



THE BOYS' BRIGADE
3rd ENFIELD COMPANY
Christ Church U.R.C., Chase Side, Enfield.

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OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1991

Dear Friend,

A belated happy new year and welcome to the first Association Newsletter of 1991.

As you will see from the enclosed report by our Captain, Andrew Mason, the 3rd have been extremely busy over the past few months both with Battalion and London District Competitions. We have been very successful and the Boys have repeated their record of 1988 by winning ALL of the Battalion's Uniformed Competitions. This is only the second time that this has been achieved and the Boys deserve our heartiest congratulations. Since Andy wrote his report, the Battalion have won their way through to the final of the London District Football Shield competition and our Drum Team have for the first time ever won the London District Drum Team Trophy, so it is all happening as they say!

Our 101st Annual Inspection and Display is to be held at Chace School, Churchbury Lane, Enfield on Saturday April 20th and all Old Boys and their Families are warmly invited to attend.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your subscription to the Association. Rather than ask for a set sum, we are asking that you make a small donation of say £2-£3 to cover the costs of postage and printing etc or whatever you consider suitable. Please make all cheques payable to '3rd Enfield Co Boys' Brigade'. Thank you.

We are hoping that this year we will be able to organise a Boys versus Old Boys Cricket Match. Anyone who may be interested in organising such an event is requested to contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, would you please note my new address and telephone number which takes place with immediate effect:

112 Sheldon Road
Edmonton
London N18 1RN. (081 345 5316)

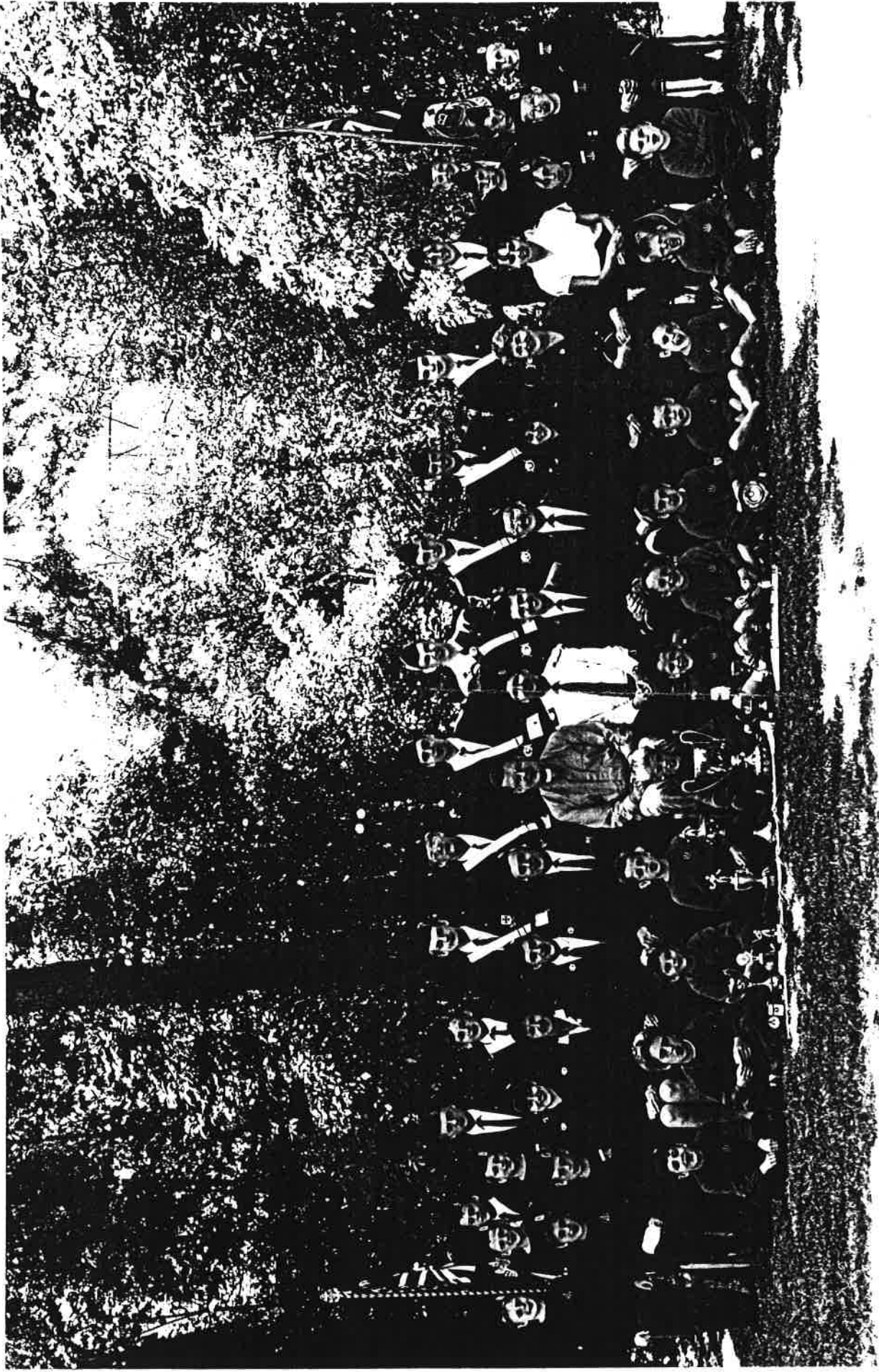
Any messages can still be left at my parents house which is 081 807 1864.

