New Members

The following new members were approved
at a date of Enrolment.

Stanley Dixon 10th June 1926
Alexander Yellie 10th June 1926
Septimus Robert Watson 21st June 1926
George Alfred Dennis 16th July 1926
Joseph Smith 21st July 1926
James Kendle 1st September 1926
Fleming Salkeld 1st Sept. 1926
Frederick Henry Benthaude 8th Sept. 1926

non-efficient
members

Div. 1. C. Fleming effective
J. F. Robson do
W. Wallace Jr non-eff
A. W. Ramsey do
J. P. Wathams do
Div. 2. J. Ramsey do
D. Ogilvie effective
W. H. Smith non-eff
Div. 3. T. Jones do
W. Johansen do
Henry Dixon do
Div. 4. E. E. Briggs do

The above were considered by the
Committee and dealt with as
marked above -

James Page

Annual Meeting held
at the Watch House on Thursday
3rd February 1927.

Captain Page in the Chair.

Notice and
Minutes

The notice concerning the meeting
was read and the minutes of
last Annual meeting were
confirmed.

Annual Report

This having been printed and
sent to the Members previous to
the meeting was taken as read
and on the motion of the
Chairman seconded by Capt
Oliver was adopted.

Annual
Balance Sheet

This also was taken as read
and on the motion of Capt.
Hyker seconded by Dep. Capt.
Robinson was adopted.

Auditor

Mr. Matthew Stainton was
re-elected honorary auditor
with an expression of thanks
for his services.

Committee

There being no new nominations



South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

26th January, 1927.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the
Brigade House on Thursday, the 3rd February next, at 8 p.m., when the
Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members. A Waitch
Supper will be served after the Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending
31st December, 1926.

The Committee beg to present the Sixtieth Annual Report of their proceedings to their
members and friends. This has been an uneventful year as far as wrecks are concerned, and
we can only chronicle our other proceedings in various ways.

On Friday, January 15th, we celebrated our 60th anniversary by having a smoking concert
and supper in the Watch House. It was presided over by Mr. S. Malcolm, our President, who
took the occasion of presenting to the Brigade a Souvenir Shield carved by himself, represent-
ing in various panels the different parts of the Rocket Apparatus, together with a view of the
Brigade House, all carved in solid oak. This Shield was formally accepted by the Honorary
Secretary on behalf of the Members. Mr. Malcolm's health was afterwards proposed by Capt.
Page in eulogistic terms, referring to his long services and the way he had so successfully
carried on the duties of Secretary so many years.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed the health of the Mayor (Mr. J. R. Curbleson), who responded in a very pleasing manner. The toast of "Kindred Brigades" was given, and the rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, etc.

February 7.—South-shields gate and very heavy sea. Watch kept all day, and continued till 7.30 a.m. on February 8.

The Tyne Improvement Commissioners having kindly consented to remove our drill mast, which the building of the Promenade had much interfered with the use of, a commencement was made on May 12 to prepare the new berth for it. It was finally hoisted into position a few days after and provedly stayed and secured. We are very grateful to the Commissioners for it all. It is a great improvement and our drills have been more expeditious ever since.

On Sunday, July 11, the Brigade attended the Annual Service in the South Park in memory of the men and women who laid down their lives in the Great War. The service was taken by the Rev. J. G. Lane Davies, M.C., Vicar of St. Michael's, who preached an excellent sermon.

Tuesday, July 13.—P.C. Daring of the South Shields Police, and Station Officer W. White, of H.M. Coastguards, were presented by the King with the silver and bronze medal respectively, by the Board of Trade, for bravery in saving life at the wreck of the P.C. T. on November 13, 1903. They both afterwards received recognition by the Carnegie Trust.

August 13.—The Brigade and Coastguard were inspected by Capt. Rundle, R.N., Inspector-General of Coastguard. He inspected all the gear and other parts of the apparatus, but did not require the attendance of the Brigade, as the time fixed, 10.30 a.m., was very unfruitful for us, He was satisfied with everything.

September 1.—The Brigade competed in the "Chronicle" Cup Competition. Capt. Roy Bacheha, R.N., Inspector of Coastguard, conducted the competition, assisted by Divisional Officers Bousher and Clayton. We were severely handicapped, being four men short. We were allowed to take on two other members. The principal feature of the performance was the slowing of the rocket line, which received the well deserved commendation of the Inspecting Officer.

November 8.—A detachment of the Brigade attended the funeral of Brigadesman Meikle, an old member of the Brigade.

Sunday, November 14.—The Brigade attended the Mayor, Councillor Ranson, to St. Hilda's Church. The usual sermon was preached by the Vicar, and a collection taken for the Latham Infirmary.

Saturday, November 27.—Very thick fog. At 8.30 p.m. the s.s. Ramsey grounded on the Head Sand, between the South Pier and the Groyne. Sea perfectly calm, and our services not necessary. Towing on the Ramsey was commenced the following morning but was not successful. The fog, on Sunday evening at high tide another attempt was made which was successful. The wind had changed to the south-east, and brought on a little sea during the afternoon. Many men were in attendance, and Watchman J. Dixon had the searchlight ready in case (as seemed very probable) she took a shear and came against the stones.

From the balance-sheet it will be seen that there is a debit balance of £37/19/8. It is by exercising the most stringent economy that we are able to meet our liabilities, and it is chiefly due to the fact that we receive financial assistance from our honorary members that the Brigade can continue its work. We are anxious to enrol more honorary members; this incurs a subscription to the funds of £12/10 per annum. Smaller donations will also be welcomed. The Honorary Secretary (Mr. J. B. Bowman) or the Treasurer (Capt. Jas. Page) will be pleased to receive and acknowledge the same.

The best thanks of the Brigade are due to the Tyne Improvement Commissioners for moving the drill mast at considerable expense and for the efficient manner in which the work has been carried out, and to the Corporation of South Shields for the great improvement at the east front of the House and the path down to the beach.

On behalf of the Committee.

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. T. N. Alexander, M. R. Anderson, Esq. R. D. Barlow, Esq. Messrs. Benson & Sons. R. E. Binks, Esq. R. F. Brigham, Esq. H. A. Brightman, Esq. Mrs. C. Bowman. J. B. Bowman, Esq. W. H. Bowman, Esq. R. H. Brown, Esq. M. C. Cowan, Esq. Col. Dawson. Messrs. Alex. Deuchar & Co. Dent & Co., per T. T. Anderson, Esq. C. M. Dryden, Esq. G. Drury, Esq.	Alf. Eltringham, Esq. Messrs. France, Fenwick & Co. J. J. Grant, Esq. D. Haynes, Esq. D. B. Hogg, Esq. Hartley Coal Co., Ltd. Lambton & Helton Coal Co. Marine Engineers' Association. H. O. Middleton, Esq. H. B. Ord, Esq. Messrs. Osbeck & Co. Geo. T. Readhead, Esq. Sir James Readhead, Esq. Mrs. W. B. Readhead. Thos. Reed, Esq. W. R. Robinson, Esq. David Richardson, Esq. Messrs. Robinson, Brown & Co.	Messrs. Scott Ross, Hill, Scott, Esq. Mr. W. S. Stewart, Condr. C. R. E. Taylor. J. S. Tindal, Esq. S. Threlson, Esq. Tyne-Tees Shipping Co. Messrs. Vaughan & Dyson. J. P. Wardle, Esq. A. J. Waters, Esq. Messrs. Witherington & Ewart. J. W. Wood, Esq. Philip E. Wood, Esq. Miss J. Wilson.
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THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1906.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, 1st January, 1906	4 8 5	By Repairs to House	5 2 4
To Subscriptions, Hon. Members	44 12 0	„ Gas	1 12 8
„ Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	„ Printing and Stationery	4 1 9
„ Interest—		„ Tyne Commission—Ground Rent, etc.	0 12 3
Tyne Improvement Commissioners	27 12 0	„ Insurance	0 26 4
Was Loan	5 5 2	„ Searchlight and Engine Repairs	0 12 4
Collection Box, Watch House	3 7 11	„ Coals	1 5 6
„ Balance due Bank, 31st December, 1906	37 19 8	„ Uniforms, etc.	3 18 6
		„ Salaries and Wages	10 34 0
		„ Secretary's and Treasurer's Postages and Sundries	2 12 5
		„ Bank Charges	0 23 4
		„ Provisions and Stores for House and Supper (two years)	20 12 10
		„ New Store for House	14 10 0
	£132 5 2		£132 5 2

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
13th January, 1907.

Audited and certified.
MATTHEW STANTON,
Chartered Accountant,
JAMES PAGE, Honorary Treasurer.

Committee. There being no new nominations

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Committee - There being no new nominations

Press -

it was resolved that the old
Committee be reappointed -
A vote of thanks to the press was
carried with acclamation on
on the motion of Dep. Capt. Middleton
seconded by Bob. Jamieson -

Correspond

A similar vote of thanks to the
Correspond was carried with
acclamation and acknowledged
by Station Officer White -

General

The Hon. Sec. made a few general
remarks and suggested that some
effort should be made by present
members to induce some new
members to fill up vacancies in
the divisions -

A vote of thanks to the Chairman
concluded the meeting.

minutes

New Members

Committee Meeting held at
Watch House 27th October 1924.
Capt. Page :- Chairman
That of previous meeting read
and confirmed.

The following appeared as from date
of enrolment -

Thomas Riley 14th Sept. 1924
John R. Goddard 24th October 1924
G. C. Hoggarth 24th October 1924
Samuel Milton 14th Sept. 1924
James Angus Robertson 5th March 1924
Henry Matthewson 5th March 1924
Arthur B. Hindson 4th May 1924

Entertainments :-

Resolved that a Whist Drive
be held on 14th Nov. in the Watch
House and that a charge of 6^p per head
be made. A Sub Committee consisting
of Capt. Oliver and Harker. Dep. Capt.
Matthewson, Robertson and Bothie W. M. Bragg
were appointed to make necessary
arrangements.

Drill ground

Some discussion took place as to filling
up ground as between the pier and
the Pump and it was left to Capt

Page and Dep. Capt. Matthewson to
note the matter to hand.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Watch
House on
Thursday the 12th day of January 1925
Capt. Page

Chairman
minutes

Those of last meeting and confirmed.

non-effectives

Secretary reported that for the
year 1924 a number of the members
of the Brigade had not attended
the number of drills required
namely 31 members.

The Committee on going through
the attendance books and to rule
6 authorized the Secretary to
return as effective the following
members who had not put in the
necessary number of drills.

Div. 1. J. L. Woodley
R. J. Gallant.

Dr. 4. Anthony Dixon
Harry Matthewson

Proposed reduction
of Divisions to 3 The Secretary brought up the matter
of reducing the number of Divisions
in the Brigade from 4 to 3 - and
after some remarks by the Chairman
and discussion by various members
of the Committee it was ultimately
resolved - that a Special meeting
of the Brigade be called for the
19th inst. at 7.15 p.m. at which
meeting the proposed reduction
should be submitted to the approval
or otherwise of the members of the Brigade.

James Page

Special Meeting of Brigade held
at the Watch House on Thursday
19th January 1928

Chairman Captain Page

Object of Meeting The Chairman called upon the Secretary
to explain the object of the Special
meeting and this having been
done it was moved by Brigadesman
Jones and seconded by Dep. Capt.
Robertson that the number of
Divisions in the Brigade be reduced
from 4 to 3. Some discussion
ensued and on the motion being
put to the meeting the same was
carried by 15 votes to 14.

Deputy Captains Brigadesman Laidler asked a
question as to the position of three
members who had been nominated
for Deputy Captain and it was
stated by the Secretary and endorsed
by the Chairman that unless
the nominees withdraw are

election must take place.
Upon this Brigadierman Jamieson
intimated that he would withdraw
some further discussion ensued
and then Brigadierman Whitaker
also intimated that he would
withdraw. This concluded the
business of the meeting.

Jamies. Page

Committee Meeting held at
Watch House 2nd February 1928

Chairman Captain Page

Minutes Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Annual Report Secretary read annual
Report up to 31st Decr 1927
giving a short account of what
had taken place during the
year.
Resolved that same be presented
to the Annual meeting.

Balance Sheet The Balance Sheet up to 31st December
1928 was laid before the meeting
by the Hon. Treasurer and after
being discussed it was resolved
that same be presented to Annual
Meeting.

Date of Annual Meeting Resolved that annual meeting
be held on the 23rd instant at 8 p.m.
and that Report and Balance Sheet
be printed and sent to members along
with the notice concerning the
meeting.

Jamies. Page.

1928

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Attendance of Committee	Jan'y 4 th	Nov. 3 rd	Dec. 1 st	Feb. 2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	addresses
Capt. Page	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	3 So. Ohio Street
" Oliver	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31 Winsley Hill Rd.
" Harker	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 Belgrave Gardens
Edgill Middleton	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	141 Weston Road
Mathews	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 Lymington St.
W. H. Gibson	1		-	1	1	1	1	1	11 Belmont St.
Bdm. W. Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 Hy. Nelson St.
" C. McElhairs	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	103 Wyde St.
" J. L. Jamison	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33 Shotridge St.
" G. F. McIntosh	1				1	1			184 Moncrief Rd.
" Wm. Vasey	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62 Dundas St. W.
" J. Laidler	-	1			1	1			62 Dundas St. W.
" J. Whitaker	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54 Pearson Street
" R. Greyer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56 Hedley St.
Sh. Off. W. White	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Conquest St. S.
Hon. Sec. J. W. Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70 King St.
Asst. Sec. W. Buckland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	182 Weston Rd.
S. Macdonald pres.									78 Fern Ave. Jamaica
R. Gardner									
65 McIntosh									
Road									

Annual Meeting held at
the Watch House on Thursday
the 23rd day of February 1929

Chairman

Captain Page

Notice Concerning
Meeting

Secretary read notice concerning
meeting

Minutes

Those of the last annual meeting
and special meeting held on 19th
January last were read & confirmed.
The annual report
& balance sheet on the motion of Chairman
seconded by Capt. Oliver were
adopted.

Annual Report
& Balance Sheet

Deputy Captains &
Committee

The retiring deputy Captains
and Committee together with
Bdm. R. Greyer were elected
on the motion of Bdm. Selkeld
seconded by Bdm. J. W. Brown.
The Honorary Auditor Mr. Wm. H.
Stanton was re-elected with
an expression of thanks for his
services

Auditor

Captain Shaw's
Resignation

The Secretary intimated that the Division having been reduced from 4 to 3 Capt. Shaw had intimated through the Assistant Sec. his desire to resign but to remain connected with the Brigade - the Chairman moved in an appreciative speech of Capt. Shaw's services that he be elected an Honorary Captain - this was seconded by Dep. Capt. Middleton and carried -

Order of the day

To the press - Contingents and Chairman which were suitably acknowledged in each case concluded the business of the meeting -



South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

10th January, 1928.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Brigade House on Thursday, the 23rd inst. at 8 p.m., when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending
31st December, 1927.

The Committee has much pleasure in presenting the Sixty-first Annual Report to the members and friends of the Brigade.

The year has been singularly free from any serious casualty at the mouth of the river, so we have had to keep ourselves efficient by our monthly drills and dummy drills inside the house on winter evenings.

F. Oliver

Captain
Al. R. King

Com
Capt

Sp. H.

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As our district has been extended to Souther Point we have been supplied with a cliff ladder for use on the coast between Trow Rocks and Souther Light-house. This ladder was tried at drill on December 3rd, and will no doubt be of great use when necessary.

On January 6th a detachment of the Brigade attended the funeral of Deputy Captain Thomas Newby, who had retired a few years ago, but still kept up his interest in the Brigade and appeared for the last time at our supper on January 15th, 1926.

On September 25th Dr. Harland, our Medical Officer, died very suddenly. His funeral was attended by six of the Officers, who acted as pall-bearers.

On September 9th Captain Rashleigh, R.N., Inspector-General of Life-Saving Apparatus, visited our station. He examined the gear, wagons and all connected with the station and expressed himself satisfied with everything. He inspected the newly installed telephone between the Brigade House Tower and the Coastguard Station.

We had some severe gales in November and December. Continuous watch was kept on Saturday the 19th, Sunday the 20th, Monday the 21st of November, and ceased on the morning of the 22nd, also on December 24th, 25th and 26th, when there was a strong gale from the north, with blinding snow squalls every now and then.

The Committee has arranged a series of whist drives for the members and their lady friends. We have had two, and they seem to be popular so far.

From the balance-sheet it will be seen that there is a debit balance of £39/5/8. It is by exercising the most stringent economy that we are able to meet our liabilities, and it is chiefly due to the fact that we receive financial assistance work. We are anxious to enrol more honorary members; this incurs a subscription to the funds of £11/10 per annum. Smaller donations will also be welcomed. The Honorary Treasurer (Capt. Jas. Page), 67 King Street, South Shields, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge the same.

We still have some vacancies in the Brigade for new members, and the Committee are ready to receive the names of any suitable men who are desirous of joining the Brigade.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70 King Street, South Shields.

PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. T. N. Alexander.	Ald. Ellingham, Esq.	Messrs. Robinson, Brown & Co.
M. B. Anderson, Esq.	Messrs. France, Fawcett & Co.	Messrs. Scott, Bros.
E. D. Barlow, Esq.	J. J. Grant, Esq.	Wm. Scott, Esq.
Messrs. Benson & Sons.	E. Hammett, Esq.	H. S. Scott, Esq.
R. E. Birks, Esq.	D. B. Hogg, Esq.	Wm. H. W. Skinner.
Mrs. C. Bowman.	Hartley Coal Co., Ltd.	Cowdrie, C. R. H. Taylor.
J. B. Bowman, Esq.	Lanham & Berton Coal Co.	J. E. Tindie, Esq.
W. H. Byeman, Esq.	Marine Engineering Associa- tion.	E. Tindie, Esq.
R. F. Brigham, Esq.	H. Nason, Esq.	L. Tindie, Esq.
H. A. Brightman, Esq.	R. O. Middleton, Esq.	Wm. Vaughan & Hammond.
R. H. Brown, Esq.	F. W. Newby, Esq.	J. P. Wallis, Esq.
Col. Chapman, Esq.	Dr. H. B. Orr.	A. J. Wares, Esq.
M. C. Cowan, Esq.	Messrs. Osbeck & Co.	Messrs. Witherington & Everett.
Col. Dawson.	Geo. T. Readhead, Esq.	J. W. Wood, Esq.
J. W. Duncan, Esq.	Sir James Readhead, Bart.	Philip S. Wood, Esq.
Messrs. Alex. Deuchar & Co.	Mrs W. B. Readhead.	Miss A. Wilson.
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C. M. Dryden, Esq.	J. H. Rennoldson, Esq.	
G. Drury, Esq.	David Richardson, Esq.	

THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions, Honorary Members	30 3 3	By Balance due Bank, 31st Dec., 1926	27 19 8
" Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	" Repairs to House	1 12 6
" Interest—		" Gas	1 12 6
Type Improvement Commission	28 0 0	" Printing and Stationery	2 13 8
War Loan	5 5 8	" Type Commission—	
Type Lifeboat Society	20 0 0	Ground Rents, Wayleaves, etc.	9 29 3
Collection Box, Watch House	1 13 12	" Insurances	6 5 3
Balance due Bank, 31st Dec., 1927	39 5 8	" Uniforms	4 2 4
		" Salaries and Wages	2 6 6
		" Engine and Searchlight Stores	4 11 0
		" Secretary's and Treasurer's Postages and Sundries	1 34 2
		" Bank Charges	2 13 4
	£149 12 8		£149 12 8

Newcastle-on-Tyne.
18th January, 1928.

Audited and certified,
M. STANTON, Chartered Accountant.
JAS. PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

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Col. G. S. Brown

Committee Meeting held at
Water House on 4th July 1928

Chair

Captain's page in the Chair.

Minutes

Minutes of last Committee meeting
read and confirmed.

New member

G. R. Stephenson was approved
as from the date he joined -
namely: - 4th February 1928.

Church Service
in Park

It was decided that the Brigade
would attend the Church Service
to be held in South Meane Park
on 15th July pm. The Secretary being
instructed to accept the invitation
of the Bishop's Legion and to
assist all members of the Brigade.

Cliff Ladder
Drill

It was decided that the drill
next month (August 1928) should
be a Cliff Ladder Drill.

J. Oliver.

Committee Meeting held at
Watch House on Saturday the
3rd November 1928

Chairman

Captain Oliver

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Drill

An experiment having taken place
outside under the superintendence of
Capt. Oliver with the brigade a discussion
took place as to the best means of hauling
a man up a cliff and getting him over
the edge without injuring and damaging
the gear.

Whist Drive

Capt. Harker reminded the Committee
that a Whist Drive would be held
in the Watch House on the evening
the 12th inst. & expressed the
wish that every member would
make an effort to attend.

C. Harker

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on Saturday the 7th Dec 1928

Chairman

Capt. Harker

Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

New Members

The following new members were
approved as from date of enlistment

Harry Losh 1st August 1928

Cecil Middlemiss 1st August 1928

Arthur Hseason 1st August 1928

Norman Bell 2nd August 1928

James Whitehead 5th Sept. 1928

Roy Brewer 5th Sept. 1928

Resignation

The Secretary read a letter from
Sgt. Capt. A. F. Robertson stating that
owing to his having taken up a
position at Cardiff he sent in
his resignation - Resolved
that same be accepted with
regret and that Secretary write
Mr. Robertson to this effect.

Guernsey

The new Guernsey having been
finished it was resolved that same
be sent back to Messrs. Tiffettes & Sons
Plymouth and that best badge
be altered to conform with old
Guernsey.

J. Oliver

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on Saturday 2nd February 1929
Captain Oliver

Chairman
Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting
read and confirmed.

Annual
Report
up to

The Annual Report up to 31st
Dec 1928 was read by Secretary
and it was decided that same
be printed and laid before the annual
meeting for adoption.

Balance
Sheet

The Balance Sheet up to 31st Dec
1928 was laid before the meeting
by the Treasurer and it was also decided
that same be placed before annual meeting
for adoption. Resolved that annual
meeting be held on 21st instant.

Date of Annual Meeting

Death of
Brigadesman
Joseph Dixon

Captain Page reminded the
meeting that Brigadesman Joseph
Dixon had died on Monday
last the 28th January and moved
that an expression of regret be
sent to Mr. Dixon - the Secretary
stated that this had already
been done & several members
of the Brigade had attended
the Memorial Service at St.
Aidan's Church & the funeral -
It was moved & seconded by Capt. Page
and seconded by Sep. Capt.
Middleton that the matter
be entered on the minutes -
Carried unan.

J. A. Gordon

Annual Meeting held at
the Watch house on Thursday the
21st February 1929.

Chairman Capt. James Page.
Notice Notice concerning meeting was
read read -
Sentinels Sentinels were appointed to count the
Minutes voting papers for Deputy Captains
and Committee.
The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed.
Annual Report On the motion of the Chairman
and Balance the Annual report and Balance
Sheet were adopted - seconded by Capt. Oliver.
Auditor Mr Matthew Skimpton was
reappointed Auditor with a vote
of thanks for his services.
Surgeon H. B. Ord was appointed
honorary Surgeon.
Votes of There were accorded to the
Thanks Entertainment Committee, Brigades.
Electric Light men Salkeld, Jamieson and
Miss Dutoch - also to Miss Buckland
as owing to their efforts the Electric



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

8th FEBRUARY, 1929.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the
Brigade House on Thursday, the 21st February, at 8.0 p.m., when the Annual Report
and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending
31st December, 1928.

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting the Sixty Second Annual
Report to our Members and Friends.

The year under review has been singularly free from accidents at the mouth
of the Tyne. At other places round our coast many lives have been saved by the
Rocket Apparatus, but we have not been called out by the Alarm Guns.

Our efficiency has been maintained by our usual monthly drills, and also by
dummy drills inside the Brigade House. We had two important drills this year,
one on August 1st, when the Cliff Ladder was taken to the Tru Rocks, lowered

Annual Meeting held at

down the rocks and some members climbed down and up again, and on October 6th the wagon was taken to Frenchman's Bay, a rocket fired over a convenient boulder down below, the cliff ladder lowered, the whip and hawser made fast, and the full drill gone through under the command of Inspector Bacchus and our own Captains. We had no watches the early part of the year, in fact, nothing till December 30th, when a watch was kept owing to a strong wind from E.N.E.

On June 2nd we had the melancholy duty of attending the funeral of our Honorary Captain T. B. Grimes. It is a few years since he resigned his active interest in the Brigade, but frequently joined us when anything special was proceeding.

On August 18th, Captain Rashleigh, R.N., His Majesty's Inspector General of Life Saving Apparatus, inspected the Coastguard Station and apparatus, also the Brigade House and tower where a telephone had been recently installed to enable the Coastguard to keep watch there.

Representatives of the Coastguard and Brigade attended the funeral of Mr. W. Boucher at Blyth, who died after a long illness. He was Divisional Officer of Coastguard for the district from South Shields to Berwick. He was much esteemed by all who met him.

We heartily thank our Honorary Members for the support they have given us. From the Balance Sheet it will be noticed that there is a debit balance of £5/0/10. It is by exercising the most stringent economy that we are able to meet our liabilities, and it is chiefly due to the financial assistance we have received from our Honorary Members and subscribers that the Brigade can continue its work. We are anxious to enrol more Hon. Members; this incurs a subscription to the funds of £1/1/0 per annum. Smaller donations will also be welcomed. The Hon. Treasurer, Capt. James Page, 67 King Street, South Shields, will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge the same. We still have vacancies in the Brigade for new Members and the Committee are ready to receive the names of any suitable men who desire to join the Brigade.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70, King Street, South Shields.

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PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

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Messrs. Dent & Co.	Thomas Reed, Esq.	Miss J. Wilson.
(per T. T. Anderson, Esq.)	Harold Robson, Esq.	South Shields Butchers' Association.
G. M. Dryden, Esq.		

The Honorary Treasurer in account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Subscriptions, Hon. Members ...	48 13 6	By Balance due Bank, 31st Dec., 1927 ...	39 5 8
" Grant from Board of Trade ...	25 0 0	" Repairs to House ...	0 4 0
" Interests ...	28 0 0	" Gas ...	3 8 8
" Tyne Improvement Commission ...	5 2 0	" Printing and Stationery ...	3 17 8
" War Loan ...	40 0 0	" Provisions for House (2 years) ...	8 0 0
" Tyne Lifeboat Society (2 years) ...	1 4 8	" Tyne Commission, Grand Juries and Wayleaves ...	1 0 0
" Collection Box, Brigade House ...	5 0 10	" Insurances ...	8 25
" Balance due Bank, 31/12/28 ...		" Costs ...	2 10 9
		" Salaries and Wages ...	89 14
		" Cheque Book ...	1 0
		" Secretaries' and Treasurers' postages and sundries ...	3 2 6
		" Bank charges ...	1 4 8
	£153 4 2		£158 4 2

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and certified.
M. STAINTON, Chartered Accountant.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
15th January, 1929.

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Vote
The
Election

light was being installed in the
Brigade house without cost to
the ordinary Brigade funds.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the
press and the Coastguard which
two both suitably acknowledged.

Press

Coastguard

Result of
Election

Messrs J. A. Matthews. J. Y. Robson
and J. M. Middleton were elected
Deputy Captains and Messrs.
W. Brown. R. Gwyer, Jamieson
Laidler, C. Matthews, J. Y. M. Laidler
W. M. Vasey and J. Whitham were
elected on the Committee.

James Laidler

as owing to their efforts the election

Chairman
Minutes

Brigade
Witchman

New Members

Non-attendance
at Drills.

Wednesday Drills.

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 2nd March 1929.

Capt. Barker.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

This matter was discussed and Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Brigadesman Richard Gardiner offering his services for the position - after some further discussion Brigadesman Gardiner was appointed at 13/6 per week to commence his duties forthwith subject to one month's notice and it was suggested that the conditions of employment be put in writing.

The following were approved as proposed dates of enrolment

Robert Corsett 2nd February 1929

Simon G. Foster 2nd March 1929

Thomas Carey 2nd March 1929

It was decided that this matter lie over until next meeting.

Decided that these commence next month

Engine

Chairman
Minutes

Chronicle Cup
1929.

It was resolved that Brigadesman McIntosh be appointed Superintendent of the Searchlight Engine - Brigadesman McIntosh signified his acceptance of the position which announcement was received with acclamation.

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 3rd April 1929.

Captain Page

Secretary reported that this meeting was really to deal with defaults and that the minute Book was not necessary as it was practically a continuation of the previous meeting. The Chairman made some strong remarks objecting to the manner in which the meeting had been called but eventually decided to proceed with the meeting.

The Question of entering for this was brought before the meeting and after some discussion it was decided that

Defaulters

a notice be placed on the Board in the
Brigade House so that Members willing
to make up a Team could enter their
names before 1st May -

It was decided that each non-
efficient be notified in writing that
unless a satisfactory explanation for
non attendance could be given by end
of June his name would be struck off
the membership of the Brigade and
that this would be followed by a
dismissal for all uniform in his
possession belonging to the Brigade.

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Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 1st May 1929

Chairman
Minutes

Captain Oliver

Chronicle Cup

The minutes of the last two previous
meetings were read and confirmed
As a sufficient number of members
had not signified their willingness
to make up a team the rule for
this year was not proceeded with.
The Secretary read a letter he had

Memorial Service

to the late Mr.
J. Woodcock Wilson

received from the Chaplain of the
Missions to Seamen asking if
Brigade would attend service at
St. Wills' Church on 5th inst.
Resolved that Brigade attend
the Service and that Secretary notify
members of the Brigade that those
those present at meeting.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on Thursday 3rd
October 1929.

Capt. Jas. Page.

Chairman
Award for Life
Saving

At the outset the Chairman congratulated Mr. Charles Matthews who was present on being the recipient of the Royal Humane Society's Certificate on Welham and moved that the congratulations of the Committee be recorded in the minutes - this was agreed to.

Attendances of Committee	1929	1930					1931	Addresses
	Dec 19	Mar 1st	July 2nd	Aug 6th	Dec 6th	Jan 29		
Capt. Page	1	1	1	1	1	1		3 So. View Terrace
" Oliver	1	1	-	-	1	1		31 Horsley Hill Road
" Harker	1	1	1	1	Resigned	4/1/30		5 Belgrave Gardens
Dep. Capt. Middleton	-	-	-	-	1	1		141 Weston Road
" J. Matthews	1	1	1	1	1	1		8 Lyndhurst St.
" J. W. Robinson	1	1	1	1	1	1		11 Albert Terrace
Ben. W. Brown	1	-	1	1	1	1		15 Henry Nelson St.
" C. Matthews	1	-	1	1	-	1		103 Hyde Street
" J. J. Jenkins	1	1	1	1	1	1		53 Shotridge St.
" G. J. McCutcheon	-	-	1	-	1	1		184 Moorbury Road
" W. M. Orrey	-	1	1	1	1	1		6 Sanduland Rd. Clifton
" G. S. Dyer	1	-	1	1	1	1		62 Canfield Street
" G. Whitaker	-	1	1	1	1	1		54 Pearson Street
R. Gwynne	-	-	1	-	1	1		38 Hedley Street
Sub. Off. W. White	1	1	1	1	1	1		Connaught Stn. S/S
Hon. Sec. J. W. Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1		40 King Street
Hon. Sec. H. B. Dyer	-	-	-	-	-	-		10 Wellington Terrace
Asst. Sec. J. W. Brubland	-	-	-	-	-	-		182 Weston Road
Pres. S. Melchior	-	-	-	-	-	-		78 Fern Avenue, Gessmond

Chairman Minutes Pilots Service

Committee Meeting held at hotel house on 19th December 1929

Capt. Oliver
Those of previous meeting confirmed Secretary reported that Master of St. Stephens had called and asked Brigade to attend this service on 29th inst. at 6.30 p.m. to assemble at School opposite the Church at 6.15 p.m. Resolved that Brigade attend in uniform and that postcards be sent to members.

New Members

The following new members were approved as from their respective dates of enrolment:-

George Strathmore 7th Dec 1929
George Albert Rogers 12th Dec 1929
Donald E. Kinning 26th Oct. 1929
George Edward Kays 26th Oct. 1929

Non-efficient:-

The Committee went through the drill books and considered the following cases with the following results:-
Det. I. A. Ramsey Struck off.

Div. I. S. Gordon struck off
 H. Mathewson struck off
 A. B. Hindson struck off
 Y. Martin struck off
 J. Kendall struck off
 Div. 2. J. P. Thompson - retained
 J. W. Spence retained
 W. H. Smith struck off
 A. W. Dixon retained
 Div. 3. Y. Jones retained
 G. S. Trades resigned
 Geo. Christison struck off
 G. A. Drinnis struck off

C. A. Harker

Committee Meeting held at
 Walsh House on Saturday the
 1st day of March 1930

Chairman

Captain Harker

Minutes

Those of last meeting confirmed

New Members

The following were admitted
 to Membership of the Brigade
 as from their respective dates
 of Enrollment
 John Ellens 16th January 1930
 Edward Rikema 1st March 1930

Summer Drills

Resolved that evening drills
 commence next month

Report

The Report for 1929 was
 read by the Secretary

Balance Sheet

This was read by the Treasurer
 and it was resolved that
 Report & balance sheet be
 printed & circulated among
 members & honorary members

Annual
Meeting
min

Resolved that Annual Meeting
be held on Thursday the 20th inst
at 7.30 p.m.

Transport of
apparatus
along coast
min

Secretary mentioned that he had
received letter from Sec of Boker
Brigade as to towing along coast
in case of having to take the gear
some distance and Station Officer
to which explained that so far as
the South Shields Brigade was
concerned arrangements had
been made.

Meet.
min

Capt Harker drew attention to
state of the meet and it was
left to Mr. G. Whitaker to
attend to same.

Brigadesman
min
Kendall
min

This Brigadesman having been
struck off at last Committee
meeting it was resolved that
he be reinstated.

James Page
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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

7th MARCH, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade
House on THURSDAY, 20th instant, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual Report and
Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1929

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the Sixty-Third Annual Report to the
Members and Friends of the Brigade.

We have no casualties to report at the Mouth of the Tyne. The winds that
have been so destructive on the West Coast did not affect us here to such an extent
that our services were required. We have, however, kept ourselves efficient by the
usual monthly Drills and Cliff Ladder Drills at the Trow Rocks and on Winter evenings
by practising in the Brigade House.

On February 2nd, after the monthly rocket drill, Captain Backus, R.N. Inspector
of Life Saving Apparatus, presented long service Medals to the following Brigadesmen:
David Ramsey, James Kyle, W. Brown, H. Shields, and J. T. Robson, and later in the
year he presented a Medal to R. Grenyer.

During the Winter months of the last two years, Whist Drives were held in the Brigade
House for Members and their friends. Owing to the generosity of many friends who
gave prizes, a small balance was left which was expended in buying plant for fitting the
House with electric light. This was completed on February 25th by Brigadesmen Salkeld
and Jamieson, assisted by Messrs. White and Whiflan, Coastguards. Our thanks are
due to them for their voluntary work.

On June 26th, Brigadesman C. Matthews saved a bather named Potts, of Bede Street, Tyne Dock, from drowning near Trow Rocks. It appears that this man had swum out too far. Matthews, seeing this, threw off some clothes and rushed in, succeeded in getting the bather ashore, assisted by Deputy Captain J. A. Matthews and others. On November 6th, he was presented with the Parchment Certificate of the Royal Humane Society by the Mayor (Alderman Dunlop).

On June 26th, Captain Rundle, R.N., Inspector General of Life Saving Apparatus, inspected the Coast Guard Station and Rocket House, also saw the Telephone arrangements in the Tower. There was no muster of the Brigade, as the time of his visit was not suitable.

On July 14th, the Brigade attended the Service in the South Park arranged by the British Legion, when Countess Haig was present and gave an address. The preacher on this occasion was the Reverend Hastings Shaddick.

On October 26th, the Brigade competed for the Wearside Ship Owners' Trophy, which was won by the Tynemouth Brigade, our Brigade being second. The Chief Umpire, Captain Bacchus, R.N., congratulated Deputy Captain Robson and the Team upon their excellent performance.

On November 10th, the Brigade attended the usual Parade on Mayor's Sunday at St. Hilda Church.

On December 29th, a Memorial Service was held at St. Stephen's Church to perpetuate by means of a Bronze Tablet the names of those Shields' Pilots and the Crew of the Cutter "Protector," which was destroyed by mine or torpedo at the mouth of the Tyne on New Year's Day, 1916. The Brigade attended this service.

The Committee report with regret the death of Mr. Joseph Dixon, who was Brigade Watchman and Caretaker, and who died after a short illness on the 21st January. A Service was held in St. Adam's Church on the 24th January, where he had been Church Warden and Side-man for many years. Several Officers and Members of the Brigade were present, and attended his Funeral at Harton Cemetery. On October 3rd, Mr. Charles Fleming, a former Member of the Brigade, died. Several Members of the Brigade attended his Funeral at Westoe Cemetery on the 7th October.

We again heartily thank our Honorary Members for the support they have given us, and it is chiefly due to the financial assistance we have received from our Honorary Members and subscribers that the Brigade can continue its work. During the year the Brigade received a legacy of £25 from the late Mrs. I. Newton, which greatly augmented the funds of the Brigade. The Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67, King Street, South Shields, will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions and donations. We still have vacancies in the Brigade for new Members and the Committee are ready to receive the names of any suitable men who desire to join the Brigade.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon Secretary

70, KING STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS.

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Per T. T. Anderson, Esq.
G. M. Dryden, Esq.

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South Shields Butchers' Association.

The Honorary Treasurer in account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Year ending 31st December, 1929

RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
To Subscriptions—Hon. Members — 59 19 8	By Balance due Bank, 31st Dec., 1928 — 0 10
„ Grant from Board of Trade — 25 0 0	„ Repairs to House — 25 2 11
„ Grant from Tyne Lifeboat Assoc. — 20 0 0	„ Gas — 3 4 6
„ Interest T.I. Commission — 24 0 0	„ Printing & Stationery — 0 19 3
„ War Loan — 5 5 2	„ T.I. Commission, Ground Rent, etc. — 5 1 0
„ Collection Box, Watch House — 2 7 8	„ Insurances — 1 13 10
„ Legacy Mrs. I. Newton, per — 25 0 0	„ Wages — 75 6 6
„ Hanney & Hanney — 27 17 10	„ Provisions — 2 2 0
„ Repayment of Income Tax — — —	„ Uniforms — 10 6 0
	„ Electric Light — 0 3 8
	„ Secretary's and Treasurer's Postages and Sundries — 2 1 9
	„ Bank Charges — 0 4 0
	„ Cash at Bank — 55 14 11
£189 10 2	£189 10 2

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and certified.

M. STANTON, Chartered Accountant.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 19th February, 1930.

AGENDA

Notice convening Meeting.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting.

Adoption of:- (a) Annual Report.
(b) Balance Sheet.

Re-election of:- (a) Retiring Deputy Captains.
(b) Retiring Committee.
(c) Auditor.

Votes of thanks:- (a) Press.
(b) Coastguard.

Annual Meeting held at the Watch
House on Thursday 20th March 1930

Chairman

Capt. James Page.

Notice

The notice convening the Meeting
was read.

Minutes

Those of the last Annual Meeting
were read and confirmed.

Annual
Report

The adoption of the Report was
moved by the Chairman with approp-
riate remarks on the continued necessity
for the Brigade to be efficient and
ready for service.

Capt. Oliver seconded and Report was
adopted.

Balance Sheet

Same was passed on the motion of
Captain Harker seconded by Bala.
Ramsay.

Dep. Captains
Committee &
Auditor

It was resolved that the retiring
Deputy Captains & Committee
be re-elected - thus bring no
nominations and no vacancies.
It was also resolved that Mr.
Matthew Stainton be re-elected.

Honorary Auditor with a vote of
thanks for his services-

Vote of
thanks

A vote of thanks was accorded to
the press also to the Command
which Mr White acknowledged

Honorary Member
death of

Chairman before concluding the
business of the meeting made a
sympathetic reference to the death
of Sir James Needham.

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 2nd July 1930

Chairman

Minutes

New Members

Capt. Page

Those of last meeting confirmed.

The following approved as from
date set opposite their names.

William Sachse 2nd April 1930

Thomas Byron Minton 4th June 1930

James Jackson 4th June 1930

Competitions

Secretary was instructed to write to
the Secretary of the Roker Brigade and
ascertain if the Wearside Shipowners

Some in parks
on 13th July

Competition would take place on 12th inst.
Secretary reported that he had accepted an
invitation on behalf of the Brigade to
attend & that a postcard giving time &
place of assembly etc. would be sent to
each member of the Brigade.

Chairman

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 6th August 1930

Capt. Barker

Chairman

Minutes

New Members

Chronicle Cup

Moffett Rowing

Cup

of previous meeting confirmed.

Approved Alfred Hastie 14th July 1930

Secretary reported that the drill for this
would take place at 2.30 p.m. on 16th inst.

Secretary reported that a crew consisting
of Brigadesmen C. Matthews, J. Whitaker,
K. Grenier & J. A. Jamieson with 44
pennant as Cox had won this Cup
at Roker on the 4th inst. The Committee
congratulated the crew and directed
that matter be recorded in the minutes.
A letter of congratulation from the Sec.
Sunderland (South) Wharfedale Life

R.A.O.B. Service on
17th August

Attendance at
Drill

Chairman
Members
Resignation of Capt.
Harker

Appointment of
an Auditor

Brigade was read and the Secretary was instructed to answer same. Secretary read a letter inviting the Brigade to be present at this service but was instructed briefly replying that the Brigade would be unable to attend. Secretary reported that he notified all their members who had not drilled this year that it was necessary to attend 4 monthly drills in order to be efficient.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at Hatch House on 6th December 1930

Capt. James Page reported of previous meeting read & confirmed. The Secretary read letter from Capt. Harker dated 4th Nov last resigning the position of Captain in the Brigade. Report that Secretary wrote a suitable letter. Capt. Harker accepting his resignation, appreciating his services & that he be informed that at the forthcoming annual meeting he would be elected an honorary member of the Brigade.

The Secretary reported that Mr Stanton would not be able to act as Auditor on account of illness & time was drawing near for an audit of the Brigade accounts. He proposed that Mr W. M. Vasey be appointed Auditor.

Finance
Investment

Secretary informed Committee he had received a notice from the Treasurer J.B.C. that Mortgage No 11104 for £200 in favour of Samuel Malesher J.W. Buckland Jas. Page J.B. Ginn & J.B. Brown would mature on 29th January next but that the Commissioners would be prepared to continue it for any fixed period of from three to ten years at interest at 4 1/2 % per annum. Resolved that the Loan & the Type Improvement Commission be renewed for a further period of three years.

