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## SCHOOL NOTES

### VALETE

- EVANS, K. D., 1937-44.—Edwards', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944.
- HALLIWELL, R. B., 1937-44.—Woodham's, Lower VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1943.
- NUTTALL, J., 1937-1944.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1942, Prefect, Librarian, House Savings Secretary, A.T.C.
- CHAMPION, K. G., 1938-44.—Mason's, Upper Vb Modern.
- DUNKERLEY, E. D., 1938-44.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944.
- SANDERS, F., 1938-44.—Evans', Upper Vc.
- WHITE, R. A., 1938-44.—Gear's, Lower VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1944, Minor Scholar, Bantam Colours 1941, House Collector War Savings.
- WILLIAMS, D. B., 1938-44.—Gear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944.
- ACKERS, C., 1939-44.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944, Bantam Colours 1942, A.T.C.
- BLACKMORE, C., 1939-44.—Edwards', Lower VI Sc.B., School Certificate 1944.
- HALTON, D., 1939-44.—Evans', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1943.
- AMBROSE, P. B., 1940-44.—Gear's, Upper Vc, Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
- BONNEY, N. R., 1940-44.—Gear's, Lower VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1944, A.T.C.
- CURNOW, C., 1940-44.—Spencer's, Lower V, Trans.
- STEVENS, R. L., 1940-44.—Spencer's, Upper Vc, A.T.C.
- WILBY, S. E., 1940-44.—Mason's Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1942, Prefect, Sergt. A.T.C., R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.
- YOUNG, I. A., 1940-44.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944.
- AITKEN, E. G., 1941-44.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944, Bantam Colours 1942.
- PRIESTLEY, D., 1941-44.—Evans', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944.
- BODGER, P., 1942-44.—Evans', Trans Y.
- HAMPSON, R. G., 1942-44.—Rogers', Trans Y.
- ROSS, G., 1942-44.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1944, R.L.S.S. Bar to Bronze Medal 1943.
- SOHM, K., 1942-44.—Edward's, Lower Va Modern.
- DUFFY, J. F. Y., 1943-44.—Mason's, IIb.
- GOLD, S. J., 1943-44.—Mason's, Lower VI Sc.A, School Certificate 1944.
- BURSK, M., 1944.—Gear's IIa.

## SALVETE

I. D. Hamilton, J. Holt, A. A. Marshall, H. J. M. Royden.

Everyone will be glad to learn that Mr. Mason is now making a very good recovery following his two operations. He left the Infirmary in January and has on several occasions visited school since half-term. He hopes to be back at school for the Summer term before retiring finally, and we are sure that boys in the upper part of the school particularly will be glad to know that he will be in charge of the Senior Physics until July.

Mrs. J. L. Booth, B.A., left the staff last term to take up a post at a Senior School at Ormskirk. She joined the staff in May, 1941, and helped us through a very critical period when there was an acute shortage of teachers. Many boys in the junior part of the school (whom she chiefly taught) will remember with pleasure her patient and careful teaching, and we wish her every success in her new post.

Miss E. M. James, B.Sc., who had been on the temporary staff here since October, 1943, left us at the end of last term to take a post as Mathematics mistress at Brentwood School. Miss James had taught Mathematics, Physics and Biology in the Junior and Middle School, and we feel sure that those boys who were fortunate enough to take Biology in her classes will always remember her stimulating teaching. We were very sorry to lose her and hope she will have great success in her new post.

This term Mr. T. H. Evans, B.A., joined the staff from Waterloo Grammar School. He is an old boy of Manchester Grammar School, a graduate of Manchester University, a teacher of great experience and wide qualifications whom we are fortunate to be able to secure for the school, and we welcome him to the staff.

Mrs. M. I. Nuttall, B.Com., has come to us this term to take part-time work in Mathematics. We are glad to take advantage of her services, and also hope that next term she will be able to give us full-time service.

The Savings collections have amounted to £533 6s. 2d. this term. The total collected since February, 1940, is now £23,755 6s. 3d.

This term's subscriptions for the Five Million Club amounted to £11 10s. 0d.

The Ship Halfpenny Fund has amounted to £11 16s. 4d. this term. £50 was sent to the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund by the boys at the end of the Autumn term.

Once again the Head Postmaster of Southport appealed to the school for help in distributing the heavy Christmas mail. This year 170 boys enrolled as auxiliary Postmen and again during the rush period of 10 days before Christmas carried out their duties to the great satisfaction of the postal authorities.

The school is grateful to an old boy, K. Hepburn, for assistance willingly given during a period when illness caused the absence of one or two members of the staff. We hope the experience gained in this

voluntary work will be of value to him when he enters the teaching profession at the end of his period of training.

Another old boy, C. T. Daly, B.Eng. London University, at present engaged in research work in the laboratories of the Standard Telephone Company, came from London on February 26th to give a most interesting lecture (on Electronics) to the VI Science Form.

The Science Department thank R. H. Garstang for the gift of a book, "The Outline of Wireless," by Ralph Stranger.

## HOUSE NOTES

### EDWARDS'

Since our last notes, the House has been successful in retaining the Senior Rugby Shield for another year. The contest with Rogers' was keen, and both teams must be congratulated on their determined efforts.

The Juniors have not, at the time of writing, played any matches. They have, however, held several practices, supervised by older members. We hope that they will be as successful as were the Seniors.

The athletic sports will be held soon after the end of the Easter holidays. Dates for House practices during the holidays will be arranged.

The swimming sports will be held at the end of next term. Now seems a good time for the competitors to start practising.

We give our best wishes to those boys who are sitting for the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations this year, and hope that they will maintain our high standard of success.

R.E.A.

### EVANS'

As a result of the very frosty weather at the beginning of term, no House matches have yet been played, but we are hoping for some good results from the coming Junior matches.

Last term the House bade farewell to D. Priestley, and A. Crowther has been appointed House Prefect in his place. G. W. Lee has been appointed a School Prefect.

New interests have been aroused by the re-opening of some of the School Societies, and it is hoped that some of our boys will join them.

The House Savings Group has not made any spectacular progress yet, and we regret to say that the Five Million Club figures are still not 100 per cent. We again urge boys to help raise the standards of both these movements.

G.W.L.

### GREAR'S

Our results in the Senior Rugby competition were disappointing. Though the team contained several good players, it failed because the bulk of the work fell on their shoulders. As yet no Junior House matches have been played. Attendance at practices has not always been good, though great enthusiasm has been shown by those who have attended. We congratulate Lawson on being awarded Bantam Colours.

It is pleasing to note the interest in the new societies. In the Debating Society, Pegg has been appointed Vice-Chairman, and Ross and Francis are members of the Committee.

