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ROLL OF HONOUR

E. H. WELLS, Lieut., The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Captain: G. Kelly.

Prefects:

A. H. Dawes, I. D. Gardiner, P. Green, R. E. Pain,
W. M. Sheeran.

Sub-Prefects:

D. Franklin, J. Hawkins, R. Hullett, J. Lane, S. Parks,
N. Porritt.

Cricket Captain: W. M. Sheeran.

Vice-Captain: J. Hawkins.

Captain of Beatty House: A. H. Dawes.

Captain of Nelson House: I. D. Gardiner.

Captain of Keyes House: G. Kelly.

Captain of Rodney House: W. M. Sheeran.

SCHOOL NOTES

It is with very deep sorrow that we have to record the death of Mrs. Horsey at Baythorn House, Harlow, on July 27th. A generation of boys has passed through the School since Mr. and Mrs. Horsey retired in 1933, but their name still lives in the School, and we all offer to Mr. Horsey and Miss Jessie our most heartfelt sympathies in their loss. An appreciation of Mrs. Horsey, written by one of the Old Boys, will be found in the pages of this number devoted to Old Harlovians.

On the 9th of April, in St. Mary's Church, Miss Joan Barrack, our third Matron since 1936, was married to Flt. Sgt. F. S. North. Our heartiest congratulations to them both and our best wishes for their happiness. In token of their affection for her the boys, amongst themselves, presented her with a cheque for £5. Fortunately for us, she will remain with us as "Miss Barrack" until the end of the war.

On May the 6th, Lieut. Walsh, of the R.N.V.R., paid us a visit and gave the senior boys a most interesting talk on the methods of gaining entry to the Navy, "Y" Scheme, etc., after which he showed to the whole School a selection of excellent films dealing with this theme.

A rival, in the shape of Squadron Leader Bernard Shore, who is better known as First Viola Player in the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, arrived on June the 1st to press the claims of the R.A.F. He did not have the assistance of films. We still await a visit from a representative of the Army.

Sunday, May 16th, saw the opening of our local Wings for Victory Week, and in the initial Parade and March 55 members of the School, with the Headmaster and three mistresses, took part, parading with the A.T.C., A.C.F., Scouts, S.J.A.B. Cadets, and, last but not least, Cubs. The latter stuck to their task manfully, but the hard task was that of their leaders, who found that sheep dogs cannot be dignified!

On that same day Mrs. Dames took some of the St. John Ambulance Cadets up to London to take part in a Grand Parade of Cadets and Inspection by Her Majesty the Queen. We were represented by Inman and Thomas ii, the latter having the good fortune to be singled out by Her Majesty for a few words.

During the "Wings for Victory" Week we were visited by the Mobile Cinema, which gave us an interesting programme, doubly interesting because it took place during school time!

We had set ourselves a target of £200, the cost of a "George" (automatic pilot), and by the time the cinema reached us (Wednesday) we had reached this figure, upon which we set out to beat last year's figure of £215. This was reached on the following day, and the last two days of the week brought our total up to £273.

This drive brought our savings for the term to a record figure of £376, and our figure since the formation of the group to £1,787. During the term weekly competitions have been held between the forms, in which the lowest forms have had it all their own way, except during the "Week," when the millionaires of Form IV carried all before them. However, they failed to realize that they had it in their power to corner the weekly half-holidays for the rest of the term, and the real savers did not lose their opportunity, all forms from III down to I sharing the holidays.

Prizes were offered by the local committee for models and posters made by schoolboys during the Week, and the following competitors received Savings Stamps:—Model Aeroplane.—Senior: Congdon; Junior: Childs. Posters.—Senior: 1 Sheeran, 2 Leigh; Junior: 1 Short ii, 2 Sharpless.

This exhibition was the forerunner of a more ambitious exhibition held towards the end of the term, organized by the Art Mistress, Miss Sims. Exhibits were placed in two classes, the first consisting of what might vaguely be called "posters" but in reality meant anything completed with pen, pencil, or brush, on paper, and the second embracing all in the model world, from a skiff carved out of firewood to an aquarium made of cardboard, or the complete set of dwarfs, with their Snow White, skilfully moulded with plasticine. Originally there was intended to be a form competition, with a private half-holiday as a prize, and the Headmaster was asked to adjudicate, but when he saw the vast variety of exhibits upon which he was asked to give an opinion, he gave a half-holiday to the School in self-defence, awarding individual prizes to the following:—Models: Vb, Nobes. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (the best exhibit in the show): IV, Baggott i; U.R., Childs; L.R., Inman; III, Pryor; IIa, Barltrop; IIb, Short ii; Wall Exhibits: Vr, Butcher; IV, Collins i; U.R., West; L.R., Southgate; III, Ball; IIa, Double; IIb, Agnew; I, Russell ii and Parsons.

An excellent exhibition, for which congratulations to Miss Sims, who hopes to form a Hobby Club next term, and to whom the use of the gymnasium for at least one night per week has been promised for this purpose.

On Sunday, May 23rd, the following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford in St. Mary's Church: Hawkins, Baldock, Buist, and Bonfield.

In the local Invasion Exercise, which took place on June 26th, 38 boarders took part, in various capacities. In addition to those of the A.T.C. and A.C.F., who acted as messengers, other parties represented casualties and refugees, and many strange stories came back to us of casualties who were bidden to rest in the First Aid Post for forty-eight hours but declined on the ground that late roll-call was at 10 p.m., of others more fortunate who were treated as if they were the real thing, to the extent of tea and cakes in the houses of those who welcomed refugees, and of others, wounded, who used their Ambulance training to give the Wardens a little sound advice as to how to treat them: an interesting evening, and certainly a change.

During the last month of the term Dawes took over the playing of the organ in St. John's Church at the Sunday morning services, owing to the illness of the organist.

