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## ROLL OF HONOUR

Flight-Sergeant G. F. C. STEPHENSON, R.A.F.  
Sergeant L. K. McMICHAEL, R.A.A.F.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

*School Captain:*

P. J. Crussell.

*Prefects:*

A. J. Baldock, K. F. Belben, H. A. Bodger, K. G. Brooks,  
J. H. Calcutt, T. P. Fitch, B. E. Power, J. A. Tyler,  
L. A. Whitby, A. J. James.

*Sub-Prefects:*

C. E. Davison, M. Drain, R. G. Thomas, D. G. Wickham.

*Football Captain:*

T. P. Fitch.

*Cricket Captain:*

H. A. Bodger.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### *Oxford School Certificate.*

Seventeen candidates were presented in July and the following thirteen were successful in gaining their certificates: Baldock, Belben, Brooks, Calcutt I, Crussell, Davison, Drain, Power, Thomas I, Tyler, Welch I, Whitby and Wickham I.

### *Staff Changes.*

In September we welcomed to our Staff, Miss C. Booker, who has taken charge of the Art throughout the School, and Mr. M. M. Jones, who looks after Form III. In January we were very sorry indeed to say goodbye to Miss Durrant, who had served the School loyally as Secretary throughout the very trying years of the war. In her place we welcomed Miss N. P. B. Johnson, Mrs. Dames' sister, fresh from her service with the A.T.S., in which she had held the rank of Junior Commander. At the end of the school year we had also to say goodbye to Mr. J. H. Metcalfe, who had served the School for two years: his energy and enthusiasm will always be remembered, especially where anything to do with Sport was concerned. We wish him all success at St. Chad's Cathedral School, Lichfield, whither he has gone to take up a joint appointment with his wife.

### *Confirmation.*

In May the following were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford in St. Mary's Church: Calcutt I, Abbey I, Gow, Dixon I, Findlay I, Inman, Mills, Alcock, Wickham II, Rand II, Smith II, Reed, Palmer and Pollitt.

### *Cinema.*

Unfortunately during the winter months, Mr. Buckey of Pishiobury found that he could no longer spare the time to give his weekly cinema treats which it had been our great good fortune to enjoy throughout the war, and we were left to our own devices with the two silent machines which we possess. Mr. Metcalfe took over the organization of a weekly show, having to rely on films of very pre-war vintage, but all these shows were well attended and enjoyed, and our thanks are due to him for his enthusiasm and efforts on our behalf. Perhaps under the same heading should come what we call the Indoor Games Club, in which once a week the gymnasium was handed over to Table Tennis, and all kinds of games from

Bridge to Snakes and Ladders. Through the drive of Mr. Metcalfe and the generosity of parents and boys a large number of games were collected for our evening's entertainment. Table Tennis and Badminton activities are reported elsewhere in this issue.

### *Wireless.*

Wireless has been brought nearer to the bedside during this past year since, through the activities of Mr. J. J. Laing, aided by Drain, every bed in the four top dormitories has been wired for headphones. The "diffusion" comes from the School Radio which is now housed in the music room at the top of the building, and boys are able to listen to every evening programme, from 8.15 to 10.0 p.m. from their beds. It was found that "Itma" coincided with a bath night, which perhaps led to the speeding up of ablutions (or a reluctance to drag oneself away from the alcoholic utterances of Col. Chinstrap).

The Prefects and Subs have again enjoyed most of the Saturday night plays, over in the H.M.'s study, and this engagement has now become one of the traditional privileges of these officers.

### *Music.*

We are glad to say that after a long interval it has been found possible to obtain the services of a music master, and we welcome to our Staff, Mr. Shaw, who gives to a dozen pupils or so the excuse to avoid some portion of afternoon school work. The musical appreciation society is still rather select in its meetings on Sunday evenings, the few regular members coming from the top forms only.

### *Lectures.*

On March 12 a representative of the School Lecturers' Association, Brig.-Gen. Frost, C.B.E., M.C., gave us an interesting talk on the Bible and the world situation. Having lived for seven years on the Afghan Frontier he had much that was interesting to tell us about India and its inhabitants. Later in the term we were treated to an eye-witness account of the landing on 'D' Day and the fighting on the following days, given by Major D. G. Wallace, D.S.O., M.C., who was acting as School Liaison Officer in the Eastern Command. He had received his D.S.O. for the part he played in this action, and in a quiet, easy and modest way he kept us thoroughly interested during his hour's talk.

### *Exhibition of Posters and Drawings.*

In December, on the suggestion of Miss Booker, an exhibition of drawings and posters worked in leisure time was held in the Art Room. The exhibits were arranged according to age, and the Headmaster was called upon to judge the results, a task which he found exceedingly difficult. On the first "reading" the first place in the seniors was given to a certain number which later turned out to be the work of Mr. Grubb, who had entered his work under a "nom de brosse." Consequently the H.M. (much to his disgust!) had to do all his work of judging over again, and the final results were as follows:

Over '14'. Mr. Grubb's prize of one guinea won by Leigh.

Under '14'. A prize of half a guinea won by Warr.

An extra prize of half a guinea was offered by Miss Booker for the best work apart from the above prize winners and was won by Baldwin. For the best poster in connection with the cinema shows half a guinea was presented by Mr. Metcalfe to Inman.

The subject of the pictures was a poem read by the boys under the tuition of Mr. Grubb, and the work as a whole showed a very high standard indeed.

### **FOOTBALL**

Most of the football fixtures were completed during the Winter Term, which was just as well since the field was in such a bad state during February and March that very few games could be played on it. Furthermore, it was necessary to spare the ground as much as possible in view of the coming cricket season. The following are the accounts and the results of the matches played:

*October 10. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School, under 14.  
Played at home.*

This, our first match of the season, gave the School a 6—3 victory. The Friends' scored the first two goals of the game and, after some exciting but nevertheless good football from both sides, Anson (left-wing) scored with a spectacular shot from 15 yards, the score at half-time being 2—1 in favour of the Friends'. The second half opened with some lively exchanges, but the School, now with the wind and sun in their favour, were soon on top and Anson added another to the score. The other forwards, Findlay, Wilcox,

Stammers and Elcome, each netted one. The Friends' managed to put on two more before the final whistle. Liley was the outstanding forward. A very clean and interesting game.

*October 13. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School 1st XI.  
Away.*

For the first 15 minutes the Friends' had it all their own way and scored twice without reply. The School then pulled themselves together and Whitby netted a very neat pass from Desprez. The Friends' then scored two more goals, and Fitch got another for the School, bringing the score to 4—2 at half-time. The second half began with some exciting play, both sides giving a good display. The School were pressing hard and they now seemed to have the measure of Plank, the Friends' centre-forward, who played a fast and brilliant game. Then came a splendid shot from 20 yards, which beat the Friends' goalkeeper. Plank scored again for the Friends' and almost immediately Whitby netted another for the School. The final whistle blew with the School trying very hard to equalize, but the Friends' retained their one-goal lead. Result 6—5. A splendid game played with true sporting spirit.

*October 17. v. Newport Grammar School 1st XI. Home.*

The School lost the toss and Newport elected to play into the wind. With this advantage the School got well off the mark and Whitby netted a splendid goal in the first ten minutes. Soon after, Rand, right-back, with a great shot from the half-way line, scored the second goal. This feat he repeated before half-time and so the School were three up at the interval. Things looked very rosy for the School at the beginning of the second half, but Newport seemed to go all out and soon put on two goals in quick succession. Thus encouraged, they made renewed efforts to equalize, which they did shortly after. Both sides were now playing a ding-dong game and spectators did not see the good football that was played in the first half. The School were attacking hard, but could not finish it off; our defence also had cracked somewhat and five minutes before the final whistle Newport scored the winning goal. Result 4—3.

*November 14. v. Newport Grammar School 1st XI. Away.*

The School lost the toss, lost the ball after the kick-off and Newport attacking strongly scored their first goal after five minutes' play. By half-time Newport had put on two more goals without reply. The opening of the second half saw the School making valiant efforts, but the shooting was erratic

and several sitters were missed by Fitch and Whitby, with only the goalkeeper to beat. The School defence, however, was better in the second half, though Newport scored again five minutes before the end. Result: Newport 4, School 0.

*November 17. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School, under 14. Away.*

The Friends' kicked off and pressed their attack in fine style and nearly scored in the first five minutes, but the School managed to clear the ball well down the field and our forwards were soon in possession and, from a splendid pass by Elcome, Hayworth scored the first goal for the School. The Friends', playing good football, could not get through the defence and were always beaten by our backs when a goal seemed almost certain. At the interval the School were leading 3—1. In the second half the Friends' seemed to be playing better and scored their first and only goal of the match. The School netted two more and the final whistle found both sides playing hard. Result 5—1 in favour of the School. Scorers were Hayworth 3, Liley 1, Stammers 1.

*November 21. v. Newport Grammar School, under 14. Home.*

The School, facing the heavier side, started well by scoring in the first five minutes. Then Newport netted one after some lively exchanges and both sides were playing well. Then Hayworth scored again for the School. Newport scored twice again before half-time, when they were leading by one goal. When the second half opened both sides were giving of their best, but the ground was by now very heavy owing to rain, handicapping the players in their passes. Then Wilcox, the School centre-half, sent in a very spectacular shot from 20 yards which raised the School's hopes. Newport, however, got in front again and despite gallant efforts of the defenders ran out the winners by 6—3. Scorers for the School were Elcome, Hayworth and Wilcox.

