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STEVENAGE ROAD (HARVEST CAMP 1943)

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"Reading maketh a full man; Conference a ready man; and Writing an exact man."
—BACON.

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EDITORIAL.

Among the many associations of Michaelmas, two in particular stand out, mud and rigger. Synonymous, perhaps, but both plentiful. Activity has not, however, been confined merely to sport, and we have yet another academic success to report, the winning of an Open Scholarship at Jesus' College, Oxford, by A. R. Downie, to whom our congratulations are due.

With a sudden enthusiasm, all branches of the School Society have awakened to ardent life, and are doing many things, but, due to their desire for completeness, their notes are delayed until next issue. Apparently carried away by this ardour, the Chess Club has also come to life, and has won its only match so far.

We must also report the loss of a master, Mr. Thorne, after two fierce years with us. It is rumoured that many of our Latinists now sleep more soundly in their beds and, in some cases, even in their desks. Mr. Townend has taken his place and has already made his mark on out-of-school activities, having become president of the Camera Club. Of other new masters, Mr. McIntosh is now perfectly at home both among us and his teams in the "gym," while the Science Sixth has taken calmly to the mathematical—dare we say maternal—supervision of Miss Strevens.

The Powell-Davis Prize for last term was shared between A. H. Blewett and H. C. Ludwig.

Next term ends on March 29th, with half-term on February 21st.

HARVEST CAMP, 1943.

Although the unfortunate advance party had to combat tempestuous wind and torrential rain the afternoon of August 2nd was fine enough for the great mass of campers to complete the 25-mile journey from Barnet to Walkern without much opposition from the elements. Some tried to do their journey in little over an hour. The majority were satisfied with a steady two hours, while one hapless party, having carelessly omitted to remember a connecting link, failed to reach their destination until four hours after they had set out.

However, the camp, once established, soon settled down, and early next day small groups, voyaging in various directions to their respective farms could be seen by early rising occupants of Walkern. For the next four weeks the harvesters were required for numerous tasks. Hard-working farmers were usually satisfied with eight hours of "stooking" and "carting," but some unfortunates were compelled to clean out the

stables, and one party-leader very nearly had to bring a young calf into the world.

When the camp ended and all that there remained to be done was to fill in the holes and to take down the tents all retained pleasant recollections to take back to civilisation.

The noisy young orderlies, who, compelled to "turn out" at some ghastly hour, made the air ring with their exhortations to rise and their tempting picture of a good breakfast. The unenviable prospect of cold dull mornings and wet country roads coupled with the inevitable puncture. The pleasures of pitching and loading, stacking and shocking, carting and threshing. The return to camp where the fruitful results of the labours of our cooks awaited us. The diurnal task of "rounding up" the bellicose Ferdinand, and, after a day of threshing, the resemblance to nigger minstrels being dispelled by two hours persistent scrubbing at the wash basins. The journey to the village hall where letters could be written, songs could be sung and games could be played in light, comfort and ease. Finally the walk back to camp beneath the stars, singing peculiar songs much to the disgust of the "early-to-bed" residents of Walkern. Such was the eventful life of a day at camp.

On the last night, when the job had been finished efficiently, the customary sing-song was not followed as usual by some "hero" braving the mighty River Bean, but after having completely overwhelmed the nightly invasion of cockroaches and beetles, happily tired, we sank into deep slumbers.

Thus the camp ended. And all that remains is to give our grateful thanks to those who helped to alleviate our weariness. To the masters and ladies whose excellent meals were always a tonic at the end of a hard day. To the Rev. A. S. Taylor, whose simple services, whose leadership in the community singing, and whose skill with the bandages all left their mark on camp life. And finally to Mrs. Taylor, who brought her surgical talents and pints of orange juice to the hapless tenants of Tent Four.

G. A. G.

Le jeune Haxby, sur une meule perché
Tenait sa place comme enfant assez sage,
Jusqu'au moment où le fermier
Lui tint à peu près ce langage :

Hé, bonjour, Monsieur d' Haxby,
Que vous me semblez brave! Que vous me semblez
hardi!

Sans mentir, si votre ouvrage
Se rapporte à votre ramage
Vous êtes bien diligent!
Mais descendez. Il est temps.

A ces mots notre ami ne se sent pas de joie,
Cherchant une échelle il ne voit
Que les brancards d'une charrette;
Il saute, désirant que la paille l'arrête,

Apprenez, amis, qu'il faut prendre quelque soin
Pour s'assurer qu'il y a, dans une charrette, du foin.
R. G. M.

SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS.

Prefects : R. J. Cooper (*Capt.*), D. J. Worfold* (*Lieut.*), G. A. Gibson,* W. C. Fillmore,* N. G. Scriven.*
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*Appointed since last issue.

CRICKET SEASON, 1943—RETROSPECT.

The weather, mainly kind, was yet fickle enough to spoil or cancel matches for all sides, and our season, too, mainly good, had bad patches.

The Second XI won three, drew one, lost two; and losing only two of its matches, "and (to quote the *Barnet Press*) as none of the draws was adverse, this is a good record." The victories included Bedford Modern, St. George's Harpenden, Haberdashers, and the O.E.'s on Founders' Day; the draws were Gentlemen of Herts, and Bancroft's, St. Albans, Watford, and Royal Masonic Schools: the defeats were in a very early match against Aldenham, and at the Stevenage Club—an occasion chosen by our batsmen for their annual unusually rapid outing. In a cricket sense the side was not outstanding; but it had valuable assets in Walpole's long-headed captaincy, in its good spirit, and in its fine fielding. This made an effective attack out of what was really a moderate one, again rather top-heavy with fast medium bowling. As, apart from Cooper and Williams, the batsmen did not even reproduce last year's form, the batting was again the weak point; but one did not notice it so much, for there was an enterprising cheerfulness about it that makes us hope that at last we have found that cricket is a game, and not a penance or a worry.

The Second XI won three, drew one, lost two; and though these figures read reasonably they are in fact disappointing—for, as last year, the side seemed a mixture of promise and experience of which much was hoped. Bowling and fielding were usually adequate, but the batsmen had an off season. It is to be hoped they have got over their bad luck, for there will be many vacancies in the First next year.

The Third XI, led by Fillmore, won one and lost two. It was a genial side, but, except for its bowling, was not very formidable.

The colts, on the other hand, belied their results, not winning a match. They were keen and seemed to be full of good promise; but perhaps their batsmen were a shade flourishing and inclined to give their minds to advanced pieces of technique—which were all very good provided they had mastered essentials. If you bring your bat up straight (instead of somewhere out to point) and down straight, and keep your mind and eye only on the ball from the moment the bowler's hand goes up, and move your feet to the ball so that your head is over the line of it, you have won half the battle, and can then start to think of perfection of finish. Both House Cups went to Stapylton. The Senior matches were reported in the last issue, and in the Junior Cup Stapylton were much too strong for the others. Leicester were the runners-up.

FIRST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.	Innings	Times High't		Total	Average
		not out	score		
M. Williams	12	2	61	199	19.90
R. J. Cooper	13	—	34	234	18.00
G. G. Allen	12	2	33*	154	15.40
T. W. F. Pay	9	3	24	87	14.50
D. D. Molyneux	9	1	64*	107	13.37
A. H. Blewett	13	—	49	164	12.61
B. W. Richards	8	3	29	54	10.80
P. F. Walpole	13	—	24	100	7.69
G. A. Francis	7	1	28	40	6.66
B. R. H. Scarlett	12	2	15	62	6.20
R. B. Whittington	8	3	8	31	6.20

BOWLING.	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
T. W. F. Pay	125	29	329	46	7.15
M. Williams	28.1	1	114	12	9.50
R. J. Cooper	49.2	8	150	11	13.63
G. A. Francis	42	3	110	8	13.75
R. B. Whittington	92	19	213	14	15.21

Only one match remained to be played after we last went to press, against the Police, whom we beat by 9 wickets.

FIRST XI CHARACTERS.

P. F. WALPOLE (*Colours and Capt.*, 1942-3). His second year's captaincy deserved its success. Fine field but had rather an off season with the bat, though worth more to the side than his figures show.

T. W. F. PAY (*Colours and Vice-Capt.*, 1942-3). Valuable all-rounder. Fast medium, with good stamina and length, he was the mainstay of the attack. Keen field, made some useful runs and would have made more if he had trusted his driving powers.

R. J. COOPER (*Colours* 1943). Another valuable all-rounder. Stylish and consistent opening bat, with odd habit of getting out in the twenties; erratic but intelligent fast-medium bowler; and his fielding at silly mid-off is likely to become a legend.

M. WILLIAMS (*Colours* 1943). Young all-rounder of good promise. Left hand bat who makes good use of his reach, and right-hand bowler who has a lot to learn, but took some useful wickets.

