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“Reading maketh a full man; Conference a ready man; and Writing an exact man.”

—BACON.

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EDITORIAL.

From the toils of harvest camp and the leisure of the holidays, we all returned in September after a summer more strenuous than usual. In School, masters and prefects have struggled to remember names and faces of the new boys, and the new forms of the “old-stagers.” Amid the clinging mud, and the frantic shouts of the XV’s half-back, the football teams have worked up the long road—difficult for some—to fitness, encouraged by the advice of Mr. Strugnell and Mr. McIntosh. While the athletic sought recreation on Stapylton, the intellectual have plodded on in their quest for culture, embalmed by the dust of learning in the Sixth form room.

We welcome, this term, Mr. Covington who has come to us to assume the herculean task of battling with the ignorance of the juniors, and stirring interest in the seniors, in the literature and grammatical intricacies of their native tongue. We welcome, too, Mr. Skene, who has assumed Mr. Young’s labours of instilling geographical knowledge into the minds of unwilling juniors. As is usual this term, all branches of the School Society have revived, but, inspired with a desire for completeness, have submitted only a broad and brief summary of their activities. In the Art Room, on most evenings of the week, indistinguishable grunts and groans, high-pitched whispers and whistles denote the progress of the Chess Club members, some anxious to “wipe the board” with their opponents, others to imitate the games of Niemzowitsch. In memory of the late Sergt.-Pilot D. R. Barrett (1932-9) his chess set has been given to the School.

As it has now been running for four years, we have denied the harvest camp the space for a separate article. The site was as before, the funny incidents were much as before (save for the fellow who offered his hand to a calf), the work was much as before, so was the battle with the stove—only more strenuous. The weather alone provided the difference, a fortnight’s glorious sun being followed by a fortnight’s rain, and the

rearguard had to do their task in truly appalling conditions. We have, however, no less heartily than before, to thank those who ran the camp for us, and saw that, whether we returned sun-burned or soaked, there were food and as much comfort as possible for us.

We can then look back on a term well-spent, whose peace was either disturbed occasionally by the rattling explosion of a rocket-bomb or lulled along by the gentle, rhythmical choruses of the toiling French students in Room B, keen—we hope—to learn their irregular verbs.

At the end of the term we have to say good-bye to Miss Strevens, and to Miss Hardy whose tireless work at the harvest camp we shall not easily forget. In their places we shall welcome Mr. C. A. Raines, and Mr. L. A. Pile, B.A. (London).

The Powell-Davis prize was awarded last term to D. K. Jervis; the O.E. War Memorial Prize was divided between N. G. Scriven and G. A. Gibson.

Next term will commence on January 15th and end on March 28th, with half-term on Monday, February 19th.

SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS.

Prefects: N. G. Scriven (*Capt.*), K. W. Carter (*Lieut.*), D. K. Jervis, D. L. J. Cadney,* P. J. D. Northey,* N. A. O. Swabey.*

Sub-Prefects: R. C. Pankhurst, J. Boddington,* J. Wells,* A. J. P. Sweetman,* M. G. V. Cadney,* J. C. Fitkin.*

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*Appointed since last issue.

CRICKET RETROSPECT, 1944.

The 1944 season was unexpectedly good, and fortunately the flying-bombs interfered but little with fixtures.

In the first eleven, the fielding, though earnest, was rather slow and shaky, judged as a whole, and the bowling was much of a slow to medium muchness, nor was that muchness remarkable—with the possible exception of Firth. But the cricket spirit of the side was good, and the first six or seven batsmen, rallying round Williams as their strong point, provided a reasonable mixture of aggression and steadiness, with some measure of consistency. So the results were achieved of: won 8 matches, drawn 2, lost 5—a very pleasing record when it is recalled that, while the side made an ass of itself on only two occasions, nearly all its victories were gained by a really convincing margin.

The congratulations due to the first cannot be passed on to the second, which had the awful record of: won 1, lost 6. The bowling was about adequate, but the fielding and batting only too often went wrong. Probably the best performance was to lose by only two runs to St. Albans with a team which, owing to exams, was a very scratch one. From this and from the fact that many players changed places during the season, it may be gathered that the line of demarcation between the second and third was extremely blurred. Indeed, there was little to choose between the two sides, and the third, led by D. Cadney, did tolerably to win 2 matches, while losing 3.

The Colts, like the first, are to be congratulated on confounding the critics who thought them likely to have a lean year. Led by P. Wells, they were a lively lot in the field, had a promising bowler or two, and batsmen who, if unpolished, were on the look out for runs and were fairly sound in essentials. They had the good record of: won 3, lost 1.

By way of a footnote it may be said that the first had an odd preference for sending its opponents in to bat. This is not normally good tactics. All you gain thereby is to deny your opponents the use of the new ball, with which few bowlers are really deadly anyway, and to gain this small advantage you give up first use of a wicket that may deteriorate later, send your batsmen in when tired after fielding in the hottest part of the day, and probably lose the chance of dictating the pace of the game. This is to fall almost to the level of cricket superstitions, like batsmen who can't bat at No. 3, though they can do so at Nos. 2 and 4, and so on. Such superstitions make good fun (there was once a man who always sat for luck on a kipper before batting) but not good cricket.

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES.

BATTING.	Innings	Times High't		Total	Average
		not out	score		
M. Williams	15	1	116	538	38.43
J. R. Sterry	14	3	40	208	18.91
G. W. Firth	7	2	35*	75	15.00
J. Wells	11	2	40	132	14.66
E. B. Stephens	14	0	42	204	14.57
G. A. Francis	9	4	18	50	10.00
R. C. Pankhurst	6	3	11	26	8.66
J. F. C. Olney	15	1	29	102	7.20
G. A. Gibson	13	1	13	71	5.91
W. C. Fillmore	6	0	11	26	4.33
M. G. V. Cadney	7	2	6*	12	2.40
BOWLING.	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
G. W. Firth	153.2	28	382	62	6.16
R. C. Pankhurst	33.3	4	104	12	8.66
M. G. V. Cadney	135.1	19	326	28	11.64
G. A. Francis	105	10	288	22	13.09
W. C. Fillmore	62	12	144	11	13.09
M. Williams	23	2	87	0	—

FIRST XI MATCHES (cont.).

OLD ELIZABETHANS C.C. Away. July 8th. Lost by 15 runs.

The Old Elizabethan side batted first, opening with the McKean brothers; the elder of them was soon bowled by M. Cadney and the younger was then joined by McCormack. The O.E.s settled down and the score gradually crept up until it reached 63 for 4. Then the cricketing ability of the side seemed to have ceased, Haines being the only batsman to make double figures among the last half-dozen players. The O.E.s were finally dismissed for 96 and the School's chances seemed quite good. But the sound bowling of B. L. McKean and T. W. F. Pay together with a large measure of over-confidence among our players resulted in their swift departure. Williams seemed to be the only one of our batsmen capable of facing the bowling of the O.E.s and even he did not always seem sure of himself.

SCHOOL.

G. A. Gibson, b. Pay	...	...	...	...	2
E. B. Stephens, b. Pay	...	...	...	...	4
M. Williams, run out	...	...	...	...	28
J. F. C. Olney, l.b.w., b. Pay	...	...	...	...	7
J. R. Sterry, ct. Fish, b. B. L. McKean	...	...	...	...	1
J. Wells, b. B. L. McKean	...	...	...	...	6
G. A. Francis, ct. Pay, b. B. L. McKean	...	...	...	...	2
R. C. Pankhurst, l.b.w., b. McGreal	...	...	...	...	11
W. C. Fillmore, ct. and b. J. McKean	...	...	...	...	11
G. W. Firth, b. J. McKean	...	...	...	...	8
M. G. V. Cadney, not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	81

OLD ELIZABETHANS C.C.: 96.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fillmore	8	3	6	1
Firth	17	2	28	3
Cadney	14	2	25	4
Francis	8	2	15	0
Pankhurst	4	0	10	0

v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. Away. July 15th. Won by 6 wkts.

Owing to travel difficulties, the team did not arrive at Bedford till 1.30, so the match became an afternoon game instead of an all day one. Bedford batted first and two wickets fell quickly. Nos. 3, 4 and 5, however, batted stubbornly and a good total seemed likely. Fillmore went on and quickly changed the situation, by getting three wickets in two overs. Francis then quickly finished off the innings for the modest total of 98.

Gibson and Stephens were quickly out, but with Olney joining Williams, the result of the match was not long in doubt. Williams played his best innings of the season, scoring rapidly all round the wicket. Olney batted well, but was not powerful enough to get through the fielders. When it looked as if we were going to win by 8 wickets, Olney was unfortunately run out. Another wicket fell before we passed the Bedford total. Everything considered, a good win.

SCHOOL.

G. A. Gibson, b. Bambridge	...	...	...	...	4
E. B. Stephens, ct. Shreeves, b. Bambridge	...	...	...	...	3
M. Williams, ct. Spencer, b. Dilley	...	...	...	...	78
J. F. C. Olney, run out	...	...	...	...	10
J. R. Sterry, ct. and b. Dilley	...	...	...	...	5
J. Wells, b. Hale	...	...	...	...	1
G. A. Francis, not out	...	...	...	...	5
G. W. Firth, b. Linger	...	...	...	...	9
R. C. Pankhurst, not out	...	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	...	6

Total (for 7 wkts.)

118
W. C. Fillmore and M. G. V. Cadney did not bat.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL : 98.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Firth	15	4	27	3
Cadney	9	3	21	0
Francis	9.3	3	19	3
Pankhurst	6	2	7	1
Fillmore	5	1	9	3

v. ROYAL COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOL.
Away. July 26th. Lost by 10 runs.

The School followed its usual practice of putting its opponents in first. The Royal Commercial Travellers' side seemed at first easy meat for our bowlers and the score was 3 for 3 wickets. Then apparently becoming a little overconfident we slackened off our efforts and the score crept up to 32 for 7. The last two batsmen were soon dispatched and we left ourselves to equalise a total of 39, a task which we should easily have managed. When we went out on the pitch to bat, however, we found ourselves in not such an easy position as we had hoped. The pitch was indeed small and all our batsmen seemed to find the crease too close to the wicket. The side was consequently easily dismissed for a score of 29 runs! The match was rather a disappointing close to what was, judged as a whole, a very good season.

SCHOOL.

G. A. Gibson, ct. Glennie, b. Brown	...	...	...	0
E. B. Stephens, hit wkt.	...	...	...	5
M. Williams, ct. Chatham, b. Brown	...	...	...	0
J. F. C. Olney, b. Farmer	...	...	...	3
J. R. Sterry, run out	...	...	...	1
G. A. Francis, b. Brown	...	...	...	3
R. C. Pankhurst, b. Brown	...	...	...	2
W. C. Fillmore, b. Brown	...	...	...	0
G. W. Firth, st. Chatham, b. Brown	...	...	...	5
N. G. Scriven, ct. Chatham, b. Brown	...	...	...	0
M. G. V. Cadney, not out	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	29

ROYAL COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOL : 39.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cadney	9	2	15	4
Firth	6	2	13	2
Francis	4	1	7	1
Fillmore	2	1	2	3

FIRST XI CHARACTERS.

G. A. FRANCIS (*Capt.*, *Colours* 1944). Though inexperienced, his captaincy was mainly sound and certainly successful. Slow medium bowler of "stock" rather than attacking type, fairly useful bat (but apt to overwork his old-fashioned pull), and good field.

M. WILLIAMS (*Vice-Capt.*, *Colours* 1943-4). Tall young left-hander with powerful strokes in front of the wicket. Has a good deal to learn and must beware of mannerisms, but was the mainstay of the batting and had a fine season, making two centuries. Good field; and his bowling, which was out of luck, will probably be all right next year.

G. W. FIRTH (*Colours* 1944). The mainstay of the attack. Slow medium off-breaker, had a splendid season, and may be a fine bowler if he can get his leg-break right. His batting is a little stiff, and he moves about rather too much against the faster bowling, but promises well, and might have gone in higher. Fielding variable.

E. B. STEPHENS (*Colours* 1944). Dependable opening bat, though rather too wedded to correct back play to use his strokes freely enough. Fielding very keen but uncertain.