Life-Saving and Swimming practices are in progress, but greater interest must be shown if we are to retain last year's position. With the advent of better weather we must urge all boys to start practising now.

Finally, to all who are taking the S.C. and H.S.C. we wish every success.  
N.G.F.

#### LEECH'S

The term has not so far been marked by many important activities, but it is very pleasing to hear that Kenyon and Blair have both gained the Silver Medallion for Life-Saving.

The Savings Group is still progressing fairly well, although certain members never contribute.

We hope that the Junior Rugby Team, captained by M. A. Bason, will do well in the forthcoming matches, and also that the House will be well represented in the Sports next term.

Our best wishes for success also go to those boys entering for the trial examinations at the end of this term.  
C.M.W.

#### MASON'S

The news that Mr. Mason is to retire at the end of this term was received with deep regret by every member of the House. His untiring work for the House and his interest in every individual boy has been appreciated by all. He will be remembered not only by present members but also by many generations of old boys. The ideals and traditions he has founded will be upheld for many years to come. Mr. Lessiter has acted as Housemaster for over a term and we can assure him of our continued support.

Polding is to be congratulated on being appointed a House Prefect. We welcome Glass back to School after his unfortunate accident last term.

The Junior Rugby XV has played several practice games and shows promise of being a strong team. Rigby, Fyles, Scarisbrick and Watson have played for the 1st XV and Richards for the 2nd and 3rd XV. Holmes has played for the Bantams. A successful Life-Saving Class has been conducted by Scarisbrick and Bowerbank. The sports will take place early next term and all boys are urged to practise during the holidays in preparation for them.

We wish success to all boys taking the H.S.C. and S.C. trial examination, hoping that their labours will be fruitful.  
C.R.

#### ROGERS'

The Senior Rugby XV succeeded in winning their group competition, but were beaten in the final match, which produced an excellent game reflecting great credit on both sides. We hope the Junior team will provide the same standard of ability and effort in this term's competition.

It is to be hoped that the same enthusiasm will be shown for the athletics, life-saving and swimming which will be held next term. On the other hand the Senior members of the House must not forget that the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations are looming on the horizon, less than a term away.

We congratulate S. Miller on his appointment as a School Prefect.

The savings collections have been keeping up to a steady standard each week, but the Five Million Club is urgently in need of new members. The latter organisation is a very worthy one and we appeal to members of the House to give it more support.  
E.L.F.

#### SPENCER'S

On account of the state of the ground, we have been unable to play off the Junior House matches so far this term. Our Junior team, however, led by Evans, Sheard and Whitehead, will show its mettle when the time comes. Sheard is to be congratulated on being a member of the Bantams.

Burton, Dixon and Browne are to be congratulated on being appointed House Prefects. Burton has proved his efficiency both as Savings Secretary and as Dinner Prefect; Browne has carried out his duties as Cycle Prefect with commendable thoroughness, and Dixon has shown himself in many ways to be a keen supporter of the House.

We have three members of the House—Watts, Rosenbloom and Horrocks—in the School Chess team; of these, Watts is acknowledged to be the best player in the Chess Club.

During the Easter holidays, weather permitting, there will be opportunities to practise at School for the Athletic Sports at the beginning of next term. We would urge the House to make full use of these opportunities. There are several members of the House who are notable in this sphere, and they will be more than willing to help coach boys who show enthusiasm.

Finally we wish the best of luck to all those who are entering the H.S.C. and S.C. trials. May they reap the fruits of their labour.  
G.G.H.

#### WOODHAM'S

At the end of last term we were very sorry to say good-bye to R. Halliwell. His services in Rugby and cricket will be missed by both the House and the School. We send him our best wishes for his success.

The Senior team acquitted itself well by reaching the semi-final before being displaced by Rogers'. The House has been well represented in the School teams. R. Weber has played with the 1st XV, and M. Enright and G. Hughes with the 2nd XV. The last named has also played in the Colts. V. Hughes is Captain of the Bantams. Both he and A. Smith have been awarded their Bantam Colours, and G. Jones has also played.

The House was very glad to see E. Moss appointed School Prefect. He has put in a great deal of time as our Senior Savings Secretary and at the House Rugby practices. His services are fully appreciated.

The House has now attained 100 per cent. membership of the Five Million Club. We are very pleased to see this wholehearted response to our appeal.  
S.T.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

### ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following Old Boys:—

E. W. HEATON	R.A.F.	4th December, 1944
(Gear's 1936-1939)		
F. S. JENNINGS	R.N.V.R.	13th December, 1944
(Leech's 1936-1941)		
T. SEDDON	R.A.F.	23rd December, 1944
(Edwards' 1920-1924)		

Information has been received that the following have been posted as missing:—

K. POTTS (Edwards' 1932-1936)	R.A.F.
C. ENTWISTLE (Mason's 1930-1937)	R.A.F.

Information has been received that the following has been wounded:—

C. McMILLAN (Gear's 1936-1942)	Army
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Information has been received that the following awards have been gained:—

M. EVANS (Gear's 1935-1940)	Army	M.C.
K. POTTS (Edwards' 1932-1936)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.
J. A. B. BROWN (Spencer's 1933-1938)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.
D. IBBOTSON (Leech's 1926-1931)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.
A. C. BLYTHE (Evans' 1933-1938)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.
D. TIDY (Spencer's 1931-1939)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.
A. B. LUND (Woodham's 1929-1934)	R.A.F.	D.F.C.

Information has been received that the following have been mentioned in despatches:—

K. H. TRAVIS (Gear's 1925-1930)	R.N.V.R.
J. W. LEIVESLEY (Leech's 1931-1937)	Army.

This is the second time Leivesley has been "mentioned."

J. L. Edmondson has passed the final examination for M.B., Ch.B. at Liverpool University.

G. I. Ingham has passed the final examination for the B.Sc. degree of Manchester University.

H. Lees, B.Sc., has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. at London University for a thesis on the biochemistry of the nitrifying bacteria of soil. He is at present doing important research work at Rothamsted Experimental Station.

J. G. White has passed the examination for B.Sc. (Tech) at Manchester University with 3rd Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering.

E. W. Marsden played for Oxford University against Cambridge University at Rugby football on March 3rd.

## MARRIAGES

ALFRED SCOTT to MYRA DAVIDSON at St. Andrew's Church, Southport, on February 6th.

RONALD SIDEBOTHAM to MARJORIE SORRELL at Maidstone, Kent, on March 5th.

## OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Gonville and Caius College,  
Cambridge.

25th February, 1945.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—This term University life, proceeding on its leisurely course, has only lately been aroused by the advent of the boat race, the contest ending in a victory for the light blues.

