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CALENDAR—EASTER TERM, 1942

Mon. Jan. 12.	Boarders return to School.
Tues. „ 13.	First day of Term.
Wed. Feb. 11.	Under 15 XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Sat. „ 14.	Hockey XI v. Jesus College, Oxford (Away).
Wed. „ 25.	Hockey XI v. Bloxham School (Home).
Wed. Mar. 4.	Rowing 1st and 2nd IV v. Magdalen C.S. (Home).
Tues. „ 17.	Miles (provisional).
Tues. „ 24.	Last day of Term.
Wed. „ 25.	Boarders return home.

SCHOOL OFFICERS. CHRISTMAS TERM, 1941

Captain of the School and Head of the House
J. M. Leftwich.

School Prefects.

B. Arundale.	J. R. Owen.
M. Hedger.	C. R. Howell.
K. G. Walker.	G. E. T. Trudgian.

Sub-Prefects.

E. H. Aldworth.	E. S. N. Hazel.
R. E. Ball.	P. Hicks.
P. Carter.	G. Hill.
N. D. B. Corby.	M. G. H. Holt.
G. Farnsworth.	J. W. Rayson.
R. D. Gibaud.	W. D. Richardson.

Captain of Football : J. M. Leftwich.

Hon. Secretary of Games : G. Hill.

School Librarians : R. D. Gibaud and J. Taylor.

'Abingdonian' Committee

Editor : Mr. S. Punton-Smith.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker.

Hon. Secretary : K. G. Walker.

M. Hedger, R. D. Gibaud, J. L. Taylor.

EDITORIAL

The call for national economy of paper and labour is of such urgency that an Editorial can justify its appearance, however brief, only by having something of importance to convey to its readers. The same urgent call has impelled the Magazine Committee, after careful consideration, to the decision to omit the publication of the Easter, 1942, number. Our next issue therefore will be at the end of the Summer Term, 1942. It will contain all the appropriate news of both the Easter and Summer Terms, and therefore will not cause any break in the continuity of our history. The Committee wish it to be clearly understood that this is a war-time measure and therefore temporary, and is not intended in any way to form a precedent. It is occasioned entirely by existing circumstances.

The alterations to *The Abingdonian*—the outer cover, the lay-out, and printing—which were made in our last issue have met apparently with general approval, if letters and words are any criterion. We are therefore encouraged to continue the present form.

Space prevents us from publishing some contributions from our readers which we should like to have included; but the Editor wishes to thank those who have submitted contributions, and asks them to continue so to do.

We conclude by wishing our readers at least a peaceful Christmas, whatever the New Year may bring in store.

SCHOOL NOTES

The beginning of another School year brought a large influx of new boys, and with a normal number leaving last term, our numbers are now over 200.

There has been one change in the Staff, Mr. V. G. Harding, late of Christ Church College, Oxford, taking the place of Mr. E. F. Lefevre who has rejoined the staff of Alleyns School as senior English master. During his short stay, Mr. Lefevre saw the infant A.T.C. through its teething troubles; it is now a strong child.

The following boys were awarded Certificates

in the July examination. Oxford Higher School Certificate—Classics: E. O. Jones, K. G. Walker. Oxford School Certificate: E. H. Aldworth, B. Arundale, R. E. Ball, W. G. Bradfield, M. F. C. Brook, D. G. Burgess, D. G. Butler, A. E. Carter, R. J. Frearson, E. S. N. Hazel, P. Hicks, J. M. Leftwich, P. M. McLeod, C. B. F. Milne, M. F. Packer, J. C. Petty, J. W. Rayson, W. D. Richardson, P. A. S. Scott, P. A. Sitch, T. W. Smith, R. W. F. C. Westgate, D. O. Wilks, R. H. Wilsdon.

The following obtained supplementary certificates—Physics: C. R. T. Heard, E. R. Leigh Parkin, A. C. Randle, G. E. T. Trudgian. Mathematics: J. R. Owen, G. E. T. Trudgian. Additional Mathematics: C. R. T. Heard, A. L. Leigh. French: J. A. D. Cox, E. R. Leigh Parkin. Chemistry: A. C. Randle. Latin: J. A. D. Cox.

The Prize List for the Summer Term, 1941, is printed elsewhere.

This year the Confirmation Service in the School Chapel was held by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Dorchester on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. The following boys were confirmed: P. Anag, C. R. Burborough, D. C. Burley, C. Calvert-Fisher, M. J. Cullen, R. I. W. Hadley, P. H. Harris, E. Lay, M. F. Packer, P. A. Sitch, T. W. Smith, P. S. Wilsdon, K. P. Woodward.

The Football fixture list has been disfigured by a certain number of cancelled matches owing to those scourges of school games—epidemics. The School itself maintains a splendid bill of health, and can now claim immunity from any visitation for five successive terms. This immunity is not fortuitous, but is largely owing to the care and forethought of those responsible.

We congratulate the following on being awarded their Rugby Football Colours—1st XV: M. H. Hedger, G. Hill; 2nd XV: W. D. Richardson, E. S. H. Hazel, R. D. Gibaud, E. H. Aldworth, C. B. F. Milne, G. L. Jones, J. C. Cattle.

The Lin Cup for Senior House Football was won by Red House.

Though it may seem somewhat unseasonable

to mention Cricket, it should be recorded that in the Senior House matches Blue House won the Carr Cup, while in the Junior matches the Brewer Bowl is being held jointly by each House, owing to insufficient time for a decisive verdict.

The Inter-House Shooting was won by Blue House, thus entitling them to the Reeves Cup. A. C. Randle won the West Cup for Individual Shooting.

For the second year in succession it was necessary to abandon the Steeplechase, as the course would have proved more of an obstacle race than a steeplechase.

The following has been approved by an Army Selection Board to attend a course of study under the University scheme: J. M. Leftwich and G. E. T. Trudgian for the Royal Artillery; M. Hedger for Royal Engineers; B. Arundale for Royal Corps of Signals.

During this term the School's collection of butterflies and moths has been thoroughly overhauled and re-arranged by P. H. Harris and I. M. Crudgington. A varied selection of foreign lepidoptera is on view in the show case; while our British section, which contains a number of fine specimens, is housed in a cabinet.

The *Abingdonian* Awards for original contributions were given to J. L. Taylor and T. W. Smith.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Aluredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Brightonian*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Dog Watch* 'Worcester' Magazine, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The Recorder*, *The S. Edward's School Chronicle*.