Service at St.
Stephen Church on
25th Dec. 1930

Secretary reported that the Rector of St. Stephen had called and invited the Brigade to Evn Service on 25th inst. Reported that Brigade accept invitation and that a notice be sent to each member by the Secretary.

Vacant Capt. Harker

Chairman moved that Dep. Capt. Middleton be nominated for Captain vice Capt. Harker.

Efficiency

assigned and same go before the Annual meeting for consideration. Captain Oliver seconded and this was agreed to unanimously. Dep. Capt. Middleton thanked the Committee for their confidence in the honors proposed to be conferred upon him. Dep. Capt. Pether raised the question of allowing Competition Drills to Count towards Efficiency - The Secretary stated that this would mean an alteration in the Rules - also that at the present time no record was kept of these drills and that such an alteration would in his opinion conflict with the existing regulations as to the granting of the Long Service medal - The Chairman drew attention to an existing rule which gave the Committee power to say whether or not a member was or was not efficient for a particular Year - and that in his opinion the matter need not be carried

any further - the Secretary pointed out the practical difficulties which could arise - General discussion ensued but no motion was put to the meeting -

James Page

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 29th January 1931

Chairman

Minutes

Annual Report
and Balance Sheet

Annual Meeting

Finance

of previous meeting read and confirmed. There were respectively read over and it was resolved that same be printed and circulated -

Decided that same be held on 12th February 1931

Secretary reported Notice from Treasurer of the ~~Independent~~ ^{Independent} Commission in respect of money paid for £400 and £100. It was resolved that this be continued for another five years - also that Treasurer of the Brigade re-invest the sum of £64 odd proceeds of Certificates purchased in 1918 for £38.15.4

New Member - J.N. Bong of 43 George Scott Street

Non-efficient
in 1930
number

was approved having joined on the
3rd January 1931

The following were dealt with:-

No. 1

R. J. Gallant non-efficient for 1930

E. Salkeld do

H. Losh do

C. Middlemiss efficient

N. Bell struck off

R. Brown do

A. Hoatson do

W. L. Bates non-efficient

J. Hunter struck off

J. Shethorne non-efficient

H. S. Rogers struck off

J. Ellis struck off

E. Pichema non-efficient

J. Rundle efficient

No. 2

J. P. Thompson non-efficient

D. Ramsay efficient

J. Kyle non-efficient

J. D. Spence non-efficient

A. D. Dixon do

J. P. Goddard non-efficient

J. Short non-efficient

S. J. Foster struck off

No. 3

J. Jones non-efficient

M. Brown do

J. R. Liphewson do

J. Strickhead struck off

R. Corbett non-efficient

J. Dacey do

Summer drills

Decided that there would start on first
Wednesday in April -

J. Dacey

Minutes of Annual meeting held at
the Brigade House on Thursday 12th
February 1931

Capt. Page

Chairman

Notice concerning

meeting

Scoutmaster

The notice concerning the meeting was
read by the Secretary

Messrs Ogilvie & Morton were appoint-
ed Scoutmasters to count the votes for
Deputy Captains & Committee -

Minutes of last

annual meeting

Election of

The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read & confirmed -

Deputy Captain J. M. Middleton

a Captain

Hon. Captain

Annual Report
& Balance Sheet

Result of Election

Joint Captains
Committee

Auditor

was elected Captain vice C. H.
Harker resigned -
So Capt. C. H. Harker was elected
on Honorary Captain of the
Brigade

In moving the adoption of Reports
Balance Sheet The Chairman congratulated
Essexmouth on winning The Chronicle Cup
& Warrant Shipowners Cup - also referred to
Communion sitting at present on Coxswain
Service - also made reference to deaths
of Mr. R. B. Binkham honorary Member
and Mr. Matthew Stanton an old Member
and Auditor of the Brigade -
Capt. Oliver seconded & Report & Balance
Sheet were adopted -

The following were declared duly elected
Joint Captains: - J. A. Matthews -
J. F. Robson & J. Whitaker

The following were declared duly
elected on the Committee - W. Brown
C. Matthews - J. F. McEuloch - T. F.
Preston - R. Gungler - J. Laidler -
J. A. Jamieson, & W. M. Davey -
Mr. W. M. Davey was elected Auditor



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

4th FEBRUARY, 1931.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade
House on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual Report
and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year
ending 31st December, 1930

The Committee have pleasure in presenting the Sixty-Fourth Annual Report to the
members and friends of the Brigade.

We have no shipwrecks to report, one or two strandings caused by fog being all the
casualties we have to mention.

On February 1st, after our monthly drill, a gale sprung up from the South-east: a
watch was set which continued till early morning. Watch was also kept on April 3rd from
7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on April 4th, during a strong South-east gale.

On Saturday, July 12th, a competition was held at Roker for a shield presented by the Warside Shipowners to the Life Brigades on the North East coast, namely, Tynemouth, South Shields, Roker and Sunderland. Tynemouth were first and South Shields second.

On August 4th, at the Roker Regatta, two Boats Crews from this Brigade were entered for the Moffat Challenge Cup, open to Members of Volunteer Life Brigades. The Crew, consisting of C. Matthews, J. Whitacker, R. Grenyer, J. A. Jamieson and T. F. Preston succeeded in winning the Cup and the Medal.

On Saturday, August 5th, the competition for the "Chronicle" Cup was held here. Our team, consisting of 15 men, captained by Dep. Captain J. T. Robson, was complimented by Captain Bachus, K.N.D.S.O., on their performance. On the results being made known some days afterwards it was found that Tynemouth were first, South Shields second, and Roker third.

On September 28th, an exciting scene occurred in the Harbour during a very strong North-easterly gale. A large Commissioners' dredger broke adrift in the Harbour and was only brought up when she drove down near the Groyne. Watch was kept all night as the wind increased and the sea was very high.

Sunday, November 16th, the Brigade attended at S. Hilda's Church, being Mayor's Sunday. Many of the other public bodies in the town also were present.

Sunday, December 28th, a strong contingent of the Brigade attended the usual Memorial Service at S. Stephen's Church, to the Pilots who lost their lives in the cutter "Protector" by enemy action on December 31st, 1916. Pilots, River Police and kindred bodies were also present.

The efficiency of the Brigade has been kept up by the monthly drills at the mast with rockets, at the Trow Rocks with the ladder, and on the winter evenings in the House with miniature apparatus.

We again heartily thank our Honorary Members and Subscribers for the support they have given us, as it is chiefly due to their financial assistance that the Brigade can continue its work. The Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67, King Street, South Shields, will be pleased, at any time, to receive and acknowledge subscriptions and donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70, KING STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS.

Present Subscribers and Honorary Members

Mrs. J. N. Alexander.
Mr. H. Anderson, Esq.
Messrs. T. Anderson & Son
R. D. Barlow, Esq.
Messrs. Benson & Sons
Mrs. C. Bowman
J. B. Bowman, Esq.
W. H. Bowman, Esq.
R. F. Brigham, Esq.
H. A. Brightman, Esq.
R. H. Brown, Esq.
Hornett Steamship Co.
Col. Chapman
M. C. Cowan, Esq.
Col. Dawson
G. W. Dineen, Esq.
Messrs. Alex. Deuchar & Co.
Messrs. Dent & Co.
(per T. T. Anderson, Esq.)
G. M. Dryden, Esq.

G. Drury, Esq.
Alfred Elders, Esq.
Messrs. France, Fawcett & Co.
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Messrs. Hanney & Hanney
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Harton Coal Co., Ltd.
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Mrs. John Readhead
Thomas Reed, Esq.

Harold Wilson, Esq.
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J. R. Wood, Esq.
Miss J. Wilson
South Shields Butchers Association.

The Honorary Treasurer in account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade Year ending 31st December, 1930

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
Honorary Members' Subscriptions	30 1 0	Repairs to House Mast, etc.	5 10 6
Cash at Bank	25 0 0	Gas Company	1 10 6
Grant from Board of Trade	25 0 0	Printing, etc.	2 13 6
Interest from T. I. Commission	31 11 3	T. I. Commission Ground Rents and	
Interest from War Loan	3 5 2	Way Leaves	6 18 6
Collection Box, Watch House	3 3 4	Insurance	5 11 6
Rebate from Insurance	0 2 10	Goals	1 13 6
		Uniforms	74 4 0
		Corporation Electric Light	9 17 6
		Engine Oil	2 1 6
		Expenses, Sunderland Shipowners	4 10 4
		Cup Competition	2 11 6
		Cash at Bank	40 1 6
	£150 18 6		£150 18 6

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and Certified.

WM. M. VASEY, Auditor.

12th January, 1931.

M. W. M. Vasey was elected Auditor

Order of Thanks

Efficiency

Winter Entertainment

New Members

unrecovered to the Press by Constable -
which were suitably acknowledged by
Mr. S. Jamison & Mr. W. White respectively
Deputy Capt. Matthews drew
attention to the Standard required
reformed the hope that all members
would endeavour to maintain the
required minimum - the Chairman
ended these remarks -

Mr. W. M. Vasey drew the members
attention to these & asked the
members of the Brigade to give their
support

On the suggestion of a member the
Chairman stated that there were
vacancies for members & that new
members would be welcome but
that at the same time the Brigade
would only accept persons likely to
become efficient members -

Auditor

Mr. W. M. Vasey was elected Auditor

Attendance of Committee	1931				1932				Addresses
	May 6	Aug 5	Nov 12	Dec 5	Feb 6	May 6	Aug 21	Nov 12	
Capt. Page	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3 So. View Terrace
" Oliver	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	31 Horsley Hill Road
" J. M. Middleton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	141 Worloe Road
Ex-Officio J. A. Matthews	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 Lynton Street
" J. K. Robson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11 Albert Terrace
" J. Whitaker	1	1		1	-	1	1	1	57 Pearson Street
Brig. W. Brown	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 Henry Nelson Street
" C. Matthews	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	103 Hyde Street
" J. F. M. Linton	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	184 Mowbray Road
" L. Greyer	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	36 Hedley Street
" G. Laidler	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40 Barclay Avenue
" J. A. Jamieson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53 Shortridge Street
W. H. Bracey	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 Sunderland Road Cleburn
" J. K. Robson	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	28 Charlotte Street
" J. F. Preston	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	153 Hyde Street
Sh. Off. W. White	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	Con. Guard Sh. Co. Pier
Hon. Sec. J. B. Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70 King St.
Hon. Sec. J. B. Ord	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 Wellington Terrace
Asst. Sec. W. Backlund	-	deceased	-	-	-	-	-	-	132 Wisloe Road
Pres. S. Malcolm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78 Fern Avenue Jesmond

Addresses

Chairman
Minutes
Committee

Capt. Harker

Wearside Shipowners
Competition

Repairs to House

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
6th May 1931 at the Watch House

Capt. Oliver
of last meeting read and confirmed
Secretary explained the position which had
arisen and it was decided that both

Members - W. Robson and J. F. Preston
should serve on the Committee for the year.
Secretary reported that Capt. Harker had
left a photograph of himself and it was
decided that same be placed in the
Committee Room.

Secretary reported that this would
take place on the 16th inst. and that
a team was already preparing for
the Competition of which Capt. Capt
Robson was in charge.

Resolved that expenses of team
on same basis as last year be
paid out of Brigade Funds.

Some discussion arose as to the
need of certain repairs being done
and that it was time the
House was painted again - and
as this was a matter of importance

it was left to the Secretary to communicate with the Treasurer on the matter.

James Page

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on the 5th August 1931

Chairman

Minutes of last Meeting

Wiffal Cup

New Members

Resignation

Boys Scouts

Captain Page

Minutes of last Meeting read & confirmed

The Chairman congratulated the crew consisting of Bugadamese Jameson, Appleby, C. Matthew, Truston & Deputy Capt. Whistone (Cox) on again winning their Cup & it was decided to enter same on the minutes.

The following were approved as from their respective dates of enrolment -

James Panton 3rd June 1931

Alfred Gibson 3rd June 1931.

Charles Appleby 30th June 1931

The resignation of Bugadesman T. Casey was accepted.

Deputy Captain Robson mentioned the suggestion that the Boys Scouts be allowed to attend classes of instruction at the Brigade House - The Committee approved the suggestion.

Unsubstantiated
Report on Coast
Station

The Chairman announced that after Officers had seen Capt. Rumbleigh at the Brigade House on 3rd inst. & the Recommendation of the Committee as to the Coastguard Station at So. Pier had been discussed - and that they had had a long discussion on the matter - after discussion by the Committee and reference to the report it was resolved - that a letter be sent to Chief Inspector C.G. & L.S.A. also to the Member of Parliament and the President of the Brigade -

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 12th November 1931.

Chairman

Minutes

Coastguard
Station

Capt. Page

of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The reply of the Chief Inspector C.G. & L.S.A. was read also the letter from the Member of Parliament for the Borough and it was resolved copies of the correspondence

be sent to the President of the Board of Trade and the present member of Parliament of the Borough

State of House - This matter was considered and referred to Capt. Page and Dep. Capt. Matthews to survey the house & see what was necessary for the house in order & to take such steps along with any other Officer or Committee-man as they should think fit.

New Members - The following new Members were approved as from their respective dates of Enrolment:-

Thomas Pringle Collins 2nd Sept. 1931.

John Dochter 29. October 1931.

Resignations - Secretary informed Committee that Brigadesman J. Kyle had resigned - also J. P. Robertson and that Geo. Christison who had been struck off in December 1929 for non-attendance had absconded the October drill -

Resolved that Kyle's resignation be accepted but that he be informed that he would always be welcome at

the Brigade House -

that Robertson's resignation owing to going to live in another town would take effect - and that Christison be not again at present placed on the strength of the Brigade -

Smoking
Concert

after a lengthy discussion it was resolved that this matter be over & that nothing be done at present but that at a later meeting when fixing the date of the annual meeting some suitable form of entertainment might be considered -

General

Secretary reported that a Box of Tomatoes had been presented to the Brigade by Mr Chapman of Sutton-Rugby & that same had been acknowledged - the Rules drawn up for Billiards in the Brigade House were approved & the thanks of the Committee expressed through the Chairman to all those who had assisted in removing the Billiard Tables -

Proposition

Chairman
Minutes

Committee Meeting held at
Watch House on 5th December 1931
Captain Middleton

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Non-officials

Dec I. G. Southmore struck off.

Dec II. J. P. Thompson struck off.

" " A. W. Dixon struck off.

" " J. Short told written to and

informed that he could re-join.

Dec III. J. Jones told struck off.

A letter from the M.P. of the Borough
was read enclosing a copy of a letter
from the Under Secretary B.P.F. to the
Member - it was resolved that this
matter be left in the hands of the 3
Captains & Secretary to deal with as
soon as possible.

The Secretary informed the Committee
that the Rector of St. Stephen's had
invited the Brigade to attend the
"Pelots" service on Sunday evening the
24th inst. - resolved that the Brigade
attend this service - notice to be
sent to members - F. Oliver.

Service at
St. Stephen's
Church

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 6th February 1932

Chairman
Minutes

Captain Owens
of last meeting read and confirmed

Annual
Report & Balance
Sheet

The Secretary read the draft Annual
Report and Balance sheet and
it was resolved that same be
printed and circulated amongst
the Members Honorary Members
and Subscribers.

Annual
Meeting

Resolved that Annual Meeting
be held on Thursday the 18th
instant at 4.45 p.m. and that a
Social Evening on the lines of a
Brigade Watch be held after the
meeting.

New Member

Approved as from date of Enrol-
ment: - John Robert Fordyce 21st Jan 1932.

James Page
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Minutes of Annual Meeting
held at the Walsh House on
Thursday the 18th day of February 1932

Chairman

Notice Concerning

Meeting

Scutineers

Minutes of

Last Annual

Meeting

Adoption of

Annual

Report and

Balance Sheet

Re-Election of

Deputy Captain

Secretary

Minutes

of the

Meeting

of the

Meeting

Capt. Page

The notice concerning the Meeting
was read

Brigadesmen Ogilvie and Harlie
were appointed Scutineers to
control the Voting papers -

The minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and on
the motion of the Chairman

seconded by Deputy Captain
Whitaker were confirmed -

The Chairman in moving the adoption
made reference to the possibility of the Coal Gas
Station being discontinued but that Matthews and

Conclusion - Captain Middleton seconded the adoption
of the Report & Mr. Vasey supported the Report & Balance Sheet
adopted -

Mr. W. Vasey moved & Mr. Granger seconded
that the following be elected: - J. A.

Matthews - J. F. Robson and J. Whitaker.

Resolution was carried.



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

11th FEBRUARY, 1932

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade
House on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at 7 p.m., when the Annual Report and
Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year
ending 31st December, 1931

The Committee beg to present the Sixty-Fifth Annual Report to the Members and
Friends of the Brigade.

We have no shipwrecks to report, but some strandings of fishing boats took place,
being caused by thick fog.

Watch was kept on March 6th and 7th, there being a gale from South-east, also on
September 3rd, during a North-east gale; and on various other occasions watch has been
kept during part of the night owing to the weather.

On May 16th the Competition for the Wearside Shipowners' Shield was held at Roker.
A Team from South Shields competed, and the result announced by Captain Bowles, R.N.,
Inspector of Coastguard for the Tyne District, was as follows: - Tynemouth 108 points,
Roker 104 points, South Shields 100 points, and Sunderland 63 points.

or before the 15th day of January

or before the 15th day of January

A G E N D A.

- Notice convening Meeting.
Appointment of Scrutineers to count voting papers.
Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
Adoption of (a) Annual Report
(b) Balance Sheet.
Election of Committee.
Re-election of Deputy Captains.
Re-election of Auditor.
Notice of Motion by Secretary to alter Rule 10.
Votes of thanks (a) Press
(b) Coastguard.

Election
of
Committee

The Chairman announced that the following had been elected:-
F. Greyer J. Y. McElwosh
J. F. Proton J. Laidler
C. Matthews - W. Brown
W. Barry and J. D. Jamieson -
after the counting of the voting
papers which had been handed
in to the Scrutineers

Auditor

M^r W. M. Barry was re-elected
Honorary Auditor and thanked for his services.
The Secretary moved the following
alteration to Rule 10 - after having
given notice of motion a copy of which
had been exhibited on the Notice Board
in the Brigade House for some time -

Motion by
Secretary

"That the Second part of Rule 10 com-
mencing "that a nomination paper"
and ending at "entered" be deleted
and in place thereof the following
substituted "That any nomination
for the positions of Deputy Captain
or Committee shall be in writing
and lodged with the Secretary on
or before the 15th day of January

Resolution was carried -

in each year. Such nomination shall be signed by the member proposed for Deputy Captain or Committee also signed by a proposer and Seconder all of whom must be effective members of the Brigade at the time of such nomination. The Existing Deputy Captains and members of Committee need not be re-nominated only new nominations for the positions need be lodged with the Secretary. A withdrawal of a nomination must be notified to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the annual meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried
A vote of thanks to the Treasurer was moved by the Chairman and was carried with acclamation - Mr Taylor suitably responded -

A vote of thanks to the Court Guard was carried with acclamation and concluded the business of the meeting.

James K. Age

Committee Meeting held at Brigade House on Wednesday 16th April 1932

Chairman

Minutes

Court Guard Station at South Shields

The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read and confirmed - The Secretary read a letter dated the 24th March last from the Assistant Secretary Mercantile Marine Department Board of Trade stating it had now been decided to continue the station subject to certain modifications as set out in the letter -

The Chairman and meeting expressed their pleasure at the result arrived at and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Assistant Secretary Mercantile Marine Department expressing appreciation of the result arrived at -

Painting of House

The estimates of Mr. H. Park and F. C. Bennett for painting Brigade House were considered and it was decided to accept that of Mr. Park and the Secretary was

instructed to notify Mr. Park that his tender had been accepted & that he could make arrangements to proceed with the work.

Times of Drill

The Chairman mentioned that he thought it advisable to have a fixed time for Drill and after discussion it was decided that Summer drills take place at 7 p.m. and winter drills at 3.30 p.m.

Provisional

Special Meeting of Brigade held at the Watch House on 16th June 1932

Chairman

Capt. Page

H.M. Coastguard
Coast Life
Saving Corps.

The Secretary explained the object of the meeting and read out a draft of proposed Resolutions as follows:-

That this Brigade is desirous of assisting the Life Saving Organisation known as "H.M. Coastguard Coast Life Saving Corps" as an

Honorary Member of the Corps and being affiliated to the Corps and offer its services accordingly and that the Secretary is hereby instructed to sign the necessary form C-G 4 B to carry this into effect and forward same forthwith to District H.M. Coastguard. The Chairman spoke in support of the Resolution and moved same which was seconded by Capt. Oliver and on same being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Competitions

British Legion Seaside

The Chairman reminded those present that the Chronicle Cup Competition would take place on 2nd July and Seaside Ship Owners Shield Competition on 23rd July and that the British Legion Seaside would be held on 1st July. Deputy Capt. Bolton hoped that the Brigade should make an effort to put up a good show in both the Competitions.

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Walsh
House on Wednesday the 6th day of July
1932.

Chairman

Capt J. M. Middleton

Minutes of last read and confirmed.
meeting

A. M. Coak-
South
Island
Army Corps

Secretary reported that he had
received Certificate of affiliation
from Board of Trade.

New Members

The following applications for
Memberships were dealt with:-

Arthur Frederick Teroni

Ernest Vinton

William Robinson

Alfred Parker Clowry

John Winter

Patrick Mulgrew

Thomas Gourlay Esby

Leslie Reynolds

John Lovely -

It was decided as follows: that
the application of Thomas Gourlay Esby

New Members

be approved as from date of
Enrolment namely 5th May 1932
and that of Leslie Reynolds be
approved as from 26th May 1932 -
that the applications of the remainder
with the exception of John Lovely
be deferred for future consideration
and that in the meantime the Secretary
communicate with them -
that the application of John Lovely
should not be approved.

Warwick
Shropshire
Shields

The Secretary reminded the Committee
that the Competition would be held
at South Shields on the Brigade
Drill ground on 23rd inst. and it
was decided to provide Tea - a sub
Committee consisting of Capt. Oliver &
Deputy Capt. Matthews were appointed
to take the matter in hand & to
make the necessary arrangements -
Captain Middleton arranging to
see about obtaining police assist-
ance for the occasion -

British
Army
Legion Service

The Secretary reminded the Committee
that this Service would be held

on the 17th inst. and after discussion it was resolved that the Secretary inform the local Secretary of the Region that Capt. Oliver would be in charge of the Brigade and that about 24 or more members would possibly attend - and that Secretary notify members of Brigade to assemble at St John's Institute Broughton Road at 2.15 p.m. prompt uniform and medals to be worn.

Resignation - The resignation of Brigadesman H. York was accepted -

Billiard Table This matter was brought before the Committee and after discussion the Secretary was directed to post a notice in the Brigade House that "The House be not open for Billiard playing unless an Officer or Committee Man is present."

Ambulance Class It was brought to the notice of the Committee that there was a desire amongst some of the members

that an Ambulance Class should be formed and after discussion it was decided that a notice be placed on the Notice Board in the Brigade House so that those members desirous of doing so could put their names down to attend the class if informed and that if sufficient members notified their desire the matter would be further considered.

War Loan - The Secretary asked for instructions and it was decided that the War Loan in the names of the Trustees of the Brigade should be covered on the terms offered by the Government.

Committee Meeting held at Walcott House on 21st July 1932
Jm Middleton.

Chairman Capt. Jm Middleton -

Searchlight Secretary reported that Col. Edwards had asked for the loan of the Searchlight & had read the Chief

Electrician from the Middle Docks to have a look at the Searchlight to ascertain if same could be used for the Yattoo to be held at Horsley Hill on 20th and 24th instants - and on his reporting suitability of same Col. Edwards had informed the Secretary by telephone that everyone would be taken & that he would undertake that the Searchlight if loaned would be replaced in the Brigade House in proper order & condition & without any damage -

After some discussion it was resolved that the Searchlight be loaned to Col. Edwards upon the understanding as explained by the Secretary.

Immediate

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 3rd August 1932

Capt. Middleton

Of last meeting read and confirmed

It was mentioned that the arrangements which had been made when the Competition was held here on

Chairman
Minutes
Wesley's Competition
Competition

Ambulance Class

23rd July were carried out successfully. It was decided that a class be formed for 12 months provided those who had set down their names intend to be present and that preliminary arrangements be made. Brigadier-men Preston, Jamieson & Sticker to act as lay instructors & that notice be sent to those members who had entered their names on the notice board - to attend meeting on 11th inst. at 7.30 p.m. in Brigade House.

War Loan

Secretary reported steps which had been taken to convert War Loan.

Searchlight

Secretary reported that Searchlight had been replaced.

Captain Oliver

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Capt. Oliver who had attained 50 years service in the Brigade appreciating his services and wishing him continued health.

Steel Munition Box

It was reported that a Box had been purchased and this action was approved.

Winter Balls

Resolved that there start on 1st Saturday in October - time 3.30 p.m.

Uniform

It was decided to leave over the

1933

1934

Attendance of Committee	Jan 4	Jan 19	Feb 5	Mar 5	Apr 5	May 14	June 27
Capt. Page	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" Oliver	-	+					
" Middleton	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
" Matthews	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
" J. Y. Nelson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" J. Whitaker	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
" W. Brown	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
" C. Matthews	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" J. McEnish	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
" R. Spryger	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
" A. Laidler	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
" J. A. Jamison	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" W. M. Vazey	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
" F. F. Ruston	-	1	1	1	1	-	1
" W. White	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" B. B. Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" H. B. D. D.							
" S. Melrose							
" Hon. Capt. F. Oliver	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
" A. Shaker		1	1	1	1	1	1
" J. C. Marks	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Addresses

- 3 So. Brew Ln.
31 Horsley Hill Road
141 Westlodge Road
8 Spindhurst Street
11 Albert Terrace
57 Pearson Street
15 Henry Nelson Street
103 Hyde Street
184 Newbury Road
36 Hedley St.
40 Rosebery Av.
53 Shotnidge St.
6 Sunderland Rd.
153 Hyde St.
Canford Shi. So. Pier
40 Ring St.
10 Worthington Yce
78 Fern Av. Jemond

question of uniform and equipment in the possession of members struck off until the end of the year.

State of house

- This was discussed and it was recommended that Captain Oliver and Middleton take the matter in hand.

Electric Stands

- done near

Brigade House

The Secretary reported that a key had been sent by the Borough Engineer so that when necessary the light could be turned off.

James. Page

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 4th January 1933

Chairman

Capt. Page

Minutes

Of last meeting read and confirmed
Joseph Stephenson Fairley approved as from date of enrolment namely 11th August 1932.

New Member

Capt. Oliver

a letter from Capt Oliver expressing his wish to resign his position as Captain to take effect from the Annual Meeting was read.

Canford

Resolved that the quarterly allowance

Auditor

of 13/6 be increased to £1-0-0.
Resolved that Auditor's fee be fixed at
£1-1-0

James Page

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 19th January 1932.

Capt. James Page

Chairman
Minutes
Annual Report
& Balance Sheet
of last meeting
read and confirmed
that same be printed and circulated.
It was decided to hold the Annual
Meeting on 28th February.
Resolved that he be returned as
efficient for year 1932 under Rule 6.

James Page



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

10TH FEBRUARY, 1932.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on TUESDAY, the 28th inst., at 8 p.m., when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1932

The Committee beg to present the Sixty-sixth Annual Report to the Members and Friends of the Brigade.

We have no shipwrecks to report and no watches, but on many occasions during foggy and stormy weather watch has been maintained by the Coastguard.

On January 28, the Chief Inspector of Coastguard and L.S.A. accompanied by Captain Bowles, Inspector N.E. District, visited the Brigade House, and met the President (Mr. S. Malcolm) Captains James Page, F. Oliver and J. M. Middleton and the Honorary Secretary, the District Officer also being present. The question of the Coastguard being withdrawn

from South Shields was thoroughly discussed and every reason possible urged upon the Chief Inspector for the retention of the Coastguard at South Shields. After a lengthy discussion, the Chief Inspector informed those present that the ultimate decision would rest with the Board of Trade, whose decision would eventually be conveyed to the Brigade, and later the Board of Trade intimated to the Brigade that the Coastguard would remain at South Shields. The Members of the Brigade are to be congratulated on the result.

On the 18th May, Captain J. W. Buckland died. His connection with the Brigade began in January, 1875, and for some years he was Senior Captain. On resigning the Senior Captaincy he was appointed Honorary House Captain and Assistant Secretary, and to the end he maintained a keen interest in the activities of the Brigade. The Brigade attended his funeral at Harton Cemetery on the 18th May.

On July 2nd, the "Chronicle" Cup Competition took place at 6.30 p.m.—Deputy Captain J. T. Robson being in charge of the Team. The Team carried out an excellent competition drill and eventually obtained fourth place in the competition, there being very few points between the first four Teams.

On July 23rd, the Wearside Shipowners' Shield Competition was held on the Drill ground of the Brigade at the South Pier, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and continued until about 8 p.m., the competing teams carrying out the practice on the one day and on the same ground. Tynemouth were awarded 1st place and Shields 2nd. On this occasion the visiting teams and their friends were entertained to tea in the Brigade House, and the result of the competition was made known by the umpire before leaving.

The ordinary monthly drills during the year have sometimes been varied by a service drill, these service drills being very thorough, arduous and of a practical nature. During the autumn and winter months, dummy and practice drills took place in the Brigade House.

An Ambulance Class was restarted in the autumn and well attended, and new Medical Lectures on the Thursday night are being given by Dr. Marks, to whom we are indebted and whose services are appreciated.

The Brigade House has been thoroughly cleaned and this has been carried out voluntarily by members of the Brigade, and to those who have carried out the work our thanks are due.

We again heartily thanks our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support as it is chiefly due to their financial assistance that the Brigade can continue its work. The Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67 King Street, South Shields, would be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions or donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70, KING STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS.

Present Subscribers and Honorary Members

Mrs. T. N. Alexander.	J. J. Grant, Esq.	Messrs. Scott Bros.
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R. H. Brown, Esq.	H. Mason, Esq.	J. P. Wardle, Esq.
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(per T. T. Anderson, Esq.)	Dowager Lady Readhead.	E. P. Williamson, Esq.
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G. Drury, Esq.	Thomas Reed, Esq.	
Alfred Elders, Esq.	Harold Robson, Esq.	
Messrs. France, Fenwick & Co.	C. S. Richardson, Esq.	

The Honorary Treasurer in Account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Year ending 31st December, 1932

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at date of last Report	...	35 18 7	Wages	...	54 13 0
Donations	...	6 0 8	Repairs to House and painting House	...	53 12 6
Subscriptions	...	17 17 0	Competition Expenses	...	2 18 4
Contributions by Board of Trade	...	25 0 0	Coal	...	10 2
Interest on Investments	...	29 10 9	Lighting	...	3 11 2
Balance due at Bank	...	18 7 10	Printing	...	2 19 0
			Insurances	...	5 1 0
			Wayleaves	...	0 15 3
			Uniform	...	2 7 4
			Postages (1931)	...	3 0 8
			Bank Charges	...	2 3 6
	£132	14 10			£132 14 10

Audited and certified,

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

WM. M. VASEY, Auditor.

16th JANUARY, 1933.

Annual Meeting held at the Brigade House on Sunday 28th February 1933

Capt. Page

Chairman
Chair of Meeting
Emphatically
The Notice convening the meeting was read
Brigadesman Ogilvie and Horrie were
appointed Scrutineers to count the
votes

Minutes - The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and of
Special Meeting held on 16 June 1932 were
read and confirmed -

Annual Report - The Chairman moved the adoption
and in so doing pointed out that Brigades
were still necessary also made reference
to retention of Court Guard - and to the
Death of Capt. Buckland - also that
the Brigade were grateful to the Honorary
Members for their support -

Seconded by Captain Oliver - and on
being put to the meeting was carried
nem. con.

Balance Sheet - Moved by Col. Deputy Capt. A. A.
Matthews and seconded by Brian
Grenyer that same be adopted -
Carried nem. con.

Resignation of
Capt. F. Oliver

The meeting having been informed that Captain Oliver desired to resign - the Chairman moved the following resolution - that Captain Oliver's resignation be accepted and that he be appointed an Honorary Captain of the Brigade and Honorary Surgeon Captain with a seat on the Committee and in so doing recognize the work of Capt. Oliver, his long service and good qualities - Seconded by Dep. Capt. J. T. Robson and carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Captain Oliver returned thanks -

Election of
Captain

On the motion of Bdm. W. M. Vasey Seconded by R. Gwyer Dep. Capt. J. A. Matthews was elected a Captain of the Brigade vice F. Oliver resigned.

Captain J. A. Matthews returned thanks.

Honorary
Surgeon

J. C. Marks was elected Honorary Surgeon of the Brigade vice J. W. B. Ord resigned -

Auditor

Bdm. W. M. Vasey was re-elected Auditor -

Chronicle Cup
and Wesside Ship
owners Shield
Competitions

Mention was made of these Competitions and Dep. Capt. Robson mentioned that probably the Chronicle Cup Competition would be held at Shields for September. Robson and Shields said that the Wesside Competition was due to be held at Tyne and that some of the Conditions might be altered and urged that when the time came the Brigade should again enter these competitions.

Shortage of
Members

Reference was made to the shortage of Members and the Chairman stated that if each member could introduce a new member the complement would be doubled and there would no longer be a shortage of members and reminded the present that it was an honour and a privilege to be a member of the Brigade. Deputy Capt. Robson also spoke.

White Cap Cows

It was moved by Brigadesman Purstone and seconded by Dep. Capt. Whithaker that the Brigade be ~~provided~~ supplied with White Cap Cows and on some being put to the meeting was carried -

Election of
Deputy Captain

The Secretaries made the following
Return of Votes -

Deputy Captains - J. T. Robson 27 votes
J. Whitaker 27 "
C. Matthews 24 "
J. A. Jamison 15 "

Committee

Committee - R. F. P. P. J. F. Preston -
G. P. MacDuck 7 Daidler, W. Brown -
J. A. Jamison, J. Shaker - and W. M. Vasey.

The Chairman declared that Messrs
J. T. Robson, J. Whitaker and C. Matthews
were elected Dep. Captains and that
the above had been elected Committee.

Votes of
Thaups.

Votes of Thaups were accorded to
the Press and the Court Guard -
Mr. Taylor and Mr. White acknowledged
same.

Notification of
Watch

Brigadesman Preston brought up
Question of notifying members when
a watch was being kept -

The Chairman intimated that this
matter would be considered by the
Committee.

Convenience

Brigadesman Shaker brought forward
the question of a convenience and it

was left to the Committee to consider
ways & means -

Smoking Concert

Dep. Capt. J. T. Robson brought this
matter forward and it was resolved
that a Smoking Concert be held on
24th March commencing at 4 p.m. and
a Sub-Committee consisting of
Dep. Capt. J. T. Robson, Brigadesman Preston
& Matthews together with Hon. Captain
was appointed to make necessary
arrangements -

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman
concluded the Business of the meeting

Committee Meeting held on the 5th
April at the Watchhouse

Chairman -

Capt. Page

Minutes -

of last Committee meeting read
and confirmed -

New Members

The following applications were
considered: -

William Hird 28 Feb 1933

Arthur Fredrick Lewis 4 March 33

Robert Amsted 4 March 1933

Ronald Malley 4 March 1933

New Members - Arthur Beck 28 March 1933.
James Richards 28 March 1933
and it was resolved that all three
be placed on probation for 3 months.
White Cap Covers - This matter was
considered and debated and on
being put to the meeting it was decided
by 6 votes to 5 that there be not
provided by the Brigade.

Suggestions
from Annual
Meeting -

Provision of a Convenience - This matter
was considered and after difficulties
of carrying same into effect & probable
cost being pointed out - it was decided
not to proceed with the matter.

Death of
Brigadesman
R. Gardner -

This was formally reported by the
Secretary who was instructed to
post a notice in the Brigade House
asking for applications from Members
of the Brigade for the vacant position
of Brigade Watchman -

James Page

Chairman
Minutes

Brigade
Watchman

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 25th May 1933.
Captain Page
& previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

Secretary reported that he had only
received one application for the position
viz. Dep. Capt. J. Whitaker.
It was moved by Brigadesman
Preston that he (Whitaker) be
appointed - this was seconded by
the Chairman and carried -
that the appointment be from 10th June
next at 19/6 per week subject to
4 weeks notice on either side
Whitaker to pay share of Insurance
(if any) also that the appointment
carried with it the condition that
he vacate the position of a
Deputy Capt. and membership of
the Committee.

Deputy Captain
Whitaker

On discussion it was pointed out
that according to the Rules Deputy
Captains could only be elected at
an Annual Meeting and it was

decided to leave the matter over until the next annual meeting -

Chronicle Cap. - It was decided to supply tea to the visitors and members on 1st July next -

Coastguard - An honorarium of £5. was voted to the Coastguard and the Secretary was directed to convey the thanks of the Brigade to the Coastguard for the extra work and care of the House which they had undertaken since the death of the late Brigadiaman Gardner -

House - It was decided that any member of the Brigade who had been a member for 12 months can have entry to the House on applying for Key at Police Cabin - Right the out at 10 p.m. - except on Watch nights and special occasions -

James Page

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 5th July 1933.

Chairman

Minutes

British Legion

Service

Searchlight

Captain Page

Of last meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided that the Brigade would not absorb this service.

Secretary mentioned that Col. Edwards had applied for the loan of the Searchlight - it was decided that the Searchlight be loaned to Col. Edwards for the Tattoo to be held this month.

Probationers

W. Hird approved and to be placed on full membership -

A. J. Teroni - uniform in his possession (if any) to be collected and name struck off -

R. Austead not approved

R. Malley - do -

A. Beck - do -

Richards - do -

Chronicle Cap.

Dep. Capt. J. T. Robson brought up the question of Rule 13 and after discussion it was decided that Dep. Capt. Robson co-operate with the Secretary and show

Letter of Thanks

up a suitable letter to be sent to the Inspector.

Ambulance Class

It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr S. Stokes for his gift of a Cintage Board. Brigadier General asked if arrangements would be made to hold an ambulance class and the Chairman stated that it would be soon enough to consider this in Sept or Oct. provided a sufficient number offered themselves for instruction.

Minutes

New Members

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on Thursday 14th December 1933.
Capt. J. A. Matthews in the chair.
of last Meeting confirmed.

The following new Members were approved
Wallis Canwood
Joseph H. Brown
Frank L. Robertson

Finance

Secretary read letter from Legerre re mortgage No. 11104 for £200 - that same would mature on 29th January next. and it was decided to continue the mortgage

and that Captain Middleton's name be added -

Presentation of Chronicle Cup

Secretary reported that Mr W. L. Robertson would present the Cup in the middle of January next and it was decided to hold the function on 16th January next at 7 p.m. and a Committee consisting of Capt. J. A. Matthews, D. Marks & Dep. Capt. Brown was appointed to make arrangements - the Hon. Sec. to see to the invitations -

Capt. J. Matthews

Committee meeting held at Watch House on the 22nd January 1934.

Chairman

Minutes

Report & Balance Sheet

Secret

Capt. J. A. Matthews

of last Meeting read and confirmed - for the year ending 31st Dec 1933 were read and it was resolved that same be printed and circulated amongst the Members & Honorary Members.

Annual Meeting

Capt. Middleton

Resignation

It was decided that same be held on the 6th February next at 7.30 p.m. A letter from Capt. J. M. Middleton resigning the position of Captain was

Captain -

read and it was decided to accept same with regret and that a recommendation be forwarded to the Annual Meeting that Capt Middleton be appointed an Honorary Captain of the Brigade.

It was resolved that Deputy Captain J. T. Wilson should be submitted to the Annual Meeting to be appointed Captain vice Capt. Middleton resigned.

Brigade closed -
in function

It was also resolved that a Recommendation be submitted to the Annual Meeting that the Brigade do not take part in any functions except Mayor's Sunday and the Pilots Memorial Service at St. Stephen's Church.

James Page



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

26th JANUARY, 1934.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on Tuesday, the 6th prox, at 7.30 p.m., when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1933

The Committee beg to present the Sixty-seventh Annual Report to the Members and Friends of the Brigade.

On Sunday the 1st January, the Brigade attended Evensong at St. Stephen's Church on the occasion of the Pilots Memorial Service. There was a large attendance and the Bishop of Durham preached the Sermon.

On 18th and 19th February, owing to a strong easterly wind, watch was kept until the weather moderated at 3 a.m.

On the 24th February strong easterly wind and gale. Watch was kept - the lamp being lit at 8 p.m. It was reported that a vessel, the "Sheaf Arrow" was ten miles North of Whiffry with a list to starboard and it was thought that she would make for the Tyne. Careful watch was kept. Several vessels entered the harbour during the night.

On the 25th February there was a strong North-easterly gale. About 7 a.m. the "Sheaf Arrow", after several attempts entered the harbour practically broadside on. In the meantime, the steamer "Elandre" got into difficulties and about 10 a.m. was thrown up to the Black Middens near the gas buoy. The crew were taken off by the Motor Lifeboat. Watch was continued until 11 p.m.

On the 26th February, watch was continued all day.

On the 27th February, watch continued until 8 a.m.

On the 21st March, Brigadesman Richard Gardner, who had been Brigade Watchman for some time, died and was buried on the 25th March at St. Stephen's Churchyard. A large number of members of the Brigade were present at the Service in St. Stephen's Church prior to the interment.

On 24th March, a Smoking Concert was held in the Brigade House, several members of the Brigade being present, also visitors and Honorary Members. Ambulance Certificates were presented.

On the 1st July, the "Chronicle Cup" Competition Drill took place in very hot weather and a large crowd watched the competition drill, which was indeed a very fine performance. The result of the competition, however, was not declared until later.

On the 7th August, a crew from this Brigade were successful at Roker Regatta in winning the "Moffatt" Cup, a challenge cup for competition amongst crews from Volunteer Life Brigades.

On the 23rd September, the Brigade received the news that the team from the Brigade under Deputy-Captain Robson were the winners of the "Chronicle Cup" for the year 1933. To win this cup is now a severe test and proof of a high state of efficiency, the competition having been brought thoroughly up to date and the competitors being given difficult complications to tackle during the actual progress of the competition drill. The team and the Brigade are to be congratulated on their success.

On the 30th September, Mr. John Swainston, who, previous to his illness, had been a well-known tradesman in the town and in his earlier days, a prominent swimmer, and who for many years was an active member of the Brigade and had taken part in many rescues, died. He was buried at Harton Cemetery on the 3rd October, and a number of Officers and members of the Brigade were present at his funeral.

From the 25th to 29th October, intermittent watch was kept owing to stormy weather. A number of members presented themselves in case of need.

