

# THE REGISTER OF TOC H SERVICES CLUBS



This register has been compiled for a variety of sources as I was unable to find a single official Toc H source which listed them all although one issue of The Journal listed those still open as of January 1946 (February 1946 for overseas clubs). I have tried to ensure this record is as accurate as possible but there may be errors. Naming was never straight-forward (e.g. Southsea and Portsmouth were used interchangeably for clubs in this area as were South Shields and Westoe). Additionally, early in the war, Toc H were sometimes overzealous in censoring the location of clubs.

I do not have opening and closing dates for all clubs and where I use the term Opened By this is the earliest date that I have where I know the club was running but it may have opened some considerable time before. Similarly, the term Closed By is the first date for which I have evidence the club had closed but it may have closed sometime earlier. Opening Dates can also be misleading as some clubs were up and running weeks before they received an official opening. I have tried to clarify this where I have the information.

In the Overseas section, and regarding UDFI Clubs (See main text for explanation) I have tried to just list the ones definitely run by Toc H e.g., the Talbot Houses. This is not always clear so it's possible some of the UDFI clubs listed were primarily run by the YMCA or that I am missing some UDFI clubs run by Toc H.

So to summarise, this list is an attempt to fully document the multitude of Service Clubs run by Toc H before, during, and – to a degree – after World War II. It falls short of being comprehensive and as always, I welcome corrections, additions, and general comments.

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*(w) = Women*

United Kingdom	
<b>Aberdeen</b>	Open by early Nov 1939 at the Seamount Place branch rooms.
<b>Aberystwyth</b>	Open by January 1942. The 224 <sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Training Regiment of the Royal Artillery were very involved in its set up and later their Commanding Officer Lt-Col J Jarvis Jones donated photographs of the regiment to hang in the club room.
<b>Alvaston</b>	Open by March 1940.
<b>Aylesbury</b>	Opened by February 1940 at the new branch rooms at 50 Walton Street.
<b>Bakewell</b>	Still open as of January 1946
<b>Barry</b>	Open by July 1940. Talbot House. Warden W. Templeton Moore
<b>Bath</b>	Open by Nov 1940 at St Mary's Church House, Grove Street Due to close 30th June 1946 due to lack of volunteers but went part time eventually closing in November.
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	Opened 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1940 at Edith Lodge, Windsor End. Still open as of January 1946
<b>Bedford</b>	Opened 1 <sup>st</sup> February 1940 but in use before that date. Talbot House, Bromham Road. First Warden Rev. John 'Jack' Palmer. The local Rotary Club were very much involved. Closed August 1945.
<b>Bedford (w)</b>	Opened March 1944 on St Mary's Street. Warden Mrs A Davies. Closed in June 1946.
<b>Bedford</b>	A post war club opened Greyfriars Walk 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1951 primarily to serve RAF Cardington.
<b>Beeston</b>	Open by May 1941. Talbot House at 73 Chillwell Road. A joint venture with Rotary. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Belfast</b>	Great Victoria Street. Closed September 1946.
<b>Belfast (w)</b>	3/5 Donegall Pass, Shaftesbury Square. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Bicester</b>	Open by April 1941.
<b>Birkenhead</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Birmingham</b>	Opened 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1943 at Georgian House, 9 & 10 Easy Row.
<b>Blackpool</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Bromley</b>	Opened September 1940 at 16 Hawksworth Road. Talbot House was a joint venture with the LWH & the WVS.
<b>Camberley</b>	Opened on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 1941 at Durley Park Road. The club was opened by Lady Patricia Ramsey and blessed by the Bishop of Guildford J.V. Macmillan (An early committee member of Toc H). Mr G. F. Tendall was first Warden.
<b>Cambridge</b>	Opened in November 1939 above 13 Corn Exchange Street. Later moved to 13 Park Terrace (facing Parker's Piece). Howard Dunnett first Warden.
<b>Canterbury</b>	Open by January 1940.
<b>Cardiff</b>	Planned to open late 1942.
<b>Cardiff (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Carlisle</b>	Open by April 1941
<b>Carlisle (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.