Obituary

It was sad news to hear at the beginning of the summer holidays of the death of Ronald Payton, after an illness of some six months. He had been with us four years, and during that time had come to fill a useful place in school life. He was of a cheerful and friendly disposition, which makes us all the more conscious of a loss from our ranks. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his parents.

Valete

Left, July, 1941.

- VIth Form. H. J. Clarke (1936, i). Captain of School, and Head of the House. O.S.C., 1938. 1st XV Rugger, 1938-40; Colours, 1939; Captain, 1940. 1st XI Cricket, 1940-41; 2nd XI Colours, 1940. Captain of Athletics, 1941. Captain of Boats, 1941. J.T.C., C.Q.M.S., Cert. 'A,' 1939. A.T.C., Sgt. Hon. Sec. of Games, 1939-40. Home Guard.
- E. O. Jones (1931, ii). School Prefect. O.S.C., 1936, 37; H.S.C., 1939, 40; Pembroke Scholarship (Classics), 1941. 1st XV Rugger 1940; 2nd XV Colours, 1940. Captain of Hockey, 1941. J.T.C., C.S.M., Cert. 'A,' 1939. 1st Class Shot. Home Guard. School Librarian. *Abingdonian* Committee.
- A. C. Randle (1938, ii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1940. 1st XV Rugger, 1940; 2nd XV Colours 1940. 1st IV Rowing, 1941; Colours, 1941. Full Athletic Colours, 1941. J.T.C., Cpl. Cert. 'A,' 1940. 1st Class Shot. Home Guard.
- A. L. Leigh (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1940. 1st XV Rugger, 1940; 2nd XV Colours 1940. 1st XI Cricket, 1940-41; Colours, 1940. Captain, 1941. Hockey XI, 1940-41. J.T.C. Lance Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1940. Home Guard. Hon. Treas. A.S.P.R.S. *Abingdonian* Committee.
- J. A. D. Cox (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1940. 1st XV Rugger, 1939. Hockey XI 1940-41. Full Athletic Colours, 1941. J.T.C. Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1940. Home Guard. Hon. Sec. A.S.P.R.S.
- R. W. F. C. Westgate (1938, iii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1941. 1st XV Rugger, 1940; 2nd XV Colours, 1940. J.T.C., Sgt., Cert. 'A,' 1939. A.T.C., Cpl.
- E. R. Leigh-Parkin (1937, iii). O.S.C., 1940. J.T.C., Lance-Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1940. Home Guard.
- Vth Form. W. G. Bradfield (1936, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XV Rugger, 1940. 1st XI Cricket 1940-41. Colours, 1940. J.T.C., Cert. 'A' 1941.
- D. O. Wilks (1936, iii). O.S.C., 1941.

- R. J. Frearson (1937, iii). O.S.C., 1941.
 A. E. Carter (1936, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XV
 Rugger, 1940. 2nd XI Cricket, 1941.
 R. H. Wilsdon (1940, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XI
 Cricket, 1941.
 J. C. Petty (1937, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XI
 Cricket, 1941. J.T.C., Lance-Cpl., Cert. 'A,'
 1940. Home Guard.
 T. R. Young (1935, iii). J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' 1941.
 Home Guard.
 IVth Form. J. A. C. Barnes (1939, ii). A. Grey
 (1937, iii).
 Remove. G. N. Gibbs (1940, iii). R. Grey
 (1937, iii). N. B. Humfrey (1940, ii). F. G.
 Wallace (1940, ii).
 IIIrd Form. D. J. Haycock (1939, iii).
 IIInd Form. A. S. Harrex (1940, iii). D. A.
 Lethem (1940, iii).
 Ist Form. D. B. Virgoe (1940, iii).
 Left, September to October, 1941.
 VIth Form. P. Carter (1936, iii). Sub-Prefect.
 O.S.C., 1940. 2nd XV Rugger, 1940. 1st XI
 Cricket, 1941. Colours, 1941. Full Athletic
 Colours, 1941. Hockey XI, 1941.
 D. G. Burgess (1939, iii). O.S.C., 1941.

Salvete

Came September, 1941.

- IVth Form. R. S. Barnes.
 Remove. J. M. Lewington, F. M. Sharp, G. C.
 Moore.
 IIIrd Form. M. Lawrence, J. O. V. Woodward,
 J. C. Ashdown, J. T. Moore, K. J. Weston,
 M. J. T. Newport, I. J. M. Jamieson, R. M.
 Owen, R. G. Peggs.
 IIInd Form. F. C. Stott, J. A. Garner, G. J.
 Good, P. R. Little, T. D. Thomas, J. E.
 Holloway, E. R. Absalom, J. R. Wake, H. L.
 Harvey, J. M. Ball, A. V. Crook, M. D.
 Cruickshanks.
 IA Form. D. B. C. Augur, K. H. Grutch, C. W.
 Brookes.
 IB Form. C. H. Lamburn, E. M. C. Halfpenny,
 R. G. L. Halfpenny, R. C. Pegler, C. E. W.
 Shuffield.

Iterum Salve

- Remove. P. R. Sims (1938, iii, to 1940, iii).

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1941

Various circumstances combined to curtail our fixture list, and only four other schools were played. Southfield School and the City of Oxford School were beaten without much difficulty, though in the latter match our opponents rallied in the second half and kept the scoring down. The game with Pembroke College was somewhat spoilt by a strong wind, which upset the movements of our outsides during the first half, and was shrewdly exploited by Pembroke when they had its assistance after the interval.

These matches made it clear that the forwards were shaping well, that the full-back position would be adequately if not brilliantly filled by G. L. Jones; but that all was not well at half-back, and the three-quarter line, as too frequently in recent years, was likely to fail in attack through lack of cohesion. Richardson now took Hazel's place at scrum-half, and Milne moved to the centre, Hayter going out on the wing. This went far towards solving the half-back problem, and improved the three-quarters a little.

The matches with Magdalen College School, Oxford, and Bloxham School, played in the same week, were very even games indeed, and the latter provided some fast and exciting play. That we just lost both was due, not so much to our opponents' superior skill as to a few expensive lapses on our part, and the inability of our three-quarter line to force home attacks developed by our forwards and halves.

The pack played a lively and intelligent game in every match, and were well led by Arundale. It was unfortunate that he could not play against Bloxham, though Farnsworth deputized very ably for him as leader. We were lucky to have four such good forwards as these two and Trudgian and Hedger, remaining from last season to form a nucleus for this year's pack.

Considering that they were both new to their positions, Richardson and Hill played very well together; indeed, with a little more experience they might well develop into a quite first-class pair of halves. Hill alone of the outsides had real penetrating power, and this enabled him to score

an excellent try against Bloxham. The others ran with determination, but usually passed too late or too inaccurately for any effective movement to develop.