That's about all for now. If anyone has an article of interest, please send it to me by the end of May, as the next newsletter will be published in early June.

Bye for now,

Chris Sanders

The 3rd Enfield Company in their Centenary Session. Copies of this photograph can be obtained from Chris Sanders as follows:-
10"x8"-£5.00, 8"x6"-£4.00, 5"x7"-£3.50. Please write your order on a plain piece of paper and enclose cheque payable to
3rd Enfield B.B. Final date for orders is April 30th. All orders will be despatched by the second week of May.



3rd Enfield Company, The Boys' Brigade

Company News

Since the last report the Company has moved on from the Centenary Year and associated activities and plunged headlong into the competition season in Enfield and London with much success along the way.

On the Drill front, the Company retained its hold on the Battalion and North London Zone Squad Drill title and will go on to the London finals in April. The Battalion/Zone Cross Country Championships took place at Hilly Fields just as the snow was beginning to thaw! The Company had two teams running and credit is due to all who completed the course in treacherous conditions, particularly the Senior Team who won their section thanks to fine performances from Stuart Bachelor (1st), Daniel Layzell (2nd) and Michael Stamford (9th).

The annual battle on the Gymnastics front took place with a fair spread of success, the team winning the Parallel Bars section again but just failing to win overall by 0.3 of a point! Individual success came to Simeon Layzell (Best Senior and Senior Vaulting), Jamie Fryer (Senior Parallel Bars), Daniel Layzell (Junior Parallel Bars) and Paul Brewer (Junior Vaulting and Best Effort). Gregory Badrick, Adam Gardner and Anthony Freer made up the rest of the Company's entry. After winning the Battalion Team Games, the London Team Games final saw our team put on a spirited performance with a final position of joint third at the end of the evening.

The Company Band have also been busy recently. The annual trip to the London Band Competitions saw second place in the Junior Band competition just 2.5 points behind the holders of the trophy. In the Battalion and North London Zone competition, the Company did a complete sweep once again, winning the Band, Drum Team, Challenge Bugle, Solo Drum (David Waite) and Solo Bugle (Stuart Bachelor). The London teams and solos were postponed due to the snow and are rescheduled for April.

