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SCHOOL NOTES.

This term may fairly be described as memorable. It has been the coldest, the most uneventful and the shortest in the memory of the Abingdonian. We are revealing no secret of national importance in stating that for the first half no games at all—if we except skating and kindred diversions—were possible; even the oarsmen were denied their exercise owing to the freezing of the river. When the 'great cold' abated came the German measles, surely the most enjoyable of all ailments for a schoolboy, with no discomfort and no work. Though we were more fortunate than many schools, even German measles meant no matches and little sporting activity for us to report. Finally the incidence of an early Easter prompted the curtailment of Term by a few days to be compensated by an earlier start of next term, which

will certainly be longer, and, we hope, warmer and more eventful than this.

On the credit side, we welcomed heartily the early return of 'Summer Time,' alleviating the discomfort of the black-out: and if we make no other reference to the War it is not because we are indifferent but because everything that there is to be said is daily said more fully and more properly elsewhere.

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We congratulate A. C. Dean on his recent election to the Pembroke Scholarship: and T. M. Bowerman on passing the School Certificate Examination in December last.

In the Christmas Term 1st XV Colours were awarded to H. J. Clarke, H. B. Bailey, G. S. Moss, and B. Arundale, and 2nd XV Colours

to D. G. E. Holme, J. A. M. Green, J. M. Leftwich, G. E. T. Trudgian, D. B. West, J. G. Calvert-Fisher, S. M. B. Lane, H. G. Elphick and G. Farnsworth.

The 'Lin' Cup for Senior House Football was won by Red, and the Robinson Cup for Juniors by Blue.

The following boys were Confirmed by the Bishop of Dorchester on Sunday, November 26th: W. R. Keen, J. H. Oliver, P. D. Anag, R. D. Gibaud, G. D. Wells, A. C. Randle, D. R. A. Whidborne, T. V. Bowditch, K. Donkin, E. R. Leigh-Parkin, A. E. Robinson, R. H. Marshall, J. L. Taylor, G. Farnsworth and N. J. Pryor.

The Prefects this term were:

Captain of the School and Head of the House, A. C. Dean. School Prefects: R. Hedger, G. W. Povey, H. J. Clarke, J. G. Calvert-Fisher, W. R. Keen, H. G. Elphick (Waste Court). Sub-Prefects: D. G. Carter, E. O. Jones, W. J. Eeles, J. A. M. Green, T. J. Foy, D. A. Culmer, G. D. Wells, J. M. Leftwich, B. Arundale and G. H. Lewington.

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In the current number of the *School Science Review* appears an interesting contribution by Mr. Ingham on the subject of the Physical Nature of Potential Energy.

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The Easter term ends on Tuesday, March 19th, and next Term begins on Thursday, April 25th, boarders returning on the previous day.

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The Miles will be run on Thursday, May 9th, at 4.30 p.m., on the School Grounds, and the Sports will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at 2 p.m., on the School Grounds.

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John Roysse's tomb in St. Helen's Church, last restored by Old Boys and friends of the

School in 1873, has again received much needed attention from the decorators, the cost being shared on this occasion by the School Governing Body and the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund.

It will be of interest to recall that John Roysse himself, in his will of 1568, gave detailed instructions for the making of his tomb, "with one step for four-and-twenty or six-and-twenty persons to kneel round about, that they may receive alms every Sunday accordingly. And I will my great stone in my arbor in my garden in London to be the upper stone of my said tomb, and for the making of the same I will that there shall be bestowed five pounds." John Roysse died in August 1571.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Aluredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle* (2).

Valete.

(December, 1939).

VI FORM. D. B. West (1930, ii); School Prefect (Waste Court) 1938; O.S.C. 1936; 2nd IV Cox 1935; 2nd IV 1938—39; Marlow IV 1939; 2nd XV 1937—38; Colours 1939; O.T.C. Sergt. Cert. 'A' 1937; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec. Games Committee 1936—38.

G. S. Moss (1934, iii). School Prefect 1939; O.S.C. 1938; 1st XV 1938; Colours 1939; 1st IV 1939; Full Athletic Colours 1939; 2nd XI Cricket 1938; O.T.C. Sergt. Cert. 'A'; 1st Class Shot.

H. B. Bailey (1934 iii.); School Prefect 1939; 1st XV 1937; Colours 1939; 2nd XI Cricket 1939; Athletics Half Colours 1939; Hockey XI 1938; O.T.C. Sergt 1939, Cert. 'A'; 1st Class Shot.

D. G. E. Holme (1937, i.) Sub-Prefect 1939; O.S.C. 1939; 1st XV 1939; 2nd XV Colours; O.T.C. L/Cpl. Cert 'A'.

S. M. B. Lane (1937, iii.) O.S.C. 1939; 1st XV, 2nd XV Colours 1939; Hockey XI 1939; O.T.C. L/Cpl. Cert. 'A' 1939; 1st Class Shot; Hon. Sec. A.S.P.S.

A. M. Mills (1935, iii.) O.S.C. 1939.

J. B. Waldram (1939, iii.) 2nd XV.

V FORM. N. A. R. Carlton, (1935, iii.)

IV FORM. R. D. Peacock, (1937, iii.)

REMOVE. E. H. Waldram, (1939, iii.)

I FORM. P. E. Brenton-Coward, (1938, iii.); G. M. C. Stone, (1939, iii.) T. G. Kelland, (1939, iii.)

Salvete.

(January, 1940.)

VI FORM. P. R. Andrew.

IV FORM. P. M. McLeod.

REMOVE. D. E. P. Jones.

II FORM. J. B. Pride. J. L. Platnauer.

I FORM. J. D. Leary.

RUGGER, 1939.

We began the season with two Colours only, Dean and Hedger, and they were both forwards. It was obvious from the start that the team would be weak behind the scrum, for Bailey and Clarke, both Second Colours, were the only outsiders left from the previous season.

The war had naturally disorganised the fixture list and left us with a larger proportion of Club matches than usual, and new fixtures were arranged with the local A.A. Battery and the R.A.S.C., Stow.

The best that can be said of the season is that it bore promise of better things to come. The experience gained by the three-quarters should stand them in very useful stead next season, when the stone or so they have added in weight will give more vigour and precision to their tackling. This last was indeed a very disappointing aspect of the whole season, and was glaringly responsible for at least two of the defeats in School matches. Perhaps at this stage one cannot do better than quote from the *Abingdonian* of December, 1929.

General Hints on Tackling.

1. The art of tackling is by no means a gentle art. Half measures are worse than useless, and will only leave the tackler the worse for wear wishing that he had left well alone.

2. Though tackling is a defensive measure it calls for an offensive spirit. Anything in the nature of a friendly embrace should meet with a rude rebuff.

