

Q. You have a record of that; somebody would have a record of that.—  
A. I can probably find it; I will be very glad to inquire. I do not know whether there was an agreement made with the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army at that time.

Q. If there was no agreement made there will be nothing on file; if there was an agreement it should be on file.

The CHAIRMAN: I wonder, Colonel, if Mr. Dixon will have any information with respect to that.

Mr. DIXON: I do not think there is any information in the department, sir.

The WITNESS: I will make inquiries from the colonel in charge of the historical section. They will have a record, if there is such a record. If there is such a record I will be glad to get it for you from the director of historical records.

The CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt a minute, if you will be good enough to excuse me. I have to go, so I shall ask Mr. Blanchette, the vice-chairman, to take the chair.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: I wish to thank you for the honour which you did me in electing me vice-chairman of this committee. This is the first opportunity I have had to thank you. Will the Colonel please proceed?

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, there is just one other point I might mention and that is that there was a secondary agreement which covered the canteens operated by the 39 reserve training centres during the time of the thirty-day period, and that agreement was much the same as this with the exception that the organizations were also permitted at the time to deduct the cost of films with a limit of \$6 a day in each centre. The canteens are now all operated under the one agreement on the same basis. I have prepared another memorandum on various other matters which I was asked to bring forward. Would you like me to read this? At the last meeting I filed copies of certain statements and reports in connection with the results of operations of canteens in Canada, Newfoundland and Iceland, and I understand that copies of these have been distributed to each member of the committee.

I am now filing certain statements and extracts from letters pertaining to operations overseas. An index to each of these sets of statements, etc., is attached to those which I now file.

At the close of the last meeting I also handed the secretary a list of books and forms which are provided for use by messes and canteens and specimens of which I have filed.

As regards the question of the rebate by N.A.A.F.I., Colonel Deacon has asked me to advise you that this is 6 per cent of the gross turnover and not 6 per cent of the gross profits as stated by him at the last meeting, subject to confirmation.

He also mentioned that at the time of his recent visit to Great Britain, the national organizations were operating 87 canteens, and that many of these had been in existence for a short time only.

It will be noted in the extract from the letter of 25th July, 1941, received from the senior officer, Canadian Military Headquarters, that at that date only 22 small canteens were operated by these organizations. He asked me to draw that to your attention to confirm his statement at the last meeting.

In perusing my files I have found a cable of 6th February, 1941, from Canadian Military Headquarters, part of which reads as follows:—

Part I. Present position is that N.A.A.F.I. alone operates canteens in recognized encampment areas and grants rebates 6 per cent gross turnover only to units using their canteens. The only Canadian units using N.A.A.F.I. are base units and second division. Units corps troops and first division are out of range of N.A.A.F.I. since move to operational