G. G. ALLEN (*Colours* 1943). Forceful bat who did not do quite as well as was hoped—perhaps he is still a bit rustic. Fielding close to the wicket second only to Cooper's.

B. W. RICHARDS (*Colours* 1943). Keeper of variable form; but his best was very good. No real bat, but played two valuable innings.

R. B. WHITTINGTON (*Colours* 1943). Fast medium inswinger, who deserved even better figures, but rather lacks stamina. No real bat, but keeps his head in a crisis.

A. H. BLEWETT (*Colours* 1942-3). Left-hander who showed in two innings that he was the best stroke player in the side, but was mostly out of faith with himself and out of form. Keen cover.

D. D. MOLYNEUX (*Colours* 1943). Workmanlike bat, but for some reason did not often produce his true form. Much improved field.

B. R. H. SCARLETT. All were glad he kept his place after two years bad luck. Batting very uncertain, but fielding very sound.

G. A. FRANCIS. All-rounder of promise, for he is a sound field, his batting is becoming less lackadaisical, and his slow bowling has good length and action—but needs much more venom of spin.

SECOND XI CHARACTERS.

P. HAXBY (*Colours* 1943). Had the bad luck to lead a side that was out of form. Medium pace bowler, who started well, but fell off during the season.

R. C. PANKHURST (Colours 1942-3). Keen field. His slows did well but need more lighting or spin to succeed in the first. Batting only partially successful and must get rid of his "two-eyed" methods.

J. R. STERRY (Colours 1943). Has promise as a bat but is rather stiff in his wrists and with his footwork. As keeper also has promise, but is prone to snatch and is slow with his stumping.

J. WELLS (Colours 1942). Good field. Plays forward well but was mainly out of form. Back play weak, and takes his eye off the ball.

E. B. STEPHENS. Seems to have the making of a good opening bat but somehow failed to come off.

G. A. GIBSON. Painstaking bat. Needs more strokes and not to play across with those he has. Shaky field.

P. H. DRAKE. Very keen. Earnest and improved bat. Clumsy field.

I. L. STANTON. Has nice action and length but must "do" more with the ball. May make a bat but as yet is flourishing and tends to play across.

J. B. FIRTH. Slow spin bowler, as yet in embryo, but of fair promise. Batting as yet purely defensive.

M. G. V. CADNEY. Medium paced bowler who must "do something" with the ball.

(The last place was never regularly filled.)

ATHLETICS.

A week and a half of the season remained to be recorded when we went to press with our last issue. In this brief period we defeated Aldenham on their own track, and Cheshunt at home with an "A" team; we won a gallant victory against the Old Boys, despite the loss in quarantine of a whole batch of seniors, including most of the Sixth Form; and the Junior Games had their annual week of competitive athletics, noteworthy alike for the competence of the Seniors who ran it and of the Juniors who ran. The sterling ability of the reserves, which had been such an invaluable source of strength to the team all through the season, thus enabled us to face an unprecedented emergency with confidence and bring a record season to a successful conclusion. In B. W. Richards we had a versatile captain and an outstandingly fine steeplechaser; he was staunchly backed up by D. C. Newell, who besides devoting much time and energy to helping others with their training ran many fine races himself, and whose powers seemed only limited by his own diffidence. Colours were awarded to W. C. Fillmore, N. T. Hughes, H. C. Ludwig, R. J. Cooper, T. W. F. Pay, R. C. Pankhurst, D. K. Jervis.

Badges were won by B. R. H. Scarlett, M. G. Wallace, C. J. Kirkman, P. J. D. Northey, N. A. O. Swabey and M. J. M. Morgan.

MATCHES v. ALDENHAM SCHOOL. At Aldenham on July 16th after an exciting contest the School won the first match between the two schools by 46 points to 35. The Junior (under 16) Team, which had previously lost to Bedford and Latymer, showed vastly improved form and also won with 34 points against 25. The Senior match was limited to nine events, as our opponents were unable to compete in the Walk, Discus or Javelin; and we were unexpectedly subjected to a handicap in three of them when Pankhurst was taken ill at the start of the programme. Aldenham's strength lay in the sprints and jumps and, leading through these, they were able to keep the match open till the Mile and 440 finally put us in front. In the Junior Match some of the times were exceptionally good. N. A. O. Swabey (880 Yards) and P. J. D. Northey (440 Yards and Hurdles) actually ran faster than their senior colleagues, while M. J. M. Morgan won the High Jump with consummate ease. The Senior events were:

100 Yards: 1 P. H. E. Newman (A), 2 N. T. Hughes (QE), 3 P. Bavin (A). 10.8 secs.
220 Yards: 1 N. T. Hughes (QE), 2 J. A. M. Baldwin (A), 3 N. B. G. Clifford (QE). 24.8 secs.
440 Yards: 1 M. G. Wallace (QE), 2 D. K. Jervis (QE), 3 P. J. Farr (A). 58.8 secs.
880 Yards: 1 W. C. Fillmore (QE), 2 D. C. Newell (QE), 3 G. H. Hartley (A). 2 mins. 18 secs.
Mile: 1 B. W. Richards (QE), 2 K. H. Sanderson (A), 3 W. C. Fillmore (QE). 4 mins. 58.2 secs.
110 Yards Hurdles: 1 P. Bayin (A), 2 M. E. Pennington (A), 3 B. W. Richards (QE). 16.2 secs.
High Jump: 1 M. E. Pennington (A), 2 H. C. Ludwig (QE), 3 W. C. Fillmore (QE). 5 ft. 3½ ins.
Long Jump: 1 N. B. G. Clifford (A), 2 D. K. Jervis (QE), 3 M. G. Ridpath (A). 17 ft. 6 ins.
Weight: 1 R. J. Cooper (QE), 2 B. W. Richards (QE), 3 R. V. Grange (A). 35 ft. 3½ ins.

"A" TEAM v. CHESHUNT. On the following Tuesday, July 19th, Cheshunt were beaten by an "A" team on Stapylton by 64 points to 26. The visitors were unluckily forced to make several last-minute substitutions, and in general were no match for us, even with the Colours missing from our team. R. C. Pankhurst won three events, the 100 Yards, 220 Yards and Long Jump, and D. K. Jervis, who was runner-up to him in the last two, reached nearly 36 feet in winning the Weight. The winners were:

100 Yards: R. C. Pankhurst (QE) 11 secs.
220 Yards: R. C. Pankhurst (QE) 24.4 secs.
440 Yards: B. R. H. Scarlett (QE), 57.6 secs.
880 Yards: S. A. Smith (Ches.) 2 mins., 19 secs.
Mile: E. Roff (Ches.) 5 mins. 27 secs.
Mile Walk: M. H. Howard (Ches.) 7 mins. 56.6 secs.
High Jump: M. J. M. Morgan (QE) 5 ft.
Long Jump: R. C. Pankhurst, 18 ft. 11 ins.
Weight: D. K. Jervis (QE) 35 ft. 10½ ins.
Discuss: C. J. Kirkman (QE) 106 ft. 9 ins.

MATCH v. OLD ELIZABETHANS A.C. The quarantine regulations left but four Colours and Badges as the nucleus of the team for the annual match with the O.E.A.C. on July 22nd, and about a dozen reserves had to be brought in. The Old Boys had hoped for some considerable assistance from forces members on leave, but this was not forthcoming, and without it their team was a little patchy. They gave a good account of themselves all the same, and in securing such a handsome win our strange-looking side bettered expectation. The best contest of the day was probably the finest hurdles race ever seen on Stapylton. At flight after flight the four competitors rose together, in fine style, till P. J. D. Northey, who was running in his first senior race, gradually drew away to win. P. A. Ward, just back from the wilds and short of practice, was beaten into third place by B. W. Richards. Ward won the javelin, however, and Richards concluded his school career by winning both the weight and the 880 Yards. A H. Perks gave a splendid exhibition of walking in the classical style, and the match ended with a terrific 220 Yards, in which G. P. Sonnex and N. T. Hughes ran shoulder to shoulder for two hundred yards, before the former got in front. Results:

100 Yards: 1 N. T. Hughes (School), 2 G. P. Sonnex (OE), 3 A. H. R. Peace (School). 11.2 secs.
220 Yards: 1 G. P. Sonnex (OE), 2 N. T. Hughes (School), 3 S. H. Perkins (OE). 24.4 secs.
440 Yards: 1 M. G. Wallace (School), 2 G. M. Parmiter (School), 3 P. D. Olsen (OE). 57.6 secs.
880 Yards: 1 B. W. Richards (School), 2 N. A. O. Swabey (School), 3 G. T. Parkyn (OE). 2 mins. 11 secs.
Mile: 1 E. J. Nankivell (OE), 2 P. S. McGreal (OE), 3 M. J. W. Rogers (School). 5 mins. 4 secs.
Mile Walk: 1 A. H. Perks (OE), 2 R. H. Vincent (OE), 3 K. W. Carter (School). 7 mins. 35.2 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3 ft.) : 1 P. J. D. Northey (School), 2 B. W. Richards (School), 3 P. A. Ward. (OE). 17.2 secs.
 High Jump : 1 M. J. M. Morgan (School), 2 P. A. Ward (OE), 3 K. T. Fulton (School). 5 ft. 2 ins.
 Long Jump : 1 C. G. King (OE), 2 A. H. R. Peace (School), 3 J. A. Woods (School). 18 ft. 4½ ins.
 Weight : 1 B. W. Richards (School), 2 (equal) E. W. Manthorpe (OE) and P. D. Olsen (OE). 35 ft. 7¾ ins.
 Discus : 1 T. W. F. Pay (School), 2 C. J. Kirkman (School), 3 P. D. Olsen. (OE). 117 ft.
 Javelin : 1 P. A. Ward (OE), 2 C. J. Kirkman (School), 3 P. S. McGreal (OE). 150 ft. 3 ins.
 School : 61 points. Old Elizabethans A.C. : 47.

