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SCHOOL OFFICERS

Prefects:

D. M. Williams, I. C. Morley, A. C. Goozee, R. Engeham,
G. Kelly, M. Willmott.

Sub-Prefects:

D. Valder, R. Spicer, B. Barham, J. Power, R. Pain,
I. Gardiner, J. Rolstone, J. J. Cocks.

Cricket Captain: M. Willmott.

Vice-Captain: D. M. Williams.

Captain of Beatty House: A. C. Goozee.

Captain of Nelson House: R. Engeham.

Captain of Keyes House: M. Willmott.

Captain of Rodney House: G. E. Kelly.

SCHOOL NOTES

Harlow College War Memorial Literature Prizes in the Summer Term were awarded as follows:—Vb, Green; IV, 1 Nobes, 2 Anderson, 3 Markwitch; U.R., 1 Lawrence, 2 Ballard; 3 Hayward.

The following candidates were successful in the Oxford School Certificate Examination held in July: B. O. Barham (exemption from Matriculation), R. Engeham, D. R. Firkin, G. Kelly, M. A. Lee, K. M. Leever (exemption from Matriculation), I. C. Morley, R. Spicer (exemption from Matriculation), D. J. W. Valder (exemption from Matriculation), and D. M. Williams.

Prize-giving was again held informally in the Gymnasium on the last day of term. Prizes took the form of War Savings, and the following were the prize-winners, apart from the Old Harlovian War Memorial Literature prizes, details of which have been published elsewhere.

Va: Valder. Vb: Gardiner. IV: Nobes. Upper Remove: Russell i. Lower Remove: 1 Whitby, 2 Brooks. III: Southgate. IIa: Ball and Williams ii. IIb: Stuchbery. I: Norman.

Seabrook Memorial Mathematics Prize.—Va (awarded on the result of the School Certificate): Barham. Vb: Green.

Old Harlovian War Memorial Literature Prize for Va (awarded on result of School Certificate): 1 Williams i; 2 Leever; 3 Barham.

War Savings. The weekly takings in the School Savings Bank have been about up to the average during the term, the figure having been raised from £1,013 to £1,132.

War Service. It seems now almost out of place to report on these activities, since they have become almost a matter of school routine, but good work has been done in the matter of paper salvage, and help has been given to Mr. Soper on his farm by some of the older boarders.

School Chapel. We expressed the hope, in the last "Harlovian," that before long we should be asked to take an active part in the Sunday morning services in St. John's Church. This has now come to pass, we are glad to say, and during term time we are entirely responsible for the treble singing in the choir, at the same time producing a number of basses and altos, while one of the Lessons is in the hands of a prefect. We still, however, hold our own school services from

time to time, on Sundays, and it speaks well for the enthusiasm of the choir that many of them should be willing to come and help in the parish service after they have sung through their own. More volunteers from among the boarders are still wanted, to replace those whose voices have broken.

St. John Ambulance Cadets. The Cadet Division has met once a week for instruction in First Aid work and in July the following boys passed the Preliminary First Aid Exam. with great credit:—Jackson, Baldock, Power, B., Bicknell, Peacock, Thomas, R., Townsend, Buist, Crussell, Roe, Maskell, Inman.

Mrs. Dames hopes to organize a cup contest between the boy cadets and her girl cadets. The cadets have become really efficient in stretcher bearer work, and we feel that they could give valuable help in an emergency if called upon. It has been a pleasure to see Inman and Thomas in uniform.

The Cadet Division would like to express their very real gratitude for a gift of a great supply of triangular bandages presented to them by Mr. Inman: this most wonderful gift will be of inestimable value to the Division. Thank you, Mr. Inman.

CRICKET RETROSPECT

This year the school have been fortunate in being able to use Marigolds ground for both school matches and practice games, since the Harlow Club admitted us as members on condition that we took over the mowing of the ground. Without a doubt this has improved the cricket of the whole school, though this was not very apparent until the latter half of the term, but the fact that we have been able to play on really good wickets, which we could trust to behave themselves, must bring benefit next year. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Hills for his preparation of our pitches and for marking them out for us.

During the season the 1st XI won three matches, lost six and drew one.

The side was mainly a one-man side, both in batting and bowling, Rolstone as a batsman proving a Triton among minnows and Willmott being his counterpart among the bowlers. Defence was the weakness of the Eleven as a whole, few of the batsmen having learnt to stand their ground and deal watchfully and firmly with the straight good-length ball. This is the first principle of strong batsmanship, and Rolstone's

mastery of it, coupled with his powerful strokes on the on-side, led to his outstanding success. Willmott's first spell of bowling, sometimes too long, was almost always his best, and he often lost length and accuracy in his subsequent efforts.