J. WELLS (*Colours* 1944). His back play is weak, but when he survived his first few balls he produced beautiful forward strokes. Slow in the field but had a long accurate throw.

J. R. STERRY (*Colours* 1944). Aggressive bat, at his best in a crisis, and though he had a poor sense of timing, he had a good range of strokes and was pretty consistent. Excellent field.

M. G. V. CADNEY (*Colours* 1944). Medium paced bowler, rather erratic and of no great subtlety, but stout-hearted and got the most he could out of the wicket. Keen but shaky field, and no bat as yet.

J. F. C. OLNEY (*Colours* 1944). Very young for the Eleven, and most unlucky in often being run out, but his batting, though a bit limited in strokes, shows much promise. So does his wicket-keeping, though not yet of First XI standard.

G. A. GIBSON. Opening bat, whose method was incorrect, but had the merit of watching the ball and was worth more to the side than his figures show. Keen but clumsy field.

R. C. PANKHURST. Slow change bowler of the "tweedler" type, useful in breaking a partnership, and, usually, a good slip field. Weak bat.

W. C. FILLMORE. Medium paced bowler, a little lacking in sting, could play a clean stroke or two, and improved a lot in the field.

SECOND ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

C. J. KIRKMAN (*Capt.*). His call-up, unexpectedly early in the term, meant a serious loss of leadership to the side.

R. OPPERMAN (*Colours* 1944). His batting has promise, but is stiff, and short of strokes square with, and behind the wicket. Good field close to the wicket.

J. M. ROBERTSON (*Colours* 1944). Medium pace of no particular deadliness or subtlety but keeps a fair length. Sound field; batting needs a fresh start in method.

D. H. THOMAS (*Colours* 1944). Medium paced, bowls a bit short, but has life from the pitch and promises well. Batting all wrong.

C. A. WINCHESTER (*Colours* 1944). Keen and knows the game, but his promising spin-bowling and left-hand batting were both almost ruined this year by mannerisms and by being too clever.

A. N. BRADBEER (*Colours* 1944). Left-hand bat, not afraid to drive, but must learn that he cannot play across every ball. Fielding poor.

J. C. FITKIN (*Colours* 1944). Some of his strokes were odd, but he did hit the ball and with a mainly straight bat. Can keep wicket, but not yet well enough.

A. D. VEARS. Came late into the side, but earned a place as a fairly sound all-rounder.

D. L. HAXBY. Forcing left-hander with no defence; came off in practice, but not in matches, for one cannot hook every ball.

Many players were tried for the remaining places.

SECOND XI MATCHES (*cont.*)

v. ROYAL COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SCHOOL.
Away. July 26th. Won by 29 runs. Royal Commercial Travellers' School, 20 (Haxby 5 for 6, Robertson 3 for 5). School 49 (F. Bradbeer 14.)

COLTS XI MATCHES (*cont.*)

v. ST. ALBANS COUNTY SCHOOL. Away. July 8th.
Lost by 40 runs. School, 45; St. Albans, 85 (A. Opperman 3 for 9).

ATHLETICS.

MATCHES v. ALDENHAM SCHOOL. On July 18th we scored a decisive win over Aldenham by 53½ points to 27½, and a junior match also went in our favour 37—26. There were no walking races, and, except for a Senior Weight, no throwing events. From the start the School scores mounted quickly, and it was only at the end of the afternoon that our opponents broke our series of successes by winning both the 100 Yards races. They also won the Senior Long Jump (by an inch) and the Junior Quarter Mile, but these efforts could not seriously affect the result. The School high-jumpers struck their best form, W. C. Fillmore and G. A. Gibson jumping 5 ft. 4 ins. and 5 ft. 3 ins. respectively, while P. Wells cleared 5 ft. 1 in. in winning the junior event.

100 Yards : 1 P. St.J. C. Bavin (A), 2 J. G. Dewes (A.), 3 R. C. Pankhurst (School). 10.6 secs.

220 Yards : 1 R. C. Pankhurst (School), 2 J. A. M. Baldwin (A), 3 (equal) D. A. Parsons (A) and A. J. P. Sweetman (School). 24 secs.

440 Yards : 1 P. J. D. Northey (School), 2 D. K. Jervis (School), 3 G. H. Hartley (A). 55.6 secs.

880 Yards : 1 N. A. O. Swabey (School), 2 G. M. Parmiter (School), 3 K. Hawkins (A). 2 mins. 17.2 secs.

Mile : 1 W. C. Fillmore (School), 2 K. H. Sanderson (A), 3 D. L. J. Cadney (School). 5 mins. 1.2 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles (3 ft. 3 ins.) : 1 P. J. D. Northey (School), 2 P. St.J. C. Bavin (A), 3 K. T. Symonds (School). 16.4 secs.

High Jump : 1 W. C. Fillmore (School), 2 G. A. Gibson (School), 3 P. L. Dorey (A). 5 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump : 1 D. A. Parsons (A), 2 R. C. Pankhurst (School), 3 J. A. M. Baldwin (A). 19 ft. 3¾ ins.

Weight : 1 D. K. Jervis (School), 2 J. R. Sterry (School), 3 A. D. Barrett (A), 35 ft. 11 ins.

The School's junior winners were : 220 Yards, K. Taylor; 880 Yards, K. E. Kennedy; Hurdles, D. W. A. Bruce; High Jump, P. Wells; Long Jump, J. M. Robertson.

MATCH v. HOUNSLOW COLLEGE. Postponed (owing to the incidence of flying bombs) to the morning of July 22nd, this match gave the second team an opportunity of revealing some unexpectedly good form. We had first place in seven of the ten events and won by 60 points to 30. Our winners were : 100 Yards, J. M. Robertson (11.4 secs.); 220 Yards, K. T. Symonds (26.1 secs.); 440 Yards, F. E. A. Green (57.6 secs.); High Jump, J. Wells, who also won the long Jump (18 ft. 9¾ ins.); Discus, M. Williams (100 ft. 3 ins.); Javelin, P. W. Teare (129 ft.).

JUNIOR HOUSE CUP. The finals in the events for the Junior Athletic Cup were held in the afternoon of July 22nd and revealed a marked improvement on previous results, both in the performances of many of the individual winners and in the number of boys attaining the various standards. The numerous heats and trials had been run off during the preceding week, the whole organisation of the competition being carried out most capably by the Captain of Athletics. W. M. Pedder, A. G. Snart and J. W. Bullock were outstanding runners in Class I and each set up a new junior record, Pedder knocking off nearly ten seconds from the 800 Yards time. R. J. Wooller, in Class II, showed exceptional speed in the preliminary heats and semi-finals, but was prevented by illness from competing in the finals. In his absence H. B. Hemmings had a couple of very good wins, and in the 200 Yards lowered the class record by a whole second. The results were :

CLASS I RESULTS :

100 Yards : 1 J. W. Bullock, 2 M. J. Geyelin, 3 C. G. Sadler, 4 I. A. Sewell. 12 sec.

200 Yards : 1 J. W. Bullock, 2 C. G. Sadler, 3 M. E. O'Reilly, 4 E. J. Stuttard. 22 secs. (Junior record).

400 Yards : 1 A. G. Snart, 2 I. A. Sewell, 3 L. Taylor, 4 J. R. Darling. 56.6 secs. (Junior record).

800 Yards : 1 W. M. Pedder, 2 B. F. Tuley, 3 A. L. Sharpe, 4 S. H. Woods. 2 mins. 9 secs. (Junior record).

100 Yards Hurdles (3 ft.) : 1 J. W. Bullock, 2 M. J. Geyelin, 3 A. L. Sharpe, 4 S. S. Leveroni. 18.8 secs.

880 Yards Walk : 1 S. Shere, 2 P. C. Price, 3 D. F. Renn. 4 mins. 20.6 secs.

High Jump : 1 A. L. Sharpe, 2 E. J. Stuttard, 3 J. A. Rolfe, 4 D. R. Amies. 4 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump : 1 A. G. Snart, 2 M. J. Geyelin, 3 J. R. Darling, 4 I. A. Sewell. 15 ft. 4¾ ins.

Class I Score : Stapylton 72, Underne 63, Broughton 34, Leicester 34. (21 "A" Standards, 16 "B" Standards were gained in Class I.)

CLASS II RESULTS :

100 Yards : 1 W. N. Bolt, 2 D. B. Brooks, 3 P. J. Hazell, 4 D. R. Williams. 13.4 secs.

200 Yards : 1 H. B. Hemmings, 2 D. B. Brooks, 3 P. J. Hazell, 4 D. A. Horner. 25 secs. (Class record).

375 Yards : 1 H. B. Hemmings, 2 E. W. Wilcox, 3 D. A. Horner, 4 T. D. Richards. 57 secs.

750 Yards : 1 D. E. Clark, 2 A. F. Mann, 3 B. S. P. Gent, 4 J. E. Brooks. 2 mins. 22.6 secs.

100 Yards Hurdles (2 ft. 9 ins.) : 1 D. A. Horner, 2 W. N. Bolt, 3 W. A. Wiles, 4 P. J. Hazell. 19 secs.

880 Yards Walk : 1 K. R. Cooper, 2 J. R. Bradbeer, 3 C. M. Spicer, 4 K. R. Clarke. 4 mins. 37.4 secs.

High Jump : 1 W. N. Bolt, 2 D. B. Brooks, 3 J. R. Brown and W. A. Wiles. 4 ft.

Long Jump : 1 E. W. Wilcox, 2 J. Gough, 3 M. J. Watts, 4 M. W. Barker. 13 ft. 2 ins.

Class II Score : Leicester 65, Underne 40, Broughton 37, Stapylton 18. (19 "A" Standards, 16 "B" Standards were gained in Class II.)

CLASS III RESULTS :

75 Yards : 1 A. O. Gauld, 2 S. B. Gordon, 3 C. J. Lord. 10.2 secs.

200 Yards : 1 A. O. Gauld, 2 B. T. Stern, 3 M. G. Stuttard, 4 S. B. Gordon. 26.8 secs.

400 Yards : 1 M. W. Back, 2 D. Burfoot, 3 M. Wilkins, 4 F. E. Harding. 63.6 secs.

Long Jump : 1 M. Wilkins, 2 R. M. H. Wraith, 3 M. G. Stuttard, 4 A. O. Gauld. 13 ft. 4 ins.

Class III Score : Broughton 27, Stapylton 15, Leicester 9, Underne 6. (19 Standards were gained in Class III.)

CLASS IV RESULTS :

75 Yards : 1 J. A. Hobson, 2 J. E. Mawby, 3 G. L. Walker. 10 secs.

200 Yards : 1 A. J. Waller, 2 A. L. Lane, 3 K. L. Sherlock, 4 I. N. Wells. 28 secs.

375 Yards : 1 J. A. Hobson, 2 J. E. Mawby, 3 A. G. Salisbury, 4 D. A. Barker. 58.6 secs.

Class IV Score : Stapylton 29, Broughton 11, Underne 6, Leicester 5. (27 Standards were gained in Class IV.)

HOUSE CUP RESULTS :

1. Stapylton	134
2. Underne	115
3. Leicester	113
4. Broughton	109

MATCH v. OLD ELIZABETHANS A.C. The annual match with the Old Boys on Friday, July 28th, gave the School another win, though the scores were closer than they have been in recent years. The Club was, in fact, very

strongly represented, and had the winner of seven out of the twelve events, and it was only the strength of the School's second strings which turned the match in our favour. In the track events E. J. Nankivell, F. F. Edwards and B. W. Richards were far too good for us, and A. R. Downie gave the Old Boys an unexpected win in the Walk too. N. A. O. Swabey made a fine effort in the Mile to get within 20 yards of Richards, and C. N. MacEacharn's walking also deserves mention. Both of these boys made great progress during the season in their respective events, and are full of promise. R. C. Pankhurst scored well, as usual, with two firsts and a second; and P. J. D. Northey once again won the Hurdles, as he has done in every School race since he first ran for the School in the corresponding match with the O.E.A.C. last year. D. L. Haxby (Discus and Weight) encountered two redoubtable opponents, but showed up very creditably, especially in the Discus. He is another young athlete of whom we hope much in the future.

