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South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

President :

LT. COL. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING
will be held in the BRIGADE HOUSE, at 7-30 p.m.
on WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1953, when the
ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET will be
presented to the members.

CHARLES W. MATTHEWS,
HON. SECRETARY.

24, Sea View Terrace,
South Shields.

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The Committee have pleasure in presenting the 86TH ANNUAL REPORT of the SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

Since our last report we have not been called out on any actual Wreck Service, but we are still trying to keep up to the standard as set by the Authorities, whom we have the honour to serve. Though the actual method of drill has been greatly changed, our members have a good insight into it.

During the year our Brigade entered and won, under the command of Captain G. O. Nickson both the Chronicle Cup and the Wear Shipowners Shields against great Competition.

We are now in possession of the trailer which was presented to the Brigade in memory of our Late President Mr. J. B. Bowman, by his Brother and Sister, it is housed in the Rocket House and we have had it in use on several occasions, and it has proved itself very reliable. Minor improvements have been made to it by our own Members.

We have been fortunate in recruiting a number of young members into the Brigade, but many more would be welcome by the Officers and men any Thursday evening at 7-30.

Owing to the new Service Rocket being of much greater carrying power than the old Boxer Rocket, it has been found necessary on some occasions to lengthen the gear particularly the hawser, and we are pleased to report that as a result of many discussions by members of the Brigade a method was contrived which enabled two lengths of hawser to be joined together quickly and efficiently without knots or splicing. A follower of the Brigade, Mr. S. Clavery offered to make what is now known as a Hawser Joining Sleeve. This was offered to the Ministry of Transport for their approval, it was tested and proved its efficiency beyond reproach. It is now issued to Coastguard stations throughout the country and has proved its value on actual Wreck Service.

We have, through death, lost another faithful and loyal member in the person of John T. Robson, B.E.M., who passed away on the 31st May, 1953. He had served the Brigade for nearly 50 years as Brigadesman and Captain and in later years as House Captain. He was a man who could entertain you, particularly at bad weather watches, his flow of stories especially in the Tyneside dialect, were very humorous.

On Sunday, 24th May, 1953, we were greatly honoured by a visit to our Watch House from the Rt. Hon. C. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition accompanied by the Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, M.P. for South Shields, they inspected the trailer and saw the new Rescue

Rocket machine erected ready for firing. Great interest was shown by them in the Hawser Joining Sleeve, of which a demonstration was given.

The Officers take every opportunity of keeping the work of the Brigade before the Public, and have co-operated with the Local Authority in giving exhibitions of Life Saving on various occasions, notably during Coronation Week.

A very enjoyable evening was held on the occasion of our Coronation Year Dinner held in the Watch House, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase presided. Speeches were made by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. A. E. Gompertz, Mr. H. Ayrey, Town Clerk, and Mr. J. T. Vasey. Com. Kitcat presented the Chronicle Cup Medals to our Cup winning team.

THANKS.

To our Honorary Members and Subscribers we say "Thank you", because without your help we would soon be on the "Rocks".

We express our sincere appreciation to Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, C.B.E., M.I.N.A., our worthy President for his valuable advice and guidance which he so readily gives.

The officers and men of the Brigade take this opportunity to record their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Inspector H.M. Coastguard, N.E. Division, Com. C. A. de W. Kitcat, Mr. P. Thomas, District Officer and the Local Coastguards, Messrs. Harris and Bennett for their advice and help which has enabled us to attain our present efficiency.

We also thank Mr. S. Clavery for the wonderful showcase of 207 knots, splices and bends, which he presented to the Brigade. It has been admired by many.

SOCIAL.

The Social side of the Brigade is well maintained and many happy evenings are spent in the Brigade House. The success of these occasions is due to the hard work and interest of the ladies and friends of the Brigade.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

FOUNDED 1866

President :

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Hon. Treasurer :

J. A. CHARLTON

Hon. Secretary :

DAVID ROBERTSON

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 13th October, 1954, at 19.30 hours, when the ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS will be presented to the members.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1954

The committee has pleasure in presenting the Eighty-Seventh Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

Another year has passed without any calls being made upon its members to answer the Signal Maroons. Lack of shipwrecks, however, has not in any way lessened the keenness and enthusiasm of our members in their determination to attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency so necessary to live up to our proud record in the past and to be worthy of our motto "ALWAYS READY."

