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## ROLL OF HONOUR

E. J. KIRBY ("JACK"), Cpl., Beds. and Herts. Regt.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

### *School Captain:*

R. E. Hullett.

### *Prefects:*

L. Butcher, J. C. Congdon, J. R. I. Hawkins, J. Lane,  
N. W. Porritt.

### *Sub-Prefects:*

I. B. Buist, B. Jackson, I. P. L. Newton, A. J. Baldock,  
P. J. Crussell, J. A. Tyler.

*Cricket Captain:* R. E. Hullett.

*Vice-Captain:* J. R. I. Hawkins.

*Captain of Beatty House:* R. E. Hullett.

*Captain of Nelson House:* N. W. Porritt.

*Captain of Keyes House:* J. C. Congdon.

*Captain of Rodney House:* L. Butcher.



## SCHOOL NOTES

### *School Certificate*

In July sixteen candidates were presented for the Oxford School Certificate, and the following candidates were successful:—R. Anderson, I. B. Buist, L. Butcher, J. R. C. Congdon, E. S. Davies, J. Graham, E. W. Hasler, J. R. I. Hawkins, B. Jackson, J. G. Lane, I. P. L. Newton, P. J. Nobes, R. A. Payze, and F. E. Warboys. Ten of these candidates also gained exemption from the London Matriculation. The best results were shown by Nobes, who gained six "A's" and three credits. On the result of the examination B. Jackson has been awarded a Bursary at Dover College. Congratulations to them all.

Prizes for the School year are as follows:—

Form Prizes: Va, Nobes; Vb, Russell i; IV, Brooks i; Upper Remove, Calcutt i; Lower Remove, Crouchman i; III, Dixon; IIa, Double; IIb, Careless; I, White iii.

Old Harlovian War Memorial Prizes for English Literature: December: Vb, 1 Sandell, 2 Baggott i, 3 Russell i. IV, 1 Brooks i and Wickham i, 3 Whitby; U.R., 1 Foulkes, 2 Calcutt i, 3 Waterfield i. L.R., 1 Smith i, 2 Inman, 3 Baggott ii and Carpenter. III, 1 Thomas iii, 2 Russell ii, 3 Dixon. IIa, Double. July: Va (awarded on results of School Certificate), 1 Nobes, 2 and 3 not published until October. Vb, 1 Crussell, 2 Baggott i, 3 Baldock. IV, 1 Brooks i and Wickham i, 3 Whitby. U.R., 1 Foulkes, 2 Calcutt i, 3 Southgate. L.R., 1 Smith i, 2 Baggott ii, 3 Porter. III, 1 Dixon, 2 Russell ii, 3 Squires. IIa, 1 Double.

Seabrook Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Va (awarded on results of School Certificate), Nobes. Vb, Thomas i.

The following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford at St. Mary's Church on Whit Sunday:—J. P. Baskett, K. F. Belben, P. R. Bishop, H. A. Bodger, E. W. Brown, M. Chambers, P. J. Crussell, I. P. L. Newton, and B. E. Power.

As is usual in the Summer Term, we have been visited by members of the Services, who lectured to us and gave information as to the openings available in their Services. On May 4th Lieut. Sharpe, D.S.C., explained the method of entry to the Navy via the "Y" Scheme. Amongst other things he stressed the necessity of a School Certificate for

such candidates. In this connection it is pleasing to note that the member of Va who enquired of all the Services in turn whether he could gain a commission without the formality of the School Certificate, has now had his mind put at rest, since to his surprise he has gained the S.C.! Later in the term we were again visited by our old friend, S/L Bernard Shore, representing the R.A.F.

The local "Salute the Soldier" week was held during June, and the School Savings Group played its part, in that over £175 was invested. The total for the full term amounted to £285.

All those who have been connected with the School during the past fifteen years will be sorry to know that Mr. P. W. Cairns ("Jock") is leaving us. A testimonial is being raised for him, and we print below the letter which has been sent to parents and a number of the Old Harlovians, in case there are others who would like to be associated but have not been personally addressed. It is hoped that we shall be able to send a cheque to Mr. Cairns before the end of this year.

We regret also the departure of Mr. R. H. Smith, who has served the School for four years in the Class-rooms, the Lab., the Gym., the Scout Hut and the Athletic Sports field. In the latter sphere he most successfully put on the mantle of Mr. Robertson. We wish him all success and happiness in his new post in a large school in Gravesend.

Harlow College, Essex.

August, 1944.

Dear Parent or Old Harlovian,

You will probably have heard by now that Mr. Cairns is leaving us, having to return to Scotland to take work within easy distance of his parents, who are failing.

