THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB



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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB

The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1957

THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ETC

The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club was founded in 1909, with the main object of encouraging climbers and walkers in this country to join that Club. The S.A.C. (to give it its usual abbreviation) is nearly as old as the Alpine Club itself. and for close on a century has gone on steadily with its work of making the Alps accessible to climbers and others, in particular by building the 120 or more Club Huts which now exist. Before this Association came into being there had been many British members of the Club. But these were the exceptions rather than the rule, partly because the average British climber had no idea how to join, and partly because it did not occur to him that there was any point in doing so. But among those who were members, there were some who felt that such a state of affairs ought not to continue; that if our climbers used the huts, they should do something to help to maintain them, and that by some means it should be made easy to join the S.A.C. The energy of the late Mr. J. A. B. Bruce created a strong Committee, which undertook this matter and brought this Association into being under the late Mr. Clinton. Dent as President. Within two years of the start there were 300 members and their number has continued to grow. The result of our activities is that the proportion of our countrymen who climb in the Alps and are now members of the S.A.C. is very large, and most of them are also members of this Association.

At the same time it was felt that there was need for a rallying point over here for these "clubists," and as it is not possible, by the rules of the S.A.C., for a section to be formed outside Switzerland, as was the case with the D.Oe.A.V. (which had a section at Manchester at one time), the Association acquired a room in which its members could meet together, and took upon itself something

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of the functions of a Club. All these arrangements were only undertaken after consultation with the Central Comittee of the S.A.C., and the latter cordially welcomed the enterprise. In addition, as it was felt that we British climbers owed Switzerland something for past remissness, the fund to build the Britannia Hut was started and the building successfully carried through by 1912.

The Association has been able, in many ways, to co-operate with our Swiss colleagues, and at times to represent to them our views on mountaineering matters. On the other hand, the Central Committee has always looked on us with the greatest favour and has dealt very cordially with anything we have put before it.

The number of members is now 646 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows :—

Altels		12	Interlaken			21
Diablerets		102	Monte Ros	a		226
Geneva		71	Oberhasli			8
Grindelwald		62	Other Section	ions		27
The membership	of	the Swiss	Alpine Club	itself is	now	over

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now 30,000 in about 80 sections.

NEW MEMBERS

85 new members have joined during the past year, but 9 have died and 59 have resigned or not paid their subscriptions. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure *new candidates* for the Association.

The numbers are now :				
December 31st, 1957			 	714
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc.,	during	1957	 	68
Total, January 1st, 1958	••••		 •••	64 6

Of these 88 are Life Members on the Retired List, 20 Retired under Rule 15B, 9 Honorary Members, 475 Ordinary Members and 54 Life Members on the Active List.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB

Quite apart from the sentimental feeling that a British member of the S.A.C. is helping mountaineers in the country in which he is a guest to add to the amenities of the sport, the definitematerial advantages are set out below:

Rights in the S.A.C. Huts

Members of the Club, together with their wives, have priority of right to the sleeping places and in many huts there is a room for members only; next after members comes the Ladies' Swiss Club, and then the kindred clubs, such as the French A.C. Anyone else is really in a club hut on sufferance. In addition a member pays, in most huts, only 1fr. 50c. per night, and a non-member 3 to 5 francs. Those who intend to climb have priority over others in the same category. A member may introduce his wife and children (under 20 years of age) on the same terms as himself. Members are entitled to use any S.A.C. Hut regardless of what Section they may belong to.

It is worth remembering, in connection with projected visits to huts that while a Section may reserve a hut for its members to the extent of three-quarters of its capacity only, one-quarter is always available for others of the S.A.C. It is generally worth the trouble before going to a hut to ascertain from a local hotel-keeper whether a hut is so reserved, and if it is, to go up there early in the day. As a rule these reservations may not be made on Saturdays and Sundays. It is when one comes down to a hut on a day when it has been reserved, that the advantages of membership are most precious.

A few of the huts in Switzerland do not belong to the S.A.C., but as a rule these are run in close alliance with that Club and the special regulations make little difference to members of the S.A.C.

Reductions on Railways

A complete list of these is published in "Die Alpen" in February or March of each year. In many cases reductions are as high as 50%. As a rule they apply only to a member and do not include his wife and children. To obtain these reductions it is absolutely necessary to produce the eard of membership when booking.

Accident Insurance Policy

This covers all members and details will be found on another page. The premium is included in the annual subscription.

Lastly, but not least in importance, all members receive post free a beautifully illustrated publication published under the title of "Die Alpen" or "Les Alpes" which contains articles of mountaineering and scientific interest in both French and German, occasionally in Italian and Romantsch—and in English if our members will contribute them.

HOW TO JOIN THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB

It is often thought by candidates that the qualification for membership may be a bar to joining the S.A.C. This is not necessarily the case. Most Sections require only a moderate qualification, guaranteed, however, by the assurance of a member that the candidate has some mountaineering experience. Officials of the Club will always be pleased to render assistance in this matter. The following is the procedure for anyone who wishes to join :---

Write to the Hon. Treasurer, 15 Coopers' Row, E.C.3, or to one of the Hon. Secretaries (letters should be marked S.A.C. on the envelope); in this letter the writer should state whether he wishes to join a French, German, or Italian-speaking Section.

The entrance form, when filled in, must be returned in all cases to the Hon. Treasurer, with a passport photograph and the necessary subscription and entrance fee. Six to eight weeks should be allowed to complete the formalities. A list of the principal sections, together with their subscriptions, will be found at the end of this report.

In addition, the subscription to the Association is $\pounds 1$ for Town members and 10s. for Country members. A Country member is defined under the Rules as being a member who resides outside a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. There is no entrance fee. Anyone who joins the Association may pay through the Hon. Treasurer by remitting him each January the necessary subscription. The Association is willing to arrange for anyone to join the S.A.C., but only continues the remittances to Switzerland for those who join the Association as well. Life membership of the Association costs $\pounds 8$ 8s. for Town members and $\pounds 4$ 4s. for Country members.

CARDS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE S.A.C.

It is absolutely essential to keep them up to date. This is done by pasting in the gummed slip for the current year which is issued in January and shows that the subscription has been paid. These slips are a different colour each year, and an out-of-date membership card is therefore valueless.

