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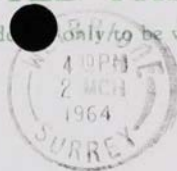
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The Friends of St. George's Memorial Church
YPRES



Vice-Patron: The Rt. Revd. and Rt. Hon. The Lord Bishop of London
President: The Rt. Revd. The Lord Bishop of Fulham
Vice-President: The Rt. Hon. The Earl Haig of Bernessyde, D.L.
Chairman: Major General R. Briggs, C.B., D.S.O.
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No. 12

NEWS-LETTER

October, 1964

Foreword

Since the circulation of the February News-Letter, over fifty new members have joined the "Friends" and so, in this anniversary year, when so much has happened in Ypres, it is pleasing to note that there has been a steady increase in the number of supporters of the work of the Church.

It is difficult to estimate how many people have visited St. George's Memorial Church during the season, but it can be said that never at any time, since its dedication in 1929, has there been such a volume of visitors. It is a little disappointing, perhaps, that in proportion, so few have joined the "Friends", however, the local fund of the Church has gained considerably and this in itself is most helpful to the Chaplain and the Church Council.

The dozen or so volunteers, who gave their time at their own expense, to act as wardens, have done a grand job and the grateful thanks of all "Friends" is due to these enthusiastic members. Their presence in the Church to welcome strangers, did much to create an atmosphere of friendliness.

It is not known generally, that the "Friends" played a considerable part in the eventual "twinning" of Ypres with Sittingbourne in Kent—details of the celebrations in July appear later in this News-Letter. It was in May, 1961, that the seed was sown by Sir John Nicholls, then British Ambassador in Brussels, when he was guest at the farewell dinner at the Hotel Britannique. The question was put to your Hon. Secretary as to whether Ypres had an English "twin" and as the reply was in the negative the Burgomaster and Mr. R. Annoot, the Public Relations Officer, were approached. From the meeting that evening there developed many enquiries by Colonel D. J. Dean, V.C., and your Hon. Secretary, and useful contacts were made to enable Mr. Annoot to commence the search for a suitable town in the proximity of Dover.

The contributions received towards the cost of printing the News-Letter reached a record figure in the last financial year, for which your Committee is most grateful. Is it too much to hope that this annual expense will be met in future entirely by members' generosity?

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the "Friends" of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres, will be held on Thursday, 5th November, 1964, at 6.30 p.m. in Church House, Westminster, S.W.1. (Entrance in Great Smith Street) and it is hoped you will be able to attend. Copies of the report and accounts, which will be laid before the meeting, follow this notice, which please bring with you to the meeting.

Agenda

1. Letters of apology.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's remarks.
5. Annual Report.
6. Notice of Motion.
Proposed by Major-General R. Briggs.
7. Annual Accounts and Auditors' Report.
8. Election of Committee and Officers.

"Two propositions will be put forward by the Committee: the first that the "Friends" will make themselves responsible for creating a Fabric Fund for the Church and Church Hall; the second that should necessity arise the "Friends" will pay to the Administrators a sum not exceeding £150 in any one year, the amount being decided each year."

Major J. Weber, Mrs. C. Somers Taylor and Mrs. L. Wilkins retire from the Committee in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Your Committee has appointed Mr. C. E. E. Scott to take the place of Mr. McIntyre Hood, this appointment requires confirmation under Item No. 8.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman and Committee have pleasure in submitting the eighth annual report of the Association of "Friends" for the year ended 30th June, 1964.

The Accounts for the financial year, which are published with this report, show gross receipts of £1,107 18s. 5d. and investments (at cost) together with sundry debtors and cash to the value of £7,245 3s. 1d. Subscriptions and donations show an increase compared with last year of over £30 and investments at purchase price of £6,766 5s. 9d. had the market value of £7,933 10s. 10d. at the date of the Balance Sheet. The Association is indebted to Major S. R. Hogg, the Hon. Treasurer, for his proficient management of the finances of the "Friends".

Your Committee is fully cognizant of the fact that, it is due only to the loyal and generous support of members, that the continued progress of the "Friends" has been possible.

Over the past few months your Officers and Committee have been making a careful study of the financial position of the "Friends" and of the Ypres British Settlement. It is apparent that without the annual grant from the British Legion, the income of the Administrators will barely cover their annual expenditure. Although assurance have been received that the British Legion will never "abandon" our Church, it is known that the income received each year from "Poppy Day" collections is overspent on benevolent work and that a large sum has to be provided from other sources: naturally the Legion would like to be relieved of the burden of making the handsome donation each year to the Administrators.

Of great concern to the "Friends" is the fact that there is no Fabric Fund to ensure that the Church and the Church Hall are for ever kept in good substantial decorative repair. Your Committee has asked the Administrators to find out from their Surveyor what adequate and reasonable sum should be set aside each year to achieve this object.

It will be easy, based on current average prices to produce estimates of Administrators' expenses, both current and future, but your Committee has it very much in mind that inflation seems to be for ever with us and that to-day's figures may well be totally inadequate in say five or ten years time. For this reason alone it is felt that we must never relax in our efforts to go on augmenting the capital of the "Friends" and increasing the membership, particularly of younger men and women.

As a first and immediate step, your Committee has agreed that a proposition shall, in accordance with the Trust Deed, be submitted to members at the Annual General Meeting. The proposal in question is shown in the Notice of Meeting, which precedes this report.

The "Friends" have provided a new Visitors' Book — a Binder bound in full cowhide, lettered in gold in front with 1,000 loose sheets — this means that the Binder will not have to be replaced for many years to come and only a further supply of sheets will be necessary, when the present stock is exhausted.

To ensure that hotels and cafés display a notice of the Church services, 100 cards with two punched holes and strung, have been supplied to the Chaplain and these have been distributed already.

Your Committee is proud of the close connection of the "Friends" with the Burgomasters of Ypres and Poperinghe.

We express our thanks to the Chaplain, the Revd. L. M. S. Powell, for his co-operation and are conscious of the loyalty of the local officers and their ladies.

RAYMOND BRIGGS.

Major-General,

Chairman.

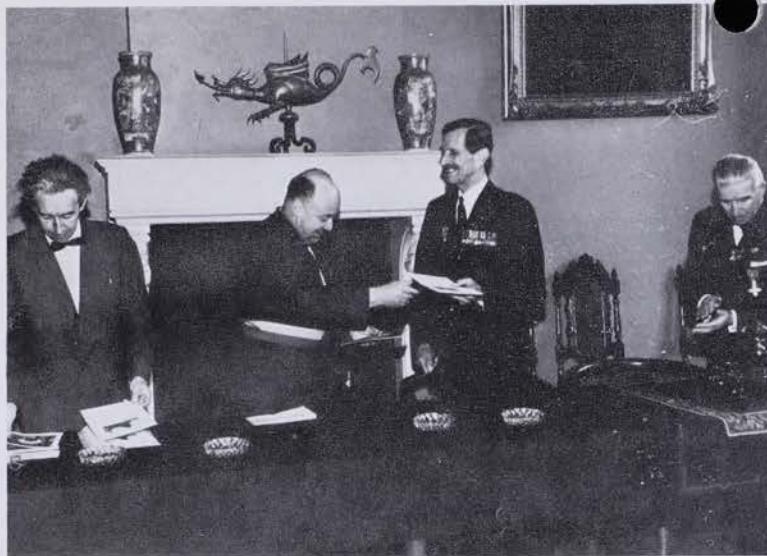
PILGRIMAGE, 1964

At noon on May 1st a party of over eighty members of the "Friends" left Dover for Ostend en route for Ypres. Our Chairman, Major-General Raymond Briggs and Mrs. Briggs led the Pilgrimage and as nearly half had travelled previously with the "Friends", it was quite a reunion for many.

The overall plan was similar to previous occasions but in this anniversary year, there were certain outstanding events which doubtless impressed those who participated.

To the many who had served in the Salient and to others of the party who had seen Ypres before, a feeling of nostalgia becomes apparent as soon as the Belfry and the spire of the Cathedral is in sight.

After the members had been settled at their respective hotels, they were free until dinner and many felt the urge to go straight to our Church and then stroll to the Menin Gate.



The Burgomaster of Ypres presenting the Special Souvenir to Major-General Raymond Briggs, C.B., D.S.O.
On left—Mr. Roland Annoot, Public Relations Officer.
On right—Mr. Fl. Vandevoorde, O.B.E., President, Last Post Committee.

Saturday was the day chosen for the long tours. By good fortune the party was evenly divided for the visits to the Somme and to Mons. The former had lunch and tea in Arras and visited Vimy Ridge and many places of interest as far as Albert, whereas the latter had lunch in Mons and tea in Cambrai. This party was honoured by the Burgomaster of Mons, who kindly gave a reception in the ancient Town Hall, where refreshments were dispensed generously. The parties returned to Ypres about 7 p.m. and after dinner a visit was made to the Church Hall to meet old friends. The Ladies' Stall was well stocked with useful articles, provided by the local ladies and gifts brought over by ladies of the party. A record sum of £65 was realised for the benefit of the Church.

Sunday was, of course, the most important day of the visit — Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., breakfast and off to Poperinghe. A call at Talbot House, reception by the genial Burgomaster at the Town Hall and then lunch at the Palace Hotel, after which an early return to Ypres, with a little spare time before meeting for tea in the Church Hall. Here we were joined by the British Ambassador in Brussels, Sir Roderick Barclay, his wife and the Military Attaché. The Chaplain and Mrs. Powell were there to welcome us and the informality of the gathering made the event so enjoyable. Grateful thanks are due to the local members of the Church for providing the refreshments and to the ladies for so kindly preparing the tea.

The Festival Service was conducted by the Chaplain, the Revd. L. M. S. Powell and the Revd. R. O. T. Morgan, Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen at Dunkirk preached to a large congregation. The Lessons were read by the British Ambassador and Major-General Raymond Briggs and the choir was augmented by a few members of the "Friends".

The Burgomaster, Mr. and Mrs. Fl. Vandevoorde, Mr. and Mrs. A. Verstraete were amongst our Belgian friends who joined in the service.

Then followed the ceremony at the Menin Gate — the Last Post and Roll — which sounded so perfectly by members of the Ypres Fire Brigade in dress uniform and the Exhortation spoken by the Chairman of the "Friends" — all in perfect quiet, left a deep impression on the large gathering present. It was here that the British Ambassador and his party bade farewell to the "Friends".

The farewell dinner at the Hotel Britannique was a very happy affair, an excellent meal with over a hundred participating. The Burgomaster with his wife, many Belgian friends and a number of British residents in Ypres closely associated with our Church, were the guests of the "Friends". Grace was said by the Revd. L. M. S. Powell and the Chaplain from Dunkirk was also with us.

On Monday morning, the "Friends" had an appointment at the Town Hall for a reception by the Burgomaster of Ypres. This was a special occasion for the presentation of the Souvenir given by the city to all ex-servicemen who served in the 1914/18 war. The recipients were honoured by the Burgomaster undertaking this task personally. After an appropriate speech of welcome, General Briggs thanked the Burgomaster for his hospitality.

So ended the week-end Pilgrimage — after lunch, members of the party who were not going to the Belgian Ardennes, left Ypres for Ostend and home.

A letter from a member who served in the last war and is, in fact, still with the Royal Air Force, seems to illustrate clearly that many of the objects of the "Friends" are being achieved. It states "J. and I felt that we must write and say how much we enjoyed our Pilgrimage and what a wonderful feeling of comradeship and friendship there was throughout the party. We made some very firm friends during the trip and are now in correspondence with them. The organisation was excellent and for this we must say thank you very much indeed and we look forward to our next Pilgrimage most eagerly".

This letter is representative of many received from participants in the Pilgrimage.

Forty-five members of the Pilgrimage party remained in Ypres until Tuesday morning, when they left for Dinant. Travelling via Brussels, where lunch was served, our destination was reached in the early evening and the Hotel de la Couronne was our H.Q.

Space does not permit a detailed story of the extended tour, but there is no doubt it can be said that the members thoroughly enjoyed the itinerary. The party returned home on Friday, lunch was served at Hotel Wellington at Knocke and then by coach to Ostend for the afternoon boat.

A week of visits to scenes old and new.

PILGRIMAGE, 1965

The annual visit of the "Friends" to our Church in Ypres is a "must" to so many of our members and to comply with the popular demand, plans have been formulated for the 1965 Pilgrimage.

Not many variations are possible, but it is realised that it is necessary to reduce slightly the time taken on the tours, so parties will leave a little later and return earlier.

Again an extended tour will be organised and this will be more leisurely.

The Pilgrimage will leave on Friday, 30th April, 1965 and return on Monday, 3rd May. The extended tour will be from Monday afternoon, 3rd May until Friday, 7th May.

Briefly, the itineraries will be as follows:—

Pilgrimage.

Friday, 30th April — London to Ypres.

Saturday, 1st May — Tour "A". Ypres to Somme. Lunch at Albert and Tea at Arras.

— Tour "B". Ypres—Tyne Cot Cemetery—Furnes—Meli—La Panne (Lunch)—Dunkirk—St. Omer—Hazebrouck (Tea)—Bailleul—Ypres.

Sunday, 2nd May — Poperinghe—Talbot House—Reception by Burgomaster—Lunch—Ypres. Patronal Festival Service at our Church—Menin Gate Ceremony. Farewell Dinner at Hotel Britannique.

Monday, 3rd May — Morning free in Ypres. Reception by Burgomaster—Lunch—Leave for Ostend and London.

Extended Tour — Knocke—Accommodation at Hotel Wellington.

Monday, 3rd May — Free in Ypres.

Tuesday, 4th May — Morning free in Ypres—leave at 3 p.m. for Knocke.

Wednesday, 5th May — Knocke—Ghent for lunch and conducted tour—Bruges for tea and conducted tour and trip on canals—Dinner at Knocke.

Thursday, 6th May — Knocke—Breskens—Ferry to Middleburg—visit to Isle of Walcheren Veere—Domburg—Middleburg (Lunch)—Flushing ferry to Sluis (Tea)—Dinner in Knocke.

Friday, 7th May — Morning free—probable reception—lunch—Leave for Ostend and London.

The inclusive cost—London (Victoria) return, per person, will be:—

Pilgrimage only, £16 0s. 0d. Extended Tour, £14 0s. 0d. (Subject to a minimum of 30 persons).

Prices subject to possible alteration.

The increase in cost is due entirely to higher charges in Belgium.

To enable provisional bookings of accommodation to be made, members who hope to join the party, are asked to send to your Hon. Tours' Secretary as soon as possible, a post-card, stating whether they will accompany the Pilgrimage only, or wish also to join the extended tour. This will not commit you in any way.

Copies of the Itinerary will be available shortly and will be gladly sent to members upon request.

All enquiries in respect of the Pilgrimage and extended tour should be sent to Mr. W. H. Lambert, the Hon. Pilgrimage and Tours Secretary, 24 Eddington Lane, Herne Bay, Kent.

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1964

1963	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
493 Balance at 30th June, 1963, Lloyds Bank Ltd.				625	4	0
619 Subscriptions and Donations				651	7	8
100 Donation Mrs. Poole						
— Legacy L. A. H. Dunn, deceased				100	0	0
12 Donation "Plaque"						
16 Contribution to News-Letter				34	14	0
175 Dividends and Interest (net)				193	10	1
98 Income Tax recovered				124	16	7
115 Capital Distributions				3	10	1
£1,628				£1,733	2	5

1963	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
73 General Charges, Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc.				91	17	10
— Register of Memorials				43	12	6
— Framing Diagram, etc.				40	11	7
36 "News-Letter"				41	10	0
13 Gifts to Church						
881 Purchase of Investments				1,086	14	0
625 Balance at Lloyds Bank Ltd.				428	16	6
£1,628				£1,733	2	5

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1964

5,324 Capital a/c. Balance 30th June, 1963	6363	9	3
1,039 Surplus for Year	881	13	10
	7,245	3	1
£6,363	£7,245	3	1

5,679 Investments at cost (Market Value £7,934)	6,766	5	9
59 Sundry debtors	50	0	10
625 Balance at Lloyds Bank Ltd.	428	16	6
£6,363	£7,245	3	1

On behalf of the Committee:—

(Sgnd.) RAYMOND BRIGGS, Chairman.

(Sgnd.) S. R. HOGG, Hon. Treasurer.

Report of the Auditors to the Committee of The Friends of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

We have examined the annexed Balance Sheet and Account of Receipts and Payments with the books and vouchers of the Association and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

(Signed) PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,

Chartered Accountants

Auditors

11 Ironmonger Lane,
London, E.C.2

6th September, 1964.



THE CHAPLAIN'S LETTER TO "THE FRIENDS"

Dear Friends,

This half-centenary year has been a very busy one for most people in Ypres, and especially for the Church. For me it has entailed travelling the return journey of 100 miles, sometimes three times in the week. So you can realise it has been a great pleasure for me to welcome the "Friends" who have come to show the visitors round our Church. With many functions and special services, this has been of great value. When possible they have been able to read the lessons and also when Mr. E. W. Roberts, who is a Lay Reader, was here we had the great pleasure of hearing him preach. If in future any of the "Friends" are coming over and we hear in good time, we will be happy to ask them to read a lesson. The pressure of events is now easing somewhat and the celebrations will come to an end on the 11th of November next.

During this year the main events which affected the Church and for which we arranged special services, started with the "Friends" which was a great occasion and is so pleasant for us as we meet so many of you. Later the City of Ypres was "twinned" with Sittingbourne in Kent, and at the service we were honoured with the presence of the two Mayors and their councils, as well as the leaders of every walk of life in the two places. The Old Comtempibles found it difficult to combine the visit to Mons and Ypres on the Sunday, and so a special Evensong was arranged on the Saturday at which H.M. The King of the Belgians was represented and the British Ambassador was also present. The meeting of the British Legion branches in Belgium was a colourful affair, and the Church was crowded out for the special service of thanksgiving. The remaining members of the Ex-Civil Services O.C.A. met for the laying up of their standard in the Church. This standard, which has been carried before them at all their parades, and which was in Belgium at the outbreak of the last war, was hidden by the local Resistance in the cellars of the "Gestapo" for the duration. We are proud to have it now in our Church for a permanent resting place. The Bishop came for the British Legion Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, and also took a service of Holy Communion. From these few notes you will be proud to know that our Church of St. George is the focal point in most of the pilgrimages and parties coming to Ypres, and is able to help both spiritually and in many other ways the stream of visitors during the year.

May God's Grace rest with you.

Yours very sincerely,

L. M. S. POWELL.

September 1964.

NEWS FROM YPRES

Judging by the astounding number of Commonwealth and Allied ex-servicemen who have already answered the Burgomaster's invitation and those announced for September and October, Commemoration year will have been a real success.

At no other moment during the post World War I period was there such keen interest in all things related with this murderous conflict, whether in the literary, the pictorial or any other field.

The average 1914-18 veterans are seventy or over, some fit and still alert, many however are handicapped by inconveniences inherent to age or due to their war experiences, yet all feel the irresistible attraction to the areas where struggle and suffering were their share.

In connection with the "Fifty years after", the local philatelic club, supported by the local authorities and the Belgian Ministry of P.T.T. and with the participation of some foreign owners of rich collections, had organised for the first week in August, an exhibition in the Cloth Hall. This included a special division of 1914-18 Army postages; Belgian, British, French Allies generally and also German. Special stamps have been issued for the occasion. Access was free, so that many thousands of visitors could admire, not only the rarity and variety of the exhibits and their orderly display but also the unequalled beauty and grandeur of the building, i.e. the Royal Hall and its prolongation. Many British visitors availed themselves of this occasion as an extra attraction on their tour.

As was probably the case for most of Europe, this country was favoured with an exceptionally bright, sunny and hot summer, which from a tourist and commercial point of view, was all to the good.

The hated and often cursed cobble stones are gradually being removed from our streets; rue de Lille is now tarmacadamised and the main square is to be done before the coming winter sets in.

FL. VANDEVOORDE,

President, Last Post Committee.

The Ypres City authorities have certainly done every thing to make this 50th anniversary year a memorable one. One of the highlights of 1964 must surely be the way everyone from the Burgomaster downwards have gone out of their way to meet the needs and requirements of thousands and tens of thousands of visitors. It is too early to estimate the actual number of people who have visited Ypres since the opening of their big campaign to celebrate and remember that famous day in 1914 but the figures must be astronomical. British and Commonwealth, French and German, in fact all sorts and creeds have been welcomed alike and one can mention but a few of the visitors in passing, though perhaps later the City may compile a book of those who have come here to celebrate in 1964. The "Friends of St. George" came with a record party in May and the "Salient Circle" were here in June. The British Legion had a big muster of their Continental branches also in June and a Cadet Corps made their second annual Pilgrimage. Princess Pat's Canadian Light Infantry complete with band made a memorable visit in August as also did several large parties of "Old Contemptibles" throughout the year; one in August taking the City by storm on account of their Military band from Germany. Sittingbourne who are "twinning" with Ypres, was represented by many of their town's people and this visit will be the talk of the town for years to come.

The presentation of a Diploma to every ex-serviceman of the 1914-18 who had fought on the Continent, was much appreciated and many have been the letters and thanks for this gesture. The institution of a set of stamps to commemorate this famous year was a happy thought and the money from the sale thereof will be divided between the town, to help with their expenses, and to increase the small capital sum held by the "Last Post Committee". This organisation which arranges the sounding of the "Last Post" under the Menin Gate each evening (9 p.m. in Summer—8 p.m. in Winter) does not appeal for funds and it is made clear that the sounding was a Belgian idea, as a tribute to all the British Army did in Ypres and Belgium during the Great War. The Committee has had to meet increasing costs during latter years and especially this year, when the Buglers have been called on many special occasions and their loss of time etc. has had to be paid. The Last Post Committee are thus glad to accept contributions and a letter to the "Daily Telegraph" last summer was responsible for a considerable sum flowing in to "Last Post" funds. With a bigger investment they hope to be more or less self-supporting as time goes on.

Some of the "Old Sweats" and those of us who knew Ypres in the early twenties have been forcibly reminded of those days by the road work now in progress in Lille Street, which has involved renewing gas and water pipes, not to mention a host of other services, about which we do not think until we are deprived of them. One sympathises with the shopkeepers for their loss of trade and also with the Burgomaster who has to bear the brunt of the criticism for having given the "go ahead" at such a time as this. Everyone will rejoice however, when the new road is completed, which it is said will compare with the "Champs Elysee". The Square is next to come under the hammer and we shall be again forcibly reminded of those days of "mud and slush" which had to be contended with immediately after 1918.

The Haley's. With the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Haley from Ypres the British Colony and the Church have lost two of their staunchest supporters of the last 40 odd years. Mr. Haley came to Ypres in April 1920 and was joined by Mrs. Haley a year or so later. From Poperinghe they came to the Ypres district and have been there ever since. They have now gone to retire in England to be near their children. The Haley's have always been in the fore where Church and Social work were concerned and one can recall the days of the Church Army and the Salvation Army and the Rev. Keymer coming from St. Omer to take services in the Church Army Hut. Later of course the present St. George's Church was built and the Haley's have always taken an active part in furthering its cause. Mrs. Haley was the mainstay of the Choir and we shall miss her. The British Legion owes a lot to Mr. Haley, he having been a member since 1923, when the Ypres branch was formed. Club and other social activities were also amongst their interests and its hard to think of anything in which they were not interested. We much regret their departure and wish them long life and happiness in their new home and are sure it will not be many days before they are both in the thick of it again—Mrs. Haley taking the lead in a Choir and Jack interesting himself in the running of affairs.

"A BRITISH RESIDENT IN YPRES"

THE TWINS

History was made on Sunday, 5th July last when the formal ceremony to link Ypres with Sittingbourne, Kent, took place before a large audience in the Cloth Hall, where Mr. A. Dehem, Burgomaster of Ypres and Councillor J. H. Buckey, Chairman of Sittingbourne & Milton Urban District Council, signed the Twinning Declaration.

A party of nearly 100 included not only the civic dignitaries but representatives of local organisations amongst whom were Colonel Mrs. D. J. Dean, veterans of the 1914-18 war and schoolchildren. The band of the 4th Bn. The Queen's Own Buffs (T.A.) accompanied the guests and was much appreciated by the citizens.

The keynote of the visit was informality and there is no doubt that a strong link was forged during the week-end visit.

Both the Burgomaster and the Chairman of the Council in their addresses emphasised the necessity for the individual inhabitant to play his part, as will be seen from the extracts from their speeches:—

The Burgomaster— "What matters most in this official twinning is not so much the brilliance of the ceremonies but the personal contacts from which are to spring permanent exchanges between our administrations, our various organisations and associations, our youth and between our population in the broadest meaning. I feel convinced that with this conception we can make a good start."

The Chairman of the Council— "The success of a twinning arrangement depends very much upon the interest and enthusiasm of the 'man in the street'. We do hope that the association between our two towns will lead to many contacts between the ordinary people as well as the members of the two councils."

The official visit to the Menin Gate for the Last Post ceremony took place on Saturday night and as a visit of a contingent of the Army Cadet Force coincided with the twinning ceremony, a cadet from the A.C.F. in Hampshire sounded the call on the Sunday.

St. George's Memorial Church was filled to capacity on the Sunday evening, the service was conducted by the Chaplain and the Lessons were read by Colonel D. J. Dean, V.C. and Major J. H. East, A.C.F.

The Burgomaster and the Chairman of the Council with their Ladies were present.

It was a memorable week-end and nothing but good can come from the newly formed relationship between Ypres and Sittingbourne.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. J. Haley will have returned to England by the time this News-Letter is published.

Mr. Haley has served with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for many years, was awarded the British Empire Medal and for some time was Churchwarden at our Church. They both have given stalwart service to St. George's Memorial Church and to the British community in Ypres.

Mrs. Haley was the mainstay of the Choir and will be remembered also for her flower decorations and general supervision of the cleanliness of the Church, in fact she was known as the "unpaid curate". We shall see them again and in the meantime wish them a very happy retirement.

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EXTENSION TO PILGRIMAGE. VISIT TO BELGIAN ARDENNES

Following the success of the extended tour last year, arrangements have been made for a visit to the Belgian Ardennes. The minimum number for this tour is twenty-four, and as provisional bookings in excess of this number have been received, there is little doubt that the trip will take place.

The Itinerary will be briefly:—

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NOTE. The party will be based at the Hotel de la Couronne in Dinant for this tour and remain at the same Hotel throughout.

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NEWS FROM YPRES

Those of my fellow citizens, 60 years or over, like all veterans of World War I, need hardly be reminded that 1964 marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities. In November 1914, enemy shell-fire, after killing or wounding many fleeing inhabitants, set the Belfry and the Cloth Hall ablaze, while wrecking other historical monuments. Ypres' agony had begun and would lead to its utter destruction, but also to the liberation of Belgium and subsequently to the rebirth of our community, the resurrection of Ypres!

The price, however, of regained freedom had been enormous: thousands and thousands of graves of Allied soldiers, chiefly British, strewn all over the neighbouring fields are the silent witness of the gigantic struggles and sacrifice of those terrible four years.

On the occasion of the completion of the rebuilt Cloth Hall, the town authorities will celebrate full restoration of the town, its private and public buildings, as well as its population of over 18,000.

Their first thought is one of gratitude towards the Allied soldiers who stood in the defence of the Ypres Salient, whom they invite to meet in our reborn City to commemorate in unwavering comradeship, their heroic stand, to pay tribute to their glorious dead and to receive a unique certificate of commemoration of their presence in the Salient in 1914-18, signed and delivered by the Burgomaster, Mr. A. Dehem.

No 1914-18 veteran, physically fit, will miss this very special opportunity of coming back to the site of his youthful exploits, either individually or with ex-servicemen's groups. Nowhere in the world are so many sites of recollection, grouped in a limited area. The Menin Gate to the Missing, St. George's Memorial Church, Talbot House, Tyne Cot Military Cemetery and over a hundred other cemeteries, besides a dozen memorials of national, divisional or regimental importance.

Under the motto "50 years after", numerous ex-servicemen's associations are organising pilgrimages, congresses and re-unions at Ypres in the course of the coming spring and summer. 1964 is above all "Remembrance Year".

FL. VANDEVOORDE,

President, Last Post Committee.

SETTLEMENT NEWS

St. George's Memorial Church. Owing to the fact that many of the normal congregation would be away from Ypres for the Christmas holidays, it was decided to hold the Service of nine Lessons on the 15th December and all our usual people were present. The two girl members of the Choir gave of their best and rendered "Away in a Manger" quite exquisitely and in fact most of the congregation and Choir were called upon for individual effort at this great season of the year. Carols were sung also on Sunday, 22nd December and on Christmas Eve, though by then many of our members were amongst the old folk at home and getting ready for their Christmas celebrations in the midst of their families. The Revd. L. M. S. Powell had to do his usual quick change by coming down to Ypres for the service at 7 p.m. on December 24th—carols followed by Holy Communion and then back to Ghent for his midnight service and Holy Communion. Mrs. Powell helped greatly by playing the Organ at Ypres, in the absence of the Organist.

The Christmas party took place on December 21st and drew the usual crowd from places as far apart as Brussels, Messines, Poperinghe and Ypres and we were fortunate in being able to hire the old Pilgrims' Hall for the teas in the afternoon. The party itself was held in the Club room—the former Eton Memorial School—which had been tastefully decorated by a willing band of helpers and festivities continued until the small hours. It should be mentioned that we had also visitors from Arras, who came to show their interest in Ypres and those who live there. A show for the children was followed by a film half-hour, which was appreciated by those of all ages. We were happy to note that the young and teenagers attended this, as well as other parties organised in the colony and we hope they continue to do so in even larger numbers than heretofore. Though part of the buildings no longer belong to us, we still have something left and it is up to us all to show that we appreciate and need these premises and that they must never be taken away so long as there is a British colony here. We know the Church is the all important part of the Settlement but the social life of the colony helps to keep us together and it is here we can meet whatever our creed.

We are to say au revoir to yet another member of the colony at the beginning of February but we are glad to know that he will not be leaving us and it is hoped that we shall see more and more of him and his good lady when he has retired. They will then have more time to join in our activities. Our big nights are now held on the first Saturday in the month and we trust they will grow more and more, and bring in some of the outside people who so far have failed to support our efforts. Distance should be nothing in these days of motor cars and we look forward to bigger crowds as the months go by.

This is of course a big year where Ypres is concerned and parties are coming from all over the globe to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the declaration of war in 1914. It will be a unique occasion for so many, as there are still quite a few who have not yet had the chance of visiting the scene of their exploits way back in the days of mud and slush. Luckily many have been able to come back and it is to them that we owe the interest shown in Ypres and its inhabitants in these days. We shall welcome you all, new or old, with open arms and by your presence this year, you will show that we have not been forgotten, as we do not forget what we owe to you all.

We have just heard that the Church has been awarded some £3,000 in settlement of the claim for damage done in 1939-45. This is indeed good news and will help to secure the Church for all time, in memory of what the British Army did here in the days of so long ago. Thanks go to Padre Fowler and others who never lost faith that all would be well and that our claim for war damage would eventually be recognised.

“A BRITISH RESIDENT IN YPRES”.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Congratulations to our Chairman, General R. Briggs, on his being elected a Life Honorary Member of “The Veterans of King Albert I.”

The new Chairman of the Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement is Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. and he is assured of the co-operation of the “Friends” of the Church.

The Chaplain, the Revd. L. M. S. Powell wrote recently to General Briggs, as follows:— “At a meeting of the Church Council, a motion was passed concerning the new “Register of Memorials” now fixed in the Church porch, which expressed their pleasure in the way this has been arranged. All have agreed that this is most helpful and is now used by many of the visitors who are interested in finding the memorials of their own regiments or those of relatives. I have been asked to write and express the thanks of the Church Council to you and your Association of Friends of St. George's for arranging for this to be done and to let you know how useful it is proving.”

There are still copies of the Register available at 7/6 each.

The “Daily Telegraph” of 24th December, 1963, announced the interesting news of a “Monument to Mademoiselle”, as follows:— “Veterans of the 1914 War will be delighted to learn that to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Armentières the town is putting up a monument to the Mademoiselle of the immortal song. This, in an English garden in Victor Hugo Square, will bear witness to Anglo-French comradeship, and Armentières welcomes suggestions from British artists and sculptors about the form it should take. They are invited to get in touch with the president of the Syndicat d'Initiative at its interesting address: Place du Général de Gaulle.”

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- in a spirit of homage to the victims of these terrible years.
- in a spirit of respect for the survivors who are already becoming fewer.
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will be provided at Arras and a return to tea at the same Hotel. The party will lunch at Mons and have tea at Cambrai. The price of tea on these excursions is included in the cost of the Pilgrimage.

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On Monday, there will be the usual reception by the Burgomaster of Ypres, when souvenirs will be presented to all ex-servicemen who served in the 1914-18 war. Lunch will be taken in Ypres, before the return to Ostend for the afternoon boat.

The inclusive return cost per person will be **£15 9s. 0d.** from Victoria and **£13 19s. 0d.** from Dover.

A copy of the Itinerary will be sent upon request to the Hon. Secretary and it should be noted that reservations with deposit **must** be received not later than **7th March** next.

Applications cannot be considered after this date.

EXTENSION TO PILGRIMAGE. VISIT TO BELGIAN ARDENNES

Following the success of the extended tour last year, arrangements have been made for a visit to the Belgian Ardennes. The minimum number for this tour is twenty-four, and as provisional bookings in excess of this number have been received, there is little doubt that the trip will take place.

The Itinerary will be briefly:—

Monday, 4th May—Afternoon and evening free in Ypres. Dinner, accommodation and breakfast.

Tuesday, 5th May—Leave Ypres at 10 a.m. via Ghent, Brussels (lunch), Namur and Dinant. Dinner and Hotel accommodation.

Wednesday, 6th May—Morning free in Dinant, lunch at Falaen. Afternoon visit to Foy Notre Dame, Grottoes of Han. Return to Dinant for Dinner and accommodation.

Thursday, 7th May—Full day excursion to Bastogne. Emptinne, Marche, La Roche—visit Castle etc. Lunch. Visit American War Memorial, Libramont, Les Barraques etc., and return to Dinant for dinner and accommodation.

Friday, 8th May—Leave Dinant, to Brussels and Ostend for lunch. Boat to Dover and London.

NOTE. The party will be based at the Hotel de la Couronne in Dinant for this tour and remain at the same Hotel throughout.

The inclusive cost of the extended tour as detailed above is **£13 10s. 0d.**, from Ypres and return to Ostend. (The boat and train tickets to Dover or London are, of course, included in Pilgrimage cost.)

Reservations and deposits must be received not later than the **7th March** next. **Applications cannot be considered after this date.**

A detailed Itinerary will be sent upon request to the Hon. Secretary.

NEWS FROM YPRES

Those of my fellow citizens, 60 years or over, like all veterans of World War I, need hardly be reminded that 1964 marks the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities. In November 1914, enemy shell-fire, after killing or wounding many fleeing inhabitants, set the Belfry and the Cloth Hall ablaze, while wrecking other historical monuments. Ypres' agony had begun and would lead to its utter destruction, but also to the liberation of Belgium and subsequently to the rebirth of our community, the resurrection of Ypres!

The price, however, of regained freedom had been enormous: thousands and thousands of graves of Allied soldiers, chiefly British, strewn all over the neighbouring fields are the silent witness of the gigantic struggles and sacrifice of those terrible four years.

On the occasion of the completion of the rebuilt Cloth Hall, the town authorities will celebrate full restoration of the town, its private and public buildings, as well as its population of over 18,000.

Their first thought is one of gratitude towards the Allied soldiers who stood in the defence of the Ypres Salient, whom they invite to meet in our reborn City to commemorate in unwavering comradeship, their heroic stand, to pay tribute to their glorious dead and to receive a unique certificate of commemoration of their presence in the Salient in 1914-18, signed and delivered by the Burgomaster, Mr. A. Dehem.

No 1914-18 veteran, physically fit, will miss this very special opportunity of coming back to the site of his youthful exploits, either individually or with ex-servicemen's groups. Nowhere in the world are so many sites of recollection, grouped in a limited area. The Menin Gate to the Missing, St. George's Memorial Church, Talbot House, Tyne Cot Military Cemetery and over a hundred other cemeteries, besides a dozen memorials of national, divisional or regimental importance.

Under the motto "50 years after", numerous ex-servicemen's associations are organising pilgrimages, congresses and re-unions at Ypres in the course of the coming spring and summer. 1964 is above all "Remembrance Year".

FL. VANDEVOORDE,

President, Last Post Committee.

SETTLEMENT NEWS

St. George's Memorial Church. Owing to the fact that many of the normal congregation would be away from Ypres for the Christmas holidays, it was decided to hold the Service of nine Lessons on the 15th December and all our usual people were present. The two girl members of the Choir gave of their best and rendered "Away in a Manger" quite exquisitely and in fact most of the congregation and Choir were called upon for individual effort at this great season of the year. Carols were sung also on Sunday, 22nd December and on Christmas Eve, though by then many of our members were amongst the old folk at home and getting ready for their Christmas celebrations in the midst of their families. The Revd. L. M. S. Powell had to do his usual quick change by coming down to Ypres for the service at 7 p.m. on December 24th—carols followed by Holy Communion and then back to Ghent for his midnight service and Holy Communion. Mrs. Powell helped greatly by playing the Organ at Ypres, in the absence of the Organist.

The Christmas party took place on December 21st and drew the crowd from places as far apart as Brussels, Messines, Poperinghe and Ypres and we were fortunate in being able to hire the old Pilgrims' Hall for the teas in the afternoon. The party itself was held in the Club room—the former Eton Memorial School—which had been tastefully decorated by a willing band of helpers and festivities continued until the small hours. It should be mentioned that we had also visitors from Arras, who came to show their interest in Ypres and those who live there. A show for the children was followed by a film half-hour, which was appreciated by those of all ages. We were happy to note that the young and teenagers attended this, as well as other parties organised in the colony and we hope they continue to do so in even larger numbers than heretofore. Though part of the buildings no longer belong to us, we still have something left and it is up to us all to show that we appreciate and need these premises and that they must never be taken away so long as there is a British colony here. We know the Church is the all important part of the Settlement but the social life of the colony helps to keep us together and it is here we can meet whatever our creed.

We are to say au revoir to yet another member of the colony at the beginning of February but we are glad to know that he will not be leaving us and it is hoped that we shall see more and more of him and his good lady when he has retired. They will then have more time to join in our activities. Our big nights are now held on the first Saturday in the month and we trust they will grow more and more, and bring in some of the outside people who so far have failed to support our efforts. Distance should be nothing in these days of motor cars and we look forward to bigger crowds as the months go by.

This is of course a big year where Ypres is concerned and parties are coming from all over the globe to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the declaration of war in 1914. It will be a unique occasion for so many, as there are still quite a few who have not yet had the chance of visiting the scene of their exploits way back in the days of mud and slush. Luckily many have been able to come back and it is to them that we owe the interest shown in Ypres and its inhabitants in these days. We shall welcome you all, new or old, with open arms and by your presence this year, you will show that we have not been forgotten, as we do not forget what we owe to you all.

We have just heard that the Church has been awarded some £3,000 in settlement of the claim for damage done in 1939-45. This is indeed good news and will help to secure the Church for all time, in memory of what the British Army did here in the days of so long ago. Thanks go to Padre Fowler and others who never lost faith that all would be well and that our claim for war damage would eventually be recognised.

“A BRITISH RESIDENT IN YPRES”.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Congratulations to our Chairman, General R. Briggs, on his being elected a Life Honorary Member of “The Veterans of King Albert I.”

The new Chairman of the Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement is Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. and he is assured of the co-operation of the “Friends” of the Church.

The Chaplain, the Revd. L. M. S. Powell wrote recently to General Briggs, as follows:— “At a meeting of the Church Council, a motion was passed concerning the new “Register of Memorials” now fixed in the Church porch, which expressed their pleasure in the way this has been arranged. All have agreed that this is most helpful and is now used by many of the visitors who are interested in finding the memorials of their own regiments or those of relatives. I have been asked to write and express the thanks of the Church Council to you and your Association of Friends of St. George's for arranging for this to be done and to let you know how useful it is proving.”

There are still copies of the Register available at 7/6 each.

The “Daily Telegraph” of 24th December, 1963, announced the interesting news of a “Monument to Mademoiselle”, as follows:— “Veterans of the 1914 War will be delighted to learn that to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Armentières the town is putting up a monument to the Mademoiselle of the immortal song. This, in an English garden in Victor Hugo Square, will bear witness to Anglo-French comradeship, and Armentières welcomes suggestions from British artists and sculptors about the form it should take. They are invited to get in touch with the president of the Syndicat d'Initiative at its interesting address: Place du Général de Gaulle.”