He has served the School loyally and most efficiently for fifteen years, and has become so attached to the School that it was with great difficulty that he could bring himself to come to a decision to make the parting. His place will be very difficult indeed to fill, not only in the House, but also in the Class-room, where his success has been almost phenomenal. I have lately looked up his record in School Certificate results in French, and I find that since I took over the School in 1936 he has presented some 120 candidates, of whom only 6 have failed, the majority obtaining "credit" or "very good." These figures speak for themselves. In the House his very real understanding of the youthful mind will be sadly missed, and I venture to say that he himself will



very much miss the countless friends that he has made at Harlow.

It will interest you to know that he has obtained a post at Glasgow Academy, one of the leading Day Schools in Scotland, having chosen this in preference to a similar post at Loretto, one of the leading Public Schools.

We wish him all success and happiness in his new work, and I know that you would like to join in a testimonial to him. Contributions will be gratefully received by me at the College.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth L. Dames.

### CRICKET

At the commencement of the season the outlook for the school cricket seemed very poor, for we still sadly feel the loss of Mr. Robertson.

The Headmaster and one or two members of last year's eleven managed to select a dozen keen boys and give them advice and coaching, and in this they received invaluable help from Mr. Arthur Hills, who ultimately produced quite a respectable fielding side. Great keenness was evident at the beginning of term, and it was felt that there was the making of quite a good side if only the necessary coaching could be obtained. The team started their season badly, but there is no doubt whatever that they improved as the term went on, and in July we were by no means ashamed of our efforts, even though results do not suggest this. As in previous years, all our home matches were played on Marigolds, and we are again very grateful to Mr. Hills for his work in preparing our pitches for us.

During the term seven 1st XI games were played, and two for boys under fifteen. Details and results are as follows:

#### *Newport Grammar School (away)*

We lost the toss and were put in to bat first. Robertson walked away from a ball on the leg stump and departed immediately, while Butcher did the reverse and walked into the next ball—two wickets for no runs. Hullett then joined Hawkins and they managed to pull the game round, staying together until the fifty had been reached, when Hullett departed, having scored 16 in rather a hesitant fashion—still a very valuable sixteen to support the 57 which came from Hawkins. The latter played a good innings, being very strong on the off side and scoring well from the back foot: he had more than one "life," but he did not take risks, and knew exactly how to treat a ball on the leg side, many of which

were presented to him. After his departure wickets fell rapidly, and only Lane and Wickham i scored any runs. The Newport bowling was not very vicious, but merely steady and accurate, which was all that was required to get rid of our later batsmen. Our final total was 97. Our bowling, on the other hand, was most erratic and contained too many full tosses and balls wide of the leg stump, of which the Newport batsmen were quick to avail themselves. Hullett took the first wicket with a good ball, but after that the Newport batsmen had no difficulty whatever in taking their score to 98 for the loss of only two wickets. Our fielding was fair.

#### *Mr. Barnwell's XI (played on Marigolds during the "Salute the Soldier" Week)*

We won the toss and sent them in to bat. Both bowling and fielding showed an improvement on that of the Newport match, and we had no real difficulty in dismissing them for 81, Hawkins bowling well to take four wickets for 32 runs, while Anderson took 3 for 34. Porritt had a field-day with their tail and took 3 wickets at the cost of 1 run per wicket. Our batting also improved, and Robertson played a very good innings, having cured the tendency to run away from straight balls which he had showed in previous games: he watched every ball carefully, took no risks, and with his 23 not out was largely responsible for the fact that we passed their total with 3 wickets in hand. Other scores were:—Anderson 15, Mr. Dames 12, Butcher 12, and Wickham i 11. Our total score was 125.

#### *Newport Grammar School (home)*

For the first time we had a real bowlers' wicket, and Newport seized hold of the opportunity eagerly, to rattle us out for the paltry score of 22, no batsman reaching double figures. At first it seemed that we might make a fight for it, for they lost half their side in making the runs, and by the time their seventh wicket had fallen they had scored no more than 27. The ninth wicket fell at 49, but their last two batsmen, with courageous hitting and a good deal of luck, carried their score to 101. The bowling should have been changed during this last partnership, for both Hullett and Anderson, who had bowled throughout, were getting very tired. Anderson 5 for 48; Hullett 5 for 49.

