

Read carefully and retain for reference in conjunction with

Price List 1945-46

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Service of Supplies in War-time 1945-6

It is hoped that the end of the European War will lead to an improvement in the Service of Supplies, but any such process is unlikely to be rapid. The present is still a bit dim, but the future is bright.

PRICE LIST AND PRICES. It is regretted that some further increases are necessary owing to the still rising costs.

A new Price Lists is available, but under present law its free issue is forbidden. Every Company should have a copy, and Officers are asked to order one at 1d.

UNIFORM. All economy must still be observed, and every useful article retrieved from Officers and Boys leaving.

Boys' Caps (4/6 each) Subject to strict economy, Boys' Caps are obtainable, but wherever possible used caps should be re-issued and none discarded while serviceable.

Officers' Caps. Glengarry Caps (14/6d. each) are now in short supply, and they are higher in price and lower in quality. Officers will be better served by renovating old caps.

Boys' Belts (5/- each are still limited, and all Belts must remain Company property. Those available for issue are for new Companies and to meet special cases of unavoidable shortage. In ordering belts, established Companies should state in a word the reason for their need.

Staff-Sergeant's and Sergeants' Crossbelts. It is regretted that these are at present unobtainable. New Companies should not need them, and established Companies should be able to retrieve them.

Haversacks (3/- each) may still be obtained by new Companies up to their enrolment strength; and the webbing for renovation and improvisation is still obtainable. In addition to this, owing to some improvement in the situation, a limited number will be available for general purchase. During session 1945-6 each Company may purchase haversacks from the B.B. Offices in London, Glasgow and Belfast only, subject to the number not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of their strength in Boys, as returned at the end of session 1944-5. Companies are specially asked not to seek further boons in this direction, as this is the present maximum available, and no one ought to wish for preferential treatment. When further supplies become available a further announcement will be made, and all can then start at scratch. To increase the quantity haversacks are being made with half-sized unfolded bags.

PUBLICATIONS. The paper supply at present shows little improvement. Economy is still necessary. The Gazette must remain bi-monthly and should be passed round and shared. All Handbooks should be retrieved. Only minimum needs should be ordered.