<b>Chester</b>	Started November 1940 but officially opened at 18 Upper Northgate Street on the 8 <sup>th</sup> February 1941. It closed on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 1945 when the building was sold.
<b>Chesterfield</b>	Open by September 1942 at 42 Knifesmith Gate.
<b>Chichester</b>	Officially opened on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 1940 at 44 North Street, an old Georgian mansion. Mr W Button was first Warden. It was extended in September 1940 and additional beds found at 53 North Street. The club closed on 29 <sup>th</sup> May 1949, the last of the War Services Clubs in the UK.
<b>Clitheroe</b>	Opened on Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1940 in the Congregational Men's Institute.
<b>Colwyn Bay</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Corsham</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Coventry</b>	Opened by January 1940. Talbot House at 4 Middlesbrough Road had the Reverend Ken Bloxham in charge. It was destroyed by enemy bombing in November 1940. Its replacement was planned to be open by the late summer of 1942.
<b>Coventry (w)</b>	Although advertising for housekeepers from October 1942 it was officially opened on the 28 <sup>th</sup> January 1943. At Hampton Hall, 157 Warwick Road. The hostel had accommodation for 22 girls. The opening was carried out by Lady Louis Mountbatten with a guard of honour drawn from the ATS and the WAAF. Lady Mountbatten spoke of her personal experience of Toc H clubs in Malta and elsewhere where they looked after the Royal Navy. Still open in August 1945 but closed by January 1946.
<b>Crewkerne</b>	Opened early 1940 at Castle Cary, White's Factory, Bailey Hill. The local Toc H branch used the upstairs room as their branch room but they were kicked out so troops could be accommodated. Instead they took over the deserted ground floor and converted it into a club. In 1942 the upstairs room was returned to them and they converted it into a games room.
<b>Croydon</b>	Up and running in Mitcham Road in late February 1940 as Talbot House though only officially opened in July following consecration of the chapel by the Bishop of Croydon. Opposite the barracks, it was a former pub - The Sawyers Arms –and then mission hall loaned to Toc H by the Council of Christ Church. Closed late 1945.
<b>Dalton-in-Furnace</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Derby (1)</b>	Fundraising to establish a club started October 1943. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Derby (2)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Dorking</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Droitwich</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Dunfermline</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Ealing</b>	Opened late 1939 at Northfields station. Late 1939. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Eastbourne</b>	Opened around September 1940 at the local Toc H HQ on Beach Road.
<b>East Grinstead</b>	Opened April 1941 at St Catherine's, Highfield Road. Warden was Mr Patrick. There was a games room in separate building
<b>Eastleigh</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Emsworth (1)</b>	Started the Fly-Inn Club at The Hermitage circa late Summer 1938 but outgrew it
<b>Emsworth (2)</b>	Opened January 1940 on junction of High Street and North Street. A former car showroom with living accommodation above, the building was owned by the Portsmouth and Gosport gas Company. Closed 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1946.
<b>Evesham (w)</b>	Opened May 1942 by Lady Monsell on the site of the old Volunteer Inn.
<b>Exeter (1)</b>	Opened late 1939. Closed August 1946 after 7 years and 84,000 bed nights
<b>Exeter (2)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.

<b>Falkirk</b>	Open by December 1939. Known as Little Talbot House and stood at 135 Main Street, Camelon. It's weekly concerts were renowned in the district. Early in 1942 they added Little Talbot Hostel on the High Street, which finally allowed them to offer men a bed albeit in a different building. This was still open as of January 1946.
<b>Farnborough</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Farnborough (w)</b>	Opened by LWH 23 Nov 1940 it was the first Toc H War Services Club for women. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Faversham</b>	Opened February 1940 at the branch HQ in Partridge Lane. Closed May 1945.
<b>Fleet</b>	Hugh Pilcher was warden until he went to BEF in spring 1940
<b>Galashiels</b>	There was a Toc H canteen with a recreation room below it. Galashiels Toc H also ran a Get You Home service for stranded servicemen
<b>Garstang</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Gloucester</b>	Opened late 1939 in Castle Street. Still going February 1945 but closed by January 1946.
<b>Goole</b>	Open by January 1944
<b>Gorleston (1)</b>	In 1940 Gorleston men's branch opened a club on Pier Plain but they lost so the use of the premises so..
<b>Gorleston (2)</b>	In April 1941 they opened a second canteen in the Minor Hall over the Coliseum cinema where it remained until the end of the war.
<b>Gosport</b>	Opened July 1942. Bourton House, Elmhurst Road. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Grantham</b>	In October 1939 some premises at 13 Elmer Street were secured and furnished as branch rooms. In May 1940 a decision to open it as a reading room for service men was made and a small canteen was later added. It officially opened 14 Oct 1940. Since the branch was as small one depleted by war service, Toc H worked hand in hand with the local Rotarians. In 1943 the address was Vine Street
<b>Grantham (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Gravesend</b>	Still open as of January 1946. In 1951 its furniture was sent to Jock Brown in Gibraltar
<b>Great Yarmouth</b>	Opened in October 1939 in the branch HQ at 146a King Street. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Greenford</b>	Rectory Barn, Oldfield Lane. Added a Quiet Room Apr 1942. Address given as Western Avenue in Mar 1945. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Greenock</b>	Open by October 1941. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Green Street Green</b>	Toc H Land Girls Club by February 1943
<b>Grimsby (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Guernsey</b>	Plans to start at Club were stymied by the invasion in 1940. A club overlooking St Peter Port harbour was opened after the islands were liberated.
<b>Haverfordwest</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Herne Bay</b>	Opened on the 15 <sup>th</sup> January 1940 by the Bishop of Dover, Seaview on the corner Canterbury Road and Charles Street - included a room reserved for women. D.R. Beck was first Warden. Mrs Beck and Mrs Parry Williams ran the canteen
<b>Hollywood</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Horncastle</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Hornchurch</b>	Still open as of January 1946.