The School prizes were presented informally by the Headmaster on the last afternoon of the term. The prize-winners were as follows:—Form Prizes: Va, Gardiner; Vb, Nobes; IV, Robbins; U.R., Brooks; L.R., Southgate; III, Smith i; IIa, Thomas iii; IIb, Short ii; I, Charleston ii. Seabrook Memorial Mathematical Prizes: Va (awarded on the results of the School Certificate), Green; Vb, Buist. Old Harlovian War Memorial Literature Prizes: Va (awarded on the results of the School Certificate), 1 Pain, 2 Gardiner and Green, 3 Sheeran; Vb, 1 Nobes, 2 Hasler, 3 Buist, IV, 1 Porritt, 2 Crussell, 3 Thomas i; U.R., 1 Forbes, 2 Brooks; IIa, Barltrop and Thomas iii.

Jottings from the examinations. Scripture: Beatitudes: "Blessed are the weak-minded." Intelligence: Dog is to Animal as Salmon is to Fish. Word is to Sentence as Sentence is to "Jail." English Grammar: What is the Mood of "I am working"? "Imperceptible."

The following candidates were successful in gaining their Oxford School Certificates in the examination held in July:—A. H. Dawes (4 credits), I. D. Gardiner (4 "A's," 5 credits, exemption from Matriculation), P. Green (5 "A's," 3 credits, Matric.), R. E. D. Pain (4 "A's," 3 credits, Matric.), Wm. Sheeran (9 credits, Matric.). G. Kelly gained credits in Maths. and Physics and an "A" in General Science to add to the certificate which he already holds. The result shows a 100 per cent success, and in only one paper was a failure recorded.

CRICKET

This has been one of the most disappointing cricket seasons for many years, and it is probable that now the departure of Mr. Robertson is making itself really felt, since there is no doubt that we miss his coaching, and especially his stroke play as a model, though only rarely would he consent to take the bat. To a minor extent, also, we miss the wise and experienced advice of Mr. Dams. Finally we suffered, as we knew we should, from the fact that last year we had a "two man" eleven. This year it seemed that those boys who did promise well did not fulfil their promise, with the possible exception of Sheeran and Parks. However, a number of them will still be with us next year, when we shall hope for better results.

The fixture list was a limited one, unfortunately cut down by the cancelling of the two matches with Saffron Walden Friends' School, owing to illness on their part. The following accounts of matches are supplied by Mr. Mallone, to whom we owe our thanks for his enthusiastic organization of the games and for his umpiring. Thanks are also due again to Mr. Arthur Hills, who prepared the pitches for us on Marigolds, and to Kelly, Butcher, and Sheeran, who so manfully attempted to keep the grass cut with a mower which would have passed out of existence in 1940 had it not been for the war.

Newport Grammar School (away)

Athletics had prevented much-needed practice, and the School's bowling, batting, and fielding were deplorable. Newport declared at 172 for 2 wickets, one batsman having been given seven lives! The best bowler was Sheeran, 1 for 48, and the worst Hawkins, 0 for 58 in 7 overs. Sheeran kept himself on too long and did not make good use of Anderson, who alone kept a length. Against good length slow bowling the School batsmen collapsed, most lasting only two minutes, and the innings realized only 18.

Newport Grammar School (home)

The effect of coaching and practice was shown in the return match. Though the fielding was far from good, it had greatly improved, the bowling was better, and the use of the six-ball over, instead of the eight, seemed to suit our bowlers. Newport lost a wicket first ball, and three wickets went for 17. Unfortunately a good batsman was given several lives, which helped him to score 40. Their fifth wicket realized 47, but Hullett and Anderson brought about a collapse, and the score quickly changed from 77 for five to 93 all out. Incidentally, it was the first time in the season (June 16th) that

any school had dismissed all the Newport batsmen. Sheeran, who bowled too long, took 8 for 31, Hullett, despite being hit for six, 4 for 15, and Anderson, who was not used enough, 3 for 11. Set 94 to win, we never looked like getting them. The first wicket fell at 3, the second at 8, the third at 18, and the fourth at 22. Nineteen were added for the fifth wicket, Sheeran playing a sound and very useful innings of 21 before making a characteristic mistake in stepping right in front of a straight ball. Pain hit hard and, being given five lives, scored 20, but the innings closed for 67. Apart from Sheeran's the runs were chiefly due to bad fielding.

Harlow C.C. (on Marigolds)

The fielding in this match was again poor, and this was chiefly responsible for Harlow's large total of 166. Hullett opened well, and two wickets were down for 19. The third batsman, however, after being missed, scored 70, including a six off Hawkins and two sixes off Sheeran, who kept himself on when he was bowling badly, and six fours. 120 was up for the loss of only four wickets, but Gardiner then took two useful wickets and, Sheeran redeeming himself by a hat-trick, the innings closed for 166. Hullett took two for 11, Gardiner 2 for 29, and Sheeran 3 for 47. Despite the loss of the first wicket for 4, the School faced this formidable total manfully, and batted well against a varied attack of spin and medium-paced bowlers. Robertson, who had had no luck in School matches, gave a very sound display. He was making his debut as an opening batsman, and his innings of 14 was very useful. Sheeran followed with a sound knock of 14, and then Pain and Parks came together in a fourth wicket partnership of 44, the best of the season. Pain, who at last took the advice to play each ball on its merits and not hit wildly at everything, reached the highest individual total of the season, and his 30 was a very good effort, marred only by selfish running. At the other end Parks played very well, and when stumps were drawn with the total 86 for four, with Parks and Mr. Mallone together and five batsmen still to come, the School were in a strong position.

R.A.F., North Weald (home)

Batting first, the School lost Robertson at 1, Gardiner at 6, Sheeran at 10, and Pain at 12. At this point we had visions of another debacle as at Newport, but Mr. Mallone joined Parks and the rot was stopped. By patient stonewalling against varied fast and slow bowling which proved too much for almost all our batsmen, they added 21 in a grim and dogged partnership which lasted 45 minutes. Once Mr. Mallone went, however, the School again collapsed and, apart

from Anderson, no one stopped with Parks for more than a few balls. Apart from one ball, off which he should have been stumped, Parks gave an excellent display of defensive cricket, carrying his bat for 25 out of an inning's total of 55. The best innings of the season, it was worth many a 50 in easier circumstances, the concentration he showed against eight able bowlers being admirable. Against an attack from which Hullett was absent ill, the R.A.F., after losing a wicket for two runs, hit off the runs for the loss of only one batsman, Sheeran being hit for two sixes in succession.

