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SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR

EASTER AND SUMMER TERMS, 1942

Captain of the School and Head of the House:

J. M. Leftwich (left 28/2/42).

G. E. T. Trudgian (appointed 28/2/42).

School Prefects.

M. Hedger. ¹	R. D. Gibaud. ³
K. G. Walker. ¹	E. H. Aldworth. ³
J. R. Owen.	C. R. T. Heard. ³
C. R. Howell.	J. W. Rayson. ³
W. D. Richardson. ²	R. E. Ball. ³
G. Hill. ³	E. S. N. Hazel. ³

M. G. H. Holt.⁴

Sub-Prefects.

C. B. F. Milne. ²	P. A. S. Scott. ³
J. C. Cattle. ³	P. A. Sitch. ³
H. F. Packer. ³	T. W. Smith. ³

J. L. Taylor.³

Captain of Cricket: G. Hill.

Captain of Athletics: G. Hill.

Captain of Boats: G. E. T. Trudgian.

Captain of Hockey: C. R. Howell.

Hon. Secretary of Games: J. L. Taylor.

School Librarians: R. D. Gibaud, J. L. Taylor.

¹ left 24/3/42.

³ appointed 28/2/42.

² appointed 31/1/42.

⁴ appointed 20/4/42.

EDITORIAL

In our last issue, our readers were informed that the Magazine Committee had decided on the score of economy to omit the publication of an Easter number. This number therefore contains the news of both the Easter and Summer Terms, 1942. Though the Committee do not pretend to prognosticate the weather, nevertheless Nature in the Easter term amply endorsed this decision by giving us such unpleasant conditions that games were almost an impossibility during the greater part of the term. The amount of sports news available was therefore extremely small, and the publication of a number would not have been justified in the circumstances. This issue, readers will note, is larger than usual, but in spite of increasing costs the Committee has decided to keep the price at the previous level. We feel sure that those subscribers who normally receive their magazine by post or delivery will understand the reasons which have impelled us to dispatch the magazines this time in wrappers instead of the customary envelopes.

Old Boys are now scattered in various parts of the world more than ever before, and many have had exciting and interesting experiences. The Editor will be glad to receive accounts of any such experiences; but he must ask contributors to be so kind as to accept two conditions—that the 'copy' should be as concise as possible, and that the subject matter should be such as to comply with the Censor's regulations.

This is the 'examination' term, and the normal number of candidates are taking the Higher and School certificates. We wish them not only success as the result of their intellectual efforts but also that extra bit of luck which often plays an important part in success. Results will be published in the next issue.

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 Chronicle*.

SCHOOL NOTES

Each term brings a steady influx of new boys, and this term our numbers have reached a total higher than ever before.

We record with regret the recent deaths of two of the Governors of the School, Mr. A. E. Preston and Colonel G. K. Walker. Mr. Preston, O.A., died on May 21st in his 90th year. He was Chairman of the Governors 1937 to 1939. An appreciation of his work and his many-sided activities appears elsewhere in these columns.

Col. Walker who died suddenly on April 21st was also most active in local affairs. His place on the Board of Governors has been taken by Mr. H. J. Thomas.

There has been one recent change in the Staff. Mr. W. G. Harding left at the end of the Christmas term, 1941. We welcome in his place Mr. D. Burke-Gill, late of S. John's College, Oxford.

The School can continue to congratulate itself, and especially those responsible, on an excellent bill of health. With epidemics rampant around us, we can claim immunity from any visitation for seven successive terms.

Founder's Day, favoured by good weather, was celebrated this year on Friday, June 19th. The School attended service at S. Helen's Church, when the Founder's Day Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. H. Liddiard, Rural Dean of Abingdon. The wreath placed on John Roysse's tomb was again kindly made by Mrs. Scott. The Regatta was held in the afternoon, accompanied by the usual involuntary aquatics. On Saturday, the Old Boys' Cricket match was played. The O.A.s, captained by W. G. Bradfield, were successful, but not too successful.

We wish to congratulate the Headmaster, Mr. W. M. Grundy, on being appointed a Justice of the Peace for Berkshire. He will serve on the Abingdon Petty Sessions.

We wish to congratulate also K. G. Walker on being elected to the Pembroke Scholarship.

He went into residence at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Selection Boards have approved of W. D. Richardson and J. W. Rayson attending a course of study under the University scheme; the former for entry to the Royal Artillery and the latter to the Royal Air Force.

And now for congratulations for Sports awards. We congratulate G. Hill on winning the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for the Senior sports, and A. J. Betterton the Shallard Cup for the Junior sports. 1st XI Cricket Colours have been awarded to G. Hill, C. R. T. Heard and E. H. Aldworth; 2nd XI Cricket Colours to E. H. Aldworth, J. C. Cattle, C. B. F. Milne, C. R. Howell, J. W. Rayson, K. R. Sims, and G. L. Jones. Full Athletic Colours were won by G. L. Jones, C. B. F. Milne, P. S. Wilsdon, K. R. Sims and J. C. Cattle: half-colours by C. Howell and J. W. Rayson. J. E. W. Lidsey and K. R. Sims obtained 2nd Football Colours at the end of the Christmas term.

The Carr Cup was won by Blue House in the Senior House cricket matches.

The Inter-House Shooting was won by Red House, thus entitling them to the Reeves Cup. R. C. Howell won the West Cup for Individual Shooting.

The Junior Training Corps and the Air Training Corps are both in a flourishing condition. Accounts of their activities and awards will be found under the appropriate headings.

On the occasion of the cricket match in aid of the Warren Hospital played on June 6th between the Mayor of Abingdon's XI and the London Counties, both sides including players of international reputation, we were glad to see the School represented in the persons of A. L. Leigh and W. G. Bradfield, both members of last year's team.

The Miles were postponed from the Easter term owing to weather conditions, and were run on May 7th in Waste Court. G. L. Jones was first home in the Senior race, being strongly challenged by G. Hill. A. J. Betterton won the Junior race.

The Robinson Cup for the Junior House Football in the Christmas term was won by Green House. Though it was impossible to fulfil any football fixtures in the Easter term for the under fifteen XV owing to weather, it was just possible to play the junior House matches. As a result, Red House won the Bayley Cup.

We wish to thank Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., for a generous gift to the Library. Together with a cheque, he also enclosed a copy of the *Liveryman* which contained an article on the history of S. Paul's Cathedral Chapter House—a place of happy memories to many O.A.s—now a gutted ruin.

We were very pleased to receive a visit early this term from Mr. C. Rippon, a School Governor, who presented a very fine collection of British butterflies to the School. He is an entomologist of the highest repute; and this gift will be remembered as a most welcome and generous contribution to the school collection. These butterflies have all been arranged by P. H. Harris and I. M. Crudgington, who have also themselves added specimens to make the collection really representative.

We apologize for failing to include C. R. T. Heard in the list of sub-prefects published in our last number. He was appointed in September, 1941.

CALENDAR—CHRISTMAS TERM, 1942

Wed.	Sept. 16.	Boarders return.
Thurs.	„ 17.	First day of Term. -
Sat.	Oct. 17.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
„	„ 17.	2nd XV v. „ „ (Away).
Wed.	„ 21.	Colts XV v. „ „ (Home).
Sat.	„ 24.	Colts XV v. Magdalen C.S. (Away).
Sat.	„ 31.	2nd XV v. Magdalen C.S. (Away).
Sat.	Nov. 7.	1st XV v. „ „ (Home).
Wed.	„ 18.	1st XV v. Bloxham School (Away).
„	„ 18.	2nd XV v. „ „ (Home).
Sat.	„ 21.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Sat.	„ 28.	Colts XV v. Bloxham School (Away).
Tues.	Dec. 15.	Last Day of Term.
Wed.	„ 16.	Boarders return home.

A Confirmation Service will be held towards the end of Term.

HOCKEY

The season was extremely short and the number of players small. Only three matches could be played, of which we won one and drew the other two. These results fairly reflect the strength of the XI, which lay in its defence rather than its attack. The forward line was handicapped by weakness on both wings, and though Aldworth at centre was often dangerous, he did not receive due support from his insides, who were too apt to hang back in the closing stages of an attacking movement. Heard was neat and Sims energetic, and these two might, with practice, have combined with Aldworth to make a strong attacking trio.

With Ball, Packer, and Jones 6 at half-back, and Howell and Cantle at full-back, a sound defence was assured: and Hayter made good progress in goal, where he was learning how to use his feet. The team lacked an attacking centre-half, but this deficiency could have been made good by re-arranging the half-back line, had the season been longer, and the players more adaptable.

The match with Pembroke College was played on a ground iron-hard with frost, and it is not surprising that, despite much slipping and sliding, neither side could score.

The match with the R.A.F. Abingdon was fast and even. Both sides scored twice, our goals being hit by Aldworth and Sims. The opposing forward line was fast but somewhat erratic, and our defence though thoroughly tested stood the strain well.

An XI brought by W. G. Bradfield was defeated 7-1. Against a weak defence the School had matters much their own way, combining well and attacking constantly. The goals were obtained by Aldworth (3), Burborough (2), Ball (1), and Jones (1). The visitors' only goal was scored by E. G. Gibbs, O.A.

The XI was as follows: D. Hayter, R. C. Howell (Capt.), J. C. Cantle, R. E. Ball, M. F. Packer, D. L. Jones, P. R. Allum, K. R. Sims, E. H. Aldworth, C. R. T. Heard, A. J. Burborough.

F. W. G. Carter and C. V. Stone also played.

CRICKET

The season has certainly been very disappointing. In bowling and fielding the XI were good enough to dismiss their opponents quite cheaply in nearly every match. But their batting was so weak that all their efforts in the field were in vain, and even a fine bowling performance like Aldworth's 7 wickets for 16 runs against the City of Oxford School was unable to secure victory for his side.

Of those who were in last year's team Hill, after a good start in the first two matches, met with little success. Heard and Richardson were considerably better than in the previous season, but neither of them was quite sound enough to stay in very long. Packer and Harris did not come up to expectations; the latter indeed had a very poor season, while the former again only had one good innings. Of the newcomers to the team Sims alone showed any enterprise.