The defence of the team as a whole was sound, and when the rain came at last to soften the ground some good tackling was seen.

In conclusion it may be said that the team possessed both ability and determination and only lack of match practice prevented it from becoming as good as any that has represented the School in recent years.

The final composition of the XV was as follows: Full-back : G. L. Jones ; three-quarters : E. H. Aldworth, J. M. Leftwich (Captain), C. B. F. Milne, K. R. Sims ; halves : G. Hill, W. D. Richardson ; forwards : B. Arundale, E. S. N. Hazel, G. E. T. Trudgian, J. E. W. Lidsey, R. D. Gibaud, G. Farnsworth, M. Hedger, J. C. Cantle.

1st XV Matches

v. Southfield School (Home). Won 20-3.

Southfield pressed hard at first and nearly scored, but the School counter-attacked and Hill pierced the defence by resolute running. Southfield soon replied with a movement resulting in a try near the corner. Towards the end of the first half, play was mainly in Southfield's territory, and Farnsworth kicked a penalty goal.

After half-time the visitors, except for occasional forward rushes, rarely threatened. For the School tries were scored by Arundale (2), Farnsworth, and Hayter. Of these the first three were the outcome of good forward play, the last of a three-quarter movement. Only one try was converted in this match.

v. Pembroke College (Away). Lost 5-21.

A very strong wind made conditions difficult. An even first half ended with the score 3-0 against the School, who had been assisted by the wind. In the second half Pembroke kept the School mainly on the defensive by kicking down-wind. Once Hayter got clean away to score a try which Farnsworth converted, but Pembroke, aided by the wind and superior weight, crossed our line four more times.

v. City of Oxford School (Home). Won 13-5.

The School forwards dominated the play for the first three-quarters of this game and scored all three tries, two of which were converted by Jones. They

also gave the outsiders many opportunities, but lack of combination and penetrating power prevented any score resulting. Our opponents relied on kicking both for attack and defence, and their one try came from a cross-kick late in the game. Our tries were obtained by Arundale (2) and Farnsworth.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (Away). Lost 0-3.

The two packs were very evenly matched, for while ours was superior in the tight scrums, Magdalen had a slight advantage in the loose. The heavy ground and ball slowed up the game, and, together with close marking, made attacking movements difficult. After being on the defensive for the early part of the game, the School pressed hard but Magdalen cleared by judicious kicking. A pointless draw appeared likely when, shortly before the end, Magdalen kicked a penalty goal, after which in spite of determined efforts by the School there was no further scoring.

v. Bloxham School (Home). Lost 5-6.

The School attacked strongly from the start, and looked like scoring several times during the first fifteen minutes, but promising movements broke down through lack of combination. Eventually Hill pierced the defence with a brilliant diagonal run which took the opposition completely by surprise. Jones converted with ease. Bloxham now improved and their fast wings put in several runs which exposed a weakness in our defence. In fact Bloxham's first try, scored by their left wing, could have been prevented by more resolute tackling. The score at half-time was 5-3.

After the interval play continued at a great pace. Both three-quarter lines were frequently in action. Bloxham varied their attack by kicking ahead and following up, a manoeuvre which was to lead to their winning try! Both Leftwich and Hill made effective use of defensive kicking, and the latter also tried the short diagonal kick as a method of attack. About five minutes from the end Bloxham scored by the method referred to above, the actual try resulting from a lucky rebound. The School made desperate efforts to score and forced Bloxham to touch-down more than once. Almost in the last minute Hill very nearly dropped a goal, the ball just going the wrong side of the post.

There was some first-rate tackling by the School in this match. The forwards again played well, and except in the line-outs were on top for most of the game.

J. O. Bury's XV (Home). Won 14-9. Played November 29th.

This victory over virtually an Old Abingdonian XV provided the best game of the season. The School forwards held the visitors' fast and heavy pack, and the three-quarter line functioned far more smoothly than ever before, its combination leading to the first two tries scored by Sims. Mistakes in defence then enabled the visitors to score through Cox (J. A. D.). The hot pace was maintained after the interval; Arundale quickly scored, Jones converting. Good teamwork and backing-up led to a try by Leftwich. With Bayley hooking as of old, the visitors were now winning the tight scrums and scored twice through Bayley and Gibbs. The game was very even, except during the early part, when the School scored their first two tries.

Bury's team was: R. F. Cox; V. A. Harfield, J. J. Holmes, A. L. Leigh, J. A. D. Cox; H. J. Clarke, A. H. Lunghi; R. Hedger, G. V. Bayley, V. G. Bradfield, A. C. Randle, F. Caudwell, R. F. C. Vestgate, E. G. Gibbs, J. O. Bury.

1st XV Characters

J. M. Leftwich (Capt., 1st XV Colours, 1940). Centre three-quarter. Runs strongly, but without subtlety. Would be more effective if he passed sooner. Covers and tackles well, sometimes very well.

B. Arundale (1st XV Colours, 1939). Forward. Held the pack well. Makes good use of his height, weight, and speed, especially in the loose, but does the kick into touch. Good in defence.

G. E. T. Trudgian (1st XV Colours, 1940). Forward. A very hard-working player both in attack and defence. His tackling and falling on the ball were quite up to last year's high standard.

G. Farnsworth (1st XV Colours, 1940). Forward. An honest, hard-working forward, who thoroughly enjoys the game. Speedier than last year, he was very effective in the loose, as well as in the tight scrums, where his weight was invaluable. Must be more careful to keep onside.

G. Hill (1st XV Colours, 1941). Stand-off half. Has all the qualities requisite for this position, and with more experience should be very good indeed. Must resist the temptation, inevitable for a player of his ability, to try to do too much him-

self. Kicks well in attack and defence, and tackles well.

M. Hedger (1st XV Colours, 1941). Forward. His hooking has been very useful to the team. Unobtrusive but generally in the right place. Good in the line-out and dribbles well in the loose.

E. H. Aldworth (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Left wing three-quarter. Though handicapped by lack of size, and not particularly fast, he has an undoubted instinct for the game, and always makes ground when he gets the ball. In defence he is apt to be drawn into the centre, and neglect his own man.

J. C. Cantle (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Forward. Rather too easy-going and uncertain at present. Would be good if he played with more spirit. Useful in the line-out.

R. D. Gibaud (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Forward. Worked hard and effectively. Rather awkward at first, he has improved steadily, and is now a very sound player.