The wicket-keeping was not of good quality owing to lack of knowledge of correct technique. The fielding in most matches was altogether too leisurely and apathetic, Hawkins alone showing the quick anticipation, safe gathering and strong and accurate return of the ball which makes the good fieldsman.

M. A. WILLMOTT (Captain). Disappointing as a batsman he made amends with his bowling, which in style, length and accuracy is full of promise. He was too retiring and unwilling to exert his authority as a Captain should, and was rather lax in the matter of batting and fielding practices.

D. M. WILLIAMS (Vice-Captain). Apart from one good innings he had a poor season, never staying long enough to prove his hitting power. His slow bowling was deceptive in flight, but too erratic to get cheap wickets.

J. C. ROLSTONE (Colours). Has a strong defence, good judgment in picking the right ball to hit, and unusual power in his favourite stroke. When he has developed safe, strong off-side strokes he will be furnished with all he needs for some big innings.

R. ENGEHAM. A defensive batsman, who has not yet mastered the art of dealing with balls on the leg stump and was often l.b.w. in his efforts to do so.

J. R. F. HAWKINS. His batting so far is elementary, but he fielded keenly and well.

R. E. HULLETT. Failed as a batsman to maintain the promise of last year. Is a useful fielder and may yet prove a good one.

I. C. MORLEY. Did useful work as a bowler and often brightened up a dull situation by some lofty hits.

R. E. PAIN. Often seemed to be muscle-bound by nervousness but in one sprightly innings showed that he needn't be.

S. PARKS. Shows signs of a sound defence and steadily improved in confidence and usefulness.

W. M. SHEERAN. Aggressive in style and likely to make many runs, when his defence is strong enough to enable him to stay for the purpose. Looks a better bowler than he is, as he varies his length more by accident than design.

D. J. VALDER. Sometimes proved a useful stop-gap, but is hardly a cultured cricketer.

1st XI Matches

Harlow C.C. 105, Willmott 6 for 30, School 45 for 6 wickets, Rolstone 16, Willmott 12. Match drawn.

Saffron Walden Junior Wanderers 44, Willmott 4 for 9, Williams 5 for 29. School 63, Rolstone 17, Engeham 13, Sheeran 12. Won by 19 runs.

R.A.F. North Weald 164 for 7 wickets, Willmott 5 for 46. School 72, Rolstone 20. Lost by 92 runs.

Harlow Police 106 for 8 wickets, Willmott 6 for 27. School 30. Lost by 76 runs.

Newport Grammar School 120 for 6 wickets. School 78, Rolstone 14, Sheeran 14, Willmott 10. Lost by 42 runs.

Newport Grammar School 123, Willmott 4 for 24. School 98, Rolstone 52. Lost by 25 runs.

Harlow C.C. 159, Williams 3 for 30. School 88, Rolstone 29, Engeham 18, Morley 14. Lost by 71 runs.

R.A.F. North Weald 160 for 8 wickets, Willmott 3 for 34. School 48, Rolstone 25 (not out). Lost by 112 runs.

Harlow Home Guard 44, Willmott 5 for 14, Morley 5 for 16. School 99, Pain 39, Williams 23, Sheeran 10, Parks 11. Won by 55 runs.

Harlow Police 77, Willmott 7 for 32. School 124 for 5 wickets, Rolstone 83 (not out), Sheeran 16 (not out), Parks 13. Won by 47 runs and 5 wickets.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Runs	Innings	Times not out	Highest Score	Average
Rolstone ..	261	10	2	83 n.o.	32.62
Sheeran ..	61	7	2	16 n.o.	12.2
Pain ..	66	9	1	39	8.25
Morley ..	47	8	2	14	7.83
Parks ..	53	9	0	13	5.8
Engeham ..	52	9	0	18	5.7
Williams ..	48	10	0	23	4.8
Valder ..	18	8	4	5 n.o.	4.5
Willmott ..	43	10	0	12	4.3
Hawkins ..	20	9	0	9	2.2
Hullett ..	15	9	0	5	1.6

BOWLING AVERAGES

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Aver. per wicket</i>
Willmott ..	98.6	13	310	45	6.8
Williams ..	62.2	3	274	18	15.2
Morley ..	36.5	2	184	12	15.3
Sheeran ..	29	3	132	3	44

CATCHES

Willmott 6, Morley 3, Pain 3, Engeham, Parks and Williams 2, Hawkins and Sheeran 1, Rolstone stumped 6.