This weakness in batting was due partly to inexperience, but mainly to lack of determination in defence and attack. Too much back-play, and half-hearted or risky strokes, lost us many wickets. In match after match there was a batting collapse, and the team found itself struggling for runs which could have been obtained easily by the exercise of a little more care and judicious aggressiveness.

The team had three good bowlers in Aldworth, Harris, and Heard, who took most of the wickets between them. Cantle was a useful change bowler, and Milne and Rayson also bowled on several occasions. Heard certainly fulfilled the promise of last season, and if the pitches had been more helpful, would have taken a great many wickets. Harris bowled consistently well throughout; his speed and length kept the batsmen quiet, and he took his wickets inexpensively. Aldworth, apart from the excellent performance mentioned above, did not take many wickets, but usually kept the runs down very satisfactorily.

The fielding was lively and keen, and contributed largely to the success of the bowlers. Unfortunately the team lacked a good wicket-keeper. Jones, D. L., was tried for a time, but did

not improve as much as was hoped, and he was superseded by Richardson, who performed adequately if not brilliantly.

It is very pleasant to be able to record that in their last match of the season, played after the above comments were written, the XI gave convincing proof of their powers. Thanks to the splendid bowling of Aldworth, Cattle, and Harris, they dismissed the opposing Home Guard team for 45 runs. Aldworth took 6 wickets for 21 runs and Cattle 3 for 8. The School then knocked up 264 for 8 in just under two hours, Hill making 113 not out and Heard 81. Both batsmen played confidently, Heard being particularly good on the leg side, and Hill scoring freely all round the wicket.

Cricket Characters

G. Hill (Colours 1942) Captain. A good bat with a considerable variety of strokes, his chief weakness being a tendency at the start of his innings to cock the ball up to mid-off or to leg. Very sound in the field. Captained the team intelligently and with increasing ability.

C. R. T. Heard (Colours 1942). A very clever bowler who can flight and turn the ball most skilfully. He had great success on wet wickets, but was otherwise inclined to be expensive. His batting has improved tremendously, and he has been most useful as an opening bat. A capable fielder.

E. H. Aldworth (Colours 1942). His medium-paced bowling has been of great service to the team. He always kept a good length and had much-deserved success. His batting is weak, but his fielding is both lively and sure.

W. D. Richardson (2nd Colours 1940). Now that he has learnt to hit hard, his batting has improved considerably. In the later matches he kept wicket with very fair success, improving with each match.

M. F. Packer (2nd Colours 1941). His batting did not come up to expectations, except in one match. Though he can attack the bowling well enough, his defence is too often weak. A fairly safe, if somewhat slow, fielder.

P. H. Harris (2nd Colours 1941). Already

has the pace, action, and command of length of good medium-fast bowler. His batting, after last year's promise, has gone to pieces. A safe fielder

C. B. F. Milne (2nd Colours 1942). A slow painstaking batsman who could have been of great use to the team if he had been more reliable. A rather erratic, but successful, slow left-hand spin bowler with a very queer action. Fielding fair only.

J. C. Cattle (2nd Colours 1942). A medium-paced left-hand bowler who improves steadily. He bowled quite well in the latter part of the season. A good fielder at point where he held many smart catches. His batting was unsuccessful because he would not use his feet.

C. R. Howell (2nd Colours 1942). A batsman who could generally be relied upon to stand in for a while. Keeps a straight bat, but lacks scoring strokes. A sound fielder.

J. W. Rayson (2nd Colours 1942). Had very little success as a bat, though at times he looked promising. A fair change bowler and a keen fielder.

K. R. Sims (2nd Colours 1942). Though a late addition to the team, he proved to be a good hitter who generally scored. A keen fielder.

G. L. Jones (2nd Colours 1942). His wicket-keeping did not improve as was expected, and he missed many chances. As a batsman he scored a few runs at times.

P. S. Wilson. A bowler who was too erratic to be of much use. His batting was weak and fielding fair only.

Colts (under 15) XI

The Colts' team showed considerable promise this season; it was therefore unfortunate that owing to circumstances for which they were not responsible the team had little match experience. The one match played was won convincingly.

v. City of Oxford School, June 6th (home). Score: Abingdon School, 88 runs for 5 wicket (dec.); (King i, 43). City of Oxford School, 61

Colts XI: King i, Jakeman, Cullen i, Heard ii, Oughton, Cullen ii, Bedford, Whitfield, Slingsby, Dudley, Waterfall.

Scores.

SATURDAY, MAY 30th (Home). Lost.

v. 1st Berks Bn. Home Guard.

<i>Abingdon School</i>				<i>Home Guard</i>			
Packer, b Carter	0	J. B. E. Alston, b Heard	3				
C. R. T. Heard, b Carter	0	W. Willetts, c Cantle,					
Harris, c and b Alston	6	b Heard	0				
Milne, b Alston	1	C. A. Jakeman, c Hill,					
G. Hill, lbw, b Jakeman	43	b Harris	19				
Richardson, run out	6	C. W. Strutt, b Aldworth	40				
Aldworth, b Jakeman	5	R. N. Owen, b Heard	13				
Cantle, b Jakeman	0	A. W. Shaw,					
Wilsdon 1, c Shaw,		c and b Cantle	18				
b Jakeman	2	Turner, b Heard	0				
Sims 1, c Carter, b Owen	3	R. C. Howell, not out	17				
Jones 6, not out	6	G. Roeber, b Aldworth	10				
Extras	2	P. Carter, c Hill,					
		b Harris	16				
		Extras	4				
Total	74	Total	140				
O M R W		O M R W					
Carter	5 2 9 2	Heard	8 1 42 4				
Alston	5 0 14 2	Aldworth	6 — 39 2				
Jakeman	4.25 1 18 4	Harris	4 — 25 2				
Roeber	2 — 22 0	Cantle	2 — 7 1				
Owen	2 — 9 1	Wilsdon 1	2 — 12 —				

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th (Away). Lost.

v. S. Alfred's School, Wantage.

Wantage School

Abingdon School

Preece, b Milne	33	Packer, b Preece	1
Dunn, c Jones, b Harris	4	C. R. T. Heard,	
Laggett, run out	3	b Mitchell	10
Mitchell, b Heard	41	Harris, c Dunn, b Mitchell	1
Fox, c Cantle, b Milne	6	Milne, st Fox, b Mitchell	2
Keene, b Milne	0	G. Hill, c Fox, b Preece	3
Imms, c Harris, b Heard	4	Richardson, c Laggett,	
Gregory, b Heard	0	b Imms	21
E. W. Harris, not out	8	Howell, c Fox, b Mitchell	3
Perry, b Aldworth	7	Rayson, c Gregory,	
Knight, c Packer,		b Preece	6
b Heard	2	Cantle, lbw, b Imms	0
		Aldworth, c Mitchell,	
		b Preece	1
		Jones 6, not out	3
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	111	Total	57
O M R W		O M R W	
Harris	3 — 14 1	Mitchell	8 1 13 4
Heard	6.1 — 39 4	Preece	11 1 24 4
Aldworth	5 1 16 1	Gregory	1 — 13 —
Cantle	3 1 7 —	Imms	2 1 1 2
Milne	2 — 17 3		
Rayson	3 — 15 —		

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th (Home). Lost.

v. Old Abingdonians.

Abingdon School

O.A.s

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th (Home). Won.

v. Magdalen College School.

Abingdon School

M.C.S.

Packer, lbw, b Johns	12	Burchall, c Packer,	
C. R. T. Heard, b Johns	16	b Aldworth	12
Harris, b Coleman	1	Coleman, c Hill, b Heard	3
Milne, lbw, b Turner	10	Higgins, c Cantle, b Heard	0
G. Hill, c Behr, b Turner	44	Rees, lbw, b Harris	4
Richardson, lbw, b Turner	2	Behr, c Jones, b Harris	2
Howell, c Johns,		Bull, st Jones, b Heard	5
b Turner	10	Beazley, c Cantle, b Heard	1
Rayson, b Johns	0	Johns, b Heard	4
Aldworth, b Turner	6	Pauffley, not out	7
Cantle, not out	.1	Bowles, b Heard	0
Jones 6, not out	5	Turner, c Hill, b Heard	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total (9 wks.)	113	Total	40
O M R W		O M R W	
Johns	14 2 51 3	Harris	3 — 13 2
Coleman	4 2 10 1	Heard	4.25 — 17 7
Turner	9 2 20 5	Aldworth	2 — 8 1
Beazley	2 — 12 —		
Rees	2 — 14 —		

After the match, C. R. T. Heard was awarded his 1st XI Colours.

C. R. T. Heard, c Stone		J. H. Bartlett, b Harris	0
b Foy	13	R. F. Cox, c Cantle,	
Milne, c Bury, b Foy	0	b Heard	18
G. Hill, c Ball, b Taylor	18	R. Taylor, c Cantle,	
Packer, c Taylor, b Ball	38	b Heard	15
Harris, c Bradfield, b Cox	1	R. E. Ball, b Harris	1
Richardson, b Cox	10	W. G. Bradfield, st Jones,	
Howell, lbw, b Cox	6	b Heard	4
Rayson, c Stone, b Taylor	0	A. L. Leigh, st Jones,	
Jones 6, lbw, b Taylor	0	b Heard	32
Wilsdon 1, c Foy,		P. Carter, run out	43
b Taylor	1	J. Taylor, retired hurt	1
Aldworth, b Carter	1	T. Stone, not out	15
Cantle, not out	6	T. Foy, lbw, b Rayson	1
		G. Farnsworth, run out	0
		J. O. Bury, lbw, b Harris	0
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	101	Total	136
O M R W		O M R W	
Carter	6 1 22 1	Harris	3.6 — 15 3
Foy	3 — 23 2	Heard	9 — 68 4
Taylor	5 — 14 4	Aldworth	5 — 12 —
Cox	4 — 25 3	Cantle	2 — 15 —
Ball	1.8 — 10 1	Milne	2 — 11 —
		Wilsdon	2 — 9 —
		Rayson	1 1 — 1