On November 2nd, owing to weather conditions, a watch was set at 9.30 p.m., and continued to about 1 a.m. on the 3rd November.

On November 9th a Film showing the "Chronicle Cup" Competition Drill was exhibited by Mr. Charles Kell in the Brigade House and was highly appreciated by those members present.

On November 18th, following several days of stormy weather, the van was run out along the Pier at 3.30 p.m., and a way dug through the heavy banks of sand which had accumulated and when the weather abated at 2.30 a.m., on the 19th, the watch ended.

There are now vacancies in the Brigade for suitable young men and enrolment forms can be obtained from the Secretary at any time during ordinary office hours or at the Brigade House and particularly on Thursday nights at the Brigade House from 7 to 9 p.m. when instruction classes and dummy drills take place.

We again wish to convey our best thanks to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support and help without them we would not be able to maintain our Watch House. All intending to renew their subscriptions or give a donation should communicate with the Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67, King Street, South Shields, who will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions or donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70, King Street, South Shields.

Present Subscribers and Honorary Members

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Messrs. T. Anderson & Son.	Lamilton, Hutton and Jockey	L. Thoburn, Esq.
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W. H. Bowman, Esq.	Merna Engineers' Association	J. W. Wood, Esq.
R. F. Brigham, Esq.	H. Mason, Esq.	J. R. Wood, Esq.
R. H. Brown, Esq.	R. O. Middleton, Esq.	Miss J. Wilson
Col. Chapman	Dr. H. B. Omd	E. P. Williamson, Esq.
M. C. Cowan, Esq.	G. T. Readhead, Esq.	Sur. Shields Butchers' Association.
G. W. Duncan, Esq.	Mrs. W. B. Readhead	
Messrs. Alex. Douglas & Co.	Dowager Lady Readhead	
(per T. T. Anderson, Esq.)	Sir J. H. Readhead, Bart.	
J. J. Grant, Esq.	C. S. Richardson, Esq.	
	H. S. Scott, Esq.	

The Honorary Treasurer in Account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Year ending 31st December, 1933

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions ...	26	12	6	Balance due Bank ...	18	7	10
Donations ...	2	3	7	Wages ...	35	14	6
Board of Trade Grant ...	25	0	0	Repairs to House ...	6	18	7
Interest on Investments ...	27	6	2	Smoking Concert and Competition Expenses ...	14	8	6
Balance due Bank ...	22	9	4	Coal ...	2	10	8
				Lighting ...	4	2	6
				Printing ...	3	1	0
				Insurance ...	0	18	3
				Wayleave ...	5	4	4
				Uniform ...	3	10	3
				Oil for Engine ...	2	15	0
				Postages—1932 ...	1	7	0
				Bank Charges ...			
	£103	11	7				

Audited and certified.

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

WM. M. VASEY, Auditor.

15th January, 1934.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at
the Brigade House on Tuesday 6th February
1934.

Chairman
at
the
meeting

Captain Page

convening the meeting was read -

Brigadiers Fordyce and Harter
were appointed to act in the counting of
the Voting papers for Deputy Captains
and Committee.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual
meeting were read and confirmed.
This was taken as read having been
sent to every member and Honorary
Member.

Annual
Report
&
Balance
Sheet

The Chairman moved the adoption
and in so doing mentioned the
efficiency of the Brigade as shown by
winning the Chronicle Cup last year.
He also referred to the efficiency
of Guided Brigades and that
although the Brigade was proud
of winning the Cup the Brigade was
not puffed up - that it was a pleasing
factor that the young members were
so efficient - he also made a reference

Capt. J. M.
Middleton elected
an Honorary
Captain

to the wreck of the Wellington 42 years ago.
Brigadesman Greyer seconded -
the Report and Balance sheet were
adopted - nem. con.
Captain Middleton having resigned
the position of Captain it was moved
by Deputy Capt. Robson that Capt. Middleton
be elected an Honorary Captain - the
long service of Capt. Middleton was referred
to with appreciation and the
motion was seconded by Brigades-
man Hird - The Chairman supporting.
On being put to the meeting the motion
was carried with acclamation -
Hon. Capt. Middleton replied at some
length thanking the Brigade for the
honour conferred upon him and
thanking all for their kindness and
support -

Election of
Captain

Brigadesman W. M. Vasey moved
that Dep. Capt. J. T. Robson be
appointed a Captain of the Brigade
and repute to the hard work
and efficiency of Deputy Capt.
Robson is appropriate terms -

Auditor

Medals for
Chronicle Cup
Team
White Cap
Cover

this was seconded by Brigadesman
J. T. Fairley and supported by the
Chairman and on being put to the
meeting was carried nem. con. and
with acclamation -
Captain Robson thanked the members
for his appointment -

Brigadesman W. M. Vasey was re-
elected Auditor -

The medals were handed over by
the Chairman to those members of the
Team who were present at the meeting -
Brigadesman Sachse moved and
Brigadesman McEachlan seconded
that White Cap Covers be provided by
the Brigade - Brigadesman Laidler
moved an amendment which was
seconded by Brigadesman Jamieson -
the amendment was put to the meeting
and carried - the motion being
negatived - voting as follows: -

For the amendment 15

For the motion 12 -

The Chairman declared that the
motion had not been carried -

Election of
Deputy Captains

resulted in the following being
elected - C. Matthews - T. F. Preston
and J. S. Shaker.

Election of
Committee

The following were elected:-
Mr. Sutcliffe - Greener - Laidler.
W. Brown - Bacey - Jamieson - W.
Robson and L. Reynolds -
L. Reynolds and B. E. Timmings tied
and on a further vote being taken
Reynolds was elected.

Vote of Thanks

were accorded to the press which
was acknowledged by the Reporter
present - Shields Gazette - Newcastle
Gazette and North Mail and
Chronicle.

Dance

Brigadesman Fairley suggested that
a Dance should be held for the benefit
of the Brigade - The Chairman said
the matter would be considered by
the Committee.

Brigadesman Preston + J. S. Shaker
returned thanks for their election
as Deputy Captains.

Drill Cards

Deputy Capt. Shaker stated he had
notified the Secretary that he would

Count Guard

bring this before the meeting - The Secretary
explained that the notice had been misread
and thus not being placed on the agenda
but that in any event it was a matter
that would have to be dealt with
by the Committee or a Sub-Committee -
Station Officer White acknowledged the
Vote of Thanks presented by the Secretary -
A vote of Thanks to the Chairman
concluded the business of the meeting -
references were made to the President
also to the address of Mr. R. C. Jefferies -

Committee Meeting held at Watch House
on 4th April 1934 -

Chairman
Minutes of
New Members

Capt. Page
last meeting read and confirmed -
J. G. Hammond - E. Hardisty
& R. Rowston - decided that
approval as full members be
postponed until a later date -
Secretary reported that Y. B.
Morton and F. Robson had re-
signed from the Brigade.

Resignations

Attendances of Committee	1934				1935			1936		
	Apr 4	June 6	Aug 1	Oct 16	Dec 6	Jan 5	Mar 2	Apr 3	Feb 6	Feb 13
Capt. J. Page	/	/	-	-	-	/	-	-	/	/
" J. G. Matthews	-	/	/	/	/	/	/	-	/	/
" J. T. Robson	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	-	/	/
Hon. C. Matthews	/	/	-	/	/	/	/	-	/	-
" T. F. Ruston	/	/	/	/	-	-	-	/	/	/
" J. D. Shaker	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
" G. Y. McIntosh	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
" R. Geyer	-	/	-	/	-	-	/	-	/	/
" G. Sandler	-	/	/	/	-	-	/	-	/	/
" W. Brown	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	-	/	/
" W. M. Vasey	/	/	-	/	/	/	/	-	/	/
" J. A. Jamieson	/	/	/	/	-	/	/	-	/	/
" W. Robson	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	-	/	/
" L. Reynolds	/	/	/	-	/	/	/	-	/	/
Hon. Capt. F. Oliver	-	/	/	/	-	/	/	-	/	/
J. C. Marks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. B. Bowman (Sec.)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Stn. Off. White		/	/	/	-				/	/
Stn. Off. K. Wooten										

Re-enrollment

J. R. Goddard approved as from 3rd March 1934

Investment

Secretary reported that the sum of £200 had been re-invested on mortgage with the Tyne Improvement Committee. a new mortgage deed executed and a new Deed of Endowment signed and deposited in the Bank.

Clothing & Equipment

Secretary reported that with a view to recovering equipment the Deputy Captain - House Captain & himself had taken the matter in hand and in future the matter would recur about once each half year.

Non-efficient

Secretary reported that Brigadier General B. Ramsay owing to illness had been reckoned as non-efficient for last year but wished to remain a member of the Brigade.

Resolved that he be retained as a member of the Brigade.

Drill

Deputy Capt. Shaker brought up the question that if a new Drill Card should be printed the same should be amended & brought up to date.

this matter having been sent to the Committee from the Annual Meeting - after discussion a Sub-Committee consisting of Capt. Robson, deputy Capt. Meldreth, Jenson & Stubbs and Bdr. W. Brown along with S.O. W. White & the Hon Sec. was appointed to consider the matter fully and report to the Committee.

J. T. Robson

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on Wednesday the 6 June 1934

Capt. J. T. Robson.

of last meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary read a letter from Brigadesman J. Whitaker and stated he had received no further word from Brigadesman Whitaker but assumed that the matter arose owing to members bringing Bicycles into the House -

Brigadesman Whitaker was asked to state his complaint - the matter was fully discussed - and it was decided that the Secretary & House Captain see Brigadesman Whitaker with a view to the matter being deferred for one month - the Secretary saw Bdr. Whitaker who assented to this course.

Report of
Sub-Committee
on Drill Card

The Secretary read the report of the Sub Committee and it was decided that when it became necessary to reprint the Drill Card the suggestions in the report be adopted and the Drill Card be reprinted with the alterations and amendments as suggested by the Sub Committee.

Competitions

Resolved that Captain J. T. Robson be in charge of Teams taking part in these Competitions during the present year -

J. T. Robson

Chairman -
Minutes
Resignation of
Bdr. Whitaker
as Carliker

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 1st August 1934.

Chairman -
Minutes of
last meeting

Capt. J. D. Matthews.
The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Withdrawal of
Resignation as
Caretaker

The honorary Secretary reported that
he had received a letter from
Brigadier Mac Whitaker withdrawing
his resignation as Caretaker and
Brigade Watchman -
Resolved that withdrawal of resignation
be accepted.

Annual Return

Secretary reported that the Annual
return due 30th June had been sent
in and presumably same had
been satisfactory as a warrant for
the sum of £25 from the Board of
Trade had been received & lodged
with the Bank for collection.

J. D. Matthews

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 16th August 1934.

Chairman
Minutes
Gas Store
in Tower

Capt. J. D. Matthews.
Of last meeting read and confirmed.
Honorary Secretary read letter
from General Manager Tyne
Improvement Commission - and it
was decided to inform him in reply
that we would give Stone a special
trial provided no charge made
for stone or piping.

Capt. Page.

It was resolved that the
honorary Secretary write to
Capt. Page at present in Canada
expressing regret at his accident
& that it was hoped he would
have a speedy recovery.

J. D. Matthews

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 6th October 1934.

Chairman

Capt. J. D. Matthews

Minutes of

previous meeting
read and confirmed.

Capt. Page

Secretary reported that he had in

accordance with Committee's Instructions written to Capt. Page who had telephoned this morning that he was not sufficiently well to be present this afternoon but wished to thank the Brigade for their kind expressions which he greatly appreciated.

Gas Supply } Secretary read letter from General
to Brigade } Manager T. I. C. dated 17th Sept.
House } 1934 - The meter was considered
and it was resolved to inform
the G.M. (T.I.C.) that the Brigade
would be content with one meter.

Store in } Secretary drew the attention to
Committee } the state of the present store and it
Room } was decided that a Sub Committee
consisting of Capt Matthews - Oliver
& Ben Brown be appointed to make
enquiries and report to a future meeting.

Entertainment } Deputy Capt Matthews brought up
the question of appointing a Committee
consisting of a proportion of this Committee
and an equal number of Brigadesmen
for the purpose - it was resolved
that Capt J. T. Robson - Dep. Capt Matthews

Brigadesmen G. Y. Marshall and W. Brown
be appointed from this Committee.

Jan. 11. Page

Minutes of Committee Meeting held
at the Watch House on 5th January 1935

Chairman

Capt. Page

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read
confirmed and signed by the Chairman

New

The following were approved and their
Members - Service to count from date of involvement.

Erie Marshall - 25th October 1934

J. Dunmore 25th October 1934

G. O. Nickson 31st January 1934

H. P. Hansen 4th April 1934

G. Y. Clavery 1st August 1934

J. R. Goddard 3rd March 1934

R. B. Clavery 1st August 1934

Chronicle

After discussion it was suggested that
the presentation be made at the

Cup -

Annual Meeting by Capt. Brookes unless
the proprietors of the Chronicle desire
to nominate someone to present the Cup.
The presentation to be followed by an

ordinary Watch Supper - the Secretary
to interview the Organizing Editor as to
this and giving of medals or engraving
of existing medals and giving medals to
members of Team who were not in the
1933 Team -

Annual Report and Balance Sheet
There were submitted to the Committee
and it was resolved that same be
printed and sent out to members -
honorary members and subscribers - the
4th February was suggested as date
for annual meeting but not actually
fixed owing to arrangements to be made
for presentation of Chronicle Cup.

Printing of
Drill card -
Dip. Capt. Stoker asked if it was
intended to print the drill card and as
moved and it was decided for the
time being to place a typed copy
of the record card on the notice board
in the House -

Wagon
Capt. Stoker mentioned that there
was a rumour about that the
Wagon might be withdrawn
and that in case this should be
correct that steps should be taken



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

24th January, 1935.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade
House on Thursday, the 7th February, 1935, at 8 p.m. o'clock, when the Annual
Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure will be presented to the
Members. Immediately after the meeting the "Chronicle" Cup will be presented
by Captain G. P. Bowles, R.N., D.S.O. The presentation will be followed by an
ordinary Watch Night Supper. You are invited to be present. Uniform and Medals
will be worn by Members of the Brigade.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1934

The Committee beg to present the Sixty-eighth Annual Report to the Members and
Friends of the Brigade.

On Tuesday, 16th January, the Brigade being the winners of the "Chronicle Cup"
for the year 1933, the Cup was presented at a gathering held in the Brigade House. Captain
Page presided and the presentation of the Cup was made by Mr. W. Leslie Runciman.
A letter from the President of the Board of Trade (The Right Honourable Walter Runciman)
congratulating the Brigade on winning the Cup was read. Medals given by the
Proprietors of the North Mail and Chronicle were handed to the Members of the team later
at last year's Annual Meeting. A number of Brigadesmen, visitors and Honorary Members
were present. The Moffatt Cup for rowing which had been won by a crew from the Brigade
at the Roker Regatta held on the previous August Bank Holiday was also presented.

Owing to the state of the weather on the 27th February, a Watch was kept and a
continuous watch maintained from the afternoon of the 12th March until 7 a.m. on the
morning of the 13th March.

Captain Matthews seconded the
adoption of the Report - and on being

On the 14th April, Mr. R. O. Middleton died. Mr. Middleton had been an active member of the Brigade for many years and after resigning his position as an active Member kept in touch with the Brigade as an Honorary Member and was a generous contributor towards the funds of the Brigade. He also for some years was an active Member of the House Committee in addition to being a Member of the Ordinary Committee.

On July 7th the Wearside Shipowners' Shield Competition was held at Roker, Tynemouth Brigade being declared the winners by half a mark. The Competition was close and interesting. As this Competition followed the "Chronicle Cup" Competition on the same day and immediately after the "Chronicle Cup" Competition, the Team having to rush over to Roker in order to take part in this Competition, it does not appear to have been a very satisfactory arrangement and rather a trial for the Team, and it is hoped that in future care will be taken by those responsible to see that the dates for these competitions are kept apart. On the same day the "Chronicle Cup" Competition was held at South Shields, the competition imposing a heavy task on the teams engaged. There were many people on the beach and some time was occupied in sufficiently clearing the beach so that rockets could be fired. Tynemouth Brigade also did their competition drill on the South Shields ground on the same day. The result was not declared until the end of September, this Brigade again winning the Cup obtaining 188.3 marks; Roker second obtaining 181 marks and Tynemouth third with 179 marks. To win this Cup is now a severe test and proof of a high state of efficiency, the competition having been brought thoroughly up to date and the competitors being given difficult complications to tackle during the actual progress of the competition drill. In addition to this the weather on the day the competition drill took place was excessively warm.

On Monday, August 6th, the usual Bank Holiday Regatta was held at Roker, and a crew from this Brigade was again successful in winning the Moffatt Cup, being a challenge cup for competition amongst crews from Volunteer Life Brigades.

During the year, in order to maintain the efficiency of the Brigade, in addition to the usual monthly drills and the competitions already referred to, there have been drills, practices and classes held in the Watch House and on the 1st December a Service Drill was held at Frenchman's Point, the Inspector of Coastguard, North Eastern Division being present. This drill was of a real practical nature. In addition to the rocket apparatus being present, this drill was of a real practical nature. In addition to the rocket apparatus being present, this drill was of a real practical nature. In addition to the rocket apparatus being present, this drill was of a real practical nature.

There are vacancies in the Brigade for suitable young men and enrolment forms can be obtained from the Secretary at any time during ordinary office hours or at the Brigade House and particularly on Thursday nights at the Brigade House, from 7 to 9, when instruction classes and dummy drills take place.

We again wish to convey our best thanks to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support and help. During the period covered by this report no appeal has been made by the Brigade to our Honorary Members and Subscribers. It will be seen from the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure that there is a balance due to the Bank of £34-4-10. Without the support, however, of our Honorary Members and Subscribers we would not be able to maintain our Watch House. All intending to renew their subscriptions or give a donation should communicate with the Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67, King Street, South Shields, who will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions or donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

70, King Street, South Shields.

and that you care this should be correct that steps should be taken

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The Honorary Treasurer in Account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Year ending 31st December, 1934

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions ...	...	16 12 6	Balance due Bank ...	...	22 9 4
Donations ...	...	1 14 11	Wages ...	...	38 15 0
Board of Trade Grant ...	...	25 0 0	Repairs to House ...	...	5 15 7
Interest on Investments ...	...	25 3 8	Presentation of "Chronicle Cup"	...	...
Balance due Bank ...	...	53 4 10	Expenses ...	...	11 1 6
			Coal ...	...	0 16 3
			Lighting ...	...	1 15 3
			Printing ...	...	3 2 6
			Insurance ...	...	5 1 0
			Wayleave ...	...	0 19 3
			Uniform ...	...	6 7 6
			Voyages (1933) ...	...	3 3 6
			Bank Charges ...	...	2 6 9
	£101	15 11		£105	15 11

Audited and certified,

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

WM. AL VASEY, Auditor.

4th January, 1935.

Captain Matthews seconded the adoption of the Report - and on being

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AGENDA

Notice convening Meeting to be read.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting to be read.

Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure to be adopted.

Extracts from Certificate of Enrolment in His Majesty's
Coast Life Saving Corps to be read.

Motion to Re-elect Deputy Captains.

Motion to Re-elect Committee.

Re-election of Auditor.

Motions of which Notice have been given (if any).

Votes of thanks.

Presentation of "Chronicle Cup."

A Watch Night Supper will be served.

to point out to the authority concerned the
necessity of this Brigade being allowed
to retain the Wagon owing to the special
circumstances and the position of the
Bachel House.

J. T. Robson

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the
7th day of February 1935 at the Watch House
Chairman Captain Page
The Notice convening the meeting was
read.

Minutes - the minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed.
There were taken as read - the Chairman
moved the adoption and in so doing
said it was a matter for congratulation
since that there had been no shipwrecks - he
also referred to recent suffering
calamities and the need for a national
fund for the relief and support of the
Widows and children of Sailors -
Captain Matthews seconded the
adoption of the Report - and on being

and that we care this should be
correct that steps should be taken

but the meeting was carried -
The Secretary read exhibit from the Certificate
of Enrollment in H. M. Coast Life Saving
Course.

Re-election of
Deputy Captain
and Committee -
As no nominations had been filed
it was moved by Behr to Mr. Vasey
and seconded by Behr. Seconded
MacLachlan that the present
Deputies & Committee be re-elected.
This was carried.

Auditor -
Bdu. W. M. Vasey was selected
Auditor -
votes of thanks
to the press and Coast Guard were
accorded and suitably acknowledged.

Chairman

Minutes of
Summer drill

Since -

Letter from

Organizing

Secretary since

week -

Committee meeting held at Walsh House
on Saturday 2nd March 1935.

Capt. J. T. Robson

last meeting read and confirmed.

It was resolved that the next drill be
on the first Wednesday in April at 7.30 p.m.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Eugene
Fields the Organizing Secretary and discussion

followed. It was resolved that the
Brigade offer to give demonstration in
Ricket Drill and restoration of apparently
drowned and that during the demonstration
the house be thrown open for the in-
spection of visitors.

Next at Capt. J. T. Robson mentioned that Engineer of
Block yard. Commissioners had spoken to him about the
mast beside block yard and it was re-
solved to consent to same being removed
and that the Commissioners be thanked
through Mr. Calowd.

J. Matthews

Chairman
Minutes

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 3rd July 1935

The Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Civic Week

The Secretary read a letter from
the Beach Manager asking if the
Brigade would and could contribute
towards the attractions for Civic Week.
After discussion it was resolved
that the Brigade would give a
demonstration at 7.30 p.m. on
31st instand - consisting of:- firing
a rocket - landing a man &
restoring apparently drowned.
A letter from the Secretary of the
local British Legion was read
it was decided not to attend
this service.

Service in
park-

Competition
Team

Captain J. T. Robson was appointed
to take charge of Competition Teams
for Wearside Shield Competition and
Chronicle Cup Competition.

Capt J. T. Matthews

Chairman
Minutes -

Approval
of New Members

Committee Meeting held at the Watch
House on the 6th February 1936.

Capt. J. A. Matthews
The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

The following new Members were considered
and dealt with as follows:-

Mark Turnbull 5th January 1935

Aaron Busby Imrie 2nd February 1935

John Ellens 2nd March 1935

Thomas E Henderson 31st July 1935

John William Bushell 5th October 1935

James Edward Finner 5th October 1935

Norma Dale 18th July 1935

William Smith 5/6/1935 not approved

George Mowat 12/11/1935 - for further consideration

James Fairley 5/6/1935 not approved

A. J. D. Ellens 31/7/1935 not approved

It was decided that the applicant
for Membership George Mowat
be further considered at a future
date and the applications of
James Fairley and A. J. D. Ellens
be not approved.

Brigade Watch-
man

Finance

Annual
Report &
Statement of
Income &
Expenses

The Secretary referred to the death of
Beh. J. Whitaker & it was resolved that
a notice be placed on the Notice Board
in the Brigade House asking for application
for the position.

Secretary informed meeting that
he had received notices from the Treas-
urer of the T. I. C. that 2 more 40 Bonds
would mature on the 1st and 15th prox.
respectively and on the matter
being discussed it was resolved
that the Trustees deal with the
matter with power to invest the
Capital received in a Sound Build-
ing Society or Societies.

The Secretary read the draft report
which was with a slight amend-
ment approved - In the absence
of the Hon. Treasurer the Secretary
read the audited financial
Statement and it was resolved
that the Report & Statement be
printed and sent out to Members
along with the Notice of the
Annual Meeting.

Date of
Annual
Meeting

Chairman
Brigade
Watchman &
Caretaker

Defaulter

It was decided to hold the Annual
Meeting on Thursday the 28th February 1936
commencing at 7.30 p.m.
The meeting adjourned until 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday the 13th instant - having
just rejected a notice of motion by Dep.
Capt. Shaker to alter rule 7.
Capt. J. Matthews

Adjourned Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on Thursday the 13th February
1936 at 7.30 p.m.

Capt. J. A. Matthews.

The Secretary reported that there
was only one application for
the position - namely Brigadesman
J. Cleet - It was resolved on the
motion of Station Officer White
seconded by Brigadesman
Jamieson that Brigadesman
J. Cleet be appointed on the
same terms as rule 6 pre-
the appointments to take effect
from 1st March prox.

The Committee considered the

following cases:-
Div. 1.

E. Selkeld:- decided that he be
communicated with and his attendance
shown to his non-attendance at
monthly drills.

G. V. Clavery:- that further inquiry
be made in this case.

A. J. D. Elless:- Struck off -
Div. 2.

J. Lavender:- Struck off.

T. R. Collins Struck off.

R. Rowston Struck off.

Div. 3.

G. E. Hayes:- that he be written
to for return of Uniform & that he
be treated as having resigned.

A. F. Teroni:- Struck off.

E. Hardisty:- Struck off.

G. S. Warnett:- Struck off.

Capt. J. A. Matthews



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

11th February, 1936.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Brigade House on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1936, at 7-30 p.m. o'clock, when the Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure will be presented to the members.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1935

The Committee beg to present the Sixty-ninth Annual Report to the Members and Friends of the Brigade.

In the early hours of the morning of the 6th January, the wind of the previous day veered round to the North-East and blew strongly with squalls of rain and sleet, the wind in squalls reaching a velocity of 45 m.p.h. Owing to a breakdown the Watch House was cut off from telephone communication. Watch was kept all day. After midnight the squalls became less frequent and violent and there were numerous arrivals of vessels some of which had probably been sheltering under Flamborough Head. Between squalls the weather was clear, and towards midnight conditions being much moderated the watch was terminated.

On the 26th of January the strong westerly wind of the previous day suddenly veered to the North at midnight and blew with almost hurricane force with blinding hail and sleet, the wind reaching a velocity of 87 m.p.h., the highest recorded here for some years. Watch was kept. About 4 a.m. the wind moderated in force, though still very strong. Strong sea running at daybreak. Outlook stormy. Towards midnight the wind again increased in violence, with very heavy squalls sometimes passing 80 m.p.h.; hail, sleet and lightning alternated with calmer intervals. Continuous watch was kept all day. At dusk a large Steamer entering the Harbour was struck by a heavy sea and thrown almost broadside on athwart the entrance between the Piers. Fortunately, she recovered and entered in safety. Watch continued until about 9 a.m. on the 27th January.

On the 7th February, in the Brigade House, Capt. G. P. Bowles, Inspector of Coast-guard North-Eastern Division, presented the "Chronicle" Cup, which had been won by this Brigade for the year 1934, and complimented the Brigade on their high state of efficiency. Capt. J. T. Robson, who had captained the team, received the Cup and replied on behalf of the team.

On Monday, 25th February, in the early morning, the Northerly wind increased to gale pace raising a strong sea. About 7.30 a.m., the s.s. "Geographe" of Glasgow, while entering the Harbour struck the end of the South Pier. Fortunately however, she remained and entered safely. Wind N.E. with occasional squalls and snow. Watch was kept all day. Weather gradually moderated and watch was terminated shortly before midnight.

On the 3rd March, Mr. Samuel Malcolm, who at the time of his death was President of the Brigade, died at his residence, 78, Fern Avenue, Jesmond. Mr. Malcolm was in his 93rd year and in his advanced years was a man of singular vitality in both body and mind. He was one of the founders of the Brigade and for 40 years before his retirement he filled the joint offices of Secretary and Treasurer in an honorary capacity. He was the first Secretary of the Brigade. He took a great interest in the Brigade right up to the last. He was buried at Wostoe Cemetery, the funeral being private.

On the 31st July, in connection with Civic Week Programme, the Brigade gave a demonstration in the evening commencing at 7-30 p.m., going through a complete drill: firing a rocket, landing a man, and restoring the apparently drowned. The demonstration was witnessed by a large number of people. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S. Lawlan, fired the rocket. During this week the House was open to the public, and more than a thousand visitors were shown over the House by members of the Brigade.

On the 5th August, the usual Bank Holiday Regatta was held at Roker, and a crew from this Brigade was again successful in winning the "Moffat" Cup for competition amongst crews from Volunteer Life Brigades.

On the 28th September, the "Chronicle" Cup Competition took place, the South Shields Brigade and Tynemouth Brigade going through the Drill on the South Shields ground, the ultimate result being that Tynemouth were declared the winners of the Cup, obtaining 213 points.

On the 30th September, Mr. James Whitaker died. At the time of his death, Mr. Whitaker was the Brigade Watchman and Caretaker of the House. His passing was a real loss to the Brigade, for during an association lasting nearly 40 years he had been a staunch supporter and energetic worker. He was buried at Harton Cemetery and a strong muster of the Brigade attended his funeral.

On the 30th November, the Brigade went through its annual Service Drill. The object of a Service Drill is to approach as nearly as possible to actual wreck conditions away from the usual exercise ground. On this occasion the Drill was fixed for the evening so that darkness added to the difficulties, whilst a strong wind with heavy rain prevailed throughout the operations. There was a good strong muster of the Brigade, including several new members. Information was supposed to have been received that a small vessel had been driven ashore near Frenchman's Point and the rocket apparatus and cliff ladders were taken by motor lorry to Frenchman's Bay. The gear was then man-handled 100 yards to the edge of the cliff. An isolated rock was taken to represent the wreck. A rocket was fired, the hawser hauled out and set up taut and the breeches buoy sent out. Meanwhile the cliff ladders had been brought into position and rolled over the edge of the 90 feet cliffs and a party descended to the beach. H.M. District Officer of Coastguard, Mr. R. J. Bressey, was present and complimented the Brigade on the excellent performance in difficult conditions.

The L.S.A. Service Wagon after nearly 70 years at South Shields has been withdrawn by the Board of Trade as being unsuitable for rapid towage by motor and the orders now are that for wreck services within half a mile of the Brigade House the apparatus is to be carried by hand. For service at a greater distance hired motor transport is to be employed and standing arrangements have been made to that effect. It is hoped that the Board will have the old wagon fitted with new wheels with large rubber tyres and return to us to use as a trailer as has already been done at some Stations. Since the disbandment of the Marsden L.S.A. Company some years ago the coast line from the Tyne to South point has been within the purview of our Brigade. The van with flanged wheels which contains a second set of apparatus for use on the Pier is retained as formerly.

We again wish to convey our best thanks to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support and help. During the period covered by this report no appeal has been made by the Brigade to our Honorary Members and Subscribers. Without the support, however, of our Honorary Members and Subscribers we would not be able to maintain our Watch House. All intending to renew their subscriptions or give a donation should communicate with the Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 67, King Street, South Shields, who will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions or donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

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South Shields Butchers' Association.

The Honorary Treasurer in Account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Year ending 31st December, 1935

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
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JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and Certified,

WM. M. VASEY, Auditor.

3rd February 1936.

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AGENDA

- Notice convening Meeting to be read.
- Appointment of Scrutineers.
- Minutes of last Annual Meeting to be read.
- Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure to be adopted.
- Motion to Re-elect Deputy Captains.
- Re-election of Auditor.
- Motions of which notice have been given (if any).
- Results of Election of Committee.
- Votes of thanks.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at
the Watch House on Thursday the 26th
February 1936.

Chairman
Notice of Meeting.

Scrutineers

Minutes

Annual
Report & State-
ment of accounts

Capt. Page
The notice convening the meeting was
read by the Secretary.
Brigadiersmen Ogilvie & Yerrier were
appointed Scrutineers to count the
votes recorded in the election of Members
for the Committee.
The minutes of the last annual meeting
were read and confirmed.
The report and statement having been
presented and circulated were there-
after read - the Chairman moved
their adoption and referred to
the deaths of Mr Samuel Malleson
and Mr James Whitaker - he con-
gratulated the Brigade on again
winning the Moffat Cup and
appealed to the former members
of the Brigade to carry on the
splendid traditions of the
Brigade -
Lieut Captain Oliver seconded

Deputy Captains

and on being put to the meeting were
admitted.

Messrs. C. Matthews - Y. F. [unclear]
and J. B. Shaker were re-elected

Deputy Captains on the motion of

Bdr. W. M. Vasey seconded by

Bdr. McLachlan

Bdr. W. M. Vasey was re-elected

Auditor

Bdr. Dunmore brought up the

Question of covering up the

Windows - the Chairman said

the Committee would consider

the matter.

Result of election - The following were re-elected

members of the Committee -

R. Gump - W. Brown - G. Y. Mac-

- Intish - G. Riedler - J. A. Jamieson

W. Robson - W. M. Vasey and L.

Reynolds.

votes of thanks

were accorded to the Comdant

and press -

Station Officer White and

M. Seale acknowledged the

vote of thanks -

Discussion
on Drill.

Capt. J. Y. Robson spoke on length as to

question of adopting the drill laid down in C. 64

and as to the difficulty which might now

arise in handhauling the gear - a lively

discussion ensued but no resolution

was come to -

A vote of thanks to the Chairman

concluded the business of the meeting -

Committee Meeting held at Watch House

on 6th May 1936

Chairman Capt. J. A. Matthews.

Minutes - of last meeting read and approved.

Secretary - gift of picture from Mr. Johnson - it was

decided that a letter of thanks be written

to Mr. Johnson -

Broken window reported that a window had been

in Tower broken and that same had been

replaced by the Insurance Company

Investments - Secretary reported that a

sum of £400 had been invested in

the Corporation Building Society

and £100 in Eligible Building

Society and that the Certificate had been handed over to the Treasurer. It was resolved that a banking account be continued with Martins Bank Ltd. and that the Bank be and is hereby empowered to honour cheques drawn on the said account by the Hon Treasurer (Capt James Page).

Competitions. Secretary reminded the Committee that it would soon be time to prepare for the Competitions and it was decided that Capt. F. T. Robson be given the option of training the Teams for the Competitions.

New Members. John Young enrolled on 1st February 1936. was approved as from date of enrolment & posted to Division 3.

James Page

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 1st July 1936.
Chairman
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Wearside Ship-owners Shield. The Secretary reported that the Competition would take place on the Brigadier's drill ground on Saturday 1st the 4th instant.

It was decided to supply Tea to the visiting Teams - Wompires etc. It was decided not to engage any police for the occasion.

Legacy. Secretary read a letter he had received from Dees & Thompson Solicitors Newcastle to say that under the will of the late Miss Elizabeth Reed the Brigade will receive a legacy of one hundred pounds.

Wagon. It was decided that a letter be written to the Board of Trade through the usual channel to ascertain if the Service Wagon would be returned to this station. James Page

Minutes of Committee Meeting held
on the 3rd October 1936 at the Watch
House

Chairman Captain Page

Minutes of previous meeting read and
confirmed.

Cebus - Letter of Congratulation on winning
the Chronicle Cup from Secretaries
of Lynmouth and Seaton Sluice
were read and Secretary reported that
these Cebus had been acknowledged.

Chronicle Cup - A Sub-Committee consisting
of Home Captain Oliver - Capt.
D. T. Robson - Dep. Capt. Ruston
& Bdr. Guinness were appointed to
make arrangements for suitable
function to be arranged at which
the Cup would be presented.

Collection - Capt. Page moved and Capt. J. A.
Matthews seconded that Insurance
Contributions be paid by the Brigade -
Carried.

Drill - The Question of Drill was raised
& it was pointed out that altho
the matter had previously been

discussed no alteration except some
slight amendments had been made
and that except in Compulsions the
Brigade Drill was still in force.

Capt. J. A. Matthews

1936		1937		1938	
4 Nov		6 Feb		29 July	
				16 Dec	
				6 Jan	
Attendance Committee					
Capt. J. Page			1	1	
" J. A. Matthews	1	1	1	1	1
" J. T. Robson	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Matthews	1	1	1	1	1
" J. F. Paxton	1	1	1	1	1
" J. S. Sticker	1	1	1	1	1
Bel. J. V. MacDulish	1		1	1	1
" R. Ganger	1	1	1		
" J. Laidler	1			1	1
" W. Brown	1	1	1	1	1
" W. M. Dacey	1		1		
" J. G. Jamieson			1	1	1
" W. Robson	1		1	1	
" L. Reynolds					
Capt. Oliver	1	1	1	1	1
J. Marks					
J. B. Barrman	1	1	1	1	1
Sh. Off. H. Whiffen	1	1			

Committee Meeting held at Walsh House on 4th November 1936

Chairman Capt. J. A. Matthews
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed
Shore - Capt. Oliver reported that it would be necessary to have a new stove in the large Room of the Walsh House and tenders from Wares Ltd. and Messrs. Appleby.

Resolved that Messrs Wares Ltd. tenders be accepted.

Sub Committee. Secretary reported that the Sub Committee had met and suggested that a Smoking Concert be held either on 3rd or 10th Dec. at which the Choir and Cup would be presented - and it was intimated that the Sub Committee should arrange for same to take place on 10th Dec. and make all necessary arrangements.

Service Drill on 14th inst. It was decided that the Secretary should notify all members by postcard to endeavour to be present at this drill -

Mayor's Sunday. Decided that if an Invitation sent
to the Brigade the Secretary should
postcard all Members.
Capt. Page. It was resolved that a letter be
sent to Capt. Page congratulating
him on having attained 50 years
Service.

Capt. J. A. Matthews

Minutes of meeting held at the
Watch House on 6th February 1934

Chairman

Capt. J. A. Matthews

Minutes of previous meeting read &
approved.

Annual
Report & Fi-
nancial Statement. The Secretary read draft report
and Treasurer's financial state-
ment for year ending 31st Dec. 1934.
& same was adopted - and
resolved that same be
printed & circulated amongst
Members & honorary members.
Resolved that Annual meeting
be held at Watch House on 25th
inst. at 8 p.m.

James Page



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

18th February, 1937

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday,
the 25th day of February, 1937, at 8 p.m. o'clock, in the Watch House, when the
Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure will be presented to the
Members.

ANNUAL REPORT and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1936

The Committee beg to present the Seventieth Annual Report to the Members and
Friends of the Brigade.

On January 4th, at the first Monthly Drill of the year, Brigadesmen G. V. Mackintosh
was presented with the Long Service Medal. District Officer of H.M. Coastguard, Mr. R. J.
Bressey, presented the Medal.

On 20th January, His Majesty King George V died at Sandringham, and on the
28th January the Brigade attended the Memorial Service at St. Hilda's Church at which
were present His Worship the Mayor, Councillors, Magistrates and other public bodies.

On the 4th July, the Weasdale Shipowners' Shield Competition took place at the
South Pier, the competing Brigades being Tynemouth, South Shields, Sunderland and
Roker. The result of the Competition was as follows: (1) Roker; (2) Tynemouth;
(3) South Shields; (4) Sunderland. The Shield was presented to the winning Brigade in
the Brigade Watch House by Mr. Alderman Lawton.

Station Officer, W. White, H.M. Coastguard, having reached the age limit retired
from the service. Mr. White was stationed here for about 17 years and our best wishes
go with him in his retirement. Mr. White is succeeded by Mr. K. Whiffan who took over
the duties of Station Officer on the 10th July.

On the 26th September, the "Chronicle" Cup Competition took place, the Tynemouth
Brigade and the South Shields Brigade going through the Competition Drill at the Drill
Ground at the South Pier, the other competitors going through their Competition Drills
at their various stations on different dates. On the following day the result of the Com-
petition was made known and the South Shields Brigade secured the Cup. Altogether
15 North-East Coast Teams from Brigades competed for the Cup, the result being South
Shields 208.1 marks; Tynemouth 204.8; Seaton Sluice 199.7; Roker 194.4; Hendon
176.7; Craster 162.3; Sunderland 150.4; Boulmer 119.2; Newton 108.8; Berwick 103.8;
Cresswell 91.6; Seaham Harbour 85.9; Blackhall 61; Newbiggin 60.8; Stranton 52.4

Deputy no nominations had been received and

This Brigade's team comprised J. T. Robson (Captain), G. E. Hayes, T. E. Preston, G. Y. Mackintosh, W. Brown, W. Robson, C. Appleby, R. McLachlan, G. T. Clavery, C. W. Matthews, J. E. Ferrier, A. Hastie, J. W. Burchell, D. E. Tinning, A. P. Clavery, J. H. Wray and G. O. Nickson. The Competition comprised firing a rocket, sending out the breeches buoy and landing a man. The Competition also included the application of artificial respiration to a man who is supposed to have been drowned. At the conclusion of the Competition the Inspector of Coastguard, N.E. Division, who acted as Chief Umpire, complimented the South Shields and Tynemouth teams on their excellent performance.

On November 6th, Captain James Page completed 50 years' service in the Brigade. There is only one other instance of a Member having completed 50 years' active service, namely, Captain Fred Oliver, who is still with us and performs the duties of House Captain. An interesting account of Captain Page's experiences appeared in the local Press and a summary has been entered in the Brigade Log Book. The congratulations of the Brigade were sent to Captain Page.

On the 12th November a North-easterly wind which had prevailed during the day increased in force about midnight with occasional squalls of rain. A good number of the Members presented themselves at the Watch House. Though the glass was rising it was thought advisable to set a watch in case the weather became more severe. At 11.30 p.m. supper was served and the roll called at midnight. On the 13th November at 3 a.m. the weather having cleared and moderated the watch was terminated.

On the 14th November, in the evening, a Service Drill took place at Frenchman's Point. A rocket was fired, a breeches buoy was sent out and the crew brought safely to land from the wreck. The wreck was an isolated rock and both rescuers and rescued were Members of the Brigade. The Drill was carried out under the supervision of Captain Bowles, H.M. Inspector of Coastguard, and at the conclusion the Inspector expressed his satisfaction at all he had seen. The aim of the Drill was to approach as nearly as possible to actual wreck conditions. It was supposed that a small vessel had gone ashore between the target rock and Frenchman's Point. The Brigade with rocket apparatus and cliff ladders was rushed to the scene by motor lorry. The gear was carried to the cliff edge and a rocket fired from the Schemmery Line Throwing Pistol which now forms part of the apparatus. Communication having been effected the apparatus was set up, one breeches buoy sent out and the crew landed. Meanwhile the cliff ladder had been rolled over the sixty feet cliff and a detachment descended to the beach. The operations took place in darkness, but the weather was good and there were some interested spectators. Captain J. T. Robson was in command of the Brigade and Deputy Captain Straker was in charge of the wreck party.

On the 10th December, a Smoking Concert was held in the Watch House, Captain Page in the chair. During the evening, Mr. R. F. Hindmarsh, Engineer-in-Chief, Tyne Improvement Commission, presented the "Chronicle" Cup to Captain J. T. Robson and the winning team, also Medals to each Member of the Team, given by the proprietors of the *Newcastle Chronicle*. A large company was present, consisting of Members of the Brigade, representatives from kindred Brigades, Honorary Members and Visitors. Captain Bowles, Inspector N.E. Division, was present, and testified to the efficiency of the Team in winning the Cup.