<b>Hull</b>	Opened on the 20 <sup>th</sup> November 1939 at the Hull Branch HQ in South Street. They met soldiers Paragon Station to tell them about it. Destroyed by bombing it then moved to 26 Spring Street where it was still open as of January 1946.
<b>Hullavington</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Ilminster</b>	Unconfirmed
<b>Inverness</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Keighley</b>	Planning started in January 1940 and a Talbot House was in use at 17 Holker Street with its official opening in April. It was partly staffed by WVS volunteers who, in September 1943 opened a Gift Shop to raise funds for the Stalingrad Hospital.
<b>Kendle</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Keston</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Largs</b>	Open by 1941 at Bath Hall. In October 1941, they extended the facilities by erecting a wooden structure in Fort Street. In April 1946 the structure was demolished.
<b>Ledbury</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Leeds</b>	Open by August 1942 in Hare Hills.
<b>Leeds (w)</b>	Opened on the 16 <sup>th</sup> September 1944 by the Princess Royal.
<b>Leicester</b>	Opened August 1940 in De Montfort Street. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Leicester (w)</b>	Opened on the 6 <sup>th</sup> February 1943 at 15 de Montfort Street by Miss E.R. Frisby, the Deputy Lord Mayor. The club was for members of the Women's Land Army as well as of the forces. The warden was Mrs Poore.
<b>Lincoln</b>	On the corner of Brayford North Wharf and Lucy Tower Street. It closed in the autumn of 1946 and became a club for pensioners started by Lincoln branch in conjunction with the local Pensioners' Association.
<b>Lincoln (w)</b>	Opened on the 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1944 at Witham View, Drury Lane. The warden was Mrs H. L. Astell
<b>Liverpool (1)</b>	Opened in the Liverpool Mark at Gladstone House (62 Rodney Street). Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Liverpool (2)</b>	In 1940 there was also a club in St. Michael's Hall, Aigburth
<b>Liverpool (3)</b>	And in Oct 1942 there was one at Belgrave Road, Liverpool 17
<b>London (Westminster)</b>	St Stephen's, Westminster. See main notes.
<b>London</b>	Opened on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1943. Clarendon House was for married service couples (One or both of whom in Services). See main notes.
<b>London</b>	There was also a UDFI club in London at Smuts Huis, 49 Princes Gate, South Kensington
<b>Llandudno</b>	At Curzon Street in 1944
<b>Loughborough</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Loughborough (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Louth (1)</b>	Opened October 1939 as Talbot House at 16 Market Place. See main article
<b>Louth (2)</b>	On Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1940 Louth Toc H opened a second canteen, Talbot House at Eastgate Union Church Schoolroom, Ramsgate. See main article
<b>Louth (w)</b>	Opened February 1941. Talbot House, above Moncaster the butcher in Mercers Row. Closed December 1945
<b>Malmesbury</b>	Still open as of January 1946.