E. S. N. Hazel (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Forward. Moved from scrum-half to this position half-way through the season. A lively player, who takes the ball well in the loose, and knows when to get it back. Tackles very well, especially in the open.

G. L. Jones (2nd XV Colours, 1941). A very promising full-back. Handles and tackles well, and kicks a remarkably long ball considering his size. Inclined to forget that a full-back's first duty is to find touch. A good though unreliable place-kicker.

C. B. F. Milne (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Three-quarter. Has played on the wing and in the centre. A most determined runner, but not a constructive player, and so the wing position should suit him best. Tackles fairly well.

W. D. Richardson (2nd XV Colours, 1941). Scrum-half. In the early matches played very well as wing-forward. When moved to scrum-half he combined quite well with Hill, though his passing was at first erratic. Sound in defence. A very keen player, he deserves a special word of praise for 'stepping into the breach' so willingly.

N. D. B. Corby. Forward. Apt to follow the game instead of keeping up with it, and to lose his head in an emergency. Did not improve as much as was expected.

D. Hayter. Has been disappointing on the whole, although he scored two good tries. Has a deceptive pace, but does not pass, and is very weak in defence. He might develop into a really good three-quarter if he can get rid of these faults.

J. E. W. Lidsey. Came into the pack rather late in the season. A lively forward who keeps well up with the game; uses his weight effectively.

K. R. Sims. A promising wing three-quarter with enough speed and strength to be very effective in attack whenever he has made up his mind to go hard. Has noticeably improved his handling and defence.

Second XV

Following the example of their predecessors of last season the 2nd XV won their matches with Southfield School (31-5) and Magdalen College School, Oxford (14-5). In the first match they were superior to their opponents in all departments, but in both games the lively and bustling play of the forwards, and the determined running of Sims and Wilsdon, were outstanding features. At scrum-half Rayson worked hard and effectively, especially in defence. Howell's handling and kicking at full-back were of great service to the team.

The following played in the team: R. C. Howell, P. S. Wilsdon, F. W. G. Carter, K. R. Sims, R. E. Ball, A. J. Burborough, D. Hayter, G. L. Jones, J. W. Rayson, T. W. Smith, P. R. Allum, D. G. Butler, J. E. W. Lidsey, J. E. Cutteridge, E. S. N. Hazel, N. D. B. Corby, J. L. Taylor, P. Hicks.

Colts XV (under 15)

A team has gradually been developed from the Colts game. There are still many weak points in the side, but there has been steady improvement throughout the term. Possibly the away win against the City of Oxford School, albeit a narrow one, which broke the spell of a succession of defeats of last season, proved an inspiration. Tackling

from being almost non-existent now makes welcome appearances at times: perhaps a tackling machine has helped a little; for tackling is primarily a matter of confidence. The backs have not yet learnt the art of giving and timing their passes. The strength of the team lies in the forwards, Cutteridge, Hadley, and King 1 being especially promising. Carter 6 has improved as fly-half.

Team: Cutteridge (Capt.), Carter 6, Burborough 1, Betterton 1, Hadley, King 1, Parrott, Crook 1, Hill 4, Slingsby, Calvert, Fisher, Walters, Cullen 1, Vollasky, Dudley Hayter 2.

Results: *v.* City of Oxford School, Won 11-9; *v.* Bloxham. Lost 12-0; *v.* Magdalen College School, Won 9-3.

CRICKET

House Matches, 1941

Senior. Blue *v.* Green.

Blue 173 (A. L. Leigh 111 not out).

Green 65 and 43. Blue won by an innings and 65 runs.

Green *v.* Red.

Green 190 for 5 dec. (W. G. Bradfield 120).

Red 59 and 104. Green won by an innings and 27 runs.

Blue House won the Carr Cup.

Junior. Blue *v.* Red.

Blue 74; Red 80. Red won by 1 wicket.

Red *v.* Green.

Red 58; Green 101 for 4 (Cullen 1 34; Wilsdon 33 not out). Green won by 6 wickets.

Blue *v.* Green.

Green 28 (Harris 6 for 8); Blue 34 for 4. Blue won by 7 wickets.

As each house had won one match, and there was insufficient time for replays, it was decided that each house should hold the Brewer Bowl for one term.

Challenge Match

The Vth Form challenged the VIth and IVth forms to a match which was played on the 21st and 22nd July. A close game resulted in a win for the latter by 18 runs. Score: VIth and IVth 120; Vth, 102.

J.T. CORPS

The summer holiday Course for N.C.O.s at Stainborough Castle was attended by K. G. Walker and R. E. Ball, and the P.T. Course at Aldershot by B. Arundale, P. Hicks, W. D. Richardson. We understand these cadets had a very good time and there is no doubt that they greatly benefited from the instruction received.

A regular afternoon parade has now been arranged and this has greatly added to the time available for Fieldcraft and Section Training, and has also made visits to the river and Common possible. It has likewise been easier to arrange for visits by Officers and N.C.O.s from the unit to which we are affiliated, and this assistance has been especially valuable to the Certificate 'A' candidates.

A Whole Day Exercise was held on 22nd October, in the vicinity of Upton. The weather proved favourable, and a Scouting Exercise, Section Stalk, and Platoon Assault were successfully carried out. C.S.M. Arundale, C.Q.M.S. Leftwich, and Sgt. Trudgian acted as Umpires and Directors and did heavy execution with fire-works and smoke bombs, while Sgt. Hedger commanded the demonstration platoon.

Col. S. J. Worsley, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., visited the contingent on Saturday, October 25th, and intimated that he was very pleased with what he had seen, which included Fieldcraft under Sgt. Hedger, Weapon Training Squads under Cpls. Ball, Rayson, and Lance-Cpls. Aldworth, Gibaud, and a Demonstration Rehearsal under C.Q.M.S. Leftwich and Cpl. Walker.

Promotions :

To be C.S.M.—B. Arundale.

To be C.Q.M.S.—J. M. Leftwich.

To be Sgt.—M. Hedger.

To be Cpls.—G. Hill 3, R. C. Howell, J. W. Rayson.

To be Lance-Cpls.—N. D. B. Corby, G. Farnsworth, S. N. Hazel, P. Hicks, W. D. Richardson, P. A. Scott, R. D. Gibaud, M. G. H. Holt, E. H. Aldworth.

All the candidates who entered for the December Certificate 'A' examination were successful. They were K. R. Sims, C. B. F. Milne, C. B. T.

Heard, P. Anag, J. McMahon, J. C. Cantle, T. W. Smith, P. A. Sitch, P. G. Nowell-Usticke.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

No. 2 Section, 'B' Flight, No. 1 North Berks. (1056) Squadron.