A.S.C.C. BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Average.
G. Hill	- 8	247	1	*113	35.3.
C. R. T. Heard	- 8	167	—	81	20.9.
Sims	- 5	50	—	18	10.0.
Packer	- 8	76	—	38	9.5.
Richardson	- 8	74	—	21	9.2.
Jones 6	- 6	16	3	*6	5.3.
E. H. Aldworth	- 8	22	3	6	4.4.
Howell	- 7	24	—	10	3.4.
Cantle	- 8	14	4	*6	3.5.
Milne	- 7	22	—	10	3.2.
Harris	- 8	15	—	6	1.8.
Wilsdon 1	- 2	3	—	2	1.5.
Rayson	- 6	7	1	6	1.4.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
E. H. Aldworth	193	20	9.5.
C. R. T. Heard	242	24	10.8.
Cantle	- 87	8	10.9.
Harris	- 177	14	12.6.
Milne	- 28	3	9.3.
Rayson	- 35	1	35.
Wilsdon 1	- 21	1	21.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1942

The School Sports were held on Saturday, May 16th, in Waste Court. The clerk of the weather, maintaining his traditional benevolence to the School, gave us a perfect day for a Sports' Meeting. The results were up to the average, one record being broken by Blue House in the Junior Relay, who beat their previous record in the excellent time of 4 min. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The Officials were:—*President*: The Headmaster. *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges*: W. A. Rudd, Esq.; W. Bevir, Esq.; S. Punton-Smith, Esq. *Time-Keepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq.; H. M. Gray, Esq. *Stewards*: P. A. Sitch, C. R. T. Heard, M. T. Packer. *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (*Chairman*), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. (*Ex-officio*), G. E. T. Trudgian, W. D. Richardson, R. D. Gibaud, C. Howell, G. Hill (iii) (*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*). (*Elected*), J. W. Rayson, J. McMahon, R. D. W. Hadley, D. J. Penny, P. Hayter (ii), P. R. Little, J. T. Cullen (iv).

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors was won by G. Hill (iii) with 19 points; and the Shallard Cup for Juniors by A. J. Betterton (i) with 18 points.

Blue House won the Ladies of Abingdon House Cup with 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record: 21 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)
1. G. Hill (B). 2. G. L. Jones (B).
3. R. C. Howell (R). 4. E. H. Aldworth (G.)
Distance: 18 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
2. LONG JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 17 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)
1. P. M. King (G). 2. J. A. Hill (R).
3. B. O. Crook (G). 4. P. R. Betterton (B).
Distance: 14 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record: 5 ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.)
1. G. L. Jones (B). 2. G. Hill (B).
3. J. W. Rayson (B). 4 P. S. Wilsdon (B).
Height: 4 ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 4 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)
1. D. G. Bedford (G). 2. C. R. Burborough, ii (R).
3. B. O. Crook (G). 4. J. A. Hill (R).
Height: 4 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
5. HURDLES (Open)
(Record: 16 secs.)
1. C. B. F. Milne (R). 2. D. L. Jones (B).
3. W. D. Richardson (B). 4. E. S. N. Hazel (R).
Time: 19 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.
6. HURDLES (Under 16)
(Record: 17 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.)
1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. A. J. Burborough (G).
3. A. R. King (B). 4. R. Deval (B).
Time: 19 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12)
(Record: 13 sec.)
1. I. Margrave (G). 2. N. Parker (G).
3. A. V. Crook (G). 4. P. V. Aldiss (B).
Time: 13 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
(Record: 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.)
1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. A. J. Sansom (B).
3. N. F. Horwood (B). 4. R. D. W. Hadley (R).
Time: 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.
9. 100 YARDS (Open)
(Record: 10 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.)
1. K. R. Sims (B). 2. G. Hill (B).
3. D. Hayter (R).
4. R. D. Gibaud and G. E. Trudgian (R).
Time: 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.
10. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lb.)
(Record: 46 ft. 9 in.)
1. P. S. Wilsdon (B). 2. R. C. Howell (R).
3. L. D. Hayter (R). 4. J. C. Cantle (G).
Distance: 30 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
11. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13)
1. R. C. Pegler (G). 2. J. T. Cullen (R).
3. C. W. Brookes (B). 4. D. Free (B).
Time: 30 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

12. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
(Record: $61\frac{3}{5}$ sec.)

1. L. D. Parrott (R). 2. A. J. Betterton (B).
3. P. Lay (B). 4. J. A. Hill (R).
Time: 66 sec.

13. QUARTER MILE (Open)
(Record: $54\frac{2}{5}$ sec.)

1. G. Hill (B). 2. P. S. Wilsdon (B).
3. D. Hayter (R). 4. W. D. Richardson (B).
Time: 62 sec.

14. THROWING THE DISCUS
(Record: 114 ft. 6 in.)

1. J. C. Cattle (G). 2. R. C. Howell (R).
3. G. E. T. Trudgian (R). 4. E. S. N. Hazel (R).

15. HALF MILE (Under 15)
(Record: 2 min. $27\frac{4}{5}$ sec.)

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. L. D. Parrott (R).
3. C. Calvert-Fisher (G). 4. M. J. Cullen (G).
Time: 2 min. 37 sec.

16. HALF MILE (Open)
(Record: 2 min. $12\frac{2}{5}$ sec.)

1. K. R. Sims (B). 2. J. W. Rayson (B).
3. G. L. Jones (B). 4. P. S. Wilsdon (B).
Time: 2 min. $19\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

17. RELAY RACE (Junior)
(Previous Record: 4 min. 4 sec.)

1. Blue. 2. Green.
Time: 4 min. $1\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

18. RELAY RACE (Senior)
(Record: 3 min. 29 sec.)

1. Blue. 2. Red.
Time: 3 min. $39\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

At the conclusion of the Sports the Challenge Cups were presented by Miss Bennell.

The Miles

The Miles were run on Thursday, May 7th, in Waste Court. After a race in which anyone might have won, G. L. Jones with a fine sprint snatched the victory from G. Hill. In the Junior event A. J. Betterton beat L. D. Parrott after a close race between the two.

Results:

Senior

1. G. L. Jones. 2. G. Hill.
3. P. S. Wilsdon. 4. K. R. Sims.
Time: 5 min. $17\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

Junior

1. A. J. Betterton. 2. L. D. Parrott.
3. C. Calvert-Fisher. 4. P. Lay.
Time: 5 min. $34\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

House Placings: Blue, $17\frac{1}{2}$ points. Red, $12\frac{1}{2}$ points.
Green, no points.

ROWING, 1942

Thanks to the handicaps imposed by floods and flu there is little to be said about this season's rowing. As we no longer had the use of a floating raft no rowing was possible at all for the first three weeks of term, and when we finally began to get some crews into shape annoying minor ailments caused such chopping and changing that we had regretfully to resign any hopes of producing any crew physically fit for racing in so short a time. This was the more unfortunate because the potential 1st IV composed of C. B. F. Milne stroke, G. E. T. Trudgian, Captain of Boats M. Hedger or R. D. Gibaud, and W. D. Richardson, bow, looked quite a promising combination. However, as the crew never reached, or ever approached, the test of racing, 'promising' is all that can be said. The 2nd IV suffered even more vicissitudes and most of its members occupied every position in the boat at one time or another. The regular members were G. Hill, R. D. Gibaud, S. N. Hazel, J. W. Rayson, and M. G. Holt. G. W. Dodge showed he had the makings of a cox, and the crew of the moment always seemed to control their light boat quite well, which was surprising. Their enthusiasm was unquenchable but this virtual suspension of rowing for two seasons will be a severe handicap in the future.

House Races

Blue won the Bennet Cup for Inter-House rowing against Red. The crews were—Blue: M. G. Holt, J. W. Rayson, G. Hill, W. D. Richardson (stroke); P. McLeod (cox). Red: S. N. Hazel, T. W. Smith, G. E. T. Trudgian, C. B. F. Milne (stroke); P. Anag (cox).

In the Junior race Blue beat Red, the crews being—Blue: P. A. Sitch (stroke), J. L. Taylor, P. H. Harris, J. A. C. Barnes; J. W. Rayson (cox). Red: D. W. Olliffe, P. Anag, M. F. C. Brook, D. E. P. Jones; M. J. Cullen (cox).

AIR TRAINING CORPS

No. 2 SECTION, 'B' FLIGHT, 1056 SQUADRON

This young but exceeding vigorous corps has tained in seventeen months a membership of over 200,000 cadets. The Commandant of the A.T.C., Air-Commodore J. A. Chamier, gave significance to this virility by ordering a corporate act of worship in the form of a Church Parade for every A.T.C. squadron in the United Kingdom on Sunday, July 5th. No. 1056 Squadron, consisting of Flights from Radley and Eastbourne Colleges, Abingdon School and Abingdon Town, therefore attended at S. Helen's Church where the service was taken by the Squadron Chaplain, the Rev. Canon J. C. L. Dart.

The parade was followed by an Inspection on the Lower Field by Group Captain K. F. Ward who congratulated the Cadets on a smart parade. He was accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir Ralph Glyn, M.P., the Mayor of Abingdon, and the Warden of Radley College. During the Parade special messages were read from the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of Air Staff.

The A.T.C. has been carrying out its normal syllabus of pre-service training of Cadets for the R.A.F., mainly in Morse and Navigation. In this connection we wish to thank heartily Mr. Gray and Mr. Ingham for their invaluable help. Five cadets have passed in the first section of the Proficiency Test, Part I, and four have taken the remaining section, but the results are not yet to hand. The A.T.C. liaison officer at the aerodrome has been most helpful in arranging flights for cadets whenever possible. (One cadet was very thrilled at finding himself over the south coast of Ireland during an afternoon's 'flip'.) Mr. T. Gardiner, O.A., of the Royal Observer Corps has given valuable help in Air Recognition.

The Corps has also taken its share in various municipal activities, Abingdon Warship Week and the Mayor's Youth movement rally.

An inter-section P.T. competition was held in Waste Court on June 21st, which was won after a very close contest by No. 1 Section 'B' Flight (Eastbourne). Sgt. Rayson has been attested in

the R.A.F.V.R. and has been approved by a Selection Board for the University training scheme. Squadron-Leader Brewer as Air Ministry representative of the Selection Board visited the School on July 1st, and after addressing the senior boys interviewed possible candidates for commissions.