JUNIOR CRICKET

The Junior XIs played four matches, all of which they managed to win. The results are as follows:

Pishiobury School 34 (Anderson 7 for 13). Harlow under 14½ 60 (Hawkins 12). Won by 26 runs.

Waterside School, Bishops Stortford, 1st innings 14 (Stuart 4 for 1, Davies 2 for 2, Robertson 4 for 5); 2nd innings 6 (Peacock 8 for 0). Harlow under 14 128 for 3 wickets (Buist 53 (not out), Crouch 33, Robertson 15). Won by an innings and 108 runs.

Pishiobury School 58 (Anderson 4 for 12, Hawkins 5 for 17). Harlow under 14½ 80 (Hawkins 49). Won by 22 runs.

Waterside School, 1st innings 25 (Drain 6 for 9, Sheldrake 3 for 11); 2nd innings 11 (Sheldrake 5 for 3, Drain 3 for 6). Harlow, Form III, 1st innings 38; 2nd innings, 64 for 3 wickets (declared) (Sheldrake 26, Desprez 14 (not out)). Won by 66 runs.

Although next year we shall be without Willmott and Rolstone, there will be no cause for despair, since in the middle school there are several boys who, with a year's growth, may well become fair cricketers. Of this year's side we should still have with us Sheeran, Pain, Parks, Hawkins and possibly Hullett, while Butcher has gained experience in the Harlow side during the holidays. Robertson shows promise as a bat, but at the moment lacks stature, and Anderson and Peacock might well turn into useful bowlers. It will yet be seen that there will be vacancies, and there is plenty of room for the keen cricketer. It is hoped to be able to start indoor practice in the tectum during the second half of the spring term.

Owing to the fact that the Sports and the Swimming took up a large part of the second half of the term, the series of House matches could not be completed. Yet sufficient matches were played off to show that Nelson were undoubtedly the cricket house, with Rodney as "runners up."

ATHLETICS

The athletics year began as usual with the Cross Country Race, run over slightly shorter courses than previously, the juniors' course being only 1.6 miles long. The senior race was won by Willmott of Rodney House in a very good time, and Grabham of Keyes was the winner of the junior race. Places and team points were as follows:—

SENIOR

1st	Willmott (Rodney)	3rd	Stone (Rodney)
2nd	Goozee (Beatty)	4th	Grabham (Keyes)

JUNIOR

1st	Grabham (Keyes)	3rd	Robertson (Rodney)
2nd	Soper (Rodney)	4th	Whitby (Rodney)

Team points awarded on a basis of 50 points a race: Senior—Beatty 22, Rodney 17, Nelson 11, Keyes 0. Junior—Rodney 20, Keyes 15, Beatty 10, Nelson 5.

The Sports, which were begun on the 28th June, were run off at intervals as in 1941 and the final events were not completed until the week following. The track this year was 220 yards with 50 yard straights, being the best compromise for the space available. The 100 yards straight can just be fitted into the field and was run with string lanes. The performance which came nearest to breaking a record was the high jump of 5 feet 0¼ in. by Kelly. The Mile and Senior 220 yards gave good times but otherwise times were well below record, possibly owing to the restricted track. The events are given in the order in which they were run off.

Senior High Jump.—1 Kelly (5 ft. 0¼ in.), 2 Morley, 3 Nobes, 4 Grabham.

Junior High Jump.—1 Crussell (3 ft. 10½ in.), 2 Peacock and Welch equal, 4 Springham.

Senior Cricket Ball.—1 Kelly (72 yds. 1¾ ft.), 2 Morley, 3 Hullett, 4 Parks.

Junior Cricket Ball.—1 Butcher (53 yds. 1½ ft.), 2 Ruggles, 3 Robbins, 4 Fitch.

Mile.—1 Kelly (5 mins. 36 secs.), 2 Goozee, 3 Elwell, 4 Williams.

Junior Long Jump.—1 Ruggles (13 ft. 10½ in.), 2 Crussell, 3 Soper, 4 Buist.

Senior Long Jump.—1 Willmott and Kelly equal (16 ft. 3 in.), 3 Valder, 4 Markwitch.

220 yds. Senior Champ.—1 Kelly (28 1/5 secs.), 2 Morley, 3 Elwell, 4 Barham.

220 yds. Junior Champ.—1 Crouch (35 secs.), 2 Buist, 3 Robbins, 4 Newton.