Loss of Membership Card or Badge

It is inevitable that someone or other should lose his card or badge, and this is most likely to be discovered at holiday times. If such a loss occur, it is best for the member concerned to write direct to his Section Treasurer, as our own officials are quite likely to be away at such a time, and in any case can only refer the matter to Switzerland. To avoid delay a photograph should be sent at the same time if it be the membership card that has been lost.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

All the officers were re-elected including Mr. F. R. Crepin, the new Hon. Treasurer, who had been elected by the Committee in June, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, on the resignation of Mr. J. R. Amphlett. Mr. R. A. Tyssen-Gee was appointed Hon. Auditor.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office : Messrs. P. Andrews, W. L. Coates, V. O. Cohen and R. A. Tyssen-Gee. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. J. R. Amphlett (Diablerets), M. Bennett (Diablerets), J. G. Broadbent (Monte Rosa) and N. Peskett (Monte Rosa). The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

THE SIR WILLIAM ELLIS'S TRUST FOR GUIDES OF SWISS NATIONALITY

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1957 has been on practically the same lines as in 1956. There have been no deaths to deplore nor any demand for extra assistance.

The S.A.C. have a similar Fund and the Trustees are keeping in touch with the Central Committee of the S.A.C. in order to avoid any overlapping that might otherwise occur.

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES

All communications concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. McArthur unless otherwise stated; other communications may be made to either Secretary. Mr. McArthur's telephone number is Richmond 5745 (Private), and Mr. Parker's telephone number is Potters Bar 3792 (Private). Their addresses will be found inside the cover. Notices of Meetings will NOT be sent to Members who have not paid their subscriptions. All communications MUST be addressed to officers by name.

THE HONORARY TREASURER

All communications concerning Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, 15 Coopers' Row, E.C.3—Telephone : Royal 3834. Resignations must be sent in before December 15th as unless received by the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club by December 31st, the subscription for the ensuing year will be deemed to be due and will be claimed by the Swiss Alpine Club.

THE LIBRARY

The library is now installed in the basement of the Alpine Club building at 74, South Audley Street, W.1. where the monthly meetings of the Association are held. It will thus be convenient for a large number of members to look at the books before and after meetings and to borrow the two or three which appeal to them. Visits during normal office hours are also permissible, but the S.A.C. membership card must be presented; the postal service will be continued.

Books should not be retained for more than four to six weeks. In the case of guide books and maps borrowed between February and August return within a fortnight is expected in the interests of the many who may wish to consult them at that time of the year. Contributions to the heavy expenses of the postal service will be welcomed. Books should be returned to the library; correspondence is best sent to the Hon. Librarian's private address.

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COLONEL E. R. CULVERWELL M.C. (Royal Artillery) (1893-1957)

The death of "Mickie" Culverwell in May, 1957 caused a sad loss to his many friends in the army and among mountaineers and skiers.

He was born in Belfast in 1893. After education at King Edward VI Grammar School and Clifton College, he went to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich ("The Shop "), where he was Under Officer and then Senior Under Officer, and awarded the Sword of Honour. In December 1913, he was commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He went to France in November 1914 as A.D.C., 8th Divisional Artillery. Fifteen months later he joined Z Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, and fought on the Somme, at Vimy, Messines, Paschendaele and Cambrai, gaining the Military Cross. As a field battery commander, he took part in the 1918 retreat and final advance until he was severely wounded in August.

After the war, he was a company commander at the "Shop" for four years. His recreational interests were wide and included rugger, hunting and, in later years, yachting, big-game shooting and polo. But he lost his heart to the mountains when the late W. M. Roberts, then a civilian instructor at the "Shop," introduced him to climbing. From Roberts he learnt that deep true appreciation of mountains which does not depend on acrobatic achievement but nevertheless demands sound skill and determination. He spent his first season in 1922 with E. E. and W. M. Roberts in the Dauphiné, and in 1923 with W. M. Roberts, N. S. Finzi, J. H. Hollingsworth and others he climbed several of the larger peaks near Zermatt and Saas Fee, always guideless and sometimes leading. That autumn he was selected by the Everest Committee as second reserve climber, but the attempt on the mountain planned for 1924 never materialised.

In 1924, Mickie Culverwell went to India and joined 6th Pack Battery at Rawalpindi. Later that year he was appointed to raise the R.A. Survey Section (India) at Kabul. During long leave in 1928 he travelled widely in Africa and India and also climbed guideless in the Chamonix district, again with W. M. Roberts and others.

In 1929 he had the opportunity of making an attempt on an

unclimbed peak near Tirich Mir, and reached about 20,000 feet, then the highest point attained in that massif. He made some interesting observations on the effects of altitude and wrote a wise little monograph on mountain sickness, a malady from which he had himself suffered in his first alpine season.

He had learnt to ski from Ken Hadow near Gulmarg in 1926 and decided to seek some winter mountaineering during his annual leave in 1930/31. After a rather miserable beginning at Langdale, where he sprained an ankle chasing his hat which had blown off on a steep grass slope, he went, not to the Alps which would have involved currency difficulties at that time, but to Canada, travelling steerage.

His professional interests now turned to the more technical side. After a gunnery staff course, he spent four years as an instructor at the School of Artillery, Larkhill, between 1932 and 1938.

The Second World War gave little opportunity to a technical gunner of his age. He took the 63rd Medium Regiment to France in April, 1940 and after Dunkirk continued in command for three years, but to his great disappointment was transferred at the age of 50 and not allowed to take it into action again. During the latter part of the war, he served on War Office Selection Boards. After the war he was Director of Labour Eastern Command, and on his retirement in 1949 joined the Civil Defence Corps, in which he became a Chief Warden.

In all these appointments, his shrewd judgment and sympathy earned the respect and affection of his colleagues and of the men for whom he was responsible, whether they were brother officers, gunners under training, or aliens in prisoner-of-war camps.

After the war he took an active part in the Association of British Members of the S.A.C. meets in 1947, at Langdale at Easter and at Arolla in the summer. His last real climbing season was a meet of the Association in Arran in March, 1948. It ended in a serious accident on Cir Mhor, when he was leading a climb. Although he escaped with his life, he never recovered fully. His great courage, tenacity and cheerfulness, and the devoted care of his wife, sustained him, but his health gradually deteriorated. Nevertheless he attended the Association meets in 1950, 1951 and 1952, though he could do little climbing.

Some mountaineers are lone birds, only happy in small parties of their own choosing; others are gregarious, anxious to share their joys and experiences, always ready to help the novice. Mickie was definitely one of the latter group. He was a delightful companion and an enthusiastic supporter of mountaineering clubs in which beginners can learn their craft from fellow members.