An A.T.C. Camp is being held this year which some of the cadets are attending.

Promotions: P. A. G. Scott to the rank of Sergeant with effect from July 24, 1942. Cadets P. A. G. Scott and E. S. L. Hazel were remustered as Leading Cadets, May 1942.

J. T. CORPS

War Certificate 'A' is now being taken in two parts, Part I comprising the groundwork in drill, fieldcraft, map reading, aircraft identification and weapon training; Part II, for senior cadets, to test their ability as section leaders and instructors. We are pleased to state that at the first examination in March, all twelve candidates passed Part I, and seven out of eight passed Part II. We may also mention that the examining officer singled out J. L. Taylor for special commendation. The contingent now has twenty-six candidates who have passed Certificate 'A,' making quite a surplus of potential instructors.

The whole day exercise in the Easter Term was held near Blewbury. Eight separate patrols were dropped 'into the blue' at different points, and the exercise proved a severe test in map reading. In the afternoon, a platoon assault was carried out under Sgt. R. C. Howell, a notable feature being the great dash shown by Section Leaders G. Hill and R. D. Gibaud.

A further expansion of the contingent has taken place due to the lowering of the age of admission to fourteen years. The new recruits have been put into battledress, measurement and fitting being largely carried out by Sgt. P. A. Scott, who is now in charge of the Armoury and Stores. Sgt. Scott had proved one of our best cadet Armoury Sergeants, and we also congratulate him on organizing and carrying out a fieldcraft demonstration on his own initiative.

The Summer Term whole day exercise was held in the Sunningwell and Boars Hill area. The experiment of representing armoured cars by cyclists proved successful and produced plenty of diversion in the approach marches; it also led to much thought and labour in the construction of road blocks. Despite liberal use of smoke, the attackers failed to over-run the defence and the honours go to Sgts. Hill and Gibaud who commanded the defence areas, and C.S.M. Trudgian the road blocks. The afternoon exercise brought the difficulties of fighting in woods and the importance of units keeping formation. The day ended in a forced march by the N.C.O.s from Boars Hill, who returned in the fast time of forty-five minutes; a tribute to their fitness.

The contingent turned out in strength to the Youth Rally on Sunday, May 17th, in company with Radley and Eastbourne J.T. Corps, the Cadet Corps, A.T.C., and Home Guard. A four-mile route march ended in Park Road, where the salute was taken by the Home Guard Area Commander. Eyes right was given by Platoons, respectively commanded by Sgts. R. D. Gibaud and W. D. Richardson. An interesting Home Guard demonstration followed.

In conclusion, we wish to congratulate the cadets selected for the coming holiday courses and wish them an enjoyable and instructive time. E. H. Aldworth, P. A. S. Scott, K. R. Sims, and G. Hill, R. D. Gibaud, C. B. F. Milne, respectively attended the previous N.C.O. and P.T. courses.

Passed Certificate 'A,' Part I, March, 1942 : J. A. C. Barnes, J. S. Capel, I. M. Crudgington, J. E. Cutteridge, P. H. Harris, D. Hayter, G. L. Jones, D. B. Ker, E. Lay, C. B. G. Myall, D. W. Olliffe, J. L. Taylor.

Passed Certificate 'A,' Part II, March, 1942: J. A. C. Barnes, I. M. Crudgington, D. Hayter, G. L. Jones, D. B. Ker, E. Lay, D. W. Olliffe, J. L. Taylor.

Passed Certificate 'A,' Part I, July, 1942: P. R. Allum, M. F. C. Brook, A. J. Burborough, F. W. S. Carter, R. Grey, D. E. P. Jones, P. B. Keys, A. R. King, R. H. S. Lesser, P. M. McLeod, F. G. Smith, C. V. Stone, A. J. Walters.

Promotions (Easter Term) : to be C.S.M.—J. M. Leftwich. To be C.Q.M.S.—G. E. T. Trudgian. To be Sgts.—K. G. Walker, R. I. Ball, R. C. Howell. To be Cpls.: E. H. Aldworth, P. A. S. Scott, R. D. Gibaud, W. D. Richardson. To be L.-Cpls.: P. A. Sitch, C. R. T. Heard, K. R. Sims, C. B. F. Milne. Summer Term To be C.S.M.—G. E. T. Trudgian. To be C.Q.M.S.—R. C. Howell. To be Sgts.—G. Hill, J. W. Rayson, R. D. Gibaud, W. D. Richardson. To be A.-Sgts.—E. H. Aldworth, P. A. S. Scott. To be Cpls.—E. S. N. Hazel, M. G. H. Heard, K. R. Sims, P. A. Sitch, C. B. F. Milne, C. R. T. Heard. To be L.-Cpls.: P. Anag, J. McMahon, P. G. Nowell, Usticke, T. W. Smith, J. C. Cantk, J. L. Taylor.

FIELD DAY (Summer Term)

To pleasure seekers, the wooded slopes of Boar Hill are the ideal spot for a picnic. For the J.T.C. on business bent, picnics were out of the question. We were there to fight, and fight (after a fashion) we did.

In vain did we attempt to stem the thrusts of armoured cars; in vain did we spend all morning crawling in ditches (up to our ankles in mud) to take the enemy's headquarters. In the words of the official communiqué, 'The enemy attempted to reconnoitre our positions but were driven back by A.F.Vs. and L.M.G. fire.'

Our picnic lunch over, we began to mop up the parachutists in a wood, who showed their usual willingness to be out of the war, by shouting 'Kamerad.'

The long march back was borne with cheerful courage and determination, and many blisters, which were soothed away by a bath and free evening.

'A PARTICIPANT.'

HOME GUARD

The Home Guard Section has flourished. The high light this term has been a whole day's firing practice at Churn. The Home Guard competition for the Glyn Cup was again held in the West Court field. It was won by the Abingdon Company. The winning platoon was commanded by Lieut. R. E. Eason, O.A.

Pte. G. H. Jones has been promoted Corporal

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Left, December, 1941.

Vth Form. B. Arundale (1934, iii). School Prefect. O.S.C., 1941; 1st XV Rugger, 1939-41; Colours, 1939. 2nd IV Rowing, 1941; 2nd Colours, 1941. Full Athletic Colours. J.T.C., C.S.M., Cert. A, 1939. Home Guard.
N. D. B. Corby (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1940. 1st XV Rugger, 1941. J.T.C. L/Cpl., Cert. A., 1941. A.T.C. Proficiency Test A, 1941. Home Guard.

P. Hicks (1934, ii). Sub-Prefect. O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XV Rugger, 1941. J.T.C. L/Cpl., Cert. A, 1941. A.T.C. Proficiency Test A, 1941. Home Guard.

G. Farnsworth (1935, iii). Sub-Prefect. 1st XV Rugger, 1939-41; Colours, 1940. 1st XI Cricket, 1940-41; 2nd XI Colours, 1940. J.T.C., L/Cpl., Cert. A, 1941. Home Guard.
D. G. Butler (1937, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XV Rugger, 1941.

th Form. M. I. Collett (1935, iii). Home Guard.
J. E. W. Lidsey (1936, ii). 1st XV Rugger, 1941; 2nd XV Colours.

Remove. J. B. Hill (1940, iii).

IIIrd Form. J. W. E. Jenkin (1941, i).

Left, March, 1942.

Vth Form. J. M. Leftwich (1936, iii). Captain of School. Head of House, 1941-42. O.S.C., 1941. Captain of Rugger, 1941. 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Colours, 1941. Hockey XI, 1939. J.T.C., C.S.M., Cert. A, 1940; 1st Class Shot; Captain of Shooting, 1941-42. Home Guard. (Left 28/2/42.)

M. Hedger (1934, iii). School Prefect, 1941. O.S.C., 1939. 1st XV Rugger, 1940-41; Colours, 1941. 2nd IV Colours, 1940. O.T.C. C.Q.M.S. Cert. A, 1940. Home Guard.
Abingdonian Committee.

K. G. Walker (1934, iii). School Prefect, 1941. O.S.C., 1938. H.S.C., 1941. Pembroke College Classics Scholarship. O.T.C. Sgt. Cert. A, 1939. Home Guard. Hon Sec. *Abingdonian* Committee and A.S.P.R.S.

R. E. Ball (1936, iii). School Prefect, 1942. O.S.C., 1941. 1st XI Cricket, 1941; 2nd XI Colours, 1941. 2nd XV Rugger, 1941. Hockey XI, 1942. O.T.C. Sgt. Cert. A., 1940. Home Guard.

D. G. Butler (1937, iii). O.S.C., 1941. 2nd XV, 1941.

IVth Form. M. S. S. Dennison (1940, iii).

Remove. P. Coren (1940, iii).

Ib Form. N. Sharples (1942, i).

Salvete

Came, January-March, 1942.

Remove. A. J. Sansom. IIIrd Form, E. P. Bastin.

IInd Form. B. N. Margrave, D. H. Key, C. W. G. Pulford, R. H. Shaw.

Ia Form. K. H. E. Chandler, G. A. Yake, A. J. Springett.

Ib Form. D. Free, N. Sharples, B. R. Perry, A. G. B. King.

Came, April, 1942.

IVth Form. M. D. Waterfall, A. N. James.

Remove. A. F. Blundell.

IIIrd Form. P. R. Bodenstein.

IInd Form. A. J. Williams. N. C. J. Badley, M. A. C. Heavens.

Ia Form. P. Howse.

Ib Form. R. J. Taylor, P. J. Downer, J. F. Green, P. N. Cox.

Iterum Salvete

Vth Form. J. A. C. Barnes (1939, ii to 1941, ii).

IVth Form. R. Grey (1937, iii to 1941, ii).