JUNIOR ATHLETIC CUP. The 500 entries for the twenty-three Junior events were worked off in heats spread over a whole week, the finals being held on the Saturday, July 23rd. The complete organisation was undertaken by the Captain of Athletics, B. W. Richards, and carried through with competence and dispatch. Richards himself acted as starter, and most of the unquarantined seniors assisted as judges or other officials. The running of the juniors was good and markedly above standard in all four classes. The jumping was by comparison rather disappointing, except the Long Jumping in Class I, where six competitors exceeded the "A" Standard of 15 feet. Stapylton won the House Cup from Underne, with Broughton a close third.

CLASS I RESULTS :

100 Yards : 1 J. M. Robertson, 2 K. Taylor, 3 J. W. Bullock, 4 R. H. Winchester. 11.9 secs.
 200 Yards : 1 J. M. Robertson, 2 C. G. Sadler, 3 J. W. Bullock, 4 D. W. A. Bruce. 24.2 secs.
 400 Yards : 1 D. W. A. Bruce, 2 A. C. Jones, 3 K. E. Kennedy, 4 K. Taylor. 58 secs.
 800 Yards : 1 R. H. Winchester, 2 D. Power, 3 J. B. Stillwell, 4 M. W. Lunnon. 2 mins. 18.6 secs.
 100 Yards Hurdles (3ft) : 1 D. W. A. Bruce, 2 P. Wells, 3 J. W. Bullock, 4 J. L. Goodall. 17.6 secs.
 High Jump : 1 P. Wells, 2 A. N. Bradbeer, 3 J. L. Goodall, 4 R. H. Winchester. 4 ft. 8 ins.
 Long Jump : 1 D. W. A. Bruce, 2 K. Taylor, 3 A. C. Jones, 4 J. M. Robertson. 16 ft. 6 ins.
 Half Mile Walk : 1 J. L. Goodall, 2 C. A. Winchester, 3 R. L. Busvine, 4 P. H. Treby. 4 mins. 16.6 secs.
 Class I Score : Stapylton 78, Broughton 61, Underne 44, Leicester 42.

CLASS II RESULTS :

100 Yards : 1 S. S. Leveroni, 2 A. C. Thomson, 3 L. Taylor, 4 J. R. Darling. 13.9 secs.
 200 Yards : 1 H. B. Hemmings, 2 D. A. Horner, 3 R. J. Sharkey, 4 S. S. Leveroni. 26.6 secs.
 375 Yards : 1 H. B. Hemmings, 2 I. A. Sewell, 3 D. A. Horner, 4 A. L. Sharpe. 56.4 secs.
 750 Yards : 1 A. L. Sharpe, 2 B. F. Tuley, 3 S. H. Woods, 4 P. Belton. 2 mins. 17.6 secs.
 100 Yards Hurdles (2 ft. 9 ins.) : 1 S. S. Leveroni, 2 A. L. Sharpe, 3 W. A. Wiles, 4 D. P. Richards. 20.4 secs.
 High Jump : 1 E. J. Stuttard, 2 L. A. Ditton, 3 J. A. Rolfe, 4 W. A. Wiles and S. H. Woods. 4 ft. 1 in.
 Long Jump : 1 S. S. Leveroni, 2 E. J. Stuttard, 3 D. G. Brewer, 4 L. Taylor. 13 ft. 11 ins.
 Half Mile Walk : 1 B. H. Thompson, 2 M. Newman, 3 P. C. Price, 4 S. Shere. 4 mins. 34.8 secs.
 Class II Score : Underne 81, Broughton and Stapylton 49, Leicester 7.

CLASS III RESULTS :

75 Yards : 1 A. E. Merrick, 2 D. J. Farrell, 3 A. F. Gladwin, 4 K. R. R. Jones. 10.5 secs.
 200 Yards : 1 P. J. Hazell, 2 S. J. Fereday, 3 D. J. Farrell, 4 A. F. Gladwin. 27 secs.

400 Yards : 1 P. J. Hazell, 2 S. J. Fereday, 3 J. V. Sharp. 62.2 secs.
 Long Jump : 1 R. V. Schulze, 2 D. R. Williams, 3 K. R. Clarke, 4 B. T. R. Wood. 11 ft. 11½ ins.
 CLASS III SCORE : Stapylton 25, Broughton 18, Leicester 6, Underne 2.

CLASS IV RESULTS :

75 Yards : 1 W. N. Bolt, 2 J. R. Brown, 3 J. A. Caro, 4 J. H. Lucas. 10.4 secs.
 200 Yards : 1 C. D. Devos and J. B. M. Walker (dead heat), 3 J. A. Caro, 4 M. W. Barker. 29.2 secs.
 375 Yards : 1 W. N. Bolt, 2 M. R. Starkess, 3 J. H. Lucas, 4 P. G. Cuss. 60.6 secs.
 Class IV Score : Stapylton 20, Underne 15, Broughton 10, Leicester 3.

HOUSE CUP RESULT :	{	1 Stapylton	172
		2 Underne	142
		3 Broughton	138
		4 Leicester	58

FOOTBALL.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. OLD ELIZABETHANS. On Stapylton. October 2nd. Drawn 11—11.

The weather was very warm, the School was a bit below full strength, and play was scrappy—for the O.E.'s, who had most of the game, were a bit out of practice, and time and again the school was saved by a passing error. The O.E.'s pressed at once, and after the School line had had some narrow escapes, a good movement sent in Tarbox. However, the School drew level when one of the few incursions into enemy territory gave Cooper the chance to kick a penalty, and he put us three points up before half time with a good run through the centre. In the second half also the O.E.'s had the better of the game, and drew level with a fine penalty by Tiller. Pankhurst gave the School back its lead with a long dribble, in which luck and skill were blended; but the O.E.'s resumed the attack, scored through McGreal, and Walpole all but won them the game with a drop at goal just on time. The school forwards were clearly inexperienced, and were badly beaten in the scrum, though passable in the loose and good in the line out. The backs did not make much of their few chances. Though everyone stuck to his work, the tackling was uncertain, some players seemed unfit, and a draw was a lucky result.

School : C. J. Kirkman; W. C. Fillmore, D. K. Jervis, R. J. Cooper, R. C. Pankhurst; J. C. Fitkin, G. A. Gibson; J. R. Sterry, N. G. Scriven, J. Wells, B. L. Faulkner, D. J. Worsfold, G. J. Soane, K. W. Carter, M. J. M. Morgan.

O.E.'s : L. R. Heard; E. W. Tarbox, P. F. Walpole, P. S. McGreal, P. A. Ward; B. R. H. Scarlett, A. H. Blewett; F. E. G. Fuller, G. J. Adey, D. C. Newell, J. L. Leach, B. W. Richards, D. E. Pearce, R. M. Tiller, P. H. Drake.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. October 23rd. Won 23—0.

Much more even than the score implies, for 14 of our points came in the last ten minutes. The deciding factor was the very much greater speed of our backs, which first saved our line by overtaking opponents who were clear, and ended by over-running the opposition. Conditions were very greasy, and our outsiders started at half speed, with many pardonably dropped passes. Pankhurst, who alone had shown dash, went off hurt after 15 minutes and did not return till well on in the second half. So, while having the better of the game, we scored only twice by half-time, Wallace and Jervis forcing their way over from scrums near the line. In the second half

Haberdashers had the better of the game till 10 minutes from the end, when a penalty kick near our goal hit the bar, and our forwards cleared this dangerous position with so fine a rush that Hughes was able to gather the ball and run in from half-way. Then, with the backs going full blast, we quickly added three more tries by quick, orthodox passing and good running on the wings.

