

ARMY RECORDS SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting & Lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Greenhalgh

Wednesday 16 November 2016
in the Montague Room,
Senate House, University of London
Commencing at 18.15

OBJECTS AND ORGANISATION OF THE SOCIETY

As set out in the Society's constitution adopted in November 2002, the objects of the Army Records Society are to edit and publish manuscripts relating to the Army and to reprint works of military interest.

The Society is managed by a voluntary Council which meets twice a year.

SPONSORSHIPS & BEQUESTS

Perhaps you would like to sponsor a volume under commission, or make a modest contribution to the overall cost? Maybe you would like to support a future publication related to a particular part of the army, historical period, or region? There might also be an organisation that you think would like to support us in this way? Or you might want to make a bequest to the society in your will?

All such contributions will be acknowledged, if you wish, within the relevant volume. If you can help us, please get in touch with the Secretary to discuss a way forward.

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The Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 18.15 in the Montague Room (Room 26), Senate House, University of London.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Secretary & Membership Secretary Reports.
5. Accounts for 2015-16.
6. Election of Councillors.
7. The Society's Fellowship Scheme.
8. Any other business

The AGM will be preceded by a light buffet and will be followed by a lecture from Dr Elizabeth Greenhalgh, entitled, *Liaison: General Pierre des Vallières at British General Headquarters, 1916-1917*

Her lecture will complement the publication of the society's thirty-sixth volume

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Timothy Halstead BA MA ACMA

Membership Secretary

William Butler BA MA PhD

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 18.00 on Wednesday 18 November 2015 at Senate House, University of London.

1. Apologies. Sixteen members attended the meeting with apologies received from another nine.

2. Minutes of the Thirty First Annual General Meeting. On the proposition and seconding of Professor David French and Dr. Jonathan Boff they were approved.

3. Matters Arising. The Chairman noted that, following intervention from the Society and a large number of other interested groups and individuals, the Imperial War Museum had decided not to make any charge to researchers for access to their library and archives.

4. Secretary's Report. The Secretary talked through the Society's planned publications. Council were pleased that volume 36 was on course for publication and would provide the Society with a very interesting volume with relevance to the Battle of the Somme, highly appropriate to mark the centenary of the Battle next year. There had been some legal problems in securing copyright for this volume but these have hopefully been resolved. Council felt that any legal claims were well worth risking to allow for the publication of this very important volume.

The Membership Secretary then explained that numbers stood at roughly 380, slightly down on this time last year, but with some renewals still expected. Council will be considering a limited redesign of our website, with an online payments facility and the placing of advertisements in one or more of the popular military history magazines.

5. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer presented the annual accounts to the meeting. He reported that the Society's finances remain in a good condition, though the declining membership is a cause for concern. The Treasurer wished to thank the Donald Memorial Trust for their generous donation of £500. He further commented that the decision to make only limited changes to our website had saved the Society a significant sum of money. The Annual Accounts were approved on a proposal of Dr. Jonathan Boff, seconded by Colonel Hugh Boscawen

6. Election of Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Councillors.

On the nomination by Council, Professor Ian Beckett, who had served as Chairman of the Society for many years was elected unanimously as a Vice-President, proposed by Professor David French and seconded by Major-General John Sutherell. The Councillors nominated by Council were elected unanimously on the proposal of Andrew Simpson, seconded by Colonel John Wilson. Dr. Timothy Bowman, the current Membership Secretary was nominated by Council as Secretary; proposed by Dr. Jonathan Boff, seconded by Major-General John Sutherell. To replace Dr. Bowman as Membership Secretary, Dr. William Butler was nominated by Council; proposed by Colonel John Wilson, seconded by Professor David French. Both were elected unanimously.

7. Any Other Business. In standing down as Secretary, after a number of years service in the post, Dr. Jim Beach thanked Council, especially the Chairman and officers of the Society for their help and support. It had been his privilege to work with editors on fifteen different volumes. Dr. Beach also paid tribute to our outgoing

copyeditor, Annie Jackson, who had worked with the Society for a decade, Barbara Taylor whose high quality maps had been an important addition to our books and Alan Parker who maintains our website. Collectively, Dr. Beach also paid tribute to the fine work done for the Society by all the staff at History Press and Hall-McCartney.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Recent Volume

This year members have received the following volume:

Liaison: General Pierre des Vallières at British General Headquarters, 1916-1917

edited by Dr Elizabeth Greenhalgh

Forthcoming Volumes

The Council has decided that the 2017 volume will be:

<p><i>The Military Papers of Major-General JFC Fuller, 1916-1933</i> edited by Dr Alaric Searle</p>

The Society has the following volumes currently under commission:

Jack Churchill, 1899-1919 edited by John Lee

The Papers and Correspondence of Henry Spenser Wilkinson, 1881-1933, edited by Paul Ramsey

The Duke of Cumberland edited by Alastair Massie and Jonathan Oates

Suspensions of Membership

The Council remains concerned that some members are taking a 'pick and mix' approach to their annual membership; in some years deciding not to renew and then re-joining a year later. The Council is saddened by this development. The society relies upon steady subscription income to fund our future publication programme. If all our members only 'bought in' occasionally, the society would cease to be viable. It is therefore hoped that members will keep up their subscriptions year-on-year and if they do not want to keep a particular volume, they will gift it to a friend or a library.