COMPETITIONS.

The year 1954 has brought us further successes in proficiency competitions. Congratulations to Captain George O. Nickson and team members whose keen interest and sacrifice of much spare time brought its just reward in winning the Wear Shipowners' Shield for the third time. They were also runners-up in the Chronicle Challenge Cup, a very fine performance by all concerned and a result of which we are justly proud.

HONOURS.

Congratulations to Captain George O. Nickson and Deputy Captain Alfred P. Clavery and Brigadesman J. H. Wray on their meriting the award of H.M. Long Service Medal for twenty years' service with the Brigade.

HAWSER SLEEVE.

The members of the Brigade have always strived to improve the methods of life saving and this year their efforts have met with their just reward. Captain D. E. Tinning, Deputy Captain A. P. Clavery and Hon. Member Sydney Clavery invented a method of joining two hawsers together quickly and efficiently. A hawser joining sleeve was made by the brother Clavery and submitted to the Ministry of Transport for trial. It proved successful and is now issued throughout the country. An award of £3 3s. 0d. was made to each of the three inventors by the Suggestions Committee of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Thanks are due to our Honorary Members and to those Firms mentioned in our statement of accounts who so generously subscribe to our needs, particularly to the Tyne Life Boat Society for their generous donation of fifty guineas, and to our worthy President, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, for his donation of £20, and to Messrs. Tinning, Clavery and Clavery for donating their three guineas award money to the Brigade funds—a most generous gesture which typifies the team spirit and Brigade-mindedness so prevalent in our members.

APPRECIATION.

The thanks of the Brigade are given to our officials, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, Mr. J. A. Charlton and Mr. D. Robertson, for the interest and guidance in Brigade affairs so often shown and without which we would find it difficult to carry on in such an efficient manner. Thanks again to the members of H.M. Coastguard and their officials for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

Thanks also to Brigadesman J. Askew for the many fine photographs he has taken, and which now adorn the walls of our Watch House. To Honorary Secretary Mr. D. Robertson for the amount of care and spare time which he has spent in making a film of the Brigade work. To Hon. Member Mr. S. Clavery for the wonderful assortment of knots, bends and splices which he made and presented to the Brigade. To Mr. L. F. Lindgren for the beautiful showcase which he made to accommodate the knots which are now prominently displayed and earn the admiration of all who see them.

THE OFFICERS TO MEN.

The officers of the Brigade extend their thanks and appreciation to those members who have proved their loyalty by attending the numerous drill periods and lecture sessions throughout the year. It is gratifying to know that the members are supporting their officers and this has been proved by the excellent attendance of the men.

WATCH HOUSE.

Thanks are also due to all those members who sacrificed their spare time during the summer in order to assist in painting the entire exterior of the Watch House. It was a formidable task to commence but sheer determination to finish the job on the part of the members proved it could be done.

VISITS.

Captain G. O. Nickson and Brigadesman D. Sweeney welcomed the Deputy Chief Inspector of H.M. Coastguards to the Watch House on the occasion of his inspection of the North East Division. He was shown a working model of the new shuttle service rescue, which the Brigade is perfecting prior to submitting to the Ministry of Transport. He expressed his agreeable surprise at the appearance of the Watch House and its contents, and showed great interest in the model of the apparatus. He suggested sending photographs and particulars of it to the Ministry of Transport.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Brigade's Annual Dinner was held in the Watch House on Saturday, 3rd April, 1954, and was well attended by members of kindred Brigades and Companies. Once again we were honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor and other notable townsmen, as well as Brigade officials.

SOCIAL.

The social activities of the Brigade have been well catered for by an energetic committee whose members never lose an opportunity of enhancing the good fellowship of the Brigade and its friends. Congratulations are due to the Social Committee for their untiring efforts, proof of their success lies in the fact that despite heavy expenses due to the many social activities throughout the year they continue to be self-supporting. Special thanks are recorded to the Ladies of the Brigade for their keen interest and unstinted support and hardworking efforts without which this success could not have been possible.