School: C. J. Kirkman; N. T. Hughes, R. J. Cooper, D. K. Jervis, R. C. Pankhurst; M. G. Wallace, G. A. Gibson; J. R. Sterry, J. Wells, D. J. Worsfold, B. L. Faulkner, G. J. Soane, K. W. Carter, M. J. M. Morgan, P. H. Newell.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. Away. October 30th. Won 24-4.

The School forwards quickly dominated the scrums, and the backs had numerous chances. The lack of co-operation, however, among the mid-field players was noticeable; passes were dropped and little use was made of the wings. Scores came in the first half through Jervis, Fillmore and Wallace. Despite the loss of Sterry from the pack a few minutes before half-time, the forwards continued to play well, but the backs' play still lacked cohesion. The individual running was good and spectacular tries came from Wallace and Cooper. The good work of the forwards was marked by a try from Morgan. The Eltham score was a penalty goal in the second half.

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v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 3rd. Won 13-0.

A little disappointing, for much of our play started well, but all of it finished badly. The scores were largely individual efforts. The forwards missed Sterry, and were beaten in the tight, though superior in the loose, Worsfold in particular. The backs, especially the left-wing pair, muddled and were hesitant. Our opponents, though a younger side, played the better football; but we had the legs of them. In an even first half, Morgan scored, following good runs by Hughes and Cooper. At the start of the second half Wallace scored with a big individual run, and Pankhurst did a long dribble but missed an easy touch down. We then withstood a long assault on our line, and got on top for the last ten minutes, but scored only once, through Cooper.

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v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. November 13th. Lost 0-3.

A hard struggle. The St. Albans pack, much heavier and more powerful, kept us pinned in our "25" throughout the game. But our forwards, though beaten at all points, stuck gamely to their work and tackled well, while the defence of the outsides, one and all, was splendid. They could hardly be blamed, under such continuous pressure, for not being so convincing in attack with the very few and very partial chances they had. The only score was a penalty goal ten minutes from the end; and any chance of snatching the game out of the fire in the closing minutes virtually went at the same time, when Gibson had to be carried off. To lose by a penalty goal was certainly hard luck on the fine defence, but St. Albans had all the game. The unusual incident happened of the full-back (Kirkman) brilliantly intercepting the opposing scrum half's pass to his fly!

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v. ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL. (Harpenden.) Away. November 17th. Won 27-0.

Both sides were playing well below strength, our weakness being very marked in the scrum. The score came slowly and the forwards were never together in the loose; so that in the first half the backs saw little of the ball, and St. George's deserved to score when they pushed our scrum back over our line. But the outsides went away beautifully twice before half-time, a good movement sending Pankhurst over, and Hughes running through on his own from our twenty-five. In the second half the ball began to come out clearly and the backs made good use of their opportunities. Pooler served the ball out well, and Worsfold made a lot of ground in open dribbles.

School: C. J. Kirkman; N. T. Hughes, D. K. Jervis, R. J. Cooper, R. C. Pankhurst; M. G. Wallace, N. Pooler; A. A. Youngman, K. W. Carter, G. J. Soane, B. L. Faulkner; D. J. Worsfold, M. J. Rogers, A. R. Downie, M. J. M. Morgan.

v. O.E.R.F.C. On Stapylton. November 20th. Lost 5-9.

A keen game in good conditions. The O.E. Club had incorporated several Old Boys on leave and had a strong side. They pressed hard to start with and scored after five minutes. Thereafter the School had at least an even share of the game but the backs did not finish well and failed to score, though Cooper had two good shots at a dropped goal. The O.E.'s went off with a burst in the second half and scored twice. But twelve minutes from the end a punt ahead for Pankhurst brought a try by Cooper who converted it with a fine kick. However, some errors in tactics prevented us from scoring again. The forwards, especially Faulkner, did well against a heavier pack, but the outsides, though tackling well individually, did not mark their men as well as usual—perhaps they missed Jervis—and in attack they all did good things, but too often at the wrong time. For example, the punting ahead for the fast wings was good policy *occasionally*, but not every time, especially as we were a bit stronger in the centre. What luck there was in the play certainly did not go our way, but then the O.E.'s were without Pearce all the second half.

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O.E.'s: D. E. Pearce; E. W. Tarbox, P. S. McGreal, E. J. Smith, N. H. T. Bennett; A. F. Buttery, L. R. Heard; E. N. H. Shearly, G. C. J. Adey, E. W. Manthorpe, A. R. Cobden, D. C. Newell, J. McCarthy, T. E. Adams, R. M. Tiller.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 27th. Won 8-3.

We were a bit below strength for this match, and, though the substitutes did well enough, the mere fact seemed to upset the forwards, who all played hard but unintelligently (with the exception of Worsfold, who, as usual, revelled in the wet). This was unfortunate, as the very greasy conditions made it a forwards' day. The outsides, however, were all good, and some excellent, the mud notwithstanding. At the very start Worsfold pounced on a dropped pass and dribbled over to score from nearly half-way. Almost immediately the threes developed a fine movement which Pankhurst finished with a gorgeous run—our

best try this year. Thereafter the game was a tremendous struggle, largely forward, Watford getting over with a rush in the second half. But our backs, especially Kirkman and Pankhurst, made us good value for our win by their sound defence, and by gaining ground with the very few chances they had.

School: C. J. Kirkman; R. C. Pankhurst, R. J. Cooper, D. K. Jervis, J. C. Fitkin; M. G. Wallace, G. A. Gibson; J. R. Sterry, N. G. Scriven, J. Wells, D. J. Worsfold, G. J. Soane, K. W. Carter, K. G. Payne, P. H. Newell.

SECOND XV.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. October 23rd. Lost 6—25.

Two points down at half-time, with conditions greasy, we obviously depended on what our pack could do in the second half. Unfortunately it became very ragged, and the defence of the outsides was not always sound.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. On Stapylton. October 30th. Won 27—3.

Sub-title "Fitkin's Field-day"—for he scored, or was responsible for, all our tries. Apart from one or two bad periods the forwards were good. So was Hayes at scrum-half; but the threes, running well individually, were very poor in combination. Francis led the side well in Fillmore's absence.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. November 3rd. Drawn 12—12.

A scrappy game, played on a sticky field. Both sides attacked unevenly, with forward rushes and individual efforts by outsides, which neither defence seemed able to check. The School were lucky to keep the score level, having penalties to thank for half our points.

v. ST. ALBANS. On Stapylton. November 13th. Lost 6—8.

With a wet ball, and a much heavier pack, St. Albans elected to make a forward game of it, and most of the play was in our "25." We scored a quick try at the beginning, however, and T. M. King went over again in the second half on almost the only occasion when Fitkin refrained from trying to cut through on his own. St. Albans forwards also got two tries, and won the match by converting the second.

v. ST. ALBANS COUNTY SCHOOL FIRST XV. On Stapylton. November 17th. Lost 9—12.

The less said the better. A heavy apathy lay on most of the side. We had the better team work, but our opponents had some strong runners, and as some of our outsides just funk'd we were lucky not to lose more heavily.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. November 24th. Lost 3—15.

Following a poor start when Watford scored twice, the School rallied. The forwards led by Payne were good in the loose, but Watford continued to press their advantage outside.

THIRD XV.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. October 30th. Lost 11—15.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 10th. Lost 11—16.

v. CHESHUNT SCHOOL 2ND XV. On Stapylton. November 17th. Won 3—0.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. November 20th. Won 13—3.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 24th. Won 16—12.

COLTS XV.

v. ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL. On Stapylton. October 27th. Won 23—0.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. October 30th. Lost 6—20.

v. ST. ALBANS COUNTY SCHOOL. Away. November 3rd. Lost 0—42.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. November 10th. Lost 5—27.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. November 20th. Won 30—5.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. November 27th. Won 18—0.

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

OFFICERS: FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J. A. STRUGNELL, FLYING OFFICER E. W. HARRISON, FLYING OFFICER J. PEARCE, PILOT OFFICER H. W. NORMANTON.

Strength: The Squadron numbers four Officers and 104 other ranks.

Promotions:

To be Acting Flight Sergeant—Sergeant Johnson.

To be Acting Sergeant—Corporal Worsfold.

To be Acting Corporals—R. J. Cooper, W. C. Fillmore, B. M. Hibbard, N. T. Hughes, C. J. Kirkman and N. G. Scriven.

Proficiency, Part I: The following passed Part I of Proficiency Examination: Corporal R. J. Cooper, Leading Cadets M. G. V. Cadney, I. M. Glassman, D. K. Jervis, R. C. G. Mildren, J. R. Sterry, C. J. H. Shepherd and P. F. Walpole.

