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## ROLL OF HONOUR

A. RADFORD, Lieut., 6th Bn. Royal Welch (Para Regt.).

A. G. ROSS, Pilot Sergeant, R.A.F.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

### *School Captain:*

A. H. Dawes (Autumn), R. E. Hullett (Spring)

### *Prefects:*

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

### *Sub-Prefects:*

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

*Football Captain:* J. R. I. Hawkins.

*Vice-Captain:* N. W. Porritt.

*Captain of Beatty House:* A. H. Dawes (Autumn),  
R. E. Hullett (Spring).

*Captain of Nelson House:* S. Parks (Autumn),  
N. W. Porritt (Spring).

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

*Captain of Rodney House:* L. Butcher.

## SCHOOL NOTES

On November 25th we very much enjoyed a lecture from Major Buck, of the Inniskillen Fusiliers and late of the 1st Army, who was acting in the capacity of Liaison Officer to Schools in the Eastern Command. He was one of the raciest lecturers we have ever heard, and had many amusing anecdotes to tell us, interspersed with hair-raising accounts of adventures in Tunisia. We do not know now how much salt we had to take with his yarn about the revolving lorry in which he enjoyed a passage down a "precipice." A most amusing and interesting lecture.

A member of the Epping Police visited us on January 21st with a fearsome collection of bombs, British and German, primarily with the purpose of instructing the young as to the danger of meddling with any strange object which may be found about the countryside after enemy air-raids. We looked, we listened and, we hope, we were impressed with the necessity of passing by on the other side when we see metal objects lying about.

During the winter months we have again been fortunate in the matter of cinema shows in the gym. Mr. Buckey, of Pishiobury School, has given much of his time to us, and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude. Amongst the films which we have seen are the following: Arthur Askey in "The Ghost Train"; the Crazy Gang in "Alf's Button Afloat"; Leslie Howard in "Pygmalion" and in "The Scarlet Pimpernel." With each feature picture we have also seen many interesting and instructive Ministry of Information films. On the last night of term, when we were shown "The Scarlet Pimpernel," a presentation, in the form of tobacco and cigarettes, was made to Mr. Buckey by Hullett, representing the School. We were glad to note that Mr. Buckey, in reply, said that he hoped to continue as our entertainer next season.

Some badminton has been played during these two terms. During the Autumn Term the seniors attacked the game with great gusto, and, showing great keenness, gradually progressed from the state of "winders" to the standard from which they dared to challenge the Staff. Unfortunately the match was never completed, and it is not known which of the two teams lacked the confidence to play it out. At any rate, the Staff led in the two-thirds of the match which was completed. At the beginning of the Spring Term two new magnificent rackets appeared, owned by two prefects, and it was hoped that great things would be seen of them. The

instruments have not been seen since, and the seniors left the occupation of the court to the boys in the middle of the school, about twelve of whom took to the game with great enthusiasm. The comparative scarcity of shuttles did not appear to worry them, and they certainly got their money's worth from each one, returning them to the office after the game in a completely bald condition. We wonder whether they ever hit the shuttle on the correct end!

The Sunday evening radiogram concerts have now been somewhat modified, since during the second term of the winter season the venue has been changed to the Headmaster's study, where accommodation will accept only those who are keen. This is a better plan, since the music-lovers can listen in greater comfort and those to whom music is torture do not have it thrust upon them; they can lower their brows to the level of the school radiogram and 'Happidrome' in the School-room.

A further innovation in the week-end entertainment has been the Saturday night parties of prefects and sub-prefects at the Headmaster's House, where we have listened to the Saturday night wireless plays, after consuming tea and cakes. A good season, with some very good plays, interfered with only once by screened reception.

The Savings Club has done its work well during the two terms, spurred on by form half-holidays given every fortnight. During the Autumn Term £203 was subscribed, and the shorter Spring Term brought in £155, raising the grand total since the opening of the branch to £2,189. The forms with the best record were Vb and IIb, and Form I finished up the term in the lead.

Other merit half-holidays have been given this year to promote activities and habits other than that of saving. To spur on the work of the forms four half-holidays have been granted during this last term to the forms with the best average of marks in the periodical mark lists. Va twice took this, Vb once, and the Upper Remove snatched the last one of the term. As it is generally thought that a tidy mind thrives best in tidy surroundings, a bait of a form half-holiday has also been given every fortnight to that form who have taken the best care of their own classroom and of their own desks. In this competition Form IV have topped the list on each occasion, in spite of the fact that all the boarders have had access to their room. Two of the forms during the term have gone further than mere tidiness by redecorating their own rooms

in the intervals between decorating their own persons. Incidentally there has been a change in classrooms, in that the Art Room is now to be found where previously the Lower Remove "worked," while the Lower Remove have taken the classroom in the Schoolroom, next to IV. This has certainly been a step forward as far as the Art of the School is concerned, while possibly the Lower Remove have done a fraction more work now that they are nearer the Staff Room!

