



H.M.S. BIRMINGHAM RAMMING THE GERMAN SUBMARINE U 15

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 Annie Ruesor.
 R. 2. Pickering
 Ont.

January 1919.

Non-Resistant Relief Fund.
Receipts

1918

Sept 2.	Joseph Gerber R. #1 Millbank Deacon Wellesley Cedar Grove congregation	163	26.4
" 7	Daniel Jehr. Milverton	32	36.
" 13	Christian Gasho. Baden	240	00
" 30.	M. C. Cressman Kitchener Dist. M. & A. M. Congregations	410	67.4
Oct. 8.	Jacob B. Schmidt R. 2. Baden.	835	150
" 17	Samuel Good. St. Jacobs (#5-4.60) Sailor's Fund.	438	66.4
" 26.	Ephraem Heber Floradale Congregation	940	00
" 24.	David Bergoy. New Dundee.	590	00.4
" -	Christian Schrag. Zurich	261	25.4

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Oct. 24	Jacob R. Bender (Amish) Lavistock	5-10	00	✓
" 29	G. Bachert. Petersburg	355	00	✓
" 29	Enos M. Cressman. New Hamburg. Bean & Giger Congregations D.W.	876	00	✓
" 30	H. H. Heise. Gormley.	490	00	
" 29	M. R. Fretz	100	00	
Nov. 2	M. R. Fretz	100	00	
" 4	M. R. Fretz	120	00	
" 14	Freeman Rittenhouse R. R. #4. Dunnville	448	00	
" 14	D. W. Heise Gormley.	747	77	
" 15	Christian Gasho. Baden A.M. Wilmet Congregation.	5040	00	✓

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Nov. 9	M. R. Fretz.	470	00	
" 18	Chester Buschert. Breslau.	577	07	✓ 576 50
" 18	Jacob R. Bender. Lavistock A.M.	4017	25	✓
" 20	Christian Gasho. Wellesley. A.M. Wilmet.	3512	00	✓ 104 50
" 21	Joseph Neffzigar R#1 Melverton. Joseph Neffzigar. Jacob Jehu Poole Jacob Wagler. Mellbank	4732	00	✓ Collectors
" 22	D. W. Heise Gormley	457	29	
" 16	M. R. Fretz.	165	00	
" 23	Daniel B. Jehu. Melverton Poole Congregation	2585	00	✓
" 25	Dan Wagler, John C. Schultz cedar Grove. Congregation Wellesley.	4814	00	✓

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Nov. 27.	David Berggy. New Dundee	5 00 00. ✓
Oct 24	5-90 00.	
Nov 27.	5 00. 00	
Portion Paid By		10 90 00
	Blenhaem Cong	7 70. 00.
	Detweiler "	3 20. 00.
		10 90 00.
" 28.	Jacob L. Wagler. R.R. #1 Millbank St. Nefzigers Church.	60 00. ✓
Dec. 2.	John C. Shultz. Wellesly.	53 00. ✓
" 4.	Jacob R. Bender Tavistock	30 00. ✓
" 5.	Nelson Bechtel. Hespeler.	5-45 00 ✓
" 5.	Dan Hagler. Cedar Grove Cong.	15 00. ✓
" 12.	Earl M Sider. Perry Station Wainfleet Cong. Luncheon.	4 82 00. ✓
" 13.	Abraham S. Culp. Vineland	100 00. ✓
" 13.	Christian Gasho. Wellmot A. M Cong	117 00 ✓

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Dec 14.	Jacob B. Schmidt. R. #2 Baden. Shantz Congregation	105 00. ✓
" 14.	Pastor F. J. Lehman Box 164 Vineland M.B.C. Cong.	4 03 46 ✓
" 14.	C. N. Good. 53 Cameron St Kitchener	1 09 50 ✓
" 16	G. Bachert. Petersburg. Latcher Church.	19 77 03 ✓
" 18	{ E. nos M. Cressman New Hamburg. Giger Cong. 5-20. Bean. " 20. }	5 90 00 ✓
" 19.	David Berggy. New Dundee. Blenhaem M. Church.	55 00. ✓
" 21.	M. C. Cressman Kitchener Weber Cong. Haggy "	9 05 00 ✓ 2 88 00 ✓
" 25.	Henry Sherk Ramham	30 00