Harlow C.C. (on Marigolds)

The School began disastrously, Robertson being out for 0, and Gardiner and Rolstone being out for 1, three wickets being down for 4 runs. Only one batsman played well—Parks, who scored 12. Thanks to being missed twice, once before he scored, and to some bad misfielding and poor bowling, Anderson had a useful knock, including one six, and the innings realized 68. Our fielding in this game was distinctly better, and Franklin, who was at the last minute called in as twelfth man, caught the eye especially by smart work at point. The catching, however, was not good, Robertson and Hawkins especially missing chances. Harlow soon lost six wickets for 32, but at that point the next batsman benefited by a doubtful decision, for he owned to being caught at the wicket, and he stayed until Harlow passed our total and he himself had made second top score. Sheeran again kept himself on too long, though at times he bowled well, not making sufficient use of Anderson. Harlow's total eventually reached 100. For this match, with Harlow's permission, we "borrowed" Rolstone, but unfortunately he was the recipient of a ball which might have bowled anyone, before he could get going. In the second innings, however, in which we scored 66 for five wickets, he got going again to the extent of 40.

1st XI AVERAGES

		BATTING		Number of	Times
		Total runs	innings	not out	Average
Parks	...	57	5	2	19
Pain	...	57	5	0	11.4
Anderson	...	30	4	1	10
Sheeran	...	50	6	0	8.3
Robertson	...	21	6	0	4
Peacock	...	14	4	0	3.5
Gardiner	...	17	6	0	2.8
Hawkins	...	10	4	0	2.5
Hullett	...	3	2	0	1.5
Butcher	...	2	5	0	0.8

BOWLING					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Hullett ...	16	3	51	6	8.5
Anderson ...	21.6	1	79	6	13.16
Sheeran ...	43.5	2	180	12	15
Gardiner ...	11	1	61	3	20.3
Peacock ...	9	0	69	3	23
Hawkins ...	12	0	92	1	92

1st XI CRITIQUE

(By R.S.M.)

- SHEERAN (Captain).**—Suffered through lack of practice. Usually bowled too long. Fair fielder. Must curb recklessness when batting. Must learn to encourage rather than condemn fielders, and to use all his bowlers wisely.
- HAWKINS (Vice-Captain).**—Has batted, bowled, and fielded poorly. Is over-confident for no reason whatever.
- PARKS.**—Once he conquered his anxiety to score off every ball he developed into a useful batsman. With patience, concentration and practice should do well. Fielding fair.
- PAIN.**—Is usually too careless to score many runs. Played well once when exercising care. Can run well when he chooses. Slow and rather slack in field.
- HULLETT.**—No batsman. Did not improve because he would not take advice. Safe catch. Promising medium-paced bowler.
- ANDERSON.**—Uses his head when bowling. With more varied deliveries and much practice will be the best bowler in the XI. Poor field. A rustic batsman, using his bat like a scythe.
- GARDINER.**—Has improved defence. Lacking in strokes. Very slow in field.
- PEACOCK.**—Sometimes bowls cleverly, but is very erratic. Must learn to control deliveries more and vary them. Keen fielder. Primitive batsman.
- ROBERTSON.**—Much improved opening bat, and promises well. Must learn to catch. A poor field.
- BUTCHER.**—Slow in the field and behind the stumps. A failure as a bat, having no strokes and being impetuous.

HOUSE MATCHES

Lack of space precludes more than mere details, which are as follows:—

Nelson beat Rodney by one wicket. Gardiner (N) 10, Pain (N) 21; Butcher (R) 22 not out, Robertson (R) 10.

Nelson beat Keyes by 82 runs. Pain 68 not out, Gardiner 10; Gardiner 7 wickets for 6 runs.

Nelson beat Beatty by 25 runs. Pain 25; Parks (N) 6 wickets for 2 runs.

Rodney beat Beatty by 9 runs. Hullett (B) 5 wickets for 11 runs, Peacock (R) 5 wickets for 5 runs.

Rodney beat Keyes by 41 runs. Robertson 15, Butcher 21; Anderson (R) 5 wickets for 4 runs.

Beatty beat Keyes by 9 wickets. Graham (K) 23.

Thus Nelson again won the House Championship.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Following what is now an accepted war-time practice, the sports were run off after school over a period of a week, beginning on Tuesday, May 25th, and ending on Friday, May 28th, when we also had the afternoon periods. A new principle was introduced this year in the awarding of half points, to count towards the House Championship only, for the attaining of set standards. This added greatly to the interest and enabled competitors, who might otherwise have given their effort in vain, to score points for their House. The object of the Sports is primarily to encourage a high standard of fitness in the School, and a good standard of achievement should therefore be rewarded.

Once again Beatty House won with 64½ points, only a narrow margin of 4½ points separating them from Nelson House, who were second. Keyes were third with 50½ points, followed closely by Rodney, last year's victors, who obtained 48½ points.

In the Victor Ludorum competition Kelly, after competing in only three events and being prevented from completing by sickness, nevertheless obtains the coveted title by 9 points against 8 points scored by the runner-up, Hullett. Belben and Robertson tie for the title of Junior Victor Ludorum with 8 points each, whilst Chambers is runner-up with 7 points.

One record was broken this year, by Kelly, who went on to reach 5 ft. 1½ ins. in the High Jump. His very unfortunate indisposition probably saved several other records from a similar fate.

The results are as follows:—

Senior Cricket Ball (Standard 60 yards).—1 Kelly, 2 Hullett, 3 Sheeran. 85 yds. 1 ft. 7 ins. Standards by Hullett, Sheeran, Anderson, Parks, Pain.

Junior Cricket Ball (Standard 45 yards).—1 Belben, 2 Chambers, 3 Robertson. 53 yds. 2 ft. Standards by Chambers, Robertson, James, Sheldrake, Baldock, Crouch, Welch, Short i, Baggott i, Channon.

Senior Long Jump (Standard 14 feet).—1 Kelly, 2 Dawes, 3 Sheeran. 16 ft. 6 ins. Standards by Dawes, Sheeran, Hullett, Lane, Nobes, Porritt.

