

The Herbert Lott Naval Trust Fund - Institution

Founded by H^A. H. C. LOTT.

1928

Original title: "The Naval Efficiency Trust Fund" changed consequent on donor's withdrawal of his original desire for anonymity

A.F.O. 1806/30 issued

1930

Admiralty considerations re the preparation of a Deed of Trust in conjunction with the Treasury Solicitor.

Copy of the deed of Trust approved by all parties concerned effective from 5th September 1928.

1928

Further additional gift to the fund.
Preparation of a supplemental deed of Trust.

Method of Administration.

Memorandum of meeting held 8.7.29. between J.T.S.B., C.W., N and the Secretary of the Admiralty Awards Council.
Recommendations.

Proposals from C^S. in. C. Mediterranean and Atlantic Fleet.

Promulgation in Admiralty Letter N3834/29 dated 17.4.30 to C^S. in. C, Senior Officers and Dominion authorities
A.F.O. 1277/30 issued.

B. in. b. China Station proposals for allocation of sum apportioned to the China Fleet up to 31.12.30 - approved.

N. 2558/28

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N. 3277/28

N. 3740/28

N. 3977/28

N. 4171/28

N. 1083/29

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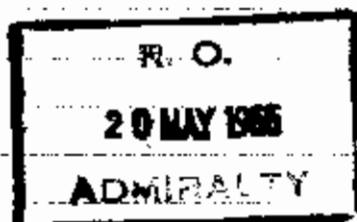
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FROM

M. H. Holt

DATE

8 Aug 28

MARRIAGE TO BOARD

SUBJECT

CASE 10657

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Encouragement of various
classes of firing in the Navy.
Proposal with regard to
institution of a fund

MARKER

Referred to

Date

Referred to

Date

SOCIETY ONLY

Initiated to

Date

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11 AUG 1928

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Register No. N? 2558 28

Minute Sheet No. 1.

In the first instance submitted to send a letter of T.L. cordial thanks to Mr Lott for his generous gift. The investigation of the best means of devoting the money will take time.

It will be noted from N. 1012/25 attached that that the D. of G.D. then raised difficulties as to the utilisation of the "Commonwealth" trust fund for gunnery prizes, but in view of the large sum now handed over it is thought that a strong effort must be made to discover a suitable competition. Possibly anti-aircraft shooting will form the best medium.

Draft letter submitted; the matter will then be referred to the technical Depts.

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FOR HEAD OF A. BRANCH

8 Aug. 1928

Sir,

In the year 1906, I made
by will bequest having for their object
the creation of a fund for the encouragement
of various classes of service in the Navy
as I believe that the latter had not the
same advantage as afforded by the Army
associations. Having survived longer
than I anticipated, I have decided
if the proposal made with the approval
of the Naval Authorities to make
a commencement in my lifetime. In
that will the clause relative to the
above was, my solicitor informed me,
the one used in such cases which
I will forward for your perusal. The
amount available at present would be
about £20,000. I am still a son
in 1906 of opinion that in the Navy depends
the safety of these Realms & the

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enemies are always planning to
weaken the Navy.

If approved, I to
remain anonymous at present.

I am Sir
Yours truly
Herbert Lott

My permanent address is 10
White Parade, Harting, but I
am staying in above for the present

Chief Secretary
The Navy
Whitehall

August 1928

Sir,

I have laid before my L.C. of the Admiralty your letter of the 8th instant offering to present a sum of about £20,000 to the Royal Navy for the purpose of encouraging gunnery, and to convey to you a cordial expression of thanks for this generous gift which they are gratefully pleased to accept.

A further communication will be made to you in due course in regard to the details of the matter, the investigation of which will take some time.

I am, etc.....

H. Lott Esq.,

20 St John's Road,

Wallingford,

Berks.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that your very important letter of the 8th August, offering to create a fund for the provision of prizes for firing in the Royal Navy, is receiving Their Lordships' fullest consideration and a personal letter on the subject is being addressed to you by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, Bart., the First Sea Lord, which should reach you in the course of a few posts.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sgd.) V. W. Baddeley.

Herbert Lett, Esq.,
20, St. John's Road,
Wallingford, Berks.

15th. August 1928.

Dear Mr. Lott,

Your letter of the 8th August offering a sum of money to the Admiralty for the creation of a fund for the encouragement of various classes of firing in the Navy has been referred to me in the absence of the First Lord.

The offer is an exceedingly generous one, and there is no doubt that the judicious expenditure of the income of the proposed fund would add materially to individual incentive to acquire efficiency.

