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SCHOOL OFFICERS

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1944

Captain of the School and Head of the House:
P. M. King.

School Prefects:

A. J. Betterton.	A. R. King.
M. J. Cullen.	A. J. Walters.
M. D. Waterfall.	R. Deval.
C. F. Trevor.	F. Hesten.
R. H. Tompsett.	T. W. Green.
B. C. Jakeman.	

Sub-Prefects:

K. R. Dudley.	G. H. S. Jordan.
R. S. Barnes.	J. M. Lewington.
P. R. Betterton.	W. G. Pask.
G. W. Dodge.	G. L. Sanders.

A. N. James.
Captain of Football: P. M. King.
Hon. Secretary of Games: B. C. Jakeman.
School Librarians: P. M. King, C. F. Trevor.
Lending Library: T. W. Green.

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EDITORIAL

Editorial is a somewhat bald, unattractive word, with perhaps the suspicion of the pedagogue about it. Therefore it is extremely probable that a majority of readers either skim it from a sense of duty or with the idea of getting their money's worth, or more boldly—and it may be more sensibly—skip it altogether.

On this occasion, however, we ask the reader—especially if he be an Old Boy—to pause an instant and continue reading.

With this number of the *Abingdonian* we are inserting in each copy a slip detailing the names on the School Roll of Honour and Roll of Service, so far as we know them. This will be found near the O.A. Notes. It is intended to be an interim Roll of Service, and is inserted at this time with two objects: the first and minor one, for interest and information; the second and major object, to elicit more information about O.A.s on service, to check the accuracy of present information and to repair omissions. Building on this interim Roll, with, we hope, much more additional and accurate information, we propose to publish at the end of the war a Roll of Service which shall be as complete and accurate as we can make it.

Will, therefore, all readers and any others interested in the School kindly send to the Secretary of the O.A. Club or to the Editor of the *Abingdonian* any further or up-to-date information, the authenticity of which they are sure?

With the light of victory shining over the horizon, we feel in a position to wish our readers a happier Christmas and a brighter New Year.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the beginning of another academic year, the School, like many others, is full to capacity. In view of this fact, we can congratulate ourselves on a clean bill of health.

With deep regret we have to record, since our last issue, the death of two of the School Governors: Mr. Claude Rippon and Mr. A. T. Loyd, both firm and valuable friends of the School. Their obituaries will be found elsewhere in this number, page 157.

The results of the Oxford Higher School Certificate and School Certificate examinations held in July were as follows.

The following passed the Higher School Certificate: F. Hesten in main subjects, Pure Mathematics (marked good) and Applied Mathematics Subsidiary French and Physics (marked good) D. E. P. Jones in Physics (marked good) Chemistry (marked good), and Biology (marked good). A. R. King in Physics and Chemistry (marked good) and Subsidiary French and Applied Mathematics. R. H. S. Lesser in Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Physics. P. M. McLeod in Pure Mathematics Applied Mathematics, and Physics.

Although they did not get the Higher School Certificate the following passed in main subjects: D. Beattie (Latin). A. J. Betterton (Physics and Chemistry marked good). P. M. King (Latin). The following in subsidiary subjects D. Beattie, J. P. Mortimore and C. F. Trevo (Greek), M. J. Cullen (Latin) and J. A. Hill (Art).

In the Oxford School Certificate twenty boys passed. (Where the distinction mark was obtained the subject is put in brackets after the boy's name.) R. S. Barnes. A. B. Beadle (Mathematics, General Science). M. G. Beadle (General Science). C. R. Burborough (Art). J. Cowling (English Language, History, Latin, Greek French, General Science, Art). D. A. Hearc (General Science). G. H. S. Jordan. I. N. Kimbrey (Art). D. J. Leach (Latin). L. A. Lewis. P. G. Mingard. R. C. Odell. W. G. Pask (English Language, Latin, Greek, Mathematics, General Science). P. R. Sims. R. H. Tompsett. M. D. A. Vickers. V. E. Welch (English Language, English, Latin, Greek General Science, French, Mathematics). D. H. Wheaton (English Language, Latin, Greek French, General Science). G. H. Willson. K. P. Woodward.

Supplementary credits were obtained as follows

Additional Mathematics—P. R. Betterton (Distinction), G. L. Sanders, and M. D. Waterfall Chemistry—R. Deval (Distinction), K. R. Dudley

(Distinction), and A. N. James (Distinction).
 Physics—P. R. Betterton (Distinction), R. Deval (Distinction), K. R. Dudley, A. N. James (Distinction), G. L. Sanders (Distinction), and M. D. Waterfall. History of Architecture—R. Deval (Distinction).

The Prize List for the Summer Term will be found on page 153.

The Confirmation Service was held in the School Chapel on Sunday, December 10th, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Reading, a date unavoidably later than usual. The names of the confirmands will be published in the next issue.

School Rugby football appears to be in a fairly flourishing condition, and the Secretary was able to arrange a good fixture card, in spite of travelling restrictions. An innovation this year was the introduction of a 3rd XV, so that we were able to have four separate XV's fulfilling fixtures, excluding a very workmanlike 'under 16' team (for one appearance only) who played and defeated adequately Pangbourne Nautical College 'under 6.'

We congratulate the following on being awarded their Rugby Football Colours. 1st XV: A. J. Betterton, P. Hayter, R. H. Tompsett, A. J. Bansom, T. W. Green, I. J. M. Jamieson, P. R. Sims, A. J. Walters. 2nd XV: P. R. Sims, I. J. M. Jamieson, P. R. Betterton, D. J. Penny, G. L. Sanders, M. J. Green, E. R. Absalom, A. B. Beadle, D. Beattie, H. J. H. King, J. M. Lewington, J. L. Platnauer, M. D. White, L. G. B. Whitfield.

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

The Reeves Cup for Shooting was won by Green House, while the West Cup for the best individual shot was gained by R. S. Barnes.

It must be put on record that Green House won the Brewer Bowl for Junior House Cricket last term. We have an abject apology to make on the question of Cups. By inadvertence we stated in the summer number that the Carr Cup for Senior House Cricket was won by Red House; members of Green House informed us in no uncertain tones that it should have read Green.

Still with reference to Cups, we should like to draw our readers' attention to an item labelled House Cups on page 154, showing which houses have won the various cups over a period synchronizing with the present volume of the Magazine.

