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"Masonic Brothers" Organization of Accounts
of Social Gatherings — Indents for Hospital
and Medical Comforts & Surgical Stores

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Headquarters,
N. Z. Division,
3rd Aus. Division,
4th Aus. Division,
Camp Commandant,
C.O.C., R.A.,
C.O.C., 2nd ANZAC Corps Htd. Troops.

The attached correspondence is forwarded for
your information and retention.

The Corps Commander would like as many Officers
and men to become acquainted with the project as possible.

Alfred Delavoy

Headquarters.
28.7.1917.

Brigadier-General,
D.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd ANZAC Corps.



*Promulgate to
all units.
SMY 89
3/7/17.*

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9/8/19*

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3 Central Buildings
WESTMINSTER S.W. 1.

20th July, 1917.

Dear General,

I am enclosing you copies of a letter which I am sending to the Press this week. I think that practically every paper in the Kingdom will publish it.

I know that we see alike in attaching great importance to the need of taking some action on the lines suggested in the letter, and I am going to ask you to do everything you can to help give it a good start off.

As far as I can tell this should act as a check to extremists, socialists, syndicalists, etc., etc., in their effort to try and capture the discharged soldier. There are some 230 odd organisations working with this deplorable end in view, and I think it is up to everyone of us to see that we make a sustained effort to fight this pernicious propaganda, and that we keep and work together for the good of the country. Unless we do this, as things are now going, we shall achieve no advantage out of this war, but find ourselves at its finish face to face with discontent and revolution.

I have the unofficial blessing of many of the "Powers that be," and what I now desire is to get a meeting both here, and if possible in France, with a view of settling the modus operandi, and then possibly asking the approval of the Army Council.

It has been suggested that it was essential in the first instance for some independent move to be made and that no time should be lost, hence my action in issuing the above.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

sgd...J. NORTON-GRIFFITHS

Lt. Gen. Sir Alexander Godley,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
G.O.C. Anzac, 2nd Army, France.

*Jades
alph
also V.P.A. amw.*

There is a wish felt by many of all ranks who have served or are serving together in our great Army in this War that we shall continue to keep in touch with one another after it has been fought to a finish.

Between those of us who have spent long months and even years in the trenches, patiently waiting for the guns and shells which would place us on terms of equality with the enemy, there have grown up steady ties of affection and comradeship. Silently a general determination has developed that those who have endured much together should keep together to the end, always remembering those who have fallen by the way, and a resolve has been made that we should cement that spirit of comradeship for our mutual advantage and protection in the future.

Prompted by the highest motives, many thousands of soldiers desire this.

By many it is thought that the best way of attaining this end would be to create throughout the land a similar organisation to the Old Comrades Association, one of the many bright spots of that little valiant Army of the past. Examination shows however that while we might with advantage follow its excellent example and ideals, yet to deal with an Army of millions, the machinery would require enlarging.

Briefly, the idea is to establish a Soldiers Association throughout the country and the Dominions. The motto might well be "United We Stand", and I remember a worthy N.C.O. suggesting to me when discussing the idea before the Battle of Loos, why not call it "Veterans of

the Grand Army". No better name could, I think, be suggested.

Amongst the many objects of such an Association would be the following:-

1. To watch and safeguard the interest of all members of the Forces, and to take such steps as are necessary to protect them during and after demobilization.
2. To promote undertakings for the disabled, using our individual and combined efforts to find employment for all discharged soldiers and sailors.
3. To help discharged soldiers and sailors to prepare their necessary papers and to see that their pensions and allowances are in order.
4. To secure the welfare of the women and children left by those who have fallen.
5. To perpetuate in loving memory and affection the dead.
6. To promote amongst the rising generation the grand spirit of patriotism and devotion that is the characteristic of the Army of to-day.

To achieve these objects, it would be necessary to have borough and county organisations throughout the country with a grand central council.