Mr. A. Hildyard of Johannesburg, South Africa, writes:— “I am enclosing a donation for the Memorial Church Fund. My wife joins me in all good wishes for the welfare and furtherance of your good work. We take this opportunity of thanking you for the News-Letter which we receive from time to time and which is read with interest.”

Mr. H. H. Boyd of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada writes:— “Keep the News-Letters coming, I enjoy them very much.”

The Hon. Secretary and Mrs. L. W. Dawson would like to thank the many members who so kindly sent them Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Mr. W. H. Lambert and Mr. Pat Wells have taken in hand their respective duties as assistants to your Hon. Secretary. Mr. Lambert undertakes the work of Pilgrimage and Tours Secretary and Mr. Wells, the task of Assistant Secretary and will deal primarily with membership.

YPRES INVITES YOU

1914 — 1964

"50 years later" the completely re-born City of Ypres wishes to Commemorate the events of 1914 — 1918 in a very special manner.

- in a spirit of homage to the victims of these terrible years.
- in a spirit of respect for the survivors who are already becoming fewer.
- in a spirit of absolute trust also, in the good and sincere desire for peace of all people and all nations.

The younger generations and the youth are also heartily welcome in Ypres.

To make acquaintance with a nice town and pleasant countryside where only ruin and destruction reigned 50 years ago.

To approach the War events of 1914-18 from an historic viewpoint.

To confirm and to strengthen their wish for peace by this contact.

(Extract from Official Brochure circulated by Tourism Office, Ypres.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The financial year of the "Friends" ends on 30th June next and members who have not paid subscriptions for 1963/64 are asked if they will kindly remit before this date. Money invested means income to the Endowment Fund.

DO YOU CONSIDER THIS NEWS-LETTER WORTH WHILE, IF SO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE ?

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NEWSLETTER

of the Anglican Church
in North and Central Europe

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A prayer for the Church in the Jurisdiction

Almighty God who watchest over thy people and dost build up thy Church in many lands ; we pray for the Jurisdiction of North and Central Europe ; give grace to thy servant Roderic, our Bishop, that he may be a true Father in God to all his scattered people. Bless the many chaplains and congregations, that they may be watchful outposts of thy Church, holding the faith, bearing witness to the truth, and serving thee with all their heart ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

By March 1st, 1964, the address of the Bishop of Fulham and his office will be :—

**HOLLYBUSH LODGE,
MILEPATH,
HOOK HEATH,
WOKING, SURREY.**

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The Bishop's Letter

My dear Friends,

Will you forgive me if I begin on a personal note. For nearly seven years a bachelor Bishop of Fulham has travelled round the Jurisdiction, fondly imagining that his friends all over Europe approved of his bachelor state. It wasn't until his engagement to Miss Lynette Shrubbs was announced in November that a veritable flood of letters, cards and telegrams made it abundantly clear how mistaken he had been. I received such lovely messages, from whole congregations, from Church Committees, from individuals — there was grave danger that I would get a very swelled head, even before the Bishop of Guildford returned to England from a visit to the Netherlands, announcing that young ladies were throwing themselves off bridges all over Europe ! The danger of getting a swelled head is not the only reason why I think it is a good thing one doesn't get engaged every year !! I can see that the Jurisdiction is anxious to make her feel as welcome everywhere as I have been made to feel myself. God bless you.

Last July I was sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury as an Observer to the 4th Assembly of the World Lutheran Federation held in Helsinki. It was a most interesting experience, and in addition to giving me new insight into the problems and joys of the Lutheran Churches, it gave me the opportunity of making many new Lutheran friends from the Scandinavian countries, from Germany and elsewhere. I look forward to meeting them again on my rounds.

Almost straight from that Assembly I flew across the Atlantic to attend the Anglican Congress in Toronto. I will not write about it here, for I have included a separate article about it in this issue. It was a thrilling experience.

The rest of the past six months has been spent doing the usual far-from-trivial round, and rather uncommon task — full of interest as always. I helped to keep the centenary of the Church in Ostend in June, and of the Church in Stockholm in November. Both were lovely occasions. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden attended the Centenary Festal Evensong in Stockholm, and robed in the sanctuary were the Lutheran Archbishop of Uppsala (The Most Rev. Gunnar Hultgren), the Bishop of Stockholm (The Right Rev. Helge Ljunberg) and the Roman Catholic Vicar-General (Monsignor Hans-Henrik von Essen). All the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Scandinavia were present, and the preacher at the Festival Eucharist in the morning (when I was celebrant) was the Rural Dean. We took the opportunity of having a Ruridecanal Chapter meeting the following day, when we discussed Toronto and "Mutual Responsibility and

Interdependence in the Body of Christ." The meeting was judged to be so worthwhile that it is hoped to hold one annually in future, expensive and difficult to arrange as it will be.

When it was announced that Bishop Stephen Bayne would be giving up his post as Executive Officer of the Anglican Communion, we shared the regret of so many Anglicans throughout the world. We in the Jurisdiction naturally wonder what is going to happen about the congregations of the American Convocation in Europe, responsibility for which has been his up to now. Despite all that he has done elsewhere, his presence has been very much felt on the continent of Europe. In December some fifteen clergy and Readers from the Jurisdiction enjoyed his kind hospitality at a "Wider Episcopal Fellowship" conference at Berchtesgaden. Now we have received an invitation to send up to fifty persons to the annual "Family Conference" which will take place from April 27th to May 1st this year, also at Berchtesgaden. It is a large annual gathering, attended not only by clergy but also by whole families of lay persons. It would be lovely if some of us from the Jurisdiction were able to be there. A charge has to be levied, but it is very moderate indeed, considering the comfort and the excellence of the food, not to mention the lovely surroundings. I will be writing to the clergy in greater detail in due course. This is just a preliminary warning.

In the June issue of the Magazine "THEOLOGY" there appeared an article which depicted the Anglican Church in Europe in such a caricatured form that it upset many persons. It spoke of our totally ignoring the Old Catholic Church, whereas there are more than a dozen places where we share one church building with an Old Catholic congregation, and there are Old Catholic clergy in the Netherlands who celebrate Holy Communion for us in Dutch using our own liturgy in our own churches at our request, as well as many other instances of friendly co-operation. It spoke of us as living on our little Anglican islands shunning the continental Churches which surround us, whereas every chaplain in the Jurisdiction could describe countless ecumenical activities in which he has taken part. Nevertheless, if we are honest, we will confess that there is a certain amount of truth behind the accusation. We have a **tendency** to keep ourselves to ourselves, and it is something we must guard against. Language is one of the great problems. Oh for a gift of tongues in the year 1964! Recently I read that forty clergy and lay persons in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal are embarking upon a course of 25 weeks tuition in the French language in the University of Montreal, so that they will the better be able to communicate with their Roman Catholic brethren around them. What about a similar campaign in the Jurisdiction? I suppose a lead from the Bishop is called for—I can only claim to have brushed up my French and learnt American during the past seven years

of visiting Paris, Wiesbaden and elsewhere. German is next on my list for polishing. When interviewing prospective chaplains for the Jurisdiction in the past, I have tended to say that fluency in the language of the country concerned is valuable but not indispensable. With the speed at which ecumenical relations are growing the time has almost come when I must say "valuable and in fact indispensable."

Just to show off, let me end with

Meilleurs voeux pour la Nouvelle Année,
Zalig Nieuwjaar,
Gutes Neujahr,

or however you say it down your way.
Your affectionate Bishop,

+ Robert Fulham

P.S. The Chaplain's Conference this year will be held at Gstaad in Switzerland from May 25th - 29th. This is a departure from our usual custom of holding it in the week after Low Sunday.

Arrivals and Departures

The Rev. Ronald Hallett left Lausanne in the autumn and is now spending a period in the United States of America to gain experience of the Church in that country before returning to Europe. We wish him every success and we warmly welcome to Lausanne in his place the Rev. Edward Young, who was formerly in Lugano.

We have never said a special welcome to three newcomers to the Jurisdiction within the last twelve months: the Rev. John Lewis, who is assisting the Rev. Harold Isherwood in Brussels, the Rev. Karl Lutge, who is assisting the Rev. Henry Brandreth in St. George's Church, Paris, and the Rev. Michael McGowan, who is assisting the Rev. John Morris at the Embassy Church in Paris. We offer them all a warm welcome to the Jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction Sunday, April 12th, 1964

One of the R.A.F. chaplains in Germany made the suggestion some time ago that we appoint one Sunday in the year as "Jurisdiction Sunday." It seems that this is done in many parts of the world, when the forces chaplains and their congregations remember the work of the Anglican Church in the place where they find themselves. The matter was discussed with the Bishop of London, so that the clergy of the London Diocese might remember the Jurisdiction on the same day. The Sunday decided upon is the 2nd Sunday after Easter each year. In 1964 that means Sunday, April 12th.

A Calendar of Intercession for the Jurisdiction

A Calendar of Intercession has been produced for use in the Jurisdiction, allocating one Sunday to each of the chaplaincies of the Jurisdiction, adding for the remaining Sundays such subjects for intercession as our sister Diocese of Gibraltar, the American congregations on the continent, etc. Should any person wish to possess a copy for his or her private prayers, we would be glad to send one. It is hoped that this Calendar will gradually come to be used throughout the whole Jurisdiction, but other schemes of intercession are already being used in certain countries, and it is not the intention that they should immediately be supplanted by this new one. The important thing is the prayers that are offered, not so much the scheme by which they are offered.

Toronto 1963

I set off for Toronto expecting to have a gay time, a rather exhausting time, but a time sufficiently valuable to warrant the expenditure on the fare that no official source seemed to provide. I had been at the Anglican Congress in Minneapolis in 1954, and remembered the inspiration it had been to a young rather raw and very isolated Bishop of Gambia and the Rio Pongas as I then was. I suppose, in the nature of things, I expected Toronto to be bigger and better. I wondered what the Canadian Church would provide to cap the team of Aquabelles who entertained us in a flood-lit swimming pool in Minneapolis. I expected that we would come away from Toronto feeling considerably more proud of being Anglicans, and possibly knowing a little more what exactly an Anglican is.

I left Toronto and returned home a very much more humble Anglican, as did each of the thousand or so delegates I believe, much more concerned about what God thinks of Anglicanism than what we think about it, and for that reason far more deeply concerned to know, but far less anxious at not knowing very clearly at this moment, where precisely the Holy Spirit is leading us.

There were great papers and speeches — the very first paper (by Canon Max Warren) set the tone of the Congress very high from the start. Read it if you get a chance. Miss Janet Lacey created a great impression in a brief speech, and Mr. John Lawrence received a very sympathetic and appreciative hearing. Many papers and panel speeches were rendered somewhat ineffectual by the fact that our thinking was developing at such a rate during the Congress, that what had been produced only a few weeks earlier was now irrelevant.

That which made our thinking develop so rapidly was largely the introduction of the document entitled "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ" drawn up by the Metropolitans of our Communion before the Congress, and then presented to us by the Archbishop of York. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke on it. So did Bishop Stephen Bayne. The press referred to all this as being a call for the "Rebirth of the Anglican Communion." That is a strong phrase, but not too strong to describe our reaction to it. But a handful of Metropolitans cannot bring about the Rebirth of Anglicanism. Nor even can a thousand delegates. It will require the action of persons of many kinds, down to the humblest reader of this Newsletter, yourself included.

The document urged us Anglicans not to restrict ourselves to being parochial in our outlook; not to restrict ourselves to being diocesan in our outlook; not even to restrict our thinking to the bounds of our own National Church or Province and its missionary commitments, but to be nothing less than Anglican-wide in our thinking. (In point of fact it did not refer to the Anglican Communion very much, and the implications of the document would not allow us to restrict our view to less than the entire Body of Christ, the universal Church.) But if we Anglicans think of its implications in the matter of inter-Anglican relations, it is going to mean nothing less than that an Anglican in Bonn is going to be just as concerned about the well being of the Anglican Church in Borneo as the wellbeing of the Church in Bonn — and vice versa. It is going to mean that there would be nothing strange about having an Embassy chaplain with a black face, any more than having a white faced priest at work in the Rio Pongas. It is going to mean that, when a chaplaincy has a sum of money to spend, instead of thinking in terms of (i) a new organ (ii) a new heating system (iii) new robes for the

choir, etc., it will have on its list such items as (a) the training of a priest in East Africa (b) the provision of a village school in New Guinea etc. It is going to be much more difficult for the Anglicans of East Africa, of Borneo, of New Guinea to work out the implications of this for themselves. How can they do anything to assist the richer, older Churches in Europe, or in America? Having spent fifteen years worshipping with African congregations whose love for our Lord colours their worship, and for whom the presence of God is as real as the presence of the church building, I know a lot that could be done for Church life in England by African clergy, or African laymen — choirmen, servers, sidesmen, just as worshippers for that matter. There is plenty that the so-called "younger Churches" can do for the old and tired — those for whom Christianity has become more a matter of convention than of conviction.

Well, Toronto had many other treasures, not least the warmth of the welcome accorded to us by our Canadian hosts. There were the great services in the Maple Leaf Gardens arena. There was the outing to Stratford to see a Shakespeare play, and the visit to Niagara Falls, when we enjoyed the hospitality of Canadian parishes. There were the daily services in St. James' Cathedral, when the administration of Holy Communion took twice as long as the rest of the service, despite many persons administering the Sacrament. There was the strength and unity that came to the whole Congress through the stature of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who gave us, despite the humble manner in which he exercised it, a deep confidence in his leadership. There could have been a jarring note introduced by the fact that it was the Primate of Canada who was our chief host, were it not for his own humility and ability. Yes, great things happened at Toronto, but even more important were the seeds that were sown of things far greater still. God grant that those seeds may come to fruition.

+ R.F.

The Anglican Communion

If a Gallup poll were taken, what percentage of members of the Church of England would be able to state accurately the composition of the Anglican Communion? It consists of 18 independent autocephalous National Churches and Provinces. They are as follows:—

- The Church of England.
- The Church in Wales.
- The Church of Ireland.
- The Episcopal Church in Scotland.
- The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.
- The Anglican Church of Canada.
- The Church of the Province of the West Indies.
- The Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.
- Jurisdiction of the Archbishop in Jerusalem.
- The Holy Catholic Church in Japan.
- The Holy Catholic Church in China.
- The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
- The Church of the Province of South Africa.
- The Church of the Province of West Africa.
- The Church of the Province of East Africa.
- The Church of the Province of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.
- The Church of England in Australia and Tasmania.
- The Church of the Province of New Zealand.

The above list is quoted from a book recently published, and which I most happily commend. It is a book called "Global Odyssey" written by Canon Howard Johnson, an American who spent two full years visiting almost every corner of the Anglican Communion. It is published by Geoffrey Bles at 45/-. It is written most amusingly, but profoundly. It is a critical assessment of Anglican work throughout the world. It is the first book ever written, to my knowledge, which gives the reader an opportunity of feeling that he really knows something of our entire Communion.

How little we do know about ourselves as Anglicans. And how few there seem to be who are keen to know more. It was very sad at Toronto to hear the Rev. Peter Harvey, the editor of "ANGLICAN WORLD," telling us that his glossy magazine would have to cease publication unless more people were to become regular readers. "ANGLICAN WORLD" is an attempt on the part of some far-sighted people to enable Anglicans to read more about each other in a magazine which, while perhaps alas being a little costly (though not costly for what it provides), is most attractively produced. If you would like to know more about it, ask your chaplain to enlighten you.

Anglican/Methodist Unity

At this moment the report of the joint Church of England/Methodist Commission is being studied by members of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in the British Isles, and their views will be reported back to the responsible bodies at the top in the two Churches. Whether or not something positive and valuable will come out of the report will depend largely upon the conscientiousness of the man in the pew who is exhorted to study it. In the Jurisdiction of North and Central Europe, although we feel a little remote, we have our part to play too.

We have our part to play firstly because unity is the will of our Lord for his Church, and this matter should be of deep concern to us all however remote we are. In addition, those of us on the continent who come from England have a strong responsibility towards our own Church of England, and indeed are still bound to it by our link with the Diocese of London.

But what of Methodism on the continent of Europe? Is there any? If one looks for an English-speaking Methodist congregation of British origin, there is the Methodist Church in the Rue Roquepine in Paris, with which the Embassy Church in Paris is on very good terms. Anything else? An enquiry has produced a few rather startling facts. Methodism having spread from the British Isles to America, and having there adopted Bishops, it then returned to the continent of Europe. With what result? There are three Bishops in Europe, Bishop Odd Hagen in Stockholm, Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich in Frankfurt, and Bishop Ferdinand Sigg in Zurich. Sweden has 12,000 Methodists in 148 Churches. Norway has seventy Churches. The other Scandinavian countries have their Churches. East and West Germany have 100,000 Methodists being ministered to by 330 clergy and 800 lay preachers. Some 290 deaconesses serve Swiss Methodist hospitals, orphanages and homes for the aged, including Zurich's large Bethany Hospital. And that is only part of the picture.

Should present moves in England bring about unity between the Church of England and Methodism in the British Isles, continental Methodism would hardly be affected by it. The Methodist Church in the continental countries is now almost completely indigenous, worshipping in the language of the country. Events in the British Isles, however, will give us a unique opportunity of making contacts. Can we take advantage of this?

News from the Chaplaincies

THE RURAL DEANERY OF SWITZERLAND

Rural Deanery Notes

The whole Rural Deanery were very thrilled to hear the news of the engagement of our Bishop to Miss Lynette Shrubbs. It came as a great surprise to everyone, and the clergy found it very hard to keep the secret until the Press published details. We wish them both God's richest blessing and every happiness. We look forward to meeting the future Mrs. Coote at our Conference at Gstaad in May. We are very fortunate that Switzerland happens to be the country for the Conference in 1964.

After the epidemic at Zermatt a year ago, our summer chaplaincies reported a decrease in British-American visitors at the resorts, but according to forecasts, the winter ski-ing centres will be more crowded than ever. Snow was very late in arriving this year, and at Christmas, only places above 1,500 metres had really sufficient for ski-ing on the lower slopes.

More and more parties of children from home arrive for a prolonged stay in the mountains, and our permanent chaplains



Outside the Swiss Protestant Church in Interlaken, where Anglican Services are held. Left to right: The Rev. Alan Borthwick of Basel, Mrs. Borthwick, Miss Gertrud Stahel, the Bishop of Fulham, the Rev. George Rubie, who was seasonal chaplain of Interlaken at the time, and Mrs. Rubie. Miss Stahel and her friend Miss Baumann are permanent residents and chief pillars of the English Church in Interlaken.

try to visit them regularly. The main groups are the British children in Pestalozzidorf, served by Maxwell Stewart in St. Gallen, the children at Davos sent out by the British Red Cross, and those in Arosa under the auspices of the Alpine Sun for British Children Inc., both looked after by George Dolman in Davos. Now the Royal Air Force Benevolent Association is sponsoring a Swiss holiday for children of dependants. Most of our churches are helping to provide amenities for these children who are in a foreign country, and to provide part of the costs.

We were very sorry to hear of Pat Gray's serious illness in the autumn, but are glad she is well on the road to full recovery. Barney seems none the worse for his prolonged period of bachelor existence. The congregation of St. Ursula's, Berne, have rallied round in their usual friendly way.

Zurich

Since the opening of our Church Community Centre in May, the congregational life has been deepened in a remarkable way. Besides at last having a home for our varied organisations, we have been able to get to know each other so much better. The coffee sessions after Morning Service have been crowded, and visitors and residents alike have felt they belonged. The Youth Group has been responsible for organising the coffee with cold drinks for the children, and a certain male member never fails at the washing-up. We do not see him ever becoming a typical Swiss husband. Sadly, for us, he will be back with his family in the States during the year.

During the rebuilding of the French church, we were happy to invite their organisations to make use of our Centre. It brought our two churches very close to each other, and we could repay them for their hospitality to us when we had no home.

The Carol Services are very important ecumenically. This last Christmas we were invited to take our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols to the beautiful St. Augustine's church, the home of the Old Catholics in Zurich. A congregation of over five hundred crowded the church. One of the popular newspapers, asked if they might photograph the robed procession headed by the processional cross. It seemed to be unique in Zurich. The lessons were read alternately in German and English, and one of the Old Catholic priests read the final prayers.

In addition there were two crowded carol services in our own church. At one of these, lessons were read by the Pastor of the International Protestant Church, the Revd. Charles Hanna, and by the Roman Catholic priest who ministers to English-speaking people in Zurich, Pater Stephan of the Collegium Mariahilf in Schwyz. Christoph, the eight-year old son of our Swiss organist, sang the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City," although he speaks no English.

Fifty of our children were found parts in a Nativity play specially written by our Sunday School Leader. They rehearsed on Sunday mornings having a special sermon for themselves before they went down to the Church Centre. The youngest member of the cast was a mere twelve months, and she really was an angel.

Bern

We offer a very sincere welcome to Ambassador William True Davis, the new Ambassador to Switzerland of the U.S.A., to Mrs. Davis and their three sons. It is an added joy to know that they are "of the family" and are already regular worshippers at St. Ursula's. We trust that their stay in Bern will prove happy and rewarding to them, and to all who serve with them. It was a pleasure to have Ambassador Davis, one of the four Ambassadors, reading their Lesson at the Service of Carols and Nine Lessons at Christmas.

We congratulate two of our former Servers, Messrs. George and Stewart Rothey, father and son, on their completion of their first term in their respective Theological Colleges, Ely and Mirfield. We wish them every success in the future. Mrs. Rothey continues with us for the time being, but will, we feel sure, be leaving us to become the "right-hand" of a Curate, in the U.K., in the not far distant future.

The wife of the Chaplain, we rejoice to say, is making a good recovery after her recent illness. A coronary thrombosis is not a common ailment for the 'weaker sex' I am told, but then the Irish never do things by halves, vide, the Lord Bishop! She was able to make her first Communion in Church at the Christmas Festival, after an absence of five months. It was a very great joy both for her and for her husband. Thank you for your many prayers and practical help.

B.R.G.

Christ Church, Lausanne

The new chaplain, the Revd. S. E. W. Young, who came from Lugano, arrived in Lausanne for the last Sunday in September. He was instituted privately by the Bishop of Fulham on the afternoon of Thursday, October 3rd, in Holy Trinity Church, Geneva. The public part of the Institution was held at Christ Church, Lausanne on Sunday, October 13th, at 6.00 p.m. The service was taken by the Rural Dean of Switzerland, the Revd. Prebendary D. W. C. Mossman, assisted by the Revd. S. J. Baggott, the chaplain of Leysin. A very hopeful sign about this service was the presence in choir of priests from the Roman Catholic, Old Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox Churches and of three Swiss Protestant Ministers. After the service a reception was given by the Countess Chevreau d'Antraigues at her beautiful house, L'Elysée.

On Remembrance Sunday there was a large congregation to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the two wars. The procession to the War Memorial was composed of the Chaplain, followed by the British Vice-Consul from Geneva, the American Military Attache from Berne, the French Consul and the Belgian Consul. The flags of the four nations were carried. Three French trumpeters very impressively played the Last Post and Reveille. The sermon was preached by the Chaplain. Before and after the service poppies were sold and quite a large sum of money was sent off to the British Legion in Geneva.

On December 15th the Annual Carol service took a slightly different form from previous years. The choir had worked very well for some weeks and were ably helped by Mrs. Finlay as the organist. Several carols were sung during the service and the various lessons were read by boys and girls of the local schools and pensionnats. Towards the end of the service the girls of Brillantmont performed a most beautiful and moving Nativity Tableau and Mime. It was good to see in the congregation many Swiss people who had come to join in this act of Christmas worship.

The Church was most beautifully decorated for Christmas. A set of wooden gilt candlesticks had been anonymously presented for the high altar. Outside the chancel was a large Christmas Tree, around which gifts were placed for the British Asthmatic Children at Davos.

The Chaplain would like to express his very grateful thanks for the warmth of the welcome and the offers of help he has received from the Church Wardens, the Church Council, and all the members of the congregation.

Davos

In the last issue I reported about the proposed building of a parsonage behind St. Luke's Church. The referendum took place at the end of July and Davos citizens approved of the exchange of land necessary for the building of the house by 470 votes to 27. (28% of the electorate voted and I did **not** have to stand on a soapbox and solicit votes for this worthy object). Thus we were able to start the building at the end of August and finish all the outside brickwork before the cold weather set in. This was a very real answer to our prayers! In this way we were able to continue the inside building operations and we hope that our flat will be ready for occupation by April 1st.

The work amongst the patients — most of them suffer from one or another type of asthma — is mainly teaching and preaching. Every Sunday we have regular services in St. Luke's Church, Davos. During the winter season Evening services are also held in English in the Swiss Protestant Church at Klosters. These appear to be appreciated. Apart from our English patients, who rarely stay in Davos less than six months, the congregation is never

the same from one Sunday to another. We never know who or how many might turn up and one has to be prepared for anything, which makes life rather interesting. Sometimes visitors offer to play the organ, read the lessons or take the collection, and we are grateful for such help. Otherwise we do the best we can, e.g., two children may ring the church bell, one or two young people may give out the service books, Mrs. Dolman does her best to play the organ and two children take the collection. It is quite surprising to see that, in spite of our shortcomings, there is always a deep sense of worship and reverence felt by most of those who attend the services. I think that Davos is unique as being the only permanent chaplaincy which has practically no English residents. It is only during the winter season — roughly from just before Christmas until the end of March — that we have evening services in Klosters. When these have stopped we normally have open house on a Sunday afternoon with a cup of tea and a cake for anybody who cares to come. It is mostly the adult patients and their friends and visitors who avail themselves of this invitation. On occasions like this our record-player (a parting gift from our last two parishes in Northants) proves a very useful means of entertainment and relaxation. These afternoons help us to get to know and appreciate each other.

During the week the chaplain has to give regular instruction in religious knowledge to a group of English children who are at the "Pro Juventute" (a Swiss High-Alpine Sanatorium for Children) and to the young English patients at the "Nederlands Sanatorium" (a Dutch sanatorium where most of our adult patients are being treated and cared for). Nearly all our English patients in Davos (approximately 50 in all) are sent there by the British Red Cross. This society has a full time welfare-officer in Davos as well as an English teacher for the English children at the Pro Juventute. Miss Goddard (welfare officer) has only come for a six months period, she is an experienced Red Cross worker and has been a great help in the work. We shall indeed be sorry to lose her. This year I have also been asked to conduct services and give scripture lessons to a group of 16 English Children in Arosa. They are sent there by the "Alpine Sun for British Children Ltd." and stay at the Prasura, a private Swiss childrens convalescent home, for about three months. Their teacher, Miss Child, was most helpful and co-operative. We based our lessons on the "Sunday School by Post" by Miss Wade of the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society and in this way the lessons could be continued without interruption in those weeks when I was unable to visit Arosa.

Thus the work continues and may we ask for your intercessions for the tasks God has given us in this most beautiful corner of His World.

George Dolman.

Holy Trinity, Geneva

In the City archives of Geneva there is carefully preserved a 16th century book bearing the title "The Booke of the English." This book was handed to the City Fathers in 1560 upon the occasion of the departure of the members of the first English Church in Geneva which had been set up—October, 1555. During the intervening years they had completed the task to which they were dedicated, the translation of the Bible into English, and had produced what is now known as The Geneva Bible (The Breeches Bible). They asked that the book which they were handing to the City Council should be preserved as a "perpetual memorial" of the gratitude which they felt for the hospitality and security afforded to them during their stay in Geneva.

The book, *Le Livre des Anglois*, is nothing more nor less than the carefully kept Church Register of this English Church in Geneva. In addition, however, to its record of baptisms, marriages and burials, it contains a list of all the members of the church and of those from among them who were appointed to be their ministers. (Several of the men were clergy, including two bishops, Bishop Coverdale and Bishop Scory.)

The following 'entries' from the "Book of the English" may be of some interest.

Baptisms

- 1556
January 4th John Stafford, the sonne of Wllm Stafford, Knight, John Calvin being the godfather.
- 1557
January 16th John the sonne of John Hollingham, John Knox being the godfather.
August 17th Zacharie, the sonne of John Bodleigh (later to found The Bodleian, Oxford.)

Marriages

- 1556
February 24th Jane Stafford als Willmz, widowe, was then married unto Maximillian Celsus, the Italian preacher.
November 15th Wllm Whitingham (one of the great translators who published his New Testament translation—1557) of Chester in England and Katheryne Jaquemayne of Orleance in France were then married.

Burials

- 1557
Jane Stafford, als Willmz, als the Countesse, being wife of Maximillian Celsus, the Italian preacher, called the Countie.

This "Book of the English" must surely be one of the most remarkable Church Registers in existence and in its completeness possibly unique for the 16th Century.

St. John's Church, Montreux

I am glad to announce that the mortgage on the Church and on St. John's House has been fully paid, and most heartily congratulate and thank the Trustees for their work to this end.

Once again Montreux has had a poor summer season. There are plenty of cars which speed with menacing rapidity through the town; but for the main part they are making straight for Italy, where tourist expenses are considerably lower. Few visitors nowadays appear to stay by the Lake longer than a week. Our summer congregations have consisted mainly of people passing through on coach tours; but often the coach itinerary leaves no opportunity for Sunday morning worship. Nevertheless it is impressive to see how many English people, young and not so young, take the trouble to come to church on Sundays; and one of the couriers who steered coach-parties on several occasions through Territet this summer proved to be a staunch Churchman, who gave considerable encouragement to his flock to join ours.

When the sad news of the death of Pope John XXIII was announced, it seemed important that Anglicans as well as Romans should join in the tributes to his memory. After I had enquired by telephone from the Curé of Montreux the time of the principal Requiem, I found, on arrival at the Roman Catholic church, that he had kindly reserved a seat for me near the sanctuary. He preached a short and simple sermon ("We must thank God for this our good Pope"); both the chanting and the ceremonial were performed with a simple dignity, which one does not always encounter on such occasions. I sent him a brief note, thanking him for his courtesy, and received a charming reply, in which he stated:—

"Le Curé de Montreux vous présente ses très respectueuses salutations. Il a été profondément touché par votre présence à l'office de Requiem pour le Pape Jean XXIII, et par votre message de chrétienne sympathie et vous remercie du fond du coeur. Avec vous, il prie le Seigneur pour que l'oeuvre de Jean XXIII se poursuive, en particulier pour que le voeu du Christ que "Tous soient UN" se réalise. Il se recommande à vos prières."

Later in the summer we were glad to welcome at our Sunday eight o'clock service a party of Old Catholics from Bavaria together with their parish priest. They received Holy Communion with us, according to our rite, partaking of the Chalice, which is not their own custom. Their priest read the Epistle and Gospel from Luther's Bible. It was a great joy to be able to take full advantage of the full Communion which exists between Anglicans and Old Catholics, and to bear witness of its reality. We hope that such visits may be repeated.

More recently it was striking to see the tributes paid to President John Kennedy at our Memorial Service and Requiem on the day after his funeral. Not only Americans and British, but also a number of Swiss citizens attended.

We are again welcoming two combined school choirs — St. George's School and Aiglon College — to St. John's for their end of term Carol Service.

+ Humphry Beevor.

Leysin

In September 1963 the American College of Switzerland (as it is called), a Two-Year Liberal Arts College, opened with 50 students in Les Frenes, a fine building, formerly a sanatorium. Together with the American High School, now two years old, in what was once the Sanatorium Alpes Vaudoises and more recently the Savoy Hotel, this makes the American community in Leysin by far the larger part of the English speaking residents.

In the past year there have been fewer English visitors at Church services, mainly owing to the difficulty experienced by school parties in finding accommodation. This continues to be a problem as one of the largest hotels in Leysin has now been taken over by a French Travel Club for their members, so that they occupy four out of the five biggest hotels. One of the few remaining sanatoria is expected to close next year, and if it becomes a hotel this will help in adjusting the situation, enabling more private holiday parties to come.

In the past year the work at Villars was put into the care of the Rev. G. E. McNeill who is also chaplain to Aiglon College. From Leysin visits continue to be made to Les Diablerets, Les Marecottes, Verbier and Montana, and services held.

There is a scheme for developing an artificial ice-rink at Leysin, and it remains to be seen whether this will eventually affect the building in which the English Church is situated.

Christ Church, Montreux; St. Peter's, Château d'Oex; St. Peter's, les Avants and Champéry

In August one Chaplain had left and the other had not arrived at Zermatt, so I was asked to bury two young climbers killed on the Weisshorn. Dr. John Emery (29) English, and Mr. David Sowles, American. They leave two young widows. It was a sad occasion. The widows agreed when I said — "God alone is sufficient for this."

Zermatt seemed to be full and a lot of English. On a tombstone in the English Churchyard there are these words to one who was killed on the mountains "To his Fatherland translated unaware."

When St. Peter's, Château d'Oex was built in 1899, it was well built but they must have been short of money because they put a tin roof on, to the disgust of the village people — now one

would not be allowed to do this. Rusted and in some places perished, we have to put on a new roof at a cost of £2,600. The tiles will now be anthracite colour with brass gutters and down-pipes. The Clocheton will also be covered with brass. The work will be finished in early autumn.

Bishop Stephen Neill takes the Christmas Services in Château d'Oex. The Rev. John Kidd (of St. Paul's, Onslow Square) will take January 5th and 12th at Champéry.

A special appeal along the lines of Christian Stewardship has put Christ Church on a sound financial basis. At Château d'Oex the Congregations and Communion are large; and we have a good organist and first class choir! There are well over 100 English girls at Finishing Schools, and the number of visitors steadily increases. In winter because all the new Teleferics etc., offer first class ski-ing — there are also several new residents.

Mr. George Fielding, whom I have known since he was 17, is now the second Churchwarden. His mother lived for many years in Château d'Oex and was much loved and did much to help the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding have a boy at Eton and the daughter is at St. Georges, Clarens.

Autumn Congregations in Christ Church vary between 40 and 90. January and February are our worst months, until spring brings visitors. I think there have been fewer visitors to Montreux this year, but our numbers in Church have been very good.

A. D. Adams.

All Saints', Vevey

The English Church at Vevey continues to grow steadily and has abundantly proved the need for an all-the-year-round Ministry. Two important steps forward have been taken since the Autumn. First we have made friendly contact with the Swiss Protestant Church of St. Martin, Vevey. They have an excellent Church Institute with rooms ideal for Social or other activity. Thanks to this we have been able to start a monthly Social Evening for Young English Speaking People in Vevey. The need for this is mainly due to the girls brought out by Nestlé from England, often with no previous experience of a foreign country. Secondly the Nestlé Personnel Dept. is co-operating in giving information of names and addresses of these girls when they arrive, and still more help is in prospect.

A substantial legacy has enabled us to renew all the guttering of the church roof, also to repair the roof wherever necessary. We plan to follow this by restoration of the interior, much needed.

The challenging Message from Toronto is a spur to us to make this chaplaincy independent of financial aid. At present about half the chaplain's stipend is paid by the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society. Independence is the first task; when this has been achieved we shall be in a position to help others.

During the summer the Community in Vevey suffered a grievous loss in the sudden death of Thomas Carlisle, Canadian, who with his wife and family of five came here from Canada only four years ago. During this time they became greatly respected and loved for their fine example in Christian family living.

Accidents and sickness loomed large during the autumn, making the Hospitals a frequent visiting point. Mr. Stubbs, the doyen of the English Community here, had a very narrow escape from death on the road. From being knocked down he has made a wonderful recovery.

John F. Page.

THE RURAL DEANERY OF BELGIUM

Antwerp—the Church of St. Boniface

The last summer has seen the completion of work that has long needed doing—the re-pointing of our church building. We had been talking and writing about it for years and then last spring we had the official “all clear.” The Church is now in a good state of repair, outside and in, and our people are working well in their effort to defray the cost.

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Mr. Robert Lascelles, Principal of Lloyd's Register of Shipping in Antwerp, upon the appearance of his name in the Queen's Birthday Honours as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Mr. Lascelles is Chaplain's Warden at the Church of St. Boniface, President of the Antwerp Branch of the British Legion and a Vice-President of the Antwerp Cricket Club. He was invested with the Insignia of the Order by the British Ambassador, Sir Roderick Barclay, at a ceremony which took place in October at the British Consulate-General, Antwerp. This honour is a fitting recognition of service to the community extending back to a time long before the last war.

It was a real break with the past when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lynam left Antwerp in November, after a period of residence going back 36 years. Until his retirement, some months ago, Mr. Lynam was on the directing staff of “Automatic Electric.” Mr. and Mrs. Lynam worshipped regularly at the Church of St. Boniface where he was a sidesman and a member of the Church Committee and Mrs. Lynam was, up to a short time ago, Treasurer of the Church and Altar Guild. They have gone to live on the outskirts of Derby, Mr. Lynam's old home, taking with them the good wishes of a host of friends.

Another family to whom we bade a regretful “goodbye” are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fox and their two children. Having lived here for over 17 years they were—among the younger set—among the oldest British residents. Mr. Fox was on the staff of General Steam Navigation and a keen member of the British Legion of which he was for many years the Antwerp Honorary

Secretary. He was a sidesman at the Church of St. Boniface and, like many another of our Churchmen, a playing member of the Antwerp Cricket Club. To the Fox family, too, we offer our best wishes for the future.

The people of Antwerp were delighted to see the name of their Consul-General, Mr. Hugh N. Pullar, in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. Mr. Pullar has been made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and no C.B.E. has been more well and truly earned. Wherever he has been stationed he has taken a leading part in the affairs of the Church and here in Antwerp he is a member of our Church Committee. Unfortunately for us he is soon leaving Belgium as he has been appointed Consul-General in Jerusalem. We offer him our warmest congratulations on the honour accorded to him by the Queen and we wish him and his family every happiness in their new home.

St. John's Church, Ghent

The great day dawned at last when the builders men told us that they had finished all the structural alterations, that the painting was ended, and that we could move to our new Church. The congregation who had worshipped for so long in very cramped and derelict quarters were very excited. It was sad in a way to leave a building which had had such a lot of loving care and affection bestowed upon it, but the owners did nothing to repair it and in the end we could stay no longer. The new house is an old religious house which dates back to the middle ages, but is completely renovated. We are now anxiously awaiting the visit of the Bishop when he will dedicate the new church of “St. John at Ghent” to the Glory of Almighty God and for the use of the congregation here.

Ypres

This year is the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, and as Ypres was one of the towns to suffer most from the fighting—being completely destroyed—it is fitting that the event should be celebrated with great solemnities. The town will be filled with visitors, old soldiers will come to re-visit the scenes of their grimmer days. Pilgrims will be here to visit the graves of their fathers who fell in that terrible inferno. St. George's is the “Memorial” church to all those who died, in the First War, and also to its continuation the Second War. We are preparing to receive a large number of visitors. The “Friends” have arranged for guides to be on duty every day throughout the tourist season to help those visiting the church, and special services will be arranged. If any priests wish to have an altar at any time, we will be pleased to accommodate them, if they will let us have sufficient notice, preferably through the Bishop of Fulham. It is a great help to us also to be notified in advance of any parties visiting the church, so that we can be ready to help them in any way.

THE RURAL DEANERY OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Annual Conference for Clergy and Laity

On Saturday, November 23rd, the tenth of the Annual Clergy and Laity Conferences was held in the Main hall of The Missions to Seamen Club in Rotterdam. The Speaker was the Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp, D.D., Lord Bishop of Guildford. The Bishop and Mrs. Reindorp arrived by air on Friday afternoon—a beautiful sunny day weatherwise—and were taken on a tour of Kinderdijk, Gouda and other sections of the Rotterdam area. On Saturday, November 23rd, proceedings got under way with Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, while the Conference proper started at 3 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. Popham Hosford. There were well over 100 people present from all parts of the Netherlands.

The theme of the Conference was: "Echoes of Toronto," and the Bishop gave us a report on what he had heard and seen at the Congress. It was all very interesting. The Bishop, in his sincere and amusing way told us the story of the Conference and we could all picture the events of this huge congress. He emphasized especially that we must be an informed Church and that the layman must play his part; and that the Christian Church could well use a system of cell groups or house meetings to become informed on all aspects of the Christian and other faiths. The Church should be a listening, teaching and a serving body; God had called us to be one Church, and we must work to the fulfilment of this end. He also especially emphasized that segregation is abhorrent to the Church, which regards it not only as an evil, but as a sin.

