

The West Indian Contingent Committee.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Ten Months ended June 30th, 1916.



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THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,

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THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

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THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Ten Months ended June 30th, 1916.

The West Indian Contingent Committee was established at a meeting held at the Colonial Office on August 30th, 1915, at the instance of the Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Its object, as indicated in an appeal for funds which was issued early in September, is to provide for the welfare of the West India and Bermuda Military Contingents, and of men coming over independently to serve in His Majesty's Forces during the present war.

At the inaugural meeting, Sir Everard im Thurn, K.C.M.G., C.B., was appointed Chairman, and, at subsequent meetings Sir Frederic Hodgson, K.C.M.G., V.D., was elected Deputy-Chairman, Colonel Sir Edward Ward, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Sir Sydney Olivier, K.C.M.G., and Mr. Robert Rutherford, Hon. Treasurers, and Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall, Hon. Secretary. Mr. Bernard Bonyun and Mr. G. B. Smith-Rewse, of the Colonial Civil Service, kindly gave their services to the Committee as Assistant Hon. Secretaries whilst in this country on leave of absence.

The West India Committee, which had already suggested the formation of an organisation on the lines of that now established, was good enough to place its staff and offices at the disposal of The West Indian Contingent Committee, with the result that the work of this body has been carried on at a minimum of expense. The West Indian Club also kindly extended hospitality to the Committee.

It will be noted from the statement of receipts and payments appended to this report (see pages 6 and 7) that, in response to the appeal above referred to £4,308 9s. 4d., was received to June 30th, making with sums earmarked for special purposes (£974 13s. 6d.) and interest on sums placed on deposit, and discount on Treasury Bills (£58 14s. 6d.) a total of £5,341 17s. 4d. Against this the expenditure amounted to £1,774 18s. 11d. including £880 9s. 6d. of the sums specially earmarked, leaving a balance of £3,566 18s. 5d. The Hon. Treasurers also held various small sums in trust for men in His Majesty's Forces to the value of £188 7s. 4d.

A very successful Concert in aid of the fund, organised by Mr. John Bromley, was held on January 25th at the Royal Automobile Club, through the courtesy of Mr. Julian Orde and the Club Committee, and realised £120.

For military reasons the Committee is not permitted at present to disclose the strength of the British West Indies Regiment, which comprises the Contingents for active service furnished by the inhabitants of the British West India Islands, British Guiana and British Honduras. It may, however, be stated that the numbers already exceed early estimates, and that recruits are still freely coming forward as required.

The general conduct of the affairs of the Contingent Committee was entrusted to a General Purposes Committee consisting of Sir Everard im Thurn, K.C.M.G., C.B., Sir Frederic Hodgson, K.C.M.G., V.D., Colonel Sir Edward Ward, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Sir Sydney Olivier, K.C.M.G., Mr. R. Rutherford, and the Hon. Secretary.

Members of the Committee paid several visits to Seaford Camp, where the first units of the British West Indies Regiment were stationed, and to Plymouth, when the Depôt was moved to that town. The medical conditions at the camps received attention and comforts were provided for the men in hospital.

The Committee made arrangements for the reception and entertainment of forty-two non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment, under Captain G. J. L. Goulding and Lieutenant H. J. Cavenaugh, who came up to London on November 9th to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show and received a cordial welcome from the public.

At Christmas, the Committee undertook the purchase and distribution of many gifts, and provided the battalions then raised with Christmas fare. It also sent several cases of provisions to the officers and men of the Bermuda Contingent attached to the Lincolnshire Regiment in France.

The Committee provided bugles and instruments for a drum and fife band for each battalion of the regiment raised. It also furnished cricket and football requisites, and other games. These appear to be greatly appreciated by all ranks.

At the close of the period under review the King approved the design of a Regimental Badge submitted to His Majesty by the Committee which decided to present cap badges to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment. The badge is described heraldically as: "An oval bordered medallion surmounted by the Tudor crown. On the border the inscription 'The British West Indies Regiment.' Within, the ship of Christopher Columbus in full

sail proper. Surrounding the oval, dexter a wreath of Laurel and sinister a wreath of Palm."

At the request of the Commanding Officers distinctive helmet flashes were supplied to all ranks of two of the battalions.

The Committee received for safe custody many packages of civilian clothing of the men of the regiment, and forwarded others to the colonies through the courtesy of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which kindly carried them freight free.

Since the departure of the regiment abroad, the Committee has corresponded with the Commanding Officers and has endeavoured to meet the requirements of all ranks as far as possible. Non-commissioned officers and men invalided to this country have received special attention, and have been provided with comforts.

The Committee has kept in touch with many officers and men connected with the British West Indies who came over independently to serve in His Majesty's Forces, and has also assisted the members of the Trinidad Merchants' and Barbados Citizens' Contingents in many ways. It repatriated three men of the first-named contingent who had been invalided out of the Army, and provided them with board and lodging pending their departure.

At a meeting held on November 29th at 5, Trevor Square, S.W., which Mr. (now Sir) Richard Burbidge of Harrods Ltd., placed at the disposal of the Committee, free of rent, a Ladies' Committee was inaugurated under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, who was present on this occasion, and with the Countess of Stamford as President.

A Working Committee was formed with Lady Philipps as Chairman, the other members being Lady Davson, Lady Hodgson, Lady Olivier, Lady Grey-Wilson and Miss Mary Moseley, who was appointed Hon. Secretary.

At the request of this Committee, Lady Grey-Wilson and Miss Moseley visited Seaford Camp and Hospital, and reported as to the requirements of the non-commissioned officers and men of the British West Indies Regiment stationed there. It was subsequently decided to organise work-parties to make warm clothing, etc., and Lady Philipps having kindly offered to have them at her residence, they were held there throughout the winter. Through the generosity of Lady Philipps some hundreds of garments were added to those made by the work-parties, and many kind friends in this country and in the British West Indies supplied comforts. The Committee was, therefore, able to supply warm gloves, woollen helmets, mittens, &c., to all men requiring them during the winter, besides bed-jackets, pyjamas and flannel shirts to the men in hospital.

Socks have been sent to the men of the British West Indies Regiment, and many West Indians in other regiments have been regularly supplied with them. The anti-vermin underclothing made by the work-parties has been a source of great comfort to men in the trenches. The increasing demand for these garments necessitated the continuance of work at Trevor Square during the summer. The Ladies' Committee has received very material assistance from Lady Hayes-Sadler's Eastern League, which for many weeks held special working parties for the West Indians at their Indian Room at Whiteley's, and has in other ways given valuable help.

Besides providing comforts, the Ladies' Committee has dispensed a fund sent by the ladies of Antigua for hampers for West Indians at the front, and has supplied many parcels of dainties to men in hospital in England and abroad. Many sick and wounded men have been visited in hospital and supplied with cigarettes and tobacco, reading matter, writing materials, games, &c., and assistance has been rendered to them in various ways. Men arriving from the West Indies to enlist have been supplied with warm clothing, those discharged have received help before their return home, and men on leave have been taken to the several Clubs for overseas soldiers and other places of interest.

In April Lady Davson was appointed Chairman of the Working Committee of the Ladies' Committee in succession to Lady Philipps who felt compelled to resign in consequence of the many calls upon her time.

In bringing this interim report to a close the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the help rendered to it by the Director-General of Voluntary Organisations, of Scotland House, S.W., who furnished at short notice much warm clothing for distribution, and by the body known as "Smokes Soldiers Sailors" of 4, Buckingham Gate, S.W., which enabled it to distribute cigarettes and tobacco among men in hospital at a minimum cost. It also desires to acknowledge with thanks offers of hospitality from the Union Jack, Peel House and Victoria League Clubs, of which many men from the West Indies have availed themselves.

EVERARD IM THURN, *Chairman.*

FREDERIC M. HODGSON, *Deputy-Chairman.*

ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE,
LONDON, E.C.

22nd September, 1916.

THE WEST INDIAN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Donations					4,308	9	4
Do. for Special Purposes					974	13	6
(NOTE.—Disbursed up to date		880	9	6			
Remaining in hand, included in Cash							
at Bank)		94	4	0			
		<u>£974</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>			
Interest on Deposit and Discount on Treasury Bills					58	14	6
Balance, 30th June, 1916, made up thus:—							
Treasury Bills (£2,000) costing		1,952	2	1			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on							
Current Account		593	7	9			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on							
Deposit Account		1,250	0	0			
Cash with Harrods Ltd.		5	7	7			
Cash in Hand		2	17	8			
Cash in Hand (Ladies' Committee)		7	18	11			
Sums Recoverable		3	11	9			
		<u>3,755</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>			
Less—Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent		188	7	4			
		<u>£3,566</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>			
					<u>£5,341</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
OLD JEWRY, E.C.,
4th August, 1916.

CONTINGENT FUND.

PAYMENTS TO 30th JUNE, 1916.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Clothing and Comforts		168	11	10			
Gifts to Men in Hospital		14	2	11			
Gifts of Tobacco and Cigarettes		10	2	11			
Gifts to Men on Sick Furlough		17	9	6			
Christmas Gifts		71	1	1			
Concerts at Seaford Camp		22	0	0			
Musical Instruments for British West Indies Regiment		213	1	11			
Sporting Requisites for British West Indies Regiment		111	16	8			
Typewriter, &c., for British West Indies Regiment		21	18	0			
Contributions towards Regimental Funds		30	0	0			
Carriage of Men's Effects		11	12	1			
Motor Ambulance, Insurance and Petrol		9	2	4			
Expenses of Contingent at Lord Mayor's Show		5	8	5			
Cost of Repatriation of Three Men of Trinidad Merchants'							
Contingent invalidated from Army		39	18	3			
							746 5 11
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors'							
Directions							880 9 6
Medical Assistance and Hire of Typewriter		43	14	6			
Postage		31	17	8			
Printing and Stationery		23	14	1			
Travelling Expenses		7	16	6			
Furniture (per Ladies' Committee)		29	5	10			
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries		11	14	11			
							148 3 6
Balance (see per contra)							3,566 18 5
							<u>£5,341 17 4</u>

Books and Vouchers and certify it to be correct.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, } *Hon. Auditors.*



THE BADGE OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES REGIMENT.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Six Months ended December 31st 1916.

The Committee begs to submit to subscribers to The West Indian Contingent Fund the audited Statement of Receipts and Payments for the six months ended December 31st, 1916.

