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SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR

EASTER AND SUMMER TERMS, 1944

Joint Captains of the School: M. F. C. Brook,¹

D. E. P. Jones.

Head of the House: D. E. P. Jones.

School Prefects.

P. M. King. A. J. Betterton.

P. M. McLeod. M. J. Cullen.²

R. H. S. Lesser.

Sub-Prefects.

C. G. Calvert-Fisher. B. C. Jakeman.

R. Deval. A. R. King.

K. R. Dudley. C. F. Trevor.

T. Warren Green.² R. H. Tompsett.

F. Hesten.² A. J. Walters.

J. A. Hill. M. D. Waterfall.

Captain of Cricket: P. M. King.

Captain of Boats: M. J. Cullen.

Captain of Athletics: A. J. Betterton.

Captain of Hockey: P. M. King.

Hon. Secretary of Games: B. C. Jakeman.

School Librarians: P. M. King, C. F. Trevor.

Lending Library: T. Warren Green.

¹ Left, March, 1944.

² Appointed April, 1944.

EDITORIAL

This issue, called the Summer Term number, 1944, of the *Abingdonian* contains the news for the Easter and Summer Terms in accordance with our war-time arrangement of two publications a year.

The School remains very full, the numbers varying very slightly from term to term.

As we go to press, the Higher and School Certificate examinations are being held. We wish our candidates success and luck. Results will be published in our next issue.

Again all the contributions in this issue are original productions by present members of the School. We are, however, disappointed at the small number of contributions sent in for consideration. Perhaps the darker evenings towards Christmas time will provide more inspiration.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Aluredian*, *The Bloxhamist*, *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 St. Edward's School Chronicle*.

CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1944

Wed.	Sept. 13.	Boarders return.
Thurs.	" 14.	First day of Term.
Wed.	" 27.	Field Day.
Sat.	Oct. 7.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Wed.	" 11.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Away).
Wed.	" 11.	2nd XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat.	" 14.	Colts XV v. City of Oxford School (H).
Wed.	" 18.	1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (Home).
Wed.	" 25.	Colts XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat.	" 28.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Sat.	" 28.	2nd XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Sat.	Nov. 4.	1st XV v. Magdalen College School (H.).
Sat.	" 4.	2nd XV v. Magdalen College School (A.).
Wed.	" 8.	Colts XV v. S. Edward's School (Away).
Sat.	" 11.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat.	" 11.	Colts XV v. Magdalen Coll. School (A.).
Wed.	" 15.	2nd XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Sat.	" 25.	1st XV v. Old Abingdonians (Home).
Sat.	" 25.	Colts XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Wed.	" 29.	Certificate 'A' Examination, J.T.C.
Tues.	Dec. 12.	Last day of Term.
Wed.	" 13.	Boarders return home.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

Founder's Day was celebrated this year on Friday, June 16th. The School attended service at S. Helen's Church, when the Founder's Day Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. V. Pixel M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, Vicar of Radley. The wreath placed on John Roysse's tomb was again kindly made by Mrs. Scott. The weather this year, though not of a summer type, was at least dry, which enabled the customary Regatta to be carried out in the afternoon, without the spectators getting wet, as they did last year, though the participants were as usual more wet than dry. Miss Grundy was At Home for tea in the boat house.

On Saturday, June 17th, the customary cricket match was played against the Old Boys.

It has been found necessary to fell more trees which surrounded the Upper Ground. The result is by no means unsightly, but we feel that satiety point has been reached.

The Junior Training Corps and the Air Training Corps continue to flourish with ever-changing schemes of training; accounts of their activities will be found under the appropriate headings.

We wish to congratulate M. F. C. Brook on being elected to the Pembroke Scholarship. He went into residence at the beginning of the Summer Term, and is reading History. An Oxford Letter will be found in this issue.

We offer our congratulations to the following recipients of Sports awards and Colours.

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for the Senior Sports was shared by M. J. Cullen and P. Hayter and the Shallard Cup for Junior Sports was won by A. B. Beadle. Full Athletic Colours were awarded to M. J. Cullen, P. Hayter, P. R. Sims, C. G. Calvert-Fisher, R. S. Barnes, R. Deval, half Colours to P. M. McLeod, C. R. Burborough, A. J. Sansom, A. J. Walters, L. A. Lewis, N. F. Horwood.

We offer our sympathy to A. J. Betterton, Captain of Athletics, who sprained his ankle during heats, and so was unable to compete on Sports Day.

1st XI Cricket Colours were awarded to P. M.