In a question time following his address, the Bishop was asked if he thought that the congress was worth while, or could not the money be better spent in other ways? His answer was that he knew of no other way in which the Anglican Church could be made to pass before one's eyes in ten days—that to attend a Holy Eucharist as celebrated by a Japanese or African Bishop, to see a service taken by an Indian wearing no shoes at the Holy Table, to hear opinions expressed by Australians, Jordanians, representatives from the Phillipines, from Bermuda and the Arctic, in fact by representatives from all parts of the world, was an unforgettable experience for him—how much more so for a person from another country who, perhaps, had never before seen more than twelve clergy together at one time. One needed meetings such as these in order really to understand about the Church in action.

After the question period people had a look at the bookstall at the back of the Hall and then retired for a spot of tea and cakes and discussion. The tea was delicious and well prepared by the ladies. At 5.30 p.m. the Conference ended with Evensong in St. Mary's Parish Church at which the Bishop, because of

the shock of Mr. John Kennedy's assassination, chose to speak on the subject of "Life after Death." For the Christian death is not the end, for a loving God would not in a moment cut off from us those we love. Between the living and the dead there is communion and they can pray for us and we for them—the Communion of Saints—not in the idea of spiritualism, but in the faith of God, our Father, as a God of love.

The Bishop was kept busy over the weekend with preachments at The Hague and in Amsterdam before he and Mrs. Reindorp returned to England. We all felt that the Conference was a most sincere, inspiring and thought-provoking one, reminding us that we must be **informed** Christians, and also of the necessity of putting our trust in the God of love in preparation for life everlasting.

L.C.

Rotterdam

Once again one of the main features of the week of prayer for Christian Unity as it will be kept in Rotterdam will be the Five Church Walk, or rather this year the Five Church Walks. We Anglicans should make a special effort to join in such activities, in the first place because the language barrier makes it so easy for us to live in isolation from our fellow Christians in the City—and as the Archbishop of Canterbury reminded us last year "The Church that lives to itself will die by itself"—and because all our Anglican principles make the search for unity in truth in the Church a must for us. There will be two routes this year starting at different points in the city, and both finishing at St. Laurence's Church. In each Church visited there will be a short service according to the traditions of that Church, the whole to include witness, worship and service of Christ. A collection in aid of some oecumenical good cause, such as support for famine relief or refugees, will be taken in the St. Laurence Church. The two routes are as follows:

A—

1. The Gereformeerde Church on the Statensingel.
2. The Hervormde Prinsekerk.
3. The Roman Catholic Church on the Proveniersingel.
4. The Doopsgezinde Church (Near the Heliport).
5. The St. Laurence Church.

or:

B—

1. The Old Catholic Church, Nieuwe Binnenweg.
2. The Remonstrant Church, Westersingel.
3. The Scots Church, Schiedamoevest.
4. The Roman Catholic Dominicus Church, Steiger.
5. The St. Laurence Church.

People choose which route suits them best. The walk takes place on Friday, January 24th, beginning at 8.00 p.m.

This list of Churches helps us to realise the great keenness and interest the Christians in Rotterdam show for the Oecumenical movement. Our Church is not on the list as it is too small, but we are represented by the Old Catholics being in full Communion with us.

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas there were large congregations and numerous visitors from many sections of the Anglican Community. We also entertained well over 1,000 seamen during our Christmas programme, and they not only appreciated the Missions to Seamen Clubs but so loved our Church. The seamen not only come to our services; but very much like to slip into St. Mary's for private prayer.

We had Carol Services at Flushing and Eindhoven (for the first time). At Flushing, our community there, very hospitably, invited the choir to stay the night; and so we had Carol Singing on the Friday evening, December 6th, and the choir the next morning took part in the Holy Communion Service. Flushing is over 100 miles from Rotterdam, and it was a great treat for the little community there and also for our choir. The Eindhoven carol service was also a great success, and we had over 80 people at it; and at the Communion service a record number made their Christmas Communion.

We were very glad to welcome to Rotterdam the Rev. Jimmy Green who came here to gain experience before going on to Port Sudan. He made many new friends in this Port. The climate there will be quite different, but the work is essentially the same in spite of the heat.

Shortly after he left we welcomed the Rev. Leslie Corness from Frobisher Bay in the Arctic. He too is having a change of climate for when you receive these notes he should be working in Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria. We very much enjoyed having him with us and learning about his work amongst the Eskimos. This is no new experience for the people in Rotterdam, for during the last few years we have been supporting Canon William James in Baker Lake, North West Territories; and to our great delight he also visited us during the Christmas season and showed us the slides about his work. He and Leslie Corness have never met in the Arctic, but they knew all about each other and so it was a great pleasure for them to meet, of all places, in Rotterdam; and talk about their work and experiences amongst their beloved Eskimos.

Pernis

We are now at the end of our first full year at Pernis, and we are very pleased to say we have had approximately 17,000 seafarers in the club.

We have five members on our sub-committee, who represent the Oil Companies around this district. They can always be relied upon to give of their time from their busy industrial lives to further the interests of the club. Their planning and organising of work and their interest in the welfare and homely atmosphere in the club, is a great encouragement.

The year has been marked by many interesting events, two of these were the Garden Fete in June and the Gala Dance in August when the dance hostesses came from Rotterdam by launch and joined our hostesses. We had a grand crowd of seafarers in, and everyone enjoyed the evening, which closed with Family Prayers taken by our Senior Chaplain.

One day in August there was the sound of paddles hitting the water outside our clubhouse and to our surprise we had an eight man invasion from members of the British Army in Germany. These young men were taking part in an initiative test when they had to canoe their way to the Euromast. They were able to have showers and a light snack here before reaching their goal point.

We now have an average of 22 children attending our family service along with parents. In November they all brought along a very good selection of toys which were immediately taken, by four members of the Sunday school, and distributed to sick children in the eye hospital in Rotterdam. This was only a small example of our theme for these services, that the children will learn to put into practice the religious knowledge they are taught so well in many of the schools here.

We started our Christmas Festivities with a bumper Childrens party, with our own Sunday school children and children of friends of the Mission numbering seventy in all. Sections of the afternoon's happenings were recorded by Mr. Harry van Gelder and an Engineer of Radio Nederlands for our monthly Flying Angel Radio Magazine, which was Broadcast at the end of December.

It was good to have some of the seamen ashore to join us in our Communion service on Christmas morning and also our carol services. The rest of our programme of films, dances and suppers has been well attended.

The Hague

At times, when activities and engagements of various sorts crowd in, and life is one continuous round of services, meetings, parties, telephone calls and so on, I use a prayer that others may also find useful. If I am not mistaken it comes from Rabindranath Tagore:

Lord, temper with tranquillity,
My manifold activity,
That I may do my work for Thee,
With very great simplicity.

The past season has not been either a quiet one nor inactive ; what can you expect when you undertake to reconstruct a church hall ? Even in these modern times, they use pneumatic drills, noisy lorries, and the hammer, hammer of the carpenters can get on ones nerves. But, it has all been worth while, for now we have a Hall of which we are proud ; it is so much more serviceable than the old one. And so, everyone is in good humour, and the Christmas parties were held under ideal conditions. The Nearly New Shop was like Vroom and Dreesman's on Bargain Day, on the day we opened, and the management has decided to keep open every Thursday, instead of only twice a month, in order to begin to reduce the big debt on the Hall. I might mention that the kitchen is one to make ordinary housewives envious ! I suppose it is partly my fault . . . for I appointed a highly capable committee to design and plan the whole room ; now we have stainless steel sinks (double), formica tops everywhere, new gas cooker, gas heater, and various other appliances. Our catering facilities are excellent . . . ranging from coffee after services, to a real big affair in the evening. The social life of a church is important.

Highlights in the church itself include the visit by the Ulster Girls Choir, who sang with clear, fresh tone and delighted the large congregation ; (they realised that Americans were also present, and sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic specially for them) ; and another outstanding occasion was the visit by the Bishop of Guildford, which came two days after the news of President Kennedy's assassination. He preached a sermon that we shall long remember.

A new altar frontal has been dedicated ; it has a triple design on a green background, worked in gold thread ; there are the loaves and fishes, emblems of St. Philip, the golden eagle emblem of St. John, in the centre panel the dove, symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

The discovery of natural gas in large quantities in the North of the country is indirectly benefitting us, as it is causing a number of experts in this field to be brought over either as consultants or as practical designing engineers. Several have arrived from the State of Texas, and, putting it mildly, they are an asset to us in the church. The wife of one of them is a Sunday school specialist. She undertook the production of the Nativity Play at Christmas, and seems prepared to tackle anything. This is only one example.

THE RURAL DEANERY OF FRANCE

British Embassy Church, Paris

THE DEATH OF BISHOP G. A. CHAMBERS

From 1947 - 1955 Bishop G. A. Chambers was chaplain at the British Embassy Church here in Paris, where he was greatly loved by all who knew him and appreciated his earnest and

sincere ministry. His memory will long remain amongst the faithful here in the church, and many still rise up and call him blessed. His tireless energy, happy disposition and deep, yet simple faith were amongst many other attitudes of his christian service for which he will be remembered by the regular members of the church and the older residents here in Paris.

We thank God for every remembrance of him.

THE ARRIVAL OF REV. M. H. MCGOWAN

The coming to the Rural Deanery of France, of the Rev. Michael H. McGowan, formerly curate at St. Mary's, Islington, London, N.5., means that the churches outside Paris, which during the last 8 years have had very irregular ministry, now will have efficient and spiritual leadership. At Le Havre, Rouen, Chantilly, Lyon, and Grenoble, extra pastoral care in the two months since Mr. McGowan's arrival, has resulted in Sunday schools and confirmation classes being formed for the first time for many years. Services have been far better attended and advance made with regard to the new church building which is anticipated at Le Havre. At Aix-les-Bains, a fresh start will probably be made after Easter.

Will readers please pray for this excellent and needful work which has just been started.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR

Our annual bazaar, clouded though it was, by the news of the assassination of President Kennedy, the night before, proved to be a great success and resulted in another all time record. The congregation always enjoys this annual event, when people work together, and a whole fund of good will towards the church is manifested among the sections of the British Community.

Paris — St. George

A first word must be of congratulation to our organist, Miss Susan Landale, who won the first prize in the organ-playing competition at the St. Albans International Festival in June. Her winning recital was broadcast in the B.B.C. Home Service on July 7th. The prize was awarded by an international jury, and there were competitors from America, France, Switzerland, Germany and England. We also have to congratulate Miss Landale on her marriage, at the beginning of October, to Monsieur Marc Rouit ; we congratulate ourselves, too, for since he works in Paris, she will remain our permanent organist.

We have been able to welcome a number of visitors from remote parts of the Anglican Communion on their way home from Toronto. We were particularly glad to have the Archdeacon of Tamatave who was able to celebrate in Malgache for the Malgache Anglicans to whom we minister. The Chaplain celebrates a dialogue French-Malgache Mass for them once a month, but has not yet been able to manage the Malgache part. We also earlier had a week-end visit from the Bishop of Madagascar.

A large number of people attended the Requiem Mass which was celebrated at St. George's for President Kennedy.

Maisons Laffitte

By far the most outstanding event of our Church year took place on Christmas Sunday when the Pastor of the local Eglise Réformée and the Chaplain arranged a bi-lingual service. In the presence of the British Ambassador and Lady Pierson Dixon we had the usual Lessons and Carols of the Nativity. The unusual fact was that for the first time in many years our French Protestant friends were able to join with us in worship, in their own language.

As far as possible we had chosen Carols and Hymns that were familiar to both Anglicans and French Protestants. But from the word "go" we were in danger of being swamped by their enthusiasm. Indeed, I felt quite certain, in processing down the aisle for the first hymn, that what they were singing and what we were trying to sing, were not by any means the same thing. But by the time we had reached the Choir stalls I had rallied our side by a series of muttered "imprecations" and we only just held our own.

The congregation was almost equally divided between French and English, but we also had a highly trained French Protestant Choir to cope with. The result was definitely cacophonous, but it was gloriously alive and joyful. I think that all hearts were touched by the realisation that though the words were different and the tempo was not the same, we were indeed praising the same Lord and Saviour of us all.

The Church was crowded from floor to ceiling, and though we had brought in every available spare chair we were unable to seat them all. In the gallery and the back of the church it was standing room only. Several families were unable to gain admittance at all.

Normally the Eglise Réformée uses our church on Sunday afternoons. But it has been felt for some time that we should occasionally worship together. It was a wonderful experiment, uplifting and challenging. Many of us were inspired by the zeal and devotion of our French friends, and they, on their part, were overjoyed at the opportunity of joining with us. (Though, next time, I must remember to appoint a Cheer Leader for the English section).

One of the most memorable moments was in listening to their Pastor appealing for generous contributions to the Offering, which on that Sunday was for the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society.

In our sister church at Versailles we had an overflowing congregation for the Christmas service, which was also bi-lingual. Though here we were able to provide readers and soloists who could cope with both languages. We have been greatly blessed

at Versailles in recent weeks by the addition of several families and the congregations are building up in a most satisfactory way.

From these two efforts we were able to send to the C.C.C.S. over 1,000 Fr.

South West France

We have scattered over the South West some four thousand British subjects, and their reasons for being here can be summed up under four headings, Education, Marriage, Business and Retirement. Thousands more come down throughout the year for holidays and we have been most grateful for the holiday chaplains Com. and Con. have sent down during the year and for help from S.P.G. clergy on holiday.

Visitors to the area during the summer included the first Anglican Pilgrimage to Lourdes and eight hundred and fifty students of all nationalities for the languages course at Pau. These included students from the Universities of Colorado and of California. From Pau these latter visitors went to Bordeaux, where they are now happily settled down amongst us. The sad occasion of the Kennedy Memorial Service meant that St. Nicholas had standing room only and on this occasion the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. Chadwick Braggiotti, paid a moving tribute to the late President.

At Biarritz we are renovating the Peninsular War Memorial Porch in time for the 150th Anniversary in April, when units of the British Army and of the Royal Navy are coming down for the rededication.

Arcachon was well served during the summer by various visiting clergy, culminating in the work of the Rev. L. N. Meredith, who managed to gather in the biggest summer congregation for some years by devoted work.

At St. Jean de Luz we managed to keep up full services until the end of September. In 1964 the theme of the "Grande Semaine" in September is "Franco-British Friendship" and Shakespeare, Handel, Purcell and Britten are amongst those whose works will be performed.

We visit widely in the area and sometimes a funeral can mean four hundred miles travelling. When possible we have services for our own isolated people. One taken in December at Cahors in the Protestant Chapel had amongst the congregation our own Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, French Reformed and the Curé-Doyen with some of his flock. Out of courtesy to our hosts we had Evening Prayer in French, (Anglican chants were used), and then Holy Communion in English for our own people.

We end on a sad note. Our former chaplain, the Rev. W. S. Brooks, passed away at Lausanne. He had come there with his family from Kentucky, where he had been living for nearly a year after his retirement.

Walter Barnes.

Dunkirk

The Rev. John B. Brandram and his wife took over, temporarily, from the Rev. J. J. Armstrong as from July 1st last. They will be in Dunkirk until February 12th when the Rev. R. O. T. Morgan will come to France.

The spare rooms in the Seamen's Institute are proving very useful. On several occasions seamen's wives coming over to join their husbands have stayed a night or two, waiting for their husband's ships to arrive.

On August 27th a party of young people, numbering 50, paid a visit to our Institute, had a picnic lunch and were conducted by the Chaplain over the war cemetery memorial on the outskirts of the town.

We have many tourists calling in to see us and they are always welcome guests.

Calais

The British community suffered a great loss on the death of Mrs. Win. Wood, who for many years had played the organ for the English services. The funeral service took place on September 18th in the French Protestant Church, conducted by Pasteur Henri Rambaux, together with the Rev. J. B. Brandram.

We owe many thanks to Madame Rambaux for playing the organ for our services while Mrs. Henri Wood is convalescing from an operation.

Lille

Miss Blanche Daniels, a resident of Lille for many years and a member of Christ Church, was buried in Lille Cemetery on December 3rd. The Chaplain was able to visit her at her home on October 18th and again on November 28th, just before she died.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Services were held on Christmas Day—27 people were present at Morning Prayer and 16 at Holy Communion.

Boulogne

The number of people attending the Sunday Services has been few, but the few attend very regularly. We use the French Protestant Church. There is no regular organist, but fortunately the French Pasteur stays on after his Service and plays for us. For this we are very grateful.

Arras

The Services at Arras are held at the Headquarters of the Northern Region of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission,

where by the kindness of Rear Admiral Rolfe, their main Entrance Hall is turned into a very attractive Chapel. On September 14th the Chaplain attended a grand reunion (and flower show) of the employees of the C.W.G.C. when some 500 people sat down to tea. This was a splendid opportunity of getting to know the British Residents of Arras.

THE RURAL DEANERY OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA Christ Church, Vienna

The eve of All Saints was of special significance for us this year as it marked the first occasion of the use of the crypt chapel. This and the 'crypt lounge' are the result of a transformation wrought after many months of hard work on the part of the young people. Twelve months ago these two rooms were part of a coke cellar and general refuse dump. The installation of our new heating system which no longer requires coke made this possible. The lounge holds about 30 people and the chapel a dozen. As the two are connected it is possible to have a service in the chapel viewable by very many people.

This development in our church life means a very great deal as not only does it provide a space where simple breakfasts and refreshments can be provided on Sunday, but a very comfortable room where church groups can meet during the week.

One such group is the weekly Epistle study group. Those who attend agree to read the Epistle for the coming Sunday daily. In the group there is no obvious leader, each one shares with the others what he or she has found meaningful in the Epistle. This is linked to the Sunday worship, as the short address at the 9 a.m. Family Communion finds its inspiration from this sharing of thought.

We received great inspiration recently from a visit of the Reverend David Wood of Wolverhampton. Fr. Wood spent a week re-establishing and establishing personal contacts in the community. This was followed by a quiet day in the church with opportunity for students and others to speak privately with him.

The student group during term time comprises a very large section of the worshipping community; so much so, that we tend to think of 'terms and vacations' throughout the year. This means that the sadness of farewells is always with us but the great compensation is the joy of opportunity to bring seeking souls into touch with the living Saviour during their brief sojourn with us.

Like many more of our chaplaincies we are just now preparing for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year we seek to make our emphasis that of 'the Unity of a Common Spirituality.' During the week a Protestant Sister and a Roman

Catholic Nun will speak on the prayer life and at the Sunday Evensong a Roman Catholic priest will speak on Prayer for Unity. Such visits and interchanges are now becoming commonplace and we feel it is easy to miss the real purpose, i.e. prayer. For the fulfillment of this purpose the church will be open daily for prayer. Intentions at the daily Eucharist will be for various branches of Christendom.

Visits to Prague and Budapest are made at bimonthly intervals. This means that for one Sunday in the month the Chaplain is away from Vienna. It is a great encouragement to have two or three dedicated laymen who are able to lead the worship here on those occasions.

Do not forget in your prayers the lonely, elderly and isolated British subjects in this three-cornered parish. Some have been very active in the fellowship of the church in the past and they have a real claim on our concern.

Peter G. Spink.

St. Augustine's, Wiesbaden

On the Sunday Next Before Advent the Household of St. Augustine's Church, saddened by the news of the assassination of President Kennedy, gathered for its annual Musical Festival of the Christian Year. Not a service original to this Household, this musical offering had become a traditional event for marking the close of another Christian Year.

The service consists of one well-known hymn from each of the Seasons. Preceding each hymn is a short commentary describing the major mood or theme of the particular season, making mention of the colour used and other notable signs. It is agreed that it is a meaningful way "to take stock" as we prepare to step off into the beginning of a whole new Church Year.

In the face of the corporate sorrow felt by all, the relevance of the Church Year was brought to bear. In the light of any happenings, its message is pointed. "Watch ye for ye know not when," the call of Advent, had particular significance, as did all of the great proclamations — from the depths of Good Friday to the thunderous acclaim of Easter Morning.

We marked them all — Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity-tide — and, marking them all, realized that whether one hour or one year or one lifetime, this is the stuff of Christian Living.



The Epiphany scene depicted in one panel of the new carved wooden reredos placed behind the side altar in the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Wiesbaden.

In counting blessings at the end of the year, we found it interesting to note with sincere gratitude the number of individuals who take an active part in the routine Household business of the Church. There are 92 persons with specific responsibilities and tasks included in such groups as: The Vestry, Ushers, Lay Readers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Church School, Choir, Women of the Church Board, and Callers.

This, of course, does not include members and participants in the larger groups such as the Women of the Church or the Youth Fellowship. Figures such as this never relate the greater facts of Christian witness, Corporate Worship, Daily Obedience, of so many. All it does indicate is the wealth of talent and enthusiasm that we have been given.

K.E.S.

Windsor Girl's School

We were glad once more to receive the Bishop of Maidstone on November 28th, 1963, when he came to the school for a two-day visit. It has been felt for some time that opportunity should be given to the Bishop to meet the officers and men of the garrison. So a reception, with this end in view, was held in the Assembly Hall on the Thursday evening. The attendance was very promising and the Bishop had the opportunity of meeting men of all ranks stationed here. The evening finished in Chapel

where Compline was said and the Bishop gave an address. Miss Evans, Headmistress, kindly allowed us to use the Hall and gave coffee to all assembled.

On the next day at 9 a.m. we had our Confirmation Service followed by the Holy Communion. The reasons for the early time are two. First, we feel that children cannot be fresh after a long school day to be fully alive to the meaning and implication of what is happening. Secondly, we feel that after such a strain and the excitement of the day and seeing parents, a 7 a.m. Holy Communion next day imposes a considerable strain on the children. In fact, the verdict of those present supported our observations and changes. The only difficulty we see is that if candidates from other places decide to join us, they must, if they live some distance away, make a very early start indeed. Perhaps this is not so severe on the more mature.

We look forward to our main Confirmation Service of the year in February.

H.N.McC.

Bonn and Cologne

At the 1963 Annual General Meetings of both congregations the treasurers reported that whilst there was no immediate emergency, a hard look at the financial situation was necessary. The turnover in congregation had brought a drop in collections, and if the situation was not restored, and a reserve built up for contingencies, the outlook would be bleak. In June, a churchwarden from Winchester Diocese and his wife came over and spoke to members of both congregations about their experience of Christian Stewardship. It was decided to hold a Stewardship Campaign in Bonn in the autumn, and in Cologne later on.

The main problem we faced in Bonn was how to adapt the traditional type of campaign to the peculiarities of a continental chaplaincy. For General Chairman we were fortunate in having someone with previous experience of a campaign in a Latin-American Anglican chaplaincy. The outline we followed was similar to that of most campaigns. We prepared a list of all families known to support the chaplaincy. At the end of September we started with a series of coffee evenings in the homes of the congregation, at which the chaplain spoke of the scriptural basis of Christian Stewardship. The next stage was Programme Building, in which members of the congregation together considered plans for the church's programme for 1964. The suggestions which emerged were collated by the committee, measured against the estimated resources, and prepared in the form of a programme which was submitted to the Church Council. The programme as approved by the Council was presented to the Parish Supper, at which over eighty people sat down to the first common meal of this size the parish had enjoyed for a long time. During the last two weeks of November an illustrated folder giving details of the programme and of the £2,000 target was taken to each family, with an explanatory letter and a Commitment Card.

On December 1st, Stewardship Sunday, the occasion of the Bishop's visit, at the conclusion of Evensong the Bishop received the Commitment Cards at the altar and led the congregation in an act of self-dedication.

The fruits of any campaign are hard to judge, and in any case are not always discernable, but many experienced a quickening of the pulse of our spiritual life. Perhaps we should leave God to do the judging. However, in terms of pledged contributions at the time of writing £1,540 has been promised or given, and we feel that with the expected help of our Annual Sports Day and unpledged contributions we should be able to achieve the whole of our £2,000 target in 1964.

In June Fr. Shand S.S.J.E. conducted the Parish Retreat in the Evangelical Parish House at Altenberg. The Sunday morning Communion Service was held in the Altenburg Dom (which is used by both Roman Catholic and Evangelical congregations) in between the Roman Parish Mass and the Evangelical Morning Service.

Christmas Carol Services this year had an oecumenical flavour, with Old Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical and German Methodist clergy sharing the readings with members of the two congregations.

Readers who have worshipped at All Saints', Lindenallee, in Cologne will be sad to hear that in the Spring we shall have to leave this little chapel. Of course, this is nothing new in the history of this parish, for in the fifty odd years of its existence the congregation have worshipped in many different places. We hope now however to find a reasonably permanent place of worship, and ask your prayers that all concerned may be able to know and do God's will in the challenge which faces them.

M.A.H.

Hamburg—The Missions to Seamen.

On 3rd November, 1963, Dr. A. C. Craig, a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, preached a memorable sermon to our congregation of St. Thomas à Becket in Hamburg. The Service was taken by the Rev. A. Macleod, the Church of Scotland minister in Brussels, and the order of service was that of the Church of Scotland.

It was not the first occasion when such a thing had happened during the 350 years in which the British colony have been established in Hamburg.

As Margaret Stuebs reminds us in her booklet written to commemorate the 350th birthday of the English Church, "Every controversy in England was echoed in this little congregation. The conflicts between King and Parliament, Puritan, Episcopalian and Presbyterian were all fought out contemporaneously in Hamburg, while the citizens of Hamburg looked on more or less sympathetically."

"The most stirring period of our Church's history falls within the long ministry of Dr. Elborough (1630-1665). Elected at a time when the Court of High Commissions in England was ejecting non-conformists from their livings, this Presbyterian pastor managed to sit in the saddle throughout the storms of the Civil War, Commonwealth and Restoration and was not dislodged until 1665, when he fell a victim to that same Act of Uniformity to which his fellow non-conformists in England had already succumbed three years earlier. Between 1630 and 1636 the Hamburg Church was presumably being run on Presbyterian lines, with consistory and elders." So writes Mr. L. H. Tripp in his monograph. One Presbyterian was Thomas Young, who, among other things, was tutor to John Milton.

This time, however, Dr. Craig, who was the first Moderator to visit the Pope, came as an honoured and invited guest to the Church of St. Thomas à Becket which has had within its walls for the last seven years a happy fellowship and association between Anglicans and members of the Church of Scotland, to which Bishop Stephen Neill makes special reference in his book "Anglicanism."

A few days later Bishop Stephen Neill returned from a lecture tour of 110 days which had taken him once again around the world. He was just in time to preach a very moving memorial sermon to the English-speaking community in Hamburg on the occasion of the tragic death of President Kennedy. With his knowledge of and affection for America and her people he was able to speak to us with authority and deep understanding of the tragedy.

Shortly afterwards our own Bishop came to us for his annual visit, which this year, happily for us, was a little longer than it had been in the past. At a large reception in the British Consulate General a happy company of parishioners was highly delighted and amused by his jolly speech-making.

On Sunday morning we were reminded of the new responsibilities laid upon us by the Toronto Conference. Our font, which disappeared after the church was bombed at the end of the war, and turned up again following our 350th birthday celebrations, was rededicated for use.

Our Mission bus has had another busy year whisking away seamen and their wives to those romantic medieval towns and cities which they would not otherwise see, such as Luebeck, Lueneburg and Celle. Celle with its brightly painted, half-timbered houses stands virtually unchanged since the day it was built and today looks like an old-fashioned Christmas card.

The monthly meetings of all the port chaplains from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Germany and the United Kingdom have brought about a growing sense of fellowship as we go about our work among the seamen. Problems of welfare

and recreation, common to us all, are brought up and discussed.

It is out of similar informal gatherings of port chaplains in other parts of the world that official departments of state have developed, which co-ordinate and assist all the work now being done in any particular port for the general care and welfare of the seafarer.



The Rev. Michael Halliwell and members of his flock outside the German Evangelical Church in Bad Godesberg in which Anglican Services are held.

Queens School, Rheindahlen

This year, the Chaplain has added two fine trips to the British Embassy, Warsaw, to his 'out-of-school' activities.

And in every way it has been a pleasurable year: a hundred pupils at School Communion is a good sight. So also was the tightly packed congregation at the School Carol service and again at the Confirmation at St. Boniface where thirty six of the Candidates were from Queens School. For the moment at anyrate, we are not prepared to speak unkindly of statistics . . .

Our Carol Service was recorded by the British Forces Network and brought in Christmas Day for us over here.

A year ago mention was made in the News Letter of our plans to help Father Borrelli in his work for the Urchin boys of Naples. All that we hoped to attempt has been done. A bus was bought; the Chaplain took his Public Service Vehicle Test;

he passed. There followed a never-to-be-forgotten Camp shared by ten Queens School boys and twenty of Father Borrelli's lads, first near Naples and then in Rome. The two parties became friends at once; and we are anxious to do something for the boys again next year. We have, by the way, some £400 which remains over and above . . .

Obviously, great help came from parents and friends; and the number of "film talks" which are still being requested is happy proof that interest in the scheme remains keen and sympathetic.

From two Lower School boys:

"Jacob fled because of the birth-rate . . ."

"The last book in the Bible is the Book of Revolution."

C.H.S.

THE RURAL DEANERY OF SCANDINAVIA

Oslo

Like some many of the other chaplaincies, one is tempted to describe the Oslo Chaplaincy as that of Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand and "points North and West." A year's work seems to create the impression of a vast and very lovely country, with groups of Church folk settled here and there, all of whom are anxious for the provision of the services of Mother Church. By far the largest single group is that in Oslo, who are adherents of St. Edmund's Church. Here, within the city limits and its immediate environs is a community of roughly two thousand folk comprising British citizens, American, South African, Canadian, Australian, and most of the other English-speaking peoples. It is, I suppose, representative of the polyglot type of community to be found in any metropolitan, cosmopolitan Capital City. But what strikes the visitor to the Anglican Church at Oslo, is the fact that there seems to be an unidentifiable atmosphere of happiness and good humour. Maybe it is because the church is always filled to capacity with like-minded people? The same is true of the Church Community in Bergen, who have a Church Service once per month, in an ancient Church, which in the old days used to be the Church for a Leper Community in the Town. The Chaplain from Oslo makes a quarterly visit there to take the Service, and to celebrate Holy Communion.

Looking back on 1963, the outstanding event in the year was, of course, the visit of our beloved Bishop, who, during his stay initiated interesting talks with the Norwegian Methodist Church, as well as the State Lutheran Church. The Bishop's visit was also the occasion of the Dedication of a little Church at Isefjaer, near Kristiansand. There is an establishment at Isefjaer of an "OUTWARD BOUND VENTURE," on the same lines as those sponsored in Britain by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. As so many young men pass through the School, it was suggested that rather than hold Church services in the open,

(Norway can be a little uncharitable at times from the point of view of weather!!) some provision might be made for the setting aside of a place for quiet and worship. With the support and encouragement of the Commandant, Major Gordon Richards, R.A.E.C., one of the permanent staff set about the building of the little chapel in the traditional material of Norway, TIMBER.



The Bishop of Fulham knocking on the door at the Service of Dedication of St. David's Chapel, Isefjaer, Norway. With him is the Commandant.

The culmination of this work was reached when the Bishop dedicated the Chapel of St. David in the presence of the local pastor of the Lutheran Church in whose parish it is situated, representatives of the Cathedral Staff and the Bishop of Agder (Kristiansand) and senior representatives of the Armed Services of Norway with similar representatives of the Chaplaincy Services of the British Army of the Rhine. This dedication, while of great import locally, appears to have been the first Church dedication in Norway since that of St. Edmund, Oslo.

The Church's year was observed with due regard to regularity, and on more occasions than one cares to remember people had to be turned away as there was no room, in spite of the fact that people were standing five or six deep at the West end of the Church. This was particularly so over Christmas time even though the services were duplicated.

Many may recall that during the Incumbency of The Revd. Harold Isherwood, there was an Assistant Curate at Oslo. While this is not the case at the present time, the Chaplaincy is extremely fortunate in having an Anglican Priest, the Revd.

Roy Rimmer, living in situ, who is working with an Organisation, known as "Navigatorennes," within the aegis of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rimmer is able to assist the Chaplain, and his help is much appreciated not only by the Chaplain, but by the community at large. Unfortunately, Mr. Rimmer's stay comes to an end in February.

One of the problems we have to face in Oslo is that of the future of the Church building. At the moment our prospect is that of its complete restoration in about two years time, when large scale building construction across the road comes to an end. Various plans have been put forward for the extension of the Church, but like most other buildings in the City, its foundations are firmly embedded in solid rock, and so development of our Crypt is out of the question. Other schemes for the development of the present site have been turned down by the municipal authorities also. There is little doubt, however, that, with the grace of God, a solution will be found to our problems.

One cannot let the opportunity pass of stating that the Vicarage Flat, provided for the Chaplain, has, during the year, been re-furnished to a great extent, by the help of the St. Edmund's Ladies' Guild. Great fun was also had by the "MEN" of the congregation, under the leadership of Capt Duncan Knight, R.N., and the People's Warden, Mr. R. Paul, when they set themselves the almost Augean task of washing the walls of the Church earlier in the year.

Norway provides the Christmas Tree for Trafalgar Square, and this year we, as expatriates of the Commonwealth of Nations, joined together, about 300 of us, to sing Christmas Carols round the corresponding Tree here in Oslo's centre, at the same time as the Mayor of Oslo lit the Tree in London. It was a splendid occasion, and much enjoyed by those who took part as well as by the Oslo citizens who looked on. The ceremony was well reported in the Oslo "dailies." H.P.

Helsinki

At the end of July Helsinki was crowded with thousands of visitors and delegates to the Lutheran World Assembly. They came representing sixty million christians from sixty seven churches in the Lutheran group, some from behind the Iron Curtain. On Sunday, July 28th the chaplain in the English Church noticed a very well turned out clergyman sitting at the back of our little church and obviously quite at home with the service. He was found to be Dr. Fry of U.S.A. — Chairman of the World Lutheran Assembly. A number of Canadian and British members of the congregation arranged social functions to meet delegates. Among the distinguished visitors was our own Bishop of Fulham representing the Anglican Communion. He was fully occupied with official functions and preaching but to our great pleasure he was able to celebrate Holy Communion for us on Sunday before we delivered him into Lutheran hands. He made his proper visit

to us in November when he was not only welcomed by his own people but was able to meet socially a wide range of christians from Roman Catholics to Officers of the Salvation Army.

The shock of the assassination of President Kennedy brought many grief stricken Americans and their friends to a Memorial Service on the following Sunday.

Within a day or so another full gathering of Americans assembled for the Thanksgiving Day service. On this occasion it was deeply moving to hear the American Ambassador read the Message of their great leader written shortly before he had died in the service of his country.

Churches of this kind have a constantly changing congregation. We will miss Ray Ottaway, now on his way to set up house in New Zealand. He not only acted as Treasurer but was always ready to help us all.

Last night, December 22nd, we had a wonderful Carol Service in the Old Church (Finnish Lutheran) kindly lent by the Provost. Lovely carols were sung by a choir trained by Mr. Davis — the British Council Representative, and a mixed congregation of Finns, Swedes, Americans and British, in all about 500, sang the well known carols with great gusto. Among the Readers were clergy of the local churches, a Finnish boy and three Ambassadors.

The Chaplain left for Moscow the next morning. His place was taken in Helsinki, for the Christmas services, by the Rev. C. Jones who had been chaplain in these parts for many years and has just celebrated his eightieth birthday among friends in Stockholm. W.M.M.

St. Andrew's, Gothenburg

A restoration, when ended, tends to make one realise how beautiful a church building is. Ninian Comper, it was (the one who made so many churches in England so beautiful with white and gold and blue) who served to remind the Chaplain that it was this approach to restoration that was needed in the first Neo Gothic building built in Sweden.

With a blue ceiling with white ribboned vaulting touched with gold, and white walls with gilded capitals, the restoration has brought out the details not before seen. The stained glass, the only example of its kind in Sweden, is now seen to best advantage, while the stone tracery of the windows has been cleaned and left in its natural state, making a foil for the white of the walls and the brilliance of the glass.

St. Andrew's is a most interesting building, especially as it was designed by a Swedish architect who later designed a Church for the State church here, and afterwards the central station of Gothenburg; and those of us who know it well can see the same pinnacles on the station as there are on the church.

The Bishop's visit this year included two days in Southern Sweden, where he met the Bishop of Lund over lunch — an impor-

tant occasion, especially as the latter has given his permission to the English congregation in Malmö to use St. Andrew's Church there, an action much appreciated by the small family of English-speaking Christians in that city.

Moscow

July and August were busy months in Moscow with the preparations for and signing of a nuclear test ban treaty, and the congregation has been privileged to number among its members several distinguished visitors. Lord Home and Lord Hailsham (as they then were) have read lessons and the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath played the harmonium at Morning Service in the British Embassy.

At about the same time the Bishop of Winchester came to Moscow for the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Patriarch of Moscow and we were particularly fortunate that the Bishop, in spite of an exceptionally full programme of solemn Orthodox liturgy and festivities, was able to celebrate Holy Communion at the Embassy.

The keenly awaited visit of the Bishop of Fulham coincided this year with Remembrance Sunday. A Service of Remembrance, attended by a hundred worshippers of many different nationalities, was held at the Australian Embassy which had been made available by the kindness of H.E. the Australian Ambassador. The Bishop's visit as always passed by in a flash and we are very grateful to him for all he managed to do in such a short time. Not long afterwards we learned of the Bishop's engagement and we wish both him and his future wife every possible happiness and hope that maybe they will come together to Moscow for the next visit.

The Reverend W. M. Masters has regularly and cheerfully undertaken the long and sometimes arduous train journey from Helsinki to Moscow in order to be with us for about two weeks at a time. We much look forward to these occasions and are particularly glad that he will be here for Christmas week. Celebrating Christmas in Moscow is rather strange since nothing in the streets distinguishes December 25th from any other normal working day.

The congregation changes rapidly but in character very little. Numbers have continued to increase and, testifying to the unifying factor of Christian witness, many countries are represented including America, Canada, Scandinavia, Australia, India, Africa and Western Europe. Sunday Services have alternated between the British and American Embassies and we are greatly indebted to the Reverend Donald Roberts, resident American Presbyterian Chaplain, for his active participation and generous and ready help at all times. Under his general guidance, and the devoted attention of several ladies of the congregation, we have a flourishing Sunday School. A Choir has also been formed which will sing carols and hymns at the Christmas Services.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1964

Below is a list of churches and chaplaincies in Europe of the Church of England and of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The churches in the Diocese of Gibraltar (marked *) are under the Bishop of Gibraltar, The Right Rev. S. A. H. Eley, 19 Brunswick Gardens, Kensington, W.8. The Bishop in charge of the churches of the American Convocation (marked †) is the Right Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, 21, Chester Street, S.W.1. With the exception of services provided by American and British forces, the other churches and chaplaincies are under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, who delegates his authority to the Bishop of Fulham, The Right Rev. Roderic N. Coote, Hollybush Lodge, Milepath, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey.

ARCHDEACONS IN THE DIOCESE OF GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar: The Ven. R. B. Ney, M.B.E., A.R.C.M.
Malta: The Ven. F. J. Bailey, O.B.E., M.V.O.

RURAL DEANS IN THE JURISDICTION OF NORTH AND CENTRAL EUROPE

Belgium: Rev. J. E. G. T. Williams, O.B.E., T.D., 39 rue Grétry, Antwerp.
France: Rev. R. J. W. Morris, 31 rue de Lubeck, Paris 16e.
Germany and Austria: Rev. K. E. Spatz, 3, Frankfurterstrasse, Wiesbaden.
Netherlands: Rev. W. P. Hosford, M.B.E., M.A., Pieter de Hoochweg, 133, Rotterdam, 6.
Scandinavia: Rev. W. M. Masters, O.B.E., Hon. C.F., c/o British Embassy Helsinki, Finland.
Switzerland: Rev. Prebendary D. C. Mossman, Minervastrasse, 9, Zürich, 32.

Notes & Abbreviations.

For weekday services enquire locally.
Figures in brackets under times of services represent Sundays in the month (1st, 2nd, etc.)
No figure under a time means that the service is at that hour every Sunday.
H.C. Holy Communion.
M.P. Morning Prayer.
E.P. Evening Prayer.
E.L. Enquire Locally.
I.O.F. Information obtainable from.
p.r.v. pay(s) regular visits.
T. Telephone number.
a Holy Communion follows this service.
b Choral Communion or Sung Eucharist.