The First Aid Team, consisting of Stuart Bachelor, Simeon Layzell, James Knott and Steven Stokes, took part in the Enfield Battalion competition for the magnificent Ambulance Trophy, first presented in 1920. The team put on a good performance and came out on top, with James and Steven winning the "Best Pairs" section. The Team now go on to represent the Battalion in the London final in April.

There are a few more competitions in the pipeline including Football (North London Open Final), Band (London Teams and Solos), Drill (London Squad Final, 2 Section and Daily Telegraph) and First Aid (London Final). Some Boys, from all three sections, are also taking part in the annual Bible Exploration exams and have been studying for this for the past ten weeks or so. All these activities are in addition to the usual weekly programme and great credit is due to the Officers and Boys for their hard work and dedication. As the summer session approaches, plans are underway for Summer Camp at Studland Bay in Dorset, an International Camp in Denmark and a Junior camp at Felden along with various DEA expeditions, etc, so roll on the summer sun!

Andy Mason
Captain.

BENEATH

MY

PILLBOX



Bill Hutchings

The congregation stood silently. Robin Willis was in the pulpit. Martin Stogden produced appropriate organ music. The names rolled off Robin's tongue in sombre alphabetical order :-

Richard Able
Frederick Gritty
Joseph Skipper
Joseph Thompson
Frank Waller etc. etc.

It was Armistice Sunday, I knew these fellows as colleagues in the B.B. Most were N.C.O.s to my buck private; the days when we were headquartered in the old British Hall (now the Moon Under Water); the days when we were 60 - 70 strong and sung "We are the Enfield Boys" as we entered the last mile to the hall; the days when war was declared immediately following our return from camp at Brean Sands.

Joe Thompson, son of the owner of a small factory where now stands a block of council flats opposite the Old Sergeant in Parsonage Lane. Ted Curryer from Lynn Street. Dick Able who died when the troop carrier was sunk off Italy. As each name reached my ears a mental picture momentarily flashed upon that inner eye and my mind sped back those fifty years ago when these young men left Enfield one by one never to return.

I recalled the time the very first B.B. boy died while serving in the RAF and the whole Company paraded at Lavender Hill cemetery to pay our tribute in our own special way.

Then, unbelievably, the notorious buff envelope plopped through my letter box one drab November morning inviting me (or else) to report to HMS Royal Arthur the euphemistic name for Butlins Holiday camp in Skegness. I say unbelievably because at one stage nobody ever thought the war would last for more than five minutes anyway.

I remember I met Jim Harris briefly when our ship tied up alongside his in Holland and my brother met Len Staines in Jerusalem, but in the main there was little opportunity to maintain contact other than in a most perfunctory manner. Interestingly enough it was surprising how many turned up at Bible Class when home on leave.

With the end of hostilities after an interminably long time I returned to Enfield, being one of the lucky ones and now most Armistice Sundays I stand to attention remembering what a criminal waste of youthful manhood it all was - the end product of malevolent power and insatiable nationalistic greed.

But I felt quite alone standing there this year. Was I the only one amongst the congregation to whom these names meant something? And it crossed my mind that if so perhaps next year a number of those Old Boys I met at the Centenary Dinner would like to join me so that we may stand shoulder to shoulder and remember together.

The History of the 3rd Enfield.

The 1970's saw many changes for the residents of Enfield, a new Civic Centre opened by the Queen Mother in 1975 and a large change for the Town centre by the building of a new shopping precinct.

The new decade also saw changes for the Boys' Brigade. Blue forage caps replaced the good old pill boxes. The forage caps gave the Brigade the "Thunderbirds" image. At the 1970 Royal Albert Hall Display, the 3rd Enfield repeated the "sixteen squad" item in which 16 boys gave a display of precision drill without any word of command. Old Boys will remember that this item was the brainchild of Jim Piner and was premiered at the R.A.H. in 1946. The same item was repeated on the 30th October 1970 at the Top Squads night at the Empire Pool Wembley. Cliff Richard was the guest of honour on this occasion.