IN MEMORIUM.

The J. B. Bowman memorial plaque was unveiled on Saturday, 3rd April, in the presence of his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, of Morpeth. The plaque is in a prominent position in the Watch House and will be an incentive to all who see it to try and follow Mr. Bowman's example of long, unselfish and faithful service.

FINALLY.

In presenting this report we are pleased to record that due to rigorous economy combined with the voluntary efforts of our members in giving freely of their labour and skill in the maintenance of the Brigade's property, we have again succeeded in being self-supporting for another year without the necessity of sending out a special appeal for funds, particularly when there are so many heavy appeals for charity. The Brigade remains efficient to answer any calls, and is healthy, vigorous and watchful for those in peril on the sea.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

FOUNDED 1866

President :

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Hon. Treasurer :

J. A. CHARLTON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary :

DAVID C. ROBERTSON, Esq.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 9th November, 1955, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Appointment of scrutineers.
6. Election of Committee members.
7. Social Report.
8. Nominations for Social Committee.
9. Election of Social Committee.
10. Any other Business.
11. Vote of thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1955

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the Eighty-eighth Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

Another year has passed without any calls being made upon its members to answer the Signal Maroons, but this has not in any way lessened the keenness and enthusiasm of our members in their determination to attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency so necessary to live up to our proud record in the past and to be worthy of our town's motto "ALWAYS READY."

COMPETITIONS.

The year 1955 has brought us further successes in proficiency competitions. Congratulations to Captain George O. Nickson and team members whose keen interest and sacrifice of much spare time brought its just reward in winning the Wearside Shipowners' Shield for the fourth time. They were once again runners-up in the Chronicle Challenge Cup, a very fine performance by all concerned and a result of which we are justly proud.

HONOURS.

Congratulations to Brigadesmen J. W. Burchell and J. E. Ferrier on their meriting the award of H.M. Long Service Medal for twenty years' service with the Brigade. Also to junior members G. L. Nickson and C. Wilson on attaining the award of the Queen's Scout Badge and Certificate.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Thanks are due to our Honorary Members and to those friends and firms mentioned in our statement of accounts who so generously subscribe to our needs.

APPRECIATION.

The thanks of the Brigade are given to our officials, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, Mr. J. A. Charlton and Mr. D. Robertson for the interest and guidance in Brigade affairs so often shown and without which we would find it difficult to carry on in such an efficient manner. Thanks again also to the members of H. M. Coastguard and their officials for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

A most pleasing gift has been received from Miss M. Crease, in the form of an inscribed brass Inkstand and Candlesticks, which were presented to her late father Dr. Robertson Crease by the S.S.V.L.B. in the year 1872 in appreciation of his services to the Brigade.

THE OFFICERS TO MEN.

The officers of the Brigade extend their thanks and appreciation to those members who have proved their loyalty by attending the numerous drill periods and lecture sessions throughout the year. It is gratifying to know that the members are supporting their officers and this has been proved by the excellent attendance of the men at drill, resulting in successful results in the annual competitions.

WATCH HOUSE.

Improvements have been made by replacing the old-type coke stoves by modern economical oil heaters.

VISITS.

At the request of Cmdr. Kiteat, Inspector H.M. Coastguard N.E. Division, a full scale demonstration drill was given by a Brigade team on the occasion of the visit to South Shields of Cmdr. Thomas, Inspector H.M. Coastguard Northern Ireland.

The Brigade House has also been frequently visited by interested persons who invariably express pleasure and surprise in its historic furnishings. All interested in the Brigade's work of Life Saving are given a hearty welcome, together with their friends.

SOUTH SHIELDS FLOWER SHOW 1955.

At the request of the Flower Show Committee, the Brigade gave a public display of the Life Saving Apparatus, which was well set out.