During the period under review further donations to the amount of £897 16s. 8d. were received, bringing the total of the Fund to £5,006 6s. An additional sum of £615 14s. 7d. was received for expenditure in accordance with the specific directions of the donors, bringing the total amount thus earmarked to £1,620 8s. 1d. On December 31st the balance to the credit of the Contingent Fund was £9,488 7s. 7d. apart from sums received for special purposes.

On October 16th The West Indian Contingent Committee was duly registered by the Common Council of the City of London under the provisions of Section 1 of the War Charities Act, 1916.

Since the last Report was issued the work of the Committee has greatly increased, and has been extended in several directions.

The Committee received great assistance from the Ladies' Committee, whose Hon. Secretary, Miss Moseley, has been indefatigable. Through the work parties and individual effort, and with the help of the Director-General of Voluntary Organisations and the Jamaica Contingents Fund, the Committee has been able to distribute many hundreds of anti-verminous garments, socks, mufflers, &c., which have been in constant demand.

Games, musical instruments and comforts were provided for each of the new battalions of the British West Indies Regiment as it was raised, and cigarettes, socks, mufflers, &c., were sent to individual men in the field and in hospital when needed.

THE WEST INDIAN

Statement of Receipts and Payments

CONTINGENT FUND.

for Half-year ended 31st December, 1916.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at 30th June, 1916					3,566	18	5
Donations					697	16	8
Do. for Special Purposes					645	14	7
NOTE.—Balance in hand 30th June, 1916		£94	4	0			
Amount received as above		645	14	7			
		739	18	7			
Less Expended this half-year		335	15	0			
Remaining in hand, included in							
Cash at Bank		£404	3	7			
Interest on Deposit and Discount on Treasury Bills					71	11	7
Balance, 30th June, 1916, made up thus:—							
Treasury Bills (£2,000) costing		1,945	2	11			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Current Account		693	19	4			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Deposit Account		1,250	0	0			
Cash with Harrods Ltd.		1	8	11			
Cash in Hand		2	2	7			
Cash in Hand (Ladies' Committee)		0	4	0			
Sums Recoverable		13	11	7			
		3,906	9	4			
Less—Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others		£180	15	5			
Outstanding for Xmas Gifts to B.W.I. Regiment.. .. .		292	6	4			
		473	1	9			
		£3,433	7	7			
		£4,982	1	3			

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
OLD JEWRY, E.C.,
2nd May, 1917.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Clothing and Comforts		87	19	0			
Gifts to Men in Hospital		45	10	3			
Gifts of Tobacco and Cigarettes		29	12	4			
Gifts to Men on Sick Furlough		47	0	10			
Gifts to Prisoners of War		4	13	1			
Christmas Gifts of Chocolate, &c... .. .		350	19	3			
Musical Instruments for British West Indies Regiment		82	14	10			
Cap Badges for British West Indies Regiment		141	11	7			
Typewriters, &c., for British West Indies Regiment		33	5	4			
Carriage of Men's Effects		0	11	6			
Entertaining Men at Lord Mayor's Show, &c.		7	17	7			
Cost of Repatriation of Men invalided from Army		71	4	9			
Set of False Teeth		4	0	0			
Funeral Expenses		27	3	0			
					934	3	4
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions					335	15	0
Clerical Assistance and Hire of Typewriter		167	9	9			
Postage.. .. .		54	2	5			
Printing and Stationery		25	11	0			
Travelling Expenses		6	18	7			
General Expenses		22	12	0			
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries.. .. .		2	1	7			
					278	15	4
Balance (see per contra)					3,433	7	7
					£4,982	1	3

E. W. D. WARD,
SYDNEY OLIVIER,
R. RUTHERFORD, } *Hon. Treasurers.*

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, } *Hon. Auditors.*

The King was graciously pleased to accept a specimen of the cap badge which was presented by the Committee to the Regiment.

It had been the intention of the Committee to present a specially designed box of chocolates bearing the regimental badge to each officer, non-commissioned officer and man of the Regiment. But whilst the boxes sent to France safely reached their destination, those despatched to Egypt failed to do so since they were in a vessel which was mined. These chocolate boxes were, however, salvaged, and it is hoped that they will eventually reach the battalions for which they were intended.

The Committee was successful in getting into touch with many of the men who came over independently or with the Trinidad Merchants' and Barbados Citizens' Contingents. Besides assisting these men with advice where needed, it has been the policy of the Committee to provide them with board and lodging at the Peel House Club, the Victoria League Overseas Club, the Union Jack Club, or the Y.M.C.A. when on furlough or after discharge from hospital.

The Committee was authorised to act, and has since been acting, as a Central Authority for the control and distribution of dutiable gifts to men from the British West Indies serving in British regiments stationed in this country.

Full directions as to the despatch of gifts to officers and men overseas were circulated in the West Indies, and at Christmas the Committee arranged for the purchase of gifts on behalf of representative bodies in several of the Colonies.

The Committee desires to record its thanks to the West India Committee for continuing to place its organisation and offices at its disposal, and to Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. for having kindly consented to act as Hon. Auditors to The West Indian Contingent Fund.

EVERARD IM THURN, *Chairman.*

FREDERIC M. HODGSON, *Deputy-Chairman.*

ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE,
LONDON, E.C. 3.
June 5th, 1917.

ACCOUNTS OVERLEAF.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Six Months ended June 30th 1917.

The Committee begs to submit to subscribers to The West Indian Contingent Fund the audited Statement of Receipts and Payments for the six months ended June 30th, 1917. Its thanks are again due to Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Co., for kindly auditing the accounts free of charge.

During the period under review further donations to the extent of £1,145 6s. 4d. were received, bringing the total of the West Indian Contingent Fund to £6,151 12s. 4d. On June 30th the balance to the credit of the Fund was £2,471 14s. 2d. apart from the unexpended balance of certain sums received for expenditure on special purposes in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

The Report and Accounts for the six months to December 31st, 1916, were adopted at a meeting held at the West Indian Club, through the courtesy of the Committee of that institution, on June 5th.

The numerical strength of the British West Indies Regiment was increased during the period under review to a figure far beyond that originally contemplated, and as each new Battalion was raised the Committee placed itself in touch with the Commanding Officer with the view of meeting requirements in respect of badges, games, comforts, etc., and of providing for the welfare of all ranks generally.

The Committee co-operated still more closely with the Ladies' Committee, whose head-quarters were transferred on April 11th to 15, Seething Lane, the premises at 5, Trevor Square being no longer available. The Committee takes this opportunity of recording its regret at the death of Sir Richard Burbidge, who so kindly granted to them the use of the premises at Trevor Square.

A proposal to hold a flag day throughout the British West Indies in aid of the Contingent Fund was approved, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies kindly consented to transmit a cablegram to the Governors of the various British West Indian Colonies inviting them to organise Committees of Ladies to make the necessary arrangements in this connection locally. It will be noted that the expenditure on the purchase of flags and badges for despatch to the Colonies amounting to £586 7s. 10d. appears in the accounts of the half-year. The proceeds of the sale of these will be recorded in subsequent accounts.

The Committee is pleased to report that the chocolate boxes, referred to in last report, forming part of its Christmas gift to the British West Indies Regiment, ultimately reached their destinations overseas where they appear to have given much satisfaction to the recipients.

THE WEST INDIAN

Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at 31st December, 1916	..	..	..	3,433	7	7			
Further Donations received	..	..	..	1,145	6	4			
Do. do. for Special Purposes	..	..	..	80	13	6			
Note.—Balance in hand 31st December, 1916	£304	3	7						
Amount received as above	..	..	..	80	13	6			
				484	17	1			
Less Expended this half-year	..	..	..	426	16	8			
				£58	0	5			
Interest on Deposit and Discount on Treasury Bills	..	..	..	71	19	6			
Repatriation Expenses recovered	..	..	..	80	0	0			
Flag-day Receipts to date	..	..	..	15	1	6			
Balance, 30th June, 1917, made up thus:—									
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Current Account (including £2,000, proceeds of Treasury Bills redeemed in June and since reinvested)	..	..	..	2,497	10	3			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Deposit Account	..	..	..	250	0	0			
Cash in Hand	..	..	..	2	18	1			
Do. (Ladies' Committee)	..	..	..	5	15	3			
Sums Recoverable	..	..	..	102	2	2			
				2,798	5	9			
Less—Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others	..	..	..	£197	12	1			
Barbados Citizens' Contingent Fund	..	..	..	128	19	6			
				326	11	7			
				£2,471	14	2			
				£4,826	8	5			

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
OLD JEWRY, E.C. 3,
29th October, 1917.

CONTINGENT FUND.

for Half-year ended 30th June, 1917.

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Clothing and Comforts	..	..	..	315	11	7			
Gifts to Men in Hospital	..	..	..	72	0	11			
Do. of Tobacco and Cigarettes	..	..	..	92	10	7			
Do. to Men on Sick Furlough	..	..	..	253	16	6			
Do. to Prisoners of War	..	..	..	0	15	8			
Christmas Gifts of Chocolate (balance)	..	..	..	63	15	0			
Further Musical Instruments for B. W. I. Regiment	..	..	..	32	11	2			
Do. Cap Badges	do.	do.	..	97	11	5			
Do. Typewriters, &c.,	do.	do.	..	40	7	3			
Carriage of Men's Effects	..	..	..	4	16	9			
Entertaining Men	..	..	..	3	16	6			
Cost of Repatriation of Men invalided from Army	..	..	..	42	14	4			
Sporting Outfits	..	..	..	23	11	10			
Flag-day Expenditure	..	..	..	586	7	10			
				1,630	7	4			
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions				426	16	8			
Clerical Assistance and Hire of Typewriter	..	..	..	126	9	10			
Postages & Cablegrams	..	..	..	84	17	0			
Printing and Stationery	..	..	..	18	7	10			
Travelling Expenses	..	..	..	3	10	9			
General Expenses	..	..	..	52	11	1			
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries	..	..	..	11	13	9			
				297	10	3			
Balance (see per contra)	..	..	..	2,471	14	2			
				£4,826	8	5			

E. W. D. WARD,
SYDNEY OLIVIER, } *Hon. Treasurers.*
R. RUTHERFORD, }

Books and Vouchers and certify it to be correct.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO., } *Hon. Auditors.*
Chartered Accountants, }

It will be recalled that the Committee was formed to provide for the welfare of the Bermudian as well as the West Indian Contingent; but early in the year a separate Bermuda Contingent Committee was established to administer certain funds authorised by the House of Assembly of Bermuda and the responsibilities of the Contingent Committee were lightened accordingly. On March 1st the Committee received from His Excellency Lieut.-General Sir George Bullock, K.C.B., the then Governor of Bermuda, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the expression of his Government's deep appreciation of its services with the request that it would continue to assist as opportunity offered.