We have said good-bye to a friend in the person of the Rev. H. C. Hargreaves, the late Vicar of Harlow, and we welcome in his place the Rev. G. Bevin. Mr. White, however, remains with us as Chaplain, visiting us once weekly, taking our Scripture lessons and preparing our candidates for Confirmation. Before Mr. Hargreaves left the parish he made it possible for our great ambition to be achieved since he asked the School to take entire charge of one Sunday morning service each month in St. John's. In this service no part was taken by anyone not connected with the School. Furthermore, on one Sunday during the Autumn Term we were asked to go up to St. Mary's and take the service there. The Headmaster preached the sermon, and Hawkins and Jackson read the lessons, while the choir much enjoyed singing in a building so much better acoustically than St. John's. The choir is strong in numbers and is gradually strengthening in confidence, tone and volume, but we lack basses and tenors, as is natural in a school of boys so young.

Amongst those Prisoners of War repatriated during the autumn were two of our own Old Boys, Ronnie Wood and Frank Stapleton. On the 29th October the former came up to the School and told us all many interesting things concerning his own experiences. Amongst other things, he emphasized, as so many others have done, the fact that had it not been for the parcels received through the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Prisoners of War Fund they would never have survived the first two years of their captivity, so scarce and bad was the food. He spoke so feelingly of this that he aroused amongst us all an intense desire to do our little bit. The result, up to the end of March, has been that the School have contributed £31, *i.e.*, enough to provide 62 parcels. The boys themselves contributed £21 10s. 0d. of this sum, organizing the collections from each form. The Upper Remove led the way with 15 parcels, followed by IIb with 6, Vb, Lower Remove and IIa with 4 each, IV and I with 3 each, Va and III with 2.

## FOOTBALL

This season the School has been handicapped by the absence of an experienced coach, and the 1st XI has been left to look after itself. Several of last year's prominent players had left, and there were many gaps to be filled. In the Autumn Term play was gradually improving, but was by no means satisfying, and the School received several severe beatings from old rivals. In the Spring Term, however, play improved, and after continued practice the School won and drew their last two matches respectively. Several promising players remain in the School, and next year's team should be better with practice and coaching. It is felt, however, that greater support for the School football would be welcome from the Day Boys. There are but a handful of them who pull their weight, and on one occasion, when the pitch was passed to them for their own use, they had to borrow Boarders to make up their game.

### 1st XI MATCHES

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

The College lost the toss, kicked off, lost the ball, and were one goal down. They then came to their senses and held Newport out for about fifteen minutes, but after this interval Newport scored steadily until five minutes before half-time, when with a terrific effort the College went up the field and Parks put in an unstoppable shot. The score then stood at 5—1. In the second half Newport scored when they liked, and the score at the final whistle stood at 13—1. Only Hullett, Porritt and Chambers played up to standard, the last-named playing as well as anyone on the field.

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

The College put up a far better show in this game, and if they had taken all their chances they would have made Newport fight for it, for the first half was very evenly contested, the score at half-time being 2—2. Then the College defence cracked again and allowed Newport to put on four more goals without reply. Again Hullett played an excellent game at centre-half, and Chambers played to his utmost from whistle to whistle. On the whole a better show.

#### *Saffron Walden Friends' School (away)*

The College started well by scoring in the first ten minutes, but vocal support from the touch-line had the desired effect, and our opponents scored once before half-time with a neat passing movement. After half-time S.W.'s left wing,

who was left almost entirely to himself by our backs throughout the game, proved too good for us and scored three times before the final whistle, bringing the score to 4—1. Although the score indicates a heavy defeat, the play for the most part was in the centre of the field. Neither side had much idea of marking and positioning, but S.W. took their chances while we ignored ours. Hawkins played well and was responsible for our only goal with a well-placed shot.

*Netteswell Army Cadet Force (home).*

Our opponents were comparatively large and used their weight to the full advantage. The result was another heavy defeat for the College, the score being 7—1, chiefly the result of brawn rather than skill.

*Saffron Walden Friends' School (home)*

With the advantage of our own field, which is considerably smaller than S.W.'s, the College improved on their previous display and would undoubtedly have won if the forwards had taken all their chances. Anderson at outside right played his best game of the season, and put across many very good centres which were unfortunately ignored by our inside forwards. Hullett and Chambers did good work in the half-back line, and were well supported by Brooks. A good game, lost only by the odd goal in five.