The Steeplechase had again to be abandoned owing to the impossibility of using the course.

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

CALENDAR—EASTER TERM, 1945

Mon.	Jan.	8.	Boarders return to School.
Tues.	"	9.	First day of Easter Term.
Sat.	"	20.	Hockey XI v. E. H. Aldworth's XI (Home).
Sat.	"	27.	Hockey XI v. R.A.F., Abingdon (Away).
Sat.	Feb.	3.	Hockey XI v. Abingdon Home Guard (Home).
Wed.	"	7.	Hockey XI v. Wantage School (Home).
Sat.	"	10.	Hockey XI v. M.G. Car Company (Home).
Sat.	"	17.	Hockey XI v. E. H. Aldworth's XI (Home).
Sat.	"	24.	Hockey XI v. Wantage School (Away).
Wed.	"	28.	Field Day, J.T.C.
Sat.	Mar.	3.	Hockey XI v. M.G. Car Company (Home).
Sat.	"	"	1st, 2nd, and 3rd IV's v. Magdalen College School (Away).
Wed.	"	7.	Certificate 'A' Examination (Parts 1 and 2).
"	"	"	Hockey XI v. R.A.F., Abingdon (Home).
Thurs.	"	8.	Miles (provisional).
Sat.	"	17.	Hockey XI v. Abingdon Home Guard (Home).
Tues.	"	20.	Last day of Term.
Wed.	"	21.	Boarders return Home.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

A letter addressed to the Editor of the *Abingdonian* some fifty years ago does not seem out of place to-day.

'Sir,

Would it not be as well if the Captain of the Football team locked up the spare footballs during the matches, so as to prevent the boys who are not playing for the team, kicking them on to the ground?

Your faithfully,

A VISITOR.'

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1944

Those who saw the match between the School and the Old Abingdonians, which concluded the season, witnessed a fine demonstration of the virtues possessed by this year's XV. They also saw some of its failings, namely ineffectiveness in the line-out, lack of cohesion in the loose, and inability to check the opposing pack in the early stages of a forward rush. It was these defects which were largely responsible for our defeat in several matches, especially the one with Magdalen College School.

As to the virtues mentioned above, the chief of these were, the hooking of Green, the fine combination and aggressiveness at half-back of Jamieson and Betterton, the attacking strength of the right half of the threequarter line (Hayter and Walters), and the aggressive defence of Sims at full-back. One should also include the ability of the team, demonstrated in several matches this season, to rally and resume the offensive after a period of eclipse.

Perhaps the most gratifying features of a fairly successful season were, not the actual results of the matches (5 won, 4 lost; points for: 154; against: 84), so much as the keen spirit which pervaded the team, and the steady and substantial improvement in the standard of play, both of the team as a whole and of its members individually.

The XV was as follows—Full-back: P. R. Sims; Threequarters: P. R. Betterton, L. A. Lewis, P. Hayter, A. J. Walters; Halves: A. J. Betterton, I. J. M. Jamieson; Forwards: M. J. Green, D. J. Penny, P. M. King (Captain), M. J. Cullen, R. H. Tompsett, A. J. Sansom, T. W. Green, G. L. Sanders.

Also played: J. M. Lewington in three matches, M. D. White in two matches, A. B. Beadle in one match.

1st XV Characters

P. M. King (Captain, Colours, 1942). Captained the team with inspiring energy and cheerfulness. His play was quite up to last season's high standard. Excels in the loose, and is always neat and intelligent.

A. J. Betterton (Colours, 1944). Stand-off half. A greatly improved player, he combined well with his partner and usually played to his three-quarters. Quick off the mark. Handling fairly good. Kicking and tackling fair.

P. Hayter (Colours, 1944). Right centre. Rather slow off the mark, he is a very determined runner when he gets into his deceptive stride. Handles well, and kicks and tackles very well. Is beginning to play constructively with his wing.

R. H. Tompsett (Colours, 1944). Forward. Energetic in tight and loose. Footwork and tackling good. Useful in the line-out. Led the forwards well on occasion.

T. W. Green (Colours, 1944). A good hooker who never gives up. Unobtrusive but effective in the loose. Keeps well up with the game.

I. J. M. Jamieson (Colours, 1944). Scrum-half. A tireless player who is always on the spot. His passes from the scrum are long and accurate. Cuts through and kicks intelligently.

A. J. Sansom (Colours, 1944). Forward. Has developed into a very solid, hard-working forward, who pushes well in the tight, and is improving his footwork in the loose. His tackling is first-class.

P. R. Sims (Colours, 1944). Full-back. A very promising player, whose play gives confidence to those in front of him. Has good hands and kicks well, but is inclined to run up too far before kicking. A determined tackler.

A. J. Walters (Colours, 1944). Right-wing. Has improved greatly during the season, especially in attack. Makes the most of his speed and his handling is fairly certain. Tackles well at times, and kicks well. Place-kicking very fair.

L. A. Lewis (2nd Colours, 1943). Left-centre. Has pace and determination, but does not play constructively at present. Tackles hard and effectively. Should do more defensive kicking.

M. J. Cullen (2nd Colours, 1943). Forward. Though still rather clumsy, he has improved. Should keep the ball closer when dribbling, and not hang about in the loose. Breaks away well from the line-out and pushes hard in the tight scrums.

P. R. Betterton (2nd Colours, 1944). Left-wing. Though rather starved, he often made ground by determined running. Apt to cut in too often. His handling is rather uncertain, and his tackling could be improved.

D. J. Penny (2nd Colours, 1944). Energetic but lacking in experience, he does too much winging. His tackling is too high and his place-kicking, though promising, is unreliable. With more experience he should be a very useful forward.

M. J. Green (2nd Colours, 1944). Forward. Keeps well up with the game, and controls the ball effectively with his feet, but might make more use of his hands. Tackling fair.

G. L. Sanders (2nd Colours, 1944). Forward. Good in the line-out, but his loose play is only moderate at present, and he does not push hard enough in the tight scrums. Should improve with more experience.

M. D. White (2nd Colours, 1944). Played in two games. Gives promise of becoming a sound and reliable forward when he has had more experience. Good with his feet. Tackling fair.

1st XV Matches

v. Abingdon A.T.C. (home). Won, 38-5.

