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ROLL OF HONOUR

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SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Captain :

I. B. Buist.

Prefects :

A. J. Baldock, P. J. Crussell, I. P. L. Newton, J. A. Tyler,

B. J. Willats.

Sub-Prefects :

M. J. Baggott, B. E. Power, J. D. Roe, R. J. Russell.

Cricket Captain :

I. P. L. Newton.

V.E. DAY

All that is left now is a patch of desecrated earth, where no grass will grow, and a half burnt log under the far hedge which no small Junior fails to sit on to the detriment of his flannel trousers. And except for this little Hiroshima of a patch, we have forgotten all about the Fifth of May.

It would be hard to communicate to an outsider, to someone who does not know us well, the story of those celebrations. They were intimate rather than pompous. True, it was a national day. The morning service in which we were led by the Rev. O. J. Rooke; the Headmaster's raising of the Union Jack over the school; the King's speech and the Prime Minister's — all reminded us, as we stood in the sunlight on the green lawn, that it was a nation's thanksgiving that was being offered.

But it was also a School Day, and in our serious moments, it was about the school we thought: about those from the School who had laid down their lives for their country; about those in the School who had weathered the storm, and watched for bombs and slept in shelters. It was proper that they should not be forgotten: that the Headmaster should toast Matron, Miss Durrant and Sgt.-Maj. Davies, who had served the school throughout the war; and that the bell should first be rung again, after a silence of six years, by the Headmaster, Mrs. Dames, and those of the staff and of the boys who had been here all the time: Buist, Drain, Baldock, Chambers, Desprez, Newton, Russell I, Alcock, Warr, Baggott I and II, Roe and Power. It was a solemn moment, to which only the bell itself showed casual indifference, faltering between a steady peal and a clatter, or relapsing into taciturnity till it felt the stir of the next pair of arms on the stone stairs below.

But it was the evening bonfire that we needed most to reconcile all the feelings of that day: the solemnity and the merry making; the recollection in the recent past of the rocket down the lane, and anticipation in the near future of a yellow banana on a painted plate.

Mrs. Dames and Sgt.-Maj. Davies had determined we should not have a quiet evening, and incendiary bombs for the bonfire were there to time. Our friends from the R.E.M.E. Camp arrived mysteriously and planted gun-cotton in the hedge. We did not know — until the first explosion, and then

for a moment we wondered. The war was only just over: we had not got used to explosions where we wanted them.

Mr. Metcalfe, who has apparently inherited the lost art of building stone Pyramids, gave us a mild demonstration of a wooden one, which would have done for a minor official of Amenhotep III's court — about 15 feet high, highly inflammable, and quite impervious to the exploratory fingers of that same Junior who now sits on one of its scarred logs, but who on that occasion illegally crossed the string frontier, probably to discover whether it would fall over if he pushed it. He discovered and left, disappointed.

Unkindled, it was a monument. Ablaze, it was all ours, and ours was the best blaze for as many miles around as we could see from the Library windows. Widow Dido would have walked off her poor Carthaginian affair in disgust, and pious Aeneas changed his mind, impressed by Mr. Laing's flood-lit silhouette of the buildings, and curious about our Verey lights. It was a sociable fire: we mingled, schoolfolk and townfolk; sang our songs and tripped over each other round it; true, not in any mad continental excitement, but in our English way, as we do when we think the occasion merits it. But we did turn to see the lights switched on at every window in the school, from turret to basement, with something of the same abandon our Druidical ancestors must have felt as they watched the golden sun emerge from an eclipse. The Black-out gods were dead.

Time wore on. The monument crashed into red ember with unexpected sizzlings, and we were left with a feeling of anti-climax: it was all over. But in the Hall, there was another blaze of colour: fiery tarts, cakes incendiary and blonde, and chocolate things with Verey Light sprinkle, which Miss Whitehead invented, but has not yet had time to christen in *Beetonesque*. And it was at this point that our small Junior was heard to observe between mouthfuls, that it had been a day he would never forget.

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The school gardener will remember V.E. night too.

Next day, we presented him with several barrowfuls of the wood-ash from the fire. He used it enthusiastically, like a war-criminal taking cyanide, and with much the same

result. Thirty-seven cabbages, forty-five beetroots, two marrows and a blue chrysanthemum perished from the effects.

We had forgotten, of course, the chemicals in the incendiary bombs. They are not the right ones, it seems, for gardening with. And that is why in the middle of our field, there is still that patch of desecrated earth, where no grass will grow.

J. S. G.

SCHOOL NOTES

School Certificate.