220 yds., over 15 years.—1 Williams (31 4/5 secs.), 2 Barham, 3 Porritt, 4 Power i.

220 yds., 14-15 years.—1 Robson (29 2/5 secs.), 2 Markwitch, 3 Nobes, 4 Pain.

440 yds. Senior Champ.—1 Morley (no time), 2 Williams, 3 Porritt, 4 Hullett.

440 yds. Junior Champ.—1 Robbins (81 1/5 secs.), 2 Robertson, 3 Crussell, 4 Power ii.

440 yds., over 15.—1 Goozee (79 2/5 secs.), 2 Williams.

440 yds., 14-15.—1 Robson (73 4/5 secs.), 2 Parks.

880 yds. Senior Champ.—1 Morley and Goozee equal (2 mins. 48 3/5 secs.), 3 Williams, 4 Hawkins.

880 yds. Junior Champ.—1 Buist (3 mins. 16 secs.), 2 Crouch, 3 Hayward, 4 Robertson.

220 yds., 12-14.—1 Soper (36 secs.), 2 Crussell, 3 Robbins, 4 Whitby.

220 yds., 10-12.—1 Drain (36 4/5 secs.), 2 Tinney, 3 Desprez, 4 Baskett.

100 yds. Senior Champ.—1 Kelly (no time), 2 Robson, 3 Fitch, 4 Goozee.

100 yds. Junior Champ.—1 Buist (13 2/5 secs.), 2 Ruggles, 3 Crussell, 4 Robbins.

100 yds., over 15 years.—1 Willmott (13 1/5 secs.), 2 Williams, 3 Goozee, 4 Morley.

100 yds., 14-15 years.—1 Robson (12 3/5 secs.), 2 Nobes, 3 Markwitch, 4 Pain.

100 yds., 12-14 years.—1 Buist (13 4/5 secs.), 2 Ruggles, 3 Crussell, 4 Robertson.

100 yds., 12-10 years.—1 Sheldrake (15 1/5 secs.), 2 Drain, 3 Desprez, 4 Batten.

75 yds., 10-8 years.—1 Ball (10 4/5 secs.), 2 Williams, 3 Pollitt, 4 Stammers.

75 yds., under 8.—1 White (12 4/5 secs.), 2 Reuss, 3 Agnew, 4 Norman.

50 yds., 10-8.—1 Ball (7 1/5 secs.), 2 Williams, 3 Pollitt, 4 Padfield.

50 yds., under 8.—1 White (9 secs.), 2 Agnew, 3 Davies iv, 4 Padfield.

High Jump, 10-8.—1 Williams (3 ft. 5 in.), 2 Stammers, 3 Ball, 4 Pollitt.

High Jump, under 8.—1 Reuss, 2 White.

Long Jump, 10-8.—1 Ball (10 ft. 6 in.), 2 Stammers, 3 Williams, 4 Gibbs.

Long Jump, under 8.—1 Reuss (8 ft. 6 in.), 2 Agnew, 3 Radford, 4 Russell.

Three Legged, 10-8.—1 Williams and Stammers, 2 Ball and Pollitt, 3 North and Wallace, 4 Stutchberry and Hill.

Three Legged, under 8.—1 Parsons and Padfield, 2 Russell and Radford, 3 Davies iv and White.

House Relay, run as a shuttle relay over 100 yds.—1 Beatty, 2 Rodney, 3 Nelson, 4 Keyes.

Tug of War, teams of eight, pull of 6 ft.—1 Nelson, 2 Beatty and Keyes equal, 4 Rodney.

Final House Points, including Cross Country Race:—

Rodney 136, Beatty 131, Nelson 81½, Keyes 74

The points for the senior and junior Victor Ludorum:—

Senior Victor Ludorum—Kelly, 23½ points.

Runner-up—Morley, 16½ points.

Junior Victor Ludorum—Buist, 12 points.

Runner-up—Crussell, 11 points.

R. H. S.

SWIMMING GALA

We were able this year to hold the usual inter-house Swimming Sports at the Parndon Mill pool on Tuesday, July 21st. The weather favoured us and we succeeded in swimming off seventeen events, including diving, long plunge, obstacle and diving for plates. The results are given in the order in which the finals occurred. K=Keyes, R=Rodney, B=Beatty, N=Nelson.