He was an original member (1927) of the Mountain Club of India, which later amalgamated with the Himalayan Club. He joined the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club in 1930, becoming in due course Vice President (1948-50) and President (1952-53). He was elected to the Alpine Club in 1929 and the Alpine Ski Club in 1934. His interest in fellow mountaineers is shown by the large number of other Clubs of which he was a member, the Royal Artillery Alpine Club, the Austrian Alpine Club, the Climbers Club, the Irish Mountaineering Club, the Ski Club of Great Britain, the Ski Club of India, and the Army Ski Association. A few years ago he founded the Southern Mountaineering Association.

Thus to the end, his enthusiasm in helping beginners, and especially young beginners, never flagged. The ideal which he tried to impart was the ability to move surely in the high mountains and to enjoy them.

In these words he described his approach to the hills :---

"The mountain is your hostess, full of beauty and inexplicable charm. See to it then that you are a well-mannered guest. You will be amply rewarded.

"See her pictures and her garden. Study her moods. Admire her architecture. Bless her little breezes. Peep, most delicately, into her privacies. Find out her fastnesses. Listen to her loneliness. Revel in her roughness. Glory in her untamed grandeur and seek out her spirit. Rejoice in her beauty and make yourself at home with her. Give her the respect which is her due and make a companion of her. Woo her in all sincerity and be her master.

" She will respond most generously."

E.G.

MICHAEL BENNER (1935-1957)

The news that Michael Benner had been killed on the Gross Glockner on July 1st came as a great shock to all those who knew him and his family, as many of our members did who had been at recent Easter Meets. When the story came through of the manner of his dying, though the sorrow remained it was mercifully tempered by a sense of pride, felt by his many friends as well as by those nearest to him.

Though Michael's life was all too short he lived it fully. Before he was 21 he had made an adventurous journey to Basra and back by road. His literary ability was such (as those who read his account of a lone ascent of the Zugspitze in our 1955 report will know) that we were looking forward to a new autobiography of a super-tramp.

In the early summer of 1957 he was stationed in Germany as a sapper officer and on his leave period took a party of soldiers to climb in the Austrian Alps during their holiday. They had already done several climbs, including the Gross Venediger, when on June 30th they reached the Studlhutte from Kals on the south side of the Glockner and next morning six of them started up the mountain by the Studlgrat. On this rock ridge they were overtaken by a severe storm which halted them for some bours. When the weather improved they continued the climb and reached the top safely. They continued down the ordinary way, over the Scharte and the Klein Glockner, soon after which the snow ridge steepens abruptly.

Here Michael, having unroped, went ahead to reconnoitre. It appears that owing to a misunderstanding he was followed by Sapper Phillips, who almost immediately slipped and started to fall on the southern face. Though the angle is appallingly steep Michael, without a moment's hesitation, sprang from his steps and was able to grasp the sliding man. With his ice axe plunged in the snow he succeeded for a few seconds in stopping them both from falling but their combined weight in the bad snow conditions caused by the storm was too much. The axe loosened, then came out, and, still resolutely holding on and still trying vainly to stop their fall, Michael went down with his companion over the precipice of snow and rock to fall nearly 2,000 feet on to the glacier.

Michael Benner and his comrade are buried in the churchyard of the quiet and beautiful village of Kals and, as yet, no memorial marks their simple flower-covered graves. One can think of no finer epitaph for any climber than the words of Thomas, guardian of the Studlhutte and guide, who was on the mountain at the time—

"Because of his gallant leap his honour stands very high with us guides, even more so because he sacrificed his life in so doing."

F.R.C.

ACCESS TO THE ISLAND OF RHUM

The Island of Rhum is now owned by the Nature Conservancy who have made it into a nature reserve access to which is to be very limited. Following discussions between representatives of the A.S.C.C. and B.M.C. and of the Nature Conservancy arrangements have been agreed which will enable a small number of parties of elub members to visit the Island at any time during the year, except for a short period in April.

Parties must consist of at least three people; they must be completely self contained for food and fuel supplies, equipment and accommodation; they must make their own arrangements for transport and they must not burden the local representative of the Nature Conservancy in any way. Camping will be permitted in the mountains but no fires will be allowed. Parties must report to the keeper on arrival and carry out any instructions he may give.

For a trial period only about three club parties will be given permits to visit the Island at the same time. Applications for permits should be forwarded through club secretaries so as to reach the A.S.C.C. and B.M.C. representative, Mr. K. Dunn, 1 High Street, East Linton, East Lothian, at least three weeks before date of visit, and they should give names of the party leader and other members, each member's club and period of visit.

A permit, and map to show the access areas, will be issued to each party leader by the Nature Conservancy. This will not be valid until signed by the leader who in so doing will undertake to follow the rules set out by the Conservancy. The Conservancy is keen to co-operate with the A.S.C.C. and B.M.C., and to make these arrangements work successfully. We therefore hope that club members visiting the Island will do all they can to foster the good relations that exist between the A.S.C.C. and B.M.C. and the Nature Conservancy.

by F. E. Smith

This is an account of a modest season in the Swiss Alps: of good. intentions and bad weather; of bad intentions and good weather; of peaks climbed and peaks not climbed.

We planned to climb a number of the major peaks between Arolla and Grindelwald and we intended to have a guide most of the time. We hoped to embellish our tour with a few connoisseur's routes but in general the weather seemed to be against this.

Two of us arrived at Arolla on 13th July and next day went up to the Col des Ignes on to La Cassorte and along the ridge of the Mont Rouge to the Col de Riedmatten in fine weather and with extensive views. On the following day we met a guide to climb the Petite Dent de Veisivi, but when we reached the breakfast place snow was falling heavily. We waited in the cave for three hours, dancing improvised Welsh reels to keep warm. The weather became worse so we abandoned the climb. Three days later weather conditions had improved : we went again and had a very pleasant climb with wonderful views, especially of the Dent Blanche. That same evening we went up to the Waldkirch hut for the Aiguilles. Rouges. In darkness and rain this was an eerie walk, somewhat reminiscent of a Boris Karloff film. Next morning it was snowing again and so the climb had to be ruled out. During the rest of our stay at Arolla the Aiguilles were coated with snow.

For the next week climbing was out of the question. In the valley it was cold and wet. Luckily J. had in his sack a three volume "War and Peace"; we were therefore able to pursueculture etc., in the bar, which we found to be the warmest room in the hotel. On 21st July C. joined us, but J. went off to Milan for a few days to console himself with frescos or something.