100 Yards : 1 R. C. Pankhurst (School), 2 G. P. Sonnex (O.E.), 3 K. Taylor (School). 11.2 secs. 2 yds.; 3.

220 Yards : 1 G. P. Sonnex (O.E.), 2 R. C. Pankhurst (School), 3 P. A. Ward (O.E.). 25.2 secs. 2 yds.; 6.

440 Yards : 1 F. F. Edwards (O.E.), 2 P. J. D. Northey (School), 3 W. C. Fillmore (School). 53.8 secs. 5 yards; 1.

880 Yards : 1 F. F. Edwards (O.E.), 2 W. C. Fillmore (School), 3 G. M. Parmiter (School). 2 mins. 5.2 secs. 30 yards; same.

Mile : 1 E. J. Nankivell (O.E.), 2 B. W. Richards (O.E.), 3 N. A. O. Swabey (School). 4 mins. 35 secs. 60 yards; 20.

Mile Walk : 1 A. R. Downie (O.E.), 2 C. N. MacEacharn (School), 3 K. W. Carter (School). 7 mins. 59 secs. 7 yards; 40.

110 Yards Hurdles (3 ft. 3 ins.) : 1 P. J. D. Northey (School), 2 P. A. Ward (O.E.), 3 K. T. Symonds (School). 16.2 secs. 3 yds.; 5.

High Jump : 1 G. A. Gibson (School), 2 W. C. Fillmore (School), 3 M. J. M. Morgan (O.E.). All cleared 5 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump : 1 R. C. Pankhurst (School) 19 ft. 6 ins., 2 J. Wells (School) 19 ft. 1½ ins., 3 P. A. Ward (O.E.) 18 ft. 4¼ ins.

Weight : 1 B. W. Richards (O.E.) 36 ft. 8 ins., 2 J. R. Sterry (School) 34 ft. 9½ ins., 3 D. L. Haxby (School) 34 ft. 9 ins.

Discus : 1 T. W. F. Pay (O.E.) 121 ft. 9 ins., 2 D. L. Haxby (School) 112 ft. 9 ins., 3 B. W. Richards (O.E.) 107 ft. 7 ins.

Javelin : 1 J. E. Bonney (School) 144 ft. 5 ins., 2 J. Wells (School) 141 ft. 5 ins., 3 P. S. McGreal (O.E.) 133 ft. 7 ins.

School : 59 points. Old Elizabethans A.C. : 49.

W. C. Fillmore, Captain of Athletics, awarded colours for the season to N. T. Hughes, D. K. Jervis, R. C. Pankhurst, C. J. Kirkman, K. W. Carter, P. J. D. Northey, G. A. Gibson and N. A. O. Swabey.

Badges were awarded to J. R. Sterry, D. L. Haxby, A. J. P. Sweetman, D. L. J. Cadney, J. Wells, G. M. Parmiter, J. E. Bonney and C. N. MacEacharn.

FOOTBALL.

The season will be reviewed in the next issue. For those who like some predigestion of the match results it may be said that, so far, it is the third Fifteen that has most worthily worn the school colours. The first and second fifteens have been as yet unexpectedly disappointing. An exorbitant number of apparently

promising players have had the bad luck to have an "off" season, with, in consequence, a desperate lack of skill, initiative and scoring power. Keeness has not been lacking, however, and by the time you read this we hope the adverse balance of results will have been a little adjusted.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. OLD ELIZABETHANS R.F.C. On Stapylton. October 14th. Lost 9—13.

A disappointing start. Conditions were perfect, but play was poor. Nor was this the fault of the O.E.s—inevitably a scratch lot these days—who tried, and sometimes succeeded, to play good rugby. The School, however, though nobody funk'd or slacked, entirely lacked any thrust or initiative: nobody did anything very wrong, but only one or two players did anything particularly right. The School took the lead, against the run of the play, through a prodigious penalty by Williams (who was thereby so exalted that he missed several easier chances), and he also had bad luck with a drop. But just on half-time McGreal ran right through the side and McKean converted to put the O.E.s ahead. Starting the second half casually, the School saw the O.E.s go further ahead when McGreal went through again, and Moyes took the final pass under the posts. Pankhurst kept the school well in the game by scoring twice with fine individual runs, but the O.E.s always had the better of things, and Moyes got a really good final try for them. The School were without Youngman all the second half, but could not call themselves unlucky to lose.

School : J. Wells; R. C. Pankhurst, M. Williams, D. K. Jervis, A. J. P. Sweetman; J. C. Fitkin, E. F. Hayes; N. G. Scriven, G. J. Soane, K. W. Carter, P. H. Newell, A. A. Youngman, P. J. D. Northey, N. A. O. Swabey, J. B. Dainton.

O.E.s : B. L. McKean; T. E. L. Kingsmill, S. H. Dawson, A. McCormack, P. A. Ward; P. S. McGreal, L. R. Heard; J. P. McCarthy, J. Moyes, D. C. Newell, G. C. J. Adey, E. W. Manthorpe, E. J. Smith, G. C. J. Winchester, A. V. Bailey.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. October 21st. Lost 8—13.

The School lost by two dropped goals and one goal to a try and a goal.

During the first few minutes of the game, the School team showed itself, both forwards and backs, without any confidence in its play. The Haberdashers' captain, at scrum-half, soon took advantage of our hesitation and dropped a goal from in front of the posts. The School then began to pull itself together and Williams, with the only bit of thrust shown in the centre during the afternoon, broke through to score a try between the posts; this was not converted. In the second half, the School started by pressing right on the enemy's goal-line, but no real punch was given to our attack until Pankhurst got over for a try near the corner-flag; this was converted by Williams. The Haberdashers' pack then began to press ours, by good play in the loose, right back to our own goal-line; their scrum-half was lucky enough to drop another goal, and from then on the play of our pack steadily deteriorated, until the other side fought their way over for a goal a few minutes from the end.

School : As previous match, except C. N. MacEacharn and G. R. Dobbs for A. A. Youngman and J. B. Dainton.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. On Stapylton. October 28th. Won 18—9.

Eltham had a very good centre, who scored all their points by seizing his opportunities and going on with the ball without hesitation. Otherwise the School was

probably better at all points; but the level of play was poor. A really fine opening by Fitkin and Jervis sent Pankhurst over, and next Jervis curiously but effectively interrupted a rather good movement to drop a goal. This promising start was not maintained, and, though the other scores (Sweetman, Williams from an opening by Fitkin, and Pankhurst) came from fairly good play, most of the game was a muddle. The forwards lacked pace and bustle, the outsides were hesitant and confused. Wells and Hayes did some stout defending, Newell was good in the line-out and Bell showed promise.

School: As previous match, except J. B. Dainton and H. W. Bell for G. R. Dobbs and C. N. MacEacharn.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. November 1st. Lost 0-14.

The School started the match with the slight advantage of the slope of the pitch. The opponents' scrum was heavier and packed tighter than ours; their three-quarters consequently saw more of the ball. By judicious and accurate kicking they nursed a young but lively pack. Our opponents were, all round, quicker on the ball. Our "snap-tackling" was indeed poor. Our attack only got under way twice and was both times held by good tackling on the part of the Masonic three-quarters. While our defence was purely orthodox, it was sound. Those chances our wing three-quarters had were restricted by what seemed a narrow pitch. A hard and enjoyable game.

School: As previous match, except K. T. Symonds for A. J. P. Sweetman in the three-quarters, and A. A. Youngman for H. W. Bell, in the pack.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 11th. Lost 0-8.

To make a drastic change on the eve of an important match is most risky, but bringing Scriven and Wells to half, though the change of position found them out once or twice, certainly worked well on the whole. The defeat was more honourable than many victories, for St. Albans were more powerful and better equipped at nearly all points, so that to hold them to a small score was creditable to the whole side. Indeed, but for our curious failing to get the weight and pace of the game for the first ten minutes, the match might well have been drawn. As it was, some tackling that did not grass the man before he could pass allowed St. Albans quickly to score a try and get an attacking position from which they kicked a penalty. The rest of the match was a ding-dong struggle, St. Albans having the better of the first half, and the School of the second half, when Jervis and Pankhurst came near to scoring, and a little better judgment on other occasions might have brought a try or so. A fine game, and all played well.

School: D. L. Haxby; R. C. Pankhurst, D. K. Jervis, M. Williams, K. T. Symonds; J. Wells, N. G. Scriven; G. J. Soane, K. W. Carter, P. H. Newell, E. F. Hayes, N. A. O. Swabey, P. J. D. Northey, H. W. Bell, J. B. Dainton.

v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 13th. Lost 5-16.

A rousing and pleasant game. The School was certainly unfortunate in that it was one of those matches where what luck is going, goes all one way—and it wasn't our way. But the passing of the Bedford backs was more incisive and accurate than ours, where Williams had something of an off day. Bedford, with the wind, scored two very good tries in the first half, but the School was always in the picture, the backs kicking well and Pankhurst putting in a good run or two. Early in the second half Bedford scored again, a good but also rather lucky try. The School then got

on top and, after a good run by Symonds, Williams gathered a perfect short punt from Jervis and sent Pankhurst over. Williams converted. At this crisis of the match, which they seemed likely to save, the School had a cruel stroke of luck, a cross-kick by Wells bouncing quite freakishly so as to give an isolated Bedford wing a clear run in. Bell hooked well, and Swabey was good in a pack where all deserve praise for holding a more powerful eight. Behind the scrum Scriven and Wells got through a lot of hard work, while Jervis, who played his best game so far, and Pankhurst were in good form.

School: As previous match.

v. BANCROFT'S SCHOOL. Away. November 18th. Won 11-3.

The School won this game by a goal and two tries to a penalty goal. Once more the team needed far too long to find its legs; the opposing team took full advantage of our hesitation, and, for twenty minutes, we were pinned behind our "25." After some minutes we roused ourselves sufficiently to prevent a score, but the whole side lacked any "drive" until Pankhurst was given the ball between our posts to dribble it almost to the half-way line. The team then began to play much harder and Jervis and Pankhurst together penetrated the opponents' defence for a touch-down between the posts. Williams converted this to give us a half-time lead of 5-0.

In the second half, the forwards began to wear down their opponents and effected a really fine rush from our "25" to theirs. The heeling became clearer and, from a loose scrum, was such that Wells was able to break through a defence quite off its feet, for a try outside the posts. Shortly afterwards Pankhurst coming up outside the right wing, was sent over by Symonds. The winging forwards who were very keen and quick, gave rather too many kicks away while we were inside our "25." Luckily only one of these was converted; if the pitch had not been in such a "sticky" state, the score against us from these penalties might have been much greater.

School: As previous match.

v. ST. GEORGE'S (Harpenden). On Stapylton. November 22nd. Lost 6-18.

Though the steady influence of Wells was much missed, it was not that we were a few below strength that otherwise made the difference. George's went hard, and did something, right or wrong, with the ball, *quickly*. We seemed always to have to stop to think—and then do the wrong thing. Scriven and Pankhurst and especially Soane were in form; all the rest were not, and a few players were positively dire. The game was full of free kicks and opened oddly with three penalty goals, one, by Williams, for the School. Play was not too uneven, territorially, but George's dominated the scrum and our backs were only partly to blame if the tackling failed once or twice under persistent pressure. The three got going once or twice and gained ground, but the passing and running were never good, though from one of these occasions Soane dribbled on really cleverly to score. For the last few minutes we did all the pressing, but the effort was left too late, and even so achieved nothing.

School: D. L. Haxby; R. C. Pankhurst, M. Williams, D. K. Jervis, K. T. Symonds; D. H. Ashford, N. G. Scriven; G. J. Soane, P. H. Newell, K. W. Carter, N. A. O. Swabey, P. J. Northey, H. W. Bell, A. A. Youngman, C. N. MacEacharn.

v. AN R.A.F. XV. On Stapylton. November 29th. Lost 0-36.