#### *Harlow C.C.*

July 1st saw the first of three very exciting matches against the Town Club. Harlow batted first, and we did very well indeed to get them out for 55, their lowest score of the



season at that time, though they were represented by their strongest team. Only one batsman, Mr. Hills, reached double figures, with 13. Hawkins was our best bowler, taking 5 wickets for 14 runs, while Hullett took 2 for 15, and Anderson 2 for 23. All bowled well, and the fielding showed pleasing improvement. We went in with some faint hopes of making the runs, though the redoubtable Silcock was bowling at his best. Three wickets quickly fell for seven runs, Hawkins and Robertson attempted to stop the rot, with 8 runs each, and then Hullett played a captain's innings of 21 not out, but unfortunately nobody could stay with him. When Stuart, the last batsman, came in, the score stood at 37. Gradually the score crept up, with Hullett scoring the runs and Stuart keeping his end up splendidly, watching every ball and refusing to be tempted, but the end came at 54, when Silcock at last got through his defence. An excellent game, which we might have won if Hullett had nursed the bowling during those last few overs, for he was quite capable of getting the runs himself.

#### *Harlow C.C.*

Harlow batted first, and we improved even on our previous effort, dismissing them for 31, Hullett taking 5 wickets for 11 runs, and Anderson 3 for 16. On this occasion, however, Silcock was in his deadliest form, and only Hawkins (17) could do anything with him. Five failed to score, Silcock took 8 wickets for 9 runs, and we were all out for 26.

#### *Royal Engineers (Bomb Disposal Squad)*

Before attacking Harlow for the third time we strengthened our morale by defeating the R.E.s. They batted first, and Hullett and Anderson bowled well to dismiss them for 64, Hullett taking 5 wickets for 25 and Anderson 4 for 28. In this match our fielding more nearly resembled good school-boy fielding than had any previously, the picking up and throwing in being especially smart. Chambers caught the eye with good work. Both Hullett and Hawkins failed with the bat on this occasion, and it was left to Sheeran, borrowed for the occasion, and Butcher to make the runs, their scores being respectively 22 and 14, and our final score being 65 for 6 wickets.

#### *Harlow C.C.*

Our last match of the season, played when the cares of the School Certificate were "written off," brought us the long-desired victory over the Town Club. Harlow batted

first and, although our fielding was not up to the standard of the previous match, being definitely slack, we dismissed them for 98, Anderson taking 4 wickets for 32 and Hullett 4 for 38. The batting on this occasion was more consistent and all managed to score, with the exception of Newton, whose patient tactics were of service. The leading scores were:—Sheeran 27, Hullett 27, Chambers 14 not out, and Lane 10. We passed their total with three wickets still in hand, and when stumps were drawn had 110 on the board for 9 wickets.

#### *Under 15 Games*

Two games were played against Pishiobury School, the first resulting in a win for Pishiobury, who showed the value of good and keen fielding. Our bowling was quite good, good enough in fact to win the game had the fielding been better. Harlow 28 (Drain 14); Pishiobury 40 (Drain 2 wickets for 2 runs, Stuart 3 for 15, Chambers 4 for 23).

The second game went to the full two innings, and although we were led on the first innings we managed to defeat them in the end, our play showing improvement in both batting and fielding.

Pishiobury, 1st innings 71 (Drain 5 for 22, Stuart 3 for 16); 2nd innings 40 (Drain 5 for 21, Stuart 4 for 18). Harlow, 1st innings 55 (Stuart 15); 2nd innings 66 (Stuart 10, Drain 10).

#### BATTING AVERAGES

J. Hawkins, 14.8; R. Hullett, 13.4; Robertson, 11.3.

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

J. Hawkins, 6.4; R. Hullett, 8; Anderson, 9.6.

#### CHARACTERS

- R. E. HULLETT (*Captain and Colours*).—A keen captain who did his work well. Played several good innings, and has a nice pair of wrists, with which he can turn the ball well, though he is rather inclined to edge his left leg too much into the ball in the effort to turn it to leg. Has bowled well, though he is inclined to bowl too much, to the extent that he tires himself and becomes erratic. As a captain he should have changed his bowling more often and given the younger bowlers a chance.
- J. R. I. HAWKINS (*Colours*).—He has reproduced his form of two years back, generally playing very attractive cricket. Is quick to take advantage of the loose ball, especially on the off side, having a very good stroke past cover



played from the back foot. Has bowled consistently well and is always good in the field. A very useful vice-captain, both on the field and with the equipment.

ANDERSON.—On his day the best bowler in the side, with a useful leg break. On occasions has hit the ball hard, using his own methods, but is too slow to be a natural hitter.

BUTCHER.—His keenness has deserved better success with the bat, but he has not been lucky. Has a very safe pair of hands in the outfield.

ROBERTSON.—Is distinctly promising, though at the beginning of the season he formed the dreadful habit of walking away from the ball. This cured, and with confidence regained, he played one very good innings. Slow in the field, but a safe catch.