Inspection: The District Inspecting Officer, Squadron Leader H. C. C. Jackson, inspected the Squadron on October 8th. Major F. W. Jefferies (O.E.) inspected the Squadron on October 29th.

Lectures: Lieutenant (A.) Sharpe, D.S.C., gave a talk on "Combined Operations," illustrated by films, on October 15th. Major Costello gave a talk on the Sicilian Campaign on November 5th.

Aircraft Recognition Competition: A team representing the Squadron in the North Middlesex Section Competition for the London Rotary Club and Skinner Cups on October 9th, came second with 537 points, the winners obtaining 538 points.

Camp: The "O.E." Flight attended A.T.C. Camp from July 24th to 31st at an R.A.F. Station. F/O. E. W. Harrison and F/O. J. Pearce were respectively Camp Commandant and Adjutant. Corporal B. M. Hibbard rendered valuable service as Camp N.C.O. for the duration of the Camp.

Battle of Britain Sunday: The Squadron took part in the parade at Underhill.

Parades: A colour hoisting precedes each Friday afternoon parade. The Squadron trumpeters are Cadets Fitkin, MacEacharn and Wallace.

Cadets Serving:

Royal Navy: Leading Cadet P. F. Walpole; Cadet N. Calderon.

Fleet Air Arm (University Short Course): Cadet D. D. Molyneux.

Army: Corporal G. G. Allen (Indian Army).

University Short Course: L.C.'s R. C. G. Mildren and B. R. H. Scarlett.

R.A.F.: Cadet A. H. Blewett (University Short Course); Corporals D. W. B. Wood, A. H. Perks, and Ludwig; L.C. P. Flanagan; Cadets A. W. Close, G. R. O'Brien, C. H. Britton, C. E. Smith, E. U. Scott and P. Haxby.

Instructors: F/Sgt. R. M. Godfrey, instructor to No. 1374 Squadron, A.T.C.; F/Sgt. C. A. Johnson, instructor to No. 189 Squadron, A.T.C.

LIBRARY NOTES.

It is customary to report that the library has been well patronised, and this term has been no exception. The issue has reached a very high average and though some people come only to peruse the weekly *Punch*, a large number of books are taken out daily.

The committee has been enlarged to ten members, and the shelvees have shown a little more zeal than usual and as a result the library is slightly tidier. The insignificant notice "Silence," which was seldom heeded in the past has now been thrown to the winds, for the melodious music, heard along the corridors, of the school gramophone emanates from the sanctuary of the library.

As figures state facts it only remains to say that 83 new books have been acquired this term. There are 6,112 accessed books; the number in stock is 5,473. Finally we would like to thank all those who have given presentations and leaving gifts in the last term, especially A. H. Blewett, P. A. Ward, P. F. Walpole, B. R. H. Scarlett, R. G. Woods, R. C. G. Mildren, P. Haxby, C. J. Shepherd and J. N. Barry.

G. A. G.

HOUSE NOTES.

BROUGHTON.

Housemaster: Mr. J. A. STRUGNELL.

Sub-Prefects: D. K. JERVIS, R. G. MAYS.

Our former House Captain who was also Captain of Prefects, left us at the end of the Summer Term, and with him H. C. Ludwig and J. N. Barry. Their departure was a considerable loss to the House, but one that will be reparable by hard work and enthusiasm. Richards was deservedly successful in the 1st M.B. examination, and Barry passed his Inter. B.Sc. They are continuing their studies in medicine and science respectively, while Ludwig and G. R. O'Brien have entered the ranks of the R.A.F. To them and to D. Marriott, C. J. H. Shepherd and P. H. Allaway we extend our best wishes for success in their various occupations. R. G. Mays is to be congratulated on his promotion to Sub-prefect and on passing Higher. The School Certificate, "passport to the Sixth," has been gained by O. J. Charles, G. W. Gilbert, D. Marriott, A. Rodger and C. J. H. Shepherd.

Athletic Colours for the season were awarded by Richards, who captained the School Team, to Ludwig, Pankhurst and Jervis. Richards was the sole representative of the House in the First XI, and Pankhurst in the Second XI, both being awarded colours.

We are pleased to note that the Gardner Cup for Individual Swimming has been retained for Broughton by P. Allaway who also displayed the best diving technique. J. E. Bonney was first home in the "thirteen lengths"; but in spite of our individual talent the House was second in the Relay Race.

As for actual House activities, the term has been uneventful, but we can look forward to some success in the Rugby and Chess Finals next term.

D. K. J.

LEICESTER.

Housemaster: Mr. WINTER. *Prefects*: R. J. COOPER, D. J. WORSFOLD. *Sub-Prefects*: N. T. HUGHES, K. W. CARTER, C. J. KIRKMAN.

This term has so far been satisfactory in that the House contains the Captain and Lieutenant of the School, as well as the Captain and Vice-Captain of the XV. We offer congratulations to A. R. Downie on obtaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Science to

Jesus College, Oxford; and to those who obtained Higher and School Certificates. P. H. Drake gained 1st M.B. D. J. Worsfold, M. J. Morgan and K. W. Carter have played regularly for the 1st XV, and C. J. Kirkman has been awarded Colours. In the Colts XV J. M. Robertson is Captain and R. L. Busvine and P. H. Treby have Colours. Worsfold has been appointed full Prefect and N. T. Hughes, K. W. Carter and C. J. Kirkman Sub-Prefects.

R. J. C.

STAPYLTON.

Housemaster: Mr. A. S. VAUGHAN-THOMAS. *Prefect*: N. G. SCRIVEN. *Sub-Prefect*: B. J. M. ALEXANDER.

This term the House felt the loss of many good seniors, especially the former House Captain, P. F. Walpole, whom we wish the best of luck in the Fleet Air Arm.

Some well-remembered Old Stapyltons have visited the School this term, among them N. H. T. Bennett, E. N. H. Shearly, P. W. R. Robeson, T. E. Adams, D. A. Nelms, J. C. Opperman and E. W. Tarbox.

In the First XV, N. G. Scriven, G. J. Soane and J. Wells have played regularly, Scriven and Wells gaining Colours. In the Second XV, D. H. Ashford, J. G. Bell, P. H. Newell and D. G. Parkyn have been regular players and P. H. Newell has filled a gap in the First XV on occasion.

In the scholastic sphere we have maintained a sound record this year, P. Haxby and D. G. Parkyn are to be congratulated on gaining Inter. B.A. and Inter. B.Sc. respectively, while R. A. Cribb gained Higher School Certificate. All five Stapylton candidates for School Certificate gained Matriculation.

Our juniors continue to show promise, and we have been well represented in the Colts XV, R. H. Winchester, J. L. Goodall and R. Opperman gaining Colours.

N. G. S.

UNDERNE.

Housemaster: Mr. J. PEARCE. *Prefects*: G. A. GIBSON, W. C. FILLMORE. *Sub-Prefects*: J. R. STERRY, D. L. J. CADNEY.

The Autumn Term is never prominent in Inter-House contests, but Underne has been well represented in all School activities. Academically T. W. F. Pay, G. A. Gibson, R. G. Woods (Distinction in French), and G. A. Francis are to be congratulated on obtaining Higher Certificate, and A. J. Beasley, N. A. Davies, P. J. D. Northey, G. M. Parmiter and M. G. Wallace on acquiring School Certificate. T. W. F. Pay, R. B. Whittington, R. G. Woods, G. A. Gibson, and J. A. Woods are to be congratulated on obtaining school prizes.

On the playing field, A. H. Blewett, R. B. Whittington and D. D. Molyneux were awarded their First XV Colours, and T. W. F. Pay won the Bowling Cup. J. R. Sterry has been re-awarded his First XV Colours, while M. G. Wallace and G. A. Gibson play for the XV, and W. C. Fillmore Captains the Second XV. The House has been well represented in the other teams, a fact which argues well for the coming House Matches, and K. L. Gibson is to be congratulated on obtaining his Colts Colours.

Last term witnessed the departure of a number of prominent members of the House, including T. W. F. Pay, A. H. Blewett, D. D. Molyneux, and R. B. Whittington. To them, as of course to all other past Underners, we wish the best of luck, and extend a very cordial welcome to them at any time when they manage to obtain some leave.

G. A. G.

OLD ELIZABETHAN ASSOCIATION

O.E. NOTES AND NEWS.

We tender our congratulations to Lt. Col. J. H. G. Chapman (1915-18) on the award of the O.B.E., and to Flying Officer W. H. Turner (1917-20) on the award of the M.B.E.