Our opponents were a pleasant and good side; we helped them by playing very poorly, and they scored ten times! It was not the fault of the forwards, who,

without being as good as a school pack should be, played their best this year and kept the game territorially even, as well as getting a reasonable share of the ball. But the passing of our backs throughout, and their tackling in the second half, had to be seen to be believed, everybody having an off day. And, as always happens on such bad occasions, where there was any luck in the bounce and so forth, it went against the losing side.

School: D. L. Haxby; R. C. Pankhurst, M. Williams, D. K. Jervis, K. T. Symonds; J. Wells, N. G. Scriven; G. J. Soane, P. H. Newell, E. F. Hayes, K. W. Carter, N. A. O. Swabey, H. W. Bell, J. B. Dainton, G. R. Dobbs.

SECOND XV MATCHES.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. October 21st. Lost 3—23.

The visitors were a very good second side, but the result would have been very different if our tackling and line-out work had been better. In the first half, the forwards did well enough but the centres were awful. At the start of the second half the backs got together and a try by Haxby gave us a fair chance, but the forwards thereafter went to pieces. Dainton and Bell in the pack, Thomas at scrum-half, M. Cadney and Symonds on the wings and Haxby at back, alone showed reasonable form.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. Away. October 28th. Lost 3—6.

This was a hard-fought game between two evenly matched teams. About half-way through the first half the Eltham forwards heeled the ball quickly from a loose scrum and the ball went out to the three-quarters before ours were back in position. Eltham had two men over and scored a try which was not converted. Shortly afterwards, Symonds, who throughout was dashing in attack and sound in defence, scored a fine try by the corner-flag. There followed some vigorous play, with several good rushes by our forwards, but the score remained at 3—3, until a few minutes from the end. The forwards, who might have been less tired if the kicking for touch by our backs had been more reliable, were then flagging, and Eltham managed to score their second try.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 1st. Won 9—6.

A good game to watch and to play in, and a meritorious win by a much improved side. A bad mistake gave the visitors an early try, but our backs then got together and two rounds of orthodox passing each ended by Bradbeer sending M. Cadney over. Otherwise the passing was not sound enough and the ball did not reach the wings properly. Sweetman, however, seized on the only half-chance that came his way to score with a fine run. The good scrum play of MacEacharn, Bell, Dobbs, and Jordan, soundly backed by Thomas and Ashford at half, was responsible for our pleasing win.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. November 11th. Lost 3—20.

An unsatisfactory game, played on sticky ground, this brought out little good play on either side. Our forwards seemed unable to keep together, and were particularly slow in the loose. The outsiders sometimes showed spirit in attack, and Thomas passed out from the scrum consistently well; but our marking was erratic and our passing weak, and St. Albans found far too many gaps.

v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. Away. November 15th. Lost 3—11.

After a certain reshuffle, the team played together much better, and kept the run of the play equal. The

halves worked well, and, towards the end, our three-quarters got going frequently; M. Cadney in particular made good ground, but was always caught by the full-back and was never supported. Our chief weakness still lay in the loose scrums, where the opposing forwards too often pushed through.

v. LUTON SCHOOL 1st XV. On Stapylton. November 18th. Lost 0—20.

After the first few minutes there was never much doubt about the issue of this game but both teams played hard to the very end. In the scrum the Luton forwards were slightly heavier but their real advantage lay in their concerted pushing at the critical moment. Nevertheless our forwards gave their backs a number of chances and there was some good passing. Cadney on the left wing always made ground but his opposite number was fast enough to catch him. The Luton backs were quick on the ball and strong runners. The result was a convincing win by 5 tries and 1 goal.

v. CHESHUNT COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XV. Away. November 22nd. Lost 0—9.

The ground was very sticky for this match and Cheshunt, having won the toss, decided to play with the slope, and the slope was considerable. With this advantage Cheshunt scored three tries in the first half. At least two of these should have been prevented by more determined tackling in the right place and play on the whole was disappointing. In the second half play was more even. Pooler started some good attacking movements but we never managed to press our attacks home.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. At Home. November 29th. Drawn 9—9.

The game started with both teams playing at half pressure and play was scrappy. Watford scored first when a centre three-quarter broke through in our "twenty-five." Fitkin ran hard to score a good try under the posts which was not converted. At half-time the score was 6—3 to Watford. In the second half the play was much harder and much better. Ashford at fly-half sent his three-quarters away many times and good passing movements put us ahead. Just before the end Watford managed to score in the corner.

THIRD XV MATCHES.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. October 21st. Won 35—6.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. November 8th. Lost 0—3.

v. ST. ALBANS COUNTY SCHOOL 2ND XV. On Stapylton. November 15th. Won 23—0.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 18th. Won 6—3.

v. LETCHWORTH SCHOOL 1st XV. On Stapylton. November 22nd. Won 9—3.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. November 29th. Won 29—3.

COLTS XV MATCHES.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. October 21st. Won 6—3.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. On Stapylton. October 28th. Won 6—0.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 8th. Lost 0—8.

v. ST. ALBANS COUNTY SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 11th. Lost 0—14.

v. CHESHUNT COUNTY SCHOOL. Away. November 15th. Lost 3—12.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. November 18th. Lost 14—21.

v. ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL. Away. November 22nd. Won 12—6.

HOUSE NOTES.

UNDERNE.

Housemaster : Mr. PEARCE. *Prefects* : D. L. J. Cadney, P. J. D. Northey. *Sub-Prefect* : M. G. V. Cadney.

At the end of last term, we said good-bye to Gibson, the house-captain, Fillmore, Sterry, and Francis; and thus we were deprived, at one fell swoop, of four of our most notable seniors. But nevertheless, the status of Underne is still high in the School, and we have hopes of gaining several more trophies before the end of next year. In the July Higher School Certificate, G. A. Gibson, D. Cadney, M. Cadney and J. A. Woods were all successful; by the results of School Certificate, Taylor, K. Gibson, Rayner, Gittins, Lord and MacEacharn were enabled to enter the Sixth. Indeed, our preponderance of seniors in the Science Sixth augurs well for the immediate future of the House.

We have welcomed at our table many old Underne members this term, including A. H. Blewett, P. D. Partner, M. J. W. Rogers and J. P. Parmiter; we hope to see more at the Past v. Present football match.

Finally, J. R. Sterry, last term, and D. Cadney and Northey, this term, are to be congratulated on their prefectships; and M. Cadney on his sub-prefectship.

D. L. J. C.

STAPYLTON.

Housemaster : Mr. HARRISON. *Prefects* : N. G. Scriven, N. A. O. Swabey. *Sub-Prefect* : J. Wells.

There are no inter-House activities this term, but we must record that we have provided eight members of the XV; of these there are the Captain and Vice-Captain, G. J. Soane, P. H. Newell and N. A. O. Swabey with colours, and M. Williams, H. W. Bell and D. L. Haxby as regular players. D. H. Ashford captains the Second XV and D. H. Thomas and F. H. Bradbeer are regular players. J. R. Darling, R. I. Clark and B. F. Tuley have been awarded Colts colours.

Academically, we have been no less successful; in the last Higher Certificate and School Certificate examinations, all our candidates gained success and are whole-heartedly to be congratulated. Our congratulations go also to N. A. O. Swabey and J. Wells on their respective appointments to prefect and sub-prefect.

It is with regret that we say good-bye to Mr. Harrison as our housemaster. We all extend our hearty thanks to him for carrying us happily through the term and offer a warm welcome to Mr. Covington, who has, in one term, gained the confidence of us all, from the Sixth form down to the Lower First.

Finally, we have been pleased to see P. Haxby and G. C. J. Winchester at School this term and remind old Stapyltons on leave that they are always welcome at the house-table for lunch.

N. G. S.

LEICESTER.

Housemaster : Mr. WINTER. *Prefect* : K. W. Carter. *Sub-Prefect* : J. Boddington.

There are no inter-House competitions this term, so that we can but record the achievements of individual members of the House. In the XV, E. F. Hayes, with colours, K. T. Symonds and K. W. Carter, with XXX

colours, have all played regularly; the second XV has, however, contained only one representative, N. Pooler; in the third XV, R. L. Busvine has captained a successful team, with J. M. Robertson and I. N. Jackson, with colours, and R. D. Hitchins; in the Colts, Pedder, Zoob and O'Reilly have all gained colours and Geyelin has played regularly.

Academically, we have been no less conspicuous; all candidates in Higher School Certificate and School Certificate were successful and to them we offer our hearty congratulations.

P. H. Treby has been appointed Captain of Chess for the House and has also played for the School team.

We were very pleased to see again this term at the lunch-table, P. D. Olsen, whom perhaps only a few of us still remember, but who had a large stock of stories to tell (of a very naval flavour!).

As a footnote, it might be added that the spirit of the House has much improved this term and it has been very pleasing to see the good voluntary attendance at First XV matches.

K. W. C.

BROUGHTON.

Housemaster : Mr. STRUGNELL. *Prefect* : D. K. Jervis. *Sub-Prefects* : R. C. Pankhurst, A. J. P. Sweetman, J. C. Fitkin.

The absence of inter-House competition in the Michaelmas Term affords ample opportunity for concentration on the four Rugby sides representing the School, and it is pleasing to note that the House has, on occasion, provided five of the 1st XV. Congratulations are due to J. B. Tate on gaining his Colts colours, and to all who have been awarded or reawarded Second XV badges.

Leaving the field of sport we find that R. C. Pankhurst, A. J. P. Sweetman, and D. K. Jervis have passed Higher, J. C. Fitkin has passed School Cert., Sweetman and Fitkin have been promoted sub-prefects, the former having been raised to the rank of corporal in the School Corps.

Several fellows left us in July, among them, R. G. Mays, J. F. Legg, A. Rodger, J. E. Bonney, G. Smith, J. F. Swingler, F. E. A. Green, D. W. Tyler, and S. D. Hasted. We wish them the best of good fortune in all they undertake.

We were agreeably surprised to see Flight-Lt. L. T. N. Harris at School with many interesting stories of the invasion, and C. J. H. Shepherd, now a midshipman after quick promotion. We hear, too, that J. L. Rodger has received a commission in the R.A.F. and is home again. H. C. Ludwig has been whisked away to Burma (we think), and R. M. Tiller to Belfast, on a U.S.C. Our sympathy is extended to B. L. Faulkner, who has broken a leg owing to over-enthusiasm in a rough Army pastime, which he was pleased to call Rugger (a generic term in the services). D. H. Marriott has been "de-evacuated" back to Barnet, and the XV's have had a regular home supporter in Major Lockwood.

This seems a fitting and really the only occasion to wish all Broughtonians, wherever they may be, a brighter Xmas and a quick return.

D. K. J.

NO. 726 QUEEN ELIZABETH'S, BARNET, SQUADRON, A.T.C.

OFFICERS: FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J. A. STRUGNELL,
FLYING OFFICERS E. W. HARRISON, H. W. NORMAN-
TON, and J. PEARCE.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. E. Pratt (O.E.).

Strength: The Squadron numbers four officers and 92 other ranks.

Promotions:

To be acting sergeant—Corporal Weaver, J. S.; Corporal Wells, J.

To be acting corporal—Leading Cadets Cadney, M. G. V.; Hayes, E. F.; MacEacharn, C. N.; Northey, P. J. D.; Parmiter, G. M.; Swabey, N. A. O. and Sweetman, A. J. P.

Advanced Training: The following leading cadets passed Advanced Training tests taken May 30th—June 4th, 1944:—

Cadney, M. G. V. (Nav. & Met.)
Glassman, I. M. (Nav. & Met.; Anti-gas)
Cpl. Hibbard, B. M. (Nav. & Met.; Engines; Anti-gas)

Sgt. Kirkman, C. J. (Engines)

Legg, J. F. (Nav. & Met.)

McGreal, P. S. (Nav. & Met.; Law and Discip.; Hygiene; Engines; Principles of Flight; A/C Rec.; Anti-gas)

Mays, R. G. (Nav. & Met.)

Martin, R. G. (Nav. & Met.; Engines; Principles of Flight; A/C Rec.; Anti-gas)

Parmiter, G. M. (Nav. & Met.)

Sgt. Sterry, J. R. (Nav. & Met.)

Sweetman, A. J. P. (Nav. & Met.)

