

# THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB



## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1959

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# OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1960

## *President :*

B. L. RICHARDS, G.M. 'A.C.' (Interlaken) 1960

## *Vice-Presidents :*

DR. A. W. BARTON, 'A.C.' (Diablerets) 1959  
D. G. LAMBLEY, F.R.C.S., 'A.C.' (Monte Rosa), 1960

## *Hon. Vice-Presidents :*

A. N. ANDREWS, T.D., 'A.C.' (Grindelwald), Hon. Secretary, 1912-1928, Hon. Librarian, 1929-1932, President, 1934-1936, V.P., 1933 and 1937-1946.  
DR. N. S. FINZI, 'A.C.' (Geneva), President, 1946-1948.  
GERALD STEEL, C.B., 'A.C.' (Geneva), Hon. Secretary, 1909-1910, V.P., 1948, President, 1949-1951.  
F. R. CREPIN, 'A.C.' (Geneva), Hon. Secretary, 1945-1953, President, 1954-1956.  
Geo. STARKEY, 'A.C.' (Oberhasli), Hon. Secretary, 1949-1956, President, 1957-1959.

## *Committee*

J. R. AMPHLETT, 'A.C.' (Diablerets) 1958	R. S. DADSON, A.C.' (Monte Rosa) 1959
M. BENNETT, 'A.C.' (Diablerets) 1958	W. R. H. JEUDWINE (Grindelwald) 1959
J. G. BROADBENT, 'A.C.' (Monte Rosa) 1958	H. S. FLOOK (Monte Rosa) 1960
N. PESKETT, (Monte Rosa) 1958	M. HOLTON (Monte Rosa) 1960
J. E. L. CLEMENTS (Interlaken) 1959	C. R. KEMPSON (Monte Rosa) 1960
V. O. COHEN, M.C. (Engelberg) 1959	F. W. Schweitzer (Altels) 1960
	DR. ERNEST BIRCHER co-opted 1954

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*Assistant Hon. Treasurer :* A. G. SCHOFIELD, (Grindelwald)

*Hon. Solicitor :* SIR EDWIN HERBERT, K.B.E., 'A.C.' (Geneva)

*Hon. Auditor :* R. A. TYSEN-GEE, 'A.C.' (Diablerets)

## *Hon Secretaries :*

R. C. J. PARKER, 'A.C.' (Bernina), 32 Elmscroft Gardens, Potters Bar, Middlesex. (Telephone: Potters Bar 3702 (Private)

F. E. SMITH 'A.C.' (Diablerets), 6 Chesham Street, S.W.1.

*Hon. Treasurer :* F. R. CREPIN, 'A.C.' (Geneva)

*Solari's Photograph  
of the Presentation*



# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

# SWISS ALPINE CLUB

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*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1959*

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## 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 "clubbists," and as it is not possible, by the rules of the S.A.C., for a section to be formed outside Switzer-

land, 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 of the functions of a Club. All these arrangements were only undertaken after consultation with the Central Committee 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 Rules of the Association are published with the Library List in a separate booklet.

## MEMBERSHIP

The number of members is now 680 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows :—

Altels	...	...	13	Interlaken	...	...	19
Diablerets	...	...	100	Monte Rosa	...	...	262
Geneva	...	...	64	Oberhasli	...	...	10
Grindelwald	...	...	65	Other Sections	...	...	36

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now about 40,000 in about 80 sections.

74 new members have joined during the past year, but 8 have died and 70 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, 1959	...	...	...	...	758
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1959	...	...	...	...	78
Total, January 1st, 1960					680

Of these 86 are Life Members on the Retired List, 16 Retired under Rule 15B, 9 Honorary Members, 505 Ordinary Members and 64 Life Members on the Active List.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB

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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 definite material 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 card 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, c/o The Swiss National Tourist Office, 458 Strand, W.C.2.** (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 £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 £16 16s. for Town members and £8 8s. 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**

Mr. Geo. Starkey has been succeeded as President by Mr. B. L. Richards, and Mr. D. G. Lambley has been elected Vice-President in place of Mr. Richards. Mr Starkey was elected an Hon. Vice-President. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office: Messrs. P. Andrews, W. D. Brown, D. M. Clarke and D. G. Lambley. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. H. S. Flook (Monte Rosa), M. Holton (Monte Rosa), C. R. Kempton (Monte Rosa) and F. W. Schweitzer (Altels). 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 1959 has been on practically the same lines as in 1958. 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.

### **CORRESPONDENCE WITH OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

All letters must be addressed to officers by name at the addresses given on the cover, and should be sent as follows:

#### **TO THE HONORARY TREASURER**

Those concerning subscriptions, membership, change of address and insurance. All letters should be addressed as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer,

A.B.M.S.A.C.,

c/o Swiss National Tourist Office,  
458 Strand, W.C.2.

See also "Subscriptions" below.

#### **TO THE HONORARY SECRETARIES**

Those concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. Smith unless otherwise stated.

Those concerning Meets to Mr. Parker.

Other communications may be made to either Secretary.

#### **TO THE HONORARY EDITOR**

Articles and other information for the Annual Report.

## TO THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN

Letters should be sent to his private address.

Books should be returned to him at the Alpine Club.