In Trinidad a Ladies' Committee was formed with Lady Chancellor as President, Mrs. Gordon Gordon, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. John Wilson, Hon. Secretary; and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Vincent Brown, Mrs. Rapsey, Mrs. Geddes Grant, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Huggins and Miss Sellier as members, to co-operate with and assist the Committee in London. The Trinidad Ladies' Committee collected during the six months, and transmitted £650 towards the Contingent Fund besides many comforts, and it further helped the Committee by putting it into touch with men from their Colony who were serving with the Colours.

Within the compass of this Report it is not possible to record all the cases in which the Committee has afforded assistance and advice to men in His Majesty's Forces; nor would it for obvious reasons be desirable to do so. It must, therefore, suffice to state that both by correspondence and personal interviews it has been the constant endeavour of the Committee to protect the interests not only of all ranks of the British West Indies Regiment but also of Officers and men who have come over independently to serve their King and Empire.

Further reinforcements of the Trinidad Merchants and Barbados Citizens Contingents arrived in England and the Hon. Secretary at once arranged for the enlistment of the men who are now being looked after by the Committee.

The number of visitors to the West India Committee Rooms has shown a notable increase, and the Committee continued its policy of providing board and lodging for men discharged from hospital, on furlough, or on draft leave at one of the various clubs and hostels enumerated in the preceding report.

Sick and wounded men in hospital were visited and provided with comforts, and the Committee, acting on behalf of parents and relatives, collected and forwarded to the Colonies the personal effects of many who laid down their lives for their country.

EVERARD IM THURN, *Chairman.*

FREDERIC HODGSON, *Deputy-Chairman.*

ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE,
LONDON, E.C. 3.
November, 1917.

ACCOUNTS OVERLEAF.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Six Months ended December 31st, 1917.

The Committee begs to submit to the subscribers to the West Indian Contingent Fund the audited Statement of Receipts and Payments for the six months ended December 31st, 1917.

During the period under review donations to the amount of £629 16s. 4d. were received and the sum of £774 6s. 0d. was entrusted to the Committee for expenditure in accordance with the specific directions of the donors. On December 31st the balance to the credit of the Contingent Fund was £3,326 14s. 5d.

The half-yearly meeting was held at the Colonial Office on November 15th and was attended by His Excellency Brigadier-General Sir William Manning, K.C.M.G., C.B., the then Governor of Jamaica, on his return from a visit to the British West Indies Regiment on the Western front.

The West Indian Flag Day, which was organised by local Committees on behalf of the West Indian Contingent Committee's Fund, was held on various dates in the undermentioned Colonies with the results as shown:—

		£	s.	d.
July 22-23	Barbados	525	3	6
July 2nd	British Guiana	1,012	11	7
June 30th	Trinidad	267	12	8
July 13th	Antigua	120	15	7
August 4th	St. Kitts-Nevis	138	8	6
July 18th	Montserrat	60	0	0
Sept. 7th	Grenada	229	0	9
August 18th	St. Lucia	56	13	1
August 1st	St. Vincent	210	4	4

At the close of the year the results from the Bahamas, Jamaica and Dominica were still awaited. The Committee is much indebted to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly helped to make the Flag Day a success.

The volume of work undertaken by the Committee showed a further marked expansion which is reflected by the increase in the postage and cable accounts, and by the numbers of men calling at the West India Committee Rooms for assistance or advice, which is always ungrudgingly given. This latter forms no small part of the activities of the Hon. Secretary and Staff. In the opinion of the Committee this personal attention to new arrivals, to men in hospital, to men in any form of trouble or to those who are merely lonely in a strange land is one of the most useful parts of its work.

Some hundreds of parcels of comforts were sent to men at the front and in Hospital, and among the articles purchased in addition and distributed besides many hundreds of thousands of cigarettes were:—

Handkerchiefs	10,608
Soap (cakes)	16,160
Badges	2,105
Articles of Clothing	1,333
Writing Pads	708
Safety Razors	140
Cigarette Lighters	72
Hampers	48
Parcels of Fruit	44
Musical Instruments	50
Games	54
Typewriters	5

THE WEST INDIAN

Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at 30th June, 1917	.. .. .				2,471	14	2
Further Donations received	.. .. .				629	16	4
Do. do. for Special Purposes	.. .. .				774	6	0
Note.—Balance in hand 30th June, 1917	..	£58	0	5			
Amount received as above	..	774	6	0			
		832	6	5			
Less Expended this half-year	..	157	10	0			
		674	16	5			
Interest on Deposit	.. .. .				30	6	6
Repatriation Expenses recovered	.. .. .				22	16	6
Flag-day Receipts to date	.. .. .				2,592	6	1
Balance, 31st December, 1917, made up thus:—							
£2,000, Treasury Bills at cost	.. .. .	1,952	2	1			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Current Account	.. .. .	112	17	3			
Cash at Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., on Deposit Account	.. .. .	1,550	0	0			
Cash in Hand	.. .. .	0	4	3			
Do. (Ladies' Committee)	.. .. .	5	0	0			
Sums Recoverable	.. .. .	188	10	8			
		3,808	14	3			
Less—Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others	.. .. .	£383	14	1			
Barbados Citizens' Contingent Fund	.. .. .	98	5	9			
		481	19	10			
		£3,326	14	5			
					£6,521	5	7

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
OLD JEWRY, E.C. 2.
17th May, 1918.

CONTINGENT FUND.

for Half-year ended 31st December, 1917.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Board and Lodging of Men on Leave	.. .. .	157	6	3			
Clothing and Comforts	.. .. .	482	1	11			
Contribution to Director-General of Voluntary Organizations' Fund	.. .. .	105	0	0			
Contribution to Camps' Library Fund	.. .. .	26	5	0			
Gifts to Men in Hospital	.. .. .	48	7	3			
Do. of Tobacco and Cigarettes	.. .. .	175	16	3			
Do. to Men on Sick Furlough	.. .. .	168	5	9			
Christmas Gifts of Cigarettes, Cases and Wallets	.. .. .	979	4	5			
Further Musical Instruments for B. W. I. Regiment	.. .. .	40	14	4			
Do. Cap Badges	do. do.	53	5	4			
Do. Typewriters, &c.,	do. do.	51	2	9			
Carriage of Men's Effects	.. .. .	2	8	8			
Entertaining Men	.. .. .	10	7	2			
Cost of Repatriation of Men invalided from Army, &c.	.. .. .	118	6	8			
Dental Attention	.. .. .	10	1	0			
Sporting Outfits	.. .. .	23	7	7			
Flag-day Expenditure	.. .. .	99	13	7			
		2,551	13	11			
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions		157	10	0			
Clerical Assistance	.. .. .	251	7	7			
Postages	.. .. .	88	7	6			
Cablegrams	.. .. .	30	9	2			
Printing and Stationery	.. .. .	29	2	9			
Rent, Lighting and Housekeeper	.. .. .	21	8	0			
Travelling Expenses	.. .. .	5	17	3			
Advertising	.. .. .	2	8	0			
General Expenses	.. .. .	44	0	1			
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries	12	6	11			
		485	7	3			
Balance (see opposite)	3,326	14	5			
					£6,521	5	7

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£6,521 5 7

Books and Vouchers and certify it to be correct.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, } *Hon. Auditors.*

The number of parcels sent to the Committee to be re-addressed and forwarded to their destination showed a notable increase, and the work of checking the whereabouts of the addressees, repacking the parcels which, unfortunately, is still necessary in most instances, and clearing dutiable gifts under arrangement with the Commissioners of Customs was considerable. It was not unusual for from 2,000 to 3,000 letters and parcels to be dealt with in a single month.

For the purpose of storing men's civilian clothing and effects and for packing parcels it became necessary to lease a special room.

Board and Lodging was provided for 205 men on leave, discharged from hospital, or awaiting enlistment at various clubs, including the Union Jack Club, the Y.M.C.A., the Peel House Club and the Victoria League Club, with which special arrangements have been made.

At Christmas the Committee presented Cigarette Cases bearing the regimental badge, and also cigarettes to all ranks of the British West Indies Regiment, and Pocket Wallets suitably inscribed to all officers and men who came over from the British West Indies independently, whose addresses could be traced.

Her Highness Princess Marie Louise honoured with her presence the annual meeting of the Ladies' Committee which was held at the residence of Lady Davson on November 27th, the Countess of Stamford presiding. It was reported that over 15,000 garments, etc., had been collected and distributed. The Work Parties which are now organised by Mrs. Bromley were held fortnightly and resulted in the addition of many useful articles to the supply of comforts.

The Committee acceded to all requests for badges, musical instruments, games, insecticides, etc., from Commanding Officers of the British West Indies Regiment for their respective Battalions, which were also supplied with books and magazines by arrangement with the Camps' Library to whose funds a contribution was made.

In the autumn the Committee was able to place an adequate supply of warm comforts at the disposal of each Battalion of the Regiment in France through the courtesy of the Director-General of Voluntary Organizations to whose Fund it contributed one hundred guineas.

The Committee urged that the privilege of Honorary Membership of the Royal Club for Officers from beyond the Seas enjoyed by Officers of Colonial Contingents might be extended to Officers ordinarily domiciled overseas but serving during the War in Imperial Regiments. This concession has been granted. Whilst expressing its indebtedness to the Royal Club the Committee desires also to thank the West Indian Club and the Junior Naval and Military Club which afforded hospitality to Officers from the British West Indies.

Seven further detachments of the Trinidad Merchants' and Planters' Contingent and of the Barbados Citizens' Contingent arrived in England during the period under review. The total strength of these two Contingents is now 229 and 68 men respectively. With most of these the Committee is now in personal touch. In several instances medical attendance was provided for men prior to enlistment.

EVERARD IM THURN, *Chairman.*

FREDERIC HODGSON, *Deputy-Chairman.*

ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE,
LONDON, E.C. 3.