At last the weather improved enough for us to climb the long rock Arete de Bertol from Arolla and back. Two days later we were ableto traverse the Pigne and Mont Blanc de Seilon from the Vignettes hut and back to Arolla. This proved a fine route, though at times the weather was threatening all sorts of things, and the new snow and the cornices on the west ridge of the Mont Blanc de Seilon needed care.

On 27th July we moved round to Grindelwald picking up enroute J. now returned from Milan. We arrived in pouring rain. Next day we met G. and a new guide and we decided to go up to the Jungfraujoch to wait for some good weather. By some mismanagement we found at early afternoon on Monday that we had only about half an hour to order and collect a fortnight's provisions and catch the last train for the joch. At the shop we then found that we had lost our carefully compiled shopping list. Here was a situation which demanded drastic measures, such as falling on our axes or something. We decided against the former; and after a few moments J., with perhaps just a faint hint of temper, saved the position by a remarkable tour de force, giving, with C., a virtuoso display of mental arithmetic in its application to food quantities. The nett result, as the books say, was that hugging our rations we jumped on to the train almost as it was about to move. We found comfortable quarters at the Berghaus and made friends with a Polish expedition.

By next morning the weather had improved considerably. Four of us decided to go on to the Monch. We traversed it from the Ober Monchjoch. The fresh snow was still unstable and the southwest ridge needed continuous care. Altogether the Monch taught us something of the facts of Alpine life. On the following morning we climbed the Jungfrau by the Rottalsattel. The snow was now becoming more stable; but when we committed ourselves to the Jungfrau Glacier in the afternoon, having decided that the Eiger was in no condition for climbing, we made a miserable journey down to the Concordia hut.

For the next week weather was fine and views magnificent. G. and J. climbed on the Faulberg; and we all climbed the Grunegghorn and the Gross Grunhorn which gave a fine route. We then went over to the Finsteraarhorn hut and climbed the Gross Fiescherhorn, and the Finsteraarhorn by the Hugisattel. Returning to the Concordia and its trippers we found the weather threatening to break. Next day we went up to the Hollandia hut, three of usstaying there to climb the Aletschhorn and three going down to Fafler alp to climb the Bietschhorn.

We started early next morning for the Aletschhorn. It became obvious immediately that the fine snow ridge over the Sattelhorn was out of the question : the west wind had made the snow too soft. We therefore set off down the glacier for the Hasler Rippe. When we got on to this we found it to be no more than an over-rated disintegrating slag heap. Above it the long steep snow slopes tothe ridge were in reasonable condition, but above the ridge the snow was soft and boring and we were in mist. Eventually we arrived at the summit to see nothing at all but the mist. On the way down the snow was bad and the slopes above the Rippe demanded great care; every step needing to be packed. The bergschrund had to be jumped; and remembering the recounted exploits of our elders and betters in bygone days we hoped as we took to the air that our flight would carry us somewhat farther than a sitting position on the upper lip.

Next day we went down to Fafleralp and, weary of soft snow, wrote off the Bietschhorn. We learned later that the other party had abandoned their climb near the summit as they found conditions bad. We spent a day in the lovely meadows of the Lotschental and then went our separate ways. Two of us stayed overnight at Spiez and went by steamer to Thun; and we tarried an hour or so at Berne for a parting glimpse of the Oberland walls and snows.

EXPLORING SARDINIA by A. A. Galloway

When we said that we had decided to spend a late-autumn holiday in Sardinia we were asked : "But why? Surely there are no mountains there?" Which showed how little the island is known in Britain. Few of our countrymen go there and, of those who do, fewer still penetrate beyond the boulevards of Cagliari, or the bathing beaches of Arbatax. Any sufficiently interested to ask would probably be told that the island is unhealthy, the interior a wilderness of mosquito-ridden swamp, where malaria is endemic, and that the place is best avoided. Much of which was probably true twenty years ago; but today things have changed.

About two-thirds of Sardinia is hill and moorland. To the west, and in the central belt of the southern portion, there are plains, and it was during the American occupation in the last war that the problem of these unhealthy, low-lying areas was tackled. Stagnant marshes were drained, and considerable areas reclaimed, whilst, all over the island, there was an intensive campaign of disinfecttion. These successful measures have been continued vigorously by the Italian authorities and Sardinia is now practically free of the mosquito and, with it, of malaria.

The island is usually entered from the south-through Cagliari,

the capital; we approached it from the north. Our route was by air and rail to Marseilles, whence a delightful night crossing by small steamer took us to Ajaccio, in Corsica. At Ajaccio we broke off to spend two nights at Vizzavona, an Alpine hamlet twenty-five miles inland, from which, on a beautiful sunny day, we scrambled to the top of Monte D'oro (7,845 feet), the highest point in southern Corsica. Returning to Ajaccio, we travelled by road to Bonifacio and from there made the short sea journey to Santa Teresa, a tiny, sleeping township on the most northerly tip of Sardinia. Here we had our first experience of the friendliness and helpfulness of the Sardinians; even the solitary customs officer seemed pleased to see us and, indeed, helped us with our baggage, which, he indicated, he would not dream of examining.

After baking for an hour in the sun we still had time that day to reach Tempio Pausania, the chief town of Gallura, and the journey there brought a surprise. We had expected a parched, rather dull, Italian countryside. Instead, we found that we might well have landed at the corresponding spot in Britain, the extreme northwest of Scotland. The same smooth, heather-clad rocks, the same blue sea-lochs cutting far inland, the same peaty burns and, incredibly, a distant line of mountains imitating almost exactly in outline the Sutherland hills from Foinavon to Ben Arkle and Ben Stack. (It is true that the burns are far fewer, that the heather, on closer inspection, proves to be a kind of maquis scrub and that, whilst the far-away hills may shelter a mouflon or two, no roaring October stag will be found in their corries). As we drew away from the coast the landscape changed to another equally attractive: low, rounded hills, capped by rocky tors, with occasional woodland in the combes of the leaping rivers-Exmoor !

Tempio was reached at dusk and we could see little until next morning. We had to make-do with a small-scale motoring map (nothing better seems to be obtainable) and the mountains which we had expected to find overhanging Tempio were, in fact, a long way off—too far for a quick visit. So we decided to move on and took the mountain railway down to Monti on the main line, travelling on what must surely be the prototype of all Emmett trains. Hard things have been said of the Sardinian railways; we found them magnificent. A modern "Michelin" covered in a very short time the eighty miles or so to Macomer where we changed to another narrow-gauge line, this time operated by an up-to-date Diesel coach, which took us to Nuoro, the capital of the province of the same name, far up in the hills. We made Nuoro our base for the remainder of our stay.