Particular Hints.

The vulnerable area is below the hips. First choose your spot on your victim. Then, using all your weight and speed, and keeping your eyes on the spot chosen, launch yourself bodily at him, taking him sideways on, and bowl him over.

Another major weakness which reared its ugly head as the season advanced was a lack of speed both in defence and attack. One felt too often that a little anticipation, a quicker start or speed on the run would have made the difference between a wing three-quarter going over the touch line instead of the goal line.

Congratulations are due to the pack for the dogged way they kept going throughout the season. Indeed the fixture card speaks well for the courage of the whole team, for both our successes were gained in the second half of November, when the team might well have been suffering the demoralising effects of an uphill struggle without reward.

The passing of the three-quarters improved during the season and occasionally we saw the line moving with all the skill of a first-class Rugby machine. Too often, however, players forgot that not even the best pair of hands can take a pass badly given, and the ball was thrown away rather than passed. The transfer of Dean from the scrum to the three-quarter line undoubtedly strengthened the defence, and his opportunist tries were very largely responsible for our two victories.

We suffered the usual losses through injury, the one serious one being to Bailey, upsetting the three-quarter line for at least a month in

the middle of the season. Outstanding successes were Dean, both as a forward and a three-quarter, Hedger and Arundale in the pack, and Clarke who played a very hard, clean and courageous game at three-quarter.

1st XV MATCHES.

v. R. A. Battery, on Saturday, October 14th.
Home. Lost 19—0.

In the early stages the game was fairly even, and the School forwards showed some promise. In the second half however, the Gunners found their form and proved too strong for the lighter School team.

Team : Foy, T. J., Westgate, W. F. C., Bailey, H. B., Wells, G. D., Cox, J. A. D., Clarke, H. J., Carter, D. G., West, D. B., R. Hedger, Calvert-Fisher, J., Lane, S. M. B., Elphick, H. G., Moss, G. S., Arundale, B., A. C. Dean.

v. Culham College, on Saturday, October 21st.
Home. Lost 42—3.

Played on a dry, windy day, excellent for rugby. With two O.A's. in their back division—G. D. Randall and D. Jones—Culham proved much too strong and won easily.

Team : Same as in previous match.

v. Pembroke College, Oxford, on Wednesday, October 25th. Away. Lost 23—11.

A closer game than either of the previous matches. The chief weakness was at scrum-half, with the result that the School concentrated too much on forward play. In the second half the School three-quarters made some use of a strong wind in kicking, but the Pembroke centres were too strong and were a source of danger whenever they got the ball.

Team : As in previous match, except that Green, J. A. M. replaced Cox at wing three-quarter.

v. Leighton Park School, on Saturday, October 28th. Away. Lost 28—3.

Our first school match, played on a wild, windy day. Alterations had been made to

strengthen the back division, but the clever Leighton halves and strong-running three-quarters were too fast and experienced for us. In the second half the Abingdon forwards kept the ball tight with some success and Clarke scored a good snap try from 10 yards out. It was a good hard forward game, but a wretched day for the outsiders.

Team : Holme, D. G. E., Foy, T. J., Wells, G. D., Bailey, H. B., Holland, I. S., Clarke, H. J., Trudgian, G. E. T., West, D. B., R. Hedger, Calvert-Fisher, J., Lane, S. M. B., Elphick, H. G., Moss, G. S., Arundale, B., A. C. Dean, (Capt.)

v. City of Oxford School, on Saturday Nov. 4th. Home. Lost 13—6.

Another good rugby day and our closest game so far. The result was open until the last ten minutes when the Oxford left wing broke away and scored two tries which resolute tackling should have prevented.

Team : Holme, D. G. E., Green, J. A. M., Wells, G. D., Westgate, W. F. C., Leftwich, J. M. Halves and forwards as in previous match.

v. Bloxham School, on Saturday, November 11th. Away. Lost 15—0.

A disappointing game. The going was heavy and the team played hard, though without ever seeming to have any chance of victory.

Team : As in previous match.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, on Wed. November 15th. Home. Won 11—6.

Played on another good rugby day, this gave us our first victory of the season. Dean came out of the pack and played at centre three-quarter, and this strengthening of our back division coupled with the relative weakness of the Magdalen backs gave us a welcome superiority in that department. Dean proved a very useful opportunist outside, and Farnsworth ably filled his place in the pack.

Team : As in previous match, except that Dean took Leftwich's place and Farnsworth came into the pack.

v. Southfield School, on Saturday, November 18th. Home. Won 8—3.

Another victory after a hard fight. Played on a wet, muddy day, the forwards were able to revel in the mud, and the three-quarters had little to do but fall on the ball and keep warm.

Team : As in previous match.

v. Radley College, 2nd XV., on Saturday, November 25th. Away. Lost 20—0.

A disappointing game. Despite Bailey's return to the three-quarter line to help Dean and Clarke things did not go well. The backs seemed unable to find one another with their passes, and many opportunities were wasted.

Team : As in previous match except that Bailey took Westgate's place.

v. Old Abingdonians, on Saturday, December 2nd. Lost 14—5.

A particularly welcome fixture this year, when we had feared that the war might deprive us of it. Our thanks are due to John Bury for getting together a team, and we hope that the O.A.'s. will continue to raise such sides to play the School.

The O.A.'s. assisted by Lunghi and Randall from last year's side, were too strong for the School, though the game ran backwards and forwards fairly evenly. The School forwards played hard and skilfully, and the three-quarters were very vigorous, but passes once more went astray, and promising movements broke down unexpectedly. The O.A.'s. were very much on their form and their mettle.

Team : Holme, D. G. E., Green, J. A. M., H. B. Bailey, A. C. Dean, (Capt.), Wells, G. D., H. J. Clarke, Trudgian, G. E. T., West, D. B., R. Hedger, Calvert-Fisher, J., Elphick, H. G., Lane, S. M. B., G. S. Moss, Farnsworth, G., B. Arundale.

1st XV CHARACTERS.

A. C. Dean. Captain. Colours 1938. A very lively and energetic forward and an inspiring

leader. Knows how to use his weight and voice in the loose scrums. Filled a gap in the back division well, and defended bravely. Should try to develop his penetrative power. Representing the School in various teams he has missed only one match in five seasons, a truly remarkable record.

R. Hedger. Forward. Colours 1938. Led the scrum very well and used his weight to advantage. Particularly good in line-outs, and headed most rushes. Hooked well but handicapped by lack of weight behind him.

H. J. Clarke. Stand-off Half. Colours 1939. An outstanding player. Very fast and tackled well, and his kicking was very useful in defence. Tended to hang on too long, but was invaluable in attack as well as defence.