We again wish to convey our best thanks to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support and help. During the period covered by this report no appeal has been made by the Brigade to our Honorary Members and Subscribers. Without the support, however, of our Honorary Members and Subscribers we would not be able to maintain our Watch House. All intending to renew their subscriptions or give a donation should communicate with the Honorary Treasurer, Captain James Page, 78, King Street, South Shields, who will be pleased at any time to receive and acknowledge subscriptions or donations.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

85, King Street, South Shields.

Subscribers and Honorary Members

Mrs. T. N. Alexander.	Erskine Harnay, Esq.	H. Roberts, Esq.
M. B. Anderson, Esq.	G. Gander, Esq.	H. D. Scott, Esq.
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Messrs. Alexander Deuchar & Co.	Sir J. H. Readhead, Bart.	South Shields (Bathers') Association.
J. J. Grant, Esq.	C. S. Richardson, Esq.	

The Honorary Treasurer in Account with the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade Year ending 31st December, 1936

RECEIPTS.	£ s d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s d.
Balance at Bank, December, 1935.	16 10 0	Wages	2 4 0
Donations	27 3 0	T.I.C. Wayleaves	2 4 0
Board of Trade Grant	22 0 0	Uniform	2 5 0
Interest on Investments	28 12 1	Heating, Lighting, etc.	2 16 6
Cash, per F. Oliver, for Voluntary Contributions	3 4 0	Postages, etc.	1 11 6
Balance due Bank	12 16 1	Repairs to House	13 8 6
		Provisions	17 5 6
		Printing	2 12 6
		Bank Charges	6 5 6
		Chronicle Cup Presentation	6 4 0
		Sundries	2 12 6
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Audited and Certified,

JAMES PAGE, Hon. Treasurer

WM. M. VASEY, Auditor

4th February, 1937

James Page

J. B. Bowman

no nomination had been received and

This Brigade's Mackintosh, W. Matthews, J. E. Wray and G. C. breches buoy artificial respirator of the Competit complimented.

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AGENDA

Notice convening Meeting to be read.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting to be read.

Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure to be adopted.

Motion to Re-elect Deputy Captains and Committee

Re-election of Auditor.

Motions of which notice have been given (if any).

Votes of thanks.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at the Watch House on Thursday the 25th day of February 1934.

Chairman - Capt. J. Page

Secretary - The Notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary. Minutes of last Annual meeting were read and approved.

Resolution - This was taken as read the same having been sent to all members previous to the meeting. The Chairman moved the adoption and made reference to items mentioned in the report but criticised the Watchkeeping owing to the Coastguard being moved out to Hunchumun point for the purpose of keeping watch and expressed the view that Watch should be kept from the tower in the Brigade House.

Captain J. V. Robson seconded the motion and the Report was adopted.

Resolution - The Secretary reported that no nominations had been received and

James Page

Capt. & Committee moved the re-election of the
Deputy Captains & Committee
Brigadesman J. W. M. Vanev seconded
and resolution carried.
on the motion of the Chairman
seconded by Capt. J. A. Mallick
W. W. M. Vanev was re-elected
Auditor.

Resolution as to
watching

Brigadesman W. W. Vanev moved
that after hearing the remarks of
the Chairman a letter be sent
to the Board of Trade pointing out
that in the opinion of this Brigade
a watch should be kept at the
Brigade House and not at Fenchurch
point - Brigadesman Sachse
seconded - Capt. J. T. Robson
doubted the wisdom at this stage
of reopening this matter which
had already been dealt with
by the Board of Trade - Brigadesman
Laddie expressed the view that
the matter should have further
consideration - on the motion being
put to the meeting - it was re-

Wagon-

solved that the letter be sent -
Capt. Robson brought up the question
of the wagon and went so far as
to suggest that if the Board of Trade
would not relieve the wagon that
some steps should be taken if possible
to purchase a suitable vehicle -
the Secretary pointed out that this
matter had been laid before the
Divisional Inspector by letter and
had not been received favourably
however after discussion it was
decided that a letter be written
to the Board of Trade.

White Cap
Cover

Brigadesman Beuchell brought
this matter forward and after dis-
cussion it was decided that White
Cap Cover be provided.

Ambulance
Class

Dep. Capt. Sticher introduced the
question of again holding an
Ambulance Class - and Bdr.
Grewer again of introducing
to again have an Ambulance
Division - The Chairman pointed
out that if it could be shown

Votes of
Thanks -

that a sufficient number would attend
a class - arrangements would be
made - but no resolution was come
to - no further steps taken as to the
formation of an ambulance division.
The Secretary moved a vote of
Thanks to the press which Mr.
Charlton Taylor acknowledged.
A vote of thanks to the Chairman
& Secretary concluded the
business of the meeting.

J. T. Robson
Capt.

Committee held at the Watch House
on 4th April 1937.

Chairman
Minutes
Cap Covers

Capt. Page
of last meeting read and confirmed
It was decided that Capt. Oliver arranged
with Messrs Wood for supply of
Cap Covers.

Letters to Board
Trade -

Secretary drew the Committee's
attention to the resolution passed
at the Annual Meeting and it

Resignation -

was decided that the letter be sent
together with a copy of a newspaper containing
a report of the meeting through the
District Officer.

A letter from Brigadier General Mark Lamball
was read & it was decided to accept
same -

Abandonment
at Drill -

Some discussion took place and it
was decided that the matter lie over
for future consideration

Ambulance
Class

This matter was discussed and it was
decided that if sufficient members avail-
able a class would be formed and could
have the use of the house.

Drumming Trials

- This subject arose for discussion and
it was resolved that everyone in the
house from 8 to 8.30 take part in the
Drum and no games allowed during
that time.

Special Meeting held at the Brigade
House on Wednesday 5th May 1937
at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Capt. J. A. Matthews -

Unification

The Secretary explained why the Meeting had been called and read a Communication from the Town Clerk. A discussion ensued in which several Members took part. It was first decided to put to the vote of the Meeting whether or not the matter be considered.

It was decided by 23 votes to 4 that the matter be not dealt with at the Meeting.

Attendance at
Instl -

Some discussion took place but no decision was arrived at.

Capt. J. Matthews

Committee Meeting held on 7th July 1934 at the Walsh House.

Chairman
Brigade Watch-
-man

Capt. Page
Secretary announced that owing to death of Brigadesman John Cleet, the question of appointing a Brigade Watchman arose - and it was decided to place a Notice on the Notice Board in the House

Cleaning of
House -

asking that applications for the post be sent to the Secretary within 14 days - The question of recompensing those who had assisted in cleaning the House during the illness of Brigadesman Cleet arose and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Treasurer.

Capt. J. Matthews

Committee Meeting held on 22nd July 1934

Chairman
Minutes -

Capt. J. T. P. Stora
Secretary reported that he had no minutes to read owing to being unable to open the Box containing Books and documents.

Death of
Capt. Page

The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the death of Capt. Page referring to his long service and connection with the Brigade - The Secretary reported that he had written a letter of Condolence to the family and read the reply he had received from Mr Noel Page.

Special
Meeting -

After discussion it was resolved that a Special Meeting of the Brigade be called to be held at the

Brigade House at 7.30 p.m. on 12th
August prox. and that the name
of Dep. Capt. Charles Matthews be
submitted to the Members as a Captain
viz Capt. James Page deceased.

Treasurer. After a lengthy discussion it was
decided that any recommendation
as to this position lie over for further
consideration - The Secretary explained
the position which had arisen and
the existing arrangement with the
Bank.

Brigade Watch- The applications of Brigadesman Junger
man. & Saluse were considered and
Bde. Junger was appointed at the
same rate of pay & on the same condi-
tions as the last Watchman.

apt for payment Northern Press St. 6/6. was passed.

Capt. J. Matthews

Chairman

Special Meeting held at Watch
House on 12th August 1934 at 7.30 p.m.
Capt. J. A. Matthews -

The Chairman before commencing the
business of the meeting referred to the
death of Brigadesman John Fleet on
13th June and of Capt. James Page on
14th July - The Members present at
the conclusion of the Chairman remarks
standing in silence for a moment.

Object of
Meeting -
Minutes -

Election of
a Captain

The Secretary read the notice convening
the meeting & explained Object of same.
The Minutes of the last Special
Meeting were read & confirmed.

Dep. Capt. Paxton moved that
Dep. Capt. C. Matthews be appointed
a Captain of the Brigade -

Dep. Capt. Shaker seconded -
The motion was carried. Hon. con.
Capt. C. Matthews, thanked

Motion to
rescind

the Members for his appointment.
The Secretary, read the resolution
passed at the last annual
Meeting about writing to the Board of
Trade suggesting that Watch be kept

he kept at the Bupud House and not
at Touchmans point & moved that
the resolution be now rescinded -
Capt. Robson seconded, dwelling upon
the matter fully and there being no
amendment - the motion was put to
the meeting and carried -

Motion of
motion

Dep. Capt. Preston raised - the point
of motions ^{being} brought forward at
the Annual Meeting it was decided
that this was a matter for the Chairman
at the Annual Meeting -

Competitions

Some discussion arose - Dep. Capt.
Staker bringing the matter forward
it was decided that Capt. J. T.
Robson be in charge of Competitions
Years for this year -

J. T. Robson
Capt.

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 16th Dec. 1934.

Chairman
Minutes -

Capt. J. A. Matthews -

of the last two previous Committee

Meetings were read and confirmed -
Drill Books - The Committee proceeded to go through
the Drill Books and decided as
follows:-

Division 1. Salfield to be struck off
and application for return of Uniform
to be sent to him - J. Ruddle to be
withdrawn - J. Denton to be struck off
J. S. Farley to be struck off -
E. Marshall to be struck off -
W. Newton to be struck off -

Division 2. L. Reynolds it was
decided that he remain a
member - W. Bird remain a
member - Hawson struck off
Normandale struck off -

T. A. Henderson struck off -

G. Mowat struck off -
T. Ellis struck off -

Division 3. W. Wallace remain a
member - Cannwood and Ellis to be

- W. M. Vasey - struck off and J. Young to be constituted Secretary read letter from W. M. Vasey. It was decided to accept his resignation and that Secretary write him thanking him for his services.
- Next Drill - It was decided that the next drill take place on 8th January 1938 at 3 p.m.
- Treasurer - It was decided on the motion of Dep. Capt. Preston seconded by Capt. Oliver, to submit Mr. A. Johnson to Annual Meeting for position of Treasurer.
- House Town. - It was decided that Capt. C. Matthews and I ascertain what repairs were any to be carried out.
- Rep. of Food Cupboard. - It was decided that 3 Reps be obtained and issued to the Deputy Captains.
- Annual Meeting. - Secretary reminded Members that the Annual Meeting would take place either at end of January or the beginning of February and that anyone bringing forward any matter of importance must do so by notice

of motion and Capt. J. A. Matthews intimated that he would deal with the question of Captains retiring at 65 years of age - Capt. J. F. Robson that the year should end on 30th June and Dep. Capt. Preston as to the advisability of having some means of notifying members of the Brigade of a watch being held other than the Red Lamp notification.

Capt. J. A. Matthews

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 6th January 1938

- Chairman Capt. J. A. Matthews.
- Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.
- Captain J. F. Robson asked if Capt. J. A. Matthews intended proceeding with his motion & draw attention to the Rules - after a full discussion it was resolved that the matter lie over for further consideration.
- Change of year of After discussion it was decided that Capt. J. F. Robson's motion that the Brigade Year end on 30th June & that 15th July be Sub-

*Additional System
of notifying Members
of a Watch being
held -*

*submitted for 15th January in Rule 10. so
forwarded to annual meeting for approval.
Deputy Captain Preston's motion that
an additional system of
notifying Members when a Watch
was being held was fully discussed
and it was decided that this was
a matter with which the Committee
could deal and it was moved
by Peter Jamieson seconded by Dep.
Capt. Stalker that either Capt. J. G. Mac-
donald or J. F. Wilson and the Secretary
interview the Chief Constable.*

*Annual Report The Secretary read the Annual
Report including a statement of
Receipts & Payments for Year ending
31st Dec. 1937 and it was resolved
that same be printed & sent out
to Members & honorary Members.*

*Annual Meeting - It was decided to hold the
Annual Meeting at the Brigade
House on the 27th January
instant -*

Capt. T. P. Preston.



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

19th January, 1938.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1938, at 7.30 p.m. o'clock, in the Watch House, when the Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure will be presented to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year
ending 31st December, 1937.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy-first Annual Report to the Members and Friends of the Brigade.

On Tuesday, 26th January, a strong wind from E.N.E., which afterwards increased to gale force and veered to E.S.E., prevailed all day and a number of members kept watch on the offing. The red lamp was lighted at dusk, and the weather was getting steadily worse as night came on, with dense and frequent snow squalls. About 5 p.m. the South Pier light was observed to be out, increasing the danger. A road was dug through the heavy banks of snow upon the pier and the van run out. About 10.30 p.m., news was received that a Russian steamer was in distress about 25 or 30 miles off the Tyne, and a special look-out was kept. At 11.30 p.m., supper was served. At midnight, 28-29th January, weather very bad, wind reaching 65 m.p.h. at times. At 12.45 a.m., news was received of another vessel in distress, but the position was believed to be about 11 miles E.N.E. of Blyth. At 6 a.m., on 29th January, breakfast was served in the Watch House to those members who had remained on watch. At daybreak both wind and sea, which had been very high, seemed to be moderating somewhat, but a number of members were in attendance throughout the day. The red lamp was again lighted at nightfall, and at 11.45 p.m. supper was served.

30th January.—Intermittent watch kept throughout the day by various members, weather seemed to be steadily moderating, wind S.E., fresh breeze, sea rough. After nightfall, however, the wind began to freshen again somewhat. The red lamp was lighted about 8 p.m. It was thought advisable to watch the weather for a time, as the barometer was now falling again. Wind S.E. by E. At 11.30, supper was served. At midnight, 30th-31st January, strong breeze S.E. by E., heavy rain at about 2 a.m., wind shifted to the South and greatly moderated. Watch terminated at 3 a.m.

On Sunday, February 28th, at 2 a.m., very severe northerly gale burst upon the coast. The barometer, which had been low, began to rise rapidly and the gale increased to a violent storm of wind with great squalls of rain. The red lamp was lighted at 6.30 a.m. and look-out kept. At daybreak a very dangerous sea running, but no shipping. At 8 a.m. a small coasting steamer ran in safely, afterwards followed by several trawlers, one with her sail blown away. The apparatus van was run out. As morning advanced the wind which had increased 50-60 m.p.h., still increased, culminating at about 10 a.m., in a violent squall of 81 m.p.h. Afterwards, wind back to the north, and the weather began to moderate. A number of members were in attendance throughout the day. By nightfall, the wind had shifted to N.W. and abated to a moderate breeze. On the weather clearing and sea falling rapidly, the watch terminated at 7 p.m. without any casualty.

Sunday, 13th June.—Brigadesman John Cleet died at Ingham Infirmary after a long illness, following a severe operation. Interment took place at Westoe Cemetery on 16th June. Several Officers and Members of the Brigade attended.

Saturday, 3rd July.—The Shipowners' Wearside Shield Competition, fixed to take place at Tynemouth. The competition was commenced, but owing to exceptional wet weather was abandoned, and eventually the competition was abandoned for the year.

Wednesday, 14th July.—Captain James Page died, and on Saturday, 17th July was interred at Harton Cemetery, when a representative number of Officers and Members of the Brigade were present. At the time of his death Captain Page was the senior active member of the Brigade, and had also acted as Honorary Treasurer in later years. On the 6th November, 1906, he completed fifty year's service in the Brigade.

On Saturday, November 13th, a Service Drill took place at Frenchman's Point in the evening: a pistol rocket was fired and cliff ladder used.

On the 11th December, a north-westerly wind sprang up in the evening, and shortly before midnight increased to gale force N.E., with heavy squalls of rain and snow. The red lamp was lighted and watch set. At 1 a.m., on December 12th, supper was served and watch continued, and at 3 a.m. wind moderated somewhat back to N.; heavy snow, low visibility, wind decreasing. 6 a.m., wind N.W., very much moderated; watch terminated. A number of small vessels ran into the harbour for shelter.

The Chronicle Cup Competition did not take place during the year.

There are vacancies in the Brigade for new members.

We again wish to convey our best thanks to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their support. During the period covered by this report no appeal has been made by the Brigade to our Honorary Members and Subscribers.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

85, King Street, South Shields.

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J. J. Grant, Esq.		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year ending 31st December, 1937.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Donations	2	17 6	Balance due Bank	12	16 1
Subscriptions	11	11 0	Wages	36	3 4
Board of Trade Grant	25	0 0	T.I.C. Wayleaves	2	2 1
Interest on Investments	32	2 9	Uniform	0	8 6
Balance due Bank	20	9 6	Heating, Lighting, etc.	4	0 11
			Insurances	4	8 0
			Postages (1898)	2	1 3
			Repairs to House	16	14 4
			Provisions	0	14 5
			Printing	3	17 6
			Chronicle Cup Presentation (1898) ..	6	13 0
			Sundries	0	7 10
			Bank Charges	1	14 0
	£92	0 9		£92	0 9

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Chairman

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at
the Watch House on Thursday the 24th
January 1938
Capt. J. S. Robson

Prior to commencing the business of the
meeting the Chairman expressed to the
Members his sympathetic terms the
unavoidable absence through illness
of the Am. Secretary - and it was
resolved that a letter expressing the
hope of a speedy recovery be sent to
the hon. Secretary

Notice of
Meeting -
minutes

The Notice convening the meeting
was read

The Minutes of the last annual Meet-
ing were read and confirmed
The minutes of the last Special
Meeting were also read and
confirmed.

The Chairman made a special
reference to the death of Capt. J. J. Jage
the Senior Captain of the 1st Brigade
and spoke of his sound integrity
and strong personality and that
in a large measure was responsible

Annual
Report

for the high prestige of the Brigade.
The Chairman also referred to the ^{services} of Brigadesman John Cleet - the
Brigade House Watchman and as
a token of respect requested the
Members to stand in Silence.
As every member had received a
copy of the report including Income
& Expenditure etc - it was taken
as read.

The Chairman proceeded to deal
with the more outstanding features
outlined in the report - he
expressed gratitude and thankfulness
that we had no wrecks. Dealt
with although there had been
several stormy periods also that
although we had been so immune
from wrecks he was confident that
the Brigade was well prepared
to face any emergency - he made
special reference with regard to new
members who he thought should
be young and enthusiastic
in order that the prestige of the

Capt J. A.
Matthews

Brigade should be upheld and its
strength maintained also made
reference to the Competitions being aban-
doned for 1937 - on the motion of Brigades-
man plews seconded by Brigadesman
J. E. Turner the report was adopted.
The Chairman then proceeded with the
resignation of Capt. J. A. Matthews.
Capt J. A. Matthews spoke very feelingly
and stated he had tendered his
resignation two years previously but
apparently the time was not then ripe
to proceed with the matter - He felt
that it was only right that opportunity
should be given to younger men to
aspire to the position of Captain
in the Brigade - but this to his
opinion could not be achieved if
men held on to these positions be-
yond a reasonable age limit.
He particularly expressed the
desire to continue as a very active
member - Captain J. A. Matthews
resignation was accepted with
regret - and it was resolved

Election of a Captain

that ex-Captain J. A. Matthews be
appointed an Honorary Captain.
The Chairman moved that Dep.
Capt. G. T. Preston be appointed Captain
to fill the vacancy - this was seconded
by Dep. Capt. J. Shaker - This was
carried - Capt. Preston expressed
grateful thanks for the honour con-
ferred on him.

Searchlight Superintendent

It was resolved on the motion of
Bdm. Saersee seconded by Bdm. Appleby
that the Committee should con-
sider the rating of Searchlight
Superintendent in order that the
status of this rank be more
clearly defined.

Election of Deputy Captain

Resolved that Brigadier-General C. W.
Appleby and G. T. Hayes be
appointed Deputy Captains
also resolved that Deputy Capt.
Shaker be re-elected a Deputy
Captain.

Committee

Resolved that the present effective
Members of the Committee together
with Bdm. Ferrier and Birchell

Watchman

be elected to serve on the Committee for
the current year.
Bdm. Gruyer raised the question as to his
status on the Committee - he was continually
anxious to continue on the Committee as
well as an active member of the Brigade
taking duty at drills etc and it was de-
cided that the matter be referred to
the Committee for consideration.

Hon. Treasurer

Moved by Capt. Preston and seconded
by Bdm. Shields that Lieut. A. Thomas
R.N.W.R. of Fallowfield Governor Road
be appointed Hon. Treasurer to fill the
vacancy caused by the decease of Capt.
J. Page - Carried.

Auditor

Bdm. W. Robson was appointed
Auditor - and he intimated that he
did not desire any honorarium.

Change of end of year

The Chairman explained in detail
the object in changing the end of
the year to 30th June instead of the
30th December - and after discussion
this was moved by the Chairman
and seconded by Capt. C. Matthews
also that the words "15th January" in rule

Chairman

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on Saturday 5th March 1938
Capt. J. F. Preston -

The Chairman welcomed the
presence of the new Hon. Treasurer
who referred to the also on the
suggestions of Capt. J. F. Robson the
new Deputy Chairman and the new
members of the Committee present -

Minutes

The minutes of the last Committee
meeting were read and confirmed.

Bank account

Resolved: - That a Banking account
be continued with Martins Bank
Limited and that the Bank be
fully empowered to honour
cheques drawn on the said a/c.
by Arthur Johnson - that the
account be overdrawn from time
to time to such an extent as the Brig-
ade may require and the Bank
may think fit to allow and
that cheques lodged for the credit
of the said account be endorsed
by Arthur Johnson - and the
necessary form was signed by

The Chairman, the Hon. Secretary &
the Hon. Treasurer -

The Hon. Sec. reported that the overdraft
at present was £24 odd and that there
was a sum on deposit of £44 odd and
was further resolved that Hon. Treasurer
be empowered to transfer from deposit
a/c to current a/c. such a sum as he
may deem fit -

Summer Dinner

Decided that the April Dinner take
place on 1st Wednesday in April at
4 p.m. and the following bills on
just before each month at 4.30 p.m.
up to and including September & all

J. T. Robson

Committee Meeting held at Watch
House on 6th April 1938

Captain J. F. Robson

Chairman

Minutes

Of last Committee Meeting read
and adopted -

Resignation

The Secretary read a letter from
Bdu. W. Wallace resigning his mem-
bership of the Brigade - This was

Recommendations
from Annual
Meeting.

accepted and Secretary was instructed to write in reply that he was welcome to the Watch House at any time.

(1) Searchlight Superintendent:- It was explained that according to the Rules the Superintendent ranked as a Deputy Captain and after discussion it was resolved that he wear an armlet same as a Deputy Captain and further resolved that an attempt be made to obtain 3 members for Searchlight Division. The Condition of the Searchlight was discussed & it was decided that the Supt. make a Report every quarter.

(2) Brigade Watchman:- as this matter had been mentioned at the Annual Meeting & referred to the Committee - The Secretary explained that the position of Brigade Watchman being a member of the Committee had been fully considered when the late Deputy Captain Whitaker became Brigade

Watchman and after this explanation it was decided to adhere to the position that the Brigade Watchman can not at the same time be a member of the Committee.

(3) Police Boxes:- For the present this matter was not proceeded with. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Coastguard be informed by telephone of a Watch at the Commencement of the Watch by the Senior Officer present or Senior Brigadesman - also when Watch terminates the Coastguard be telephoned by Senior present (Officer or Brigadesman).

Notice of
Dress.

The Secretary reported that the supply of printed Notices had been exhausted and it was decided that Secretary be instructed to get some Notices printed.

Air Raid Precautions The Chairman mentioned this matter but for the present it was decided to take no action -

Capt. Mrs. J. Weston
Chairman

Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 1st June 1938

Chairman
Minutes -

Captain F. Y. Preston.

Those of the previous meeting read and confirmed -

Searchlight -

Supt. of Searchlight reported that the engine was in a poor condition and that he would strip the engine and report on same.

Accounts -

the following accounts were passed for payment -

Christians press for printing 8/6.

Lyons Infirmary for long dress

Wm W. Laidon for provisions

Seeling for postage etc.

Barbour 18ms Flat.

Home Captain's expenses.

Competitions

It was decided that Capt. F. Y. Robson take charge of the Competition Teams for 1938.

Annual Meeting

Secretary reported that to comply with attention in rules it would be necessary to hold a meeting either at end of July or beginning of August and after discussion it was decided

that as little expense as possible be incurred over such meeting -

Costguard -

It was resolved to direct the Hon Treasurer to continue the pay ment of £1 per quarter to the Costguard.

Secretary mentioned that Miss Bushland a sister of the late Capt. J. S. Bushland had died and referred to the great interest the late Capt. Bushland and Miss Bushland had always taken in the Brigade and it was decided that an entry be made in the minutes.

C. W. Matthews

11 Aug 1938

Committee Meeting held at Watch House on Thursday the 11th August 1938.

Chairman

Capt. C. Matthews

Minutes -

of last meeting read and confirmed.

Report

The Secretary read a short Report for the period from 1st January to 30th June 1938 and it was decided that same be submitted to Special (Annual) meeting.

Financial
Statement.

In the absence of the Hon Treasurer the Sec. read the statement showing receipts

and Payments from 1st July 1937
to 30th June 1938 which has been
audited. It was decided that this
be submitted to Special (Annual)
Meeting along with Report.

Dated Special Annual Meeting - It was decided to hold this meeting
on 15th August instant at 7.30 p.m.
in the Walsh House.

Accounts - The following accounts were passed
for payment.

B. Robinson Weiride Competition	5/-
Barbour & Sons Ltd.	18/-
Gyne Imp. Comm.	2/1

£3 1/2 War Stock - Secretary explained that owing to death
of late Honorary Treasurer - it was now
necessary to have the stock placed in
other names - and the Committee
authorised Secretary to obtain death
Certificates of James Page, J.W. Bushband
and J.W. Buck. and to have registration
put in order and that interest
be paid to Martins Bank
Ltd. - Foster St. South Shields
Branch.

Minutes of Special Annual Meeting held
at the Walsh House on Monday the 15th
August 1938

Chairman Capt. J. T. Robson

Notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary
Minutes of last Annual meeting were read and on
the motion of Dep. Capt. Appleby seconded by 2
Brigadesmen Buschell were confirmed.

Report and Financial Statement } The Hon. Secretary read the Report and
Financial and explained that as a Report
Statement } had been sent out earlier this year and another
Report would probably be sent out next year
as little expense as possible had been
incurred.

The Chairman in moving the adoption
stressed the necessity for new members -
referred to the standing of the young men
although that did not come into the
Report but pointed out that it showed
that the Services of the Brigade might be
required at any time -

Capt. C. J. Matthews seconded and
Dep. Capt. Appleby supported - and same
was adopted -

Re-election

of Deputy Captain. It was moved by Brigadesman
Fenier and seconded by Brigadesman
Laidler that the Deputy Captain -
Messrs Shuter - Appleby and Hayes be
re-elected - This was carried -
Re-election of
Committee - moved by Brigadesman Flew and
seconded by Dep. Capt. Shuter that
the Committee at present serving be
re-elected - This was carried -

Hon. Auditor - Brigadesman W. Dobson was
re-appointed Hon. Auditor on
the motion of Capt. C. A. Matthews
seconded by Dep. Capt. Appleby -
Maroons Capt. C. D. Matthews referred to the
difficulty of hearing maroons in
the Town & suggested a list of
those members who could be reached
by telephone should be compiled -

Social Committee Brigadesman Fenier brought
the matter up and after discussion
Capt. C. A. Matthews moved and Dep.
Capt. Appleby seconded that a new
Committee be appointed - the following
were nominated and elected:-
Capt. C. Matthews ^{President} Dep. Capt. Appleby

and Brigadesman Fenier and
Brusckell

Addressing Public
Parades -

This matter was brought up by the Chair-
man on the suggestion of the Honorary Sec-
retary - Many members present both past
in the discussion - Capt. Matthews - Brigades-
man Laidler and Brusckell and several
others - also Hon. Capt. J. W. Middleton of the
Sea-foam in discussion and it was
eventually moved by Dep. Capt. Appleby
seconded by Bdm. Connell that the
Brigade continue to attend public functions
as heretofore for 3 years from the time -
On this motion being put to the meeting -
Carried for the motion 14
" " against " 4 -

The Chairman declared the motion
Quoried.

Funerals.

Deputy Capt. Shuter brought up the
Question of some Uniformity at Funerals -
Chairman suggested that matter be
referred to the Officer as a matter of
discipline - This was agreed to -

Cliff Laidler.

Bdm. Finning suggested that more
Cliff Laidler Drills should take place

Note of Thanks.

Chairman
Minutes

Memo from
Annual Meeting
War Stock

The Chairman agreed and said matter would be considered but that Cliff Laddie Drills took up much time and that at first a lower cliff should be selected so that as many as possible present should get practice -
The Courtyard was carried with acclamation - Mr. Whiffen acknowledged -
The meeting concluded the business of the meeting -

J. T. Robson
Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Watch House on 1st October 1938

Capt. J. Y. Robson
- The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
The Social Committee elected at the Annual Meeting reported
The Secretary reported that sheep had been taken so that the interest would be paid direct to Martins Bank and that eventually the stock would be transferred into

Drills

Grant-

Accounts-

House-

Chronicle
Cup.
Tennants

the names of Capt. J. Y. Robson, C. Matthews and J. Y. Preston in addition to Capt. Oliver -
Moved by Capt. Bde. Laddie and seconded by Dep. Capt. Appleby that the next two monthly drills be held on the 1st Thursday in Nov. and 1st Thursday in Dec. at 4.30 pm.
Carried -

Secretary reported that the Grant had been received and paid into Bank -

The following were passed for payment
F. Oliver's Expenses Chronicle Cup Competition
£1-2-1.

Capt. Oliver reported that the Basin in the Kitchen had been damaged and said he could provide a Kitchen Sink - This offer was accepted - Dep. Capt. Appleby immediately to fix the Basin -
Capt. Robson reported the result of the Competition -
Dep. Capt. Sticks brought up the question of procedure at

Ununited - after some considerable discussion it was eventually decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the Senior Officer or Member in Charge of the parade.

Capt. H. D. Preston

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Watch House on 1st Dec. 1938.

Chairman Capt. H. D. Preston -
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
Mortgage No 14004 (£200) with Type Imp. Commission
Secretary reported that same would mature on 29th January next & that Y.I.C. are prepared to continue -

Resolved that same be continued for a further 5 years at 3 1/4 per cent.

Drills
Resolved that Drills for January, February and March 1939 be held on 1st Thursday in each month at 7.30 p.m.

Accounts
Wireless
A. Ware for 11/6 paid for payment
Resolved that the offer of a wireless set from Mr Geo S. Gray be accepted - Social Committee's offer

Stove in
Luge Room

to pay first years licence also be accepted and that the Social Committee look after the wireless set.
It was suggested that the Stove be moved to Art of use South it was however left over for further consideration.

C. W. Matthews
Feb 2nd /39

Committee Meeting held 2nd Feb 1939

Chairman
Minutes
Stove

Capt. C. Matthews
of previous meeting read and confirmed.
Decided that Stove remain where it is, and Insurance Company no notified of change.

Accounts.

Secretary's account for wages up to end of Dec. 1938 passed for payment.

Welfare House

Secretary reported that Benjamin Tinning had asked for use of house for Sea Scouts last week and that he had granted permission - Secretary's action approved and it was decided that Secretary be empowered to exercise his discretion in similar

Light in Rocket
House

Visit of King
& Queen

applications

1st. Capt. Sticker brought this matter up and Capt. Ruston moved that approval be made through proper channels to have an electric light in the Rocket House - seconded by Bdu. Jamison - carried.

Ruston asked whether anything was being done on the occasion of the visit of the King & Queen - Capt. Robson moved and 1st. Capt. Hayes seconded that the Chairman make enquiries through the Mayor's Secretary.

J. T. Robson

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Hatch House on 5th April 1939

Chairman

Minutes

1st. Visit

of King

& Queen

of King

& Queen

Captain J. T. Robson
last meeting confirmed
Secretary read letter received from Chief Constable -
Capt. J. T. Robson reported and
Capt. Ruston also referred to the
satisfactory turn out of members

of the Brigade who had paraded on the occasion.

Accounts - the following were passed for payment
Allen Co 8-5 1/2
V.I.C. 3-6
Brynley Co 19-7

Light in
Rocket House

Insurance
of House

Invitation

Appointments

Recd. Enquiry

Gift of Books

Searchlight

Engine

Secretary read letter referring to this matter.

Secretary read letter he had received from the Insurance Company to 1st. Capt. Hayes and Bdu. W. Robson directed to inform

Brigade at Lynmouth at home
Geo. Brogden as from 19th
March 1938 and posted to the 1st
Raymond Reddie as from the 10th
March 1938 and posted to the 2nd

from Capt. F. McRally was
accepted and Secretary directed
to write a letter of thanks.

The Secretary was also directed
to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Seaman
-ess for gift of Books to Brigade.

Supt. Macintosh reported pro-
cedure for new searchlight -

Dart Board

Manchester and it was resolved
that to ascertain cost etc.
The Committee sanctioned the use
of a Dart Board in the Brigade
House.

C.W. Matthews

Committee Meeting held at the Watch
House on 3rd May 1939.

Chairman - Capt. C.W. Matthews.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Account for payment. T.I.C. Commission £2.10.0
14.3 for acknowledgment etc.

Communication Secretary read Communication
through Secretaries and it was after discussions resolved
that the Sec. write D.O. ask him
if he will come through at an
early date and discuss the matter.

Table Tennis

It was reported that Table Tennis
had been played on a Sunday & it
was resolved no games be allowed
on a Sunday and that a notice be
put up in the House to that effect.

Competitions

It was resolved that Capt. Pustou
take charge of the Competition

Leaves during the coming Season
J.T. Robson

Committee Meeting held at Watch House
on the 5th day of July 1939.

Chairman

Minutes of

A.R.P. etc.

Capt. J.T. Robson
previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

Secretary reported that he had written
to the D.O. & that the D.O. had telephoned
that if Brigade wished to have instruction
in War Time Coast watching, it would be necessary
to make an application on similar lines
as Rother. that since then the D.O. had
stated there was no reason why a
member of the Brigade should not join
any other organisation and that
many had done so - after discussion
it was decided to apply to the
Board of Trade that instruction be
given to the Brigade.

accounts

The following were passed for payment
And sups provisions £1-7-11
Captain Oliver Durrin 1-11-5.
& fares to Rother.

photo from
Mepa Parry.

Secretary reported that he had
received a photo (being a reproduction
of a photo in the House) & that
he had acknowledged same -
it was decided to hand same to
Capt. Oliver to dispose of.

Photo of Capt.
Buck.

Capt. Oliver handed over a photo
of the late Capt. Buck from Miss
Buck and same was accepted &
the Secretary ^{has} instructed to write an
appropriate acknowledgment to
Miss Buck.

Use of house

Capt. J. T. Robson brought up the
matter of the use of the House by the Sea
Scouts & the previous minute was
referred to - and after considerable
discussion it was resolved that
the sanction to use the house be
withdrawn after the 13th inst.

C. W. Matthews

Chairman
Minutes

Committee Meeting held at the
Watch House on 2nd August 1939
Capt. C. Matthews.
of previous meeting read and
approved

Annual Report
and statement
of Accounts.

The Committee and Treasurer's
reports were read and it was resolved
that same be printed and sent out
with notice of Annual meeting and
submitted thereto for adoption.

Date of
Annual meeting

It was decided to hold the
Annual meeting at the Watch
House at 8 p.m. on the 15th instant.

S.S. Auction
Rowing Club.

The Secretary's action granting use
of Brigades House to the Rowing Club
for the 3rd inst. on the occasion of their
Regatta was confirmed.

A. R. P. etc.

Secretary read reply from S.O.
as to course of intensive training in
Courtland work and it was decided
that matter be brought up at the
Annual meeting.

Chenille Cup
Competition.

Capt. Purton owing to business
reasons resigned Captaincy of
Team which was accepted and

Rockets.

Deputy Capt. Shaker was appointed
State Charge of Competition Season.
Capt. Preston brought up the
Question of being able to fire Rockets
at Drills and Station Officer
Whiffan states that probably from
now on the Brigade would be
able to fire a Rocket once a
quarter. J. T. Robson

Annual Meeting held at the
Watch House on Tuesday 15th August
1939.

Chairman

Notes of Meeting

Minutes.

Capt. J. T. Robson

Secretary read the Notice convening
the Meeting.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on
the 24th January 1938 and of
Special Meeting held on the 15th
August 1938 were read and
approved.

Annual Report
Statement of
account.

These having been pointed out
sent out to all members - honorary
members and subscribers were taken
in read and the Chairman



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

7TH AUGUST, 1939.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday,
the 15th day of August, 1939, at 8 p.m. o'clock, in the Watch House, when the
Annual Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure will be presented
to the Members.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the
year ending 30th June, 1939.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy-third Annual Report to the Members
of the Brigade.

At the last Annual Meeting, on the 27th January, 1938, it was then decided that
the Brigade year should terminate on the 30th June to coincide with the Board of Trade
year which ends on the 30th June, and owing to this decision a special meeting was held
on the 15th August last, and a report for the first six months of 1938 and a statement
of income and expenditure for that period was submitted to the meeting, but no report
has been sent out to the Members and Honorary Members since the report up to the end
of the year 1937, which was sent out in January, 1938, and it is now proposed to include
in this report a short reference to the first six months of 1938.

Mr. A. Johnson was elected Honorary Treasurer at the annual meeting held on the
27th January, 1938, and any donations or subscriptions should be sent to him at "Fallow-
field," Grosvenor Road, South Shields.

followed - the following taking part

On Saturday, 12th February, 1938, a north westerly gale prevailed throughout the day, raising a rough sea. Various members were in attendance at the Watch House. Towards midnight the wind veered to the north and the weather became much worse, with heavy squalls reaching 60 m.p.h. accompanied by snow. Red lamp lighted at 12.45 a.m. Sunday, February, 13th, and watch kept. At 3.30 a.m. wind back again to N.W. and weather moderated. Watch terminated.

On July 2nd the Wearside Shipowners' Shield Competition took place at Tynemouth favoured with fair weather. Tynemouth Brigade went first through the test, followed by South Shields. Roker had the misfortune to foul their gear and broke a mast stay. They then withdrew. Sunderland Brigade did not put in an appearance, presumably owing to some misunderstanding. Result, Tynemouth first, points 135.2; South Shields, second, 130.8.

August 11th, the "Young Mun" belonging to Lowestoft, grounded during fog at Souter Point, at about 8 a.m. Maroons were fired as soon as notification was given. Owing to the fog it was difficult to ascertain the exact position of the vessel. Three officers and four brigadesmen went to the scene about three miles from the Watch House. Two pistol rockets were fired, and contact made, but no one landed. There was a slight sea and gentle breeze. Later the fog cleared, and at high tide the vessel was taken to Brigham's Dock.

September 17th. The Chronicle Cup Competition Drill took place on the drill ground adjacent to the Watch House, the weather being suitable. Tynemouth Brigade also went through their drill on the same day on the same ground. The Chief Umpire complimented both brigades on their performance. Tea was supplied in the Brigade House to our own members, Tynemouth Brigade and visitors. On the 25th September the result was announced: Seaton Sluice first, points 223.4; Tynemouth second, 212.7; South Shields third, 202.3.

December 22nd. After nearly a week of stormy weather with a strong breeze at first from S.E. then gradually hauling round through E. to N.E., gale force was reached in the afternoon. The apparatus van was run out and the lamp was lighted as darkness came on. Soon afterwards the weather began to moderate rapidly, and by 9 p.m. the wind had dropped to a moderate breeze. Watch terminated at 10 p.m.

February 22nd. Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited South Shields on their tour in the North-East district, and partook of tea at the Clinic, Stanhope Road. The Brigade paraded and assisted the Police. Captain J. T. Robson was present by invitation at the tea at the Clinic. The Chief Constable later wrote to the Secretary thanking the Brigade for their assistance on this outstanding occasion.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

85, KING STREET,
SOUTH SHIELDS.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

for the period from 1st January, 1938 to 30th June, 1939.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Donations	5 16 0	Balance due to Bank	20 9 6
Subscriptions	17 4 6	Wages	56 15 0
Board of Trade Grant	25 0 0	T.I.C. Wayleaves	1 2 3
Collecting Box	4 5 9	Light, Heat and Water	12 7 1
Interest on Investments	46 11 4	Watch House Repairs and Upkeep	9 8 2
Withdrawn from Deposit Account	32 0 0	Uniform	4 12 3
		Insurance	7 9 0
		Printing	4 8 6
		Bank Charge	1 9 6
		Postage	5 4 4
		Balance due from Bank	8 1 0
	£130 17 7		£130 17 7

Audited and found correct.

W. Rouson,
Hon. Auditor.

A. JOHNSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

28th July, 1939.

The Brigade are indebted to the following Subscribers and Donors —

Mrs. Alexander.	Marine Engineers' Association.
Mrs. W. B. Readhead.	Dr. Marks.
Miss J. Wilson.	C. S. Richardson.
and to:	H. S. Scott.
Messrs. I. Caplan.	South Shields Amateur Rowing Club.
G. W. Duncan.	South Shields Butcher's Association.
G. Goudie.	S. Thubron.
Harton Coal Co.	R. L. Thubron.

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moved their adoption making reference
to the lack of long watches in the past
year but reminded the Brigade that it was
expected to keep watches in heavy weather
and low visibility also referred to the
Competition that the Brigade had always
secured a good place in the Competi-
tion & hoped they would continue to
do so.

Capt. C. Matthews seconded and
the Report was adopted.

re-election of
Captains &
Committee

On the motion of Capt. Preston sec-
onded by Bdm. Seher the Deputy
Captains were re-elected also the
Committee as no new nominations
had been sent in.

Auditor

Brigadierman W. Robson was re-
elected Honorary Auditor on the
motion of Deputy Capt. Shethers
Seconded by Bdm. J. Laidler

Instruction
& Complaint
work.

Secultery letter from J.O. in reply
to letter he had written on the Committee
Instruction - The Chairman spoke on
the matter and a general discussion
followed. The following taking part

Bdr. Burchell. Dep. Capt. Appleby. Capt.
Fulton. Capt. C. Matthews. Bdr. Sandler
Bdr. W. Robson and eventually
moved that application be made
to the B.O.F. so that the Brigade
windings the Course of Instruction -
Bdr. O. Sandler Seconded - &
the motion carried the resolution -
16. members present signified their
wish to attend the Course of
Instruction 11 of them being over
40 years of age -

Votes of Thanks were accorded to (a) the press
which Mr. C. Taylor acknowledged
and (b) the Courtiers which
in their absence was acknowledged
by the Chairman -

Social Committee Bdr. Ferrier reported a Balance
of £4-12-4 - that they had paid for
Wichor Linn - supplied a Dard
Board, held 3 suppers & defrayed
expenses & expressed wish to see more
members present on such occasions -
and that they desired to pay one
quarter's light & heating of the house as

a Contribution to Brigade Funds -
The Committee with the addition of
Dep. Capt. Shaker was re-elected -
J. T. Robson, Capt.