We took the offensive at once, Hayter scoring with a fast dribble. Tries were added by King, Lewis (2), Tompsett, and Lewington, in the first half. The School forwards were on top throughout, and gave the outsiders plenty of chances. Further tries were scored in the second half by A. J. Betterton (2), Hayter, and King. A. J. Burborough kicked a penalty goal for the visitors, who included eight past or present members of the School.

v. City of Oxford School (home). Lost, 3-18.

Against a heavier pack the School forwards, though continually beaten in tight scrums and line-outs, played well until they tired. The visitors scored once in the first half from a loose scrum near our line. Just before half-time Penny kicked a penalty goal. A try from a forward rush by their opponents early in the second half seemed to dishearten the School,

whose defence was weakened by an injury to Hayter. The C.O.S. fly-half, Tomlin, twice broke through and scored between the posts. After this the School rallied, but could not take the offensive, and there was no further scoring.

v. Southfield School (away). Won, 13-6.

Wind and rain made conditions impossible for outside play, and the School repeatedly lost ground in the first half through trying to open up the game. Southfield's policy of kicking ahead paid well, and they scored in the left corner. Keeping the ball close we soon gained an ascendancy which we maintained for the rest of the game. A. J. Betterton scored twice, Penny converting both tries. Southfield replied with an unconverted try, but Cullen scored again for the School, who continued to attack until the close. Beattie took the place of Hayter, absent through injury.

v. Radley College 2nd XV (home). Won, 14-3.

After Radley had scored a try (unconverted) from a break through in the centre, the School settled down and soon scored through Hayter. With Jamieson and Betterton combining well at half, the School outsiders were continually attacking, and further tries were obtained by Hayter and A. J. Betterton in the second half. Penny kicked a fine penalty goal.

v. City of Oxford School (away). Lost, 8-13.

In the first half we had most of the play, though we were beaten in the line-out, and our opponents occasionally threatened with forward rushes. Our backs attacked constantly, but could not pierce a strong defence. King broke away and passed to Jamieson who scored, Penny converting. Taking scrums for line-outs in the second half, the City of Oxford School assumed the offensive, but were held for a time by good tackling. Then for a short period our defence collapsed under heavy pressure, and our opponents quickly scored three tries (two converted). The School then rallied enough to score again through King, after a sustained attack.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (home).
Lost, 6-18.

Magdalen were distinctly superior forward, and soon scored a try (converted), and kicked a penalty goal. The School remained on the defensive, and their opponents went further ahead as the result of a fine solo effort by their scrum-half. Thirteen points down, the School improved, and attacked until half-time, though without result. In the second half play was more even, but Magdalen scored once more from a blind-side movement near our line. Penny kicked two penalty goals, but our three-quarters, though they attacked frequently, never threatened their opponents' line seriously, and there was no further scoring.

v. W. G. Bradfield's XV (home). Won, 17-9.

Though handicapped by the absence of King and Green, T. W., the School played well throughout this lively game. In the first half Penny, A. J. Betterton, and Hayter scored for the School, and F. W. G. Carter for the visitors. Play was very open in the second half, and both three-quarter lines were constantly in action, but keen tackling kept the scoring down. A fine penalty goal was kicked by Hayter. P. R. Allum was allowed to walk over from a line-out to score a soft try. The visitors' fast left wing, J. Dymore-Brown, after several dangerous attacks, at length went over in the corner. Almost immediately we replied through A. J. Betterton, both of whose tries were the result of clever combination with Lewis. Bradfield's team included ten O.A.s.

v. Oxford Exiles (home). Lost, 12-14.

This was an even game, in which both sides scored four tries. King intercepted near the Exiles' line and scored soon after the start. The Exiles replied almost immediately with an unconverted try. Three more tries were obtained by the School during the first half, A. J. Betterton twice, and Hayter once, completely beating the defence by strong runs which rounded off good combined movements. For the Exiles, W. Knight swerved through our defence and scored a good try, which was converted. After half-

time the School forwards appeared to tire for a period, during which the Exiles scored twice, and took the lead which they just managed to retain, in spite of a great effort by the School during the last ten minutes.

v. Old Abingdonians (home). Won, 43-0.

The first half was dry, and the School were always on top. The forwards won all the tight scrums, the halves were in splendid form, and the three-quarters ran strongly and backed up well. The six tries scored by Walters (2), Lewis (2), A. J. Betterton, and Hayter all resulted from good movements which baffled the defence.

The rain, which lasted through most of the second half, slowed down the scoring, and the O.A.s, using their feet to advantage, attacked strongly and kept the School on the defensive for about twenty minutes. Then the School forwards rallied and fought back, to score two tries, through Sansom and Cullen, which rounded off some spirited play near the O.A. line. During the last ten minutes the O.A.s were weakened by the retirement, owing to injury, of D. Hayter, and three tries were added by Walters (2), and P. Hayter, the former converting them all.

The O.A. team was: R. F. Cox; T. C. Davies, D. Hayter, E. H. Aldworth, P. S. Wilsdon; N. Holmes, F. W. G. Carter; W. G. Bradfield, L. L. Lacey-Johnson, I. M. Crudgington, J. E. W. Lidsey, C. D. Slingsby, J. L. Taylor, N. A. Hazel, C. G. Calvert Fisher, R. D. Gibaud.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV was stronger than usual this year, the outsides being particularly effective in attack, while the forwards were light but lively. Three matches have been played and won with ease. Results: *v.* Southfield School (home), Won, 44-0. *v.* City of Oxford School (home), Won, 14-3. *v.* City of Oxford School (away), Won, 15-3.

Team: Newport; Lewington, King 3, King 2 (Captain), Platnauer; Beattie, Absalom; White 1, Beadle, Dudley, Aldiss 1, Cullen 2, Kimbrey, Mingard, Whitfield. Waterfall played in the first two matches, and Walters, Badley, and Odell in the first match.

3rd XV

For the first time in history a 3rd XV took the field, and celebrated its inception by winning both its matches with the City of Oxford School.

Results: (away), Won, 22-6: (home), Won, 17-0.

Team: Nelson; Odell, Jakeman (Captain), Badley, Deval; Weston, Cullen 3; Jordan 1, James, Vickers 1, Harper, Bastin 1, Pask 1, Lay, Chase.

In the second match Barrett 1 played instead of Bastin 1.