SUNDAY SERVICES

	H.C.	M.P.	E.P.
AUSTRIA.			
VIENNA. Christ Church, Jauresgasse, Vienna 111. Rev. G. P. A. Spink, c/o British Embassy. (11.00 Family Service 5th Sun.)	9.00 11.00b (1)	11.00 (234)	
Seasonal Chaplaincies			
Summer: Innsbruck with Igls and Seefeld. Kitzbuhel, Salzburg, Zell-am-See. Winter: Kitzbuhel, St. Anton with Lech.			
BELGIUM.			
ANTWERP. St. Boniface, 39 rue Grétry. Rev. J. E. G. T. Williams, O.B.E., T.D. T.393339.	8.30 11.00b (3) 12.00 (1)	11.00 (1245)	18.30
ANTWERP. St. Peter. The Missions to Seamen, Van Schoonbekeplein 13. Rev. L. W. Booth, M.B.E. T.339332.	9.00 19.30		20.00

SUNDAY SERVICES			
	H.C.	M.P.	E.P.
BRUGES. St. Mary's, Ezelstraat. Served from Ostend. Sept. to June.		11.15a (24)	
June to Sept.	8.00 11.30	10.30	18.00
BRUSSELS. The Anglican Church, 29 rue C. Crespel, Ixelles. Rev. H. Isherwood, M.V.O., O.B.E. T.117183. Asst. Rev. J. Lewis, 32 rue C. Crespel, T.127673. (Sermon commencing 11.10 is shared by M.P. and Sung Eucharist which follows it.)	8.30 11.30b 19.45 (13)	10.30	18.45
CHARLEROI. In Protestant Church, 20 Bd. Audent. Served from Brussels.	16.35 (1)		15.45 (1)
GHENT. St. John, 19 Koningstraat. Rev. L. M. S. Powell, 1 Bennesteeg, T.233259.	8.00 11.00b (1) 12.00 (3)	11.00 (2345)	
KNOCKE. St. George, Ave de Zoute. Served from Ostend. Sept. to June.		11.30a (3)	
June. to Sept.	8.00 12.00	11.00	18.00
LIEGE. In Protestant Church, 22 Quai Marcellis. Served from Ghent. (2nd. Wed. 20.00 E.P. & H.C.)			
OSTEND. The English Church, 101 rue Longue. The Rev. I.E. Jones, 38 Boulevard van Iseghem, T.7647.	8.30 10.00 (1) 10.00 (2345)	10.00 (2345)	
Sept. to June.			
June to Sept.	8.30 11.30	10.30	18.00
YPRES. St. George, 3 rue d'Elverdinghe. Served from Ghent.	19.00 (1234)		18.00
Seasonal Chaplaincy Summer: Blankenberge.			

BULGARIA.

***SOFIA.** The Bishop of Gibraltar & Archdeacon of Malta p.r.v.

E.L.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PRAGUE. Chaplain of Vienna p.r.v. I.O.F. British Embassy.

E.L.

DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN St. Alban's, Langelinie, Rev. H. L. Hertzler,
Rosenvaengets Hovedvej 21A T. Tria 1982. Hon. Asst.,
Rev. Canon A. Ward.

8.30
11.15b
10.30
17.00

FINLAND.

HELSINKI. The English Church, Fredrikinkatu 19B
T.39574. The Rev. W. M. Masters, O.B.E., Hon. C.F.,
c/o British Embassy. (No H.C. when chaplain in Moscow.
Enquire Embassy T.12574.)

8.30
10.30
(2345)
(1)

FRANCE.

ARCACHON. St. Thomas, Allée Anglicane, Place des
Palmiers, Ville d'Hiver. (C/o Mr. Johnston, 73 Bld.
de l'Océan). Served from St. Jean-de-Luz.

11.00
(5)
15.00
(1)

July & August.

8.30
11.00a

ARRAS. At Commonwealth War Graves Commission Offices,
Place du Marechal Foch. Served from Dunkirk.

11.00a
(4)

***BEAULIEU.** St. Michael's. Served from Monte Carlo and
by seasonal chaplains.

E.L.

BIARRITZ. St. Andrew, rue Broquedis, off Ave. Victor
Hugo. Served from St. Jean-de-Luz. (11.00 H.C. 1st
Thurs.)

11.15a
(3)

July & August.

8.30
11.00a

BORDEAUX. St. Nicholas, cours Xavier Arnoz. (c/o Mr.
J. Clark, 25 Cours du Maréchal Foch). Served from St.
Jean-de-Luz

9.30
(1)
10.45
(3)
18.30
(4)

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SUNDAY SERVICES			
	H.C.	M.P.	E.P.
BOULOGNE. At French Protestant Church. (Tintilleries.) Served from Dunkirk.		11.45a (2)	
CALAIS. At French Protestant Church (Rue du Temple). Served from Dunkirk.		12.00a (3)	
* CANNES. Holy Trinity. Vacant. Holy Trinity Church House, 1, Rue Général Ferrié T.391461.	8.00	10.30a	
CHANTILLY. St. Peter, rue des Cascades. The Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.		10.30a (2)	
DUNKIRK. Missions to Seamen. (Dunkirk War Memorial Chapel). Place Alfred-Petyt. Rev. R. O. T. Morgan, T.666408.	8.30 (23)	11.00 (5)	19.30 (2345)
GRENOBLE. At French Protestant Church (rue Hebert). I.O.F. Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.	20.30 (4)		
LE HAVRE. Holy Trinity, rue Lord Kitchner. I.O.F. British Consulate, and the Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.		10.00a (3)	
LILLE. Christ Church, rue Watteau. Served from Dunkirk.		11.00a (1)	
LYONS. Holy Trinity, 4 quai de Serbie. I.O.F. The Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.		10.30a (4)	
MAISONS-LAFFITTE. Holy Trinity, 15 Ave. Carnot. Rev. J. R. Maugham.	8.15 (24) 10.30 (2)	10.30 (1345)	
* MARSEILLES. All Saints, rue de Belloi. Rev. D. G. Davies, 58 Prom. de la Plage.	8.30	10.30a	
* MENTON. St. John's. Rev. A. A. Howland, 3 Ave Edouard VII, T.358016.		E.L.	
* MONTE CARLO. (Monaco). St. Paul's. Rev. B. B. Matthews, St. Paul's House.	8.00 12.00 (3)	11.00	
* NICE. Holy Trinity, Canon H. W. M. Hearsey, 11 rue de la Buffa. T.803983.	8.30 11.30 (1)	10.30	18.30
† NICE. Church of the Holy Spirit, 21 Boulevard Victor Hugo. Rev. Dr. M. J. Brun-Gotteland. T.889466. (Sunday School 10.30).	8.30 10.30 (1)	10.30 (2345)	
† PARIS. American Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 23 Av. George V. Very Rev. Dr. S. L. Riddle, Dean. T. ELY 1790. Rev. F. A. McDonald, Canon. Rev. J. C. White, Canon. (Sunday School 10.45).	8.30 10.45 (1)	10.45 (2345)	
PARIS. Embassy Church, 5 rue d'Aguesseau. Rev. R. J. W. Morris, 31 rue de Lubeck, Paris 16e. T. KLEber 7152. Asst. Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.	8.15 10.30b (1)	10.30a (2345)	19.00
PARIS. St. George, 7 rue Auguste-Vacquerie. Rev. H. R. T. Brandreth. O.G.S. T. Passy 2251. Asst. Rev. H. K. Lutge, 200 rue de Rivoli.	8.30 10.30b		
PAU. St. Andrew, rue O'Quin (c/o H. R. J. Carter, Old England, Place Royale). Served from St. Jean-de-Luz. (12.00 H.C. 2nd Thurs.) July & August		10.30a (4)	18.30 (4)
ROUEN. All Saints, 19 rue Forfar. I.O.F. Mr. A. H. Fryer, 5 rue Dufay, and the Rev. M. H. McGowan, 6 rue Henri Duchêne, Paris 15.			15.00a (3)
ST. JEAN-DE-LUZ. Church of the Nativity, route Bayonne. Rev. W. Barnes, Argizabal, Chemin St. Joseph. (11.00 H.C. 4th Thurs.) July & August		10.30a (2)	
STRASBOURG. At the Temple Neuf, rue de Temple Neuf. Served from Basle.	8.30 8.15 (2)	10.30a	
* TOULON. Served from Marseilles.		E.L.	
VERSAILLES. St. Mark, 17 rue de Peintre Lebrun. Rev. J. R. Maugham, 15 Avenue Carnot. Maisons-Laffitte.	10.30 (1)	10.30 (2345)	
Summer Seasonal Chaplaincies Dieppe, Dinard, Parame, St. Lunaire.			
Served occasionally, I.O.F. the Gibraltar Diocesan Office			
*Cannes (St. George's, Californie). *Corsica-Ajaccio, *Costebelle, *Grasse, *St. Raphael. Anglican services are also held in other places in France where American Forces are stationed: Chateauroux A B, Chaumont AB, Evreux area, Orleans, Rochelle area, Verdun. And where NATO forces are stationed: Fontainebleau, SHAPE.			

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	SUNDAY SERVICES		
	H.C.	M.P.	E.P.
GERMANY.			
BAD GODESBERG. (nr. Bonn). At Evangelische Kirche, Friedrich Ebert Strasse. Rev. M. A. Halliwell, c/o British Embassy, Bonn. T. B.G. 75663. Hon. Asst. Rev. C. E. Jones, Döllinger-Haus, Bonn. (9.45 Family Service 5th Sunday).	8.00 (135) 9.45b (24)	9.45 (13)	
BERLIN. St. George, Baden Alle (off Heerstrasse) Charlottenburg. Services taken by Army Chaplains.	8.00 11.30 (13)	10.30	18.00
BONN. (See Bad Godesberg).			
COLOGNE. All Saints', 41 Linden Allee. Rev. M. A. Halliwell c/o British Embassy, Bonn. T. Bad Godesberg 75663.	11.30b (135) 12.15 (24)	11.30 (24)	
DUSSELDORF. Christ Church, Rotterdamstrasse 135, (Nord park/Rhine Centre). Rev. R. B. Blount c/o British Consulate, B.F.P.O. 34. T.433793.	8.30 11.00 (1)	11.00 (2345)	
†FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN. St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 22 Sebastian Rinzstrasse. Rev. D. O. Wiseman. T.550184. Asst. Rev. H. H. Wilson.	8.00 9.30	11.15	
GUTERSLOH. King's School, B.F.P.O. 39. Rev. M. C. Burrell (Day school, no Sunday Services.)			
HAMBURG. St. Thomas à Becket, Zeughausmarkt. Rev. C. H. Sharp. M.B.E. Missions to Seamen, 121 Heilwigstrasse. Hamburg 20 T.478470.	8.00 11.30	10.30	
HAMM. Windsor Boys' School, B.F.P.O. 20. Rev. J. J. Fielding.	8.00	10.30	18.30
Windsor Girls' School, B.F.P.O. 20. Rev. H. N. McClure. (term time only, holidays E.L.)	8.00 (24) 10.30 (1) 18.00 (3)	10.30 (2345)	
HANNOVER. St. George's Garrison Church. Hannover/Kleeefeld.	8.00	11.00	
St. Luke's Chapel, British Military Hospital.	10.00		
†MUNICH. Church of the Ascension. Rev. Dr. J. B. Bernardin, American Church Center, 30 Kaulbachstrasse. T.294755. In French Institute, 13, Kaulbachstrasse. (11.30 Sunday School). In Old Catholic Church, 36, Blumenstrasse.	8.00 11.30 (13)	11.30 (245)	
RHEINDAHLEN. Queens School, B.F.P.O. 40. Rev. C. Sellars. (Day School, No Sunday Services).			
STUTTGART. St. Catharine's Served from Berne, bi monthly. I.O.F. British Consulate-General.		E.L.	
WIESBADEN. St. Augustine of Canterbury, 3 Frankfurterstrasse. T22774. Rev. K. E. Spatz. T25627.	8.00 11.00b (13)	11.00 (24)	
WILHELMSHAVEN. Prince Rupert School, B.F.P.O. 25. Rev. K. N. Senior. (During term time only).	8.15 18.00 (last)	10.30	18.00 (ex. last)

Anglican services are also held in other places in West Germany where British forces are stationed, including: Celle, Iserlohn, Lubbecke, Hubbelrath, Minden, Paderborn, Krefeld, Moenchengladbach, Munster, Osnabruck, Sennelager, Nienburg, Hameln, Essen-Kray, Verden, Bielefeld, Herford, Detmold, Wuppertal, Hildesheim, Dortmund, Goch, Geilenkirchen and Sundern.

And where American forces are stationed: Hanau, Glenhausen, Baumholder, Stuttgart, Goepingen, Heidelberg, Butzbach, Friedberg, Augsburg, Kaiserlautern, Bad Kreuznach, Pirmasens, Landstuhl, Neubrucke, Ramstein, Würzburg, Schweinfurt, Aschaffenburg, Bamberg, Soellingen, Oberammergau, Furth, Rhein-Main, Kassel, Kitzingen, Karlsruhe, Giessen, Boblingen, Heilbronn, Garmisch, Fulda, Ulm and Vaihinger.

GIBRALTAR.

*Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Dean: Very Rev. G. S. H. Worsley, Precentor: Rev. B. Giles. (Children's Service 10.30)	8.00 9.00 11.40	10.30	18.30
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GREECE.

*ATHENS. St. Paul's. Rev. J. Findlow, British Embassy.	8.00 11.00	10.00	
*PATRAS. St. Andrew's. Served from Athens.		E.L.	
*CORFU. Served occasionally.			

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST. Chaplain of Vienna p.r.v. I.O.F. British Embassy		E.L.	
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	SUNDAY SERVICES		
	H.C.	M.P.	E.P.
ITALY.			
*ALASSIO. St. John's. Rev. R. K. Roper, Villa Orlando. (Easter to end of Oct.)	8.00 11.00 11.00		
(Rest of year).			
*BORDIGHERA. All Saints. Rev. Ruthven Forbes, La Mortola, Ventimillia. (Winter Season).			E.L.
*FLORENCE. St. Mark's 18 Via. Maggio. Ven. F. J. Bailey. O.B.E. M.V.O. 16/18 Via. Maggio.			E.L.
†FLORENCE. St. James Church. 15 Via Bernardox, Rucellai. Rev. V. B. Stanley. T.294417. (Sunday School 11.00)	8.30 11.00 (1)	11.00 (2345)	
*GENOA. Church of the Holy Ghost. Served from Milan.			E.L.
*MILAN. All Saints. 17 Via Solferino. Rev. C. P. Brooke-Westcott. Via de Amicis 43. (October to June only).			E.L.
*NAPLES. Christ Church. Via S. Pasquale a Chiaia. Rev. W. O. A. Passmore. M.C. T.231.842.	8.30 11.00b (1) 12.00	11.00 (2345)	
*RAPALLO. St. George's. Served from Milan in winter. Full services in summer.			E.L.
*ROME. All Saints. Via Babuino, Piazza di Spagna. Rev. Canon D. J. N. Wanstall, C.B.E., Via. de Babuino 153B. T.674357. (Sunday School 10.30.)	8.00 9.15 11.40 (1)	10.30	
†ROME. St. Paul's Church, Via Napoli 58. Rev. W. C. Woodhams. T.463339	8.00 9.30 11.00 (1)	11.00 (2345)	
*SAN REMO. All Saints. Rev. R. P. St. C. Swanson. Summer Seasonal Chaplaincy.			E.L.
*TRIESTE. Christ Church. Via San Michele, Lay Reader in Charge, Mr. V. H. Crisp, Via Navali 32.		11.00	
Seasonal Chaplaincies: *Cadenabbia, *Stresa, *Venice. Served occasionally, I.O.F. the Gibraltar Office. *Bagni-de-Lucca, *Baveno, *Siena.			

LUXEMBOURG.

LUXEMBOURG. In the Maison Cassals, rue Large 15. Served from Brussels.			
June to August.	8.30	10.30	
September to May.	9.00	11.00	

MALTA.

*VALLETTA. Co-Cathedral of St. Paul. Dean: The Bishop. Acting Chancellor: Rev. R. W. Pope, R.N.	8.00	10.00	18.30
*SLIEMA. Holy Trinity. Rev. B. Brenton, Bishop's House. T. Sliema 575.	8.00 10.30b (13)	10.30 (24)	18.00

NETHERLANDS.

AMERSFOORT. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Mrs. Wagenaar, Groen van Prinsterlaan 3. T.(03490)14687.	16.00 (2)		15.00 (2)
AMSTERDAM. Christ Church, Groenburgwal 42. T.48877. Rev. R. O. A. Jones, Willem Keststraat 3, Amsterdam Zuid. T.724311.	8.15 (1235) 9.00 (4) 11.30 (2)	10.30	19.00 (1235)
ARNHEM. At Old Catholic Church Adolph van Nieuwenlaan. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Miss N. Zeper, 6 Pels Ryckenstr. T.(08300)21361.	20.30 (last)		19.30 (last)
DEN HELDER. At Old Catholic Church, Middenweg. Served from Amsterdam.			16.30a (4)
EINDHOVEN. Petra Kerk Piuslaan. Served from Rotterdam. I.O.F. Mrs. W. Witsen-Elias, Kochlaan 1, Eindhoven. T.15353.	12.15 (2)	11.30 (2)	

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	H.C.	M.P. E.L.	E.P.
GRONINGEN. Catholic Apostolic Church Building, Witte de Wicstraat 2. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Mr. Kroon T.05900. 28189.			
HAARLEM. At Old Catholic Cathedral, Kinderhuisingel 78. Served from Amsterdam. Details from Mrs. C. Overhaus, Distellan 7. T.41223.			15.00a (13)
THE HAGUE. St. John & St. Philip. Ary van der Spuyweg. Rev. V. B. Wynburne, Riouwstraat 2. T.555359.	8.30 11.00 (1) 12.10 (3)	11.00 (2345)	17.00
HARDERWIJK. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Mrs. Provost, Nacklenburglaan 13. T.03410-2900.		E.L.	
HILVERSUM. At Old Catholic Church, Melkpad. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Mrs. M. Van Vliet, Burg. Gulcherlaan 47. T.(02950)45730.			19.30 (2)
LEIDEN. At Old Catholic Church, Zoeterwoudsesingel 50. Served from The Hague. I.O.F. T.01710 — 24077.		E.L.	
PERNIS. The Missions to Seamen Institute, Vondelingenweg 526. Mr. A. Driver. T. Rotterdam 162780.	21.00 (13)		20.00
ROTTERDAM. St. Mary & The Missions to Seamen, Pieter de Hoochweg 133. Rev. W. P. Hosford, M.B.E. T.33594.	9.00 11.30 (24) 20.30 (5)	10.30	19.30
SCHIEDAM. The Missions to Seamen Institute. Yard Wilton-Fijenoord, Vlaardingerdijk 1. Rev. C. Reeves, P. J. Troles- tralaan 105. T.65500.	9.00 (13)		
UTRECHT. Holy Trinity, Van Limburg Stirumplein. Rev. D. Beukes, Van Hogendorpstraat 26. T.(030)22024.	9.15 10.30 (1)	10.30a (2345)	19.30 (13)
VLISSENINGEN. Served from Rotterdam. E.P. & H.C. every 2 months. I.O.F. Mrs. A. D. van der Maas, Boulevard Banckert 40-1. T.(01184)2790.		E.L.	
ZWOLLE. Served from Utrecht. I.O.F. Mrs. Van den Bergh, Bevrijdingsweg 7, Hattem bij Zwolle. T. Hattem (05206)1295.		E.L.	

NORWAY.

BERGEN. St. Jorgens Church. Served from Oslo. Last Sunday each quarter H.C. follows.			18.30 (last)
KRISTIANSAND. St. David's Chapel, Isefjaer. I.O.F. The Commandant, Outward Bound Centre, Isefjaer.			
OSLO. St. Edmund, Mollergata 30. Rev. D. H. T. Picton, c/o British Embassy. T. 565201. (9.45 Children's Service; this is Family Communion 1st. Sun.)	8.45 11.00b (3)	11.00a	18.00
STAVANGER. Served from Oslo. I.O.F. Mr. T. Park, Box 118, Sand-i-Ryfylke, Norway.			
Seasonal Chaplaincies: Summer: Balholm, Olden, Ulvik, Voss.			

POLAND.

WARSAW. Chaplains from Germany p.r.v. I.O.F. British Embassy.		E.L.	
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PORTUGAL.

*ESTORIL. St. Paul's. Rev. J. R. P. Humphreys. R. Joaquim Ereira 3, Cascais. T.082137.	8.15 12.00 (13)	11.00	19.00
*LISBON. St. George's, Rua da Estrela. Rev. R. W. S. Dand, 4, Rua da Estrela. T.663010.	8.30 11.00 (1) 12.00 (35)	11.00 (2345)	18.30
*MADEIRA. Holy Trinity. Rev. H. Chatfield-Jude, Rua do Quebra Costas 20, Funchal.	8.00	11.00a	
*OPORTO. St. James's, Largo da Maternidade Julio Dinis. Rev. K. F. Bray, 226 Rua Azevedo Coutinho. T.60810.	8.30 12.00 (13)	11.00	

ROUMANIA.

*BUCHAREST. The Bishop of Gibraltar and Archdeacon of Malta p.r.v.		E.L.	
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SICILY.

*PALERMO. Holy Cross, Via Stabile. Rev. R. S. Dye		E.L.	
*TAORMINA. St. George's. Rev. H. Ward.		E.L.	

SPAIN.

*ALGECIRAS. Served from Gibraltar.		E.L.	
*BARCELONA. St. George's, Rosellon 250. Ven. J. Johnston, Rosellon 250, esq. via Layetana 183, Barcelona 9. T.2173542 & 2478867.	8.30 12.15	11.00	
*MADRID. St. George's, Calle de Hermosilla. Ven. R. B. Ney, c/o British Embassy. T.2363234. (Family Service 10.00).	8.30 12.15	11.00	
*MALAGA. St. George's (opposite Hotel Miramar). Rev. Dr. T. W. Robinson, The Rev. T. A. C. Pakenham, Auxiliary Chaplain.		E.L.	
*PALMA. S.S. Philip & James, Calvo Sotelo 211, Terreno. Rev. E. M. H. Capper, O.B.E.	8.00	11.30 (1)	
Served occasionally, I.O.F. the Gibraltar Diocesan Office. *Alicante, *Bilbao, *Cartagena, *Jerez, *Rio Tinto, *Seville, *Valencia, *Vigo.			

SWEDEN.

GOTHENBURG. St. Andrew's Hvittfeldsplatsen. Rev. A. Donald, Syster Estrids gata 6/34. T.203429. (Sunday School 11.00.)	9.00 11.00b (1)	11.00 (2345)	18.00 (1)
MALMO. In Swedish Church of St. Andrew. Served from Gothenburg. I.O.F. British Vice-Consul.		E.L.	
STOCKHOLM. S.S. Peter & Sigfrid, Strandvagen 76. T.612223. Rev. T. C. Teape-Fugard, c/o Baroness Gripenstedt-Beve, Erik Dahlbergsgatan 30 ¹¹ , Stockholm NO.	8.30 11.00b (13)	11.00 (245)	19.00

SWITZERLAND.

BASLE. St. Nicholas Chapel (of the Munster) Rev. A. E. Borthwick, Henric Petri-Str., 26, Basle. T.(061) 245761.	8.00 (1345) 18.30 (2)		17.30
BERNE. St. Ursula's Jubilaums Platz. Rev. R. B. Gray, St. Ursula's House, Jubilaums Platz 2. T.(031)92343.	8.00 10.30b (1)	10.30 (2345)	
CHATEAU d'OEX. St. Peter. Chaplain as Montreux, Christ Church. H.C. following morning at 8.30 (1) but 8.00 and 10.30 (3) Oct. — Easter	18.15 (2)		17.15 (13) 17.15
DAVOS. St. Luke. Rev G. Dolman, Flüelahoof, Davos Dorf. T.37942.	8.30 11.15	10.30	
†GENEVA. Emmanuel Church, 3 Rue de Monthoux Rev. P. R. Williams. T.328078. (Family Service and Sunday School 9.00). Summer schedule E.L.	8.00 10.45 (1)	10.45 (2345)	
GENEVA. Holy Trinity, Rue du Mont Blanc. Rev. B. H. Howells, M.B.E., 16 Rue Plantamour. T.322672.	8.00 9.00b (3) 11.45 (1)	10.30	20.30
GSTAAD. At St. Niklaus Kapelle. Served from Montreux St. John. Oct. 1st — June 15th. (H.C. as arranged). Christmas to end of Feb.	8.30		17.00 (24) 17.00
KLOSTERS. At Evangelical Church. Served from Davos. Winter only.			18.00
LAUSANNE. Christ Church, Avenue de l'Eglise Anglaise. Rev. S. E. W. Young, 12 Chemin Bonne Espérance. T.286951. (M.P. & Parish Communion alt. Sundays).	8.00 10.30b	10.30	
LES AVANTS. St. Peter. Served from Montreux, Christ Church. Services as required.			
LEYSIN. The English Church, opp. Belvedere Hotel. Rev. S. J. Baggott, 2 Ariana. T.(025)62484.	8.00 10.45	10.00	

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	SUNDAY SERVICES		
	H.C.	M.P. E.L.	E.P.
*LUGANO. English Church. St. Edward. Served by seasonal chaplains.			
MONTANA. St. Luke, by St. George Hotel. Served from Leysin.	18.00 (1)		17.30 (1)
MONTREUX. St. John, Place de la Gare, Territet. Rt. Rev. H. Beevor, St. John's House, Territet. T.64362. (E.P. in holiday season only).	8.00 11.00b	10.00	20.30
MONTREUX. Christ Church, Grande Rue, opp. Hotel Continental Rev. A. D. Adams, Maison de Chasseur, 2 Place du Four, La Tour-de-Peilz. T.516403.	8.00 11.30	10.30	
NEUCHÂTEL. At the Salle des Pasteurs, Collegiale. Served from Berne.			16.30a (24)
ST. GALLEN. In Old Catholic Church, Dufourstr. Hon. chaplain Rev. M. Stewart, c/o Institute Rosenberg.			17.30a
TROGEN. Pestalozzidorf. Served from St. Gallen.		E.L.	
VERBIER. Served occasionally from Leysin.		E.L.	
VEVEY. All Saints, Route de Blonay. Rev. J. F. Page, Chaucy, Blonay.	8.00 11.30	10.30	
VILLARS. English Church (nr. Villars Palace). Rev. G. E. McNeill, La Marelle, Chesières-Villars, Vaud.	8.15 10.30 (1)	10.30 (2345)	18.00
WINTERTHUR. In Stadtmission. Served from Zurich. (Quarterly services. 20.00 H.C.).		E.L.	
ZÜRICH. St. Andrew. Promenadengasse. Rev. Preb. D. W. C. Mossman, Minervastrasse 9, Zürich 32. T.471474.	8.00 10.30b (3) 11.45 (1)	10.30 (1245)	20.00

Seasonal Chaplaincies :

Summer : Adelboden, Champéry, Engelberg, Finhaut and Les Marécottes, Grindelwald, Interlaken, Kandersteg, Lucerne, Pontresina, Saas Fee, Spiez, Weggis, Wengen, Wilderswil, Zermatt.

Winter : Adelboden, Andermatt, Arosa, Champéry, Engelberg, Grindelwald, Gstaad, *Locarno, Murren, Saas Fee, St. Moritz, Wengen, Zermatt.

TURKEY.

*ANKARA. British Embassy Chapel. Served from Istanbul.	E.L.
*BORNOVA. St. Mary Magdalene. Rev. N. A. S. Tupholme, Hürriyet Caddesi 26, Bornova.	E.L.
*BUCA. All Saints'. Served from Bornova.	E.L.
*ISTANBUL. British Embassy Chapel of St. Helena. Rev. W. T. F. Castle, c/o British Embassy.	E.L.
*İZMİR. (Smyrna) St. John the Evangelist. Served from Bornova.	E.L.
*MODA. All Saints'. Served from Istanbul.	E.L.

U.S.S.R.

MOSCOW. Chaplain of Helsinki p.r.v. I.O.F. British Embassy.	E.L.
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YUGOSLAVIA.

*BELGRADE. The Bishop of Gibraltar & Archdeacon of Malta p.r.v.	E.L.
*ZAGREB. The Bishop of Gibraltar & Archdeacon of Malta p.r.v.	E.L.

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NEWS-LETTER

October, 1963

Recent visitors to Ypres and Poperinghe have told of a rumour in connection with our Church, which is current, not only in these two places but in Ostend also. It is well, therefore, that a categorical denial should be made forthwith that it is intended to dispose of our Church. St. George's Memorial Church will remain always and will be maintained for regular worship and as the spiritual centre for all pilgrims to the Salient. It is in fact a permanent shrine in memory of the quarter of a million soldiers of the British Empire who gave their lives for freedom, and no one wishes to violate this sacred building.

The Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement have now been augmented by the appointment of an extra one from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and two from the National Executive Council of the British Legion. The full list is :—

Chairman. W. J. Chalmers Esq., C.B.E.
Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer. J. R. Griffin Esq., C.B.E.
The Lord Bishop of Fulham.
The Chaplain-General to the Forces.
Major-General R. Briggs, C.B., D.S.O.
The Friends of St. George's
Memorial Church, Ypres.
Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Vice-Chairman, Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
Major J. Ben Davis, M.B.E.
Vice-Chairman, British Legion.
Lt.-Col. R. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.L., J.P.
Member, National Executive Council, British Legion.

In 1964 it will be 50 years since the outbreak of the Great War and it is the intention of the City of Ypres to commemorate the anniversary in its own inimitable way. There is bound to be a big influx of visitors and all ex-servicemen will be presented with a token of remembrance in the form of a coloured picture suitably inscribed.

There is no doubt that our unique Memorial Church will be visited by the majority of pilgrims to Ypres and the Salient. In 1964 in particular, it is essential that they should receive a welcome.

It will be 35 years since St. George's Memorial Church was dedicated and, except during the last war, services have been, and are, held regularly, during which time there have been many thousands of visitors to this sanctuary.

To assist our friends in Ypres to provide a warden in the Church during the season, to welcome all visitors, will any member of the "Friends" volunteer to spend, say three days or a week, in Ypres for this purpose? Already a few members have expressed their willingness to help and your Hon. Secretary will be pleased to prepare a rota, should the response to this appeal produce a sufficient number. This should be to the mutual benefit of the Church and the "Friends".

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the "Friends" of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres, will be held on Thursday, 14th November, 1963, at 6.30 p.m. in Council Room, Church House, Westminster, S.W.1 (Entrance in Great Smith Street) and it is hoped you will be able to attend. Copies of the report and accounts, which will be laid before the meeting, follow this notice, which please bring with you to the meeting.

Agenda

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| 1. Minutes of last meeting. | 5. Annual Accounts and Auditors' Report. |
| 2. Matters arising. | |
| 3. Chairman's Remarks. | 6. Election of Officers and Committee. |
| 4. Annual Report. | |

Brigadier C. S. Vale, Lt.-Col. H. N. Edwards, Messrs. A. E. Grant and A. J. Cartwright retire from the Committee in accordance with the Rules, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE for year ended 30th June, 1963

The Chairman and Committee have pleasure in submitting the annual report of the Association of "Friends" for the year ended 30th June, 1963.

The Accounts, which are published with this report, show gross receipts for the financial year of £1,135 14s. 5d. and the "Friends" held investments at cost, together with sundry debtors and cash, as at 30th June last, to the value of £6,363 9s. 3d.

It will be noted, with satisfaction, that the income is well maintained and your Committee is grateful to Major S. R. Hogg, the Hon. Treasurer, for his expert handling of our finances. Investments at purchase price of £5,679 11s. 9d., had the market value of £6,628 10s. 4d. at the date of the Balance Sheet.

It can be said that almost half the amended target of £15,000 has been reached for the Endowment Fund in seven years and your Committee is sufficiently optimistic to hope that the final figure will be attained in a much less period.

Your Committee is most grateful to donors and subscribers, and their continued support is evidence of the pride taken in our Church and the confidence shown in the work of the Committee and the Hon. Officials of the "Friends".

It is right that members should be informed of the present position in regard to the British Settlement property. The sale of the Vicarage and Pilgrims' Hall has been completed. There are still many points to be settled before any figures can be given. The Eton Memorial School has been converted into a Church Hall and Club premises. Arrangements have still to be made regarding heating and lighting; the premises, however, are being used.

During the year the restoration and redecoration of the exterior of St. George's Memorial Church was completed. The electrical installation was thoroughly overhauled and renewed where necessary. These works cost the Administrators the sum of £665.

The plan of all Memorials and the Register are in position in the vestibule of our Church. The Committee is very appreciative of the help received from Mr. W. J. Chalmers of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who arranged for the final execution of the plan, its framing and other work in connection therewith. Without this assistance we should have been in considerable difficulty. The Register has been beautifully printed and bound by a "Friend", Mr. J. Ridout of Herne Bay, whose firm has been always most generous to us.

The "Friends" have provided a cassock and surplice for the Lay-Reader, also hymn books for the choir and a visitors' book.

Although the visit of the "Friends" to Ypres is reported elsewhere, your Committee wish to record its pleasure that so many members avail themselves of the opportunity to attend services in St. George's Memorial Church and Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. A number of "Friends" rarely miss the Pilgrimage.

The Committee is grateful for the continued support of the Church by the British Legion and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The relationship with the Burgomasters of Ypres and Poperinghe remains very close and a happy relationship it is.

The Committee wish to express its thanks to the Revd. Edmund McColl of Quyon, P.Q. for his initiative in forming the "Dominion of Canada Committee" of the "Friends", also to the Ven. C. G. Hepburn and Mr. Howard Ferguson for the support they are giving him. This action has the full approbation of our Committee, which looks forward to a close liaison in our mutual interest. An outstanding result of the activity of this new Committee in taking over the control of the Canadian membership of the "Friends" is a considerable increase in the number of members in Canada.

Your Committee is happily aware of the co-operation of the Chaplain, his Church Council and of the Administrators of the Settlement, to the advantage of all concerned.

RAYMOND BRIGGS,
Major-General,
Chairman.

THE VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF FULHAM TO CANADA

While visiting Canada to take part in the Anglican Congress at Toronto, I was able to spend an evening with a delightful group of First War veterans, together with the Revd. Edmund McColl (whose own father gave his life in that war). We met in the Legion headquarters in Ottawa on the night of Tuesday, September 3rd. I was able to tell them something of the work of the "Friends" in the British Isles, and of St. George's Memorial Church, and to learn of their own keen desire to play their part.

Although they do not wish to have a separate financial organisation, but to send their contributions to the "Friends" Hon. Treasurer, they want to have an independent Canadian branch, so that they can meet together from time to time, and the better share information about St. George's Church and its life and needs.

I was informed of the Canadian flag for the Church which has already been presented, and many valuable suggestions were put forward with regard to what the Canadian branch might do in the future.

Before the gathering came to an end, refreshments were produced, as well as a lot of reminiscences, and I came away from them carrying not only a gift of a silver Canadian dollar to remind me of the evening, but also happy memories of new friends—not only friends of St. George's Church, but of myself as well.

+ RODERIC FULHAM.

GENERAL SIR JOHN CROCKER, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

General Sir John Crocker, Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, died in March this year. He served in the Great War with the Artists' Rifles and the Machine Gun Corps. He was awarded the D.S.O. as a Subaltern, a most unusual decoration for a junior officer. In the last War he commanded an Armoured Brigade, an Armoured Division and the 9th and 1st Corps. After serving as G.O.C. in C. Middle East he was appointed Adjutant-General to the Forces in 1950. He retired in 1953. At the time of his death he was Her Majesty's Lieutenant of Middlesex.

Because of his kindness and interest, the direction notices on the Menin Gate giving the location of our Church, were affixed by the Commission on our behalf. It should be mentioned that his influence succeeded when all previous efforts had failed.

His passing is deeply regretted.

CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It is always a great privilege to meet you all at the "Festival" and to talk and share experiences with you who have lived in such momentous years in this world's history. The "Festival" is not complete if it only entails a memory of times past but should renew that sense of comradeship which was experienced so many years ago and which we find so sadly lacking in modern society. I know that the dead are remembered in our prayers as naturally as the are remembered every week in St. George's. The ones who seem to be forgotten are often the older members, pensioners, and the lonely old soldiers who need our friendship desperately. Search them out and give them the warmth of another old soldier's friendship. It is incredible that it is now half a century since the British army first went to Ypres, and I can assure you that there is no lack of preparation here for the ceremonies next year. There is a great influx of visitors expected. If you are coming at any time, I would greatly appreciate if you would offer to help in our Church to do any job that you are accustomed to do at home. Last May we had volunteers for the choir and other offers of valuable help. I am always pleased to use this help if I know in good time.

With all best wishes,

Your very sincerely,

L. M. S. POWELL, Chaplain.

THE 1963 PILGRIMAGE

Our Pilgrimage this year was led by Colonel D. J. Dean, V.C., accompanied by Mrs. Dean. Again, a very large party of "Friends" journeyed to Ypres on May 3rd and the weather was kind. We found our friends over the water had also experienced a terrible winter and longed for sunshine. It was an easy crossing and then by coach to our destination. After dinner the usual stroll round the city and many were in time for the ceremony at the Gate. On Saturday morning one half of the party did the "must", the Somme tour, again visiting all the old places. Arras for lunch and again for tea on the way home. It was a happy day. The remainder of the party did the Brussels tour, via Ghent, to many a new experience and a delightful one. Home again in Ypres, tired but ready for anything. This, after dinner and a short rest, meant the visit to the Settlement Hall where the local ladies of our Church had their usual stall. The hall was full and the "get together" especially good because our Padre and Mrs. Powell were present with Colonel and Mrs. Dean.

On Sunday morning many attended the service of Holy Communion at the Church and then, after breakfast, the short run to Poperinghe, visiting Talbot House. Then came the reception at the Town Hall with our friend, the Burgomaster, at the head of the table. We gave him musical honours! After an excellent lunch at the Palace Hotel we returned to Ypres for a free afternoon, which many spent wandering round the city again.

In the evening our Church was crowded for the Patronal Festival service and especially happy because the President of the "Friends", the Bishop of Fulham, preached for us. After the service all went to the Menin Gate for the sounding of the Last Post and then to the farewell dinner at the Hotel Britannique, where, as usual, many dear Belgian friends sat down with us.

The next morning, after a reception by the Burgomaster at the Town Hall, half the party returned home and the others journeyed into Holland to see the bulb fields. The tulips were in their glory and the visit to Keukenhof, a veritable paradise of flowers, was an unforgettable experience. We stayed one night in Amsterdam and one in Haarlem, seeing much of the beautiful cities and the trip on the Amsterdam canals was very enjoyable. In our journey we spent some time in Rotterdam, grandly rebuilt after its destruction during the last war.

Our last night was spent at the Hotel Wellington in Knocke, so well known to many of us, and then home to England. Passing through the fields of the Garden of England, perhaps some of us thought with Cowper, "England, with all thy faults, I love thee still."

PILGRIMAGE 1964

The annual visit of the "Friends" to our Church is looked forward to by so many of the members and this is, also, a very special occasion when there is an opportunity to meet the British community and many Belgian friends in Ypres, who would be most disappointed if we failed to continue our Pilgrimage.

Next year, the party will leave on Friday, 1st May, and return home on Monday, 4th May. Following the success of the extended tour of Holland last May, arrangements have been made for a visit to the Belgian Ardennes to follow the Pilgrimage. There will be a free day in Ypres and this party will leave Ypres on Tuesday, 5th May, and return home on Friday, 8th May. Whilst in the Ardennes, the party will stay at the same hotel and tours will be made daily.

The alternative to the tour of the Somme will be to MONS. It is thought that in 1964, a trip through the places so well known to the Old Contemptibles will appeal to a number of our members.

In 1964, the 50th anniversary year of the outbreak of the 1914-18 War and the 25th of the 1939-45 War, there will be celebrations in Ypres organised by the Burgomaster. Although the details are not yet known, it can be announced that a souvenir will be presented to each ex-service man as a token of his visit fifty years after.

In view of the amount of work involved in the organisation of the Pilgrimage, particularly prior to the actual visit, your Hon. Secretary has found it necessary to delegate these duties. He has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. W. H. Lambert of 24 Eddington Lane, Herne Bay, Kent, who on behalf of his firm, Messrs. Escombe, McGrath & Co. Ltd., 4 Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C.3. will undertake the duties of Pilgrimage and Tours Secretary for the "Friends".

Your Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. W. Dawson, will continue to supervise all the arrangements and will conduct the party to Belgium as heretofore. It will be necessary to slightly increase the cost to cover certain additional expenses which will be incurred and it is hoped that members will appreciate that prices have been kept to a minimum consistent with good service.

As there will be a great demand for accommodation in Ypres next year, provisional bookings must be made at the hotels in the very near future, therefore, members who hope to join the party are asked to send to your Hon. Secretary, **as soon as possible**, a post-card, stating whether they will accompany the Pilgrimage only, or wish also to join the extended tour. This will not commit you in any way.

Copies of the Itinerary will be available shortly and Mr. L. W. Dawson will gladly send these upon request.