Dr Timothy Bowman
Honorary Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

At the time of going to press, the annual accounts were still subject to independent examination, so the figures included in this report, although complete, are provisional. The final, approved accounts will be available for the AGM, and I will verbally report on any changes requested by our auditor.

PROFIT AND LOSS

Overall income fell by £2.9k (from £16.3k to £13.4k).

Subscriptions (which constitute over half of our income) fell by £2,260. This is partly a result of a decline in membership but also a fundamental review by the Treasurer of the way cash not received is accounted for. As a result of this a more prudent approach has been adopted which means previous more optimistic estimates have been reversed out of the accounts. Book sales fell by £290, which is a reverse of last year's more encouraging performance. Dividends rose by £246, the result of increased dividends from the funds the Society has invested in. There were no sales or disposals of investments during the year.

Costs rose by £1,259 compared to last year. The main factor in this was a rise in marketing costs to £1.2k during the year. The Council decided to run a series of advertisements in *Military History Monthly* to recruit new members and reverse the recent decline in the number of members.

Profit/Loss for the Year (called 'Net Incoming Resources before revaluation of Investments' these days) was a loss of £3,457, compared with a profit of £675 in the previous year. However this net outgoing was eliminated by a £10,121 increase in the value of our investments. The funds of the Society therefore have increased by £6,664.

BALANCE SHEET

The Barclays bank account shows a balance of £9,366 balance, with a further £4,705 in our Savings account, giving a total cash balance of £14,071 compared to £22,285 last year. The value of the investments is £132,269 compared with £122,148 last year. As reported above this is accounted for by an increase of £10,121 on the value of the Society's investments. Creditors and pre-paid income have fallen from £17.1k to £12.3k over the year. The net result is an Accumulated Fund of £134,025, a 5% rise from last year.

INVESTMENTS

All the Society's investments remain in common investment funds regulated by the Charities Act. Members will see from the schedule of investments that the market value of the investments on the balance sheet is greater than original cost. The M&G Charifund has risen in value by £7,455 over the year which reflects equity market conditions and the Blackrock Charinco which invests in fixed income has gained £2,666 in value over the year.

STOCK

The Society holds a stock of books to service the demand for back volumes, which is an important part of its role in bringing records to the public. During the year the stock of books held was reduced and this led to storage costs being reduced by £275. The cost of books is written off as incurred, and therefore no value is carried on the Balance Sheet.

THE CHARITIES ACT

The Charities Act 1993 provides that charities with income or expenditure between £10,000 and £250,000 must have either an audit or an independent examination. An independent examination is a less onerous form of scrutiny than an audit and provides less assurance. However the Councillors believe that the Society's affairs are so straightforward that an independent examination provides Councillors and Members with sufficient comfort on the Charity's financial affairs. This work continues to be carried out by Lesley Pasricha FCA.

Tim Halstead ACMA
Honorary Treasurer
20 October 2016

Balance Sheet, as at 30 September 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
INVESTMENTS (at Market Value) per Schedule	132,269	122,148
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	-	
Bank	9,366	17,601
Deposit A/c	4,705	4,684
Prepayments		
	14,071	22,285
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	12,315	11,472
Pre-paid Income	-	5,600
Accruals		
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	12,315	17,072
NET CURRENT ASSETS /(LIABILITIES)	1,756	5,213
TOTAL ASSETS	134,025	127,361
Financed by:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance Brought Forward as at 1 October 2013	127,361	128,773
Net Movement in Funds	6,664	-1,412
Balance Carried Forward as at 30 September 2016	134,025	127,361

THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

	Year	Title	Editor	Cost
1	1985	<i>The Military Correspondence of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, 1918-1922</i>	Dr Keith Jeffery	£5
2	1986	<i>The Army and the Curragh Incident, 1914</i>	Dr Ian Beckett	£10
3	1987	<i>The Napoleonic War Journal of Captain Thomas Henry Browne, 1807-1816</i>	Professor Roger Buckley	£10
4	1988	<i>An Eighteenth-Century Secretary at War: The Papers of William, Viscount Barrington</i>	Dr Tony Hayter	£5
5	1989	<i>The Military Correspondence of Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, 1915-1918</i>	Professor David Woodward	£20
6	1990	<i>Colonel Samuel Bagshawe and the Army of King George II, 1731-1762</i>	Dr Alan Guy	£10
7	1991	<i>Montgomery and the Eighth Army</i>	Stephen Brooks	£5
8	1992	<i>The British Army and Signals Intelligence during the First World War</i> SOLD OUT – NO LONGER AVAILABLE	Dr John Ferris	-
9	1993	<i>Roberts in India: The Military Papers of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, 1876-1893</i>	Brian Robson	£20
10	1994	<i>Lord Chelmsford's Zululand Campaign, 1878-1879</i> SOLD OUT – NO LONGER AVAILABLE	Professor John Laband	-
11	1995	<i>Letters of a Victorian Army Officer: Edward Wellesley, 1840-1854</i>	Field Marshal Lord Carver	£5
12	1996	<i>Military Miscellany I:</i> <i>George Durant's Journal of the Expedition to Martinique and Guadeloupe, 1758-1759;</i> <i>Daniel Robinson: Letters from India, 1845-1849</i> <i>The Reverend George Duncan at GHQ, 1916-1918</i>	Dr Alan Guy Dr Robin Thomas Dr Gerard DeGroot	£20
13	1997	<i>John Peebles' American War, 1776-1782</i>	Professor Ira Gruber	£20
14	1998	<i>The Maratha War Papers of Arthur Wellesley, January to December 1803</i>	Anthony Bennell	£20
15	1999	<i>The Letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles à Court Repington CMG, Military Correspondent of The Times, 1903-1918</i>	Professor AJA Morris	£10
16	2000	<i>Sir Hugh Rose and the Central India Campaign, 1858</i>	Brian Robson	£20
17	2000	<i>Lord Roberts and the War in South Africa, 1899-1902</i>	Professor André Wessels	£10
18	2001	<i>The Journal of Corporal William Todd, 1745-1762</i>	Andrew Cormack & Alan Jones	£20
19	2002	<i>Rawlinson in India</i>	Dr Mark Jacobsen	£10

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20	2002	<i>Amherst and the Conquest of Canada</i>	Dr Richard Middleton	£10
21	2003	<i>At Wellington's Right Hand: The Letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Alexander Gordon, 1808-1815</i>	Dr Rory Muir	£20
22	2004	<i>Allenby in Palestine: The Middle East Correspondence of Field Marshal Viscount Allenby</i>	Dr Matthew Hughes	£20
23	2005	<i>Military Miscellany II:</i> <i>The Journal of Sergeant John Wilson, 1694-1727</i> <i>Captain the Hon William Leslie (1751-1777), His Life, Letters and Commemoration</i> <i>Diary of Private Robert Cross, 1899-1901</i>	Dr David Chandler with Christopher Scott Dr Marianne Gilchrist Robin Jenkins	£20
24	2006	<i>Romaine's Crimean War: The Letters and Journal of William Govett Romaine</i>	Major Colin Robins OBE	£10
25	2006	<i>Lord Kitchener and the War in South Africa, 1899-1902</i>	Professor André Wessels	£5
26	2007	<i>Major-General Oliver Nugent and the Ulster Division, 1915-1918.</i>	Nicholas Perry	£10
27	2008	<i>Montgomery and the Battle of Normandy</i>	Stephen Brooks	£10
28	2009	<i>Wolseley in Ashanti: The Asante War Journal of Major-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, 1873-1874</i>	Professor Ian Beckett	£20
29	2009	<i>The First World War Letters of General Lord Horne</i>	Dr Simon Robbins	£20
30	2010	<i>The Military Papers of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert Headlam, 1910-1942</i>	Dr Jim Beach	£20
31	2011	<i>Crimean Cavalry Letters</i>	Glenn Fisher	£20
32	2012	<i>The Military Papers of Lieutenant-General Frederick Stanley Maude, 1914-1917</i>	Dr Andrew Syk	£20
33	2013	<i>The Kenya Papers of General Sir George Erskine, 1953-1955</i>	Dr Huw Bennett & Professor David French	£20
34	2014	<i>Military Intelligence from Germany, 1906-1914</i>	Dr Matthew Seligmann	£20
35	2015	<i>The Diary of Corporal Vince Schürhoff, 1914-1918</i>	Dr Jim Beach	£20
36	2016	<i>Liaison: General Pierre des Vallières At British General Headquarters, 1916-1917</i>	Dr. Elizabeth Greenhalgh	£20

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