SPRING TERM

*Saffron Walden Friends' School (away)*

Although play was for the most part in our opponents' half, lack of shooting practice was our undoing, for again S.W. took advantage of their few chances and ran out the winners, 3—0. Chambers was awarded his colours for his excellent play in this match.

In the return match, on our ground, the College made a real effort and managed to win their first match after a very enjoyable and evenly contested game. 4—3.

In the final match of the season the College gave a better game to Netteswell A.C.F. Play was for the most part in the centre of the field, and six goals were evenly divided.

1st XI CHARACTERS

HAWKINS (*Captain*, Inside or Outside Left).—Fast. Always has good control over the ball but is inclined to go too far up-field, holding the ball too long and making the shooting angle harder.

PORRITT (*Vice-Captain*, Inside Right).—Kicks wildly and needs shooting practice. Passes fairly accurately when not in too much of a hurry, but generally holds the ball too long and should pass sooner.

HULLETT (*Colours*, Centre-half).—A useful player. Tackles well, and with Chambers held the rest of the defence together. Clears rather high and makes the ball difficult to control. Won colours in Autumn Term.

CHAMBERS (*Colours*, Left-half).—Strong point is tackling and speed and "going all out." His only fault is slight inaccuracy in passing. Should be a very useful player when he puts on inches. Won colours in Spring Term.

BUTCHER (*Colours*, Back or Goal).—More successful as a goalkeeper. Controls ball well, but is inclined to come out too often, and too far. Should dive more quickly for low shots. Colours awarded at end of season.

ANDERSON (Right Wing).—Improved greatly in second term. Rather slow to start, but fast when he gets away. Centres well.

CROUCH (Left Wing).—Improved in latter half of season, but takes the ball too far upfield.

WHITBY (Centre-forward).—Is slow and needs shooting practice. Passes intelligently and should be good when he puts on weight.

BUIST (Right-half).—Too small at present, but with experience and more confidence will be a useful defender. The same can be said of Brooks, who played in this position during the first term.

RAND (Right Back, 2nd term).—Fast and tackles moderately well, but does not kick accurately enough.

ROBBINS (Left Back).—Lacks speed, but marks his man fairly well.

*Also played:—*

PARKS (Centre-forward, 1st term).—Disappointing and slow. Misses too many sitters.

SANDELL (Right Back, 1st term).—Keen: tackles well, but is rather slow and does not mark his man closely enough.

CALCUTT II and STUART (Goal).—Both very keen and should do well when they grow.

MITCHELL (Back).—Rather inaccurate, and miskicks.

#### HOUSE MATCHES. PLAYED DURING THE AUTUMN TERM

Beatty beat Nelson 4—0, beat Keyes 5—0, beat Rodney 4—1.

Rodney beat Keyes 7—1, beat Nelson 4—2.

Keyes beat Nelson 1—0.

Beatty, Champion House, lost to The Rest 2—4.

#### HOUSE SIXES. PLAYED DURING THE SPRING TERM

(1 goal = 3 points, 1 corner = 1 point)

Beatty beat Nelson 19—3, beat Keyes 16—4, beat Rodney 7—0.

Rodney beat Nelson 11—1.

Nelson beat Keyes 9—0.

Keyes beat Rodney 10—4.

J. H. and R. E. H.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

The season commenced with much enthusiasm, and several form matches took place in the Junior School. In these, Form III was beaten by Lower Remove and tied with IIa. Liley (III) was first man home in both.

A number of short trial runs in the Park and to the Sand-pits preceded our first senior match. This took place at Saffron Walden over a rather gruelling course. We were handicapped by the withdrawal of Chambers owing to injury and off-days experienced by two of our best men. The result was a clear victory for Saffron Walden by 17 points to 48. Hullett put up a good performance to return fourth, in 19.16, while our other scoring men were Davies i (9), Mitchell (10), Graham i (11), and Power (14).

The return match at Harlow was enlivened by the addition of a team from Newport Grammar School. Again a beautiful day made the race an enjoyable spectacle. Soar (17.31) and Powell of Saffron Walden were again first home, and they were followed by Hullett and Hawkins, Chambers (9), Davies i (11), and Mitchell (18) completed our score, and the match ended in another victory for Saffron Walden with 25 points. Harlow was second at 45, and Newport third at 52. Hullett's time, 17.59, represents a School record for this course, while both Hawkins and Chambers beat the best trial time.

C. J. L. P.

#### SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

Competition this year was very keen, and although the victory of Beatty in both Senior and Junior races was easily foreseen, all competitors tried to improve their team position. Conditions were dry and quite mild, and the times were good.