Junior Long Jump (Standard 12 ft. 6 ins.).—1 Baggott i, 2 Short i, 3 Crouch and Welch i. 14 ft. Standards by Short i, Crouch, Welch i, Sheldrake, Hellicar.

Senior High Jump (Standard 4 feet).—1 Kelly, 2 Nobes, 3 Lane and Parks. 5 ft. 1½ ins. (Record). Standards by Nobes, Lane, Parks, Hawkins, Hullett, Dawes, Dufton, Pain, Jennings, Grabham, Sandell.

Junior High Jump (Standard 3 ft. 6 ins.).—1 Hellicar, 2 Wickham i, 3 Chambers. 4 ft. 3 ins. Standards by Wickham i, Chambers, Brazier, Williams, Robertson, Stuart, Davies ii, Gow, Power, Brooks, Brown i, Sheldrake, Grimshaw, Baggott i, Rand.

High Jump, 8-10 Years (no Standards).—1 Ford, 2 Squires, 3 Stuchbery. 3 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump, under 8 Years (no Standards).—1 Padfield, 2 Parsons, 3 Streeter. 2 ft. 8 ins.

100 Yards Senior (Standard 13 seconds).—1 Hawkins, 2 Porritt, 3 Sheeran. 12-2/5 sec. Standards by Sheeran, Pain, Porritt, Dawes.

100 Yards Junior (Standard 15 seconds).—1 Robertson, 2 Belben, 3 Mitchell. 13-1/5 sec. Standards by Belben, Mitchell, Stuart, Rand, Crouch, Belben, Heffer, Jackson, Short i, Baggott i, Drain, Southgate, Davies ii.

100 Yards, 14-15 (Standard 13-2/5 seconds).—1 Buist, 2 Robbins, 3 Newton. Standards by Buist, Robbins, Newton.

100 Yards, 10-12.—1 Barker, 2 Liley, 3 Desprez. 14 sec.

100 Yards, 8-10.—1 Ford, 2 Dudley, 3 Short ii.

75 Yards, 8-10.—1 Dudley, 2 Short ii, 3 Squires. 12-4/5 sec.

75 Yards, Under 8.—1 Norman, 2 Streeter, 3 Short iii.

220 Yards, Senior (Standard 31 seconds).—1 Hawkins, 2 Porritt, 3 Parks. 29 sec. Standards by Porritt, Parks, Hullett, Pain, Dawes, Sheeran, Davies i, Lane, Congdon.

220 Yards, Junior (Standard 35 seconds).—1 Belben, 2 Mitchell, 3 Robertson. 31-3/5 sec. Standards by Mitchell, Robertson, Brooks, Brown i, Crouch, Stuart.

220 Yards, 14-15 (Standard 32 seconds).—1 Robbins, 2 Buist, 3 Newton. 31-2/5 sec.

220 Yards, 10-12.—1 Desprez, 2 Hill i, 3 Williams. 34-4/5 sec. Standards by Desprez, Hill i.

440 Yards, Senior (Standard 65 seconds).—1 Sheeran, 2 Dawes, 3 Davies i. 66-3/5 sec.

440 Yards, Junior (Standard 75 seconds).—1 Robertson, 2 Chambers, 3 Power. 72 sec. Standards by Crouch, Chambers.

440 Yards, 14-15 (Standard 67 seconds).—1 Collins, 2 Robbins, 3 Buist. 69 sec.

880 Yards, Senior (Standard 2 min. 30 sec.).—1 Davies i, 2 Hullett, 3 Gardiner. 2 min. 37 sec.

880 Yards, Junior (Standard 3 minutes).—1 Mitchell, 2 Chambers, 3 Davies ii. 2 min. 47 sec. Standards by Mitchell, Chambers, Davies.

One Mile (Standard 6 minutes).—1 Hullett, 2 Pain, 3 Gardiner, 4 Parks. 5 min. 45-2/5 sec.

House Relays (Distance 530 yards).—Senior: 1 Beatty, 2 Nelson, 3 Rodney, 4 Keyes. 70-2/5 sec. Junior: 1 Nelson, 2 Beatty, 3 Keyes. No Rodney entry. 76 sec.

Tug-of-War.—1 Nelson, 2 Keyes, 3 Rodney, 4 Beatty.

The points for the Cross-Country Race were equal in each House, since the scores of junior and senior teams equalized. The final positions of the Houses in Athletics, Sports, and Cross-Country combined are: Beatty, Nelson, Keyes, Rodney.

The organizer would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped with the cross-country and with the sports, especially for the able way in which they tackled the standards.

Inter-School Relay.—In an inter-school relay race, held on Marigolds during "Wings for Victory" Week, the School obtained first place. Our runners were Robertson, Crouch, Stuart, and James.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The past term has been full of activities as far as our cadets are concerned, for we have taken part in two public parades, have been inspected by our Battalion Commander, have taken part in the local Invasion Exercise, and have completed the full syllabus of Certificate "A," Part I. Details are as follows:—

Appointments and Promotions

25/11/42, *London Gazette*.—K. L. Dames to be 2nd Lieutenant.

18/5/43, "C" Company Orders.—I. D. Gardiner, R. E. D. Pain, W. M. Sheeran to be Lance-Corporals.

May 16th.—All cadets who were in possession of uniforms marched as a separate unit in the procession opening the local "Wings for Victory" Week. On June 4th, at the invitation of the Home Guard, we visited the Drill Hall to see the film taken of this procession. Unfortunately we saw too little

of ourselves to learn anything of our faults in marching, but from reports it would seem that we acquitted ourselves well on our first public appearance.

June 23rd.—We were visited by the Officer Commanding Epping Forest Cadets, who expressed satisfaction with the work which he saw being done.

June 26th.—Ten boarder cadets took part in the local Invasion Exercise, acting as messengers and gaining valuable experience in message writing and carrying.

June 27th.—Uniformed boarder cadets attended Company Church Parade at Roydon, L/Cpl. Pain reading the second Lesson in the service.

July 4th.—Fifteen cadets took part in the local "Farm Sunday" procession and service.