An 'Under 16' match was played against The Nautical College, Pangbourne. Result: (away), Won, 33-0.

Under 15 XV

Though they failed to win a match the team was by no means a bad one and with only one or two stronger outsiders might easily have reversed the decision in most of the games which were very closely contested. There was more team-work than usual, and the forwards always played a good game—Olscher, Wake, Margrave, and Thomas being well to the fore. The outsiders showed individual dash but lacked penetration power against bigger opposition and the handling was often poor. Crook at scrum-half kicked well and was good in defence, but his passes were short and slow. Smith at full-back did not quite fulfil early promise but with practice should be useful.

Match results were: *v.* City of Oxford School, October 14th (home), Lost, 0-9. *v.* Southfield School, October 25th (Home), Lost, 0-9. *v.* City of Oxford School, November 1st (away), Lost, 0-3. *v.* M.C.S., Oxford, November 11th (away), Lost, 3-17.

The following played in the team: D. J. Leach, P. R. Little, P. A. F. Smith, J. R. Wake, T. D. Thomas, A. V. Crook, W. G. Olscher, J. P. Mortimore, T. W. J. Jordan, A. N. Tomlin, F. C. Stott, R. J. Pezaro, J. E. Holloway, J. P. Langford, D. M. Aldworth, K. D. Willis, N. N. Margrave, J. M. Ball.

J. T. C.

We congratulate C.S.M. Walters on obtaining his 'crossed swords' qualification at the Advanced Physical Training course held in August. We also commend Cadets M. D. White and P. R. Sims for obtaining good reports at the Southern Command P.T. Course.

The whole day exercise was held on September 27th in the Blewbury area and the weather proved fair. The morning exercise chiefly consisted of section work, and we congratulate Cadet A. N. James on being the first to arrive at the rendezvous with his patrol. In the afternoon honours went to the attackers for a well-timed Platoon assault.

A visit was received from the Travelling Wing on November 21st and their instruction proved most valuable, especially for the Certificate 'A' candidates.

The armoury and stores are now in the charge of Sgt. T. W. Green and Cpl. J. M. Lewington. We thank them for all their good work.

PROMOTIONS: To be C.S.M.—A. J. Walters. To be C.Q.M.S.—M. J. Cullen. To be Sgts.—R. H. Tompsett, B. C. Jakeman, T. W. Green. To be Cpls.—P. Lay, R. J. Badman, M. D. White, G. W. Dodge, J. M. Lewington.

The results of the Certificate 'A' Examination held on November 29th are as follows:

Passed Part I: E. R. Absalom, J. D. H. Aldiss, N. C. Badley, D. Beattie, P. R. Betterton, M. Chase, T. W. J. Jordan, J. T. Moore, W. G. Pask, M. D. A. Vickers, K. J. Weston.

Passed Part II: A. N. James, I. M. Jamieson, G. H. S. Jordan, I. N. Kimbrey, P. G. Mingard, E. G. B. Whitfield.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valet

Left, Summer, 1944

Vlth Form. D. E. P. Jones (1940, i). Captain of the School, Head of the House, 1944. O.S.C., 1942. H.S.C., 1944. 1st XV, 1943; 2nd XV Colours, 1943. 3rd IV, 1944. J.T.C.; Sgt.; Cert. 'A,' 1943. A.T.C.; Cpl., Proficiency Test (pt. i), 1943. A.S.P.R.S.

P. M. McLeod (1940, i). School Prefect (Waste Court), 1943. O.S.C., 1941. H.S.C., 1944. 1st XV, 1943; 2nd XV Colours, 1943. 1st IV, 1944; Colours, 1944. Half Athletic Colours, 1944. 2nd XI, 1943-44. J.T.C.; Cert. 'A,' pt. (i), 1942. A.T.C.; Sgt., Proficiency Test (pt. i), 1943. A.S.P.R.S. Sports Committee.

R. H. S. Lesser (1940, ii). School Prefect, 1943. O.S.C., 1942. H.S.C., 1944. J.T.C.; C.S.M.; Cert. 'A,' 1943. 1st Class Shot. A.S.P.R.S.

J. A. Hill (1938, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1943. O.S.C., 1942. 1st XV, 1943. J.T.C.; Lance-Cpl.; Cert. 'A,' 1944. A.T.C.; Proficiency Test (pt. i), 1943.

C. G. Calvert-Fisher (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1943. 1st XV, 1943; 2nd XV Colours, 1943. 1st IV, 1944; Colours, 1944. Full Athletic Colours, 1944. J.T.C.; Sgt.; Cert. 'A,' 1943.

Vth Form. M. G. Beadle (1939, iii). O.S.C., 1944. A.S. Holiday Club.

J. Cowling (1940, iii). O.S.C., 1944.

C. R. Burborough (1939, ii). O.S.C., 1944. 1st XV, 1943. 1st IV, 1944; Colours, 1944. Half Athletic Colours, 1944. J.T.C.; Lance-Cpl.; Cert. 'A,' 1944. Hon. Treas., A.S. Holiday Club.

M. C. Oughton (1940, iii). 1st XI, 1943-44; 2nd XI Colours, 1943. 2nd XV, 1943. J.T.C.; Cert. 'A,' pt. (i) 1943. A.T.C.; 1st Class Cadet, 1943.

C. D. Slingsby (1937, iii). 1st XV, 1943; 2nd XV Colours, 1943. Hockey XI, 1944; Full Hockey Colours, 1944. 1st XI, 1943-44; 2nd XI Colours, 1943. J.T.C.; Cpl.; Cert. 'A,' 1943; 1st Class Shot. A.S. Holiday Club.

L. L. Lacey-Johnson (1940, iii). Hockey XI, 1943-44; Full Hockey Colours, 1944. 2nd XV, 1943. 2nd XI, 1943-44. J.T.C.; Sgt.; Cert. 'A,' 1943.

N. F. Horwood (1939, iii). 2nd XV, 1942-43. 3rd IV, 1944. Half Athletic Colours, 1944. J.T.C.; Cert. 'A,' pt. (i), 1943. A.T.C. A.S. Holiday Club.

D. A. Heard (1939, iii). O.S.C., 1944. Hockey XI, 1943-44; Full Hockey Colours, 1944. 1st XI, 1943-44; 2nd XI Colours, 1943. J.T.C.; Cert. 'A,' pt. (i), 1943. A.T.C.; L/Cdt., Proficiency Test (pt. i), 1944. Hon. Sec. A.S. Holiday Club.