Dec 25.	Lebold. Daniel Wellesly A.M.	100	00 ⁴
" 26	S. Goudie. Stouffville	490	50 ⁴
" 26.	Simon Hoover.	247	00
" 27.	Rev C. N. Good. Kitchener	99	75 ⁴
Jan ¹⁹¹⁹ 1	Interest	69	50
Oct ¹⁹¹⁵ 30	M R Sretz	610	00
Jan ¹⁹¹⁹ 6	Jesse Martin	270	
" "	C N Good	157	51
" "	S S Hallman	295	
	238 High Park West-Grant		
" 7	W W Weise	582	
" 9	M C Cressman Waterloo Cong	2465	
" 10	W J Storms Hespler Adms St- Mission	50	
" 14	A E Hoover self Kirk Rainham Cong	670	
" "	M C Cressman Kitchener First-Mem Cong	32814	

Jan 15 Freeman Rittenhouse 11.28
 " 17 C N Good Kitchener 42.83

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Detail

Oct 2.	Esther Reesor	10 00
	Annie Reesor	70 00
	Benj. Diller	1 00 00.
	Mary Ramer	1 00 00.
	Elizabeth Reesor	1 50 00
	Bertha Reesor.	1 00 00
" 4.	Hetura Drudge.	10 00
	Martha Reesor.	7 00
	Mennus Drudge.	25 00
	Levi Drudge.	25 00
Oct 2.	M. Burkholder.	25 00
	M Ramer	1 00 00
	W Ramer	1 50 00.
" 9.	Emma R Ramer.	50 00
" 10	Mrs J Grove.	25 00
"	W Grove	50 00.
	G. G. Wideman	1 00 00
	G. G. Wideman	1 00 00
" 18.	Lena Grove.	1 00 00
	Ed. Moyer	1 00 00
	J. H. Grove.	1 00 00
	J. Reesor	50 00.
" 21	M. S Reesor	50 00.
	Sylvian Reesor.	1 00 00
	S. Houser.	50 00

Oct 21.	A. B. Lehman	30 00.
	Jacob Smith	70 00
26	John H. B Ramer	1 00 00.
28	Martin Burkuf	1 00 00
	Thos Reesor	1 00 00
	Neghsivander	50 00
Nov 2	J Drudge	25 00
8	E. Gayman.	25 00
" 25.	John Smith	50 00
Dec 2.	Mrs Fanny Reesor.	25 00
"	Flavio H. Reesor.	1 00 00
13	Herman C. Reesor.	50 00
26	J. G. Hoover	1 00 00
Jan ¹⁹¹⁹ 11	Peter Burkholder	20 00
" 16	Carl + Ernest Reesor	25
" 17	W B Reesor	50
" 19	A S Reesor	25
" "	John E Reesor	25

Totals

44,230.78

295.00

100.00

57.51

270.00

44,953.29

Jan 8. 2,465.50

47,418.29

Jan 9. 50.00

47,468.29

Jan 13. 670.00

3,208.14

51,346.43

25.00

51,366.43

Jan 15. 11.28

51,377.71

20.00

Jan 16. 51,402.71

42.13

Jan 16. 51,444.84

50.00

Jan 20. 51,494.84

Jan 23. 1,146.50

1,333.04

~~5,217.54~~

Total

52,774.34

13,521

66,295.34

308.00

66,603.34

40

66,643.34

613

67,256.34

63

67,319.34

57.50

67,376.84

~~67,977.33~~

68,036.83

216200

2162

45
18
63

5350
400
5750

6797933
6757684
60249

6797933
5750
6803683
6801936
1747

Wm. J. Hoar, Rector
P. 2. Fickling

How Capt. Duff, of H.M.S. "Birmingham," Sank the German Submarine U 15.

ONE of the most notable incidents of the war at sea, though small in itself, was the destruction of the German submarine U 15.

A British squadron of light cruisers was on patrol duty "somewhere in the North Sea," when the periscope of a submarine was observed from H.M.S. *Birmingham* approaching at a distance of about two thousand yards. It is not difficult to picture the thoughts of those on board the cruiser.

Had the *Birmingham* been under a different flag she might have behaved differently, and perhaps it would not have been difficult to find excuses for panic. As it was, she was British, and everything was done in the British way.