None of the Cambridge Old Georgians are rowing men, but L.G.J. is a prominent member of the Rugby team, which is acquitting itself well in the inter-College matches. L.G.J., D.E.E., and B.S.H. are the backbone of the table tennis club, but we are sorry to say that P.J.O. and R. H., who have lately been to a lecture on "The Mechanics of Table Tennis," have not joined them.

D.J.H., experimenting in the field of wireless research, has obtained only copious fumes, whilst R.H.G. has spent some time endeavouring to play the organ, but as he did not invite any of us to hear his performance we cannot comment on his proficiency. A.M.W. has not been seen lately, probably owing to the fact that he is an early riser.

W.S. is leaving us at the end of this term for the R.A.F., and we wish him many "happy landings." Also the best of luck to those members of the School who are taking the Scholarship Exam. here in March.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

C.U.O.G.S.

University Naval Division,  
Edinburgh.

February, 1945.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—The end of the course draws nigh, bringing with it the usual 'Varsity exams., and, in addition, Naval exams. in the many subjects that our C.P.O.'s and O.I.'s have valiantly tried to teach to us. Although most of us have no qualms regarding these, we are not at all sure that we possess that mysterious, indefinable thing, officer-like qualities, generally known as O.L.Q., which, if we are to become Officers, are naturally required. Various types of work have been done to improve these qualities in us, such as scraping the paint off boats, on an open quay, in ten degrees of frost, and spending an afternoon lifting baulks of timber on to the roof by various methods, and then lowering them again, and we have spent numerous hours on the parade ground.

With the advent of the arctic weather at the commencement of this term, many decided that exercise would be better for them than freezing in the lecture rooms, and so the various ponds and canals

around were well populated with skaters and those who aspired to learn the art, much to their discomfort, and to that of their companions. The more zealous were found, at two o'clock in the morning, still flying round the ice in the moonlight, with the result that they did not feel able to concentrate on lectures the next morning.

The exceedingly rapid thaw which occurred was welcomed by many, as at last rugger and hockey could be played again, and during the last few weeks, when we have had exceedingly good weather, many matches of rugger, hockey and soccer have been played, both U.N.D. and 'Varsity.

It has been decided (by higher authorities, so we gather) that Germany is not for us, for we have received lectures on the Japs, why the Japs fight, how the Japs fight, what they will do after they have fought, in fact, as much "gen." on them as is possible.

In four weeks' time we say farewell to this fair city, some with much regret, as they have come to like the place, and also have become friendly with some of its inhabitants. But we shall get used to this mobile life before long. Our first stop after here is that beautiful town of Warrington, where we shall spend only a very short time (for which we are truly thankful). There we start our full-time Naval life, and when we just get used to that, we move again to the South and take various courses before ending up at Loughborough, where the engineering part of the course will be completed.

And now I had better start some more work if I hope to complete the course.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

Undergraduate Rating J. ANSTEY.

Students' Union,  
Liverpool.

26th February, 1945.

*To the Editors of "The Red Rose."*

SIRS.—After a somewhat frantic search for information about the activities of Georgians here this term, the only conclusion to be reached is that everybody is working too hard to be doing anything interesting.

Last week the Dramatic Society produced "The Tempest," which was well received, and much credit for its success is due to L. Shilling, the stage manager.

The S.T.C. is, of course, still a thriving concern at Liverpool, and Messrs. Bracewell, Haddock and Russell were in a party chosen recently to demonstrate to their admiring colleagues how to go on manoeuvres. It is to be hoped, however, that their demonstration of how to get lost in your own smoke-screen, how to keep your trousers up whilst climbing over towering obstacles or crawling through barbed wire, and of how best to fire at your own men (by mistake), was not taken too seriously. Besides these liabilities which the Corps has acquired this session it has undoubtedly recruited a valuable asset in E. Calardine, who won the monthly shooting competition last week (we suspect he must have been practising at home or somewhere), and who was in the S.T.C. team against the U.N.D.

Having padded this letter until it has attained a length just sufficient to remind people that there are Georgians at Liverpool, we will give both ourselves and you great pleasure by bringing this communique to a close.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

King's College,  
London.

23rd February, 1945.

*To the Editors of "The Red Rose."*

SIRS.—This term finds us still here after the strain of Christmas terminals, and we are now kept hard at work for the forthcoming Part I examinations to be held in June.

At the moment, college is in a state of chaos during the Presidential election of the Union Society. The election meeting was held some four days ago, with the majority of students present along with a piano frame complete with wires, which was played like a harp throughout the meeting.

M.M., who is an instructor of the Ballroom Dancing Club, one of the least powerful but most popular college societies, has been teaching G.H. the more intricate of the waltz steps, with the result that the latter is now seen at all the dances, ardently chasing the college lovelies. His success, however, is debatable, as it is rumoured that M.M. has also been teaching the said lovelies.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

University College,  
Swansea.

24th February, 1945.

*To the Editors of "The Red Rose."*

SIRS.—The main event of this term seems to have been the inter-college sports, which take place every year. The procedure is always for the two southern colleges, Cardiff and Swansea, to play, and then the winners go to Aberystwyth to play the winners of the Bangor and Aberystwyth matches. Our matches were played at Cardiff in some typical South Wales weather; despite the fact that nearly the whole college went to support the teams, we did not do at all well and only the Harriers team has gone up to Aberystwyth.

Another important inter-college event is the Eisteddfod, which also takes place in Aberystwyth, and a choir, soloists, pianists and elocutionists have gone up from this college to take part.

For one living in Southport it is difficult to realise what a great part singing plays in the national life down here, even in a cosmopolitan place like Swansea.

I remember how at the international Rugby match last year a military band was playing in front of the grandstand and all the people were singing the Welsh songs, not so much as a crowd, but more as a trained choir. The people not only can sing but know how to. It is



little wonder that many of our best singers come from Wales. Singing also plays a large part in college social functions, and we are lucky to have several fine soloists in the college.

I think I should correct an error in my last letter when I said that Cardiff was the main college of the University of Wales; Aberystwyth is the main and also the oldest college in Wales.

I remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

N.V.M.

[We are very glad to see G. P. Wakefield safely back again, and to have the opportunity of printing the following interesting article from his pen.—Ed.]

#### BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS IN GERMANY

Early this year I returned to England from Germany. I had been a prisoner of war for eighteen months, and I was lucky enough to be among the party of sick and wounded exchanged in January through Switzerland.

It is likely that only those who have relatives and friends in the Stalags and Oflags, and those whose work brings them into contact with the prisoners of war departments of such organisations as the Red Cross Society, have any clear idea of the daily life of a war prisoner. Readers may be interested, then, to have some information which has been gained at first-hand.