17th May, 1918.

ACCOUNTS OVERLEAF.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

(Registered under 6 & 7 Geo. V., Ch. 43.)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the

Six Months ended 30th June, 1918.

LONDON:

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE, E.C.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

Patron.

HER HIGHNESS PRINCESS MARIE LOUISE.

COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

SIR EVERARD IM THURN, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.

Deputy-Chairman.

SIR FREDERIC HODGSON, K.C.M.G., V.D.

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SIR FRANCIS FLEMING, K.C.M.G.
SIR WILLIAM GREY-WILSON, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.
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Barrister-at-Law.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

President.

THE COUNTESS OF STAMFORD

Chairman.

LADY DAVSON.

VISCOUNTESS FRENCH.
THE HON. MRS. HENRY EDWARDES.
LADY LE HUNTE.
LADY IM THURN.
LADY CAMERON.
LADY FLEMING.
LADY GREY-WILSON.
LADY HODGSON.
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LADY OLIVIER.
LADY PHILIPPS.
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MRS. JAMES RICHMOND.
MRS. RIPPON.
MRS. RUTHERFORD.
MRS. MOODY STUART.
MRS. WADE.

Hon. Secretary.—MISS MARY MOSELEY, M.B.E.

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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK.

Offices.

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS, 15, SEETHING LANE, LONDON, E.C.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Six Months ended June 30th, 1918.

The Committee begs to submit to the subscribers to the West Indian Contingent Fund its report and the audited statement of receipts and payments for the six months ended June 30th, 1918.

At the outset it desires to record with deep regret the deaths of two of its members, namely, Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G., and His Excellency the Honourable W. Hart-Bennett, C.M.G., Governor of British Honduras. Whilst in this country in 1916 Mr. Hart-Bennett ungrudgingly devoted much time to the routine work of the Committee. It has also to deplore the death of Lady Hayes-Sadler, a member of the Ladies' Committee from its inception. As President of the Eastern League, which she founded, Lady Hayes-Sadler rendered valuable assistance to the Committee by providing many warm comforts for the troops and her loss will be much felt.

Her Highness Princess Marie Louise honoured the Committee with her presence at the last half-yearly meeting which was held at the Colonial Office on June 6th, when the report and accounts for the half-year ended December 31st, 1917, were adopted. Brigadier-General Sir William Manning, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., late Governor of Jamaica, and Lieut.-Col. A. E. Barchard, and Major V. G. F. Gane of the British West Indies Regiment were also present.

It will be noted that the accounts are presented in a somewhat different form from that hitherto adopted, the object being to show separately the sums specially earmarked and expended in accordance with the specific instructions of the donors.

To the proceeds of the West Indian Flag Day held in aid of the Contingent Fund, to which reference was made in the last report of the Committee, can now be added those received from the Bahamas and Jamaica, where the day was observed, with the following results.

November 16th, 1917.	Bahamas	...	£160	0	0	
February	1918.	Jamaica	...	£1,242	3	2

The total receipts from the Flag Day, which was the first ever held throughout the West Indies, were thus brought to £4,179 2s. 5d. The expenses were £686 1s. 5d., leaving a balance of £3,493 1s. 0d. The Committee desires again to record its thanks to those who so kindly organised the Flag Day in their respective Colonies, and to the West Indian Press which contributed towards its success.

During the six months under review the British West Indies Regiment was serving on almost every front. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., has testified to the value of its work in France, and similarly favourable reports have been received from the General Officers Commanding in Chief in Egypt, Mesopotamia and British East Africa.

It was the constant endeavour of the Committee to provide for the well-being of all ranks in the Regiment, and all requests for comforts preferred to them by the Commanding Officers were complied with.

The Committee was successful in securing the adjustment of a grievance resulting from the Estaminets in France being placed out of bounds. It appeared that the order was based on a misapprehension and was not intended for application to the British West Indies Regiment.

The Committee made certain suggestions with regard to the granting of leave to England of parties of N.C.O.'s and men from the various Battalions, and these were still under consideration at the close of the half year. Meanwhile, board and lodging and amusements were provided for individuals coming to England on furlough.

By the arrival of further recruits the strength of the Trinidad Merchants and Planters' Contingent, and the Barbados Citizens' Contingent was raised to 262 and 79 respectively. With the majority of the men of these Contingents the Committee is now in close touch.

The Committee continued to make arrangements in connection with the repatriation of men discharged from the Imperial Army on Medical grounds, and in many instances outfits were provided to supplement the Government grant of clothing. It also furnished certain men granted leave on compassionate grounds with passages to the West Indies.

Board and lodging was provided for 294 men on leave, discharged from Hospital, or awaiting enlistment at various Clubs and Hotels, notably the Union Jack Club, the King George and Queen Mary's Clubs (Peel House and Victoria League's) and the Y.M.C.A. The Committee was also able to arrange for a number of officers and men to enjoy visits to English homes through the kindness of the Countess of Harrowby, Mrs. Cunningham-Craig, Mrs. F. N. Martinez, Captain William Godsal and others.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee, work parties were held at the residences of Lady Davson and Mrs. St. George Gray. They were organised by Mrs. John Bromley and were well attended. As a result of these parties and of individual effort, many hundreds of pairs of socks, anti-verminous underclothing, pyjamas, mufflers, hospital bags, etc., were made and distributed.

Among the numerous gifts and comforts distributed by the Committee during the six months under review were 2,500 badges, 666 suits of woollen underwear, 10 suits of clothes, 13 pairs of boots, besides many hundreds of pairs of socks, mufflers, etc.

As showing the variety and number of articles purchased and distributed or forwarded in accordance with the wishes of the donors, the following list is given.

Artificial Leg ..	1	Hot Sauce (bottles)	1,208	Swagger Canes ..	24
Books ..	132	Wrist Watches ..	568	Sweets (tins) ..	2,054
Chew-Sticks (cases)	17	Soap (tablets) ..	288	Thermometers ..	6
Cigarettes ..	500,000	Special Hampers ..	16	Wallets ..	500
Guava Jelly (lbs.) ..	500				

The Hot Sauce and Guava Jelly were collected at the request of the Committee by Mrs. Graham Yearwood and a Committee of Ladies in Barbados.

The Committee also received and forwarded upwards of 1,000 parcels, most of which had to be repacked and re-addressed and over 15,000 letters. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Army Post Office invoked the assistance of the Committee in forwarding some hundreds of letters, the addresses on which were to its officials indecipherable.

The West Indian Contingent Committee is now represented in all the larger West Indian Colonies by Hon. Correspondents, the names of whom are appended to this report.

In conclusion, it should be added, that, in ways too numerous to be detailed further, the Staff from day to day, by personal interviews and by correspondence, has worked for the welfare, comfort and enjoyment of the West Indians serving in His Majesty's Forces.

EVERARD IM THURN, *Chairman.*
 FREDERIC HODGSON, *Deputy-Chairman.*
 ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

December, 1918.

HON. CORRESPONDENTS.

Antigua.—Hon. D. MACDONALD.

Bahamas.—A Committee comprising LADY ALLARDICE, LADY TUDOR, Mrs. G. H. JOHNSON, M.B.E., Mrs. LOPHOUSE, M.B.E., Mrs. C. MENENDEZ and Miss LOBB, *Hon. Secretary.*

Barbados.—A Committee comprising Mrs. W. L. C. PHILLIPS, Miss BRIGGS, Mrs. M. WHITE, Miss M. EVELYN, Mrs. GEORGE EVELYN, Mrs. C. B. AUSTIN, Mrs. A. G. BANCROFT, Mrs. A. HUTSON, Mrs. P. CLARKE, Mrs. N. SIMPSON, Mrs. E. COX, Mrs. A. WILLIAMS, Mrs. L. ARCHER, Mrs. L. PILE, Mrs. E. KING, Mrs. J. R. PHILLIPS, Mrs. J. MAHON, Mrs. G. SKEETE, Miss EVELYN, Miss M. GREAVES and Mrs. YEARWOOD, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE BARBADOS CITIZENS' CONTINGENT COMMITTEE. DUDLEY G. LEACOCK, Esq., *Chairman.*

British Guiana.—J. B. CASSELS, M.B.E.

British Honduras.—THE BRITISH HONDURAS CONTINGENT SOCIETY, Hon. A. R. USHER, M.B.E., *Chairman.*

Jamaica.—The Contingent Comforts Committee.—Mrs. BLACKDEN, *Chairman*; Mrs. J. H. PARR, *Hon. Treasurer*; Mrs. LEACH, Mrs. MILLS, Mrs. MORRIS, Mrs. ORPEN, Mrs. HARRISON, Mrs. PICOT, Mrs. VAN ANGLEBERG, Mrs. BRANCH, Mrs. DOUET, Mrs. MUIRHEAD, Mrs. JEWEL, Miss NETHERSOLE and Mrs. H. C. BOURNE, *Hon. Secretary.*

Trinidad and Tobago.—The Ladies' West India Committee.—LADY CHANCELLOR, *President*; Mrs. GORDON GORDON, *Vice-President*; Mrs. BELL, Mrs. BERNARD, Mrs. VINCENT BROWN, Mrs. RAPSAY, Mrs. GEDDES GRANT, Mrs. HANCOCK, Mrs. HUGGINS, Miss SELLIER, Miss MAY, Miss ECKEL and Mrs. JOHN WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE TRINIDAD MERCHANTS' AND PLANTERS' CONTINGENT COMMITTEE. G. F. HUGGINS, Esq., O.B.E., *Hon. Secretary.*

Grenada.—R. HUDSON PHILLIP, Esq.