Had the Editor's instructions been obeyed this would be an account of mountaineering in Sardinia, but it has to be confessed that we did no mountaineering whatever, although, from Nuoro, we did reach the top of the local Mount Ortobene (which has a road up it anyway). Here, and elsewhere, often lurking behind the stripped red trunk of the ubiquitous cork tree, we saw many examples of the striking type of granite erosion which occurs at its most fantastic near Calvi, in Corsica. An excellent description of the Calvi rocks will be found in the second issue of "Les Alpes" for 1957, although the writer of the article in question appears to have been unaware that these "tafoni" occur, and are so widespread, in the neighbouring island.

Another day we explored further afield, but ten miles' road trudge left us with little appetite, or time, to climb the impressive group of mountains at its end; nevertheless, we managed to worry out enough of the route, and to get high enough, to obtain a reasonably close view of the grand dolomitic precipices which support their summits. This group alone could keep a rock-climbing party occupied, we thought, for several weeks. We considered the day by no means wasted, for the expedition took us through Oliena, a small town, very poor and obviously about to be spoiled by "development," but in which most of the inhabitants still follow their centuries-old way of life and the older people continue to wear the traditional national costume, probably one of the most picturesque in Europe.

The central Sardinian peaks occur in groups, as a rule ten miles or so apart, and are usually about 4,500 feet high, although the principal massif, Monti del Gennargentu, reaches 6,000 feet. They rise from a rolling, rocky tableland, having an average elevation of about 1,500 feet, and again ore is continually reminded of the strange hills of Assynt and Coigach. Many of the mountains have precipitous faces, which would undoubtedly well repay investigation. There is a Section of the Club Alpino Italiano in the island, but how active it may be we were unable to discover. There also was at one-time a Sardinian Alpine Club, but we saw no sign that it still exists and records available in this country appear to come to an end fifty years ago. It seems unlikely that intending climbers would obtain much help from these sources but a letter to the headquarters of the C.A.I. in Rome might bring some result.

The two main difficulties confronting a party are accommodation and transport. The larger towns usually boast a single, rather pretentious, hotel, which serves well enough. The beds are comfortable and the food adequate, if unexciting. Some of the local wines are reputed to be good ; those we tried we found undrinkable and, after the first two days, decided to stick to beer; indeed, after sampling what may have been Malvasia, we began to wonder whether the end of "false, fleeting, perjur'd Clarence" was possibly less pleasant than we had always imagined. Even in the towns there is little or no other accommodation and it would be unwise to count upon finding anywhere at all to sleep or eat in the smaller places. The roads are excellent and carry services of comfortable 'buses which, however, on the longer routes, tend to be infrequent and to run at inconvenient times ; one daily service each way is the rule and they may be suspended altogether on days of festa, of which there are many, as we found to our cost. It follows that the towns would not make satisfactory climbing centres.

To these difficulties camping with a car hired locally seems to be the ideal solution. A glance at the map shows that both a road and a river are generally within reasonable reach of most of the mountain groups, and a camper can rely on the probability of warm, settled weather. The presence of a river is important because water (which will need to be boiled in any case) may be scarce at certain seasons. Plenty of wood can be picked up for fires and provisioning should be easy as the shops are well stocked.

We should have liked to reconnoitre promising camp sites and climbing faces, but time was too short and we had to start our homeward journey, which we completed in exactly thirty-six hours. We regained the main line of railway, which carried us to Cagliari through a fertile, prairie-like plain, relieved occasionally by hedges of prickly-pear and bordered by distant mountain ranges. At Cagliari we joined one of the fine, modern vessels of the Tirrenia line, which carried us in luxury, through a night of almost subtropical warmth, to Civitavecchia, from which it is a short train journey to Rome. We lunched in Rome and a few hours later were walking across the tarmac at Heath Row, shivering in the chill of a wet English November evening, and thinking of Sardinia, and her mountains, and her cork trees, and her sunshine.

CLUB NOTES

We should like to congratulate the Alpine Club on celebrating their Centenary, and this historic event is an important milestone in the history of mountaineering. To those members who attended the meets at Llanberis and Zermatt as well as the imposing functions in London, this has indeed been a memorable year, and it is very fitting that Sir John Hunt should have been the President at such a time. To mark the Centenary, the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research presented to every member of the Alpine Club a copy of Sir Arnold Lunn's classic book "A Century of Mountaineering 1857-1957"—a most generous gift.

We should also like to congratulate the Ladies' Alpine Club, who are two years our senior, on celebrating their Jubilee.

At home the Association has had another most successful year. It was again possible to arrange a most interesting series of papers, details of which are set out below. Once again we would like to express to the Alpine Club our great appreciation of their kindness in allowing us to hold our meetings in such attractive surroundings. Notwithstanding petrol rationing a very successful Easter Meet was held at Bettws-y-Coed. The Annual Dinner, of which details are given on another page, was the second largest since the war and was attended by 105 members and guests. The Ladies' Night Dinner on May 22nd was again a brilliant function, and we were again honoured by the presence of Monsieur and Madame Daeniker.

After the Dinner Dr. Albert Eggler, the leader of the Swiss Mount Everest Expedition, gave us a most interesting account of the ascent of Everest and Lhotse, illustrated by beautiful colour slides.

We have lost through death nine members during the past year; Colonel E. R. Culverwell, Sir Francis Simon, Dr. Frank Coller and Messrs. Michael Benner, O. W. H. Briggs, T. R. Burnett, J. H. Hollingsworth, H. J. Sedgwick and D. A. Wade.

Obituary notices of Colonel Culverwell and Michael Benner will be found on another page.

The Easter Meet was held at the Glan Aber Hotel, Bettws-y-Coed where everyone was made extremely comfortable in very pleasant surroundings. It was not possible to stay in Capel Curig and transport to and from the climbs presented a problem, especially when petrol rationing was introduced. At one stage in the preliminary arrangements the secretary was seriously considering trying to hire a "four in hand" to transport the party down to Ogwen. Thanks to the co-operation of car owners, there were no fewer than seven cars which were used, and the front of the hotel reminded one of a taxi rank when the party set off each morning. We greatly appreciate the help given by car-owners who so willingly used their petrol ration and gave lifts to the party.