In the Senior race Hullett soon took the lead and increased the gap, finishing 40 seconds ahead of Chambers. Davies i, who was running fifth at half distance, pulled up to third place, and Fitch and Crouch ran well to take fifth and sixth places. Hawkins was fourth.

Drain, Desprez, Hare and Liley, who had trained regularly, well deserved the first four places in the Junior race. Liley was just beaten at the post by Hare, whilst Drain and Desprez ran closely for first and second places, setting a fast pace.

The recording of the complete results and times given below was made possible by the assistance of Messrs. Hill and Orton and Miss Sims, who acted as recorder and time-keepers.

*Senior Race* (Distance 3.1 miles).—1 Hullett (B), 18.10; 2 Chambers (B), 18.50; 3 Davies i (R), 19.25; 4 Hawkins (B), 19.35; 5 Fitch (K), 20.3; 6 Crouch (K), 20.8; 7 Porritt (N), 20.12; 8 Welch i (R), 20.13; 9 Mitchell (N), 20.15; 10 Baldock (B), 20.31; 11 Power (N), 20.33; 12 Buist (B), 20.44; 13 Robertson (R), 21.31; 14 Stuart (N), 21.26; 15 Hellicar i (K), 21.31; 16 Bishop (B), 21.34; 17 James (K), 21.36; 18 Whitby (R), 21.44; 19 Bodger (B), 22.3; 20 Rand (N), 22.13; 21 Hasler (K), 22.16; 22 Collins ii (K), 22.16 2/5; 23 Southgate (R), 22.29; 24 Anderson (R), 22.58; 25 Calcutt ii (B), 23.13; 26 Congdon (K), 23.30; 27 Crussell (B), 23.30 2/5; 28 Payze (R), 23.39; 29 Belben (K) and West (R), 25.22; 31 Roe i (N), 25.50; 32 White i (N), 26.57; 33 Stephens (N), 30.15.

The scoring teams were four runners.

*House Scores.* — Beatty 17 (16 points), Keyes 43 (4 points), Nelson 41 (12 points), Rodney 42 (8 points).

Thus the last three places were very evenly contested.

*Junior Race* (Distance 1.7 miles).—1 Drain (B), 10.17; 2 Desprez (B), 10.18; 3 Hare (B), 10.20; 4 Liley (N), 10.20 1/5; 5 Brooks i (B), 10.22; 6 Channon (B), 10.40; 7 Stammers (N), 10.47; 8 Williams (N), 10.56; 9 Brazier (B), 10.57; 10 Elcome (B), 11.7; 11 Jackson (B), 11.12; 12 Bird (K), 11.17; 13 Thomas ii (N), 11.22; 14 Waterfield ii (N), 11.30; 15 Sheldrake (R), 11.42; 16 Sefton (N), 11.50; 17 Baggott i (B), 11.57; 18 Inman (B), 12.2; 19 Anson i (B), 12.7:

20 Grant (K), 12.8; 21 Thomas i (N), 12.17; 22 Alcock i (B), 12.20; 23 Palmer (R), 12.21; 24 Anson ii (B), 12.24; 25 Russell i (N), 12.46; 26 Abbey i (B), 12.50; 27 Mills (N), 12.51; 28 Baggott ii (B), 12.52; 29 Hellicar ii (K), 13.2; 30 Smith ii (N), 13.15; 31 Burrige (B), 13.18; 32 Foulkes (K), 13.22; 33 Summers ii (N), 13.23; 34 Davison (B), 13.41; 35 Wickham ii (N), 14.7; 36 Rowe ii (N), 14.13; also ran, Filby (K).

The scoring teams were six runners, so that only Beatty and Nelson scored.

*House Scores.*—Beatty 26 (16 points), Nelson 62 (12 points).

The score is obtained by adding the positions of the first six runners in each House in the Junior race and the first four in the case of the Senior.

The final House points for both Senior and Junior races are therefore: Beatty 32, Nelson 24, Rodney 8, Keyes 4.

These points go towards the athletic points in deciding the House Athletic Cup.

R. H. S.

### ARMY CADET FORCE

After their triumph in the Certificate A, Part 1, at the end of the Summer Term, the Platoon embarked upon the training for Part 2 at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and although but a few would be eligible by age to take this exam. during the course of the year, it was decided that the whole platoon, with the exception of the recruits, of whom there were seven, should proceed with the training as if they had passed the first part. In all probability the greater part of the platoon would have passed in July last had they been old enough, but unfortunately a cadet must have reached the age of fifteen before he may take the first part, and may not take the second until a year later. Consequently many of our cadets leave us as soon as they become qualified to instruct. Perhaps before long the authorities may see their way to lowering the age, or else the training may become rather irksome to those cadets who join the platoon at an early age.