Parliament would be requested to grant a recognised uniform for authorised parades only, which parades could be held at intervals during the year or on a stated Bank Holiday.

Membership would be free with service as qualification.

Women should be admitted to the Association to represent their husbands during their absence on service.

For the past two years these questions have been discussed in various forms and the very definite desire is evident that when we drift back to civil life, whatever our vocations may be, we may still hold together as a living corporate body. It should be noted that the welfare of every trade or profession is safeguarded by some such organisation as is hereby suggested.

There are a large number who desire to contribute annually toward the general funds to be used for this organisation, and for extending help when necessary.

Officers, N.C.O's and men who are interested are requested to communicate their views to the Hon. Secretary, V.G.A. Association, 3, Central Buildings, Westminster, S.W. 1.

Those who have been connected with County or Regimental Associations in the past are particularly requested to communicate at once with the undersigned so that at the earliest date possible a meeting of county representatives may be arranged to prepare and approve of the first bye-laws.

Yours &c.,

J. NORTON-GRIFFITHS.

3 Central Buildings,
Westminster,
LONDON S.W. 1.

ADMS Section



D.M.S., First Army.
" , Second " .
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S.M.O., G.H.Q. Troops.

D.G. 52/1.



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It is notified for your information that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to request that arrangements be made for hospitals in France to submit indents for hospital comforts and medical and surgical stores direct to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Priary Court, St. James's Palace, S.W.1, and in compliance with Her Majesty's wishes, it has been decided as regards the application in this respect of Army Council Instruction No. 940 of 1918 to make an exception in favour of the Guild.

Will you therefore communicate to all concerned that indents may be submitted direct to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild at the above address for the articles shown on the list on the reverse.

It is pointed out that articles which are a Government supply, such as rubber gloves, splints, bandages, etc., should only be asked for from the Guild when these cannot be obtained through the usual official channels, and the circumstances necessitating the demand should be submitted by the indenting officer to you.

21/8/18.

[Signature] M. B. H. Ritchie, Major,
for Director General Medical Services,
British Armies in France.

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Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

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do.	Chest	
do.	Shoulder	
do.	Stump	
do.	hip	
do.	Knee & Elbow	
do.	head	
do.	Jaw	
do.	"T"	
do.	Triangular	

SWABS. Flat Gauze

do. Turkish Towelling.
do. Round
do. Fringed

DRESSINGS.

do. Shell
do. Sphagnum moss
do. Oakum Pads
Abdominal Sponges

FLUOR. Gauze

do. Cyanide
do. Alesbroth
Drains

SPLINTS. Oline

do. McIntyre
do. Excised Elbow
do. Jointed Arm
do. Leg and Foot
do. Metal
do. Jaw with Cap
do. Straight
do. Liston
do. Elbow
do. Wrist and Hand
do. Extending
do. Vulcanite
(for Collis' Fracture)
do. Glove with Pulley

MacKenzie Belts

Drop Foot Boots
Drop Wrist Supports
Gauze Collars
Pneumonia Jackets
Slings. Arm & Leg
Baths. Arm & Leg
Arm Cradles
binders
Bed Cradles
do. Rests
do. Tables & Trays
Leg Rests
Crutches & Sticks
Limb Pillows
stretcher quilts
do. Boots
Operation Stockings
Bed Socks

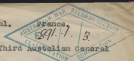
Hot Water Bottles

Covers for ditto.
Pads for Splints, .
Heels, Eyes.
Rubber Rings & Pillows
Rubber Gloves
Knitted Eye Bandages
Cotton Wool
Adhesive Plaster
Jug Covers
Knitted Swabs
Washing Gloves
Gauze Masks
Theatre Squares
Various

Bed Jackets

Belts
Blankets, Rugs, Quilts
Caps
Comforters
Day Shirts
Drawers
Dressing Gowns
Handkerchiefs
Helmets
Mittens and Gloves
Jerseys
Nightingales
Night Shirts
Operation Shirts
Pillows
Pillow Cases
Pyjamas
Sheets
Shoes, Slippers
Socks
Surgeons' Coats
Surgeons' & Nurses' Overalls
Towels
Various
Vests

Third Australian General Hospital.