K. P. Woodward (1939, iii). O.S.C., 1944. Hockey XI, 1944. 2nd XV, 1943. J.T.C.; Cpl.; Cert. 'A,' 1943.

IVth Form. J. V. O. Woodward (1941, iii). M. E. Faulkner (1940, iii). G. E. Ellis (1941, i). J.T.C.; Cert. 'A,' pt. (i).

IIIrd Form. E. N. Aves (1941, ii). J.T.C.

Ib Form. D. H. Taylor (1943, iii).

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IVth Form. E. Price (1941, i).

IIInd Form. J. F. Green (1942, ii).

Ia Form. I. D. Clark (1943, iii).

Salvete

Came, September, 1944

Remove. G. S. Strachan.

IIIrd Form. J. V. Bryant, M. W. Wilson (iv).

IIInd Form. S. R. Mills, A. Morgan, J. L. Hughes, N. L. Gibbs (ii), C. J. Turner, E. G. A. Cox, M. J. Austwick, L. J. Walters (ii), T. M. Carter (ii), B. M. Crook (ii), D. F. Lacey (ii), D. R. G. Andrews, D. P. Brown (iii), R. D. M. Grant, P. W. Jamieson (ii).

Ia Form. J. Edelsten, M. J. Wareham, P. M. O'Brien, B. R. Hebborn, M. A. Candy (i), P. J. Emerton, T. S. Reeve (ii), J. C. Ivatts, G. Mosczytz (ii), J. F. Heavens (iii), P. Stroud-Viney.

Ib Form. T. W. S. Downs, D. P. N. Cullum (ii), S. H. Moore (iii), D. Y. Candy (ii).

PRIZE LIST

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Form VI

Latin and History A.	King 1, P. M.
Mathematics A.	McLeod, P. M.
Mathematics A and French.	Hesten, F.
Physics A and Chemistry A.	Betterton 1, A. J.
Divinity.	Lesser, R. H. S.
Mathematics B and Physics B.	Betterton 2, P. R.
Classics B.	Beattie, D.
Senior Art.	Hill, J. A.
History B.	Cullen 1, M. J.
English.	Green 1, T. W.
Chemistry B.	Deval, R.

Remove—continued

Mathematics and Science.	Stott, F. C.
Latin and Greek.	Good, G. J.
Singing.	Dexter, P. A.

Form III

French and Latin.	Lovegrove, P. C.
Divinity.	Dunkley, W. J.
Mathematics and Science.	Lovegrove, P. C.
History.	Aldworth, D. M.
English.	Lovegrove, P. C.

Form II

English and Nature Study.	Richardson, P. C.
Divinity.	Lacey, F. J. W.
Mathematics.	Richardson, P. C.
French.	Shuffield, C. E. W.

Form Ia

Divinity and Nature Study.	Juggins, I.
English.	Westall, J.
Mathematics.	Wilson 3, N. G.

Form Ib

English.	Downer, P. J.
Mathematics.	Pointer, D. M.
Nature Study.	Stopp, C. E.

Form V

Divinity.	Leach 1, D. J.
English.	Welch, V. E.
French.	Cowling, J.
Greek and Latin.	Wheaton, D. H.
History.	Wheaton, D. H.
Mathematics.	Beadle 1, M. G.
Science.	Pask 1, W. G.
Organ.	Barnes, R. S.

Form IV

Divinity and English.	Aldiss 1, J. B. H. J.
French and Mathematics.	Weston, K. J.
Mathematics.	Mosczytz, M. M.
History.	Jones 8, M. H.
Greek and Latin.	Mosczytz, M. M.
Greek.	Baecker, H.
Science.	Weston, K. J.
Pianoforte.	Jones 8, M. H.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

There is little to report about the A.T.C. The Air Ministry having decided that they do not want any more recruits for air-crews have left little inducement to present or future members of the Corps. Our numbers, in common with every other school, have shrunk considerably, but the Proficiency Syllabus has been carried on. The Air Ministry have recently stated that only boys of exceptional ability and who are prepared to make the R.A.F. their career will in future be considered for the six months University course.

PROMOTIONS: A. J. Betterton promoted to the rank of Sergeant, with effect from September 18, 1944. M. D. Waterfall promoted to the rank of Corporal, with effect from October 30, 1944.

Remove

Divinity.	Dexter, P. A.
English.	Stott, F. C.
French.	Olscher, W. G.
History.	Willis, K. D.

HOUSE CUPS

We publish below the destination of the House Cups offered for various sports during the currency of the present volume of the *Abingdonian*, i.e. from Easter, 1941, to Summer, 1944.

We hope that this tabulated list may prove of interest to present members of the School and to those O.A.s who have recently left.

Term etc.	Sport	Cup	House	Senior or Junior
Easter 1941	Rowing	Bennett Cup	Green House	
	Rugger	Bayley Cup	Blue House	Junior
Sum'r 1941	Cricket	Carr Cup	Blue House	Senior
		Brewer Bowl	Jointly held	Junior
	Sports	Ladies of Abingdon Cup	Blue House	
	Shooting	Reeves Cup	Blue House	
Xmas 1941	Rugger	Lin Cup	Red House	Senior
		Robinson Cup	Green House	Junior
Easter 1942	Rowing	Bennett Cup	Blue House	
	Rugger	Bayley Cup	Red House	Junior
Sum'r 1942	Cricket	Carr Cup	Blue House	Senior
		Brewer Bowl	Red House	Junior
	Sports	Ladies of Abingdon Cup	Blue House	
	Shooting	Reeves Cup	Red House	
Xmas 1942	Rugger	Lin Cup	Not played	Senior
		Robinson Cup	Red House	Junior
Easter 1943	Rowing	Bennett Cup	Green House	
	Rugger	Bayley Cup	Red House	Junior
Sum'r 1943	Cricket	Carr Cup	Red House	Senior
		Brewer Bowl	Red House	Junior
	Sports	Ladies of Abingdon Cup	Blue House	
	Shooting	Reeves Cup	Green House	
Xmas 1943	Rugger	Lin Cup	Green House	Senior
		Robinson Cup	Red House	Junior
Easter 1944	Rowing	Bennett Cup	Green House	
	Rugger	Bayley Cup	Red House	Junior
Sum'r 1944	Cricket	Carr Cup	Green House	Senior
		Brewer Bowl	Green House	Junior
	Sports	Ladies of Abingdon Cup	Green House	
	Shooting	Reeves Cup	Green House	

SUMMARY

No. of times won.