Before accepting it on behalf of the Board, however, I must point out certain difficulties which occur to me in allotting the money to the special purpose which you indicate: The Gunlayers' Tests which were in force in 1906 are now abolished, and the results of a modern firing are dependent more on a highly centralised organisation than on individual skill. Gunnery systems are in a constant state of change and the formulation of rules for competitions would present great difficulty. To confine the objects of the fund to gunnery competitions with change of conditions, proves a source of embarrassment to the Admiralty in future years.

I feel, however, that your wish is that the money should be devoted to the furtherance of the fighting efficiency of the Fleet. If this is the case, and if the conditions which you may decide to attach to the use of the fund stated the fact, it would leave the Board free to expend your very handsome gift to the best possible advantage. On this understanding I shall be only too glad, on behalf of the Board, to accept it with gratitude and with a keen appreciation of the patriotic spirit which prompted you to make it.

Respectedly,
Detailed

Detailed proposals will necessarily require careful consideration, but when they are prepared I would communicate them to you to ensure that they are in agreement with your views.

We should be glad to see the clause prepared by your solicitor to which you refer, and if the ideas represented above commend themselves to you, perhaps you would let us suggest modifications in the drafting of it which would meet the altered circumstances.

If you should be coming to London it would give me much pleasure if you would come and see me or, in my absence, a member of the Board who would explain the difficulty of allotting the money to the specific purpose of Gunnery Prizes. If you would prefer that a representative of the Admiralty should call upon you either at Wallingford or at Hastings, we should be only too happy to arrange accordingly.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) Charles R. Madden,

A. F.

Herbert Lott, Esq.,
20, St. John's Road,
Wallingford, Berks.

N. 2650/28

T.S. No. A 85
10 SEP 1928

W. Lott Esq.

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MAIL ROOMS TO

~~Secretary~~

~~Executive~~

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~~Solicitor~~

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~~28L~~ D.S.

~~1st Floor~~

Forwarding Will in connection with
his offer to form The Herbert Lott
Naval Trust Fund

N 255828

3 AUG 1928

Solicitor

1079

Secretary

13/9

Solicitor

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Sec. 24/9

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Register No. N. 2650 28

Minute Sheet No. 1.

Submitted in continuation of N. 2557/28. It will be noted that Mr Lott still devotes the interest and dividends of the trust fund to providing medals & money prizes to officers and men for accurate gunnery and marksmanship.

Remains

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for Head of N.

In conference with the D.C.N.S. and the 2nd Sea Lord, the following clause in substitution of clause 3. of Mr Lott's will is considered to comply with the testator's wishes while leaving the Admiralty free to formulate any conditions for competitions as may be thought desirable :-

"To apply the interest and dividends to
 "accrue from such investments as aforesaid, in
 "making awards to such of the personnel of the
 "Fleet as shall show marked efficiency in
 "fighting practices or who shall contribute in
 "signal degree to the improvement of fighting
 "appliances."

Treasury Solicitor and N.L. are requested to make such amendments as are necessary from the legal aspect and to advise whether the existence of the United Services Trustee renders a re-wording of clause 2 advisable.

The matter should be treated as urgent and an agreement reached with Mr. Lott as soon as possible.

[Handwritten Signature]

1st September, 1928.

This matter was discussed this morning
with Mr. Brown, Assistant Treasury Solicitor.

Mr. Brown suggested that a letter should
be written to Mr. Lott indicating the purpose to
which the Admiralty desire to put the fund and
saying that if he agrees Their Lordships will instruct
the Treasury Solicitor to prepare a draft deed for the
creation of the Trust Fund which would be sent as soon
as possible to him or to his Solicitors if he would
prefer that course. A letter has been dispatched to
Mr. Lott accordingly.

(copy attached)

WMB

1.9.1928.

4th Sea Yard

Repl enclosed.

Will the Solicitor now please
prepare the draft deed.

WMB
HORN
10.9.28.

MINUTE SHEET.

No. A. 2527.

File No. X. 2550/28. And
2556/28 herewith.

HERBERT LOTT NAVAL TRUST FUND.

I forward herewith for the consideration of the Admiralty a draft (in duplicate) of a Deed of Trust for the purpose of carrying out the intentions of Mr. Herbert Charles Lott in founding this Trust. If approved by the Admiralty, a copy will no doubt be forwarded to Mr. Lott for his concurrence.

With regard to Mr. Lott's contemplated new Will, provided that this is not executed until after the execution of the Deed of Trust, Mr. Lott's intention (if I interpret it aright) further to benefit the fund on his death might conveniently be carried out by a residuary devise and bequest in such words as "to the Trustees of the Herbert Lott Naval Trust Fund being the Trustees for the time being under the Deed of Trust dated the _____ day of _____ 1928 and made between the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of the first part, myself of the second part and Sir Oswyn Alexander Ruthven Murray and Conrad James Naef of the _____ /third

third part to be held by them upon the trusts and for the purposes and subject to the provisions therein declared".