A. W. Bullett (1932-40) has obtained a pass degree in the B.Sc. degree examination in engineering.

R. A. Greenfield (1937-41) has obtained a similar degree in electrical engineering (telecommunications).

R. M. Godfrey (1934-41) has obtained an honours degree in the same subject.

E. R. Dobbs (1939-41) has obtained an honours degree in physics.

J. Bugden (1929-36) took a London LL.B. in June last.

MARRIAGES.

On June 21st, 1943, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, Harold Livsey (1919-26) to Vera Constance Batten.

On July 24th, 1943, at St. Andrew's Church, Coulsdon, Corporal Gordon Kingsmill, L.R.B. (1929-31) to Sheila Mary Lewis, Section Officer, W.A.A.F.

At Orchard Street Gospel Hall, Chelmsford, John Bugden (1929-36) to Vera Kathleen Rowland.

On July 31st, 1943, at Barnet, Peter E. C. Deacon (1930-35) to Evelyn Booth, M.R.A.M.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the death, on August 10th, 1943, of Percy George Toone (1889-90). He succeeded his father as proprietor of the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, and retired into private life about twenty-three years ago.

It is with deep regret that we record also the death, on active service, of Major Ronald Charles Sidney Bates (1912-15), David Gordon Shaw (1920-28), and John Ireland Pearson Ford (1932-36).

OLD ELIZABETHAN CRICKET CLUB.

Although not quite so successful as last year, the Club has seen better results than were expected this season. Of 19 games played, 6 were won, 8 lost and 3 drawn. Several O.E.'s now in the Forces played for us while on leave. Officials for 1944, elected at the Annual General Meeting, are R. F. Ha'nes (hon. secretary), E. J. Smith (hon. treasurer), P. S. McGreal (hon. team secretary), and the following complete the Committee: K. L. Woodland, G. Adey, A. J. Knox, W. T. Smith, R. M. Tiller and W. T. Vincent.

Details with regard to next season may be obtained from the hon. secretary, 29, Warwick Road, New Barnet, and it is hoped that any O.E.'s who have recently left school and who are interested in cricket, will join us next year. R. F. H.

OLD ELIZABETHAN ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Club has functioned more prosperously this year than during any previous war-time season, both in regard to results obtained and financially. Of the five matches arranged, two were won and two lost, while the fifth was cancelled by our opponents. Results not previously published are:—

July 15 v. Cheshunt A.T.C. Won, 53—36 points.

July 23 v. The School. Lost, 47—61 points.

C. A. J.

OLD ELIZABETHAN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The "rugger" flag still flies; though some weeks, when O.E. Forces reinforcements are not available, it tends to droop a little at the flagstaff. The following

matches have been played, with varying degrees of success:—

Oct. 2 v. School 1st XV.	Drawn 11—11.
„ 9 v. R.A. (Watford).	Lost 13—3.
„ 16 v. S.T. & C.	Won 8—23.
„ 23 v. Woolwich Polytechnic.	Lost 23—0.
„ 30 v. Old Fullers.	Lost 11—8.
Nov. 6 v. R.A.F. Station, Radlett.	Lost 13—8.
„ 13 v. Old Elthamians.	Drawn 5—5.
„ 20 v. School 1st XV.	Won 5—9.
„ 27 v. S.T. & C.	Won 3—5.

Matches are arranged for the remainder of the season, some return games, and also against. Tottenham, Handley Page, Tottenham Grammar School, Northampton Polytechnic, Old Blues Ex. A, Welwyn A., Rosslyn Park Ex. A, U.C. Hospital A. Phone Ent. 1234, Ext. 265, for a game at short notice!

L. R. H.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OLD ELIZABETHANS IN THE FORCES.

Letters, air mails, and airgraphs from O.E.'s during the last three months are a heartening reflection of the growing and expanding might of the Allies, and together form the opinion that confidence in ultimate victory is the sure basis of the endeavours of our several forces. We start with news of those whose feet were just on the ladder of adventure and travel: J. L. Rodger (1936-42), D. E. A. Powell (1935-42), G. J. Alwin (1938-42), B. F. Edwards (1935-42) (all L.A.C.), and whose one desire to get posted abroad for training is now fulfilled. Rodger, going as Navigator, is in S. Africa; Edwards from Ottawa, writes: "At St. John we had a look at the sights, including the "reversing falls," and nearly got caught by an armed guard for taking a forbidden picture. In the morning we returned, and it took five hitches to get back, which included a milk car, two old hunters' cars, and a smashing Packard." He had met L.A.C. M. J. Gregston (1934-42) before leaving England: "He was an N.B.W. and with his Part II Proficiency, had only had to take a five weeks course at I.T.W." and L.A.C. G. B. Hanson (1935-41) in Canada. Alwin, posted to Calgary, gives us some personal news and the whereabouts of Powell: "I was fortunate in my flying . . . and I managed to impress the examiner who gave me the highest mark of the course, which contributed largely to my being sent to this Utopia station—on Harvards . . . I've taken up skating with reckless enthusiasm, much to the detriment of my nether parts. Of the other O.E.'s, I have met only D. E. A. Powell, whom I saw at a neighbouring station when I flew there on a cross-country. He seemed to be very well, and had distinguished himself on the athletic field at Monckton." Cadet W. E. Newnham (1930-36) speaks of training at I.T.W. under Sgt. T. Larsen (Master, 1935-37) and is busy on a N.B.W. course, though finding time to "upset a few out-halves" in his approved (or not so approved!) style; also under Larsen are A.C.2. A. H. Perks (1935-40), and Cadet C. H. Britton (1934-40) both in the same flight, the School being thus well represented. P/O. E. B. Thomas (1937-39) has finished his training in Canada, and waits posting from O.T.U. A.C.2 J. L. W. Lister (1935-42) records some "notorious pranks" best hid from the authorities, but continues "we have now begun flying here at grading school, and our energy is directed to this one end, and all thought of ragging has gone out of our heads."

News from Tunisia comes from Lt. W. E. Fernie (1924-33) who arrived out there "with the first battery of 25-pounders with the 1st Army" and records many

unpronounceable battle points in which they had lively participation, finishing up by capturing forty "Ities" with his pal when on "recco" of a gun position; Cpl. N. C. Knights (1919-26) from the same location sends greetings to all—"not forgetting the Lt. Cols.—for I'm not proud!"; 2nd Lt. R. A. Hibbert (1930-1940) from the M.E.F. is learning the art of "foiling importunate backsheesh seekers" whilst pursuing a busy military career after "a quiet and pleasant voyage out, where the demonstration of Allied sea and air power gave a new vitality to the land-bound"; he has met Lt. J. V. Skinner (1932-38) by special arrangement, and spent with him a "a very pleasing evening," Pte. J. H. Sharpe (1932-38) has played some good games of "rigger" against Australians, and the Ceylonese—"the longer and short of it!"—and records also a football match R.A.O.C. v. Basutos—"the R.A.O.C. won but at the expense of two lads in hospital, three on the sick list—the Basutos suffered three slightly injured, and they play minus shoes and boots of any kind!" The widening sphere of war embraces *Sicily*, where the "O.E. Three," Lt. A. M. Robertson (1931-39), Lt. F. A. Henderson (1930-37), and Cpl. E. R. Henderson (1930-39) are some of those of our ranks in fun and trouble, the serious side of the invasion is given by a Robertson epistle: "Instead of spending Founders' Day, as I had anticipated, in comparative comfort in Egypt, where a cricket match on 'wicked' matting might be enjoyed, and where I had persuaded the Padre to include all the Founders' Day hymns in the next Sunday's service . . . we were whisked away to a hastily erected camp on the Sinai Peninsula—during this period General Montgomery addressed us, and from what he told us we were confirmed in our opinion that we were to take part in the invasion of the continent. We embarked straight from the camp, and early the following morning we sailed up the Canal to Port Said. After spending several days at anchor we put to sea, and our sealed orders were opened. It was a great surprise to most of us that we were for Sicily, for we had all thought it far too obvious a starting point. For some days we ploughed our way through "Mare Nostrum" with complete impunity, and after dinner on the 9th we could see Etna rising above slight haze. Shortly after midnight we anchored some twelve miles off the beaches. A great fire was blazing in the direction of Siracusa, and silhouetted against it we could make out the dim shapes of the ships moving in to land the assault troops. Frantic bursts of small arms fire, and an occasional searchlight beam wavering in wild panic told us that the first wave of landing craft had beached. One searchlight beam sweeping the sea picked up a large flotilla of assault craft and promptly went out. The reason became apparent later. As dawn broke and the vast assembly of shipping became visible to the already badly frightened Italians, a few coast batteries opened fire. They were silenced one by one, some by the assault troops and some by the counter bombardment of a cruiser squadron lying behind us. We were given the news as it came through from the beaches, and at about ten-thirty we were all ordered below while we stood in to within a mile of the beaches. Our serial was warned to stand by to disembark at noon, and we waded ashore a little before one o'clock. After a brief meal we commenced our march to our present position which we reached by noon the following day. From the time that we landed, throughout the afternoon and night, the beaches were dive-bombed and machine-gunned continuously, but with very little effect. On our route we passed systems of pillboxes sited in depth which would have been almost impregnable in the hands of a few of the more ancient Chelsea Pensioners. They had all been abandoned without putting up any resistance at all, and