The main difference between the two courses is that in Part 1 the cadet is taught as a member of a platoon or section, especially in Drill and Field Intelligence, while in Part 2 he is taught to lead and to give instruction. Field Intelligence becomes Section Leading, Drill is continued with the addition of Arms Drill, and the cadet is expected to give instruction therein, while instruction in the use of the Light

Machine Gun, in our case the Sten, is added to the course on the Rifle, and Map Reading now includes the use of the Army Protractor and Compass, in our case none of the former and one of the latter. All these we have done, and the majority of the platoon would be quite prepared to take both examinations on the one day. Naturally, through the winter months all instruction has been given indoors, except on very few occasions, and it has been noticed that if there should be any rain during the week we have our ration on Wednesdays, much to the disgust of Sgt.-Major Taylor, who has had many schemes literally washed out. It is to be hoped that during the Summer Term we shall be able to do more of our work in the open.

Again we express our great gratitude to the Home Guard for their valuable assistance, and especially to Sgt.-Majors Davies and Taylor. For two parades, when Sgt.-Major Taylor was attending a course, Capt. Simmonds, the Adjutant, came over and took his classes.

Sgt. Porritt and L/C Crussell have attended a course on Physical Training, held at Epping during week-ends, and they acquitted themselves well, passing out first in their respective age groups.

During the Autumn Term all cadets again fired a short course on the Home Guard miniature range. The following are the scores:—

	Grouping Application		Total
	25	20	45
L/C Sandell ...	25	12	37
Anderson ...	25	12	37
Baldock ...	20	17	37
L/C Porritt ...	20	14	34
L/C Hawkins ...	20	14	34
Butcher ...	15	17	32
Basket ...	15	16	31
Newton ...	15	12	27
Collins i ...	15	11	26
Collins ii ...	15	10	25
Warboys ...	15	9	24
Sgt. Parks ...	20	3	23
Weal ...	10	12	22
Crussell ...	10	10	20

	Grouping Application		Total
Stuart ... ..	10	9	19
Robertson ... ..	10	7	17
Chambers ... ..	—	17	17
* Bodger ... ..	—	12	12
Tyler ... ..	—	10	10
* Baggott ... ..	—	10	10
Jackson ... ..	—	8	8

Belben and Hasler absent.

*Promotions.*—To be Lieutenant, No. 50631 2/Lieut. K. L. Dames, 1/9/43; to be Sgt., No. 213899 L/C Porritt, N. W.; 1/2/44; to be L/C, No. 213906 Cdt. Crussell, P. J., 1/1/44.

We congratulate Gardiner and Sheeran on their passing Part 2 of Certificate A. The former is serving with a K.R.R.C. unit, while Sheeran is with the J.T.C. of Epsom College. They both now are promoted to L/Corporal, having had to revert to Cadet on joining their new units. Gardiner was to be seen on duty at the A.C.F. Exhibition at Selfridges during the Easter holiday. O. C.

#### AIR TRAINING CORPS

During the past six months "B" Flight (Harlow) has lost many of its key men. Altogether about twelve have entered the Royal Air Force. It is significant that since the war commenced nine Old Boys from the School who were in the A.T.C. are now flying, or being trained to fly. We all wish them the very best of luck.

An inter-squadron competition is now in progress, points being awarded for attendance at parades, proficiency, etc. At the moment Ongar is in the lead, with Harlow a close second, and Epping last by a long way. With a little effort at sports and games Harlow hopes soon to gain the lead.

The whole of the Flight went to — Aerodrome during the Spring Term. This is an American Station, where everything is done with great speed. All the time we were there we did not see a single airman slacking or lounging. Whilst we were still on the 'drome thirty-six planes took off for a sortie over France. They all returned with very good results.

Nearly every week the A.T.C. have been guests or hosts to the wounded soldiers at Hillingdon Hospital. Many exciting games of table-tennis and darts, etc., have been played.

Since the Harlow College stalwarts left the A.T.C. to enter the R.A.F. the Flight has suffered in the football line. However, Hullett, the School centre-half, plays for the Flight team whenever he is available, strengthening it considerably.

On the whole the Flight has had a very successful year, with many members passing their phase "A" and proficiency tests.

J. G. L.

#### SCOUTS

After the adventure of summer camp the Scouting of the winter months is liable to become a little tame and to lose its outdoor quality. To avoid this we have tried to get wood-craft and variety into our meetings. During the autumn tree-felling and logging enabled us to raise half a guinea for the Baden Powell Memorial Fund. The Scouts continued their Salvage collection rather unobtrusively—perhaps because the uniform was not in evidence. Despite war-time difficulties all Scouts should endeavour to obtain a uniform. Many of its articles can be used for ordinary wear, especially shorts. The term ended with our customary Scout party. Food and coffee, provided with the kind assistance of Miss Hughes, was followed by games and patrol items on the stage. Despite everything gay party hats were again made, many designs original and well executed. We might raise some funds that way some day when paper becomes more plentiful.