	House	Blue	Green	Red
Rugger (Senior)	-	—	1	1
" (Junior)	-	1	1	4
Cricket (Senior)	-	2	1	1
" (Junior)	-	—	1	2
Rowing	-	1	3	—
Sports	-	3	1	—
Shooting	-	1	2	1

OUR FOUNDATIONS

In our previous article on the history of the School, we brought the story up to the time when John Roysse is about to appear on the scene. The School had been passing through a lean period and the need of a more modern school had been exercising many minds. From the early years of Queen Elizabeth's reign dates the modern history of the school.

The first move seems to have been the purchase by the Abingdon Corporation of the premises of S. John's Hospital in 1561 from William Blacknall, part of which were to be remodelled as the new school; but it was the Governors of the newly-founded Christ's Hospital, intent on converting the objects of their charter into practical form, and not the Corporation, who encouraged John Roysse in his project. We unfortunately know little of John Roysse's antecedents, beyond the fact that he was a prosperous mercer of the City of London; but it seems a matter of little doubt that he was of Abingdon origin, and probably attended the old school as a scholar.

When the idea of refounding the school came into his mind, Roysse sought the advice of a lawyer, Serjeant John Southcote of the Manor of Drayton. Christ's Hospital entertained the lawyer lavishly 'when he came to view the house for the free skool which Mr. Roysse mynded to execute within this Borough,' thus ensuring a favourable report from 'Master Serjeant Southcott.'

John Roysse had from the beginning the number 63 fixed in his mind, and all his negotiations were centred round this figure; for in 1563 he would attain the aged of 63, and he wished to start his new school with 63 scholars in a school-room 63 feet long. This conceit is kept alive to-day by the tolling of the school bell 63 times.

On January 31, 1563, Roysse executed a Trust Deed and the Corporation agreed 'to build or provide one conveniente house within the said borough to be a schole house able to receive three score and thirteen schollers' of whom sixty-three were to be free, and ten fee-paying boarders. The school was to be called the 'Free Schole of the Blessed Trinitie,' a title which apparently never

aroused much enthusiasm. For this purpose Roysse paid over to the Corporation the sum of £50. It must be confessed that his ideas of adequate provision were theoretical rather than practical. This meagre sum was quite insufficient to pay even for the school buildings, and left nothing for the headmaster's house and accommodation for boarders. A little later he conveyed to the Corporation as an endowment the properties known as the Bell and the Unicorn in Birch Lane, London, which brought in the yearly sum of £13. 6s. 8d. This scanty endowment was divided into halves, one half being used for such objects as a bread charity in S. Helen's Church, a yearly sermon (the Founder's Day sermon), and fees to the Mayor and officials. This left the princely sum of £6. 13s. 4d. for the headmaster out of which he was expected to pay all expenses. The complete inadequacy of this stipend soon became apparent, and both the Governors of Christ's Hospital and the Abingdon Corporation were forced to come to his assistance, if the school was to be carried on.

As can be imagined, the accommodation at first was very cramped, consisting of a single room only, with a woodhouse attached, and one of these small chambers was the only dwelling-place of the headmasters for the next forty years. It is not without significance that four headmasters died of plague between 1573 and 1584.

OXFORD LETTER

The Editor of the 'Abingdonian.'

DEAR SIR,

With victory in sight, our venerable University is beginning to relax, but the community of Abingdonians toils as hard as before. The term has been marked by the arrival of one freshman—D. E. P. Jones, and by the absence, much regretted, of K. G. Walker, enforced by illness. He is at present in a Sanatorium but he hopes to be with us next term. His presence is much missed.

M. F. C. Brook has been very busy this term—embroiled in political theory in working hours and

in lighter relaxation at other times. Active in many good causes, he has been heard to complain that academic work should not interfere with the more serious side of student life.

With the coming of D. E. P. Jones the long Abingdonian tradition of humane studies is broken—a medicine-man is among us. He is suspected of engaging in pugilistic exercises in the afternoons, but despite careful investigation his movements remain shrouded in mystery.

We trust that your correspondent from Cambridge will reveal whether the Abingdonians there were implicated in the ill-famed rag which so delighted the gutter press and so shocked us. We hope for the best.

I remain,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Free from exams. until the 'Mays,' which are of course held in June, three O.A.s are enjoying life here. J. Taglicht is in his second year at King's, reading Classics. He coxes the College First Eight and is an active member of their Chess Team. The two late occupants of No. 5 are both at Christ's and have both been seen at Political Meetings and at the Milton Debating Society. P. M. McLeod, the same as ever, is now on a R.A.F. Short Course in Science. He patronizes all the cinemas and partakes of a little rowing. Defying the crowd he put Abingdon on the map here by wearing his cerise and white blazer in public. R. H. S. Lesser, reading Natural Science, is now found examining pieces of rock when not delving into a wireless set, soldering iron in hand. He devotes a great deal of spare time to varied musical activities, playing also in the College Chess Team. Finally, to those who have had the misfortune to go to Oxford, go the heartfelt condolences of all of us here but in particular—

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

HOLIDAY CLUB

The chief activity of the Holiday Club was Cricket. The Club played seven matches of which three were won. A pitch was improvised in the Lower Field, which, when the Committee had dragged a heavy roller over it in the hot sun, served the Club well in spite of its rather erratic tendencies. The Games Committee spent much time and energy arranging teams at short notice as well as preparing the pitch. There was never any lack of people willing to play and the keenness displayed was only equalled by the success achieved.

The culmination of the season was reached when the Club won the E. W. J. Brooks Challenge Cup offered by the Abingdon Youth Council to all affiliated youth teams in Abingdon. There were seven entrants, and the Club beat the Sea Cadets in the semi-final and the Boxing Club in the final, and so were the first winners of the cup. M. J. Cullen captained the Club side, ably backed up by the Committee, B. C. Jakeman and D. A. Heard. Among the regular players were P. M. King, A. R. King, I. J. M. Jamieson, E. G. B. Whitfield, and D. J. Penny.