*November 28. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School 1st XI. Home.*

In a fast and interesting game the Friends' won the return match. The exchanges were particularly fast before the interval and the attacks from both sides were of such a character that they should have produced more goals, both goalkeepers being peppered with shots. At half-time the score was 3—2 in favour of the Friends'. On resumption of play after the interval the game was much slower, both sides seeming to be

feeling the effects of the pace in the first half. Crouch equalized soon for the School and some exciting play followed, our supporters on the touchline voicing their encouragement in no uncertain manner, but in spite of this and the thrilling efforts of our forwards the Friends' netted two more goals without reply. Result: Friends' 5, School 3. Scorers for the School were Fitch, Desprez and Crouch.

*November 30. v. Pishiobury School Junior XI. Away.*

The play opened with speed and skill and, in spite of good football from both sides neither could get the ball into the net, there being no score at half-time. The School began the second half by attacking strongly and Desprez came within an ace of scoring when the Pishiobury goalkeeper cleverly tipped the ball round the post for a corner. Pishiobury gained the ball from the resulting kick and, making a splendid break through, scored the first goal of the match. Again the School returned to the attack and were giving their opponents plenty to do to keep them out, but could not finish off. Both sides were playing well at the final whistle. Result: Pishiobury 2, School 0.

*November 24. v. Parndon Youth Club. Home.*

Our 1st XI won this match—their first win of the season—by 5—1. For the first fifteen minutes Parndon did all the attacking and only the solid defence of the School backs kept them out. The game settled down and the School were soon on top, at half-time leading 3—0. Soon after the interval Parndon managed their only goal of the game, but were no match for the School, our forwards scoring two more goals before the end.

*December 1. v. St. John Ambulance Cadets. Home.*

The School fielded a 2nd XI against the Cadets, who put up a good show on the whole, but their defence was weak and our forwards got through and scored three times without reply in the first 30 minutes of the game. The Cadets scored their first goal just before half-time. The School then went on to win quite comfortably, the final score being 5—2. Scorers for the School were Drain 2, Desprez 2 and Whitby 1.

*December 8. v. Potter Street Cadets. Home.*

This proved to be a very interesting and lively game, the sides being equally matched, and the play was good to watch. The Cadets scored the first goal after some fine mid-field work. The School then settled down to some pretty football and soon equalized. The Cadets again netted the ball, and again the

School replied with a shot from Drain, and at the interval the score was 2—2. At the opening of the second half both sides were giving of their best, but the School were now definitely on top and having most of the game and the score would have been much higher had it not been for the brilliant saves by the Cadets' goalkeeper. At the final whistle the score was 3—2. On the play the School deserved their win.

*February 20. v. Saffron Walden Friends' School 1st XI. Home.*

This game resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Friends'. Play never reached a high standard, owing to strong winds, but was always interesting. Desprez scored the first goal for the School and immediately afterwards Plank scored for the Friends', who were attacking strongly. The School backs, however, although fighting back hard, could not keep Plank out and he netted two more before the interval without reply. The second half started with the School forward line making rather spasmodic attacks which gave the Friends' little trouble and they were always able to clear easily. Plank added four more for the Friends' and just before the end Drain scored another for the College. Final score: Friends' 7, School 2.

*February 9. v. Pishiobury School. 2nd XI. Away.*

Although not an exhibition of classic football this game was entertaining and at times rather grim. After twenty minutes of ding-dong play the School settled down to more stylish football and in spite of our opponents showing somewhat superior speed the School were the better side at ball control. Just before half-time came the first goal of the game, Drain scoring for the College from a splendidly placed corner kick by Bodger. The second half opened with some lively play, Pishiobury going all out to equalize, but the sound defence of the School kept them out. Then came a brilliant move by Anson (i), who placed the ball perfectly for Drain to shoot, which he did, the ball glancing off one of the Pishiobury backs into the goal. Result: School 2, Pishiobury 0.

E. J. G.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

The Cross-Country Races were run off on March 27 and 28. On this occasion each House entered a team of six runners for both Junior and Senior events, all to count points. For the first time a House Cross-Country Cup was at stake, and as a result enthusiasm was greater than it ever had been in the past, in addition to which the Houses trained for the events,

as teams. Nelson won the junior race, providing the first three men home; these three had a magnificent finish, there being a difference of a split second between them. Beatty did well, with excellent packing according to plan, but their packing was not quite high enough to counteract Nelson's having the first three places. Rodney did very well indeed, considering the size of their House, to come in only four points behind Beatty. Results were as follows: 1, Liley (N), 10 mins. 17 secs.; 2, Menhinick (N), 10.17 plus; 3, Stammers (N) 10.24; 4, Ball (K); 5, Thomas III (R); 6, Skinner (R); 7, Briton (B); 8, Anson II (B); 9, Palmer (R); 10, Hartfield (B); 11, Findlay II (B); 12, Anson I (B); 13, Philbrick (R); 14, Baldwin (B); 15, Short I (N); 16, Tipton (R); 17, Squires (R); 18, Stout (N); 19, Clark (K); 20, Warr (N); 21, Claydon (K); 22, Hope-Johnstone (K); 23, Gibbs (K); 24, Fish (K).

Final Placings: 1, Nelson, 59; 2, Beatty, 62; 3, Rodney, 66; 4, Keyes, 113.

The Senior Race resulted in a fairly comfortable win for Beatty, as was generally expected, Desprez and Brooks coming in a quarter of a minute before Whitby of Rodney, who again did very well indeed, taking second place. Beatty's win would have been by a greater margin had it not been for the fact that Calcutt II, generally thought to be their second string, hurt himself badly almost at the beginning of the race. He continued running, however, though in great pain, for if he had dropped out he might have lost his House many valuable points, and with great pluck took 18th place. Menhinick of Nelson is to be congratulated on coming in 12th in the Senior race after his great effort in the Junior on the previous day.

1, Desprez (B), 18.18; 2, Brooks I (B), 18.20; 3, Whitby (R), 18.35; 4, Hellicar I (K); 5, Reed (R); 6, Drain (B); 7, Southgate (R); 8, Baldock (B); 9, Harrison (K); 10, Power (N); 11, Thomas II (N); 12, Menhinick (N); 13, Grimshaw (K); 14, Bird (K); 15, Rand I (N); 16, Smith I (R); 17, Dixon I (B); 18, Calcutt II (B); 19, Grant (K); 20, Welch I (R); 21, Wood (N); 22, Warr (N); 23, Shel Drake (R); 24, Belben (K).

Final Placings. 1, Beatty, 52; 2, Rodney, 74; 3, Keyes, 83; 4, Nelson, 91.

The "Power Cup" was therefore won by Beatty, and the "Summers Cup" by Nelson.

We should like to thank the Revd. O. J. Rooke for his valuable help during the training period and for the organization of the races themselves.

## PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

On March 16 there was presented the second of our Physical Training Displays in the Gymnasium before a large attendance.

The following are details:—1, Swedish Drill—Form IV. 2, Swedish, with Agility Exercises—III. 3, Swedish, with apparatus—Mixed. 4, Free Standing and Agility—Upper Remove. 5, Boxing (Exhibition)—Mixed. 6, Tumbling and Agility—Lower Remove. 7, Exhibition of Skating—Peter Stratton. 8, Vaulting—Va and Vb.

The standard of the work had improved on that of last year, and we were particularly impressed by the Swedish, with apparatus, and the vaulting of the two top forms.

The work for the "Munns Cup" had been previously judged by Mr. Graham as had been that for the "Inman Cup," and the results were as follows:—

*"Munns Cup" for Seniors, Maximum 70:* 1, Sheldrake, 70; 2, Power, 68; 3, Rand I, 66; 4, Bird, Hellicar I and Southgate, 64; 7, Crussell, 63; 8, Davies, 60.

*"Inman Cup" for Juniors, Maximum 50:* 1, Stammers, 49; 2, Liley, 48; 3, Anson I and Squires, 45; 5, Baldwin, Hayworth I and Menhinick I, 43; 8, Pollitt, 41.

A cup for the winner of 1945 was presented by Mrs. Anson to Crussell, while Mr. E. J. Graham presented a medal to Power, the runner-up for this year. Mrs. Inman presented the "Inman Cup" to Stammers.

The heats and finals of the Senior and Junior Boxing Competitions had also been fought on a previous day, and to the winner of the Seniors Mrs. Inman presented the "Inman Cup" to Grant, while to Findlay II, the winner of the Juniors, a medal was presented by Mr. Burridge.

A most successful afternoon, at the end of which the parents were entertained to tea in the Dining Hall. Our grateful thanks to those parents who so kindly presented cups and medals.

## BADMINTON

During the winter months a refreshing outburst of enthusiasm amongst the Senior boys was to be seen, and most of the boarders of the two top forms tried their hands at one time or another, a number of them having the endurance and keenness to pass through the initial stage of "winders" so often to be seen in beginners at this game. It is rumoured

that one recruit stuck it out after missing the shuttle no less than seven times during his first attempt to serve. So beginners of the next season should take heart, for it is an excellent winter game and we are as well equipped as most schools for the enjoyment of the game, the gymnasium providing us with one of the best halls in the district.

It is a pity that the game cannot be made available to more than a few of the Senior boys, owing to the fact that we have one court only, but it is hoped that as many as possible of these Seniors will join the club, which is financed by the Sports Club, and it may be that matches with the local club will be arranged. There are one or two promising players in the School, of whom special mention should be made of Drain, who promises to be a good club player when he adds inches to his stature. Others who showed enthusiasm and promise were Crussell, Wickham I, Russell I, Desprez, Davison, Calcutt I and Brooks I. One or two members of the Staff joined the boys and an informal match between Staff and Boys was played, resulting in a win for the Staff, led by Miss Johnson, our untiring Secretary, to whom our thanks are due for the organization and the provision of shuttles (no easy task!).