STUART.—Very keen, and will make a cricketer. Has a good defence, but is rather stiff. A safe fielder and a promising bowler.

CHAMBERS.—Perhaps the smartest fielder in the side. Might be trained into a good left-hand bowler. Does not take his batting very seriously.

WICKHAM I.—Has been well coached and should make a useful bat with greater experience. Can bowl a leg break, but has no idea of varying his bowling. Far too slow in the field to be of any use.

LANE.—His strokes are purely defensive, and he has little confidence. A safe fielder, and with less nervousness he could make a useful spin bowler.

PORRITT.—No batsman, but he has a good eye and can connect well. Quite a fair bowler, and keen in the field.

NEWTON.—Started from scratch as a wicket-keeper and improved rapidly as the season went on, but he is rather prone to use his legs and feet rather than his hands. As a bat he has patience and plays with a good straight bat, with a fair defence. Deserved better success.

BODGER.—Has the makings of an all-round cricketer, but he is far too slow everywhere to be successful.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. E. Sansom for the gift of cricket gear, including a set of County stumps. A very welcome gift in times when it is so difficult to obtain such gear.

K. L. D. and R. E. H.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Sports were held on the afternoon of Friday, May 19th, the preliminaries, including the mile, being run off on Thursday, and final events and House relays on Saturday morning. The weather, which had threatened to ruin events, improved fortuitously to enable a full programme to be run off, including, as last year, the taking of standards for all events, enabling a proficient competitor to score half a point for his House.

It soon became clear that Beatty would score a triumph, but competition for second place was keen. Outstanding senior performances were: the running of Hullett in the mile, half-mile and quarter-mile, all in very good times; the sprinting of Porritt in the 100 yards, and the jumping of Nobes in the High Jump. Amongst the juniors Brooks put up good performances in the 100 yards and 220 yards, whilst Hare beat him with a supreme effort in the half-mile. Both Desprez and Brazier deserved their first places in the high jump and long jump respectively.

The positions in the Victor Ludorum contests were as follows:—Senior: Hullett, 20½ points; Hawkins, 6 points. Junior: Brooks, 10½ points; Brazier, 9 points.

The House positions and points were:—Beatty, 125 points; Nelson, 55½ points; Rodney, 34 points; Keyes, 22½ points. To these points the scores for the cross-country race are added, giving the final points and positions as: Beatty, 157 points; Nelson, 79½ points; Rodney, 42 points; Keyes, 26½ points.

Detailed results are given below (Sds. indicates standards obtained):—

*75 Yards under 8 yrs.* (Time 12-3/5 secs., Standard 13-3/5).—1 Streeter, 2 White ii, 3 Short iii. Sds. Streeter, White ii, Short iii, Cox, Barker.

*100 Yards under 8 yrs.* (16-2/5 secs., Standard 17 secs).—1 White ii, 2 Streeter, 3 Short iii. Sds. White ii, Streeter, Short iii, Cox.

*Mile Open* (5 mins. 34 secs., Standard 6 mins. 20 secs).—1 Hullett, 2 Hawkins, 3 Fitch, 4 Chambers. Sds. Hullett, Hawkins, Fitch, Chambers, Hasler, Mitchell, Porritt, Graham i, Hare, Bishop, Baldock, Davies, Crouch, Jackson.

*High Jump under 8 yrs.* (2 ft. 8 ins., Standard 2 ft. 8 ins). 1 Cox, 2 Streeter, 3 Barker. Sds. Cox.

*High Jump 8-10 yrs.* (3 ft. 3½ ins., Standard 3 ft.).—1 Anson ii, 2 Widmann, 3 Stuchbery. Sds. Anson ii, Widmann, Stuchbery, Twell, Findlay ii, Gardiner.



75 Yards 8-10 yrs (11-4/5 secs., Standard 12 secs.).—  
1 Anson ii, 2 White ii, 3 Widmann. Sds. Anson ii, White ii,  
Widmann, Wiggett, Sansom, Stuchbery, Twell.

100 Yards 8-10 yrs. (no time, Standard 15-3/5 secs.).—  
1 Anson ii, 2 White ii, 3 Stuchbery. Sds. Anson ii, White ii,  
Stuchbery, Wiggett, Twell, Abbey ii, Findlay ii, Double.

100 Yards 14-15 yrs. (12-1/5 secs., Standard 13-2/5  
secs.).—1 Robertson, 2 Bishop, 3 Belben. Sds. Robertson,  
Bishop, Belben, Newton, Mitchell, Chambers, Rand, Stuart,  
Crouch.