The Company enjoyed success both in drill and band competitions during the 1970's and 1980's. In 1971, the band qualified for the final of the Devonshire Cup with the march "Larbert". Their opponents in the final on May 7th were the 4th London Company led by the familiar Sid Byford. The Company lost to the 4th London by 182.25 points to 176.75 points. The band returned to the final the following year with their opponents on this occasion being the 13th Bromley Company who were later to become known as the Pacemakers. The test piece for the competition was "Royal Albert Hall". This march was last used in 1956 when the 3rd first won the trophy. The march proved lucky again and we beat the 13th Bromley in a close fought final. From there, the Company went on to win the London Two Section Drill Trophy.

1972 proved to be the end of an era for the 3rd with the resignation of Captain Ron Langhorn. He had been a great and inspirational Captain for 15 years. The Captaincy was taken over by one of the Company's Lieutenants, Bernard Barwick. The ever busy band appeared along with the 4th and 73rd London Companies at the League Cup Final at Wembley. Their success continued the following year when they went on to win the Battalion Trophy and again made the final of the Devonshire Cup. Their opponents on this occasion were none other than the Company's arch rivals the 1st Enfield, who had just qualified with the 2nd West Kent Company for the final of the Daily Telegraph Shield Competition. During the run up to the Royal Albert Hall Display, the 3rd won the London District Challenge Bugle for the first time. They also won the trophy for the following two years.

So, the stage was set for a spectacular competition on the 11th May at the Royal Albert Hall. It was the Brigade's 90th Anniversary and the 50th Devonshire Cup Final. The test piece for the occasion was "Devonshire". Unfortunately, the 3rd lost to the 1st by 168 points to 162 points. The band had been unsettled by the loss of their Bass Drummer, Chris Langhorn, due to illness and had to rearrange the band formation. The 1st Enfield went on to do the double by winning the Daily Telegraph Shield as well. The 3rd however did have the satisfaction of giving a drill demonstration and providing the Guard of Honour.

Later that year, the band took part in the show at Crystal Palace and the Brigade Council Church Parade in London.

In 1975, Christ Church celebrated its Centenary and the Civic Centre was opened. The Battalion was represented on this occasion by Cpl Robert Tovey. The same year sadly saw the passing of one of the Company's former Captains, Bob Pinner. On the lighter side, we again won the London Two Section Drill Trophy and for the first time, the London First Aid Trophy.

As a result of these victories, the 3rd Enfield provided a First Aid Team, a Bugle Team and gave a drill display at the Royal Albert Hall. Local Boy Cliff Richard was one of the guests at this display.

The Company recorded its first Presidents Badge winner in 1976, when Martin Baldwin won the award and during the summer enjoyed the scorching weather at their annual camp at Charmouth. The 3rd moved away from the traditional venues for Camp such as Whitecliffe Bay and Oxwich Bay and started camping at sites such as Charmouth, Burton Bradstock, Cliffonville, Swanage, St. Austell, Rhossili, Woolacombe, Talybont, Kimmeridge and Criccieth. The wearing of Boiler Suits became popular among N.C.O.'s at this time. Cook at camp was John Collison assisted by Ricky King (still going strong!!!). The Junior Section, led by Peter Spence, were also holding their own camps in Church Halls, the first one being held at Hunstanton in 1974.

By the end of the 1970's, numbers in the Company were beginning to rise with the Company Section exceeding 40 Boys. During the Queens Silver Jubilee Year in 1977, a book was published by Dr. John Springhall entitled "Youth, Empire and Society". One section was devoted to the History of the Enfield Battalion. The Company won the London Two Section Drill Competition yet again and with the 1st Enfield took part in the largest youth band parade ever held along the Mall to Buckingham Palace on September 25th, another very hot day! The 1st had won the Devonshire Cup in 1977, and in 1978, the Albert Hall saw another Enfield final. It was Ted Fairhurst's last year as Bandmaster and Bernard Barwick also announced his resignation as Captain. In the final of the Devonshire Cup, the Test Piece was Thames Valley. This time we were the under-dogs! The 1st were defending champions and also Battalion Champions. In the final, we won, beating the 1st by 3 points. A fitting finale for Bernard and Ted.