## TABLE TENNIS

Everyone agrees that during the long winter evenings some form of recreation must be provided. This year it again came with a resurrection of Table Tennis. The first signs of its coming back to life was the interest some members of the Staff showed in playing the game in the gymnasium as often as possible. Suddenly the idea germinated to challenge the boys in a celluloid battle. There were a few weeks of assiduous practice both on the part of the Staff and of the boys. There was an air of expectancy for a time and one wondered when the contest would come. At last, on March 27, although we had already had the first Junior Cross-Country, we were still further treated to a Table Tennis Match, Staff versus Boys.

There were four players in each team. Unfortunately we did not have time to arrange for more than one game for each player against another on the opposite side. The first games were a bit flustered, but gradually the bats swung more confidently and the players forgot the audience. On the Staff side there was Mr. Metcalfe who, with his knowledge of top spin, back spin and devastating cuts, showed his experience. On the boys' side, Wickham I showed great calm and steady command of the ball, and Hartfield, in spite of his small stature, astounded everybody by his drives and his agility in defence.

The match lasted roughly 90 minutes, and everybody went away at 9 o'clock talking about the enjoyable evening they had spent. Before ending this report we should add that Mr. Metcalfe is to be thanked for his help in the organizing of the game and his last-minute touches which assured us of the success.

The results were as follows:—

Mr. Metcalfe beat Wickham I 21—15, beat Calcutt I 21—5, beat Hartfield 21—15, beat Russell II 21—10.

Miss Johnson beat Calcutt I 21—12, beat Russell II 21—18.

Mr. Jones beat Calcutt I 21—18, beat Russell II 21—12.

Wickham I beat Miss Johnson 21—17, beat Mr. Jones 21—14, beat Miss Booker 21—11.

Calcutt I beat Miss Booker 21—19.

Hartfield beat Miss Booker 21—15.

Russell II beat Miss Booker 24—22.

Result: 8—8.

M. M. J.

## CRICKET

As was foreshadowed at the end of last season our various XI's have enjoyed a greater measure of success than did those of some years past. Mr. Metcalfe took over the entire cricket arrangements and the coaching of all the XI's and arranged an attractive fixture list which was, however, somewhat marred by bad weather at the beginning of the season, several matches having to be scratched owing to rain. The second match against Newport, eagerly anticipated by us because we wished to repeat our early triumph, and by them because they wanted their revenge, could not be played, nor could the return fixture with Saffron Walden be completed. In May we should have travelled to Earls Colne, a school we had not before met at cricket, but again rain stepped in. Apart from these three, all the fixtures were completed, and results are appended below. All the matches played, including even those in which we were unmercifully thrashed, produced most interesting cricket, and showed that advantage had been taken of the really good coaching which was available. In particular the much improved batting of Bodger and Wickham was most pleasing and in matches against strong club sides the fielding of the XI earned favourable comments. Of the running between the wickets the same cannot be said, for rarely has such bad judgment been shown: in every match at least one wicket was thrown away in an unnecessary way. Congratulations are

due to Bodger, Wickham I, Drain and Whitby on earning their colours: Bodger captained the side consistently well, playing a number of real "Captain's Innings," while Wickham and Whitby both scored half-centuries, for which they received bats. Drain bowled with considerable success at the beginning of the season, hitting the stumps more often than one would expect from a schoolboy medium-paced bowler.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. Arthur Hills for preparing the pitches on Marigolds for us.

May 11. *Harlow C.C. 2nd XI* (100) v. *1st XI* (47). Drain 8 for 43. Bodger 17 not out.

The School opened badly, soon losing 3 wickets for 7 runs, but Bodger came to the rescue with the first of his "Captain's Innings," carrying his bat. Unfortunately only Sheldrake, who scored a valuable II, could stay with him. Harlow had a strong batting side but they did not have things all their own way, for Drain bowled very well indeed, keeping a consistently good length and hitting the stumps seven times. The failure of the school batting was probably due to the marl wicket, which was considerably faster than that to which we were accustomed.

May 15. *Newport School* (40) v. *1st XI* (96). *Played at Harlow*. Drain 5 for 15. Wickham 4 for 19. Whitby 34 not out. Bodger 27.

Bodger won the toss and put Newport in. Drain and Wickham opened the bowling and Drain took two wickets in his first over, for only one run. Newport never recovered from this bad start, only Withers, who made 9 before being well caught at square leg by Rand, having any success. Russell II and Baldock opened for the School and were both out without scoring, a bad start equalling that of Newport. However, Bodger and Wickham came together and though they started slowly against the fast bowling of Withers they brought the score to 39 before Wickham was bowled by Withers for 17. Drain joined Bodger and Newport's score was passed before the tea interval. With the match won Whitby played freely and his 27 included one six and five fours.

May 22. *Bishop's Stortford College 'under 14's* (56) v. *'under 14's* (45). *Played at Harlow*. Hayworth I 6 for 26. Elcome 11.

May 25. *Saffron Walden School 1st XI* (100) v. *1st XI* (108). *Played at Saffron Walden*. Drain 6 for 34. Whitby 62.

Saffron Walden batted first, and so well did Drain bowl that the first hour brought only 34 runs, their total of 100



taking just under 2½ hours. The School opened their innings after tea, with 1½ hours left to make the runs, and lost Shel-drake almost immediately. Whitby, however, scored quickly and reached his fifty with free hitting, in under an hour, the score reaching 96 with only four wickets down. The game seemed ours, but the next four wickets fell for the addition of only one run, and amid great excitement Rand hit the winning run with a four. A grand match, fought out all the way.

May 29. *Saffron Walden School 2nd XI (26) v. 2nd XI (86 for no wicket)*. Played at Harlow. Hayworth I 4 for 5. Brown 2 for 6. Thomas 50 not out. Baggott 30 not out.

Saffron Walden batted first and lost their first wicket before opening their score. They never recovered, and only two batsmen, who scored 17 between them, could do anything with the bowling of Hayworth. Thomas and Baggott opened with confidence, the former taking a four from the first ball of the innings, and playing with great deliberation they took the score past the necessary 26 and were undefeated at the close.

June 12. *Saffron Walden School 'under 14's (27) v. 'under 14's (57)*. Played at Harlow. Wilcox 6 for 11. Hayworth I 28.

June 15. *Chesterford C.C. (68) v. 1st XI (103)*. Played at Harlow. Bodger 26. Crussell 15 not out. Drain 4 for 19.

Bodger won the toss and decided to field. Chesterford quickly lost their opening batsmen and the rest of the side offered little resistance to the bowling of Drain, Fitch and Wickham, the innings closing before the tea interval. The School started well, having 30 on the board before the first wicket fell, and had little difficulty in knocking off the required number of runs before the 7th wicket fell.

June 26. *Saffron Walden 'under 15's (27) v. 'under 15's (87)*. Played at Saffron Walden. Drain 9 for 12. Desprez 28. Hayworth I 21. Stammers 17.

Saffron Walden won the toss and put us in to bat. Thomas I and Baggott opened the innings but did not repeat their triumph of the previous game against Saffron Walden, for they were dismissed for 1 and 3 respectively. Stammers, Desprez and Hayworth, however, played soundly and the school were able to declare with their score at 87 for 8 wickets. Saffron Walden could do little with the bowling of Drain, and in spite of poor fielding on our part could raise no more than 27.

July 3. *Waterside School 'under 12's (20) v. 'under 12's (48)*. Played at Harlow. Anson II 2 for 0. Findlay II 7 for 15.

July 6. *Bishop's Stortford C.C. 2nd XI (136 for 6 wickets) v. 1st XI (51)*. Played at Bishop's Stortford.

Bishop's Stortford batted first and their opening batsmen went for the runs, scoring 36 before the first wicket fell. Runs still came freely until the second wicket fell at 63, when two wickets fell quickly. Another good stand produced 60 runs, after which three wickets fell in quick succession, and their declaration was made at tea time. The School fielding in this match was particularly good, the picking up and throwing in earning commendation from the opposing side. The bowling was fairly sound, but on this occasion we were up against strong club players. Stortford being without a doubt the strongest side met during the season. Consequently we were rather over-awed when we went in to bat and confidence was not restored by the fact that Wickham and Whitby were soon out. Bodger tried to pull the game round, with no success, and only Calcutt II (13) could scrape runs together. A bad defeat, but by no means a disgrace.

July 10. *Brentwood School 'under 14's (57) v. 'under 14's (49)*. Played at Harlow. Wilcox 6 for 21. Hartfield.

Brentwood batted first and we managed to dismiss them for a comparatively small total, chiefly owing to very good bowling on the part of Wilcox. 57 should have been within our powers, but a succession of ridiculous "run-outs" removed a number of our earlier batsmen and it was left to our "tail-enders," amongst whom should be included Hartfield, Elcome and Anson, to supply the most promising batting of the day. Their effort, however, came too late, and the match was lost by 8 runs.

July 11. *Waterside School 'under 12's (16) v. 'under 12's (17)*. Played at Stortford. Graham 6 for 6. Findlay II 3 for 7.

July 13. *Bishop's Stortford C.C. 2nd XI (202 for 8 wickets) v. 1st XI (22)*. Played at Harlow.

Stortford batted first and found the short boundaries much to their liking (the match was played on the School ground, since Marigolds was not available), for they put 100 on the board before the opening pair were separated, and a further 100 before they declared their innings closed. The School bowlers struggled manfully and Drain especially (4 for 76) bowled with pluck and endurance. Our opening was disastrous, for Wickham and Bodger departed with the first two balls of the innings, being lured out of the crease by a bowler who flighted the ball, and having their bails removed with the

speed of lightning. The victims claimed that the wicket-keeper had once played for Somerset (and Wellings seems to be a familiar name!). Crussell came on, on the third ball of the potential hat-trick and survived, and it seemed that he knew what to do with such bowling, and did — for one or two balls, but the procession proceeded, and we were all out for our lowest total of the season. Not a good show, but we were again up against strong stuff, and there is no doubt that we benefitted from the experience. This was a new fixture, and we hope that Stortford will continue to give us fixtures, giving, at the same time, experience to their less talented players.