Senior High Jump (4 ft. 10 ins., Standard 4 ft. 5 ins.).—  
1 Nobes, 2 Hullett, 3 Lane. Sds. Nobes, Hullett, Lane,  
Graham i, Welch i.

Junior Cricket Ball (54 yds. 2 ft. 3 ins., Standard 45  
yds.).—1 Desprez, 2 Sheldrake, 3 Brooks i. Sds. Desprez,  
Sheldrake, Brooks.

Senior Cricket Ball (74 yds. 2 ft. 5 ins., Standard 60  
yds.).—1 Anderson, 2 Hullett, 3 Butcher. Sds. Anderson,  
Hullett, Butcher, Chambers, Newton.

Junior Long Jump (13 ft., Standard 12 ft. 6 ins.).—1  
Brazier, 2 Brooks i and Desprez. Sds. Brazier, Brooks, Des-  
prez.

440 Yards Junior (73 secs., Standard 76 secs.).—1 Hare,  
2 Brazier, 3 Grant. Sds. Hare.

440 Yards Senior (65 secs., Standard 68 secs.).—1 Hul-  
lett, 2 Hawkins, 3 Fitch. Sds. Hullett, Hawkins, Fitch.

440 Yards 14-15 yrs. (71 secs., Standard 72 secs.).—  
1 Bishop, 2 Robertson, 3 Chambers. Sds. Bishop, Robert-  
son, Chambers.

100 Yards Junior (13-1/5 secs., Standard 13-4/5 secs.).  
—1 Brooks i, 2 Brazier, 3 Russell ii. Sds. Brooks, Brazier,  
Russell, Bird, Drain, Sefton, Beaumont, Thomas ii, Water-  
field ii, Palmer, Sheldrake, Carpenter.

100 Yards Senior (11-4/5 secs., Standard 12-4/5 secs.).  
—1 Porritt, 2 Hullett, 3 Fitch. Sds. Porritt, Hullett, Fitch,  
Hawkins, Bishop, Belben, Crussell, Nobes.

220 Yards 10-12 yrs. (36 secs., Standard 37 secs.).—1  
Elcome, 2 Williams, 3 Anson i. Sds. Elcome, Williams, An-  
son i, Liley.

100 Yards 10-12 yrs. (no time, standard 14-1/5 secs.).—  
1 Liley, 2 Elcome, 3 Baldwin. Sds. Liley, Elcome, Baldwin,  
Williams, Ford, Short i, Smith iii.

220 Yards Junior (33-2/5 secs., Standard 35 secs.).—  
1 Brooks i, 2 Russell i, 3 Bird. Sds. Brooks, Russell, Bird.

220 Yards 14-15 yrs. (30-4/5 secs., Standard 33 secs.).—  
1 Bishop and Robertson, 3 Stuart. Sds. Bishop, Robertson,  
Stuart, Chambers, Belben.

220 Yards Senior (28-3/5 secs., Standard 31 secs.).—  
1 Hullett, 2 Porritt, 3 Hawkins. Sds. Hullett, Porritt, Haw-  
kins, Anderson, Fitch, Davies i.

Long Jump Senior (15 ft. 5 ins., Standard 14 ft.).—1  
Lane, 2 Hullett and Rand. Sds. Lane, Hullett, Rand, Crus-  
sell, Porritt, Anderson.

High Jump Junior (4 ft. 4 1/2 ins., Standard 3 ft. 11 ins.).  
1 Desprez, 2 Brazier, 3 Sheldrake. Sds. Desprez, Brazier.

880 Yards Junior (2 mins. 40 secs., Standard 3 mins.).—  
1 Hart, 2 Brooks i, 3 Jackson. Sds. Hare, Brooks, Jackson.

880 Yards Senior (2 mins. 32 secs., Standard 2 mins. 40  
secs.).—1 Hullett, 2 Davies i, 3 Bishop. Sds. Hullett, Davies,  
Bishop.

Junior House Relay (distance 520 yds., time 1 min.  
14-4/5 secs.).—1 Beatty, 2 Nelson, 3 Keyes.

Senior House Relay (distance 520 yds., time 65-2/5  
secs.).—1 Beatty, 2 Nelson, 3 Rodney, 4 Keyes.

Tug.—Beatty, Keyes and Nelson equal with 2 wins each.

The organizer would like to thank all those who helped  
as recorders, timekeeper and judges, and especially the com-  
petitors, whose enthusiasm was his reward.