The inclusive cost, Victoria return (subject to confirmation) will be:—
Pilgrimage only, £15 9s. 0d. Extended tour of Belgium Ardennes, £13 10s. 0d.

CANADA AND YPRES

Canada and Ypres. What is the relationship which Ypres holds in Canadian history? We gaze throughout Flanders and see many graves which bear the Maple Leaf and other Canadian insignia. What is the meaning of all this?

Ypres is the centre where Canada found herself.

Canada was once a series of separate colonies under the British Crown. But the name "Canada" had a newly created meaning in 1864, when for the first time representatives of the colonies met in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and discussed their possible unity. There, by force of circumstances, under the leadership of Sir John A. MacDonald, Sir George-Etienne Cartier, Sir Charles Tupper and others, a greater vision of the country, united, extending from coast to coast, was foreseen.

July 1st 1867 was her date of birth as a nation when the first four, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, of the present ten provinces united to form the Dominion of Canada. This was the opening of a great new door in her history.

It was at Ypres nearly fifty years later that her sons knew what it was to stand alone. Then it was that their qualities were seen by those about them who uttered the words "Canadians—Canadians—that's all".

Canada's assumption of the responsibilities of nationhood was recognised by those around her.

It is worth marking, too, how the country's status has developed. In 1914 when Britain declared war, Canada promised full co-operation. On

September 10th, 1939, Canada's Parliament made her own declaration. An historic day!

We, and succeeding generations, need to be reminded of those things and there must be something to recall them to our minds continually.

That is why in 1924 Earl Haig strongly urged the erection of a Church in Ypres, to serve as a memorial to keep faith with those who paid the sacrifice. St. George's is that Church.

Although it has stood for over thirty years, and may be known in military and Legion circles in Britain, perhaps in Canada, and of course by members of the "Friends", I would not say its existence is well-known. I heard nothing of it until early in September 1944 when wandering through the town I found it on a corner, not far from the Cloth Hall.

July 1st, 1967 Canada will celebrate her centenary—100 years as a nation. Already multiple plans are underway that the Observances may be worthy of all that is past and a sound preparation for Canada's place in the world of the future.

Ypres should have a part in the centennial celebrations. May a group of Canadians with others gather at Ypres on their country's 100th anniversary to acknowledge the debt they owe to so many; especially, to those who sleep in Flanders Fields.

(Rev'd.) EDMUND N. McCOLL.

Quyon, P.Q.

President, Dominion of Canada Committee.

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1962						
417 Balance at Lloyds Bank Ltd., 1st July, 1962				492	14	11
6 Balance in hand of Brokers						
791 Subscriptions and Donations	619	9	1			
— Special Donation, Mrs. M. L. Poole	100	0	0			
187 Special Donation from 3rd Battn. The Monmouthshire Regt. Memorial Fund						
— Donation to Plaque fund	12	7	0			
21 Contributions towards Newsletter	16	7	9			
				748	3	10
115 Dividends and Interest Net				175	2	11
48 Income Tax recovered on Investment Income and Subscriptions under Covenant				97	14	6
— Capital distributions and proceeds of fractions transferred to Capital Account				114	13	2
£1,585				£1,628	9	4

BALANCE SHEET

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1962						
Capital Account						
4,185 Balance at 1st July, 1962	5,324	6	5			
1,139 Add: Surplus for the year	1,039	2	10			
				6,363	9	3
£5,324				£6,363	9	3

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1963

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1962						
65 General Charges, Printing, Stationery, Hire of Room for meetings, Postages, etc.				72	17	4
35 "News-Letter" printing				36	8	6
— Gifts to Church				12	14	11
992 Purchase of Investments				881	4	7
493 Balance, 30th June, 1963 at Lloyds Bank Limited				625	4	0
£1,585				£1,628	9	4

AT 30th JUNE, 1963

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1962						
4,798 Investments at cost (Market Value £6,628 10 4)				5,679	11	9
33 Sundry Debtors						
— Income Tax recoverable				58	13	6
493 Balance at Lloyds Bank Limited				625	4	0
£5,324				£6,363	9	3

On behalf of the Committee:—

(Sgnd.) RAYMOND BRIGGS, Chairman.
(Sgnd.) S. R. HOGG, Hon. Treasurer.

Report of the Auditors to the Committee of The Friends of St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Account of Receipts and Payments with the books and vouchers of the Association and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

(Signed) PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

11 Ironmonger Lane,
London, E.C.2.

September, 1963.

THE CARILLON OF YPRES

Visitors to Ypres are wont to see and hear the gay bells of the campanile crowning the stately Belfry. Indeed, ever since its inauguration by H.M. King Leopold III in 1934, the restored carillon, every quarter of an hour, would sprinkle over the town its gay tones in silver cascades carried by the winds.

Now the transparent campanile is silent, empty; but a new carillon worthy of its predecessors has taken over.

The Belfry before World War I housed two sets of bells totalling 68 units between them. Only the smaller and uppermost of them with its 33 bells in the campanile had been restored. No reparations were available for the second set of 35 bells weighing 6,800 kgs.

Nearly 49 years after its destruction (22nd November, 1914) the carillon now has been put in place again on the fourth floor of the Belfry.

On the 14th July last, the Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, surrounded by the Burgomaster, the Governor of West Flanders, local authorities, regional personalities, as well as several "carillonneurs" of renown, inaugurated the lofty apparatus. By almost uninterrupted concerts, a festival atmosphere was kept drifting in the air till late in the night.

The present carillon that also provides the chimes has 49 units that embrace four octaves. The smallest of these bells weighs 11 kgs., the largest 2,494 kgs. Their total weight is nearly twelve tons.

A symbol of freedom and prosperity since the middle ages, the bells remain the soul and the voice of the people; crying its woe or chanting its joy; calling for help against fire, flood and disaster; mourning the loss of life or liberty; calling to prayer as to thanksgiving. Now they celebrate our reborn freedom and the return to the restored homestead. They remind us of a great past and exhort the new generations to courage and confidence in the future.

FL. VANDEVOORDE.

President, Last Post Committee.

YPRES NEWS

Despite the bad summer, which seems to have been general in Europe this year, we in Ypres have had our share of visitors and although full figures are not yet available, their number cannot have fallen much from previous years.

The largest group to attend our Church for an official visit and service was perhaps that of the "Friends" in May. There was also a large party of members of the "Salient Circle", as well as Army cadets, a number from Schools in different parts of the country, and of course, the usual Toc H parties throughout the summer. The Revd. P. B. ("Tubby") Clayton came on more than one occasion, his last visit being just before he left for his tour of Australia and New Zealand.

The visit of a small party of the Army Cadet Force was most impressive. They were led by Major J. H. East, Administrative Secretary, A.C.F.A. and their trip has been arranged by Major C. E. E. Scott, a member of A.C.F.A., who also accompanied the party.

The Pilgrims' Hall at the Ypres British Settlement was available until late in the year for social gatherings and all parties received a welcome there, before or after a visit to the Church and the Menin Gate. We have had to move recently into the Eton Memorial School, which is now to be used as a social centre and we hope to make it completely comfortable before long. Several articles of furniture are still lacking and we need further fittings in the room but work is progressing and we should be fairly settled before the winter months. Business and interest in the Club has increased recently

and the weekly "Snooker" nights are becoming more popular than ever. The monthly Saturday night events are attracting more and more people and new ideas are for ever being introduced to make them of interest to all.

Big things are planned for 1964 and the Town Council of Ypres has already sent out some thousands of leaflets, which detail the more important events on next year's list of celebration of the 50th anniversary of the declaration of the first world war. The British Legion hope to bring a large party in early September and with a big influx of visitors, 1964 should be a year to remember in the annals of Ypres. When the "Friends" come for the Patronal Festival early in May, we shall look forward to seeing a record party.

We are for ever grateful for your interest in us, our Church and our Town, you are always welcome whether in one's or two's, in groups, or as a large party.

"BRITISH RESIDENT IN YPRES."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Members will be delighted to hear that our Chairman, Major-General R. Briggs, has been appointed an Administrator of the Ypres British Settlement.

There are available a very limited number of paper-bound copies of the Register of Memorials in our Church. Are you interested? The Committee has fixed a minimum price of 7/6d. per copy. The sale of these will help to reduce the cost of installation of the Plan of Memorials and other incidental work.

It is nice to quote from a recent letter received from Mr. W. J. Chalmers, Director-General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, concerning the Register—"It is our wish and, we feel, our duty to co-operate with the "Friends" in every way we can."

Army Cadet Force. A small party of cadets from Middlesex and Dorset visited Ypres and the Salient battlefields on 13th and 14th July last. On Saturday after laying a wreath at the Menin Gate they witnessed the 'Last Post' ceremony. On Sunday they attended the service at our Church and afterwards two buglers from Dorset had the honour of sounding the Last Post at the Gate.

Many thanks are due to those in Ypres and Poperinghe who helped to make the visit such a success. Accommodation was provided at Talbot House, and everyone who had the privilege of going, returned home with a lasting impression of all the historic places they had seen.

Following the return from this year's Pilgrimage, your Hon. Secretary received a letter from the Hon. Treasurer of the Church in Ypres, an extract from which is:—"We were very happy to see you all again and I think everyone here enjoyed the time they spent with your good folks. The ladies had a bumper sale of work and the latest figure is an all time record of 6,070 B. francs (£43)—Mrs. Haley says this might go up, as Madame Dezegeer, who was unable to attend the sale offered to try and dispose of the goods that were left—some 500 B. francs worth, I believe."

Your Committee is most grateful to the lady members of the Pilgrimage and others, for their generous contributions of gifts to the stall.

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment has created a precedent by making one of their anniversary days—Ypres Day, 23rd April. The custom in the Regiments of the British Army has been to celebrate only great battles in their early history.

Miss C. K. Nash of Castle Hedingham, Essex, a founder member of the "Friends" has most kindly given a small Chalice and Wafer Box for use at Holy Communion when a small number are present. These have been suitably inscribed as a memorial to her brother.

An extract from "A Potpourri of This and That" by Doug. Smith in his column "Observation Post", in "The Legionary", September, 1963.

In all the excitement it is pleasant to recall that there were some who did not forget to pause and give thanks. I remember well a special service held in the Anglican Church of St. George in the martyred city of dear old Ypres.

A soldiers' church, built, as everything else in Ypres was built, upon the ruins of a city shelled a thousand times during the First World War, this was the first service held since the Germans locked the doors after the disaster of 1940.

It was stirring occasion as a brave Belgian woman, having risked certain death during the four-year German occupation, brought forth from her hiding place the battle flags of historic British regiments.

It was a hushed and mixed gathering of Canadian and British troops who on that day in September, 1944, mingled with the Belgian patriots and waited for Sergeant Alfred Bishop at the organ to lead them in their first hymn. There was only one draw-back. Sergeant Bishop duly began to play, but no sound came forth from the organ. A hushed and embarrassed silence hung in the air until a Belgian lady tiptoed forward and explained that someone had to pump the organ, so Trooper Gilbert Sutcliffe, a burly farmer from Meadow Lake, Sask., marched up and filled the breach.

A mite more confusion reigned as the hymn books turned out to be not quite the same, and once the sergeant got off on the wrong tune, so that the colonel and the troops had to lead, but it was all magnificent, with prim ladies in the pews on the left sitting silent, while the men sang lustily on the right.

After all, it was the spirit of the occasion that really counted and which was put so aptly by the padre, Col. Ross Flemington who, speaking on heroes of the past, said, "They come like a cloud of witnesses out of the silvery mists that lie like an aura upon these historic prairies."

YPRES INVITES YOU

1914 — 1964

"50 years later" the completely re-born City of Ypres wishes to Commemorate the events of 1914 — 1918 in a very special manner.

- in a spirit of homage to the victims of this fearful confrontation.
- in a spirit of respect for the survivors who are already becoming scarce.
- in a spirit of absolute trust also, in the good and sincere desire for peace of all people and all nations.

The younger generations and the youth are also heartily welcome in Ypres.

To make acquaintance with a nice town and pleasant countryside where only ruin and destruction reigned 50 years ago.

To approach the War events of 1914-18 from an historic viewpoint.

To confirm and to strengthen their wish for peace by this contact.

(Extract from Official Brochure circulated by Tourism Office, Ypres.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Have you a diary? The financial year of the "Friends" commences on the 1st July. Many members pay their subscriptions on the anniversary of their first gift but it would be an enormous help if subscriptions are paid on or near 1st July. So make the entry on 30th June "Friends" sub. due." Money invested means income to our Endowment Fund.

DO YOU CONSIDER THIS NEWS-LETTER WORTH WHILE, IF SO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE?

TO HON. SECRETARY,

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, YPRES,
19 CHESTNUT DRIVE, HERNE BAY, KENT.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, YPRES

*I wish to be enrolled as a Member of this Association and enclose *£ : :
as my first subscription.*

NAME & TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

*Minimum Subscription : Individuals, 5/- per annum. Corporate Bodies, £1 1s. per annum.

The Association benefits greatly by subscriptions made under Deed of Covenant. Appropriate forms will be sent on request. It may be convenient to pay by Bankers' Order.

RIDOUT & SON, LTD., PRINTERS, HERNE BAY

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

~~DFE~~

Please see folio 14 and discuss with me.

9.12.63 W. J. Chalmer

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~~D.F.E.~~

Please see Folios 50, 50A, 50B and 50C.
Mr. Griffin knows that DG is returning on 5 March
and it has been arranged that the file should go
to him on his return to the office.

28.2.64

W. J. Chalmer
Director of External Relations
and Records

~~DFE~~ Request & demand with DG. 11/4/64 3.

Please see folios 54-60 inclusive.

Would you please return the file to DG on Monday morning to enable him to study it before the afternoon meeting of the Committee.

~~DFE~~ 31/3/64

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Please see folio 67.

P. Q. P. P. 18/4/64

~~DFE~~ 17/4/64

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You may wish to see f 68 et seq

P. Q. P. P. 13/4/64

~~DFE~~ 30/4/64

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You will wish to see f. 73-76 incl.

P. Q. P. P. 29/4/64

~~DFE~~

To see folios 80-82. We spoke

6.5.64 W. J. Chalmer

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~~DFE~~

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG)

DG to see before leave for Gen - he did see
f. 83)

P. A. E. R. b. b. a. a.
20 May 64.

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~~D. F. E.~~

22/7/64

To note folios 84, 85, 86 and 87. (let say. 15 Jun)

P. A. E. R. b. b. a. a. :

26.5.64

Director-General

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June 9, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Many thanks for your letter of June 8 and for the Albert Hall tickets which will, as usual, be very much appreciated.

I am much tempted by the A.B.A. match, Great Britain versus The Rest of Europe, but I am afraid it is too close to my departure for Canada so one of the other enthusiasts in the office will benefit.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to lunch. I could manage Monday, June 15. Would 12.45 at the Devonshire be all right? If so, please don't bother to reply. If I don't hear from you I will be there.

Yours ever,

J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
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Surrey.



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My dear Chalmers.

My thanks for your letter of the
5th June.

Although you leave for Canada on
the 20th can you spare lunch at the
Devonshire on Monday 15th or Friday
19th June.

I hope you can.

Yours sincerely
J.R.G.
18.6.64

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June 5, 1964

WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Northern Region,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

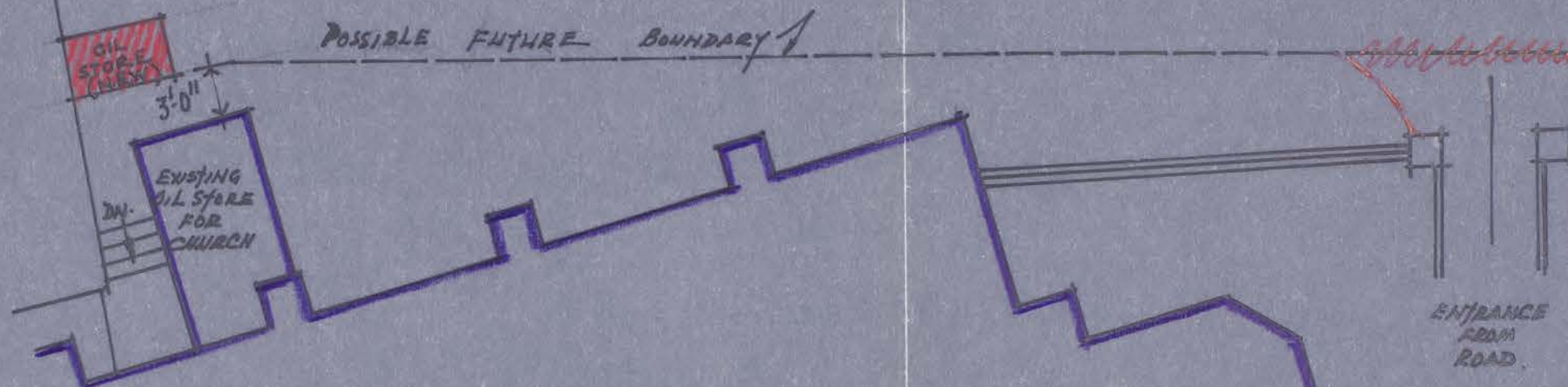
Ypres British Settlement

With reference to my WG 360/4 of May 29, I have now referred the amended drawing to the Administrators who have indicated their agreement with the proposals with the exception of the proposed position of the oil store bunker. The Administrators visualize that circumstances might arise in the future which made it necessary to separate the Church by a fence or wall from the playground area and they do not wish the oil store bunker to be sited in the position proposed. They suggest the position shown on the enclosed rough sketch, if oil fuel is indeed essential for the Hall. They ask whether it would not be simpler and cleaner to heat the Hall entirely by electricity.

Will you please let me have your observations as early as possible.


Director-General

BOWLING GREEN



ST. GEORGES CHURCH

St GEORGES SETTLEMENT - IEPER

PROPOSED SITING OF OIL STORE - SCALE 1/4" = 8 FEET

(OVERLAY TO DRG. NO. NR/MISC/IEPER/331B.) C.W.C.C. 32 GROSVENOR GARDENS, S.W.1. 5/6/64.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

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1st June 19
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77 dear Chalmers,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th
May together with drawing of the proposals
for the playground area. I agree
this meets all the points except the position
of the oil bunker.

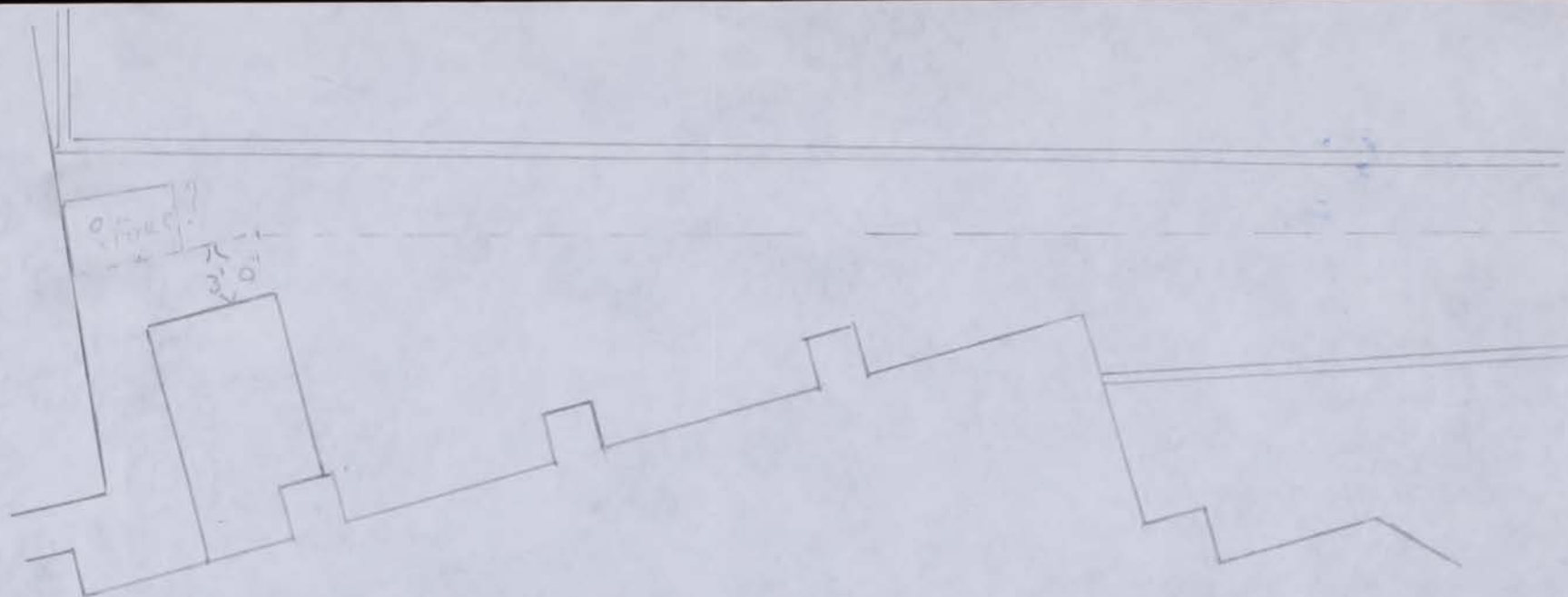
As you know I hold the opinion that we
must ultimately settle the future of the Hall
and Church and that their future probably lies
in their being controlled by a permanent
incorporated body. Having this possibility
in view I think we must visualise a boundary
between the Church and the Bowling Green and
therefore the oil bunker should be away from
the Church. Your letter of the 7th April
1961 had this in view.

I enclose a sketch showing a position
for the bunker which seems to me to be all
that is required from the Administrators point
of view and if the local people are reasonable
should satisfy them.

Why not heat the Hall by electricity
rather than use both oil and electricity?

We are very busy finishing the planning
of the garden but are fit and well. Our
kind regards and my wife joins me with best
wishes for you and the family,

Yours Sincerely
J. R. Griffin



Suggest old stone
anywhere between dotted
line + boundary of
Browning. park

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Dotted
line shows
to boundary

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3rd June, 1964.

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Regional Director,
Northern Region, (two copies)
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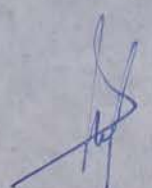
Would you please refer to previous correspondence on the question of the alterations to the Church Hall at Ypres on your files NR/15/13/2 - NR/13/7.

It is apparent from your letter NR/13 of the 14th May, 1964, (Welfare Account - Financial Year 1963-64) that you envisaged that the cost of these alterations, to be borne by the Commission, should be charged to "Welfare". It was our intention, however, that these costs should be charged to appropriate Commission Administrative Code-headings and it would be appreciated, therefore, if you would kindly make suitable allowances in your Revised Estimate for the current financial year and in your request for funds for the Block Authority - Belgium Area - for the second part of the year.

... I enclose an account, received from Mr. J.E. Griffin, for firing the additional lighting outside the Church Hall and I would be grateful if you would settle the account as soon as possible and charge the full amount to your block vote for "OSB".

On the question of the insurance of the contents of the Club, it is noted from your letter of the 14th May, 1964, that insurance cover is offered locally at £1. 14. 0 per annum. We have considered this in the light of our World-wide Cover which, as you know, covers contents of office premises and have been advised by our Brokers that insurance in the equivalent sterling amounts to those quoted in your letter could be obtained under that cover for approximately 16/- per annum. I would be grateful if you would let me know if there is any reason why we should not accept cover under the Commission's World-wide policy rather than locally. There are two small points on which further information would be appreciated:-

- (a) what does "Liability to neighbours" actually cover?
- (b) is "dommage immobilier" simply a cover against damage to immovable fixtures e.g. wash basins?


DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENTS

RESOLVE:

That the Committee, having considered a memorandum on Chaplaincy Services in Northern Region, dated 2nd June, 1964, reference WG.360/4, recommend:-

That grants of £100 to the Ypres British Settlement and £150 to the Missions to Seamen be made by the Commission in the year ending 31st March, 1965.

F.C.517
10.6.64

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

517TH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1964

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES - NORTHERN REGION

Since 1962 part-time chaplaincy services for the Commission's staff and their families in Belgium and France have been provided, at Ypres, by the Chaplain of St. John's Anglican Church, Ghent, and, at Arras, by the Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen, Dunkirk, and the Commission have made annual grants of £100 and £150, respectively, towards the cost of these services.

In the light of experience of the services rendered by the Chaplains during the past year, it is proposed that these grants be continued for the current financial year and authority is requested in the terms of the draft resolution attached.

2nd June, 1964

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May 29, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of May 27. It is irritating for you that difficulty should have cropped up over the position of the property between the Church and the adjoining houses and I hope that you will be able to get it cleared up satisfactorily.

... I have received this morning the enclosed drawing of the latest proposals for the playground area. They seem to me to be all right and to take care of the points you raised. The only point about which I am in doubt is the proposed position of the fuel bunker (oil store). I am told that this proposed position was selected in consultation with Collick and that the position we suggested in the area marked 'shrubbery and turf nursery' was unsuitable because it entailed carrying the oil across the turf. Will you please let me know what you think about this. If it were not for the notion that we might wish to put a fence around the side of the Church and take down the bit of wall to the left of the playground gateway, I would be inclined to suggest letting them put it where they propose.

Trust you are both flourishing.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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June 5, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin.

Thank you for your letter of June 1. I have taken up the question of the siting of the oil bunker with the people at Ypres and have also asked whether it would not be possible to heat the Hall by electricity so as not to have to use oil at all.

I will let you know as soon as I hear from them.

I am glad you have been getting a bit of gardening, though this week's weather has been all against it.

Many thanks for good wishes which I fully reciprocate.

Incidentally, perhaps I should take this opportunity of mentioning that I shall be away in Canada from June 20 to July 10.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
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28 MAY 1964

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27th May 1964

My dear Anthony.

Many thanks for your letter of the
25th May which clears up the misunderstanding.

We are having a little trouble on
the position of the property between the Church
and the adjoining houses. You will remember
you had occasion to write a letter to Mr Dunn
as to the route of the oil supply to the Church.

What arrangement he came to with the
people ~~living~~ over our property next door I do not
know but they now say we have no rights there.

The Chairman and Secretary have it in
hand at the moment and I am awaiting developments.

*That you have been trying which indicates
you are I hope fit to sell*

*Yr Sincerely
J.R.G.*

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May 29, 1964


WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Northern Region,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your NR/15/13/2 of
May 26 enclosing two copies of the amended
drawing showing the proposals for the
playground and the proposed specification
for protection of the main drain.

I am seeking the agreement of the
Administrators to these proposals, in
particular reference to the proposed position
of the oil store bunker and the proposed
protection of the drain.


Director-General

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

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NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,
PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

26th May 1964

28 MAY 1964

Director-General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

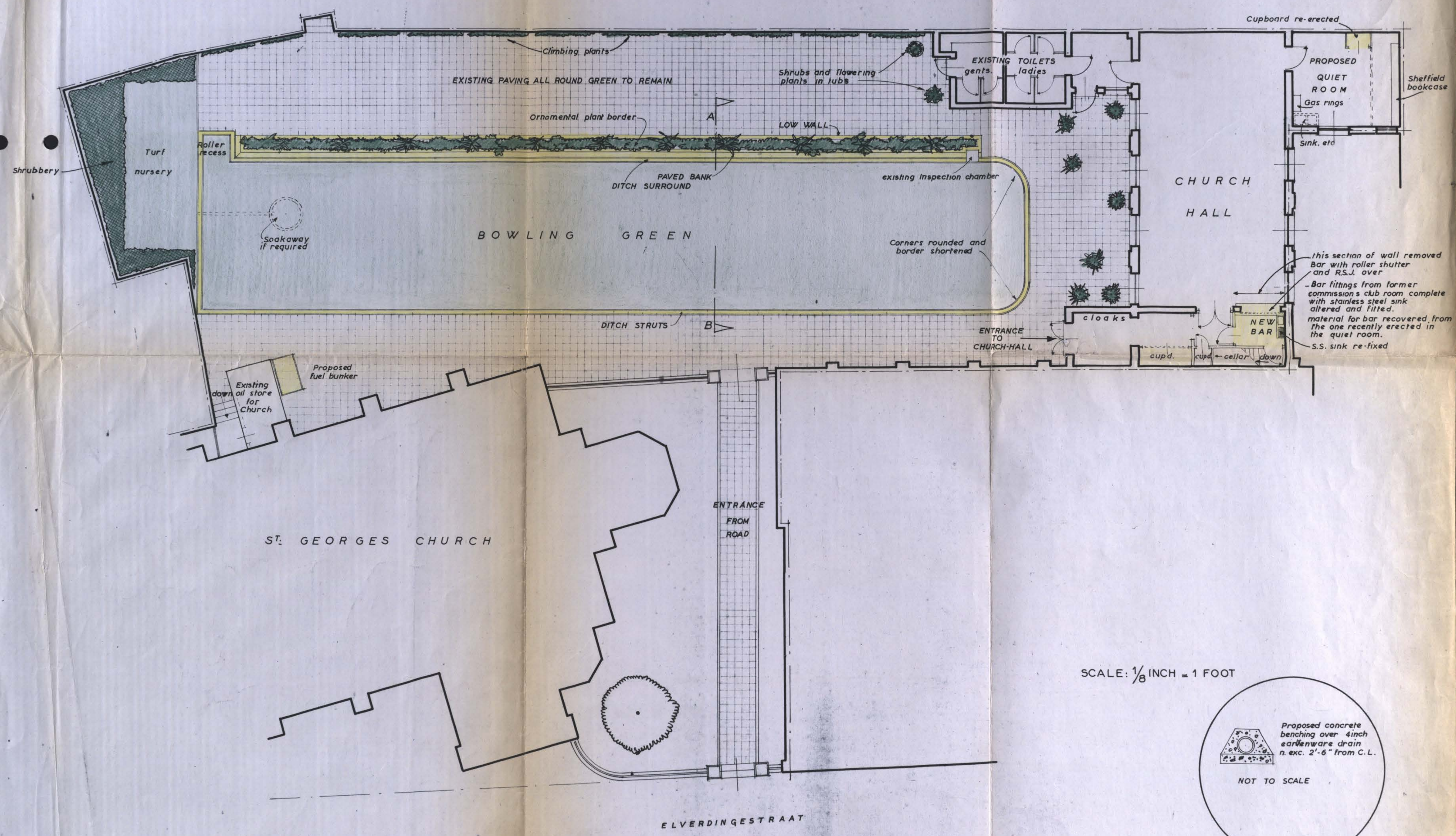
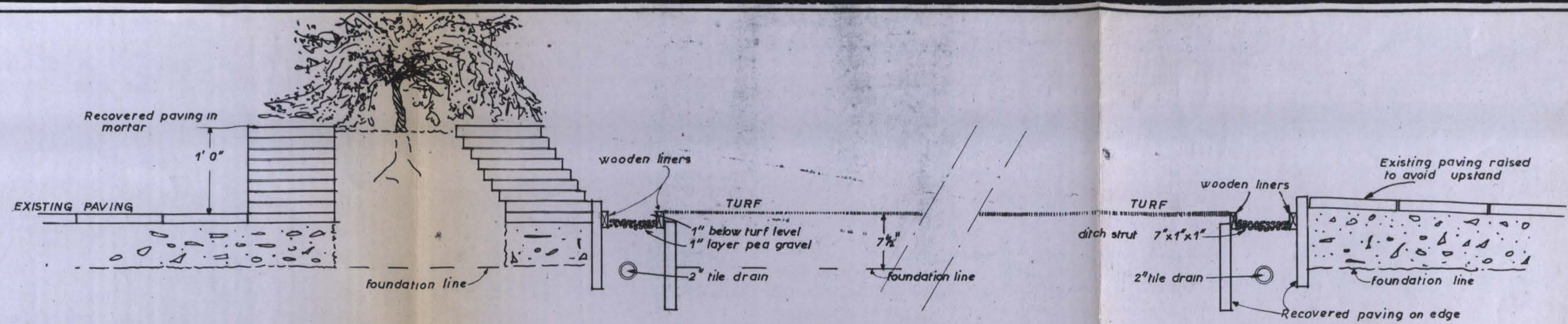
YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT.

With reference to paragraph 10 of your letter WG.360/4 dated 12th March 1964, enclosed are two copies of the amended drawing (NR/MISC/IEPER/331 B) showing the agreed proposals. The specification for the measures proposed to protect part of the main drain is shown in the little encircled drawing just above the reference number. It is hoped that this is adequate for your purpose.

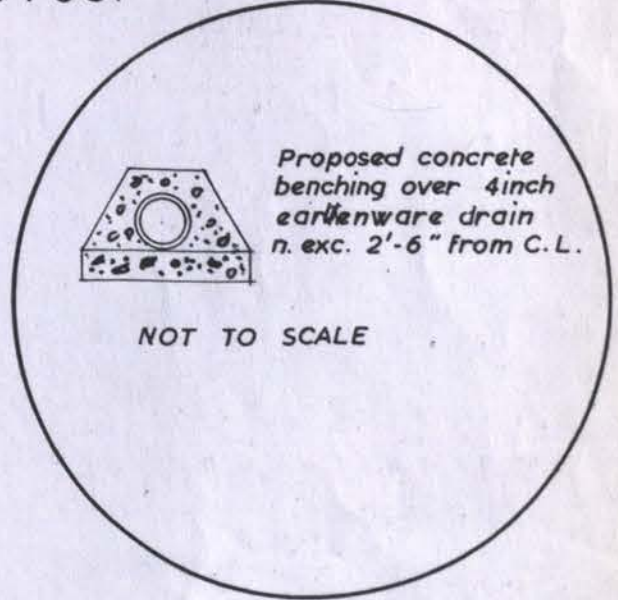
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Regional Director.





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CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

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May 26, 1964

WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Northern Region,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter NR/15/13/2, NR/13/7 of May 14, 1964.

I note that the amended estimate for the oil storage bunker is £9. 0. 0d making, with the estimates of £192. 0. 0d and £9. 0. 0d for the work in the Hall and the provision of the gas ring, a total of £210. 0. 0d.

I shall be glad to receive when available the amended drawing of the playground area and the specification of measures for the protection of the main drain.

I note that the estimate for the bowling green, including protection of the drain, is now £42. 0. 0d, to which you suggest adding 5% contingencies, making a total of, say, £44. 0. 0d. Is it your proposal that this expenditure should be met by the Club or by the Commission?

I note the details of the insurance.

I acknowledge receipt of the inventory of furniture, fittings and equipment, and I note that the items have been classified under the headings of "Welfare Property", "Commission Property" and "Items of Joint Usage". Will you please let me know the origin of the property under each of the three headings and just what the differentiation signifies. In the case, particularly, of the items under the heading of "Joint Usage" it is necessary that I should be informed precisely who owns them and presumably that is the person or body who purchased or provided them. I do not think the local Conseil d'Administration is authorised to waive claims of ownership of property belonging to the Settlement and if any of this property really belongs to the Administrators I shall have to take this point up with them.


Director General

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

May 25, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of May 23 with the account for the fixing of the additional lighting outside the Church Hall. I am arranging for it to be paid.

I was away on tour all last week and have only received on my return today a letter dated May 14 from our Northern Region apologizing for their failure to let me know in advance the date when work was to start on the Church Hall. It seems to have been a genuine oversight.

No work can be done on the bowling green until the summer is over but I have asked that the drawing which you are awaiting should be expedited and should be accompanied by a specification of the measures proposed for the protection of the first few yards' run of the main drain where it is less than 2' 6" below ground level.

Hope you are both getting some leisure to enjoy the lovely weather.

Yours ever,

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P.S. Thank you very much for the concert tickets you enclosed which my secretary, who is a keen musician, is able to use and asks me to thank you for.

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J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

25 MAY 1964

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23rd May 1964

My dear Chalmers,

You will remember that we agreed that there should be additional lighting outside the Entrance to the open space and that we should share the expence. The work has been completed and I enclose the account. I think perhaps the easiest way of dealing with this is for the Commission to pay and for you to recover half from Major Hogg.

I hope I shall receive the final drawin for the Bowling Green soon.

J. R. Griffin
18.5.64

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NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,
PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

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14th May 1964

Director-General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT.

With reference to your letter WG.360/4 dated 6th May 1964, it is regretted that the Commission were embarrassed vis-à-vis the Administrators in London of the Ypres British Settlement because of the delay in letting you know the date upon which work would start in the club.

2. The Area Superintendent has been instructed to purchase and fit the double gas ring authorised in your letter.

3. I am afraid that the cost of the oil storage bunker will be £ 9. 0. 0. instead of the estimate of £ 5. 0. 0. given in my previous letter. This, again, is additional to the estimates of £ 192. 0. 0. and £ 9. 0. 0. for the gas ring. The amended drawing will be sent to you shortly but it was not realised that there was any degree of urgency in your original request. The Area was asked in writing on 20th March 1964 to provide the drawing and until now, no attempt was made to hurry them as it had been assumed that they would prefer to produce the drawing after the work had been completed. The expected completion date was to be a little before the "Friends of St. George" made their annual visit scheduled for 2nd and 3rd May.

4. No work can be done on the bowling green until the summer is over. Nevertheless, I had asked the Area Superintendent to amend the estimate to cover any extra cost of eliminating the small projection as described in paragraph 6 of my letter of 17th March 1964 and to cover the cost of protecting the drain. These estimates have just been received (again no urgency was envisaged) and the estimate for the bowling green is now £ 37. 0. 0. instead of £ 29. 0. 0. and that for protecting the drain is £ 5. 0. 0. It might be wise to add 5 % contingencies. The Area Superintendent states that if a soakaway proves necessary, he does not anticipate that it will involve any expenditure.

5. In my letter NR/13, NR/13/7 dated 13th March 1964 I did explain that the contents of the club were covered by insurance locally but that the opportunity was being taken to review the question. The new policy, still to be signed by the insured, was only received in the Area Office on Tuesday and was sent to this office by special arrangements yesterday. Details are :-

Company :- Eagle Star Insurance Co. Ltd.
Meir 12, ANTWERP.
(Local Agent : A. Castel,
28, rue Carter, YPRES).

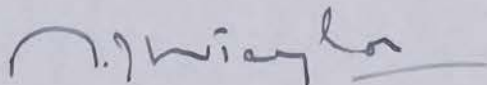
Policy N^o :- 1,535,424 (replacing 1,480,684/3).

Expiry date :- 10th March annually.
Duration :- 10 years.
Premium :- 238 Belgian Francs per year.
Cover for :- Fire (including lighting and explosion)

	<u>Amount.</u> <u>B.Frs.</u>
Billiard Table and accessories.	25.000.
Furniture and special items including pictures, arm-chairs, chairs.	35.000.
Library, 1000 books, book cases ("casiers") and accessories.	30.000.
Radio "Philips" 1963.	10.000.
Liability to neighbours.	50.000.
"Domage immobilier".	30.000.

6. I understand from the Area Superintendent that although the new policy starts on 10th March, the club is, in fact, covered at the moment. It will also be noticed that the premium has been reduced. This seems to be accounted for by the ageing of some of the articles covered. There are some minor points on the policy which I will take up with the Area Superintendent.

7. Appendix "A" to this letter, in duplicate, lists the items of furniture, fittings and equipment of the club, and shows their ownership. Area Superintendent has reported that the members of the Conseil d'Administration have agreed to waive any claims of ownership by the Settlement concerning the items of joint usage. I gather from this that the property listed under that heading belongs to the Settlement.



Regional Director.



19 MAY 1964

1. The Commission has received a letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 19 May 1964, in which he has requested the Commission to consider the possibility of the United Kingdom Government making a contribution to the cost of the proposed new road from the airport to the town of ...

2. The Commission has considered the matter and has concluded that it is not possible for the United Kingdom Government to make a contribution to the cost of the proposed new road from the airport to the town of ...

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COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION BELGIUM AREA

SOCIAL AND WELFARE CLUB

INVENTORY OF FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

WELFARE PROPERTY

Radiogram	1
Billiard Table	1
Marker-board (billiards)	1
Snooker balls (sets)	1
Billiard Cues.	14
Billiard rests.	2
Dart boards.	2
Darts (sets).	6
Chess Sets and Boards.	2
<u>Cricket Gear.</u>	
Bats.	6
Stumps (sets).	2
Balls.	2
Pads Wicket-Keeper (with groin-protection) (sets).	1
Pads Ordinary (Batting) (sets).	5
Gloves Batting (pairs).	3
Gloves Wicket-Keeper (pairs).	1
Tables (in formica).	4
Chairs (to match).	24
Chairs (folding).	12
Chairs easy.	4
Door-mats.	1
Fire-guard.	1
Table-cloths.	6
Window-curtains.	7
Notice-board.	1
Roller towels.	5
Tea towels.	7
Card-tables.	8
Bar stools (tall).	7
Chairs wooden (mixed).	33
Stools Wooden.	20
Refrigerator.	1
Trestles (metal)	5
(wooden)	8
Trestle-table tops.	6
Union Jacks.	2
Cash-boxes.	2
Oil stoves.	2
Cans (mazout).	1
Glasses (large).	113
Glasses (small).	76
Ash trays	20
Library - books.	700

2) COMMISSION PROPERTY (authorised and recently purchased or still awaiting purchase).