*July 17. Brentwood School 2nd XI (116) v. 1st XI (103). Played at Brentwood. Wickham 5 for 42. Wickham 58.*

Brentwood batted first and their opening batsmen put on 39 for the first wicket. Wickham and Drain both bowled steadily and the former dismissed the opening pair, catching them from his own bowling, after which their wickets fell steadily, no high individual scores being made. Whitby and Wickham opened for the School after the tea interval and it appeared that they were likely to give us a good start, but at 15 Whitby was stumped. Crussell joined Wickham, and between them they raised the score to 50, when Crussell departed, with a useful contribution of 11. Wickham continued to bat soundly and ultimately reached 58, but unfortunately nobody could stay with him, and we were beaten by 13 runs. A good game, our first fixture with Brentwood — incidentally arranged by Mr. Robertson, whose loyalty on the day was no doubt divided. To Mr. and Mrs. Robertson the team are grateful for the "entertainment" after the game. This was definitely Wickham's game, for both his batting and bowling showed great promise.

*July 22. Harlow Church Youth XI (81) v. 1st XI (43). Played at Harlow.*

This was the first of two evening games played during the last week of term and resulted in a surprise win for the Youth Club, who played courageous and adventuresome cricket, having no respect for bowlers who were capable of getting a strong Harlow XI out for 100. The game started late and unfortunately we had to field first, although we had won the toss, owing to the fact that the opposing side were not all present when the game was due to start. Consequently we did not start our innings until the light had become very poor, and it was difficult during the last overs to follow the ball. The Club attacked our bowling in a rustic manner and knocked up 81 in fairly good time, Leslie

Butcher, an old member of the XI, scoring a hard hit 31. Our score of 43 was a poor effort, for we unwisely tried to go for the runs — an impossible task in the short time that was available, and in the bad light, and it was only when too late that we attempted to play for the draw. Wickham seemed to be set for a good score but was finely caught by Anderson, a member of the 1944 XI.

*July 23. Harlow C.C. 2nd XI (130 for 6 wickets, declared) v. 1st XI (103 for 5). Whitby 68. Bodger 29 not out.*

The return match with Harlow was played in the evening during the last week of term and produced possibly our best cricket of the season. Harlow batted first and quickly lost two wickets to the bowling of Fitch, but Holmes, Hills and Friend (the latter an Old Harlovian of the 1936 XI) gave Harlow a respectable total and they were able to declare at 130 for 6. On this occasion the School realized at the outset that they could not make the runs in the time left for play, and accordingly the opening pair "sat on the splice," scoring only 8 runs in the first 9 overs. Wickham then caught a leg ball on the side of the bat and was caught at square leg. Crussell stayed for 4 overs without scoring, and then Bodger came in to join Whitby who had been playing with restraint, but soundly. The bowlers were now tiring and Whitby took advantage of this to open up and to bring his score to 68, which included two sixes and ten fours. When he was finally bowled the score stood at 99, the partnership having realized over 90 runs, the record for the season. Calcutt II and Russell II soon went, but Desprez helped Bodger to play out time. This was perhaps Bodger's best innings of the season, for he was content to let Whitby make the runs, while he kept his end up steadily, watching for the right ball to hit, scoring runs in his own time and at the same time giving confidence to those of the team who had yet to bat. A true "Captain's Innings" and a pleasure to watch, as was the match as a whole.

#### Cricket Characters

**Bodger** (Captain). Last season's predictions were well founded, for he has developed into a very good bat, change bowler, and excellent captain. On many occasions he came to the help of the side at a time when their confidence was shaken, and though he made no large scores his more modest contributions were equally as valuable as the half-centuries. Congratulations to him on winning the bat presented to the best all-rounder.

**Wickham** (Vice-Captain). Has made progress above all expectations and his batting is now of a very high standard, for he has "all round the wicket strokes." He has bowled well throughout the season, using to the best of his ability the knowledge imparted. Congratulations to him on his winning a bat for his innings against Brentwood; and on receiving his colours.

**Whitby.** Excellent behind the stumps. A good free hitting batsman, he is to be congratulated on winning his colours, a bat for his half-century against Newport and a pair of pads for his 68 against Harlow.

**Drain.** A bowler in the making, he has this season taken 73 wickets for 384 runs, in all matches including House Matches. If he will continue to use the same action, concentrating upon his length rather than spin or swerve, he will no doubt develop into a very good bowler. His batting still leaves room for improvement, but experience and practice, combined with his great keenness, will, no doubt bring the desired results. Congratulations to him on gaining his colours.

**Fitch.** Has bowled well. Although handicapped by illness during the early part of the season he returned to render great assistance to the team with bat and ball. He must, however, try to regain control of length, which he mastered last season.

**Crussell.** Through sheer keenness and pluck he has played himself into the XI. Excellent in the field and strong on the leg side with the bat he has saved and made a number of runs.

**Baldock.** Has experienced many disappointments but has tried hard all the season.

**Calcutt II.** Has height and reach. Must learn to use his left foot to the flight of the ball. This, combined with more accurate timing, will bring the confidence which is lacking. With practice he could make a good bowler, for he has a natural swing and the all important height of delivery.

**Russell II.** Has the making of a good bat, but must overcome the habit of falling away from the line of flight, and must play over, rather than behind the bat, using the left foot freely.

**Desprez.** Has shown improvement in batting. As confidence in the use of the right foot increases, combined with timing and patience, he should make a useful member of next year's team.

**Rand I.** With his height and strength, and good eye, and as confidence in the use of the left foot increases, he should make a useful member of the side next season.

**James.** Has on many occasions played well, his fielding being very good. A very useful change bowler.

The fielding of all needs attention, for you all stand "rooted" instead of "on your toes." Remember that runs saved in the field are worth as much, if not more, than those made with the bat: also that catches are more often taken than dropped if every fielder is on the alert. Thanks are due to the various parents who came to our help with cricket balls.

J. H. M.

On the whole a successful season, if only for the great enthusiasm shown throughout the School, which enthusiasm was much to be seen in the

## HOUSE MATCHES

Beatty ultimately won the House Cup, but before the Cup was theirs they endured many "quick pulses," for several matches went completely contrary to form. Beatty had the strongest side on paper and were expected to get through without a defeat, but they defeated Nelson and Keyes according to plan and then unexpectedly fell to Rodney, who had by then lost to Nelson, as expected, and also to Keyes, who were as surprised as were Rodney themselves. Beatty and Nelson had therefore two victories each and an extra match had to be played before the destination of the Cup could be settled. In this match Nelson batted first, starting well with 19 for the first wicket and Wickham going well. Fortune fluctuated and after promising greater things Nelson were eventually out for 52, a score which seemed well within Beatty's power. Calcutt II and Baggott opened, but the former left during the first over. Hayworth I did not add to the score, and Beatty felt unhappy, though they had every confidence in Bodger, who started with his usual encouraging confidence, only to be bowled by Wickham II with his score at 6. Still they had Crussell, who came to the rescue of his House with an invaluable 19, being helped by Baldock, whose keenness was rewarded by 9 good runs. Yet Beatty were not out of the wood and it was not until the last man was in that the Nelson total was reached and passed, by one run only! All credit must be given to the younger members of the side, Anson I, Hartfield and Elcome, who stood up against Nelson's fierce attack, at a time when Nelson's tails were right up.

Congratulations to Beatty on being the first winner of the new Cricket Cup, and also to Nelson for giving them such a fright.

Inter-House matches were played also between 2nd and 3rd XIs and Beatty were successful in all leagues. Lack of space allows no more than bare details.

#### 1st XI

Beatty (103) beat Keyes (69).  
Beatty (46 for 4 wickets) beat Nelson (39).  
Beatty (55) lost to Rodney (60).  
Nelson (42 for 9 wickets) beat Keyes (41).  
Nelson (94 for 6 wickets, declared) beat Rodney (61).  
Keyes (31 for 4 wickets) beat Rodney (23).

Extra matches played, since Beatty and Nelson had now won two matches each, and Keyes and Rodney one each:

Beatty (53 for 9 wickets) beat Nelson (52).  
Keyes (51) beat Rodney (22).

Final placings:

1—Beatty. 2—Nelson. 3—Keyes. 4—Rodney.  
Beatty (Cock House) lost to The Rest by 52 to 57.

#### 2nd XI

Beatty (54) beat Nelson (25).  
Beatty (91 for 9 wickets) beat Keyes (25).  
Beatty (55 for 3 wickets) beat Rodney (15).  
Nelson (118) beat Rodney (25).  
Nelson (30 for 4 wickets) beat Keyes (13).  
Keyes (69) beat Rodney (53).

Final placings:

1—Beatty. 2—Nelson. 3—Keyes. 4—Rodney.  
Beatty (57 for 3 wickets) beat The Rest (41).

#### 3rd XI

Beatty (65) beat Keyes (53).  
Beatty (115) beat Nelson (35).  
Beatty (31 for 4 wickets) beat Rodney (15).  
Nelson (144) beat Rodney (66).  
Nelson (48) beat Keyes (35).  
Keyes (89) beat Rodney (37).

Final placings:

1—Beatty. 2—Nelson. 3—Keyes. 4—Rodney.  
Beatty (30 for 3 wickets) beat The Rest (29).

#### WINNERS OF CRICKET CUPS

*Senior House Cricket Cup* (presented by Mrs. Bodger)—Beatty House.

