

Red Cross Appeal Fund

DONATIONS in the Appeal Fund of the Kincardineshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, including £664 1/7 to the Russian Aid Fund, now total £35,472 16/8.

GENERAL FUND

Previously acknowledged ..	£22,780 11 7
Banchory and District War Charities Fund—	
Miss Johnston, Banchory School—Proceeds of Concert ..	1 0 0
Mr Herdman—Garden Produce ..	3 0 0
Miss Maude Fraser, Blackhall—Sale of Daffodils ..	2 5 6
Dance at Fettercairn on 21st July, per Mrs Barr ..	13 10 0
50 Per Cent. Laurencekirk Penny-a-Week Fund for four weeks ended 24th June ..	11 8 10
Dance in Public Hall, Drumlinnie, per Mr George Anderson ..	1 13 0
Banchory Girl Guides and Friends Skippers and Crews, per A. J. Rankin ..	1 15 6
Mr and Mrs J. Brown, 73 Dunnotar Avenue, Stonehaven ..	1 0 0
50 Per Cent. North Kincardineshire Penny-a-Week Fund for June ..	9 14 5

£22,875 18 10

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

Previously acknowledged ..	£11,818 15 11
Banchory and District War Charities Fund—	
Glasseal Dance, per Miss Murray ..	5 0 0
Mrs Lindsay, 17 Westfield Road, Stonehaven ..	2 0 0
Mr Edward Milton, sen., The Bakery, Newtonhill (monthly contribution) ..	2 0 0
Mr and Mrs W. B. Aitkenhead, Kirkart Cottages, Stonehaven, and Friends (weekly contribution) ..	0 10 0
Miss Anne M. Edwards, 17 Carron Terrace, Stonehaven ..	3 0 0
Crathes and District Tennis Club—Proceeds of Tennis Tournament and Barn Dance, per Mr D. Abernethy ..	59 12 11
Laurencekirk War Comforts Fund (monthly contribution) ..	22 0 0
Mrs Mackenzie, Rosefield, St Cyrus (monthly contribution) ..	2 2 0
Prisoners of War Depots—	
Filda Caird, Bridge of Cowie, Stonehaven—Ship Halfpennies ..	0 5 0
Mrs J. H. Stephen, 43 Castle Street, Johnshaven ..	1 0 0
Sandy Mair, 90 High Street, Stonehaven—Ship Halfpennies ..	0 5 0
Mrs D. Forbes, Arch Cottage, Fettercairn ..	1 0 0
Mr and Mrs J. Brown, 73 Dunnotar Avenue, Stonehaven ..	1 0 0

Miss Mary Mitchell, 6 Ann Street, Stonehaven ..	1 0 0
Mrs Edgc. 92 High Street, Stonehaven ..	0 7 6
Joseph Kemio, 5 Old Pier, Stonehaven—Ship Halfpennies ..	0 4 0
"A Visitor" ..	0 5 0
Collected by Food Parcel Sheets ..	0 10 0
Sales of Gifts ..	8 11 0
Collection Box ..	1 13 5

£11,932 16 3

All contributions to the Prisoners of War Fund go to provide food parcels for prisoners of war.

NEED FOR CRIPPLES TRAINING COLLEGE

THE third annual meeting of the Cripples Welfare Association for the North-East Scottish Region was held in Aberdeen Town Hall.

In moving adoption of the executive committee's report, Mr F. K. Smith, surgeon, said that a great deal had been recently done regarding our war cripples, and that much benefit would accrue if we could have the same organisation for our civic cripples.

Describing the objects of the organisation, Mr Smith said they must do everything possible to make the life of the cripple pleasant and useful to the community, to make cripples understand that they are really required in this world and that there is a definite and necessary job for them to do.

Miss Jean Alexander, secretary of the Scottish Orthopaedic Council, spoke of the advantages to be gained from the Disabled Persons Unemployment and of the need for a training college for cripples being established in Scotland.

Sir Thomas Mitchell, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, presided, and votes of thanks were proposed by Dr Mary Esslemont.

N.E. OBSERVERS WENT TO SEA

Helped In Normandy Invasion

MORE than eight hundred members of the Royal Observer Corps voluntarily joined Allied merchant ships during the invasion of Normandy, and their training saved our aircraft from being engaged by ships' guns.

Twelve men from the North-East answered the call—some youths of eighteen and some veterans of the last war, but none of whom had served at sea before.

After a short extensive course in the south they were signed on by the Royal Navy with the rank of petty officer. They watched in pairs, and were mostly on continuous duty for the whole time they were away.

Amazingly few German planes were encountered on the operations. As one of them remarked, "There were so many of our own, there was no room for Jerries."

Leading Observer J. Forbes, of Kintore, formerly a green-keeper, set sail on a British ship the night before "D"-Day, and was returning from his fifth trip when the ship was struck and the crew took to lifeboats and were picked up by a destroyer.

Observers R. E. McConachie, of Tarland, and W. Aitkenhead, of 83 Morningside Avenue, Aberdeen, were for two trips together on an American Liberty ship. On their second trip they encountered six Nazi planes and the ship was raked by cannon fire by one of them, and men standing near Aitkenhead were wounded. They were also attacked by E-boats early in the morning after "D"-Day, and later a bomb hit the ship and it had to put in for repair. Aitkenhead, who is waiting call-up for the R.A.F., was for two and a half years in the 151st Squadron of the A.T.C. McConachie, who at eighteen is one of the youngest R.O.C. seaborne observers, helps on his father's farm.

Leading Observer D. Kidd, of Fyvie, for twenty years a poultry

farmer, made four journeys on an American ship carrying nurses and medical equipment. He gave a teeth-watering account of Independence Day on board, when the menu included turkey, plum pudding, ice-cream, peaches, and iced cakes!

Observer A. Deans, of Bucksburn, and Chief Observer H. Cooper, of St. Fergus, went across the Channel six times in a British ship, and were sorry to come away, Cooper remarking: "It was a darned good holiday!"

Observer Officer J. L. Brackenridge, of Green Acres, Milltimber, went south as instructor for the intensive course, and later volunteered for seaborne duty and made two trips. On his first trip he saw several "doodlebugs" shot into the sea and more on the second trip.

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