<b>Mill Hill</b>	Opened 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1940
<b>Minehead</b>	Destroyed by accidental fire on the 20 <sup>th</sup> November 1940 a replacement club opened 4 hours after the fire thanks to the generosity of a local trader. 300 yards from station. During the big freeze of Feb 1945 put up civilians from stranded train too
<b>Moretonhampstead</b>	Open by March 1943 when it hosted a table tennis match between two Women's Land Army teams.
<b>Newcastle (1)</b>	Opened a Talbot House in August 1940 at the Mark in Grainger Park Road.
<b>Newcastle (2)</b>	A canteen over Thornaby station was started by the WVS in 1940 but was later taken over by Toc H. It closed in May 1945.
<b>Newark</b>	Opened September 1939 at Northgate House, 25 Market Place it was run by Toc H with support from other organisations
<b>Newport (Monmouthshire)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Newport (Shropshire)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Nottingham</b>	72 St James Street. Open by July 1942. Still open in July 1946 when two workers there married
<b>Okehampton</b>	Open by October 1942. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Otley</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Ottery</b>	Town Hall.
<b>Oxford</b>	Les Wheatley Warden at one point
<b>Pantygog</b>	There was a Talbot House open in Pantygog, Glamorgan by March 1940.
<b>Perranport</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Perth</b>	Opened on the 27 <sup>th</sup> October 1939 in the St Ninian's Cathedral Hall..
<b>Plymouth (1)</b>	Opened on the 10 <sup>th</sup> October 1940 as Little Chummy at Bayswater Terrace, North Road. Still open as of January 1946. See main article.
<b>Plymouth (2)</b>	Opened Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 1941 at 26 Union Street, Stonewater. Toc H Service Club of America No. 1. Still open as of January 1946. See main article.
<b>Portsmouth (Southsea)</b>	Opened April 1939. Still open as of January 1946. See main article.
<b>Portsmouth (2) Southsea</b>	Wimbledon Park Road. See main article.
<b>Portsmouth Southsea (w)</b>	Opened on the 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1943 at Flint Lodge, 2 Villiers Road. Still open as of January 1946. See main article.
<b>Poynton</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Preston</b>	Tentative steps being taken in the summer of 1941. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Reading</b>	Opened in February 1940 by Sir Reginal Kennedy Cox, Talbot House was at 160 Friar Street. John Callf – later the Honorary Administrator of Toc H – was the first warden replaced in April 1940 by R.F.S. Tuffley when Callf joined army. Tuffley was a well-travelled London business man working for Thomas Cook and the 1 <sup>st</sup> Toc H Pilot on the Isle of Wight. The club closed on the 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1947.
<b>Redbridge</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Redcar</b>	Opened in September 1941 at 23 Station Road. The first warden was J.G. Ward, a local man with 20 years in Toc H. 'Mother Burn' dished out "tea and motherly advice" every morning without fail. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Richmond (w)</b>	12 Newbiggin. In Sep 1944 visited by Princess Royal. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Rochdale</b>	Opened 4 <sup>th</sup> November 1939 as Talbot House, at 19 The Butts. Still open as of January 1946.



<b>Rochester</b>	Opened 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1944 at 52 High Street. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Rugby (1)</b>	Opened in October 1941 at Cotton House, 10 Hilmorton Road this club catered for civilian war workers who didn't live in Rugby and was run by Toc H for the Ministry of Labour. Paddy Richardson was installed as Warden.
<b>Rugby (2)</b>	By Christmas 1942, a second, similar club in the Old School House – renamed Talbot House - at 3 Barby Road was open for women workers (mostly in munitions factories)
<b>Saffron Walden</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>St. Annes</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Salford</b>	This Club took over Mark XIV at War Workers who didn't live in Rugby. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Salford (w)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Salisbury</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Scunthorpe</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Selby</b>	Opened on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1939, two days before war officially started at the local branch room in Ousegate, Selby to cater for men stationed nearby.
<b>Selkirk</b>	By November 1939 Toc H were opening their branch HQ in Hume's Close as a reading/writing room for the troops. It was later upgraded to a Canteen run by Toc H.
<b>Settle</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	In September 1939 Toc H opened Church House – as Talbot House - opposite the parish church, as a canteen for servicemen. Had their own choir. Closed Dec 1946 when they were refused any more food supplies from government.
<b>Sheffield</b>	Opened on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1939. The old Mark and later branch rooms in Christchurch Road closed in the summer of 1939 with plans to move elsewhere. This plan was delayed by the war so the house reopened as Services Club. It included a small chapel and a gong rung at 10pm each night to signify prayers (for those who wanted them). Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Sherborne</b>	Mrs Chester Masters' house on Greenhill was let to Toc H as a War Services Club in February 1945 to cater for servicemen and patients at the Royal Naval Hospital.
<b>Shirehampton</b>	Opened by March 1943, in this Bristol suburb, as there was a theft from stamp box here.
<b>Sidcup</b>	Open by 1940 at 48 Hatherley Road.
<b>Sleaford</b>	Opened February 1939 at Carre Street.
<b>Southampton</b>	An early Club at 1 Westwood Road with Reg Staton as Warden until he went to France. Totally destroyed by enemy action in late 1940
<b>South Shields (1)</b>	Originally in the Seaman's Mission in Mill Dam
<b>South Shields (2)</b>	Moved and opened on the 24 <sup>th</sup> May 1940 with Ian Caldwell as Warden. Also known as Westoe Village. In August 1944 a scheme to turn the club into a War memorial to enable to continue its work in peacetime was launched. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Spalding</b>	Toc H ran a small club in Hall Place from at least March 1940 starting with just one room but expanding to at least four.
<b>St Austell</b>	In April 1942 there was something called Toc H Services' Sunday Club
<b>Stafford (1)</b>	Open by August 1940 at 20 Cramer Street. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Stafford (2)</b>	A second club was also opened and was still open as of January 1946
<b>Stockton-on-Tees</b>	Still open as of January 1946.