(For further details - see "Library" below.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are due on January 1 each year.

Members who have not paid by March 31 will cease to be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and notices of meetings and meetings will not be sent to them.

Resignations from the S.A.C. must be sent to the Hon. Treasurer before December 15, as, unless they are received by the Central Committee in Switzerland by December 31, the subscription for the ensuing year is deemed to be due and will be claimed by the S.A.C.

## 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 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.

## JUBILEE MEET AT SAAS FEE

The Meet commenced officially on August 6th, although some members had arrived earlier. A Banquet was held on August 8th at the Hotel du Glacier and a magnificent dinner was provided by the Hotel. By a happy coincidence this was within a fortnight of the 30th Anniversary of the celebrations in connection with the re-opening of the enlarged Britannia Hut which were also held in Saas-Fee in August 1929. The President was in the Chair and 74 members and guests were present. Although the Association held Annual Dinners in Switzerland for ten years before the war, this was the biggest function which the Association has held there since 1929.

The Guests of the Association were: The President of the Central Committee (Dr. Calonder) and the Legal Adviser (Dr. Hatz); the Vice President of the Geneva Section (Monsieur Briquet) and his wife, and the President of the Section Hut Committee (Monsieur E. Dysli); the President of the Commune (Herr Bumann) and the Chief Guide (Herr Heinrich Zurbriggen). Among the private guests we were very pleased to welcome the Chief Guide's father (Herr Peter Marie Zurbriggen) who was himself one of the best known Guides in Saas-Fee before the war, and Mr. E. H. Marriott.

At the conclusion of the Dinner the President proposed the Toasts of the President of the Swiss Confederation and her Majesty the Queen, which were duly honoured. He then proposed the Toast of "The Guests" to which Dr. Calonder replied in a very charming speech. At the close of his speech he presented to the President a very handsome pewter platter embellished with the Arms of Grisons, the Canton in which Chur the seat of the Central Committee is situated. The platter bears the following inscription:

1909 — 1959

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club  
Central Comité Chur des S.A.C.

8 August, 1959

Mr. Starkey accepted the gift on behalf of the Association with grateful thanks for such a beautiful gift. After that Herr Bumann made an admirable speech in English. There was then a short interval, and after that Monsieur Dysli handed to the President the Plaque which was to be erected in the Britannia Hut to commemorate the Jubilee Gift of over 2,600 francs which the Association had sent to the Geneva Section towards the cost of furnishing the Hut. This was suitably inscribed in both English and French and was much admired by all present. The President thanked Monsieur Dysli on behalf of the Association and then gave out the arrangements for the

visit to the Britannia Hut the following day. This brought a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening to a close.

Soon after breakfast on August 9th those who were going up to the Britannia Hut started off. Fortunately the weather was fairly cool and the Hut was reached soon after 2 p.m. when soup and wine were served. Monsieur Briquet and Monsieur Dysli had gone up earlier, and by the time that our party arrived the Plaque had been affixed to the wall of the main refectory of the Hut, which had been decorated with the National Flags of Switzerland and Great Britain and the Cantonal Flags of Valais and Geneva.

At 3 p.m. in the presence of about twenty members and friends Monsieur Briquet dedicated the Plaque in a charming speech in English in which he paid special tribute to the work of the Association and said that he looked forward to greater participation by British Members in Club Activity, with special emphasis on Youth Organisations. Mr. Starkey replied. After that a few members, together with Monsieur Briquet and Monsieur Dysli, had to return to Saas Fee, but more members came up later in the afternoon and a very enjoyable "soiree familiere" was had by all.

Early the following morning, after a short but luxurious night as the guests of the Geneva Section, the party set out—the majority making for the Allalin Pass and the Allalinhorn. Conditions were good and they enjoyed warm sunshine and fine, though intermittent, views from the summit before descending to the Fee Joch and the Langefluh. Others set out for the Fluchthorn and returned to the Britannia Hut for a further climb on the following day. This brought a memorable week-end to a close.

The following climbs were done by various parties during the Meet:

The Egginer—2 ropes

Mittaghorn by the N.W. ridge—2 ropes.

Mittaghorn by the N.W. ridge, on to the Egginer and descent by the S. ridge—1 rope.

Traverse of the Allalinhorn from the Britannia Hut to the Langefluh Hut—8 ropes.

Fluchthorn from the Britannia Hut—1 rope.

Portjengrat from the Portjenpass—3 ropes.

Fletschhorn and Laquinhorn from the Weissmies Hut—4 ropes.

Allalinhorn from the Langefluh Hut—1 rope.

Alphubel and Allalinhorn from the Langefluh Hut—2 ropes.

Weissmies by the ordinary route—2 ropes.

Weissmies by the N. ridge and descent to the Almageller Hotel—  
2 ropes.

Traverse of the Sudlenzspitze and Nadelhorn—5 ropes.

Nadelhorn by the ordinary route—1 rope.

Jagigrat—1 rope.

Schwarzries—3 ropes.

Jungfrau—1 rope.

Matterhorn by the Furggen Ridge—1 rope.