Committee meeting held at Watch
House on 23rd Sept. 1938
Capt. J. T. Robson -

Chairman
Minutes -

of Capt. Committee meeting read
and confirmed.

Black out
of House.

It was decided to have a further
Coat of S. R. P. Black on windows and
Secretary was directed to write a
letter of thanks to Brigadier
Bennett for his voluntary work
in connection with this.

Accounts -

The following accounts were passed
for payment

For three pence £1-10-0
Secretary for Brown's
Smyth's Book 3-6

Bank
Amount -

The following resolution was
passed: - That a Banking
account be continued with
Machin Bank Limited and
that the Bank be and is hereby

empowered to honour cheques
drawn on the said account by
John Broughton Bowman and
that the account of the Brigade
at Martins Bank Limited be
overdrawn from time to time to
such an extent as the Brigade
may require and the Bank
may think fit to allow and
that the firm/persons authorised
to sign cheques from time to time
be and are hereby authorised
to overdraw the said account
for and on behalf of the Brigade
and cheques lodged for the credit
of the said account be endorsed
by John Broughton Bowman.
The necessary form embodying
this resolution was signed
by the Chairman and the
Secretary & be lodged with
the Bank.

C. W. Matthews

Chairman -
Minutes -

Coast Guard
Room -

Brigade
Watchman

Committee Meeting held at Coast
Guard Room Coast Guard Station
on the 28th October 1939.

Capt. C. Matthews -

As the Minute Book was not avail-
able the minutes of the last Committee
meeting were not read.

The Brigade House having been taken
over by the Military Authority the
Secretary reported that he had been
in communication with the D.O. as
to the use of the Coast Guard Room
and read minute from D.O.

Brigadesman Laid moved that
the Brigade accept the use of the
Guard Room at Coast Guard
Station on the terms set out in
the Div. Officer's minute - This was
seconded by Dep. Capt. Stoker
and carried.

The Secretary mentioned the position
which had arisen as to Brigades-
man Gwyer owing to the
Brigade House having been taken
over and that Gwyer himself

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at the Coast Guard Room
South pier on Thursday the 11th July
1940

Chairman
Minutes of
previous meetings

Captain C. Matthews -
of the last two previous Committee
Meetings were read and confirmed.

Annual Report Secretary read a draft of the Com-
mittee's report and statement of
receipts and expenditure for the
year ending 30 June 1940 - it
was resolved that under the
present circumstances on the motion
of Brigadierman Suddles and
seconded by Scablight & Supt.
McIntosh that the report be
not printed but read at the
Annual meeting - It was also
resolved on the motion of Capt
J. T. Robson seconded by Hon
Capt. Oliver that a paragraph
be added to the report stating there
had been no wrecks during the
period and no call upon the

Date of Annual
Meeting -

Date of Drills -

Brigade for its ordinary services.
Brigadierman W. Robson moved and
Capt. Shaker seconded that the
Annual meeting be held at 8 p.m.
on the 25th instant in the Coast Guard
Room and that all members be
notified by post card - Carried.
on the motion of Brigadierman
Burchell seconded by Bdm. Oliver
it was resolved that the next
Drill take place on 1st August at
7-30 p.m. and that if possible
arrangements be made to have
the Drill in the Commissioner's yard
J. T. Robson

Chairman
Notice

Minutes

Annual Meeting held at the
Coast Guard Room Coast Guard
Station on Thursday the 25th
July 1940 -

Captain J. T. Robson
The notice concerning the meeting
was read.
The minutes of the last annual
meeting were read and on the

Annual Report
and Statement
of accounts.

motion of Capt. Matthews seconded
by Deputy Capt. Shaker were
confirmed.

The Secretary read the Annual
Report and statement of Receipts
and payments for the year ending
30th June 1940

In moving the adoption of same
the Chairman referred to the circum-
stances which had arisen since
the last annual meeting & said
that the Members are still prepared
to carry on the work of the Brigade
if necessary. That some of the
members were at the present time
serving the Crown - also referred
to the Coast Watching and that
the Brigade are prepared to carry
on the work of Saving Life -
Captain Matthews seconded
and on the motion being put to
the meeting the Report was adopted.

On the motion of Brigadesman
Greener seconded by Brigades-
man Burchell the Deputy Captains

Re-election
of Deputy
Captains

SOUTH SHIELDS
VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

15th July, 1940.

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting
to be held at the Coastguard Room at 8 p.m. O'clock
on the 25th instant.

J. B. BOWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT
and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year
ending 30th June, 1940.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy-fourth
Annual Report to the Members of the Brigade.

During the period covered by this report there
were no wrecks and no calls upon the Brigade for its
ordinary services.

On July 1st 1939 the Wearside Shipowners Shield
Competition took place at Roker. Result:- Tyne-mouth
Brigade was placed 1st; South Shields 2nd and Roker 3rd.

September 3rd. England declared War on Germany.
During September on Saturday afternoons classes were
held in the Watch Tower at the Brigade House on -
"Coast Watching in War Time," and several members
attended these classes - the Instructor being the
District Officer, H.M. Coastguard, Seaham Harbour -
Mr. Coombes.

Vote of Thanks - to the Chairman and the Press
Thanks - were accorded. Mrs. Whiffan

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October 2nd. The Military Authority took possession of the Brigade House and on the 7th October the Class on "Coast Watching in War Time," was held in the adjacent recently erected Fishermen's Hut also in the occupation of the Military Authority.

December 6th. Honorary Captain J.A. Matthews died. A record of his services in the Brigade appears in the Brigade Log Book. Several members of the Brigade attended the service at Queen Street Methodist Church on the 8th December. Interment afterwards took place at Harton Cemetery.

On the 18th February 1940 Honorary Captain C.E.S. Shaw died and several members attended the service at St. Aidan's Church on 21st February. Interment took place at Longbenton. A record of Hon. Capt. Shaw's services also appears in the Brigade Log Book.

After losing the use of the Brigade House the Brigade through the assistance of the District Officer obtained the use of the Coastguard Room as a place of assembly and where Meetings could be held. This privilege has been greatly appreciated by those members of the Brigade who have kept together. A few members of the Brigade who attended the Classes have been since that time doing constant Coast patrol a record of which has been entered up in the Book provided for that purpose.

Since the outbreak of War Drills have been curtailed and up to the present time the Official intimation is that two Drills per year are to be held and no Rockets to be fired at a Drill.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

85 King Street,
South Shields.

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of Deputy
Captains*

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men Burchell the Deputy Captains*

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the period from 1st July 1939 to 30th June 1940.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank 28.15. 3.
Donations 2.11. 0.
Subscriptions 11.11. 0.
Board of Trade
Grant 25. 0. 0.
Collecting Box 1.17. 1.
Interest on
Investments 28.18. 2.
Northern Command 25. 2.10.

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PAYMENTS.

Wages 219.15. 0.
T.I.C. Wages 1.10. 7.
Light, heat and
water 1.11.10.
Repairs etc 2. 8. 5.
Provisions 3. 1. 4.
Insurances 2. 1. 0.
Printing 2. 3. 0.
Bank Charges 1. 5. 0.
Balance in Bank 88. 11.11.

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Audited and found correct,
W. ROBSON,
Hon. Auditor.

J. B. BOWMAN,
Acting Treasurer.

8th July, 1940.

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Grenger seconded Mr Brigades-
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were re-elected -
committee - On the motion of Captain Matthews
seconded by Brigadesman Grenger
the Committee was re-elected.
addition - On the motion of Dep Capt. Stuker
seconded by Brigadesman Finer
Brigadesman W. Robson was re-
elected Hon. Auditor and thanked
for his services.

sunlight - A discussion took place about the
advisability of retaining the Sun-
light and it was resolved on
the motion of Captain Matthews
seconded by Brigadesman Burchell
that the Sunlight Supl. be asked
to report on the matter.

to be limits - Brigadesman Grenger brought up
the question of making some effort
to obtain there for those performing
Coast watching Duties & Chairman
said the recommendation would
be put forward through the
proper quarter.

to the Contingent and the pres
Thanks - were seconded. Tm W. Shipman

and Mr. Leslie respectively responded
a vote of Thanks to the Chairman
concluded the Business of the
Meeting -

J. T. Robson
Capt.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the
Brigade held at Court Guard Room
on Thursday the 31st October 1940

Capt. C. Matthews in the Chair -
explained object of meeting that owing
to recent experiences in War time it
appeared necessary to initiate some
method of calling out the Brigade
for truck Service -

after some discussion it was
resolved that the Chief Constable
be approached and asked to co-
operate in stopping members in
care of wreck and that Captains
J. Y. Robson and C. Matthews
be deputed to interview the
Chief Constable -

A discussion took place on the

provision of Oilskin overalls for use
of members on Truck Service and
it was resolved that 12 Suits con-
sisting of Sock Wrist - Coat and
Trousers be purchased and that
Captains Robson and Matthews have
full power to deal with the matter.
This matter was discussed and it was
resolved that a key of the Guard Room
be kept at the residences of the Court
Guards so that members could in
this way obtain access to Guard
Room and that Key of Truck House
be kept hung up in the Guard
Room -

Capt. Preston intimated that
he would approach his firm
with object of obtaining use
of their van in case of a wreck
at night and it was agreed
that if such was granted it
would serve a useful purpose

J. T. Robson
Capt.

Calling out Brigade
for Truck Service
in War time

Oilskins

Key of
Truck House

Use of private
van in case
of wreck at
night.

Chairman
Minutes -

Committee Meeting held at Court Guard Room
on Thursday the 24th July 1941 at 8 p.m.
Captain J. T. Robson

The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting
were read and confirmed.

Annual Report
and accounts

The Secretary read draft report and
after some slight amendments it was
resolved that the Report
would not be printed nor sent out
to the Members but would be read at the
Annual Meeting and that the question of
printing a report should lie over for
the time being. The statement of accounts
as at end of June were read and
it was resolved that £100 be invested
therein as a Reserve.

Annual
Meeting.

It was decided that the Annual Meeting
be held at the Court Guard Room
on Thursday the 4th Day of August 1941
at 4.30 p.m.

War Damage

Secretary reported that an Insurance
against War Damage (chickens) had
been effected for the sum of £200.
Secretary also read letter from Northern
Command Land Agent relating to a

scheme of Insurance of Insurance which
the War Office had arranged which
would enable the Brigade to have
the benefit of the scheme if they adopted
the suggestion and that the Command
would pay the premium on the existing pol-
icy less the proportion relating to
Special Chickens which had been
removed from the Brigade House.
It was decided that the Secretary sign
the necessary document and forward
same to Command Land Agent.

Medal Ribbon.

Secretary reported that he had obtained
a quantity from the Royal Mint on
payment and was decided that any
Member who had received the Medal
could be supplied with a reasonable
amount of Medal Ribbon on apply-
ing to the Secretary.

Accounts -

Secretary reported that he had as
acting Treasurer paid the following
accounts:- Y.I.C. 14/3. Insurance 6/6.3
Postage bond of June 12/- Royal Mint 1-2-6
Stamp for postcards £1-5-0 - The Com-
mittee confirmed Secretary's action.

Condolence

The Committee instructed the Secretary to write a letter to their Colleague Brigadier-General G. Sandler and Mrs Sandler on the loss of their son who was serving in His Majesty's Forces. Secretary read correspondence relating to this matter which showed that this could not be obtained from the Naval Store or payment.

Oilskins

Secretary read correspondence relating to this matter which showed that this could not be obtained from the Naval Store or payment.

J. T. Robson

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at the Coastguard Room, Coastguard Station South Shields on Thursday the 7th August 1941 at 7-30 p.m.

Chairman

Captain J. T. Robson

Notice convening Meeting -

The Notice convening the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes -

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read to the meeting and were confirmed.

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

25th July, 1941.

You are requested to attend the ANNUAL MEETING, to be held on Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1941, at 7-30 p.m. at the Coast Guard Room, South Pier, South Shields.

ANNUAL REPORT

and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th June, 1941.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy-fifth Annual Report to the Members of the Brigade.

October 17th.

At 11.50 hours the Brigade was called out by the Coast Guard for service. (Wind E. to N.E., moderate to fresh breeze, sea moderate to rather rough, rain, fog, visibility 2-miles) The Rocket Apparatus was loaded on motor lorry and proceeded to Whitburn, where the two vessels - R.M. Ships "FAME" (H.78) and "ASHANTI" (G.61) were aground on the rocks: the "ASHANTI" broadside on to the low cliffs and about 130 yards distant, the "FAME" some little distance further off. Rocket Volunteer Life Brigade were already engaged with the "ASHANTI". Whip and Hawser were sent out to the bows of the "FAME" which were showing behind the "ASHANTI". Difficulty seemed to be experienced in finding a suitable place to make the Hawser fast on that part of the ship, but it was surmounted and the work of landing the people by Breeches Buoy was commenced. In this work we received valuable assistance from the Military stationed near. The task was complicated at first by the lumps of cotton waste which were brought up by the Hawser and Whips from the oil-covered water and which wrapped themselves tightly

Condolence

Oilskins

Chairman

Notice coming
Meeting -

Minutes -

meeting and were confirmed

round the lines. As soon as these were cleared, however, the work proceeded rapidly. A number of firemen were sent by the Apparatus to the ship, which was on fire in the after part. Ammunition was being unloaded on to the beach. After sixty persons had been brought ashore and the six carried on board a halt was called from the ship. As the work was not yet finished the gear was left standing; a number of members stood by all night.

Friday, October 18th.

At about 05.00 hours at request from the ships operations were re-commenced - we working with the Roker Brigade on their apparatus communicating with the "ASHANTI", which was then apparently accessible from the "FAME". Thirty persons were landed from the Yeoman service was again rendered by the soldiers. Our apparatus communicating directly with the "FAME" was again called for later, and 14 more persons were landed. At about 10.00 hours our services being no longer required the Apparatus was completely recovered and taken back to the Brigade House; 74 persons were landed from the "FAME", 30 from the "ASHANTI", our Brigade working with Roker Brigade, and 6 persons were carried on board. The total number of persons carried by the Breeches Buoy in this joint service was 264.

October 22nd and 23rd.

At 09.30 hours on Tuesday, 22nd October, the Brigade was called out for Wreck Service. The Rocket Life Saving Apparatus was taken by motor lorry to Marsden, where the "CAIRNOLLEN" Steamship of four or five thousand tons was found lying aground 200 yards or more off Wyron Point. The Roker Brigade, who had been called out earlier, were present with their apparatus, and the Tynemouth Life Boat was standing by, but the Life Saving Services were not then required. Our Brigade also stood by. The weather was bad; wind East - strong and increasing, with heavy rain; the sea rather rough and increasing, and the tide falling - high water 6.55 p.m. G.M.T., the visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile. Tugs were attendant on the vessel and on the approach of high tide they attempted to tow the ship off but without success. The tide was rising and the weather worsening as darkness

Condolence

Oilskins

Chairman

Police coming
Meeting -

Minuties -

meeting and were confirmed

fell, and presently the vessel's back was heard to break. The tug cast off their hawsers, and our services were immediately called for from the ship. The Lynmouth Life Boat was apparently unable to reach the "CALINGHAM", probably owing to her position amongst dangerous rocks. Two Rockets were fired - both excellent shots: the first over the forward part of the ship, which apparently the crew were not able to reach, and the second carried the line over the vessel further aft. This was secured and the Whip line was hauled out, followed by the Hawsers and Breeches Buoy, and the work of landing the crew proceeded. The South Shields Brigade worked with the soldiers stationed near the scene. It was a long and arduous service, lasting almost throughout the hours of darkness, but the whole ship's company numbering 49 persons was safely brought to land without accident.

Wednesday, February 16th.

Wind N., moderate breeze, sea rough, much snow, visibility bad. A vessel reported in distress off Frenchman's Point. The vessel was the "FULHAM II" and was disabled by a mine. She was out of reach of the Rocket Apparatus, and the crew were taken off by the Life Boat.

Thursday, February 20th.

Minesweeper FY.1777 ("MARJORIE EASTIE") of North Shields. Wind North, strong, sea rough, much snow, visibility bad. At 09.30 a vessel was reported ashore near Marsden and the Brigade was called out. The Rocket L.S. apparatus was taken by lorry to Marsden, where the vessel was found after some searching. She had been disabled by a mine and had driven ashore in Marsden Bay. The Rocket Brigade had just arrived on the scene, and as they had commenced to unload their gear it was decided to use it and to keep ours covered against any further casualty. The two Brigades, splendidly assisted by soldiers, worked together and succeeded in landing the crew of 22 men (some of whom were in a state of collapse) without accident.

In the "Newcastle Daily Journal" of 3rd March, 1941, it was announced that His Majesty the King had approved

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the appointment of Dr. Charles Marks as Hon. ~~Saving~~ Brother
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their best to carry on the traditions of the Brigade.

One Brigadesman, C. Middlemiss, died during the
period of this Report.

The thanks of the Brigade are due to those who,
during the present state of affairs, have continued their
donations and subscriptions without any appeal for same
having been made.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) J. B. BOWMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

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for the period from 1st July 1940 to 30th June 1941.

RECEIPTS

Balance in hand at date of last Report	£	s.	d.
Donations	68.	0.	11
Subscriptions	5.	5.	0
Contribution by Board of Trade	5.	5.	0
Other Sources	25.	0.	0
	£108.	10.	4

PAYMENTS

Wages	£	s.	d.
Sundries	13.	0.	0
Insurances	16.	0	
Printing	3.	9.	4
Bank Charges	12.	10	
Balance	5.	0	
	£177.	16.	2
	£168.	19.	4

Audited and certified correct.

(Signed) W. ROBSON,
Hon. Auditor.

8th July, 1941.

J. B. ROWMAN,
Acting
Hon. Treasurer.

Condolence

Oilskins

Chairman

Notice concerning
Meeting -

Minutes -

Meeting on 10/30/40

and signed by the Chairman -

The minutes of a special meeting held on the 31st October 1940 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman -

The Annual Report and statement of accounts were read by the Hon. Secretary. The Chairman asked all present to stand in silence in memory of Belm. C. Middlemiss whose death was mentioned in the Report -

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the Report and accounts and in doing so referred to the honour conferred upon D. Marker (who was present at the meeting) also emphasized the fact that Services referred to in the Report were joint Services with Potter Brigade also referred to Co-operation of employees in acquiescing in members abandoning Work Service and pointed out the difficulty at the present time in calling out members for Work Service - said

that the Soldiers had rendered valuable assistance also a member of the 3rd month Brigade (Hunter) - that he was proud of their service -

Captain Matthews seconded and in so doing said that the thanks of the Brigade were due to these firms and employers who had released Members for Week Service -

Captain Y. F. Preston supported and pointed out that it was necessary for Members to keep up their First Aid training -

On being put to the vote the Report was adopted -

Re-election of Deputy Captains
On the motion of Brigadiersman Buckell seconded by Bdm. Ferrier the Deputy Captains J. D. Shaker - C. Appleby and G. E. Hayes were re-elected.

Re-election of Committee
On the motion of Captain C. Matthews seconded by Bdm. Shields the Committee were re-elected.

New Auditor
Bdm. W. Robson was re-elected New Auditor on the motion of J. D. Shaker seconded by Bdm. A. P.

Votes of Thanks -

Clavery and thanked for his services The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Press which was carried with acclamation - Mr C. Taylor responded The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Cornfirms which was carried with acclamation and acknowledged by Station Officer Harris who referred to the assistance rendered by Bdm. Ferrier and Buckell on

in helping under great difficulty in bringing up one soldier who had been killed and then badly wounded and a third who was suffering from shock from the shore to the relief of - these casualties having been caused by an exploding Bomb or mine.

General -

Deputy Captain Hayes raised the question of approaching the Chief Constable so that Auxiliary Firemen could be released for work some provided that no alert was on -

Brigadiersman Buckell asked if any Firemen had been on duty when work took place - The Chairman said

that these matters would be considered by the Committee - it was decided to take further action if thought necessary.

Station Officer Harris brought up the Question of Parker Brigades coming into our Area on the occasion of the Week of the Marlboroughs. A discussion ensued. Several present taking part in the discussion. Capt. Preston moved and Capt. Matthews seconded that the discussion be closed & that the matter be referred to the Committee. - This was carried. On the motion of D. Marks a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman -

J. T. Robson

W. G. Phaulst
Chairman

Committee Meeting held at Court Guard Room on Thursday the 27th August 1942 at 4.45 pm.

Chairman
Minutes

Capt. J. T. Robson

The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were read confirmed & signed by the Chairman -

Annual Report
and Statement
of Accounts

The Report and statement of accounts were read by the Secretary and on the motion of Dep. Capt. Appleby seconded by Capt. Matthews it was resolved that same be presented to the Annual meeting -

Date of Annual
Meeting -

It was decided that the annual meeting be held in the Court Guard Room on Wednesday 2nd September prox. at 4.30 pm.

Further Investment in
Defence Bonds

It was decided to invest a further sum of one hundred and fifty pounds in Defence Bonds.

Investment in
Tyne & Wear Comm.

Secretary informed Committee that he had received a communication from the Treasurer T. I. C. that an investment which was previously

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and ~~John Brown~~ ^{and John Brown} ~~and John Brown~~
name of ~~John Brown~~ ^{and John Brown} - and that
new names be added - it was there-
fore resolved that the same be re-invested
in the names of ~~John Brown~~ ^{and John Brown} ~~and John Brown~~
C. W. Matthews and T. F. ~~and John Brown~~
~~and John Brown~~

permits -

Secretary collected permits from Capt.
Robson & Matthews and 1st Capt.
Applby for renewal - it was arranged
that others present would send in their
permits for renewal & that Sec.
would communicate with other members
holding permits & would make an
effort to if possible persuade the military
Authority to grant the permits for a
longer period -

C. W. Matthews

Chairman
Police Comm-
ing meeting-
Minutes

Annual
Report and
Statement of
accounts

Minutes of Annual Meeting held
at the Post Guard Room on Wednes-
day the 2nd September 1942 at 7.30
p.m.

Capt. J. V. Robson

The notice concerning the Meeting was
read by the Secretary
The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the Annual
Report and Statement of Accounts
The Chairman moved the adoption
and Deputy Captain Applby
Seconded and the Report and
Accounts were adopted.

The Chairman asked members to
stand for a moment in silence in
memory of deceased members
referred to in the Report and
this was done - he also reminded
Members that it was still necessary
to keep in touch and that we
never know what demands will
be made upon us -

Re-election of } Captain Matthews moved and
Deputy Captains } the Chairman seconded the re-
election of the Deputy Captains - before
the motion was put to the meeting Capt.
Preston raised the question of re-electing
Deputy Captain Hughes - the Secretary
said that no resignation had been
sent in and that no election of
a Deputy Captain could take place
at this meeting - after discussion
Captain Preston withdrew his
objection and supported the motion
which was carried.

Re-election } Captain Matthews moved the
of Committee } re-election which was seconded
by Brigadesman W. Robson -
and carried.

Hon. Auditor } Bdu. W. Robson was re-elected
& thanked for his services on the
motion of Dep. Capt. Shakes seconded
by Brigadesman Jenner.

Voting } The Secretary moved a vote of
Thanks. } thanks to the press and Command
which was carried with
acclamation.

General - Capt. Preston brought forward the question

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

28th August, 1942.

You are requested to attend Annual Meeting to
be held at Coastguard Room at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY
the 2nd September next.

ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of RECEIPTS
and PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th June,
1942.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy Sixth
Annual Report.

Sunday, Novr. 16th 1941. (Wind S.E. moderate breeze,
Sea moderate) - about 23.00 hours called out to
stand by Rocket Apparatus - afterwards proceeded
to Marsden to look for vessel reported as drifting
ashore. Searched coast (assisted by Soldiers
stationed near) without result.

Monday, Novr. 17th. about 01.30 hours - informed
that vessel was believed to have been aground on
Whitburn Steel and afterwards got off. Apparatus
returned to house about 02.15 hours.

The majority of the Members of the Brigade are
serving in His Majesty's Forces and those remain-
ing are doing their best to carry on the traditions
of the Brigade.

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Re-election of } Captain Matthews moved and
Deputy Co. adj.

of the Brigade.

During the period covered by this Report Two Drills have taken place in accordance with present War Time Regulations on the 21st August 1941 and the 30th April 1942 respectively.

On the 30th September 1941 Brigadesman G. Y. MacIntosh who was also Superintendent of the Searchlight Division was killed in an Air Raid.

On the 26th March 1942 Hon. Captain, J. M. Middleton died and on the 28th March a Service was held at St. John's Church which several Members of the Brigade attended.

The Thanks of the Brigade are due to those who during the present state of affairs have continued their donations and subscriptions without any appeal having been made.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. BOWMAN,

Hon. Secretary.

General - Capt. Preston brought forward the question

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1st July 1941 to 30th June, 1942.

<u>Sums Received</u>		<u>Sums Paid</u>	
Balance at date of last Report.	£177.16. 2.	Wages	£13. 5. 0.
Donations	5. 5. 0.	Sundries	9. 4. 2.
Subscriptions	5. 5. 0.	Insurances and War Damage Contribution.	11. 8. 9.
Contribution by Ministry of Shipping.	25. 0. 0.	Printing	1. 7. 8.
Other Sources	83. 1. 11.	Postages - stamped Post Cards, stamped envelopes.	5.15. 1.
		Bank Charges	-19. 6.
		3% Defence Bonds	100. 0. 0.
		<u>Balance:</u>	154. 7. 11.
	<u>£296. 8. 1.</u>		<u>£296. 8. 1.</u>

J. B. BOWMAN,
Acting Treasurer.

Certified Correct,
W. ROBSON,
Hon. Auditor.
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General -

Capt. Preston brought forward the question
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advisability of having the list of members
available for week service left with
the police revised and it was de-
cided that all these matters be
referred to the Committee and that
the Committee should meet on the
11th Sept. next at the Guard Room at 4 p.m.
these members of the Committee present
not requiring notice of the meeting -

C. W. Matthews

Committee meeting held at Const Guard
Room at 4 p.m. on Friday the 11th
September 1942

Chairman

Minutes

Capt. C. W. Matthews in the Chair -

The minutes of the last Committee meeting
were read & confirmed

Read
of list of
members
to week
service

The list of members available for
Week Service lodged with the Chief
Constable some time ago was read

Matthews referred to
Committee at
Annual Meeting -

gone through and revised - and
was decided that the amended
list be lodged with the Chief
Comptable - a Copy supplied to
Capt. Matthews & a copy also
retained by the Secretary -

- (1) Oilskins - it was decided that
owing to cost of there at the present
time the matter be abandoned -
- (2) Figure Heads & Ventspice - owing
to Capt. Oliver being away and
access to Engine Room not being
obtainable at present time this
matter was deferred until
later -

Transfer of Mfg.
T.I.C. for £200.

Secretary reported that their mfgs
had now been transferred & the
necessary documents lodged with
the Treasurer T.I.C.

Sanction of Defense
Bonds -

Secretary reported that the
purchase of a further £150. had
been completed in accordance
with resolution at last Committee
meeting -

General -

The Question of Searchlight Engine

was discussed and it was decided that Mr
T.R. Preston be asked to inspect Engine
& report - Capt. Preston arranged he would
see to this -

Drumming Drills -

The possibility of having some dummy drills
was raised and discussed and it
was stated that if permission could be obtained
from Commissioners Yard and the gear was
available there was no reason against
small parties of the Brigade practicing
in this way -

Edw. Matthews
July 1st / 43

Committee Meeting held at Court Guard
Room at 4.45 p.m. on Thursday 1st July 1943
Capt. Matthews -

Chairman
Annual Return
for Ministry of
War Transport

The Return duly completed on Form
C.B. was signed by Capt. J. Y. Robinson &
the Secretary and dated - and handed
to Mr. Bennett C.B. who was present to
be forwarded through the usual channels -
The Minutes of the previous Committee
Meeting were read and confirmed -

Minutes -

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were read by the Secretary and after discussion it was resolved that same be placed before the Annual Meeting of the Brigade and it was resolved that a further sum of Seventy pounds be invested in Defence Bonds. Resolved that Annual meeting be held on the 22nd July instant after a drill at 4.30 p.m. prompt and Mr. Bennett was asked to put then suggested for drill forward to D.O. W.M.C.B.

Capt. Preston - Secretary read a communication from W.A.A. Letter to Supl. St. Villa Co. Shields Division St. John Ambulance Brigade and after discussion it was resolved on the motion of Pdeu. G. Laidler - Seconded by Pdeu. G. Laidler that the order of St. John Ambulance Brigade for the purpose of obtaining suitable recognition of the services of Captain Preston - on being read to the Meeting the same was carried unanimously - Captain Preston was

not present at the meeting but came into the room at the conclusion of the business of the meeting -

C.W. Matthews

Annual Meeting held at Coast Guard Room on Thursday the 22nd July 1943 after a Drill at 4.30 p.m. meeting 8.15 p.m.

Present -

Capt. C.W. Matthews. Deputy Capt. J. B. Stebbins. Brigadier W. Robson - Former - Bushell. Brogden. G. R. Preston - R. Geyger. A.P. Clavary. G. Laidler. Constable (2) and press (Mr. Walls) Gazette. Capt. C.W. Matthews.

Chairman

Secretary informed meeting that he had received a notice from Capt. J. T. Robson stating that he would be unable to be present at either the drill or the meeting also a message on behalf of Hon. Capt. F. Oliver that he too could not be present, being away from home. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting -

Notice of Meeting - Minutes

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read confirmed & signed by the Chairman -

Annual Report
Statement of accounts

This was taken and read and the Chairman made a few suitable remarks referring to matters in the Report and to the fact that Bdu Ogla had been killed in action and Bdu R.B. Clavens was now known to be a prisoner of war in Japan. Bdu also referred to the death of Hon. Capt. Haiber. (Member present at Chairman's request stood for a moment in silence). The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and seconded by Dep. Capt. Shaker. and a heavy vote to the meeting was carried.

Re-election of
Deputy Capt.

Re-election of
Committee

Re-election of
Hon. Auditor

Moved by Bdu. Buehler. seconded by Bdu. Ferrier and carried.
This was moved by Bdu. Y.R. Puck and seconded by Bdu. Brogden & carried.

Bdu W. Robson was thanked for his services & re-elected on motion of Dep. Capt. Shaker seconded by Bdu. Ferrier

Special Resolution
relating to
Capt. T.F. Preston

The Secretary explained the position and the procedure referred to the resolution at last Committee Meeting & explained the

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

13th July, 1943.

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at Coastguard Room at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of July 1943.

ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th June, 1943.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy Seventh Annual Report.

The majority of the Members of the Brigade are serving in His Majesty's Forces and those remaining are doing their best to carry on the traditions of the Brigade.

During the period covered by this Report two Drills have taken place in accordance with present War Time Regulations, on the 13th August 1942 and the 22nd May 1943 respectively.

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For and on behalf of the Committee.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

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Sums Received.

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Contribution by Ministry of War Transport	25. 0. 0	Purchase of Defence Bonds	150. 0. 0
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		Bank Charges	2. 6
		Balance	79. 7. 4
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SPECIAL NOTICE

At the Meeting the following Resolution will be submitted:- "That the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem be petitioned by the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the purpose of obtaining suitable recognition of the services of Captain Thomas Forrest Preston."

A Drill will take place at 7.30 p.m. prompt prior to the meeting.

the Resolution moved again be passed at this meeting and must be Unanimous -
Bdm Buckell moved and Bdu Laidler seconded the Resolution:- "That the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem be petitioned by the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the purpose of obtaining suitable recognition of the services of Captain Thomas Forrest Preston" on being put to the meeting the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to (a) the press, acknowledged by Mr Walls - and (b) the Corpsband which on being seconded by J/Capt. Baker were carried with acclamation -
It was ^{decided} on being mentioned that the Div. Officer was willing and desirous of an instructional drill taking place to hold same on the 4th Sept. prox. and to notify all available members -

J. T. Robson

at Capt Committee Meeting explained that

Chairman
Present.

Minutes of
Last Committee
Meeting -
Annual Report &
Statement of Accounts.

Official Drill.

Date of Annual
Meeting -
Defense Bonds.

Committee Meeting held at Coast Guard Room
on Thursday 13th July 1944 at 7.30 p.m.

Capt. C. Matthews -
Dip. Capt. J. D. Stoker and Appleby -
Brigadesman Ferris - Bushell and
W. Robson.

There were read and confirmed -
The draft annual report was read
by the Secretary and it was directed
that a paragraph be added mentioning
the honour conferred upon Captain
Y. F. Preston also that a reference be
added to the death of Brigadesman
Greynor. Resolved that report be stated
as follows before annual meeting -
Secretary mentioned that the D.O. had suggested
a drill on any one of the following dates -
August 19 or 26. Sept. 16, 23 or 30. all
Saturdays. Resolved that Secretary
communicate with D.O. and suggest
either 9th or 30th August at 6.30 p.m.
as it was thought a better attendance
might be obtained.

Resolved that Annual Meeting be
held on 26th July at 7.30 p.m.
Resolved that a further sum of

£100 be invested in Defense Bonds & that
Secretary as Acting Treasurer take necessary
steps without delay -
C. Matthews

Chairman
Present

Notice concerning
the meeting
Minutes of
Last Annual
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of Accounts

Minutes of Annual Meeting held
at Coast Guard Room on Wednesday
the 26th day of July 1944

Capt. J. T. Robson.
Capt. Matthews & Y. F. Preston Dip. Capt.
Stoker & Appleby. Brigadesman W. Robson
& Ferris & Bushell. A. J. Clavary. T. H. Hunter
Representative of the 1st. Div. 1st. 1000 men and two
Representatives of the 1st. Div.

The Secretary then read the notice
concerning the meeting -
The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
were read and confirmed -

The Annual Report and statement of
accounts was read by the Secretary -
The Chairman in moving the adoption
referred to the late Brigadesman Richard
Greynor - he also made reference to
the illness of Hon. Capt. Oliver also

the death of Miss J. Wilson who had for many years contributed to the funds of the Brigade also refers to the services of the Brigade at various parts of the War - Dep. Capt. Appleby seconded the adoption. The Sec. explained some of the items in the Financial Statement - Capt. Preston expressed his appreciation of the honour which had been conferred upon him - On being put to the meeting the Report was adopted -

Re-election of Deputy Captains

On the motion of Capt. Matthews seconded by Capt. Preston - the Deputy Captains were re-elected.

Re-election of Committee

On the motion of A. Brigadesman A. P. Clavory seconded by Capt. Matthews the Committee was re-elected.

Re-election of Hon. Auditor

On the motion of Dep. Capt. Staker seconded by Bdr. Irons - Bdr. W. Robson was re-elected Hon. Auditor.

The Secretary mentioned that subject to approval of Inspector a drill would take

on August the 7th also that the list of

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

18th July, 1944.

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You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at Coastguard Room at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of July, 1944.

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ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th June, 1944.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy Eighth Annual Report.

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The majority of the Members of the Brigade are serving in His Majesty's Forces and those remaining are doing their best to carry on the traditions of the Brigade.

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During the period covered by this Report two Drills have taken place in accordance with present War Time Regulations, also two extra Drills took place not required by present Regulations, and on a third occasion Members met for a Drill but owing to lack of numbers no Drill took place.

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At the last Annual Meeting held on the 22nd July, 1943, a special resolution was passed petitioning the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem for the purpose of obtaining suitable recognition of the services of Captain T.F. Preston. The Committee are glad to report that since then the Venerable Order of St. John acting on this petition have been the cause of His Majesty the King appointing Captain T.F. Preston an Honorary Serving Brother of the Order, and we congratulate Captain Preston on attaining this recognition. Only three Members of the Brigade since its inception have received this honour, the others previous hitherto being the late Dr. Crease who was Honorary Surgeon of the Brigade and the late Captain James Page.

During the period covered by this Report Brigadesman Richard Greyer died. He was enrolled on the 8th September 1908. He was a member of the Committee for some time, but resigned on being appointed Brigade Watchman, which position he held at the time of his death.

The thanks of the Brigade are due to those who during the present state of affairs have continued their donations and subscriptions without any appeal having been made.

For and on behalf of the Committee,
J. B. BOWMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1st July 1943 to 30th June 1944.

Sums Received.		Sums Paid.	
Balance at date of last Report.	£79. 7. 4.	Wages	£14. 0. 0.
Donations	6. 5. 0.	Sundries	1.12.10.
Subscriptions	3. 3. 0.	Insurances	1.10. 0.
Contribution by Ministry of War Transport.	25. 0. 0.	Purchase of Defence Bonds.	70. 0. 0.
Other sources if any.	287. 6. 2.	Re-invested in Corporation Building Society.	200. 0. 0.
		Postages and Secretarial Expenses	1. 0. 0.
		Bank Charges	5. 0.
		BALANCE	112.13. 8.
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J.B. BOWMAN,
Acting Treasurer.

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W. ROBSON,
Hon. Auditor.
30th June, 1944.

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on August the 9th also that the list of
Members available for Week Service lodged
with the Chief Constable would be reviewed
after the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the press which was
acknowledged by the two representatives
present concluded the business of
the meeting -
J. T. Robson

Committee meeting held at Coast Guard Room
on 11th January 1945 present Capt. C.
Matthews (Chairman) Capt. T. F. Preston.
Supt. Capt. J. B. Staker Brigadier
Laidlaw. Mr. Robson - Laidlaw & Buckell
also present Mr. Bennett C.B. and Capt. J.
T. Robson arrived after the meeting commenced.

Prigade
Home-

The Honorary explained that the W.B.
Land Agent had notified him that the
Prigade Home was de-requisitioned
from the 25th Dec. 1944 - that he
had consulted with Mr. J. S. Brown & Capt.
Matthews who both thought it advisable

able to retain a professional agent to deal with the matter on behalf of the Brigade and after discussion it was moved by Bdm. Laidler that Mr. J. V. Dasey be retained to make a survey and obtain necessary information to make a report and claim - this was seconded by Capt. Preston and carried.

It was agreed that the members present would render assistance in obtaining information as to what was missing from the house so that this information could be used in formulating a claim. Capt. Preston brought forward the question of War Damage Insurance and the Hon. Sec. said he would get in touch with Sun Insurance Office.

War Damage Insurance.

Billiard Table.

Capt. Preston mentioned the proposed loan to the Brigade House of a full sized Billiard Table but owing to present condition of the house & the time that would elapse before same could be properly occupied it was thought advisable to decline

the offer with regret

J. T. Robson

Committee meeting held at Coal Guard Room on 16th August 1945 at 4.30 p.m.

Chronicle
present.

Capt. J. V. Robson.
Capt. J. V. Robson & Preslow - Def. Capt. Sticker
Bdm. W. Robson & Baughall. Hon. Sec. T. M.
Harris C. G.

Annual Report
& Statement
of A/c.

The draft Annual Report & Statement of receipts & payments for year ending 30 June 1945 were read & it was decided that same be submitted to the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting.

It was decided that Annual Meeting be held at Coal Guard Room on the 30th inst. at 4.30 p.m.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved that drink be held either on 5th or 12th Sept. at 4 p.m.

3 1/2 War
Stock.

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in names of J. Page, F. Oliver
J. W. Baughall & J. V. Robson -
it was decided that steps be taken to have this transferred into the

names of the present 3 Captains
↓ Dep. Capt. Sticker
Resolved that Capt. Matthews be
instructed to make the House Secy.

J. T. Robson

Annual Meeting held at Court
Jury Room on Thursday the 30th
August 1945 at 7.30 p.m.
Capt. J. T. Robson.

Chairman
Minutes -

of last Annual meeting read and
Confirmed -

Notice of Meeting read by Secretary
Annual Report. The Hon. Sec. read the report also
and statement of receipts and payments
of receipts & payments.
Hon. Auditor -

The Chairman moved adoption of
report and in so doing mentioned
that the War had provided the
Brigade with a certain amount
of work as he had said it would. Six
years ago: That efforts should be
made to get in touch with former

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

22nd August, 1945.

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting to
be held at Coastguard Room at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the
30th day of August, 1945.

ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and
PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th June 1945.

The Committee beg to present their Seventy Ninth
Annual Report.

The majority of the Members of the Brigade
are still unreleased from His Majesty's
Forces and those who have been available
have done and are doing their best to carry
on the traditions of the Brigade.

During the period covered by this Report
Three Drills took place. Two in accordance

also spoke - Mr. Hunter also spoke about
transport & it was moved by Capt.

Brigade

with War Time Regulations and an extra drill not required by War Time Regulations. Two drills took place on the 19th July 1944 and the 21st June 1945 and the extra drill not required by War Time Regulations on the 9th August 1944.

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On the 29th April 1945 H.M.S. WITHERINGTON, a destroyer, which was being towed was wrecked on the South side of the South pier about three quarters of a mile distant from the Rocket House. This took place about 11.19 p.m. The weather and the War Time obstructions on the pier militated against the activities of the Brigade and all gear had to be hand transported under difficulties, ultimately the life-boat from Cullercoats took seven men off the wreck. The Brigade had gear ready for use when the life-boat came along at 12.30 a.m. on the 30th April.

Years ago: That efforts should be made to get in touch with former

and
ended
In December last the Secretary received a notification from the Northern Command that possession of the Brigade House would be given up on the 25th December 1944. The military have given up possession but the state of the house is such that it is unusable. The committee met to consider the position and have placed the matter of compensation for dilapidations in the hands of Mr. J.T. Vasey of Vasey & Reed.

The thanks of the Brigade are due to those who during the present state of affairs have continued their donations and subscriptions without any appeal having been made.

For and on behalf of the Committee

J.B. BOWMAN.

Hon. Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the year ending 30th June, 1945.

Sums Received.				Sums Paid.			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance at date of last Report	112.	13.	8	Wages	12.	15.	0
Donations	7.	7.	0	Investments	100.	0.	0
Subscriptions	3.	3.	0	T.I.C. Way-leaves etc.	14.	3	
Contribution by the Board of Trade	25.	0.	0	Bank Charges	7.	6	
Other Sources	74.	15.	2	Balance	109.	2.	1
Total Receipts	£222.	18.	10	Total Payments	£222.	18.	10

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Years ago: that efforts should be made to get in touch with former

members returning from the Services and getting new members. Several members present spoke - the adoption was seconded by Drift Capt. Appleby and carried - Moved by Bdu Laidler - seconded by Capt. Bdu Haste and carried -
election Moved by Capt. Matthews, seconded by Bdu Seecombe and carried -
election Moved by Dep-Capt. Shaker and seconded by Bdu Beuchell that Bdu W. Robson be re-elected Hon. Auditor and thanked for his Services: Carried.
On motion of Hon. Sec. a vote of thanks was accorded to the press and the Coastguard.