<b>Stoke-on-Trent</b>	Opened on the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1944 although the official opening was on Saturday 8th July 1944 by Sir Colin Jardine. 35 High Street was offered by the Corporation at a Peppercorn rent but needed a lot of restoration. It closed at the end of February 1948 and was converted to a Civic restaurant by Stoke Corporation.
<b>Street</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Stroud</b>	Opened September 1939 three days after war broke out. Castle Street Schoolroom (Methodist Church and Sunday School) was only used by Toc H on weekdays and principally served army men from Paul Camp, Edge and RAF personnel from Aston Down. It closed September 1946.
<b>Taunton</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Tees-side</b>	The Tees-Side Toc H Services Club was launched in Middlesbrough in October 1940 with a plan to convert the old North-Eastern Gazette offices in Zetland Road into a hostel to be run by Toc H.
<b>Tonbridge</b>	Opened October 1940 at 149 High Street. Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Trowbridge</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Tunbridge Wells (1)</b>	The Toc H rooms on Little Mount Sion were opened several nights a week as Little Talbot House & Services Club from at least early 1940.
<b>Tunbridge Wells (2)</b>	In March 1940 Byng Hall was also opened as a Services Club
<b>Wakefield</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Walsall</b>	Talbot House opened on the 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1940 at 41 Lysways Street (corner of Hanch Place). Closed 16 <sup>th</sup> April 1946
<b>Watford</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wednesfield</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wellingborough</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wellington (Shropshire)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wellington (Somerset)</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wendover</b>	There was a War Services Club in the town and after it closed demand was still strong so it was decided to build a new one. See main text.
<b>Weston Turville</b>	Opened on Saturday the 15 <sup>th</sup> April 1944 in the Church Hall. Warden John E. Lawton
<b>Wetherby</b>	Open by March 1940. Wetherby Masonic Hall.
<b>Weymouth</b>	Opened February 1946 Talbot House at 26 Ranelagh Road was a joint venture between Toc H, the SSAFA, and the Army Welfare Centre specifically to deal with the issues of men returning from the war and into civvy street.
<b>Wimborne</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Woking</b>	Opened 1939 in York Road. Warden Rupert Bliss (See Portsmouth) succeeded in October 1942 by Charles R. Tiley
<b>Wolverhampton</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Wolverton</b>	Opened in September 1943, they used the branch HQ at Church Street/Stratford Road backway next to Palace Cinema. The premises were given by Mr W H Tomkins a Toc H Builder. Warden Charles Bennett. The club closed in April 1946.
<b>Worksop</b>	Still open as of January 1946.
<b>Worthing</b>	In August 1942 the Mayor undertook to form a committee to set about establishing a Toc H Service Club in the town. It opened at 108 Marine Parade in May 1943 and with 135 beds claimed to be the biggest outside London. It closed in August 1946.



<b>Wrotham</b>	Open by June 1944 in Wrotham Hill Park it closed in 1946 and the contents were auctioned off in June.
<b>York</b>	Opened in February 1940 in the Old Black Swan, in Coney Street. It was gifted rent free by the owner, Sir Henry Price of Leeds. The warden was the Rev. R.L. Watson, a London padre in Adelaide when war broke out. He returned to be warden at York before moving to Plymouth then Orkney, then went out to Aden to open the Services Club there in spring of 1943. Bob Sawers followed him at York (See Plymouth) ran it with his wife before they moved to Clarendon House in December 1943. York Club closed November 1945
<b>Orkney</b>	The principal clubs were Talbot House on the Great Western Road at Kirkwall, Wakefield House, Hankey House, and Pilgrim House.