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The older members of the party enjoyed the beautiful walks in the neighbourhood which they had been too busy to do in their younger days. Notable among these is the recently opened High Level route to Grachen (above the Zermatt Valley)—a superb 7 hour walk. The return journey is normally made via St. Niklaus by train and 'bus.

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The following is the list of those who attended the Meet: The President and Mrs. Starkey; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Richards; Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Barton, with their nephews Messrs. C. and F. Cornish and Messrs. M. and R. Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crepin; Mr. R. C. J. Parker; Mr. F. E. Smith; Mr. M. N. Clarke; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Schofield and Dr. N. S. Finzi;

Mr. S. C. Ambler; Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett (and son); Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Broadbent; Mr. J. G. Brook; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Byam-Grounds; Miss Byam-Grounds; Mr. A. R. Chapman; Mr. D. M. Clarke; Mr. W. L. Coats; Mr. H. Dole; Mr. H. S. Flook; Mr. F. P. French; Mr. A. A. Galloway; Mr. Gardiner; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kempson; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kirstein; Mr. P. Kirstein; Mrs. Gwen Kirstein; Mr. P. G. Malins; Dr. R. L. Mitchell; Mr. F. Morris; Mr. Newman; Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Peaston; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Peskett; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Prentice; Mr. A. T. Reeve; Dr. D. R. Riddell; Mr. B. C. Roach; Dr. and Mrs. Ryle; Mrs. Sherwood; Mr. T. H. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. F. Solari; Mr. W. P. B. Stonehouse; Mr. A. Talon; Miss Thompson; Mr. J. S. Whyte and Mr. B. N. Woods.

We should like to offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Peskett. They had arranged to join the Meet—but, a few hours before they were due to start, their car (which they had carefully locked up) was stolen from a Car Park in London together with all their luggage. As a result their carefully prepared holiday plans were completely wrecked. It is true that they managed to get a holiday in Skye in September, but in spite of the fine weather this was a very poor substitute for the holiday which they had planned in Switzerland. It is a terrible thought that in England today criminals have got practically nothing to fear.

M.N.C.

## THE JUBILEE DINNER

The Jubilee Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday 25th November. The President was in the Chair and nearly 150 members and guests were present. This was, with one exception, the biggest Dinner which the Association has held for forty years.

The guests of the Association were His Excellency The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker; Professor G. I. Finch, F.R.S. (President of the Alpine Club); Mrs. Robinson (President of the Ladies Alpine Club); Dr. Graham Macphee (President of the British Mountaineering Council); Air Vice Marshal A. P. Ledger, C.B. (President of the Alpine Ski Club); Mr. William Wallace (Scottish Mountaineering Club); Mr. A. D. M. Cox (President of the Climbers Club); Mr. H. P. Spilsbury, O.B.E. (President of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club); Mr. H. Coates (Vice President of the Rucksack Club); Mrs. Morin (Pinnacle Club); Mr. G. Mitcheson (Mountain Club); Mr. K. I. Meldrum (President of the Oxford University M.C.); Mr. J. K. McDonald (President of the Cambridge University M.C.); Mr. A. Maclay (Imperial College M.C.); Mr. I. G. McNaught-Davis (Alpine Climbing Group); Mr. A. S. Pigott (Chairman of the Mountain Rescue Committee); Dr. X. Speckert (President of the City Swiss Club); Mr. H. O. Ernst and Mr. A. Kunz (Swiss National Tourist Office); and Herr Bernard Seiler.

Telegrams of good wishes were received from the Alpine Club and the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club, and also a charming letter from our distinguished Honorary Member Monsieur Egmond D' Arcis. Letters regretting their inability to attend were received from a number of members including five of our original members. Several photographs were taken in the course of the evening. We were delighted to have with us Mr. C. Scott Lindsay, who was a member of the original Committee and Mr. Gerald Steel who was one of the original Hon. Secretaries. It was very fitting that on this occasion the latter (who was President of the Association from 1949 to 1951) should have been asked to propose the health of the President and the President-Elect.

All the speeches were of an exceptionally high order, and all the speakers, in one way or another, made references to events of the last fifty years since the Association was founded. Mr. T. A. H. Peacocke, in proposing the toast of "The Swiss Confederation," spoke of the happy seasons which he had spent among the Alps. The Swiss Ambassador replied in a very charming speech.

After the interval our Honorary Member, Dr. Bircher, in what was by common consent the best speech of the evening, proposed the toast of "The Association." Taking as his text our second rule which sets out our "Objects," he sought to show in the most witty fashion how far we had carried out those "Objects" since our foundation and threw down a challenge which was taken up by Professor Finch later in the evening. The President in his reply gave an account of the Jubilee Meet at Saas-Fee and exhibited the handsome pewter platter which the President of the Central Committee had presented to the Association at the Dinner on 8th August. After referring briefly to the other events of the year he then paid tribute to the Officers past and present and in particular to Mr. M. N. Clarke who, in his capacity as Hon. Secretary, had maintained the activities of the Association during the last war.

Mr. F. R. Crepin then proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs" and in his speech mentioned those Clubs which had been in existence when the Association was founded—a very small proportion of those which exist today. The President of the Alpine Club replied to the toast and spoke of climbs which he had done many years ago with the late Mr. J. A. B. Bruce, the founder of the Association. He then took up Dr. Bircher's challenge and regaled the assembly with snatches of Swiss songs which he *said* were too ribald to translate to a mixed gathering!