Linoleum (square-yards).	20
Electric light fittings.	
Tables.	1
Gas fittings.	1
Chairs.	6
Gas ring.	1

ITEMS OF JOINT USAGE.

(as between Ypres British Settlement and the Club).

Piano.	1
Book-case.	1
Cups (tea).	100
Plates (large).	30
Plates (small).	90
Saucers.	100
Knives.	40
Spoons.	60
Jugs. (large).	4
Jugs (small).	2
Ascot water-heater.	1

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Chairs.	6
Gas ring.	1

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YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

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14th May 1964

My dear Chalmers

I was very sorry to hear that you had been laid up for so long and do hope that in spite of its length this does not mean anything serious and trust you will ~~be~~ be fit and well.

I was of course astounded to be told that the work on the Church Hall had been started in spite of your firm promise to me and the fact that you knew that I had promised to let the Conseil d'Administration know when the work would start. I cannot understand why the Regional and Area Offices of the Commission assume they can undertake work at the Settlement and ignore the London Administrators. They have done this on a number of occasions as you know.

I do hope you will be able to keep your promise to let me have amended drawings for the Bowling Green before the work is put in hand.

The impression of a number of people that the Commission can ignore the Administrators I think you will agree is on a number of occasions well founded.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
J. R. Griffin

ack'd (as P.S. to "thank you")
letter to the

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May 6, 1964

WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your NR/15/13/2, NR/13/7 of May 1.


2. I note that the estimated cost of the work on the Church Hall amounts to £192 and that the work was put in hand on April 9. You were asked in paragraph 4 of my letter of March 12 to let me know, so that I could inform the Administrators, the date upon which work would start and your failure to do so has put the Commission in a most embarrassing position vis-a-vis the Administrators in London.

3. With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, please arrange for the supply of a double gas ring with cover as in estimate (c) at a cost of £9.0.0. I note that this is additional to the estimate of £192.0.0. mentioned above.

4. I note that the oil storage has been re-sited in a position different from that suggested by the Administrators and that the concrete bunker will cost £5.0.0. Please confirm that this is additional to the estimates of £192.0.0. and £9.0.0. mentioned above. I shall have to obtain the approval of the Administrators to the new siting. Will you therefore please provide immediately an amended drawing (in duplicate) as requested at paragraph 10 of my letter of March 12. The amended drawing should show the whole lay-out of the playground area, including the oil store, and should be accompanied by a specification of the measures proposed for protection of the first few yards' run of the main drain, where it is less than 2' 6" below ground level.

5. Please provide immediately details of the insurance of

the contents of the Church Hall and two copies of an inventory (agreed with the Conseil d'Administration) showing the ownership of each item, as requested at paragraph 4 of my letter of March 25.


Director General

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May 6, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

I returned to the office, part-time, on Monday after an illness of four and a half weeks and I have been looking into the position referred to in the two official letters which you enclosed with your demi-official letter of April 28.

I am now informed that the work on the Church Hall was put in hand on April 9. Our local representatives advised Mr. Collick but apparently overlooked my request that I should be informed in advance so that I could pass on the information to the Administrators.

I have written today asking for the amended drawing which was requested in March, together with a specification of the proposed measures for protection of the first few yards' run of the main drain, where it is less than 2' 6" below ground level.

I will write to you again in reply to your two official letters as soon as I have the information for which I have asked.

Yours sincerely,



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NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,
PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

1st May 1964

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Director-General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT.

With reference to your letter WG 360/4 dated 12th March 1964, an estimate of the cost of the work in conforming to the conditions made by the Administrators amounts to £ 17.0.0. This is just within the limit of 10 % of £ 175.0.0. and the work was put in hand on 9th April 1964. Mr. Collick has been advised.

2. Prices of new gas rings have been obtained and are as follows :-

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| (a) - Single ring, industrial type. | £ 3. 0. 0. |
| (b) - Double ring, domestic type. | £ 6. 0. 0. |
| (c) - As (b) above but with lid. | £ 9. 0. 0. |

Estimate (c) is recommended by the Area Superintendent as the gas rings are so little used that a lid is considered essential to prevent the unit collecting dust and dirt when not in use. I feel, however, that the single ring at £ 3. 0. 0. should be adequate but if there are single ones with lids, I would recommend this. £ 5. should cover the cost. The sum of £ 5.0.0. is additional to the amount of £ 17. 0. 0. given above and the new gas ring will not be purchased until you authorise it.

3. With regard to the cover for the oil drums, this has been moved from its original position and has been placed next to the oil storage structure of the Church, on the side nearest to the bowling green. To place it where suggested by the Administrators (beyond the end of the bowling green furthest from the Church Hall) would mean inevitable damage to the green each time the oil pipe is used for filling the drums. The suggested position has been agreed by Mr. Collick as suitable and the Area Superintendent will reduce the number of drums from two to one (which is adequate) and will also provide a drip tray. The cost of a small concrete bunker is £ 5.

N. J. Wiegman

Regional Director.



1st May, 1964

WG.360/4

Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras,
Pas-de-Calais,
FRANCE.

Ypres British Settlement

Will you please let me have up-to-date information on the following matters:-

- (a) The date when work on the Church Hall will start. You were requested to report this in paragraph 4 of my letter of 12th March.
- (b) The preparation of an amended drawing illustrating all the proposals as finally agreed. You were requested to forward two copies of such a drawing in paragraph 10 of my letter of 12th March.
- (c) The position in regard to the protection of the main drain. You were asked to take action regarding the bowling green, including the protection of the drain, in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of my letter of 25th March, 1964.
- (d) The insurance position. You reported on this in your letter of 13th March, 1964 and you were requested to provide further details in paragraph 4 of my letter of 25th March, 1964.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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29th April, 1964

WG 360/4

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of 28th April enclosing two official letters (both also of the 28th) and two boxing tickets.

You will receive an official answer to the two letters as soon as possible.

With regard to the tickets: I am afraid Mr. Chalmers is away from the office and I think it unlikely that he will be able to use them. However, I will pass them on to two of our enthusiasts and I know they will be gratefully accepted.

Y-s-
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J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
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My dear Chalmers,

In order to keep records
straight hereunto two official
letters.

I hope you can use the enclosed
and please pass them on.

Yours truly,

J. R. Griffin
29.4.64

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

29 APR 1964

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28th April
1964

Dear Sir,

Proposed Bowling Green

With reference to your letter of the
12th March can you inform me whether as
stated in that letter proposals are yet
ready to be submitted with regard to the
protection of the main drain.

Yours faithfully,

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*Presumably settled
at meeting on 20th
(see also letter of 25th)
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28th April 1964

Dear Sir,

Church Hall

With refence to your letter of the
12th March in which you promised to let me
know the exact date on which alterations
would start so that I might inform the Conseil
d'Administration. May I know whether
this date has yet been arranged?

You also in that letter referred to
forwarding to me a amended drawing of the Bowling
Green. May I ask whether this is yet ready.

Yours faithfully,

R.G. 1/7

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

27 APR 1964

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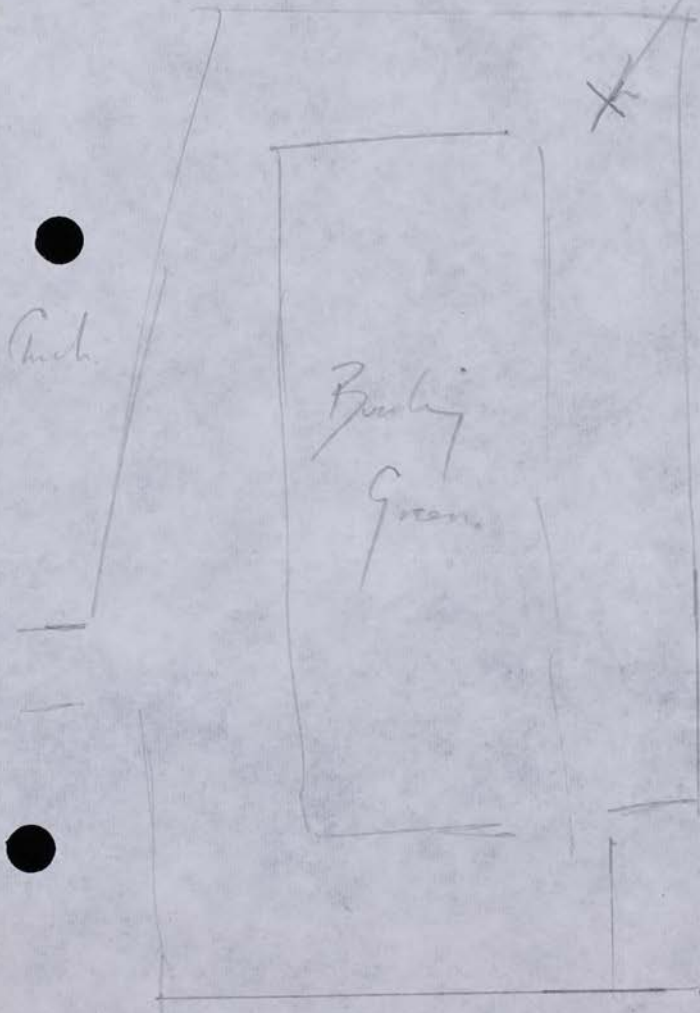
My dear Chairman.

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st April. Your suggestion is I think the one which I agreed with you. I enclose a rough plan of this position.

I think your letter to Regional Headquarters explains this.

J. R. Griffin
12.9.11

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YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an article from the "British European News" a small journal published occasionally for the English speaking community in the Benelux area. The editor and publisher is a Mr. H.J. Edmonds of 238 Chaussée d'Alseberg, Brussels, and the initials (P.D.P.) of the writer of the article are believed to be a Mr. Parminter, the Chairman/Secretary of the Ostend branch of the British Legion and a personal friend of Mr. Griffin.

N. J. W. Taylor

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Regional Director.

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THE BRITISH AT YPRES

This is not a War History as might be thought from its title but simply a short account concerning, chiefly, a British spiritual and schoolastic institution which came into being in a small Flemish town, as a result of War. The town's existence was almost certainly completely unknown to the majority of British subjects before 1914, who, when they found themselves there as soldiers of the British Army in World War I, were in many cases unable to pronounce its name properly but in the manner of British soldiers everywhere improvised by calling it "Wipers". A name which has gone down to history and which will be recognised by every soldier who served on the Western front as the now world famous ~~Ypres~~ Ypres.

Last week Mr. J.R. Griffin, C.B.E., the former General Secretary of the British Legion until his retirement a few years ago and now, amongst his many activities the Secretary of the Ypres British Settlement London Committee went to Ypres to complete the sale of part of the Settlement Buildings there. This Settlement comprised the beautiful St. George's Anglican Memorial Church built in 1928/29 to the plans of Sir Reginald Blomfield with its lovely stained glass windows, the gifts of various Army Units; and where all the Church furniture including the lovely font with the statue of St. George, the marble bust of Marshal French, Viscount of Ypres and even the chairs has all been given to the Church by individuals or Regimental Associations, in memory of their fallen relations or comrades killed in action in the Ypres Salient. Also the Residence of the Chaplain, the Church Hall, Playground etc.

A considerable section of these buildings has been disposed of including the Chaplain's house which the purchaser informed the writer a few weeks ago is to be turned into a Tea-room, the bedrooms above it being used as an Annexe to one of the Ypres hotels. With memories of the disappearance of the English Church at Spa and one of the Anglican Churches in Brussels within the past few years is it being unduly pessimistic in thinking that the same thing will happen one day, and perhaps even in the lifetime of some of us living today, to the Church at Ypres?

Fortunately the price obtained for the other buildings will go a long way towards the endowment of the Church but the British residents of Ypres and district, who before the last War numbered some hundreds, are getting less and less every ~~year~~ year. So much so that only a short time ago it was decided with great ~~great~~ regret to discontinue having a Resident Chaplain at Ypres due to this fact. In addition to which the number of British visitors, who used to come to Ypres between the Wars and stay for a few days to visit the War Graves and Battlefields, is now very small indeed and will obviously become fewer and fewer as time passes. The Church is being served at present by the Chaplain from Ghent, the Rev. L.M.S. Powell who conducts a Service there every Sunday evening and on Special occasions when required.

The School, until the outbreak of World War II, catered for about one hundred British boys and girls, mostly children of the Staff of the Imperial (now Commonwealth War Graves Commission) and was controlled by the London County Council who provided the teachers.

On the conclusion of the War, during which those Members of the Commission who had not been fortunate enough to escape to Great Britain with their families were interned by the Germans, it was found that there were not enough British children remaining or returning to Ypres to justify re-opening the School and it soon became evident there never would be.

The British ex-service gardening staff who, between the wars, had done such a wonderful job of work in getting and maintaining the British Military Cemeteries into beautiful flower gardens were all getting older and gradually retiring. It also became difficult to obtain suitable replacements from the U.K., so much so that at the present time a considerable number of the gardeners are Belgians working under British supervision and this situation appears likely to continue indefinitely.

P.D.P.

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April 1, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of March 28. I do not think the two official letters require official acknowledgments but I will let you know as soon as I hear when work will commence.

Regarding the oil store, do you mean the position we discussed at the end of the bowling green furthest from the Church Hall? What I have said to the Regional Headquarters is:

" The storage of oil on the site should be in a concrete bunker located far enough away from any of the walls or buildings of the Settlement to eliminate any risk of damage. The position suggested by the Administrators is beyond the end of the bowling green furthest from the Church Hall and clear of the walls. This should be agreed with the Secretary of the Conseil d'Administration.

Is this all right?

I am quite content with your suggested minute on the future of the bowling green.

Many thanks for the boxing and wrestling tickets, all of which will find enthusiastic users. I shall try to go to the amateur boxing myself.

It was kind of you to think of us over Easter. We had a very quiet and happy time, including some gardening and some golf - the first for six months! Hope all went well for you despite the cold weather.

Yours ever,

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J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
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28th March 1964

My dear Chairman,

Herewith two official letters. I have not written to Collick on the subjects of the Bowling Green or the oil store since I know you were finalising these matters with the Region.

With regard to the oil store I think your suggestion of the corner right away from the Church is the best. If we are to do what both of us want for the permanent future this store should not be near the Church.

Would the following do for the minute on the future of the Bowling Green

It was resolved " That in the event of the Bowling Green being no longer required by the Commission for the purpose of a Bowling Green the Administrators would not require the space to be reinstated as at present but would be satisfied to have the space retained as a garden or open space."

If you could use the enclosed will you please pass them on so that they are not wasted. I have thought of you over Eton & realise how different it must have been from Christmas. Yours ever 18.3.64

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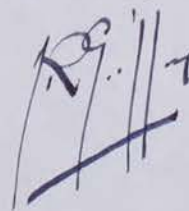
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1964.

Dear Sir,

Church Hall

I have written to the Secretary to the
Conseil d'Administration informing him that
the proposals included in my letter of the
12th March 1964 have been agreed and that I
will let him know as soon as possible when
work will commence.

Yours faithfully,



YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

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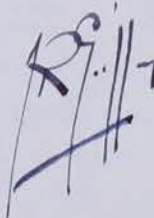
28th March 1964

Dear Sir,

Church Hall Finance.

In accordance with the statement made at the meeting of the Administrators held on the 20th March 1964 I have written to the Secretary to the Conseil d'Administration informing him that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will not be making a charge to other organisations for the costs of heating and other similar matters when they use the Hall. In order not to confuse the matter I have not mentioned the one or two items for which the Administrators remain responsible.

Yours faithfully,



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March 25, 1964

WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your NR/15/13/2, NR/13/7, of March 17. Will you please note that the figures quoted in your first paragraph are wrong. The total of Items 1-5 of the estimate forwarded with your letter of December 4, 1963, amounts to £174.18. 0. At paragraph 9(b) of the letter the estimate for lighting was amended in red ink from £37.10. 0 to £37.19. 0 and in the estimate itself the total of Item 5 was amended in red ink from £42.19. 0 to £43. 8. 0 while, in the summary at the end, Item 5 was similarly amended to £43. 8. 0 and the total of the six items was amended from £203. 9. 0 to £203.18. 0. It appears from what you say that these red ink amendments were wrong and that the correct total of Items 1-5 is £174. 9. 0, say £175. 0. 0, which, with 10 per cent contingency, would give a total limit of £192.10. 0 as stated in my letter of March 12. Please note that Item 4 is not alternative to Item 3.

2. I note that no difficulty is foreseen in re-positioning the cupboards in the small room. A new sink and a new gas-ring should be supplied. The Administrators are quite definite in their requirements that tea-making facilities should be provided in the small room.

3. It has been decided that no charge for administrative costs will be made to other users of the Hall and the Administrators have been informed accordingly. The Commission have reserved the right to re-open this question in the event

of any substantial increase in the administrative costs.

4. Will you please provide details of the insurance of the contents of the Club. The Administrators have been given an assurance that all contents (except Bar stocks, which are a matter for the Club) will be insured by the Commission and that copies of an inventory showing the ownership of each item will be provided to the Administrators. Please arrange for the preparation of this inventory and agree it with the Conseil d'Administration.


5. I note that there will be no difficulty in rounding the corners of the bowling green as requested. The Area Superintendent's suggestion for the elimination of the small projection at the edge of the paving is acceptable to the Administrators, provided it is agreed by the Secretary of the Conseil d'Administration (Mr. Collick).

6. The Administrators consider that the first few yards' run of the main drain, where it is less than 2'6" below ground level, should be protected. Will you please arrange this. It is agreed that there is no need to expose the whole length of the drain.

7. The Area Superintendent's comments on the question of drainage of the bowling green are noted. If, in the event, it is found necessary to install a soakaway, it should be located beneath the end of the green itself and should be deep enough to eliminate any risk of seepage into the cellars of adjoining houses. This is a matter for local judgment. I doubt whether the risk is a very real one.

8. The storage of oil on the site should be in a concrete bunker located far enough away from any of the walls or buildings of the Settlement to eliminate any risk of damage. The position suggested by the Administrators is beyond the end of the bowling green furthest from the Church Hall and clear of the walls. This should be agreed with the Secretary of the Conseil d'Administration.

9. The Administrators may wish, in the future, to erect a fence parallel to the side of the bowling green adjoining the Church up to the near gatepost of the entrance to the playground and to take down the wall at present running from near the corner of the Church to that gatepost.


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PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

17th March 1964

Dear Mr Chalmers,

As the Director is away on tour in Germany this week, I opened your letter WG.360/4 dated 12th March 1964 to him and I have written to the Area Superintendent about the oil drums and the lean-to shed erected over them. You will gather from my reply to your official letter of the same date that I dashed up to Ypres yesterday to go over the problems on the ground as being the only satisfactory way of dealing with them at short notice. I hope that I have provided you with all the answers. To return to the oil-drums, these will be removed immediately but I thought that you might like to know where the drums had been placed. There are two of them taking up an area of very roughly 5'0" by 2'0". They were placed so that the length of 5'0" odd backed onto the wall dividing the yard from the area of grass surrounding the Church and the depth of 2'0" was next to the corner of the Church proper. A glance at drawing No: NR/MISC/Ieper/331 dated 9/12/63 will enable you to visualise it.

2. I will bring the Director's attention to this correspondence next Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Jm

W.J. CHALMERS, Esq., C.B.E.
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Concrete bunkers well
away from buildings
on grass at end

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17th March 1964

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

With reference to your letter WG.360/4 dated 12th March 1964 it is noted that work may proceed on the proposals for alterations to the Church Hall, subject to the conditions described in your paragraph 2(a) to (d). The Area has been informed of this and will produce revised estimates as soon as possible. In the meantime, they will proceed with the work subject to a limit of £ 169.9.0 plus 10% (£ 16.18. 0), say £ 186.- I think that the figure of £ 174.18. 0 quoted in paragraph 3 of your letter must include item 4 of my estimate (£ 5 for provision of stain) which is an alternative to item 3(1) (cover floor with lino). The odd 9/- may be accounted for in item 5 of my estimate where in my copy the estimate for electric fittings has been altered in ink (to correct a typing error) from £ 37.19. 0 to £ 37.10.0.

2. No real difficulty is foreseen in repositioning the cupboards in the small room. The large cupboard behind the bar and to the left when facing the counter with back to the entrance of the small room will definitely have to be moved to permit the bookcase to be placed in the desired position. The other cupboard will probably have to be moved also.

3. The two gas rings are extremely old and rusty. Only one ring is necessary and it is for consideration whether a new one should be purchased. The cost could not amount to very much and I am asking the Area to ^{obtain} ~~over~~ a price.

4. With regard to the facilities for making tea etc., I think I ought to say that the demand for warm drinks is negligible. The other regular users of the Club (British Legion Committee, Church Council and Transport and General Workers Union) do not have refreshments during their meetings. There is a limited demand once a year when the Friends of St George's League visit Ypres. The need for tea at the Club's Children Christmas Party is met by making it in the old hall which is hired for the occasion and by using a portable butagas stove. According to the Area Superintendent the Club propose to continue with this system and do not intend to switch the use of the two rooms whereby the tea could be made and eaten in the Club room with the party taking place in the hired hall. However, as there might be a need for tea making facilities in the future, it would perhaps be wise to have them available in the small room.

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5. With regard to the administrative costs, interim information was sent to the Director of Finance and Establishments with my letter NR/13, NR/13/7 dated 13th March 1964. The other users of the Club are the British Legion Committee averaging about ten people, who meet once a month, usually from 10.30 am to approximately mid-day on Saturday. The Committee is formed of serving Commission staff or retired Commission staff and the facilities which they enjoy are limited to heating in the winter and possibly lighting. No special cleaning is necessary after the meeting. The Church Council meet a maximum of four times a year but in the period since Mr. Moore has been in Ypres (1½ years) it has only met twice. There are about twelve members and recent meetings have been very short - a matter of minutes according to the Area Superintendent. The Transport and General Workers Union meet about once a month. There are about four or five members and they usually meet at about 7.00 p.m. on a Club night. This means heating and lighting in the winter but the fact that the meeting takes place on club nights is an advantage in that the room is ready warmed for the club night later. The Friends of St George's League visit Ypres every Easter and a jumble sale is usually organised at that time. This is a club effort really.

6. It will be seen that the expenditure incurred on behalf of other users is fairly small. Presumably the Commission would not wish to charge the Union and as the other two users are so intimately connected with the club premises, it is thought that no charges should be raised. If the Commission wish to do so as a matter of principle, the charge should be a nominal one.

7. With regard to the bowling green, there will be no difficulty in rounding the corners as requested. A further possible solution to the elimination of the small projection has been suggested by the Area Superintendent. This is to raise the level of the paving flush with the top of the projection so that it (the paving) slopes gently away. However the final answer will be agreed locally with the Conseil d'Administration.

7. The inspection chamber nearest the toilets of the main drain was examined yesterday. The top of the drain is a good 1'8" below ground level and the drain slopes down towards the other inspection chamber which is placed just behind the left hand pier of the entrance gates leading directly into the yard. At this point the drain is a good 4'0" below ground level. The Area Works Officer was of the firm opinion that the drain is quite safe and that there is no need to protect it. In view of his categorical assurance, it seemed to me a waste of effort and money to expose it. Certainly the Area Superintendent will be cautious when the men are working over the drain but it is not his intention to go down very deep into the ground when preparing it.

8. It is noted from your paragraph 7 (d) that the drainage of the green is to be dealt with as shown on drawing No: NR/MISC/Ieper/331. I was surprised to learn yesterday from the Area Superintendent that the position of the soakaway shown on the drawing was not as he had advised. He felt that it should be higher up - roughly between the two words "Turf" and "Nursery" on the drawing. Actually the question of the drainage is still an open one with him, for if he finds that there is plenty of rubble underneath the paving and that the natural drainage is good, he does not intend to put in a separate drainage system. If, however, this proves to be necessary, he is quite prepared to move the soakaway away from the nearby buildings and place it immediately under the end of the green. He and the Area Works Officer are also prepared to make a very deep soakaway to prevent damage to nearby property. This would seem to be necessary as there is a sharp fall in level immediately beyond the end of the property.

9. Amended drawings will be sent to you in due course.

10. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Pallot.

N. J. Wignall.

18 MAR 1964

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18, Hill Road,
HADDERSFIELD, YORKS.

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My dear Christine.

To day we accept your
kind invitation for lunch on Friday
- in view of the time of the
party I will be along about
12.30 to be with you when you
are ready.

We can have a word about
the site & structure of the oil shelter.
many thanks for early info. of.
Cause they must have something to
shelter the oil.

Yours
18.3.64

Copy for F. file.

W.G. file ✓ 360/47


16th March, 1964

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Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras,
Pas-de-Calais,
FRANCE.

Chaplaincy Services - Northern Region

This is just to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter NR/13/19 of 10th March, 1964.


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13th March 1964

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Director-General
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Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
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Welfare Facilities - Belgium Area

With reference to your letter F.2354 dated 7th February 1964, advance details which you require regarding the running of the welfare club in Ypres are given below :-

Accommodation : This is separate. (i) No rent rates or taxes are payable by the club or Commission. (ii) The structural alterations to be done shortly will be borne by the Commission. In the past these have been negligible and the cost has been paid for by the club. (iii) External decoration and repair is likely to cost about £50 every fifth year. Annual cost, therefore, at current prices, will be £10. There has been very little cost in the past on this item and it has been normal for the club to bear the expenditure. (iv) Internal decoration and repair will cost about £30 every eight year, that is £10 per annum on average. In the past this expenditure, which has been borne by the club, has been kept quite low (an average of £4 p.a.) on account of voluntary effort.

Furniture and Equipment : It has been customary for all furniture fixtures and fittings and equipment to be provided for from club funds. The local brewers frequently make gifts of tables and chairs etc. No floor covering has ever been necessary. £50 was spent on a radiogram in the current financial year and very little further basic furniture is required. Possibly a few chairs only.

Services (i) Lighting and gas (the consumption of the latter is negligible) costs about £35 p.a. at current prices. (ii) Heating is by oil burning stoves and costs about £25 p.a. If the little Committee Room is brought into use as such, heating costs might be slightly less in future. (iii) Water costs about £15 p.a. The current year's cost is inflated because of a leak. (iv) Cleaning costs about £25 p.a. The Commission bears the expenditure on all these services with the exception of cleaning, which is borne by the club. Separate meters exist.

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Insurance The contents only are covered by insurance, the premium of which (borne by the club) amounts to about £2. 5. 0. p.a. This is being reviewed and the premium is likely to go up - possibly to about £3 p.a.

The club produces income of about £100 p.a. on bar profits and about £20 p.a. from donations, lotteries, bingo, christmas cards etc.

N. W. Taylor

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(Director of Finance & Establishments),
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

Chaplaincy Services - Northern Region.

Please refer to your confidential letter ES.55/3 dated 6th of March 1964.

2. Church services have been carried out at Arras and Ypres during 1963/64 as planned. At Ypres the officiating Chaplain, the Reverend L.N.S. Powell of Ghent, takes a service every Sunday evening at the St. George's Memorial Church. In addition he has a celebration of the Holy Communion on Monday mornings. The present officiating Chaplain at Arras is the Reverend R.O.T. Morgan of Dunkirk. He was preceded by Reverend J.B. Brandram for a short while who succeeded the Reverend J.J. Armstrong. Church services have been carried out on the fourth Sunday of each month (except August) at 11 o'clock and include Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

3. ^{L.N.S.} The Reverend Powell has done a considerable amount of visiting with employees of the Commission in Belgium. There has not been so much opportunity for the Chaplain at Dunkirk to visit employees of the Commission in the French Areas - this is largely a function of time and distance. However, the Chaplain has met the majority if not all of the families who regularly attend the Church services.

4. In general, the chaplaincy arrangements at Arras and Ypres are considered to be most satisfactory and to have provided the essential and intended facilities. I recommend that grants by the Commission should continue at a rate not less than heretofore so long as these Chaplains continue to maintain their services on the present scale.

Regional Director.

A Meeting of the Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement will be held at the offices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on FRIDAY 20th MARCH at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting. — *local Council d'Administration of the Administrators*
2. Appointment of Administrator.
3. Annual Accounts 1963 (circulated).
4. Future management and control of Church Hall, see minute 5 of the last meeting. (Copy of extract from letter from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission circulated).
5. Bowling Green.
 - (a) Protection of main drains. ✓
 - (b) Drainage of Green and effect on adjoining property.
 - (c) Tenure and reinstatement. ✓
6. Present financial position.
7. Resignation of Honorary Treasurer and election of successor.
8. Signature to Cheques.
9. Other business (if any).

Particular attention is drawn to the date of meeting.

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Item No. 4 of the Agenda.

Extract from letter received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

"The Commission suggest that the outgoings for rates (if any), heating, lighting and cleaning, etc., of the Hall should be met by the Commission and that an appropriate proportionate charge should be agreed with the Church Council for the use of the Hall by other bodies. The Commission suggest that the charge should be related only to administrative costs of the type described and should contain no rental element in respect of the use of the building itself or its furnishings, but that any damage should have to be paid for by the user. The precise method of collection of charges from other users would have to be agreed between the Church Council and the Commission's local representative.

The Commission understand that the building of the Church Hall is insured by the Administrators. The Commission would be willing to pay for the insurance of all the contents of the Hall. Bar Stocks would be insured separately from other contents. An inventory of contents would be kept showing ownership of each item."

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YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

31st DECEMBER 1963

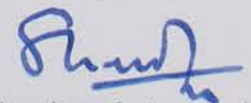
1962 £				1962 £			
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				<u>SETTLEMENT LAND AND BUILDINGS</u>		
	Balance per last Account	14,435.12. 3.			Balance per last Account		14,218.10.11.
	Add:				Add:		
	Excess of Income over				Cost of conversion of School,		862. 5. 7.
14,435	Expenditure for the year	207.13. 2.	14,643. 5. 5.		for use as Hall		15,080.16. 6.
	<u>CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND</u>				Proceeds of Sale: Part of Land, Surplus		
2,430	Balance per last Account		2,429.11. 0.		Equipment etc.	4,842.17. 2.	
					Less:		
					Legal and Sundry Charges	242. 2.10.	4,600.14. 4.
36	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>		36.15. 0.	14,219	connected with sale		10,480. 2. 2.
	<u>BRITISH LEGION GRANT FOR 1963</u>				(Note: Valued by Mr. Jan Catry of Ypres		
500	<u>RECEIVED IN ADVANCE</u>				on 14th October 1963 at £23,135)		
					<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u>		
					£500 3½% War Stock	500. 0. 0.	
					£900 3½% Treasury Stock 1979/81	729. 0. 0.	
					£750 4½% Defence Bonds	750. 0. 0.	1,979. 0. 0.
				1,979	£3,500 do.		
					(Market Value at 31st December 1963		
					£1,760)		
				<u>SUNDRY DEBTOR</u>		
	Hon. Treasurer			41	Income Tax Recoverable	£1,500 cash £3,000	12. 4. 2.
				1,162	<u>CASH AT BANK -- BARCLAYS BANK LTD.</u>		4,638. 5. 1.
£17,401			£17,109.11. 5.	£17,401			£17,109.11. 5.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account with the books and vouchers maintained by the Administrators. We have had produced to us Bankers Certificates verifying the Bank Balance and evidencing the holding of British Government Stocks. We have not, at any time, had produced to us the Deeds of Settlement.

Subject to the foregoing we are of the opinion that the said Balance Sheet and Account are correct and in accordance with the books and vouchers and information and explanations submitted to us.

Moorgate Hall,
LONDON. E.C.2.
4th February 1964


Chartered Accountants

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962 £	EXPENDITURE			1962 £	INCOME	
17	To Rates and Taxes	- . - .			By Grant from British Legion Benevolent Fund	750. 0. 0.
26	" Insurances	22.17. 2.	22.17. 2.	750		
429	" Clergy Expenses		350. 0. 0.	100	" Grant from Commonwealth War Graves Commission	100. 0. 0.
149	" Travel and Subsistence	150. 1.10.		83	" Interest on Investments (Gross)	82.15. 0.
203	" Removal Expenses	- . - .	150. 1.10.	13	" Garage Rent	- . - .
14	" Printing and Stationery	6.17. 1.			" Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income	- . - .
6	" Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	6. 0.10.				
4	" Cheque Stamps and Bank Charges	1. 1.11.		783		
1	" Sundry Expenses	2. 4.10.	16. 4. 8.			
11	" Audit Fee	26. 5. 0.				
124	" Survey Fees	159.13. 2.				
730	" Replacements, Renovations and Repairs	- . - .	185.18. 2.			
15	" Furniture and Equipment -- amount written off		- . - .			
	" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure		207.13. 2.			
£1,729			£932.15. 0.	£1,729		£932.15. 0.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

as at

31st DECEMBER, 1963

and

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended

as on that date

Sheen and Co.
Chartered Accountants
Moorgate Hall,
LONDON. E.C.2.

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March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

The Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

1. Will you please refer to DO letter (Rolfe-Chalmers) NR/15/13/2 of 4th December, 1963 and drawing No. NR/MISC/Ieper/331, dated 9/12/1963, of which copies were forwarded with DO letter of 10th December, 1963.

Church Hall

2. Notification has now been received of the agreement of the Administrators to the proposals concerning the Church Hall contained in paragraphs 1-9 of the letter of 4th December, subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The double doors from the lobby to the Hall to be re-hung in their original position at the entrance to the main Hall.
- (b) The original cupboards in the Small Room to be adapted for use for the storage of crockery either in their present positions or elsewhere within the room.
- (c) The gas-fittings and sink to be re-sited within the Small Room (a smaller sink being substituted) and enclosed with simple, demountable casing.
- (d) The Sheffield bookcase to be placed at the back of the Small Room facing the door.

3. You are therefore authorised to proceed with the work as above on the basis of items 1-5 of the estimate submitted with

your letter of 4th December totalling £174.18.0, say, £175. There will, of course, be some extra cost involved in conforming to the conditions made by the Administrators with regard to the cupboards, gas-fittings and sink in the Small Room and item 2 of the estimate will therefore require revision. A fresh estimate should be submitted to this office as early as possible but work need not be held up provided that total costs are not expected to exceed the original estimate of £175 by more than 10%, i.e. a limit of £192.10.0.

4. Please let me know, so that I can inform the Administrators, the date upon which work will start and arrange for the local Conseil d'Administration to be informed of this date.

5. The Commission's proposals with regard to administrative costs (including recovery from other users of the Hall) and insurance as described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of DO letter (Chalmers-Rolfe) WG 360/4, dated December 17, 1963, are to be considered by a meeting of the Administrators on Friday, March 20.

6. You have been asked in this office, F 2354 of 6th March, to let us have your views on this aspect of the matter before that meeting.

Bowling Green

7. The Administrators have also notified their agreement in principle to the laying down of a bowling green but have made the following suggestions:-

- (a) That the corners at the Hall entrance and the lavatories be rounded.
- (b) That a triangular ramp be constructed on the side of the entrance to prevent tripping over (no doubt any other arrangements to prevent tripping which might be agreed locally with the Conseil d'Administration will be equally acceptable).
- (c) It will be necessary to uncover and examine the main drain which runs across the playground in order to ascertain whether it will require protection. The Administrators ask for proposals on this point after the drain has been uncovered.
- (d) The drainage of the green to be dealt with as shown on the drawing No. NR/MISC/Ieper/331, dated 9/12/1963.

8. The questions of the protection of the main drain, the drainage of the green and any effect on adjoining property and tenure and reinstatement of the playground have been placed on the Agenda for consideration by the Administrators at their meeting on March 20 and I shall be grateful for any observations

on these points which you can usefully let me have either by letter or by telephone before that meeting.

9. The main drain should be uncovered immediately and your proposals for its protection, if necessary, submitted without delay. Authority to proceed with the remainder of the work on the bowling green will be given as soon as the outstanding points of detail have been settled with the Administrators.

10. The Administrators have asked for an amended drawing for their records illustrating the proposals as finally agreed and I shall be glad to receive two copies of such^a drawings in due course.



Director-General

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March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Henry,

... I have only today had the time to look at the accumulation of paper in the Ypres Settlement file during my long absence. I enclose an official letter and I am sorry that I have to press you for your views on certain points in time for a meeting of the Administrators on Friday of next week, March 20.

You will know that Griffin and the Administrators' Architect visited Ypres while I was away and Griffin has mentioned in a DO note that someone in the Club (i.e. the Commission) has, without authority, erected a shabby lean-to shed against the Church to cover oil drums. The comment by Griffin and the Architect is that, with the greatest care, there is bound to be spillage and that this has happened with the result that the oil will in due course affect the wall of the Church and, if it gets to the damp course, will cause disintegration. Griffin has not raised the matter officially with the Administrators but has asked me to arrange for the shed to be removed and I shall be glad if you will see that this is done.

Kindest regards,

Yours ever,



Rear-Admiral H.C.N. Rolfe, C.B.,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

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March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement
Church Hall

Thank you for your letter of 26th February, 1964, intimating the agreement of the Administrators to the suggestions for alteration of the Church Hall contained in my letter of 17th December, 1963 and the drawing enclosed therewith, but subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The double doors from the lobby to the Hall being re-hung in their original position at the entrance to the main Hall.
- (b) The original cupboards in the present kitchen being removed or adapted for use for the storage of crockery.
- (c) The gas fittings and sink being re-sited in the present kitchen and enclosed with simple demountable casing, a smaller sink being used.
- (d) The Sheffield bookcase being placed at the back of the kitchen facing the entrance door.

The Commission will now proceed with the alterations upon these conditions.

Work will start as soon as possible and I have asked the Commission's local representatives to let me know the exact date so that I can inform you but also to notify the Conseil d'Administration directly.

As soon as details concerning the bowling green, including any necessary protection of the main drain, have been settled, I will have an amended drawing prepared and will send you a copy for record purposes.

Yours faithfully,

J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Ypres British Settlement,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,

Haslemere, Surrey.



March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement
Proposed Bowling Green

Thank you for your letter of 26th February, 1964, intimating the agreement in principle of the Administrators to the laying down of a bowling green as proposed by the Commission in my letter of 17th December, 1963 and the drawing enclosed therewith. I have noted and passed on to the Commission's local representatives the suggestions made by the Conseil d'Administration and I have given instructions for the main drain to be uncovered immediately so that proposals can be submitted with regard to its protection if necessary.

I note that the questions of tenure, reinstatement and any effect on adjoining property are to be considered by the Administrators at their meeting on March 20.

Yours faithfully,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Ypres British Settlement,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement
Church Hall Finance

Thank you for your letter of 26th February, 1964. I note that the Commission's proposals with regard to administrative charges and insurance of the Church Hall, as set out on page 3 of my letter of December 17, 1963, are to be considered by the Administrators at their meeting on March 20.

Yours faithfully,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Ypres British Settlement,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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March 12, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

...
Thank you for your letter of March 9. I enclose the cheque and accounts for Henry, Allen & Sons duly signed.

I am sorry to hear about the unauthorised lean-to shed which has been erected against the Church and I have asked Henry Rolfe to arrange for its immediate removal.

I am sorry you did not manage to see Moore but I am glad that Carter was able to be helpful.

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I enclose for your file record formal replies to your three formal letters of February 26.

Would you like to come and have lunch before the meeting on March 20?

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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9th March
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My dear Pauline

I had hoped that it would be possible to get agreement to your letter and plan by correspondence and without going over to Ypres and for this reason sent the letter and plan to the Conseil.

It was clear that I should go on for a long time writing and so went over with the Architect. I was glad that I did so for it resulted after a very long meeting in getting the whole Conseil to agree to the proposals which I put forward.

One important point arose which I hope you can get settled without my having to bring it to the Administrators.

Without my knowledge and without the knowledge of the Conseil or its Chairman (the Chaplain) someone (Club which means now Commission) has erected a shabby lean to shed against the Church to cover oil drums. With the greatest care there is bound to be spillage and this has happened with the result that the oil will in due course affect the wall of the Church and if it gets to the damp course will cause disintegration. This quite apart from the fact that such a shed should not be in this position. Can you deal with this so that the lean to is removed?

signature. I hope I shall not have to undertake this journey for sometime. I find it not only boring but one or two of the people are most difficult. Mr
x Carter was most helpful.

I called upon Mr Moore at the office (only a courtesy call but he could not see me.

