



THE BRITISH LEGION (Scotland)

DORNOCH AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The Manse, Dornoch,
Sutherland.

9 October, 1947.

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To the General Secretary,
23, Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Edith C. Robichaud.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly advise me on this case. Mrs. Robichaud is a highly respected woman who has done a great deal of public service in this place. She served in the First World War from Jan. '15 to Nov. '17 with the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit, and holds the two service medals. About 1934 she sustained a hip injury (admittedly in no way attributable to war service) as a result of which it has been increasingly difficult to walk, and even locomotion by means of crutches is painful to her now. She is a member of our local Branch.

She has approached me regarding the possibility of procuring a motor-chair of some description, which would not only be a great advantage to her, but would open out for her new prospects in life. She has on hand a sum of money saved for the purpose - not sufficient perhaps, but the Branch will probably help out there. But the greater problem seems to be the acquiring of such a chair at all. Can you put me on the track of some source of supply? The

Ministry of Pensions one can get, the, I know, but she is not strictly speaking a case for the Rhaebeth Legion can get the assurance of priority for her with the manufacturer? I should like to know on her behalf if that is so, and what such a chair would be likely to cost.

With many thanks, and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.R.

Hon. Secy., Dornoch Branch.



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23, Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh, 3.

14th October, 1947.

Ref. B.L.S./C.L./941/47.

Dear Mr. Levack,

Mrs. Edith C. Robichaud.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th October, asking for particulars regarding motor propelled invalid chairs.

I regret that the Legion has no means of getting priority for its members in the purchase of such chairs. I understand that the Ministry of Pensions have an option on the complete output for home sale of these articles, so that persons other than war disabled have very little chance of getting supply.

I am, however, writing to the official of the Ministry of Works in London who arranges supply for the Ministry of Pensions for details of the firms who make these chairs, and will write to you again when I have further information on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Alf Glenister
ASST. RESETTLEMENT OFFICER.



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Rev. J.G. Levack, B.D.,
The Manse,
Dornoch, SUTHERLANDSHIRE.

30th. October, 1947.

Ref:- B.L.S./C.L./941/47.

Dear Mr. Levack,

Further to my letter of the 14th October, I enclose a copy of the letter which I have received from the Ministry of Works, Supplies Division concerning motor propelled invalid tricycles. I hope this will give you the information which you require.

I understand that the Earl Haig Fund are prepared to help with the provision of these chairs in suitable cases. If Mrs. Robichaud finds that she cannot meet the full cost of a tricycle, I suggest that you approach your local representative of the Earl Haig Fund for assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Alf Hamilton

ASST. RESETTLEMENT OFFICER.

Encl. 1.

C O P Y.

Dingwall & Son (Engineers) Ltd.,
443, Queensbridge Road,
Dlston, London, E.8.

R.A. Harding (Bath) Ltd.,
Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, Somerset.

Invocar Ltd.,
57, West Road,
Westcliffe-on-Sea,
Essex.

Reselco Ltd.,
262, King Street,
London, W.6.

Stanley Engineering Co. Ltd.,
Egham,
SURREY.

The Trilox Works,
Dursley Road,
Trowbridge, Wilts.

The Iarmar Engineering Co.,
Ingatestone,
Essex.

W. & F. Barratt,
10, Walcot Street,
Bath.

C O P Y.

MINISTRY OF WORKS,
Supplies Division,
Union House,
St. Martin's le Grand,
LONDON, E.C.1.

28th. October, 1947.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 14th October, I enclose a list of firms who produce motor propelled invalid tricycles. The various designs of these firms naturally differ to some extent and prices may vary between £100 and £120, but these are only approximate. Orders may be placed with any of these firms, and the delivery time will probably be in the region of 6 to 9 months.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) C. SMITH.
for Controller of Supplies.

Asst. Resettlement Officer,
British Legion (Scotland),
23, Drumsheugh Gardens,
EDINBURGH, 3.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE

Telephone No.: Wick 447/8

Extension: 1.

All communications should be addressed to the Manager, and the following reference quoted:— JB/DLF.



EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE,
Williamson Street,
Wick.

22nd April, 1952

Your reference.....

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of 21st instant.

I am sorry to hear your employment with the G.P.O. has terminated and note what you say regarding the full-time appointment of some other person as Postman at Dornoch. I am afraid I cannot do anything to assist you in this matter as appointments will be the responsibility of the Head Postmaster at Lairg. I have no doubt the Head Postmaster will have some valid reason for making the appointment and I would suggest you should make further representation to him, if you so desire.