SCHOOL LIBRARY

There has been a welcome resumption of additions to the School Library this term, augmented by donations. We have to thank Mr. J. B. Reeves, O.A., for sending a handsome cheque with which to purchase books of value on present day affairs, and also Miss Meredith, who sent a consignment of books belonging to her father, the late Mr. J. M. Meredith, O.A. Both gifts are much appreciated.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT (*continued*)*H. A. Harfield*

About an hour later, as dusk is falling we slip, and nose our way down the harbour and out to sea, and there taking up our allotted station with the remainder of the force we proceed on our previously arranged course, each ship keeping perfect station. We continue thus for several hours through a calm sea beneath a very clear sky, and then at last comes the pipe—'Hands to night action stations.' The hands who had been off watch come up from below rather sleepy eyed, and all guns and torpedo tubes are manned, supply parties and fire parties close up and look-outs are warned to be 'on their toes.' Everyone who is on the upper deck is well wrapped up in Duffle Coats, scarves, gloves, Balaclava helmets, sea-boots, etc. The ship is now in the first degree of readiness, with all positions manned and ready for anything that may come along. As we draw nearer to our objective, a brilliant display of fireworks can be seen coming from the enemy's A.A. defences. Flaming onions, tracer shells, and bullets, various coloured searchlights and parachute flares dropped by the attacking aircraft—the R.A.F. is making another attack on the 'Invasion Ports.'

And now the signal comes for ships to take station for the actual bombardment. The position of each ship, the ranges, the number of rounds and the time of firing have been worked out with a mathematical precision, and the time-table will be followed to within a second.

The R.A.F. attack has now finished and the fireworks die down. The writer, together with three other hands, goes into the Captain's Sea Cabin, which is immediately below the bridge. We are relief look-outs, and immediately our ship has ceased firing we will go on to the bridge and relieve those look-outs who are now closed up, who will be temporarily blinded by the flash from our guns. We sit in the darkened cabin as the seconds tick slowly by—Crash! The whole ship shudders and vibrates. The bombardment has begun! For three minutes we sit and listen to the crash of the guns, one hundred and twenty rounds in all, and then we go up to the bridge and take over look-out. The enemy has not realized he is being attacked from the sea, because his only reply is an even more intensive A.A. barrage, and he obviously thinks the R.A.F. has returned to the attack. And now it is the big guns turn. With a mighty roar accompanied by a huge flash of flame which

momentarily lights up the whole of the bombardin force, the 15 in. and 6 in. guns hurl their tons of high explosives into the enemy position. Salvo after salvo for fifteen minutes. A large fire is seen blazing on the shore, and still there is no reply from the enemy. And then—'Searchlight sweeping from astern, sir. One of the look-outs has reported an enemy searchlight sweeping the sea. The bombardment is finished and as the ships take station and turn for home the whine of projectiles is heard and three or four shells fall off our stern—the enemy shore batteries have opened fire. If one of those 11 in. shells hits us we shall probably be swimming for it. But no—fortune favours us. We lay a smoke screen and as we disappear behind it no more shots are observed. The fire we started can still be seen at a range of twenty five or thirty miles, and so we steam on into the night another job well done, and it was, as the Captain had said, 'Money for old rope.'

WARSHIPS WEEK

A Warships Week was held in Abingdon at the end of February, and the School in various ways assisted in the effort. At the inaugural procession on February 21st members of the Home Guard and A.T.C. appeared in force. Various competitions were held for schoolboys, and in these R. Deval and J. Cowling were awarded first prizes—the one in the senior and the other in the junior section, for model warships. P. S. Scott got second prize for poster work. Naturally the School's Savings Group worked hard to achieve a financial record, and succeeded. When all contributions to the effort were reckoned up we totalled a sum of just on £430.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

The society met four times during the Easter Term, when the plays read were 'French Without Tears,' 'Night Must Fall,' 'The Letter' and 'Ga Light.' A feature of 'Night Must Fall' was the reading of Mr. Duxbury in the part Emlyn Williams created for himself. He was ably backed up by Messrs. Alston and Burke-Gill. 'Ga Light' seems to have been the most successful play, due greatly to the skill with which it was read by J. A. D. Cox, Gibaud, Walker, Taylor and Brook.

BROTHER AMBROSE

il to thee, Beauty of the Eastern night!
The bare and new-leafed trees are quick with light;
world of slumb'ring houses now beneath thee lies.
Thou seest all; and in the frosty skies
e white owl spreads his great wide wings
And flies.

ou seest the morbid heron, head on breast;
n some lone reach apart he seeks his rest;
e young trout rise, and where the straggling
willow weeps,
The grass-snake stretches out to drink, then
creeps
ay; the Heron blinks his eyes
And sleeps.

d in the starlit vale of autumn sky
see the darkling mountains climbing high;
t from those God-made slopes whereon my heart
would stay
turn my thoughts unto a different way;
neel beside my tumbled bed
And pray.

t while I pray a troubled dream draws on;
Consciousness dims, flickers—and is gone.
d now in spirit wandering through the shades at
night
I stand beside the moon, with inward sight
eel her heaving breast, and see
Her light.

d as I look down on the world below,
see its moonlit splendour slowly go;
d o'er the face of it comes slow some great black
cloud:
see the price in that dark murky shroud
sins wrought by the Godless ones—
The Proud.

en, as it came, it slowly passed away;
Once more the moon paled to the light of day—
t such a dawn as I might never wish to see;
The bloody lust for death, by sin set free,
d run its feckless course and ta'en
Its fee.

J.A.C.B.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

When the nightmare host of Hitler
Awoke a dreaming world,
And all the flags of freedom
Were reluctantly unfurled,
We went to war in boredom
—We knew the silly game—
Because, whoever won it,
The outcome was the same.

Then when the wave titanic,
Broke nearly on our shore,
We realized, and just in time,
What we were fighting for.
We called it vaguely—freedom,
A glib and easy term,
But one that nature teaches us
In the meek but turning worm.

We mean, perhaps, the right to smile,
In taste, however erring,
On every blatant, braggart ass
From Napoleon to Goering;
The right to smile, yes, even laugh
At our own intrinsic error,
That makes a joke of tyranny,
Of force and brutal terror.

We mean all that, and something more
—The words are hard to find—
We mean the freedom of the heart,
The freedom of the mind;
The right to live as we see fit
In our own peculiar ways,
And give account to God alone,
For the substance of our days. D. B.-G.

THE R.E. SHORT UNIVERSITY COURSE

I am now exactly half through the University part of one of these courses and have been asked to write a short article on them for the benefit of those who may go on later ones.

The whole course lasts about fourteen months—first of all one week at an R.E. depot, then five and a half months at a University, then six weeks at a training battalion, and finally six months at an O.C.T.U. I will try to deal with each part in turn.

The first week is soon over. One is given uniform and kit on the day of one's arrival and has one's introduction to Army beds and 'biscuits.' The remainder is spent on drill, P.T., dashing through icy waters in steeplechases, Army films, and many lectures. It all leaves one's mind in rather a whirl and though I myself thought it too rushed for one to learn much, it certainly got me used to Army routine and made me, at any rate, feel very fit though my feet were rather sore.

Now for the second part. We were told at the depot to which University we were going. I was fortunate to be sent to Cambridge, in fact to Sidney Sussex—Mr. Alston's old college.

We have two parades with the S.T.C. each week, one being with the engineers and one with the infantry under Guards' instructors. Each lasts about four hours, one a morning and one an afternoon. The instructors are excellent and one does learn quite a lot.

We get two free afternoons off per week and the rest of the time is occupied in lectures. These start at 9 and go on till either 12 or 1, and in the afternoon from 2.15 to 4.15. The subjects we take are all to the point which makes every one keen and work hard. So far we have been doing surveying, drawing, structures, physics, properties of materials, and vast amounts of mechanics and mathematics; next half we do engines in place of surveying.

We have a certain amount of work to do in college, but we have plenty of spare time. Our hair can now grow to a reasonable length, slowly recovering from the havoc wreaked in the first week at the depot, and we may wear civilian clothing which truly is a blessing in the summer.

The War Office pays for all meals but tea and for all fees for sports clubs, so one may play cricket or tennis, fence, row, or, if one feels inclined, do nothing at all.

There are eighty of us here, split up between different colleges; there are also one hundred and twenty R.A.F. cadets, so there is great rivalry. At Sidney Sussex there are five R.E. cadets, six R.A.F., and, in full term, about seventy-five undergraduates. Most of these are taking medicine or engineering; the remaining few are either very young, not physically fit, or, in my opinion, mentally incapable. They are a nice set though somewhat disposed to women and alcohol and are all extremely good to us, not despising us at all as upstarts, as one might perhaps expect.

About the last two stages of the course I know very little as yet. At the training battalion I believe we learn to drive, drill on the barrack square, and very little else, and at the O.C.T.U. we put our theory, learnt at the University, into practice. A THEN, one bright, shining brass pip.

MARK W. HEDGER.

OXFORD LETTER

OXFORD,
June, 1942.

The Editor of 'The Abingdonian.'

Dear Sir,

The presence of three O.A.s this term in Oxford demands that I go snooping around and collect information about the doings of your *olim alumnus*. Unfortunately these gentlemen are elusive creatures and seldom found when wanted; if cornered, they are reluctant to give an account of themselves.

All are agreed though on some points; they are working very hard; they have no time for sport; they will be fish for dinner (it has been on the menu for the last five nights); the work is very hard.

B. Arundale is up at Worcester doing a six month course for the Royal Corps of Signals. He is an enthusiastic member of the Rhythm club and has also been seen at the meetings of other clubs, notably the English club.

E. O. Jones has almost completed his year at Pembroke. He will be taking Honour Mods. at the end of this term and so work demands most of his time. In his leisure moments he plays darts with considerable success. He is a member of the college football pump-crew, which is reputed to be the most efficient in Oxford.

K. G. Walker came up to 'Pemmy' this term, and in spite of the handicap of living in lodgings in Iffley Road, is enjoying life. He has become involved in University politics which he finds entertaining and enlightening. Walker too plays darts and claims to be the best left-handed thrower in the college. (How many other people throw left-handed he will not say.)

In conclusion we all offer our sympathy to our friends M. W. Hedger and J. M. Leftwich who had the misfortune to be sent to Cambridge and Belfast respectively.

Yours truly,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

We are glad to be able to publish this first-hand account of Mr. Ogle's (O.A.) escape.—Ed.