Townley, J. (Anti-gas)

Burfoot, K. (Nav. & Met.; Law & Discipline; Hygiene; Principles of Flight)

Sgt. Fillmore, W. C. (Hygiene; Principles of Flight)

Flying Officer Allison and Flying Officer L. T. N. Harris (O.E.) examined leading cadets in Advanced Training tests in drill on July 21st, 1944. The following passed:—

F/Sgt. Scriven, N. G.; Sgts. Fillmore, W. C., Fitkin, J. C., Sterry, J. R., Cpls. Francis, G. A., Gibson, G. A., Weaver, J. S.; L/Cs. Glassman, I. M., Legg, J. F., Mays, R. G., Parmiter, G. M., and Sweetman, A. J. P.

Proficiency Examination: The following cadets passed the Proficiency Examination held on July 23rd, 1944: Alexander, B. J. M., Ashford, D. H., Bell, J. G., Boddington, J., Broadbridge, S. R., Gough, M., MacEacharn, C. N., Pooler, N., Wells, J., Northey, P. J. D., and Swabey, N. A. O.

Shooting: No. 726 Squadron v. No. 1374 Squadron, A.T.C., on the School Range, July 18th, 1944: No. 726 Squadron, 236 points; No. 1374 Squadron, 252 points. No. 726 Squadron won by 16 points.

No. 726 Squadron, A.T.C., v. "C" Platoon, M.G. Coy., 21st Batt. Middx. Home Guard, on the School Range, July 21st, 1944: No. 726 Squadron, 329 points; Home Guard, 331 points. No. 726 Squadron lost by 2 points.

No. 726 Squadron, A.T.C., v. No. 17, Enfield Grammar School, Squadron, A.T.C., on the School Range, September 30th, 1944: No. 726 Squadron, 346 points; No. 17 Squadron, 343 points. No. 726 Squadron won by 3 points.

No. 726 Squadron, A.T.C., v. "D" Battery, 6th Batt. A.C.F., Herts, at Welwyn Garden City Range on October 31st, 1944: No. 726 Squadron, 235 points; "D" Battery, A.C.F., 157 points. No. 726 Squadron won by 78 points.

1st Class Shooting Certificate has been awarded to Corporal Cadney, M. G. V., for consistently good shooting.

Cadets serving:

Royal Navy (University Short Course): Fillmore, W. C.

Army: Gibson, G. A.; Mays, R. G.

Royal Air Force (University Short Course): Francis, G. A.; Glassman, I. M.; Legg, J. F.; Sterry, J. R.; Tiller, R. M.

Recital of Music: Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles S. Burnett, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Commandant, Central Command, A.T.C., made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund when he attended the concert held in the School Hall on Sunday, November 12th. As a result of the concert the Squadron was able to send £50 to the Fund. The recital had been arranged by Mr. C. Whittington.

It is rarely in Barnet that one can hear a programme of music ranging from William Byrd to Geoffrey Shaw, by way of Bach, Handel, Paxton and Parry, but items by these and other composers were enjoyed by a large audience at Queen Elizabeth's on the afternoon of Sunday, November 12th. The English Singers (Flora Mann, Lilian Berger, Norman Stone, Samuel Dyson) contributed three well varied groups of songs from Shakespeare's plays, part songs, glees, chorales, and a motet, all sung with the ease and simplicity of style which denotes true artists. Beauty of tone and clarity of diction have always been characteristics of this famous quartette, and these attributes were shown to particular advantage in the spirited renderings of "Begone, dull care" and "Polly wolly doodle," and the beautiful and unfamiliar "Domine Deus." Two pleasant interludes of instrumental music were provided by a trio consisting of Pauline Jackson and Pamela Stockwell, violins, with Mr. Whittington at the piano, in sonatas by Handel and P. E. Bach. The School's contribution to the programme consisted of four items by a choir of boys trained by Mr. Whittington. Their renderings of songs by Bach, Bridge, Shaw, and Gordon Jacob's lovely arrangement of "Brother James' Air" showed that the boys benefit by attempting such interesting and unusual works.

SCHOOL SOCIETY.

President: Mr. PEARCE. **Gen. Secretary:** J. A. Woods.

This term, as is usual, most branches of the School Society have revived. Meetings have been held in rather difficult circumstances, but, nevertheless, have been well attended. The following are the reports from those sections which have functioned this term.

CAMERA CLUB. Mr. Townend (*Chairman*), A. J. P. Sweetman (*Hon. Sec.*). The Camera Club this term has been confined mainly to individual effort. On Tuesday, November 21st, M. G. V. Cadney spoke briefly on Stereoscopic Photography and an informal discussion ensued, when J. S. Dodge gave an account of his experiences with R.A.F. Film, and other members added comments upon this and on Fine Grain Development Problems. It is pleasing to note that some of the relative newcomers to the club have rapidly progressed in photographic knowledge. New members are always welcome, especially as it seems that unless numbers are increased the rules for the Hockett Cup competition next summer will be hard to observe.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY. Mr. Winter (*Chairman*), R. L. Busvine (*Secretary*). This term the society has thrived, although there have been no evening lectures. The official system of exchange, which has now been in operation for more than a year, is flourishing despite the difficulties in obtaining stamps. It was hoped to visit a well-known postage-stamp printer, during the term; but this was impossible owing to the government's security regulations.

NAUTICAL SOCIETY. Mr. Smith (*Chairman*). N. A. O. Swabey (*Secretary*). Owing to other school activities, the meetings of the society had to be curtailed, only two meetings this term; both were well attended. On October 31st, Nicholls gave an illustrated talk on "Liners of the North Atlantic." Later in the term, G. H. Carter gave a talk on modern convoy craft and their duties, which was well illustrated.

RAILWAY CLUB. Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Skene (*Presidents*), I. A. Sewell (*Secretary*). The club is as popular as ever; a total attendance of 145 having been recorded at two meetings. The first meeting was the most popular, at which three films were shown: "Victoria to Purley," "South African Fruit," and "Bournemouth Ltd.," by kind permission of the Southern Railway. The second meeting was not so well attended; a "quiz" was held, and won by M. Back.

LIBRARY NOTES.

It is customary to record that the Library has been well patronised and this term has been no exception. Crowds have accumulated on some days and the maintenance of reasonable order has been a difficult task, but the efforts of the Library Committee have been successful.

Although the position with regard to the purchase of new books is still very unsteady, we have been considerably assisted by gifts from those joining the ranks of the O.E.s. The number of new books this term is fifty-six, the donors being M. L. Camp, J. F. Legg, D. G. Parkyn, A. Rodger, R. G. Mays, M. G. Wallace, B. M. Hibbard, D. J. Worsfold, H. C. Ludwig, J. R. Sterry, A. R. Obrist, M. J. Watts, N. T. Hughes, Dr. G. R. Hughes and Mr. K. L. Woodland.

Mrs. Barrett made a presentation in memory of her son, D. R. Barrett.

At the beginning of the term, the President paid tribute to the departing Assistant Librarian, G. A. Gibson, for his outstanding work during his eighteen months in office.

A. J. P. S.

SCHOOL CHARITIES FUND.

This term, the fund has flourished, although we are only too ready for further contributions. The following Societies have received allocations from us during the past term: The National Institute for the Blind, The National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, The Waifs and Strays Society, The General Lying-In Hospital, and The Hospital for Sick Children.

THE OLD ELIZABETHAN TRUST.

By the will of the late Alfred Fitzgerald Hart, I.S.O. (1877-83) whose death is announced elsewhere in this issue, he bequeathed "to the Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, the sum of £25 free of duty to be used at his discretion for the benefit of the said School, as a slight recognition of the priceless benefits I have received from the said school in my boyhood."

The bequest of this very loyal O.E. has been put into the Elizabethan Trust so that the interest on this sum will be available to assist the school games club or library, or any other school concern, each year. The value of this trust to the School is perhaps not yet widely enough known. Every fellow leaving should subscribe to it at least then, and, we hope, will make it further gifts later.

OLD ELIZABETHAN ASSOCIATION

O.E. NOTES AND NEWS.

W. H. Ottaway (1883-89) has just retired after twenty-six years' service with St. Dunstan's for the welfare of war-blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen. On leaving he was presented by Sir Ian Fraser with an inscribed silver salver.

On October 2nd, 1944, F. Brittain, M.A. (1906-11), Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, was installed as Proctor of the University. The ceremony, which took place in the Senate House, was performed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

We tender our congratulations to Flight Lieut. R. G. Smith (1932-39), who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Our congratulations also to Pilot Officer D. W. Cobden (1934-36) who has won the same award for fortitude, courage and devotion to duty during numerous operations against the enemy.

We tender our congratulations, too, to Major W. A. N. Jones, Beds. and Herts. Regt. (1927-34) who has been awarded the M.B.E. He had previously been mentioned in despatches.

After getting no news for two-and-a-half years, his parents have heard from Gunner R. J. Tompkins (1932-1938), a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, that he is fit and well.

MARRIAGES.

On July 12th, 1944, at St. James's Church, New Barnet, Richard John Golland (1928-35) to Margaret Mabel Lowe.

On October 28th, 1944, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Barnet, Athol Macgregor Robertson (1931-1939) to Lorna Middleton.

On November 25th, 1944, at St. Alban's Church, Golders Green, Geoffrey Frank Allard (1932-36) to Margaret Constance Clarke.

OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Fusilier Maurice Henry Small (1922-29), who was killed on active service in June, 1944.

Sgt. (Flight Engineer) Donald Carpenter Clark, R.A.F.V.R. (1934-41) lost his life through enemy action in July, 1944. He will long be remembered at School, not only as being second in the mile walk at the Public Schools sports at an unusually young age in one of the years when the School won the Cup, but as being an extraordinarily keen and public spirited fellow. He left while in the Lower Sixth in order to serve young, having previously worked like a nigger at harvest camps, and there can never have been a more genuine fellow or more loveable character. "Nobby" will be very greatly missed.

We greatly regret to announce the death in action, in Normandy, of Lieut. Colin Charles Turner, R.A.C. (1934-40). An essentially sound all-rounder, with the record of a good School Certificate, of promise as the best sprinter of his year and as having played a good deal for the XV on the wing, he left School to go into a bank. When called up he was soon commissioned, and on each of his leaves had made a visit to the School one of his earliest duties. He was of the quietly loyal and dependable type whom it is hard to replace.

Lieut. Lawrence John Campion, Lancs. Fusiliers, attached Hampshire Regt. (1934-38), was also killed in action, in France, in August, 1944. He had left School rather young, for business. We desire to send our sympathy to his father, whom many of us know through his connection with the New Barnet A.C., and some school athletic fixtures before the war.

Fusilier Ernest George Lindon, Royal Fusiliers (1921-1928), has been reported killed in action in Italy on September 6th, 1944. At School a most cheery personality and very keen on games, he became a great lover of books as such, and was therefore most happy in his employment with the firm of Foyle in their medical department. He will be much regretted by old boys of his time.

Troop Sgt. Herbert Grenville Shrimpton, Light A.A.A. Regt., R.A., former City of London Yeomanry R.H.A. (1927-33) has also been killed in action in Italy. A Territorial before the war, he had seen a very great deal of service. He took part in the invasion of North Africa in November, 1942, then in the invasion of Sicily, and finally in the advance right through Italy.

Fusilier Edward Peter Bull (1935-42), who at School was a sound all-rounder, and before he left was a sub-prefect, had passed Higher Certificate, and carried off the language prizes, had then, because of his interest in books, gone into the modern language branch of Foyle's. During his Army service he was a regular visitor at the School. We understand that he asked of his own accord to be released from his O.C.T.U. course in order to join the invasion forces. He was killed in Holland while writing to his people, to whom we tender our deep regrets and sympathy.

We also regret to have to record that James Butler Morton (1932-37) has been reported killed in action.

Another loss has been suffered in the death at sea, in November, 1944, owing to enemy action, of Flying Officer Edward Herbert Francis, R.A.F.V.R. (1915-23). He entered into business as an heraldic artist with his father, the late H. C. Francis (1888-92), and to his brother, G. C. Francis (1920-24), his wife and two sons, we extend our profound sympathy.