In July the following candidates were successful in gaining the Oxford School Certificate:—M. J. Baggott, J. S. Collins, I. P. L. Newton, B. E. Power, R. J. Russell, R. G. Thomas, B. J. Willats. Exemption from Matriculation was gained by Baggott, Newton and Russell, the last named occupying first place, with seven credits.

School Prizes.

The Prize Giving was held informally in the Gymnasium on the last day of the Summer Term, the prizes, which took the form of book tokens, being presented by the Headmaster. The prizes for the School year are as follows:—

Form Prizes: Va, Russell; Vb, Brooks I; IV, Bird; Upper Remove, Crouchman and Porter; Lower Remove, Payne; III, Crouchman II; IIa, Parsons; IIb, Anderson; I, Cain.

Old Harlovian War Memorial Prizes for English Literature:

Spring: Vb, 1—Brooks I, 2—Belben, 3—Wickham I.
IV, 1—Bird, 2—Leigh and Wilson.
Upper Remove, 1—Baggott II, 2—Smith I.
Lower Remove, 1—Warr, 2—Squires, 3, Stuchbery and Russell II.
III, 1—Double, 2—White II, 3—Smith IV.

Summer: Va (awarded on the results of the School Certificate)

1—Newton, 2—Crussell, 3—Baggott I.
Vb, 1—Brooks I, 2—Calcutt I and Wickham I.
IV, 1—Bird, 2—Harrison, 3—White I.

Upper Remove, 1—Baggott II, 2—Smith I,
3—Grant and Inman.
Lower Remove, 1—Thomas III, 2—Alcock,
3—Ball.
III, 1—Crouchman II, 2—Tolfts, 3—Anson II.
IIa, 1—Panrucker II, 2—Careless, 3—Parsons.

Seabrook Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Va (awarded on the results of the School Certificate), Russell I; Vb, Calcutt I.

Confirmation.

The following boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford at St. Mary's Church on June 18:—K. G. Brooks, M. A. Calcutt, R. E. Hare, R. J. Russell, P. N. H. Russell, R. G. S. Stuart, R. B. B. Summers, D. G. Wickham, J. V. Wilson. R. H. Weal was later confirmed in St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Harlow Common.

School Savings Group.

The work of the School Savings Group has been carried on, in a manner rather less enthusiastic than before since we were no longer asked to save for bullets and tanks. Yet the result has been fair, since a sum of slightly over £100 was invested during the term.

Old Harlovians who assisted in the erection of the Scout Hut ten years ago will be interested to know that during the Summer months the boys, under the direction of Mr. Laing, have been dismantling the hut with a view to re-erecting it nearer the school building. It has long been felt that the hut occupied a site too far away from the building to be of any real service, especially in view of the fact that neither heating nor lighting was available. In addition it has been quite impossible to keep the windows intact, since a public right of way ran only a few yards away on the other side of the hedge, and the glass offered too tempting a target to local boys who have little respect for other people's property. As these notes are written the building is again taking shape at the west end of the main building, and we have hopes that by 1946 the work will be completed, if the necessary extra materials become available.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Mackmurdie who has given us a donation to provide for a replica gymnasium cup,

and also to Mr. Claydon who has promised to present a similar cup. From Mr. Inman we have now received a cup for Boxing, to be competed for annually, while Mrs. Inman has presented a cup for junior gymnastics. To both of them our grateful thanks.

We are very sorry indeed to have to report the death, on October 5, of Miss Vera Hughes. We shall always remember the noble way in which she overcame the war-time rationing and staffing difficulties and satisfied our appetites. The juniors also will especially remember her for her formation of the Cub Troop which, alas, dies with her. In her passing the School has lost a good and faithful friend — one who managed to smile in spite of all her difficulties.

CRICKET

On the whole, if one judges entirely by the results of the matches, the season has been very disappointing indeed, as can be seen from the accounts of the matches which follow. Yet I feel that the members of the 1st XI, taken individually, have a greater knowledge of stroke play, and of all the finer points of the game, than had their predecessors of the past few years. Owing to the enthusiasm of Mr. Metcalfe, who himself presented the School with sufficient netting to allow of two more alleys in the nets, the XI have had far more individual attention than ever before, and there is no doubt that they showed enthusiasm and gained benefit from the coaching which they received. But unfortunately they appeared to forget it all when they went out into the field to play the few matches which could be arranged for them. Doubtless this was due to "stage fright," which was again due to the fact that they could not have enough match practice, a fault that I hope can be remedied next year, when the coaching which they have had must stand them in good stead.