'Now we have an Air Force which is at least equal in size and numbers, not to speak of quality, to the German air power.' So said Mr. Churchill at the Mansion House on November 10th. This cheering statement implies the necessity of two things, machines and men. The A.T.C. is primarily interested in the men, and the quality of those men.

One of the minor marvels of the war is the amazing response of the youth of the country to the call of the A.T.C., which has already become the largest youth movement in the country, composed of keen, air-minded volunteers. Though it is early days to see the fruit of this great conception, yet members of the A.T.C. who have passed into I.T.W.s are already showing the value of their pre-service training. As the standard of proficiency increases, so will the facilities for passing through the training stages of the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Punton-Smith has taken over command of the School A.T.C. in place of Mr. Lefevre who left the staff at the end of last term ; with Sergeant Rayson and Corporal Hill as N.C.O.s. There are now 20 members.

The normal programme of training has been carried out—Drill, P.T., Morse, Air Recognition, and Navigation. We have been able to make use of the services of an Instructor from the aerodrome for P.T. Capt. Gray has been giving valuable instruction to the Seniors in Navigation, while Mr. Ingham has worked assiduously at Morse, with the satisfactory result that all the Cadets who took the Proficiency Test in this subject passed. The arrival of some buzzers has helped this branch of training. Mr. Gardiner, O.A., Group Officer of the Royal Observer Corps, kindly gave two expert talks on Air Recognition.

All the Cadets who entered have passed the first part of Proficiency Test 'A' (P.T., Drill, and

Morse). They have taken the second part (Mathematics and Navigation); but results are not yet to hand. This Proficiency Test is the Air Force equivalent of Certificate 'A.'

On Sunday, November 2nd, a Church Parade was held at Oxford composed of the Squadrons of the district, Nos. 150 (1st Oxford), S. Edward's, 1250, 1315, and 1056. After assembly at Merton College field, the Squadrons marched to the Cathedral for an inspiring service, the address being given by the Bishop of Dorchester. Air Commodore W. F. MacNeece Foster afterwards took the salute and inspected the Parade in Christ Church Meadows.

The authorities at the Aerodrome have been most helpful, through the A.T.C. Liaison Officer, in arranging for flights, demonstrations, and instruction for Cadets. The chances of being fitted up in uniform shortly appear hopeful.

Appointment of Officers—S. Punton-Smith, Acting Flying Officer, with effect from May 5, 1941.

Promotions—To be Sgt. : Cadet J. W. Rayson. To be Cpl. : Cadet G. Hill. Both with effect from September 25, 1941.

News has just been received that J. W. Rayson, G. Hill, N. D. B. Corby, P. Hicks, P. A. S. Scott, W. D. Richardson have passed for their Proficiency Certificate.

HOME GUARD

The Section is up to strength and is now qualified to use a number of diverse weapons.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

The Society is functioning as usual this term. A general meeting was held in October and the following officers were elected—Chairman : Mr. Alston ; Hon. Sec., K. G. Walker ; Hon. Treas., R. D. Gibaud ; Committee : G. Hill and C. B. F. Milne.

So far *Banana Ridge* and *Rebecca* have been read, both proving to be great successes. It is hoped to read one more play before the end of term.

THE RAG CONCERT

The rag concert at the end of the Summer Term, 1941, took the form of a revue entitled 'Abers Calling!' Naturally the show started with an A-B-E-R-S, followed by the opening chorus 'I want to be happy.'

Then A. C. Randle and J. W. Rayson played an arrangement for two pianos of the first movement of Beethoven's 5th Symphony. This topical work, with its connections with the V campaign, was played very well indeed.

The first humorous item was a short sketch, 'Running the Home on Military Lines.' The householder (R. D. Gibaud) expounded to his wife (J. A. D. Cox) his theories for militarizing domestic life. The object of these schemes, it transpired, was to drive the 'enemy' (his wife's parents) from the house.

Mr. Ingham and Mr. Alston, in their inimitable manner, sang 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Hey, Little Hen'—with appropriate clucking, off. Incidentally we should like to know where those two eggs came from!

After this we were privileged to see part of a concert given in aid of a village war weapons week. The vicar (J. A. D. Cox) announced the turns while the principal members of the audience were the squire and his wife (A. C. Randle and R. D. Gibaud), both of whom made appropriate speeches. The performances of the 'Choir Boys' (G. E. T. Trudgian, G. Hill, P. Carter)—whose singing of 'We Three' was particularly good—and the 'Glee Singers' (M. W. Hedger, A. L. Leigh, N. D. B. Corby) are to be commended. The whole act, which was written by those taking part and full of topical references, was declared by most to be the high spot of the evening.

The second half began with the accordianists (Randle and Trudgian) who, suitably attired, played a selection of gipsy melodies. There were some spectacular lighting effects, devised by H. J. Clarke.

A short sketch, showing the difficulties of being a god-parent, followed. The actors were M. W. Hedger (the god-father) and A. Leigh (the mother), not forgetting the baby.

After this M. H. Jones and W. I. Odgen, our juvenile talent, made a welcome reappearance and played some charming pieces on the piano.

Next came 'Old Moore's Almanac.' The script of this play only arrived at the last minute (so they told us) and costumes presented another difficulty. As can be imagined, this was a farce, with comings and goings, plots and intrigues, fortunes being lost and made, all too complicated to be described.

Cast.

Lady Duller Ditchwater	J. A. D. Cox.
Mr John Ditchwater	R. D. Gibaud.
Daisy Dimple	P. H. Harris.
Algernon Ditchwater	G. Hill.
Myvelyn Tent	J. L. Taylor.

The other 'guest artist' was, of course, Mr. Levir. He was on top of his form and, assisted by some boys of the Vth, sang 'Widecombe Fair' and 'You'll be far better off in a home.' To the latter he added many verses of his own composition, which were most amusing.

The finale was an ambitious affair which was deservedly successful. We were shown a panorama of the forces of the Empire, and finally the whole company sang 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Good-night to you all.'