Soon after the 15th May 1915, when the Third Australian General Hospital left Australia for Active Service Abroad, it was found that several Masons were included among the Officers and Other Ranks of the Unit and an endeavour was made to hold a Social Gathering on board.

The prime movers in this were Bros L. Logan, of No 161 and Mark No 8 N.E.W. ~~XXXX~~ and J.J. Fraser of No 508 R.C. Singapore whose efforts, for various reasons met with no success.

The Unit was divided into several parties upon reaching England, sent to various places in the Southern Counties and re-assembled after some nine days at the Rest Camp on Southampton Common; a very beautiful spot on the outskirts of that Ancient Port.

During the week the Unit were stationed here various Members were able to visit a Lodge where they were welcomed most heartily.

Only one visit was possible as the Unit entrained to Devonport, thence by H.M.T. Simla, since a victim to Submarines, to the Dardanelles and was stationed on Lemnos Island until six weeks after the evacuation of Gallipoli.

As it was the nearest Hospital to the Firing Line it can be readily understood that hard work and long hours were the portion of its Staff for many months.

It ~~was~~ was therefor impossible to organize any Masonic Gatherings until the work of the Hospital had settled down and the First Social Meeting of Masonic Brethren was held in the Post Office Tent of the Third Australian General Hospital on St Andrews Day, the 30th November 1915.

Proved Masons to the number of twenty one from various Units on the Island were invited and an enjoyable evening spent.

The organization of this, the Initial Gathering of Masons under Active Service conditions was well carried out by Bros F. Saythe, L. Logan, C. Stuart and J.J. Fraser, all, with the exception of the latter, from N.E.W. Lodges. Here must be instanced the absolute necessity for strict examination before admitting strangers to any description of Masonic Gathering.

The Brethren mentioned above insisted upon this and in addition carried out an examination among themselves running through three degrees. They then passed to the various applicants for admission to the South and found one who, although he belonged to another Order, was not a Mason.

He was not added.

On the 29th December 1915 a second gathering was arranged to take



place at the Motor Transport Depot.

Thirty four Brethren attended and never was the Universal Spread of Freemasonry more exemplified than upon this occasion.

A tent pitched upon a rocky hillside within sound of the guns of Gallipoli with all the turmoil of modern warfare surging around. Outside were armed Sentries pacing their allotted beat ready to repel intruders should the occasion arise and within, to the dim light of a few Hurricane Lamps, a gathering of Masons such as had probably never before been known under like circumstances in the History of the Craft.

They came from the ends of the earth; these men with the one end to serve, from England, Canada, Scotland, the Island of Barbadoes, Florida, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Tasmania, India, the Straits Settlements, Mexico, from Egypt and ranks from a General down to Privates were able to relax and spend a few hours free from the strain and horrors of this world war.

A copy of the Menu and Autographs is attached.

The Hospital was next stationed at Abbassieh, Cairo where it was possible to visit several established Lodges, notably the Lord Kitchener Lodge, the Lotus Lodge, the Bulwaf Lodge and several Greek Lodges where, although the visiting Brother was unable to understand the language, it was quite easy to follow the working to the various degrees and mightily interesting.

The Lodges in Cairo were doing most excellent work for the Craft and entertained many visitors at their assemblies.

Through the kindness of the W.M. of Lord Kitchener Lodge a member of this Unit was initiated, Brother A. Butler became an M.M. while in England and has proved himself a worthy Mason in every way.

In October 1916 the Unit returned to England and was stationed for some months at the Kitchener Hospital, Brighton.

Here the resident Masons extended a welcome the memory of which can never be effaced and the Australian Brethren were at once made Honorary Members of their most excellent Club in the Queens Road.