B. Arundale. Forward. Colours 1939. His weight and dash were of great service to the scrum. Very fast when he got the ball, and with more experience will learn when it is better to use the feet rather than hands. Should study the off-side rules before next season.

H. B. Bailey. Centre three-quarter. Colours 1939. Had plenty of speed and swerve, but usually got too far up in defence, leaving a gap of which opponents took advantage only too often. Tackled well.

G. S. Moss. Forward. Colours 1939. Always played a good hard game. Tackled well but handling rather uncertain.

D. B. West. Forward. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Light for a forward but kept up quite well. Might have been more ready to go down on the ball.

H. G. Elphick. Forward. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Worked hard and with determination. Showed ability in all departments of the forward game.

D. G. E. Holme. Full Back. 2nd XV Colours 1939. A useful and fairly steady player. Kicking variable and inclined to be caught out of position, but a good tackler.

G. D. Wells. Three-quarter. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Handicapped by lightness he played very well throughout the season. Fast with a very useful swerve. Should be really good next year.

S. M. B. Lane. Forward. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Came on surprisingly well. Very good dribbler and well to the fore in most rushes.

J. G. Calvert-Fisher. Forward. 2nd XV Colours 1939. A good wing forward who backed up well and scored several snap tries. Inclined to hang about in the loose scrums and weak on the off-side rules.

J. A. M. Green. Three-quarter. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Fairly quick off the mark but lacked weight to penetrate opposing defence. A very good accurate kick.

G. E. T. Trudgian. Forward and scrum-half. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Showed tireless energy and determination in both positions. Should develop into a very good half, as he has initiative and excellent sense of the game.

J. M. Leftwich. Three-quarter. 2nd XV Colours 1939. Though on the light side was a forceful player with a good eye for an opening. Tackling very good.

G. Farnsworth. Forward. 2nd XV Colours 1939. A late but useful addition to the pack. Played a very keen vigorous game, and used his weight well.

Second XV.

This was probably one of the most promising Second teams we have had for a long time and contained much useful material. The outsides were speedy and clever, and tackled well, while the forwards played a very sound game.

Results were :

v. Magdalen C. S. Oxford. Wed. Nov. 1st., Away. Drawn 13—13.

v. Southfield School. Sat. Nov. 18th. Away. Won 20—3.

v. Bloxham School. Wed. Nov. 22nd. Home. Lost 8—0.

The following played for the team: E. O. Jones, J. A. M. Green, W. R. Keen, D. G. Carter, T. J. Foy, M. Hedger, D. A. Culmer, J. B. Waldram, T. M. Bowerman, J. M. Leftwich, R. H. Marshall, I. S. Holland, J. A. D. Cox, G. Farnsworth, G. H. Lewington, W. J. Eeles, W. D. Richardson, A. C. Randle.

Under 15 XV.

The team was a good deal better than the match results might suggest. With an exceptionally good pair of halves in Hill and Marshall, and Gibbs' speed at centre, the side had a strong attack, and when the forwards got together they did plenty of solid work and gave the outsides their fair share of the ball. Apart from one match against Southfield School, when the whole team seemed lifeless and unable to cope with a vigorous opposition, the match games reached a high standard, with plenty of bright, clever outside play and sound forward work, which should augur well for the future. Individually, Hill and Marshall were outstanding, and worked together well, while Gibbs showed a fine turn of speed and good sense of an opening. Aldworth came on quite well at full-back, with great pluck for his size. Of the forwards, Farnsworth was a tower of strength and played a very hard unselfish game. Richardson was always well up and dribbled and tackled excellently, and Gibaud, Carter v, and Sims i, were usually prominent and did good work.

The Results were:—

v. Bloxham School, Wed. Oct. 18th, Away. Lost 16—15.

v. Southfield School, Sat. Oct. 21st, Home. Lost 28—6.

v. City of Oxford School, Sat. Nov. 4th, Away.
Won 6—0.

v. Leighton Park School, Sat. Nov. 11th, Home
Won 17—0.

v. Magdalen C. S. Oxford, Sat. Nov. 25th.
Home. Drawn 8—8.

v. Southfield School, Wed. Nov. 29th, Away.
Won. 6—3.

The following played for the team:—

G. Farnsworth, R. H. Marshall, G. Hill, E. H. Aldworth, E. G. Gibbs, R. D. Gibaud, P. F. Leach, P. Carter, iv, N. D. B. Corby, W. G. Bradfield, A. E. Carter, v, W. D. Richardson, P. J. Goodman, i, D. Hayter, G. L. Jones, vi, K. R. Sims, i, E. H. Waldram, ii.

House Matches.

Red won the 'Lin' Cup for Seniors, beating Green and Blue.

Blue won the Robinson Cup for Juniors, beating Green 41—0 and Red 46—0.

O.T.C.

We congratulate the following on passing the Certificate 'A' Practical Exam. which is the sole war-time survivor of Cert. 'A': D. A. Culmer, J. A. M. Green, J. M. Leftwich.

Training this term has of necessity been mainly indoor work because of the snow. Post-Certificate 'A' training has consisted of Air Training and T.E.W.Ts.

The Annual Inspection will be held on either June 4th or 6th.

Promotions : To be C.S.M.: C.Q.M.S. Dean, A. C. To be C.Q.M.S.: Sergt. Povey, G. W. To be Sergts.: Cpls. Calvert-Fisher, J. G., Jones, E. O., Clarke, H. J. To be L/Sergt.: Cpl. Elphick, H. G. To be Cpls.: L/Cpls. Carter, D. G., Eeles, W. J., Wells, G. D., Arundale, B. To be L/Cpls.: Trudgian, G. E T., Wyatt, H. R.

The Air Detachment has been re-formed and lectures have been keenly attended. Two visits to the R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, were arranged, and our thanks are due to the Officers and N.C.O.s who went out of their way to make the visits instructive and interesting. The detachment is now in possession of demonstration models and a wind tunnel which is proving invaluable.

MUSIC.

On Saturday, March 9th we enjoyed once more a visit of Mrs. Gotch and her Trio. It may safely be said that this was one of the best teams she has ever brought to the School. She herself and Miss Fiedler are old friends, but Mr. Spicer at the Piano was a newcomer, whose performance was most attractive. Both in combination and as single string instrument and piano the players were equally happy.

Perhaps special mention should be made of the Haydn Trio, the charming and varied movements of which gave particular pleasure. Among the solos, the one for the 'cello by Mr. Ingham was naturally of special interest, and the players—judging by its reception—made a great success of it.

Programme.