<b>Overseas</b>	
<b>Addis Ababa</b>	Talbot House. UDFI. Opened 26 Apr 1941
<b>Adelaide</b>	Australia
<b>Aden</b>	Warden Bob Watson in Feb 1944
<b>Akyab</b>	Burma. This club was in the bombed out ruins of the Imperial Bank of India
<b>Alexandria (1)</b>	18 Rue Samboul. Opened late 1940
<b>Alexandria (2)</b>	Egypt. Passage Cherif. Opened 1941. Known as the Under 20 Club for younger naval ratings. Howard and Mrs Dunnett wardens 1943-45
<b>Alexandria (3)</b>	Springbok Club, UDFI
<b>Algiers (RAF Maison Blanche)</b>	Reading House. Sister club of Reading. Fittings transferred to Gradisca when closed. Was open for 2 years. Jimmy Allen set it up before going off to run a club in Malta. John Boyle was Warden but John Mallet was Secretary. The chapel acted as the Camp Chapel. Arthur Savante also Warden here before going to India and
<b>Antwerp</b>	Belgium. 283 Mechelsteenweg. An ornate building on a cobbled street, with a balcony and steep roof. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Arakan (Chiringa)</b>	India. Described as a Leave Camp (and also used to treat men with malaria). Opened 1944. Warden Captain Ronald Littlewood.
<b>Arakan (Elephant Point)</b>	India. On the beach at Arakan. Described as a Holiday Camp. Warden Capt Arthur .W. Servante of Tongan Defence Force, the Allies smallest army.
<b>Arezzo</b>	Italy
<b>Athens</b>	Greece. Run by Margaret Crozier who later ran San Severo, Italy
<b>Auckland</b>	New Zealand
<b>Avadi 1 (BOR)</b>	India (British Other Ranks). Still open in February 1946.
<b>Avadi 2 (IOR)</b>	India (Indian Other Ranks). Still open in February 1946.
<b>Bad Salzufflen</b>	BAOR. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Baghdad</b>	
<b>Bangkok</b>	Siam. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Barberton</b>	South Africa
<b>Bari Hostel</b>	Italy
<b>Bari United Services Italy</b>	
<b>Bari</b>	Italy. Opened Aug 1944

<b>Basrah</b>	
<b>Benghazi</b>	
<b>Berlin</b>	BAOR. aka Spandau. Two buildings in a typical German Beer Garden. Included a skittle alley. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Billaspur</b>	India
<b>Bloemfontein</b>	South Africa
<b>Brisbane</b>	Australia. First Floor, Desmond Chambers at 303 Adelaide Street. Officially opened 6 <sup>th</sup> October 1940 by Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor. Closed 31 March 1946.
<b>Brussels</b>	Belgium. Toc H Leave Centre, 28-30 Boulevard Waterloo. The first club in liberated Europe opened Sept 1944.
<b>Cairns</b>	Australia. Talbot House, McLeod Street. It was situated across the road from the railway station and today is the Grand Hotel.
<b>Cairo (1)</b>	Opened in February 1941 at 21 Shaira Solomon Pacha. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Cairo (2)</b>	Second Cairo house
<b>Cairo (3)</b>	Smuts House. UDFI.
<b>Calcutta</b>	Talbot House. A former Bishop's Palace. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Canada</b>	Unconfirmed
<b>Cesana</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Ceylon</b>	Unconfirmed
<b>Cocanada</b>	India. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Cochin</b>	India. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Coimbatore (L)</b>	India
<b>Colombo</b>	
<b>De Hanne</b>	Belgium. A seaside convalescence home
<b>Dehra Dun</b>	India
<b>Deolali</b>	India. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Digboi</b>	India
<b>Douai</b>	BEF. Destroyed by bombing
<b>Durban</b>	UDFI
<b>Fallingbostel</b>	BAOR. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Fayid</b>	Opened March 1947. First Toc H Club in Canal Zone
<b>Genoa</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Gibraltar (1)</b>	Opened in late 1938, Harington House was totally destroyed by enemy fire in late 1940.
<b>Gibraltar (2)</b>	After some temporary accommodation including stables, a new house opened at 186 Main Street in the spring of 1941. Closed by 1947
<b>Gibraltar (3)</b>	In April 1945 Toc H were also at 13 College Lane.
<b>Gottingen</b>	BAOR. Opened mid-1945. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Goulette</b>	12 miles north of Tunis. Due to be established in the summer 1943