Prisoners of war are divided into two main categories: those who may be obliged to work for the detaining power and those who may not. The Geneva Convention, 1929, states that prisoners, with the exception of N.C.O.s, warrant officers and commissioned officers, may be put to work which does not directly contribute to war industry. In practice, of course, it is very difficult to distinguish between work which helps a nation's war effort, and work of an essentially peacetime nature; consequently private soldiers, and men of corresponding rank in all the services, are given work in mines, on the land, on the railways, in paper mills, almost anywhere except in the munitions factories. These men are registered in the main Stalags, and those who are medically fit are sent out in groups of about twenty and upwards to the area in which the work is to be done. If the area is near to the Stalag, they return each night; if not, they are quartered in smaller compounds near their place of work. These small compounds are guarded, and run in much the same way as the larger camps, usually with an N.C.O., who does not work himself, in charge of the British organisation.

In the main Stalags, then, are the medically unfit, those awaiting a posting to working camps, some few who work in the immediate neighbourhood, and the N.C.O.s and Warrant Officers. Commissioned officers are sent to Oflags, or, in the case of Air Force officers, to Stalag Luft III; this camp, which was in reality an Oflag, was in the territory now occupied by the Red Army.

For nine months I was in the hospital attached to Stalag 344, and I often visited the camp itself, about a mile away. Last August I was moved to Oflag VII B, and I found that life in a non-working camp, Stalag or Oflag, always follows much the same course. Living conditions vary considerably. Some camps are new and fairly comfortable,

some old and dilapidated; some have reasonably good open-air space, others are extremely confined. There are camps in pleasant, sheltered valleys, and on bleak, open plains. All the camps are overcrowded.

The prisoner's greatest enemy is boredom. Except for the check parades in the morning and evening, and, occasionally, additional checks and searches, the day is at the prisoner's disposal, to make whatever use of it he chooses.

One of the most general occupations is reading. There are books in all the camps, and the bigger camps have libraries of many thousands of volumes, on all kinds of subjects. Most people read for pleasure, to pass the time, but there are many who spend daily many hours in preparation for professional examinations. Facilities exist for examination papers to be sent out through the International Red Cross Society, so that the examinations may be taken in camp. Many prisoners will return to England, after the war, fully qualified for professional careers.

Music is important, too. All the camps have their orchestras and singers—anything from a hot swing trio to a forty-piece symphony orchestra, from a crooner to a choral society. Musical activities are closely linked with the drama. Every camp has its own theatre, a room, or a barrack, or part of a barrack set aside for the purpose. Last Christmas I went to the first performance of "The Comedy of Errors," set to music by an officer of the camp. Some of Shakespeare's lines had been adapted as song lyrics, mime and special dance routines were introduced, and the theatre was transformed into a representation of the "Porcupine" tavern. Costumes for the orchestra and cast were hired from Munich, a procedure followed wherever possible.

Sports and games of all kinds take a prominent place in the camp life. Cricket, Association and Rugby Football, Hockey and Tennis are the principal games, but the Canadians and Americans play their beloved Baseball, or, more usually, Softball. On Christmas Eve fire hoses were turned on to a small hockey pitch which had a banked-up perimeter, and on Christmas Day it was in use for skating and ice hockey. Football draws the best crowd, and on one memorable occasion last year a half-time interlude was provided by courtesy of the R.A.F., when a German plane, flying low over the camp, was pursued by two British fighters and shot down behind the hills opposite, all this some time after the "All Clear" had been sounded.

A great deal of work is done in the arts and crafts. Drawing and painting, weaving, carving, model-construction, embroidery, book-binding, even knitting, all have their enthusiasts, and almost everyone turns his hand at some time to gardening. I knew some fellows who kept bees. One was a keen natural historian; another suffered from rheumatism and gained relief from bee-stings. As the Germans claimed all the honey, the bees had only this one utility.

Prisoners have no occupation, no entertainment except such as they provide for themselves. Occasionally the Germans have shown films, or conducted parties to nearby buildings of ancient interest. But privileges of this kind have been very infrequent and have played a negligible part in the life of *Kriegsgefangenen*. Since the invasion there have been no parole activities of any kind. The morale of the prisoners is their own concern. After nearly six years it is still remarkably high, even among those who have been in Germany since the early days, as the elaborate programme of festivity in the camps

during Christmas 1944 demonstrated very clearly. The man who can find no mental or manual employment is invariably the man most sore in the fetters of captivity.

The work of the Red Cross Societies, and of the Y.M.C.A., in providing the means and materials for occupation, creative and recreative, is of inestimable importance. Little could have been done without the encouragement and unlimited practical assistance of these institutions. Anything, everything which might help to ease the prisoner's condition, and which the detaining power would allow, has been pouring into the camps through Geneva, Lisbon and Stockholm; nothing, once it passes behind the barbed wire, lies idle, whether it is a sewing needle or a double bass.

The health of prisoners of war, many of whom are wounded before capture, is a very important concern, and I have been able to see at close quarters something of the work done by British medical officers and orderlies who have been taken prisoner. The majority of these men are prisoners because they remained behind to care for the wounded in the field during the enemy's victorious campaigns in the first years of the war. Their work has continued throughout the whole period of captivity. Each camp has its own small hospital or sick bay, and there are besides one or two larger hospitals, with accommodation for four or five hundred patients, such as the one attached to Stalag 344. The medical and surgical work in all these hospitals is done entirely by British doctors and nursing orderlies. Prisoners are taken into German hospitals only when they need urgent specialist attention, or emergency operations, and when the nearest general prisoner of war hospital is too far away. But those I have met who have been sent to German hospitals have spoken very highly of the treatment and attention they receive there.

Prisoner of war life is monotonous and soul-destroying; it is artificial and creative only of artificiality. Its physical discomforts are as nothing in comparison with its spiritual limitation. Yet it has a pattern of its own, a sort of infinite variety in miniature, and can become self-contained. Soon it will be for nobody more than a memory. May it never return a reality. G.P.W.



[We hope that the following article from M. Williams, now serving in Italy, will interest our readers.—Ed.]

#### THE SAPPERS

The mottoes of the Sappers, *Ubique*—"everywhere"; and *Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt*—"where right and glory lead," were granted by King William IV in July, 1832.

The Corps of Royal Engineers, as we know it to-day, came into being in 1856 by decree of Queen Victoria, when officers and men were, for the first time, amalgamated into one composite corps. Prior to this there had been only officers in the Royal Engineers, but they did not receive military rank until 1757. These officers had under them civilian labour recruited when necessary for the jobs on hand.