The public showed great interest in what they saw and a constant flow of questions were ably answered by uniformed members who were always in attendance. The outstanding success of our effort was entirely due to those Brigade members who voluntarily attended throughout the three days of the show.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Brigade's Annual Dinner was held in the Watch House on Saturday, February 12th, 1955, and was well attended by members of kindred Brigades and Companies. Once again we were honoured by the presence of notable Townsmen and Civic Authorities as well as Brigade officials.

At the Dinner, Comdr. Kitcat presented H.M. Long Service Medals to Captain G. O. Nickson and Brigadesmen A. P. Clavery and J. H. Wray.

SOCIAL.

The social activities of the Brigade have been well catered for by an energetic committee whose members never lose an opportunity of enhancing the good fellowship of the Brigade and its friends. Congratulations are due to the Social Committee for their untiring efforts for the Brigade; proof of their success lies in the fact that despite heavy expenses due to the many social activities and improvement of the Brigade's amenities, throughout the year they continue to be self-supporting. They have indeed proved to be a great asset to the Brigade and in this connection special thanks are also recorded to the Ladies of the Brigade for their keen interest, unstinted support, and hardworking efforts, without which this success could not have been possible.

IN MEMORIUM.

The Brigade mourns the passing of Dr. C. Marks, Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade for many years; Mr. J. Carruthers, an old and ardent member who had served with the Brigade at many shipwrecks; Mrs. I. L. Hogg, who presented the Brigade with a much needed modern trailer in memory of her brother Mr. J. B. Bowman, a past Honorary Secretary and President; Mrs. T. N. Alexander, an Honorary Member, who whole-heartedly supported and subscribed to the Brigade funds for many years.

The passing of these good people whose names are immortally inscribed on the annals of the Brigade leaves a void which will be hard to fill.

FINALLY.

In presenting this report we are proud to once again record that due to our continued rigorous economy combined with the voluntary efforts of our members in giving freely of their labour and skill in the maintenance of the Brigade's property, we have again succeeded in being self-supporting for another year without the necessity of sending out a special appeal for funds, to friends who are always generous in time of need particularly in these days when there are so many heavy appeals for Charity.

The S.S.V.L.B. remains efficient to answer any calls. It is healthy, vigorous, watchful and "Always Ready" to come to the aid of those in peril on the sea.

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

RECEIPTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Interest Received :—							
Investments		40	13	8			
Donations :—							
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase	10	10	0				
A. P. Clavery, Esq.	3	3	0				
S. G. Clavery, Esq.	3	3	0				
D. E. Tinning, Esq.	3	3	0				
Smiths Ltd.	3	3	0				
Mrs. T. N. Alexander	2	2	0				
8th H. G. Batt. R.C.	1	1	0				
Mrs. D. Forrest	4	3	0				
T. B. Humphrey, Esq.	1	0	0				
D. Atkinson, Esq.	0	10	0				
J. T. Vasey, Esq.	3	3	0				
Collecting Box	3	1	0				
				38	2	0	
Grants :—							
Ministry of Transport	25	0	0				
do. —1952/53	25	0	0				
Tyne Lifeboat Society	52	10	0				
				102	10	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...					£181	5	8
Balances at 30th June 1954 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	97	10	5				
Cash in Hand	20	0	7				
				117	11	0	
					£298	16	8
PAYMENTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises :—							
Caretaker—Wages	52	0	0				
T.I.C.—Rentals	0	18	11				
Gas and Electric	14	15	0				
Coal and Coke	5	1	8				
				72	15	7	
General Expenses :—							
Printing and Stationery	4	5	0				
Postages	2	13	5				
Telephone	9	18	0				
Insurances	9	4	0				
Bank Charges	2	2	0				
Audit Fee	4	4	0				
				32	6	5	
Miscellaneous :—							
Uniforms	11	11	0				
Heaters	16	13	0				
				28	4	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS ...					£133	6	0
Balances at 30th June 1955 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	162	18	6				
Cash in Hand	2	12	2				
				165	10	8	
					£298	16	8

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books. The attached Schedule of Investments has also been verified.

JOHN A. CHARLTON, Hon. Treasurer.