So ended one of the best rag concerts seen for some time. Great praise is due to all concerned, and especially to the producer (J. A. D. Cox) and the stage manager (H. J. Clarke). Cox deserves credit for his untiring efforts in getting a row together, and Clarke for devoting much time and attention to the all-important back-stage work.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

'We congratulate the Governors of Christ's Hospital for having at last put a gate at the entrance to our drive, and such a one. We all wondered whether we had made a mistake on the evening of September 21st, when arriving back from the holidays in the dusk of the evening we were faced with this magnificent structure. . . . We hope it will receive better treatment than the old one, which had to fulfil two capacities, its natural one, and its un-natural one, that is, a public swing.'—*Abingdonian*, October, 1891.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

Augustus was a clever child,
He never drove his masters wild,
And every night at preparation
He showed unceasing concentration.
His knowledge really was unique
Of mathematics, French and Greek,
And even Latin seemed to be
As effortless as ABC.
When playing cricket he could score
At least two centuries or more,
And later bowl a googly which
Would turn enough on any pitch
To stump the whole opposing team.
In fact, his cricket was a dream.
At other games he shone as well,
At football or at bagatelle.
His fame was great, his pride untrimmed,
His sporting prowess daily hymned,
And no one ever cast a slight on
This truly Admirable Crichton,
Until one day (the moral starts)
The gardener challenged him to darts.
Augustus naturally thought
That this was just another sport
And rashly boasting he would win
Committed the unpardoned sin.
And yet—his throws were maladroit,
His dart he handled as a quoit.
And while he could not make a start,
The gardener threw a skilful dart,
He scored three hundred and then one
Before Augustus had begun.
Poor lad! he could not stand the shame
Of losing such a puerile game;
He never had been worsted till
This simple landsman showed more skill.
He ran away and left the school,
The poor misguided boasting fool!

Moral.

If ever pride should turn your head
Try darts, and suffer shame instead.

B.M. after BELLOC.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Under Canvas

Have you ever been camping? We have! We can recommend it to you, especially in oozing mud and pouring rain (our breed is known to the Welsh as 'mountain DRIZZLE'). From personal experience, to light a camp fire in the midst of a howling gale and downpours of rain is indeed an art acquired only by the patient and long-suffering. Look in *Camping Manual*, A/K 999 (para. 1). You will find this: 'Blowing Load, Lesson I. This is done in two movements. First, throw yourself bodily on the stomach, feet apart, heels on ground. Secondly, fill the lungs with a good dose of ozone. Expire same powerfully into the dying embers. Continue till the kettle and/or the potatoes boil.'

Who was the mysterious burglar who stalked into our camp at dead of night and 'narked' our rations? Has it ever been your fortune to chase a dog (that is, the burglar) round a field in pitch darkness (and, incidentally, in a strong wind) clad only in nighties?—an experience guaranteed to damp the spirits of the most ardent optimist. Talking of damp spirits reminds us of our one and only excursion into the waters of the river Dovey. The temperature inside a refrigerator bears a striking resemblance to it.

Still, despite these adventures and many others we all unanimously agree that camping (going back to nature, as it were) is a grand life.

'Men of Harlech.'

In Prep. THE PROBLEM

Why is this radiator cold?
 Why is this desk so hard?
 Why is this pen so leaky and old?
 Why is this work so marred?
 How can I do this French for 'Bill'?
 How can I do this History?
 How can I get this pen to fill?
 How can I solve this mystery?
 Why should I have to slave like this?
 Why must I labour and toil?
 Why can't I give this work a miss?
 Why must I mope and moil?

T. W. S.

(These questions require an answer. We offer a prize to the reader who submits the best answer to this lament, in the form of a stanza.—EDITOR.)

PRIZE LIST. SUMMER TERM, 1941

Certificates were awarded in lieu of prizes.

Form VI

Mathematics A and Divinity.	Clarke, H. J.
Mathematics A. English.	Hedger, M.
History.	Hill 3, G.
Classics A.	Gibaud, R. D.
Classics B.	Jones 5, E. O.
Physics A and Chemistry A.	Taylor, J. L.
Mathematics B and Physics B.	Clarke, H. J., and Hedger, M.
Chemistry B and Pianoforte.	Heard 1, C. R. T.
	Randle, A. C.

Form V

French and Latin.	Bradfield, W. G.
Divinity and Art.	Westgate, R. W. F. C.
History.	Brook, M. F. C.
Mathematics.	Packer, M. F.
English and Science.	Bradfield, W. G.
Greek.	Wilks, D. O.
Art.	Ball, R. E.
Pianoforte.	Rayson, J. W.

Form IV

English & Mathematics.	Lesser, R. H. S.
History.	King 1, P. M., and Harris, P. H.
French and Science.	Hayter 1, D.
Latin and Greek.	Lesser, R. H. S.
Divinity.	Jones 6, G. L.

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French and Latin.	Beattie, D.
Science and Singing.	Deval, R.
History.	Cullen 1, M. J.
Divinity.	Green 1, T. W.
Mathematics.	Gibbs 3, G. N.
Greek.	Hadley, R. I. W.

Form III

English and Science.	Welch, V. E.
French.	Cowling, J.
Divinity.	Freeston, J. W. J.
Latin.	Rose, J. A., and Wheaton, D. H.
Mathematics.	OdeU, R. C.

Form II

English and Divinity.	Vickers, M. D. A.
Mathematics.	Jones 8, M. H.
French and Nature Study.	Vickers, M. D. A.

Form I

Mathematics and Nature Study.	Faulkner 2, R. E.
Divinity.	Hayton, A. F.
English.	Turner, A. D.

AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF A NAVAL BOMBARDMENT

By V. A. Harfield, O.A.

'Cl-e-e-ar Lower Deck.' The Boatswain's Mate's voice echoes through the mess decks of a destroyer lying at a buoy in a South-Coast harbour. 'Clear Lower Deck—all Hands lay aft.' The Crew, or as it is known in the Navy, the Ship's Company, straggles up from below and assembles on the small Quarter Deck. The favourite rig is overalls; but here and there is a man wearing a singlet and trousers or perhaps a hand-knitted pullover, a present from some kind friend or relation; some wear caps. It is in fact a typical destroyer's crew. The 1st Lieutenant is waiting for every one to assemble, and the Captain can be seen pacing up and down the deck. Several 'buzzes'¹ are going round, the favourite one being that the ship is going to take part in a bombardment. The 1st Lieutenant calls the Ship's Company to attention, and the Captain makes his way to a vantage point from which he can be heard by every one. There is an air of expectancy as we wait for the fateful words. Yes, the favourite buzz was right; it is to be a bombardment of the enemy occupied port of Cherbourg, to be carried out that night by heavy and light forces of the Royal Navy. The Captain explains a few details, tells us that we may be attacked by destroyers and/or 'E' Boats, and that the enemy's defences include 11 in. shore batteries, and ends by saying, 'I think it will be money for old rope.'

As the Ship's Company goes forward again, various comments on the forthcoming action can be heard. 'Money for old rope! I hope he is right.' 'Where is my puffer-up?' 'Stand by for a swim.' 'Well, it had not been a bad war up to now,' etc.