*Junior House Cricket Cup*.—Beatty House.

*Senior Batting Cup* (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Graham)—Whitby.

*Senior Bowling Cup* (The Forster Stephenson Cup, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson.—Drain.

*Junior Cup for Best All-rounder* (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Graham).—Hayworth I.

*Bat for Senior Best All-rounder* (presented by Mr. Metcalfe).—Bodger.

#### THE HOUSES

During the Spring Term, prior to the Cross-Country Races, the Houses were reorganized with the object of promoting greater competition in as many sports as possible and thereby improving the standard of the sports of the School as a whole. Meetings of each House were called by the Headmaster and Officers for the rest of the year were elected. Colours were allotted to each House, all boys wearing these colours in the form of buttons, while House Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects were given colour bars as a sign of their office. These identification marks without a doubt helped to increase the rivalry between the Houses, for greater enthusiasm than ever before was shown on the occasion of the Cross-Country Runs, on this occasion for the first time run as Inter-House events, and later in the year in the cricket season and on the day of the Athletic Sports, and to a minor extent in the swimming sports. We are very grateful indeed to the parents who so generously provided Cups for competition between the Houses in various spheres of sport, and also to those parents who gave Cups to be held for one year by individual winners:—

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson for the "Forster Stephenson" Bowling Cup. This Cup was presented in memory of their son, John Forster Stephenson, who lost his life over Germany in March, 1945. It has inscribed on it the famous words of Winston Churchill—"Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

To Mr. and Mrs. Robertson for the "Robertson" Football Cup. to be competed for annually by the Houses. Mr. Robertson coached our Football XI's for many years until 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Power for the "Power" Cross-Country Cup.  
 To Mrs. Bodger for the "Bodger" Senior House Cricket Cup.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Graham for the Senior Batting Cup, and also for the Cup for the best junior cricketer.  
 To Mr. White for the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup.  
 To Mr. Brooks for the Cock House Cup. This cup was awarded to Beatty House for the year 1945-1946.  
 To Doctor and Mrs. Summers for the Junior House Cross-Country Cup.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Crouchman for the Senior Cross-Country Cup (Individual).  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mackmurdie for the medal awarded to the winner of the Junior Victor Ludorum.  
 To Mr. Metcalfe for the medal presented to the winner of the Junior Cross-Country (Individual).

### BEATTY

*Colour:* Yellow. *House Master:* Mr. J. S. Grubb.

*House Captain:* Crussell. *Vice-Captain:* Calcutt I.

*Cricket Captain:* Bodger. *Cricket Vice-Captain:* Drain.

1945-1946 has been a very successful year indeed for Beatty, for we have carried off the Junior Boxing Cup, won by Findlay II; the Cross-Country Cup, in which we provided the individual winner, Desprez; the Senior and Junior Cricket Cups; the Ansell Sports Cup; the Victor Ludorum, won by Desprez; and finally the Cock House Cup for the year. In the Cross-Country Races our 2nd team came in second to Nelson, while the senior team came in first. In the latter race special tribute must be paid to Calcutt II, our second string, who unluckily fell at the start of the race and ran to finish 18th. The House congratulate him on this fine spirit. Congratulations also to Desprez for coming in first in the Senior Race, and to Brooks I for finishing a magnificent second, only two seconds behind Desprez. Our placings in the Senior Race were: 1, Desprez; 2, Brooks I; 6, Drain; 8, Baldock; 17, Dixon I; 18, Calcutt II. In the Junior Race our packing was very good indeed, though not quite high enough: 7, Briton; 8, Anson II; 10, Hartfield; 11, Findlay II; 12, Anson I; 14, Baldwin.

In the Cricket Leagues we carried all before us, though we were given a bad fright by Nelson in the replay which was necessary owing to our defeat by Rodney. However, we

won through and our 2nd and 3rd teams won their sections without suffering a defeat. Congratulations to Bodger and Drain on winning their cricket colours, and to Drain on winning the Forster Stephenson Bowling Cup.

The Ansell Sports Cup now bears the name of Beatty for the seventh time since its presentation in 1939. When all the preliminary heats had been run off Nelson led us by 25 points to 24, so we started the Sports on July 20 full of enthusiasm and keenness. Competition was fierce during the afternoon, and at the end of event 10 we were still 2 points behind Nelson, but when the 20th event had been run off we led them by two points, and from that time we went ahead to win by 13 points. Congratulations to Desprez on winning the Senior Victor Ludorum and also on his record in the Mile.

Nelson had their revenge in the Swimming Sports, for we were unable to compete with their formidable team, being able to win only the Relay Race.

All good luck to Beatty in the coming year. P. J. C.

### KEYES

*Colour:* Green. *House Master:* Mr. M. Jones.

*House Captain:* Fitch. *Vice-Captain:* James.

*Cricket Captain:* Fitch. *Cricket Vice-Captain:* Brown.

In the Cross-Country Races Keyes had sufficient members running to bring success to the House, but only Harrison and Hellicar were able to gain positions in the first ten of the Senior race. In the Junior race, Ball made a gallant attempt, coming fourth, but he had little support. Our place in the Seniors was third and in the Juniors fourth.

In the Cricket Leagues we managed to avoid taking the last place, for in all three sections our teams took third place, beating Rodney. Our most exciting game was that against Nelson, for both Houses had lost to Beatty, but had beaten Rodney. We made a reasonable score of 41, but Nelson's score gradually increased and with two runs to get they had one wicket to fall. The atmosphere was tense, but we could not quite pull it off, and Nelson made the runs.

In the Swimming Sports we took third place, beating Rodney.

We are glad to congratulate Grant on winning the Senior Boxing Cup.

In the Athletic Sports we occupied our usual place, third, again beating Rodney. In the Junior events Ball was our

strongest competitor, for he carried off the Victor Ludorum, with 15 points. We hope that in the coming years he will win the Senior Victor Ludorum for us, and inspire the House to greater efforts towards the Ansell House Cup. It should be remembered that in the years before the war Keyes was a mighty power in the Athletic world, for we had such stalwarts as Bradbury, who was for long a record holder, and Kelly, who still holds the record for the High Jump. T. P. F.

### NELSON

*Colour:* Red. *House Master:* Mr. E. J. Graham.

*House Captain:* Power. *Vice-Captain:* Tyler.

*Cricket Captain:* Wickham I. *Cricket Vice-Captain:* Rand I.

The House started the official year very well indeed with a victory in the Junior Cross-Country Race, in which we had the first three men home—Liley, Menhinick I and Stammers—taking also the 15th, 18th and 20th places. The Seniors did not do so well, the team having to be bolstered up by three who had already run in the Junior Race. Our packing was good, but too low down, our placing being 10, 11, 12, 15, 21 and 22. Our total number of points was 91, and our position fourth. The final position for the House, Senior and Junior added together, was third.

If this season's House Cricket were remarkable for its enthusiasm alone it will have achieved much. Everyone, young and old, stylish and rustic, turned out eagerly to battle for supremacy on the cricket field. Our elevens, on paper, were a poor array. In our 1st XI we had but one of last year's team, yet we challenged Beatty, with six School 1st XI men, and lost by only one run, and that a leg-bye. Our 2nd XI, although not unbeaten, was brought to the fore under the captaincy of Webster, a new boy, who pleasantly surprised us with a 55 against Rodney. The 3rd XI had a fine example set by Mills, who batted very well for 66 against Rodney. We may hope for very good results when our infant prodigies grow a little older. D. W.

Although the House lost the Cricket Cup by one run it made good that loss by gaining an easy victory in the Swimming Sports, taking 43 points as compared with Beatty who came second with 10 points. Wickham I must be congratulated on gaining first place in six events out of the twelve. Wood came first in the Diving, having done a perfect Jack-knife off the spring-board. Short II won the Beginners' Diving and the Twelve Yards Free Style for Juniors. Although Wickham I turned the Relay Race into a most exciting one

between Beatty and Nelson, the former won. Congratulations to the swimmers who helped to keep the Swimming Cup in the House which has won it most often.

As Beatty will no doubt have recorded, Beatty won the Ansell Athletic Cup, but we gave them a very good run indeed. Three members of the "under 10's," Streeter, Short II and White II, put up a wonderful show for the House, gaining 28 personal points between them. Stammers and Liley, that inseparable pair, gained 7 points, as well as many standards. Wickham I came first in the Senior High Jump, after a grand battle with Desprez and Belben. Power, after winning the Senior Sack Race, set a cracking pace in the Senior 880 and the Mile, only to come second by a few yards in each of them. Rand I must be congratulated on making such a good attempt at winning the Senior Victor Ludorum, being beaten by only one point by Desprez. In the Tug-of-War we were unfortunately beaten by Beatty, thus spoiling a long line of victories.

Beatty had a good year, but Nelson drove them hard all the way, and next year it will be our turn. B. E. P.

### RODNEY

*Colour:* Blue. *House Master:* Mr. J. Levy.

*House Captain:* Whitby. *Vice-Captain:* Palmer.

*Cricket Captain:* Whitby. *Cricket Vice-Captain:* Palmer.

This year Rodney was the smallest House of the four, and in addition we had fewer members up at the top of the School, most of our numbers occupying the Upper Remove and the lower forms. There is, therefore, no need for us to feel despondent over our lack of success in most of the inter-House events, but rather may we feel hopeful with regard to the future, when our members grow older.

We did quite well in the Cross-Country races, in view of these handicaps, for in the Junior we occupied 3rd place, Thomas II running well and taking 5th place, closely followed by Skinner I at 6th, while Palmer took 9th place, Philbrick 13th, Tipton 16th and Squires 17th. The team must be congratulated on running more as a team than as individuals. In the Senior event we had reason to feel proud of ourselves, for we took 2nd place, Whitby coming in 3rd, Reed 5th, Southgate 7th, Smith I 16th, Welch I 20th and Sheldrake 23rd. The team work was not so good as that of the Juniors, or we should possibly have beaten Beatty. However, on the whole score we took 2nd place, and look forward to the future with hope.