Flight Lieut. David Domett Hall (1935-36), who came to the School rather late and left after taking School Certificate to go into the Prudential Assurance Co., was in the Air Force, we understand, from the very beginning of hostilities, and had made no little name for himself as an officer, but has, we regret to say, been shot down in action against the enemy, piloting a Mosquito somewhere on the Continent.

OLD ELIZABETHAN CRICKET CLUB.

Results this season compare very favourably with those for 1943: Played 21, won 11, lost 7, drawn 3. J. McKean topped the batting averages with 17.2, and E. N. H. Shearly, whom we welcomed as our temporary captain when he was on leave, topped the bowling averages (25 wickets for 75 runs).

At the Annual General Meeting in October the following officials were elected: Hon. Secretary, R. F. Haines; Hon. Treasurer, E. J. Smith; Hon. Team Secretary, P. S. McGreal. These, together with Messrs.

K. L. Woodland, L. R. Heard, W. T. Smith and A. E. McCormack, form the Committee for the 1945 season.
R. F. H.

O.E. ATHLETIC CLUB.

Activities have been continued this season, and, although our efforts as a team have not met with much success, individual performances have been outstanding. No less than five of the Herts. County Championships fell to O.E.s. The mile and two miles were won by E. J. Nankivell, the 220 yards and half-mile by F. F. Edwards, and the high jump by M. J. M. Morgan. There seems to be every prospect for a strong post-war Club when athletes in the Forces return to assist us.

C. A. J.

O.E. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

To date, games played against Woolwich Polytechnic, Old Elthamians, Letchworth, Welwyn and Old Fullerians have been lost. Those against the School, and Standard Telephones and Cables have been won, while against Northampton Polytechnic the result was a draw. The fixtures for the New Year are as follows:—

- Jan. 6 v. Tottenham R.F.C.
- „ 13 v. Old Fullerians.
- „ 20 v. Woolwich Polytechnic.
- „ 27 v. Standard Telephones and Cables R.F.C.
- Feb. 3 v. Old Elthamians.
- „ 10 v. Letchworth R.F.C.
- „ 17 v. Tottenham Grammar School.
- „ 24 v. R.A.F. Station.
- Mar. 3 v. Tottenham R.F.C.
- „ 10 v. Welwyn R.F.C.
- „ 17 v. R.A.F. Station.
- „ 24 v. Standard Telephones and Cables and Siemens R.F.C.
- Apr. 7 v. Handley Page R.F.C.
- „ 14 v. Northampton Polytechnic.
- „ 21 } Middlesex Seven-a-sides.
- „ 28 }

The "annual" holiday match against the Old Elthamians will be played at Eltham College at 10.30 a.m. on Boxing Day, December 26th. It will also be noted that vocal support is required on April 21st, and, we hope, on the 28th!

For a game on leave, drop a card to 63, Northumberland Road, New Barnet.

L. R. H.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OLD ELIZABETHANS IN THE FORCES.

Best wishes from the O.E. Forces Committee to all Old Elizabethans serving at home and overseas: on land, sea, or in the air; may Christmas, 1944, be enjoyed in spite of condition or disposition, and may the New Year see a great reunion in this land of ours, with the dim-out off; and an "extraordinary" O.E. Annual Dinner on!

Selections from our post-bag, with some word pictures which read with almost a B.B.C. "postscript" characterisation, are given to keep contact "the one with the other." L/Corporal R. A. Walker (1931-38), C.M. Police, coming through the Tunisian and Italian campaigns, has found that "travel broadens the mind"; that his knowledge of French and German, backed by the "boring but necessary theory" instilled at school, is rapidly improving; and aids his "social" contacts, amongst these being "an exiled White Russian count (an ex-officer of the Imperial Guard), who passed over a first hand account of the old Russian regime, and a prince of a now extinct kingdom of Europe, whose usual topics of conversation were leaders of nations with whom he was acquainted, and the works of Shake-

spear." Officer Cadet G. G. Allen (1937-43) I.A., expressed amazement at hearing we had an O.E. "Bevin" boy—Keith Parsloe (1936-42); and then told of being called to a final parade before posting as an officer of the 5th Royal Gurkha Regt.—the only regiment of this type having the "Royal" prefix; and thus "enjoying many privileges, and possessing a very high and well-established tradition." L/Bombardier K. F. Baker (1932-37) R.A., having toured Iraq, Iran, India and Italy, only expects Iceland to finish off; has seen little of the true history or customs of these countries, though he appreciates the Vatican City and St. Peter's—he records that "strange to relate in all the climates and conditions, football and cricket matches have been played, the hotter the place the more were the games played." "Perhaps the hottest place," he drily concludes, "was at Anzio, where in one particular match the spectators broke off in the middle of an air-raid to watch the most devastating barrage that I have ever seen the A.A. put up—and with good effect!" His pet game of chess is kept in good form by games at odd moments with a pocket set "I acquired from a German dug out!" Private J. Bugden (1929-36) has parted company with Section Leader E. H. Kingston (1934-37) N.C.C., and their communal "smoke" company, and he is now engaged in "unceasing struggle" with officers accounts in the Pay Corps; he reports that both he and his former comrade have recently started families with a daughter each. Lieut. J. V. Skinner (1932-38) R.A. spent the summer in Iraq, then travelled into North Persia, and across by road via Bagdad—"a vastly overrated jewel of the Orient"—and the desert to Nazareth, Damasas and Beirut, thence to practice "schoolmastering" at R.A. O.C.T.U. as instructor, where life was apparently fairly congenial bar "the odd sandstorm, gun drill at 06.15 and the heat common to that area"; he met Capt. L. H. Lewin (1931-36) R.A. for a few minutes in the swimming bath of the Heliopolis Sporting Club. Corporal M. Deamer (1925-32) R.A.F., breaks a "war-old" silence from the Mediterranean. He starts his tale in N. Africa: "None of my choosing, I was among the first R.A.F. boys to land in North Africa. It's a long time ago now, but the memory of that impressive array of Allied might will always linger. To be plucked out of an orangeless England and dumped into a strange country is quite an experience. As the R.A.F. boys say when they see the flak coming up at them: 'The natives are hostile.' It was eerie to be placed on guard at the very first aerodrome captured in N. Africa, and hear shots ringing out in the night. The atmosphere was tense then—especially when Darlan was assassinated on the spot we had passed a few hours before. The Arabs looked as though they had a long knife tucked away in each fold of their gaudy robes, but once we broke the ice and got to know them, they proved to be members of the world's most intelligent race. Let me see the man who can cheat an Arab out of anything!

We set up our workplace (still on the secret list) in an old barn. We had many a sticky night from Jerry, but he was fought to a standstill and by March, 1943, he rarely used to come at all. I've never seen so many Allied aircraft in one spot as there were on our drome. They were crammed wing-tip to wing-tip. I met many of my old R.A.F. pals, fresh and white-kneed from the old country, and they are still with me to-day. The camp buzzed with excitement when we learned that we were off to Tunis. They piled us into cattle-trucks with huge stocks of food and wished us luck! Firstly, we had to scrape the dung from the floor of the trucks. Then someone put down some anti-lice powder in huge quantities, so much so that we were unable to get to sleep that night through sneezing!

Five days we were cooped up in this tiny space—25 of us. But in spite of the discomfort I think it was

the most enjoyable trip of my life. Hot shaving water from the engine, nude baths on railway stations—it was fun! The guards frantically blew their whistles all day. You could be sure that the train wouldn't move. But when all was quiet, the square-wheeled trucks would start with a jolt and leave many an unhappy airman completing his toilet by the wayside. It was never difficult to catch though. I don't think it exceeded 15 m.p.h. The train would squeak to a standstill and we'd come face to face with prisoners from the Afrika Korps, packed in trucks heading for Algiers. We spoke to them often and they told us how much they feared going to England in case they were sunk by their own U-boats! Some of them thought that Algiers was still in German hands! At Medjez-el-Bab we met the fearless French Goums whose horses were still steaming from the heat of battle. They sold Iron Crosses, Nazi belts, watches and possessions of the men they had killed, for 10 cigarettes. They cooked us chips round a camp fire and delighted in showing us their long curved swords. Every five minutes they would produce a comb and use it on their beards.

Tunisians rubbed their eyes in amazement when they saw the first trainload of R.A.F. pull into the city. They thought the lines had been blown up. We were mobbed by urchins clamouring to clean our boots and offering eggs and chips at fantastic prices. After a clean-up and tour of the city, we rode past the palace of the Bey of Tunis and struck camp. It was a desolate piece of land near a clump of olive trees. German and Italian equipment, letters from home and copies of the *Berliner Tag* were littered all over the place. Each day became hotter until the climax came with the dreaded 'Sirocco.' This hot, dry wind is like the blast from an oven. The temperature soared to 122 degrees in the shade. All we could do was to lie panting in a pool of perspiration on our beds. We say 'beds.' The first thing you do when arriving in a foreign country is scout around for planks of wood and a few bricks to support them. That's the bed. Then find a biscuit tin, cut it in half—and voila!—your wash basin!

The barrage over Bizerta was like a firework display. Jerry came often on those nights. He knew that hundreds of ships were massing in the harbour for the invasion of Sicily. Our squadrons did some wonderful work on those nights.

Forgetting for a moment the agonies of being away from home, I've never had such an enjoyable time as that on the golden sands of the Gulf of Tunis. The sea was excellent for swimming even before the sun came up. We forced ourselves to do P.T. at first light and so became fit men. We were told to be ready for lively times ahead. 'You must be ready to operate six hours after you land,' we were told. Nobody knew officially where we were going, but everyone sent home for Italian dictionaries! Italy looked beautiful from the L.S.T., but the foul smells which greeted us changed our minds. The first night we slept in the gloomy old opera house in Salerno. We awoke, expecting to see a scene from 'Pagliacci' on the stage. But instead, we saw Reg, the cook, getting our soya links ready for breakfast! Speedily we visited the ruins of Pompeii and of course, Naples. They had never seen R.A.F. chaps before, and therefore sold us watches and cigarette cases for a few shillings and some Victory 'V's'. Anyone who has smoked these throat-burners will realise what a good deal we put over. Maybe the Italians didn't realise the value of Allied currency, though! My friend gate-crashed a dance in a southern Italian town, run by Yugoslav patriots. He danced all evening with an attractive blonde. When the dance finished, an English-speaking Partisan came over to him and said: 'How do you like Karen? She is our best sniper, having killed 24 Germans!'

News has come of the first O.E. to "join" the Caterpillar Club: W/O. T. H. Lloyd (1925-31), R.A.F.V.R., is the claimant to this honour, having "baled out" over the Tunisian desert; he repeated the procedure into the "drink" from his Beaufighter Night Patrol, losing his "dingy," and being in the water some four hours; was married in April, 1940, and has a son of nearly three; and still going strong! Sergt. G. T. Lines (1932-37), R.A.F.V.R., whose arrival in England apparently anticipated the announcement of his coming, met three O.E.s "over there" in the States: F/O. E. W. E. Barnard (1933-38) in Toronto, Cadet C. F. Dainton (1933-38) R.A.F.V.R., in Detroit, and Sergt. C. S. Mays (1929-35) "learning of his many adventures and his continued literary accomplishments" before his return to England qualified to drop bombs with the best of them! Major A. F. Buttery (1938-), R.C. of Sigs., a master many of the more recent O.E.s remember, has a son, and is himself in Canada, where he notes that there is "an odd custom that for some extraordinary reason they play cricket with the shirt outside the trousers!" Is this just another leg-pull?

Another good piece of descriptive writing (won't Mays be out of a job!) comes from L.A.C. J. G. Duncan (1923-33) R.A.F.V.R., telling of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, but space will not permit us to reprint it. F/O. J. L. Rodger (1936-42) R.A.F.V.R., sending us a little "gaff" in the smallest writing yet seen by the O.E. Forces' Committee on any airgraph, from N. Transvaal, is on "the supposedly binding job of trying to show dim pupils how to fly," finds his station life pleasant, though the "one-horse joint" of a town nearby a trifle restrictive to his activities; the main "sport" is cycling on a "bone-shaker" ("Genus Normii or Frosti" we suggest!), where apparently the sudden appearance of local women "à la mode nature" has still an embarrassing effect!