1. One Width, Junior.—1 Davies ii, K (22 secs.); 2 Davies iii, K; 3 Kemp i, K; 4 Hellicar, K.

2. One Width, Senior.—1 Morley, B (17 secs.); 2 Willmott, R; 3 Davies i, K; 4 Hullett, B.
3. Two Widths, Junior.—1 Davies ii, K (48 4/5 secs.); 2 Davies iii, K; 3 Butcher, K; 4 Baldock, B.
4. Two Widths, Senior.—1 Willmott, R (38 1/5 secs.); 2 Morley, B; 3 Gardiner, N; 4 Hullett, B.
5. Long Plunge.—1 Willmott, R; 2 Morley, B; 3 Sandell, R; 4 Goozee, B.
6. Diving for Plates.—1 Morley, B; 2 Goozee, B; 3 Sandell, R; 4 Willmott, R.
7. Two Widths, 12-14 yrs.—1 Davies ii, K (51 secs.); 2 Helli-car, K; 3 Baggott i, B; 4 Russell i, N.
8. Two Widths, over 14 yrs.—1 Davies i, K (41 secs.); 2 Morley, B; 3 Goozee, B; 4 Sandell, R.
9. Diving, three dives from 3 ft., one from 10 ft.—1 Willmott, R; 2 Goozee, B; 3 Morley, B; 4 Sandell, R.
10. One Width Handicap.—1 Sandell, R; 2 Morley, B; 3 Davies ii, K, and Gardiner, N.
11. Two Widths Handicap.—1 Sandell, R; 2 Gardiner, N; 3 Davies ii, K.
12. Paddle Boat Race, one entry each house.—1 Sandell, R; 2 Davies ii, K; 3 Morley, B; 4 Gardiner, N.
13. Obstacle.—1 Goozee, B; 2 Sandell, R; 3 Hullett, B.

SCOUTS

During the summer term, with its additional attractions, the regular troop meetings are liable to suffer and this is likely to be reflected in a general slackness. In particular the work of the patrols was not up to standard and the S.M. asked for and received the resignations of the patrol leaders. Despite the loss of these four valuable scouts who chose to leave rather than continue without office the troop entered for an inter-troop competition. This was arranged by the Scout Masters of the district and was to be in the form of a camping competition and second class test competition. The troop has not had any camping equipment for many years now and skipper travelled some weary miles and spent not a few shillings of the scout funds in obtaining tent, ground sheets and billies. This, together with the scouts' own tents, had to form the equipment for the camping competition.

The weather decided otherwise and a day of pouring rain on the Saturday of the contest cancelled the camping part of the week-end. On the Sunday the weather cleared and the troop marched to Burnt Mill and had an enjoyable afternoon despite the intricacies of the compass and the difficulties of semaphore signalling. Fire-lighting with only a bundle of firewood and two matches proved no easy matter either. We marched back determined to make a better show at the next troop rally.

The disappointment at the cancellation of the camp was so apparent that skipper decided that we should try to run a week's camp in the holidays. He succeeded in borrowing a large amount of gear from the troop with which he was formerly connected. The equipment could only be had during the latter part of the holiday and since the troop was then scattered only a small number were able to come.

Thus it was that six scouts with broad grins and bulging kitbags tumbled out of the train at Epping Station on the 31st August. A friend from Epping took us to the camp site in his car and solved the problem of transport. We pitched camp near the top of a hill slope and against a hedge with a good view over open country towards Parndon. Two tents which were used for sleeping were the actual tents used on an Everest expedition and we are indebted to the Rev. White, of Potter Street, for the loan of the tents. The scoutmaster's hike tent, the store tent and a spare tent used for dining shelter, together with the two sleeping tents, formed a cheerful little group and when the kitchen with its gadgets appeared and we finally erected the flagstaff the camp site looked quite shipshape. Orderly and cooking duties were taken in turn so that each scout had the duty of cook for one day, one which calls for much criticism and deserves praise if well done. Usually some particular incident will be remembered of a camp, and wasps and cows will, I think, be associated with Steward's farm camp. Every scout was stung at least once and some received that honour twice. The First Aid kit coped with everything.

We were able to spend a whole afternoon harvesting, carting and stacking corn, and in the evening we rode back on the lorry from Thrushes Bush. Skipper will not soon forget the lifts he gave on his cycle during the hike to Thrushes Bush on the succeeding day when we were again given a lift back. On the Sunday what was to have been a series of two-man hikes somehow turned into a trek to the cinema. Skipper was not meant to know but he found out before long.

The week passed very quickly, each cook took his turn and the food was of the very best, there were no grumbles and we were fortunate with the weather, so that we were loath to leave on the Monday. Mr. Anderson, whose farm we camped on, kindly gave us a lift into Epping in his trailer and once more six scouts with even broader grins passed through Epping Station.