Montserrat.—The Women's War Committee.—Mrs. DYETT, *President*; Mrs. MARTIN, *Treasurer*; Miss BARRY, Miss DE FREITAS, Miss FURLONGE, Miss GUNN, Mrs. HAINES, Mrs. HEATH, Mrs. NORRIS, Mrs. STUDLEY, Mrs. WALL and Miss HAINES, *Hon. Secretary.*

St. Lucia.—The Flag Day Committee.—Mrs. POPHAM LOBB, *President*; Mrs. G. O'D. WALTON, Mrs. MURPHY, Mrs. DEGAZEN, Mrs. C. PETER, Mrs. G. WILLIAMS, Mrs. G. LAFFITTE, Mrs. HARRIS and Miss MCHUGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	RECEIPTS.				
	Special Purposes.	Colonial Separate Funds.		General Fund.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at 31st December, 1917	674 16 5	540 11 1	2,111 6 11	3,326 14 5	
Further Donations received	190 19 8	954 14 0	261 14 8	1,416 8 4	
Flag Day Receipts	—	—	1,427 6 7	1,427 6 7	
Interest on Deposit	—	—	86 17 8	86 17 8	
Repatriation Expenses Recovered	—	—	25 0 0	25 0 0	
	<u>£874 16 1</u>	<u>£1,495 5 1</u>	<u>£3,912 5 10</u>	<u>£6,282 7 0</u>	

E. W. D. WARD,
 SYDNEY OLIVIER,
 R. RUTHERFORD,
 H. F. PREVITÉ, } *Hon. Treasurers.*

ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

BALANCE SHEET,

	£ s. d.
To Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others	604 0 0
" Barbados Citizens' Contingent Fund	100 10 9
" Donations for Special Purposes, Balance in hand	174 4 4
" Colonial Separate Funds, Balances unexpended	520 3 10
" General Fund	2,468 9 1
	<u>£3,867 8 0</u>

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
 OLD JEWRY, E.C. 2.
 15th November, 1918.

for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1918.

	PAYMENTS.				
	Special Purposes.	Colonial Separate Funds.		General Fund.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Board and Lodging of Men on Leave	—	298 17 3	82 8 4	381 5 7	
Clothing and Comforts	—	191 17 11	113 18 2	305 16 1	
Gifts to Men in Hospital and Prisoners of War	—	56 0 0	214 19 8	270 19 8	
Do. of Tobacco and Cigarettes	—	267 0 1	11 17 1	278 17 2	
Do. to Men on Sick Furlough	—	62 13 6	81 3 4	143 16 10	
Christmas Gifts of Cigarette Cases and Wallets (balance)	—	—	16 0 7	16 0 7	
Further Musical Instruments for B. W. I. Regiment	—	—	113 15 3	113 15 3	
Do. Cap and Collar Badges do. do.	—	—	93 7 10	93 7 10	
Do. Typewriters, &c., do. do.	—	—	24 1 0	24 1 0	
Carriage of Gifts and Men's Effects	—	36 13 5	4 9	86 18 2	
Entertaining Men	—	6 15 2	14 11 5	21 6 7	
Cost of Repatriation of Men invalided from the Army	—	36 6 0	143 12 9	179 18 9	
Medical and Dental Attention, etc.	—	2 19 9	8 17 5	11 17 2	
Cables	—	15 18 2	—	15 18 2	
Sporting Outfits	—	—	76 8 8	76 8 8	
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions	700 11 9	—	—	700 11 9	
	<u>700 11 9</u>	<u>975 1 3</u>	<u>995 6 3</u>	<u>2,070 19 5</u>	
Wages and Clerical Assistance	—	—	248 7 8	248 7 8	
Postages	—	—	85 2 0	85 2 0	
Cablegrams	—	—	14 17 0	14 17 0	
Printing and Stationery	—	—	36 3 6	36 3 6	
Rent, Lighting and Housekeeper	—	—	22 0 11	22 0 11	
Travelling Expenses	—	—	2 16 0	2 16 0	
General Expenses	—	—	21 7 3	21 7 3	
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries	—	—	17 16 2	17 16 2	
	—	—	<u>448 10 6</u>	<u>448 10 6</u>	
Balance	£700 11 9	£975 1 3	£1,443 16 9	£3,119 9 9	
	<u>174 4 4</u>	<u>520 3 10</u>	<u>2,468 9 1</u>	<u>3,162 17 3</u>	
	<u>£874 16 1</u>	<u>£1,495 5 1</u>	<u>£3,912 5 10</u>	<u>£6,282 7 0</u>	

30th June, 1918.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Sums Recoverable	—	289 2 2
" " " Trinidad Merchants' Fund	—	190 16 2
" " " Cash at Union of London and Smith's Bank on Deposit	3,100 0 0	—
" " " on Current Account	346 14 9	—
" " " in hand	14 11	—
	<u>3,447 9 8</u>	—
	—	<u>£3,867 8 0</u>

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BADGE OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES REGIMENT
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THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the

Six Months ended 31st December, 1918.

LONDON:
THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE, E.C.

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THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

(Registered under 6 & 7 Geo. V. Ch. 43.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Six Months ended December 31st, 1918.

The Committee, in submitting to the subscribers to the West Indian Contingent Fund its half-yearly report, the audited accounts for the six months ended December 31st, 1918 and the Balance Sheet, desires at the outset to record with deep regret the death of one of its members Sir Robert Llewelyn, K.C.M.G., which occurred on February 26th last.

The report and accounts for the preceding half-year were adopted at a meeting held at Scotland House, on December 18th, Sir Frederic Hodgson, K.C.M.G., V.D. presiding in the absence of the Chairman who had met with a slight accident.

The half-year was marked by the cessation of hostilities, and, after the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, the work of the Committee entered upon a new phase. The question of demobilisation and repatriation came to the forefront, and, by correspondence and personal interview, the staff was kept more than usually busy answering the many enquiries which they received regarding these problems.

It being realised that the activities of the Committee would necessarily have to be continued for many months to come, and that the expenses would be extremely heavy during the period of demobilisation, a further appeal for funds was issued. This brought in to the close of the year the sum of £1,433 0s. 4d. It is noteworthy that, whilst organisations established in London for providing for the welfare of the troops from the Dominions and Bermuda have received financial support from the Governments concerned, the West Indian Contingent Committee has been maintained solely by the voluntary subscriptions of individuals and firms. The Committee desires to express its thanks to the subscribers for their generous support.

During the half-year under review the Battalions of the British West Indies Regiment which were serving the guns on the Western Front—a hazardous task for which they had volunteered in Egypt—were constantly under fire, sustaining many casualties and earning the appreciation and thanks of the Commander-in-Chief. In Palestine, the 1st and 2nd Battalions greatly distinguished themselves in the operations in the Jordan Valley and in the advance to Amman which led to the surrender of the Turkish Army, participating in a brilliant bayonet charge which won for them the admiration of the European and Dominion troops and the commendation of the General Officer commanding.

Immediately prior to the cessation of hostilities the various Battalions of the Regiment were stationed in the undermentioned countries:—

1st Battalion,	Lt. Col. C. Wood Hill, D.S.O.	Egypt	8th Battalion,	Major Maxwell J. Smith	Italy
2nd "	Lt. Col. J. Poë	"	9th "	Lt. Col. R. E. Negus	France
3rd "	Col. A. E. Barchard	France	10th "	Lt. Col. C. W. Long	Italy
4th "	Lt. Col. G. V. Hart	"	11th "	Lt. Col. C. M. Ogilvie	"
5th "	Lt. Col. A. W. M. Wilson	Egypt	Honduras Contingents, Capt. Jeffery, Mesopotamia		
6th "	Lt. Col. E. C. Ogle	France			
7th "	Lt. Col. C. D. Arnold	"			

The exclusion of non-commissioned officers and men of the British West Indies Regiment from the arrangements for the increase of pay granted to other units of the Imperial Army under Army Order 1 of 1918, gave rise to considerable dissatisfaction, and the fear that the grant of gratuities also might not be extended to the Regiment led the Committee to address a letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies urging that representations might be made to the Army Council on the subject. This letter was signed by seven late Governors, and by others intimately acquainted with the West Indian affairs. As the result the Army Council after the close of the year decided that warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British West Indies Regiment should be granted the full privileges under the Order with effect as from September 29th, 1917 and also War Gratuity at the rates and under the conditions laid down in Army Order 17 of 1919. The Committee ventures to think that if it had only succeeded in securing this concession it would have fully justified its existence.

Representations having been made that the personnel of the Regimental Record Office of the British West Indies Regiment in London found it difficult to subsist on the pay granted to it, the Committee for some months gave the men an extra weekly allowance.

It appearing that the privilege of wearing the B.V.L.A. (British Volunteer from Latin America) Badge, issued by the War Office to those who came from Central and South America to enlist, was not being extended to men from Panama in the British West Indies Regiment, on the ground that they had enlisted in Jamaica and not in the United Kingdom, the Committee made representations on the subject to the Army Council who consented to officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers from non-British Central and South America in the British West Indies Regiment receiving this distinctive badge.

The proposal that parties of non-commissioned officers and men of the British West Indies Regiment might visit England, to which reference was made in last report, was adopted. In November and December two such parties arrived in London and were lodged in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, where they were the guests of the King. During their stay in this country the men were entertained by the Committee, which provided them with tickets for theatres, etc., and arranged for visits to Windsor Castle where they were graciously received by H.R.H. Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. The leave parties provided a Guard of Honour to H.H. Princess Marie Louise on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Ladies' Committee on December 4th, and, at the request of the Committee, they were allowed to participate in the Lord Mayor's Show on November 9th, when their soldierly bearing was, as in 1915, the subject of much appreciative comment. The Committee also provided board and lodging for all non-commissioned officers and men of the British West Indies Regiment visiting London from time to time who applied for it. Thanks are due to Captain D. Hiam of the Church Army who acted as guide to the leave parties.

Following the precedent of the last two years the Committee at Christmas presented a small souvenir in the form of a pocket wallet bearing the regimental badge to every officer, non-commissioned officer and man of the British West Indies Regiment. It also sent a pocket diary with a suitable inscription to every officer, N.C.O. and man who came independently from the West Indies to enlist whose address was known.

The Committee continued to repatriate men discharged from the army on account of sickness or wounds, drawing from the War Office the amount which that department would otherwise have paid for the passages. This arrangement which worked admirably in every respect and effected much saving of time and expense was, however, terminated by the Army Council when demobilisation began. At the close of the year it became

apparent that as far as officers and men from the West Indies were concerned the repatriation arrangements were far from satisfactory, and at the date of this report comparatively few of the men who came over independently have been repatriated though many have been waiting several months for passages.