Signed—THOS. VASEY, Chartered Accountant.
19th July 1955.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

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Hon. Treasurer :

J. A. CHARLTON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary :

DAVID C. ROBERTSON, Esq.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 14th November, 1956, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Appointment of scrutineers.
6. Election of Committee members.
7. Social Report.
8. Nominations for Social Committee.
9. Election of Social Committee.
10. Any other Business.
11. Vote of thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1956

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the Eighty-ninth Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

Another year has passed without any calls being made upon its members to answer the Signal Maroons, but this has not in any way lessened the keenness and enthusiasm of our members in their determination to attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency so necessary to live up to our proud record in the past and to be worthy of our town's motto "ALWAYS READY."

COMPETITIONS.

The year 1956 resulted in great disappointment, due to the abandonment of the Chronicle Cup Competition, owing to constant bad weather preventing numerous teams from competing.

The Wearside Shipowners Shield also suffered through inclement weather (only two teams entered), the winners being Tyne-mouth Volunteer Life Brigade, with South Shields runners-up.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Thanks are due to our Honorary Members and to those friends and firms mentioned in our statement of accounts who so generously subscribe to our needs.

APPRECIATION.

The thanks of the Brigade are given to our officials, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, Mr. J. A. Charlton and Mr. D. Robertson for the interest and guidance in Brigade affairs so often shown and without which we would find it difficult to carry on in such an efficient manner. Thanks again also to the members of H.M. Coastguard and their officials for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

THE OFFICERS TO MEN.

The officers of the Brigade extend their thanks and appreciation to those members who have proved their loyalty by attending the numerous drill periods and lecture sessions throughout the year. It is gratifying to know that the members are supporting their officers and this has been proved by the excellent attendance of the men at drill, resulting in successful results in the annual competitions.

WATCH HOUSE.

The windows of the look-out tower were found to be in a dangerous condition due to deterioration. Their renewal has now been completed, involving us in further expense.

ANNUAL DINNER.

It was unanimously decided to forego the dinner in 1956 in view of the depleted funds of the Social Group.

SOCIAL.

The social activities of the Brigade have been well catered for by an energetic committee whose members never lose an opportunity of enhancing the good fellowship of the Brigade and its friends. Congratulations are due to the Social Committee for their untiring efforts for the Brigade; proof of their success lies in the fact that despite heavy expenses due to the many social activities and improvement of the Brigade's amenities, throughout the year they continue to be self-supporting. They have indeed proved to be a great asset to the Brigade and in this connection special thanks are also recorded to the Ladies of the Brigade for their keen interest, unstinted support, and hardworking efforts, without which this success could not have been possible.

The Annual Christmas Party for the Children was held on Boxing Day, and was a great success.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Officers and Men of the Brigade mourn the passing of one of its youngest yet keenest members, Colin Wilson.

All members wish to record their deepest sympathy to the members of his family in their tragic loss.

FINALLY.

In presenting this report we are proud to once again record that due to our continued rigorous economy combined with the voluntary efforts of our members in giving freely of their labour and skill in the maintenance of the Brigade's property, we have again succeeded in being self-supporting for another year without the necessity of sending out a special appeal for funds, to friends who are always generous in time of need particularly in these days when there are so many heavy appeals for Charity.

The S.S.V.L.B. remains efficient to answer any calls. It is healthy, vigorous, watchful and "Always Ready" to come to the aid of those in peril on the sea.