LECTURE BY A NORWEGIAN FLYING LIEUTENANT

On Saturday, July 11th, we were privileged to hear the story of a Norwegian pilot who had escaped from Norway after the German occupation in 1940.

He spoke for about an hour and during this time we learnt quite a lot about the German army and also the Norwegian opinions about the war.

He told us how, when Norway was invaded, they only possessed one squadron of obsolete fighters, Gloster Gladiators, in which squadron he was a pilot. They were altogether unprepared for war and were gradually driven further inland up the river valleys. The Lieutenant told us how, coming down to collect food in a car, he was cut off by tanks and made a prisoner.

Along with other officers and men he was put in a hut where conditions were very bad. He could speak German and was therefore made an interpreter. After a few days he was moved to the capital, Oslo, and was here with many other war prisoners put in a criminal prison.

He then went on to say that he thought that the Germans did not rate the Norwegians as soldiers (they've probably changed their minds now!) as about a third of the prisoners were allowed to escape by changing into civilian clothes. The speaker himself escaped like this. Along with several other patriots he decided to attempt to escape either to America or England.

They obtained an old Viking ship and fitted it with a motor. The trouble was the supply of petrol. He then illustrated his opinion that the German authorities are very easy to deceive. One of his comrades applied for some petrol to sail the old ship up the coast as a relic and to keep it in the north of Norway. The petrol was given to him and now they were all set for the voyage.

But they still, he said, had to reckon with the Fifth Column of whom he has rather a low opinion.

One day some of the men were talking to a man who professed to be a Norwegian patriot and they told him of their plan to escape to England. A few days afterwards they were arrested on the information of this man. They, however, professed to be fishermen even though the clothes they wore were very new, and only two of their number were kept under arrest. (These two men are still in custody in Norway.)

They decided then that if they wanted to escape they would have to go through Sweden. Before they crossed the border into Sweden they gave their passports to a peasant who sent them back to Oslo so that officially they are still in Norway.

They successfully crossed the border and contacted some people willing to help them, in Stockholm. Then began their long journey to England. From Stockholm to Finland, Finland to Moscow, Moscow to Vladivostock—Tokyo—Vancouver and so across America to England.

He told us about each country that he passed through, touching on the hardness of Russian winters and the poor conditions of the lower classes in Japan. In Tokyo before he left he had to sign a paper to say that he would not join the Allied Forces. He is now serving with the Norwegian Air Force in Britain.

I think that a great deal of thanks is due to the speaker for giving us such an entertaining and vivid talk, which I for one enjoyed immensely.

D. M. W.

SALVETE (May, 1942)

H. R. Barnes, K. G. Brooks, M. C. G. Claydon, J. D. Padfield, R. J. Rowe, D. E. Reuss, R. L. F. Thomas.

VALETE (July, 1942)

P. A. W. Ballard, B. O. B. Barham, E. P. Chaffin, F. Darlington, E. J. T. Davies, D. R. Firkin, S. H. Fowler, D. W. Graham, D. P. Kemp, J. J. Kemp, K. N. Leever, R. B. Markwitch, J. F. A. Maskell, I. D. Ruggles, R. A. Sait, A. J. Soper, P. J. Stone, C. J. Tinney, D. J. W. Valder, D. M. Williams, A. M. Willmott.

OLD HARLOVIANS

NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

Major Harry F. L. Castle (Staff 1936-1939) has been twice mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East. Heartiest congratulations. He went through the Great War and was wounded twice. In September 1939 he was sent East and a few months later Mrs. Castle joined him in Ankara; now they are both in Palestine and are greatly missing the many friends they made during their sojourn in Turkey.

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Mr. H. F. P. Harris (Staff 1924-1927) writes from Exeter, where he has now been living for some time. He is in charge of all education under the L.C.C. in Devon and Dorset, so spends much of his time travelling about. He has evacuated his wife and two sons to a quieter part of England.

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Alfred R. Edis (1894-1896), 30 Woodlands, North Harrow: "Looking through some old papers the other day I came across enclosed cricket and football fixture cards for 1895. It may interest you to see what schools and clubs we played against 47 years ago.

The last time I was in touch with any Old Harlovians was at the annual dinner in London in November 1908.

I trust my old school is prosperous and doing well in peace and war, in work and sport."

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Douglas De Lisle (1901-1906) has quite recovered from the serious accident to his leg, though he fears he will always have a limp. Two of his sons are with the Forces. De Lisle hopes to visit England when the war is over; he had planned to come in the summer of 1940. He has not been back since he left school.