The weather was rather uncertain at the start, but improved, and with the exception of Easter Sunday was fine and sunny, enabling excursions to be made to all the usual climbing areas; indeed the weather was good enough to tempt at least two parties to combine the seaside with mountaineering and visit Newborough, a bird sanctury on the Angelsey coast. Easter Sunday was wet and the mists low, but nearly all the party met on top of Snowdon after climbing there by various routes—the more adventurous by Crib Goch, the less ambitious by the Watkin or railway paths.

Thanks to the kindness of Frank Solari who had brought his projector, the party were entertained on two evenings to a selection of colour slides and a talk on Norway.

Our sincere gratitude is due to the Proprietor of the hotel and his wife, together with the staff who did so much to make our stay so enjoyable.

The Meet was attended by no less than 23 people, The President and Mrs. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Dr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Solari, Mr. and Mrs. N. Peskett, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Peskett, Dr. Healy, and Messrs. Bailey, Bennett, D. M. Clarke, Coats, Galloway, Greg, Jeudwine, Lambley, Mason, Parker. The Hon. Editor was prevented at the last moment from attending owing to illness.

The Easter Meet 1958 will be held at The New Hotel, Dungeon Ghyll, Langdale, from 2nd to 9th April.

Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club, in January. February, March, May, June, September and October, and the following papers were read, all of which were illustrated by lantern slides:—

January 23rd—"The Ballachulish Meet" (Members of the Meet). February 27th—" Spitzbergen" (Mr. T. J. Fletcher).

March 27th—" The Scottish Ladies' Himalayan Expedition 1955" (Mrs. Monica Jackson). May 1st-" Ohsfjord, Norway " (Mr. Anthony Chapman).

June 27th—" Some Climbs in North America " (Mr. Eric Plumpton).

September 25th—" The Mountains of Baffin Land " (Mr. H. W. Ward).

October 16th-" Some Zermatt Climbs for the middle aged "

(Mr. B. R. Goodfellow).

We are very much indebted to these members and visitors for making these meetings such a success.

The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1958, which was issued in December.

Members who do not receive their proper copies of *Les Alpes* should communicate at once with the Hon. Treasurer.

The Librarian's Report

The removal of the library to the new premises at 74, South Audley Street which was announced in the last Report took place during the first week of January 1957, and a fortnight later all our books were on display and available to members. The hope that more use would be made of the improved facilities has unfortunately been disappointed. The number of regular readers is still small although the library is exceptionally rich in the treasures of the older Alpine literature and is kept up-to-date by the addition of new books. The following have been acquired by purchase or donation during 1957 :--

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Alpine Club	Alpine Journals Nos. 294 and 295
G. & A. Abraham	Rock-Climbing in North Wales.
H. Buhl	Nanga Parbat Pilgrimage
Guide Vallot	La Chaine du Mont Blanc,
	Vols. 1 and 2.
S. A. C. (Section Bern,	Berner Alpen, Vol. 4.
C. F. Meade	Approach to the Hills.
A. L. Mumm	Alpine Club Register, Vols. 1 and 2
W. Noyce	Mountains and Men
D. Pilley	Climbing Days.
E. C. Pyatt	Sandstone Climbs in S.E. England.
F. S. Smythe	An Alpine Journey.
Swiss Foundation	
(M. Barnes, editor)	The Mountain World 1956/7.
G. W. Young et al	Snowdon Biography

A complete, revised catalogue classified under the headings general Alpine literature, guide books, maps is in preparation.

Valuable contributions to the library have been made by several members. Mr. A. Poyser kindly sent "An Alpine Journey" and a small edition of "Scrambles amongst the Alps" and Mr. D. F. O. Danger presented us with the 2 Vallot Guides. The many books donated by the executors of the late Mr. C. T. Lehmann included D. Pilley's "Climbing Days" for which we asked in the last Report. Six Austrian maps were given by Mr. P. W. Thomas. As in previous years we are indebted to Mr. T. S. Blakeney of the Alpine Club, to the Ladies Alpine Club and to other mountaineering societies for copies of journals and year books.

For our collection of maps we have bought several additional sheets of the splendidly printed new "Landeskarte der Schweiz," a map of the Mont Blanc range and one of the Ortler group. Unfortunately one new map, Mischabel-W, sheet No. 568, has been taken from the library by an unknown borrower and has not been returned.

Books for Sale—In order to make room on our shelves we are able to offer to members a number of books of which we have duplicates. If interested, please write to the librarian.

We greatly regret to learn of the death on the Chogolisa Peak on the 27th June of Herr Hermann Buhl, the conqueror of Nanga Parbat. We were all thrilled to hear at our Ladies' Night Dinner in 1954 his account of his tremendous climb, and the premature death of such an outstanding climber will be an irreparable loss to the mountaineering world.

Sir Edwin Herbert has now been our Honorary Solicitor for 25 years. He is an exceptionally busy man and in addition to several important government appointments has held the posts of President of the Law Society and President of the Alpine Club. We therefore appreciate all the more the great interest which he takes in our affairs and his readiness to help us at all times. Fortunately, however, we have to trouble him very seldom.

The Committee have elected three new Honorary Members: Dr. Albert Eggler, the leader of the successful Swiss Mount Everest Expedition; Herr Hermann Geiger, the famous Alpine Pilot; and Dr. Ernest Bircher, the First Secretary of the Swiss Embassy, in recognition of the very great services which he has rendered to the Association by acting as a Liason Officer between them and the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club.

The attention of Members is drawn to the "Hotel Book." It is kept in the Library and Members are invited to use it for recording their comments, whether favourable or otherwise, on the hotels which they have come across in their travels. This information was found very useful before the War. Members who are unable to visit the Library are asked to send such comments to the Hon. Editor, who wil have them inserted in the Book.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, 27th November. The President was in the Chair, and a hundred and five members and guests were present.

The guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Ambassador; Mr. J. H. Emlyn Jones (Hon. Secretary of the Alpine Club) and Mrs. Emlyn Jones; Miss Una Cameron (President of the Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. B. R. Goodfellow (President of the British Mountaineering Council); Commander G. L. Densham (Fell and Rock Climbing Club); Mr. Charles Rose (Scottish Mountaineering Club; Mr. Paul Carslake (President of the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club); Mr. C. M. Gravina (London University Mountaineering Club); Mr. K. J. Hopkins (Imperial College Mountaineering Club); Mr. H. Knoll (City Swiss Club); Mr. H. O. Ernst and Mr. M. Kunz (Swiss National Tourist Office).