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956

RECEIPTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Interest Received :—							
Investments		42	13	8			
Donations :—							
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase		10	10	0			
S.S. Bowling Association		5	10	0			
Mayoress's Charities		5	0	0			
Smiths Ltd.		3	3	0			
J. T. Vasey, Esq.		3	3	0			
Old 8th S.S. Rifle Club		2	2	0			
W. R. Stephenson, Esq.		0	10	0			
Collecting Box		1	3	6			
				31	1	6	
Flower Show		8	10	0			
Grants :—							
Ministry of Transport		40	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society		52	10	0			
				92	10	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...		174	15	2			
Balances at 30th June 1955 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	162	18	6				
Cash in Hand	2	12	2				
				165	10	8	
				£340	5	10	
PAYMENTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises :—							
Caretaker—Wages	53	0	0				
T.I.C.—Rentals	0	18	11				
Gas and Electric	16	18	11				
Electric bulbs and Paraffin ...	3	16	0				
Cleaning Materials	2	10	0				
				77	3	10	
General Expenses :—							
Printing and Stationery	6	17	9				
Postages	1	13	6				
Telephone	10	11	7				
Insurances	12	1	6				
Bank Charges	2	2	0				
Audit Fee	4	4	0				
Sundry Expenses	5	10	0				
				43	0	4	
Miscellaneous :—							
Uniforms	25	2	3				
Competition Expenses	5	5	0				
				30	7	3	
TOTAL PAYMENTS ...		150	11	5			
Balances at 30th June 1956 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	187	13	0				
Cash in Hand	2	1	5				
				189	14	5	
				£340	5	10	

JOHN A. CHARLTON, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

67 King Street, South Shields.

Signed—THOS. VASEY, Chartered Accountant.
12th July, 1956.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

FOUNDED 1866

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Hon. Treasurer :

J. T. PEACOCK, Esq.

Hon. Secretary :

DAVID C. ROBERTSON, Esq.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 4th December, 1957, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Appointment of scrutineers.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committee members.
8. Social Report.
9. Nominations for Social Committee.
10. Election of Social Committee.
11. Any other Business.
12. Vote of thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1957

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 90th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

Another year has passed without any calls being made upon its members to answer the Signal Maroons, but this has not in any way lessened the keenness and enthusiasm of our members in their determination to attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency so necessary to live up to our proud record in the past and to be worthy of our town's motto "ALWAYS READY."

COMPETITIONS

The year 1957 has brought us further success in proficiency competitions. Congratulations to Captain George O. Nickson and team members whose keen interest and sacrifice of much spare time brought its just reward in winning the Wearside Shipowners' Shield for the fifth time.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks are due to our Honorary Members and to those friends and firms mentioned in our statement of accounts who so generously subscribe to our needs, and particularly the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their generous donation of £52 10s. 0d.

APPRECIATION

Thanks of the Brigade are given to our officials, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, Mr. J. T. Peacock, our new Treasurer, and Mr. D. Robertson for the interest and guidance in Brigade affairs so often shown and without which we would find it difficult to carry on in such an efficient manner. Thanks again also to the members of H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

MR. J. A. CHARLTON

Our sincere and grateful thanks to Mr. J. A. Charlton for carrying out the arduous duties as Brigade Treasurer for the past four years. He will be remembered by all members for his pleasant manner, patience and guidance in the affairs of the Brigade. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

THE OFFICERS TO MEN

The officers of the Brigade extend their thanks and appreciation to those members who have proved their loyalty by attending the numerous drill periods and lecture sessions throughout the year.

It is gratifying to know that the members are supporting their officers and this has been proved by the excellent attendance of the men at drill, resulting in successful results in the annual competitions.

SOCIAL

The Social activities of the Brigade have been somewhat quieter this year, but the committee members never lose an opportunity of enhancing the good fellowship of the Brigade and its friends.

Congratulations are due to the Social Committee for their untiring efforts for the Brigade: proof of their success lies in the fact that despite heavy expenses throughout the year they continue to be self-supporting. They have indeed proved to be a great asset to the Brigade and in this connection special thanks are also recorded to the Ladies for their keen interest, unstinted support, and hardworking efforts, without which our work would be more difficult.

The Committee wish to record their appreciation to all supporters of the Brigade's Christmas Draw, without whose help such a success could not have been accomplished.

IN MEMORIAM

The Brigade mourns the passing of two ardent supporters—J. J. Grant, Esq., and J. T. Vasey, Esq.—the passing of these good people whose names are immortally inscribed in the annals of the Brigade, leaves a void which will be hard to fill.