As in previous years our home matches were played on Marigolds, and our thanks are again due to Mr. Arthur Hills for preparing the wickets for us. Unfortunately the two 1st XI matches against Saffron Walden could not be played, owing to bad weather in the case of the first match and illness in the second.

K. L. D.

The following accounts of the matches are supplied by Mr. Graham.

Harlow C.C. Played on Marigolds on May 12.

Harlow, who fielded a very strong team against the College, won the toss and elected to bat first. The weather was fine and the wicket hard and dry, but somewhat bumpy. Our first two bowlers were Fitch and Stuart, followed by Mr. Dames, Mr. Metcalfe, Bodger and Chambers. Most of the Harlow batsmen were dismissed by catches, Mr. Dames, Mr. Metcalfe, Wickham and Chambers being outstanding in this direction. Harlow's total score was 123, which might have been much more but for excellence of our fielding.

Mr. Metcalfe and Robertson opened the batting for the College and soon developed a healthy respect for the bowling. Mr. Metcalfe went out for 7 to a ball which broke in at least nine inches from the off. Robertson was dismissed by a catch behind the wicket. Bodger's 5 was valuable, while Crouch gave us a pleasant surprise by scoring 11, not out.

The bowling of Debnam and Silcock was, however, of much too high a standard for the rest of the College side, and we were all out for 38. Not a very serious disgrace, if one realises that these two bowlers ran right through some very strong club sides later in the season.

Newport Grammar School.

The weather allowed the team only to travel to Newport and play one or two overs.

The second match was played on Marigolds on June 20. The College won the toss and batted first on a fairly true wicket. Robertson and Crouch opened, but the former was bowled for no runs at the beginning of the second over, by a well pitched ball from Rushant. Crouch departed a few minutes later, having made 4. Stuart made a promising start, and when Newton joined him the score was 15 for 2 wickets. Newton started with a very confident off drive. Stuart was dismissed soon after by a very vicious ball from the leg, having made 13. Wickham then came in and immediately suffered the same fate. Bodger followed and hit two very pretty fours, but just when he looked like stopping the rot he came out to a very tricky ball from Tearle. Newton was next

out to a catch, his score being 6. Whitby made 8 and the rest of the College side brought our final total up to 51.

Fitch opened the bowling for the College and Pluck and Temple opened for Newport. Temple, after making 9, was out to an excellent catch by Chambers. Rushant then came in and stayed until Newport declared at 177 for 1 wicket.

Harlow C.C. Played on Marigolds on July 7.

Harlow batted first and the opening pair, Collins and Sheldrake, made 27 between them before being separated. Crouch proved a difficult man to get out and knocked up 46 before being caught by Whitby. Harlow then went on to bring their total score to 127.

The College failed to take advantage of the loose bowling of the Harlow side and should have made the final score far greater than 82. The running between the wickets was slow and undecided, no less than three men being run out, this, no doubt, being the main cause of our defeat.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Saffron Walden Friends' School (under 14). Played on Marigolds on May 30.

The College batted first and the opening pair, Ball and Dixon, were soon dismissed, and things did not look too healthy for us. Then Drain (captain) and Palmer came in, and in spite of the good bowling and fielding they scored 102 runs between them in 58 minutes, Drain scoring 61 and Palmer 41. The rest of the College side made 37 between them, Baggott II playing a nice innings of 11 not out.

Saffron Walden batted for 15 minutes before tea. When play was resumed some spectacular batting was seen but the College with good fielding and bowling managed to keep the score down. Littleboy (captain) made 29, but the rest could make no more than 42 between them and the side were out for 71. On the whole a very interesting game.

Pishiobury School (15 and under). Played at Pishiobury on June 16.

Pishiobury batted first, Cox and Sealey opening the innings. Sealey was quickly dismissed by Ronalds for no runs. Knapp (captain) followed and his wicket fell to Drain for 1. Cox was the next man out, to a fine catch by Hayworth. From then on wickets fell rapidly, and they were all out for 38.

The College batting opened rather nervously with Baggott and Hayworth, Baggott's wicket falling in the first over for no runs. Hayworth did a little better in making 4. Drain, Palmer, Dixon and Elcome were all out for "ducks" and our hopes for victory seemed doomed until Liley and Grimshaw, making a stand, had just managed to pass the Pishiobury total when Grimshaw was bowled. A very exciting and interesting game.

The return game was played on Marigolds on June 29.

This game proved as exciting as the first, and on this occasion won by the narrow margin of one run.