1. Constable. Moved by Capt. Freestone and seconded by Capt. Matthews that a letter of thanks be sent to Chief Constable - carried.
Bdu Laidler brought up the question as to the future of the Brigade - Capt. Matthews also spoke - Mr. Hunter also spoke about Transport & it was moved by Capt.

Sub-Committee Matthews & Seconded by Capt. Preston that a Sub Committee of 5 members be appointed - 3 members to form a quorum - Hon Sec. En-Officio member -

Mr. W. Robson moved an amendment which was not seconded -

The motion was carried - the meeting then proceeded and the following were elected. Capt. Matthews. 10. Capt. Robson & Bdm. Laidler 7. Capt. Preston 7. Bdm. Buschell. 7.

J. T. Robson
Capt.

Special Sub Committee meeting consisting Capt. J. Y. Robson, C. Matthews and J. F. Preston Brigadesmen Laidler and Buschell held at Coast Guard Room on 5th Sept. 1945 after Drift.

Present -

J. Y. Robson - C. Matthews - J. F. Preston
J. Laidler & J. W. Buschell
After some discussion Capt. Preston moved and it was seconded and resolved that Mr. J. Y. Vasey be seen

Members -

Keys -

as to a speedy settlement with the War Lands Department being arrived at -
It was also resolved that some effort be made to get in touch with returning members and that steps be taken to get in touch with new members.

Resolved that Capt. Matthews obtain lock for outer door and six keys for same.

J. T. Robson

General Committee Meeting held at Office of Messrs. Bell Matthews Green St. on Thursday 20th Dec. 1945 - present Capt. J. Y. Robson, C. Matthews, J. F. Preston, J. Laidler, Shikha Brigadesmen, Laidler, Bdm. Sec. J. B. Bonneau -

Chairman
Reports -

Capt. J. Y. Robson.
Secretary reported that Sub Committee had met on 6th Sept. & explained why meeting convened.

State of
Bridges
House -

Dy. Capt. Shaper asked if anything had been done - Secretary replied as above.
A great deal of discussion took place as to the state of the house and having same put in order so that same could be used -

Drill meet -

new Keys -

present

Hawson Drill.

Resolved that a Deputation from the Committee consisting of the 3 Captains & Dep. Capt. Shaker interview Mr Vasey upon the question of obtaining a settlement - resolved on the motion of the Chairman that the Secretary write the 4-9. Commemorative ask them if they will reconsider the drill meet -

resolved that the three Captains & Deputy Capt. for the present be handed Keys. *Edith Matthews*

Officers Meeting held at Offices of Bell Matthews Queen Street on the 22nd February at 7.30 p.m. 1946.

Captains Robson, Matthews & Fowler & Dep. Capt. Shaker & Appleby.

The Secretary read memorandum which had been received.

Dep. Capt. Shaker suggested Drill on the 16th March. after discussion it was decided to go for to perform a drill on the 16th 23rd or 30th March. at 3 p.m.

Secretary read a letter from Dep. Capt. Shaker for procuring a new Card sitting out the Hawson Drill. three present

discussed and considered themselves & it was decided that the matter be brought before the Committee

Edith Matthews

Meeting of Sub Committee held at Offices of Bell Matthews on Thursday the 28th February 1946

Capt. C. Matthews presiding. J. Fowler & J. W. Burchell.

present

Estimates -

Secretary read letter from Drury Reed of 23rd February & the estimates attached. they were discussed and it was resolved that the invoice returned to Mr Drury with instructions to proceed with claim as set out and with an intimation that a further or amended claim as to engine and searchlight could be put forward.

J. T. Robinson

Committee Meeting held on 2nd May 1946 present J. T. Robson (presiding) Capt. P. Matthews Bdr. Fowler Dep. Capt. Appleby Bdr. W. Robson Jones and Mr Harris (Chairman) Secretary explained reason for meeting

Drill -

Visit of Dep.
Chief Inspector.

Hawser Drill
duties -

present

Chairman
Finances -

It was decided to have ordinary Quarterly
drill on 5th June at 7.15 p.m.
The meeting was informed that Dep. Chief
Inspector would visit the Station on
12th July. and Sec. was instructed
to notify members to assemble at
6.15 p.m. on 12th July.

It was also suggested that an
Instructional Drill take place between
the 5th and 12th July.

Sec. distributed typed Copies of
Hawser drill duties - the meeting
went through the old Card and
Compared same with the suggested
Amendments -

J. T. Robson

Meeting of Sub Committee held on the
31st May 1946 at Office of Bell & Matthews.

Capt. J. T. Robson, C. Matthews, Blm.
Burchell + J. B. Bowman (Hon. Sec.)
Capt. Preston -

resolved that full particulars of the
financial position of the Brigade be
obtained and a complete Balance
Sheet if possible be prepared.

new D.O.

new organisation

Uniform

Capt. Robson reported that he had met the
new D.O. who was willing to help if he
could in any way.

After discussion it was resolved that
this Sub Committee recommend that the
Brigade be re-organised that all members
be merged into one with 2 Captains, a
Senior and a Junior and House Captain
that the Committee consist of 5 elected
Members who must be effective members
with ex-Graves members to assist to 2
Captains House Captain, Secretary, Surgeon
& Treasurer -

also suggested that Blue Battle Dress be
considered as a mark suitable dress
and that new same could be reasonably
obtained - that the present Cap be altered to
that the Brigade House be used as early
as possible for Drummy Drill - one night
a week - suggested Monday night
commencing 17th June -

J. T. Robson

Chairman
Annual Report
for year ending 30
June 1946.

Date of Annual
Meeting.

Source Drill
on 21st instant.

Delapidations

Sub Committee

Committee Meeting held on the 5th Nov^r
1946 at Office of Bell & Matthews.
Capt J. F. Robson.

The report was read by the Secretary
and it was decided on the motions of
Bdr. Laidler seconded by Capt Matthews
that same be presented to the Annual
Meeting for consideration & adoption.
Resolved - that Annual Meeting be
held on the 28th Nov^r at the Dorset or
some suitable place at 4 p.m.
that the men be not asked to attend
the meeting on this occasion but
that a report be sent to the press after
the meeting.

decided that a notice be sent to
each Member and that a notice appear in the Shields Gazette.
Secretary reported how matters stand.
resolved that Electric light be
installed in house and roof repaired.
that permits be obtained & that matter
be left in hands of Capt Matthews &
Mr. Beuchell.

Secretary reported on suggestions of the

Amendments to
Drill.

present.

Chairman -

Minutes of last meeting - read from rough draft and confirmed.
Brigade House.

Re-organisation

Sub Committee but not for consideration to
meet -
Bdr W. Robson moved & was carried
that same be adopted with slight amendments.
Capt Matthews.

Committee Meeting held the 12th Dec^r
1946 at Office of Bell & Matthews.
Capt J. F. Robson & Capt Matthews Dep. Capts
Sherkin & Appleby. Bdr W. Robson Beuchell
Tanner. Laidler & Hon Sec. (J. B. Brown) &
Capt Matthews.

Minutes of last meeting - read from rough draft and confirmed.
Brigade House. Bdr. Beuchell reported what has been done
up to now but weather had retarded progress
discussions ensued as to requirements of house
and what should be dispensed with.
decided that as many of Committee as
possible meet at Brigade House on
Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

The Committee then considered the
present rules and considered
suggested amendments and alterations
and agreed that same be with a
view to same being further

Considered at the next Committee
Meeting held at the Brigade
House on 23rd Dec. instant

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Committee Meeting held on 23rd
Dec 1946. at the Brigade House
Chairman -

present - Capt. Robson & Matthews
Dip. Capt. Shaker & Appleby. Bdr
W. Robson & Beuchell & Hon. Sec (J.B.
Bromau).

consideration
of proposed new
Rules -

The Committee went through the whole
of the proposed new Rules and
carefully revised same and decided
that same go before a Special General
Meeting for consideration and adoption
on 22nd January next at 2.30 p.m.

Communication from
S.O.
Drill Cards.

New Drill Cards handed back
members present -

Next Committee
Meeting.
Special
Meeting

9th January 1944 at 4 p.m. at
Brigade House -
that same be held on Wednesday
the 20th January 1944 at 4 p.m.
that the following suggestion be brought

before the Special Meeting - (a) that monthly
drills commence in February 1944. winter
drills on a Saturday and summer drills on
a Wednesday - the 1st Sat. and 1st Wed. in
each month. (b) that a Cpl badge
instead of a lettering on Cpls be considered -
(c) that uniforms be Buff colored blue
that members obtain uniforms
under a deposit of £1 each. £1. to be
returned to him after 5 years.
(d) that telephones be installed.

all Matthews

Committee Meeting held on the 9th
January 1944

present

Capt. Matthews in Chair -
Capt. J.H. Robson Dip. Capt. Shaker.
Bdr. W. Robson, Messrs. Beuchell
Laidon & Hon. Secretary.

Secretary's report

(a) has made application for telephone
(b) has obtained a coal permit
and instructed Blackwood to
supply. (c) has received a donation
of £5 from Lynn St. Paul Society
Bdr. Beuchell said drainage
was one of the big difficulties met

Report on
House

General.

See Authority at Town Hall.
Resolved that Mr Bauehell proceed with
brick base blood work and lavatory
accommodation -

The following were considered - Stock
food for batch - Water Supply - Cattle
that milder be made known - pay
be 15/- per week and insurance -
and prepared to receive applications -
Outside painting.

W. H. Matthews

Emergency Committee meeting held at
Bridges House at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 July
1946.

Present.

Capt. J. T. Robson (Chairman) Capt. Matthews
Dep. Capt. Shaker - B. M. Laidler W. Nelson Bauehell
& Hon. Sec.

Report - re
negotiations of
Settlement of Con-
fession from
Military Authority

Capt. Matthews & B. M. Bauehell reported on
negotiations for Compensation for Military
Occupation of House. (over)

After hearing report and discussion
same it was resolved that
offer of Military Authority be accepted
and that Secretary be authorised to
Sign acceptance -

Resolved that appreciation of Services in

connection with arriving at Settlement of
Capt. Matthews and Mr Bauehell be recorded
in minutes -

J. T. Robson

Special Meeting held at Bridges House on
22 January 1947 -

Capt. Matthews

Chairman
Present.

Capt. Robson Dep. Capt. Shaker Capt. Bauehell
Bauehell, Gerner, Plaw, Nixon, Gray, Robertson,
Brogden - Hunter (Invermouth) Saltmore,
Capt. Purvis - B. M. Robson - Jimmy Seemore.
A. P. Clancy - Laidler

Proposed New
Rules -

The Secretary read the existing rules and
suggested amendments - and after discussion
the New Rules were adopted -

Resolved that Officers and Committee
stand until Annual meeting and that
the New Rules then take effect - as from
the 1st July 1947
(1) that monthly drills be recommenced
starting in February 1948.

Recommendations
from Committee.

- (2) that a Capt. Bridges be adopted -
- (3) as to uniform -
- (4) to let it be known that Committee prepared to consider
applications for position of Captain or Waterman
- (5) that Capt. J. T. Robson be appointed House Captain

J. T. Robson

Comiskey married her at Bridge House on 23rd April
1944.

Chairman.
Present.
Secretary's reports

Call Matthews

Capt. J. H. Paton. Dep. Cpts. Shaker & Appleby Bdr. Paid for
 & from Sec.
 (a) Postcard from Bdr. that unable to attend.

(4) he communicated with D. O. who has agreed to my drill
using his car as quarry drill and to use the Van G. Drill
(5) left in hand of the Right of Society - carrying copies of
20 minutes - (a) was only from Chief Engineer 4/10
(6) I communicated with the Capt. Matthews reported
that he had Mr. Thompson late who was willing to allow
his name to go forward

Quarterly Drill - to be held on 4th May at 4.30 p.m. Can be used -
June Drill - On 4th June at 4.30 p.m.

Roll of Members - Went through Roll. Struck off Certain Members.
Two decided that Thursday night was convenient
for holding Committee Meetings.

Division :- next Committee meeting to be held on 15th May at 7.30
Secretary authorised to have new Rules printed
Letter from Mr. Wheeler Sec. defunct to write him to
attend next Committee meeting -

J. T. Robson

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE
BRIGADE.

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at Small Hall, Congregational Hall, Ocean Road, South Shields, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 26th day of November 1948

ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of RECEIPTS
and PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th
June, 1948.

During the period covered by this Report the Drills in accordance with the then existing regulations took place

During the period referred to the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the state of the Brigade House and to consider suggestions

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Report of the Brigade House on 28th April

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for the re-organisation of the Brigade have held Meetings and have certain suggestions to bring before a General Meeting of the Brigade for consideration which will, if adopted, mean reconstitution, many meetings of Committee and special meetings of the Brigade.

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The matter of compensation for dilapidations to the Brigade House owing to the occupation of the Military is in the hands of Mr. J.T. Vasey, and he has informed your Secretary that a settlement is imminent and that Captain Matthews and Brigadesman Purchell have rendered great assistance in the matter.

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It is not known how many Members of the Brigade who were serving in the Forces have been released. Some have, but few have communicated with your

Secretary and it is not known how many intend to continue Membership of the Brigade.

There have been no wrecks or casualties during the period covered by this Report which affected the Brigade.

Captain J.T. Robson was awarded the B.E.M. in the King's Birthday Honours List in June and your Committee congratulate Captain Robson on receiving this honour.

The thanks of the Brigade are due to those who have continued their donations and subscriptions without any appeal having been made.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

A.B. Bowman,

Hon. Secretary.

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Minutes of Annual Meeting held at
Congregational Hall (Small Hall) on the
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Minutes of Meeting - Secretary read Notice convening
the Meeting -

Minutes of last Annual Meeting read and confirmed
and approved - read by Secretary - Brigadesman

Laidler moved that Mr. Gault's
Support be accorded - Carried.

Statement of accounts - read by Secretary -

The Chairman moved the adoption
of report and Statement of accounts
Bdr. Laidler seconded - motion carried

Election of Deputy - moved and seconded that
Deputy Capt. J. D. Shaker and C.

Appleby be re-elected - Carried.

Election of
Committee - moved + seconded and carried.

Auditor - new - coe.
Bdr. L. Robinson was re-appointed
Hon. Auditor and thanked for
his services.

list for
Chief Constable - This was compiled at the
Meeting as Hon. Sec. had reported
the C.C. was willing that the

arrangements should hold good for
another winter -
General Matthews - a discussion took place upon
the following:- Red light - telephone
living accommodation etc. - ^{was} ~~Miner~~
by Bdu. Sadler that all obsolete
fittings be scrapped - This was agreed
to - and Captain Preston undertook
to obtain necessary cleaning materials

Committee/puings - It was moved by Deputy Capt
Straker Seconded by Bdu. Burchell
that Committee meet fortnightly
until something like re-organisation
be achieved and that first meeting
be on 12th Dec at 4 pm at Queca St
Office of Bell & Matthews. Carried -

New Drill
Cards - The amendments to Drill suggested
by Dep Capt Straker were adopted
and it was resolved that new
Drill Cards be printed
- plaque. It was moved by Dep. Capt
Straker and Seconded by Bdu.
Burchell that a plaque be placed
in the Brigade House in memory

of those members of the Brigade who
lost their lives in the recent War -
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Committee Meeting held at the Brigade
House on 5th March, 1947.

Present:- Captain Matthews (chairman)
J.T. Robson J.D. Straker Appleby
Burchell Ferrier and Hon. Secretary.

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Brigade
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Mr. Burchell explained that about
£300. had been expended on re-
conditioning up to present time and
suggested an advance payment of £200.
be made to the Contractors.

Secretary explained object of meeting
to deal with payment on account for
work done in reconditioning the
Brigade House.

Resolved that a Bankers draft be
obtained for £200. payable to
Christie & Burchell.

Painting

Deputy Captain Straker brought up
question of painting Committee
Room - it was resolved that the
Room be painted and directions left
to Mr. Burchell.

Plaque
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Deputy Captain Straker suggested
that when plaque ready a dedication
service be held and that Chaplain
of Mission to Seamen be asked to
officiate -

arrangements should hold good for
another winter -

Gen - *Chaplain* *at the* *last* *meeting*

Chairman said no objection but that matter
could lie over until condition of house be
further advanced.

Caretaker Question was discussed. Secretary
reported that no applications had
been received - resolved that payment
be 15s. 6d. per week.

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Chronicle Cup This was discussed: resolved that a
notice be placed on the board and
that those desiring to compete enter
their names on the list.

Special Meeting Resolved that a Special Meeting be
called for 2nd April after Drill
to pass a Special resolution that
the New Rules come into force on
1st July 1947.

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Accounts Agreed that account for drill cards
be paid.

J. T. Robson

Special Meeting held at the Brigade
House on 2nd April 1947:

Chairman: Captain Preston.

New Rules Resolved that the New Rules come into
force on 1st July 1947.

Chronicle Cup Competition Resolved that Deputy Capt. Straker take

of those members of the Brigade who
lost their lives in the recent War -
Passed.

Guard

command of the Team and that Deputy
Captain Appleby act as Deputy.

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Treasurer Resolved that Captain Matthews be asked
to approach Mr. Washington Tate with a
view to him being appointed Hon.
Treasurer.

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lost their lives in the recent War -
Carried.

note of thanks - was accorded to the Coastguard

Hon. Treasurer - It was resolved that this matter
lie in abeyance -

J. T. Robson

Committee meeting held at Brigade House
on Thursday 12 June 1944.

present.

Capt. J. T. Robson (Chairman)

Capt. Matthews Dip. Cpts. Fisher and Appleby
Bdr. Ferrer Burchell - & Hon. Sec.

Capt. Matthews expressed apology for absence
from Bdr. Packer.

minutes &
Burchell's a/c.

Secretary presented this account and
informed meeting what credit in
deposit a/c. and current a/c.

Trust.

Resolved that a/c. be paid forthwith -
Mr. Ferrer reported that Mr. McNulty
will inspect the Trust on Monday the
16th instant at 10.30 a.m.

Committee Cup.
Competition.

At a previous meeting of members of the
Brigade it was decided to withdraw

Chesman
present.

Report of Committee
for year ending 30.
June 1947.

Statement of
Receipts & Payments

Annual Meeting

from the Chronicle Cup Competition 1947.
J.T. Robinson
Committee Meeting held at Brigade House
on Thursday 24th July 1947.
Capt. J.T. Robinson.

Dep. Capt. Thibbs & Appleby B.M. to Robinson
Laidlers, Ferrier & Hon. Sec.

The Report was read and with a
suggested amendment it was moved and seconded
and carried that same go before Annual
Meeting for adoption.

This was presented & it was agreed that
same having been audited be presented
for adoption at Annual Meeting.
Resolved that meeting be held on 14th August
at 7.30 p.m. at Brigade House.

Form of Voting paper decided on -
that press be not involved -

J.T. Robinson

Annual Meeting held at Brigade House

ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT of
RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS for the
year ending 30th June 1947.

The Committee beg to present their Eighty
First Annual Report.

The matters of importance during the
period covered by this report have been
the reconditioning of the Brigade House
and the attempt to re-organize the Brigade -
During this period the settlement of the
claim for Compensation for delapidations
was arrived at and Mr. J.T. Vasey of
Messrs. Vasey & Reed eventually brought
about a Settlement - Messrs. Vasey & Reed
gave a very handsome donation towards the
funds of the Brigade on the conclusion
of the Settlement - Thanks are due to
Messrs. C.W. Matthews and J.W. Burchell
for the assistance they gave in bringing
about the Settlement.

On the 12th July 1946 the Deputy
Chief Inspector General of Coastguard
visited the Station and saw the Brigade
carry out a drill - The Deputy Chief
Inspector highly complimented the Brigade
on the manner in which the Drill had
been carried out.

Action of Committee was then proceeded with and

From the Chronicle Club Competition 1944.

THE Brigade House is now well on the way to being re-conditioned and the thanks of the Brigade are due to those members who have assisted in putting the house in order and those who have voluntarily done laborious work in making the House again usable - This is of course apart from the work carried out by the Contractors.

*Chair
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*Report
to you
June 19.*

*Statement
Receipt*

Annex

ON the 21st November 1946 a very realistic Service Drill took place in the vicinity of Frenchmans Point at night - the cliff ladder being used. The Inspector North East Division was present also the District officer - The Inspector complimented the Brigade on the manner in which the Drill had been carried out.

ON the 4th of June 1947 a very realistic Cliff Ladder Drill took place at Marsden on the high cliff south of the Grotto and a casualty on the Beach received First Aid and then was brought from the Beach to the cliff top via the cliff ladder. This was a lengthy and laborious undertaking and great credit is due to all who took part in the demonstration. Unfortunately towards the end of the Drill one of our members was injured.

Annual Meeting held at Brigade House

DURING the year we had eight Drills - we have now recommenced the monthly Drills - at least twelve new members are required to complete the personnel of the Brigade and members who will regularly attend. The new Rules are now in force and at the Annual Meeting the New Organization will take effect.

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THE thanks of the Brigade are due to Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. G. Gaudie, Mr. C.S. Richardson - Tyne Life Boat Society and Westoe Road Baptist Youth Fellowship for their support and donations during the period covered by this report.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J.B. BOWMAN,

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Hon. Secretary.

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Election of Committee was then proceeded with and

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the year ending 30th June 1947.

Sums Received.	£. s. d.	Sums Paid.	£. s. d.
Balance at date of last Report.	180.13.1.	Printing and Postages	9. 1. 3.
Interest on 3% Bonds	2.11.0.	Insurances.	19.13.3.
Donations.	31.10.0.	Wages.	3.15.0.
Subscriptions.	6.14.0.	Repairing and re-conditions Watch-house	336.16.11.
Contribution by the Board of Trade.	25. 0.0.	Lighting heating & water.	8. 5.1.
Other Sources.	369. 2.2.	Bank Charges.	7.6.
	£515.16.3.		£457.19.0.
Balance on hand.	£177.17.3.		

Annual Meeting held at Brigade House
on 14th August 1944 at 4.30 p.m.
Capt. J. W. Robson

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The Notice convening the meeting was
read by the Secretary
of last Annual Meeting was read &
Confirmed.

The Annual Report and ~~P~~ Statement
of Receipts and Payments was read
and on the motion of the Chairman seconded
by Capt. Matthews was adopted by the
Meeting.

The Election of Officers was then proceeded
with and Ballot papers handed out
to those members entitled to vote -
the Result was as follows:-

J. D. Shaker (1) C. W. Matthews (2)
and Y. F. Swinton (3)
this result being that Mr J. D. Shaker becomes
Senior Capt. Mr C. W. Matthews Junior
Capt. and Mr Y. F. Swinton Dep. Capt.
At this stage Capt. J. W. Robson vacated
the Chair and Capt. J. D. Shaker took the
Chair.

Election of Committee was then proceeded with and

the result was as follows:-

Bdr. Bauchell 16 votes.

" Ferner 16 votes

" Nickson 9 votes

" Appleby 4 votes

" G. Laidler 4 votes

" W. Robson 4 votes.

re-election -

On a further for the fourth member of Committee
The result was as follows:-

W. Robson 9 votes. Appleby 4 votes and
G. Laidler 4 votes -

The result of the
whole election being that the new
Committee consist of the 3 elected Officers
and Bdr. Bauchell Ferner Nickson and
W. Robson.

Hon. Auditor

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Capt.

Hon. Surgeon

Hon. Secretary

Bdr. W. Robson was re-elected Hon. Auditor
Mr. Washington Tate was elected Hon.
Treasurer.

Capt. J. F. Robson was elected Hon.
House Captain.

J. C. Marks was re-elected Hon.
Surgeon.

Mr. F. J. McNally was elected Hon. Sec.
on termination of present Hon. Sec. holding office
at end of Calendar year 1944.

usual votes

of Churches -

uniform -

Capt. Badger

was accorded to the Congregational House
Auditor & Hon. Secretary.

Senior Capt. 3 rings. Junior Capt. 2 rings &
Capt. 1 ring -

that requires be made by Dep. Capt. Preston

present

Committee Meeting held at Brigade
House on 18 Sept. 1944 at 7.30 p.m.

Capt. Shier (Presiding) Capt. Matthews
Bdr. W. Robson Ferner Bauchell Nickson

Secretary reported meeting on 11th inst. at which
not enough members present to form a
quorum.

Capt. Badger -

Cloth badges as per sample from Naps Allen
in hand and an order for 60 badges has been

Service Drill

that same be held on 11th Oct. assemble at
Brigade House at 2.30 p.m. uniform S.O. and

reception -

S.O. that a wagon will be wanted.

See read letter from Dep. Capt. Preston -
resolved that he be written to and thanked
for his services and that he be an Hon.

Dep. Capt.

Member for Service -
that a notice be placed on board in Brigade
House that there is a vacancy for Dep. Capt.

Gen. Store -

that Bdr. Appleby be written to & thanked

Members -

Cap.

Chairman
present.

Secretary
Reports.
(a) finding of
105.5:3
War Stock -

for his efforts in obtaining same
that Bdu Nickson submit a P. Bell for
materials obtained by him to enable him
to carry out the work he had done voluntarily
& that same be paid by Brigade
that the following be written cost-asked
if they intend to continue -
F. L. Robertson - J. B. Hammond.
G. Y. Clavary - R. Reddie and
J. Farley.

John or see a sample from Roberts
and the following be given orders to obtain
same - C. Thompson, A. Corrigan,
A. Robertson - See combes. Shethmae
J. B. Reddie

Committee meeting held at Brigade House
on Thursday 23rd October 1947.

Capt. Shaker -
Capt. Matthews Bdu. W. Robson. Ferris.
Burchell Nickson & Hon. Sec.

At that time Treasurer had advised
with him at that Bank & that he had handed
over - that the Certificate for the holding
of 105.5:3 had been found and that
Mr. F. O. Oliver was the only survivor out

New Computations

Monthly Drill.
In Continuation
of Membership

New Members

Chairman
present

Circulars -

is now proposed to transfer same into four
new names & it was decided that same
be transferred to J. B. Shaker, C. Matthews, W. Robson
and W. Robson as nominees of the Brigade
& to attend a meeting held at Robert Brigade
House April 1st 1947.

The following were appointed Capt. Shaker and
Matthews and Bdu. Nickson with Dr. G. Y. Clavary
forming a Substitute.

Next Monthly Drill on 1st Nov at 2.30 p.m.
Secretary informed Committee that R. Reddie
& F. L. Robertson had discontinued Membership
& he was instructed to notify them to send in
any equipment.

Gen. W. Dodge age 25 of 46 Dene St. S.S.
and William Park age 19 of 10 Madras Terr.
J. B. Reddie

Committee meeting held at Brigade House
on 15th May 1947.

Capt. J. Y. Robson.
Capt. C. Matthews. Def. Capt. Shaker & Capt. J. B. Reddie.
Bdu. W. Robson - Ferris & Hon. Sec.
Mr. Whiffin appointed to commence
on Monday 19th May 1947 subject to

one months Notice - pay 15/-^s per week
& Insurance W.C.

Secretary's Report (a) Letter from Genl. Manager V.I.C. re mast
also re Water Supply.
Resolved that Mr. Ferrier see Mr. McNulty
obtain his advice -

Resignations - (b) Secretary reports that Hartley & Foster
had resigned - decided to accept same.
Roll of Members - (c) that a Roll of the present members be
put on notice Board in Brigade House
with a notation that 12 more members
wanted -

Monthly Drill - that next drill take place on 1st June
at 4.30 p.m. Cliff Ladder Drill at Mountain
Station

Special Meeting of Brigade held at
Brigade House on Thursday 30th Oct.
1947 at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman
Election of Dep.
Capt.

Capt. Staker
Voting papers were distributed to those
present entitled to vote 14 members
being present - result of Ballot
Training 8 votes
Clavery 6 votes -

Bdr Training was declared by the

Inspector's Visit - Chairman duly elected Deputy Captain
Secretary read letter from Inspectors V.I.C.
Hon. H.M. Coastguard regarding that he was
unable to be present.

New Competition - Letter from D.S. read. Captain Matthews
withdrew from those elected to attend meeting
at Stokes & Mr. Spivey was elected as a
Substitute.

Monthly Drill - decided to have Drill on 1st Nov. at 2.30 p.m.
and suggest to D.S. that drill shall take place
on 4th Dec. assemble at Brigade House at
4 p.m. Drill at Belmont Beds.

List for
Chief Constable - A new list of those available for work
Services during coming winter was compiled.
- War Store - Transfer signed by new nominees -

Ambulance
Class - It was decided that be held at 4 p.m.
on Monday nights -

Rahnis - a discussion took place and it was
left to House Capt. & Hon. Sec. to see what
could be done -

Mayors
Sunday - Secretary asked for instructions &
it was decided, if asked, not to
attend -

Aheadances of Committee

Capt. J. D. Walker
" C. Matthews
Sgt. B. S. Tinning
Sgt. J. R. Tinning
" J. D. Baughell
" J. S. Rickson
" W. T. Robson
Thos. J. Morally
Wm. N. Tarr

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20 May
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Committee Meeting held at Brigade House on
Thursday 20th Nov 1944 at 7.30 p.m.
Chairman Capt. J. D. Walker

Minutes of last General Meeting referred to -
Service Drill - Secretary reported correspondence with District
Officer who had written that drill would take place
on 4th Dec. present and that transport would
be arranged.

December
Monthly Drill - It was decided there would be no
monthly drill on 6th Dec. and that Members
would be notified of this on notice sent out
for Service drill.

L.S. I Drills - It was also decided that a special Dummy
drill will be held in the house on 24th
Nov. inst. in order to prepare for Service
drill and that Members be notified.

L.S. I Drills - Secretary was letter from D.O. and was invited
to make a reply that Brigade will fall in
with suggestion and back of a copy
of C.O. could be obtained -

Accounts - Barbours a/c for 44/4 for 5 Cops
was passed for payment -

Resignation - The resignation of Bde. Stethmore
was accepted -

Insurance - Secretary informed meeting that he had seen

-quired an Insurance against accident to
members whilst engaged in carrying out duties
and used a Celebration Sea Insurance Office
in which they said they would cover against
accident for £7.10-0 per week and £250 in
case of a fatality on payment of an annual
premium of 5/- per member based on the
entertainment strength of the Brigade.
After discussion it was decided that further
inquiries be made.

Transfer of
War Stock -

Secretary produced a form to Bank of England
for signature by Nominees of the Brigade
and same was signed by Capt. Shaker and
Matthews also Bdr. W. Robson - the Sec. to
obtain the Hon. Treasurer's signature to same
& forward same to Bank of England.

New Competition

Secretary reported that as yet no further
communication had been received -

Chronicle Cup
Competition 1945

Secretary reported he had received no com-
munication as to this beyond mention
over the telephone 2 days ago when
Speaker to Station Officer on and then
in letter.

C.B.4.

Two Copies were handed out by the
Hon. Sec. to be kept in the Brigade

House for reference -

Ambulance Class

it was decided not to proceed with this
owing to lack of interest.

Keys of
Brigade House

It was decided that 3 Keys be obtained
for Continued and Committee

Keys of Club Board

also decided that three Keys be obtained
and that each Officer should have a Key.

Chemical
Closet

It was reported by Capt. Shaker that a leak
age existed and it was decided that
necessary action be taken to deal with
same.

Telephone -

Suggested that an extension Bell be placed
in large Room - Sec. was instructed to
write to Telephone Manager - as that
a Box should be placed alongside tele-
phone for any person using the telephone
to put in the cost of their call.

Blue Book - Sec.

Sec. was instructed to write to Rulers
39 Cable St. London E.C.1. to obtain particulars
of A.R.P. Book - Sec. noted sizes
as mentioned in advertisement in
current issue of Exchange & Sport -

Postmaster
18.4.47.

Committee Meeting held at Brigade
House at 4.30 pm on Thursday the
13th Dec. 1947.

Chairman Capt. J. D. Staker-

Minutes - The minutes of last Committee meeting
were read and confirmed.

New Hon. Sec. The Chairman welcomed Mr. McQuillan
who was present at the meeting and
who will take office on 1st January
next - Mr. McQuillan suitably replied.

Returning Hon.
Sec. The Chairman mentioned that the
Secretary would be giving up office
at end of present calendar year
and moved that he make an
Honorary Member this was seconded
by Capt. Matthews & carried -
The returning Sec (W. J. B. Bonneau)
thanked the Members and said
he hoped to continue taking an interest
with the Brigade and would do
anything to assist the new

Communication
from D.O. re
Records.

in taking up office -

The Hon Sec. read the communication
and explained object of same that
he had replied that the Brigade would
be prepared to fall in with the
suggestions.

The Hon Sec. also read a communication
upon the same matter from the
Ministry for the Inspector W. J. Dwyer.
L. M. Crawford and said he would
send an answer to this within the
next few days -

Accounts

The above Messrs Christie & Bushell
for the print work including inside
printing of the house was produced
and on motion of Capt. Matthews
seconded by Brigadesman Ferrer
was passed for payment.

next monthly
Drill.

After discussion it was decided
that the next monthly drill
take place Saturday the 10th
January 1948 at 2.30 pm at
50 piper instead of the 3rd January
owing to the New Year

Attendance
of Members.

Cap. Badger.

Cap. for Capt. Lanning

Holidays.

As half of the official year which will
end on 30th June 1948 has now passed so
far as drills are concerned the

Secretary read out attendances of
Members up to date

The Secretary produced the Cap
Badges which had been ordered
from Messrs Allen and as there were
in accordance with the order given
it was decided that they be for
£6. 7s 6d. passed to the Hon.
Treasurer for payment =

It was also resolved that the Sec.
give an order for Exp. Capt. Lanning to
obtain a Cap from Messrs Barber
& Son.

By L.P. Lanning
26.7.48

Committee meeting held at Brigade House
Thursday 14th Oct

Chairman

Comm. J. D. Stoker

Minutes

The minutes of the last committee meeting
were read and confirmed.

Representation of
Wearside Shipyard Com.

It was agreed that Capt. Stoker, Bygones Nelson
and Thorburn be the representatives from this Brigade
at meetings of joint Brigades or Wearside Shipyard
related competitions.

New members

It was moved by Bygones Binkell seconded by
Bygones Nelson that W. Elliott be a member of
this Brigade. Time to come from 14th Oct 1948
W. Elliott is subject to usual protocols of the committee.

Election of President

It was confirmed that Mr J.B. Bowman J.P.
be elected President of the Brigade.

The election took place at a smoking concert
held in Brigade house on 30th February 1948.

Presentation to J.B. Bowman

J.B. Bowman was presented with a set of papers
and something about to mark over 35 years
of faithful service as Secretary of the Brigade.
It was agreed that cost of presentation be
borne by members cost of supper from Brigade
funds.

Monthly meetings.

It was agreed that there should be one meeting of the committee each month and that it should be held on the last Thursday in each month.

Agreed that Treasurer be asked to attend committee meetings.

Press Reports.

It was agreed that press reports should only be given by Sec. ~~as~~ as to prevent any incorrect recordings.

Inspection of Club House

It was agreed that St John's Youth Club could inspect Brigade House after next drill on March 6th.

Abstract of Wrecks

It was agreed that Abstract of Wrecks should be brought up to date as soon as possible.

Repairs to Club

It was agreed that all repairs necessary be carried out by Brown Birchall and that he should also secure a set of drain rods for use of Brigade. Reported that road should be repaired in April.

Repairs to track

It was agreed that letter be sent to Y.C. asking to remove two tank trap blocks and also to get permission to fill in ground to the South of camp for drill purposes.

Tank Blocks

C. H. Hatchwood.

Committee meeting held at Brigade House

Thursday 8th April 1948

Chairman.

Roll call members.

Adoption of minutes

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and adopted.

Monthly meetings

It was moved by Brown Birchall and seconded by least Stables that the committee should meet on the second Thursday of each month.

This resolves amount of business meeting and was agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported financial position and submitted accounts of all of which were passed for payment.

Returns of Uniform

It was agreed that members who were now retired and still had frogs should be asked for the use of them for competitions.

Order for Cap.

It was agreed to give order to Brown Birchall to obtain uniform cap.

New members.

It was proposed by Brown Birchall seconded by Brown Birchall that of Blaxton become a member of the Brigade. This was agreed subject to the usual probation period of twelve months date of joining.

It was agreed that Photographs of least Stables be hung in committee room.

It was agreed to carry on what drives until Council have decided to close down the club house.

W. Stoker
29 April 48

Protest re drill
mast

Visiting Brigade House

Committee meeting held at Brigade House 29 April
Chairman Capt Stead.

It was agreed to write to the District Officer
on protest that the South Shields Brigade should
use Whiteburn mast for construction work when
we had mast of our own.

A letter from Barning Street school asking if
about 30 children could visit Brigade House was
received and it was agreed they be shown round
Brigade House by Regiment before at 2.30 pm
wed May 5th

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Committee meeting held at Brigade House
13 May 48

It was agreed that Barning Street school be
informed that they could visit Brigade House
on Wednesday 26 May

Mr Tootle now treas presented accounts for
annual, social and also a number of accounts
all of which were passed for payment

Agreed that Beantaker be given five
shilling for two uniform caps

Agreed that notice be placed in club house
that the Brigade had received Cheque

Balance £52-10-0 from Tynes Lighthouse Society.
Agreed that Annual meeting be held on
the 29th July at Yarm.
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Annual Meeting held at Brigade House
August 1948 at 7:30pm

Chairman
House of Meeting

Minutes

Annual Report

J. B. Bowman Esq. President

The notice concerning the meeting was read by the secretary

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual report and financial statement was read and moved by the chairman who remarked upon the fairly healthy position of the Brigade financially and also of its strength. Mr Bowman also thanked the members responsible for the way in which the Brigade House had been redecorated.

The President then complimented Bgman W. Robson on being awarded the long service medal and thanked him with the medal.

The adoption of the Report was seconded by Capt Matthews

Election of Officers

Capt Straker moved the reelection of the President and spoke of his long service with the Brigade. This was seconded by Capt Matthews and agreed.

Hon Auditor
 Hon Treasurer
 House Capt
 House Surgeon
 Hon Secretary

The following officers were also reelected.

Bgman W. Robson.
 Mr Washington Tate
 Capt J. Y. Robson.
 Dr C. Marks

Y. J. Jenkins

Election of Committee was then proceeded with and the result was as follows.

Bgman J. Dennis 10.

" W. Robson 9

" Burchell 8

" A. Blaney 7.

" O. Nixon 6.

" C. Thomson 5.

Agreed new committee consist of three Captains and Bgman Dennis, Robson and Blaney.

Local Committee Report

was given by Bgman O. Nixon and was approved by meeting. Bgman O. Nixon then moved that Annual Meeting elect 5 members to form Local Committee to elect our Sec and Treasurer and take care of all social activities of Brigade. This was agreed.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Coastguard Hon Auditor Hon Treasurer Hon Sec Bgman Capt for their work during the past year moved by Bgman Nixon and agreed that Capt Straker become Hon Captain. Capt Proctor was named as Hon Sec.

Hon Capt

Chairman
Minutes

Social Comm.

Committee meeting held at Bugabo House
Sept. 9th

Capt J.D. Straker.

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read & confirmed.

The committee met the Social committee of the Brigade to define the duties of the Social Comm. and the following points were agreed.

Social committee has full power to use Social Comm. funds for necessary expenditure for use of Brigade.

Social comm. accounts to be audited by Regd. orator & presented at Ann. Meeting of Brigade. Which drives to commence 2nd week in month. Social comm. to have meeting and decide what functions they intended to run and report back to Regd. comm. for confirmation.

Social comm. to provide tea the day of Corporation Oct 2nd.

Supper broadcasted by our Bowman to take place on Oct 4th at 7pm. Subject to our Bowman's approval. Social comm. to look after this function.

Agreed repairs to roof be carried out at approx. cost of £30.

governing
Chairman

Chairman
Attendance

Committee meeting held at Bugabo House 10/11/28
Capt J. Straker.
Capt W. Matthews. De-Capt. Manning. Captain Churchill.
James Roberts.

Capt Straker introduced the provision of better ventilation in the bugabo house in place of the existing hung shutters. Mr. Churchill offered to make up for Sashies in water house same as in committee room and wait payment till financial state of brigade improves.

Report

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from the Regd.

from the Social Comm.

also at the meeting

Chairman

Minutes

Ass Secretary

L.S.M.

Committee meeting held at Bugbee House
Oct

Capt J D Straker

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Burchell reported he was having difficulty in house for repairs to roof.

Mr Tait read letter which was proposed be sent out to all prominent people in N.E. shipping asking assistance to meet cost of Bugbee House repairs. This was agreed.

Agreed to appoint Capt Mackintosh as assisting committee agreed to appreciation by Dist Capt Tinning for long service made.

Agreed that four refs from Bgd meet Robin Bgd on Oct 16th re matters affecting all Bgd's.

reports to be Capt Straker Capt Mackintosh Bdmr Clary & Thompson.

Agreed that fire guards be placed round fire in committee room and Bgd room.

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Attendance

Capt J D Straker

Capt Mackintosh Dist Training Bdmr Burchell, James and W Robson

Capt Straker introduced the provision of better ventilation in the Bgd house in place of the existing hanging shales. Bdmr Burchell offered to make and fix wooden watch house same as in committee room and see payment until financial state of Bgd improved. Mr Burchell's offer was accepted.

Invitations to Ladies Luncheon Society.

Agreed Capt Straker & Bdmr Thompson represent Brigade on Bdmr Mackintosh

Invitations received from Fort Vancouver post to spend some evening with them Tuesday Nov 23rd. This was acceptable and referred to Social Comr.

Bdmr Burchell introduced the subject of better instruction and supervision on Thursday nights and after long discussion it was proposed by Mr Burchell seconded by Mr Fenwick that officers in charge of monthly drill be responsible for instructions on Thursday previous to drill.

Committee Meeting

Boyd's House
Dec 8th 1948

Chairman

Attendance

Capt. J.D. Straker

Capt. Geo. Matthews D-Dept Training Belmore
J. Dennis & W. Robson

Reports were received of social gatherings at Trememuth, Seaton Sluice & T.R. Waddingford. Capt. Geo. Matthews reported having interviewed Mr. Jolly re the cost of restoring the oil painting of the late Samuel Malcolm same to cost approx £10. Proposed by Capt. Straker seconded by D-Dept. That work be put in hand.

It was agreed that engraving of chrome-like be left to Straker and also for him to arrange for showing of same in J.J. Grants window.

Capt. Straker brought up the question of playing games in Boyd House on Sundays and it was resolved that no games be played except in special circumstances (Bad weather weather). To be left to the discretion of senior officer on duty.

