

Homecoming Fund

In September 1944 a committee was set up to raise funds for the Homecoming of Hoxne and Denham Service men and women. The committee consisted of Mr G Howlett (chairman), Mr G Hastings (vice-chairman), Mr W Banham (treasurer), Mr A Balls (secretary), Messrs J Risk, A Tye, K Rush, R Brett and A Garner. The intention was to arrange various social activities in order to raise funds.

By March 1945 £293 14s 3d had been raised from whist drives, jumble sales, darts tournaments, film shows, dances and socials.

In July 1945 a bumper Homecoming Week was organised. This included a social evening, bowling for a pig, an auction of donated goods, a whist drive and various other competitions. A total of £276 8s 9d was raised and added to the homecoming fund.

When the fund was closed in March 1946 a total of £1016 had been raised for distribution to Hoxne and Denham returning personnel who had served in H.M. Forces and the Merchant Navy, and to the families of those that had lost their lives. This was distributed over several months.

Recipients of gifts from the fund were: -

Private Jack Archer

Corporal Verdun Archer

Mrs W Barber – widow of William James Barber, Suffolk Regiment – killed in action 29/5/1940

Able Seaman Frederick Barfield (mother Mrs F Knights)

Private Reginald Baxter, Green Howards – 1940 evacuated from Dunkirk, posted to Malta, captured at Leros and sent to N Germany

Edward and Molly Brame

G Burridge

Frank Butler

Major Butler

F L Chapman

N R Chapman

Charles J Coleman – then serving with South East Asia Command

Walter Doling

Jack Feavearyear – Prisoner Of War, Far East

James Feavearyear – Prisoner Of War, Far East

Able Seaman S G Frederick Goddard – Royal Navy

Geoffrey Goddard

Walter Goddard, on behalf of his son the late Gerald Goddard – Private, Cambridgeshire Regiment – died as Prisoner Of War 7/12/1943

Gunner J W Hales

Marine C A Hales

Private R A Hales

E M Hales – Auxiliary Territorial Service

Flying Officer T D Hall – Royal Air Force

F C Hambling and Dennis Hambling (Horham)

Mrs G Hammond widow of Lance Corporal G Hammond

Mrs M Bunce (nee Hammond)

Leading Aircraftsman C Hammond, Royal Air Force

Gunner George Harsent, Royal Artillery – captured in France 1940 – son of Mrs Wilby, Chickering

Petty Officer Desmond Henderson – Royal Navy

G C Hurry

Madeline Jolly

Russell Jolly

Sheila Jolly

C C Knights

Gunner Alfred Knights, Royal Artillery – captured Crete 1941

Stanley Knights

Eric Lawes

Ronald Lawes

Mac Lewis

Private V M F Lewis

George Mills

Reg G Parsley – ex-Driver, Royal Army Service Corps

Mrs B Philipps of 8 Council Houses, Hoxne

Able Seaman Frederick Potter

Warrant Officer George Potter

Stoker Kenneth Potter

E Quinton

Corporal R Quinton

Mr E J P Raven

N Riches, Royal Air Force

Mrs F Robinson, on behalf of her daughter, Rhona Hoyles, who had moved to the USA

Gunner Harold Montague Rush, Field Regiment (Royal Artillery) – Prisoner Of War, Far East, from 1942

Wilfred Ruth

Corporal R T (J) Scofield, Royal Norfolk Regiment – Prisoner Of War, Far East

Mrs E Scofield, on behalf of her late husband, Private William John Scofield , Suffolk Regiment - died as Prisoner Of War 13/9/1943

Corporal Ronald Shepherd

Chief Petty Officer F J Vincent– late Royal Navy

John Westrep

Private Ernest Whatling

Dvr. F C Wiles

Private Walter Woods