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| Violin—Mary Gotch. | Cello—Herma Fiedler. |
| | Piano—Harold Spicer. |
| 1. Trio in C. | Adagio Vivace. Haydn. |
| | Andante. |
| | Presto. |
| 2. Trio. | Scherzo from Trio in B Flat. Beethoven. |
| 3. Violin Solos. | Berceuse. Jarnefelt. |
| | Gavotte. Gossec. |
| | Rondino. Kreisler-Beethoven. |
| | Hornpipe. Handel. |
| 4. Trio | Divertimento. Mozart. |
| | Andante—Menuet—Presto. |
| 5. Cello Solos. | Salut D'Amour. Elgar. |
| | Air in A. J. Y. Ingham. |
| 6. Trio. | Volga Boat Song. Traditional. |
| | Hornpipe. Frank Bridge. |

ROWING.

There is little to be said of the Term's activity on the river. For the first few weeks no rowing was possible owing to snow and ice : we were actually confronted with a river frozen from bank to bank, and by widespread

floods even deeper than usual. When weather conditions improved spasmodic attempts were made at rowing, but any serious work was soon stopped by 'flu or the measles germ. And so there were neither crews nor races, but during the later weeks a few pleasure crews were to be seen on the water, and on the last Saturday some Scratch Four races concluded a memorable season—in the worst sense of the epithet.

ABINGDON TO KINGSTON IN THE 'RADLEY.'

(Or how seven O.A.s and a friend rowed a frail old clinker four from the School Boathouse to Kingston, Surrey.)

It was a bright Sunday morning in February last year when we left the School raft to the accompaniment of cheers and good wishes from several members of the School crews who had come down to watch the fun. After one or two lurches and minor crabs we began to settle down, and our newly-fitted slides—a rather bold experiment in what had been a fixed-seat boat—proved a great success.

Our first, and probably nearest, approach to disaster occurred at Clifton Hampden bridge, where our cox, through some misunderstanding as to the whereabouts of the 'Barley Mow' landing-stage, managed to turn the boat broadside on to the bridge, with the result that we were swept rapidly towards the centre arch by the stream, with the ugly prospect of our boat breaking in half when her bow and stern hit each side of the arch. Only by quick thinking and strenuous backing-down by bow-side did we avert disaster, and with great relief we saw the bows swing round to miss the bridge by a bare six inches.

At the 'Barley Mow' we met Jack Jacob and John Bury, who had driven the two cars containing our clothes from Abingdon. We always had at least one car following the boat by road, and carrying our belongings. We took it in turns to drive the car—a most popular job.

The next mishap occurred near Shillingford Bridge, when, in trying to take a sharp bend too closely, stroke's blade caught the bank, breaking off the end of the blade. The oar lasted the rest of the day, but was replaced before the next week-end.

The afternoon passed serenely enough for most of us, but Derrick Cracknell had some trouble with cramp and was several times forced to get out and do a war-dance on the bank in an effort to loosen up. The climax of the day came just after we had passed Goring Lock, when someone—no name mentioned—put his foot through the bottom of the boat, making a large crack and causing the water to pour in at an alarming rate. We did the only possible thing, and went back through the lock to leave the 'Radley' at Hobbs' Boathouse on the Goring side. Our troubles were not yet over, however, for in towing her round to the boathouse she was overturned, together with the writer, who was in the cox's seat. He tried without success to persuade some of the others to jump in and help him right her, but they knew better and he was left standing in the icy water to do the job himself.

On the following Sunday we left Goring in the early morning. The crack had been mended with a 'tingle' and she was fairly tight, but even so we found it necessary to pull in to the bank every hour or so to empty the water out. However, we were making faster progress now and usually managed to row from lock to lock without an 'easy.' It was just getting dark when we reached Henley, but the driver of the car had managed to arrange housing before we arrived.

Three of us arrived early next Sunday to do some 'crack stopping' before launching the boat. Our idea was to melt a stick of Chaterton's compound with a lighted candle and force it into the cracks with penknives, but a strong wind soon showed the futility of trying to substitute a candle for a blowlamp and we were obliged to give up. The problem was eventually solved by scraping and re-varnishing the whole boat when we reached Kingston.

Once again it was a sunny day and we had a most enjoyable row to Marlow, where we stopped for lunch. We were off again by two o'clock and made good time, reaching Eton before dark. Luckily we were able to house the 'Radley' in one of the College boathouses. With Abingdon now sixty miles behind and Kingston only twenty-two miles distant by river we felt confident of reaching our destination in one more trip.

On the last Sunday the weather was undoubtedly against us. A cold wind was blowing and the sun did not appear all day. On the other hand we had now acquired something of combination, and with the help of a strong stream we seemed to eat up the miles, so that it was as much as the car could do to race us to the locks. The car driver would always reach the lock first and see that it was filled before we arrived. Much time was saved in this way, for on previous occasions we had often to wait as long as 15 minutes for the lock to be filled and opened. Incidentally locks were an expensive item, there being twenty-seven between Abingdon and Kingston, each costing a shilling.

We eventually reached Kingston after a successful day and left our boat at her future home just above the bridge. The journey from Abingdon had taken us four Sundays, averaging a comfortable twenty miles a day.

The seven O.A.s were J. O. Bury, D. M. Cracknell, J. C. Jacob, R. F. Simmonds, P. H. Wooster, P. R. Wood, J. M. Wood and the friend E. R. Hawes, not unknown to Abingdon.

P. R. W.

WAITING.

Across the moonlit straits between the island and the mainland sounds of music could be heard coming from the ketch 'Polar Star'. She was a vessel about 70ft. long, but only two white men were on board at the moment. They were Pete Thomson, a bearded Australian, sun-bronzed and about forty, although he

looked less. He owned the ketch, and was returning from a successful pearling trip in the South Seas. The Kanaka boys had been paid off on the island, their native home, where Pete had offered Maurice Field a lift home to the mainland, as he was going there himself. Maurice was a young man of twenty and was working in his father's bank on the mainland. He too was an Australian, and Pete had known him in Melbourne, where the main branch of the bank was.

There was little wind and the ketch barely left a ripple as she moved through the water. Pete turned over the record of a battered old gramophone, "Your turn to wind it up, old man," he remarked. Maurice sat up from his comfortable position in the stern on the cushions, and slowly wound. "We shall be able to afford a few new records when we get back," said Pete. "A radio-gram at least," surmised Maurice, "and a few more comfortable bunks. Speaking of bunks, I'm popping off to bed now."

"O.K.," said Pete, "I'll take the wheel, and roll you out at two for your watch. And sleep well; we shall be enjoying ourselves in port to-morrow night."

"Yes, I'd forgotten that. Good-night," said Maurice, and disappeared below. When below he opened a suitcase, in which was an alarm-clock, a battery and a black box. Hastily wiring up the circuits and winding up the clock, he gathered his belongings into another suitcase and went on deck again.

"Got a light," he inquired.