The results were as follows:

- v. 1st Oxford Boys' Brigade Company. Won, 79-51.
- v. 2121 Squadron A.T.C. Lost, 58-63.
- v. W. J. Hayward's XI. Lost, 84-9 and 90.
- v. Pavlova Sports Club. Lost, 54-93.
- v. W. J. Hayward's XI. Lost, 41-60.
- v. Sea Cadets (Cup semi-final). Won, 55-42.
- v. Boxing Club (Cup Final). Won, 88-30.

On Sunday, November 19th, various members attended a special half-hour morning service for youth organizations at which a former headmaster of Repton gave the address.

The Club is looking forward to playing some football matches in the coming holidays.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Arnhem

He lies so still, so silent—the moonlight in his eyes,
 Dreaming an English summer, where the dipping swallow flies
 Over the blackthorn thicket to the scarlet poppiec wheat,
 As dawn comes marching boldly with a tramp of golden feet;
 Smells yet again white lilacs drenched in early dew,
 Sacrificial incense drifting in the blue;
 Tastes with parched lips the wafer of sacramental snow,
 When winter lifts her chalice where the blood-red hollies grow;
 Smiles in his sleep, and sleeping yet again dreams on—
 He comes not back to England who goes to Avalon.

D. B.-G.

HARDLY PLAYING CRICKET!

A tangled mass of red and blue,
 With here an arm, a leg or two,
 Is waving, jerking frantic'ly
 Straining, struggling to get free
 When the referee appears
 Vainly muttering 'scrum down heres';
 Patiently he waits, agape
 Till the different teams take shape;
 Then the struggle starts once more—
 'Rub' his nose along the floor,
 Tackle low and get him down,
 Hurry up and—oh, you clown!
 Thus it is the game continues
 Midst the toil of flesh and sinews,
 Many think to no avail—
 Game to make the weakling quail;
 Game that makes the whole school roar,
 Teaches us *esprit de corps*.
 Game that counts on skill and might,
 Fills us all with wild delight;
 Game that makes a school life fuller,
 That eternal sport called—Rugger!

T. W.-G.

To Summer

O golden tinted leaves of weeping willow,
 O sad wind singing of gay summer, lost,
 O crystal sparkling falls of icy water,
 O memory of summer's glorious realm.
 The song birds have all flown towards the southlands,
 With these my heart flies high as one of them,
 Whilst still I sit and gaze with loving wonder,
 At fools narrating tales of summer, gone;
 O Mother Earth, why do you change your seasons?
 Your summer sun for chill of cheerless snow,
 My weeping heart now yearns for you more strongly,
 O memories of peaceful summer, lost!

C. S. C.

OBITUARY

Mr. A. T. Loyd, O.B.E., was Chairman of the Governors from 1939. His death is a dreadful loss and particularly so at a critical time in educational history. He had great ability, and a fine judgement, and in sincere appreciation of his remarkable qualities we cannot do better than wholeheartedly endorse the following tribute paid to him in *The Times* by the Dean of Durham, 'He gave more himself out in the service of God and man, and he leaves to his friends an unforgettable memory of charity, unselfishness, and charm.'

Mr. C. Rippon became a Governor of the School in November, 1921, and with a break of ten years between 1929-39, was continuously so till his death. He took an active part in promoting the School's welfare. He was a man of wide interests and many-sided ability. By his gifts of moths and butterflies and the interest he showed in them he greatly encouraged entomologists among the boys.

O.A. NOTES

Births

RICE—On August 6, 1944, in Tanganyika, to Myrtle, wife of Lieut. E. P. Rice, R.A.V.C. (1928), a daughter (Susan Penderel).

WILLEY—On September 28, 1944, in Dublin, to Jebb, wife of Fl./Lt. E. S. Willey (1934), O.A.C., twin sons.

Marriages

CARTER—KENNEDY—On September 7, 1944, at Surbiton, Sub.-Lt. Denis G. Carter, R.N.V.R. (1940), of Clandon to Marion Rosemarie (Judy) Kennedy, of Surbiton.

DOCKERTY—CHAMBERLAINE—On July 20, 1944, at Pyeford Church, Send, Sergt. Bradford William Owen Dockerty, R.A.F. (1939), to Felicity Elvira Cecilia de Tankerville Chamberlaine.

WHEAT—WILLMOTT—On September 11, 1944, at Chalford, F./O. Michael H. Wheat (1937) of Worthing, Sussex, to Constance Agatha Willmott of Chalford, Glos.

We hear too that Kenneth Mills (1932) was married in October, 1943, in Yorkshire, but we have had no further particulars. He is now working at an Ordnance Factory near Reading. (Address P.O. Box 555, Reading.)

Deaths

HUGHES—On November 29, 1943, five days before his 76th birthday, at the Presbytery, Lynford, Thetford, Norfolk, the Rev. Henry George Hughes, B.D.

Father Hughes was at the School in the eighties of the last century. He became a school-master. In 1892 he joined the Roman Church and was ordained priest in 1898, entering the Bede College in Rome the same year. On his return to England he lectured in Theology at S. Thomas' Seminary, Shefford. Later he took up pastoral work and was for many years in Norwich. He had a serious illness in 1922 which incapacitated him for three years, but was later able, though an invalid, to resume parochial work, first at Gorleston, then at Ely, and finally at Lynford.

While congratulating Edgar Rice on the birth of his daughter we would sincerely condole with him and his brother Geoffrey—now a Prisoner of War in Germany—on the sudden death of their mother in the Isle of Wight and the serious illness of their father.

W. H. Stevens (1923) and his family are now living in North Wales, where he is employed with Monsanto Chemicals Ltd., Ruabon, which address will find him.

S. A. Fabes (1928) is back in London, still with the Ministry of Supply, but he has changed over from the clothing to the food department. His address is 64 Beechwood Avenue, Finchley, N.3.

Fl./Lt. S. A. Paige (1930) is (or was recently) with the C.M.F. in Italy. On leaving England last January he was employed for six months as a Ferry Pilot in French Morocco, and during that time flew far afield over North Africa and Asia, on two occasions as far as Karachi, not to mention places of note in Italy and the Western Mediterranean, which he has visited more recently. In Cairo he foregathered with Horace Taylor (1931), who is doing Government (E.N.S.A.) work there in connection with films, and with Pat Mosdell (1931), who was about to proceed to Palestine. Mosdell is with the Cyrenaica Defence Force, with rank of Captain, and engaged upon work of a legal-educational nature. During a leave in Cairo earlier in the year he and Horace Taylor had many pleasant games of squash together.