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Franklin Scott (19—19—), 4 Lyndhurst Gardens, West Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne 2: "I have to-day received the Winter 1941-42 issue of 'The Harlovian,' and have read it with the usual relish.

I am afraid my letters to you have been sadly few, but in sooth, I hesitate to record the activities of a mere civilian

when others of my era are spending such full and interesting lives.

John Horder's letter was of particular interest to me; so he was serving in the *Edinburgh*—together with Paymaster Lieutenant Stansbury and A.B. Hart (neither of whom I knew). I trust that all three survived their ship's unfortunate end. It might interest these three Harlovians to know that another (myself) has a vivid recollection of her launching, and more than one visit to the Yard while she was fitting-out.

By the same post as the 'Harlovian' came a letter from Vincent New, who has been in Scotland for about two years, and is now on embarkation leave. His daughter is over three years old.

A few weeks ago I had another welcome letter—from Alfred Le Cren, who is stationed not very far from his old home at Harpenden, and is engaged to be married. He came back from France in 1940, though not via Dunkirk, and is now a captain. Vincent New makes no mention of his rank—last time I heard he was a lieutenant.

As for myself, I 'expressed a preference' for the Navy when registering many moons ago, but to date the 'Powers that Be' have decreed that I am less useless in my present job. So all I can do in what spare time I have, is to run an allotment and do a bit of Civil Defence. The allotment gives very indifferent results, I'm afraid—I never did like gardening, and I'm convinced that anyone who can grow things well in this short-seasoned climate needs to be more of a magician than a horticulturist. In the Wardens, I have reached the unenviable status of having three meetings in one night—starting at six and lasting, probably, until ten o'clock. This, admittedly, is not a regular occurrence, but wearing, and trying to the throat and grey-matter.

We have a potential Harlovian in John Michael, who is now five and a half, but distance may prevent this wish from being fulfilled. As his sister is only four, her education is not an immediate problem."

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David Rintoul (19—19—) was, we are sorry to say, taken prisoner when the Japs captured Singapore. After working there with the I.C.I. for some years, he had been spending a short holiday in Australia, and returned to Singapore only a few days before the siege began.

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Barbara R. Smith (19—19—), one of the few girls who were educated at Harlow College, has joined the A.T.S. as a driver.

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Three Old Harlovians, *C. Stansbury*, *J. Horder* and *G. Hart*, were on the *Edinburgh*. The Editor hopes they are all safe and would be grateful for news of them.

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Congratulations to *Captain A. M. Le Cren* (1913-1923) on his recent marriage at Ealing to Miss Dorothy Marguerite Jenkins, A.T.S.

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Geoffrey Larkley (19—19—), who is working with the Radio-location, paid us a very welcome visit recently. He married eight years ago, not very long after leaving school, and seems in fine fettle.

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Pte. G. Moses (1938-1940), 165 Coy. P.O. 13807198: "As you will have noticed we have been shifted once again. This place is a newly erected camp, not even half-finished and terribly untidy. It is a sheer impossibility to walk without wearing your gum boots. Unfortunately, we are very isolated here, and to get to the nearest cinema we have to walk for 1½ hours. Of course things are improving gradually and of late a train has been running occasionally to the village where the cinema is—a little place smaller than Harlow. We are living more or less under front-line conditions. It is really only worth while going out on a Saturday or Sunday. I went to Oxford recently. I like it very much indeed. I think it is the town I admire most in England. You mentioned in your letter that Brazier will be near here soon. Perhaps we could meet if you would send me his address. I am particularly lucky in getting off-days. Having been a cook for the past six weeks, I get 48 hours off a week, actually two whole days in succession, which gives me ample time to see places. Only a few weeks ago I had two telegrams from my parents, saying that they are well, news which cheered me up immensely. I had my second leave some weeks ago. I had a wonderful time in London. Last week I got a special week-end pass from our O.C. on account of winning two events in the Garrison Athletic Meeting. We are going to have another meeting soon and I am hoping to earn another week-end pass."

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J. W. E. Grundy (19—19—), 657833, U.K.A./Cadet, U.S. Army Basic Flying School, Cochran Field, Macon, Georgia, U.S.A.: "I had a very pleasant surprise when Jeffries turned up at my quarters as a Pilot Officer instructor on the very station at which I am now as a cadet. It appears that he joined the R.A.F. three months before myself, and came out here last year. This is the first time over here that I have had the pleasure of meeting an Old Harlovian, although, as you may remember, I met Minett when in the Army.