ESCAPE FROM SINGAPORE

Capitulation!—we could hardly believe it. We didn't see a Jap or fired a shot. We were privates in the Straits Settlements Volunteers—mere 'dogs-dies,' so we had little reason for hanging around. Anything rather than fall tamely into Japanese hands. All we thought of was getting off Singapore Island to some other island, gaining time to see what we could do next.

We wandered off towards the harbour, five of us, but we were turned back; it was then about five o'clock, and we were told that the capitulation was not to be effective till 8.30 p.m. So we waited. A long 'all day' wail on the sirens announced the end and we waited once more. This time we were not stopped. Still no sign of the Japanese—we expected to find the town swarming with them. There were fires everywhere, mostly warehouses and petrol dumps, the streets littered with rubbish, the air thick with oil fumes. We trudged on unhindered through the darkness, towards a part of the harbour where we hoped to find some sort of a boat, but really we had no plans. Our luck was in—we met a friend who said there was a crowd not far away even then preparing a boat for a get-away. We found twenty or thirty Volunteers—mostly 1st Battalion fellows who were manning pill-boxes in that sector (we were 3rd Penang Battalion). There was much argument; some said it was too risky, others felt that in some way it was their duty to stay. A few were for going. We followed them. What was the good of staying? They led us to an old broken-down Japanese fishing-boat, with a dead Diesel engine for which there was no fuel, a rotten mast, and no sails. Quickly a 'sail' was strung together out of ground-sheets and bits of string, while others loaded up with tinned food and water from a nearby pill-box. Should we take rifles, Vickers guns, and 'ammo' or not? We decided not, and dumped the whole lot in the sea, 'scorched earth' and all that. Our sail-making took time, fiddling in the dark with the light of the fires to help—we daren't use a torch, and every minute we expected a Jap patrol to show up.

Ready at last, and then lucky-break No. 2. The

tide was high, just on the turn, and there was a strong breeze off-shore. We cast off. It was a moment I shall never forget—that widening gap between us and the shore, Malaya, for three years our very pleasant home, from which we were running away so ignominiously (it was that or capture); at the stern the fires of Singapore, beyond the bows the pitch-black night and inky water—and somewhere, we didn't know where, minefields! We remembered the Chinese junks that from time to time had ignored patrol boats' warnings and had got blown up—there was a coasting steamer too. But ignorance is bliss and we were prepared to take a chance on it.

We made good progress, thanks to the wind and tide; our sail wasn't much good—far too small for the size of the boat. On we went—still no mines—steering for an oil-storage island that had been burning for days—we didn't want to land there, but it was something to steer by, in the right direction. Of course we had neither map nor compass. Hours went by, the wind dropped and we found ourselves drifting back again; the tide had begun to turn. It was getting light too, and we felt pretty flat as well as cold and hungry. But a current carried us to one side of our starting point and presently ran us aground on the end of a small island, screened from Singapore by another large island where some of the big guns were. We sweated all the morning trying to get off, but the old tub was beyond hope; we could never have got far in it anyway, but our first objective was achieved—we were on another island, and not prisoners yet.

Our party broke up—we would all get on better in small parties. We five pushed off with our share of the food; we hadn't any kit beyond what we stood up in (oh that new V8 roadster and Leica camera abandoned in Penang!). There was a Malay village close by and we bargained all the afternoon for another boat. We had about two hundred dollars between us—another bit of luck. The deal was fixed and then we hid up in the long grass and had some food; the Malays would only sail after dark. About 8 p.m. we got aboard, we five and three Malays, in a small 'kolek,' about twelve feet long and *very* low in the water. The Malays said aloud a little prayer to Allah and we set off once more on our travels.

M. O.

(To be continued.)

ENTERTAINMENTS

Rag Concert

The Rag Concert held at the end of the Christmas term, 1941, proved 'on the night' quite a success. The items consisted mainly of solos and short items with few performers. On the piano, Gibaud and Rayson played a Brahms Hungarian dance; M. H. Jones and Ogden each contributed a short piece, and Mr. Punton Smith gave a selection of Gilbert and Sullivan. We were glad to note a deficiency of previous concerts made good by some solo singing by members of the school in the persons of G. Hill and later S. Hazel, with supporting chorus. The Concert party consisting of Trudgian, M. Hedger, Hill and Hicks (+ ukelele) gave the lights department an opportunity to show their skill.

Mr. Ingham and Mr. Alston sang their ever-popular 'Bird in the Wilderness,' while Mr. Bevir made his inimitable appearance—all know or can guess at the rest. Two juniors, Penning and Parker, presented a delightful little sketch 'Tar Baby': we could discern the skilful coaching of Miss Bennell here. Aldworth and McLeod revealed the guile of an insurance tout, Corby and T. W. Smith harmonized the views of a night watchman and a man-about-town, and K. G. Walker preached a unique sermon on Old Mother Hubbard. The concert concluded with a criminal farce, 'The Mystery on the Hearth,' dealing with the vicissitudes of the Great Cham's Diamond. The cast consisted of G. Hill, Gibaud, Rayson, Milne, and Hedger.

ABBEY PLAYERS

On Saturday, June 6th, the 'Guild of Abbey Players' presented to us a very entertaining performance, which took the form of a revue. By means of humorous sketches, we were transported to the pictures, the doctor's, the dentist's, a restaurant, and the lounge to hear the news, which for some reason the 'family' decided to miss.

This was a witty performance, ably compered and admirably staged. Our sincerest thanks are due to the players for their kindness in coming to us.

CHAMBER MUSIC

The evening of the last Saturday of the East Term was very pleasantly spent in listening to music provided for us in the gymnasium by Mrs. Gotch and her Trio. The programme was as follows:

PROGRAMME

MARCH 21, 1942, 7 p.m.

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| Violin, Mary Gotch. | Violoncello, Herma Fiedler. | |
| | Piano, John Webster. | |
| 1. Trio. | Andante con moto from
Trio in C major | <i>Brahms</i> |
| 2. Violin Solos. | Minuet.
Allegro. | <i>Mozart</i>
<i>Fiocco</i> |
| 3. Trio. | Country Magic.
Siesta
The Open Road
An Old Song | } <i>Armstrong Gibbs</i> |
| 4. Violin Solos. | Minuet
Spring Song.
Brother James's Air. | |
| 5. Trio. | Two Russian Folk Tunes. | Black Eyes.
Two Guitars. |

The major work in classical style was, of course, the slow movement from the Brahms C major Trio—a mature composition (Op. 87) in which an assured control over the balance and independence of three instruments results in an organized unity of great breadth and beauty.

Mrs. Gotch's first group of solos were pieces from the eighteenth century; the familiar Mozart minuet and the lively allegro by the less familiar Bruckner composer Fiocco. Both were charmingly played.

The Trio next gave us a modern English work by Armstrong Gibbs. One became at once aware of a new element in the composition which might perhaps be called a sense of atmosphere: this was program music of a most delicate kind.

For her next set of solos Mrs. Gotch chose arrangements for the violin of well-known pieces. The Beethoven composition—really a waltz—when beautifully phrased, as in this performance, is perhaps heard in the ideal setting. Mendelssohn's 'Spring Song' certainly gained an added freshness by being transported so delicately to the fiddle; whilst the singing tone of the instrument was brought out appropriately in 'Brother James's Air'—the one usually sung to the Scottish Metrical Version of the twenty-third psalm.

To conclude the programme the Trio gave us settings of a couple of Russian folk tunes with a gipsy flavour which made a fine ending to a most enjoyable concert.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, 'The Abingdonian.'

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May I, a humble pupil of this school, draw your attention to the fact that time—according to the ordinary clock—is non-existent?

This state of affairs has not been confined to this town alone, but has—despite the loving care of the school handyman—been allowed to make itself felt in the big school clock. Since it is by this mighty mechanical contrivance that the whole school is governed, could not something be done to take time by the forelock and an effort be made to keep all school clocks, however imperfectly constructed, to strict Greenwich Double Summer Time?

Quid nos acturum esse certiones fac.

Your obedient servant,

TEMPUS FUGIT.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Long before the days of School certificates, the dark cloud of examinations dimmed the sunshine of the summer term. The Editor of the *Abingdonian* in the issue of July 1892 writes: 'Over it (the summer term) there broods the shadow of examinations, but the grim spectre is confined to the class room. The question how it came about that the wisdom of our ancestors fixed upon the summer term, as the most appropriate time to hold examinations, we cannot solve; but perhaps some ruffian among them believed and thought that it was the bounden duty of all sensible persons to mortify not their own but somebody else's spirit.'

OBITUARY

ARTHUR EDWIN PRESTON, F.S.A., J.P.,
1852 to 1942

By his long life of public service Mr. Preston has assured for himself a high place in the regard of posterity. Here, in the space allowed us by the exigencies of war-time conditions, we can give little more than a summary of his many interests and activities.

Born in Abingdon he received his early education at the School—under Dr. Strange in the old schoolroom, which, fifty years later in his third year of mayoralty, he restored and decorated at his own expense. He was one—perhaps the last survivor—of the sixty-three boys then at the School who were present in 1863 at the tercentenary celebrations in honour of John Roysse's endowment. After taking his degree at London University he qualified as a chartered accountant, and in 1882 became the youngest Fellow on the Roll of the Institute. Five years later he was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, and the same year was appointed Borough Accountant of Abingdon.

On his retirement, after serving for twenty-two years in this capacity, he was asked to accept the mayoralty, which office he held for three consecutive years (1909 to 1911), being the only Mayor in Abingdon's history to be chosen from outside the Council. Elected to the Council in 1912, he became an Alderman and a Borough magistrate in 1923, and in May, 1932, was presented with the Freedom of the Borough in recognition of his long and distinguished services.

Of Christ's Hospital he became a life Governor in 1909, and held the position of Master for eleven years—a record tenure of the office. It was as Master in 1929 that he published in handbook form, under the title of 'Christ's Hospital, Abingdon, the Alms-houses, the Hall, and the Portraits,' the results of his researches in the history of this ancient corporation.