R. H. S.

## SCOUTS

The Summer Term was, as usual, marked by interrup-  
tions this year more than normally, so that not as much was  
done as could be hoped. The highlight of the term was, I  
think, the camping exhibition of the 31st of May, held on the  
old tennis court. A number of stalls were manned by P.L.s  
and Seconds, so that from P.L. Drain you could learn how to  
erect and strike a patrol tent; P.L. Buist gave a lesson in  
cooking and fire-lighting; P.L. Roe swung the axe correctly,  
whilst P.L. Townsend erected a very serviceable flagstaff.  
Russell ii kept a first aid test, Davison built camp gadgets,  
and Gow demonstrated how a scout does the impossible in  
putting a kit into a rucksack.

On Wednesday, the 7th of June, the scout meeting took  
the form of a grand good turn which, like charity, begins at



home. They set about clearing up all the odd corners of the school grounds, and one patrol, the Peckers, continued their repairs to the incinerator enclosure the following week.

The last meeting of the term, on July 19th, took the form of a wide game, the Gold Rush. There was buried gold, real gold, or at least it looked like it, to be found in Dry Gulch. There were claim jumpers and Black Jake's Gang for the prospectors to contend with, but the mounties "got their men" and enabled Drain and Williams at least to bring back gold dust and nuggets.

We welcome Scout Williams to the Brotherhood of Scouts, and congratulate P.L. Roe on adding the handyman's badge to his uniform.

This term I must say farewell to the Troop. May you never lose sight of the ideals of scouting and "Good Hunting."

S. M.

#### ARMY CADET FORCE

The term has been full of interest, for we were able to throw off the worries of examinations before the end of May, and were in consequence able to devote the rest of the term to programmes of interest outside the syllabus for Certificate "A."

The examinations were held at Abridge on Sunday, May 21st, the School platoon entering six candidates for Part I and four for Part II, all who were eligible by age. All the Part I candidates were successful, and three in Part II. The names of those successful in Part I were: Sgt. Crussell, L/C Anderson, Cpl. Butcher, L/C Newton, Cadets Tyler and Warboys. The first-mentioned emulated Gardiner's high score of last year, and topped the 90 per cent mark. In Part II Sgts. Hawkins and Porritt and Cadet Hasler passed. Congratulations to them all.

Details of the activities during the rest of term are as follows:—

May 24th.—Visit to the R.E. (B.D.) Museum, half of the platoon inspecting the museum while the other half were given a short lecture on charges accompanied by various noises and bangs, set off by the cadets themselves. Kindly arranged by Lt. W. Swinson, R.E.

May 31st.—Lecture on Musketry by Major Edmunds, of the Home Guard, a well-known Bisley shot.

June 3rd.—N.C.O.s see the Home Guard Battle Inoculation.

June 6th.—Marching drill, judging distance, etc.

June 10th.—The platoon marched with "C" Company in the Church Parade held on the opening of the "Salute the Soldier" Week.

June 22nd.—Drill and lecture by S.M. Taylor on Mills Grenade.

June 28th.—All cadets except recruits fired with .303 on the 25 yards range.

July 5th.—Throwing dummy grenades. Lecture on Butt marking.

July 12th.—Patrol exercise arranged by Capt. Simmonds, Home Guard Adjutant.

July 15th.—All cadets except recruits spent the day on the open range at North Weald. Results are appended below.

July 16th.—Annual Inspection of the Battalion, held at Epping.

Again our very grateful thanks are due to the Home Guard for their invaluable help, to the Adjutant for his enthusiastic and material support, to Major Edmunds for his excellent lecture and most enjoyable day at North Weald, to S.M. Taylor for his assistance in the training throughout the year, and to S.M. Davies for his invaluable help in the organization of the work and the "stunts." The latter is now acting as our own S.M., and he was entirely responsible for the above programme, apart from the examination and the inspection. We hope that when the Home Guard are disbanded we can have him posted officially to the platoon.

Promotions during the term have been as follows:—  
Cadets to be Lance-Corporals: Collins J. S., Collins R. G., Anderson, Newton; Cadet to be Corporal: Butcher; Lance-Corporals to be Sgts.: Hawkins and Crussell.



## ARMY CADET FORCE—HARLOW COLLEGE PLATOON

RIFLE SHOOT AT NORTH WEALD RANGE, 15/7/44

Possible	5 rds. grouping		5 rds. application		5 rds. snap	TOTAL
	(with rest)	(without)	(with rest)	(without)		
...	25	25	20	20	15	105
L/C Newton ...	20	20	20	16	12	88
L/C Anderson ..	20	20	18	15	3	76
Baskett ... ..	20	15	19	6	15	75
Belben ... ..	20	20	16	13	3	72
Chambers ... ..	20	15	18	10	6	69
Sgt. Hawkins ...	20	15	12	12	6	65
Baldock ... ..	15	20	14	6	9	64
L/C Collins J. S.	15	15	15	12	3	60
L/C Collins R.G.	20	—	12	10	6	48
Tyler ... ..	15	—	18	11	3	47
Sgt. Crussell ...	20	—	12	6	6	44
Stuart ... ..	—	—	14	10	6	30
Bodger ... ..	—	—	13	10	3	26

### THE CADET CAMP

The Cadet Camp was great fun and was enjoyed by all who found time to attend. The work was extremely interesting and the instructors were very helpful. Our interest never flagged, even with the driest of subjects.