The crew were called to quarters, and those who were on "watch below" came tumbling up on the instant, officers in pyjamas, men in various stages of undress. Everyone went quickly and quietly to his station; the guns were manned; and the engineer down below was warned to hold himself in readiness for a burst of speed.

All the time the submarine came nearer and nearer, betrayed only by the thin pipe of the periscope, which threw up a feathery spray as it forged through the water. Captain Arthur Duff, however, was merely biding his time. Where big ships carried torpedoes with a range of ten thousand yards, those supplied to submarines could cover little more than one thousand, the space saved in compressed air and machinery being used to increase the weight of the explosive charge.

It would have been throwing chances away to open fire at two thousand yards, and so the *Birmingham* steamed on as though quite unaware of the submarine's existence. Her appearance was deceptive, however, for all her available guns were trained on that tiny stick of a target that was gradually drawing nearer and nearer; and when the submarine, lured into a false sense of security, pushed her conning tower above the water to get a better view of her intended victim, half a dozen guns flew at her at once.

Almost at the same instant the *Birmingham* leaped forward as the engines were opened out to their limit, and a turn of the helm brought her round so that her prow pointed straight at the broadside of the doomed submarine. The U 15 was already done for. One shot had carried away her periscope like a blade of grass; another had exploded at the base of the conning tower, throwing it over on its side and opening the vessel to the inwash of the sea. She was already crippled and sinking when the 5,400-ton cruiser rode into and over her at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour, rolled her over, and sent her to the bottom.

S. GOUDIE, STOUFFVILLE, ONT., SECRETARY
C. N. GOOD, KITCHENER, ONT., TREASURER

Mission Board
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T. FORD BARKER, HAMILTON
R. SIDER, KITCHENER

**Mennonite Brethren in Christ
Missionary Society**
Ontario Conference

KITCHENER, ONT., 191

The Flu Epidemic was raging.

Kitchener and some other of the larger
Classes of membership are doing nobly.

Most of it will be paid at N. Year or some
where at that date.

Trust the good Lord is blessing you in
the work of the Lord and the Church.

Your Bro

C. N. Good

53 Cameron St. N.

Kitchener Ont.

Vineland Ont., June 18/19. 18

Thomas Reesor,
Pickering Ont.

Dear Brother:/- Greeting.

Your letter received and noted. I had also received a letter, in fact two of them, from Brother Bearinger asking about the advisability of going on with the work of collecting the funds for the Relief organization.

The opinion which I expressed some time ago, I think, is what would be advised at the present time, - that we go on with the work of collecting and have the fund ready when the Government gives us advice as to what may be done with the funds. In case the Government does not grant us relief from military service, and does not give us an opportunity of rendering relief to the suffering through Government channels, we will be free to use the money in some other way and for the relief of sufferers in other ways.

I am writing Brother Burkholder today, and will suggest that, as the President of the Organization it would be in place for him to call a meeting of the Executive Committee and you could then arrange a plan of procedure and have the work started. We do not want to prejudice our cause with the Government by not showing our good intentions toward them because we have not received all the consideration which we would have desired.

Brother Heise is expected over here today, and we may have a chance to talk matters over relative to the subject. It seems that the Tunker boys are having a little trouble in getting their recognition and it may be necessary for some of us to take a trip to Kitchener or to Galt to find out where the trouble lies. I want to enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Scott, showing what his idea is concerning pressing our claims too hard at present. There has been some attempt to oppose the privileges which the Government is granting us. Some of the claims of those of our brethren who were called in the previous classes and who had been granted exemptions under the previous provisions for exemption are now having notices sent to them that their exemptions are being appealed by the Public Representative and will be brought before the Central Appeal Judge. Judge Duff has recently sent notice to some of the brethren who had previously appealed to him and whose cases he had not reported on, that they were granted only exemption from Combatant Service. This appears as an intimation that there might be a prospect of some of the next classes being called, and a repetition of the trouble which we have had under the cancelling of exemption privileges under the Order in Council. This matter will have to be brought before the attention of the gentlemen representing our case at present. We hope that there will be no further trouble, but we cannot tell what will come, since there are many that are bitterly opposed to granting any form of exemption to our people. We must continue to look to the Lord.

It will remain with the Government to carry out the provisions which have been made for us, and we will pray that a God may enable them to deal in such a way with these questions that His people may continue to live a quiet and peaceable life, and that all men might be saved.