That summer saw a very wet camp at Burton Bradstock. Special guest was Terry Silvey (leader of the 1st Enfield Junior Section) who in September became Company Captain.

In the Final year of the Decade, the 3rd won the Devonshire Cup yet again, this time against the 4th London and for the third year in succession retained our position as London District Drill Champions. Sgt Robert Tovey won the London District Solo Bugle Competition. Another feature at that years Albert Hall was a United Enfield Band (7 Companies) which put on a fabulous show entitled "Starband 90". This item was repeated at a rally in Trafalgar Square to launch the new "First For Boys" Campaign.

In 1980, the London District was presented with a new Devonshire Cup and Christ Church gained a new Minister, the Rev Roy Martin.

The Company celebrated its 90th Year in 1981 (a year late, oops!) and won the London Two Section Drill Competition yet again, the fifth year in succession. The following year we lost the title, but we won through to what proved to be the very last Devonshire Cup final at the Royal Albert Hall. Our opponents in the final were the 4th Sutton Company and the test piece was "Felden". We became the new champions by 2½ points and held the Trophy for two years owing to the suspension of the competition due to Centenary Year. In the field of athletics, we won the Battalion Competition with a notable performance by Steven Borkett. The Company also started an extremely successful Anchor Boy Section (6-8 year olds) led by the late Mrs Audrey Wilson.

In the final part of our potted history of the Good Old 3rd, we shall be looking at the years from 1983 to the present day. Most members of the Association will know that Robert and I are in the process of writing a book on the History of the Company. A questionnaire will be enclosed with the next newsletter and all former members of the Company are earnestly requested to complete one. More details with the next newsletter.

Centenary Appeal News....

After a very successful year of events and fundraising, our Appeal for a new minibus, while falling short of the target of ;5000, has realised sufficient funds to allow us to purchase a good, second-hand vehicle to replace the old bus and have money spare!

After initial enquiries, we have bought an A-registration, long wheelbase Ford Transit panel van which is undergoing conversion to a 17-seater minibus. Work being undertaken includes new windows, installation of seats, new flooring and general bits and pieces to bring the vehicle up to Minibus Act regulations.

The surplus money will be used for the intention it was raised for, ie the minibus, and will put into an account from which we can use the interest gained to offset a scheduled programme of maintenance throughout the year, leaving us with a lump sum which can be used to start the next Appeal when this minibus has served it's time!

By the time you read this, the minibus will already have had the majority of the conversion work done and has already been put to use for a number of competitions and events both in London and Enfield, including Team Games, Band, Drill and Football, and will certainly be well used in the future. Thanks to the generous help and support of all the Company's Old Boys, friends, parents, Officers and Boys, we now own a minibus which should last well into the next millennium.

T H A N K Y O U A L L !

3rd Enfield Company, The Boys' Brigade

A N N U A L I N S P E C T I O N A N D D I S P L A Y

7.00pm, Saturday, April 20th 1991

Chace School, Churchbury Lane, Enfield

Please support the Company and book this date now!

Can you help out?

One of the major gains from the Centenary Year was the formation of the Old Boys' Association, now standing at some eighty members spread far and wide. During the year many of you have contributed financially to the Centenary Appeal for a new minibus (see report elsewhere in this newsletter) and some have asked how best they can carry on supporting the Company in this way. Consultation has taken place between the Company and the BB's Financial Director in Glasgow and the following scheme would be most beneficial for the Company.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a standard Covenant Form for use with the Boys' Brigade and donations to the BB's General Fund. The Form has been modified to allow the Company to benefit from this scheme. So how does it work? The covenant system allows the recipient to benefit not only from the actual amount donated, but also can claim back from the government the tax already paid on that money, increasing it's potential by anything between 15-20%! The person donating the money commits to pay a set sum, declared on the form, for at least three years, paying by cheque or direct debit to the BB's central account which will then be diverted to the Company's Trust Account. The money donated will be paid out to the Company as soon as possible, with the tax following on as soon as it is reclaimed from the Inland Revenue. This means a donation of £50 is worth £60+ to the Company!