Signalman D. G. Morrison (1934-40) R.C. of Sigs., tells of the turn out of the town brass bands to welcome their unit's entry into a French town of some size! Two bands, two tunes at the same time. Others writing at some length, and with some feeling are S/Sergt. G. R. Knibb (1931-37) R.E.M.E., and Corporal G. W. Kingsmill (1927-31) London Rifle Brigade. Kingsmill's letter has already appeared in the *Barnet Press*.

Knibb writes: "It will not be surprising for you to learn we are now in Belgium and have been for some time now, but I will go back and try and remember something of events in France.

My job on this stunt has been slightly different from usual. They have given me a jeep and two recovery tractors—one of which you have seen before. We have frequently been as much as thirty miles behind the regimental column and completely out of touch with them.

We passed through a large French city: it was more like a coronation procession than a convoy. Huge crowds lined the wide streets throwing flowers and waving flags. On from there to the coal mining district in sight of the famous ridge on which the Canadian War Memorial stands. As soon as we harboured on the outskirts of a large town, the camp was invaded by the townsfolk—"Cigarette pour Papa," "Biscuit," "Bon-Bon." We got under way again late in the afternoon and found progress through the town painfully slow. Crowds kept surging round the vehicles, impeding their progress—climbing on to them and chalking on the sides. Eventually we got clear and pressed on through the night—crossing the frontier soon after one o'clock—and did not stop until breakfast time. Each village we passed through was ablaze with light—the locals evidently thought the war was over as far as they were concerned. The inns were crowded with happily intoxicated people right throughout the night. We could see fires blazing ahead which at first

we took to be Jerry demolitions, but which afterwards turned out to be the looting and burning of pro-German houses and shops. Passing one such fire one of our petrol lorries was sent up in flames by a spark although the driver managed to bale out unharmed. To console us for this severe loss the locals pressed huge boxes of cigars in our hands—looted from the burning building. Soon after this I was left behind with some corks. Rather than mess about in the dark I gave the tractors one each to tow and sent them on. When I came upon another, later, I had to do something about it. After groping about in the dark for an hour or more—the engine at last started and away he went. We were about to follow when suddenly we noticed the tyre was flat and we had to set about changing the wheel. Two Maquis came up suddenly on bikes and asked for some ammunition for their German rifles—it shook me for a second—I thought they might be Jerries, as we usually leave a lot behind us hiding in the woods. However we managed to supply their wants and they went off into a wood beside the road. Soon we heard them firing but what they could see to shoot at, I don't know.

Once mobile again it started raining—the driver, I think, was half asleep and I was doing by best to navigate but could see neither the road nor the map. The result was that sometime during the night we got off course and just as it was becoming light we entered a town which from its name on a German sign beside the road, I found to be eight miles off our route. We were about to turn round in the market square when some Belgian army officers came out of a large building we took to be the Town Hall and asked us in. We went in what was their 'ops' room and mapped our course back while the Colonel marked in for us the positions of the Jerry pockets in the district. We had breakfast with them—black bread and black coffee—and the Colonel told us we were the first British troops to enter the town. I don't mind sharing that honour with a regiment of tanks, but to one jeep with a lot of tools and a Bren gun it was a bit too much. Finally we took our leave and coming out on to the steps we found the market square solid with people who let a terrific cheer as we appeared. We had to fight our way to the jeep, through a barrage of flowers and kisses. The Boy Scouts were mobilised to clear an exit for us and three Maquis mounted the front as bodyguard.

Once back on our course we went full speed ahead until we caught up with the regiment at three o'clock in the afternoon, feeling very tired. Our hopes of a good sleep were dashed to the ground when one hour after our arrival we found ourselves on the road once more, arriving in the morning on the outskirts of a large city and one of the principal ports of Belgium. We halted while the tanks and some infantry went in to clean up.

Around noon we saw a huge body of prisoners marching out of the city escorted by Bren carriers and Belgian patriots. They had also roped in numerous civilian collaborators. At the rear of the whole column marched a man made up exactly like Adolf, he was being led with a rope round his neck by one of the patriots. The little tableau raised a terrific laugh from the crowd and from our boys as well. In the afternoon we entered in style—both sides of the streets lined with dense crowds—huge banners across the way bearing the words "Welcome to our Liberators" and "Welcome to Belgium." Our lorries and tanks looked like a cross between a carnival car and a well used railway truck. They were chalked all over in three languages and adorned with flags of all sorts—huge bunches of flowers and wreaths of laurel. We harboured in what had been a German Headquarters—our tanks and vehicles lined the long drive and we pitched our lorries in the grounds while the house was com-

mandeered by the officers' mess. In spite of notices to the contrary the place was immediately turned into a sort of public park where the citizens paraded in their Sunday best. Instead of the usual requests, we were handed bottles of beer and fruit of all kinds while many handed out their visiting cards with offers of hospitality.

Here we were allowed 48 hours' rest and for the tank crews it was a paradise with scores of pretty girls waiting to take them out and free beer in nearly all the Cafés. However, for the unfortunate grease-monkeys it was two days' hard graft. The tanks had had a terrific hammering and there was much to be done. We always worked before an admiring audience and a test flight down the road usually brought us some free drinks or a few luscious pears.

I did manage to get out from 8 to 11 on our last night there and went to one of the houses to which I had received an invitation. It was a medium-sized modern house, built in 1939, with a family of four—parents and two small sons. We had some tea saved since 1940 and they told me something of their life during the occupation. Rationing was very tight but there was a flourishing black market in which almost anything could be bought by those with enough money. They told me they used to cycle 25 km. into the country to buy butter at 350 Fr./Kilo. They had a radio which had spent four years hidden in the loft and some very well made modern furniture. The kitchen was all tiles, with Frig., water softener, and a heat storage cooker of the Esse type. I left with an invitation to return the following night when they were going to have a little party with a few friends—they had a sixteen-year-old bottle of wine for the occasion—but I was unable to join them—the following morning found us on our way.

The shops in the City were full of goods of all sorts—furniture, clothes, electrical goods, even flowers—huge chrysanthemums and gladioli. Everything was of excellent quality but a terrific price. Everybody was very well dressed—the girls in gay summer frocks and men in well-made suits which looked anything but ersatz. Those who toed the line and did as they were told were left severely alone by the Germans and soldiers convicted of civil offences were severely punished. On the other hand any who showed anti-Nazi tendencies were wheeled into a concentration camp on the outskirts of the city. It looked pretty gruesome—rather like a stadium with little machine-gun turrets all round. I spoke to one Belgian who had ten of his mates killed there.

Already the signposts bear the names of big German towns and for us it is a case of one more river to cross."

A.C.1 R. S. Ferdinando (1932-39) R.A.F.V.R. from the Middle East has assisted in his spare time amid their "canvas" homes in building a small church, complete with altar and pulpit—oak Cross—and a painted reredos, which building was officially dedicated by the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief M.E.F., much to the satisfaction of the many who had assisted with skilled or unskilled labour in its building.

Vesuvius also affected Private L. W. Bunce (1930-33) R.A.M.C., who having "supported" the crossing of the Volturno and Garigliano rivers, helped to clear casualties from Anzio, and is now following up our further advances in Italy. A comrade in the same force, Corporal F. P. Ockleston (1932-39), serving in India, has received the "News" in the most "jungly" places; he has struck good English hospitality; and from Poona has sallied forth on some exploratory trips of interest, "for there are many old Mahratta forts built on the top of mountains in these parts. One is situated on a mountain as high as 4616 feet. During this period, I obtained a month's leave, and paid a 17 day visit to the Himalayas, near Darjeeling at Kolim-ping, the beginning stage of the famous through-Tibet

route to China. In 'wanderings' I noticed an abundance of orchids, and gathered two kinds of raspberries: one, golden in colour, very sweet, English size; two, deep red, size of large strawberry!" Lieut. R. L. Valentine (1933-37) London Scottish, who we hear has been wounded in Italy, but is now on the mend, wrote in August to say, "fortunately I managed to escape the 'horrors' of an O.C.T.U., and was commissioned on the field. So, if and when I meet Lieut. V. A. M. McLeod (1934-37), R.A., again, after his experiences at O.C.T.U., he may expect to find that my accent will differ quite considerably from his!" L.A.C. L. A. Mills (1930-37) R.A.F.V.R., has had his "ups and downs" as a D.R. and M.T. driver through Sicily, and round Mt. Etna, and is convinced that any inclination he ever had for "wanderlust" is eradicated, swearing "my furthest wanderings shall be to Hadley Woods!" He sends "good wishes to all—not forgetting the masters against whom I bear no malice!" Sergt. P. S. Jackson (1933-37) Indian Army, called in at Durban on route, and (of course!) caught a glimpse of Lieut. K. D. Bullett (1926-35), R.N.V.R. and enterprisingly sought out a Smith (O.E.) (which one he didn't state!); is now in the I.A. Corps of Clerks; and situated in a "jungle retreat not exactly abounding with modern conveniences." Another O.E., who this time lunched with K. D. on his destroyer, is Lieut. W. E. Fernie (1924-33) R.A., now in England recovering from wounds received in Italy. L/Sergt. S. Theaker (1920-27) R.A., from "Italy—no fixed abode," has been hot on the track of Gunner K. A. Howard (1931-36) R.A., though never managing to catch him, except by letter. He passes on the news that Sub-Lieut. S. J. Osborne (1920-1928) took part in the Normandy invasion, and has now a "flak" ship. The members of the original O.E. "wandering" Rugger side will be pleased to hear of Lieut.-Commander W. O. Cook (1921-26) R.N.V.R., as follows (his precise record of fact is in line with his marking out of pitches!). He records "the arrival of a small girl, named Rosemary Jane, on July 31st," and states, "we were not surprised at her sex as it was predicted at the Admiralty where the statisticians have been at work that the proportion of girls and boys is about 25—I amongst officers on very particular jobs! My move into a new office 'was not without interest' as we found that the cupboard would not go through the doorway. It appeared to have the office built round it. We took it (the cupboard) to pieces to move it." Captain D. D. Beveridge (1910-20) att. A.M.G.O.T. in Italy, finds plenty of interest and variety, and would like news of his fellow scholars. (It's up to you!) Captain W. H. Jopling (1921-29) S.R.M.C., records a baby daughter, Daphne Louise, born at Salisbury on January 31st; he is now M.O. at King George VI Barracks there, and would welcome a call from any O.E. in Rhodesia.

Space precludes all except the "high spots" from L.A.C. Pyke's (1924-31) R.A.F., letters home from India; the over-worked bullock; the half-starved and unkempt village population, hunting with a bow-and-arrow; the Muslim girls; thirty-seven inches of rain in three days; temples in the forest; a fellow with a B.A. degree teaching in a village school and "tanking-up" on native spirits; some political parties hostile to England, the "I'd-like-to-slit-your-throat-but-can't-do-it-yet" look—14 pages of practical India, and worth a book of theory!

A short note from A.Q.M.S. F. J. Parsley (1922-27) R.E.M.E., reports, he "reporting" with a "dirty" thumb from A.D.S. to F.D.S., to C.C.S., to F.S.U., and "via a 'crate' by air to Brussels and France, and so ten days 'up to now'!" with Emlyn Williams in "Blithe Spirit" and Betty Grable in "Pin Up Girl"—what more could he ask for!

So, cheerio and God-speed!

THE HEADMASTER TO O.E.s.

DEAR ELIZABETHANS,

Though it really does seem now as if there is some hope of the annual dinner soon being resumed, for the moment I have, once again, to tell you through the "Elizabethan" what you would normally have heard from me at the dinner or Speech Day.

Of course the thing that mostly exercises our minds at present is the effect that the new Education Bill will have upon us. It is making considerable administrative changes, and superficially may appear likely to interfere with the freedom and the independence of action that we have so far possessed. These are far too early days in which to say with any certainty whatever whether this will, in fact, take place. It is quite possible that we shall be able to avoid any alterations that will adversely affect the School as you knew it, and to retain in practice all independence that is reasonable and that we really need, and that we shall be able to get over any difficulties of this sort without controversy. But, if unhappily we should not be able to do so, then we may need the massed support of all of you.