I notice that in November last, you were making enquiries regarding work with the Forestry Commission at Dornoch but unfortunately at that time no vacancies were available. I believe there will be quite a development of forestry work in the Dornoch area shortly and while no vacancies have as yet been directly notified to this Office, I am to suggest that you take the enclosed Introduction Card to Mr. Gunn, Forestry Officer, Embo Street, Dornoch and it may be that he is now in a position to offer you employment.

Perhaps you will let me know how you get on.

Yours faithfully,

Manager.

Mr. George Herd,
Achvandra,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.



HEAD POST OFFICE,
MAIN STREET, LAIRG, SUTHERLAND
HEAD POSTMASTER: F. G. T. PRICE
Telephone: LAIRG 10

P.O. Ref:
DF615/6119

Your Ref:
8th May, 1952.

H. Steele, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
British Legion,
DORNOCH.

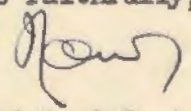
Dear Sir,

G. Herd, Achvandra, Dornoch.

I have received your letter of the 4th May regarding the above mentioned. It is agreed that this man has been employed at Dornoch Post Office in a temporary capacity for a number of years. It has, however, to be pointed out that he was only employed at intermittent periods to cover the absence of the regular postmen whilst on Annual Leave, etc.

The fact that he was so employed does not give him precedence for employment over Mr Munro the permanent auxiliary postman at Dornoch whose post was abolished following the rearrangement of postal deliveries in the Dornoch area.

Your reference to Mr Herd "meriting some further consideration when a full-time postman was appointed" is not understood, as no such appointment has taken place recently at Dornoch.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Postmaster.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND
NATIONAL SERVICE.

RESETTLEMENT ADVICE OFFICE,
34 Saltoun Street,
Wick.

26th December, 1946.

Dear Mr. Herd,

I am in receipt of your enquiry of 16th instant and have to advise that Resettlement Grants are restricted to returned service personnel of the 1939-1945 War.

With particular regard to your prospects of employment the nature of your disability and industrial experience considerably limits the field of opportunity but I have been in touch with the Postal Authorities with a view to your consideration for any future appointments. Meantime you should keep in close touch with the vacancy section of the Employment Exchange who will give you prior consideration for anything of a suitable nature having regard to your disability.

Yours faithfully,


Resettlement Advice Officer

Mr. G. Herd,
Achvandra,
Dornoch.

In any reply the following letter
and number should be quoted:—

RRMB/ELB.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND
NATIONAL SERVICE.



Telephone number :

RESETTLEMENT ADVICE OFFICE.

Your reference :

34 Saltoun Street,

Mr. George Herd,
Achvandra,
Dornoch.

Wick.

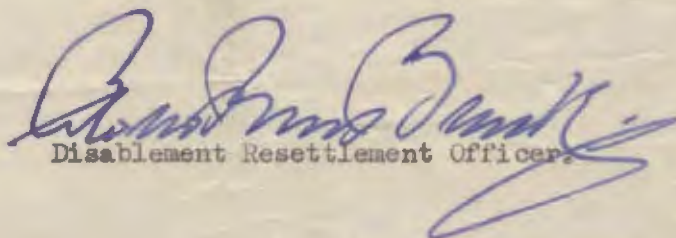
31st Aug., 1946.

Dear Mr. Herd,

I am in receipt of yours of 23rd inst. regarding employment and have to advise that, as you have limited yourself to employment in the Post Office, some difficulty is being experienced in finding an opening particularly in view of the large number of returning service personnel with Reinstatement Rights.

I am, however, in touch with the Head Postmaster, Lairg, with a view to your submission for any vacancy which may arise.

Yours faithfully,


Disablement Resettlement Officer.

THE BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND.

RESETTLEMENT & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

RESETTLEMENT CIRCULAR NO. 56.

1. War Graves in Holland

If any Branches have relatives who wish to apply for the undernoted visit to Holland they should do so AT ONCE. We have ascertained from the British Legion in England that they will accept applications from Scotland and that the selection of the most deserving 200 will be made at an early date.