Finally Mr. Gerald Steel proposed the toast of "The President and the President-Elect." In his speech he paid tribute to the work which Mr. Starkey had done for the Association both as Hon. Secretary and as President; he also referred to some of the earlier Presidents of the Association. Mr. Starkey in replying thanked the Association for the support that they had given him during his term of office and said that he felt it a great honour to have been their President in the Jubilee Year; he said that he was confident that Mr. Richards would make an excellent President. Mr. Richards said that as he would have ample opportunities for making speeches during the next three years he would content himself with thanking the Association very much for the honour which they had done him, and that he would always try to do his best.

This brought a memorable evening to a close, and the Association is greatly indebted to Mr. F. E. Smith for all the work he did to make our Jubilee Dinner such an outstanding success. M.N.C.



## SOME ROCK CLIMBS ABOVE COURMAYEUR

Although Courmayeur is more generally associated with the great ice routes on the southern side of Mt. Blanc, this popular Italian alpine centre is also notable as a base for some splendid rock courses on the grim host of attendant peaks that guard the southern and eastern precincts of the Monarch.

As a comparative neophyte, I had no inclination to launch myself as an unguided missile on this range, and I was fortunate in securing the companionship of "Ulisse," a Courmayeur guide whose admirable qualities served as an ample cloak to cover the occasional ragged destitution of his client's performance.

The relentless onslaught of alpine commercialism has long since bestowed a teleferique from the Val Ferret to the Col du Geant, thus bringing a number of fine summits within the ambit of a single day's excursion. The most popular of these is the Dent du Geant, 13,162 ft. From an aesthetic point of view this massive obelisk is no prize winner: blatancy and not beauty is its dominant characteristic. Furthermore, the climbing is largely reduced to a banality by fixed ropes on the steepest section. Even so, it would be unworthy to belittle the breathtaking sensation of exposure on those soaring Burgener Slabs, particularly on a day when transient mists seem to magnify the plummeting vista beneath.

More pleasing of profile is the Tour Ronde, 12,437 ft. The ascent is little more than a scramble but the topmost rocks command an inspiring prospect which embraces the ice-mantled splendour of Mt. Blanc's Brenva face. We coupled the Tour Ronde with the subsequent traverse of its little neighbour, the Aiguille d' Entrèves, 11,808 ft, which gave an entertaining climb along its cockscomb crest.

Despite a modest height of 10,738 ft, the Aiguille de la Brenva is a worthy little peak with some stiff routes on its east face. We chose the Via Boccalatte (1934) which we approached across the Glaciers de Toule and d' Entreves. A disconcerting feature of the Via Boccalatte is that the first pitch is decidedly the hardest and its commencement uncompromisingly abrupt. I discovered myself stepping off from an icy lip of the glacier, across an ugly schrund, on to an *etrier* fixed to a seemingly holdless wall. The holds manifested themselves after closer scrutiny but still appeared depressingly inadequate. A despairing effort, charitably abetted by Ulisse from his stance directly above, secured my safe arrival in a spacious alcove. Several

more strenuous pitches followed—but none as exacting as the first—until a traverse southward brought us on to the south ridge, whence easy rocks led to the crown of this obdurate little mountain.

There must be few alpine peaks of such singularly sinister mien as the Aiguille Noire de Peuterey, 12,372 ft, whose sombre, gothic form looms menacingly above the placid meadows and pinewoods of the Val Veni. On a quiet July evening we climbed the slabby apron of crag that hangs beneath the Fauteuil des Allemands (a vast corrie carved from the mountain's southern front) and came at sunset to the tiny Refuge de la Noire cowering under a great overhang at the eastern limit of the Fauteuil. We set out from the Refuge at day-break to mount the long slope leading to the S.E. ridge. The rocks were not unduly awkward—except those that were moving at high velocity. These random projectiles can be a rather too obtrusive feature hereabouts, and make a poor contribution to one's peace of mind. Turf, boulders and rotten rock were our portion most of the way up to the ridge where we began to encounter ominous patches of new snow. Neither were our prospects enhanced by a high, filmy cloud-layer which came racing across the sky from the west. Soon, tenuous wraiths of grey mist floated up from the void and crowded silently around us. After a brief consultation we renewed our advance into which had now crept a spirit of stealthy speculation. For a while we forsook the ridge and traversed its western flank. When we eventually returned to the crest we were confronted by a hopeless morass of powdery snow which cascaded away at a touch. We ploughed a vain furrow for a short distance and then sat down with the realization that further progress was impracticable. Under fair conditions half an hour's simple climbing would have brought us to our goal.

Our descent was rendered laborious by the shifting snow, as well as the drear cloud that still enveloped the upper parts of the mountain. At length we turned off the ridge and emerged with relief into clear air. Avoiding the crooked, stone-swept gullies that seam the mountainside we rappelled down a slabby buttress to the Fauteuil and the Refuge. Our departure from the latter was marked by an ironic salute of thunder from the Aiguille Noire, and the ensuing retirement down the rocks to the Val Veni became a precipitate retreat through a harrassing crossfire of hailstones borne on a cold squally wind. This was my first defeat in the Alps: it had been well rubbed in!