Invitations to visit the many Ancient Lodges in Brighton and Hove were given from all sides and many were the enjoyable evenings and days spent in the company of men who were truly Brothers to their visitors from Over Seas.

Special mention must be made of two notable Ceremonies that the Australian Brethren were fortunate to witness- the Installation Ceremonies of Lodge St Cecilia, No 1636 and Lodge Royal Brunswick, No 732 which were carried out in a manner worthy of the best traditions of the Craft.

Visits were also made to Lodge Royal

Attlingworth, No 1821, Lodge Knights of the Road, No 3673, Lodge Stanford No 1947 and many others at whose Meetings the Visiting Brethren were made to feel as much at home as in their Mother Lodges.

April 1917 saw the Hospital in France and on the 31st December 1917 the Third Gathering of Masonic Brethren on Active Service was held but under very different circumstances to those previous.

It was possible to obtain a building and the Dental Operating Hut was cleared of its varied impedimenta and re-furnished for the occasion

Instead of a tent upon a hillside with a few tables, wooden forms and hurricane lamps was a room with snowy Table Linen, gleaming cutlery and glass, electric light and tables beautifully decorated with flowers, plants and fernery.

Twenty four Brethren, whose Mother Lodges were far apart, gathered for an evening which closed in harmony at 11-0 p.m.

Attached is a copy of the Menu with some of the Autographs of the Brothers present.

It may be of interest to note that of the twenty one present at the first gathering only three were left to carry on the work so ably commenced at the Dardanelles. The rest are scattered far and wide, from Belgium to Palestine, some may have made the greatest sacrifice of all others wounded and invalided to their homes while the rest are carrying on wherever they may be.

The Fourth Gathering held on the eve of Anzac Day, an Anniversary that will live for ever in the History of Australia and New Zealand, saw an increase in the numbers present.

Twenty seven Brethren attended including for the first time in the precise of these gatherings a Brother from the United States of America.

Brother A.B.Cole is a prominent member of the Craft in his Country and has no less than thirty two degrees to his credit so the meeting was indeed honoured by his presence. The President, Brother L. Logan vacated the chair in favour of Brother A.B.Cole who conducted the proceedings for the remainder of the evening.

Many ranks were represented ranging from Colonels to Privates and some of the brothers came in for many miles around to this gathering which included an E.A.Freemason in the person of a member of the Unit, Brother S. Porter who was of valuable assistance in regard to the excellent dinner

provided.

Various exsclent songs and speeches were rendered and an evening enjoyed which recompensed the President, Secretary and Committe for their work. Attached is a copy of the Menu.

Undoubtedly these gatherings, which unite Brethren from all parts of the earth, are of valuable assistance to Masons while on Active Service, affording as they do an opportunity for Brothers to know each other and to meet and be relieved for a while from the strain of the days that have past and are to come until their present task is ended.

B. Stuart

.....Hon Sec.

No 93 Lodge St John, Manly, N.S.W.

COPY.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

"Of what ye see or hear, take note but give not tongue"

A Social Gathering of Masonic Brothers

held "Somewhere in France" on Hogmany

31st December 1917 at 7-0 p.m.

President. Bro:L.Logan. Vice President. Bro:B.Burge.

Committee. Bro:A.F.Schofield. Bro:J.J.Fraser.

Hon Secretary. Bro:C.Stuart.

MENU.

TOASTS.

"Prepared in a convenient place."

Proposer.

Responder.

SOUP. "Free of Metallic Substance."

The King.

FISH. "Of Good Report."

The President.

Our Meeting.

ENTREE. "Above Reproach."

Bro,J.J.Fraser.

Bro,C.Stuart.

JOINT. "Raised upon Ears of Wheat."

Absent Brethren.

Bro,A.F.Schofield. Bro,H.Taylor Young.

Lodges we have visited.

POULTRY. "With the Breast torn open."