Amb

BH/DB.

13th September, 1928.

^N
The Secretary,
Admiralty.

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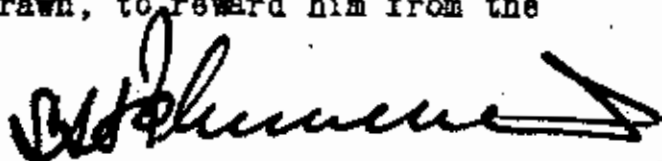
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The draft Deed of Trust is submitted for consideration. Attention is invited to the following points as, although paragraph 4 gives the Admiralty wide powers of settling details, it will not be possible to alter the intentions of the Trust Deed without the approval of Mr Lott.

(1) Paragraph 3 speaks of "fighting practices" and "fighting appliances". These expressions are not limited to gunnery matters or even to torpedo matters but include all weapons and devices, offensive and defensive, and practices with the same.

(2) The First Sea Lord's letter of 15th August and the official letter of the 1st September were written in terms of "the Fleet" but paragraph 3 of the Trust Deed is expressed in terms of "the Royal Navy", thus excluding the Royal Marines, the Naval Reserves of all descriptions and the Dominion Navies. If for example a Dominion Naval Officer should invent some valuable device it would be impossible, as the Deed is drawn, to reward him from the Trust fund.



Head of Naval Branch,
15th September, 1928.

As regards (1) it was the intention that the fund should be as wide as possible & not restricted as suggested above.

(2) concern with N.

D.P.N.S.

- (1) I concur with Wep. Sec.
- (2) Propose to ask Treasury Solicitor to amend draft to include all personnel of RN, Commissioned & RIM, active Service & Reserves.

~~Wep. Sec.~~

18/9

1 for 4th S.L.

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Yes. I agree too.

Wep. Sec.

20.9.

It is understood that the Royal names should be included.

Wep. Sec.
21/9/28

He is away and can
see this at a later date.
He knows all about what
is on foot, from 2 to

D.

20/9.

MINUTE SHEET.

No. A. 8677.

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Herbert Lott Trust Fund.

I return herewith this draft and have revised Clause 3 ~~on the lines suggested~~ *to meet requirements*

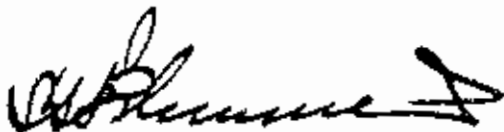
Secretary,
Admiralty.



~~W.E./MS.~~

24th. September, 1928.

Letter to Mr Lott submitted for signature. Slight M.S. alterations made at top of pp 2 & 4, £20,000 has been - it is understood - actually paid over.


W.E./MS.
26.9.28

15.8.28

15.8.28

Sir

N. 2558/28

I am in receipt
of your letter of 14th inst.
The enclosed will
contain the form which
my solicitor informed me
was used in such cases;
but, of course, matters
may be different now &
I have an open mind
on the subject. Perhaps
you will be kind ^{enough} to return
document when you

ted the prints. I
tended to draw in
at all

I am
You did send
I expect Lott

address

20 S⁵ Johns Rd

Wallingford

Berk

The will has reference
to the secondary title
to amount I mentioned
is available now

20, ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

18. Aug. 1928

Dear Sir

My letter enclosing
will cross yours of 15th etc. My idea
that expressed by you - to foster
fighting efficiency. How that can be
done can best be settled by the
Naval authorities. I had an idea
that alterations would be necessary
in the original wording. I do not
want to use the funds for "education"
or what they call Social work
but to help in some way the
practical part of Naval work, which
in the end being really for fighting
perhaps you will let me have the
draft suggestion. Yr sincerely truly
Cdr. Charles M. Butler
Commander Fleet
Cdr. Charles M. Butler
Herbert Little

24.8

DUNAGHTON,

KINGUSSIE, N.B.

Dear Sir,

Will you find the
enclosed letter from Mr. Pitt
to the 4th Sea Lord or whoever
is taking his duty. I have
acknowledged the letter &
written that we will
of course respect his
views - that the fund will
be used for the promotion
of fighting efficiency & not
naval services & that he will
be fully consulted before
any action is

taken &c. will you find
this also to be Sea Lord

yours sincerely

Charles G. Hadden

Mr Vincent Baddley.

Have you seen
Mr Lotts will?
I see he wants
a succession drafted.

12.7.10 ~~11/10~~

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