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ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE  
WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR CIVIL DEFENCE.

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE  
MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORT.

CENTRE... ALNWICK ..... COUNTY... NORTHUMBERLAND ... MONTH... FEBRUARY 1940 ..

This report should contain a statement of the activities of the Centre during the month and include information under any of the following headings which are appropriate:-

- (1) EVACUATION (a) General position, numbers received and remaining, (b) Residential units, i.e. sick bays, maternity homes, nursery centres, children's homes, hostels, etc., (c) Communal Feeding, (d) Clothing schemes, (e) Leisure time activities - Adults, Children, (f) Any other activities. (2) A.R.P. (Including provision of shelter and amenities for the homeless after air raids). (3) TRANSPORT. (4) HOSPITAL SERVICES. (Including Nursing Auxiliaries, First Aid Lectures, Blood Transfusion Service, etc.). (5) CANTEENS. (6) HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOTS AND WORK PARTIES. (7) MEETINGS. (8) SALVAGE. (9) OTHER ACTIVITIES.

HEADINGS.

EVACUATION - The Local Authority has applied to the W.V.S. for a dozen or so investigators to assist in the placing of evacuees in the 2nd evacuation scheme, and to give what help is necessary to hosts and evacuees after the evacuation has taken place, in order that any difficulties may be settled individually.

The Local Authority has also applied to us for further clerical workers, which we are able to supply.

CANTEENS - During the temporary absence of the military, the Canteen is closed. A Bring & Buy Sale and Bridge Drive was organised in the Canteen in order to raise funds for its re-opening.

HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT - 150 shirts for Polish refugees have been made ~~XXXX~~ and despatched since Christmas, and another batch of shirts and pyjamas is now being made.

Signed... *AS Thorp* .....  
(Centre Organiser).

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WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR CIVIL DEFENCE.

MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORT.

CENTRE. ALNWICK.....COUNTY. NORTHUMBRIA AND... MONTH... MAY. 1940....

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HEADINGS.

CANTEEN

One Canteen, run under Y.M.C.A. We have 67 helpers (including reserves). Approximately 800-850 men are served weekly (including Sundays). Type of food served is light refreshments - tea, coffee, sandwiches etc.

HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT -

A letter to the local paper, following on the appeal from Area Headquarters, for more workers, has led to 20 more helpers to date. In addition, meetings are now held from 2 to 5 p.m. every afternoon from Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

SALVAGE

The Local Authority have this matter well in hand. The W.V.S. was approached for advice and help in publicity. The film "Raw Material is War Material" was ordered from W.V.S. HQ., but unfortunately the local cinemas were unable to project a 16 m. film.

CLERICAL

30 Members are helping the Local Authorities with the Ration Cards, and we have been able to supply two full time clerks to the Local Defence Volunteers.

It may be interesting to note that Alnwick has sent away 26 mobile V.A.D.'s and has a very active Red Cross. It runs itself, however, quite apart from the W.V.S., as it has been in action for many years.

Signed... *ASA Thorp*  
(Centre Organiser).

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MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORT.

CENTRE. ALNWICK COUNTY. Northumberland MONTH. August 1940

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HEADINGS.

EVACUATION - Position unchanged - no further evacuees expected.

A.R.P. Cooperating with P.A.C. in working out the shadow scheme for shelter etc. for the homeless as required by the Ministry of Health.

TRANSPORT - Unchanged

HOSPITAL SERVICES - Red Cross doing very well indeed, but runs independently of W.V.S.

CANTEENS - (1) Y.M.C.A. Canteen for the Troops doing very well, and shortly moving to larger premises.  
 There are ~~50~~ W.V.S. workers, and no paid helpers.  
 Type of food is limited to light refreshments, i.e. no cooking is done, but hot drinks are served.  
 We serve at least 2000 a week.

(2) Y.M.C.A. Mobile Canteen is run by a W.V.S. member and partly staffed by W.V.S., but organised entirely by the Y.M.C.A., who supply food, petrol etc.

HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT - A few resignations owing to people leaving the district, but otherwise workers very keen and regular.

A large and successful Bring and Buy Sale was organised during the month to raise funds to buy material.

MEETINGS - None

SALVAGE - No further 'drives', but Local Authority reports the position satisfactory.

Signed A.S.A. Thoup  
(Centre Organiser)

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CENTRE... ALNWICK ... COUNTY... NORTHUMBERLAND ... MONTH... OCTOBER 1940...

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HEADINGS.

- 1. EVACUATION - Position unchanged.
- 2. A.R.P. - Emergency Feeding Shelter shadow scheme is now ordered to take more definite shape. The Red Cross have provided a trained First Aid worker for the post, and the number of helpers is to be increased from 12 to 24, but so far the further helpers have not come forward.
- 3. TRANSPORT - Nothing.
- 4. HOSPITAL SERVICES - Nothing.
- 5. CANTEEN - Y.M.C.A. Canteen. Details unchanged.
- 6. HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT - Working steadily.  
TROOP MAINTAINING PARTY - "
- 7 and 8. - Nothing to report.
- 9. BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE - We are assisting the M.O. to recruit blood donors.

No other activities to report.

Signed... A.S.A. Thorp  
(Centre Organiser).

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