Throughout the term parades were held once per week, and the full syllabus of Certificate "A," Part I, was completed, in addition to which all cadets in the platoon had an opportunity of firing on the Home Guard .22 miniature range. Their cards showed the following results:—

	Grouping Application		
	25	20	45
Pegrum	20	17	37
Hawkins	20	16	36
L/Cpl. Sheeran ...	20	15	35
Collins i	15	19	34
Butcher	15	19	34
Payze	20	14	34
L/Cpl. Pain	20	12	32
Hasler	15	17	32
Porritt	20	12	32
Tyler	15	16	31
L/Cpl. Gardiner	15	16	31
Jackson	15	15	30
Sandell	15	15	30
Camp	15	13	28
Short i	15	13	28
Baldock	15	12	27
Parks	10	16	26
Baskett	10	16	26
Anderson	10	15	25
Chambers	15	10	25
Belben	10	14	24
Green	10	14	24
Newton	15	8	23
Robertson	10	10	20

Crussell	10	8	18
Bodger	—	14	14
Marshall	10	3	13
Collins ii	—	11	11
Warboys	—	11	11
Weal	—	10	10
Baggott	—	8	8
Stuart	—	5	5

The majority of the cadets had never before fired on a miniature range, and, since no trial shots were given and the type of target used presented more difficulties than those on which recruits usually fire, these results are not without promise. Next term it is hoped to arrange shooting matches with other platoons of the Battalion, probably by post, since the transport problem is almost insurmountable.

On July 11th thirteen cadets journeyed by lorry to Abridge, where, in company with about 70 other cadets from the Battalion, they were examined in Part I of Certificate "A." The day was a tiring one, since such an examination must of necessity be a long-drawn-out affair, but the tests themselves were not nearly such an ordeal as some of the cadets anticipated. This may have been due to the fact that we had a kindly examiner in the person of Lieut. Barnwell, of the local Home Guard. Suffice it to say that the following twelve were successful in passing:—L/Cpl. Gardiner, L/Cpl. Sheeran, Parkes, L/Cpl. Pain, Porritt, Hasler, Camp, Collins i, Hawkins, Peacock, Collins ii, and Pegrum. A creditable performance.

The remaining cadets in the platoon were ineligible to enter since they were under age, but we feel that the majority of them were capable of passing, some of the younger ones showing greater aptitude than the older boys. They will soon have their chance. Next term, therefore, the whole platoon, with the exception of the few recruits that may be enrolled, will pass on to the training for Part II, which deals with individual training such as instruction in arms drill, the use and management of a L.M.G., map-reading other than elementary, and section leading.

It is understood that in the examination the platoon led the field in the Battalion, and for this success we owe a debt of gratitude to the local Home Guard, who so generously gave us the services of their permanent instructors, and to the instructors themselves—Sgt.-Major Taylor, Colour-Sgt. Davies, and Sgt. Harding.

Before proceeding to camp L/Cpl. Gardiner was promoted to the rank of sergeant. O.C.

EPPING FOREST BATTALION A.C.F. CAMP, COLCHESTER, 1943

This year's Cadet Camp for the Epping Forest Battalion was at Roman Way, Colchester, amongst the training grounds of the Army Eastern Command.

Six Cadets attended from the College Platoon, and twenty-four others from the Roydon and the Harlow and Nettswell Platoons who, combined, formed No. 8 Platoon of "B" Company, as we were known in the Camp.

We arrived in two very comfortable lorries on Sunday, the 8th August, and soon we were realizing, to a small extent, what Army life was like. We were shown our billet, one out of about forty wooden huts with double bunks which, with small palliasses, were not so hard as we had imagined.

After having tea, and a very good tea for what we had heard of Army food, we assembled in one of the gymnasiums for an address by the Corps Commandant, Col. Parry.

Soon, however, we settled down to the routine and enjoyed our experience of Army life.

Reveille was at 6.30 a.m., followed by P.T. at 7.15 to give us an appetite for breakfast at 7.45, which was always very welcome. In the meantime, however, the billets had to be swept out and tidied for the morning inspection after breakfast. Next came the Battalion Parade and Arms Drill, followed by such things as Battle Demonstrations and Practice, Lectures, and a Route March of eight miles on Friday. Dinner was at 13.00 hours, followed at 14.00 hours by demonstrations of Army weapons, Infantry Attacks, etc., and on Saturday a very interesting Czech Gymnastic Display called "Sokol." Between tea and supper and 17.00 and 20.00 hours respectively Cadets had the opportunity of either swimming, firing on miniature ranges, listening to band music, or, if they were lucky, obtaining late passes into the town. This was the day's programme, ending with "lights out" at 22.00. One night, however, we went out on patrol at 22.30 hours, and No. 8 Platoon were detailed to defend a post against other attacking Platoons.

On the whole the Camp ran very smoothly, and was enjoyed thoroughly by all who attended. Thanks are due to all the permanent staff stationed at the Camp, especially to our Platoon instructor, a Wiltshire Corporal, for all the help they gave us during our stay.

I. D. Gardiner, Sgt.

A.T.C. CAMP

The A.T.C. Camp itself consisted of a row of twelve bell-tents and two marquees running up a slope. To my great fortune, as I was to find within the first few hours, I was placed in the smaller of the two marquees. Having dumped my case by the nearest tent pole, I looked round to see who the other eleven occupants of the tent were, to discover that they all came from "B" Flight (Harlow). Not long afterwards the bugle sounded, and we went down to the parade ground, where we were given a speech by the Warrant Officer. He gave us our bounds, and stressed that the W.A.A.F. quarters were strictly out of bounds except on dance nights.

After tea we were given our ration of three biscuits (which made up a mattress), four blankets, etc. We in the marquees had bedsteads, but those in the bell tents had to sleep on the boards: the marquees had no boards.

A guard of one N.C.O. and six was chosen from "A" Flight (Epping) for the night. That night we had a terrific storm, but being so fortunate as to be in the marquee I was quite dry, but the next morning we awoke to find fifteen in the tent instead of the original twelve. That day one of the bell tents was dismantled. We did notice, however, that the officers' tents were the only tents that did not leak.