In the library of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich is a list of distinguished engineer officers headed by Humphrey de Tilleul,

1066, and Waldivius Ingeniator, 1086. Engineer officers were in charge of what was called the Ordnance train, which included artillery, engineer and stores branches, and it was not until 1716 that the Royal Artillery was formed, which we proudly claim as our oldest offspring. The last link with the Artillery was broken only at the beginning of this war, when the searchlights were handed over from the sappers to the gunners.

In 1787 a Royal Warrant changed the designation of the Corps to Royal Engineers, and authorised them to take post together with the Royal Regiment of Artillery on the "right of the line" when parading with other Corps of the Army.

The Corps is very proud of its ancestry and also of its offspring. In addition to the Artillery we claim to be the father of the R.A.F. Before the last war the balloon detachment R.E. formed in 1890 was carrying out experiments which led to the flying machine and the formation of the R.F.C. There is to this day, in one of our big barracks in Aldershot, a square called "Balloon Square," from which some of the early ascents were made.

During the last war there was no Royal Corps of Signals, all the signals work being done by R.E. signals sections. It was not until just after the war that the Royal Corps of Signals became a separate entity.

It was sapper personnel who were engaged in the early experiments with tanks; and submarine mining was an offspring that, after 40 years growth was handed over to the Royal Navy.

Of the great men that the Corps has produced I will mention only two, Gordon and Kitcheener, the famous "yellow jacket" of the former being one of the most prized possessions of the R.E. Museum, Chatham.

These days the sappers are the least publicised of all our troops. One sees and hears constant reference to the tanks and infantry in the newspapers and on the radio, but only very occasionally are the R.E. mentioned.

The Corps exists as a service to help the Army to live, move and fight. In these days of attack and advance some sides of our activities are hardly ever practised, Demolitions being one. On the other hand an item which in the retreat is less important, Bridging, becomes of paramount importance in the advance.

It depends largely which way we are moving. In the advance we search for and neutralise enemy mines and booby-traps so that our tanks and infantry will not come to grief. We build bridges to enable our lorries and tanks to cross river obstacles. We make roads and repair craters so that the food, ammunition, petrol and all other stores may be quickly transported forward to the troops at the front.

In the retreat we do the opposite of all these actions. We lay minefields and booby-traps to slow down the advance of the enemy. We blow up bridges so that he has to stop and find alternative ways of crossing rivers. We blow craters in the roads for the same delaying purpose; for time is vital to give the retreating troops time to consolidate and prepare to withstand further assaults.

But all the sappers are not necessarily in the forward areas. There are countless numbers in the L. of C. and Base areas, building camps and depots, and clearing up demolished towns left in the wake of the advancing armies. As in former days we still use civilian labour supervised by sappers for this task.



Nor are all the R.E. companies Field Companies; that is to say, companies that do, or are trained to do, the front line work in the field. There are what we call "specialist" companies, such as the Railway operating companies that repair the track and bridges on the railway lines. Many of them are enlisted from the well-known L.M.S., L.N.E.R., G.W.R., and S.R. There are Quarrying Companies to supply the stone for the Road Construction Companies. The Docks are looked after by the Docks Operating Companies; men from the docks at Liverpool, London, Glasgow and the other big ports now doing their civilian jobs in khaki. One of the highest paid men in this branch of the service is the diver, who does undersea demolition and clearance.

Other specialist companies are the Forestry, Tunnelling, Camouflage, Bomb-Disposal, and Electrical and Mechanical Companies, all doing the job their name implies, the last being responsible for electric power-stations, water-works, pumping-stations, etc.

Yet another side is the Survey branch, which does surveys on the ground and makes maps, carrying round with it large mobile printing machines that must be a map-maker's dream come true.

Lastly, but by no means least, come the Postal Service, whose job it is to see that the soldier's mail reaches him no matter where he may be, whether it be in the line, in hospital, or on a course.

"Well may it be asked," wrote Capt. Connolly many years ago, "what is a sapper? This versatile genius is 'not one but all mankind's epitome,' condensing the whole system of military engineering and all that is useful and practical under one red jacket. He is the man of all work of the Army and the public—astronomer, geologist, surveyor, draughtsman, artist, architect, traveller, explorer, antiquary, mechanic, diver, soldier and sailor; ready to do anything or go anywhere; in short, he is a SAPPER."



### ELEGY ON A DEAD PARROT

Thou goddess fair beside Pierian fount,  
Strike now the golden notes of thy soft lyre,  
The chords that do inspire :  
Play softly, that a rime I may recount  
Of mournful tone and melancholy strain,  
And wring a sad, regretful, dismal tear  
From all who stop to hear,  
A sorry tear for him who, when in life,  
Loved me as tenderly as does my wife,  
For him whose intellect was so renowned,  
Who, ever upright, uttered thoughts profound,  
And now no more inhales the breath of life.  
For Polydas is dead, wise Polydas,  
And never more shall sport in human talk,  
And never more shall sound his heav'nly squawk,  
Nor ever pipe again his accents clear,  
And, with invectives dear,  
Arouse the love of them to whom he speaks,  
Nor, with discordant screech,  
Raise ecstasy in them who hear his speech.

It was the cat who did the direful deed,  
The lazy cat, who lives a life of ease,  
Who clothes himself in fur of finest silk,  
Who will not drink, except the finest milk,  
And stands aloof, howe'er we try to please.  
What boots it, then, to keep this selfish pet?  
This cruel beast, who, quite without regret,  
Slays inoffensive birds, and smirks with glee,  
Inflicts his plaintive cry incessantly,  
Owes unto Man his food, his life, his hearth,  
Yet will not with his master romp or sport,  
And follow him in love and amity,  
But, in his pride, must tread a separate path;  
And all his master's gifts doth set at naught,  
To pad, with tail aloft, in majesty.

High on his perch sat Polyd, deep in thought,  
And pondered lofty words and dreadful oaths,  
With which, anon, his audience he would charm.  
He meant the world no harm;  
And yet the cat, who ever had averred  
That Polydas was always in his heart,  
In envy, sought to slay the noble bird.  
With supple spring he leapt at Polyd's head,  
And Polydas lay dead.

Oh, bring the toucan with enormous beak,  
The wingless kiwi and the heron lank,  
The rose flamingo with the spindle-shank,  
The human penguin and the ostrich freak;  
The pelican must fill his pouch with sobs,  
And extinct dodos from their ashes rise,  
To walk behind the hearse where Polyd lies.

But cease, O Muse, cease mourning for his soul;  
It never was his wish to make me sad;  
Therefore, I must be glad  
That he has left this bad and sinful world,  
Where, day and night, we lived together both,  
And now in climes more holy screams his oath.

A.C.