Y. ever
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x Superintendent of Works.

FROM THE SECRETARY
(SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE)

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March 9, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

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I return herewith duly signed the
cheques which were enclosed for signing
with your letters of February 5 and 26.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

6th March, 1964

F.2354

CONFIDENTIAL

Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras,
Pas-de-Calais,
FRANCE.

With reference to my letter No. F.2354 of 7th February, 1964, I should be grateful if you would let me have the details in regard to Ypres Area in advance of your full report.

There is a meeting of the Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement on 20th March and it would be helpful to have these details before then, together with your views regarding the basis for recovery from other users of the ^{Plant} Hall for their use of services paid for by the Commission (such as rates, heating, lighting and cleaning, etc.).

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENTS

6th March, 1964

ES.55/3

CONFIDENTIAL

Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras,
Pas-de-Calais,
FRANCE.

Chaplaincy Services - Northern Region

You were notified in my letter W.G.360/4 of 4th July, 1963 of grants made by the Commission for the year 1963/64 of £100 and £150, respectively, to the Ypres British Settlement and to the Missions to Seamen. These grants were made in respect of Chaplaincy services (including pastoral visiting and welfare amongst the Commission's staff and their families) undertaken by the Chaplains from Ghent and Dunkirk during the year.

We are now considering the question of a grants by the Commission for the year 1964/65 and I should be grateful if you would let me have a report on the services rendered to the Commission by the two Chaplains during 1963/64.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENTS

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My dear Chairman.

Your official letter of
the 17th December, 1963 raises
three separate proposals & I feel
that for easy discussion it would
be better if I don't write them
in separate letters which I
therefore enclose.

Although we cannot use the notation
what Major Hogg is afforded I
have had it printed on the lines
you suggested & enclose the
account with a cheque prepared for
your signature & return please

Yrs E. R.
P. J. Hogg

28 FEB 1964

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Margarettes,
13, Hill Road,
HASLEMERE,
Surrey.

26th February, 1964.

W.J. Chalmers, Esq., C.B.E.,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement.
Church Hall.

With reference to your letter of the 17th December, 1963
and the drawing enclosed with the same.

Construction of New Bar.

The proposals are agreed subject to the double doors from
the Lobby to the Hall being rehung in their original
position. This will give a Bar some 8 feet x 6 feet -
much too small to be used for any other purpose.

Alterations to the present Kitchen.

You will, I am sure, agree that it is essential that
adequate and convenient arrangements must be retained to
supply refreshments in a Hall associated with the Church
in addition to alcohol.

I therefore propose with the agreement of the Conseil
d'Administration that

- (a) the bar fitting be removed ✓
- (b) the original cupboards be removed or adapted for use for the
storage of crockery ✓
- (c) the gas fittings and sink be re-sited - (a smaller sink to be
used). Such fittings to be enclosed with simple, demountable
casing. *presently a
gas room is
at the back
of the
kitchen*
- (d) The Sheffield bookcase be removed and placed at the back of
the Kitchen facing the entrance door. ✓

The other proposals are agreed.

Would you be kind enough to let me have an amended plan
for filing for reference purposes and I shall be obliged if you will
let me know when the work will start so that the Conseil may be informed.

Yours faithfully,

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Margarettes,
13, Hill Road,
HASLEMERE,
Surrey.

26th February, 1964.

W.J. Chalmers, Esq., C.B.E.,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement.
Proposed Bowling Green,

With reference to your letter of 17th December, 1963 and the drawing enclosed with the same. I am now in the position to write and inform you that the laying down of a bowling green is agreed to in principle.

The following suggestions are made by the Conseil d'Administration and with which I agree

- (a) That the corners at the Hall Entrance and the Lavatories be rounded.
- (b) That a triangular ramp be constructed on the side of the Entrance to prevent tripping over.
- (c) The main drain runs across the playground. It will be necessary to uncover and examine in order to ascertain if the drain will require protection. I should, therefore, be grateful to receive proposals on this point when the drain is uncovered.
- (d) The drainage of the green to be dealt with as shown on the plan.

The question as to tenure, reinstatement and any effect on adjoining property will have to come before the Administrators at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Margarettes,
13, Hill Road,
HASLEMERE,
Surrey.

26th February, 1964.

W.J. Chalmers, Esq., C.B.E.,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Ypres British Settlement.
Church Hall Finance.

With reference to your letter of the 17th December, 1963
and your proposals as to the Finance of the Church, ~~HALL~~.

These must come before the Administrators at their next
meeting as I have no power under the minutes to deal with this.

Yours faithfully,

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From: Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Vice-Chairman

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27th February, 1964

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24th February regarding the Agenda for the next meeting of the Administrators. I have no items for the Agenda and Mr. Chalmers, who is returning from the Far East on 5th March, can raise any matters he has in mind under "Other Business" if he wishes to.

I should be very grateful if you would ask Major Hogg to come along about a quarter of an hour after the meeting starts; we can then appoint him as an Administrator.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) GUY GRANTHAM.

J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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Dear Sir Guy.

I shall be sending out
the Agenda for the meeting of
the Administrators in the course
of a few days. Have you
any items for the Agenda?

With regard to Major Hogg
since he cannot attend until he
is appointed an Administrator.

shall I write him asking him
to come along a few minutes
say 1/4 hour after the meeting
starts or would you prefer
to write him.

Yrs Sincerely
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THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, YPRES

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Vice-Chairman	-	Col. D. J. Dean, V.C., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P.

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Hon. Treasurer :

Major S. R. Hogg, D.S.O., M.C., F.C.A.,
CITY GATE HOUSE,
FINSBURY SQUARE,
LONDON, E.C.2

Hon. Secretary :

L. W. Dawson,
"BRAMLEY,"
19, CHESTNUT DRIVE,
HERNE BAY, KENT.
(Telephone No. 1163)

Flat 8.
1. Linden Gardens
London W.2.
7 Feb. 64.

Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you very much
for your letter WG. 360/4
of 5. Feb.

We are indeed grateful
to you & to the Commission
for your helpful cooperation

Yours Sincerely
Raymond Briggs

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

Seen 19/2/64 *Seen by V.C. 13/2/64*

I spoke to Mr. Griffin on the telephone about his letter to Mr. Gibson of 6th February, 1964.

I emphasised that there was no question of his agreeing when he visited Ypres to work going ahead. The position was that the Commission had made certain proposals (in relation to amenities for their Club) which they would carry out and pay for; in the event of the Administrators agreeing (or suggesting acceptable modifications), it would then be for the Commission to take action and the only channel for communication of the Administrators' views could be from Mr. Griffin (as Hon. Sec. Ypres British Settlement) to the Commission's Director-General. I explained that the Commission were anxious that they should carry out the proposed work as soon as possible and I suggested that, if in fact there was ^{agreement} in principle on all points, he should write ^{now} in reply to Mr. Chalmers's letter of 17th September saying so.

Mr. Griffin proposes to go over to Ypres during the week commencing 16th February, accompanied by the Administrators' Architect. He apparently considers that the Architect should vet the Commission's proposals from the structural, etc. point of view and that he himself should discuss details with the Conseil d'Administration. It was evident from what he said on the telephone that he had envisaged agreeing points with Mr. Moore, as the Commission's Area Superintendent on the spot, on which the latter could then take action without further ado. My personal view is that it is really quite unnecessary for Mr. Griffin or the Architect to go over to Ypres but, in spite of my getting my view across without saying what I thought in so many words, I am sure the visit will go ahead as planned.

Mr. Griffin talked about the details of the proposals and, in spite of his emphasising what he considered to be important differences of opinion, it is clear that there ^{is} no real substance in any objections that have been - or may be - voiced. On his return from Ypres, Mr. Griffin apparently ^{intends} to write to the Commission about (a) future management, (b) financial arrangements, and (c) the proposed work and particularly the bowling green (on the latter he considers that there should be some form of agreement between the Commission and the Administrators to cover the eventuality of the green being no longer used by the Club and the necessity thus arising for reinstatement or an assurance on satisfactory maintenance by the Commission for the future - the difficulty here is obviously exaggerated).

Subsequently, I spoke to Admiral Rolfe and told him about Mr. Griffin's pending visit. I asked him to remind Mr. Moore of his position in the matter and to emphasise to him that, although as a member of the Conseil he would take part in any discussions on the proposals, if he had any advice to offer (as Area Superintendnet) on any possible changes in the proposals he should give that advice to his Regional Director. Admiral Rolfe confirmed that he had not heard from Mr. Moore that there had been any change in the local (Commission) view that the proposals were satisfactory as they stood.

W.C. 13/2/64

10th February, 1964

7th February, 1964.

CONFIDENTIAL

F.2354

Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras, Pas-de-Calais,
France.

We are at present examining expenditure on welfare and welfare facilities in relation to the free provision by the Commission of accommodation, etc. and I should be grateful if you would let me know, for each Area in Northern Region, the arrangements for dealing with the following, particularly in so far as expenditure is concerned:-

- (a) Accommodation (whether separate or part of an office block), that is (i) rent, rates etc., (ii) structural alterations (e.g. provision of a bar), (iii) external decoration and repair, (iv) internal decoration and repair.
- (b) Furniture etc., that is (i) basic furniture, (ii) floor covering, (iii) fixtures and fittings, (iv) welfare and other equipment.
- (c) Services, that is (i) lighting, (ii) heating, (iii) water, (iv) cleaning.
- (d) Insurance, that is (i) building or part building, (ii) contents as in (b) above. This may be partly dealt with under the Head Office policy.

Will you please say in each case where expenditure is now brought to account (i.e. through appropriate Commission code-headings, through apportionment to Commission code-headings and Welfare accounts, or direct to Welfare accounts (e.g. through separate meters etc.)).

It would be helpful to have some examples of action taken in the past in regard to the above items (accounts here show various approaches at different times) and your estimates of likely annual costs for each Area. This includes capital as well as running expenditure (e.g. replacement of furniture related to depreciation on general fair wear and tear) and information on the present ownership of furniture items etc. is necessary for the record.

As soon as we have this information and have completed our examination we shall write further about a clear procedure for the future. In particular, we shall deal with outstanding questions concerning the use of the Church Hall at Ypres, including the arrangements for recovery when Commission facilities and services on which expenditure is borne by the Commission are used by outside bodies. Will you please say whether Commission facilities, etc. are ever made available to outside bodies in Areas other than Ypres Area.

Two allied and rather difficult problems in connection with the Commission's contribution to welfare are, firstly, the benefit derived from other sources of income and, secondly, the extent to which people should themselves contribute towards certain activities. I have in mind here not the matter of any special funds and their use (which raises separate considerations which we have discussed) but rather the question, for example, of bar profits. A point to bear in mind is that, whatever considerations there may be in incurring expenditure on providing welfare activities, it would generally be objectionable for welfare grants to be used to enable low prices, such as for drinks and other refreshments, to be maintained.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENTS

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See by VC.
13.2.64

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W.J. CHALMERS

HOTEL WINDSOR

MELBOURN

2266 FROM WYNNE MASON YPRES SETTLEMENT STOP GRIFFIN IN LETTER TO EDWIN GIBSON STATES HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CONSEIL REGARDING YOUR LETTER AND PLAN STOP THEY HAVE AGREED CERTAIN POINTS AND MOORE ANXIOUS GET AHEAD WITH BOWLING GREEN STOP GRIFFIN HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED SAYING MATTERS MUST AWAIT YOUR RETURN BUT HAS DECIDED VISIT YPRES AND ASKS GIBSON QUOTE SEEMS PITY TO WAIT ON POINTS WHERE THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE AND WHEN I GO OVER CAN I SAY THAT I AS REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATOR AGREE THAT WORK CAN GO AHEAD ON THESE POINTS UNQUOTE STOP ADDRESS MARGARETTES 13 HILL ROAD HASLEMERE

W. Wynne Mason,
Director of External Relations & Records
32, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W. 1

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6th February 1964

Dear Mr Gibson,

With reference to our telephone conversation I have as I explained been in touch with the Conseil at Ypres on the subjects of Mr Chalmers letter and plan.

Gradually I am clearing up various points but have decided to go over to Ypres (although I have no desire to spend the time on the visit) so that I can let Mr Chalmers have my comments. In a letter received from the Chairman of the Conseil this morning he says they are agreed on certain matters and that Mr Moore is most anxious to get ahead with the bowling green.

Mr Chalmers was most insistent that I should agree things with him personally and I had proposed to say that matters must wait until he is back in March. It seems a pity to wait on points where there is no difference and when I go over can I say that I as representing the Administrators agree that work can go ahead on these points.

Yours sincerely

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6th February, 1964

WG.360/4

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 5th February. The parcel containing the loose-leaf Visitors' Book arrived safely and arrangements have been made for it to be sent across to Ypres next time a Commission official goes there. We will let General Briggs and yourself know as soon as we have confirmation of its arrival in Ypres.

Yours faithfully,



Private Secretary to
Director-General

L.W. Dawson, Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
The Friends of St. George's
Memorial Church, Ypres,
"Bramley",
19, Chestnut Drive,
Herne Bay, Kent.

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Hon. Treasurer :

Major S. R. Hogg, D.S.O., M.C., F.C.A.,
CITY GATE HOUSE,
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LONDON, E.C.2

Hon. Secretary :

L. W. Dawson,
"BRAMLEY,"
19, CHESTNUT DRIVE,
HERNE BAY, KENT.
(Telephone No. 1163)

Your reference:

WG. 360/4.

5th. February 1964.

Dear Sir,

With regard to Mr. Chalmers' letter to General Briggs, dated 29th. January, I beg to inform you that a parcel containing the loose-leaf Visitors' Book and spare sheets was despatched by the Printers, addressed to you, yesterday.

As you know this is to be forwarded to Ypres, Belgium, and a label on the inner covering is addressed to Mr. W. Dunn, 93, Rue d'Elverdinghe, Ypres, the Hon. Treasurer of our Church.

May I thank you for handling this matter for the "Friends".

Yours faithfully,


Hon. Secretary.

Major T. A. E. Gibson,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32. Grosvenor Gardens, S.W. 1.

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7, dem Chalmers.

Herewith Messrs. Sherris
accounts with cheque for.
In signature & Karl.
seton.

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Note. Spoke Mr. Griffin today. Cheque - no
action until Mr. Chalmers' return.

061100. Feb.

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5th February, 1964

WG.360/4

Dear General,

The parcel containing the loose-leaf Visitors' Book arrived this morning, for which thank you very much.

I will arrange for it to be sent across to Ypres next time we have an official from the Commission going there.

Y-S-
AQ.

Private Secretary to
Director-General

Major-General Raymond Briggs,
C.B., D.S.O.,

Flat 8,
1, Linden Gardens,
London, W. 2.

Note: Handed to Cox,
RA, 051130. AQ.

FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION)

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January 29, 1964

WG.360/4

My dear General,

Thank you for your letter. Yes, we shall be delighted to send the loose-leaf Visitors' Book over to Ypres. I am just off to India and Australia for five weeks so would you kindly send it to Major T.A.E. Gibson at this address.

Yours sincerely,



Major-General Raymond Briggs,
C.B., D.S.O.,
Flat 8,
1, Linden Gardens,
London, W. 2.

From: Major-General RAYMOND BRIGGS,
Flat 8, 1 Linden Gardens, London W.2.

28. Jan. 64
Telephone, BAYswater 3711

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29 JAN 1964

My dear Chalmers,

Dawson tells me that the
loose-leaf Visitors Book which the
Church asked for is now ready.
If we sent it to you could it
go over with your regular supplies?

I will quite understand if

CWGC/1/1/14/18 (WG 360/4 PT.7)

You feel you ought not to do
this.

Yours very sincerely

Raymond Briggs

24 JAN 1964

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23rd January 19
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My dear Chalmers. Y/2-25

Many thanks for return of cheques.
I enclose a further cheque with the
supporting account for your signature and kindly
return.

Since I had had no account from the Solicitors
for all their work since 1948 I felt I ought to
clear up to date before I hand over to Major
Hogg. They have done a lot of work and I
have agreed the account as reasonable.

After 15 years have heard that our fight
for War Damage Compensation in regard to the
Church has been successful. £3000 and all I
now have to do on it is to get it into the
London. Mc. So I hope to hand over to my
successor as Hon Treasurer a not too bad position
on Finance. I have hoped that I could achieve
this before I handed over.

I do hope your trip will be successful and
not too strenuous. Get a break if you can.

Very glad to hear the good
news of your success. They
but let me continue
Yours
R.G.

Note.
Cheque signed &
returned with
MS letter from Mr.
R.G.

24 Jan.

January 14, 1964

WG.360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

... Thank you for your letter. I return
the two cheques for Mr. Powell duly signed.

Very many thanks for the boxing
tickets. I am much disappointed that, as
I leave for India, Australia, etc., on the
following day, January 31, I shall not be
able to go myself, but there will be no
difficulty in finding a grateful recipient.

I shall be away until March 5.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

14 JAN 1964

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WILLIAM S. FOSTER
F.B.I. - NEW YORK
HARRY J. WATSON
STATIONER

11-1-64

My dear Chalmers,

Would you be kind enough
to bring to the enclosed cheque (s)
a little later since the Audelins
have had the books

My thanks for copies of
letter.

Yours
J. G. J. / 11

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January 10, 1964

Ref. WG.360/4

Dear Wing-Commander Whittaker,

Thank you for your letter of January 8 about the proposal to establish a Youth Hostel in Ypres.

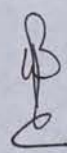
The buildings of the Ypres British Settlement now consist only of St. George's Memorial Church and the Church Hall which was formerly the Eton Memorial School. The other buildings were sold last year.

I am sending a copy of your letter and of this reply to the Honorary Secretary of the Administrators of the Settlement. He is J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E., Margarettes, Hill Road, Haslemere, Surrey.

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Sent +
copy of
in Feb
Chalmers

Yours sincerely,



(W.J. Chalmers)

Wing-Commander G.W. Whittaker, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
Westoe,
Station Road,
Tring,
Herts.

From: Ws. Ch. F.W. Whitaker D.D., B.L.

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WESTOE,

10 JAN 1964

STATION ROAD,

TRING, HERTS.

8th January '64

Dear Sir,

I am writing as a friend of S. P. B. Clayton who is now in Australia, but who, when we were in Ypres together last Summer, asked me & Sir John Elliot who was visiting Ypres at that time, to seek ways to get a Youth Hostel placed in Ypres in time for the Jubilee years of World War I.

I think you probably know more about this than I do, but I got in touch with the chairman of the English Y.H.A. & he intimated with his Opposite number in Belgium. Last week we all 3 met in Sir J. Elliot's office & we learnt that the Belgian authorities were willing to give a suitable site in Ypres for such a hostel. Mention however had been made of the Memorial School at St George's Church (The Elm College) which was no longer in use as a school.

I think it was considered a possible alternative to a new building, but it seemed presumptuous to make this suggestion without knowing the present position or approaching the Trustees first. It might be quite out of the question.

A meeting at Ypres to see the proposed new site opened & to try to make some estimate of the cost, was fixed for Feb. 15th at ~~the~~

It would be most helpful if you could let me know beyond the possible availability of using the school building, & if whom we should approach.

So far no committee has been formed & I doubt whether this will happen till Dr. Clayton arrives back in the Spring. So I hope you will forgive this letter from an individual, who has really no standing except that of an infantry soldier in the Parachute School! I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the letter which brought Sir F. Elliot into it, & shows why we think it worth while making possible the sight of these lovely places to a generation which really needs something they can provide. Yours very truly

S. W. Whitaker

Reprinted from "The Times" of
Friday 28th. June, 1963.

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HERITAGE OF A NOBLE PEOPLE

Sir,—I have just returned from a short revisit to the First War battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. May I put a thought to your readers which I feel has some comfort in our recent confusion?

The old battlefields of 1914-18 will always have a fascination for the generation which fought there, but it is the continuing and almost mystical beauty of the many British war cemeteries with which my mind was filled. Today, 40 years or so since they were consecrated, and with a second war passed over them, these lovely places give an indescribable feeling of being the heritage of a noble people.

Surely the miracle which is continually renewed, year by year, by the Imperial War Graves' Commission and its devoted body of servants, is a matter for us of lasting pride, beside which the behaviour of one or two individuals seems to be shrunk to its true proportions? This I put to my French friends when they asked me if Britain was really as bad as she was painting herself. Their reaction was interesting. One of them said earnestly to me: "You are right. These superb cemeteries, unique among the wartime memorials, should remind us of the real quality and character of Britain, today as yesterday."

Yours truly,

JOHN ELLIOT.

10, Mayfair Place, W.1, June 26.

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From: Wg.Cdr. G.W. Whittaker, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Westoe,
Station Road,
Tring, Herts.

8th January, 1964

Dear Sir,

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Yours very truly,

(Signed) G.W. WHITTAKER

- 7 JAN 1964

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4/1 Jan. 1964

My dear Charles. ^{Seen.} 10 Jan.

My thanks for your letter
of the 31st. I have always as
you know tried to emphasize
the fact that the Church Council &
the Council of Administration were
entirely different bodies & the
Consecration from 1962 did not
surprise me.

Delighted to hear the better news
hope it will continue

Yours ever
R. J. J.

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January 3, 1964

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

... Thank you for your telephone call last evening. I enclose a copy of a letter which I have written to the Regional Director.

In the demi-official letter from Mr. Taylor, which is acknowledged in my official letter to the Regional Director, I am informed that no difficulty is envisaged in constructing the proposed Bar in the manner described in my letter to you of December 17.

With regard to the local proposal that the gas and water fittings should be removed from the present kitchen, I am informed that gas and water are laid on in the entrance hall and only require the re-attachment of fittings. Tea-making facilities could therefore be provided in that position if the "Conseil d'Administration" and the Commission's local representative were both to advise that they considered this desirable. I personally have no strong feeling in the matter and would be inclined to accept whatever might be agreed locally. I would, however, be disinclined to agree to the removal of the fittings in the present kitchen if the "Conseil d'Administration" had any objection.

With regard to the proposed bowling green, I am advised that the Area Superintendent thinks that the danger of tripping can easily be eliminated.

Yours ever,

J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Ypres British Settlement,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.



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January 3, 1964

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The Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Marechal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

With reference to my letter of December 17, the Administrators, in passing the Resolution set out therein, were under the impression that the Church Council and the local "Conseil d'Administration" of the Administrators were still identical in membership. I think this was true for a number of years but the Honorary Secretary of the Administrators has now been informed by Mr. Collick, who is Secretary both of the Church Council and of the "Conseil d'Administration" that, about eighteen months ago, the numbers on the Church Council were increased to sixteen.

A body of such a size would clearly be an unwieldy instrument for the management and control of the Church Hall and it has therefore been agreed that Paragraph (b) of the Administrators' Resolution should operate as if it read "(b) That it shall be under the management and control of the local "Conseil d'Administration" of the Administrators". The necessary amendment will be formally passed at the next meeting of the Administrators.

I have to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Taylor's demi-official letter NR/15/13/2 of 31st December, 1963, contents of which are noted.


Director-General

Copied to: Honorary Secretary, Ypres British Settlement

2nd January 1964

Dear Sir Guy,

You will remember that in my document to the Administrators I made the point that the local Counsell was the legal representative of the Administrators. Many were under the impression that the Church Council was the same body under a different name. This was never the case and in sending the Administrators decisions to Ypres I have as a result been informed that the Church Council now consists of sixteen members. Since the local Counsell is the legal body and consists of five members I felt that in order not to delay the action we must take on the alterations to the Church Hall I should agree that the Counsell was the body we should appoint in charge.

On consideration I came to the conclusion that I either had to wait for the next meeting which I did not want to do or else get your agreement to my acting on my proposal that the Counsell was the body intended.

I had not got your telephone number and therefore telephoned Chalmers who felt you would agree to my going ahead and this I have done and will report to the Administrators at the next meeting and get the Minutes amended.

I apologise for not consulting you as Chairman but felt the if Chalmers agreed you too would agree and I have no doubt that the other Administrators will agree that the legal body of ~~twelve~~ five members is better than the body with no legal standing and with sixteen members.

Yours sincerely,

12.9.11

TELEPHONE:
ARRAS 1921-1922
TELEGRAMS:
WARGRAVES ARRAS



NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,

PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS (PAS-DE-CALAIS),
FRANCE.

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Ref.: NR/15/13/2

31st December 1963

Dear *Mr Chalmers,*

Ypres British Settlement

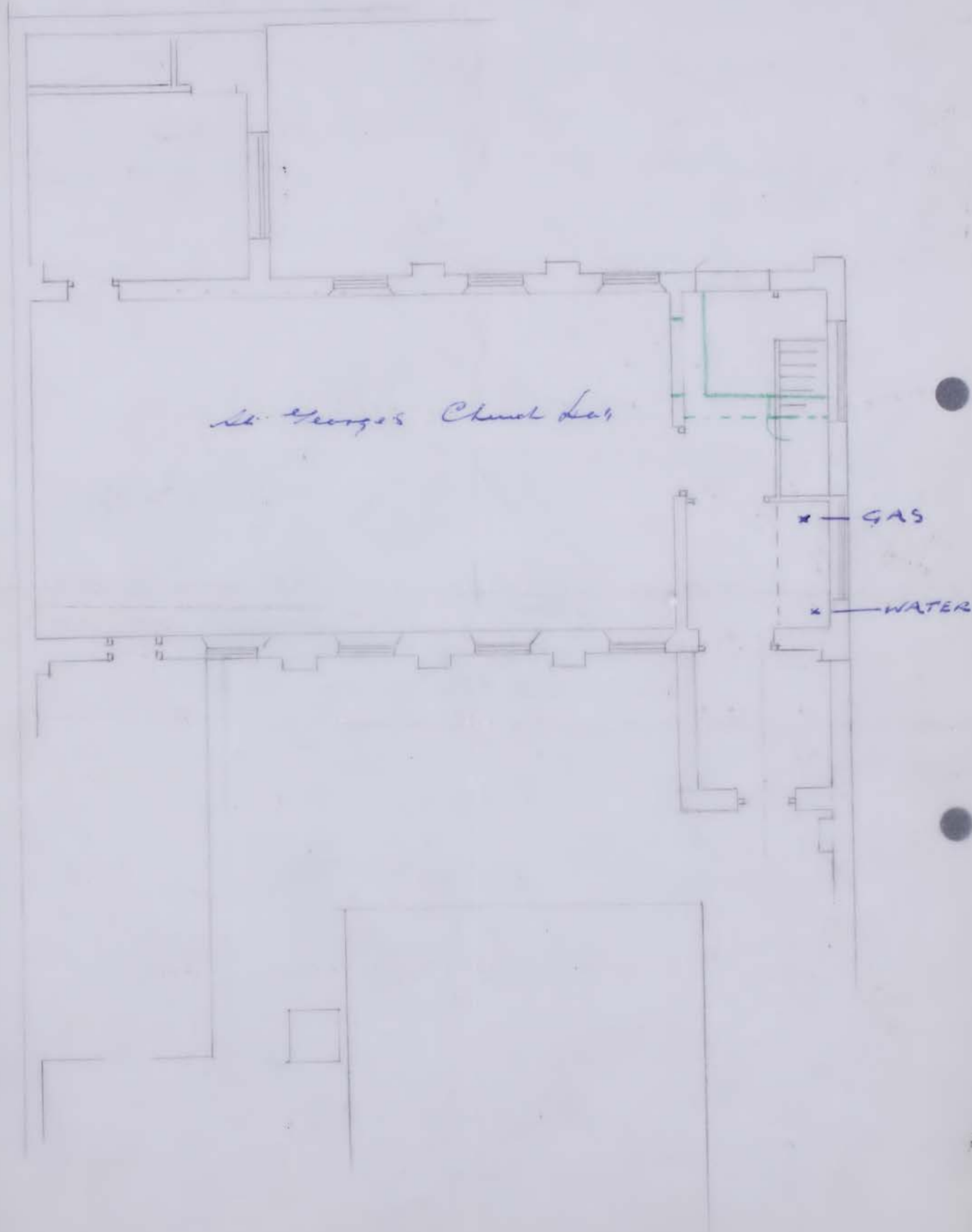
Admiral Rolfe asked me to deal with your D.O. letter WG.360/4 dated 17th December 1963. I have been in touch with the Area Superintendent and no complications are envisaged over the construction of the new bar as described. With regard to tea service etc., gas and water points already exist in the entrance hall, as shown in the attached sketch. The water point, sealed at the moment, requires a faucet only, while the gas service merely requires connecting to a gas ring. Provided these work satisfactorily (they were apparently used pre-war) it would appear that other users of the premises would be catered for.

2. Mr. Moore thinks that the curb round the bowling green could be done away with. As, however, the curb was to prevent the balls from mounting the paving and getting damaged, some other precaution would have to be taken. He has suggested setting the paving immediately alongside the green at an angle of 30 degrees. I am sure that a reasonable solution can be worked out.

Yours *sincerely,*

John Taylor

W.J. CHALMERS, Esa., E.B.E.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1



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Seen by VC.

25 Jan

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*City Gate House,
Finsbury Square,
London, E.C.2. 1st January 1964*

Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.

Dear Admiral Grantham,

Ypres British Settlement
Your Ref: WG 360/4

I have to thank you for your letter dated
London the 19th ultimo, and confirm that I will
come along to the Meeting of the Administrators at
2.30 p.m. on Friday the 20th March next at
32 Grosvenor Gardens.

Yours very sincerely,

S. R. Hogg

SRH/LW

30 Dec 1963

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See 23rd December 1963

Ypres British Settlement

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of the 18th inst as to the next meeting of the Administrators.

I had already informed Major Hogg that the 20th March was convenient and that the meeting would be held on that date.

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Seen.

23rd December 1963

My dear *Chalmers*.

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of the 17th December together with enclosures.

I will let you have a reply as soon as possible but since you have had the advantage of consulting your local people and the Architect you will I am sure *hence* it would be wise if I consulted the Church Council and the Administrator's Architect.

There will then be no difficulty in that all interests will have been considered.

Y.M.C.A.
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From: Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Vice-Chairman

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19th December, 1963

WG 360/4

Dear Major Hogg,

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letter of 11th December accepting the invitation to become an Administrator and Honorary Treasurer of the Ypres British Settlement. Your acceptance will give pleasure to all the Administrators, as it does to me.

I understand that Friday, 20th March, at 2.30 p.m. would be for you a convenient alternative to 13th March for the meeting of the Administrators and I am accordingly asking the Honorary Secretary to arrange the meeting for the 20th.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) GUY GRANTHAM.

Major S.R. Hogg, D.S.O., M.C., F.C.A.,
City Gate House,
Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. 2.

FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION)

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December 18, 1963

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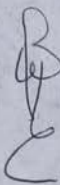
My dear Griffin

Ypres British Settlement

I saw Admiral Grantham today and am now able to confirm that Friday, March 20, at 2.30 p.m. will be convenient to him for the meeting of the Administrators.

We have also been in touch with Major Hogg and find that this alternative date would also suit him, so perhaps you will notify the Administrators accordingly.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

December 17, 1963

WG 360/4

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to seek the agreement of the Administrators of the Ypres British Settlement to the proposed alterations to the Settlement premises illustrated on the enclosed drawing No. NR/MISC./IEPER/331 dated 9.12.1963.

I have to offer the following observations in explanation of the proposals, the cost of which would be met by the Commission:-

Construction of a new Bar

The proposal is to dismantle the Bar counter in its present position in the kitchen and utilize the material, together with Bar fittings, including stainless steel sink, from the old Bar in the Pilgrims' Hall, to construct a new Bar in the position shown in the drawing; to pierce the wall between the passage and the Hall and insert a Portland cement concrete lintel over the new opening, with roller shutters locking from inside the Bar; to construct a partition the full height of the passage to seal off the new Bar from the passage - there would be a door in the partition to give the barman access but there would be no Bar service through this side of the Bar; and to make good all decorations. The double doors would be hung not in the position shown in the drawing but at the entrance to the Main Hall.

Alterations to present kitchen

The proposal is to make certain alterations to this small room in order that it may be used as a library, quiet room and committee room; it would be the intention to move the City of Sheffield bookcase from the Main Hall into this room. In addition to

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the removal of the Bar, the proposed work involves the removal of a cupboard to allow for fixing the bookcase and the redecoration of walls to match the existing decorations, the covering of the floor with linoleum and the provision of a table and six chairs. It has been suggested locally that the existing gas and water fittings should be removed but the Commission do not recommend this unless adequate alternative provision is made for the making and service of tea, etc., at times when the Commission's Club Bar is locked up. The Commission are very conscious of the fact that the building is primarily a Church Hall and that its use by the Commission's Club must always be subject to the condition that it does not conflict with the primary purpose of the building. The Commission consider, however, that the proposed alteration of the kitchen for use as a library, quiet room and committee room should increase the usefulness of the Hall for Church and other purposes as well as for use by the Commission's Club.

Main Hall

The proposals are:-

(a) To clean off, rub down, stain and wax-polish the floor;

(b) To instal an additional portable heater either electric or butagaz;

(c) To instal strip lighting together with lighting fixtures for the billiard table and three additional plug points for general use.

Bowling Green

The proposals for the construction of a bowling green and planting of shrubs and flowers in the former playground are illustrated on the drawing. The Commission's local representatives have been asked to consider whether there is any danger in the small projection above paving level by the upright slab edging the ditch, as shown in the sectional drawing. It is thought that it may be necessary to construct a tiny ramp (possibly by triangular-section wood or cement fillet) against this small projection at the end nearest the Church Hall and along the long side nearest the Church, in order to prevent the projection from tripping people.

The Commission suggest that the outgoings for rates (if any), heating, lighting and cleaning, etc., of the Hall should be met by the Commission and that an appropriate proportionate charge should be agreed with the Church Council for use of the Hall by other bodies. The Commission suggest that the charge should be related only to administrative costs of the type described and should contain no rental element in respect of the use of the building itself or its furnishings, but that any damage should have to be paid for by the user. The precise method of collection of charges from other users would have to be agreed between the Church Council and the Commission's local representative.

The Commission understand that the building of the Church Hall is insured by the Administrators. The Commission would be willing to pay for the insurance of all the contents of the Hall. Bar stocks would be insured separately from other contents. An inventory of contents would be kept showing the ownership of each item.

I should be grateful if you would consider the above proposals and advise me whether you can agree to them on behalf of the Administrators.

Yours faithfully,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Ypres British Settlement,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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My dear Henry,

Ypres British Settlement

Thank you for your letters NR/15/13/2 of December 4 and 10, with enclosures, concerning the Church Hall and courtyard.

2. I have the following comments on your proposals:-

Construction of new Bar

Service must be only through the hatch into the Hall and the partition shutting off the Bar from the passage must be complete from floor to ceiling, with a door for entrance of the barman but with no Bar service through this side. I think the Administrators will wish the double doors to be replaced at the actual entrance to the Main Hall rather than in the position shown in your drawing.

Conversion of small room

It is not clear how tea service, etc., would be possible for organizations other than the Club who might be using the Hall. If the Bar is locked up, what other source of water and gas is there? The building is primarily a Church Hall even though the Commission's Club may be the largest users. I am not prepared to recommend to the Administrators any arrangements which would deprive other users of the Hall of facilities to make tea, etc.

Bowling Green

I should like you to consider whether there is any danger in the small projection above the paving level by the upright slab edging the ditch, at the end nearest the Church Hall and the long side nearest the Church,

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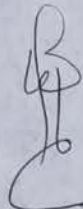
and whether a tiny ramp (possibly by triangular-section wood or cement fillet) should be made to prevent it from tripping people.

3. Subject to the above comments I have submitted your proposals to the Honorary Secretary of the Administrators with a request for their agreement on the basis that the Commission would meet the costs involved. I anticipate that they will first be submitted to the Church Council for comments.

4. I have suggested to the Administrators that the outgoings for rates (if any), heating, lighting and cleaning should be met by the Commission and that an appropriate proportionate charge should be agreed with the Church Council for use of the Hall by other bodies. The charge would be related only to administrative costs of the type described and would contain no rental element in respect of the use of the building itself or its furnishings, but any damage would have to be paid for by the user. The arrangements for collection of charges from other bodies would have to be agreed with the Church Council but, so far as the Commission were concerned, payment and receipt would be by the Commission itself and not by the Club.

5. The building of the Hall is insured by the Administrators but the contents (with the exception of Bar stocks, which must be the direct responsibility of the Club) should be insured by the Commission. An inventory of contents with notes on ownership should be maintained. Insurance arrangements will be the subject of separate correspondence.

Yours ever,



Rear-Admiral H.C.N. Rolfe, C.B.,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Maréchal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

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The Regional Director,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Maréchal Foch,
Arras (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

Ypres British Settlement

The Administrators met on Friday 29th November and amongst other matters considered the future management and control of the building which in the past has been known as the Ypres Memorial School. As a result of the discussion the Administrators resolved as follows:-

- (a) That the Hall shall in future be known as "The Church Hall";
- (b) That it shall be under the management and control of the ~~Church Council~~;
local Conseil d'Administration of the Administrators;
- (c) That any proposed alterations or adjustments of the Church Hall shall be subject to the approval of the Administrators before being undertaken;
- (d) That the use of the Hall by any organization associated with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shall be a matter of arrangement with the Commission.

With regard to (d), this means that all matters including the Club in which the Commission are concerned will be dealt with by the Area Superintendent in his official capacity as the Commission's representative. The Church Council will not deal direct with the Club.

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The Administrators further decided that the present arrangements in the Church Hall needed consideration and that the matter should be settled between the Honorary Secretary of the Administrators, with the advice as necessary of their Architect, on the one hand and the Director-General of the Commission on the other hand. I will write to you separately on this matter.

The Church Council have been advised of the Administrators' decisions.



Director-General

Copied to: Honorary Secretary, Ypres British Settlement.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Administrators held at the offices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1. on Friday 29th November 1963 at 2.30 p.m.

1. Present. W.J. Chalmers Esq., C.B.E., Acting Chairman
Major General R. Briggs
Admiral Sir Guy Grantham
Major J. Ben Davies
J.R. Griffin Esq., Honorary Secretary
& Treasurer
2. Apologies. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fulham
The Chaplain General
Lt. Col. R. Grimshaw
3. Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting held on
17th September 1963 were confirmed and
signed by the Chairman.
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report. The Honorary Treasurer presented his report.
- (a) That the British Legion had increased the grant for 1963 to £750 and had promised a similar grant for 1964.
- (b) That the sale of the part of the Settlement was now complete and the Brussels lawyer had received the purchase money from which all local disbursements were being made and the net amount would be remitted to the London Bank.
- (c) That the property remaining had been valued. There was a discussion as to the method of dealing with this matter in the Annual Accounts and it was resolved
- 'That the Auditors be consulted on this point but that the Administrators recommend that the proceeds of the sale be deducted from the value of property shown in the last balance sheet and a note be inserted as to the valuation.'
- It was suggested that the Auditors might consider it appropriate to reduce the deduction in respect of proceeds of sale by the amount of part or all of the expenditure incurred on the property and in connection with the sale.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that he was consulting the Assurance Company as to revision of the Insurance.

The Honorary Treasurer intimated that after the presentation of the next Annual Accounts he proposed giving up this office and had approached Major Hogg, the Honorary Treasurer of the "Friends", who had expressed his willingness to be elected an Administrator and to undertake the office of Honorary Treasurer. The meeting welcomed the proposal that Major Hogg should join the Administrators.

5. Future Management & Control of Church Hall.

There was a general discussion on the subject of the Church Hall during which the Honorary Secretary reported on his recent visit to Ypres when he was accompanied by the Architect to the Administrators. It was Resolved

- (a) That the Hall shall in future be known as "The Church Hall"
- (b) That it shall be under the Management and control of "The Church Council"
- (c) That any proposed alterations or adjustments of "The Church Hall" shall be subject to the approval of the Administrators before being undertaken
- (d) That the use of the Hall by any organisation associated with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shall be a matter of arrangement with the Commission.

The subject of certain rearrangement of the internal fittings of the Hall was discussed and it was Resolved that Mr. Chalmers representing the Commission and Mr. Griffin representing the Administrators examine the position and be given power to act. Mr. Griffin to have the advice of the Architect.

6. Chairman.

Mr. Chalmers said that, at the request of the Administrators, he had acted temporarily as Chairman since the death of Sir Richard Howard Vyse and he now felt that the time had now come to relinquish the position of Acting Chairman and moved that Admiral Sir Guy Grantham be elected Chairman. Mr. Griffin seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously. Admiral Grantham took the Chair.

The Committee desired to place on record its appreciation and thanks to Mr. Chalmers for his services during the interim.