The record of the Trinidad Merchants' and Planters' Contingent and the Barbados Citizens' Contingent, which are under the care of the Committee, at the date of this report was as follows:—

		TRINIDAD.	BARBADOS.			TRINIDAD.	BARBADOS.
Officers	.. ..	71	24	Killed in action	.. ..	8	10
Cadets	.. ..	14	—	Lost at Sea	.. ..	—	1
N.C.O's.	.. ..	11	5	Died of Wounds	.. ..	2	1
Privates	.. ..	164	50	Died of Sickness	.. ..	5	2
Too late for enlistment or rejected	.. ..	12	1	Wounded and Gassed	.. ..	39	23
				Prisoners of War	.. ..	4	3
		<u>272</u>	<u>80</u>	Honours	.. ..	11	5

At the request of the Army Council the Committee provided several men, granted furlough, with passages to the West Indies. It has with regret to record that two of these men, Sergeant A. H. Robinson and Corporal D. M. Speid lost their lives when the S.S. "Portuguero" was torpedoed on her voyage to Jamaica on June 26th.

Consignments of West Indian commodities, chiefly guava jelly and hot sauce, were received from Mrs. Graham Yearwood (Barbados), Mrs. Clarence Bourne (Jamaica), The Ladies' West India Committee (Trinidad), and Mrs. Brodie (Grenada), and were forwarded to various Hospitals and Battalions of the British West Indies Regiment by which they were much appreciated.

To shew the great variety and number of articles purchased and distributed or forwarded in accordance with the wishes of the donors, the following list is given:—

Artificial Eyes	Cigarette Lighters	Fountain Pens	Lantern Slides
.. Legs	Cigarettes	Games	Musical Instruments
Badges	Clothing	Gloves	Razors
Boxing Gloves	Diaries	Handkerchiefs	Soap
Books	Electric Torches	Hats	Wallets
Boots and Shoes	Eye Glasses	Hold-alls	Writing Pads

The Ladies' work parties were continued with success at the residence of Lady Davson and many useful comforts were made at them and also by individual effort.

During the half-year a branch was established at Liverpool, with Mrs. Evelyn Parker as Chairman and Mr. W. Speed as Hon. Secretary, which is doing valuable work in visiting and providing for the comfort of West Indians in hospital in that city, and the circle of Hon. Correspondents was extended by the appointment of Mrs. Hazell to represent the Committee in St. Vincent.

In conclusion the Committee again desires to thank the West India Committee for placing the offices at 15, Seething Lane at its disposal. It also records its appreciation of the services of the members of the staff, and especially Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E., whose personal attention to officers and men when in hospital has been beyond praise, and Mr. G. P. Osmond who has rendered valuable help not only in keeping the accounts, but also in connection with the despatch of gifts and with repatriation.

April 25th, 1919.

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THE WEST INDIAN

Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.

	Colonial			Total.
	Special Purposes.	Separate Funds.	General Fund.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at 30th June, 1918	174 4 4	520 3 10	2,468 9 1	3,162 17 3
Further Donations received	904 14 8	549 11 8	1,488 6 6	2,942 12 10
Further Flag Day Receipts	—	—	6 13 0	6 13 0
Interest on Deposit	—	—	41 0 9	41 0 9
Repatriation Expenses Recovered	—	—	150 11 8	150 11 8

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£1,078 19 0 £1,069 15 6 £4,155 1 0 £6,303 15 6

BALANCE SHEET,

	£ s. d.
To Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others	278 10 3
„ Barbados Citizens' Contingent Fund	51 12 4
„ Donations for Special Purposes, Balance in hand	172 6 5
„ Colonial Separate Funds, Balances unexpended	106 8 10
„ Overdraft at National Provincial and Union Bank of England	93 13 11
General Fund	2,041 15 1
	<u>£2,744 6 10</u>

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
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8th April, 1919.

CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1918.

PAYMENTS.

	Colonial			Total.
	Special Purposes.	Separate Funds.	General Fund.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Board and Lodging of Men on Leave	—	143 11 11	152 8 11	296 0 10
Clothing and Comforts	—	181 9 9	87 4 0	268 13 9
Gifts to Men in Hospital	—	71 17 5	41 14 1	113 11 6
Gifts to Prisoners of War	—	—	17 11 4	17 11 4
Gifts of Tobacco, Cigarettes and Magazines	—	15 10 11	104 19 11	120 10 10
Gifts to Men on Sick Furlough and Leave	—	211 18 10	166 4 8	378 3 6
Christmas Gifts of Wallets	—	116 10 0	653 6 9	769 16 9
Further Musical Instruments for B. W. I. Regiment	—	—	2 17 6	2 17 6
Carriage of Gifts and Men's Effects	—	21 0 7	1 8 4	22 8 11
Entertaining Men	—	—	69 17 6	69 17 6
Cost of Repatriation of Men	—	32 13 4	294 6 8	327 0 0
Medical and Dental Attention, Artificial Limbs, Spectacles, etc.	—	61 6 8	1 1 0	62 7 8
Funeral Expenses	—	19 4 6	—	19 4 6
Cables	—	42 7 9	1 17 6	44 5 3
Sporting Outfits and Games	—	45 15 0	9 12 5	55 7 5
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions	906 12 7	—	—	906 12 7
	<u>906 12 7</u>	<u>968 6 8</u>	<u>1,604 10 7</u>	<u>3,474 0 10</u>
Wages and Clerical Assistance	—	—	250 8 0	250 8 0
Postages	—	—	98 3 0	98 3 0
Cablegrams	—	—	15 0 2	15 0 2
Printing and Stationery	—	—	40 4 9	40 4 9
Rent, Lighting and Housekeeper	—	—	52 14 2	52 14 2
Travelling Expenses	—	—	4 7 11	4 7 11
General Expenses	—	—	39 19 3	39 19 3
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries	—	—	7 18 1	7 18 1
			<u>508 15 4</u>	
Balance	£906 12 7	£968 6 8	£2,113 5 11	£3,983 5 9
	<u>172 6 5</u>	<u>106 8 10</u>	<u>2,041 15 1</u>	<u>2,320 10 4</u>
	<u>£1,078 19 0</u>	<u>£1,069 15 6</u>	<u>£4,155 1 0</u>	<u>£6,303 15 6</u>

31st December, 1918.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Sums Recoverable	—	207 14 0
„ „ „ Trinidad Merchants' Fund	—	354 1 7
„ „ „ Cash at National Provincial and Union Bank of England on Deposit	2,100 0 0	—
„ „ „ in hand	17 11 3	—
„ „ „ Ladies' Committee	5 0 0	—
		<u>2,122 11 8</u>
		<u>£2,744 6 10</u>

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the

Nine Months ended 30th September, 1919.

*Adopted at the Final Meeting held at the Colonial Office,
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Nine Months ended September 30th, 1919.

In presenting its final report together with the audited accounts for the nine months ended September 30th, 1919, and the Balance Sheet, the Committee feels that it will not be out of place to review briefly the circumstances which led to its appointment and the work which it undertook.

Immediately after the outbreak of the Great European War all classes of the communities in the British West Indies, British Guiana and British Honduras showed a desire, as spontaneous as it was general, to be permitted to take part in the defence of King and Empire. Many who could afford to do so hastened to England at their own expense, and joined various units of His Majesty's Forces; but offers to furnish special contingents for active service were at first discouraged by the Army Council on the ground that the first duty of West Indians was to hold themselves ready to defend their own homes from the expected attacks by enemy cruisers. When, however, this menace became less serious, renewed requests by the West Indian communities to be allowed to send contingents to fight side by side with the Imperial and Dominion Troops was gladly acceded to, and recruiting throughout the West Indian Colonies began in earnest.

At a meeting of gentlemen interested in the British West Indian Colonies which was held at the Colonial Office, on August 30th, 1915, by the invitation of the Right Honourable A. Bonar Law, M.P., then Secretary of State for the Colonies, the West Indian Contingent Committee was formed to provide for the welfare and comfort of the men of the West Indian Contingents as well as of those who had come over independently, and of others who might come over, to enlist in the new armies.

An appeal for funds was issued on September 24th, and the response to this and to succeeding appeals has enabled the Committee successfully, it is believed, to carry out its purpose. In collecting subscriptions the Committee received valuable assistance from the local Committees and Honorary Correspondents whose names are appended to this Report.

For some months the Committee also provided for the welfare of the men of the Bermuda Contingents, for which it received the thanks of the Governor of the Bermudas,

but on the formation of the Bermuda Contingents Committee its activities in this connection were transferred to that body.

At a meeting held on November 29th, 1915, which Princess Marie Louise was graciously pleased to attend, a Ladies Committee was formed, of which Her Highness consented to become Patron with the Countess of Stamford as President and Lady Owen Philipps as Chairman. Lady Owen Philipps, finding it impossible to devote the necessary time to the work, was succeeded as Chairman by Lady Davson. This Committee did much valuable work, notably in providing warm clothing and other comforts.

The work which the Committee undertook eventually proved far greater and much more complex than had been anticipated. Instead of the two thousand men at first contemplated, no fewer than 15,601 men were eventually enrolled in the British West Indies Regiment, the formation of which Corps from contingents of the inhabitants of the West Indian Colonies, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to approve on October 26th 1915.

Towards this total every West Indian Colony contributed without exception, the numbers sent over from the various islands and from British Guiana and British Honduras being as follows:—

	OFFICERS.	MEN.
Barbados	20	811
Bahamas	2	439
British Guiana ..	14	686
British Honduras ..	5	528
Jamaica	303	9,977
Trinidad and Tobago	40	1,438
Grenada	4	441
St. Lucia	5	354
St. Vincent	—	305
The Leeward Islands	4	225
	<u>397</u>	<u>15,204</u>

The Committee also provided for the welfare of the men of "the Trinidad Merchants' and Planters' Contingent" and "the Barbados Citizens' Contingent." These private contingents were raised by committees comprising the Mayor of Port of Spain, Hon. Adam Smith, C.M.G., Hon. R. S. Aucher Warner, K.C., Hon. Hugh McLelland, Major A. S. Bowen, Major Randolph Rust, Mr. W. Gordon Gordon, Mr. J. Howard Smith, Mr. John Phillips, Mr. J. F. Moodie, and Mr. Edgar Tripp, with Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, in Trinidad; and Mr. Dudley G. Leacock, Rev. H. G. Dalton, D.D., the Rev. Fred Ellis, Mr. F. A. C. Collymore, O.B.E., Mr. R. G. Cave, Mr. E. A. Hinkson, Mr. Harold Wright, Mr. J. H. Wilkinson, Mr. A. J. Mascal, Captain W. Bowring, and Mr. J. E. Mayers in Barbados. The Committee assisted the men of these contingents besides others who came over independently to enlist, acted *in loco parentis* to them while they were on active service, tended them when sick or wounded, provided them with board and lodging while on leave, and otherwise looked after their well-being. It kept in close touch throughout with Mr. G. F. Huggins, O.B.E. and Mr. Dudley G. Leacock, to whom the credit of raising and equipping the above mentioned private contingents was mainly due.