On the County Council he had served continuously since 1895, and for seven years was Chairman of the Finance Committee. He became a County Alderman in 1906 and a County magistrate in 1912; and it was only last November that he resigned his seat as Alderman on both the County and the Borough Councils.

For over twenty years he represented the county on the Thames Conservancy Board, and in the world

of sport he was one of the founders of the Frilford Heath Golf Club, and the first President and a very zealous supporter of the Abingdon Bowling Club.

Lastly, but not least in importance, his connection with the school as a Governor dated from 1903 (the year of his Presidency of the O.A.C.), and during this long period whatever course he thought likely to enlarge our usefulness might count upon his active support. A notable instance was the acquisition of Waste Court: not only did he promote the scheme as a Governor and contribute very generously to the cost of it, but as a man of business conversant with public affairs, he used his wide experience and influence to carry it into effect.

Of no less value both to town and school were his services in the field of archaeology, and it may be that in the view of posterity they will constitute his most outstanding monument. His *magnum opus*, *St. Nicholas, Abingdon, and other Papers*, was published in 1929, the same year as his handbook on Christ's Hospital. Its pages (paper on 'The early Grammar School' and some part of that on 'Fitzharris') contain all that is known of our long history, which Mr. Preston did more than any man to elucidate. Other papers he contributed to the *Berks Archaeological Journal* and similar periodicals, and a series on the 'Fairs and Markets of mediaeval Abingdon' to the pages of this magazine. But if his published writings were not extensive, he gathered and docketed a mass of information, historical and biographical, of permanent interest to Abingdonians.

It is to his initiative too, and not seldom to his generosity, that the town owes the safeguarding of many important memorials of its past: for example, his restoration of the Roysse Room, already mentioned, when the Guildhall buildings also were renovated at his suggestion and under his supervision. His last service of this kind was the restoration of the painted ceiling in the Lady Chapel of S. Helen's. This too he had carried out at his own expense, and contributed an article descriptive of the paintings to the *Burlington Magazine* of June, 1936.

Mr. Preston was, as may well be supposed, a man of great conversational powers, with a wide range of interest and a lively vein of humour. He was married in 1895 to Miss Lydia Jacobs of Burford, who survives him. Those who have enjoyed their hospitality at Whitefield will retain pleasant memories of a cultured home and courteous and kindly host and hostess.

O.A. NOTES

Births

KORTRIGHT—On August 27, 1941, to Joan, wife of Lieut. J. C. H. Kortright, a daughter, Jennifer.

AUSTIN—On February 11th, at Worcester, Squadron-Leader and Mrs. S. P. Austin, a son, S. P. Austin.

GARDINER—On April 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gardiner, a son, Nicholas George.

STILES—On April 19th, at Hove, to Eileen, wife of Major H. S. D. Stiles, a daughter.

Marriages

POWELL—MAY.—On November 22, 1941, at the Church of S. Vincent de Paul, Hounslow, Cyril Frank Powell, of 17 Radley Road, Abingdon, to Kathleen May, of Hounslow.

MARKS—AYRIS.—On December 6, 1941, at St. Sandford Church, R. E. Marks to M. Ayris.

POLLARD—HOLLOWELL.—In December, 1941, at Brightwell Parish Church, Sergt. Edward Henry Pollard, R.A.F., to Margaret Florer Hollowell, of Brightwell.

POLLARD—WATSON.—On January 10th, at S. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Vernon Ernest Pollard to Nora Ethel Watson.

COX—WRIGHT.—On January 24th, at Southmoor Methodist Chapel, Richard Frank Cox, Church House, Southmoor, to Ruby, daughter of Mr. Wm. Wright and the late Mrs. Wright, Iffley Road, Oxford.

BAILEY—SHARP.—On February 22nd, at S. Matthew's Church, Muswell Hill, Lionel Stephen, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bailey of Abingdon, to Mary Margaret, eldest daughter of the Rev. E. and Mrs. Sharp, of Muswell Hill.

JACQUES—WINDSOR.—On April 6th, at Steventon, Ronald Joseph Jacques, of Castle Street, Steventon, to Enid Elizabeth Windsor, of Canon Street, Steventon.

WARRICK—BURBIDGE.—On April 9th, at Chipping Norton, Battery Q.M.S. George E. Warrick, R.A., to Gwyneth Burbidge, of Chipping Norton.

MARTIN—HOOPER.—In April, at Exeter, Joan

William Paulin, eldest son of the late Dr. P. J. Martin, of Abingdon, and Mrs. Martin, to Section Officer Audrey Kathleen Hooper, W.A.A.F.

STEVENS—TRINDER.—On May 16th, at Trinity Church, Abingdon, 2nd Lieut. Edward Francis Stevens, R.A., of Abingdon, to Ella Mabel Trinder, of Abingdon.

GILL—LYNE.—On June 6th, at S. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, W.I., T. H. Alexander Gill, of Stanmore, to Margaret Lyne. We are informed that A. R. M. Adams is married but have heard no particulars yet.

Deaths

MOBBS.—On January 9th, at Carramore, Wootton Road, Abingdon, Percy Edward Mobbs, aged .

COTTRELL.—On April 2nd, at Norman Cottage, Abingdon, Alderman John Ernest Alfred Cottrell, P., aged 74.

PRESTON.—On May 22nd, at Whitefield, Abingdon, Alderman Arthur Edwin Preston, J.P., S.A., aged 90.

News has reached us of the death of W. E. Jarman, whom his contemporaries will remember as one of the sixteen boys who joined the School with the late W. C. F. A. Wimberley on the opening of Tesdale House in January, 1900. He remained here until July, 1901, and played in the cricket team during his first term. Of his subsequent career we have no knowledge, except that he was engaged in the wine and spirit trade. He died about a year ago.

P. E. Mobbs was a pupil at the School from April, 1898 to July, 1901, and later succeeded his father in the boot and shoe business in Bath Street. He was on the Committee of the Chamber of Trade and was also a member of the British Legion, the Frilford Heath Golf Club, and the Abbey Lodge of Freemasons. In the last war he served as a dispatch-rider for the R.E. He leaves a widow and one son, J. B. E. Mobbs, who is also an O.A. (1929).

J. E. A. Cottrell was born in Abingdon in 1867, a year after his father opened the butcher's business in Stert Street. Leaving the School at the age of thirteen he was sent to London to gain experience in his trade, but returned three years later to manage his father's business after the death of the latter. He was the first man to judge beef and pigs in the

carcase competition of the Smithfield Club from 1903 to 1905, for which he received a silver cup, and for many years he was the only man outside Oxford to win a carcase competition.

He entered the Borough Council in 1900 and had been a member ever since. He was Mayor in 1906 and 1907 and was elected an Alderman about twenty-five years ago. He was also a Governor of Christ's Hospital, Chairman of the Abingdon and S. Helen Without Joint Burial Board, and a borough magistrate.

In his younger days he won many prizes for driving and of late years had been interested in horse-racing as a small owner and breeder, his chief success being in 1935, when he won the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom with Crawley Wood. He was also a keen supporter of the Abingdon Bowling Club and one of its vice-presidents.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Our obituary of Mr. A. E. Preston appears in another column, and notices of those killed on active service under the heading 'War News.'

Among the visitors on the day of the O.A. Match was one very senior O.A. in the person of Mr. A. Fraser Taylor, a solicitor, of Hove, Sussex. He had not been back here since he left in 1876, but his interest in his old school had perhaps been quickened by the fact that he has recently taken Pat Mosdell (1931) into partnership. Pat Mosdell, when we last heard from him, was in the Middle East.

Squadron-Leader H. Meredith (1908) writes from Kumalo, Bulawayo, where he is responsible, under the Empire Air Scheme, for the welfare, discipline and tuition of all the pupil pilots who come there for training—a sort of 'headmastery' job, as he describes it, the pupils deriving from all parts of the Empire, not only from South Africa. In the last war Meredith was a Captain in the North Staffordshire Regiment and was awarded the M.C. He has since been employed as a mathematical instructor in the R.A.F.

L. H. C. Creswell, D.S.C. (1914), late of H.M.S. *Cossack*, now holds a shore appointment and is engaged upon ship-construction work.

H. P. Tame (1917) has been appointed Engineer and Surveyor of Woking.

R. D. Mackinnon (1917) is working in Allen & Hanbury's laboratories.

S. A. Fabes (1928), second in command on the executive side at our biggest Ordnance Factory, in addition to his other work has to find and supply clothing for all workers in every Ordnance factory (nearly sixty). He is thankful that he does not have to bother about coupons!

M. Ogle (1929) escaped from Singapore after the capitulation and is now back in England.

Other O.A.s known to have been in Malaya lately are J. E. A. Clark (1919), C. R. Davidge (1923), J. E. Emmett (1932) and D. R. H. Brown (1936); and T. B. Pfordten (1932) when we last heard of him was in Bangkok. We have no information as to their present whereabouts and would be very glad to have news of them, especially if it is good news.

Captain P. R. Wood (1935), now in India, recently got up an Army Four to enter for the 'Light Fours' at the annual Karachi regatta. The boat, stroked by himself, won the 'R.A.F. Cup,' the main event, beating the R.A.F. crew. He has passed the Indian Army Urdu Examination after five months' study and has been taking Flying lessons in whatever time he has had to spare from his duties as Squadron Leader, Regimental Signals Officer and Mess Secretary.

Leading Writer John Hicks, R.N. (1936), is a survivor from H.M.S. *Prince of Wales*.

R. E. Bowman (1936) has gained 2nd Class Honours in the London B.Sc. Examination, with a special prize award. He is doing research work with Dr. Redfarn and was responsible for the review of the Nylon Patents in the recent British Plastic Year Book.

G. J. Bowman (1939) is helping his father in his business.

J. Stephenson (1939) has gained 2nd Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering in the B.Sc. Examination of Glasgow University.

R. F. Jackson (1939), with rank of Sub-Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R., is working as an outside fitter in Portsmouth Dockyard, that is, fitting ships with their internal engine-room gear after launching. 'A dirty job,' he says, and from

his description we can well believe it—'however we really rather enjoy it as we get hardened to it.'