Here is the information as given in a Circular sent out by London Headquarters this month -

2. "The Netherlands War Graves Committee have agreed to defray the cost of a visit of 200 relatives to War Graves in Holland, during October this year. The Visitors will be transported by eight chartered aircraft leaving London between the 2nd and 14th October and will spend two days and two nights in Holland. The whole of the cost of transport and accommodation will be defrayed by the N.W.G.C., the only cost to the visitors being the fare from home town to London Airport. This offer is limited to relatives who have not visited Holland before, are unable to pay anything towards the cost of the visit and are directly related to deceased personnel buried in that country. It covers the whole of the cemeteries in Holland, with the exception of:-

OVERLOON (MAASHES)
UDEN
VENRAY

HARLINGEN
VLESSINGEN
KAPELLE

3. Applications for consideration should be submitted direct to The British Legion, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. and as the offer is limited to 200 persons, EARLY APPLICATION IS ADVISABLE.

August 1951.

The Manse,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.
(Phone 98)
18 September, 1946.

Dear Colonel McConnell,

There is a man in this district - Hugh Ross, Rhemore, Whiteface, - who is disabled in the legs due to war service. He was in the "5th." for a short time. He has been doing a little leather-work, and has shown quite a proficiency in that, but has no facilities for obtaining materials, tools, etc.

Can the Lord Roberts Workshops help in a case like this? Do they give out work (leather, basket, etc) for men to do in their homes? I shall be glad if you can give me details of any such scheme, or have any suggestions as to how he could be usefully employed with his hands while living at home.

Any time you're up in these parts we shall be glad to see you at the Manse

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

NORTHERN COUNTIES TERRITORIAL ARMY ASSOCIATIONS

COUNTIES OF

INVERNESS, ROSS and CROMARTY, MORAY, SUTHERLAND,

CAITHNESS and NAIRN

TEL. No.—INVERNESS 1828-9

TELEGRAMS—"TERRITORIAL." INVERNESS

SECRETARY—Lt.-Col. J. E. McConnell, O.B.E.

REF. No. NTA/A/1a.

Gordonville Road

INVERNESS

25th Sept., 1946.

Rev. John G. Levack,
The Manse,
D O R N O C H, Sutherland.

Subject - Hugh Ross, Whiteface.

Dear Padre,

I got your letter of the 18th when I returned to my office here on Monday.

I have been in touch recently with a similar case of a Cameron Highlander in Inverness and I find that what we did was to write :-

Andrew Todd, Esq.,
Ministry of Labour & National Service,
Regional Office 7,
6, Grosvenor Gardens,
EDINBURGH, 12.

Mr. Todd will then put you in touch I hope with the Disabled Persons Employment Corporation which has been set up under Section 15 of the Disabled Persons Employment Act, 1944 and which is assuming responsibility for Home Workers. The Regional Representative of the Employment Corporation in Scotland is Air Commodore Williamson, but I don't know his address and in any case I think it better that you should first get in touch with Mr. Andrew Todd.

I hope very much that we shall be able to help Ross in this way.

Very nice to see your wife and yourself again on Saturday and many thanks for the excellent cup of tea and for showing Sym and me over the Cathedral.

Yours

John McConnell

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS
NORCROSS, BLACKPOOL, LANCs.

Any reply should be addressed
to The Secretary, Ministry of
Pensions, and the following
number quoted.

Telephone : Thornton 2371
Telegraphic Address :—
Warpension, Blackpool.



444 October, 1946

Ref. No. B11/12/5242/Y.

Dear Sir,

ROSS, H. Rhenore,
Whiteface, by Bonar Bridge.

I have to refer to your letter dated the 18th September, regarding the supply of a motor propelled tri-cycle to the above named pensioner and to inform you that enquiries have been made and it is anticipated that delivery will be effected no later than the end of the month.

I am to add that a considerable number of pensioners have made application for motor propelled machines and in view of shortage of labour and material, supplies have not been made as the Ministry would desire, but you may be assured that

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The Reverend John G. Levack,
The Manse,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

DORNOCH AND DISTRICT BRANCH, THE BRITISH LEGION.

The Manse,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

1 October, 1946

Andrew Todd, Esq.,
Ministry of Labour & National Service,
Regional Office, 7,
6 Grosvenor Gardens,
Edinburgh, 12

Dear Sir,

Subject: Hugh Ross, Whiteface, Sutherland.

This man, a disabled exserviceman whose disability has been recognised as attributable to war service, is seeking some form of useful work (leather work, basket work, or such like) that he can do in his own home on a remunerative basis, and I shall be glad if you can put me in touch with the Disabled Persons Employment Corporation on his behalf, which as I understand that that organisation is now assuming responsibility for Home Workers.