FINALLY

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South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1957

RECEIPTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Interest Received :—							
Investments		45	13	8			
Donations :—							
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase	10	10	0				
Mayoress's Charities	10	0	0				
Smiths Ltd.	3	3	0				
Old 8th S.S. Rifle Club	2	2	0				
				25	15	0	
Grants :—							
Ministry of Transport	40	0	0				
Tyne Lifeboat Society	52	10	0				
				92	10	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...				163	18	8	
Balances at 30th June 1956 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	187	13	0				
Cash in Hand	2	1	5				
				189	14	5	
				£353	13	1	
PAYMENTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises :—							
Caretaker—Wages	52	0	0				
T.I.C.—Rentals	0	18	11				
Gas and Electric	3	15	7				
Paraffin	2	0	0				
				58	14	6	
General Expenses :—							
Printing and Stationery	4	5	0				
Postages	1	18	5				
Telephone	11	17	11				
Insurances	9	4	0				
Bank Charges	1	1	0				
Audit Fee	4	4	0				
Sundry Expenses	8	12	6				
				41	2	10	
Miscellaneous :—							
Uniforms	5	5	0				
Alterations to Windows in							
Look-Out Tower	59	4	5				
				64	9	5	
TOTAL PAYMENTS ...				164	6	9	
Balances at 30th June, 1957 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c.	189	3	4				
Cash in Hand	0	3	0				
				189	6	4	
				£353	13	1	

We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books. The attached Schedule of Investments has also been verified.

3 Saville Street, South Shields.
7th August, 1957.

GRIMES, THUBRON & VASEY,
Accountants.

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SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

FOUNDED 1866

President :

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Hon. Treasurer :

K. J. PEACOCK, Esq.

Hon. Secretary :

DAVID C. ROBERTSON, Esq.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 12th November, 1958, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Appointment of scrutineers.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committee members.
8. Social Report.
9. Nominations for Social Committee.
10. Election of Social Committee.
11. Any other Business.
12. Vote of thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1958

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 91st Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

Another year has passed without any calls being made upon its members to answer the Signal Maroons, but this has not in any way lessened the keenness and enthusiasm of our members in their determination to attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency so necessary to live up to our proud record in the past and to be worthy of our town's motto "ALWAYS READY."

COMPETITIONS

The year 1958 has brought us further success in proficiency competitions. Congratulations to Captain George O. Nickson and team members whose keen interest and sacrifice of much spare time brought its just reward in winning the Chronicle Cup for the eighth time and being runners up in the Wear Shipowners Shield competition.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks are due to our Honorary Members and to those friends and firms mentioned in our statement of accounts who so generously subscribe to our needs, and particularly the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their generous donation of £52 10s. 0d.

APPRECIATION

Thanks of the Brigade are given to our officials, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, Mr. K. J. Peacock, our Treasurer, and Mr. D. Robertson for the interest and guidance in Brigade affairs so often shown and without which we would find it difficult to carry on in such an efficient manner. Thanks again also to the members of H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

KNOT SHOWCASES

Mr. Sydney Clavery has presented the Brigade with another case of Knots-Bends and Splices; this along with his first case makes an exhibition second to none. We record our appreciation of his generous gift but his real reward is in the fact that hundreds of people have admired them and that they form one of the "show pieces" of our Watch House.

THE OFFICERS TO MEN

The officers of the Brigade extend their thanks and appreciation to those members who have proved their loyalty by attending the numerous drill periods and lecture sessions throughout the year.

It is gratifying to know that the members are supporting their officers and this has been proved by the excellent attendance of the men at drill, resulting in successful results in the annual competitions.

SOCIAL

The Social activities of the Brigade have been somewhat quieter this year, but the committee members never lose an opportunity of enhancing the good fellowship of the Brigade and its friends.

Our First Annual Dance held in the Hedworth Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, 30th October, 1957, was a grand success both financially and socially. We record our thanks to all who assisted us in any way and especially Brigadesman J. Askew for carrying out the duties of M.C. so efficiently and organising the Dance in general.

Congratulations are due to the Social Committee for their untiring efforts for the Brigade; proof of their success lies in the fact that despite heavy expenses throughout the year they continue to be self-supporting. They have indeed proved to be a great asset to the Brigade and in this connection special thanks are also recorded to the Ladies for their keen interest, unstinted support, and hardworking efforts, without which our work would be more difficult.