During the Spring Term, despite prolonged drought, rain and cold seemed to be reserved for Wednesday afternoons. Badgework continued, although at a rate far too slow to please skipper. We are a self-training organization, so that our present large numbers are not an asset. Patrol leaders and the more experienced scouts must work really hard at their scout badgework to keep ahead of the others and act as instructors. A few faithful workers have tackled the scout gardens, but more should be done. The hut, too, will require attention next term.

We congratulate P.L.s Roe and Power, who have obtained their artist badges, and Scouts Baggott, Alcock and Thomas ii, who have passed their Tenderfoot and have joined the brotherhood of the Scouts. The path lies open to others perhaps less venturesome who have not yet taken their promise as Scouts. It is a big step and a difficult path, but well worth the effort.



Spring was kind to us on Saturday, March 25th, for our end-of-term hike, which was in a north westerly direction to Eastwick Wood, a total distance of about ten miles. The three P.L.s who came and gave in reports all stressed the lunch, fried over wood fires, and the great thirst as outstanding features. It was a good hike. S. M.

### HOCKEY

Despite the fact that there is no real or suitable ground on which to play hockey in the School, many very exciting games have been played on the playground.

The senior boys asked the Headmaster if he would revive hockey during the Spring Term, and he willingly agreed.

At first "sticks" and "turning on the ball" frequently occurred, but after a few games we managed to control our "swiping" efforts and hit the ball first time and pass fairly accurately.

Naturally we learnt a lot from Mr. Dames, who, despite his age, plays a game much too fast and accurate for us. He usually baffles two or three boys at a time, giving us hardly time to turn our heads.

However, after a few games we were able to give Mr. Dames a fairly good game with a good team composed of boys on one side, with Mr. Dames and a fairly good team on the other. The teams were usually very well matched, and in the last game Mr. Dames' team was just beaten by 3 goals to 2, which showed that we had improved.

The games would usually end with everyone nearly dead and blinded, for, in addition to the fact that the game was extremely fast, if a boy happened to miss the ball he would either send up a shower of dirt and stones, or miss even the latter and in consequence give "sticks."

We, that is Mr. Dames, Hawkins, Lane, Porritt, Crussell, Baldock, Buist, Baskett, Channon, Stuart, Tyler, Bodger, Inman, Roe i and Hullett, were always glad of a game, even though we were filthy when we finished. Luckily there was no bad accident during the term, although Crussell managed to put his head in the way of Lane's stick on one occasion; but only a bruise arose.

We shall always look forward to more games of hockey during next season, with, we hope, a better field to play on, and perhaps this "playground hockey" will be the father of grass hockey at some future date, when we can form our own team to play our football opponents, Saffron Walden Friends' School. R. E. H.

### CUBS

The cold weather has prevented the Pack having the usual half-day hike this term, but the Cubs are hoping for two instead of one next term. The Cubs have been working hard for their 1st and 2nd stars—also they have had some "six" competitions which they have much enjoyed, thanks to the help and co-operation of some of the staff. Sixer Stuchbery and Cub Streeter have gained their 1st Star, four more Cubs have very nearly reached their Star, but are finding skipping a very great difficulty. Stuchbery—Sixer of the Blue Six—has gained his 2nd Star—congratulations to him. He is the first Cub in the Pack to have gained this Star.

V. M. Hughes,  
G. Fritchley,  
Assistant Cubmistresses.  
P. Sims, Akela.

### HANDICRAFTS

Inspired largely by the skill shown by a number of boys in model aeroplane building, an attempt was made at the formation of a Handicraft Club at the beginning of the Winter Term. The response exceeded all expectations, and difficulties soon arose in the matter of the supply of raw materials, especially wood, to work upon. Thanks to the generosity of a number of boys, and to the enthusiasm of Miss Sims, there was sufficient timber, of sorts, to meet all ordinary demands for the whole of the term.

Interest was diverted from 'planes to ships, the latter lending themselves more readily to the principal "timber" available—wooden garden labels. The result was that there was not a label to be bought in any Harlow shop, and some boys, it is rumoured, began work upon labels which bore obvious signs of having once served a useful purpose in the garden.

An exhibition was held just before the Christmas recess, at which work of outstanding merit was displayed by the Upper Remove, Porritt (Vb) senior prize-winner for the best model, a most realistic trawler, Short i (IIa)—junior prize-winner—and Lane (Va). W. N. H.

