

16<sup>th</sup> June 1970

The A.C.M. of the Battalion was held on the above date at 8 P.M. in the Brann Memorial Hall, Ballycotton (1<sup>st</sup> Ballycotton Co.) Forty four Officers representing 12 Companies attended and apologies were received from eight officers.

Mr. Thomas Dorman, Battalion President, occupied the chair and Rev. P. V. A. Lynam B.A. B.D. Battalion Chaplain opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman said how pleased he was to see many clergy present, & welcomed Mr. Alex. Hunter, Training and Extension Secretary for N.I.D. and Mr. Brian Hamilton attending his last meeting before leaving to take up residence in England.

The minutes of the 1969 A.C.M. were read, confirmed and signed following which the report of the Executive was given by the Battalion Secretary. This was accepted on the proposal of Mr. W.H. Ryan seconded by Mr. W. Simms.

Mr. Alex. McBride, Battalion Treasurer, gave the audited Financial Statement and in proposing its adoption Mr. J. Brooks also proposed that the £13 which had been excess in the September conference be given to the new hall fund for Rathmore House. This was seconded by Mr. J. Black and agreed.

Mr. J. Brooks spoke on Notice of Motion 1, circulated to officers

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and after he had proposed and Miss S. Gardner seconded it was passed unanimously that the following amendments in the Battalion Constitution be operative from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1970

(a) Paragraph 2 - third sentence to read

'The Office Bearer shall be Battalion President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Battalion Chaplains, N.I.D. Executive Representative(s), and Company and Junior Section Training Officers'

(b) Paragraph 3 - first sentence to read

'The Executive shall consist of the Battalion Office Bearer and one member from each Section elected annually.'

Notice of Motion 2 previously circulated was discussed and it was agreed, after proposal by Miss S. Gardner seconded by Mr. J. Simms that "the following amendment in the Battalion Constitution be operative from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1970

Paragraph 3 - additional sentence

'The Executive may propose Honorary Vice Presidents for the approval of Council.'

The President said how much he had enjoyed his year of office and called upon Mr. Alex. Hunter to conduct the elections of Office Bearer for 1970/71. Mr. Hunter declared all offices vacant and proceed to the election which resulted as follows:-



PRESIDENT	J Dorman	prop. J Denis	sec. A McBride
VICE PRESIDENTS	J.S. L. Murphy	Miss Gardner	Mr Brooks
	C.S. W <sup>m</sup> . Simms	J Robinson	J Snoddy
BATT. SECRETARY	B.P. Smyth	W. Simms	W.H. Ryan
BATT. TREASURER	A. McBride	D J Hilditch	J Brooks
BATT. CHAPLAIN.	Rev. G.R.H. Johnston	J. Simms	J Moore.
REP. ON N.I.D. EXECUTIVE.	J N. Boal	W.J. Fitzell	J Snoddy
REPS ON BATT. EXECUTIVE C.S.	D J Hilditch }	J Robinson	J Snoddy
	J. Simms }		
	J.S. J. Mc Bully }	Miss Gardner	Mr Brooks.
(as T.O.) J Brooks }			
	Miss S. Gardner - ex officio as J.S. Organiser N.I.D.		
	Mr. E Brooks - ex officio as N.I. & Co. Rep. on Brigade Activities & Training C'tee (J.S.)		
FINANCE COMMITTEE -	W.J. Fitzell, A McBride }	J N Boal	J Brooks.
	L. Murphy, Mr. E Brooks, D Hilditch }		
BADGES & TRAINING C'TEE	J Brooks, J Black & Lynch }	W.H. Ryan	D J Hilditch
	W. Simms, R. Baillie, W.J. Fitzell }		
HANDBOOK COMMITTEE	W. Allan, J. Simms }	Mr E Brooks	W Duncan
	Miss Gardner, D. Hilditch, L. Murphy, A McBride }		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION C'TEE	Rev. Brennan & McAuley }	W.H. Ryan	Rev R.C. Craig.
	J N. Boal, A McBride, J Brooks, L. Murphy }		

Mr. Hunter congratulated Mr. Dorman on his reelection and invited him to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

The President thanked Mr. Hunter and introduced Const. Rodger R.U.C. Ballymena who proceeded to give an illustrated talk on the drug situation, the dangers therein and how to recognise symptoms when drugs had been taken by young people. Const. Rodger answered a number of questions following which the Chairman said how much the meeting appreciated the constable giving up his free time to speak to us on this important subject.

There being no further business, Rev. Johnston closed the meeting with prayer following which supper was kindly provided by the ladies of 1st Ballycastle Co. to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Clements.

Thomas Dorman  
Chairman. 5/6/71.