### TISH THE OTTER

It was cold and silent, save for the noise of the stream, and not very light, for the moon had not yet risen. Slowly, from the holt in the shadows of the willow tree, a powerful dog-otter with a long tapering tail crept. Silently he padded forward, his eyes searching the bank, his long whiskers twitching as he sniffed the air. Then, after gazing across the stream once more, he plunged silently into the swiftly flowing stream.

He swam leisurely down-stream till he came to a large flat rock which reared its head above the eddies. Tish scrambled up, shook the water from his fur, and whined softly. He paid no attention to the sound of the water-rat swimming by; he recognised that sound.

But he became rigid and silent, crouching low on the stone, his ears pricked up and his nose twitching, when he heard another sound on the bank down-stream.

He crouched lower into the shadows and let himself silently into the water and began to swim up-stream, coming up as seldom as possible for air, for now he recognised the noise. Two nights earlier, Colonel Playfair and Squire Hardy had hunted him with otter hounds and terriers, and he had escaped only through running down a drain-pipe. They had tried in vain to get him out of the pipe by throwing in rags soaked in paraffin and a lighted match, but Tish refused to come out, even though it made his fur smell and his eyes smart. Now they were having another try.

He swam on, up-stream, past the holt, past the little bridge, till he came to the woods. With a powerful sweep of his tail he turned sharply and clambered up the bank. He halted, erect, nose raised, and then started off through the undergrowth. The sound of the hounds was nearer now and Tish could not tell where they were; they seemed to be both in front and behind.

Swiftly Tish turned and hurried back to the river. On land he was liable to be caught, but in the river he could out-wit and out-swim the hounds. Tish halted a brief second, then slipped gently into the water, dived with hardly a ripple, and came up under some bushes, where, with only his eyes, nose and ears above water, he watched, waited and listened.

The hounds came charging down the river bank. At a loss where to look, they ran aimlessly along the bank, and then the beaters came up, armed with heavy cudgels and blazing torches. Tish submerged as the beaters came near, but unfortunately as he did so he flicked a dead branch. Though it was dim the hounds noticed the movement and were after him like a flash.

Tish swam under water as far as he could, holding his breath, pursued by the leaders of the pack, but suddenly he found his way barred by an otter-net held up by three long-hafted otter-spears.

His way was barred, there was no going on. Enraged, Tish whirled round and headed away from the shadows of the bank. Diving once more he found himself confronted by the leader of the pack. As the hound lunged at him, Tish swerved and easily evaded the brute; twisting and turning, he came up under the dog and buried his teeth in the hound's throat. Hanging on, slashed by the fangs of the rest of the pack, bleeding and tattered, Tish was driven to the bank.

As they neared the bank the hounds ceased worrying him and, still clinging to the otter-hound, now dead, he was hauled out and lifted above the Colonel's head. Tattered, bleeding and with his front paw broken, Tish was thrown, still living, into the struggling, anxious mass of hounds, to be worried to death.

So ended a night of the noble English sport of otter-hunting, a night enjoyed by all but the dead otter-hound and Tish. And, as the Colonel remarked to the Squire afterwards: "What an otter! and to think that that otter might have been shot by an ignorant farmer! It's a good job that there are still some sportsmen left who can play the game."

D.C.B.

## THE WRECK

Alas, poor ship! thy bones now lie to rot  
In Neptune's bosom, where thou art asleep.  
No more Argestes' raging wilt thou heed,  
Or softly sigh to feel Favonius' breath:  
But once thou wouldst have mock'd the tempest's fierce  
Attempt by wind and wave to drag thee down  
To thy last anchorage, where now thou liest.

Now all that lies forgott'n as the age  
When all the sea was fill'd with white-wing'd ships,  
Even as thou, which battl'd 'gainst the storms  
And wrath of gaunt Cape Horn, which God has made  
A tilting-ground where man and nature meet  
In mortal combat grim; thy sisters too,  
Like thee are banish'd from the raging foam  
By dirty tankers and their grimy peers,  
Disturbing thee in thy last resting-place.

R.S.S.

## JERICHO

At Jericho, in Palestine,  
The people worship wood;  
The Lord commands the Israelites  
To go and make them good.

The citizens defy the Lord;  
He finds the walls are weak;  
He tells the priests to march around  
Them daily for a week.

"The seventh day," the Lord commands,  
"Upon your trumpets blow;  
The walls shall fall down at the sound,  
They have been weakened so."

Six weary days the priests march round:  
All Israel stands at gaze.  
The seventh day, the trumpets blare  
And the high ramparts raze.

Confusion reigns in Jericho:  
The Lord's men enter in  
And burn the images of wood.  
God keep us all from sin.

A.V

## STAR-GAZERS

The stars look down on slow revolving form  
Of fertile green, parched sand, and rocky spurs,  
But do they hear the seas whipped by the storm,  
Or sighing winds breathe softly 'gainst the firs?  
They watch our busy breed, and twinkling, smile.  
They see our ordered cities, trim and neat.  
Are they aware of murd'rous wars the while,  
Or do they feel the tramp of marching feet?  
How can they know these things? How judge at all?  
Yet some there are who heavenwards would look  
And then foretell a mighty Empire's fall.  
They read these same dumb stars just like a book.  
If trivial facts like these our Magis see,  
Shall I, I ask them, pass my H.S.C.?

J.R.H.



## THE ART ROOM

Far from the madding tumult of the school,  
Uprais'd on high, almost to Heaven's feet,  
The artist sweats and plies his heavy toil:  
With brush and palette doth he tempt his Muse  
To charm the Naiads, hills and valleys green  
On to his sun-kiss'd canvas; while the din  
And bother of the busy world go on  
Unheeded far below his blissful feet:  
Ah me! that peace and beauty are not found  
Save in such refuge as this holy ground.

R.S.S.



## RUGBY

### 1st XV RESULTS

- Wed., Nov. 22nd—v. Liverpool University 3rd XV, at home—  
School lost 13-14.  
Wed., Dec. 9th—v. Blackpool Grammar School, at home—  
School won 9-0.  
Wed., Feb. 7th—v. Wallasey Grammar School, at home—  
School lost 5-26.  
Sat., Feb. 10th—v. Lancaster Grammar School, at Lancaster—  
School lost 12-22.  
Wed., Feb. 21st—v. Ormskirk Grammar School, at home—  
School won 33-3.

### 2nd XV RESULTS

- Wed., Feb. 7th—v. Wallasey Grammar School, at Wallasey—  
School lost 3-22.  
Wed., Feb. 21st—v. Ormskirk Grammar School, at Ormskirk—  
School won 52-6.

## 3rd XV and COLTS' XV RESULTS

- Sat., Dec. 9th—v. Blackpool Grammar School, at Blackpool—  
School won 14-6.  
Wed., Feb. 7th—v. Wallasey Grammar School, at home—  
School won 14-6.