These days we work quite hard over here; it seems especially hard since the heat is so great. By the time this letter reaches you, I shall have commenced night-flying, a stage when most of us begin to feel like real pilots.

Discipline is necessarily strict here, and on the whole the R.A.F. and U.S. Air Corps co-operate quite well to make the course a success. Eventually I expect that the schools will be manned and directed by R.A.F., but at the moment it is mostly the American Army who run things.

Now that spring is here, many of us think a little longingly of home. For that reason we try and listen to the B.B.C., even though atmospheric serve to make Alvar Liddell sound rather like a Chinaman, sometimes.

If there are any gramophone records in the H.M.V. or Columbia catalogues which you would particularly like, please give me the numbers, since over here they are very cheap and easily obtainable."

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T. Silvester (1936-1939), 14263192 Pte. Silvester, Signals, Specialised Coy., No. 1 I.T.C: "I have been lucky enough to have been recommended for a commission. I have now been in the Army for two months and am very fortunate to have been posted to the K.S.L.I. and to my own home town. Prior to my calling up I was employed by the British Aluminium Co., but I find it a great treat to be rid of office work, and to get into the open. I am hoping that my first leave will be spent in London, and I'm looking forward to visiting school again. Meanwhile I often read my 'Harlovian,' which reaches me regularly, and which is the only way of keeping in touch these busy days. Wilson is a pilot in the R.A.F. and is doing extremely well, and is in the Middle East now, although his travels seem to have taken him all over Africa."

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J. H. Elphick (19—19—), 9 Poplar Road, Willowbank, Uxbridge: "I received a reply from Moses to a letter I wrote about a fortnight ago, and he seems to be enjoying his army life. He must find it much better than being interned in Australia miles from anywhere. I only played football twice last season, both times for Uxbridge Town. I found it very different from school football. The first game I played was against the Grenadier Guards, all huge great chaps 6 feet tall or more. Needless to say we lost. I had to register with the 16-18's the other day. Nothing came of it as I was already in the A.T.C. We put on a show at our Odeon Cinema the other day. We had the R.A.F. No. 1 Dance Band, Norma Dawn and Georgina and David Miller from the B.B.C. Over £400 was realized for our fund. Our squadron has been entered for the Inter-Squadron Sports Competition. I have entered for the 880, 100 and 220 yards. So far mine are the only entries from our squadron."

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C. J. Ansell (19—19—), St. Ibbs Farm, London Road, Hitchin, Herts: "I saw my cousin Alan Deans the other night and he asked me how Mr. Cairns and Mr. Robertson were as he used to be at Harlow with them. We are all very busy now as we have got mangolds, swedes, kale and sugar-beet to set out—altogether about 26 acres of hand-hoeing to be done by four of us. It is just a year since I left Harlow, but it doesn't seem like it; I have been so busy that I have hardly had time to realize how months slip by. The only Old Harlovians I have heard from since I left are Brazier, Moses and Roy Simons."

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C. Sgt. J. Henfrey (19—19—), 1428180, M.E.F.: "I am very well and fit despite the hot weather to which we have become accustomed now. I have kept my eye open for any familiar faces out here, but so far have seen none. We have been pretty busy out here at times as you may guess."

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L/Cpl. G. Valentine (19—19—), 2386955, 1 Squad, 5 O.T.B.: "The training I received at Harlow fitted me excellently for army life, for, although there is no comparison between the economical and social sides of life at school and in the army, the self-reliance and self-discipline taught at Harlow have been of the greatest value to me in my short army career."

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C. E. Laurence (19—19—), No. 2232235, Signalman, 37th L.A.A. Regt. R.A., we are sorry to say, was wounded recently but he has now recovered and back with his regiment. He would be very grateful for letters from Old Harlovians.

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Hugh M. Davies (19—19—) served in the Queen's Royal Regiment for 18 months, and gained a commission in the 2nd Royal Norfolks. He was married last year to Joan Millar, daughter of Dr. Millar, Cheltenham.

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P. P. Akhurst (19—19—) served for 18 months in the R.A. in Egypt, and we are sorry to say has been a prisoner of war in Italy since June.

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News is much appreciated by Old Harlovians. Letters will be gratefully received at the College by Mr. Dames, or at Baythorn House, Harlow, by the Old Harlovians' Sub-Editor, E. Percival Horsey.

A list is being compiled of those serving in the forces. Will our readers help by sending what information they can about any Old Harlovians whom they know to be fighting for their country. A few responded to a similar appeal made in our last number but there must be a great number who have not yet done so.