We were also handicapped in the cricket by having very few seniors, and the only success we have to record is our 1st XI's defeat of Beatty, the surprise of the season. For this match we have to congratulate Wilcox (21) and Sheldrake (12) on their 2nd wicket partnership which did much to give us our victory. Great keenness throughout the season was shown by all members of the House.

There is not much that can be said about the Swimming, as Nelson was so clearly the best House. The Juniors who entered for many events were very enthusiastic, and this promises better things for Rodney in a few years' time. Squires and Philbrick should be congratulated on their good work.

In the Athletic Sports we won thirty-four points, taking 4th place. We should like to congratulate Southgate on his plucky running for, although he was badly "spiked" in the 220, he entered for the Mile and gained a standard. He was in such pain at the end of the race that he had to be carried off the field. Follow his example of keenness, Rodney, and you will do well in the future.

Congratulations are due to Whitby on his winning the Senior Batting Cup, and to Sheldrake on his winning the Senior P.T. Cup.  
F. J. W.

The Editor would like to thank the Officers of the Houses for their notes, which were very carefully compiled and gave much information. Owing to lack of space and the danger of repetition these have had to be very much condensed. Consequently if any boy thinks his name should have appeared in his House notes, will he please take this as being the reason for the possible omission.

### SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming Sports were held on Monday, July 15, amid great enthusiasm and keen rivalry between the Houses. Nelson, being fortunate in having so many excellent swimmers and divers, won both the Swimming and Diving Cups with 43 points; Beatty second with 10 points; and Rodney and Keyes 9 each.

Results of events were as follows:—

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Russell I (N); 3, Farrell (B).

Beginners' 25 Yards.—1, Squires (R); 2, Philbrick (R); 3, Twell (N).

50 Yards Free Style.—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Farrell (B); 3, Beaumont (K).

Under-Water Swim.—1, Harrison (K); 2, Power (N).

Beginners' Race (Under 12).—1, Short II (N); 2, Stratton (N); 3, Somerville (R).

50 Yards Breast Stroke (Style).—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Harrison (K); 3, Palmer (R).

Beginners' Dive.—1, Short II (N); 2, Philbrick (R); 3, Anson II (B).

25 Yards Free Style.—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Brooks I (B); 3, Stammers (N).

25 Yards Back Stroke.—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Power (N); 3, Liley (N).

Open Dive.—1, Wood (N); 2, Power (N); 3, Wickham I (N).

House Relay.—1, Beatty; 2, Nelson; 3, Keyes.

Half-Mile.—1, Wickham I (N); 2, Harrison (K); 3, Calcutt II (B).

The undermentioned boys have learnt to swim this year: Nicholson, Reeve, Boyce, Russell III, Skinner II, Stratton, Streeter, White II, Berry, Loram, Short II, Somerville, Dudley, Millar, Carey, Abbey II, Hartfield, Wallis, Webster, Anson II, Carruthers, Smith II, Baldwin, Shaw.

E. J. G. E. M. G.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS

The heats of the Athletic Sports were run off during the week ending July 20, despite bad weather which washed out the lines three times and only just allowed us to complete the events by 5 p.m. on the Friday. On the Saturday we were favoured with good weather and the Finals were run off before a large attendance of parents, some 250 of whom we were very glad to welcome. Some good racing was seen during the afternoon, one record being broken when Desprez ran the mile in 5 mins. 18 secs., the previous record having been 5.21. This race provided perhaps the finest finish of the afternoon, for Power set a very fast pace throughout: Desprez, watching his man, and running with great judgment, passed him on the last lap and won by a short distance, Power himself, who finished very strongly, probably being very near the record. It was interesting to note that in this race all the runners gained standards. Competition throughout the afternoon was fierce for the Ansell Cup, Nelson starting the day with a lead of one point which they hung on to for a great part of the afternoon. During the last ten events, however, Beatty overhauled them and won ultimately by 13 points. The following is the programme of the events, with results.

The names of boys who gained standards is printed in Block Letters.

1. 75 yards, under 8.—1, Burrows (K); 2, Hastings (K).
2. 75 yards, under 10.—1, WHITE II (N); 2, SHORT II (N); 3, STREETER (N). 11 secs.
3. 100 yards, senior.—1, RAND (N); 2, CRUSSELL (B); 3, FITCH (K).
4. 100 yards, 14-15.—1, BALDWIN (B); 2, PALMER (R); 3, ELCOME (B). WILLIAMS (N). SMITH I (R). 13 secs. Standard 13.2/5 secs.
5. 100 yards, 12-14.—1, DIXON I (B); 2, BALL (K); 3, CAREY (B). WILLIAMS (N). SMITH I (R). 13 secs. Standard 13.2/5.
5. 100 yards, 12-14.—1, DIXON I (B); 2, BALL (K); 3, CAREY (B). STOUT (N). SHORT I (N). HOPE-JOHNSTONE (K). HEATON (K). SKINNER I (R). TIPTON (R). SOTHCOTT (R). PAYNE II (R). 12.2/5 secs. Standard 13.4/5.
6. 100 yards, 10-12.—1, ANSON II (B); 2, NICHOLSON (N); 3, Dyer (B). PAYNE III (R) (in heat). 13.3/5 secs. Standard 14.1/5.
7. Cricket Ball, under 10.—1, WHITE II (N); 2, SHORT II (N); 3, ANDERSON (B). STREETER (N). 37 yds. 2 ft. 2 ins. Standard 30 yards.
8. 220 yards, senior.—1, RAND I (N); 2, FITCH (K); 3, Southgate (R). 28 secs. Standard 31 secs.
9. 220 yards, 14-15.—1, TORODE (R); 2, ELCOME (B); 3, SMITH I (R). WOOD (N). 31.2/5 secs. Standard 33 secs.
10. 220 yards, 12-14.—1, BALL (K); 2, LILEY (N); 3, DIXON I (B). BRITON (B). STAMMERS (N). SHORT I (N). HOPE-JOHNSTONE (K). TIPTON (R). SKINNER I (R). 29.2/5 secs. Standard 35 secs.
11. 220 yards, 10-12.—1, ANSON II (B); 2, PAYNE III (R); 3, SANSOM (N). FINDLAY II (B). ABBEY II (B). TWELL (N). WHITE I (R). 32.2/5 secs. Standard 37 secs.
12. 220 yards, 8-10.—1, WHITE II (N); 2, ANDERSON (B); 3, SHORT II (N). STREETER (N). 35 secs. Standard 40 secs.

13. Long Jump, senior.—1, CRUSSELL (B); 2, CALCUTT II (B). RAND I (N). POWER (N). GRIMSHAW (K). SHELDRAKE (R). DESPREZ (B). GOW (B). 17 ft. 10 ins. Standard 14 ft.
14. High Jump, junior.—1, DIXON I (B); 2, STAMMERS (N); 3, SQUIRES (R). ANSON I (B). Standard 3 feet 11 inches.
15. Three-Legged race, under 10.—1, Streeter and White II (N); 2, Anderson and Collyer (B); 3, Bailes II and Edmunds (K).
- 16.—Mile, open.—1, DESPREZ (B); 2, POWER (N); 3, BALDOCK (B). WHITBY (R). BODGER (B). REED (R). HARRISON (K). SOUTHGATE (R). DRAIN (B). 5 mins. 18 secs. School record. Standard 6 mins. 20 secs.
17. High Jump, under 10.—1, WHITE II (N); 2, ANDERSON (B); 3, STREETER (N). SHORT II (N). Standard 3 ft.
18. Long Jump, junior.—1, BALL (K); 2, STAMMERS (N); 3, LILEY (N). DIXON I (B). STOUT (N). SKINNER I (R). ANSON I (B). HOPE-JOHNSTONE (K). SQUIRES (R). MACKENZIE (R). Standard 12 ft. 6 ins.
19. 440 yards, senior.—1, FITCH (K); 2, DESPREZ (B); 3, CRUSSELL (B). CALCUTT II (B). 64.2/5 secs. Standard 68 secs.
20. 440 yards, 14-15.—1, WEBSTER (N); 2, Elcome (B); 3, Smith II (N). 71.2/5 secs. Standard 72 secs.
21. 440 yards, 12-14.—1, DIXON I (B); 2, ANSON I (B); 3, PAYNE II (R). THOMAS II (R). SHORT I (N). 72.4/5 secs. Standard 76 secs..
22. 440 yards, 10-12.—1, ANSON I (B); 2, PAYNE III (R); 3, SANSOM (N). 79 secs. Standard 80 secs.
23. Cricket Ball, junior.—1, BALL (K); 2, CAREY (B); 3, SKINNER I (R). DIXON I (B). HAYWORTH I (B). LILEY (N). STAMMERS (N). FINDLAY II (B). HOPE-JOHNSTONE (K). SOTHCOTT (R). POLLITT (R). 65 yards 1 ft. 5½ ins. Standard 45 yards.
24. High Jump, senior.—1, WICKHAM I (N); 2, DESPREZ (B). BELBEN (K). CRUSSELL (B). POWER (N). GRIMSHAW (K). SHELDRAKE (R). WHITBY (R). GOW (B). CALCUTT II (B). 4 ft. 10½ ins. Standard 4 ft. 5 ins.