Bro,C.Stuart.

Bro,J.J.Fraser.

Our Fallen Brothers.

VEGETABLES. "From the Land of Plenty."

The President.

Our Mother Lodge.

SWEETS. "Easily Recognized."

Bro,B.Burge.

Bro,H.A.Harris.

The Old Folks at Home.

Biscuits,Cheese,Assorted Pastries."In Squares"

Bro,H.Eden.

Bro,C.Cowley.

The Allies & the Land we come from.

CHAMPAGNE. "with Caution."

Bro,A.Butler.

Bro,W.J.Chambers.

The Tylers Toast.

Bro,G.Cowley.

AUTOGRAPHS.

C.Stuart.No 93,St John.

Manly.Sydney.N.S.W.

J.J.Fraser.No 508.E.C.

Zetland in the East.Singapore.

A.F.Schofield.No 76.

Loyal Stuart.Perth.W.A.

W.J.Chambers.No 98.

Sir Colin Campbell,Sydney.

J.F.H.Schmidt.No 221.

Box Hill.Victoria.

H.R.Maclean.No 148.

St Stephens.Edinburgh.

E.G.Lunney.No 3411.

Redwood Lodge,Surrey.

L.Logan.No 161,Beresford and No 8 Wentworth, Mark.Petersham. N.S.W.

A.Butler. No 3219.

Border. England.

E.W.Jones.No 128. Lodge Leopold.

Narrandera.N.S.W.

R.A.Harris.

Lodge Ulmarra. N.S.W.

G.Cowley. No 13.

Admiral Collingwood,Melbourne.Vic.

H.Eden. No 80.Ancient York.

Coburg.Victoria.

H.C.Taylor Young. No 217.

St Vincent. Glasgow.N.B.

W.D.Henderson. No 43.

St Clair. Melbourne.Vic.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
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"Of what ye see or hear, take note
but give not tongue."

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A Social Gathering of Masonic Brothers held "Somewhere
in France" on Anzac Eve.

At 7-0 p.m. 24th April 1918.

President. Bro: L. Logan.
Vice-President. " H. Taylor Young.
Committee.
Bro: J. J. Fraser. Bro: S. Porter.
Hon: Secretary. Bro: C. Stuart.

MENU.

TOASTS.

	<u>"Prepared in a convenient place."</u>	<u>Proposer.</u>	<u>Responder.</u>
SOUP.	"Free of Metallic Substance."	The President.	he King.
FISH.	"Of good report."	Our Meeting.	
ENTREE.	"Above reproach."	Bro: C. Stuart.	Bro: J. J. Fraser.
JOINT.	"Raised upon Bars of Wheat."	Lodges we have visited.	Bro: H. Barnett.
VEGETABLES.	"From the Land of Plenty."	Bro: J. J. Fraser.	Our Fallen Brothers.
SWEETS.	"Easily recognized."	The President.	
BISCUITS, CHEESE, ASSORTED PASTRIES.	"In Squares."	Our Mother Lodge.	
WINE etc.	"With Caution."	Bro: W. H. Henderson.	Bro: Cleland.
		The Old Folks at Home.	
		Bro: R. A. Harris.	Bro: E. W. Lacy.
		The Allies & the Land we come from.	
		Bro: E. Jones.	Bro: E. C. Lunnay.
		Absent Brethren.	
		Bro: H. Taylor Young.	Bro: W. R. Beeson.
		The Tylers Toast.	
		Bro: D. R. Hill.	

AUTOGRAPHS.

Bro: A. B. Cole.	Bro: J. J. Fraser.	Bro: W. G. Reidford.
" J. S. Purdy.	" C. Stuart.	" XXXXXXXX
" A. Butler.	" E. W. Lacy.	" P. Coxall.
" W. J. Chambers.	" L. Logan.	" E. W. Jones.
" R. O. Wall.	" R. A. Harris.	
" H. R. Maclean.	" D. R. Hill.	
" J. Aird.	" H. C. Taylor Young.	
" H. Eden.	" J. F. Schmidt.	
" S. W. Porter.	" E. Addison.	
" H. Barnett.	" J. Southern.	