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South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

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RECEIPTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Interest Received		46	3	8			
Donations :—							
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase	10	10	0				
Mayoress's Charities.....	10	10	0				
The Whalton Shipping Co. Ltd.	10	0	0				
Smiths Ltd.	3	3	0				
Old 8th S.S. Rifle Club	1	1	0				
W. R. Stephenson, Esq.	0	10	6				
Collecting Box	0	3	6				
				35	18	0	
Grants :—							
Ministry of Transport	40	0	0				
Tyne Lifeboat Society	52	10	0				
				92	10	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				174	11	8	
Balances at 30th June 1957 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c	189	3	4				
Cash in Hand	0	3	0				
				189	6	4	
				£363	18	0	
PAYMENTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises :—							
Caretaker—Wages & Insurance	52	14	2				
T.I.C.—Rentals	0	18	11				
Gas and Electric	1	15	1				
Paraffin	2	0	0				
Electric Bulbs	1	4	0				
Cleaning Materials	3	0	0				
					61	12	2
General Expenses :—							
Printing and Stationery	4	5	0				
Postages	1	11	1				
Telephone	13	19	9				
Insurances	9	4	0				
Bank Charges	1	1	0				
Audit Fee	4	4	0				
Sundry Expenses	7	10	6				
					41	15	4
Miscellaneous :—							
Competition Expenses					9	13	8
TOTAL PAYMENTS ...					113	1	2
Balances at 30th June 1958 :—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c	250	4	11				
Cash in Hand	0	11	11				
					250	16	10
					£363	18	0

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3 Saville Street, South Shields.
14th August, 1958.

GRIMES, THUBRON & VASEY,
Chartered Accountants.

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A G E N D A

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2. Business arising out of Minutes.
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Our Second Annual Dance held in the Hedworth Assembly Rooms on **Wednesday, 21st October, 1958**, was a grand success both financially and socially. We record our thanks to all who assisted us in any way and especially Brigadesman J. Askew for carrying out the duties of M.C. so efficiently and organising the Dance in general.

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*A lost ship can be replaced but a life lost has gone
for ever.*

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest Received ...	...				46	3	8	Cost of Premises—							
Donations—								Caretaker—Wages and Insurance ...	55	13	8				
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase ...	...	10	10	0				T.I.C.—Rentals ...		18	11				
Mayoress's Charities ...	...	10	0	0				Gas and Electric ...	4	4	11				
The Whalton Shipping Co. Ltd. ...	...	10	0	0				Paraffin ...	1	10	0				
Trinity House ...	...	5	0	0				Cleaning Materials ...	1	10	0				
Smiths Ltd. ...	...	3	3	0									63	17	6
Capt. K. Castling ...	...	2	2	0				General Expenses—							
Old 8th S.S. Rifle Club ...	...	2	2	0				Printing and Stationery ...	6	5	0				
Forests (Caterers) Ltd. ...	...	1	1	0				Postages ...	2	6	7				
Capt. Blackadder ...	...	1	0	0				Telephone ...	15	0	1				
Anonymous ...	...	1	0	0				Insurances ...	9	4	0				
Collecting Box ...	...	10	0					Bank Charges ...	2	2	0				
					46	8	0	Audit Fee ...	4	4	0				
Grants—								Sundry Expenses ...	4	0	0				
Ministry of Transport ...	...	40	0	0									43	1	8
Tyne Lifeboat Society ...	...	52	10	0				Miscellaneous—							
					92	10	0	Uniforms ...					22	4	7
Total Receipts ...					185	1	8								
Balances at 30th June, 1958—								Total Payments ...					129	3	9
Cash at Bank—Current Account ...	250	4	11					Balances at 30th June, 1959—							
Cash in Hand ...	11	11						Cash at Bank—Current Account ...	306	9	5				
					250	16	10	Cash in Hand ...	5	4					
													306	14	9
					£435	18	6						£435	18	6

We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books. The attached Schedule of Investments has also been verified.

3, Saville Street,
South Shields.
4th November, 1959.

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Chartered Accountants.