that to mere handfuls of Airborne Troops. They were full of machine-guns, grenades, rifles and ammunition, but there was no evidence of them having fired a single round. The people appear to be very friendly and profess themselves glad to see us, but personally I wouldn't trust them an inch. They are most unpleasantly servile. One would expect a nation when faced with an invader to remain aloof and to have as few dealings as possible with the enemy. These people, however, particularly the townspeople and the younger generation, snivel and grovel to our troops to a revolting degree. The old country folk seem to have a certain pride, but they are in the minority. The extent to which the civil population has been sacrificed to the services is very noticeable. Some of the people have had no meat for eighteen months, while tea, coffee and cocoa have been unobtainable for three years. Another indication of the shortage of material is that very few indeed of the civil population have boots, and every corpse we have found and buried has been stripped of its boots. Among the military supplies we have found, however, are quantities of boots, meat and coffee, although the last is very "ersatz" and quite unpalatable. Morale is very low indeed, and all public buildings are covered with quotations from Mussolini's many speeches assuring the public of the invincibility of Italian arms. This applies even to service billets and operational sites, which have a continuous frieze painted round the exterior covered with such slogans as "A Chi l'Italia Libera? A Noi!", "Dio e Patria" or "Crede, Obbedire, Combattere." This artificially acquired morale was useless against determined assault troops, or the extremely accurate bombardment of the Navy. Apropos the Navy, their work throughout this operation has been magnificent. Every convoy course had been plotted weeks ahead and pinpointed for every six hours sailing time. Our convoy was never a second adrift, and every time we were due to meet another convoy, it appeared punctually to the minute. The work entailed in plotting all the courses, and then carrying out the plan, with some 2,500 ships involved must have been colossal."

The lighter side comes from E. R. Henderson, who also gives news of a new Robertson acquisition, a fearsome beard!, and who "ambled into non-allied territory with field glasses and a rifle with four rounds, on patrol. The farmers and their families assured me that Jerry had cleared out, with the result that I went quite openly rather further than I had intended. Eventually I was rather suddenly disorganised to find that a patrol had crept round between myself and my own lines and were now only twenty yards from me, and almost blocking the entrance to a waddi, the only means of covered retreat known to me. Fortunately a civvy attracted my attention to another route, and in taking advantage of this I'm sure that John Lockwood would have been pushed to surpass the rapidity of my retreat. Anyhow, however inglorious this appears, I'm glad to say that I got my own back on the blighters on a patrol that very night—doing them some real damage, whereas they only managed to kill my wind for a week." F/O. P. J. Richards (1931-40) at a Sicilian R.A.F. rest camp also records a little compulsory athletics! "I spent a few days leave . . . and although the time was short, I had a rollicking good "rest" while I was there. We stayed at a hotel in what must have been the ideal summer resort in peace time, for it was right on the coast, and amid some of the most magnificent scenery I have ever seen. The weather was beautiful, and we spent a rather 'Utopian' existence dallying on the beach most of the day, and drinking large quantities of iced beer in the cool of the evening. Not so now though—plenty of tin hat, and slit trench hours, are the form of the moment—you ought to see us whistle

into a trench when things get a bit hot on the ground. I'm never the first there, but I'm a pretty keen runner up!" Incidentally, Capt. J. F. Lockwood (1928-38), whose name is taken in vain above, is also in this part of the world, fit again, and once more rejoicing at "driving a tank instead of a pen"; as are also Sgt. R. L. Valentine (1927-37), who records an evening in Cairo with V. A. M. McLeod (1934-37) now cadet, training for a commission; D. Jenkins (1928-34); Gunner K. A. Howard (1931-36); Lt. P. J. McColl (1930-37) who has a feeling that Mt. Etna, under whose "care" he is encamped might be a bit of a menace if it turned nasty; and Sigm. B. F. Stow (1934-39), who had a period sick in base hospital, but feels consoled by his convalescence—speaking of eggs, fruit, brandy, gin, ice cream, and other unheard of delicacies! *Rhodesia* is the home of several O.E.'s: Capt. W. H. Jopling (1921-29) would be pleased to see any O.E. at the R.A.F. station, Guinea Fowl, Gwelo, where he is M.O.; Sgt. Pilot L. J. Harding (1934-39) is training "fellows some half my age again, or married, or with ten years' service, in the gentle art," he himself having had his training under another O.E., F/Sgt. T. K. Matthews (1925-30). *The land of the Stars and Stripes, the U.S.A.*, housed for a time Major F. W. Jefferies (1916-28) as a member of the British Army Staff, at Washington D.C., where he met, and recognised!, Lt. Col. J. H. G. Chapman, O.B.E. (1915-18) after they had parted their several ways from School for 26 years, which must be almost an O.E. record of coincidence. Captain I. W. Hall (1935-37), has also been "over there" with one of our crack A.A. batteries to demonstrate our fire control and gunnery methods; he is now in a Parachute Battalion. From *India*, where he has just arrived, Sq. Ldr. W. D. Hart (1916-23), tells of having a private Founders' Day service on board ship—in which all the troops joined in—with violin obligato, piano, and quartet, rendering Bach's "Jesu, Joy of man's desiring," to the approved Sir Hugh Allen's arrangement; finds cycling the two miles to H.Q. good for his soul, and anatomy!, and life interesting, but a little super-pukka!. The *N.W. Frontier* records a meeting of 2nd Lt. H. J. Evenett (1930-38) with L/Cpl. R. Boswell (1923-31), when they had a "grand evening." "After lunching on half-a-tin of bully, some Indian chappaties and tinned fruit, we had a pukka Regimental dinner, six courses—band on the lawn—what have we!—which was some change. I often go for a whole day, and except at breakfast and dinner, speak not a word of English. My grammar is hopeless, and my vocabulary limited, but I can now use a dictionary with extreme rapidity. The chappaties are a sort of pancake made of flour and water, and are used as plates, and spoons. One's fingers become forks, and teeth are the only knives. Believe me, washing up is simple!" It is also reported that L/Sgt. E. G. Hurry (1929-36) and Capt. G. D. Palmer (1926-34) are in this part of the world, as is F/O. S. A. J. King (1933-39). Off-Cadet G. G. Allen, I.A. (1937-43), is at Bangalore, and bemoans paying nine shillings for a tennis ball! Nearby (!), *Ceylon*, is the temporary home of Lt. H. C. Griffiths (1930-36); and A.C. A. J. Randles (1935-40). In *Durban, S. Africa*, Sgt. Pilot P. W. R. Robeson (1932-39), who has trained all over the world, and sends us this comment: "I'm not going to write a long description of what I'm doing, being, feeling, or thinking, because I know that you're quite unscrupulous enough to slip anything like that into the ELIZABETHAN!" met Lt. K. D. Bullett, D.S.C. (1926-35), who is now on a Hunt class destroyer in unknown waters; Sub-Lt. (A.) E. N. H. Shearly (1929-40) is home after a few unfortunate visits to West African ports during convoy duties, where the malaria and dysentery bugs got him a little—though his performance against the School in the

pack of the R.F.C. recently showed little signs of his weakening, at least not in "vox humana" leading the scrum!; A.C. R. S. Ferdinando (1932-39) also writes of a stay in this country before moving off to Egypt, whilst L.A.C. F. E. Jeffery (1933-40) at East London (S. Africa, though!) finds "time for other activities, and I'm active in Scouting out here; it's at low ebb, but I enjoy it, and helping kids is my work anyhow. For healthy looks they put our kids to shame, everything is on their side, of course. Bronzed, fair, well-ish built, and good looking, they're very easy on the eye." From the *Home Forces*, last but not least, Lt. A. R. Cobden (1931-33) spent months training recruits, after taking his commission, but is now with a field regiment and has started to enjoy life; his brother, D. Cobden (1934-36), is a Flight Engineer on a Halifax, and has completed several "ops" over Germany and Italy; Sgt. Pilot A. S. Andrews (1935-38) has not met any O.E.'s lately, but says some are bound to "crop up"; Coder D. A. Nelms (1934-41) ran into F. B. Stitt, "sporting his first ring, very full of beans, and enough hearty yarns for two subbies!"; F/O. L. T. N. Harris (1916-24) is instructing, and being fortunately placed near home, finds life very agreeable; Sub. Lt. (A.) D. McN. Wilson (1935-42) has completed training, and is now "at work"; O.S. P. D. Partner (1935-42) is on minesweepers; Sub. Lt. J. P. Parmiter (1934-40) is now a "Combined Ops" expert (!), having had a C/O's course.