It was at the outset distinctly understood that the Committee was not to interfere where military discipline was concerned, but it was found necessary to offer help in various matters affecting military details. For the first time in history, many thousands of non-European volunteers were taking their place side by side with white troops in European warfare, and it was not, perhaps, unnatural that difficulties and misunderstandings should occasionally have arisen. The Committee was able to afford to the War Office assistance in these matters and desires to record its appreciation of the consideration shown by the Army Council to its representations, notably in the case of those it felt it its duty to make regarding the question of the pay of the British West Indies Regiment and also in respect of the gratuities, to which reference was made in the last half-yearly report.

The activities of the Committee from the date of its formation to December 31st 1918 have been dealt with in detail in previous reports presented to contributors to the Contingent Fund. During the nine months ended September 30th last the work was carried on on the same lines as before. As was anticipated it tended to increase when the period of demobilization and repatriation began. Many fresh problems arose which called for frequent negotiations with the Colonial Office, the War Office, the Ministry of Shipping and other Government Departments.

For repatriation the various battalions of the British West Indies Regiment which at the date of the Armistice were in France, Italy, Egypt and Mesopotamia, were concentrated at Taranto, and the homeward transports left that port, Havre and Brest on various dates between April and September, 1919.

The Committee supplied games, cigarettes, etc., besides warm comforts for the early days of the voyage, to the men on each of the homeward bound transports, and these appear to have been much appreciated by all ranks.

The repatriation of officers and men from the West Indies, other than those who came over with the Contingent, was attended with greater difficulty. Owing to the demobilisation regulations not having been clearly enough explained to them overseas, many soldiers were released under the wrong group, but, on the facts being placed before that department by the Committee, the War Office consented to these men being transferred to the group which they should have selected. Repatriation was also much delayed owing to the absence of suitable shipping communication between the United Kingdom and the West Indies; but the Committee believes that as the results of its representations, the men have been repatriated considerably sooner than would otherwise have been the case.

By the end of September there only remained two hundred men of the British West Indies Regiment still to be repatriated, and at the date of this report 85 only still await passages to Jamaica.

Of the war services of the West Indians it is perhaps not the place here to speak, except to record that they met with the hearty commendation, not only of the

Regimental Commanders but also of the Commanders-in-Chief and the General Officers under whom the Regiment served. The following list shows the casualties incurred by, and the honours and distinctions awarded to, the British West Indies Regiment.

CASUALTIES.					
Killed or Died of Wounds	..	..	..	..	185
Died of Sickness	..	..	..	..	1,071
Wounded	..	..	..	..	697
HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS.					
Distinguished Service Order	..	..	..	..	5
Military Cross	..	..	..	..	9
Military Cross with Bar	..	..	..	..	1
Membership of the Order of the British Empire	..	..	..	..	2
Distinguished Conduct Medal	..	..	..	..	8
Military Medal	..	..	..	..	37
Military Medal with Bar	..	..	..	..	1
Meritorious Service Medal	..	..	..	..	13
Royal Humane Society's Medal	..	..	..	..	4
Medaille d'Honneur	..	..	..	..	1
Mentions in Despatches	..	..	..	..	49

Under the auspices of the Committee, a service in memory of West Indians who had fallen or died of sickness during the war, was held in London at St. Clement Danes on Empire Day, May 24th 1919, when a stirring address was delivered by Bishop Frodsham which was subsequently published in pamphlet form.

A statement of receipts and payments for the nine months ended September 30th and the Balance Sheet, duly audited by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., is appended to this report. The figures in this and in the six preceding statements show that the total moneys handled by the Contingent Committee amounted to £31,980 6s. 4d. Of this total, £12,574 7s. 3d. represented General Contributions; £3,005 5s. 7d. receipts on behalf of the Trinidad Merchants' and Planters' Contingent Committee; £3,610 2s. 11d. sums subscribed for expenditure on specific objects; £856 11s. 6d. receipts on behalf of the Barbados Citizens' Contingent Committee, and £6,980 15s. 4d. sums received from members of the Contingents and others, to be held in trust and paid over on demand. All moneys received have been expended with the exception of £2,198 14s. 10d., which, as shown in the Balance Sheet, represents the balances of the various Funds. The largest item of expenditure was £6,045 8s. 6d. expended on various gifts to men. Clothing and comforts accounts for £2,205 6s. 5d. and musical instruments, badges, etc., for the British West Indies Regiment £1,051, 14s. 5d. Board and lodging for men on leave absorbed £1,737 1s. 8d. The cost of administering the Fund, including all postages, telegrams, printing and clerical assistance was under 10% of the sum dealt with.

The Hon. Treasurers desire to record their great appreciation of the services of Mr. G. P. Osmond, Chief Clerk to the West India Committee, who, from its inception, has kept the accounts of the Contingent Committee, which were necessarily somewhat complicated owing to the existence of several separate funds.

Believing it to be undesirable to carry on its activities indefinitely, and those of its members who are also members of the Executive of the West India Committee having kindly consented to undertake the responsibility of attending to all outstanding matters

calling for attention, the West Indian Contingent Committee, as at present constituted, decided to terminate its work on September 30th, 1919. The functions of the Committee as from that date, the unexpended balances standing to its credit, and all outstanding liabilities on September 30th, have been transferred to these members of the West India Committee who will continue to administer the "War Charity" so far as the Funds can be applied for the purpose thereof, and, if there is any ultimate residue which cannot be applied to these objects, will apply for the sanction of the Commissioners as to the disposal of such residue. It is proposed that the balance of the General Fund, after meeting all liabilities, will be held by the above mentioned members of the West India Committee in trust for expenditure on the objects for which the Contingent Committee was formed, it being a condition of the transfer, that, subject to the consent of the Charity Commissioners, any balance remaining after the completion of the work is to be remitted to the Governors of the several West Indian Colonies, British Guiana and British Honduras, in proportion, as each of these Colonies contributed men to the Contingent, the money to be used for the benefit of repatriated soldiers in need of assistance.

Viscount Milner expressed his approval of this proposal to terminate the activities of the West Indian Contingent Committee on September 30th, in the following letter by the receipt of which the Committee was much gratified:—

DOWNING STREET,
23rd August, 1919.

SIR,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th August, and to inform you that he concurs in the proposal that the work of the West Indian Contingent Committee should be brought to a close at the end of September next, and that its interests should be handed over to the West India Committee.

2. Lord Milner is fully aware of the valuable services rendered by the Contingent Committee in ministering to the well-being and comfort of the men of the British West Indies Regiment, and of all those from the West Indies who patriotically responded to the call for men in the great struggle which, under Providence, has been waged to a victorious conclusion. He is confident that the labours of the Committee have been highly appreciated by the troops, and also by the people of the West Indies who have subscribed generously to the funds required to carry on the work. He also desires to acknowledge the assistance rendered to the Colonial Office by the Committee and, in particular by yourself and Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall, the Honorary Secretary.

3. Lord Milner requests me to convey his cordial thanks to you as Chairman, to Sir F. M. Hodgson as Vice-Chairman, and to all the Members of the Committee for their valuable services; and also to Mr. Aspinall, whose readiness at all times to assist the Colonial Office in matters connected with the work of the Committee has been much valued in this Department.

4. Lord Milner also desires me to express his great appreciation of the work of the Ladies' Committee. His thanks are especially due to the Countess of Stamford, President, to Lady Davson, Chairman, and to Miss Moseley, Honorary Secretary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), H. J. READ.

SIR EVERARD IM THURN, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.

In bringing this report to a close the Committee wishes to express its hearty thanks to all those, who, whether in England, the British West Indies or elsewhere, have given their help. It desires to bear testimony to the excellent work of the Ladies' Committee, and to the services of Miss Mary Moseley, M.B.E., as Honorary Secretary of that body. Miss Moseley also devoted much of her time to the work of the Committee, to which Lady Cameron, Mrs. and Miss Bamford, Mrs. John Bromley, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Woodroffe, and other voluntary helpers also gave valuable assistance.

The Committee also wishes to express its thanks to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Staff of the Colonial Office, the Director-General of Voluntary Organisations and his Staff, to the West Indian Club, and above all to the West India Committee, which, from the first by generously putting at the services of the Contingent Committee its rooms and its organisation, has contributed in quite extraordinary degree to the success of the Contingent Committee's work.

Finally it must place on record the very great services rendered by its Honorary Secretary, Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall, C.M.G. His unflinching energy, his tactful and resourceful action were of great value, and the members of the West Indian Contingent, equally with the Committee, owe him a deep debt of gratitude for the work which he has so cheerfully and ungrudgingly done on their behalf.

EVERARD IM THURN,
Chairman.

FREDERIC HODGSON,
Deputy Chairman.

THE WEST INDIA COMMITTEE ROOMS,
15, SEETHING LANE, LONDON, E.C.
22nd January, 1920.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

LOCAL COMMITTEES AND HON. CORRESPONDENTS.

Antigua.—HON. D. MACDONALD.

Bahamas.—LADY ALLARDICE, LADY TUDOR, MRS. G. H. JOHNSON, M.B.E., MRS. LOFHOUSE, M.B.E., MRS. C. MENENDEZ and MISS LOBB, *Hon. Secretary.*

Barbados.—MRS. W. L. C. PHILLIPS, MISS BRIGGS, MRS. M. WHITE, MISS M. EVELYN, MRS. GEORGE EVELYN, MRS. C. B. AUSTIN, MRS. A. G. BANCROFT, MRS. A. HUTSON, MRS. P. CLARKE, MRS. N. SIMPSON, MRS. E. COX, MRS. A. WILLIAMS, MRS. L. ARCHER, MRS. L. PILE, MRS. E. KING, MRS. J. R. PHILLIPS, MRS. J. MAHON, MRS. G. SKEETE, MISS EVELYN, MISS M. GREAVES and MRS. YEARWOOD, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE BARBADOS CITIZENS' CONTINGENT COMMITTEE. DUDLEY G. LEACOCK, Esq., *Chairman.*

British Guiana.—J. B. CASSELS, M.B.E.