I do not know the address of the Regional Representative of the Corporation, but Colonel McConnell of the Northern Counties Territorial Association assures me that you will be able to put me in touch with him.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

JGL

(Rev. John G. Levack)
Hon. Secretary.

All further communications on this
subject should be addressed to:—
THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER,
and the following number quoted:—
101/63/46
Your Ref.:—

Telephone No.:
EDINBURGH 63937
Telegrams:
"DIVEK, EDINBURGH."

MINISTRY OF LABOUR
AND NATIONAL SERVICE,

REGIONAL OFFICE, 7
6, Grosvenor Gardens,
EDINBURGH, 12.

14th October, 1946.

Dear Sir,

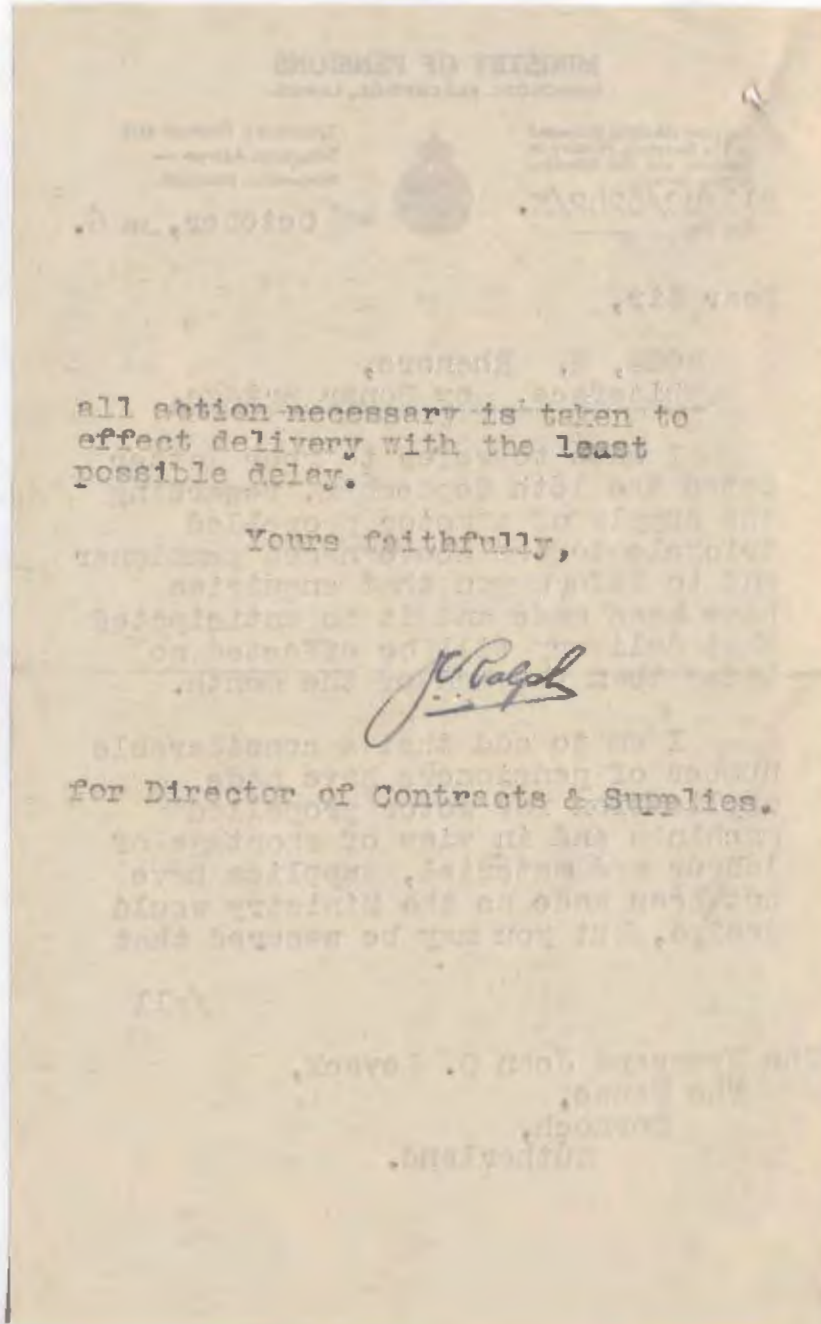
Resettlement of Disabled Persons
Hugh Ross, Whiteface, Sutherland

In reply to your letter of 1st October 1946, I am to state
that the Disabled Persons Employment Corporation is not yet in
a position to take over the responsibility for disabled home
workers. In view of this it falls upon this Department to
consider each case on it's particular merits with a view to
assisting as far as possible in the resettlement of persons who
are so severely disabled that they are prevented from engaging
in ordinary employment.