The news of J. N. Paige (1938), R.N.V.R., is not so good. He suffered serious damage to foot and ankle when his ship was bombed off Benghazi in December, 1942, and when we heard from him last September he was still in hospital at Sherborne, expecting his discharge from the Navy in the near future.

H. J. Clarke (1941), Lieut., R.E., was wounded in Normandy on D-Day, but has now returned to his unit in France.

R. Grey (1943) has left the firm where he was working and has been doing some farming in Cornwall, at Tregonnick, near Helston. He was expecting to be called up in October.

We regret to learn that G. H. Beazley (1927) after escaping from captivity in Italy at the time of the Italian armistice was recaptured five months later and is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

R. A. Witham (1925) has been appointed Surveyor to the St. Austell, Cornwall, Rural Council.

G. V. Bayley (1938) after getting his commission in 1942 was attached to an A.A. Battery in Scotland. He then started on a six months' technical course at the Royal College of Science, and

then qualified for a Technical Staff Appointment. He is now working as an 'Experimental Officer' with the very latest Army equipment.

J. C. Cattle (1942) is enjoying life as a Pup Pilot in the Transvaal.

P. R. Wood (1935) and P. W. Martin (Staff) have been working together on a Staff Course in Quetta.

G. S. Moss (1939) writes: 'I have met a few of the O.A.s out here, Hendley (1938), Simmonds (1937), and quite recently J. H. Hill (1939) in Calcutta when we were both enjoying a brief leave from the jungle.' He wrote from hospital where he was recovering from a minor wound.

Of those who left at the end of the summer term

D. E. P. Jones has gone up to Pembroke College, Oxford.

R. H. S. Lesser has gone up to Christ's College, Cambridge.

P. M. McLeod is taking the R.A.F. University Course at Christ's College, Cambridge.

C. R. Burborough is working in the Westminster Bank, Abingdon.

M. E. Faulkner is farming at Sutton Wick.

J. A. Hill is working with his father at Gowrings, Abingdon.

K. P. Woodward is working at the Abingdon Post Office.

N. F. Horwood is employed as a Junior Laboratory Technician, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

G. E. Ellis is attending classes at the School of Building, Brixton.

Letters from abroad: A. L. Leigh (1941), W. R. A. Kettle (1930), H. F. Astell (1936), G. S. Moss (1939), P. R. Wood (1935), W. D. Richardson (1942), P. W. Martin (Staff), J. C. Cattle (1942).

Visitors: M. I. Collett (1941), R. D. Gibaud (1942), H. J. Clarke (1941), R. F. Jackson (1939), G. L. Jones (1943), C. B. F. Milne (1943), J. A. D. Cox (1941), M. H. Wheat (1937), F. G. Smith (1942), T. W. Smith (1943), K. Cleaver (1922), E. C. Beaven (1921), J. R. Owen (1942), J. L. Taylor (1943), K. R. Sims (1943).

ROLL OF HONOUR

Casualty List

BLUNDELL—Thomas Holland (January, 1936, to March, 1937), Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R., presumed to have lost his life in air operations during January, 1944, elder son of the late Major J. H. Blundell and Mrs. Blundell of 4 Campbell Road, Oxford.

Thomas H. Blundell was a good cricketer, winning his Cricket Colours for bowling. After leaving Abingdon he went on to Bedford School owing to the removal of his parents.

ELLIS—John Frederick Howard (1932), Royal Marines, killed in 1941, aged 24.

John F. H. Ellis was a boarder at the School from January, 1930, to July, 1932. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellis, The Croft, Tilton, Leicester.

GILES—William (1937), Lieut., R.A.C., killed in action in Normandy in his 25th year.

William Giles was at the School from September, 1931, to March, 1937. He was a Sub-Prefect and a good athlete, winning his Colours for Rugby, Football, and Athletics. After leaving school he worked in Barclays Bank, Oxford. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Giles, The Causeway, Steventon. He married in April, 1942, Miss Margaret Perrier of Croydon, and there is a baby son.

HILLIER—Denis J. W. (1927), Tpr., R.T.R., killed in action June, 1944, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hillier, 119 Finchley Road, N.W.3.

Denis James Walter Hillier was a boarder at the School from September, 1923, to December, 1927. He played for the 1st XI at Football. After leaving school he was on the staff of the Legal and General Insurance Company, Piccadilly.

HOLME—Dennis George Edmonds (1939), killed in action in August, 1944, Lieut., R. Berks. Regt., aged 21, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Holme, Rivermead, Wallingford, brother of

Michael, Royal Berks. Regt., killed in action, Belgium, May, 1940.

Dennis G. E. Holme was a boarder at the School from January, 1937, to December, 1939. He was a Sub-Prefect and played for the 1st Rugby XV. After leaving school he studied Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Wallingford.

PIMM—David (1939), Tpr., R.A.C., killed on September 5, 1944, in Italy, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pimm of 24 Broad Street, Abingdon.

David Pimm was at the School from September, 1931, to March, 1939. He was a Sub-Prefect and a good athlete, playing for the 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XI. After leaving school he worked in the Abingdon Post Office.

SLATTER—Eric Frank (1929), Lieut. (Intelligence Officer), Reconnaissance Corps, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Slatter of Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, fell at Oss in Holland on September 20, 1944, whilst getting through the German lines with important dispatches.

Eric F. Slatter was at the School from September, 1925, to July, 1929. He was a good athlete, winning the Junior Mile and Steeplechase. On leaving school he chose a journalistic career, later securing a post on the Continental *Daily Mail* in Paris. He wrote many articles which were published in Continental papers and was a regular contributor to Magazines, *Everybody*, *World*, and *Readers' Digest*, etc.

WIGGINS—Alan Charles (1938), F./O., R.A.F., killed in action, September, 1944, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins, 39 Ock Street, Abingdon.

Alan C. Wiggins was at the School from September, 1933, to July, 1938. He was the youngest of seven brothers to attend the School. After leaving school he was on the staff of Morland's Brewery, Abingdon.

OSMAND—A. G. (1932), Sq./Ldr., R.A.F. He was killed in Burma in October, 1943. He was married and had two small boys.