A novel though unpremeditated feature of the dinner, givingtrue Alpine colouring to the scene, was the eating of two courses in the gloom of a S.A.C. Hut. Perhaps this has set a precedent for Alpine Clubs ?

In proposing the toast of "The Swiss Confederation" the Bishop of Leicester spoke of the lakes, of Zermatt and of "cycling" over bergschrunds; and he added an appropriate quotation in Latin. The Swiss Ambassador replied in a very charming speech.

The President proposed the toast of "The Association." He spoke of old friends, in particular Mr. Lehmann and Colonel Culverwell; of the past years activities; and of the good work of the officers of the club. He also had a few words to say on what he called "vital statistics." In a merry speech Mr. Tyssen-Gee proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs." His thumb-nail sketches ranged far and wide: from Munros to the Andes—from Mr. Goodfellow's middle age to Miss Cameron's alligators. Mr. Emlyn Jones replied. He found himself in the difficult position, so he said, of rising to address a kindred club as a representative of the Alpine Club only to be facing serried ranks of Alpine Club Members. However his story of the reluctant preacher seemed to solve the problem. He mentioned that in its Centenary Year the Alpine Club looks benignly upon the Ladies' Alpine Club in its Jubilee Year, but he hastens to add that this had nothing to do with vital statistics.

The toast of "The President" was proposed by our new Honorary Member Dr. Bircher who found most touching the Committee's faith in the ability of Mr. Starkey to solve all difficult problems; and this could be accounted for by much more than a committee's natural instinct to avoid work. The President spoke a few words in reply, and this concluded a very pleasant evening for which our thanks are due to Mr. Hamish McArthur for the excellence of their arrangements.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1958

The attention of members is drawn to the numerous excursions and climbs which are arranged by all the Sections of the S.A.C. and which afford an opportunity of some extraordinary good climbing at a very moderate cost. Although perhaps it is preferable to climb with one's own Section, one can always join a climb of another Section—and, further one can always be assured of a very hearty welcome, though, of course, a knowledge of the language is desirable. For those who want to cut down expenses these Section Climbs prove invaluable.

At the time of going to press the Excursion Programmes of the various Sections were not available, but any members who are interested may obtain them from the Hon. Treasurer.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS

This covers all members and the premium is included in the annual subscription. It is a contract between the Swiss Alpine Club and the Swiss Insurance Companies, and it is renewed from year to year on the same terms unless notice of termination is given by either side. The sum assured varies according to the sections; with some it is 10,000 francs and with others 8,000 francs payable at death, or proportionately for permanent disablement. The Insurance covers the Central European Alps, the Jura, Pyrenees, Appenines, Carpathians, Vosges, Black Forest, England, Scotland and Wales, but it does not cover Norway, Himalaya, etc.

For the full terms of the contract of Insurance, members should apply to the Honorary Treasurer. See also "Les Alpes" for January, 1957.

The attention of members is particularly drawn to a Clause under which the Insurance Companies decline responsibility for accidents to solo or improperly equipped climbers or anyone unaccompanied by a person of over 17 years of age.

RESCUE PARTIES

The Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme (U.I.A.A.), Headquarters in Geneva (President—Mr. Egmond d'Arcis, one of our Honorary members), to which the B.M.C. is affiliated, has just inaugurated a telephone service called CISALP (Centre Internationale de Secours Alpin) for France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria and Jugoslavia, which works as follows :

Suppose you have a relative or friend mountaineering somewhere in one of these six countries, and for some reason you suspect an accident. You telephone Geneva No. 11, and ask to be put in communication with CISALP, to whom you explain matters. CISALP then puts you in communication with the rescue centre of the region where your relative was known to be, and you can ask this centre to make the necessary arrangements for a relief party; you yourself are responsible for the expenses of the rescue party.

ACCIDENTS AND FIRST AID

Stretchers and two rucksacks of medical supplies are kept at the following places. In the event of an accident, take up BOTH rucksacks, lights, food and plenty of rope. Read the instructions. Make sure that the iron leg-splint is included. In most cases the Supervisor will assist in organising the rescue party and will summon doctor and ambulance. Local men who help will be paid. Afterwards, report on accident and deficiencies to A. S. Pigott, Hill House, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.

Members are earnestly recommended to make themselves acquainted with the use of the equipment and the resources of the district.

2.	I.ake District Wastwater Hotel Scawfell Hotel, Rosthwaite Police Station, Keswick	Supervisor Mr. W. Pharaoh Capt. S. H. Bradrock Keswick Mountain Rese Team	 cue	<i>Telephone</i> Wasdale Head 1 Borrowdale 208 Keswick 4
4.	Youth Hostel, Giller- thwaite Farm, Ennerdale	Mr. R. S. Hughes		At Angler's Inn, Lamplugh 202
5.	Dungeon Ghyll Old Hotel, Great Langdale	Mr. S. H. Cross		Langdale 272
6.	The Institute, Coniston (Two rucksacks also in hut at Dow Crags) Ask for Coniston Fell Rescue Party	Mr. A. M. D'aeth Waterhead Farm, Coniston		
7.	Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Mr. Richardson		Butterniere 206
8.	Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale	The Warden		Eskdale 26
9.	Sty Head Pass	Keswick Mountain Res Team	cue	None
10.	Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	The Warden	•••	Glenridding 208
11.	Outward Bound Mountain School, Hallsteads on Ullswater, Water- millock	The Warden		Pooley Bridge 225
	North Wales			
1.	Youth Hostel, Idwal Cottage, Bethesda	Miss D. Griffiths		Public Tel. Box out- side Hostel, L.O.G., Ogwen 1
	Ogwen Cottage	Mr. M. Jones		Bethesda 214
	Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel	Mr. C. Briggs		Llanberis 211
4.	Quellyn Arms Hotel, Rhyd-ddu	Mr. H. Hughes		Beddgelert 267
	Mid-Wales			
1.	The Outward Bound Sea School, Aberdovey (Kit will be sent by car)	Executive Officer		Aberdovey 105
2.	Fire Station, Dolgelly (Privately owned kit)	Officer in Charge	•••	
	Derbyshire			
1.	Hope, near Castleton (Neil Robertson stretcher and rucksacks)	Dr. J. W. W. Baillie		Hope 214
	Ring Police at Chapel-en- le-Frith and ask for Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation			