It is noted you are of the opinion that the above-named
disabled ex-serviceman might usefully be employed as a home
worker in leathercraft, basket work, or such like. In view of
this, arrangements are being made to have this case specially
considered from this angle and it is hoped that it will be
possible to assist Mr. Ross along the lines desired.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Todd
for Regional Controller

Rev. John G. Levack,
The Manse,
Dornoch,
SUTHERLAND



49 Bishopfield,

DORNOCH,

30th July,

51.

Mrs. E.C. Robichaud,
Oversteps Cottage,
DORNOCH.

Dear Mrs. Robichaud,

A meeting of the Management Committee of the above Branch of the British Legion (Scotland) was held on Thursday 26th inst. when the question of the loan to you of the Invalid Chair, at present in the possession of the Branch, was discussed.

The Committee were unanimous in their decision to grant you a loan of the chair for your own use provided you could furnish them with a certificate from your Doctor to the effect that you are fit enough and able to drive this motor propelled chair. If you can obtain such a certificate would you kindly forward it to me when I will make the necessary arrangements to have the chair delivered to your home.

You will, within the next few days, receive a notice from me regarding the Service in connection with the Dedication of our Branch Colours and I sincerely hope you will be well enough to be able to attend the Church on that day.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

EWB/DCM

12th June, 1954.

Your ref: B11/M2/5242/X - June, 1953.

Ministry of Pensions,
Norcross,
BLACKPOOL,
Lancashire,
ENGLAND.

Dear Sir,

Hugh Ross, Whiteface, Dornoch.

The above member of this Branch stated his difficulties in regard to mobile chair which you provided.

He maintains that the draught and cold is making his trouble worse when he is travelling in this chair.

The other difficulty is that he is unable to come out without assistance. This is very awkward in a remote area where he is at present.

I trust, therefore, you will give his application further consideration and that you will be able to provide a small car.

Yours sincerely,

Major.

Chairman - Dornoch and District Branch
British Legion.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

NORCROSS, BLACKPOOL,

LANCS.

Telephones—Thornton 2371

In any further correspondence
on this subject the following
reference should be quoted:—

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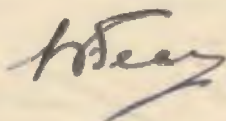
26th June, 1954

Dear Major Brannen,

H. ROSS, Whiteface, Dornoch

In view of the transfer of functions of the Ministry of Pensions to other Government Departments, the question of whether a motor car can be supplied to a war pensioner living in Scotland is one for the Department of Health for Scotland. Your letter has, therefore, been referred to that Department at St. Andrews House, Edinburgh, 1.

Yours sincerely,



Major E.W. Brannen,
Chairman, Dornoch & District Branch
British Legion,
County Architect's Office,
Carnegie Buildings,
Dornoch,
Sutherland, Scotland.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR SUTHERLAND HOSPITALS.

DONALD J. MACKAY.
SECRETARY.

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TELEPHONE—ARDGAY 217.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS.

BONAR-BRIDGE. 21st April, 1950.

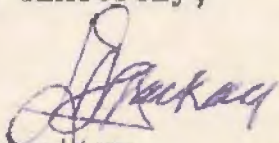
Rev. J. Levack,
Secretary,
Dornoch Branch British Legion,
The Manse,
Dornoch.

Dear Mr. Levack,

Robert Watson, Old Schoolhouse, Skelbo, Dornoch.

Further to phones and correspondence relative to the case of above-named, I have pleasure in informing you that official intimation has been received from the Ministry of Pensions to the effect that the necessary requisition for a mechanically-propelled chair for the above-named has now been placed.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary.

18
3
1950

School House
Skello Dornoch
Sutherland

E W Brannan Esq.

Dear Sir

Just a note to say
I have sent the Trilox to Mr McLeod's
Garage on 17th Aug. The Machine is
in first class order and going fine
I had no trouble at all with it.
I enclose Registration Book.
Thanking you kindly

Yours faithfully
R Watson

11
4
1950

Old School House
Skello Dornoch.
Sutherland

Mr Brannan.