A bare two miles N.W. from the Col du Geant the Massif du Tacul springs with a defiant flourish above the glacier, its startling array of rufous towers and pinnacles providing a formidable field of venture for the rock climber. My first acquaintance with this group was on the east arete (Via Ottoz) of the Pyramide du Tacul, 10,480 ft, which gave a short but stiff climb. The lower half offered one or two quite hard pitches but higher up the angle moderated and led without much difficulty to the massive pyramidal block which forms the actual summit and gives the peak its name.

The final day of my 1959 trip dawned with a crisp, sparkling brilliance as we marched over the undulating snowfield, bound for the Via Lepiney of the Trident du Tacul, 11,935 ft. This climb was Ulisse's idea, and I ambled along blissfully unsuspecting of the exertions in store. Soon the Trident became visually detached from its parent massif—and what a staggering spectacle it presents—its columnar base rising to a narrowing waist, above which a fantastic, pillared superstructure lurches heavenward with a precarious looking tilt to north-west.

We entered the western couloir, quickly reaching the rocks which gave several hundred feet of moderate-to-difficult climbing until we came out on to the conspicuous terrace which runs across the south face of the peak rather below its "waist." Ulisse then announced that the next bit might be "un peu difficile." (Subsequently he unbent a little and rated it Grade VI). The obstacle in question was a repellent V-shaped groove which rocketed almost vertically for about 70 feet to perish in a spiteful overhang. It was fascinating to witness a superbly accomplished climber tackle this very severe pitch. In ten minutes, an elegant economy of effort had carried him out of sight beyond the overhang, leaving to his successor a generous legacy of four running belays and two *etriers*. My own passage of the groove was not notably elegant and was, mercifully, witnessed by nobody, not even Ulisse, who, I suspect, praised it with faint damns from his invisible stronghold aloft.

Reunited on a broad ledge we recuperated awhile before continuing up easier rocks which were, however, sufficiently unsound in places to demand careful handling. The next serious problem was a magnificent perpendicular crack between two huge, rectangular blocks. The crack was at first too narrow to get inside and negotiating its lower stretch imposed a considerable strain on the arms. Higher up it

widened sufficiently to admit a very lean person and I gladly entered under the latter qualification. By then we were close under the final wall which culminated in the two bizarre tabular towers crowning the peak. A series of short, vertical cracks requiring delicate balance, made a stirring climax to an arduous and intriguing route.

We remained some minutes on our exalted pedestal to contemplate the savage rock scenery that half encompassed us. The northern view was dominated by the Grand Capucin, its true scale revealed by the microscopic glimpse of a party spreadeagled on the great red facets of that remorseless spire. Vast though the abyss that lay between us the horizontal distance was not far and we could easily exchange greetings with them.

We descended by the same route, rappelling almost continuously until we came to rest on the glacier as the chill pallor of eventide swept across the snows.

G.R.E.B.

As this Report goes to Press we regret to learn of the death of Mr. R. C. Richards, who was one of our Original Members.

## CLUB NOTES

We should like to congratulate Mr. Starkey on a very successful term of office, and it was very largely owing to his efforts that our Jubilee Year went off according to plan.

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.

A very successful Ladies Night Dinner was held on May 27th, after which Mr. Alan Blackshaw gave a most interesting account of the expedition of Sir John Hunt's party to the Caucasus illustrated by coloured slides.

Detailed accounts of the two main functions—the Saas-Fee Meet and the Jubilee Dinner—will be found elsewhere in the Report. The success of the former shows that while the highly organised Alpine Meet may be a thing of the past there may still be scope for Social Meets rather on the lines of the Swiss Dinner Meets before the war.

We have lost through death eight members during the past year: Messrs. J. Beacom, E. de Trafford, H. B. S. Gibbs, M. J. Harris (killed on Ama Dablam on May 21st), G. A. Kemp, G. S. Leach, S. J. Pricc and R. L. Sharpe. They will be sadly missed. We regret that the death of Sir A. E. Cutforth, C.B.E., was not recorded in the last report.

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Both the Easter Meets were ruined by the weather. At Fort William, Easter Monday was a glorious day and every one certainly made the best of it. Otherwise the weather was abominable, and in consequence very little was done. In Skye the weather was even worse, and some members of the party left in despair after a couple of days.

The Fort William Meet was attended by the President and Mrs. Starkey, Dr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. Solari, Mrs. McArthur, Dr. Riddell, Dr. Wood and Messrs Beenstock

(and son), Bennett, Brooke, D. M. Clarke, M. N. Clarke, Clements, Coats, Galloway, Jeurwine, Lambley, Park and Parker.

The Glen Brittle Meet was attended by the President and Mrs. Starkey, Dr. and Mrs. Barton, Dr. Wood and Messrs. Beenstock (and son), Jeurwine, Lambley and Park.

The 1960 Easter Meet will be held at the Glen Aber Hotel, Bettwys-y-Coed from April 13th to 20th. Let us hope for better luck with the weather.