Drain (captain) won the toss for the College and put his men in the field. Ronalds' bowling was outstanding, since he took 5 wickets for 23, while Drain took 3 wickets for 3 runs. Pishiobury were all out for 49. Baggott and Hayworth opened the batting for the College, and Baggott, though staying long, scored only one, while Hayworth made 6. Russell, who made a good start by hitting his first ball to leg for 2, was unfortunately run out off the next ball. Palmer made a useful 10 and the remainder of the side between them brought the total score up to 48.

Harlow Common School. (14 and under). Played on Marigolds on July 6.

The visitors won the toss and elected to field. The bowling and fielding was not of a very high standard and the College batsmen took full advantage of the fact. Hayworth (captain), with a splendid innings, scored 69. Desprez contributed 28, not out, while Liley made a useful 23. The rest of the side brought the total score up to 135.

Our bowling and fielding proved too good for the Common, and they were all out for 38, Liley and Hayworth bowling in great style, and Desprez making two splendid catches. Both Liley and Hayworth were outstanding in this game.

Fawbert and Barnard School. (14 and under). Played on Marigolds on July 20.

The College won the toss and batted first. Baggott and Hayworth were the first to face the bowling and were dismissed for 5 runs each. With 37 not out Russell made the highest score. Desprez was caught after making a useful 25, including four boundaries. Drain played a useful innings of 20. The rest of the College batted well and the total score was 112.

Our bowling and fielding proved too good for them and they were all out for 45, after batting for 50 minutes. Peppiatt and Fish played a good game and made 18 and 15 respectively. Their bowling also was outstanding.

E. J. G.

Cricket Characters

Newton, Capt. Kept wicket throughout the season and overcame, to a great extent, the excessive use of his legs. In the nets he showed great promise. As confidence in the use of left foot increased, combined with timing and patience, he developed a most pleasing "Off Drive"; he must, however, break the habit of "Playing round the good length ball."

Robertson. After overcoming the habit of "Falling away from the line of flight" he proved that he had the ability of making runs in good style. His "off driving" and "Pulling" to leg were strong shots. His keenness at all times on and off the field was most inspiring.

Stuart. His bowling reached the predicted standard. Fielding was good, and his batting greatly improved as the season progressed.

Bodger. Batting in the nets promised good results. He makes full use of advice given and with experience will develop into a "good bat." Slowness in the field, however, must be overcome.

Wickham. A keen player who has made much progress with the "Ball." His leg breaks, combined with a greater control of length, and his free style of batting make him a very useful member of the team.

Fitch. Bowled well throughout the season. His natural easy delivery, combined with good length and pace off the wicket, makes him a difficult bowler to play. Must develop a greater confidence in his natural ability. Could make a good free hitting batsman.

Whitby. Style in the nets was very good. Footwork and freedom of swing, combined with long reach, promise success in the future. Fielding good.

Crouch. Net play promised good results with the bat but foot work must be improved. Bowled well, keeping a good length. Rather slow in the field.

Chambers. Fielding very good and satisfactory bowling results will be obtained when control of length is mastered. Could develop into a good natural bat.

Baldock. Has shown great improvement in batting during net practice and with experience and confidence in using left foot, combined with freedom of style and his keenness to learn, success must follow.

Drain. A keen promising young player. His bowling, combined with confidence in batting, made him a very useful member of the team. Congratulations upon his winning "The Bat" for 61 runs against Saffron Walden.

J. H. M.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Sports were held on the School field on Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20, the greater part of these days being given up to the many events. Mr. Grubb undertook the organization of the meeting, and he received valuable help from Mr. Metcalfe, both in the matter of marking out the course and in the arranging of the events. The former was a difficult matter since the grass had not been fully cut during the season, owing to the breakdown of the motor mower, yet the field on the day looked quite well, and the results compared favourably with those of any of our "war-time" sports. Events were speeded up by means of an amplifier which Mr. Laing had fixed up on the verandah outside the Staff Room. The weather treated us well, apart from a slight shower which interrupted the proceedings temporarily.

The system of points introduced by Mr. Smith in 1943 was adhered to, with only slight modifications, standard points

being again awarded in order to encourage the "also rans." Beatty repeated their triumph of 1944 by again carrying off the Ansell Cup by a comfortable margin, the final points being as follows:—

Beatty, 98; Nelson, 76; Keyes, 29; Rodney, 29.