"Certainly," answered Pete, reaching down into his pocket. While his hand was in his pocket Maurice viciously jabbed his left fist into Pete's stomach and then smashed his right up to his jaw. Leaving him lying on the deck he picked up a coil of rope, and scientifically bound him up. Then he went below again to Pete's cabin. Crossing to the bunk he looked under the bed-clothes through the luggage, and finally found what he was looking for in a hollowed out book. It was a small white

leather bag, and on opening it he discovered it to be full of large milky pearls, with an occasional pink one.

"Ah," he said, "I hoped so."

He strode into his own cabin and flung them into his own suitcase. He took a final look round, and then went into the store-room. He arrived on deck with the two suit-cases and ample provisions, to find that Pete had come round. He greeted Maurice with a scowl and a curse, spitting out a tooth as he did so.

"What ho! old man," said Maurice cheerfully. "I'm just going off to the mainland to sell these pearls you have so thoughtfully collected for me." "Scum," said Pete painfully. "And what sort of programme have you arranged for me? Am I to be left here to starve or die of sunstroke?"

"Oh no" said Maurice, "that would leave too much evidence. No, I've thought it all out. I'm arranging for a pleasing little explosion to occur when I have rowed out of range. How long do you think that ought to take? Quarter of an hour? All right, then, we'll have it set to go at twenty-to-twelve. That suit you?"

"They'll get you in the end for sure" said Pete, "You won't get away with this."

"Oh, yes I shall," corrected Maurice smiling. "I've got this taped. Nobody saw me come aboard, and there will soon be nothing left of this ship, and consequently nothing that can be traced to me. "While he was saying this he pulled a switch in the suit-case that made the time-bomb lethal, and closed the lid. He hastened off to the dinghy, and threw in his case, and the provisions, and lowered it over the side with a splash, un-fastened the ropes, and jumped in. The momentum causing the dinghy to drift off about ten yards.

Maurice arranged the stretcher for his feet comfortably. "Cheerio!" he shouted, looking round for the oars—"I hope you enjoy the ticking!"

"That'll be all right. I shall have company, although not the kind that I should have chosen. I was a fool to have taken you on this trip—what's up can't you find your oars?"

"No, I don't think I can," replied Maurice uncertainly; then "Hell," he said, "I've left them in the ketch." Frantically he tried to paddle with his hands, but the boat scarcely moved.

"You won't get back to the mainland like that" said Pete grimly, "And you won't get back here in time before this infernal machine of yours goes off. You'd better swim.

"I can't," wailed Maurice.

"No, I would'nt, either" said Pete. "These seas are full of sharks."

The dinghy was still about the same distance away as before, and Maurice crouched in it shivering, waiting for the moment when a shattering explosion would occur that would blow him, the dinghy and the 'Polar Star,' Pete and the pearls to eternity.

J.G.C-F.

THE PALMER'S TALE.

(A fragment of an old manuscript, recently discovered in the Library cupboards, apparently collated with a School list.)

Down Arun dale there wound by Hill and Leigh
A Lane, its Hedger Rowe of Hazel Green
And oCawthorne. A Brook Lay on the Left
Wich ted the Mill-stream, where the Fishers hung
Their Lines for Eeles. But Walker mile along
Where on the Stones the Carters' wheels have Cutt
Eridge, there stands the Pryory, old and Grey,
Well clad its Towerseyn Moss. By the West gate
There stood the Dean, Good man, and on A nag,
A Palmer, his Balld Payt on shoulders set
Worthy a Burley Smith. 'Good Sir,' said he,
'A lump of bread, a Bed for drowsy Lids
Eys all my need, no Morser. 'Tis Well said
TO lvern honest life nor ever Ow
Eny his Dew is hard. Even the Young
Cannot But lern How ellder folk do Dodge
And cheat their fellow Burgesses for Luker,
From the King's Marshall down to Petty Leach.
The Beadle and the somBur borough Clarke
All Rob in sondry modes. I Hayter wit
Bright as a Peacock's Tayl, or Sitch as loves
To lure the Heard with Crooked Parrott cries.
Though I Had leyttle, I would give My all
To see the HaycockS cottages and Barnes
Of Holme, when from the sumMcLeods the sun
Pours down his Rays on fields of Wheaton gold.
Sooner a Lambourn yesterday, I wot,
Wood ward off the Keen onset of a Woolfe
Than a poor Pennytant essay to Foyl
The cruEl phicktion of a Bad man's spite.
'But Wy attempt, And rew it,' quoth the Pryor,
'Better to neel and Sayer prayer with me,
To-morrow at Cox Crowe Trudgian your Way.'

PHLUARIN.

THE RAG CONCERT.

A programme of considerable variety was arranged for the close of the Christmas term, and tasteful decorations in the gymnasium encouraged hopeful expectancy. At a few minutes past seven the curtains opened on our *Accordion Harmonists* (A. C. Randle and G. E. T. Trudgian) whose musical endeavours were illuminated by a rhythm of changing colours from the lights department—a truly *chromatic* number.

The first sketch then followed. This was *Milly Molly Mandy keeps a Shop*, acted by the Lodge. There were two scenes. In the first M.-M.-M. and her friends look through a shop window and discuss the various joys of keeping a shop, and the attraction of its contents. This closes with the shop-keeper's inviting M.-M.-M. to mind the place for a short time while she is away on an important errand. In the second scene M.-M.-M. is found in charge of the premises, and her friends all come along in due course to make purchases. The attraction of the sketch was in the extremely competent acting of all the performers, and their amusing dialogue. Each established a definite character for him—(or her—) self, and a definite picture was built up around a simple but effective piece of staging and attractive costumes.

Next came a couple of musical numbers from *The Four Melody Mixers*—H. G. Elphick, S. M. B. Lane, B. Arundale, P. Hicks. Lane and Hicks provided musical accompaniments on their instruments and all sang. Their items were much appreciated.