25. *Junior Relay Race*.—1, Nelson; 2, Beatty; 3, Keyes; 4, Rodney.
26. *Cricket Ball, senior*.—1, RAND I (N); 2, DESPREZ (B); 3, FITCH (K). BODGER (B). BALDOCK (B). SHEL-DRAKE (R). 76 yards 3 ins. Standard 60 yards.
27. *Sack Race, junior*.—1, Twell(N); 2, Ball(K); 3, Dixon I(B).
28. *Relay Race, senior*.—1, Keyes; 2, Beatty; 3, Nelson; 4, Rodney.
29. 880 yards, junior.—1, ANSON I (B); 2, BRITON (B); 3, STUCHBERY (R). DIXON I (B).
30. *Tug-of-War*.—Nelson beat Rodney. Beatty beat Keyes. Beatty beat Nelson.
- 31.—*Sack Race, senior*.—1, Power (N); 2, Rand I (N); 3, Whitby (R).
32. *Long Jump, under 10*.—1, Anderson (B); 2, Short II (N); 3, Streeter (N).
33. 880 yards, senior.—1, DESPREZ (B); 2, POWER (N); 3, WHITBY (R). BODGER (B). BALDOCK (B). BEAUMONT (K). Standard 2 mins. 40 secs.

The final placings for the Ansell House Cup were:—  
1, Beatty 102½; 2, Nelson 89½; 3, Keyes 42; 4, Rodney 34.

The winner of the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup was Desprez, with Rand I as runner-up. Ball, closely followed by Dixon I, won the Junior Cup.

The organization of the meeting was in the hands of Mr. Metcalfe who, assisted by a willing band of helpers from the Staff, ran the programme through without a hitch, in the very quick time of two hours and forty minutes. This was the first time since 1939 that such a meeting had been attempted, and congratulations are due to all who made it possible.

After the events had been completed the various House and individual Cups were kindly presented by Mrs. Crussell, aided by those donors of cups who were present. As there was no official prize giving this year Mrs. Crussell afterwards presented the School Prizes, which took the form of book tokens. Our thanks are due to these parents and also to those parents who kindly consented to act as Judges during the afternoon — Messrs. Inman, White and Mackmurdie.

The following are the names of School Prize winners during the year.

*Form Prizes*.—Va, Brooks. Vb, Bird. IV, Smith I. Upper Remove, Welch II. Lower Remove, Crouchman II. III, Haigh. IIa, Stratton. IIb, Hastings. I, Bennett.

*Seabrook Memorial Mathematics Prize*.—Va, Thomas I. Vb, Southgate. *Mathematics Prize for Form IV* (presented by Mr. J. J. Laing), Crouchman I.

*Old Harlovian War Memorial Prizes for English Literature*.—

Va. 1, Wickham; 2, Brooks; 3, Belben and Tyler.

Vb. Autumn. 1, Bird; 2, Crouch; 3, Harrison.

Summer. 1, Bird; 2, Harrison; 3, Southgate.

IV. Autumn. 1, Farrell; 2, Porter; 3, Hartfield.

Summer. 1, Smith I; 2, Hartfield; 3, Baldwin.

U.R. Autumn. 1, Mackmurdie; 2, Warr; 3, Williams.

Summer. 1, Welch II; 2, Warr; 3, Ball.

L.R. Autumn. 1, Crouchman II; 2, Briton; 3, Skinner.

Summer. 1, Crouchman II; 2, Smith III; 3, Findlay.

III. Autumn. 1, Haigh; 2, Abbey II; 3, Graham.

Summer. 1, Haigh; 2, Edmunds; 3, Graham.

IIa. 1, Stratton; 2, Bailes I; 3, Streeter.

## ARMY CADET FORCE

We welcome to the Platoon 2nd/Lieut. M. M. Jones and congratulate him on obtaining his commission.

Early in the year, as reported in the last issue of *The Harlovian*, an examination for Certificate "A," parts 1 and 2, was held, and all our candidates were successful. Consequently the necessary promotions could be made, and we were able to start the year's work with a full complement of N.C.O.s.

During the year all N.C.O.s have instructed classes of recruits in various subjects, and there is no doubt that the experience in leadership and lecturing will be of benefit to them in later life, be it in military circles or not. Whilst it is invidious to make distinctions between these N.C.O.s, who all did their work well, special mention, however, should be made of C.S.M. Crussell who, throughout the year, has in every

respect set an excellent example to the rest of the Platoon. He is to be congratulated on his promotion to Under Officer prior to leaving for Camp.

Training has been carried out in the normal subjects and we have had several shoots on the miniature range. We were unfortunate, however, in our attempts to provide extra features, for a cinema show was cancelled at the last moment owing to the fact that the operator had been demobilized, and a projected visit to Major Edmunds at the North Weald Range could not be carried out owing to lack of transport and the calls of other School activities.

More equipment is becoming available and we are now almost completely fitted with berets, while we now have a Bren Gun on the Platoon charge.

Our thanks are due once again to C.S.M. Davies, who has arranged the scheme of training throughout the year and has made arrangements for the firing on the miniature range.

Two of our number, Sgt. Baldock and Cpl. Taylor, were selected to represent the Platoon in the March Past Princess Elizabeth in London during the Easter holiday, and a short account of their doings is appended below.

The Battalion this year has been exceedingly fortunate in the fact that their new Commanding Officer is Col. Newman, who won the V.C. for his gallantry in the Commando raid on St. Nazaire. Early in the Summer Term "C" Company were presented to him and he personally handed the Certificates to those cadets who had passed both parts of the Certificate "A."

At the end of the Summer Term the Platoon joined in the Battalion Inspection, which was this year held in Harlow. The inspecting officer saw the Battalion at work in all branches of training, was quite ready to give criticism where it was needed, but on the whole he expressed satisfaction with what he saw. He urged all cadets to persuade their friends to join the movement, not only for the fact that the training gave them a healthy life of service and good fellowship, but also for the fact that the work done in the Army Cadet Force so well prepared cadets for the life which they would have to face when they were called up. He himself was in command of the Initial Training Wing at Warley Barracks, and he told us that those recruits who had already served in the A.C.F. passed the more easily through the first six weeks of their training, the hardest weeks of their soldiering career.

It was good to see the increased number of our cadets going to camp at Colchester this year, for of our strength of

thirty we were represented by the following seventeen, a very good showing: U/O Crussell, Sgts. Baldock and Tyler, Cpls. Power, Bodger and Summers, Cadets Sheldrake, Harrison, Calcutt, Davison, Baggott, Burrige, Smith, Grant, Hill, Alcock and Hartfield.

On the whole a very good year indeed, since for the first time since the platoon was formed the real aim of the training has been reached, viz., the training of the cadets by the N.C.O.s themselves. O. C.

### THE LONDON MARCH PAST

We caught the transport at our respective places and were carried to Hyde Park. On arriving there we watched the different companies of cadets form up. Soon we were given the order to move to our position in the parade, and after passing many companies we found ourselves in position in Column E.

At 2.45 p.m. our column moved off, headed by two cadet bands, one an Irish Pipe Band, and the other a band composed of bugles and drums. We marched towards Marble Arch and then turned down towards Hyde Park Corner. Princess Elizabeth took the salute at the Cavalry Memorial at Stanhope Gate, between Grosvenor Gate and Hyde Park Corner. She was dressed in blue, and was accompanied by two generals. On we marched, past Hyde Park Corner into Piccadilly, where the bands took it in turn to play as we marched. The route we took led us into Piccadilly Circus, down Haymarket into Trafalgar Square, and so through Whitehall and past the Cenotaph. We turned at Parliament Square into Great George Street, and thus into Birdcage Walk, from where we turned off into Wellington Barracks. So ended our march.

The crowds had been enormous along the whole of the four miles of the route and seemed very appreciative of our various efforts.

At Wellington Barracks we lined up for tea and cakes—at our own expense. After this break we marched back to Hyde Park for our homeward journey in the transport, and so ended a tiring, but a happy and interesting afternoon. A. J. B.

### THE CADET CAMP

**Sunday.** We arrived at camp after a not very comfortable journey in an army truck. The camp was an old Canadian hospital, and was composed of wooden huts, which were set out in the same style as our school dormitories. Bathroom and showers were provided with hot and cold water — very luxurious.

**Monday.** We had to rise at 6.30 a.m. — not so good — after passing a *very* comfortable night on wooden contraptions with wire stretched across them, called bunks. Breakfast was at 7.30, and consisted of eggs and bacon — not bad for those who like eggs and bacon, but I don't. During the morning we had an exercise on 'platoon in attack.' The afternoon was free. 'Lights out' was at 10.0 p.m. for other ranks, while for sergeants and upwards it was 11.59 p.m.

**Tuesday.** Up at sunrise or sunset — I don't know which. Food was still good. We had some more 'platoon in the attack' in the morning. In the afternoon we saw an infantry demonstration, which was followed by a cricket match between 'A' Company and 'C' Company won by 'C' Company (ours) by 122 to 22.

**Wednesday.** We again rose at break of day, and the morning consisted of practice in the use of cover, rifle drill and P.T. Some boys went to R.E.M.E. workshops and the rest had a free afternoon.

**Thursday.** A route march was planned and undertaken. During the march we were ambushed: this broke the monotony of marching. During the afternoon we watched a demonstration of explosives by the R.E.'s.

**Friday.** During the morning we did another exercise on attacking and defending, and rounded off the morning with P.T. During the afternoon we watched a demonstration by the Parachute troops, and we were also shown two training films. In the night, at 10.30, we marched out to do compass marching by night. This was carried out successfully and we retired to bed at 2.0 a.m.

**Saturday.** We again rose at 6.30, and during the morning we had a map-reading race over the countryside, which lasted for some time. In the afternoon we had the inter-battalion sports for all Essex. The 2/4th Battalion took second place.