Yours in Faith,

S. F. Coffman

Aug 28th 1918

Dear Friend with love
and best wishes to all whom
this reading may come to hand
remember us in your prayer as
we wish to do unto yours.

The reason of my writing is
having send to your address
a standered bank draft of
one-hundred & six-three dollars &
twenty-six cents which is a collection
of our song. The Wellesley Cedar-
grove song. For the wretched poor
preferable widows & orphans whom
by the cause of this awful-war may
be in suffering. Where as we as after
people through the mighty hand of our
God have be blessed with plenty for
which we can not be thankful enough
hoping to remain faithful to our Saviour
and Lord

and also hoping what little
we are sending may help some
poor children or widow and also
wishing to all ways
help with more.

Yours truly
A friend well wishing

Joseph R. Gerber
R. R. No. 1 Millbank

Ont.

Baden Ont. Sept 12th/18

Dear Bro. in Christ

Greeting in the name Lord

First we are all well. at present
Hoping You may enjoy than same Blessings

Further please Enclosed you will
Find a Bank Draft of Two Hundred
and Forty Dollars \$240.⁰⁰ as a Relieve
Fund from our Church in Wilnot so far,
we may from time to time Collect again
if nesseseray, and we hope that the
Good Lord may let his Blessings Rest
upon it to his glory and to the well
fare of us poor Mortals is our prayers
please let me know if you
Received it and Oblige

Yours in faith

Christian Gascho

Baden

To Thomas Reesor

Pickering

Ont

Vineland Ont., Sept. 13th, 1918.

Members of the Non-Resistant
Relief Organization.

Brethren:- Greeting.

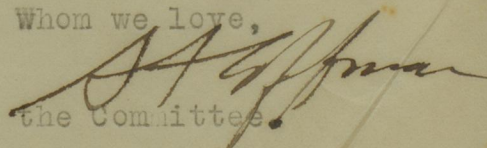
In a letter to the Hon. J. A. Calder, on Sept. 7th, the following request was made. "With respect to the objects of the Non/resistant Relief Organization, which had in view the presentation of a fund to the Government as a memorial for freedom from military service, our Organization awaits the pleasure of the Government in suggesting channels through which and objects, in harmony with the religious principles of the Churches represented, to which the Government may apply the use of the Fund thus presented."

A reply from Mr. Calder, dated 11th September, is as follows: "I have your letter of the 7th instant in reference to a proposed donation by the people you represent for some worthy relief or other purpose, growing out of the conditions existing during these trying times. As the members of the Government have some difficulty in determining the wishes of your Committee and as there are so many patriotic and other relief funds requiring assistance, it has been considered best to leave the decision to those responsible for the collection of the fund. The decision reached will, I am sure, be appreciated by any society or organization that may be assisted."

It is the purpose of your secretary to again write Mr. Calder asking him to suggest funds that are under the control of the Government, or organization controlled by the Government through which the special fund might be administered. In this way we may be able to get information and work in sympathy with the Government. Also, I think that we had best proceed with the collection of the fund and then see some member of the government about the disposal of it through Government channels. It may be possible that the members of the special Committee do not appreciate the spirit of our people in the dispensing of this money, making use of it in work outside of military objects, and that, if it is possible to clear up this point there will be no difficulty in getting the money used as it is intended, and all will be satisfied.

Hoping that this will meet your approval, and awaiting your further pleasure, and trusting also that others may have been interested in getting information on this point, I am,

Yours in His service Whom we love,


For the Committee.

A. C. Cressman

RETAIL DRY GOODS

BOOKS AND STATIONERY, CLOTHING, CARPETS, RUGS, LINOLEUMS, Etc.

AGENT FOR DR. PETER FAHRNEY'S ALPEN KRAUTER, VITALIZER,
HEIL OEL, MAGEN STARKER, Etc.

Ritchener
Berlin, Ont., Sept 27 1918

Mrs Reesor

Pickering Ont

Dear Bro

Greeting in Jesus name

Kindly find enclosed cheque
for \$410 ⁶⁷/_{xx} for the war Relief fund.
This money has been contributed by the Mennonite
and a M Congregations & also some by Personal
contributions. I reported the amounts as they
were paid in by the various cong. to our
General Treasurer G L Bender of Elkhat Ind.
I forwarded some money to Bro Bender & also
some to the Belgian Relief organization here in
our city. I suppose you will need to book
& report this amt of che enclosed as
stated above. M & a M. Cong's.