Next monthly drill to be held Jan 8th at 230pm

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June, 1949

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments

Donations :-	
Mrs. T. N. Alexander (1948)	
Do. (1949)	
J. J. Grant, Esq.	
C. S. Richardson, Esq., J.P.	
S.S.V.L.B. Social Club	

Grants :-

Ministry of Transport	
Tyne Lifeboat Society	

Special Appeal for cost of Repairs :-

	£	s.	d.
Sir Cecil A. Cochrane, Newcastle	10	10	0
Messrs. Burns Ltd., South Shields	10	0	0
" John Readhead & Sons, Ltd., South Shields	5	5	0
" Tyne Dock Eng. Co. Ltd., So. Shields	5	5	0
" Brigham & Cowan Ltd., So. Shields	5	5	0
" P. H. Mathiasen & Co. Ltd., N'ele	5	5	0
" B. J. Sutherland & Co. Ltd., N'ele	5	5	0
" Robert Deuchar Ltd., Newcastle	5	5	0
" Lawson-Bates Tugs Ltd., Newcastle	5	0	0
" Walter Runciman & Co. Ltd., N'ele	5	0	0
" Richard Irvin & Sons, Ltd., No. Shields	5	0	0
" Capt. Frank McNulty & Son, South Shields	5	0	0
" North Shipping Co. Ltd., Newcastle	3	3	0
" John Lilley & Gillie, Ltd., No. Shields	3	3	0
" Wm. Dickson & Co. Ltd., Newcastle	2	2	0
" John Hudson & Co. Ltd., Newcastle	2	2	0
" Coastwise Colliers Ltd., Newcastle	2	2	0
" Mungo Campbell & Co. Ltd., N'ele	2	2	0
" Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Wallsend	2	2	0
" Jarrold & Leburn Co-op. Soc.	2	2	0
" Middle D'ka & Eng. Co. Ltd., So. Shields	2	2	0
" Tyne Wire Rope Co. Ltd., So. Shields	2	2	0
" Charles W. Taylor & Son Ltd., South Shields	2	2	0
" Hardy & Co. Ltd., So. Shields	2	2	0
" Wm. Wood & Sons (Tailors) Ltd., South Shields	2	2	0
" J. D. Ainsley & Co. Ltd., So. Shields	2	2	0
" Wanless & Fallister, Newcastle	2	2	0
" J. J. Grant, Esq., South Shields	2	0	0

Cash per Box at Brigade House	134	10	0
Cash per Table Model Box	7	8	7
Cash per Telephone Box	11	18	2

Total Receipts

Balance brought forward from last year

274	4	2
122	5	3
£396	9	5

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PAYMENTS.

Caretaker's Wages

Repairs

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Insurances

" CHRONICLE CUP " and " WEAR SHIPOWNERS' SHIELD " Competition Expenses

Wreath for deceased Brigadesman

Bank Charges

£ s. d.

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Total Payments
Balance at Bank

301	11	2
94	18	3
£396	9	5

Audited and certified correct,

WILLIAM ROBSON, HON. AUDITOR.

7th July, 1949.

Annual meeting held at Brigade House

Wednesday 25th Sept 1949.

Chairman
Notice of meeting

J.B. Beaman Esq. President.

The notice concerning the meeting was read by the secretary

minutes

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Ann Report

and Balance Sheet

The annual report and Balance sheet were read and moved by the chairman who remarked that although the Brigade had not been called out during the year they were nevertheless ready for any emergency judging by the splendid work they had done in competitions during the year. Congratulations were extended to Bob Kept Tinning on being awarded the Long Service medal.

election of Officers

Capt Straker moved the re election of the President. This was seconded by Capt Matthews and agreed. The following officers were also re elected.

Hon Auditor

Beaman W. Robsons

Hon Treas.

Mrs Washington Tate

Hon Sec

Capt J.T. Robsons

Hon Sec

Dr S. Marks.

The Chairman mentioned that the Secretary would have to give up his office owing to business reasons and Mr T. Nason was elected the new Secretary.

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Election of Committee

The election of Committee was then proceeded with and the results were as follows.

Brig. H. Wray 10 votes
" G. Thompson 9 votes
" G. Nixon 9 votes
" J. J. Charlton 9 votes
" J. Burchell 4 votes
" W. Roberts 5 votes
" J. Fenner 6 votes
" A. P. Blavens 3 votes

The new committee being the three elected officers plus Brigadier H. Wray, G. Thompson, G. Nixon and J. J. Charlton.

Classification of Rules

As all three Captains are due to retire next year it is proposed that all nominations for Captain be based on by elimination

1st Vote for Senior Capt.

2nd Vote for Junior Capt.

3rd Vote for Deputy Capt.

New nominations to be made as per rule 6.

This was agreed

Additions to Rules

That no member with less than 3 years effective membership to be eligible for nomination as Captain or Deputy Capt.

After some discussion it was moved

Local Comm.

Election of Local Comm.

Mr. Brian Nixon seconded Mr. Brian Burchell and agreed.

The report and statement of accounts were moved by Brian Nixon seconded and agreed.

The following were elected by ballot.

Brian G. Nixon 20 votes
" G. Thompson 17 "
" J. Burchell 16 "
" J. Fenner 14 "
" H. Wray 14 "

It was then moved by Brian Burchell seconded by Brian Fenner and carried that local comm consist of seven members and the following two names were added to comm.

Brian J. J. Charlton. 12 votes

" A. P. Blavens. 10 votes

Votes of Thanks

Usual votes of Thanks were given to Police and Coast guards.

Votes of thanks was also moved by Det. Sgt. Training to retiring Secretary.

[Signature]
Chairman

Committee meeting held at the Brigade House
Thursday 10th November 1949 at 7.15 pm

Present

Capt. J. B. Straker in the chair, Capt. G. W. Matthews, G. Capt. Lanning, Brian J. H. Gray, O. Nicholson, G. Thompson, Mrs. W. Tate & the Secretary

Last minute

The minute of the last committee meeting were not read as the Secretary had not obtained possession of the minute book.

Death of Mr J. B. Bowman

Reference was made to the great loss suffered by the Brigade on the death of Mr. J. B. Bowman, and those present stood in silent tribute as a mark of respect. Letters of sympathy received from Com. Kest, Inspector, & Lieutenant V.L.B. were read.

New President

On the motion of Capt Straker, seconded by J. Gray, it was resolved that Capt Matthews & the Secretary invite Lord L. Chichester C.B.E. to become President.

Minute book

It was proposed by Capt Matthews, seconded by J. Gray, that a Social Evening be held for the official presentation of the Minute book. The date was provisionally fixed for 14th Dec. 1949, and it was agreed that the Local Committee be responsible for all arrangements.

Rules

The Secretary mentioned one or two anomalies in the Rules & it was agreed that a small sub-committee be formed to go into the question of revision of the rules. Sub-committee to consist of Capt Straker, Mrs. W. Tate & the Secretary. Other members of the Committee to pass any suggestion to the Secretary.

Other business

1. Clothes

The late Mr. J. B. Bowman's clothes were placed at the Brigade disposal and it was agreed to accept Mr. Bowman's offer with gratitude that he was agreed to accept an offer to be made to obtain funds for the acquisition of a suitable bookshelf for the gun company's books.

2. Appeal

It was agreed that the book Regatta be kept up to date by J. H. Gray.

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4. Gun Hagg

It was agreed that Mr. Hagg be asked to take copies of each of the photos in the Brigade House. Left to Brian Gray & J. H. Gray. Mention was made of numerous repairs of a more nature. It was agreed that Brian Gray & J. H. Gray be responsible for preparation of a list of all repairs, large small, necessary, & that they report back to the Committee as early as possible.

5. Repair to B. House

This concluded the business

J. B. Straker

28th January 1950

Chairman

Committee meeting held at the Brigade House on
Tuesday 6th December at 7.15 pm

1 Report

Capt. J. M. Stokes in the chair, Capt. C. W. Lathson, 4th Capt. J. M. Stokes,
Bene Wray, Rickson, Charlton, Thompson, Mr. W. G. Lake, the Secretary.

2 Last minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting could not be read as the
Secretary had not yet obtained the minute book.

3 Uniform

Capt. Stokes reported that several of the Brigadiers
lacked jerseys & caps. Discussion took place on the merits
of battle dress as opposed to jerseys, and it was agreed
that the Secretary obtain prices.

President

It was reported that Mr. Chapman would stand as President

Other business

1. Order book

It was agreed that an order book be obtained.

2. Photos

It was agreed that photos of the Brigade be obtained. This
was left to J. M. Stokes.

3. Key of L.S.A. House

It was pointed out that the Brigade had no key to the house
containing L.S. apparatus. It was agreed that a letter
be sent to the District Officer, Leoburn, for submission to the
Inspector, asking that the Brigade be given long
access to a key.

4. Brigade house keys

Keys were given to Messrs. Charlton, Wray

It was agreed that a list be drawn up of existing keys.

5. Engraving of cap.

It was agreed that the engraving of the Brigade cap
be left to Capt. Stokes.

6. Social Evening

In view of the fact that the Brigade cap had been
presented officially to the Brigade by Mr. Baly, Public
Manager of the Brigade, on Sat 19th Nov. 1948, it was
agreed that the Social Evening - previously fixed
for 15th Dec. 1948 - be postponed until such time as the
medals became available.

7. Vice-Presidents

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Committee meeting held at the Brigade House on
Tuesday 28th February, 1950, at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Capt J. B. Stokes in the Chair, Rep. Capt. Tunney & Brian Barry
Nichson, Charlton, Thompson, & the Hon. Secretary.

Last minute

The minutes of the meetings held 10th November, 1949 & 18
December 1949, were read by the Hon. Secretary and, being
approved, were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Brian
Charlton, seconded Brian Nichson.

Matters arising

Uniforms. The Secretary reported that he had obtained prices
of jumps & balladens. It was decided not to proceed
further with the matter. Proposed Capt Stokes, seconded Brian
Nichson. It was agreed that Capt. Stokes be appointed an
assistant House Captain for the purpose of attending to any
necessary repairs to the Brigade House. Proposed Brian
Nichson, seconded by Brian Thompson.

Social Evening. In the absence of medals for the last Annual
cup competition it was agreed that this matter be left to
afterwards.

Continued Brigade House. Capt. Stokes & Capt. Tunney were appointed representatives
on the Committee of the Continual Brigade. It was
suggested by the Hon. Secretary that they bring before

the next "Combined" meeting the question of having a
report on the proceedings at each "Combined" meeting to be
sent to the Secretaries of the Brigades concerned.

Appeal

The Secretary reported that Mr. W. Tate was anxious to
go ahead with an appeal for funds. A copy of the
previous appeal was handed round & suggestions
were invited.

Plaque

The Secretary asked the members whether they were sure
that the four names already given to Capt. Trotter
were correct & that there were no omissions.

Christine & Swirell

An account for £30 in respect of painting of the Brigade
House was passed for payment. Proposed Capt. Tunney
seconded Brian Nichson.

This concluded the business.

R. E. Chintin

31st May 1950

Chairman

Committee meeting held at the Brigade House on
Wednesday, 31st May, 1950, at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mrs R.S. Shipchase, President, in the Chair, Captains Stakes
& Hatther, D Capt. Liming, Simon Charlton, Rickson,
Thompson, Wray, Mrs. W. Tate & the Hon. Secretary.

President

This being the first meeting attended by the President,
Mrs R.S. Shipchase, he was given a hearty welcome.

Last Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 28th February, 1950,
were read by the Hon. Secretary and, being approved,
were signed by the Chairman.

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Combined Committee. Capt. Stakes gave a brief
report of the proceedings at the last meeting of
the Combined Brigade Committee. They dealt
mainly with the "Weaside Shield" competition
which was to be held at Roker on 10th June, 1950.

Repairs. This matter was again before the Committee.
It was suggested by Mrs. Shipchase that a
small sub-committee to consist of Capt. Hatther
& two others be appointed to deal with all necessary
repairs & report back to the Committee as to
items involved & probable cost. The two members

appointed to act with Capt. Hatther were Capt.
Stakes & Simon. Amshell Proposed by D.
Rickson, seconded - W. Tate.

Re J.B. Bonoman dead

The President read a letter which he had received
from Mrs J.H. Bonoman & Mrs Hogg stating that they
desired to perpetuate the memory of this late
brother, who had been connected with the Brigade
for so many years, by presenting a Lark-
carron & portable searchlight, up to an approximate
cost of £200. Mrs. Shipchase stated that he had
sent a reply thanking them for this offer and
informing them that the Brigade would send a
letter of acceptance. It was proposed by Mrs. W.
Tate, seconded by Capt. Hatther, that their
generous offer be accepted with our grateful thanks,
& that the suggestion given in the letter would be
incorporated in the Annual Report, & that a
plaque, suitably inscribed, would be placed at
the entrance to the Brigade House.

Reignation - Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he desired to
resign with effect from 1st July, next. Mrs.
Shipchase suggested that Mrs. Tate & the Secretary
should meet with the intention of talking things over.

& remaining in office. The Secretary stated that he was willing to meet both his late & his chaplain, but doubted whether his decision would be altered.

Capt. Matthews.

The Secretary read a letter from Capt. Matthews stating that he felt that he would like to make way for promotion of younger members & that he therefore wished to resign his Captaincy, but would remain a member of the Brigade. It was suggested that he be appointed as an Honorary Captain at the Annual Meeting to be held at a later date.

New attending Birm.

The names of new attending members were read. There were Birm. Chamberlain, Claver, (W), Charles, Engg, Gardner, Ramsay, & Taylor. The Secretary stated that he would try to write to each of them and ascertain whether they wished still to be members.

S.S. G.B. Secretary

A letter was read from the Town Clerk inviting the Brigade to put on a special display on part of the Bant, Brough Centenary Celebration. The Secretary stated that he had replied giving 5th July as a suitable date. It was decided that the Brigade Home would be made open to the public from 2nd to 9th July - Sunday 10.00 to 8.00 p.m., Weekdays (excepting Sundays).

6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., Wednesday & Saturday 2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
& that the Secretary notify these date & time to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Centenary programme.

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Bookman

It was agreed that there be left to the Repan sub-committee.

Other Business

1. Lectures. A letter from the District Office was read suggesting that he would be willing to come on some evening & give a short talk on some point of L.S.A. work. It was agreed that this be deferred until the winter months.

2. Uniform. Mrs. Tate read out a letter he had received from Mrs. W. Woodman referring to an order recently placed for uniforms, & asked for some information concerning this order as neither his late nor the Secretary had any knowledge of this matter. It was agreed that the order be now confirmed by the Secretary, that the sum of £35 be refunded to the Local Committee who would add thereto a further £35, & that the balance of the account be met from Central Funds. Proposed by C. Robinson, seconded by Wray. This concluded the business.

3rd August 1950

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Minutes

Letter

Uniforms

Committee meeting held in the Brigade house on Thursday Aug 3rd 1950 at 7.30
Chairman Capt J D Straker. Ed Matthews
M W Tate (Treasurer). O Hickson of Charlton.
E Thompson. J H Wray
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed & signed by Chairman.

Form M T Vasey was read setting out arrangements he had made for birthday drill & confirming his statement that he was returning as Sec from 30 June 1950

M Tate (Treasurer) stated he had received an a/c from Messrs W Wood, tailors for 48 Shoulder flashes at 4/6 per pair & queried if this was in order.

Capt Straker explained that Messrs Wood has supplied the uniforms at a reduced price but same did not include price for supplying shoulder flashes which had to be sub'd by Wood to an outside firm
Capt Straker assured the Treasurer that all members had been supplied with uniforms.

House repairs

The Chairman reported that he had received an estimate from the firm of Christie & Burchell regarding the alterations to the tower windows for the sum of £15 per window.

Capt Matthews objected to the method of getting estimate, as he being a member of the house committee had not invited to attend at the time.

The matter was left in obedience until the ^{Committee} meeting meet

M Hickson suggested that tenders be invited from 3 firms or not only from members of the Brigade.

The Treasurer (M Tate) read a draft report of the Balance sheet for the year ending June 30/50. which showed that his annual appeal had raised £110-6-6 compared with £134-10-0 the previous year. Total receipts showed in income of £239-15-11 & payments of £127-16-1 proposed by M O Hickson rec M J Charlton that same be accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

Financial report

Annual report

Reports compiled by Capt Straker
& Matthews be combined & condensed
with an addition by the Treasurer
and Balance sheet and after consulting
the President re report & date suitable
same be printed

Trailer

Proposed by Capt Matthews & seconded by
C Thompson that a subcommittee
comprising Capt Straker, M Nicholson &
W F H Wray be authorised to examine
the Tynemouth trailer & also set out
gear to get size of trailer required & style
most suitable, also get estimates &
specification of same.

Effective members

M Nicholson took exception to the notice
which had been posted on the board by
Capt Straker asking for nominations
for Captain & for Committee & also list
of "Effective members" without first consulting
the Committee.

Capt Straker explained that as there
was no Secretary, he thought it
advisable to post such notices so as
to get nominations in by date set out
in the rule

It was agreed, after going through the
list of attendances at drills that
Capt Matthews be listed effective, he
having 11 drills in & attended for much
service, but had not, according to present
rule, put a drill in on each quarter of
the year.

The Committee also moved that M W Robson
be an effective member, they having
power to do so according to rule.
Any member being on national service
was classed as effective, but not entitled
to vote

Ineffective members owing to not having sufficient
drills in: C Appleby, W Clark.
M Richardson

Nominations for Committee & one for Captain have
been received by Capt Straker
Committee: J Burchell, J Ferrier.
Captain: J H Wray.
Moved by Capt Matthews & seconded
by J Charlton that nominations
be approved.

Secretary
C Matthews to act as Secretary
till Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting, date be left to the President
Treasurer & Acting Secretary to
decide
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Annual Meeting held in the Brigade House

South Shields
Volunteer Life Brigade

President:

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING
will be held in the BRIGADE HOUSE, at 7.30 p.m.
on THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1950, when the
ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET will be
presented to the members.

CHARLES W. MATTHEWS
ACTING SECRETARY.

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ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ended 30th June, 1950

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE.

It is with profound regret that reference must first be made to the sudden death of our esteemed President, J. B. Bowman, Esq., JP, on 1st November, 1949. His passing was indeed a severe blow to the Brigade, for he had served as Honorary Secretary for 45 years, and we are pleased to recall that he was our President for the latter period of his life. His kindly disposition endeared him to all the Brigadesmen, and his sound judgment and guidance were of immense value and import. He has left behind him an honoured and memorable place in the hearts of all who were privileged to work with him.

We are pleased to report that Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, CBE, M.I.N.A., has graciously accepted the presidency, and we are fortunate in having in him a gentleman of wide experience who has been connected with shipping all his life and who has gained the thanks of sea-faring community by the invention of several life-saving appliances which were adopted by the Ministry of Transport and universally used by the British and Allied merchant navies with highly satisfactory results during the war.

No service of the Brigade has been found necessary during the year as far as actual wreck was concerned, but on Monday, 26th September, 1949, at midnight the brigadesmen were called out when a message came through from the District Officer at Seaham, stating that a small coaster was ashore in the fog just north of Freucharts Bay. The system of calling out the Brigadesmen by telephone and taxi was put into operation, and in very quick time sixteen officers and men reported for duty. Proceeding immediately to the scene by lorry, a ship was found with her stem on the sands in the bay. The necessary gear was manhandled down the cliff side and communication was established. At this point, the vessel refloated under her own power on the rising tide and proceeded away. Owing to the heavy fog and darkness we were unable to get her name or nationality, but it is believed that she was a Dutch vessel. We are glad to know that the crew was apparently safe and sound; we were on the spot to render assistance should that have been required.



Annual Meeting held in the Brigade house

Under the command of Captain J. D. Straker, the brigadesmen took part in the annual competition for the President's Cup and the

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South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June, 1950

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on Investments					34	2	0
Donations:—							
Mrs. T. N. Alexander		2	2	0			
C. S. Richardson, Esq., J.P.		1	0	0			
S.S.V.L.B. Social Club		4	7	6			
Grants:—					7	11	0
Ministry of Transport		25	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society		52	10	0			
Special Appeal					77	10	0
Cash per Exors. of the late F. Oliver		110	10	0			
Do. Brigade House Box		3	1	0			
Do. Table Model Box		6	5	0			
Do. Telephone Box		1	1	0			
TOTAL RECEIPTS					239	10	0
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR					94	10	0
					£334	14	0

Audited and Certified correct,
WILLIAM ROBSON, Hon. Auditor



Annual Meeting held in the Brigade House

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PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Caretaker's Wages					39	0	0
Repairs		37	16	6			
Lighting, Heating and Water		13	4	5			
Printing and Postages		17	13	8			
Telephones		8	4	0			
Insurances		5	10	6			
Uniform Caps		3	0	0			
Wreath for deceased Brigadesman		1	5	0			
Duty Taxi		7	0				
Bank Charges and Cheque Book		1	15	0			

TOTAL PAYMENTS	127	16	1
BALANCE AT BANK	206	18	1
	£334	14	2

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Under the command of Captain J. D. Straker, the brigadesmen took part in the annual competitions for the CHRONICLE CUP and the WEARSIDE SHIPWRECKERS' SHIELD. We are pleased to report that our efficiency gained for us the winning place for the CHRONICLE CUP for the second year in succession, but we were not so successful in the latter event.

The social activities of the Brigade have been well catered for by an energetic committee whose members never lose an opportunity to bring to the notice of the general public the different aspects of our work and an explanation of what is required of us.

We aim at regular attendances at the monthly drills, and this speaks well for our members when they report for duty drill in spite of the counter attractions of football matches and suchlike. As a reminder to present members and for others who are interested, the regular drills are held in the afternoon of the first Saturday of the month during the winter period (October to March) and in the evening of the first Wednesday in the month during the remainder of the year.

It has been considered now for some years that the efficiency of the Brigade would be greatly enhanced if we had a life-saving trailer carrier for our apparatus, and we are most fortunate in having been advised by the surviving brother and sister of our late president, Joseph H. Bowman, Esq., and Mrs. Margaret E. Hogg, that they are desirous of perpetuating his memory by presenting to our brigade this valuable acquisition. We are informed that the trailer-carrier will cost £250 0s. 0d. We place on record our most sincere thanks and appreciation to these kind donors for their generous consideration and we are deeply grateful for this tangible link with the memory of the late JOHN BOWMAN, a man who loved his fellow-man and his Divine Creator. He has left for us a standard of life we shall do well to follow and endeavour to emulate. A memorial plaque will shortly be placed in the brigade house on the South Pier to commemorate his services to us.

We should like to thank all those who have assisted the brigade during the past year, and particularly the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their generous donation of fifty guineas. Our thanks are also due to the local Coastguard officials for their help and ready co-operation.

CHARLES W. MATTHEWS.

ACTING SECRETARY.

Annual Meeting, L. S. L. B. to the President

Annual Meeting held in the Brigade house
on Thursday. November 23rd 1950 at 7:30
Chairman The President R. S. Chipchase Esq.
Present W. Tate, Treasurer. Capt. Straker. Tinning
Bugleamens: Burchell, Charlton, Ferrier,
Nicholson, Smith, Jacko, Askew, Stoker.
Stokoe, W. Johnson, Teale, Thompson.
Wray, J. T. Johnson House Capt. G. Laitler.
Coastguards Harris & Bennett, &
Acting Sec. C. Matthews.

Notice of Meeting The notice concerning meeting was
read by Sec.
Minutes Minutes of last annual meeting were
read & confirmed.

Annual report The Chairman commenting on the
Report referred to the lost to the
Brigade for the passing of our late
President - J. B. Bowman Esq. who
had served the Brigade as Secretary
& later as President for 45 years.
The members stood in silence for a
minute as a mark of esteem.
Reference was also made by the Chairman
to the generous offer of a trailer for

Balance
sheet

Brigade use. the cost of providing same to be borne by the late President Brother & sister: Joseph H. Bowman & Mrs Margaret E. Hogg, also that a plaque was to be put up in the Brigade house to his memory.

The Treasurer

reported that the special appeal had realized \$110-6-6 part of which would be used to complete the equipment for the Trailer (portable searchlight etc.)

Social Committee

report was presented by O. Nickson which showed a balance in hand of \$92-7-4

It was proposed that the best thanks of the Brigade be accorded to Mr Nickson & his committee for the work done to achieve this amount. Moved that Mr W Tate & W Polson be appointed scrutineers for Ballot of Officers & Committee

Scrutineers

Before proceeding to the election of Officers etc Mr O Nickson objected to a ballot being taken for Captains & Committee on the present nominations

as he considered that the members had not been able to make certain nominations owing to the list of effective members not having been a true record, there being no Secretary in office at that time.

After much discussion & study of rules it was decided on the suggestion of the Chairman that the election of Captains & Committee be adjourned till Wednes Dec 13th at 7-30 and that all members be given notice of meeting and that any further nominations be sent in writing as per rule 10 to the Secretary on or before that date

Election of officials

<u>President</u>	Lt Col R S Chifchase CBE Jr Ed Matthews Sec W Tate
<u>Treasurer</u>	Washington Tate Edm J Ferrer Sec
<u>Secretary</u>	Ed Matthews
<u>Auditor</u>	Wm Polson
<u>House Captain</u>	J T Polson.

Social evening

Capt J D Straker proposed that a date be fixed in Dec for social evening & presentation of medals. suggested that there not being much time before Xmas, matter be referred to adjourned meeting to settle a date early in the new year

N. Chinn
13/XII/50

Adjourned Annual Meeting held in the Brigade house on Wednesday Dec 13/50.

Chairman
Present

The President. R. S. Chipchase Esq.
M Tate, Treasurer. Capt J D Straker.
Deputy J D Tinning. Brigadier: W Robson
J Ferrier. J Burchell. R Teale.
J Askew. J Charlton. W Jack. R Smith.
G O. Nicholson. E Stoker. E Thompson.
H Wray. J Pickardson. W Elliott.
H Brown. R C Stephenson. A R Clavery.
Hon Sec. W Matthews.

Minutes

of previous meeting read by the Secretary proposed by J Ferrier Sec J Burchell

Hon Captain

approved that same be accepted.
Mr Burchell proposed that as Mr W Matthews had resigned the Captaincy of the Brigade & been elected Hon Sec he should be elected an Hon Captain as an acknowledgment of his long service & interest of the Brigade. Sec by J D Straker. The Chairman also approved of the gesture & wished Capt Matthews may be spared to serve the Brigade for many years. agreed.
Mr Matthews suitably replied.

Nominations
for Captains

The following nominations were received for the positions of Senior Captain, junior Captain, Deputy Captain.

J D Straker. G O Nicholson
J D Tinning. H Wray.

Mr H Wray declared that he only wished his name to go to the ballot for Deputy Captain. agreed.

Results of Ballot. Nicholson 9, Straker 8, Tinning 2.
On the Chairman declaring G O Nicholson Senior Captain. J D Straker competition

the new Captain on his appointment
& then walked out saying he was
finished with the Brigade.
The action of J.D. Straker having caused some
diversion. Capt. Hickson expressed a
wish, offering to stand down from
the Senior Capt. position in favour of
J.D. Straker if it would be for the
good of the Brigade.

The Chairman declared that the
voting had been made in a
proper manner according to rule.
& he wished Capt. Hickson every
success.

Junior Captain
Deputy Captain

D. Tinning 14 J.D. Straker 3.
H. Wray 11. J.D. Straker 6.

General Committee J. Burchell, J. Charlton,
J. Ferrier, C. Thompson.
Proposed by W. Robson sec. by G. Hickson.
that same be elected Committee

Revision of Rules notice was presented moving the
alteration of certain rules. but it
was proposed by the Chairman

that the committee seriously consider
revising the existing rules, especially
taking a special view of the snags
which had sprung up lately.
Suggestion to be put in writing before
the end of January & sent on to Sec.
& after revision referred to full general
meeting. W. W. Robson sec. agreed.

Matters referred from Committee

Quarterly service drill to try out
additional Whip line, March 3 or 17. Station
Unveiling of Memorial Plaque on Wednes Dec 20/50
at 11-30

Relatives of deceased members & friends
be invited. Brigade members to
be postcarded & to attend in uniform
arrangements approved.

Annual Dinner arrangements left to General &
Social Committee, date suggested
Wed Jan 31/51

Shermally Pockets Approval of District Officer
be obtained to purchase & fire
some 20 monthly drills on our
practice ground

Whist drives

Authority given to Social committee to have Whist drives in the Brigade house for Brigade funds. Dec 15/50

Appointment of

Social Committee, nomination were received for same. (W E Thompson a member of retiring committee did not wish his name to go forward.) Agreed that Capt O Hickson, W Robson, J Burchell, J Ferrier, J Stoker, J Ashew & Clavery.

Committee

attendance to be kept a record of.

M Burchell proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his attendance & congratulated him on having tided over the trouble.

The Chairman in his reply appealed to the members to work as a solid living & all pull in one direction.

A. Channing
9 Sep 52

General & Social Committee meeting held in the Brigade house on ^{Thursday} Dec 14/50

Present

Chairman J D Straker
Dunning, G O Pickson, J F Charlton,
C. Thompson, J H Wray, W Tate Treasurer
M Burchell

Minutes

of last meeting read & confirmed
passed by O Hickson see C Thompson.

Trails

Estimate of \$2.50 for trailer received from Messrs Gregory Smear & Skuldes was discussed.

On the motion of G O Pickson see by J D Straker that same be accepted with the addition of a spare wheel & tarpaulin cover to keep gear dry.

New members

Proposed that James William Peggs & Stephen Wink be enrolled as members of the Brigade.

Quarterly

Service drill Proposed that March 3rd or 14th 1951 (Saturday) be the most suitable dates as it will be low tide in the afternoon, District officer to decide which

Uniforms & flashies

The A/c from Messrs W^m Wood Tailors for supplying 20 Batt^{al} dress for the sum of £104-2-5 was received & after discussion was agreed that same be paid as follows

£34-11-2 Social fund

£34-11-3 General funds

£35-0-0 amount already set aside

£104-2-5. C. Thompson pro / Ferris con

M^r C. Hickson proposed that any member having a uniform & being called up for national service (Forces) should hand same in & be issued with a new one on demobilisation. Sec^y J. Chaulton. It was proposed that it be unveiled as soon as possible & Wednesday 20th Dec or suitable date to Chaplain to Seamen's Mission (Geo Smith).

Relatives of late members to be invited also President, Mayor, Brigade members & friends. Arrangements left to M^r Tate (Treasurer), Hon Sec^y.

Social Evening

Capt J. D. Straker proposed that arrangements be made for the Annual dinner to be held on Wednesday Jan 31st which would be the 84th Anniversary

of the formation of the Brigade. Social Committee to be in charge of entertainments. Ed. Hickson Sec^y. To come before Adjourned Annual Meeting for confirmation.

Scheremully
Pochito

Agreed on the proposition of Capt Straker Sec^y J. D. Capt Tinning that Scheremully & Pochito be purchased for use at monthly drills, so that members would come more familiar with the method of firing. Permission to be obtained from D.C. granted. Capt Matthews to have use of Brigade house for a visit from Peoples Mission Fellowship Monday Dec 11th.

Permission

House Repairs

Agreed that most necessary repairs to stove pipes & roof be carried out as soon as possible. M^r J. Beuchell to see to same.

Whist Drives

M^r Ed. Hickson asked permission to recommence Whist drives in the Brigade house for Social Committee funds. M^r W. Tate proposed that same be started on Friday 15th Dec agreed.

J. D. Hickson Sec^y
14/1/51

Present

Combined meeting of General &
Social Committee held in the
Brigade house on Tuesday Jan 16/92
Chairman. Capt G O. Nickson
J Burchell. J Ferrier. J T. Charlton
H Wray. A Clavery. J Thompson
Capt Dunning. J Stokes. and
Hon Sec C. Matthews.

Minutes

Matters arising

Minutes of previous meeting read
& confirmed. J Burchell Sec J Ferrier
head Quarters service drill to be
held on Sat March 3rd To be a
Whip drill A.B. & C. methods with
extended Whip. District officers
to settle drill ground.

House repairs

M Burchell reports that the
immediate necessary repairs had
been carried out to Brigade house
Letter read from D. Capt J H Wray

Correspondence

stating that he wished to be relieved
of his position as Deputy Captain
After much discussion the committee
appealed to M Wray to withdraw the
letter, but with no success it
was agreed to accept same with

Capt Straker

regret. It was proposed by Capt
Nickson Sec by M Burchell that
no appointment of Deputy Captain be
made before the next Annual
meeting.

As no further communication had been
received from M J Straker since the
adjourned Annual meeting, Sec to
write & request him to return Keys
& Officers shoulder stripes etc, but
with the hope he would still
remain a member of the Brigade.
J Burchell proposed Sec J H Wray.
Agreed that 4 be purchased at an
early date.

Sefermiffy
pocket

Annual Dinner

List of guests to same was read
& approved. Secretary reported that
the Mayor: Councillor J Bournbridge had
accepted our invitation
Agreed that M Forrest be the
Caterer & Menu approved.
Captain Dunning to approach
W Jack Dilston re entertainments
& report to Secretary.

Social Committee Agreed that Mr J W Burchell
be appointed Treasurer of Social
Committee Mr J Ferrier Secretary

General Committee Meeting held at the
Brigade house on Thursday 26th April 1951
Present - Capt G L Nicholson in the Chair.
Dep Capt Tinning, J Burchell, J Ferrier
J Charlton, C Thompson, G L Battiscombe
from the

Minutes Minutes of last Committee read &
confirmed. Prop J Ferrier Sec J Burchell

Drill A letter from D.O. confirming date
of combined service drill with
Whitburn L.S.D.

Correspondence Letter from Inspector reporting visit
of Chief Inspector of Coastguards to
district & that he wished to see a
demonstration of the stowing of the
rocket line, date to be sometime
in July.
Letter from President Col R S Chappase
congratulating committee responsible

for dinner arrangements

The Sec having sent a letter of
congratulations to Tyne-mouth VLB
on the occasion of their rescuing the
crew of 14 from HM Frigate Brave ashore
on Black Middens on March 18th 51
action confirmed. & reply from Sec of Tyne-mouth.
Capt Nicholson suggested members be
invited to send in allusions to rules
reference was made to the death of
W Whiffen on 6 Feb, who had been
attached to the Brigade as Coastguard
sautcher for many years.

The Brigade was represented at interment
also wreath sent & letter to widows
Efforts to be made to get another
sautcher from old members at Spenneth
List of members to be reviewed
& only efficient members to be included
in Coastguards returns

Non-official
Members

Visitors to Brigade house Permission granted to Seaside
Swimming Club to use house for opening
of Sea-bathing season on Whit Monday morning
also School Children on Wed May 2nd
& Westoe Methodist Missions Fellowship on

Festival of
Britain

Tuesday May 8th

Capt Jackson had draw up a scheme to hold a drill in the park (So Marine) using the island as the wreck. Sec to write Town Clerk re same. If necessary a deputation composed of Capt Jackson Dep Capt Tunning Brigademans A Chavvy & E Thompson meet officials of Corporation.

Visitors Book

Committee agreed to the suggestion of E. Thompson that a visitors Book be obtained & placed in Brigade house as they felt that there was no record of distinguished visitor to house.

Maritime Shield
competition

Report given by representatives to competition committee. Drill to be held at Poker on Sat 21 July 2 14-30

Trustees

Capt Jackson inquired re Brigade trustees. Sec to get information from Treasurer. Inquiries to be made by Capt Jackson from Messrs Gregory as to progress made.

Trailer

Sec to inquire from Mr Brown Solicitor as to what form of plaque was suggested to be placed in house to memory of the
Late J B Bowman. J B Bowman
20/1/12.

Memorial
Plaque

Committee Meeting held in the Brigade house on Thursday November 20th 1902
Chairman Col G. S. Skelchase, President.
Treasurer Capt G. D. Jackson, Dep Capt Dunning, J. Burchell, J. Ferrier, E. Thompson, W. Tate, Treasurer. Mr Matthews Hon Sec

Minutes of last committee meeting held on Thursday April 26th 1901 were read & confirmed. Business arising. The Chairman regretted that the Festival of Britain Brigade had been given no encouragement to carry out their suggested Life saving demonstration in the So Marine Park over Lake.

Financial statement of the Brigade given by the Treasurer for 14th Apr to June 30th 1901. Chairman expressed a desire for a full Balance sheet to be prepared for the 2 years outstanding July 1st 1900 to July 31st 1902.

On the Treasurer stating that he had not been given power to pay certain outstanding accounts, Capt Jackson moved, sec by J Ferrier that a spec for Memorial Plaque (Mr Barclay) for 12 y 6 and

Christie & Buckell for repairs \$16-2-2
be paid.

Accounts in future be sent to the
Secretary & he have power to make
orders for goods required for Brigade
use

Capt. Nickson gave report of Social Committee
financial position for 1 year to June 1951
Committee meeting to be held on Thursday Dec 4th
at 4-30 to receive Balance Sheet for
Brigade & Social Committee up to
June 30/52. same to be audited

Committee Meetings Proposed by Capt. Nickson
Seconded by Buckell that a
Committee meeting be held monthly on
1st Thursday at 4-30 Agreed.
Secretary to write Commander Kiteat
re Medals for Chronicle cup competition
Inscriptions for Plates on Bowman trailer & Memorial
plaque for Brigade house be approved
by M. S. Brown of Bowmans Brown
before ordering

Social Committee to consult team that won
Measdale shield re presentation of

Medals or Buff links
Invitations received from Tynemouth
& Seaton Sluice Brigades for 2 members
to attend Social evening on Dec 15th 1951
Capt. Nickson & Wainman to arrange same
Permission granted for Shipbours Society &
Tyne River Police to have use of
Brigade house for social gathering

Annual Meeting Proposed that Annual meeting be
held on Wednesday January 21st 1953.
Nominations be invited for the post
of Deputy Captain & 4 Committee members
same to be made according to rule
nominations to close on January 14th 1953.
Annual report of Brigade activities be prepared by
Captains & Secretary
Vote of thanks to President for his
attendance & ably occupying the chair.

R. Kiteat
27/12

Committee Meeting held in the Brigade house on
Thursday April 23rd 1953

Chairman Capt G.D. Nickson

Present

J.W. Burchell, J. Ferrier, Capt D. Tinning,
C. Thompson & Hon Sec. W. Bathurst

Correspondence

Letter read from District Officer re
Coronation Cup for presentation to
the most all round general efficient
Brigade or Company in the NE district
for the preceding year

Agreed that the matter be left over till after
a meeting of the 4 Brigades which
was to be held within a few days.
Secretary of Poker Brigade be asked to
include same on agenda

Allocation of Coronation seats to members of Coast
Life saving corps at £4 each

Letter to be posted on notice board.

Secretary reported on correspondence & interview
with Entertainment Manager re
exhibitions of Life saving during
Coronation week. Action of Capt Nickson
& Sec approved agreeing to give same
on our ground.

Letter from Inspector N.E. Dawson reporting that
he had received Medals (Bronze) from
Newcastle Chronicle & Journal and wished
to have date when same would be presented
Agreed that a social evening be held on Sat
May 23rd in the Brigade house and that
General Committee be responsible for
organizing same.
G.D. Nickson

Committee Meeting held at the Brigade house on
Thursday April 30th 1953

Chairman

Capt G.D. Nickson

Present

J.W. Burchell, D. Tinning, C. Thompson
& Hon Sec. W. Bathurst

Minutes of last meeting & confirmed

Report of Combined Brigades meeting given by
Capt Nickson.

Not in favour of Coronation Competition
Wearside shipowner competition to be held on Sat
July 18th @ 2 PM on St. Shields ground
St. Shields to drill 1st also responsible for
refreshments. No artificial respiration
Comm. Intest chief officer

Insurance of members on drill to be enquired into
also increase of Ministry of Transport
grant of £25 discussed & appeal for
increase

Dinner arrangements:- Mr Forrest to do the
catering @ 6/- per head
Capt Hickson to be responsible for
entertainments

List of invitations revised
Capt Hickson reported that Inspector
(Tom Huleat) had approved of Brigade
giving 2 displays on Coronation week
Secretary reported on meeting he attended
re Military display to be given week
after Coronation. Resolved that as we
had already been committed to 2 displays
we could not ask any more of the
brigade members

G. C. Wickham
14/5/53

Committee Meeting held on Thursday May 14 1953 in
the Brigade House.

Chairman Capt E. O. Hickson
Present Capt D. Tinning J. Ferrier J. Beuchell
C. Thompson & Hon Sec. W. Matthews

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed. Tinning Beuchell

Correspondence read from Town Clerk re Mayors Sunday &
Coronation Church Parade May 24 1953.
Agreed that Brigade attend both parades.
Letter read re Inspectors appeal to Ministry
for increase of grant
Arrangements for Dinner discussed

Committee Meeting to receive accounts balance sheet to be
held on Tues May 26
Suggested date for Annual Meeting Wed June 10/53

A. J. Hickson

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday May 26 1953
in the Brigade house

Chairman Lt Col. P. S. Chipchase. President.
Present Capt Ed Nickson Capt D Tunning
C Thompson of Burchell. W Polson (Auditor)
W Matthews. Hon Sec.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

W Polson (Auditor) presented the
financial statement for 1951 1952 (June)
as prepared by M J Reed Accountant.
The Chairman explained the position
of the Brigade financially

Capt Ed Nickson proposed that a/c as
given by the Auditor be accepted up to
June 30 1952. M Burchell seconded &
agreed to be committee

Treasurer Proposed by Capt Ed Nickson seconded
by Capt D Tunning that Mr Chatter
manager of Martins Banks be invited
to act as treasurer till the Annual
meeting.

Agreed the Annual Meeting be held on Wednesday
July 22 or 29 whichever is most suitable
and that financial statement be
presented up to June 30 1953
Nominations be invited for Captain's Committee
etc according to Rule same to close
on July 15

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday May 26th 1953
in the Brigade house

Chairman
Present

Col R S Shipchase - President
Capt G C Hickson Capt D Tunning
J W Burchell, C Thompson, W Robson (Auditor)
A B Matthews (Hon Sec)

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Financial Statement from July 1950 to 30 June 1952
was presented by the Auditor (W Robson)
same having been prepared by
M J Reid (Accountant)
The Chairman explained the present
position of the Brigade financially
& on the motion of Capt Hickson seconded
by J W Burchell it was agreed that
same be accepted.

Treasurer

Moved by Capt Hickson seconded by
Capt Tunning that M J A Charlton,
Manager of Martins Bank be invited
to act as Treasurer until the
Annual Meeting and to be authorised
to sign cheques in place of M Washington
Tate who has resigned from the
Treasurership

Annual Meeting: Arrangements to be made for the
Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday
July 22 or 29 at 4-30 whichever is
most suitable to the treasurer & that
Balance sheet be presented up to
June 30th 1953.