**Sunday.** We had a 'laze' until 7.30. During the morning we packed our clothes and went to a church parade. After this Lt.-Col. Newman, V.C., our Battalion commander, gave a talk on the St. Nazaire raid. At about 3.30 we left camp for home, having spent a most enjoyable week in camp.  
P. J. C.

## OLD HARLOVIANS' CLUB

With the last issue of the *Harlovian*, cards were included addressed to all members of the Club, asking whether the recipients could or could not attend a post-war reunion during 1946. Very few of these cards were returned to the Secretary, and only 14 replied in the affirmative. It may be that it was too soon after the war to make the attempt, since so many members were still in various parts of the world on service. It is now felt, however, that something should be done in the matter, and all members are asked to get into touch with the Headmaster if they would wish to attend a meeting in London during the months of January to April, 1947. It is much regretted that the present Secretary, Mr. H. Bristoll, has been seriously ill during the past year, and he now feels that he cannot carry on the work in a manner that would satisfy the real enthusiasm that he has for the Club. Previous, therefore, to any meeting that may be held, the Headmaster would like to know whether there is any younger member of the Club who would be prepared to take on the rather arduous duties of Secretary. It is hoped that there will be found a member who has a great enough love for the School to undertake this, for otherwise it may mean that the Club will disintegrate, in spite of its most promising re-formation in the pre-war days.

## OLD HARLOVIANS

### News and extracts from letters

We very much regret to report the death of FRANCIS W. SIMMONDS in June of 1945, after some years of incurable illness, very bravely and patiently borne. Born on December 19, 1909, he was at the School from January, 1920, until July, 1926.

M. BAGGOTT, who is now taking a course at a Technical College, tells us that he is still musically minded and has attended several symphony concerts.

D. H. BARNES served in the R.N.V.R. as a Lieutenant. He is now at Downing College, Cambridge, reading English.

"JOCK" CAIRNS writes more happily from Glasgow Academy, that he "reads the *Harlovian* avidly twice over and without stopping." He has scored a great success in the dramatic world of the Academy, and his real worth is now being realized, as we all knew it would. He still writes of his great love for Harlow, and we hope that he will visit us before those who knew him pass on.

H. L. F. CASTLE (Lt.-Col.) wrote in June that he hoped to be out of the Army in a few weeks' time. He has had 6½ years in uniform, and saw service in the Middle East and later in Germany. He hopes to return to the scholastic world in the capacity of School Inspector for P.T. We hope that he will be merciful if he comes to inspect us.

J. C. CONGDEN has passed his Inter. B.Sc. and is now taking his Final Honours course.

C. F. COPLESTON has been demobilized from the Royal Navy and is proceeding to a Teachers' Training College in Exeter in October.

T. F. H. CULLUM, Sgt. R.A.F., writes of an interesting life in India, where he will probably be until the end of 1947.

J. H. ELPHICK is back in England again, and hopes to be demobilized from the R.A.F. by the end of this year. He came up to the School on Sports Day and is now learning to drive R.A.F. lorries.

D. R. FIRKIN, previous to joining the Army, had started stage design and was acting with the Northampton Rep.

I. D. GARDINER is to be congratulated on having won the Bursary which we last reported as being his next aim. During the year he has been with a locomotive firm in Manchester, gaining works experience.

A. GOOZEE has now left the R.A.F. and is working with his father.

P. G. GREEN has been working at the Brighton Technical College and hoped to take the examination for the Higher National Diploma in Building Technology in the summer of this year, after which he expects to join one of the Services.

J. W. E. GRUNDY arrived back in England from Austria at the beginning of the year and was then demobilized. With the help of a Government grant he is entering upon a legal career.

R. HAMMOND is serving with the R.E.s and has been recommended for a commission.

R. E. HARE, after leaving School in July, 1945, became a dental mechanic.

E. W. HASLER (O/Cdt., Indian Army) has passed through his initial training in England, which included a test in Urdu. He has left for India, where he hopes to obtain his British Commission.

J. G. HENFREY visited the School in September. He is now out of the Army and intends to go up to King's College, London, with a view of entering the teaching profession ultimately.

C. HOCKLEY is now out of the R.A.F. and is in a Draughtsman's Office in Cambridge. While in the R.A.F. he took Matric. and Higher School Certificate in his stride. Congratulations to him on his engagement.

C. E. HOGARTH (Staff) (F/Lt., R.A.F.), has returned from Ceylon, where he has served with the R.A.F. Educational Services. He called on us during the summer, together with Mr. and Mrs. ELDRIDGE. Four members of the Staff who were with us at the beginning of the war are now living within a few miles of each other, since Mr. EDMONDS is back home in Penn, while Mr. Eldridge is on the Staff of High Wycombe Grammar School.

R. E. HULLETT has done well in his recruit training in the Army, both as regards the actual work and all forms of sport, and his last letter came from Bangalore, where he may by this time have met Hasler.

G. G. JEFFERYS visited the School in July. He had just come out of the R.A.F. and his future plans were uncertain, though he may return to Rhodesia.

N. F. LOCKYER is still in the cinema world, for he is now Resident Manager of the Odeon Theatre, Slough, Bucks. He hoped to get some cricket in the summer, having previously played for Streatham C.C.

I. MORLEY, after his sojourn in S. Rhodesia, is now back at home again and has at last got his Wings, together with the rank of Sergeant. During the summer months he has been working on a R.A.F. Exhibition, touring the country. On demobilization he hopes to join the London Police Force.

H. H. MORRIS (Staff) Lt., R.A., served with the Eighth Army in N. Africa and the Fifth Army in Italy. He was released early in the year and is returning to teaching.

I. P. L. NEWTON is working with the De Havilland Technical School.

R. A. PHILLIPS writes from Sunderland. Since leaving Harlow he has completed an apprenticeship in Marine Engineering and was at the time of writing serving in the Merchant Navy. His brother Vivian was an apprentice engineer, hoping to go to sea soon.

Mr. ROBERTSON is to be congratulated on his appointment to the Headmastership of Brentwood Junior School. He visited Harlow during the summer, and later in the term entertained our cricket eleven when they went over to play Brentwood 2nd XI.

P. W. ROBSON, who on leaving us rejoined his old school, Westcliff High, has just finished his time there. He took his London G.S.C. and H.S.C., became House Captain, Cricket Captain and School Captain. He writes that he met J. G. LANE in Westcliff, and Mr. Smith (Staff) at Gravesend County High School.

J. D. ROE has visited the School on several occasions. He is working in a bank and is keeping up his Scouting.

T. J. SANDELL visited us at the end of 1945. He was then an Apprentice in the Merchant Navy with the British Steamship Co., Watts and Watts.

T. SILVESTER and D. WILSON (the inseparables) visited us in January. The former was still in the City, while the latter hoped to come out of the R.A.F. in the early summer. He had served in Burma, the Desert and Italy, and was then piloting Dakotas.

R. G. S. STUART is working in a bank in London, and hopes soon to be transferred to a foreign branch.

R. S. C. TAYLOR has joined the Merchant Navy in the hope of serving his three years with the Royal Navy. After that he hopes to go on the stage.

D. VALDER is with the Merchant Navy, Signals.

A. VALLE-JONES (F/Lt., R.A.F.) wrote in May, when he was flying the Chief of Staff, Rhine Army, as part of his personal crew. He hopes to get his permanent commission in the R.A.F.

R. E. WELLS hoped to be demobilized in September or October. Our sympathies are extended to him over the sudden death of his father.

E. WELLS joined the Fleet Air Arm after leaving us in July, 1945.

F. E. WHITBY was on his way out East when the Japanese surrendered. He expects to be out of the R.A.F. by the end of the year, when he hopes to go up to the 'Varsity, either Oxford or Cambridge, his ultimate object being a teaching career.

B. J. WILLATS, after leaving us in July, 1945, joined the Westminster Bank, Head Office, but, realizing how slow progress was, he obtained a situation with the Moller Line (U.K.) Ltd., a Far Eastern shipping firm.

M. F. WILLY wrote at the beginning of the year that he had volunteered for four years' further service as a Fleet Air Arm Observer and was then awaiting the result of his application.

P. G. STEWART was released from the R.A.F. in July and now intends to join Barclay's Bank, with the hope of being transferred to S. Africa in a year's time. He had spent  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of his service life in that country and his great ambition is to return there.

E. H. FRIEND came out of the Army with the rank of Major. He has been playing cricket regularly for Harlow and has made some big scores.

R. G. MARSHALL is still with the Wireless Training College in Colwyn Bay. Unfortunately, owing to an accident, his sitting for his final examination has been delayed for some months.

E. W. R. BRAZIER visited the School during the summer. He had just been demobilized from the R.A.F. and intended to return to his old work, viz., Laundry.

D. M. DESPREZ, still in the R.A.F., was present on Sports Day to see his brother break the record for the Mile.

Cards at Christmas were received from G. MOORE (7th Armoured Div.), J. POWER (R.A.F., India), D. N. FRANKLIN, D. MALBERT (2nd (Nyasaland) Bn., K.A.R.), B. BROWNE (6th Airborne Div., M.E.F.), S. BROWNE, K. N. LEEVERS, R. EBSWORTH, I. BUIST, J. ANSELL (who visited us on Sports Day).

The Headmaster is trying his best to keep pace with the many letters which he has received from Old Harlovians,

but feels that he must again apologize to those to whose letters he may not yet have replied. He may possibly be forgiven when it is realized that he is acting as Editor for the magazine and also for the Old Harlovian section, both of which duties lay in other hands before the war. He has received many most interesting and lengthy letters, all of which he would like to print in their entirety, but space will not permit. If any Old Harlovian would like to undertake the task of acting as Old Harlovian Editor, dealing with the letters as they are sent to him by the H.M., the latter would be most grateful.