COPY.

"What may hap this night give it ear but not
tongue."

A SOCIAL MEETING OF MASONIC BROTHERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE,

HELD AT MUDROS WESTY, LEMNOS, AEGEAN SEA.

Wednesday, 29th December 1915.

at 7-0.p.m.

Chairman.	Bro. W. Bond.
Director of Ceremonies.	" J. Cross.
Secretary.	" W. Phillips.
Treasurer.	" S. Bertram.

Tylers.

Bro. W. Bond.	Bro. F. Smythe.
" G. Weedman.	

Committee.

Bro. D. S. Hall. Bro. C. Stuart. Bro. J. J. Fraser.
Bro. L. Clarke. Bro. G. Weedman.

MENU.

Boar de Oeuve.
Bardines a la Mode.
Concours.
Saumon a Lemnos. Pommes Pures.
Asperges. Sauce Beurre.
Poulet Fricassee.
Bœuf Roti de veuille Anglais.
Pommes Sautées. Pumpkin.
Le Pouding de Saison.
Compote de Fruit a la Creme.
Fromage. Celeri. Biscuits.
Desserts.
Cafe Noir.

Liquers.

Proposer.

Bro. W. Bond. The King & Craft.
" J. Cross. Absent Brethren. Bro J. O'Connor.
" W. Bond. Silent Toast.
" A. Clarke. Present Meeting. " J. Fraser.
" W. Bond. Lord Kitchener. " H. Beckett.
" F. Wall. Our Homes. " S. Bertram.
" W. Phillips. Secretary's Toast.
" G. Weedman. Tyler's Toast.

TOASTS.

Responder.

AUTOGRAPHS.

W. Phillips. 3402. E.C.
Lord Kitchener Lodge.
F. Smythe. 41. N.S.W.
Maseoch Lodge. Sydney.
D. S. Hall. 32. N.S.W.
Balmoun. Sydney.
H. H. Weaver. 228. N.S.W.
Mosman. Sydney.
H. Gariside Beckett. 767. E.C.
Union. Karachi. India.
L. Clark. 1623. E.C.
West Smithfield. London.
H. Ward. No 378. Lodge
King Solomon. London. Canada.
R. Millier. 290. Lewington.
Ontario. Canada.
G. Weedman. 1843. E.C.
Lodge Rohilla Star. India.
P. A. Whitaker. No 13.
Belmont. Canada.
A. G. Mahan. No 87.
Auckland. N.Z.
S. C. R. Hantke. No 32.
Emulation. S. A. C.

J. S. Bertram. Barnett Lodge.
Jaxi. Fla:
J. J. Fraser. 508 E.C.
Zetland in the East. Singapore.
R. W. Segnit. NO 74.
Leopold Lewis. S. Australia.
C. Stuart. No 93. St John.
Manly. Sydney. N.S.W.
C. S. C. Cook. No 60.
Dunboyer. Ireland.
W. J. Allen. No --
Abbeylain. Il.
H. E. Chubb.
Old Wellingtonian.
W. J. M. Bond. 3002.
Ware. E.C.
H. M. McPherson. No 83.
Zetland. Calgary. Canada.
W. H. Thomas. No 990.
Zetland. E.C.
L. Logan. No 161 Bersford.
No 8 Wentworth Mark. N.S.W.
D. Kennedy. No 871. S.C.
Carse of Gowie.

J. L. O'Connor.
No 196. Albion.
P. A. Antill.
No 193. Australia.
W. Dixon.
Comrade. Colchester.
S. Goods. No 1960. E.
Lodge Stewart. Punjab.
J. Smith.
No 548. S.C.
C. H. Lloyd.
Telbe. Mexico.