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

- January 28th      Short talks by members, including an account of the Easter Meet 1958 by the President.
- February 25th    “Some climbs with a camera at Zinal and Kandersteg” (Mr. Derek Lambley).
- March 18th      “Lahul 1958” (Mr. Frank Solari)
- April 22nd      “Walks in the Jotunheimen” (Mr. E. E. Tavener).
- June 24th      “A week-end in the Sierre Nevada, California” and “Some easy climbs in the Engadine” (Mr. Walter Kirstein).
- Sept. 23rd      “Lyngen, Norway” (Mr. A. A. Galloway and Mr. D. M. Clarke).
- October 21st    “The Northern Highlands” (Mr. Roy Crepin) and “Recent climbs and Ski Runs” (Mr. J. E. L. Clements).

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

The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1960, 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*

A librarian can always find useful and congenial occupation but naturally prefers work which is occasioned by a lively interest on the part of members generally in Alpine literature. Happily there was a distinct if small improvement as the following survey will show. Figures for 1958 are given in brackets: number of readers 36 (23); books borrowed 47 (35), guide books 39 (17), journals 2 (8), maps 4 (5); 92 items against 65 in 1958.

The additions to the library by purchase or donation in 1959 are listed separately together with those of the previous year. Many belong to the legacy of the late Mr. Arthur Poyser kindly handed to the librarian by Miss Poyser in the first half of 1959. Among other gifts special mention must be made of *The Alpine Journal* supplied by Mr. T. S. Blakeney and Smythe's *Climbs in the Canadian Rockies* sent by Mr. W. F. Dowlen. We are also indebted to kindred societies for copies of their annual reports or journals, more particularly the Ladies Alpine Club, the Swiss Frauen Alpenclub, the Irish Mountaineering Club and the Pinacle Club.

Correspondence was at times quite brisk. Several members refunded completely or in part the expenses incurred by the postal service. These contributions from readers came to £3 11s. 6d.; sales of surplus books amounted to £3 19s. 6d.

Our collection of Swiss guide books was brought up-to-date by the purchase of all the recent editions. To our maps we added two covering the Dolomites and one of the Brenta group. For particulars please consult the list below. We are still without maps dealing with the French Alps south of the Mont Blanc range.

The librarian would like to hear from any member who lacks shelf space for recent copies of such excellent publications as the journals of the Climbers Club. A spare copy of Mumm's third volume of his *Alpine Club Register* or of Freshfield's book on *de Saussure* would form an admirable addition to our collection of Alpine literature.

**ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY**  
**MARCH 1958 TO DECEMBER 1959**

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**General Alpine Literature**

Abraham, G. D. . .	First Steps in Climbing
	Swiss Mountain Climbs
Amery, L. S. . .	In the Rain and the Sun
Band, G. . . . .	Road to Rakaposchi
Benuzzi, F. . .	No Picnic on Mount Kenya
Chapman, F. S. . .	Memoirs of a Mountaineer
Christomannos et al.	The Dolomites
Easton, J. . . . .	An Unfrequented Highway
Irving, R. L. G. . .	Ten Great Mountains
Kirkus, C. F. . .	Let's go Climbing
Lunn, Sir Arnold	A Century of Mountaineering
	The Bernese Oberland
Munday, D. . . .	The Unknown Mountain
Neame, J. A. . . .	Among the Meadows and Alpine Flowers of Northern Italy
Sack, J. . . . .	The Ascent of Yerupaja
Smythe, F.S. . . .	Climbs in the Canadian Rockies
	Kamet Conquered
	The Spirit of the Hills
Swiss Foundation	The Mountain World, 1958/9
Younghusband, Sir F.	Everest: The Challenge

**Guide Books**

S.A.C. . . . .	The latest editions are now available. Additional items, not mentioned in the 1958 list, are:
Bernese Oberland	Vol. 5, Grindelwald-Grimsel-Münster
Ticino . . . . .	Tessiner Alpen (and Skiführer)
Valais, etc. . . .	L'Argentine
	Alpes Vaudoises
	Skiführer, Monte Moro zum Gotthard

**Maps**

Landeskarte der Schweiz	Nufenenpass E (No. 531)— Mischabel E (569)
Dolomites, etc. . .	Westliche Dolomiten Oestliche Dolomiten Gruppo di Brenta



Members may be interested to know that a new hut with accommodation for nine people has been opened 200 yards north of the outfall of Lock Coruisk into Lock Scavaig in the Isle of Skye. The hut belongs to the Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland and is for the use of members of all clubs affiliated to the B.M.C. and A.S.C.C. No key for the hut will be available locally. All applications should be made to: A. A. Thrippleton, 14 Portland Park, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, and a key will be sent by post to each individual party whose booking is accepted.

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Some very interesting articles have again appeared in *Mountaineering* (the official journal of the B.M.C.).

The March issue contains articles on Mountain accidents, Frostbite, and Crevasse Rescue. The September issue contains an article on Nylon Climbing Rope (also published as a circular) and notes on Karabiners and Polio-myelitis Vaccination for people under 27.

We warmly commend these articles to our members. The Journals also contain many other features of great interest.

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Members who make any new ascents or any outstanding or unusual expeditions are invited to send details to the Hon. Editor. Photographs are not necessary.