### BANTAM XV and "UNDER 14" XV RESULTS

- Wed., Nov. 29th—v. Merchant Taylors' School, at Crosby—  
School won 12-6.  
Wed., Feb. 7th—v. Wallasey Grammar School, at Wallasey—  
School lost 3-6.  
Sat., Feb. 10th—v. Lancaster Grammar School, at home—  
School lost 10-0.  
Wed., Feb. 14th—v. Merchant Taylors' School, at home—  
School won 23-0.

### 1st XV CRITICISM, 1944-45

I. M. ROSS (Captain), Colours 1943-44.

S. MILLER (Vice-Captain), Colours 1943-44.

- R. K. PARKINSON. 1st XV Colours 1942-43. Loose forward. Has been handicapped this season by being unable to take part in many games. He has, however, played well in loose scrums and tackled well.  
R. GREENALL. 1st XV Colours 1943-44. Loose forward. A fast and tireless forward, who is always prominent in loose rushes. Shows good anticipation in breaking up movements by the opposition halves and threequarters. Tackles too high.  
N. ALLEN. 1st XV Colours 1944-45. Hooker. His talented forward play has been a great asset to the school team this year. In set scrums his excellent hooking has invariably secured us the ball. A noticeable feature of his play is his ability to gain possession of the ball in the loose and to start a three-quarter movement.  
M. G. SANDERSON. 1st XV Colours 1944-45. Centre threequarter. His exceptional speed and acceleration have enabled him to penetrate the opponents' defence with great success. He does not, however, always distribute the ball to best advantage. In defence he has played soundly, making good use of his kicking ability.  
W. RIGBY. 2nd XV Colours 1943-44. Front row forward. Has used his height and weight to good effect in the line-outs. He has kept well up with the play and done useful work in loose scrums. Tackles too high.  
R. W. HAYDEN. 2nd XV Colours 1943-44. Front row forward. Is slow in following the play and does not always use his weight to best advantage. Has a useful tackle, and is prompt in falling on the ball to stop loose rushes by the opposition.  
F. BUXTON. Wing threequarter. He is a strong runner but does not make full use of his support. His tackling is much too high.  
J. C. SCARISBRICK. Wing threequarter. Though lacking in size, has good Rugby sense and has gained ground through his speed and intelligent backing up. In defence he tackles well, but is slow to fall on the ball.

J. D. WATSON. Full back. Handicapped by lack of size and weight, but his clean and confident handling and his accurate kicking make him a reliable full back.

D. BUCK. Centre threequarter. Has relied too much on his support when in an attacking position and has thus not used his strong running to full advantage. Has developed a useful kick.

J. L. HALSALL. Scrum half. His passing from the base of the scrum has been too slow and inaccurate in recent matches. Tackles and falls on the ball well.

A. FYLES. Second row forward. Though seldom conspicuous his work has always been sound. Plays well in loose scrums.

R. DIGGLE. Second row forward. Has played with great energy but suffers from lack of experience. A strong tackle.

R. C. WEBER. Back row forward. A useful forward, but is at a loss when in possession of the ball.

Also played: R. A. WHITE, R. GUEST, D. JOHNSON, J. M. BATHER, R. B. HALLIWELL, A. GRUB.

#### DEBATING SOCIETY

**Committee:** R. W. Hayden (Chairman); V. G. Pegg (Vice-Chairman); D. C. Burton (Secretary); B. MacEvoy, N. G. Francis, I. M. Ross.

The term has seen the successful revival of the Debating Society and up to the time of writing three motions have been debated.

At the first meeting, held on January 19th, the election of officials took place. The motion "That science is a hindrance to civilisation," proposed by Timourian, and opposed by Renouf, was defeated by 30 votes to nil. Those in favour of the motion claimed that science was being misused; the opposition found it desirable and unavoidable that science should continue to magnify man's capacity for good and for evil.

The second debate, on the motion "That state control does not make the best use of the resources of the nation," proposed by Hayden and opposed by James, caused enthusiastic and heated discussion. Hayden voiced the opinion that competition, a necessary factor in production, was absent under State control, the opposition retorting with the proved example of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Tension grew when R. Ross challenged the authenticity of Renouf's statements and the assembly was called to order. The motion was defeated by 25 votes to 15.

On February 9th, Soloman proposed "That the British Monarchy should be abolished," and was opposed by Horrocks. Once more the motion was defeated, this time by 25 votes to 18.

Though attendance at the Debating Society has been high, we should like to see many more present at the debates. D.C.B., D.F.R.

#### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

**Committee:** F. R. McManus (Chairman); D. H. Johnson (Vice-Chairman); J. M. Bather (Secretary); D. Hurst, E. Moss, M. Seale.

After a lapse of some five years, the Scientific Society was revived at a meeting on January 15th, when the above officials were elected. The first lecture was given by R. K. Parkinson, on January 23rd, on the subject of "Railway Locomotives." The lecturer adopted a very entertaining manner, and showed a deep knowledge of his subject. On January 30th, Mr. N. S. Taylor spoke on "Alternating and Direct Current," and performed many experiments with phenomenal rapidity. On February 6th, Mr. W. A. Gibson Martin visited the Society to talk about "Plastics," and the following Tuesday D. H. Carr lectured on "Deep-Sea Diving," illustrating his talk with the epidiascope.

We have been greatly encouraged by the attendances. On the average, over 100 members attend the meetings, representing all elements in the School. Whether this is due to the love of pure science or not is a debatable point, but the interest shown by the average member is very pleasing.

F.R.M., J.M.B.

#### ART SOCIETY

The call of art has been persistent throughout the war. Now, at the rebirth of two new and popular societies, the Art Society stands firm in friendly association with its colleagues.

The attendance has been good, and lectures include a talk on the purpose of art by L. A. Burman, who illustrated his arguments with a brief survey of the history of art.

Good work has been done in every type of art, and very high hopes for the coming exhibition reign throughout the committee. Some posters have been painted and hung in the corridors.

We would like to extend our heartiest thanks to Mr. J. B. Jenkinson for the time, patience and energy he has spent on the Art Society.

Enquiring minds have asked why science and debates have found popularity among students of art. What a conception such minds must have! What sort of picture of art do they have?—a sentimental absentmindedness on the part of some long-haired irresponsible semi-human being? No, art is real, it is alive. In so far as a painting is not alive, it is worthless; in so far as a design is not living, it is meaningless. Art is continually searching for knowledge, whether material or spiritual, and thus it is science.

