

(The chairman retired and Mr. Baker assumed the chair as acting chairman.)

The Acting CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, if it is agreeable to the committee we will just carry on with Colonel Stewart. I am just pinch-hitting for about five minutes, so don't be worried.

Mr. LENNARD: Oh, we are not worried, we like to see you there.

The Acting CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting I promised to have prepared for the use of the committee routine order No. 5823, which deals with the disbandment of wartime active units in Canada; and also overseas routine order No. 6114, which deals with the disbandment of active service units. These have been prepared and are available for distribution; and on page 2 of routine order No. 5823, paragraph (vii) provision is made for the returning to NPAM or reserve units of money that they either gave or loaned to their counterpart wartime active units; and it was suggested, at least it is provided that boards of officers on disbandment could return these moneys to NPAM units before the moneys came into the regimental fund or control. In a few cases that was done. In the majority of instances loans or grants were made to wartime active units that were then overseas, and such cases would not be affected by this order. We would have no control of the funds of units overseas.

*By Mr. Brooks:*

Q. Are there any restrictions attached to the return of these moneys or may they use the funds for any purposes they desire?—A. You mean the money we have on hand?

Q. The money to be returned to the NPAM units?—A. There are no restrictions. It goes to the reserve units.

(Mr. Mutch resumed the Chair.)

*By Mr. Cruickshank:*

Q. What happens in the case of a swimming pool, for instance?—A. We issued instructions preventing the construction of swimming pools, bowling alleys and things of that kind in locations where they could not be of any use or value after the war. We confined those strictly to areas which it was considered would continue after the war. For instance, Camp Borden, Petawawa and Chilliwack and the Longue Pointe ordnance depot, and so forth. Swimming pools and bowling alleys had been built on government property and the question arises as to whether they revert to the Crown or not; that would be one of the functions of this committee, I think, to decide what is to be done with them; I mean whether the canteen funds are to be allowed something in lieu of them and such amounts as are allowed to be turned over to these area or units funds. That will probably come up during the course of your discussions. As it stands now we have advised those areas that they are to carry on as if the property belonged to the Crown and proceed with whatever maintenance is necessary with public funds.

I have also had prepared a copy of mobilization and embarkation instructions issued at headquarters overseas which provide that units proceeding to theatres of war deposit their regimental balances with the RFB trust fund overseas. During demobilization these funds have been remitted to Canada and we now have the funds here. There were certain restrictions as to what units might take to a theatre of war. The amounts allowed were all that it was deemed necessary for them to have and any surplus balances were then turned over to this trust fund.

Q. Now I would like to ask you in connection with sports equipment held by the units. I understand that some of it was sold by public auction. No doubt