The following are the details of the results:—

- 75 Yards, 8—10. 1, Short II; 2, Berry; 3, Sansom. 11 seconds. Standard, 12 seconds. Walkerdine II, Shaw, Stratton, Anderson, Short II, Cox, Streeter, Berry, Johnson, Sansom, Careless, Panrucker II.
- 100 Yards, 10—12. 1, Stout; 2, Dean; 3, Short I. 13.3/5 seconds. Standard, 14.1/5 seconds. Mackenzie, Smith IV, Barltrop, Dean, Stout, Short I.
- 100 Yards, 12—14. Junior. 1, Alcock; 2, Palmer; 3, Thomas II. 13.4/5 seconds. Standard, 13.4/5 seconds. Alcock, Palmer, Thomas II, Drain, Ball, Anson I (during the heats).
- 100 Yards, 14—15. 1, Brooks I; 2, Russell I; 3, Russell II; 13.4/5 seconds. Standard, 13.2/5 seconds. Brooks I and Russell I (in heats).
- 100 Yards, Senior. 1, Bishop; 2, Robertson; 3, Crussell. 12 seconds. Standard, 12.4/5 seconds. Bishop, Robertson, Belben, Stuart, Crussell.
- Long Jump, Junior. 1, Torode; 2, Desprez; 3, Drain; 13' 10½". Standard, 12' 6". Torode, Desprez, Drain, Liley.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior. 1, Chambers; 2, Bishop; 3, Robertson. 72 yards 2' 1". Standard, 60 yards. Chambers, Bishop, Robertson, Brooks I, Baldock, Crussell, Stuart, Newton.
- 220 Yards, 10—12. 1, Liley; 2, Short I; 3, Stammers. Standard, 37 seconds. Liley, Short I, Stammers, Squires.
- 220 Yards, 12—14. 1, Alcock; 2, Desprez; 3, Hayworth I. 34 seconds. Standard, 35 seconds.
- 440 Yards, Senior. 1, Robertson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Bishop. 70 seconds. Standard, 68 seconds.
- Long Jump, up to 10. 1, Brooks II; 2, Sansom; 3, Johnson I; 10' 1½".
- 880 Yards, Senior. 1, Mitchell; 2, Chambers; 3, Power. 2 minutes 39.4/5 seconds. Standard, 2 minutes 40 seconds. Mitchell.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball, up to 14. 1, Desprez; 2, Grimshaw; 3, Ball. Standard, 45 yards. Desprez, Grimshaw,

Ball, Drain, Wood, Fish, Hayworth I, Liley, Palmer, Findlay II.

- High Jump, up to 10. 1, Johnson I; 2, Sansom; 3, Monk. 3' 3". Standard, 3'. Johnson I, Sansom, Monk, Parsons, Anderson.
- Long Jump, Senior. 1, Crussell; 2, Rand; 3, Bishop. 18' 5½". Standard, 14'. Crussell, Rand, Bishop, Calcutt II, Chambers, Mitchell, Buist, Welch I.
- 440 Yards, 14—15. 1, Hare; 2, Brooks I; 3, Grant. 68.4/5 seconds. Standard, 72 seconds. Hare.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball, up to 10. 1, Sansom; 2, Berry; 3, Walkerdine II. 41 yards 11' 4". Standard, 30 yards. Sansom, Berry, Walkerdine II, Shaw, Monk, Stratton, Anderson, Short II, Streeter.
- High Jump, Senior. 1, Wickham I; 2, Belben and Crussell. 4' 5½". Standard, 4' 5". Wickham I.
- High Jump, Junior. 1, Grimshaw; 2, Desprez; 3, Stammers. 4' 7". Standard, 3' 11". Grimshaw, Desprez, Stammers.
- 220 Yards, 14—15. 1, Brooks I; 2, Grant; 3, Russell I. 31.4/5 seconds. Standard, 33 seconds. Brooks I; Grant.
- 220 Yards, 8—10. 1, Sansom; 2, Short II; 3, Walkerdine II. 40 seconds. Standard, 40 seconds. Sansom.
- 220 Yards, Senior. 1, Bishop and Robertson; 3, Rand. 30.4/5 seconds. Standard, 31 seconds. Bishop and Robertson.
- 440 Yards, Junior. 1, Desprez; 2, Thomas II; 3, Anson I. 77.4/5 seconds. Standard, 76 seconds.
- 440 Yards, 10—12. 1, Short I; 2, Barltrop; 3, Briton. 83.2/5 seconds. Standard, 80 seconds.
- Throwing the Discus. 1, Hare; 2, Inman; 3, Chambers. 93'. Three-legged Race, 8—10. 1, Wallis and Streeter; 2, Anderson and Short II; 3, Stratton and Cox.
- Mile—Open. 1, Mitchell; 2, Hare; 3, Chambers. 6 minutes 7.1/5 seconds. Standard, 6 minutes 20 seconds. Mitchell, Hare, Chambers, Power.
- Junior House Relay. 1, Keyes; 2, Beatty; 3, Nelson.
- Senior House Relay. 1, Nelson; 2, Beatty; 3, Keyes and Rodney.
- Tug of War. Nelson beat Beatty; Keyes beat Rodney. Nelson beat Keyes.
- Victor Ludorum—Senior. 1, Bishop, 10 points; 2, Mitchell, 8 points; 3, Chambers, 6 points.
- Victor Ludorum—Junior. Desprez, 15 points.
- Thanks are due to all those who helped as recorders and judges.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The swimming sports were held informally in the Latton Pool on Tuesday, July 24, the organization being in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Graham. The following are the results, the names of Houses being shown by the letters B, N, K and R.