Yours in the faith
M C Cressman

Kindly acknowledge receipt

St. Jacobs, Ont.
Oct. 3, 1918

Thomas Ruser

Pickering Ont.

Dear Bro.

We took a collection here in the St. Jacobs Church for the ^{"Sailors Fund"} ~~the~~ ~~Relief~~ ~~Organization~~, and would like to know where the proper place is to send this money. Are you taking care of these collections and shall we send it to you? Please supply us this information as soon as possible and greatly oblige.

Truly Yours,

Samuel Good

P. S. By mistake I first wrote "Relief Organization" but I mean "Sailors Fund".

Petersburg Oct 26/18

Mr J. Ressor
Pickering
Ont -

Dear Bro.

Am sending
you Bank Check amt.
Three Hundred & fifty-five
Dollars being amount-
collected by the Latchar
Mennonite Church at
Mannheim

And Remain
Yours Truly

G. Bachert
Petersburg
Ont

Baden October, 4, 1918

Dear Brother

Greeting in Jesus name
inclosed find draft for eight Hundred
thirty five Dollars fifteen cents, we collected
in our Comonunion for warsufferers Hope it
will be used for the said purpose

This is from Shaarsses church

Will not let me know when
you received it

Wishing you gods richest Blessing

yours truly Jacob B. Schmitt

Baden, P. O. no. 2

St. Jacobs, Ont
Oct. 15, 1918

Thomas Reesor
Pickering Ont.

Dear Bro:

We are sending you a bank draft which represents the donations of the members of the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church ^{both} to the "Sailors Fund" and to the "Non-resistant relief Organization." We are sending you \$438.66. Of this amount \$384.00 represents the donation to the "Non-resistant relief Organization" and \$54.66 represents the amount given for the "Sailors Fund".

Enclosed please find a stamped envelope for reply when you receive these amounts.

Truly Yours
Samuel Good.

New Dundee, Oct. 16. 1918
Thos. Reesor

Dear Bro.

I am
enclosing a check for \$590.00
which has been subscribed
by the Bleukheim and
Detwiler congregations of
the Mennonite Church.
The money is to be applied
to the Memorial Fund
to the Government of
Canada from the non-resistant
denominations of our country.

Hoping the amount
of the fund will be a
liberal one.

I am
Yours sincerely
David Bergay

Zurich

Ont. Oct. 17 1918

Thomas Reesor.

Pickering Ont.

Dear Bro Greeting in
the name of Him
who died to save to the
utmost, enclosed.

find draft for \$26.25

Contribution from Hay
Congregation of the Mennonite
Church at Zurich Ont.

to the war sufferers relief
fund. Trusting same will
help to relieve the terrible suffering
caused by this war and that it
may soon end to our prayer.
May God Bless you and your
labors for the Master

I remain yours for the Master
Christian Schrag Zurich
Ont

Tavistock Ont
October 19th

Dear Brother in the Lord
Thomas Pessor Pickering Ont
Greeting --

Enclosed find sum of
five hundred and ten ^{and ten} some being
contribution of the South East
hope and East Zora congregation
of Amish Mennonites (only 1 con-
gregation) for the Memorial Fund
to the Government for
the purpose of relief work
It has been a little delayed
but hope it will still be
appreciated

Dear Brother I will ask
you one question, This
sum is not as much as
I should have like to
have seen from our congrega-

In May we sent some \$6.40
to G. L. Bender Elkhart
And for the same purpose
and again now these \$5.00
or a little better. but
then I also thought if we
would from time to time
say again after New Years
raise money again for this purpose
would that be appreciated so
kindly let me know.

wishing you God richest blessing
I remain yours in Christ
Jacob R. Bender Minister
Parisstock Ont
R R /

1918

New Hamburg Oct 28
 Mr Thomas Reesor
 Dear Brother in Christ

I respond to the memorial fund we are a little long in sending it from the Bean Church or congregation and also from the Giger congregation sent from the Bean Congregation by Enos M. Baesman \$670.00 and also by the Giger Congregation sent by Eli Good

total \$206.00

Which you will find \$876.00
 in Bank

Draft sent to you from New Hamburg Bank of Hamilton Please let me know as soon as you can