¹ 'Buzzes,' Naval slang for rumour.

² 'Puffer-up,' Naval slang for lifebelt.

(To be concluded)

BOOK REVIEW

Purple Testament. Willoughby Weaving, O.A. Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 4s. 6d.

It is inevitable that comparisons should be drawn between the 1st World War of 1914-18 and the present holocaust, and there is present in the minds of those whose memories can flash back vividly to 1914 a consciousness that the present war is much grimmer, more crushingly grey and monstrous. In 1914 there was—certainly until the cream of the country had become casualties—a certain spirit of high adventure abroad, a gay insouciance and zest for war. What is there to-day to compare with 'It's a long way to Tipperary,' 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and Smile, Smile, Smile,' and their associations? This contrast is reflected in the literature and poetry of the two eras. The Georgian output of verse of high standard and high resolve was considerable (did not Rupert Brooke and Julian Grenfell fall early in the war in the prime of their youth?): the present war has up to now produced little.

Nevertheless this book of poems does something to redress this balance. Mr. Willoughby Weaving maintains his previous high standard in *The Purple Testament*. The sub-title, 'The Purple Testament of Bleeding War,' clearly defines the theme of the book. These poems are written in sonnet form and the subjects, as one would expect, are sombre in tone, topical and catholic in their range of war vignettes; the Black Out, Hitler, the Home Guard, Raids on London—all find a place.

The writer at first feels the crushing onset of war—

'The long impending avalanche of war
Fell on the world o'erwhelming, million-tonned,
Inevitable, and though expected stunned
The mind as if with universal jar
Earth had collided with some wandering star. . . .

Caught

In that intense vibration I can find
No medicine to still my ringing mind
And rescue me from thought that is no thought.'

But after the first revulsion his muse returns—

'My spirit's flame that caught in the fierce draught
Of war's anxiety was flaring wrenched
Sidelong, and almost to extinction blenched,
Again burned like a bright blade from its haft,
Steady and tall. . . .'

And we have a series of dignified, poignant pen-pictures, the reactions of a sensitive mind to the stern

necessities of war, with the background of 1914. The standard of writing is sustained on a high, and at times on a majestic plane, and is a worthy contribution, scant as yet, to war literature.

S. P. S.

CORRESPONDENCE

SCHOOL HOUSE,
ABINGDON.

Sir,

I believe that there is some honour in being either a prefect or even a member of the 1st XV or XI. Therefore surely it is right that such persons should have some badge or distinguishing emblem. In other schools this is the custom, yet here there is no apparent difference between one in authority and the most junior person. It matters little what is the actual distinguishing mark—perhaps a different hat-band or possibly a tie.

Trusting that this suggestion meets with your approval, or will at least be considered sympathetically by 'the powers that be.'

I remain, Yours, etc.,

HOPEFUL.

Sir,

In a letter published in your last issue, 'Recorder' complained that, in the 1941 School Sports programme, no school record was given for the event of 'Throwing the Discus.' He also suggested that it would be 'a fitting gesture' to adopt A. C. Dean's throw of 113 ft. 10 in., made in 1940, as the record.

With regard to the complaint, I should like to make it clear that the omission was deliberate, and in accordance with the custom that no performance in a new event counts as a record until that event has been included in three Athletic Meetings. Throwing the Discus was introduced into the School Sports in 1939, and therefore the best performance in that and the two subsequent years will automatically appear, as the record, in the 1942 programme.

That record will not, however, be the one suggested by 'Recorder.' Nor would it, surely, be 'a fitting gesture to Dean' to adopt, 'as the official record,' his second-best performance, and to ignore his throw of 114 ft. 6 in., made at the 1939 meeting.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

J. B. E. ALSTON.

O.A. NOTES

Births

RELLE—On July 9th, at The Firs, Roxborough Park, Harrow, to Rosalind, wife of V. J. Relle, a son.

OSMAND—On September 14th, at Douglas Isle of Man, to Marjorie, wife of F./O. A. G. Osmand, R.A.F.V.R., a son, Anthony.

Marriages

KAY—CAYFORD.—On June 20th, John Hugh Kay to Ruth Naomi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Cayford, of Westmount, Quebec.

PUNTER—RENSHAW.—On June 28th, at S. Katherine's Church, Rotherhithe, Eric James Frederick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Punter, of 45 Bostock Road, Abingdon, to Marjorie, youngest daughter of Mr. Renshaw, of Rotherhithe.

SINCLAIR—BURDEKIN.—On July 19th, at Penzance, 2nd-Lieut. G. E. Sinclair, Gold Coast Regiment, R.W.A.F.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sinclair, of St. Buryan, Cornwall, to Katherine Jane, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Burdekin, of Sydney, Australia, and Compton Dundon, Somerset.

EELES—GREEN.—On September 13th, at Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, Herbert Henry Eeles, of 84 Ock Street, Abingdon, to Cynthia Green, of 40 Swinburne Road, Abingdon.

VINEY—STROUD.—On September 15th, Flight Lieut. John Mortimer Viney, R.A.F., of Abingdon, to Elizabeth Stroud, of Sydney, Australia.

BURY—HAYNES.—On Oct. 25th, at S. Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, John O. Bury, of Black Ditch, Stanton Harcourt, Oxon, to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Haynes of Mannington House, Swindon.

Deaths

DAVIS.—On September 26th, at Ewelme Cottage, Pinner, Louis Davis, younger son of the late Gabriel Davis, Coal Merchant, of Abingdon, aged 81.

POVEY.—On October 12th, at Radley, George William Povey, aged 19.

It is with much sorrow that we record George Povey's early death. He was here from 1933 to

1940, and was well liked by both boys and masters, as a good sportsman and a very pleasant companion. At cricket especially he excelled, and in his last season (1939) won the Fletcher Cup and Common Room Bat with an average of 41.3; and this in spite of a very severe illness during the preceding winter, from which he was still partially incapacitated. After leaving school he was employed in secretarial work at Radley College, and had latterly supplemented this with a little teaching. His elder brother Fred (1928) also died at the age of 19, and deep sympathy is felt with the parents in this their latest bereavement.

Louis Davis, who was born in Abingdon, came as a day-boy in 1870, and later became a Foundation Scholar. He was well-known as an artist, and *The Times*, in an Obituary Notice (October 3rd), describes him as 'a genuine pre-Raphaelite . . . so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of his school that he used all its devices and mannerisms with an easy, natural skill, and the sentiment of his pictures never seemed forced or affected.' He painted in oil and water-colours—landscapes, flower studies, and decorative panels—and two of his pictures, 'The Valley of Rocks' and 'October Showers,' are selected by *The Times* critic for especial commendation. But to the public at large he is best known as a designer of stained-glass windows, and examples of his work may be seen in cathedrals and churches in various parts of the country, among the most famous being the Great Choir windows at Dunblane in Perthshire.