7. Other Business. It was resolved that Friday 13th March 1964 at 2.30 p.m. be provisionally fixed for the next meeting.

It was reported that the British Legion had given formal notice of the termination of the arrangements embodied in the agreement dated 23rd April 1959.

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NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,
PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

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Dear Bill,

Ypres British Settlement.

With reference to my letter NR/15/13/2 dated December the 4th, two drawings of the proposed alterations discussed are forwarded herewith.

*Yours Sincerely,
Henry V. Rorke*

W.J. CHALMERS Esq., C.B.E.
Director-General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

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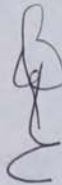
My dear Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of December 11 enclosing a draft of your proposed letter to Collick for discussion on Monday, when I look forward to seeing you.

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I enclose a photocopy of a letter which Admiral Grantham has received from Major Hogg. Can you suggest an alternative date for the meeting which might be convenient to all the Administrators?

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
13, Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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P. M. ROBESON.
D. C. CLARK.

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*City Gate House,
Finsbury Square,
London, E.C.2. 11th December 1963*

Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Vice-Chairman,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.

Dear Admiral Grantham,

I have to thank you for your letter dated London the 5th instant, and I am honoured by the invitation that I should become an Administrator and Honorary Treasurer of the Settlement, and I am delighted to accept the invitation.

I am, however, in a difficulty as regarding Friday the 13th March next, as I am committed to attend an important Meeting in Bristol on that day.

Could you make your appointment a day or so before or a day or so afterwards?

Yours sincerely,

S. R. Hogg

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1/7 dear Chulgers

I enclose herewith rough draft of my
proposed letter to Collick so that you may
have a chance of seeing it before we meet
on Monday.

Many thanks for your kind invitation
to lunch.

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12/11/7

Dear Mr Collick,

The Administrators met on Friday 29th November and amongst other matters considered the future management ~~of the~~ and control of the building which in the past has been known as the School.

As a result of the discussion the following decisions were arrived at and minuted.

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With regard to (d) you will appreciate that this means that all matters including the Club in which the Commission are concerned will be dealt with by the ~~Regional Directors~~. ^{Area Superintendent in his official capacity as the Commission's representative} The Church Council will not deal direct with the Club. ~~or it's officers.~~

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The Administrators further decided that the present arrangements in the Church Room Hall needed consideration and Mr Chalmers representing the Commission and myself representing the Administrators should deal with this matter. *I will keep you informed for the information of the Church Council.*

I am enclosing ~~the~~ extra copies of this letter so that you may hand one to the Chairman, ~~and one to the Treasurer of the Church Council.~~

the Treasurer and one to each member of the Church Council.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary

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Margarettes
Hill Road
Haslemere
7th December 1963

My dear Chairman.

Thank you for your letters of the 5th and 6th December

I am having the Minutes copied and will circulate after which I will draft a letter to Collick.

Thank you for the sight of the letter to Major Hogg. I wrote him a personal note. With regard to the notepaper I have always thought it wise to print such in alphabetical order but appreciate your suggestion.

Yours
12/11/7

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NORTHERN REGION,
COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,
PLACE DU MARECHAL FOCH,
ARRAS,
PAS-DE-CALAIS,
FRANCE.

4th December 1963

Dear Bill,

Ypres British Settlement.

Thank you for your WG 360/4 dated November the 25th, 1963. Last Friday November the 29th, I went over to Ypres with the Deputy Regional Director and Regional Architect with the object of finalizing proposals on these various matters. I think this object has been achieved, and I send you in this letter information and remarks on the various points. Supporting drawings - e.g. in connection with the new bar - are not quite ready. I shall hope to send them on next week.

2. I note what you say about the control and administration of the Church Hall and have explained briefly the part which might concern him to Moore. In general, I would think that these new arrangements are likely to be an improvement on the previous ones.

3. Our proposals as regards the new bar are ^{firmly} ~~to~~ to place it in the temporary position which you saw when you visited us in September. Not only will this preserve the little room for very good uses, but the new bar in its proposed position will be much more appropriate as such and incidentally cost less money than an alternative proposal to reconstruct the bar so that it would come out of the little room. I think we are all agreed that the bar inside the little room as now constructed is quite unsatisfactory.

4. The complete scheme as regards bar and little room are as follows:-

Construction of new bar.

This involves dismantling the counter, etc, in its present position in the little room; piercing the wall in the new position; constructing a partition with door to seal off the new bar; making good all decorations, etc, including in the little room. The estimate for this work is £ 69.10.0 in accordance with the attached detail.

Conversion of small room.

This involves the removal of unneeded gas and water fittings; redecoration of walls; placing the City of Sheffield bookcase; making good generally. The estimate for this work is £ 16.0.0. in accordance with the attached detail.

Furnishing and fitting - small room.

This provides for lino floor covering and the provision of one table and six chairs. A cheaper alternative is merely to clean off and stain the floor. The estimated costs for these alternatives are £ 41 and £ 23 in accordance with the attached detail.

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5. The intention behind these proposals is to turn the small room into a Committee Room also to be used as a quiet room and reading room. There seems no doubt that the total amenities of the Club will be much enhanced if this is done at relatively small expense.

6. You refer to double doors - in the vicinity of the new bar location - which were removed. Actually, no doors have been removed from the premises but one pair of double doors has been moved from one position to another in this locality. It so happens that these doors can be fitted exactly at either position. I think that if the new bar is constructed as proposed, this particular pair of doors would be replaced in its original position - though of course it would not matter much to the Club where the Administrators would wish this pair of doors to hang.

7. As you will see from the drawing which I expect to forward shortly, the general details of the new bar would be much as referred to in your letter. Another reason why the new bar proposals are a happy arrangement is that a small totally enclosed and safe cellar will lead straight out of the new bar - which will itself be enclosed vide the proposed new partition - and thus the bar and its contents will be fully enclosed and secured.

8. The proposal to provide a floor covering for the main hall has been dropped on account of the excessive cost. This floor is basically sound and good and it is proposed to clean it off, rub down and then stain and wax-polish it. The work involved would be done by voluntary labour - supervised of course by the Area Works staff - and the only cost which the Club would hope to recover is an estimated £ 5 for the purchase of stain.

9. The only other matters inside the buildings which the Club would hope for assistance are :-

(a) purchase of an additional portable heater, either electric or butagaz. This is estimated to cost £ 5.9.0.

(b) provision of suitable lighting in the main room. The present lighting is certainly unsatisfactory and will need radical improvement. The matter has been investigated and strip lighting has been recommended. This together with lighting fixtures for the billiard table and three additional plug points for general use are estimated to cost £ 37.19.0.

10. Bowling Green.

Detailed proposals for this will be forwarded shortly. These are substantially in line with the details mentioned in your letter. The labour itself, which would be much of the greater part of the expense, would be provided by voluntary labour. The Club would hope for assistance with certain materials, etc, which are estimated to cost £ 29.0.0. Details of this cost are enclosed.

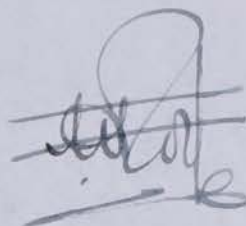
11. As regards the final paragraph of your letter, on the assumption that the control and administration of the Church Hall become as you have said is probable, we think that the most satisfactory arrangement would be for the Commission to meet the day to day running expenses of the hall and charge other users appropriate and proportionate fees for any use they make of it. We imagine that such financial transactions would be between such other users and the Commission and not between the other users and the Club as such.

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12. I think that the foregoing includes all that we have in mind. As you will see from the enclosed estimate details, the Ypres Club is looking for financial assistance to the extent of £ 203.8.0. I hope you will not think this is too much. There can be little doubt that, if all of this is done, the Ypres Club will be a very pleasant and well set up establishment which promises to be a very considerable amenity to the Commission's people in the vicinity. As you saw yourself when you visited the Club in September, it is well attended, and all indications are that this ~~increase~~ attendance is being maintained and even increased.

Yours Dear,

Henry Rolfe



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W.J. CHALMERS Esq., C.B.E.
Director-General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens,
LONDON S.W.1.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT - CHURCH HALL.

ESTIMATES.

1) ESTIMATE FOR NEW BAR.

Demolish wall, remove new bar fittings, refix in new position, new partition.

	£	s.	d.
(i) Labour and materials under pinning wall.	8.	0.	0
(ii) Supply and fix P.C.C. Lintel.	2.	10.	0
(iii) Demolish brick wall and cart away.	10.	0.	0
(iv) Flout and set reveals & P.C.C.lintel,etc.	5.	0.	0
(v) Make good floor, cement render.	2.	0.	0
(vi) Remove new bar and fittings, reconstruct and fix new position.	10.	0.	0
(vii) Construct firred framed partition, new door across passage.	20.	0.	0
(viii) Decorate new partition, walls,etc.	12.	0.	0
Total.	69.	10.	0

2) ESTIMATE FOR CONVERSION OF COMMITTEE ROOM.

(i) Remove cupboard to allow for fixing City of Sheffield bookcase.	2.	10.	0
(ii) Redecorate walls to match existing.	10.	0.	0
(iii) Remove gas and water fittings and make good.	3.	10.	0
Total.	16.	0.	0

3) ESTIMATE FOR FURNISHING AND FITTINGS - COMMITTEE ROOM.

(i) Cover floor with lino.	20.	0.	0.
(ii) Provision of 6 chairs and 1 table.	21.	0.	0.
Total.	41.	0.	0.

4) ESTIMATE FOR FLOOR - MAIN HALL.

(i)	Clean off and prepare.	Voluntary labour
(ii)	Provision of stain.	5. 0. 0.
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	Total.	5. 0. 0.

5) ESTIMATE FOR OTHER FITTINGS - MAIN HALL.

(i) Portable heater.	5.	9.	0.
(ii) Electric fittings :-			
3 strips.			
Billiard Table light fittings.	10		
3 plug points.	37.	15.	0.
Total.	43.	8.	0.
	42.	19.	0

6) BOWLING RINK. - ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION.

	£	s.	d.
(i) Cement and sand.	3.	10.	0.
(ii) Agricultural pipes 270 ' x 2 ".	3.	10.	0.
(iii) Grass seed.	12.	0.	0.
(iv) Timber linings at sides and ends.	10.	0.	0.
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Total.	£ 29.	0.	0.
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SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
1) New Bar, etc;	69.	10.	0.
2) Committee Room.	16.	0.	0.
3) Ditto, furnishing. x	41.	0.	0. x
4) Floor - Main Hall.	5.	0.	0.
5) Other fittings.	43.	8.	0.
6) Bowling Rink.	29.	0.	0.
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TOTAL.	203.	18.	0. x
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x NOTE :- This estimate (and also total) might be reduced by £ 18 if lino is not provided and floor stained instead (cost of stain £ 2). This variation is not recommended.

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December 6, 1963

WG 360/4

My dear Griffin

... Thank you for your letter of December 4 with the draft minutes which I return herewith. I have suggested only minor alterations.

I am still awaiting Admiral Rolfe's reply to my letter of November 25 but I do not think this need necessarily prevent us from writing our respective letters to Collick and to Rolfe. I note you will send me a draft letter to Collick in due course and I can base an official letter to Rolfe on it, so that there can be no doubt about our saying the same thing to both of them.

Needless to say, I will show you my draft to Rolfe!

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Telephoned Mr Griffin and
suggested increase in British
Legion grant from £500 to £750
be recorded in minutes.

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Margarettes
Hill Road
Haslemere
4th December 1963

My dear Pauline.

Herewith draft minutes.

Would you kindly check and amend
as you think fit. I've tried to
make No 5 what we all had in mind
and when you have finalised I will
draft a letter to Collick as the
Secretary to the Church Council
for you to see before sending it
to him.

Yours
M. G. J.

Ypres British Settlement.

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at the offices of the Commonwealth War Graves
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Admiral Sir Guy Grantham.
Major J. Ben Davies.
J. R. Griffin. Esq. Honorary Secretary
& Treasurer.
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The Committee desired to place on record

it's appreciation and thanks to Mr Chalmer's for his services during the ~~1964/1965~~ interim

7 Other

Business It was resolved that Friday 13th March 1964 at 2.30.p.m. be provisionally fixed for the next meeting.

It was reported that the British Legion had given formal notice of the termination of the arrangements embodied in the agreement dated 23rd April 1959.

FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION)

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December 5, 1963


WG 360/4

My dear Griffin,

... I enclose a copy of a letter which
Admiral Grantham has sent to Major Hogg today.

You will be thinking about printing new
notepaper and it occurs to me that you have
been too modest in the past in placing yourself
at the bottom of the list of Administrators.
I think that this should be in order of date
of appointment with the two ex-officio
... Administrators at the head. I enclose a sheet
showing what I suggest.

I have not yet heard from Admiral Rolfe
but will get in touch with you as soon as I
do hear.

Yours ever,


J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.

From Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Vice-Chairman

5th December, 1963

WG 360/4

Dear Major Hogg,

At a meeting of the Administrators of the Settlement on November 29, at which I was elected Chairman of the Administrators, it was unanimously agreed that you should be invited to become an Administrator and Honorary Treasurer.

It was agreed that your formal appointment should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Administrators, the tentative date and time of which are Friday, March 13, at 2.30 p.m. The meeting will be held here at the offices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

I understand that Mr. Griffin has already mentioned this proposal informally to you and that you have indicated your willingness to accept appointment. I speak not only for myself but for all the Administrators when I say how very grateful we are and shall be to you.

I hope you may find it possible to attend the meeting on March 13.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) GUY GRANTHAM,

Major S.R. Hogg, D.S.O., M.C., F.C.A.,
City Gate House,
Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. 2.

FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION)

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WG 360/4

November 25, 1963

My dear Griffin,

Thank you for the Agenda and accompanying papers.

I am sorry that I did not check up on the tickets for Sunday while you were with me. I could have saved you quite a lot of trouble.

Many thanks for the tickets for tonight, which are being used by General Steedman's P.A., who asks me to express her thanks.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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November 25, 1963

WG 360/4

My dear Henry.

Ypres British Settlement

I had a long talk with Griffin on Friday in advance of the meeting of the Administrators, which is to take place on Friday this week, November 29.

At that meeting I hope to retire from the Acting Chairmanship of the Administrators in favour of Admiral Grantham.

I think the meeting is likely to decide that the local control and administration of the Church Hall (former School) should remain with the Church Council (local Conseil d'Administration) under the Chairmanship of the Chaplain, but should be available for use by the Commission, the British Legion and other bodies in addition to the Church as may be desirable. It is possible that any details will be left to Griffin and me to settle, as the Administrators may not meet again for some time.

I shall be writing you an official letter after the meeting and Griffin, as Honorary Secretary of the Administrators, will be writing officially to the Secretary of the Church Council. We will agree these letters in draft so as to make quite sure that there is no inconsistency.

The use of the Hall will be given to the Commission and not to the Club directly. The Chaplain as Chairman, or Collick as Secretary of the Church Council will therefore deal with Moore officially instead of direct with Dodd or Dunn, which has caused some difficulty in the past.

I do not think there will be any difficulty about getting the Bar fitted up in the way we want it. The Administrators will wish the double doors, which were removed, without authority, by the Club, to be replaced. Subject to the advice of their Architect in London, they will not, I think, object to minor structural alterations to create a satisfactory Bar in the position where the old Bar from Pilgrims Hall has been temporarily set up. I think the arrangement should be a

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service hatch, perhaps five feet long at bar height and high enough to give head clearance through the wall beyond the double doors into the Hall. This should have a shutter of some kind which can be locked in position when the Bar is closed. A partition should be erected the full height of the passage just beyond the double doors with a door in it to give the barman access to the Bar, but service should be only through the hatch. The door in the partition should be kept locked when the Bar is not in use.

Will you please consider these suggestions and submit firm proposals for the modifications required to make the Bar satisfactory so that they can be cleared with the Administrators' Architect. I have had a word with Keith about the costs and, provided they are not too staggering, I think they can be met by the Commission. Please also let me have your further comments on the question of floor covering in the Hall and an estimate of what it might cost.

As I said in an earlier letter, the Administrators are favourably disposed towards the idea of a bowling green, provided that access from the Church to the Hall is not interfered with. If the single rink bowling green is installed in the position suggested in the sketch which was attached to Moore's memorandum of July 12 addressed to the Administrators, I would suggest that a paved path be retained on both its long sides and that paving also be retained at the southern end of the playground up to the level of the northern wall of the lavatories and at the northern end of the playground beyond the bowling green, but that flowers, shrubs ~~series~~ and grass be installed in the area between the path on the east of the bowling green and the rear wall. Can you provide a sketch to illustrate just how it is proposed to put this scheme into effect?

If there are any other points which you wish to raise in connection with the Club, now would be a good time to do it. One point upon which I should be glad of your suggestions is just how the day-to-day running expenses of the Hall should be met in future. Rates may become payable now that the building is no longer a school and there will, of course, be charges for lighting, heating, water and cleaning. Do you think that the most satisfactory arrangement would be for the Commission, as the largest user, to meet all these costs and for other users to be required to pay a proportionate charge each time they use the Hall?

Yours ever,



Rear-Admiral H.C.N. Rolfe, C.B.,
Northern Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Place du Maréchal Foch,
Arras, (Pas-de-Calais),
France.

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Ypres British Settlement

A meeting of the Administrators will be held at the offices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission 32 Grosvenor Gardens on Friday 29th November at 2.30.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Honorary Treasurer's Report
3. Future management and control of the Church Hall.
4. Election of Chairman.
5. Other business.

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YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

The following notes are circulated to Administrators in view of the number of points which were raised at the last meeting. The Settlement was established after the first world war and, when complete, consisted of the Church, Pilgrims Hall, school, playground, Vicarage and garage. It was set up under a special Act of the Belgian Parliament with the Governing Body in London, namely the Administrators and a local Governing Body in Ypres acting on behalf of the Administrators called the Conseil d'Administration. The Chaplain has always been Chairman of this local Body. There was between the two world wars a large British community, as a result of which it was possible to maintain the school for a fair number of children, and the London County Council Education Committee took a very considerable measure of responsibility for this school. During this period, the Chaplain General, the Bishop of Fulham and a representative of the Provost of Eton (Trustees) were three of eight administrators. There was, prior to 1939, a full time Chaplain. During the second world war the Settlement was in abeyance, and at the end of the war the buildings were in a very bad state. The then Administrators approached the British Legion in view of:-

- (a) the financial position
- (b) the advanced age of the administrators other than the three specially designated (Trustees).

The British Legion were asked to be responsible for financing the Settlement and negotiations were entered into, as a result of which whilst the Body of Administrators remained a self perpetuating body and at no time were any steps taken or permission given for any outside Body to appoint administrators, it was agreed that the then five administrators would retire, but before doing so would appoint five from six names put forward by the British Legion. This was done and in 1949 the Chairman of the British Legion, the Honorary Treasurer of the British Legion and the General Secretary of the British Legion were appointed with two others to fill the five vacancies. At a meeting held in May of 1949 the Chairman of the British Legion was appointed Chairman of the Administrators and although subsequently he became President of the British Legion he retained his position as Chairman of the Administrators until his death. At the same time the General Secretary of the British Legion was appointed Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Administrators. These offices, of course, are held by Administrators and persons appointed to them are appointed from the Administrators. With the death of Major Sir Arthur Penn, the Provost of Eton declined to appoint a representative to follow. It should be pointed out that although after the second world war the question of re-establishing the school was investigated on a number of occasions it was decided that this was not possible in view of the fact that there were not sufficient children to warrant the reopening of the school. In 1949 the Rev. J.S. Fowler was appointed full time resident Chaplain to the Settlement, and retained this office until his retirement in 1958. The position at that time warranted the continuance of a full time Chaplain, and the Rev. O. Brenton was appointed to succeed Mr. Fowler. The resident Chaplain at Ypres had undertaken the responsibility for Arras and Lille. This position continued until 1961 when the Rev. O. Brenton resigned. In resigning he reported to the Bishop of Fulham and the Administrators that in his opinion "there is not enough work for a full time Priest at Ypres". The position was examined and as a result of this examination the Bishop of Fulham decided to appoint a part time Chaplain who would not be responsible for Arras and Lille, and the Rev. L.M.S. Powell, Chaplain at Ghent, was appointed part time Chaplain to Ypres, and a figure of £350 per annum was fixed to cover his expenses in this connection. This meant that the Vicarage

and garage became vacant, in addition the school had been very little used since 1939. The position was considered in the light of a possible sale of part of the property, and ultimately it was decided to sell the Vicarage with its garage and garden and the Pilgrims Hall, and to convert what had been the school into a Church Hall and invest the proceeds to augment the small endowment. The builders work in this connection has been completed, and the sale of the portion no longer required is proceeding and should be completed in the near future. A plan is attached to this note showing the property which is now owned by the Administrators, and which on their behalf should be managed and controlled locally by the Conseil d'Administration.

The position of the Settlement has never been satisfactory from the financial point of view since there is practically no endowment and considerable grants have had to be given by the British Legion since 1949. In addition, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has made a grant annually since 1958, but neither from the British Legion nor the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has there ever been an undertaking that these grants would be permanent, and they are voted, it is understood, year by year. There are limited investments, bringing in an income of under £90 per annum. Since the second world war the British Legion has made grants to the Settlement totalling £19,750 and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission £1,800. With regard to the future, expenditure should not be very high since it is suggested that with regard to the Church and the Church Hall the only expenditure would be the maintenance and care of the exterior and the insurance of the buildings. There is in addition the expenses (£350 per annum) of the part time Chaplain. Rates are not payable on the church. It is suggested that the Church Council should have the responsibility of maintaining the interior of the church and paying all its normal outgoing expenses. With regard to the Church Hall, those using the Hall should be responsible for the maintenance of the interior and all other expenses. Up to the moment the Hall (as a school) has not been liable for rates. It will therefore be seen that there should be in the future no very heavy commitments on the administrators other than the payment to the part time Chaplain. The British community is undoubtedly falling in the locality, and the letter from the Chaplain recently circulated indicates the position in regard to the congregation of the church. It is assumed that the main purpose for the existence of the Settlement now there is no school, is the Church and the spiritual welfare of the people concerned in the locality.

With regard to the Church Hall, it is used by or should be available to:-

- (a) The Church and all its activities
- (b) The Ypres Branch of the British Legion
- (c) The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Social Club

It is understood that the Ypres Branch of the British Legion has a membership of 50 whilst the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Social Club has a membership of 74, which includes the 50 members of the Ypres Branch of the British Legion.

J.R. Griffin

Honorary Secretary.

CHAPELAINS LETTER.

Dear Friends,

I think that now that the autumn is here, and the season of summer holidays is over, you will be expecting to hear from me again. There is really quite a lot to tell you. During the summer Church Governments have been busy with plans for the future. Our own church had a conference at Toronto with delegates of all colours and tongues. The Roman church with a new Pope continues the Vatican Council and has invited even non-Christians as observers. At home our own church has been busy with talks of reunion with the Methodist Church. Our Bishop has written to say that a new depth was attained at Toronto which he thought may be a turning point in the whole of our communion. It is apparent that the Holy Spirit is very active among men these days and is leading us to a realisation of the complete brotherhood of all Christians. Before this re-union can be accomplished, we will have to be sure of ourselves and our faith, so that we can learn of all and yet only take and adapt that which is of real value. Each church has something to teach the other. Frequently the newspapers quote clever men who try to make the old truths easier to understand, but in the end seem to make it more difficult than ever. They are really sincere Christians, but think that everyone is as clever as their own students. We cannot take away certain truths and put nothing in their place or else we have chaos. This has been shown by certain governments in many parts of the world where now there is strife or civil war. It is the same with the Spirit as in the natural world. Where if the balance is upset, troubles come. The Duke of Edinburgh has lately pointed out that the indiscriminate use of insecticides is causing untold destruction in wild life. The balance is being upset, and other factors are taking control. It is fault of most people to think that if we possess something we should use it, and they do this without any thought of any damage it may cause to others. This is true with the written word, where people think that if it is printed it must be true. The mind is never used. If we read an article about a certain event in two or three different papers, it is surprising how they differ all according to the bias of the editor. When we read we must form our own opinions and to do this we must have some time for thought. In this day and age when nations send up satellites and half filled jet planes scream around the world just for prestige value, it is not surprising that people live on their nerves, and the mental hospitals are full. Our ancestors had time to accustom themselves to change, but we on the other hand find something new every day, and have to be prepared for it. Change is life, it is death which is static. We must then be ready for the guiding of the Holy Ghost, and by thankfulness and prayer recognise Gods children of whatever creed or colour. We will not then be caught unprepared, and can give that help to others which they will be expecting us to give them.

Yours very sincerely,

-L.H.S. Powell.-

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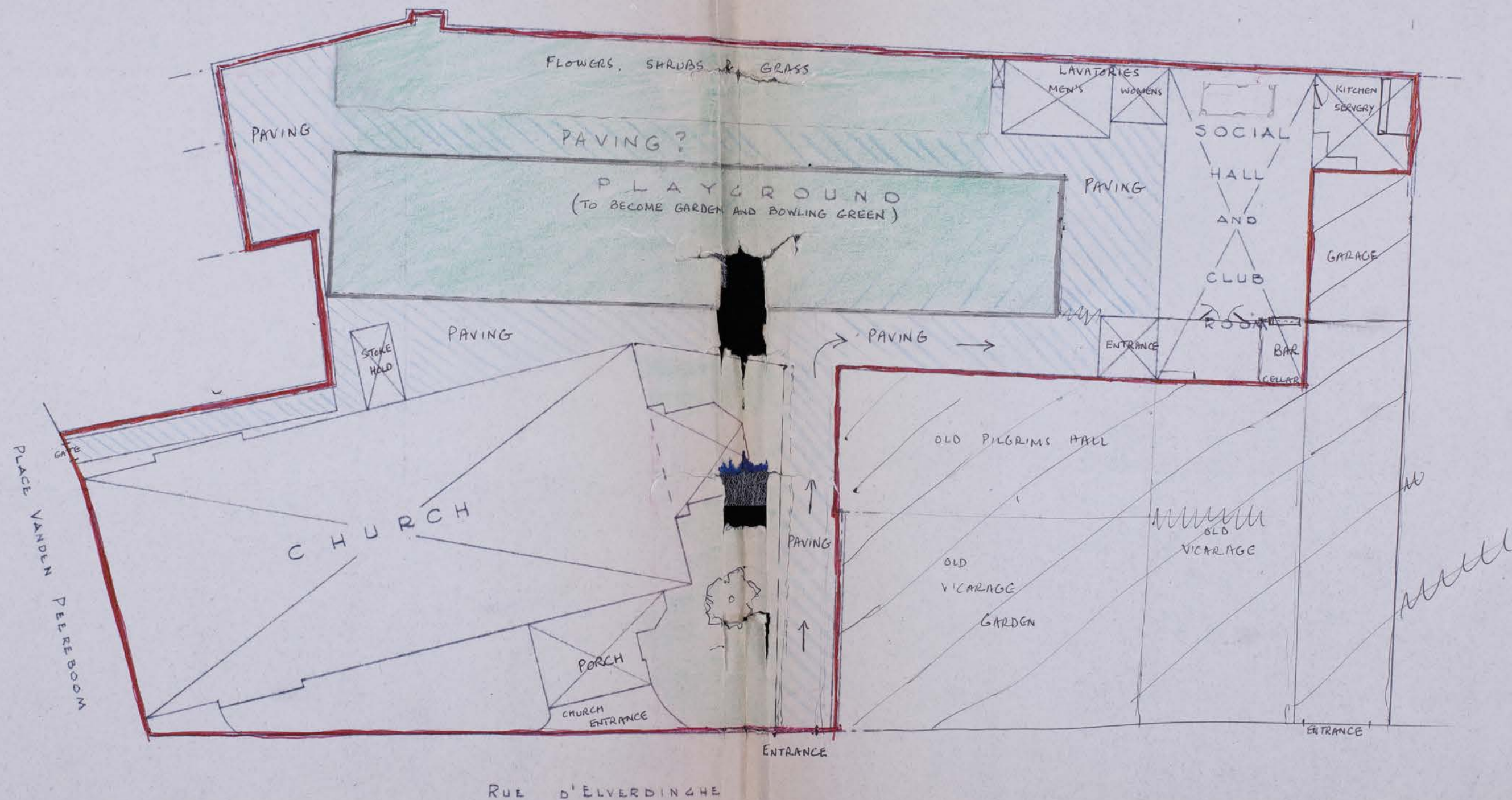
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The first service in the new church was held on Sunday October 6th. O.E.M. The travelling representative came to Ghent and spoke in the hall. The sum of £6/- was sent from Ghent and we wish to thank Mrs Van Belle, Miss Titus and Mrs Vanden Bogaerde for this. Words sent a collection of Frs 578/-. The collections still go on.

The Ghent Ladies work party has now started again after the holidays and are working hard for the Christmass fair which will be held early in December. The date has not yet been fixed, but will be given in the next letter with other news that I have no room for now.



November 18, 1963

WG.360/4

My dear Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of November 14. I am glad to know that you are settled in your new home and I have noted address and telephone number.

I think the Agenda for the meeting on November 29 at 2.30 p.m. might be the same as for the last meeting on September 17, omitting the item "Appointment of Administrators" but substituting "Appointment of Chairman". I should be glad to see you on Friday. If you can manage to lunch with me I shall be very pleased. I have to leave the office at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

Yours ever,



P.S. Many thanks for concert tickets — much appreciated by my lady secretary.



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Margarettes,
Hill Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

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Margarettes
Hill Road
Haslemere
Surrey
14th November

My dear Chalper.

We are at last settled in our new home and I should be grateful if you would make a note of the new address and telephone number.

I had a ~~very~~ valuable visit to Ypres and spent some time with the Chaplain whom as you know I had not seen for over a year.

I took the Architect with me and he inspected the work for which he was ~~responsible~~ responsible and therefore certified the accounts which are being settled in Brussels against the proceeds of the sale.

Could you let me have items for the Agenda which I would like to circulate before the week end.

I have to be in London on Friday next and could call on you in the early afternoon for a chat.

Yours ever.
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in London right like that.

From: Director-General

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October 16, 1963

WG/360/4

My dear Griffin,

Thank you for your letters of October 1 and 9. I think it is a pity you have sent copies of the letters from the Chaplain and the Surveyor to all the Administrators without any discussion with me, following my visit to Ypres. Much of what is said in those letters is either misinformed or now out of date.

I do not think you should visit Ypres so soon after my visit without discussion with me. You know that I shall be away again from October 21 until November 6 and I do not wish any decisions affecting the Church Hall and Club Room to be made in my absence.

Yours ever,



J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
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9th October 1963

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My dear Ludwig,

Ypres British Settlement

I am grateful to you for your letter of the 2nd October together with the draft minutes and two cheques.

In view of the Chaplain's letter and the points raised in that from the Architect I have arranged to go over to Ypres next week end.

This will give me an opportunity of seeing the Bar arrangements and help me me to discuss this and other matters with you when we meet.

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12/10/63

Note: "next-week-end" is week-end
18/20 Oct.

8th October, 1963

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of 1st October enclosing two letters about ~~your~~ British Settlements. Mr. Chalmers is away at present but I will ensure that the letters are placed before him on his return to the office on Monday next.

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P.S. Thank you also for the two boxing tickets which you enclosed - I have already found a good home for them.

J.R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
"Woodlands",
Saunders Lane,
Woking,
Surrey.

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Ypres British Settlement.

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Saunders Lane
Woking

1st October
1963.

My dear Chaplain

I enclose herewith copies of two letters which are self explanatory.

That from the Chaplain is in response to an enquiry from me as to the Services and the numbers attending.

This letter as the post script indicates was not posted on the date given on it and was therefore not received until after the last meeting of the Administrators.

It should be pointed out that the Conseil d'Administration is with the Chaplain as Chairman and Mr Collick as Honorary Secretary the body in Ypres having overall responsibility for everything associated with the Settlement.

These letter would seem to be of the kind that should be seen by all the Administrators.

Yours sincerely,

12/10/63

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GENT.

September 8th, 1963.

J. R. Griffin, Esquire, C.B.E.,
Woking.

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd. I have been intending to write to you for some while, and have put down some notes on matters I would like cleared up. I now will do so.

First in reply to your question about the services. Evensong is sung EVERY Sunday at 6.00 p.m. and afterwards a Holy Communion service is advertised. This is not always held as at times there is no congregation. On the first Sunday there is always someone (average 5) and other Sundays vary. At Evensong the average is between 20 and 25. On the Sunday after Christmas last year I could not get to Ypres, and Evensong was taken by Mr. Collick who is the Lay Reader. Every Monday from Mid September to June there is a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. This is always held and the average attendance is 5. During July to Mid September - the tourist season - this is changed. I return to Ghent Sunday evenings, and go again on Friday. Celebration as for other Mondays at 8.30 with same averages. Then I am ready to receive the visitors who come in fairly large numbers. Last Friday we had three coaches full, in the morning. This arrangement changes next week, and we stay over the Monday. I think the congregations are good for the size of the community and they do not vary. I have been trying to start a small newsletter to keep in touch with my very scattered congregation, and I will send you a copy whenever it comes out, this will help to keep up with the news. It will be a duplicated sheet, and in letter form. This I think is preferable to a magazine attempt.

I don't think that our own people are over interested in the social side. They are keen, but it comes after their church. Now that the Vicarage has been sold, and the school converted into the club, the matter of ultimate control will have to be decided. At the last meeting of the Church Council that you attended, it was decided that the new Hall which it was decided to build, should be under the control of the chaplain. The War Graves Commission would use it, but we retain control. Now that a new building has been shelved and the school is used, will this arrangement hold? At the moment the Commission club use the room and it is always locked; we have no key to it and would have to ask the club if we could have it. From our point of view this is not ideal. At the moment the Superintendent (Mr. Moore) is a good churchman and a very great help. We would not have any difficulty at all. The man in charge Jim Dodd is the churchwarden, so we have no likelihood of any quarrel. But there may be a difficult Superintendent. This is not a theoretical problem. There have been difficulties during the times of my predecessors. If I wish to hold a meeting of mothers or women or any other gathering in a secular room, I would have to request premission to occupy the room. I remember that this is a point you raised at the meeting you attended, and I hope that safeguards will be made. This I gather will now be the main work of the British Settlement.

Another point to be considered will be the allowance for a locum tenens when I go on leave. Hitherto there has been a house for the locum to occupy and so have his holiday and do duty at the same time. This is now impossible. There is no urgency in the matter, but I put it up now so that if necessary it could be put up at any meeting of the Administrators. I have managed to have a short holiday this year, as I was able to get the Chaplain who is attached to the N.A.T.O. forces based on the Belgo-Dutch border. I hope to be able to do this again and it will cost us nothing but I cannot bank on it. If a sum were allotted for this purpose I could always be ready. I also thought that Toc. H. may be able to help but they seem to get very few people now in Talbot House, and I have only seen four members in Ypres (two in church). There may have been more but I have not heard of them this year.

The next point concerns the cheque for expenses. Is it possible that this may be paid in two sums. If I pay it in with a cheque above £50. 0. 0. then it goes through the Caisse de Compensation who can query it at any time. If cheques are below £50. 0. 0. then it is passed direct. Another point is that I have had

to buy a new car, and to do this have had to bring money from home. I will repay this to my home account every so often. If I have two cheques, then when the percentage I allow comes up, I can send one of the amounts home without bothering anyone. Say one cheque for £40. 0. 0. and another for the rest. Sorry to be rather complex about this, but I wished to explain why. You did mention I know that you would send the money as I wished.

We are very happy in Ypres, and the people are a very great help in the work. Please let me know when you are in this area again so that we can meet.

7) I have heard it suggested that a Bowling Green be placed on the present Tennis Court. The only objection to this is that the door into the Court and to School (Eton) would have to be closed and all access to it would be shut off.

We are all pleased that the selling of the Vicarage etc., has been completed. All efforts to stop it will have to cease and we can get on easier in the parish.

Have just had your card of the 15th. I am sorry you had to write again as this was ready to post, and you should have received it ere this. It is a long letter and I hope will not weary you. Any reply is not in any way urgent. Again, sorry.

Yours very sincerely,

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MATSELL & MARTIN,

9 Milner Street,

Cadogan Square,

London, S.W.3.

20th September, 1963.

J. R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Ypres British Settlement,
Woodlands,
Saunders Lane,
Hook Heath,
WOKING, Surrey.

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Ypres British Settlement

I have this morning received a letter from Mr. Collick in which he tells me of a rumour which has come to his notice to the effect that the Club Committee is thinking of pushing the stove pipes through the roof of the old School building. As far back as July Mr. Collick wrote me in regard to a request from the Club Chairman seeking permission for this type of alteration. At that time I confirmed my agreement to Mr. Collick with his own views that this could well constitute a dangerous fire risk and further stated that I thought the Administrators would not object to a similar arrangement as before, i.e. for the flue pipes to be taken through the Club Room wall overlooking the School Yard.

At this juncture I would mention that Mr. Collick had previously confirmed to the Club Chairman that permission must first be obtained from the Administrators in regard to any proposed structural alterations affecting the premises.

The Club has now removed the original doors to the Schoolroom from the entrance passage and fixed the original bar counter in this passage. I enclose Mr. Collick's sketch for your information. It seems the Club now wishes to cut away part of this dividing wall - presumably by way of increasing the size of the door opening between Schoolroom and passage from which the doors have recently been removed - in order that there may be an unrestricted view from the bar in the passage through to the new Club Room.

Mr. Collick is somewhat concerned in this matter and enquires if he is adopting the right attitude as it seems he has no written authorisation from the Administrators to act on their behalf. His information is obtained from people visiting the Club. I am not personally aware as to the existence of any form of Tenancy Agreement between the Administrators and the Club in respect of the premises concerned. In the event there is an arrangement of this or a similar nature it might appear prudent to consider the introduction of a requirement whereby permission is first sought of the Administrators before alterations are made to the premises. Apart from fire risks as presently concerned, there is always the likelihood of an alteration being made which could be in breach of the terms of the sale of the surplus property.

I have thanked Mr. Collick for giving me this information and have informed him of my intention to write again after I have taken your instructions in the matter.

Yours sincerely

M/HMM

From: Director-General

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October 2, 1963

WG. 360/4

My dear Griffin,

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Thank you for your letter of September 30 enclosing draft minutes which I return herewith. I have no comments.

I have signed and return herewith the two cheques totalling £87. 10. 0. in favour of the Rev. L. M. S. Powell.

I managed to get to Ypres last Thursday night and saw Collick and other members of the Committee. The work on the school has been very well done and it now provides an excellent Church Hall and Club Room.

I do not think the lighting or heating problems present any great difficulty. I think floor covering will be necessary and the cost will have to be met by those who accept responsibility for control and management of the Hall. The main problem seems to be the Bar and I should like to discuss this with you when I next see you.

Yours ever,



J. R. Griffin, Esq., C.B.E.,
"Woodlands",
Saunders Lane,
Woking, Surrey.

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My dear Charles.

Herewith draft of minutes
for your correction before
circulation.

I hope you had a
good trip.

Yours
R.G.

P.S. Would you kindly sign the enclosed
Cheques. The bank is kind for the payment
in two cheques R.

YPRES BRITISH SETTLEMENT

Minutes of a Meeting of the Administrators held at the Offices of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1. at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 17th September, 1963.

1. Present: W.G. Chalmers Esq., C.B.E., Chairman
 The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fulham
 The Chaplain General
 Major General R. Briggs
 J.R. Griffin Esq.
2. The minutes of the last Administrators Meeting held on the 1st July, 1963, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising. The Chairman reported on his meeting with the Chairman of the British Legion.
4. Appointment of Administrators.
 - (a) Moved: Major General Briggs
 Seconded: The Chaplain General

 Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
 Vice Chairman, Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

 Carried.
 - (b) Moved: Mr. Chalmers
 Seconded: Major General Briggs

 Major J. Ben Davies, M.B.E.,
 Vice Chairman, British Legion

 Carried.
 - (c) Moved: Mr. Chalmers
 Seconded: The Chaplain General

 Lt. Col. R. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.L., J.P.,
 Member of National Executive Council
 British Legion.

 Carried.

At this stage of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Admiral Grantham and Lt. Col. Grimshaw, and the apologies of Major Davies at being unable to attend were placed before the meeting.

5. Sale of Property. The Honorary Secretary reported on the progress of the sale of part of the property, and stated that the sale was proceeding normally. X
6. Conversion of School for use as Church Hall and Club Room. The Honorary Secretary reported that the conversion was completed.
7. Future administration of Church Hall/Club Room. It was resolved that the matter be deferred until the attendance of the Vice Chairman of the British Legion.
8. Other Business. It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Friday, 29th November, at 2.30 p.m.