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We are sure that all members were grieved to hear of the demolition of the old church at Saas-Fee. It appears that this fine old church was no longer adequate for the needs of the new town. We sincerely trust that the new church will be built in a similar style of architecture to the old one, and will not be an ugly modern building which will offend the eye of all who knew and loved Saas-Fee before the last war. In the meantime services will be held in the new Town Hall.

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Members may be interested to know that the historic old palace of Stockalper at Brig is being beautifully restored by the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research and is expected to be open to visitors again this summer. Anyone who is passing through Brig with time to spare will find it very well worth while a visit.

All our members who belong to the Monte Rosa Section will have read with much interest the correspondence about the re-building of the Hörnli Hut which was published in *La Cordee* at the beginning of December.

The case put forward by the Monte Rosa Section—which is strongly supported both by the Alpine Club and by the U.I.A.A.—is so over-whelming that we sincerely hope that the Commune of Zermatt will agree to their very reasonable proposals.

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Members are reminded that not all the Huts in Austria belong to the Austrian Alpine Club. In the Zillertal particularly some of the Huts belong to the German Alpine Club **with which the Swiss Alpine Club has no reciprocal arrangements.**

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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 will have them inserted in the book.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1960

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 for 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 insured 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. Members, however, are NOT covered against medical expenses, and to obtain this extra cover an additional premium must be paid.

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 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.

### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CLIMBING PARTIES AND ALPINE PILOTS

It is understood that the following system has been approved by all the Sections of the Swiss Alpine Club :

- S.O.S.           —   — A Cross.  
All Right       —   — A Quadrangle, with one side  
  longer than the other.  
Food only wanted — L. (The German word for food :  
  LEBENSMITTEL.)

Guides should be equipped with yellow flags with these markings in red lines. The signs could be given by lines in the snow or other suitable means as well.

### 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.

<i>Lake District</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1. Wastwater Hotel... ..	Mr. W. Pharaoh ... ..	Wasdale Head 1
2. Scawfell Hotel, Rosthwaite	Capt. S. H. Badrock ... ..	Borrowdale 208
3. Police Station, Keswick	Keswick Mountain Rescue Team	Keswick 4
4. Youth Hostel, Gillerthwaite 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 Crag) ... .. Ask for Coniston Fell Rescue Party	Mr. A. M. D'aeth ... .. Waterhead Farm, Coniston	Poioice, Coniston 251
7. Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Mr. Richardson ... ..	Buttermere 6
8. Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale	The Warden ... ..	Eskdale 26
9. Sty Head Pass ... ..	Keswick Mountain Rescue Team	None
10. Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	The Warden ... ..	Glenridding 208
11. Outward Bound Mountain School, Hallsteads on Ullswater, Watermillock	The Warden ... ..	Pooley Bridge 225

#### *North Wales*

1. Youth Hostel, Idwal Cottage, Ogwen	The Warden ... ..	Public Tel. Box outside Hostel, L.O.G., Ogwen 1
2. Ogwen Cottage ... ..	Mr. M. Jones ... ..	Bethesda 214
3. Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel ... ..	Mr. C. Briggs ... ..	Llanberis 211
4. Quellyn Arms Hotel, Rhyd-ddu	Mr. E. A. Jones ... ..	Beddgelert 267

**All calls for help in this area should be made to Mr. C. Briggs (Llanberis 211) in the first instance.**

#### *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 ... ..	Police, Dolgelly

#### *Derbyshire*

1. Hope, near Castleton (Neil Robertson stretcher and rucksacks) Ring Police at Matlock or Leek and ask for Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation	Dr. J. W. W. Baillie ... ..	Hope 214
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

<i>Yorkshire</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1. Police Station, Settle ...	Ask for Cave Rescue Organisation	
2. Police Station, Grassington	Ask for Upper Warfedale Fell Rescue Association	
<i>Cornwall</i>		
Count House, Bosigran, nr. St. Ives (Neil Robertson stretcher)	Rear Admiral K. M. Lawder, Brook Cottage, South Zeal, Okehampton	None
<i>Scotland</i>		
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., at Belford Hospital	Fort William 49
7. The Charles Inglis Clark Hut, Ben Nevis	Ditto ...	None
8. Lui Beg, Braemar ... (Key at Derry Lodge)	Mr. E. Scott ...	
9. Achnagoichan, Rothiemurchus	Mr. Macdonald, Warden's Cottage, Nature Conservancy	
10. Spittal of Muick, Glenmuick	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 Odhar, Ben Ghlas, Ben Lawers	Mr. McEwen, Park Lodge, Stirling	
17. Gordonstoun School, Altyre House, Forres	Mr. J. M. Ray ...	Forres 2

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.

ISSUED BY THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE COMMITTEE.