- 50 Yards, free style. 1, Wickham I (N); 2, Brooks I (B); 3, Russell (N).
25 Yards, beginners' race. 1, Chambers (B); 2, Hare (B); 3, Walkerdine I (R).
25 Yards, back stroke. 1, Wickham I (N); 2, Power (N); 3, White I (N).
Beginners' Dive, from side. 1, Hellicar II (K); 2, Walkerdine II (R); 3, Careless (K).
25 Yards, style breast stroke. 1, Wickham I (N); 2, Harrison (K); 3, Hellicar I (K).
Beginners' race, short. 1, Warr (N); 2, Parker-Dennison (N); 3, Dean (B).
Beginners' race, junior. 1, Dean (B); 2, Careless (K); 3, Sharpless (N).
Open Dive, style. 1, Power (N); 2, Wickham I (N); 3, Wood (N).
Comedy Race, 50 Yards. 1, Hellicar I (K); 2, White I (N); 3, Wickham I (N).
Tyre Race, juniors. 1, Johnson I (K); 2, Panrucker II (R).
House Relay, 25 Yards. 1, Nelson; 2, Keyes; 3, Rodney.
St. Nicholas Diving Cup. Power (N).
House Cup. 1, Nelson, 31 points; 2, Keyes, 17 points; 3, Beatty, 12 points; 4, Rodney, 5 points.

During the short bathing season twenty-five boys were taught to swim.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The training throughout the Summer Term was rather aimless owing to the fact that the Certificate 'A' examinations seemed for ever to be "to-morrow," but "to-morrow" never came. We had been informed as long before as February that the date had been fixed, provisionally, but we never got further than the "provisionally," and in consequence enthusiasm naturally began to wane somewhat, especially so as there could be no thought of promotions until some official test of our knowledge had been made. It was fortunate, however, that Sgt.-Major Davies was able to maintain interest at any rate in the rifle, for he was successful in

arranging for every member of the Platoon to fire on the Miniature Range with the Miniature Rifle. Having there gone through their "baptism" all cadets fired the service rifle on the 25 yard range, with varying results, but not with disappointing results if one takes into account the youthful age of the cadets as a whole. Their rifle work culminated in a visit to North Weald range, arranged by Major Edmunds, and enjoyed as much as the visit in 1944. Lack of space forbids details, but promising shooting on the part of Summers I was noted. Expeditions away from the College premises owing to the lack of time and of transport were difficult, but one Map Reading expedition was arranged, whereby the cadets had to make their way to a certain point, known to them only as a map reference, as quickly as possible. The work on the whole was good, though two of the cadets have not yet arrived at the desired spot!

Twelve cadets attended the annual camp at Walton-on-the-Naze, and an account of their week will be found later in these pages.

(Later report added before the copy went to Press).

At last the Certificate 'A' examination came to pass on October 28, and we presented twelve candidates for Part I, and nine for Part II. Congratulations are due to them all, since no failure was recorded. The result was singularly pleasing since seven of those who gained Part II had already taken their Part I in the same day. The following are the names of the successful candidates, in the order of their passing:—

Part I. Cadets Sheldrake, Baldock, Belben, Brooks, Harrison, Power, Grant, White, Calcutt, Abbey, Summers, Bodger.

Part II. Sgt. Crussell; Cadets Baldock, Power, Tyler, Brooks, Bodger, Summers, Belben, Calcutt.

As soon as the results of the examination were made known the following promotions were made:—

Sgt. Crussell to Sgt.-Major; Cadet Baldock to Sgt. Cadets Power and Tyler to Cpl. Cadets Brooks, Bodger, Summers and Belben to L/Cpl.