Waste Court then presented a play—*Jewel in Jeopardy*. The cast was as follows:

Butler	C. Calvert-Fisher
Mr. Rowland	N. D. B. Corby
John Rowland, his son	J. L. Taylor
Professor Jasper	I. M. Crudgington
"The Boss," a crook	J. A. C. Barnes
Joe, his assistant	R. Grey

The scene opened in Mr. Rowland's study, where the butler was putting things tidy. A knock is heard and the butler ushers in Professor Jasper—at least so he thinks. However, in a few moments he is under chloroform and 'the professor' is seen in his true light. He calls in his confederate Joe, and the two make away with the body. They are about to search the room when a whistle is heard in the offing, and the intruders have only just time to hide behind the curtains before John enters. Shortly his father follows, and after various altercations over cigarettes and chewing gum shows John the famous family heirloom—a ruby—which he has brought from its safe keeping in the bank, as he is expecting his friend professor Jasper, an authority on precious stones, to come and examine it. John still has it in his hand when a rustle is heard behind the curtain, and the thieves come out into the open. As they are both armed they easily command the situation, and proceed to tie Mr. Rowland in a chair and asphyxiate him the better to search him. The jewel box is found in his pocket, and both eager to get it open, relax their cover of John, who takes the opportunity to switch off the lights. During the black-out Joe fires his revolver, and by the time they restore the lights they have only time to search John very rapidly as they are afraid the shots will have attracted the police. Nothing is found on him; though when they see his jaw working Joe roughly shoves his fingers in his mouth only to abstract a lump of chewing gum. This is disgustedly put on the mantelpiece, what time footsteps are heard entering the hall. The burglars, convinced it is the police, make a hurried escape through the french windows, but the steps are only those of the genuine Professor Jasper. John does some rapid telephoning of police and unleashes his father who gradually recovers consciousness, exclaiming "The ruby—stolen!" The professor is dismayed, but John calmly goes to the mantelpiece, picks up the piece of chewing gum, and extracts the Ruby! Curtain! The piece was well acted, and as it was serio-comic in intention each actor gained his laughs—even at the non-comic moments! A special word of praise, however, is due to John who, having the central part to play, carried it through to distinction.

The next item, entitled *Sid and Jim*, (S. M. B. Lane and A. H. Morser) was introduced by Sid in front of the curtains. As a showman he was going to present his little friend Jim. The curtains opened to reveal a Jim of dwarfish proportions apparently seated on a table. He was, in fact, of composite structure. The show proceeded in the manner of altercation and patter between a ventriloquist and his doll. Eventually Jim gave a short dance, and then was (apparently) packed up in a suitcase and carried off. Quite a novelty item.

The *Accordion Harmonists* then appeared again, and added another helpful dose of musical pep to the swing of the evening.

Following the success of Waste Court's presentation last year of a scene from Aristophanes' *Frogs* it was decided to give a repeat performance. A few changes appeared in the cast, which was as follows:

Dionysus, god of wine and patron of Athenian drama	G. Hill
Xanthias, his slave	J. W. Rayson
Acacus, doorkeeper of Pluto's palace	R. D. Gibaud
Pepso, maidservant to Proserpine, Queen of Hades	P. A. Sitch
A landlady of Hades	J. R. Young
Another landlady of Hades	W. D. Richardson
Balyas, Silyas and Bigas, slaves of Pluto's palace	R. E. Dew
	J. C. Petty
	C. R. Howell

The scene was at the door outside Pluto's palace, where Dionysus, accompanied by his slave, has conceived the idea that his visit will go more smoothly if he gives himself out to be Hercules, who was known to have returned successfully after a sojourn in Hades. Little did he foresee the reception he would get, which was distinctly 'mixed'. Several times does he get his slave Xanthias to exchange rôles with him when things are looking bad, but is anxious to revert to his former post when the fair Pepso invites him to Proserpine's banquet. The forces of vengeance, however, are at hand, and there is much broad humour when Acacus musters his slaves to

discover through trial by ordeal which of them is the god. The dresses were very charming and the play well acted. The words were arranged and adapted, and the piece produced, by Mr. Ross-Barker.

Then came a second appearance of *The Four Melody Mixers*, with further songs of the moment. A little action was added to the presentation this time, and the audience joined in the chorus.

The next play was entitled "*The Biter Bit*," a Balkan melodrama. The cast was:

Prince Dimitri	C. B. F. Milne
Dr. Stronetz	A. L. Crowe
Colonel Girmtza	G. D. Wells
Major Vontieff	G. Farnsworth
Captain Shultz	D. R. A. Whidborne

The scene was a court room, where the army officers, in resplendent scarlet uniforms, were discussing getting rid of their present young prince, the last of his line, and bringing in the nominee of a rival faction. They had got most of the loyal troops away, and were nearly, but not quite, ready to strike. Prince Dimitri entered, and they obsequiously retired. The prince, clearly an ailing but brave youth, was shortly joined by an older loyal friend, his father's physician, who had only succeeded in effecting an entrance through his professional status. They discussed many things, and the doctor gave the lad a bottle of poison in case he could find no other way out. The officers then intruded, whereupon Stronetz quickly began his examination with stethoscope, etc., and announced with gravity that the prince had only a week to live. The conspirators retired at this news, feeling that they would achieve their end without violence. Dimitri congratulated the doctor on his ruse for gaining time, but Stronetz assures him sadly that what he had said was true: a deep-seated and incurable malady would take him off within seven days. The prince then faced the grim facts, and realising what traitors were at the court that he would have to quit so soon invited the officers in to drink a toast—to his rival. This they did; but Dimitri had added the doctor's poison to the wine, and all

four—prince and soldiers—expired at the table. The play was impressively given, and reflected credit on all concerned.

Something of a novelty, as far as recent programmes go, was the next item, an unaccompanied quartet. This was "The History of a Lobster," in humorous vein. It was loudly acclaimed, and an encore, *doppio movimento*, proved equally attractive. The singers were Mrs. Martin, Miss Peach, Mr. Ingham and Mr. Alston.

Then came an ever popular singer, Mr. Bevir. His two songs—"Turmut Hoeing" and "The Stoker"—were much enjoyed.

Finally we had the play: *Can you Make it?*

The cast was:

John	J. A. D. Cox
Mary	M. Hedger
Hero	G. S. Moss
Heroine	S. M. B. Lane
Chief Villain	D. G. E. Holme
Bad Man	H. G. Elphick
The Man	J. M. Leftwich

This was a hilarious extravaganza. As the title suggests, it would be impossible to epitomise the discursive plot; but there were many comings and goings and *business* flourished. Thus an enjoyable evening wound up on a top note. R. Hedger compered the show, and H. J. Clarke, B. Arundale, and G. H. Lewington were in charge behind the scenes.

O.A. NOTES.

Births.

WOOD.—On November 23rd, at Ngwenya, Browley, Southern Rhodesia, to Margaret, wife of G. A. Wood, (1929) a son (Peter Anthony).

COXETER.—On January 26th, at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. C. Coxeter (1920), a daughter.

SINCLAIR.—On February 9th, at Calcutta, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sinclair (1924), a daughter.

GRAY.—On February 11th, at the Warren Hospital, Abingdon, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gray, a son (Peter Michael David).

HEALY.—On March 10th, to Madeline, wife of Sergt.-Pilot D. E. Healy (1931), a son (Peter Michael).

BRUCE-BRUCE.—On March 20th, at Welwyn Garden City, to Constance Elizabeth, wife of Flying Officer Sir Michael W. S. Bruce-Bruce, Bt., (1910), a daughter.

Marriages.