The following are on Short Courses: A. H. Blewett (1935-43), who has been chosen to represent Oxford University at Boxing, and R. C. G. Mildren (1935-43).

A welcome piece of news comes from Sgt. D. L. Knibb's (1934-39) people, who state they have received a group photo from Stalag VIII "B," Germany, showing Knibb and others of our lads "wearing R.A.F. uniform, well groomed, and looking very fit, with no signs of despondency."

THE HEADMASTER TO O.E.S.

November, 1943.

Dear Elizabethans,

Once more this letter must take the place of the review of the school year which you usually hear either at Speech Day or the Annual Dinner.

It was yet another very good year, and we have been able, despite a lot of difficulty, still to carry on at something like a peace time level. One of the greatest troubles has been the shortage of kit. Some of the more naturally disorderly among you in your school days would have loved the opportunities for creating chaos that are provided by the necessity for "borrowing" football boots, while the more orderly of you would shake your heads at the extraordinary array of coloured stockings belonging to heavens know what and how many clubs, which appear during practices. But this is relatively a small matter compared with publishers' playful ways with books; and compared to forms and permits for every conceivable thing—in triplicate.

All your old friends are still here. Mayes, limping a little from occasional sciatica, is otherwise unchanged and seems eternal. Masters, some perhaps a little greyer, are otherwise the same, and the year has seen only two important changes among them. Mr. Chirgwin and Mr. Pritchard (both well known to those of you who have been here during the war) have left us.

As to work, we have broken fresh Scholarship ground when Worsfold got an Exhibition at Hull University, while Downie has continued the Oxford connection with an Open Scholarship at Jesus—both in Sciences. Once again we broke the record for the number of Higher Certificate candidates, and once

again the School Certificate examination has produced but a solitary failure.

The sporting year has also been pretty well all that one could wish. The first fifteen provided no less than eight players for County Public Schools sides, a record that is quite likely to stand for all time. And it was indeed a first class side, losing only three matches on its proper card. Bancroft's, by a single score, and Royal Masonic were the only schools to beat us, and Barts were the other side. A match arranged off the card in the Easter Term against St. Albans away, whom we had previously beaten, found us out of training and provided a fourth defeat; but it is doubtful if the School has had, or is likely to have, a much sounder side. And the second fifteen did equally well. The athletic team did not lose a match. There may not have been any one Lockwood or Shearly among them, but the general level was right up to the great pre-war days of the Public Schools' Cup. The cricket eleven, too, had perhaps the best season we have ever enjoyed in view of the strength of the card. It lost only one school match, very early on to Aldenham, who themselves were unbeaten during the season, and one club match at Stevenage, which we chose for our annual rabbitry. Oddly enough the side was not particularly formidable either in batting or bowling; it owes its fine record to fine fielding. Those O.E.'s who were fairly wrenched from their wickets on Founders' Day may tell you all about that.

As nearly all of you are now in the services, you will be glad to hear that the Corps also continues to go strong and to come out of numerous inspections with flying colours. These things, and the fact that once again we ran the biggest Harvest Camp in the County constitute in a brief summary all the main news of what has been a very busy year.

But though our successes are pleasing, still more pleasing to me personally has been the large number of visits from O.E.'s on leave and letters from all over the place. O.E.'s, having every conceivable sort of job and having had every conceivable sort of experience, have rolled in to the school and usually into my room. Letters have come from every corner of the earth, some of the descriptions of the wogs making particularly fine reading. Please keep up the visits and the writing. Heaven knows how much we may need to bind ourselves closely together after the war, and the more we can manage to keep in touch meanwhile the better.

At the Armistice Day service, when the list of those who have fallen was read, it was noticeable that it had doubled itself. There are no really adequate words in which to speak of the good fellows who have gone. Perhaps they would not even want me to do so, but I am very certain they would have liked me to wish good luck to all the rest of you, which I do most heartily.

E. H. JENKINS.

OLD ELIZABETHANS SERVING WITH H.M. FORCES.

(Additions and alterations to November 30th, 1943; 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.)

ADDITIONS.

KILLED IN ACTION, ETC.					
BATES, R. C. S.	...	1912-15	Major	...	I.A.
SHAW, D. G.	...	1920-28	Gunner	...	R.H.A.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

STANWELL, ST. J.	...	1923-25	Sergeant	...	R.A.F.V.R.
TOMPKINS, R. J.	...	1932-38	Driver	...	R.A.S.C.
TURNER, F. C.	...	1920-21	Lieut.	...	R.T.C.

MISSING.

ABRAHAM, C. E. W.	Able Seaman	...	R.N.
ROGERS, D. R.	...	1932-37	F/Lieut.	...	R.A.F.V.R.

SERVING.

ALLEN, G. G.	...	1937-43	Officer Cadet	...	I.A.
BRITON, C. H.	...	1934-40	Aircraftman	...	R.A.F.V.R.
BULLETT, A. W.	...	1932-40	Private	...	R.E.M.E.
CHAPMAN, J. H. G., O.B.E.	...	1915-18	Lt.-Colonel	...	I.A.O.C.
COBDEN, D.	...	1934-36	F/Engineer	...	R.A.F.V.R.
GREGSTON, M. J.	...	1934-42	L.A.C. (u/t Pilot)	...	R.A.F.V.R.
HALL, I. W.	...	1935-37	Captain	...	Parachute Battn.
JENKINS, D. E.	...	1928-34	?	...	?
JOPLING, W. H.	...	1921-29	Captain	...	S. Rhodesia M.C.
KNIBB, F. J.	...	1933-37	Aircraftman	...	R.A.F.V.R.
LIVSEY, H.	...	1919-26	Private	...	Beds and Herts Regt.
LISTER, J. L. W.	...	1935-42	Aircraftman	...	R.A.F.
NELMS, D. A.	...	1934-41	Coder	...	R.N.V.R.
NEWHAM, W. E.	...	1930-36	Cadet	...	R.A.F.V.R.
OPPERMAN, J. C.	...	1936-43	Sub.-Lieut.	...	R.N.V.R.
PERKS, A. H.	...	1935-40	Aircraftman	...	R.A.F.
STOREY, W. A.	...	1936-42	Naval Airman	...	R.N.V.R.
TURNER, W. H., M.B.E.	...	1917-20	Flying Officer	...	R.A.F.
TURNER, R. G.	...	1918-21	Captain	...	R.T.C.

AMENDMENTS.

ADAMS, C. P.	...	1936-39	Pilot Officer	...	R.A.F.V.R.
ANDREWS, A. S.	...	1935-38	Sergeant	...	R.A.F.V.R.
ASH, A. W.	...	1929-36	Lieut.	...	R.A.
BEALE, R. J.	...	1932-40	2nd Lieut.	...	R. Fusiliers
EVENETT, H. J.	...	1930-38	2nd Lieut.	...	R.E.
HARRIS, L. T. N.	...	1916-24	Flying Officer	...	R.A.F.V.R.
HARDING, L. J.	...	1934-39	Sergt. (Pilot)	...	R.A.F.V.R.
HAWKE, V. L. S.	...	1928-36	Lieut.	...	R.E.
JAMES, R. G., R.D.	...	1912-18	Commander	...	R.N.R.
MCCOLL, P. J.	...	1930-37	Lieut.	...	R.M.
MCLEOD, V. A. M.	...	1934-37	Cadet	...	O.C.T.U.
MORLEY, J.	...	1931-33	Signalman	...	R.C. of Sigs.
PARFIT, K. J.	...	1935-40	Pilot Officer	...	R.A.F.V.R.
PARTNER, P. D.	...	1935-42	Writer	...	R.N.V.R.
RHODES, W. A.	...	1931-37	Lieut.	...	R.A.
ROBESON, P. W. R.	...	1932-39	Sergt. (Pilot)	...	R.A.F.V.R.
THOMAS, P. H.	...	1931-37	Lieut.	...	R.N.R.
TRIPP, M. B.	...	1933-41	Sergt. (Bdr.)	...	R.A.F.V.R.
TURNER, C. C.	...	1934-40	2nd Lieut.	...	R.A.C.
THOMAS, E. B.	...	1937-39	Pilot Officer	...	R.A.F.V.R.
TIBBLE, H. E.	...	1933-40	L.A.C. (u/t Pilot)	...	R.A.F.V.R.
WADGE, A. H.	...	1937-40	O/Cadet	...	R.N.
WILSON, D. McN.	...	1935-42	Sub. Lieut. (A.)	...	R.N.V.R.
WRIGHT, H. A.	...	1903-06	Captain	...	Merchant Navy

