

U DX109 Records of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airman's 1952-1974
Families Association, East Riding branch

Historical Background:

The UK's oldest armed forces charity was established in 1885, after an appeal for funds and volunteers to care for families left at home was made by Major James Gildea; a member of the Second Expeditionary Force departing for Egypt. Three months after this appeal, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association was born. In 1919 it became a registered charity and was renamed the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), following the creation of the RAF in 1918. After the merger of the SSAFA and the Forces Help Society in 1997, the charity was renamed SSAFA Forces Help.

The SSAFA Forces Help aids former and serving members of the UK's armed forces, as well as their families, offering financial and welfare support to those in need. The charity's headquarters are in London with branches at county level. The East Riding County Branch had its first Annual General Meeting in 1952.

Custodial history: Deposited by Col. K Walker, York, 3 November 1975

Description:

This collection contains one volume of minutes for the SSAFA East Riding Branch. The minutes were stuck onto pages and bound in sections into the book but are now loose. The main focus of the minutes is on financial and organisational issues of the branch.

Extent: 1 volume

Related material:

Letter from Miss M.E. Still, Honorary Secretary, The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Brixton Division dated 5 Apr 1916 [U DDSY2/1/30/198]

Newspaper Cutting: letter from Lady Herries concerning statement of expenditure of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association dated 18 Apr 1903 [U DDEV/68/71]

Access conditions:

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U DX109/1	Minutes of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airman's Families Association, East Riding branch Each yearly section contains typically an agenda for that year's meeting, the statement of accounts for the previous year, the minutes of the annual general meeting held the previous year and the Annual Report of the County Branch for the previous year. Often the minutes contain a list of recipients of long service badges and certificates. The volume also includes two reports by Brigadier G.H. Gilmore who acted as Hon. Secretary of the East Riding Branch SSAFA and Hon. Treasurer between June and December 1968. 1 volume	1952-1974
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