HOLMES—PUGH.—On January 5th, at Blackrod Church, Chorley, Lancs., W. G. Holmes to Beryl Christine, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Pugh, of Blackrod Vicarage.

STEFF—MALPASS.—On February 1st, at Wolvercote Church, Oxford, Aircraftman B. G. Steff (1931), of Selsey, Spring Gardens, Abingdon, to Edna Ellen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Malpass, of 1 Apsley Road, Oxford.

AUSTIN—WILSON-GREEN.—On February 3rd, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Pilot-Officer S. P. Austin (1929), of the White House, Shippon, to Joan Prestige, elder daughter of the Mayor of Abingdon and Mrs. Wilson-Green.

KITTO—TRINDER.—On March 23rd, at Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, D. A. Kitto (1931), to Mildred Esme, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Trinder, of Abingdon.

CROSSLAND—CURZON.—On March 30th, at St. Helen's Church, Handsworth, Birmingham, L. F. Crossland (1918), to Mary Curzon, of Crich, Derbyshire.

Death.

BURY.—On February 15th, at Stanton Harcourt, Bernard John Bury (1912), of Black Ditch Farm, Stanton Harcourt, aged 44.

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of B. J. Bury at the early age of 44. He was a boy at the School from 1907 to 1912, and subsequently (war-time of course excepted) for a number of years a regular member of

O.A. cricket teams and a frequent visitor on other School occasions : also a member of the O.A.C. Committee. Later still the connection with the School had been revived and strengthened by the presence here of his son, J. O. Bury, who left us, as Head of the School, less than three years ago.

For war service B. J. Bury enlisted as a trooper (later Sergeant) in the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, and was wounded at Messines in the autumn of 1914. A letter he wrote from hospital, describing his experiences in this action, was published in the following (December) number of *The Abingdonian*. Later he was given a commission in the Berkshire Yeomanry. But farming was his calling, as of his father before him and now of his son; and to this he returned when the war was over. For the greater part of his career he had farmed at High Cogges, Witney, but on the death of his father two years ago, after managing extensive farm property for the executors, he eventually took over the Black Ditch farm at Stanton Harcourt. He had been for some years vice-chairman, also secretary, of the Witney branch of the Oxon N.F.U., and a member of the county executive, and at the time of his death was vice-president of the Stanton Harcourt branch of the British Legion, and its branch-commander.

To his widow and son, whom we know, and to his mother and other relatives we offer our sincere condolences.

A peculiar interest attaches to the wedding above noted of B. G. Steff (1931) from the fact that it was twice postponed owing to cancellation of all leave from the B.E.F., and then only enabled to take place when it did through the kindness of somebody at H.Q., A.A.S.F., who got to know about it after the two postponements. Steff was informed only two days previously that transport would arrive in 25 minutes to take him to a plane for England. Even so he did not arrive as soon as had been hoped, for in consequence of the villainous weather the plane was forced to land after 100 miles of flying. However, he carried on

by train and boat, and reached England and Oxford a few hours before the wedding.

D. C. Woolf (1934) has had an eventful life since he joined the "Ajax" in 1938. The latest event was, of course, the battle of the River Plate. "Ajax," as we all know, did not escape unscathed; neither did her crew; and Woolf's own escape from death was by a matter of five inches. In a letter lately received he writes:—"Looking back on the last two years I seem to have done and seen a lot. The "Ajax" has beaten several records, one of which is that out of 119 days of war we were 112 days at sea. We've caught or sunk three German merchant ships, and our distance run for the commission is just on 100,000 miles. Our peace-time achievements were quelling riots in Jamaica and rendering assistance during the terrible earthquake in Chile in January 1939—the latter a story in itself. I've been now one and a half times round South America, visiting the principal ports in every country, from several hundred miles up the Amazon to the Antarctic; and I've loved every minute of it. My final achievement," he adds, "was to get engaged last February." This last we already knew: also that the name of his fiancée is Miss Frances Gilbert, of Somerset, Bermuda, where she now is. They hope to be married at the end of the year. Meanwhile Douglas Woolf has a new job at the Admiralty, to be followed shortly by another one of a more adventurous character.

A letter has been received too from L. H. C. Cresswell (1914), who is Torpedo Officer on board the "Cossack" and was present at the "Altmark" affair. "'Altmark' was good fun," he writes, "and best of all seeing the joy of the prisoners when we got them out."

P. A. Wimberley (1936) is a prisoner in Germany. The bomber which he was piloting was shot down in the sea during the raid on Heligoland on December 18th, after a fierce battle with three German fighter machines. The rest of the crew were killed—probably shot, but Wimberley, though cut about the face with glass from the broken windscreen, was rescued by the Germans after swimming for twenty minutes. In letters to his parents

he says that he and his fellow prisoners are well treated, and in one letter, published in the Daily Express, he describes how the camp commandant and two or three other officers helped the party to celebrate his twenty-first birthday.

We have had a letter from A. G. C. Rice (1905). He has left Black Bourton and for the past eighteen months has been living at Newbury (3 Belvedere Drive). He tells us that he has two uncles still living who were at the School—Ernest Rice, a temporary assistant master about 1883, who is probably the senior living ex-master, and his brother Hugh Good-enough Rice (1884), who was head boy at the same time and won the Pembroke scholarship to Oxford, where he rowed in his college eight.

W. H. Stevens (1923), formerly a partner of H. P. Stevens & Son, Consulting Chemists, has resumed Consulting Chemical Practice at 75 Chancery Lane, London, in collaboration with Dr. H. J. Stern, B.Sc., Oxon.

D. M. Brown (1924), of the Bank of London & South America, Limited, has left Valparaíso and is now in Santiago de Chile, the capital of the country. He writes that he is glad of the change in spite of extra work in consequence of the war and the cancelling of his European leave, which was due this April.

E. P. Rice (1928) is now in Northern Nigeria, engaged upon a game survey of the Luangwa Valley—a southward continuation of the Great Rift Valley, running parallel with Lake Nyassa upon its western side and, except for a few native villages, a game reserve pure and simple. He had hoped to be called up for military service soon after the war began, and had actually been notified of the date, when, in consequence of an outbreak of rinderpest close to the N.R. border, he and three other members of the S.A. veterinary services were seconded by their Governments for the special work above-mentioned. However, if Rice likes roughing it, as he seems to do, he is well suited in the Luangwa Valley—living in a tent with the big game and smaller game all about him, and dependent largely on his rifle for the stocking of his larder. His address is c/o. District Commissioner, Chensali, N. Rhodesia.

G. E. Sinclair (1931), of the Colonial Service, has been home again on leave, but is now on his way back to the Gold Coast.

R. G. James (1934) is House Surgeon to Guy's Hospital Dental School, most of which has been evacuated to Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, a big country house turned into a sort of boarding school for students.