The food was very good and there was no shortage of it; it was of good quality and was very well cooked. The N.A.A.F.I. kept us going between meals at meagre cost to ourselves. A pint of lemonade cost twopence and cakes were three halfpence and twopence each. We were all given milk at 11 a.m. to tide us over until lunch-time.

Reveille was at 6.30 a.m.—the first morning we all got up at 6 a.m. because we heard the Canadian Convalescent Home bugle blow. We had performed our ablutions and were folding up our beds when we heard our own call. The other mornings we made quite sure it was 6.30 before we got up. "Lights out" sounded at 10.15, but the first night all were talking until after 1 a.m.

On Monday morning we were told all the bugle calls that would affect us, then, after a break, we went out and had a lesson on Field Signals. In the afternoon we went down to the Ranges and had firing with .22 rifles.

On Tuesday we had section training, methods of defence, and attack, and also we had weapon training. This included mechanism of hand grenades, rifles, mines, Bren gun, Thom-

son sub-machine gun, and Piat anti-tank mortar. It was very interesting and we all learnt a great deal.

On Wednesday we had more section training with blank .303 ammo—this was a preparation for Thursday evening, when we had larger scale manoeuvres. Many of us had passes on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday evening the manoeuvres were successfully carried out. The only interruption was when we saw a flying bomb in the distance.

Friday was demonstration day, and we were shown all types of army equipment such as 3.7 A.A. guns, Bofors guns, rangefinders, field telephones, wireless sets, machine guns, cannon, and R.E.M.E. servicing lorries.

On Saturday we had more small exercises and free passes in the afternoon.

All boys had to go on fire picquet one night in the week. This meant that if there were a fire they had to attend to it. No party was called out at all.

There were inter-company sports, and "A" Coy. (Epping Forest Battalion) came first. The events were boxing, racing, throwing hand grenades, cross-country running, and many other things. It was great fun, especially the boxing.

A cinema show was held on two nights in the week. The films, though old, were enjoyed—"Destroyer" and "Immortal Sergeant."

Every evening there were buckets of potatoes to be peeled and everyone had to do his fair share.

This was our first experience of a Cadet Camp under military conditions, and, thanks to the splendid organization and glorious weather, everybody thoroughly enjoyed their week's stay at Colchester.

R. J. A. T.



## OLD HARLOVIANS

### NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

We congratulate *Flight Lieutenant A. F. Vallé-Jones* on the award of the D.F.C. He visited the School in September, said that he won the award merely for doing his job, and that he hoped to retire when he completed his century of "trips": his present score is 80.

*B. R. Browne*, Lieut., 9th Parachute Bn., dropped in Normandy on "D" Day, was reported missing, having dropped well behind the enemy lines. In mid-July his parents received a letter from him, via a French peasant, an American officer and the Army post, telling them that he was somewhere in enemy country. A month afterwards a letter was received from him, posted in England, and towards the end of August he appeared in Harlow on twenty-eight days' leave, looking fit in spite of all that he had gone through, which included the blowing up of an enemy tank, capture, facing a firing party, and subsequent escape. Our congratulations to him and to his parents.

*I. C. Morley*, A.C.2, R.A.F., is now in Southern Rhodesia, after many weeks of travelling, both by land and sea. He tells us that he is not flying yet, but is doing a refresher course, which will last many weeks—far too many for his liking. John Power was with him on the boat, but they have since parted company.

*I. G. Gardiner* has completed his first year of engineering. During his long summer holiday he worked for a month in an electrical firm's workshops at Park Royal. His cadet work goes well, and he has been to two camps this year.

*G. S. Moore*, Tpr., 22nd Armoured Brigade (known to us as Moses) wrote from the B.W.E.F. in July. He was quite happy, food was good, and he welcomed the chance of polishing up his French again.

*Ralph Spicer* has passed his ordinary medical for the R.A.F., and was, at the time of writing (31/8/44) just about to go to Euston House for aircrew medical selection board. He has completed his papers for a short course at one of the Universities. On 16th September he wrote that he had passed his next board, only seven passing out of 250.