After two inspections and a short welcoming speech on behalf of the C.O. of the station, "B" Flight was sent off on fatigues, as "A" Flight had been the guard the night before. While twelve of us were detailed off for cookhouse and the rest of the Flight to other fatigues, all the rest of the squadron went to church.

I was shown a little room adjoining the main kitchen, the floor of which was stacked up with greasy pots and pans, and was told to "get to it." Consequently another chap and I washed and wiped all the morning, had dinner, returned, and then I was detailed off elsewhere, leaving him to finish. I now had to find the 'drome, which proved to be a good mile walk, plus a little extra. There my duties were soon discharged, and I stayed to watch the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. sports with the rest of the squadron.

The food in the mess all through the week was good, and there was always the N.A.A.F.I., where food and drinks were cheap.

Each day we were detailed off to some part of the 'drome, where everything was explained to us. In certain sections, if we were lucky, we got a flight in a Blenheim IV.

I was not lucky, but the whole squadron had a flight in an Oxford, even if they went up in a Blenheim as well. On some evenings we had lectures, which were very interesting, especially when we got airmen to talk about their own particular experiences, upon which they all looked as bits of fun: it was just luck, according to them, if they got a Jerry or a D.F.C.

I got my first experience of how lonely a sentry's job is in the cold and the wet at half-past one on the Friday morning, but despite former campers' criticisms, and even taking into consideration the bad weather which stopped activities, I think we had a successful and enjoyable week.

A. H. D.

SCOUTS

In the Summer Term we endeavoured to put the "out" in scouting, and devoted many of our Wednesday Troop meetings to wide games. The patrol leaders went to a week-end training camp organized by skipper, and the Troop went to camp on the 4th of August.

To the casual observer the wide game appears to be an aimless crawling, hiding, and running, but to the scout concerned it can be very exciting indeed. The game is played over a considerable area, hence its name, usually over half-a-mile in diameter. The game therefore calls for endurance and a sense of direction. There is also opportunity for organization by the P.L. and a real spirit of patrol unity. By such organized play we let off steam, utilize the natural gang spirit, and release at a youthful stage energy which might not otherwise find expression. So far the Owls have proved themselves best at this activity.

We welcome Abbey, Alcock, Baggott ii, Channon, and Desprez to our meetings, and hope that they will soon join the Brotherhood of the Scouts. Badge work and test passing has continued, although other activities have competed. Congratulations to Second Power on obtaining his 2nd Class Badge.

One meeting was given to swimming, and in the inter-patrol competition the Owls easily won with the help of Channon, who should easily pass his swimmer's badge.

The patrol leaders hiked, with occasional assistance, to Roydon on June 26th, and camped on Mr. Abbey's farm, to whom our thanks are due. The weather was fine, and although the night gave useful instruction in changes of temperature all slept well. The object of the camp was to give

practice in hike camping, and this was the subject of a yarn on Sunday. To this end our rations were of the lightest and most nutritious kind, supplemented by fresh vegetables. To supplement our bread ration we made Australian dampers, and our Sunday meal was meatless but very satisfying. We gained some useful experience and enjoyed the comradeship.

Camp

On Wednesday, the 4th of August, thirteen cheery scouts arrived at Blake Hall station, and despite the omen the camp was a success from beginning to end.

Blake Hall is a truly rural station, and the sight of Skipper driving up with a horse and cart convinced the troop that they were really in the back-country. Farmer Green's mare did surprisingly well with that load of baggage and humanity.

By tea time camp had been pitched on a level piece of ground at the further side of a large field, and everyone was busy on the many jobs required to turn a plain field into a camp for living in, with its kitchen store, sleeping quarters, etc. By evening everything was snug, and supper was very welcome.

The next morning after breakfast the 2nd Harlow Troop from Potter Street arrived, and when they had pitched their tents joining into our circle there was a great deal of fraternizing and exchange of views. Many of the Seconds are well known to us, as they are Day Boys at the College. When our numbers were complete and the two S.M.s had conferred on the programme, a duty rota appeared on the notice board, and it was eagerly scanned to see just when you were cook, water-carrier, or firewood and washing up. The duties were evenly distributed, so that even the tenderfoot had a turn at cook, although it was arranged that a senior was also on.

The weather on Friday did not seem too promising, but that did not deter us. The camp programme, provided the S.M. succeeded in waking, began at 7 a.m. with cooks' rouse. The store tent porch was fastened up, buckets and pans began to rattle, the axe could be heard at work, and soon the first dixie would be on to boil. Upon the success of the cooks in preparing the breakfast depended the general rouse, usually at 8 a.m., followed by wash and then breakfast.

We had never had any complaints of the quantity or the quality of breakfast, which speaks well for the cooks, and perhaps also the watchful eye and occasionally the helping

hand of the S.M.s. This was true of all our meals, and was a lesson for all novices that there need be no bad cooking in camp. After breakfast the orderlies and cooks set to washing up, whilst the others brought out their kits to air and then had free time, for which the favourite pastime was tree-climbing on two conveniently easy trees. There was always badge work to be done in camp. When all jobs had been done camp inspection was announced by a blast on our long, curly horn, rather like the one used by B.-P. Although there were a number of greenhorns in camp, inspection usually revealed a good standard of camping. No mess or untidyness is allowed in a scout camp. After inspection usually followed some competitive scout activity, among which were the making of a shelter from natural materials, and the making a map of the camp field, for which the prize goes to a very neat and accurate map by Russell and the Eagles. It would be a credit to any surveyor working without instruments.

Lunch was due at 1 to 1.30 p.m., and afterwards a much-needed rest hour followed. The afternoon and evening were favourite times for games, and at 4.30 p.m. was the all-important exeat for the village shop.

On Friday evening we were invited up to the farm for a sing-song. The farm kitchen was filled to capacity, and music was supplied by Mr. Green on his organ. It is believed that some scouts even sang themselves hoarse.

When the Rev. O. White left for his parish on Saturday evening, Skipper found himself alone in camp in charge of 25 boys. He is glad to say that the ordeal was not as trying as he had expected: our scouts had soon become campers.

