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SERVICES CLUB OPENED BY BRIG. DUNN

10.10.40 "YOUNGEST CLUB IN OLDEST CITY"

Brigadier K. F. W. Dunn, Military Commander of the Jerusalem Area, yesterday afternoon formally opened the Jerusalem Services Club at 5, Ben Yehuda Street, in the presence of a gathering of Army Officers and Jewish leaders. He thanked the Jewish Hospitality Committee on behalf of all soldiers, and added that clubs of this nature were greatly appreciated. He saw in it more than a soldier's club. It was a token of the spirit which the army had found in the past, and will find in the future.

Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, who spoke first in Hebrew and then in English, welcomed the club on behalf of the Jewish Hospitality Committee, which established the club and thanked them all for coming. A soldiers' Club had been opened some time ago in Tel Aviv and another in Haifa, and here in Jerusalem valuable work was being done by a committee of ladies who maintained a successful and popular canteen. It was felt that there was also need for

a proper club in the centre of the town, and the premises of the Jewish Agency's Tourist Club were now being put at the disposal of the troops. Today there were not only British troops to be catered for, but Palestinians in the fighting forces who would welcome a place where they could play games and read or write their letters when they came to town.

Mr. Shertok then wished all success to the youngest of soldiers' clubs in the oldest of cities.