### CHESS

During Michaelmas Term there was great activity amongst the boarders. Keen interest was shown, especially amongst the younger boys, and it was eventually found possible to form two leagues. Unfortunately, towards the end of the term there was an epidemic of losing small but essential

pieces from the sets, with the result that games have recently had to be discontinued. Boys are reminded, particularly those in the Third and Removes, that with the present shortage of chessmen, much greater care will have to be taken of the sets. Some of the seniors have reached quite a good standard of play. Hawkins in particular is worthy of mention.

G. O.

## OLD HARLOVIANS

### NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

*J. E. Sanderson* (1931-1934), 1183021, F/Sgt., R.A.F. Station, Skitten, Nr. Wick, Caithness, Scotland, writes that he joined the R.A.F. in early 1940 as a clerk, in which capacity he remained for a year. He then decided to try his hand at flying, and managed to pass the medical and the Selection Board. He was sent to America for his pilot training, spending three months there, but finding that he was not cut out to be a pilot. He appeared before a Re-Selection Board, who gave him eighteen months at various schools in Canada on an Observer's Course. During his leaves he fitted in a lot of sightseeing, and was fortunate enough to include the Niagara Falls in his visits. In Montreal he saw Herbert Marshall broadcasting from the stage of one of the theatres. He tried to get into touch with him, but Herbert Marshall had to rush off after the broadcast. Later he had a card from him offering his apologies. Finally he passed all his courses and gained his Observer's wing, after which he returned to this country in April of last year, being posted to an Operational Unit of Coastal Command. He is now married to Miss Doreen Elizabeth Sims, also of West Wickham.

*J. G. Horder* (1915-1923), S/Lieut., R.N.V.R., 12 Wheellys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15, called at the School during last summer holidays. He went down in H.M.S. *Edinburgh*, was rescued, reached Russia, Murmansk, and returned to England in 1942 after spending some time in Russia.

*T. Cullum* (1935-1941) has visited the School on several occasions. He has now passed his Bankers' Exam., but does not like the life and will be thankful when his call-up for the R.A.F. comes.

*I. Morley* (1940-1943) passed his Initial Training in the 'Varsity Course at Oxford. He then proceeded on one month's disciplinary training. A later letter told us that he had proceeded to his E.F.T.S., where at the time of his writing the weather was too bad for flying. He does not like guard duties. Still later he reported himself as being at Cambridge, so he has sampled both Universities. He had finished his twelve hours' flying, but no solo owing to bad weather. V. good mark for his twelve hours' test.

*F. E. Whitby* (1936-1941), A.C.2, visited us in October last after three months on wireless in Ireland. He found it most interesting, but not easy. In March of this year we saw him again. He was then quartered in London, not very far away from a large concert hall conspicuous by its dome. With him came *G. N. Phillips* (1933-1940), who is still in a bank in Epping and is very tired of deferment.

*R. Wykes* (1933-1936) is now with the R.A.F. in India as a Wireless Mechanic.

*I. G. Gardiner* (1939-1943) has gone to the Northampton Engineering College in Clerkenwell, where he is studying for his B.Sc. and takes Inter. in two years' time. He has now passed Certificate "A," Part 2.

*P. Green* (1942-1943) is now at the Brighton Technical College, taking a course in Building and Architecture.

*J. J. C. Cocks* (1933-1942) and *A. J. Findlay* (1939-1941) have visited us. The former is working with Kodaks and the latter with Osram Lamps.

*W. Sheeran* (1941-1943), after taking his School Certificate with us, proceeded to Epsom College, where he is reading for the Higher School Certificate and Medical Prelim. Although he reverted from the rank of prefect to that of "small fry," he is thoroughly enjoying it all. He has won his boxing colours.

*B. R. Browne* (1930-1936), previously a Captain in the Wiltshires, has now transferred to the Parachutes.

*C. T. B. Hockley* (1936-1941) has finished his training in Radiolocation.

*R. Wells* (1932-1939) is in the C.M.F. with the 1st Royal Tank Regiment, 7th Armoured Division ("The Desert Rats").

*M. F. Willy* (1931-1940) has written to us twice. In November he told us that he failed to become a Pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and that he had completed his initial Observer Training, which he had found intensely interesting in spite of

his natural weakness in Maths. In that month he went overseas to complete his training, and in April we again heard from him, from one of the islands leased to the U.S.A. He expects to be back in England before the end of this summer. He does not like reveille at 4.30. He has played cricket, tennis, and has enjoyed swimming. He has been in touch with Willmott (D), Tilley and Elphick. A/LA Willy, M.F. FX 95934, Hut 74, H.M.S. *Goshawk*, c/o G.P.O., London.