A history of art is a history of living things—of human beings. Life is a process of solving contradictions, the solutions always bringing their own problems. Art is correspondingly unstable, always changing with the times. Art is a long debate, where the speakers never cease to talk, where opinions sway from side to side, and where no conclusion is ever reached.

We would like, therefore, to make yet another appeal for more members, especially from the Senior side of the School, to join with us in our efforts to put our conception of the world around us into the picture frame.

J.B.N.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

A very fair standard of rhetoric has been achieved by some members of the Society as experience and confidence grow. Music of the more familiar romantic composers has been played and discussed, often with interesting and even surprising conclusions. Nevertheless, attendance has been most disappointing, especially when one recalls the momentary boom at the commencement of the present series of lectures on "The Growth of Music."

The fare next term should prove more acceptable to the connoisseur and also to those about to embark upon their maiden voyage through the vividly imaginative regions of modern music. Their explorations will doubtless be stimulated and guided when such masters as Prokoviev, Schostakovitch, Debussy, Vaughan Williams, Walton, Sibelius and others are discussed.

D.F.R.



## VIOLIN CLASS

This term the Violin Class has had a fair number of new members to swell its ranks. They are all eager to learn and some of the older members are improving considerably. Those who are well advanced now form a small orchestra and meet each Wednesday for the pleasure of playing together and to help the Junior members along. All new members who are keen are warmly welcomed and will find good guidance at the hands of Mr. Whitfield, who runs the class. The fee is 10/- a term, which is very moderate indeed, and lessons are held every Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

R.S.



## CHESS CLUB

This term we were entertained to a game at Ormskirk Grammar School. We returned the invitation a fortnight later. The honours were even. We played well at Ormskirk, but the influence of the home ground must have caused some over-confidence.

### Played at Ormskirk—Jan. 29th.

School	Ormskirk G.S.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Watts .....	Woods $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Cohen .....	Dean 0
$\frac{1}{2}$ Timourian .....	Webster $\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$ McManus .....	Yates $\frac{1}{2}$
0 Gold .....	Jones 1
1 Franklin .....	Rawsthorne 0
1 McLeod .....	Ansfield 0
$\frac{1}{2}$ Horrocks .....	Broughton $\frac{1}{2}$
0 Finn .....	Richmond 1
5 —Totals—	4

### Played at School, Feb. 12th.

School	Ormskirk G.S.
0 Cohen .....	Webster 1
$\frac{1}{2}$ Watts .....	Dean $\frac{1}{2}$
0 Rosenbloom .....	Yates 1
1 Timourian .....	Jones 0
0 McManus .....	Broughton 1
0 McLeod .....	Rawsthorne 1
0 Gold .....	Churchman 1
$\frac{1}{2}$ Horrocks .....	Ansfield 0
$\frac{1}{2}$ Finn .....	Richmond $\frac{1}{2}$
3 —Totals—	6

S.T.

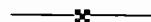
## FIVE MILLION CLUB

At the time of writing, this term's collection is over £11, and we hope to approach the splendid total of £12 9s. 10d. which we raised last term. We highly commend the efforts of Woodham's (Timourian, S.), Spencer's (Dixon, R. W.), Mason's (Rimmer, C.), Leech's (Whittle, B.), and Gear's (Wilkinson, D.). The notice board outside the Geography Room gives testimony to their enthusiasm.

In the letter from the Club Headquarters in Surrey, Mr. Hutt says: "I have been able to guarantee the entire administrative expenses of the club for the duration of the war, so that our members will have the satisfaction of knowing that this welcome new addition to our funds will be sent to the Treasury, without any deduction, to help finish the war and help to defray the cost of a new playground in some over-built city or town where more playgrounds are badly needed."

This message speaks for itself. Let us aim at topping the £13 mark in the summer term; it can be done.

D.B.R.



## No. 652 KING GEORGE V SCHOOL SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

As usual during the winter term, our activities have been somewhat curtailed. The weather, for instance, interfered considerably with flying arrangements, but it is hoped that we shall be more fortunate in the near future.

The most important feature of the term has been the Fourth Anniversary of the Air Training Corps. To mark this, a special parade was held at St. Philip's Church on Sunday, February 4th.

Another outstanding event was the success of the Squadron rifle team in its first match, against Nos. 281 and 1879 Squadrons. The team, captained by Sgt. Kenyon, did remarkably well in gaining first place, and all members are to be congratulated on their shooting. It is hoped that further matches in this and other activities will soon be arranged.

In Rugby football, the following cadets have played or have been chosen to play for the West Lancs. A.T.C. Rugby XV: Sgt. Buck, Sgt. Scarisbrick, Cpl. Enright, Cadets Sanderson, Rigby and Hoyles. The first game against Mid-Lancs. A.T.C. was won, but unfortunately the second game, against West Cheshire A.T.C., had to be cancelled.

On Sunday, 28th January, a film show was given by S/Lt. Broomhead, of the Royal Navy. One film depicted the life of a cadet before and after entry into the R.N. and F.A.A., and the other was a trip over a cruiser. We were very happy to welcome Nos. 281 and 1879 Squadrons to this show.

The following members of the Squadron are to be congratulated in becoming Cadets (1st Class): Bracegirdle-Clarkson, Greene, Harvey, Hobbs, Hurst, King, Lawler, Norris, Polding, Preece, Shaw.

Two cadets have recently joined the forces—Sgt. Wilby (F.A.A.) and L/C. Wood (Army). We wish them the very best of luck. Sgt. Pulman has successfully passed his second R.A.F. Selection Board. During the term, a number of ex-cadets have again visited us. We should like to express our pleasure at these visits and to say how much we appreciate them.



During next term, more outdoor training will be possible. Discipline will have to be stiffened and all movement, in response to orders, accelerated. Each flight, each crew, and even each cadet must aim at becoming the smartest unit in the Squadron. Then, and only then, will the Squadron be ready for the Annual Camp, when its efficiency will be most fully tested.

It is hoped to arrange the Camp for the beginning of the summer holidays, and we would urge as many cadets as possible to take advantage of the experience and training that such a Camp offers.

FLIGHT SERGEANT.



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We have yet another complaint to make. The Library periodicals have been very badly used this term and in one instance a whole page has been deliberately torn out of a magazine. We shall be forced to suspend all periodicals unless the treatment they receive is improved.

We should like to thank B. Bracewell, who has undertaken to supply "Stamp Collecting" to us every week, and also C. Greenwood, for the gift of a book.

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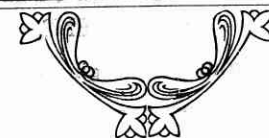
### IMPORTANT DATES

Term begins ..... Wednesday, April 25th  
Athletic Sports (Finals) ..... Tuesday, May 15th  
Half Term ..... May 21st and 22nd  
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