British Honduras.—THE BRITISH HONDURAS CONTINGENT SOCIETY, HON. A. R. USHER, M.B.E., *Chairman.* MRS. M. G. STEPHEN, *Secretary.*

Jamaica.—THE CONTINGENT COMFORTS COMMITTEE.—MRS. BLACKDEN, *Chairman*; MRS. J. H. PARR, *Hon. Treasurer*; MRS. LEACH, MRS. MILLS, MRS. MORRIS, MRS. ORPEN, MRS. HARRISON, MRS. PICOT, MRS. VAN ANGLEBERG, MRS. BRANCH, MRS. DOUET, MRS. MUIRHEAD, MRS. EWEN, MISS NETHERSOLE and MRS. H. C. BOURNE, *Hon. Secretary.*

Trinidad and Tobago.—THE LADIES' WEST INDIA COMMITTEE.—LADY CHANCELLOR, *President*; MRS. GORDON GORDON, *Vice-President*; MRS. BELL, MRS. BERNARD, MRS. VINCENT BROWN, MRS. RAPSEY, MRS. GEDDES GRANT, MRS. HANCOCK, MRS. HUGGINS, MISS SELLIER, MISS MAY, MISS ECKEL and MRS. JOHN WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE TRINIDAD MERCHANTS' AND PLANTERS' CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.—G. F. HUGGINS, Esq., O.B.E., *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*

Grenada.—R. HUDSON PHILLIP, Esq.

Montserrat.—THE WOMEN'S WAR COMMITTEE.—MRS. DYETT, *President*; MRS. MARTIN, *Treasurer*; MISS BARRY, MRS. DE FREITAS, MISS FURLONGE, MISS GUNN, MRS. HAINES, MRS. HEATH, MRS. NORRIS, MRS. STUDLEY, MRS. WALL, and MISS HAINES, *Hon. Secretary.*

St. Lucia.—THE FLAG DAY COMMITTEE.—MRS. POPHAM LOBB, *President*; MRS. G. O'D. WALTON, MRS. MURPHY, MRS. DEGAZON, MRS. C. PETER, MRS. G. WILLIAMS, MRS. G. LAFFITTE, MRS. HARRIS and MISS MCHUGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

¶ The Audited Statement of Receipts and Payments for the nine months ended September 30th, 1919, and the Balance Sheet, are given over-leaf.

THE WEST INDIAN

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	RECEIPTS.			
	Special Purposes.	Colonial Separate Funds.	General Fund.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at 31st December, 1918	172 6 5	106 8 10	2,041 15 1	2,320 10 4
Further Donations received	30 1 0	1,761 3 8	1,811 0 1	3,602 4 0
Interest on Deposit	—	—	28 19 7	28 19 7
Repatriation Expenses Recovered	—	—	35 17 11	35 17 11

E. W. D. WARD,
 SYDNEY OLIVIER,
 R. RUTHERFORD,
 H. F. PREVITÉ,
 ALGERNON E. ASPINALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

} *Hon. Treasurers.*

£202 7 5 £1,867 12 6 £3,917 12 8 £5,987 12 7

BALANCE SHEET,

	£	s.	d.
To Sums held in Trust for Members of Contingent and others	101	11	1
„ Barbados Citizens' Contingent Fund	3	19	0
„ Donations for Special Purposes, Balance in Hand	4	0	0
„ Colonial Separate Funds, Balances unexpended	712	0	7
„ General Fund Balance, Receipts and Payments	1,296	17	0
	£2,198	14	10

We have examined the above Account with the

3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,
 OLD JEWRY, E.C. 2.
 1st December, 1919.

CONTINGENT COMMITTEE.

for the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1919.

PAYMENTS.

	Special Purposes.	Colonial Separate Funds.	General Fund.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Board and Lodging of Men on Leave	—	335 15 9	565 8 10	901 4 7
Clothing and Comforts	—	207 1 0	238 1 11	445 2 11
Gifts to Men in Hospital	—	78 16 5	96 3 9	175 0 2
Gifts to Men on Sick Furlough	—	281 16 3	136 9 8	418 5 11
Gifts of Tobacco, Cigarettes and Magazines	—	113 9 4	662 13 5	776 2 9
Musical Instruments for B.W.I. Regiment	—	—	9 8 11	9 8 11
Carriage of Gifts and Men's Effects	—	—	53 15 4	53 15 4
Entertaining Men	—	—	44 19 0	44 19 0
Cost of Repatriation of Men	—	43 5 0	—	43 5 0
Medical and Dental Attention, Artificial Limbs, Spectacles, etc.	—	88 19 7	9 10 6	98 10 1
Overseas Memorial Service	—	—	24 15 4	24 15 4
Cables	—	6 8 7	—	6 8 7
Sporting Outfits and Games	—	—	48 16 10	48 16 10
Expended on Special Objects in accordance with Donors' Directions	198 1 5	—	—	198 1 5
	198 1 5	1,155 11 11	1,890 3 6	3,243 16 10
Wages and Clerical Assistance	—	—	401 8 9	401 8 9
Postage	—	—	94 14 10	94 14 10
Cablegrams	—	—	20 6 5	20 6 5
Printing and Stationery	—	—	101 1 6	101 1 6
Rent, Lighting and Housekeeper	—	—	50 0 2	50 0 2
Travelling Expenses	—	—	13 6 0	13 6 0
General Expenses	—	—	37 15 3	37 15 3
Bank Charges, Card Index and Sundries	—	—	21 18 9	21 18 9
	—	—	740 11 8	740 11 8
Balance	4 6 0	712 0 7	1,286 17 6	2,003 4 7
	£202 7 5	£1,867 12 6	£3,917 12 8	£5,987 12 7

30th September, 1919.

	£	s.	d.
By Sums Recoverable	119	15	7
„ „ Trinidad Merchants' Fund	342	1	3
„ Cash at National Provincial and Union Bank of England on Deposit	1,600	0	0
„ „ in Hand	2	17	8
„ „ at Bank, Current Account	134	0	4
	£2,198	14	10

Books and Vouchers and certify it to be correct.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
 Chartered Accountants, } *Auditors.*

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT FUND.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the period from September 30th, 1919 to 30th June, 1921.

RECEIPTS	Colonial Separate Funds	General Fund	Total	PAYMENTS				
	Special Purposes			Special Purposes	Colonial Separate Funds	General Fund	Total	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Balance at 30th September, 1919	4 6 0	712 0 7	1,286 17 6	2,003 4 1				
Further Donations Received			30 2 3	30 2 3				
Interest on Deposit... ..			42 9 3	42 9 3				
Repatriation Expenses Re- covered			149 0 0	149 0 0				
				Transfer to Trinidad Mer- chants Contingent				
				Board and Lodgings of men on leave and awaiting Repatriation				
				Clothing and Comforts ...		532 15 0	532 15 0	
				Gifts to men in Hospital ...		153 12 7	153 12 7	
				Ditto on Furlough and awaiting Repatriation		49 2 1	49 2 1	
				Ditto of Tobacco, Cigar- ettes and Magazines ...		135 16 7	135 16 7	
				Carriage of Gifts and Men's Effects	16 10	19 10 11	20 7 9	
				Entertaining Men		21 0 5	21 0 5	
				Cost of Repatriation of Men		7 8 7	7 8 7	
				Medical and Dental atten- tion		134 1 5	134 1 5	
				Visits to Graves, Wreaths, etc.		5 10 0	5 10 0	
				Cables		25 8 6	25 8 6	
				Sporting Outfits and Games		13 8 3	13 8 3	
				Christmas Gifts		13 19 6	13 19 6	
				Returned to Donor	4 6 0	30 9 1	30 9 1	
				Wages and Clerical Assis- tance			4 6 0	
				Postage			231 4 1	
				Travelling Expenses			16 14 11	
				General Expenses			1 9 0	
				Printing and Stationery ...			13 12 3	
				Bank Charges... ..			29 15 6	
				Audit Fees			1 7 6	
				Balance, viz.: Cash at Bank		15 2 10		
				Loan Outstanding		15 0 0		
						30 2 10	30 2 10	
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£4 6 0 712 0 7 1,508 9 0 2,224 15 7				£4 6 0 712 0 7 1,508 9 0 2,224 15 7				

Examined and found correct.

3, Frederick's Place,
Old Jewry, London, E.C.2.
9th August, 1921.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & Co.

R. RUTHERFORD
WILLIAM GILLESPIE
H. F. PREVITE
ALGERNON ASPINALL

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R. RUTHERFORD
WILLIAM GILLESPIE
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ALGERNON ASPINALL
Hon. Sec.

Hon.
Treasurers.

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers, and certify it to be correct.
5, Frederick's Place,
Old Jewry, E.C.2.
May 9th, 1922.



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Balance at Ju
R. RUTHERFORD
WILLIAM GILLESPIE
H. F. PREVITE
ALGERNON ASPINALL
Hon. Sec.

Cr.
£ s. d.
9 14 3
2 14 6
4 7 6
1 5 0
18 0
11 6
11 12 2

£20 2 10

h, 1922.

Printing
General Expenses
Gift to man in hospital ...
Gratuities to ex-Service men

£20 2 10

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & Co., Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Balance at 30th September, 1921	£	s.	d.
Further Donations Received	4	0	0
Interest on Deposit	...	...	...
Repayment Expenses Recovered	...	...	...

R. RUTHERFORD
WILLIAM GILLESPIE
H. F. PREVITÉ
ALGERNON ASPINALL

£4 0 0 7 1/2 0

THE WEST INDIAN CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr. Final statement of payments for the period from July 1st, 1921, to April 12th, 1922. **Cr.**

Balance at July 1st, 1921	...	...	...	£	s.	d.			
R. RUTHERFORD	} <i>Hon. Treasurers.</i>	/	/	30	2	10	Board and Lodging	...	9 14 2
WILLIAM GILLESPIE				Clothing, boots, etc.	...	3 14 6			
H. F. PREVITÉ				Cables	...	2 7 6			
ALGERNON ASPINALL				Printing	...	1 5 0			
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>							General Expenses	...	18 0
							Gift to man in hospital	...	11 6
							Gratuities to ex-Service men	...	11 12 2
				<u>£30</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>£30 2 10</u>

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers, and certify it to be correct.
3, Frederick's Place,
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May 9th, 1922.

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