We have again been fortunate in obtaining the services of Sgt.-Majors Taylor and Davies. The latter has now been posted to us, but unfortunately we have lost Sgt.-Major Taylor ("Peat"), who has been demobilized and is going abroad. Our best wishes, and our gratitude, go with him.

O. C.

Army Cadet Force Camp, July 29 to August 5

Sunday : We arrived at Walton-on-the-Naze Camp at about 2.0 p.m., after a pretty hectic journey. We had no lunch but had to wait until tea-time. After tea we were allowed out into the town until 10.0 p.m. At 10.0 p.m. Lights Out was sounded and the camp was reasonably quiet for first night.

Monday : Reveille was officially 6.30 a.m. but most of the Cadets rose at 4.0 a.m. and some even at 2.30 a.m., this was not repeated. After a wash and kit inspection we had breakfast at 7.45 a.m. After breakfast followed a morning of battle drill until 1 p.m. when we stopped for lunch. The afternoon was taken up with demonstrations.

Tuesday : We rose at 6.30 a.m. and had breakfast. The morning's work consisted of section leading and platoon in the attack. After lunch some cadets went to R.E.M.E. workshops at Chelmsford, and others went to Harwich to sail in minesweepers.

Wednesday : A morning route march not very far, about six miles. An afternoon of more demonstrations.

Thursday : Morning battle drill until lunch. An afternoon of inter-battalion boxing.

Friday : Another route march, about eight miles, with an attack in the middle of it. Another afternoon of boxing finals.

Saturday : Morning of demonstrations including parachutes dropped from a Dakota transport plane. A free afternoon.

Sunday : Departed at 2.45 p.m. after spending a very enjoyable week.

P. J. C.

OLD HARLOVIANS

News and extracts from letters

J. BASKETT, who left us to go to Highgate School, writes that he has much enjoyed his first year there. We congratulate him on his being in the Highgate Shooting VIII which, he tells us, has not been beaten for three years. He has shot against Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Shrewsbury and Glasgow Academy. When he was with us he showed promise when shooting with the A.C.F.

C. W. BUTLER (Staff) became a technical instructor in the R.A.F., but was released at the end of 1941 for work as an explosive chemist with the Ministry of Supply and was posted to the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, where he did not like night shifts. He is now married and has a daughter, aged three. Has been released and is returning to teaching.

H. R. BARNES called on us on the eve of his joining the Army. He had just sat for his Preliminary Examination for the Surveyors' Institute.

M. CHAMBERS has joined a motor engineering firm in Norwich.

T. F. H. CULLUM, Sgt., R.A.F., called on us when on embarkation leave prior to leaving for India, where he expected to be for at least two years.

H. M. DAVIES, Capt. 2nd Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment, hopes to join the Colonial Service as soon as he comes out of the Army.

"Jock" CAIRNS has kept in touch with very many of his old friends, and we hear that he was in Cambridge during August. He did not like his first year in such a large school as Glasgow Academy, where he felt that everything was so impersonal. He would certainly find it hard to know all the boys there so well as he knew us. We now hear that he is rather happier in his work and, as ever, we wish him happiness and success.

MARCEL DEVAUX (1915), who will be remembered as being so good to the "Paris Party" conducted by Messrs. Harper and Hogg, when they visited Rheims, paid a visit to the School in October and called on Mr. Horsey.

W. J. DUFTON, R.A.S.C., called on us when on embarkation leave before sailing for India. He expects to be abroad for at least three years since his group number is 68!

ROY EBSWORTH paid his first visit to the school since he left, in the early part of November. His weak heart would not allow him to join any of the Forces, though he told us that he had managed to persuade the Home Guard to take him on. He is now in the Brewery trade, in Chesham Brewery, having started out in Estate Agency at the be-

ginning of the war. On his visit he was accompanied by I. G. GRANT, who also had not visited us since he left. He had just been demobilized from the O.B.L.I. (Airborne). Took part in 'D' Day operations and after six weeks' service in France was shot through the wrist, a casualty which later caused an early demobilization. On 'D' Day minus one he caught sight of a red-haired W.O. (R.A.F.) who turned out to be ROBERT CHAPIN, but he was not allowed to contact him. Grant is now joining the Decca Record Company, in which he works through a ten-years' course of instruction before going abroad — but he is paid all the time!