De	rbyshire—cont.	Supervisor		Telephone
2.	Reservoir House, Kinder, Hayfield	Mr. Vernon Bennett		New Mills 2145
3.	Rifle Range, Crowden	Mrs. E. Fazackerley		Glossop 336
4.	Nags Head Hotel, Edale	Mr. F. Heardman		Edale 212
	Yorkshire			
1.	Police Station, Settle	Ask for Cave Rescue C	rganis	ation
2.	Police Station, Grassington	Ask for Upper Warfed	ale Fe	II Rescue Association
	Scotland			
1.	Clachaig Hotel, Glencoe	Mr. A. J. MacNiven		Ballachulish 252
2.	Alltnafeadh, Glencoe	Mr. Cameron		
3.	Police Station, Crianlarich	Officer in Charge		Crianlarich 222
4.	Glenbrittle House, Isle of Skye	Mr. MacRae		Glenbrittle 2
5.	Sligachan Hotel, Isle of Skye	Mr. I. S. Campbell		Sligachan 204
6.	Marshall & Pearson, West Highland Garage, Fort William (Tel. 15)	Mr. D. G. Duff, P.R.C.S. Belford Hospital	, at	Fort William 49
7.	The Charles Inglis Clark Hut, Ben Nevis	None		None
8.	Lui Beg, Braemar (Key at Derry Lodge)	Mr. R. Scott		
9.	Coylumbridge, Aviemore	Key at Rothiemurchus Estate Office, Aviem		
10.	Spittall of Muick, Glen- muick	Mr. J. Robertson		
11.	Police Station, Braemar	Officer in Charge		Braemar 222
12.	Police Station, Arrochar	Officer in Charge		Arrochar 22
13.	Police Station, Brodick, Arran	Officer in Charge		Brodick 100
14.	Scottish Youth Hostel, Glen Doll Lodge, Glen Clova	The Warden		
15.	Central Police Station, 4 West Bell St., Dundee	Officer in Charge	·	
16.	Scottish Ski Club Hut, Corrie Odnar, Ben Ghlas, Ben Lawers	Mr. McEwen, Park Lod Stirling	ge,	
17.	Gordonstoun School, Altyre House, Forres	Mr. J. M. Ray		Forres 2
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Rescue Kit owned by the Scottish Council for Physical Recreation is kept at Glenmore Lodge and at Jean's Hut (approximately 1 mile N.W. of Cairngorm). The Glenmore Lodge kit is intended primarily for the use of S.C.P.R. students, but that at Jean's Hut for more general use.

Cornwall

Count House, Bosigran, nr.	Rear Admiral K. M. Lawder,
St. Ives	Brook Cottage,
(Neil Robertson stretcher)	South Zeal, Okehampton

ISSUED BY THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE COMMITTEE.

July, 1956

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th September, 1957

LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS f. s. d. f. s. d.	ASSETS f. s. d. f. s. d.
Accumulated FUND Life Membership Account: Total as at 1st October, 1956 1,047 8 0 Add Subscriptions received during year to 30th September, 1957 33 12 0 Accumulated Revenue Account: Balance as at 1st October, 1956 1,782 7 5 Less Surplus Expenditure over Income for the year to 30th September, 1957 36 17 10 1,745 9 7	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND
£2,826 9 7	£2,826 9 7

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above Accounts are in accordance therewith.

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(Signed) R. A. TYSSEN GEE, Hon. Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND for the Year

RECEIPTS

1956						£	s.	d٠
	SECTION							
1,517	Subscriptions Received	 	 			1,603	17	1
	Association							
326	Subscriptions Received	 	 		•••	343	1	6
63	Interest Received (Net)	 	 			57	8	1
_	Advertising	 	 		•••	12	12	0
3	Library Sales	 	 			~ -	-	-
104	Balance to accumulated Expenditure over Incon		being	Surplus 	oi 	36	17	10

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£2,053 16 6

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above accounts are in accordance therewith. 29th October, 1957. (Signed) R. A. TYSSEN-GEE, Hon. Auditor.

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT ending 30th September, 1957

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1956							٤	s.	d.
	Section								
1,485	Remittances to Sections						1,544	9	7
5	Subscriptions returned to memb	ers					10	Ò	9
2	Bank Charges on remittances	••••					2	2	2
	Association								
7.00	f Hire of Rooms and Library	· • •					107	18	0
169	Library Expenses						73	5	8
171	Annual Report					•••	105	3	7
50	Clerical Assistance						37	10	0
28	Postage						25	10	5
49	Printing and Stationery						56	19	0
9	Insurance	· <i>·</i> ·					9	9	0
18	Entertainment			••••			13	5	0
7	Subscription B.M.C						7	0	0
5	Corporation Duty				•••		4	1	3
5	Hire of Lantern						1	2	6
—	Lecture Expenses (Dinner)	•••	••••			••••	37	0	9
10	Sundries					•••	18	18	10
£2,013						-	(2,053	16	6

Roll of Honour

1914-1918

A. C. ADAMS E. DOUGLAS MURRAY RALPH N. ADAMS T. D. OVERTON A. BLACKWOOD-PORTER E. S. PHILLIPS R. BREWITT-TAYLOR A. I. PRITCHARD A. B. CHALLIS C. J. REID W. CROWE L. D. SAUNDERS N.S. DONE C. R. M. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE BERNARD ELLIS G. T. EWEN R. D. SQUIRES I. H. B. FLETCHER R. K. STIRLING C. A. STURDY K. G. GARNETT T. H. GOOD ROGER E. THOMPSON CYRIL HARTREE W. M. VINCENT C. E. KING-CHURCH KENNETH WILCOX M. MILEY (Junior) H. D. WILLIS

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K. W. GRAHAM	G. W. M. SWALLOW
T. C. LARKWORTHY	J. MORIN (Hon. Member)

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LIST OF MEMBERS of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club (Corrected up to 31st January, 1958.)

For privacy individual names and addresses have been removed. Names and addresses can be obtained, for research purposes only, by reference to the Editor or going to the hard copies in AC library in London.

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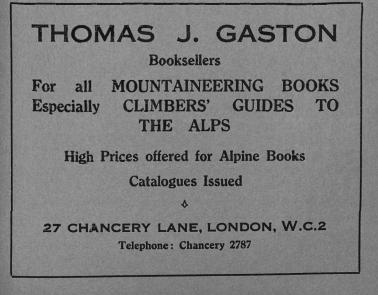
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