Sunday was a day of activity. In the morning we marched to church and received a hearty welcome from the vicar of Stanford Rivers. Our voices made a hearty contribution to an admiring choir, and Scout Hare read the Second Lesson. After a salad lunch, prepared for us by the two faithful cooks, Gow and Brooks, the camp divided into parties of two, and at 2.30 p.m. set off on a two-man hike to a named destination, picked out by each group on the 1 in. O.S. map. Each group was warned that they would have to give an oral account, lasting not longer than five minutes, on their return, and they were told that they would be judged on three points, observation, exploration, and endurance. The time limit set was between four and six hours. The accounts, which were given after supper and were heard by Mr. Green and some guests, were very good indeed. Special credit goes

to those who gained highest points, Brooks and Drain, who gave an excellent account of crops in the area, even giving percentages, and Simmonds and Cotton of the 2nd Harlow, who visited Greenstead Church and Ongar.

The weather gradually improved, and by Tuesday it was warm enough for a swim. We found a small sheltered pool in the Roding, and although it nearly overflowed we enjoyed it thoroughly and marched back with keen appetites.

On Wednesday two scouts set out on their first class hike, Drain from the 10th and Whitby from the 2nd. They took everything they required to be self-sufficing, except wood and water, and made Stondon Massey their objective, a distance of about 7 miles. That evening we rehearsed for a camp fire to be held on the next day.

The wanderers returned almost exactly 24 hours afterwards, having been completely successful in their attempt. They had then to write a satisfactory log of their trip. Buist and Gow then shouldered the burden and set off to Bobbingworth for their first class journey. The camp fire preparations grew quite hectic. The turf was cut and the kindling laid, duly doctored. Around it was built a tower of good dry oak splints, and around this the main logs. At 8.30 p.m. two files of scouts wearing their camp fire regalia marched into position around the now blazing fire, singing the Een Gon Yama chorus. Kipling's words always used by scouts in opening a camp fire were duly said, and then away we went into an hour and a half of non-stop songs and stunts, except for the cocoa supplied liberally to all during the interval. Out of our programme of twenty-five items the hit was undoubtedly Puzzle Corner, or six scenes from history presented by Russell, Hare, and Stephens. Good Queen Liz created quite an impression with her bustle and gaudily attired courtiers. In scene two, as Nell Gwynn was making her exit, the secret of the bustle was revealed. Hardy duly kissed Nelson, Brutus stabbed Cæsar, Henry VIII dismissed his seventh wife, and Alfred was soundly banged with the frying pan for burning the cakes. The audience, who included Mrs. Green and a contingent from the village, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Camp was now rapidly drawing to a close. Buist and Gow returned successfully on Friday, and are now writing up their reports. In the cricket match on Friday evening, Whitby's side beat Drain's side by an innings and six runs.

Saturday morning was fortunately fine, and after an early breakfast our ten-day home was rapidly demolished and reduced to a collection of baggage. Farmer Green very kindly took our personal kits to the station in his car, the troop marched, and it was a pleasing sight for the S.M.s, who overtook them on cycles, to see a neat column swinging its way cheerfully along the road.

The lucky ones who slept under canvas for these ten days were:—Owls: Buist, Goodwin, and Warr; Peckers: Drain, Stephens, Hare, and Baggott ii; Eagles: Gow, Brooks, Russell i, Fordham, Smith ii, and Burridge. Most of the above passed tests, and all gained valuable experience, but above all it was a real scouting holiday—a good camp. May we have many more.

Skipper.

10th HARLOW WOLF CUB PACK

Summer Term, 1943

This term opened with a membership of 40 Cubs, nine of whom were recruits. On May 12th the Pack and Troop met for the "going up" ceremony of Warr and Burridge, the first two Cubs to be sent up to the Troop.

All the Pack meetings during the summer have been held in the Park, where the Cubs have enjoyed tracking and stalking games and woodcraft. One meeting the Pack enjoyed at the Swimming Pool. White has gained his First Star, and several more Cubs are well on the way to their Second Star. The Pack went for a day's hike to Epping Forest on July 3rd, starting at 10.30 a.m. by bus to Thornwood; a very enjoyable day was spent exploring the Forest and playing games, ending with lighting fires and making tea in a nearby field.

P. Sims, Akeela.	} Assistant Cub Mistresses.
G. Fritchley	
B. Gaffney	
V. Hughes	

OLD HARLOVIANS

NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

Old Harlovians and Old Boys of Waltham College have suffered a severe and irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Horsey. On their behalf the sincerest sympathy is extended, primarily to Mr. Horsey and Margaret, her daughter, and to all those members of the family who have enjoyed such close relationship throughout the years.

It is only right and proper that this opportunity should be afforded to one who considers himself particularly entitled to express appreciation, so far as may lie within the power of his pen, of some of Mrs. Horsey's great qualities, of which kindness, consideration and sincerity were predominant.

It is forty-four years ago since I, a small boy of eight, was first placed in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Horsey. So far as Mr. Horsey was concerned, the part played by him was necessarily of a scholastic character, and must be judged solely on results, and any failings on my part cannot bring discredit on him. So far, however, as Mrs. Horsey was concerned, her part was none other than that of a mother—since I had neither mother or father of my own. Many were the times, when I was in trouble—some misbehaviour of a childish nature, no doubt—but nevertheless sufficiently bad to warrant punishment, she would see me, miserable and possibly already crying, in fear of the punishment which I was to receive, her kindness and sympathy would come to the surface and she would carry on a conversation somewhat like this: "What, you here again—what have you been up to this time?" The only answer would be sobs. "All right, run along, I'll tell Mr. Horsey you are very sorry and won't do it again." She supplied just what was lacking in my childish life, understanding and motherly kindness, and I shall always be most grateful for this. Later, in adolescent years, I have memories of this same understanding and kindness.

I quote this particular childish instance, knowing full well that I received it, not because I had any special or particular claim, but because it was her way with all the boys. From my own experience I know that Mrs. Horsey endeared herself to us all, from the youngest to the oldest. I could set out a long list of all the boys who have come under her care, all of whom would vouch for the sympathy, sincerity and help shown by her. The sad news of her loss will bring a great sense of grief to the many who read of it, scattered as they are at the present time, all over the world.