Running a Company with a full programme such as ours requires considerable financial backup. Traditional activities such as Band and Football are threatened by the local management scheme in schools, with prices set to rocket as the school becomes a mini-business. The cost of equipment has risen tremendously over the years and sometimes it seems we are running just to stand still. Subscriptions are set so that no Boy is put off because he, or his parents, cannot afford them and so make up a fairly small percentage of the Company's turnover, with the majority coming from fundraising events, charities and individual donations.

The Company has always been very careful with it's finances and every effort is made to maximise the use of the resources coming our way. However, every bit helps and if you feel able to contribute financially to the running of the 3rd Enfield then please make use of the form enclosed and return it to our Treasurer:-

Mr.R.Andrews
23 Holtwhites Avenue
Enfield
Middlesex
EN2 0RS

There are two methods of payment, either by using the Direct Debit mandate on the Covenant Form, or by making a cheque payable to "The Boys' Brigade" and enclosing it with the form. In order that the forms can all be sent together to BBHQ, we would ask that they are returned by APRIL 30th. Don't worry if you miss this deadline as we shall be asking parents to pay subs in the same manner in September.

If you have any queries with regard this or any other financial concerns, please contact the Treasurer or the Captain directly.

Thank you for your continuing help. Remember, every bit helps!

INCREASE YOUR GIFT AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU

It takes just a minute to complete the form below and your donation can be made larger by the tax recovered by us from the Inland Revenue.

DONATION FORM

I enclose a donation of £..... towards the Brigade's General Fund.

Name..... Block letters please Mr, Mrs, Miss or Title

Address

DEED OF COVENANT **3rd ENFIELD Co.**

To: THE BOYS' BRIGADE (Incorporated), 1 GALENA ROAD, HAMMERSMITH, LONDON W6 0LT.

I promise to pay you for years, or until I die if earlier, such a sum as after (1)
deduction of income tax at the basic rate amounts to:

£..... (2)

each (week) (month) (quarter) (year) (3)

from (the date shown below) (.....). (4)

Signed & delivered (5)

Date.....

Full Name

Address.....

Witnessed by:

Signed.....

Full Name

Address.....

*Notes (1) Enter the period of the covenant, which must be longer than **three** years.*

(2) Enter the amount you will be paying to the charity.

(3) Delete as appropriate to show how often you will make the payment.

*(4) Delete as appropriate. If you choose to enter an actual date **it must not be earlier than the date you sign the deed.***

(5) You must sign the form and enter the date you actually sign it in the presence of the witness, who should also sign where shown.

GIFT AID is an entirely new income tax relief scheme from 1st October 1990 for single gifts by individuals to charities which equal or exceed the new £600 ceiling for payroll giving. There will be a maximum limit of £5 million a year for gifts by any one donor. Gifts will be made net of basic rate tax, and charities will be able to claim repayment of the tax. The donor will also get higher rate relief.

BANKER'S ORDER

To my Bankers, Messrs.....

Please pay to the credit of THE BOYS' BRIGADE, No. 1 ACCOUNT (70185035) AT BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED, ABBEY HOUSE, 2-8 VICTORIA STREET, LONDON SW1H 0LJ.

now the sum of £.....p and continue to pay the same on..... day
of for the next years.

Signature..... PRINT NAME

Address.....

DATE

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Enquiry Point, Inland Revenue, Claims Branch (Charity Division), St John's House, Merton Road, Stanley Precinct, Bootle, Merseyside L69 4EJ. Tel: 051-922 6363 x 5623.