A. J. Tilley (1937-1940), R.A.F., has been in Blackpool doing general duties. He had been found psychologically unfit for flying and was too young for another course for which he had applied. Willy tells us he is rather despondent about the possibility of being transferred to the Navy.

A. J. Ritchie (1931-1940) has had a strenuous course at Derby, has been on a R.E.M.E. course and, when he wrote in November, was expecting to be posted to a R.E.M.E. unit. He was engaged on Orderly Room work and liked the life. He had met J. Dellow somewhere. We heard from him again in May. He was then "somewhere on the East Coast" waiting for the signal. He had spent the previous six months in Salisbury, where he had thoroughly enjoyed life, meeting many good friends and mixing very much in the musical world, to the extent of learning the flute to play in the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra. (He says he had good insight to good music at school). 14434431 Cfn. Ritchie, A. J., 7 Armoured Troops Workshops, R.E.M.E., Army Post Office, England.

A. Forbes (1939-1943), now at Fettes College, wrote in November that he had to take a cold shower every morning.

G. Moses (1938-1940) is now G. S. Moore, Trooper in the R.A.C., 13116413, 141 Troop, D Squadron, 55 Tr. Reg. R.A.C., Elles Barracks, Farnborough, Hants. He came to see us in December last.

F. S. Eldridge (Staff, 1939-1940) is now on the Staff of Dunstable School where, amongst other activities, he runs the School Savings Club. He writes that Mr. Hogarth is now in Ceylon and hopes to get his commission. Ashton Lodge, Dunstable School, Beds.

S. F. Browne (1931-1937), Capt., Wiltshire Regt., writes that he has been keeping fit in India. He spent Raymond Browne's 20th birthday with him.

D. Valder (1936-1942) is now training for the Merchant Navy.

T. A. Cox (1941-1942) has just returned from his Pilot's Course (Fleet Air Arm) in Canada, with the rank of Midshipman (A), R.N.V.R. He visited the School in April, just prior to proceeding to Operational Training.

E. W. R. Brazier (1929-1937) has returned from South Africa with his Bomb Aimer's Wing, and has now been promoted to Flight Sergeant. He is engaged to be married.

J. B. R. Brazier (1934-1941) has been accepted for Air Crew, but in February had not yet been called up, much to his annoyance.

R. D. Browne, Capt., 2nd Goorka Rifles, received his captaincy at the early age of twenty. All three brothers are now captains, and it will be interesting to see which wins the race for the majority. He writes full of enthusiasm and admiration for the Gurkhas. "I am immensely proud," he writes, "to be able to say that I have been with these grand little 'hill men,' and if I am fortunate enough to see action with Gurkhas I can say truthfully that I could not wish for more cheerful or courageous troops. Having been used to a life of hardship, and sometimes starvation, in their country of Nepal, they have a great ability to adapt themselves to the most difficult conditions, and at the same time be as light-hearted as if they were living in the lap of luxury."—Raymond writes that he spent his joining leave with Struan, during which he had some excellent shooting on elephants, managing to bag a crocodile.

R. Smith (1939-1941) now has a commission in the Royal Marines.

D. M. Williams (1936-1942) is in the Royal Navy.

A. M. Willmott (1934-1942) has very nearly completed his training on the *Worcester*, where he is doing very well, evidently finding nautical maths a very different proposition from Va School Certificate maths.

D. L. Willmott (1934-1940), in the Merchant Navy, has seen most of the world, and prefers the voyage to New Zealand to the short trip to the States.

J. A. Norris (1932-1937) is married and has one daughter. He is at present in Sicily.

J. C. Langer (1933-1935) is well and happy with the Recce Corps in N. Africa.

P. J. Walford (1933-1938) is back in England after being in Africa, Malta and Italy. He is on Liaison Staff (Gliders) on an English aerodrome.

*G. F. C. Stephenson* (1938-1941) has just been posted as an Air Gunner. He visited us during the spring.

*J. H. Elphick* (1936-1941), R.A.F., has finished his I.T.W.

*Mr. W. Robson* (Staff) is now training on Mosquitoes. He has met

*A. Watts* (1934-1937), who is a sergeant in the R.A.F.

*Mrs. Ridley James*, known to the School as Miss Sheila Kerans, has a son.

*T. G. M. Silvester* (1936-1939), who held a commission in the K.S.L.I., has been invalided out owing to an accident. He is now with a business firm in London.

*C. B. Stansbury* (1927-1934), Paymaster-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., was married on October 10th in America to Ensign Margaret Guinn Barksdale, U.S.N.R. He had been in America for about eight months, and was hoping to be back in England for Christmas.