January, 1959

*A Complete List will be found in the 1957 Edition of the Mountain Rescue Committee's Handbook referred to above in B.M.C. Notes.*

# Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th September, 1959

### LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>						
<i>Life Membership Account:</i>						
Total as at 1st October, 1958 ..	1,102	0	0			
Add Subscriptions received during year to 30th September, 1959 ..	38	0	0			
	1,140	0	0			
<i>Accumulated Revenue Account:</i>						
Balance as at 1st October, 1958 ..	1,802	7	10			
Add Surplus Receipts over Expenditure for year to 30th September, 1959 ..	5	18	2			
	1,808	6	0			
	£2,948	6	0			

### ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND .. .. .</b>						
Interest Due .. .. .	628	10	3			
Projector Etc. (W. J. Foster Bequest) .. .. .	12	5	0			
Investments at Cost .. .. .	77	0	0			
	2,230	10	9			
<i>Investments:</i>						
3½% Conversion Stock 1961 or after .. .. .	£1,000					
3% British Transport Guaranteed Stock 1978/88 ..	£508					
2½% Treasury Stock 1975 ..	£200					
4½% Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Debenture Stock 1977/82 ..	£1,000					
<i>Market Value at 30th September, 1959</i>	1,014	0	0			
(1958—£1,935)						
	£2,948	6	0			

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

29th October, 1959.

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

# RECEIPTS AND for the Year

## RECEIPTS

1958		£	s.	d.
£	SECTION			
1,662	Subscriptions Received .....	1,667	11	4
	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>			
354	Subscriptions Received .....	342	1	6
59	Interest Received ( <i>Net</i> ) .....	59	16	8
12	Advertising .....	11	19	5
8	Library Receipts .....	7	16	0
—	Sundry Receipts .....	1	1	0

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

29th October, 1959. (Signed) R. A. TYSSSEN-GEE, *Hon. Auditor.*

## JUBILEE FUND

	£	s.	d.
Total Collected .....	214	9	7
Balance from General Fund .....	2	6	9
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	£216	16	4
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# EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## ending 30th September, 1959

		EXPENDITURE		
1958		£	s.	d.
£	SECTION			
1,605	Remittances to Sections .....	1,603	19	2
2	Bank Charges .....	2	5	1
3	Subscriptions Returned .....	4	14	6
	ASSOCIATION			
103	Hire of Rooms .....	100	0	0
104	Annual Report (Jubilee Issue) .....	154	2	11
18	Clerical Assistance .....	24	4	0
12	Library Expenses .....	23	8	11
27	Postage .....	26	3	9
66	Printing and Stationery .....	73	2	7
7	Insurance .....	11	4	0
18	Entertainment .....	34	10	4
7	B.M.C. Subscription .....	7	0	0
5	Corporation Duty .....	5	2	0
—	Jubilee Fund .....	2	6	9
51	Printing Rules .....	—	—	—
5	Donation .....	—	—	—
6	Sundries .....	12	3	9
	Balance being surplus of Receipts over Expenditure during the year .....	5	18	2
	<hr/> £2095	<hr/> £2090	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 11

### (Britannia Hut)

	Remittance to Switzerland .....	£	s.	d.
	Bank Charges .....	216	6	2
			10	2
		<hr/> £216	<hr/> 16	<hr/> 4

# 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	R. D. SQUIRES
G. T. EWEN	R. K. STIRLING
J. H. B. FLETCHER	C. A. STURDY
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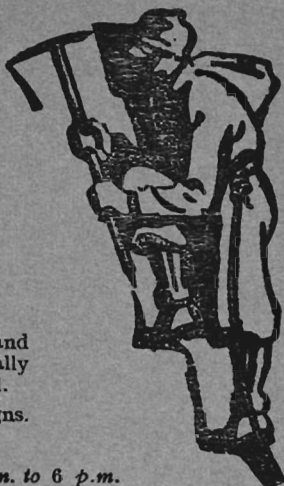
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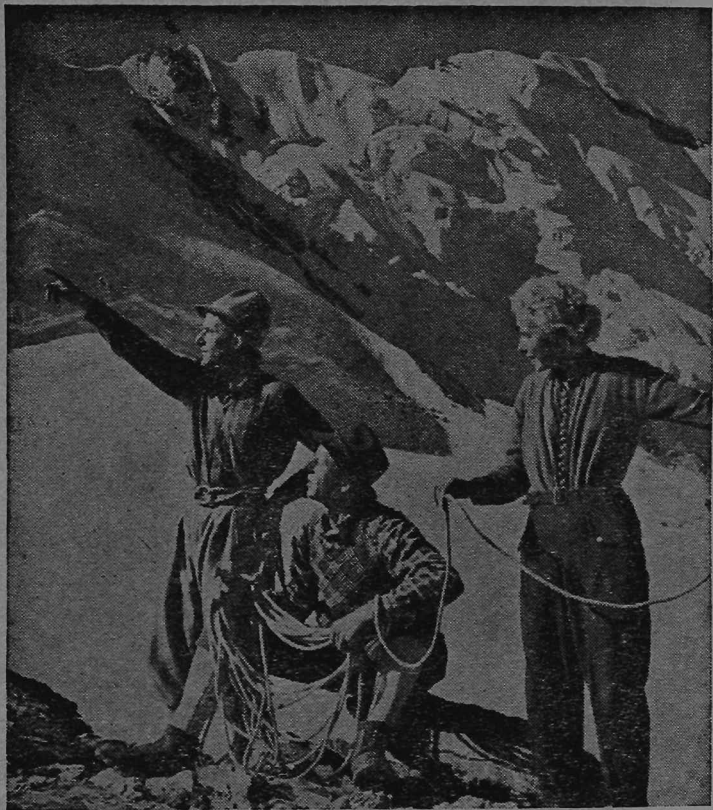
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