Recent gifts to the Tate Gallery include a pencil and ink drawing by the late Harold J. W. Gilman, entitled 'The Straw Hat.' Gilman, the younger of two brothers at the School, was a boarder here from 1886 to 1888. He died in 1919 at the aged of 41.

A. J. Williams (1924), who is a Flying-Officer in the R.A.F.V.R. (A.T.C. Section), is now at Haverhill, Suffolk, in charge of evacuee children from Tottenham, where he was schoolmastering before the War. He was previously at University College, Southampton, and was married seven years ago.

D. G. Brown (1935) has taken Third Class Honours in the Michaelmas Bar General Examination (Contact and Tort).

D. E. Roberts (1939) is reading for Part II of the Law Tripos at Cambridge. He and R. F. Jackson (1939) were both rowing in the L.M.B.C. 1st Boat last term, which maintained its place of fourth on the river.

H. L. Jacob (1936) has a job in a chalk-refining factory in Bracknell.

P. R. Andrew (1940) has sailed for India to join the Staff College at Bangalore, to train for the Indian Army.

Of those who left last term :

H. F. Clarke is doing a six months' course in Engineering at Birmingham University, preparatory to seeking a commission in the R.E.

E. O. Jones is at Pembroke College, Oxford.

A. C. Randle is in a Surveyor's Office at Hinckley.

A. L. Leigh is with Messrs. Thornton & Thornton, Accountants, in Oxford.

J. A. D. Cox is studying at the School of Architecture in Oxford.

P. Carter is in the Westminster Bank at Abingdon.

E. R. Leigh-Parkin is a probationer with Cables and Wireless in London.

W. G. Bradfield is with Messrs. Critchley, Ward & Pigott, Accountants, in Abingdon.

R. J. Frearson is farming with his father at Radley.

A. E. Carter is in the Post Office in Abingdon.

R. H. Wilsdon is farming with his father at Thrupp Farm.

R. W. F. C. Westgate is in the Post Office in Oxford (Telephones Department).

J. C. Petty has a post under the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

J. R. Young is engaged upon agricultural work at home (Chipping Norton).

WAR NEWS

Missing

Langebear, R. (1931), Acting Squadron Leader, R.A.F.

Wood, J. M. (1938), Pilot-Officer, R.A.F.

Prisoners of War

Beazley, G. H. (1927), Royal Armoured Corps. (Previously reported missing.)

Fleet, A. L. (1934), Captain, R.M.

Hanks, A. F. (1925), Captain, Devonshire Regiment. Has been awarded the Military Cross.

Morland, J. W. (1917), R.Q.M.Sergeant, Australian I.F. (Previously reported missing.)

Rogers, A. C. (1935), R.A.F. (Previously reported missing.)

Following are the addresses, so far as known to us, of O.A. Prisoners of War :

Captain A. L. Fleet, 3350 (No. 1 Co.), Oflag VII B, Germany.

Driver G. F. Rice, 15089, Stalag VIIIB, Germany.

Flying-Officer P. A. Wimberley, R.A.F., 633 Stalag, Luft I.

Captain A. F. Hanks is, we understand, in Gondar, where he finds life not intolerable, but is hoping for a speedy release. G. H. Beazley is reported to be in Benghazi.

Distinction

L. H. C. Creswell (1914), R.N., lately Commissioned Gunner (T.) in H.M.S. *Cossack*, has been awarded the D.S.C.

Additions and corrections to Roll of Service

Aldersley, J. P. (1938), Fleet Air Arm.

Allen, F. G. H. (1924), R.A.F.

Bayley, G. V. (1938), R.A.

Boyd, G. A. R. (1931), Sergt., R.E.

Cracknell, D. M. (1938), R.A.F.

Eeles, W. J. (1940), Wireless Mechanic, R.A.F.

Foxwell, A. W. R. (1926), 2nd Lieut., R.A.

Hanks, A. F. (1925), Captain, Devonshire Regt.

Harfield, V. A. (1937), Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Holmes, W. G., Captain, Durham Light Infantry.

Hutchinson, L. J. D. (1936), Royal Corps of Signals.

Jackson, R. F. (1939), Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Jones, H. T. (1935), Flight-Lieut., R.A.F.

King, H. B. (1934), 2nd Lieut., Royal Corps of Signals.

Langebear, R. (1931), Acting Squadron Leader, R.A.F.

Large, D. A. (1939), Assistant Purser, Merchant Navy.

Lunghi, H. A. (1939), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.

Mosdell, L. P. (1931), Lieut., Libyan Arab Force.

Osmand, A. G. (1932), Flight Officer, R.A.F.

Paige, J. N. (1938), Wireless Operator, Merchant Navy.

Paige, S. A. (1930), R.A.F.

Pilbrow, H. V. (1919), 2nd Lieut., R.A.O.C.

Randall, G. D. (1939), Wireless Operator, R.A.F.

Rice, E. P. (1928), Lance-Bombardier, Light Battery, Rhodesia Regiment.

Roberts, D. E. (1939), R.A.

Rogers, A. C. (1935), R.A.F.

Ronan, C. A. (1937), 2nd Lieut., R.A.

Sandercoc, D. G. (1938), Wireless Operator, R.A.F.

Stevens, E. F. (1936), R.E. (O.C.T.U.).

Viney, J. M. (1935), Flight-Lieut., R.A.F.

Wells, G. D. (1941), Royal Armoured Corps (Training Regiment).

Williams, A. J. (1924), Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.F. (A.T.C. Section).

VISITORS

We have had visits recently from—F. G. H. Allen (1924), H. F. Astell (1939), E. C. Beave (1921), W. G. Bradfield (1941), J. A. D. Co (1941), T. C. Davies (1937), F. G. D. Dea (1939), B. W. O. Dockerty (1939), F. H. Ede (1904), H. G. Elphick (1941), A. E. B. Foxwe (1931), V. A. Harfield (1937), P. J. Hill (1936), H. T. Jones (1938), N. H. Kortright (1939), A. L. Leigh (1941), H. A. Lunghi (1939), J. G. L. Pearson (1939), D. G. Sandercoc (1939), A. J. Williams (1924).

STOP PRESS

Rugger 1st XV v. Witney. Dec. 6th. Lost 11-10