Of those who left last Christmas:—

H. B. Bailey is in the Austin Aero Factory, Birmingham.

D. G. E. Holme is studying Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Wallingford.

S. M. B. Lane is at the Polytechnic School of Photography.

A. M. Mills is at the Art School, Reading University.

D. B. West is studying Architecture in his father's office in Abingdon. Both he and G. S. Moss hope shortly to obtain commissions in the Marines and Army respectively.

Many boarders, past as well as present, will regret the retirement of Mrs. McConnell, after ten years of unselfish and invaluable service as matron and housekeeper at Waste Court. Those who have been there under her care will not forget her many kindnesses and un-failing devotion to their welfare in sickness and in health: neither will their parents. But perhaps only those responsible for the management of the house can fully appreciate the extent of its debt to her for her smooth and skilful ordering of its more domestic side, to say nothing of her ungrudged practical exertions for its maintenance in good repair. But the work, always hard and especially so in times of stress, has at last proved too much for her advancing years, and she has been obliged unwillingly to give it up. We wish her all happiness in her well-earned rest and a speedy restoration to good health. She is living for the time being with her nieces, the Misses Balding, at Wootton. Her successor at Waste Court is Miss Bennell, to whom we extend a cordial welcome.

Serving with forces:—

- Adams, A. R. M. (1935) 2nd Lieut., R.A.
 Allison, J. M. (1932) 2nd Lieut., Ox. & Bucks L.I.
 Andrew, J. R. (1939) R.N.
 Andrews R. F. W. (1935) B.S.A. Police.
 Ashby, S. R. (1935) R.N.
 Austin, M. (1933) Royal Tank Corps.
 Austin, S. P. (1929) P./O., R.A.F.
 Baker, G. A. D. (1935) R.N.V.R.
 Barnes, A. L. V. (1935) P./O., R.A.F.
 Bennett, F. A. (1936) 2nd Lieut., R.M.
 Blackmore, J. C. (1933) 2nd Lieut. Essex Regt.
 Blake, D. H. (1934) Lieut., R.A.
 Bosley, B. N. J. (1937) 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Boyd, G. A. R. (1934) 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.,—
 Supplementary Reserve R.E.
 Bristow, A. A. (1935) 102nd O.C.T.U. (Westminster Dragoons).
 Brown, D. G. (1935) 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.—
 4th Field Ambulance.
 Bruce-Bruce, Sir Michael W. S. (1910) Fl./O., R.A.F.
 Candy, M. G. (1923) R.A.F.
 Cather, L. G. (1936) 12th London Regt. (Rangers).
 Charleton, H. W. D. (1925) Army Education Corps.
 Cleave, K. (1922) 424th A.A. Coy., R.E.
 Cook, G. V. (1928) R.A.F.
 Coulson, T. S. (1932) 2nd Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Cresswell, L. H. C. (1914) Torpedo Officer, R.N.
 Crossland, N. H. (1932) Driver, R.A.S.C.
 d'Almaine, H. R. (1929) Sub-Lieut., R.N.
 Dolphin, C. E. H. (1922) Capt., Lincoln Regt.
 Donkin, H. A. L. (1914) Capt., R.A.
 Elley, A. N. (1935) R.A.F.
 Ellis, A. (1915) Artif. Eng., R.N.
 Emmett, R. (1936) 2nd Lieut., East Surrey Regt.
 Emms, A. C. (1934) Heavy Regt., R.A.
 Fleet, A. L. (1934) 2nd Lieut., R.M.
 Fletcher, J. A. (1936) Lieut., R.A.
 Gardiner, T. E. (1925) No. 4 Group, R.A.F. Observer Corps.
 Gardner, J. C. R. (1927) Lieut., King's Regt.,
 Genders, H. J. K. (1934) Lieut., Essex Regt.
 Giles, W. (1937) 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Glenney, F.B. (1919) Sergt. R.A.S.C.
 Gould, P. H. (1933) R.N.
 Hale, W. S. T. (1928) R.A.F.
 Hanks, A. F. (1925) Lieut., Devon Regt.
 Healy, D. E. (1931) Sergt.-Pilot, R.A.F.
 Higgs, J. H. (1937) 12th Lancers.
 Holborow, H. J. (1933) Sapper R.E. (Dispatch Rider).
 Holme, M. H. (1935) 2nd Lieut., Royal Berks Regt.
 Howes, K. (1922) Capt., R.A.S.C.
 Jones, H. T. (1935) Sergt. Pilot, R.A.F.
 Joseph, E. A. (1934) Sergt., R.E.
 Kennington, P. G. A. (1924) A.C.i., R.A.F.
 Kettle, W. R. A. (1930) Capt., Devon Regt.
 King, H. B. (1934) R.A.
 Kirkby, G. R. (1916) 2nd Lieut., Royal Berks Regt.
 Kite, D. S. (1930) Fl./O., R.A.F.
 Langebear, R. (1931) P./O., R.A.F.
 Langford, E. G. (1928) Sergt. Major, Field Security Police
 Lay, Joseph, (1933) R.A.F.
 Lines, A. (1938) R.A.F.
 Lines, J. (1938) R.A.F.
 Livingston, H. L. G. (1935) Lieut., R.A.
 Lucas, W. H. W. (1935) P./O., R.A.F.

Luker, L. E. J. (1935) Ox. & Bucks L. I.
 Meadmore, J. E. F. (1921) Capt., R.A.
 Mills, K. (1932).
 Mitchell, H. K. (1938) P./O., R.A.F.
 Morewood, R. E. G. (1933) P./O., R.A.F.
 Morland, C. S. (1921) Home Defence, South Africa.
 Morland, J. W. (1917) Sergt. Anzacs.
 Morland, T. F. T. (1920) Paymaster Lieut., Royal Canadian Navy.
 Morley, E. S. (1916) Capt., R.A.
 Morley, P. W. (1917) Capt., Royal Warwickshire Regt.
 Mosdell, L. P. (1931) R.A.
 Newman, D. F. W. (1935) R.E.
 Parks, E. F. (1933) 34th Training Regt., R.A.
 Pearson, J. G. L. (1939) R.A.F.
 Peck, G. B. (1937) Sapper, A.A. Searchlight Camp.
 Plummer, S. D. (1931) R.A.F.
 Pollard, E. H. (1934) R.A.F.
 Potter, W. M. (1938) R.A.F.
 Powell, G. F. (1926) P./O., R.A.F.
 Quelch, P. B. (1931) R.A.
 Randle, J. S. (1934) Paymaster Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 Raymont, O. T. M. (1927) Lieut., Royal Welch Fusiliers.
 Rice, G. F. (1936) Driver, R.A.S.C.
 Rogers, A. C. (1935) R.E.
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