*Roy Don*, High Street, Stalham, Norfolk, was married in 1943, and now has a son. Though unfit for service he is a sergeant in the M.T. section of the Home Guard, and is one

of the crack shots of the company. He is still playing good cricket, and is captain of the local team.

*N. J. Bowen*, Sub-Lieut., F.A.A., visited us in July. He had had a grandstand view of the invasion, having been in the air for eight hours over the beaches on "D" Day. As Intelligence Officer he knew some interesting things about impending events while the rest of the world was waiting, and was one of those who were confined to barracks before the business started. We congratulate him on his engagement.

*G. G. H. Jefferys*, Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F.V.R., now serving in Bulawayo, has married a South African bride, Miss Nance Yvonne Edgeworth Nichols, of Cape Town.

*Alan Spicer* has now finished his training for a ground staff wireless operator and has the "sparks" badge on his sleeve.

*Alan Ritchie* was in Normandy in July, cheerful and well. At the time of writing he was in a lorry used as an office.

*John C. Rolstone* is in the R.N.A. in the capacity of assistant baker. Before joining up he had time to score his first century in club cricket.

*T. A. Cox*, Sub-Lieut. (A), R.N.V.R., wrote from Somerset in September that he was on the verge of becoming a fully-fledged Naval Fighter Pilot. In the course of his career he has travelled the length and breadth of England and Scotland, and is convinced that the Admiralty's one aim is to choose desolate sites for potential naval air stations, and he claims that that from which he wrote is one of their masterpieces.

*John H. Elphick*, A.C.2, R.A.F., wrote from Hornchurch in September. After passing his I.T.W. in February he went to a grading school early in March. Did 12½ hours' flying but missed his solo owing to bad weather. Went to London in the spring for new aptitude tests, and was one of those few who were graded as pilots. Was posted to a bomber station, where he waited for an overseas draft. As this was delayed he volunteered to come down to London with other cadets to help in the repair of houses damaged by the flying bombs. He is now an efficient house repairer, and can repair ceilings and walls with plaster-board, re-tile or re-slate roofs, and many other jobs. The life suits him, for he has increased his weight from 10 st. 10 lbs. to 11 st. 10 lbs. He has been waiting five months now for an overseas draft, and expects to be ready for the Third World War!



*John S. Power*, A.C.2, R.A.F., wrote in July from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, that he had seen much interesting country on his way there from Durban, where he parted from Morley. He was on his E.A.N.S. course, doing all the ground work before actually doing any flying. He mentioned having met Elphick at Heaton Park before he sailed.

*R. Prior*, Gdsmn., Irish Guards, wrote in August from Normandy, giving us a very vivid picture of the conditions under which the peasants in Normandy were living, and of the terrible destruction that has come upon their towns and villages. "Yet," he says, "their sadness is challenged by the knowledge and the realization that something ghastly and awful has been removed and that they are once again in a position to act openly and freely. There are perhaps a percentage who disagree with this destruction and who were content to exist under the shadow of the Nazis and, perhaps, who still regard Allied troops with feeble enthusiasm, but I think the percentage is very low. I believe the vast majority realize their tremendous sacrifice is essential, and we cannot appreciate to the full, perhaps, how hard it is to take this attitude."

*Stephen Parks* visited the School during the Summer Term. He is now at the South West Essex Technical College.

He was closely followed by *G. Seif*, who has been at the Polytechnic since he left us. He has matriculated there, has had some good cricket, and is now waiting to join the Fleet Air Arm.

*H. M. Davies*, 2nd Royal Norfolks, has now received his captaincy. He is serving in the Battalion in which his father served in 1914-1918, and his present Commanding Officer was then a subaltern under his father.

*J. W. E. Grundy*, F/O, R.A.F., wrote in the early summer, from the Middle East, that after four years he has at last got within distance of the fighting, and that he will not be satisfied until he plays an active part. He was posted in a relatively pleasant part of the world, with good quarters, and in a decent town.

*John Jackson*, P/O, R.A.F., visited us three days after "D" Day. He had flown over the beaches on the Monday night, and has been flying all types of bombers as Skipper.

*David Valder* came to see us during June. He is now a Junior Ordinary Seaman in the Merchant Navy, and is waiting for a ship.

*M. F. Willy* is now back from Trinidad, having completed his training for Observer F.A.M. and having the rank of sub-lieutenant.

*George Kelly* proceeds to the London Hospital in October to continue his medical training.

*D. R. Firkin* has joined the Royal Fusiliers and is hoping to proceed to an O.C.T.U. shortly.

*R. E. Herman* has taken his B.Sc. (London) only three years after leaving the School Certificate form.