D. A. Culmer (1940) has passed the first Surveyors' Institute Examination—a creditable performance, as his work under the Middlesex Council has left him little time or opportunity for instruction and he has had to rely upon a correspondence course.

A. L. Crowe (1940) is learning accountancy in the office of Mr. D. S. Cowley, A.C.S., Abingdon.

W. Schafer (1940) has a post as assistant economic research at Exeter University.

N. J. Pryor (1941) is apprenticed to the West Electricity Company.

D. O. Wilks (1941) is in the Accounts department of Messrs. Hunt & Broadhurst, Ltd., stationery manufacturers, Oxford.

Of those who left last Christmas—

D. G. Butler is in the London and Provincial Bank in Oxford.

N. D. B. Corby is in the Bank of England.

G. Farnsworth is farming at Watnall, Nottingham.

P. Hicks is helping his father in the firm business in Oxford.

J. B. Hill is learning the business of Home management at Christchurch, Hants.

Of those who left at Easter—

R. E. Ball is working at the Abingdon R.A. station.

M. S. S. Dennison has a post with Messrs. Godfrey Phillips, Ltd., tobacco manufacturers.

M. Hedger is taking the six months R.E. course at Cambridge.

K. G. Walker is at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Visitors

Besides those playing in the O.A. Cricket Match the following have visited the School since our last number was published:

E. C. Beaven (1921), D. G. Brown (1935), N. A. R. Carlton (1939), J. A. D. Cox (1941), R. E. Dew (1941), H. G. Elphick (1941), P. L. Gould (1933), W. S. T. Hale (1928), V. Harfield (1937), M. Hedger (1942), P. Hicks (1941), D. G. E. Holme (1939), E. O. Jones

1941), J. H. F. Kay (1928), J. C. H. Kortright (1932), G. H. Lewington (1937), H. A. Lunghi (1939), R. D. Mackinnon (1917), K. Mills (1932), J. Ogle (1929), J. C. Petty (1941), A. C. Randle (1941), C. M. Read (1913), E. F. Stevens (1936), Fraser Taylor (1876), F. C. Taylor (1885), R. A. Whidborne (1940), J. D. Wood (1926); also Mr. B. Matthews (1940) and Mr. D. O. Willis (1939 to 1940), lately members of the staff.

WAR NEWS

Additions and Corrections to Roll of Service

Andrade, B. (1942), Royal Corps of Signals (University Course).
 Austin, S. P. (1929), Squadron-Leader, R.A.F.
 Byley, G. V. (1938), 2nd Lieut., R. A. (Heavy A.A. Bty.).
 Byles, B. N. J. (1937), 2nd Lieut., R.A.
 Byles, G. A. H. (1932), P./O., R.A.F.
 Brown, D. R. H. (1936), Johore Volunteer Engineers.
 Brown, W. W. (1927), Major, R.E.
 Butler, L. G. (1936), Royal Armoured Corps.
 Clark, J. E. A. (1919), Major, Straits Settlements V.F.
 Clark, S. E. (1927), R.A.F.
 Clarke, H. J. (1941), R.E. (O.C.T.U.)
 Clarke, O. E. (1936), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Clarke, R. C. (1932), R.A.F.
 Collings, Pat. V. (1933), Lieut., R.N.
 Collings, Peter V. (1932), Lieut., 87th Anti-Tank Regt.
 Corbett, K. G. (1934), Signalman, R.N.
 Cowley, A. F. (1938), R.A.F.
 Culmer, D. A. (1940),
 Davies, J. E. G. (1940), R.A.F.
 Davis, W. G. (1933), Lieut., Royal Fusiliers.
 Dean, A. C. (1940), R.A. (O.C.T.U.).
 Emmett, J. E. (1932), Straits Settlements V.F.
 Gould, P. H. (1933), Petty Officer Writer, R.N.
 Gould, R. C. (1933), Sergt. Observer, R.A.F.
 Hedger, M. (1942), R.E. (University Course).
 Hicks, J. (1936), Leading Writer, R.N.
 Hill, J. H. (1939), R.A.F.
 Holme, D. G. E. (1939), L./Cpl., Royal Berks. Regt.

Holmes, N. J. (1938), R.A.F.
 Humfrey, C. M. (1920), 2nd Lieut., Calcutta Light Horse.
 Jacob, W. G. E. (1932), Capt., R.A.
 Jarvis, D. E. (1938), R.A.F.
 Kay, J. H. F. (1928), P./O., Canadian Air Force.
 Kirkby, G. R. (1916), Lieut., Royal Berks. Regt.
 Kortright, J. C. H. (1932), Lieut. (A.), R.N.V.R.
 Kortright, N. H. (1939), Sergt. Air-Gunner, R.A.F.
 Lane, S. M. B. (1939), R.A.F.
 Langford, R. A. (1929), Lands Officer, London Command, R.A.
 Leftwich, J. M. (1942), R.A. (University Course).
 Luker, L. E. J. (1935), Lieut., Herefordshire Regt.
 Martin, P. W. (Staff), Capt., R.A.
 Meredith, H. (1908), Squadron Leader, R.A.F.
 Morland, T. F. T. (1920), Lieut.-Commander, Canadian Navy.
 Nathan, M. F. (1939), Sergt.-Pilot, R.A.F.
 Ogle, M. (1929), Straits Settlements V.F.
 Osmand, A. G. (1932), Fl./Lt., R.A.F.
 Osmand, P. E. (1932), R.A.F.
 Paige, J. N. (1938), Telegraphist, R.N.
 Paige, S. A. (1930), P./O., R.A.F.
 Parks, E. F. (1933), 2nd Lieut., R.A. (Heavy A.A. Bty.).
 Petty, J. C. (1941), R.N. (Y Scheme).
 Pollard, E. H. (1934), Sergt., R.A.F.
 Polley, V. G. (1939), R.A.F.
 Powell, C. F. (1934), 2nd Lieut., R.E.
 Randle, J. S. (1934), Paymaster Lieut.-Commander, R.N.V.R.
 Read, C. M. (1913), Lieut., Canadian Army.
 Rice, E. P. (1928), Gunner, R.H.A.
 Roberts, D. E. (1939), 2nd Lieut., R.A.
 Round, O.I.C.R. (1925), R.A.F.
 Savage, K. R. (1929), Lieut., R.A.
 *Shepherd, A. L. (1935), Sergt., R.A.M.C.
 Smith, K. C. (1925), Sergt., R.A.
 Stevens, E. F. (1936), 2nd Lieut., R.E.
 Stiles, H. S. D. (1923), Major, R.A.
 *Walford, S. H. L. (1928), Cpl., R.M.
 Warrick, G. E. H. (1934), Bty. Q.M.S., R.A.
 Waterhouse, R. C. W. (1922), 2nd Lieut., R.E.

Wheeler, J. M. (1925), P./O., R.A.F.
 *Whitfield, H. H. (1936), P./O., R.A.F.
 Wiggins, A. C. (1938), R.A.F.
 Willis, D. O. (Staff), Lieut., R.A.
 Wood, P. R. (1935), Capt., Royal Tank Regt.
 *Woolf, P. J. (1935), Leading Signalman,
 R.N.V.R.
 Wooster, P. H. (1938), 2nd Lieut., Royal Corps
 of Signals.

* See below.

Casualty List

D'Almaine—Missing, presumed killed in action in H.M.S. *Undaunted*, Lieut. H. R. d'Almaine, R.N., son of the late Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine (O.A.) and Mrs. d'Almaine, aged 26.

Rob d'Almaine was with us for six years as a very promising junior, but left in the summer of 1929 to become a cadet on board the *Worcester*. There he distinguished himself by carrying off five first and one second prize at the end of his second year. In the Merchant Service he was employed by the Donaldson line, but transferred some time before the war to the Royal Navy. He was married in September, 1939, to Miss Margareta Tham, a Swedish lady, who bore him a daughter. He was a half-brother of the late Roy d'Almaine, O.A. (1909), who was killed in action in the last war while serving with the Canadian contingent.

Langebear—Missing after an air operation on May 9th last year, Richard Langebear, Acting Squadron-Leader, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Langebear, of Handsworth, Birmingham.

He was a boarder here from September, 1928, to July, 1931, and won his Cricket colours in his last season, being very successful as a bowler. After a short experience of business life he joined the R.A.F., some time before the war, and paid several visits to the School while stationed at Heyford. He was last seen flying over the French coast near Brest.

Whitfield—Killed while on active service as a result of a Flying accident, P./O. Harold Whitfield, R.A.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield, of Culham.

Harold Whitfield (September, 1931, to December, 1936) was a School Prefect and won his colours in Rugger. On leaving school he found employment as a clerk in the Estate Office of Magdalen College, Oxford, but on the outbreak of war joined up in the Cameron Highlanders and was granted a commission. While stationed at Beverley he played Rugger for the East Riding of Yorkshire and was appointed Garrison Rugby Officer to his station. But his love of aeronautics led him to seek a transfer to the R.A.F., to which service he remained loyal in spite of inducements held out to him to return to the Camerons.

Walford—Presumed killed in action in H.M.S. *Neptune*, Cpl. Selby Howard Lucas Walford, R.M., only son of Doris E. Walford, of Cobham, Surrey.

He was a boarder at the School from September, 1926, to March, 1928, and on leaving obtained a post with the firm of Messrs. Wm. Cory, Ltd., London.

Woolf—Killed in action in H.M.S. *Wild Swan*, Peter John Woolf, Signalman, R.N.V.R., second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woolf, of Hatch End, Middlesex.

Peter Woolf had joined up in the R.N.V.R. at the beginning of the war. He came of a naval family and his brother Douglas (1934) was at the time a Postmaster-Lieutenant in the *Ajax*. Peter, it would appear, was one of the few casualties in the *Wild Swan* when she was attacked by twelve bombers, of which she brought down six, off the French coast in July. He was a boarder at the School from September, 1932, to December, 1935, and since then had had an appointment with the Prudential Assurance Company.

J. M. Wood (1938), P./O., R.A.F., previously reported missing, and A. L. Shepherd (1935) Sergt., R.A.M.C., are prisoners of war in Germany.