J. H. ELPHICK has at last realized his ambition, for when he last wrote to us he was in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, continuing his R.A.F. air crew course which had been interrupted by his being posted to Doodle repair work in London. He likes S. Africa very much indeed and would like to settle down there. He writes, "The other day we went for a lecture on cockpit drill. The officer who took us looked very familiar but he had a moustache and I couldn't quite place him. I kept on staring at him and then I had an idea who it was. Just to make sure I watched him walk, and he was flapper-footed — it was JEFFERYS I. I did not get a chance to speak to him but I made enquiries and found he was one and the same — He seems to have quite the authoritative tone for delivering a lecture, and also seems to have developed quite a sense of humour."

D. M. FRANKLIN, who is awaiting his call-up, has been apprenticed to an electrician in London. He has seen J. J. C. COCKS, who is in the Army.

I. D. GARDINER is to be congratulated on having passed his Inter. B.Sc. (Engineering). He now hopes to get a State Bursary to cover the remaining years of his course. He will take his finals during the next two years. He is continuing his work in the A.C.F. and is now an Under Officer, running a platoon at Barnet. He met Derek ENGEHAM during the summer.

B. JACKSON, now at Dover College, has succeeded in gaining a distinction in Greek in the School Certificate after only one year's work on the subject, an accomplishment generally thought impossible.

Congratulations to G. KELLY on his engagement to Miss Gina Fritchley, who has been on the Staff for the past four

years. Kelly has now completed about half his medical training, and is at the London Hospital.

A. R. T. HANNAH, who visited us in October for the first time since he left us, is now working in Lloyds Bank in Bristol.

R. S. KEITH (known to us as R. Kohn) served first in the Pioneers (meeting G. MOORE at Catterick), later joined the 1st Airborne Division, out of which he was invalided. He is now in the Army Educational Corps, with the rank of sergeant, and visited us when on leave from Naples.

N. F. LOCKYER, who was in the Territorials before the war, was discharged as unfit, owing to a heart weakness, shortly after the outbreak of war. He tried again, shortly after Dunkirk, and managed to get as far as applying for a commission, but unfortunately his original papers caught him up and he was again discharged. After service with the Civil Defence of London he was released and is now House Manager of the Brixton Astoria.

D. R. MALBERT. Lieut. 2nd (Nyasaland) Bn. King's African Rifles, S.E.A.C., writes that he has learnt the tribal language (Chinyanga), which he finds a not uncultivated tongue, and has endeavoured to fathom the complexities of the African mind. He speaks with affection for the black troops whom he leads.

I. MORLEY writes regularly from Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. He was within sight of gaining his wings when he was told, with others on his course, that the only condition on which he could finish the course and get his commission was that he should sign on for three years. This did not appeal to him and now he hopes to get his release and return to England.

J. ROE is now serving on the staff of the Midland Bank (Peckham). He tells us that he is continuing with his scout work.

W. M. SHEERAN has now left Epsom College and is hoping to continue his medical training at St. Mary's Hospital. While at Epsom he gained his 1st XV Colours, playing at full back.

T. J. STUBBING left us to go to Wycliffe College, Glos., where he is settling down well.

R. E. WELLS, of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment ("Desert Rats"), was one of the crew of the leading tank of the British formation in the Four Power Victory Parade held in Berlin on September 7. The tank flew the Regimental flag of General Ellis, carried at Cambrai in 1917, which had been flown to Germany specially for the occasion. Wells, who is a corporal, has served with the "Desert Rats" through the campaign in North Africa, the landing at Salerno, Italy, and later from Normandy to Hamburg.

C. D. B. WHITE, Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F. (1929), has been awarded the D.F.C. for a successful tour of operations with a New Zealand flying squadron.

E. W. HASLER has been selected as a fit candidate for an Indian Army cadetship and expects to go out in the early part of 1946, after having completed his preliminary training at Maidstone.

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The Headmaster wishes to apologize to any Old Harlovians to whose letters he has omitted to reply. He has been very gratified indeed to find that so many wish to keep in touch with the School, and with him, but at times he has found it quite impossible to keep pace with the correspondence, and there may be some to whom he has written after such a delay that they may have passed on far from the original addresses. To them apologies, and thanks, and he hopes that they will continue to write to him.

TO

The Members of The Old Harlovian Club.

It is now three months since the end of the War, and I am very anxious to get the Club into full working order again.

As no doubt you are aware, during the War years, the Club was unable to function in its proper way, and all I was able to do, was to keep you posted with items of interest, by sending you the Magazine.

I think we might reasonably anticipate that the conditions now prevailing will improve to such an extent, that we might have a meeting early in the new year — say March or April — in London, to discuss future activities.

It would therefore be a great help to me *if the Members of the Club, would detach and post the attached card.*

H. BRISTOLL, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.