Old Harlovians! we have something to remember with

gratitude; a very sweet and gentle influence in our youthful lives and one that will never be forgotten.

Harry Bristoll.

J. W. Grundy, F.O., R.A.F. (1937-1938), has now returned to England after two years in the U.S.A. He writes from Queen Hotel, Harrogate, and tells us that he is continuing as an Instructor for another twelve months, and hopes ultimately to take a permanent commission after the war.

H. M. Davies (1933-1937), 201984, 2nd Royal Norfolk Regt., India Command, has received the *Harlovain* out there. He would like to know where some of his contemporaries are, namely, Trevor Barrow, Murphy, Bill Brown, Donnelly, and Allan. Heat and mules annoy him, and he would prefer France, where there was a "gentlemen's war"! He is married, and promises to bring his wife to see us when he returns home.

A. Radford (1931-1937), 2nd Lieut., 6th Bn. Royal Welch (Para. Regt), B.N.A.F., does not very much like N. Africa, and looks forward to a "real Old Boys' Day."

Mrs. Robertson writes that she and her husband have settled down well in Brentwood. The latter is working very hard, having had to take over the H.M.'s teaching periods (School Cert. and post-School Cert., Maths. and Mechanics). In addition he is coaching the 1st XI cricket, and has the task of forming an A.T.C. Flight at the School. Their young son Neil flourishes. They have heard from Mr. Dyer (Science Master, 1936), who is now in N. Africa; also from Mr. Hogarth (1940), who is in India.

M. Gosney (1941-1942) is doing well in his new school in Birmingham, reporting that he was top in French, Geography, English, Geography and History, third in Scripture, and sixth in Latin. He is now a Scout. Address is 6 Moor Lane, Moseley, Birmingham.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hogg on the birth of a son, on June 11th.

B. O. Barham (1940-1942), who writes from "Clavering," Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics., is the first of our boys to be awarded an Engineering Cadetship under the scheme lately arranged by the Government. He is fortunate in being posted to Loughborough College, one of the finest Engineering Colleges in the kingdom, and from his description of the buildings and grounds it would appear that his life is set in really comfortable surroundings. It is impossible, he says, to describe the magnificence of the College as a whole. (Yet he writes that he would give anything to be back at Harlow!)

The 120 students are taking a five-year course in two and a half years—evidently an experiment in speeding up education. The subjects taken are Physics, Chemistry, Applied Maths., Pure Maths., Machine Drawing, Magnetism, and Electricity.

A. J. Ritchie (1931-1940), who was unsuccessful in his application for the University Naval Course owing to eyesight and Maths., now writes that he volunteered for the R.E.M.E. and is going through his Primary Training Course. He describes his life as gruelling, but altogether grand, and a great change from stuffy bank life. 14434431 Ritchie, A. J., No. 2 C. & S.S., "A" Coy., R.A.O.C., Windsor Street, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leics.

We congratulate Miss Sheila Kerans, former Secretary, on her marriage to Captain Ridley James, a London lawyer.

G. G. R. Mason (1937-1941), R.A.F., has just completed his three months' initial training at Blackpool, and after seven days' leave will proceed to Compton Bassett. He looks, and is, very fit indeed, and is quite capable of running all the way to Stortford.

K. C. Constable (1930-1937), whose whereabouts had been unknown, is now reported to be in Benghazi. He is well and happy, and has been to Palestine for his leave.

R. Pryor (1933-1935) writes that he is well: he is with the Irish Guards.

M. B. Maskell (1931-1936), 7393964, Pte., R.A.M.C., British Military Hospital, Wellington, Nilgiris, S. India. Before being called up he worked with a firm of chartered accountants for four years, and had risen to a responsible position. Since joining the R.A.M.C. he has taken a course in Radiography, in which work he is now engaged, finding it very interesting. At the same time he is taking a correspondence course in accountancy, arranged by the Army authorities.

J. Henfrey (1932-1937), 2nd Lieut., R.A.B.D., M.E.F., has been out in the Middle East for three years, and was in Tobruk for eight months. His elder brother is in the R.A.F. as a bomb-aimer. We gather that he wrote from Cairo, since he mentions attending a recital at the cathedral.

The following Old Harlovians have visited the School during the past six months:—F. Dewhurst, D. Valder, M. Williams (now in Fleet Street), D. Willmott (Merchant Navy), M. Willmott (H.M.S. *Worcester*, where he is passing all his Maths. exams. with the greatest of ease), M. Willy, J. Elphick, J. Fennings (R.A.F.), D. Engeham, N. Lockyer, F. Whitby, R. Smith (Royal Marines), — Speke, S. Mee, J. Cocks, T. A.

Cox (Fleet Air Arm), G. Bristoll, B. O. Barham, T. Cullum, C. Copleston (Royal Navy, wounded), A. Valle-Jones, Mr. Robson, D. Firkin, I. Morley, J. Power, E. Forbes, — Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

Messages have been received from: — A. J. Healey (R.A.F., India), J. Langer (India), J. Jones (B.N.A.F.), P. Walford (Mediterranean R.A.F.), H. L. Bernie (about to join up).

10th September, 1943.

Dear Editor,

I feel that the time has now come when the management of the Old Harlovians' section of the Magazine should be handed over to someone much younger than myself and in closer touch with the life and activities of the School. Two whole school generations have come and gone since I retired, consequently only quite a small proportion of the Old Boys who write are now known to me. Therefore I am asking you to accept my resignation of the post of Old Harlovians' Sub-Editor.

Needless to say, I shall still send in any letters and news that come to me direct, and if I can help in any other way I shall be delighted to do so.

In relinquishing my post I should be grateful if you would allow me to take this opportunity to thank those present and past Harlovians who recently sent me such kind messages of sympathy when I lost my dear wife.

With kind regards, and wishing the School and the *Harlovian* continued and ever-increasing success,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

E. Percival Horsey.

The Editor, *The Harlovian*.

It is with great regret that we accept this resignation, and we should like to thank Mr. Horsey for the work which he has done for the *Harlovian* in the past years. He will still, we hope, keep in touch with the magazine by sending along to us any news of Old Boys who write to him personally.—
EDITOR.

May I remind you that your Subscription has not been paid since ... 1939