Dear Sir

As I have received a new
chair from the Ministry of Pensions, I wish
to thank you kindly for the use of the Trilox
which was a very good chair indeed, & is in
good running order. I can return the chair
anytime seeing it was a loan. I had from
the British Legion. Please has it to be sent
back to Mr & Mrs Leach's Garage Evelis
Trusting Mrs Brannan & yourself are well
as we are. Again I thank you kindly for
what you have done for me & for the use
of the Trilox which indeed was a great help
to get out about.

Yours faithfully
R Watson

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School House.
Skello Dornoch
Sutherland

M^{rs} Brannen.

Dear Sir

Just a note to thank
you for your kindness & for all you
have done for me, I appreciate it very
much; The chair is very comfortable &
is going fine. & is a great help to me.
to get about ~~about~~. I got up to the
working of it very well. they are very
suitable for a Disabled man. & believe me.
I will take very good care of it.
Hope M^{rs} Brannen & yourself. are both well.
Once again my wife & I thank you.

Kindly

Yours faithfully
Robert Watson

9
10
1952.

Old School House.
Skello Dornach.
Sutherland

Mr Steele Esq.
Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of 7th Oct
I thank you for your information.
The subject I have in mind at present
is that I have applied ~~here~~ for that
house in Well St Dornach.

I sent in a letter also Dr, & line to the
Members of Dornach Town Council,
to let you understand how I am placed
at Skello where I stay at present.
There is no water or sanitation of any
kind, last spring my wife had a very
bad cold & was attending the Dr.
she was ~~then~~ unable to go for water
so I was completely stuck as there was no
water in & with 2 artificial limbs I could
not go myself. So really Mr Steele to
my mind I think something out to be
done; It is 2 years since I put in the first
letter but it cant be found of course.
Mr Skinner was Town Clerk then

so as I said I put in another about
3 weeks to Dr, & line

So I was just wondering if you
& the other Members of the Legion
could help me in this matter

Sorry to be unable to attend your
meetings as you will understand
how I am placed.

Thanking you kindly

Yours faithfully
Robert Watson

Dornoch Branch British Legion,
per Hugh Steele, Esq.,
5, Brannen Terrace,
DORNOCH.

Town Clerk's Office,
DORNOCH.
15th January 1958.

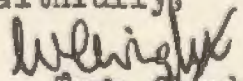
Dear Sir/Madam,

Council Chamber

It has been resolved, after consideration by my
Council's Finance Committee, that the charges for letting
the Council Chamber, here, should be increased as follows;

- Use of the Council Chambers without fire 10/6d
- Use of the Council Chambers with fire 15/-d

The new charges will operate as from 1st February
1958.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Royal Burgh of Dornoch

4(C)

Mr. C. Wright, S.T.,
Town Clerk and Chamberlain.

31/B

Town Clerk's Office,
Dornoch.

Tel. No. 205.

1957 October 28

H. Steele, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary, British Legion,
5, Brannen Terrace,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

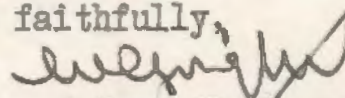
Library Building

I had occasion to return to my office yesterday evening when I discovered that some member of your organisation when fitting an electric cable to the power point in my general office had not only left the key in the outer office door lock but had left the door ajar. This is irresponsibility carried to the extreme and I now realise that in my efforts to be helpful I have been let down very badly indeed. This Office is the Town's office not my private one. I am responsible to the Town Council for the safety of the monies, papers and records of the town kept in the office.

I am personally holding your organisation entirely responsible for any interference with or shortages in these monies, records/

records or papers belonging to the Town which could have occurred as a result of the negligence on your organisation's part in leaving the outer Office door open and unattended for an unknown period yesterday evening.

Yours faithfully,


Town Clerk.

Acknowledge & Care on Table

Copy of letter dated 4/2/58. Sent to Louis Clark in reply to his of 28/10.

Ref 31/8.

Wm Wright, Esq.
Louis Clark
Dunoch.

Dear Sir,

Library Building

At our Annual General Meeting held last night I was instructed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th October last and to inform you that its contents have been noted.

Your letter refers specifically to the Legion and to the evening of the 27th October last. I have been asked to point out that this organisation did not have a meeting or the use of the above building on that particular evening.

Yours faithfully
A. Steele
Phs. Secretary