Meanwhile, although it seems almost shameful to speak of such commonplace things to those of you who are boiling or freezing, or fighting or toiling, in anything from a jungle or desert by way of a mess of mud to an arctic shore, I am glad to tell you that from all ordinary standpoints the year has gone very well. There have been two Open Scholarships at Oxford (Parkyn and Downie—both on the Science side) and a reservation for State Scholarship (K. W. Carter—on the Arts side). Twenty-two fellows sat for Higher Certificate; fourteen of them were on the Arts side, and all these were successful, with several distinctions; so were five of the eight on the Science side. In the ordinary School Certificate all candidates got through in the Summer Term, and all but two at Christmas. As most of these results were obtained with flying bombs audible all round us, they really speak very well for the work of masters and candidates alike—or perhaps the examiners were kind on account of our difficulties. At any rate, they show that on the work side at least we have not let the place down in your absence. Nor have we on the playing field. The XV had a convincing and successful season against other schools, Bedford, Modern and St. Albans School being the only people to beat us, both away. Bedford were a remarkably good side, and St. Albans won by the only score, which was a penalty goal. Let me hasten to add that they

thoroughly deserved to win, as they had all the game. This fact, indeed, gives the key to the season, for the backs were good while the pack was poor, and that explains why the results in our few club matches were less good than those against schools; for, except in the two cases mentioned, our pack could hold their own against other schools sufficiently to give the backs a chance. I had best draw a veil over the doings of the second XV, but the lower footer was promising enough for the future. Athletics, too, were well up to scratch, and we won six out of thirteen open events in the Herts Public Schools A.A.A. Meeting. It is always difficult to get an athletic team that is solid throughout. This year our strength lay in the jumps and field events, the track producing no mature runner of class except Fillmore, the captain, but there were some youngsters of promise. The cricket XI, too, was successful, unexpectedly so. It lost only two school matches, and most of its victories were by a convincing margin. Williams' batting and Firth's bowling were the chief features in its success, but it was a pleasant side. Even though on Founder's Day it chose to have a "mood," and achieved nothing more than a dull and unenterprising draw, it was usually very lively.

Those of you who lamented the absence of a Corps in peace time will be glad to hear that the School Squadron goes strong. The more recent of you will be glad to know that the harvest camp was still the biggest in the County, and nearly killed the masters who ran it.

Perhaps the most important event of the year was the departure of Mr. A. S. Vaughan Thomas. There is no need for me here to pay lengthy tribute to the large number of ways in which this live little wire played his part in our various successes for as long as thirteen years. You all know that, and that we shall miss him very much. Mr. Young, whom a few of you knew and liked, also left us. The rest of us are still here. We get more grey or more bald, according to taste; we sometimes get a little tired and disgruntled, but somehow we seem to be keeping things going, or doing even more than that.

I cannot close without saying again how splendid it has been for me to see so many of you during the year. Some with yarns to tell, others with yarns which they do not think proper to tell—at least to me. Please keep coming as often and whenever you like. What a day it will be (and what a din) when we all gather together again.

OLD ELIZABETHANS SERVING WITH H.M. FORCES.

(Additions and alterations to Dec. 1st, 1944; further information will be welcomed by the Editor at the School; by Cecil Tripp, Ganwick Corner, Barnet; and by the O.E.'s Forces Committee, 63, Northumberland Road, New Barnet, Herts.)

ADDITIONS.

Name.	Years.	Decoration.	Rank at time.	Unit or Service.
COBDEN, D. W.	1934-36	D.F.C.	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
JONES, W. A. N.	1927-34	M.B.E.	Major	Beds. & Herts. Regt.
KINGSMILL, G. H. W.	1929-31	M.M.	Corporal	London Rifle Brigade
LOGAN, M. C.	1931-36	Ment. in despatches	L.A.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
SMITH, R. G.	1932-39	D.F.C.	Flight-Lieut.	R.A.F.V.R.

DECORATIONS.

KILLED IN ACTION, ETC.

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit or Service.
BULL, E. P.	1935-42	Fusilier	Royal Fusiliers
CAMPION, L. J.	1934-38	2nd Lieut.	Lancashire Fusiliers
CLARK, D. C.	1934-41	Sergt. (Flt.-Eng.)	R.A.F.V.R.
FRANCIS, E. H.	1915-23	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
HALL, D. D.	1935-36	Flight-Lieut.	R.A.F.V.R.
LINDON, E. G.	1921-28	Fusilier	Royal Fusiliers
SHRIMPTON, H. G.	1927-33	Troop Sergt.	R.H.A.
SMALL, M. H.	1922-29	Fusilier	Royal Fusiliers
TURNER, C. C.	1934-40	Lieut.	R.A.C.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit or Service.
BEST, R. H.	1934-39	Fusilier	Royal Fusiliers
SCAMBLER, K. C.	1926-36	Corporal	R. Horse Guards

SERVING.

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit or Service.
BENNETT, J. S.	1936-42	Private	G.S.C.
BEVERIDGE, D. D.	1910-20	Captain	Somerset Light Inf. (att. A.M.G.O.T.)
BUGDEN, A.	1934-39	Private	R.A.P.C.
FILLMORE, W. C.	1937-44	O.S. (U.S.C.)	R.N.V.R.
FRANCIS, G. A.	1937-44	U.S.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
GIBSON, G. A.	1935-44	Gunner	R.A.
GLASSMAN, I. M.	1942-44	U.S.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
GOWLETT, J. L.	1936-41	Cadet	R.A.F.V.R.
LEGG, J. F.	1937-44	U.S.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
LOGAN, M. C.	1931-36	L.A.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
MAYS, R. G.	1935-44	Private	G.S.C.
McCORMACK, A. E.	1938-39	Naval Aircraftman	R.N.V.R.
McKINNON, D.	1935-41	Private	G.S.C.
MORGAN, M. J. M.	1939-44	Marine	R.M.
MORRISON, K. F.	1936-42	Private	G.S.C.
OSBORN, E. C.	1920-25	Aircraftman	R.A.F.V.R.
OSBORNE, E. H.	1937-40	L.A.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
PARKYN, G. T.	1931-40	Trooper	R.A.C.
POULTNEY, P. F.	1915-22	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
ROLFE, D. W.	1935-43	Signalman	R.C. of Sigs.
SCRIVEN, R.	1933-39	L/Corporal	R.E.
SHEPHERD, C. J. H.	1938-43	Midshipman	R.N.V.R.
SHEPHERD, D. J. D.	1936-43	O.S.	R.N.V.R.
STARBUCK, F. W.	1938-43	Private	G.S.C.
STERRY, J. R.	1937-44	U.S.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
TILLER, R. M.	1936-42	U.S.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
TOWNLEY, J. A.	1937-42	Private	G.S.C.
WARD, P. R.	1935-44	Private	G.S.C.

AMENDMENTS.

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit or Service.
ADAMS, C. P.	1936-39	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
ADAMS, R. G.	1931-36	2nd Lieut.	Reccce. Corps
ALWIN, G. J.	1938-42	Sergt. Pilot	R.A.F.V.R.
BARNARD, E. W. E.	1933-38	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
BLEWETT, A. H.	1935-43	Aircraftman	R.A.F.V.R.
BUGDEN, J.	1929-36	Private	R.A.P.C.
COBDEN, A. R.	1931-37	Lieut.	Hampshire Regt.
COBDEN, D. W., D.F.C.	1934-36	Flying Officer (Flight-Eng.)	R.A.F.V.R.
DAWSON, S. H.	1929-33	Pilot Officer (Nav.)	R.A.F.V.R.

AMENDMENTS (continued).

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit of Service.
DUNNILL, F. P.	1931-37	Leading Signaller	R.N.V.R.
EWING, E. J.	1931-34	Corporal	R.A.F.V.R.
FARRER, J. C.	1905-08	Yeo. of Signals	R.N.V.R.
FLOWERS, D. T.	1931-37	Captain	Indian Army
GROVE, J. R.	1931-37	Corporal	R.A.F.
GUY, P. D.	1927-31	Sub-Lieut. (E.)	R.N.V.R.
HANSON, G. B.	1935-40	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
HARRIS, L. T. N.	1916-24	Flight-Lieut.	R.A.F.V.R.
HAWTHORNE, E. H.	1936-41	2nd Lieut.	Seaforth Highlanders
HEWINS, J. A.	1924-32	Captain	Beds. & Herts. Regt. att. King's African Rifles
HIBBERT, R. A.	1930-40	Captain	R.A.C.
HOSSACK, A. P.	1934-39	Sergt.	R.A.F.V.R.
HUGHES, D. L.	1932-37	Squadron Leader	R.A.F.V.R.
HUGHES, N. T.	1936-44	Telegraphist	R.N.V.R.
JACKSON, P. S.	1933-37	Sergt.	Indian Army
JEFFERY, F. E.	1933-40	Sergt. (Nav.)	R.A.F.
JENKINS, D. E.	1928-34	Lieut.	R.C. of Sigs.
JOHNSON, D. G.	1933-39	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
KING, S. A. J.	1933-39	Flight-Lieut.	R.A.F.V.R.
KINGSMILL, G. H. W., M.M.	1929-31	Corporal	London Rifle Brigade
KNIBB, A. C. F.	1928-30	Sergt.	Recce. Corps
KNIBB, F. J.	1933-37	Cadet	R.A.F.V.R.
KNIBB, T. E.	1931-37	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.)
LLOYD, T. H.	1925-31	Warrant Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
MANSFIELD, E. J.	1931-37	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
MARLOW, R. C.	1933-43	Gunner	R.A.
MATHEWS, F.	1934-39	Craftsman	R.E.M.E.
McCOLL, P. J.	1930-37	Captain	R.M.
McLEOD, V. A. M.	1934-37	Lieut.	R.A.
MILLS, L. A.	1930-37	L.A.C.	R.A.F.V.R.
NEWELL, D. C.	1935-43	W/M. (L.C.)	R.N.V.R.
OCKLESTON, F. P.	1932-39	Corporal	R.A.M.C.
ODELL, R. E.	1932-38	Lieut. (A.)	R.N.V.R.
OPPERMAN, G. W.	1934-40	Lieut.	Middlesex Regt.
PALMER, K. A. V.	1934-38	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
PARSLFAY, F. J.	1922-27	A.Q.M.S.	R.E.M.E.
PARTNER, P. D.	1935-42	Sub-Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
POPE, R. J.	1931-39	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
RICHARDS, B. G., M.B.E.	1930-34	Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
RODGER, J. L.	1936-42	Flying Officer	R.A.F.V.R.
SKINNER, J. V.	1932-38	Lieut.	R.A.
SLOUGH, R. W.	1932-37	2nd Lieut.	R.A.
SMITH, R. G., D.F.C.	1932-39	Flight Lieut.	R.A.F.V.R.
TATE, J. A. W.	1926-33	Corporal	R.A.S.C.
THEAKER, S.	1920-27	L/Sergt.	R.A.
TRIPP, M. B.	1933-41	F/Sgt. (Bombardier)	R.A.F.V.R.
TURNER, A. J. S.	1933-41	2nd Lieut.	R.A.
VALENTINE, R. L.	1927-37	Lieut.	London Scottish
VINCENT, R. H.	1933-41	Lieut.	R.E.M.E.
WALKER, R. A.	1931-38	L/Corporal	C.M. Police
WILSON, D. McN.	1935-42	Lieut. (A.)	R.N.V.R.
WINCHESTER, G. C. J.	1934-40	Sub-Lieut. (A.)	R.N.V.R.
WITHEY, H. G.	1925-32	Sergt.	R.A.F.V.R.
WOOD, D. W. B.	1938-41	L.A.C.	R.A.F.V.R.

DELETIONS.

Name.	Years.	Rank.	Unit of Service.
BOARDLEY, A. W.	1936-41	Aircraftman	R.A.F.V.R. (Released from service.)
DOBBS, E. R.	1939-41	Radar Officer	R.M. (Included in error, never in services.)
PEARSON, D. L.	1926-31	Signaller	R.C. of Sigs. (Released from service.)