The Chairman was thanked for his
attendance & for the assistance he
had given in financial statement

G C Hickson Capt SSWS
16/6/53

Committee meeting held in the Brigade house
on Tuesday June 16th 1953

Chairman
Present

Capt G C Hickson
J W Burchell, D Tunning, J Ferrier,
C Thompson & A B Matthews Hon Sec

The Chairman (Capt G C Hickson) made
reference to the Death of Hon Capt
John T. Robson BEM. on May 31st
He had served the Brigade for nearly
50 years & had been in charge of the
Brigade at several competitions and was

House Captain during the last few years.

The Brigade was represented at the funeral service held in St Neldais Church, members of the Brigade acting as pall bearers. A Death was also sent on behalf of the Brigade

to the request of the ^{man} that the Members of the Committee stood in silence as a mark of respect

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence A letter was read from District Officer regretting that a trophy had not been obtained to be competed for by the Brigades & Companies for efficiency & to be known as the Coronation cup

List of Efficient members reviewed & agreed that same be eligible to vote at the Annual meeting

J. Hinchman
28.7.53

Committee meeting held in the Brigade house on Tuesday July 28th 1953

Chairman

Col G. S. Chifchase

Vice

Capt Dinning, J. D. Bruchell, J. Ferrier, Capt G. O. Nicholson, C. Thompson.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

Correspondence Letter read from District Inspector (Com. Kitecat) stating that the Ministry of Transport regretting that it was unable to increase the Annual grant of £25 owing to the need for economy

Annual meeting of the Brigade to be held on Wednesday Sept 9th at 7-30 in the Brigade home.

Nominations for Deputy Captain & committee, approved

Assistant Secretary Proposed by Capt Dinning seconded by J. Ferrier the M^{rs} D. Robertson of 123 Lincary St be appointed Assistant Secretary

Committee report read & approved, agreed that same be printed with notice to Members of Annual meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. was held in the Watch House on
September 9th, 1953 at 7.30 pm. Those
present were the President, Lt Col. R.S.
Chipchase C.B.E M.I.N.A., Mr J Reed, auditor,
Hon Secretary Mr L.W. Matthews, Captains
G.D. Nickson and D.E. Tenney, Brigadiers
W. Rolson, A.P. Clavery, H. Clavery, J. Askew,
W. Elliott, J. Burchell, J. Tenser, A. Robertson,
R. Teale, H. Lea, D. Sweeney, R. Stephenson,
H. Wray, R. Orr, and asst. sec. D.B. Robertson.
New members present were. T. Rolson, J. Smith
A Pollard, J.L. Black. An apology for
absence was received from Mr L. Thompson.

NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING was read by the Hon. Sec.
Mr L.W. Matthews.

SCRUTINEERS

Two were elected for the purpose of
counting the votes. Capt G.D. Nickson
proposed Bgds. Rolson and Mr Matthews
proposed Mr D. Robertson. Their election
was unanimous.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING were read by the Secretary
and approved by the members and
were duly signed by the President.

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

President:

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING
will be held in the BRIGADE HOUSE, at 7.30 p.m.
on WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1953, when the
ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET will be
presented to the members.

CHARLES W. MATTHEWS,
HON. SECRETARY.

24, Sea View Terrace,
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The Committee have pleasure in presenting the 86TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

Since our last report we have not been called out on any actual Wreck Service, but we are still trying to keep up to the standard as set by the Authorities, whom we have the honour to serve. Though the actual method of drill has been greatly changed, our members have a good insight into it.

During the year our Brigade entered and won, under the command of Captain G. O. Nickson both the Chronicle Cup and the Wear Shipowners Shields against great Competition.

We are now in possession of the trailer which was presented to the Brigade in memory of our Late President Mr. J. B. Bowman, by his Brother and Sister, it is housed in the Rocket House and we have had it in use on several occasions, and it has proved itself very reliable. Minor improvements have been made to it by our own Members.

We have been fortunate in recruiting a number of young members into the Brigade, but many more would be welcome by the Officers and men any Thursday evening at 7-30.

Owing to the new Service Rocket being of much greater carrying power than the old Boxer Rocket, it has been found necessary on some occasions to lengthen the gear particularly the hawser, and we are pleased to report that as a result of many discussions by members of the Brigade a method was contrived which enabled two lengths of hawser to be joined together quickly and efficiently without knots or splicing. A follower of the Brigade, Mr. S. Clavery offered to make what is now known as a Hawser Joining Sleeve. This was offered to the Ministry of Transport for their approval, it was tested and proved its efficiency beyond reproach. It is now issued to Coastguard stations throughout the country and has proved its value on actual Wreck Service.

We have, through death, lost another faithful and loyal member in the person of John T. Robson, B.E.M., who passed away on the 31st May, 1953. He had served the Brigade for nearly 50 years as Brigadesman and Captain and in later years as House Captain. He was a man who could entertain you, particularly at bad weather watches, his flow of stories especially in the Tyneside dialect, were very humorous.

On Sunday, 24th May, 1953, we were greatly honoured by a visit to our Watch House from the Rt. Hon. C. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition accompanied by the Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, M.P. for South Shields, they inspected the trailer and saw the new Rescue

Rocket machine erected ready for firing. Great interest was shown by them in the Hawser Joining Sleeve, of which a demonstration was given.

The Officers take every opportunity of keeping the work of the Brigade before the Public, and have co-operated with the Local Authority in giving exhibitions of Life Saving on various occasions, notably during Coronation Week.

A very enjoyable evening was held on the occasion of our Coronation Year Dinner held in the Watch House, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase presided. Speeches were made by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. A. E. Compertz, Mr. H. Ayrey, Town Clerk, and Mr. J. T. Vasey. Com. Kitcat presented the Chronicle Cup Medals to our Cup winning team.

THANKS.

To our Honorary Members and Subscribers we say "Thank you", because without your help we would soon be on the "Rocks".

We express our sincere appreciation to Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, C.B.E., M.I.N.A., our worthy President for his valuable advice and guidance which he so readily gives.

The officers and men of the Brigade take this opportunity to record their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Inspector H.M. Coastguard, N.E. Division, Com. C. A. de W. Kitcat, Mr. P. Thomas, District Officer and the Local Coastguards, Messrs. Harris and Bennett for their advice and help which has enabled us to attain our present efficiency.

We also thank Mr. S. Clavery for the wonderful showcase of 207 knots, splices and bends, which he presented to the Brigade. It has been admired by many.

SOCIAL.

The Social side of the Brigade is well maintained and many happy evenings are spent in the Brigade House. The success of these occasions is due to the hard work and interest of the ladies and friends of the Brigade.

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Coming to the Treasurer Mr W. Todd, resigning and the Acting Treasurer presiding of work, Mr J. Reed, Acting Auditor read the Statement of Accounts, which showed that the financial affairs of the Brigade were in a sound state with the bank at Bank. Lt Col. Shiphouse said that as the Brigade was a non-profit making organisation this was a healthy report. Mr J. Canfield remarked that the telephone account was rather expensive, but the receipt showed that no extra charges were made for local calls, and that the charges were normal. The Treasurer's report was adopted.

The President thanked Mr J. Reed for his services and help with the accounts of the Brigade.

NICE CAPTAIN

There being no other nominations Mr J. Reed proposed, seconded by Lt Col. Shiphouse, that Capt. J. L. Hickson should remain Senior Capt for another term of office. Lt Col. Shiphouse then spoke of the good work done by Capt Hickson and the Brigade's success under his command in winning both the competitions in 1952 & 1953. Thanks were

JUNIOR CAPTAIN

and the Wear Shipowners Shield.
Capt. D. E. Tinning was again elected.
The President also congratulated Capt.
Tinning for his hard work and
excellent service he had rendered to the
Brigade.

DEPUTY CAPTAIN

Two nominations were received, Bgds. A. Blavery
and Bgds. W. Elliott. The voting was
carried out by ballot which resulted
in A. Blavery elected with 11 votes
and W. Elliott 8.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY

A letter of resignation was received by
the President from Mr. L. W. Matthews.
His resignation was received with regret,
and it was agreed that his long service
to the Brigade be placed on record
in the minutes. B. L. Shipchase remarked
that Mr. Matthews had been a member
of the Brigade for 40 years, which
was a very great achievement.

Mr. David C. Robertson, the assistant secretary
was proposed by. Det. Capt. A. Blavery
and seconded by Bgds. H. Lea, and
unanimously appointed Honorary Secretary.

HON. SURGEON

ELECTION OF TREASURER

It was proposed that Dr. Marks be requested
to continue as the Brigade Hon. surgeon.
It was unanimously agreed that Mr. J. A. Sharlton
of Martins Bank Ltd, who had been acting
as Hon. Treasurer following the resignation
of Mr. W. Fote, be requested to take over
the position of Treasurer, and that a
letter of thanks for the service he has
already rendered be sent to him. It
was also unanimously agreed that the
Brigade Banking account, remain with
Martins Bank, Ltd.

AUDITOR

The past number of years Mr. W. Robson
has been Auditor but, to our regret he
has had to resign, as he is leaving the
town. B. L. Shipchase thanked him
for his services in the Brigade and
as Hon. Auditor.

Capt. Nickson then proposed that
Bgds. J. Askew as Hon. Auditor and
Bgds. J. Benchell seconded. Bgds. J. Askew
was unanimously appointed.

HOUSE CAPTAIN.

It was proposed that Bgds. of Fernier should be appointed. Proposed by Mr. G. W. Matthews and seconded by Bgds. of Burchell. This was carried.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Four new members required. Nominations were as follows, and after Bgs. Ashaw, Burchell, Blavery, Fernier, Lea, Sweeney, Teale and Thompson. After a ballot the following were appointed, Bgds. of Ashaw, Burchell, H. Lea, R. Teale, together with Capt. Nickson and Tinning and Det. Capt. Blavery.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Det. Capt. Blavery stated that a Social Committee was essential if the Brigade was to run on the most efficient lines. After a full and open discussion it was unanimously decided that the Social Committee be elected by vote which resulted as follows:- Bgds. H. Blavery, R. Teale, R. Sweeney, H. Lea and R. Orr. The three Captains will also serve on this committee.

Mr. G. W. Matthews said that he was the only trustee as the others were now deceased.

TRUSTEES.

A further three trustees were required. Those elected were:- Bgds. of Burchell, proposed by Bgds. of Fernier. sec. of Ashaw. Capt. Tinning proposed by Capt. Nickson. sec. Bgds. Lea. Capt. Nickson, proposed by Bgds. Lea sec. by Bgds. of Robertson.

THANKS.

Det. Capt. R. S. Blavery then thanked all retiring officials for their hard work and loyal support and asked that the new officials to accept their new responsibility for the betterment of the Brigade, and everyone to bear in mind that the Brigade was like a chain - as strong as its weakest link.

Capt. G. W. Nickson then proposed a vote of thanks, on behalf of the Brigade to the President, Det. Capt. Blavery. Being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

David Robertson Hon. Sec.
15. Sept. 1955.

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CHAIRMAN

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the new general committee was held in the Watch House on Sunday 13th September, 1953. at 1945 hrs. Captain G. U. Nickson was chairman. Those present were, Capt. Nickson & Tinning, Det. Capt. A. Blawie, and Brigadier Gen. of Burchell R. Teale, H. Lea, J. Atkew and the Secretary Daniel L. Robertson.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE A.G.M.

Brig. J. Atkew asked why the question of Section Leaders was not on the agenda of the A.G.M. as a proposal had been handed in, & no explanation was offered. Brig. J. Burchell suggested that the matter be discussed.

Capt. D. E. Tinning proposed that the officers arrange instruction then the female examination would be carried out by either Sub. Kitcat or the District Officer.

This proposal was seconded by Brig. J. Atkew and carried unanimously. Arrangements to be made from the Public Library asking for the names of all officials and information of the House forming Store.

The President had contacted British Paints the about the painting of the Watch House,

and a letter had been received by him and passed to Capt. Nickson, which was read. They suggested various paints, but they were all very costly.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

to Mr. Bownson. It was proposed by Capt. G. U. Nickson and seconded by Capt. D. E. Tinning that the secretary should write to Mr. Bownson about the plaque for the Watch House and Trailer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Det. Capt. A. Blawie proposed, seconded by Brig. H. Lea, that the committee should meet every second Wednesday in the month.

PAINTING OF THE WATCH HOUSE

Capt. G. U. Nickson said that he had gone ahead with the paintwork because of the coming winter and that he had some very keen volunteers.

PAINT FOR THE WATCH HOUSE

Capt. Nickson said that 5 gallon of paint had been purchased together with other materials costing £10. He thought that by buying the same paint for the second coat and mixing in boiled oil would save expense. The paint that was being used was "Eco" oil based paint obtained at trade price, via Messrs. Smiths Ltd account. The estimated cost for two coats

CORRESPONDENCE

STATISTICS.

DRILL NOTIFICATION CARDS.

VISITORS IN THE
WATCH HOUSE

was approved. Capt. Nickerson said that the name on the east wall of the building (entrance) would be better printed on plaques than anything the building was being repaired this would be taken down, thus saving expense by engaging a signwriter to repaint the name. To the latter heads had all been raised. Capt. Lee proposed, seconded by Capt. J. Stokew that we ask Messrs. Simpson, J. H. Jeffels and Shorburn for a quotation for 500 or 1000. This was carried.

Capt. R. Teale proposed, seconded by Capt. J. Stokew that notification cards for monthly & quarterly be sent to members by the Secretary.

For the past few months visitors had always been present on the 11th & 12th Nov on Wednesday & Thursday evenings, although Det. Capt. J. Stokew proposed the no visitors be allowed on between 7-9 o'clock on these training evenings. This motion was seconded by Capt. R. Teale, & carried.

HOUSE CAPT.

LAPEL BADGES

LOCK ON THE
OUTER DOOR.

The House Captain, J. Tomar had requested the committee to detail his duties as there had been no House Captain for the past three years. Capt. J. Stokew, seconded by Capt. J. Stokew, that the new House Captain be invited to the next committee meeting when his duties will be drawn up.

Capt. Nickerson said that new members were not receiving their Lapel Badges. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the District Officer asking him to ascertain the position of them.

Proposed by Capt. J. Stokew, seconded by Capt. D. Jennings that the lock on the outer door be changed & have 12 keys cut. Det. Capt. J. Stokew offered a new lock, this second offer was accepted.

The President Det. R. S. Blissett asked Capt. Nickerson to draft a letter for to send to Boston Mass. in the U.S.A. with the idea of fostering friendship between ourselves and a big saving organization in America. This was agreed upon.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

CHAIRMAN.

A general Committee meeting was held on the Watch House on 1st. Oct. 1953 at 2100 hrs. Captain G. P. Nickson.

Those present were Capt. G. P. Nickson, Capt. D. Tinning and Bugadamen H. Lee, J. A. Keen, J. Burchell R. Teale, Dep. Capt. A. Blawie and the Secretary D. B. Robertson.

DR. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and approved
Capt. Burchell. Sec. Capt. Tinning.

CORRESPONDENCE A reply from the District Officer concerning the Label Badges, saying that if we let him know how many we needed they would be forwarded to us.

VIS. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.
MEMORIAL PLAQUE to Mr. Bowman. The secretary said he had not gone into the matter with Mr. Brown until he saw Mr. L. W. Matthews who still had the Brigade correspondence.

LETTER HEADS were approved by the committee.

LOCK ON THE OUTER DOOR was now unhand by Dep. Capt. A. Blawie.

BANK AGREEMENT FORM.

It was proposed by Capt. D. B. Tinning and seconded by Capt. J. Burchell that the banking account be continued with Martins Bank, Ltd., and that the Bank be, and is empowered to honour cheques drawn on our account by Mr. J. A. Blawie, also that our account be overdrawn from time to time to such an extent as the Brigade may require and the Bank may think fit to allow, and that the person authorised to sign cheques from time to time be authorised to overdraw the said the account of the Brigade. It was further resolved that cheques lodged for credit of our account be endorsed by Mr. J. A. Blawie. This resolution was carried. Capt. D. Tinning proposed and seconded by Capt. Lee that the Secretary be granted £5 for postage ^{per} month. The first coat has been applied. Capt. Lee proposed Sec. Dep. Capt. A. Blawie that the ^{first} ~~first~~ second coat of paint be applied. This was passed unanimously.

PETTY CASH

PRINTING OF THE

WATCH. HOUSE

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CLIFF LADDER DRILLS

After some discussion Capt R. Tinning proposed that a bluff ladder drill be held twice a year, subject to the approval of the District Officer. The secretary was directed to write to Mr Thomas seeking his approval, and before a drill take place he should write asking Mr Thomas's permission to use the gear. This proposal was seconded by Cpl. H. Lea. & carried unanimously.

ABSTRACT OF WRACKS.

The Secretary offered to bring these up to date, and to report his progress to the next meeting.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 2310 hrs.

SECTION LEADERS.

ADJOURNED TILL FURTHER NOTICE.

E. W. Robinson CHAIRMAN.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Oct. 14th 1963, in the Watch House, at 1945 hrs. Those present were; Capt J. Nickson, Capt R. Tinning, Dep. Capt. A. Blawie, Sergeant J. Burchell, R. Teale, J. Skew, the Hon. Sec. D. Robertson and the House Capt. J. Ferner. Capt J. L. Nickson.

CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and Cpl. J. Burchell proposed seconded by Dep. Capt. A. Blawie that they be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES. The letter Heads have now been printed. The printing was done by J. H. Jeffels. Dep. Capt. A. Blawie reported that the painting of the building was now nearly completed. Name Plaques for the outside wall. Capt J. L. Nickson said he was still looking for suitable wood.

DRILL NOTIFICATION CARDS proposed by Cpl. J. Burchell, seconded by Capt. Nickson that the secretary should purchase a further supply.

MINUTE BOOK

The Secretary said the Minute Book was now nearly full. Dep. Capt. A. Blawie proposed that a new Minute Book be purchased and the account be sent to the Treasurer for payment. Seconded R. Teale.

SECTION LEADERS. This business was left open for discussion at a later meeting.

COLLECTING BOXES The committee instructed the Secretary to write to the Hon. Treasurer regarding the emptying of these boxes, and to make enquiries as to who holds the keys.

DEPUTY CAPTAINS CAP. BADGE Bgds of Stew proposed that a Det. Capt. Bob Badge and chaplains be ordered from

NEW UNIFORMS Morris Wm. Woods. Second Lt Bgds of Burchell Capt Nickson proposed that before new uniforms be purchased, a letter should be sent to members who had not attended drills for some time.

INEFFICIENT MEMBERS Capt. Nickson proposed and seconded by Bgds of Stew that Bgdsman H. Jack, C. Stoker, R. Smith, & J. Godfrey and N. Plumpton be sent a letter asking them their intentions regarding their attendance at the Brigade.

FORMAL APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. To bring the register up to date the attached list of members have been approved and accepted by the committee.

DRILL MAST

Capt Nickson said that the repair of the drill mast was a big job and he suggested that he discuss the matter with the President and seek his advice.

HOUSE CAPTAINS DUTIES were discussed by the committee and the

OCT 14TH 1953.



South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Founded 1866

President - Lt Col R. S. Gifford OBE, M.A.
Rear Villa, Sunderland Road,
South Shields.

Honorary Treasurer - Mr. J. A. CHARLTON
Marine Bank Chambers,
King St., South Shields.

Honorary Secretary - Mr. J. D. Innes Street,
South Shields.

SS 1	Corrigan A.K.	111 Mile End Road
SS 2	Matthews C.W.	121 Sea View Terr.
SS 3	Robson R.E.	117 Leith Road
SS 4	Robinson D.E.	222 Leith Street
SS 5	Nickson G.O.	212 Dean Road
SS 6	Chapman A.P.	22 Hunter Street
SS 7	Wray J.H.	102 Greens Place
SS 8	Perrier J.E.	254 Stanhope Road
SS 9	Burchell J.W.	28 Summerhill Road
SS 10	Clavery H.M.	39 Druridge Crescent
SS 11	Thompson C.	20 Charlotte Street
SS 12	Elliott W.	213 St. Vincent Street
SS 13	Orr R.	5 Coastguard Houses
SS 14	Jack H.	14 Alderson Street
SS 15	Smith R.F.	22 Sheridan Road
SS 16	Mason D.	4 Churton Grove
SS 17	Askew J.	29 Churton Avenue
SS 18	Stephenson R.C.	145 The High Road
SS 19	Stoker E.W.	27 Henry Mason Street
SS 20	Teale R.H.	27 Henry Road
SS 21	Lea H.E.	45 Lyndhurst Street
SS 22	Stratford J.	

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SECTION LEADERS. This business was left open for discussion

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SS 41	Robertson	A.	3	Upper Penman Street
SS 42	Bulman	D.	68	Humely Crescent
SS 43	Crammond	H.	14	Baring Street
SS 44	Sweeney	D.	50	Albany Street
SS 45	Black	T.L.	39	Saville Street
SS 46	Mayant	R.W.	36	Eleanor Street
SS 47	Phelan	A.A.	41	Wakefield Avenue
SS 48	Phelan	D.H.	39	Saville Street
SS 49	Phelan	T.	21	Ada Street
SS 50	Phelan	T.W.	107	Victoria Road
SS 51	Roberts	A.	584	Dean Road
SS 52	Robson			
SS 53	Robson			
SS 54	Pollard			

President and sec his advice.

HOUSE CAPTAINS DUTIES were discussed by the committee and the House Captain, His duties include & reporting any repairs needed for the Watch House and to keep a check on the general condition of the building, - to take care of any clothing, blankets and uniforms stored in the Watch House and to order emergency stores such as Biscuits, coffee, cocoa & corned beef, and furnish a list of duties be drawn up and given to the caretaker, and instruct the caretaker that any materials be needed, he should contact the House Captain.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 2145 hrs.

Capt H. J. Tinning

11-11-53

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Watch House on Wednesday 11th November 1953 at 2030 hrs.

Those present were Capt D. E. Tinning, Dep. Capt. Glover, Brigadier J. Burchell, J. Askew, H. Lea, R. Toole and the Hon. Sec. D. Robertson.

CHAIRMAN

Capt D. E. Tinning.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

were read and approved, Proposed Dep. Capt. Glover, and seconded by H. Lea.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

The Secretary informed the committee that the New Minute Book had been purchased from Messrs Greenwood of Westoe Road.

Letters have been sent to five members of the Brigade as they had not attended. Mr Norman Plumpton replied saying that he wished to resign. Mr J. Goodfrey stated that at the moment he was attending evening classes, but wished to remain in the Brigade. No other replies had been received.

COLLECTING BOXES

Mr J. Shorton has had a new ^{additional} lock fitted to the collecting box, of which he holds the key. By the Secretary has the other key.

SECTION LEADERS.

After a great discussion the following rules were passed.

1. The examination shall take place at the Watch House, under two or more officers of the Brigade and one boobyguard official.
2. The examination shall take place within one month of the candidates application and its acceptance by the General Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS.

- i. A working knowledge of the layout of the full apparatus in operation.
- ii. A knowledge of the approaches to the coast by motor and trailer in our section.
- iii. Should know all the gear so stowed on the trailer and their respective positions thereon.
- iv. Must be able to carry out the duties of any member of the appropriate section in both House and White Duff.
- v. Will be able to construct a 'fury Pig' for any part of the year pertaining to that section. (The candidate shall select four members to complete the section team of five).
- vi. Must have a workable knowledge of the Holga Nelson method of resuscitation.

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Stowing of the sections gear.

Proposed the the Section Leaders or rules be adopted. Eggo. H. Lea Seconded Eggo. J. Askew.

"BOWMAN" MEMORIAL

PLAQUES. The Secretary said nothing had been done about these Plaques as Mr Matthews had some information about them that had not been passed on. The Committee suggested that Mr Robertson should contact Mr Matthews and ask him for the rest of the Brigades papers and letters.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Eggo. J. Askew Proposed seconded Eggo. R. Teale that the amount of £25.2.0 be paid to Capt. G. L. Nickson for paint which he had received from Messrs Smiths Ltd.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS the meeting closed at 2145 hrs.

A General committee meeting was called for the 20th Dec but as no quorum present the meeting was cancelled and a discussion was held

R. E. J. J. J.
Bates.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on the 13th January in the Watch House at 20.00 hrs.

PRESENT

Capt. G. L. Nickson, Capt. D. C. Tunning, Rep. Capt. A. P. Blaney, Eggo. J. Askew, G. L. Lea & P. B. Teale and the Hon. Secretary. An apology was received from Eggo. J. Burnell.

CHAIRMAN
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and approved: first Eggo. R. Teale Sec. Eggo. H. Lea.

HOUSE CAPTAIN.

Capt. Tunning proposed, seconded by Rep. Capt. A. Blaney that the House Captain should attend the meetings of the General Committee, but he should not be allowed to vote. An amendment was made by Capt. G. L. Nickson that if the House Captain had any matter to bring before the committee he should contact the Hon. Secretary and request to be present at the next meeting. The amendment was seconded by Eggo. P. Teale and carried.

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

Capt. G. L. Nickson proposed that the House Captain only supply replacements after strictly on hospital duty after consulting the officers on charge, also that on order be placed with Mr Hudson, grocer, of Mile End Road for the following items;

6- 1lb Tins Corned Beef; 1- 7lb Tin of Cabin Biscuits
(or the like) 2lb Sugar; 1/2 lb Tea; 1- 1lb Tin Cocoa;
1 large bottle Coffee essence; 3 doz Ono Cubes
2 tins of Milk 1 Tin Saxa Salt, also 2lbs Bar Soap;
2 tins Vim; 2 pkts. Soap Powder. This was seconded
by Bgob H.E. Lee and carried.

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER

Proposed by Bgob H.E. Lee and seconded by Bgob H.E. Lee
that a typewriter be purchased, by the sum cost
of which has not to exceed £30, and left
in the care of the Honorary Secretary, this motion
was unanimously agreed.

ANNUAL DINNER

It was thought that the Dinner should be
held either on March 6th; 13th. April 3rd 10
but before deciding upon a date the Secretary
was instructed to write to the President asking
which date suited his engagements, and that a
joint meeting of the General & Social Committee
be held to make the arrangements.

BOWMAN'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Proposed by Capt D.E. Tennyng & seconded by
Det. Capt. H. Henry that the Plaque for the
Winter House should be at Barton Browne with
which letters approx. 18"x10" inscribed as follows:-

IN HONORRED MEMORY OF JOHN BROUGHTON BOWMAN
HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE S.S.V.L.B FOR 35 YEARS AND
LATER PRESIDENT.

RELEASED 1st. NOVEMBER 1949.

also that a plaque be engraved for the
Trailer, but much smaller (the size be left to the
discretion of the maker) which should read as follows:-
This trailer was presented to the S.S.V.L.B by the Brothers
& sister of John Broughton Bowman, to Perpetuate his
memory. Dedicated to the service of Humanity.

Being no further business the meeting closed at
2130 hrs.

G.H. Moberg Capt.
19/2/54

A meeting of the General & Social committee was
held in the Winter House on Wednesday 10-Feb
1954 at 2000 hrs.

MEMBERS PRESENT were Capt. H. Henry & joining Det. Capt. H. Henry
CHAIRMAN CAPT.
G. O. NICKSON
Bgob. J. Burchell, H. Lee, R. Teale, J. H. Henry
and Bgob H. Henry (Social Committee) & the Secretary.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and sustained.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF LAST MINUTES. The secretary reported that the
order for the Plaque in memory to the late
Mr Bowman, had been placed with the Manly
of Kipp's Street. Bgob J. Burchell said he would
have the Plaque suitably mounted on wood.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Bygo R. Deale proposed and Dep. Capt. Henry seconded that the account of £29-10 be paid for the typewriter, purchased from Messrs Bowdler be paid forthwith.

HONORARY MEMBER Capt D. E. Tenning proposed seconded Bygo H. Lee that Mr Bowdler be made an Honorary Member in recognition of his kind donation.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER It was proposed by Capt D. E. Tenning, Sec. Bygo H. Lee that James Edward Stokroff be accepted as a member of the Brigade.

ANNUAL DINNER to be held on Saturday 3rd April 1954 this was proposed by Capt D. E. Tenning and seconded by R. Deale and carried. Capt. G. V. Nickson agreed to approach Mrs Forrest to cater.

Concert Party. Bygo H. Lee recommended Mr. Billy Younger & party. Bygo H. Lee offered to find out if ^{Mr. Younger} could entertain us on evening of the dinner.

Toast Master Capt Nickson proposed that Bygo H. Lee be Toast Master, Sec. by Dep. Capt. H. Lee & carried. Bygo H. Lee kindly offered to order the drinks. Capt Nickson said he hoped that the Memorial Plaque would be ready for unveiling at the Annual Dinner. Bygo H. Lee who authorised the changing of the last monthly drill from the first Saturday to the second Saturday of February.

MONTHLY DRILLS

ROCKETS.

Capt Nickson & Capt Tenning both offered an estimator. Capt Nickson proposed seconded by Capt Tenning that four Rockets be purchased from Messrs. Bowdler. Being no further business the meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

G. D. Deale Capt D. E. Tenning
12/3/54

A meeting of the general & social committee was held in the Hotel House on 10th March 1954. 20.00 hrs.

PRESENT

Capt. G. V. Nickson, Capt D. E. Tenning, Dep. Capt. H. Lee, Bygo H. Lee, R. B. Deale, J. H. Lee, R. Orr (Sec. Committee), D. Swaney (Sec. Comd), H. H. Lee (Sec. Comd), House Capt. J. J. Jones, and the Hon. Sec. D. Robertson.

CHAIRMAN

Captain G. V. Nickson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

were read and approved. Proposed Capt H. Lee & seconded Dep. Capt. H. Lee.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF LAST MINUTES.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES. The Secretary said that he had just received notification that the Plaques were ready & awaiting collection. Capt D. E. Tenning proposed that so as to avoid delay in settling the account of the Plaques, a sub-committee should inspect

them and pass the account for payment. The sub-committee proposed was: Capt. G. O. Nickson, Dept. Capt. J. P. Clancy & the Hon. Sec. & Rotation. This motion was seconded by Bgob of Lokeau and carried.

218. ROCKETS

Capt. G. O. Nickson said that Messrs. Hensley had no rockets in stock, and that he had been unable to try and purchase them in Newcastle. The House Committee kindly offered to make inquiries at Messrs. Hills to see if any rockets were available.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. An account for £1.18-3 was received from W. Hudson Esq., grocer of Nile End Rd. for the emergency stores as ordered by the committee on the 13th January 1954. Also an outstanding account was received from W. Hudson Esq. for provisions purchased over a period from 1947 to 1952 to the value of £2.19.11d. Capt. Jennings proposed seconded by Bgob H. Lee that the sum of £4.18-2 should be sent forthwith to W. Hudson Esq. to settle the accounts and that a letter of apology be sent to him. This was unanimously carried.

ANNUAL DINNER.

(To be held 3rd April 1954). Bgob of Lokeau was kindly invited to concert Party, & President.

The committee agreed that as the Memorial Plaques were now ready, arrangements could be made to have them unveiled on the evening of the Annual Dinner. By Capt. Nickson suggested that the Rev. Walker of St. Stephens, as Vicar of the parish should be invited to perform the unveiling ceremony, also that Mr. Brown of Messrs. Brown & Brown. Solicitors, be informed so as to inform the relatives of the late Mr. G. B. Bowman.

Capt. Jennings proposed seconded Bgob of Lokeau that the Monthly Drill for April be held on Saturday 10th and be a Bluff Ladder Drill. Capt. Nickson moved an amendment, which was seconded by Bgob. H. Lee that the April drill be a normal Hawser & Whip Drill and that the bluff ladder be used on some other occasions time. The amendment was carried.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

G. O. Nickson Capt. 351245
14 April 1954

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Watch House on Wednesday 14th April 1954.

PRESENT.

Capt. J. L. Nickson, Capt. D. C. Tinning
Brigadesmen H. E. Lea, J. Askeu, J. Burchell
R. B. Teale and D. S. Robertson.
Capt. J. L. Nickson

CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and confirmed.

A note of thanks was proposed by Capt Nickson and seconded by Capt. H. E. Lea, to Capt. J. Burchell for the Back Boards of the "Bourne Memorial Plaque" and also for mounting them on the wall.

21B. ROCKETS.

Through the efforts of the Hon. Capt. May Terner 21- 21B Rockets complete with charges were obtained at 7s 6d ea, this being a saving of £1 per Rocket. (PRICE OF ROCKETS WHEN LAST PURCHASED - £1 7s 6d). A note of thanks to Mr Terner was proposed by Capt D. C. Tinning and seconded by Capt Askeu.

CORRESPONDENCE

The only correspondence was replies to

the Annual Dinner invitation

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. The account for the "Bourne Memorial Plaque" had been handed for payment by a sub-committee appointed at a previous meeting. The amount payable - £5. 6s. Capt. J. Burchell seconded Capt. J. Askeu that the sum of £5. 2s 6d be paid for the 23 rocket charges.

REPORT ON ANNUAL DINNER. All the accounts of the Annual Dinner have been settled. 65 guests were present, and the Sister of the late Mr Bourne was very pleased with the dedication of the Plaque.

AUDITOR.

Capt. J. Burchell proposed that Mr T Vasey, that he be approached with regard to auditing the financial account of the Brigade. - Sec. Capt R. Teale.

NON-EFFECTIVE MEMBERS. A letter has been drafted by Capt. Nickson which was to be sent to every member and asking if they would inform us of their intentions of attending the Brigade.

VISITORS.

The Mayor has approached Capt Nickson for the use of the Watch House on the 1st of next month, or from 26th, for a large

party of visitors to the Team.

Being no further business the meeting closed
at 21-15 hrs.

Garry D. Nickerson Capt
13/5/54

A meeting of the General committee was held
on Wednesday 12th May 1954

PRESENT.

Capt. G. D. Nickerson, Det. Capt. A. P. Llewellyn,
Capt. J. Burchell, R. Teale and H. E. Low
& D. Roberts.

CHAIRMAN.

Capt. G. D. Nickerson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes were read and sustained

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Capt. R. Teale proposed, seconded by H. E. Low
that the Treasurer be approached with the
view to presenting a list of accounts paid
or unpaid to the committee

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from a person, suggesting
which would be the old village may have (found
in the storm of February 1953) may be found.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts ~~from~~ Messrs. Hargreaves for £1-7-3d for
1 Bucket - 4 shillings 1 Broom - 14/6d & 1 handle 3-9d.
Capt. R. Teale proposed that the account be paid.
Secretary was Det. Capt. A. Llewellyn

VISIT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Mr. J. Gelling, Headmaster of Mortimer Rd. School
has asked Capt. Nickerson to allow about 40 pupils
to visit the Water House on Wednesday 13th May
Det. Capt. A. Llewellyn proposed, seconded Capt. J. Burchell
that permission be granted.

CHRONICLE CUP

Capt. G. D. Nickerson proposed, seconded Capt. J. Burchell
that the Cup shall enter a team for the Harnall
bapt. competition, to be held on 1st July 1954,
also to enter a team for the Harnall Cup, to be held at Roker, the
date of which has not been decided.

MAJOR SUNDAY PRIZE

It was agreed to have a representative party of
Burgate members at the Major Sunday Prize
to be held on 30th May.

UNIFORMS.

It was proposed by Capt. J. V. Nickson & seconded by Det. Capt. A. Llewellyn that Mr. Stoker, Capt. Smith; Jack; Stoker; Thompson & Elliott be sent a formal request to attend drills or if they would arrange to return their uniforms etc.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 21-30 hrs.

J. V. Nickson 9/4/54

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Watch House on Wednesday 24 June 1954.

PRESENT WERE

Capt. J. V. Nickson; Capt. D. E. Jennings Det. Capt. A. P. Llewellyn; Capt. J. Burchell; J. Askew, H. E. Lea, R. Seale and D. Robertson.

CHAIRMAN

Capt. J. V. Nickson.

THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDENCE

An application to use the Watch House had been made by the South Shulok United Swimming Club.

RESIGNATIONS.

Capt. J. Burchell proposed seconded by Capt. H. E. Lea that the resignations of C. Thompson & W. Elliott be accepted, also arrangements be made to collect their uniforms etc.

ACCOUNTS.

There were no accounts for payment.

A request was made by Capt. J. Burchell that Drill notification cards be posted earlier.

CADET MEMBER.

Capt. D. E. Jennings proposed seconded by Capt. J. Askew that George Louisa Nickson aged 15 years be made a cadet member of the Brigade.

DONATION.

The Harrobian Club. (N.E. Div.) has kindly donated £1. for the use of the Watch House.

A request has been made by Mrs. D. Forrest, through Capt. Nickson, to use the Brigade House on 13th June Wed. 14th July. Sunday 25th July for eating purposes. Proposed by Det. Capt. A. P. Llewellyn and seconded by Capt. J. Burchell that permission be granted on view of her past services, but, owing to legal circumstances (Rat etc.) no further letters could be made.

J. V. Nickson Capt 3.55/2.5
14/7/54

A meeting of the General Committee was held on 14th July 1954 in the Watch House.

PRESENT WERE

Capt. J. D. Nickson, Capt. D. C. Tinning, Det. Capt. J. P. Harvey
Capt. J. Burchell, Lt. E. Lee, ~~R. B. Teale~~ & J. Nickson
& A. Robertson. R. B. Teale.

CHAIRMAN.

Capt. J. D. Nickson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. were read. Capt. J. Burchell proposed and seconded by Capt. Tinning that the minutes be approved.

There was no business arising out of last minutes.

ACCOUNTS. There were no accounts for payment.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS. The treasurer Mr. J. A. Charlton presented to the committee a draft copy of the General Accounts for July 1953 to June 1954.

Capt. Tinning proposed and Capt. J. Burchell seconded, that the accounts be accepted and passed to Mr. J. Wang for auditing.

Capt. Nickson thanked Mr. Charlton on behalf of the Committee for his hard work and co-operation ~~shown~~ for attending to the Brigade's financial well-being.

GRANT £26.

Capt. J. D. Nickson proposed and seconded by Capt. J. Burchell that the secretary should write to the District Officer with reference to the £25 grant which the treasurer assumes has not been received for the year July 1952-June 1953.

P. E. Tinning Capt.
15th Aug 54

Continuation of Wreck List S.S.V.L.B.

DATE	PLACE OF WRECK	NUMBER OF BOATS/PIECES	TIME	NAME OF SHIP	MEMBERS OFFICERS	PRESENT MEN	NUMBER OF CREW	REMARKS NUMBER LANDER BY APPARATUS
August 11, 1938.	Souther Point. Marsden.	2 (Pistol type)	0800 hrs	"Young Min."	3	4	—	Vessel ashore in fog. Communication made, but crew remained on board. Vessel refloated at high water.
October, 17-18 1940.	Wheatthill Point. Shillburn.			# m.s. "Shant" # m.s. "Fame" (Destroyer)			264	Vessels ashore in fog. 264 men brought ashore by apparatus, assisted by Sunderland V.L.B. & military. Brigade stood by vessels for two days.
October 22 & 23 1940.	Velvet Beds. Marsden.	2	1700 hrs.	S.S. "Earington" Newcastle.			49	Vessel mined, & ran ashore. 35 men brought ashore by apparatus. 14 men came ashore in ship's boat, assisted by Brigade. Sunderland V.L.B. in attendance.
February 19 1941.	Drifling near Frenchmans Bay.			S.S. "Fulham" London.			20.	Ship mined, & drifted towards Frenchmans Bay. Brigade stood by, but services not required. Crew landed by Synemouth lifeboat.
February 20 1941.	Velvet Beds. Marsden.	Vessel fired line ashore		"Marjorie M. Haslie" #M (Minersweeper).			23.	Vessel mined & ran ashore. 22 men brought ashore by apparatus. One man lost, previous to vessel going ashore.
November 16 1941.			Rebated ashore 2300 hrs.	S.S. "Arletta" London.				Vessel reported ashore at Marsden Point. Boat searched without success. Vessel escaped.
April 25 1945.	South Pier.	Nil	0015 hrs.	# m.s. "Wicherington" (Obsolete destroyer).			7.	Boat adrift from tug "Hendon", & drove ashore behind South Pier lighthouse. Brigade stood by, but services not required. Crew landed by Bullercoats lifeboat.
September 26 1949.	Frenchmans Bay.	1 Pistol type	0100 hrs.	Unknown Dutch vessel.				Vessel ashore in dense fog. Communication effected, but crew remained aboard. Vessel refloated at high water, & proceeded.

Continuation of Wreck List. S.S. V.L.B.							
DATE	PLACE OF WRECK	NUMBER OF ROCKETS FIRED	TIME	NAME OF VESSEL	MEMBERS OFFICERS	PRESENT MEN	NUMBER OF CREW NUMBER LANDED BY APPROPRIATE
NOVEMBER 12 TH 1950.	South Pier.	Nil.	04.00 hrs.	S.S. Firelight. London.	3	12	24 Vessel sheered on to rocks & South Pier foundations. Brigade stood by, but services not required. Crew remained aboard, & vessel was towed off by tugs at high water.

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From....The District Officer, H.M.C. -tguard, Tynemouth.
Date....21st September, 1953.
To.....The Officers in Charge, Tynemouth Division.

The following instructions regarding Stores have been received from Inspector, H.E. Division, and should be carried out.

(Sgd.) P. Thomas,
District Officer, Tynemouth.

Stores Procedure.

With reference to E.133/001 attached (Under), my copies of Forms C.G. Stores 11, on which the authorised scales have been entered are forwarded herewith, District Officers are requested to ensure that the authorised scale is copied in to the appropriate column of the forms held at Stations, and then to return my copies.

The procedure for Stores Accounting is contained in C.G.1. Chapter XII, (C.G. Min. 26/53).

(Sgd.) C.A. de W. Kiteat, Inspector, H.E. Div.
19th September, 1953.

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Stores Procedure.

Ref: E.133/001.

The examination of Forms C.G. Stores 11 which were sent to H.Q. in accordance with my minute of the 20th March has now been completed and they are returned herewith. The authorised scale of Stores for each Station has been inserted in Red Ink.

It will be observed that certain Stores now become surplus at some Stations, but unless there are special reasons to the contrary or there are instructions on the form to do so, these should not be returned to Pitsea, but should be retained at stations. They should not, of course, be replaced at any future date.

Stores required to bring Stations up to their authorised scales may be available at other Stations in the Divisions, where they are now surplus. Alternatively, they should be obtained from the Stores Officer in the usual way, but some delay in supply may be unavoidable.

(Sgd.) J.H. Lewty, Chief Inspector,
16th September, 1953.