<b>Gradisca</b>	Italy. Opened about same time Maison Blanche closed and received its fittings. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Grado</b>	Italy
<b>Gummidipoondi (IOR)</b>	India
<b>Gwelo</b>	Rhodesia. Talbot House
<b>Haifa</b>	Palestine
<b>Hanover</b>	BAOR. By the railway station
<b>Herne</b>	BAOR. On the Ruhr
<b>Hong Kong (1)</b>	Opened 19 <sup>th</sup> October 1945 on Kowloon until 1947
<b>Kong Kong (2)</b>	From 1947 Talbot House was at 50 Macdonnell Road. Post war club closed 1954.
<b>Nienburg, Hanover</b>	BAOR. Second Club in occupied Germany. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Herne</b>	BAOR. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Iceland</b>	Second club opened later than Reykjavik. Location unknown.
<b>Imphal (Elephant Arms)</b>	India
<b>Ipoh</b>	Malaya. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	Opened 1941 in Palestine near to the Jaffa Gate. The 1942 World Chain Of Light started here. It closed on the 10 <sup>th</sup> April 1948 and Warden Arthur Savante moved to Suez.
<b>Johannesburg</b>	Open by March 1944. Talbot House, Wolmarans Street.
<b>Kalaw</b>	Burma. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Kalewa</b>	Burma
<b>Kalyan</b>	India. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Kasfareet</b>	Canal Zone. Open by 1947
<b>Khasi</b>	Burma
<b>Kimberley</b>	South Africa
<b>Kindaunggyi</b>	Burma
<b>Kotagiri</b>	India
<b>Kowloon</b>	Opened 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1945. China. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Kure</b>	Japan. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Kyankpyu</b>	Burma
<b>Ladysmith</b>	South Africa
<b>Lahore</b>	India. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Lille</b>	BEF. See main text.
<b>Lubeck</b>	BAOR. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Lumut</b>	Malaya. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Madras</b>	Talbot House. India. The 1943 World Chain Of Light started here. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Malines</b>	aka Mechelen, Belgium. The second continental club to open after liberation and the first of the Belgian War Services Clubs to close in mid-1945

<b>Malta (1)</b>	After using some temporary loaned houses on Point Street then at 106 Strada Ridolfo, funding was provided by an anonymous donor to purchase a house at 39 Mrabat, Sliema. Talbot House opened on the 20 <sup>th</sup> March 1937. Dicky Dines was installed to run it. In late 1940 a second house was acquired to add more accommodation.
<b>Malta (2)</b>	Early 1941 moved to 60 Tigne Street, Sliema in 1946.
<b>Malta (3)</b>	1953 at 77 Tigne Street
<b>Maungdaw</b>	Burma. Arthur Savante started Club here c.1944
<b>Maymyo</b>	Burma
<b>Meiktila</b>	Burma. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Melbourne</b>	Opened 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1940 at 476 Collins Street. Early in 1942 a second property in Little Bourke Street was opened to provide additional accommodation and known as Little Talbot House. In May 1942 Toc H also opened some mobile canteens in Collins Street. 476 closed in Apr 1946.
<b>Mersah Matruh</b>	UDFI. For convoys crossing the desert
<b>Myingyryn</b>	Burma
<b>Nairobi</b>	Opened Christmas Day 1940, the first Talbot House of the UDFI. East Africa.
<b>Nakuru</b>	Talbot House. UDFI
<b>Nanyuki</b>	Talbot House. UDFI
<b>Nasik</b>	India
<b>Netherphat, Ranchi</b>	India
<b>Newfoundland</b>	Opened 9 <sup>th</sup> March 1941 at 2 Queen's Street, St John's. Ian Fraser -formerly Secretary Scotland and then Pilot for East Canada - took over a dilapidated building on the 6 <sup>th</sup> February 1941 and opened a club a month later.
<b>Oslo</b>	July 1945
<b>Oudtshoorn</b>	South Africa
<b>Paris</b>	France. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Pashan, Poona</b>	India
<b>Perth</b>	Opened 25 <sup>th</sup> October 1940 at Locksley Hall, 79 Stirling Street. In October 1941 they took a lease on the next door premises to extend the club. From 1 <sup>st</sup> June 1946 it was a Toc H hostel specifically for discharged servicemen in the city to take rehabilitation course. By 1947 was a Toc H centre but closed completely in 1951.
<b>Perth (w)</b>	Opened autumn 1942. The Queen's House. Opposite Locksley Hall. Closed 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1946.
<b>Perugia</b>	Italy
<b>Pochefstroom</b>	South Africa (Made claim to be the first Toc H War Services Club outside Europe)
<b>Pola</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Poona</b>	India
<b>Poperinge (TH)</b>	Belgium. Not really used before occupation but resurrected after liberation. See main text
<b>Port Dickson</b>	Malaya. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Port Moresby</b>	New Guinea
<b>Pretoria</b>	South Africa

<b>Prome</b>	Burma
<b>Ramree</b>	Burma
<b>Rangoon</b>	Burma. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Rekyavich</b>	Opened 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1940 in Iceland at Tungata 6. The 1941 World Chain Of Light started here. It closed 17 May 1942.
<b>Rouen</b>	BEF. See main text.
<b>Roulers</b>	Belgium. Nearest to Poperinge. Warden Shaun Herron
<b>Rovigo</b>	Italy
<b>Salisbury</b>	Rhodesia. After the branch failed to secure premises, Mr & Mrs Barbour of Baines Avenue offered their house to Toc H for the duration. It became a Talbot House
<b>San Severo</b>	Italy. Margaret Crozier! She also ran Athens and was awarded Paratroop Wings for her conduct during fighting there.
<b>San Vito</b>	Italy
<b>Secunderabad</b>	India
<b>Sforzacosta</b>	Italy
<b>Shaibah</b>	Persian Gulf
<b>Shillong</b>	India. A Hill Station leave centre in the Khansi Hills of Assam. A Garrison club run by Toc H. Run so well that they were asked to take over another nearby and run both.
<b>Singapore</b>	Scotts Road. Still open in 1949, the last remaining club in Southeast Asia and the Indian Subcontinent
<b>Soest</b>	BAOR. The old Ye Wilde Man hotel. Still open in February 1946.
<b>St Omer</b>	France. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Suchteln</b>	BAOR. Opened spring 1945. This was the first Toc H Services Club in occupied Germany.
<b>Sydney</b>	Opened March 1940 on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor of 12 Loftus Street at Circular Quay.
<b>Tandrum</b>	Norway. Warden Charles Young of Poperinge fame. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Tapah (IOR)</b>	Malaya. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Taungoo</b>	Burma. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Tel Aviv</b>	Talbot House opened 1941.
<b>Townsville</b>	Opened on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June 1943 on Hanran Street, Townsville, North Queensland.
<b>Trani</b>	Italy
<b>Treviso</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Trieste</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Tripoli</b>	Unconfirmed
<b>Tunis</b>	Opened August 1943. Walsall House at 89 Avenue de Paris was financed by Walsall branch. Followed on from Maison Blanche and was first Leave Hostel in North Africa. First Warden Angus Johnston (late Area Secretary South Wales). Still open in February 1946.
<b>Uccle</b>	Avenue Houzeau in Brussels.
<b>Urbisaglia</b>	Italy

<b>Vicenza</b>	Italy. Still open in February 1946.
<b>Vizagapatam 2 (IOR)</b>	India
<b>Vizagapatam I (BOR)</b>	India. Transit Camp Club
<b>Wynberg</b>	A Toc H holiday home started in Cape Town in November 1942 and officially opened a few months later by Lord Harlech, High Commissioner. Overlooked Table Mountain.

## Mobile Units

Perhaps the hardest to pin down are the mobile units. We know that the following divisions, brigades, and corps had Toc H mobile units accompany them but this list is by no means complete:

169th Brigade; 17 Indian Division (Amherst) Malaria Forward Treatment Unit (Burma); 19 Division; 2 Division; 244 Wing Desert Air Force; 25 Division; 26 Division; 34 Corps; 36 Division; 4 MF Brigade (Malaya); 5 Division; 5 Indian Division (Java); 56 Division; 7 Armoured Brigade; 7 Division; 7 Indian Division (Siam); 75 Division; 82 West African Division (Prom) Malaria Forward Treatment Unit (Burma); Advance Desert Air Force HQ; Attica (Egypt); Cameron Highlanders (Two units); Jungle Training Brigade (India); Medan 26 Indian Division (Sumatra); Nhila Malaria Forward Treatment Unit (Burma); Padang 26 Indian Division (Sumatra); Padres Hana 1 Division (Egypt); Redwinbyn Malaria Forward Treatment Unit (Burma); and Teknaf Malaria Forward Treatment Unit (Burma).