King. 2nd XI Cricket Colours to M. J. Cullen, G. B. Whitfield, I. J. M. Jamieson, J. M. Lewington, P. R. Sims, D. M. Cullen.

Rowing Colours were as follows: 1st Colours—M. J. Cullen, P. M. McLeod, C. G. Calvert-Fisher, C. R. Burborough. 2nd Colours—T. W. Green, M. D. Waterfall, M. J. Green, R. H. Tompsett.

An interesting innovation this year was the awarding of Hockey Colours to members of the XI. They were as follows: Full Colours to—P. M. King, D. A. Heard, B. C. Jakeman, C. D. Slingsby, L. L. Lacey-Johnson. Half Colours to—B. O. Crook, K. R. Dudley, J. M. Lewington, P. R. Sims, A. J. Walters.

The Carr Cup was won by Red House for the Senior House Cricket matches.

During the unfortunate absence of Mr. Punton-Smith owing to illness, we were very glad to obtain the help of Mr. J. L. Etty for VIth form work for the first half of the Summer Term; also that of Mr. A. J. S. Watson for the lower forms and the Air Training Corps. Mr. Punton-Smith resumed work for the latter part of the term.

When the ban on the ringing of Church bells for Service was lifted, the School bell was able to be rung for Sunday Chapel. For the last few weeks of term, that permission has been extended to the ringing of the bell for School purposes, so that now we hear the welcome sound many times each day.

To the best of our recollection, for the first time for many years, bathing has not been possible in the Summer Term. Though the weather has not been propitious for bathing, the reason for this lapse has been that the Borough Council has been unable to obtain a curator for the bathing station.

Dating from the Easter Term, arrangements have been made whereby all boys, day boys as well as boarders, are regularly subject to medical inspection.

We wish to congratulate Surgeon-Lieut. J. H. Fisher, R.N., our School doctor, on being mentioned in dispatches for bravery and devotion to duty.

The December Oxford School Certificate results

were: R. Gray obtained the Certificate, while R. Deval obtained a Supplementary Credit in French.

During the Easter holidays a new Society—the Abingdon School Holiday Club—was started. The Headmaster is *President*, Mr. Ingham, *Chairman*, and D. A. Heard, *Secretary*. It is hoped to organize various activities for members who are in Abingdon most of the holidays.

An account of the School's participation in 'Salute the Soldier Week' appears elsewhere in this issue. We can, however, record here with considerable satisfaction that the School achieved the highest total it has contributed in the four National Savings weeks. Mr. Ingham and Mr. Alston worked indefatigably to accomplish this.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1944

The annual School Sports were held on Saturday, May 13th, on the Waste Court Field. From sunrise onward the weather promised to be as ideal as usual, but after the first events black clouds rolled up, thunder crashed and down came the rain. After a short time, however, the programme was resumed without further interruption. Perhaps the closeness of the atmosphere, the slipperiness of the track, and the lack of years (but not of enthusiasm!) of the competitors accounted for the absence of new records.

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup was won easily by Green House (103½ points). The result was soon obvious, but nevertheless the other Houses had their share of the spoils.

We would like to express our sympathy to A. J. Betterton, the Captain of Athletics, who sprained his ankle during preliminary heats and was unable to compete in the Sports.

The Challenge Cups were presented at the end of the proceedings on Waste Court lawn by Mrs. Burke-Gill.

Mr. Alston capably organized the meeting, ably assisted by the Committee and Stewards.

Officials: *President*: The Headmaster. *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges*: W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq., D. Burke-Gill, Esq., A. J. S. Watson, Esq. *Time Keepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq., H. M. Gray, Esq. *Stewards*: R. H. S. Lesser, F. Hesten, A. N. James. *Committee*: W. A. Rudd,

Esq. (*Chairman*), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. (*Ex-officio*), D. E. P. Jones, P. M. King, P. M. McLeod, A. J. Betterton, M. J. Cullen, B. C. Jakeman (*Hon. Sec. and Treas.*). (*Elected*) F. Hesten, L. A. Lewis, P. Hayter, E. R. Absalom, D. M. Aldworth, D. Free, D. J. Heavens.

The Results were:

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors:

M. J. Cullen (i) and P. Hayter (12 points each).

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors:

A. B. Beadle (ii) (12 points).

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup:
Green House (103½ points).

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record: 21 ft. 3½ in.)
1. R. S. Barnes (R). 2. A. J. Sansom (B).
3. P. R. Betterton (B).
Distance, 17 ft.
2. LONG JUMP (under 15)
(Record: 17 ft. 3½ in.)
1. A. B. Beadle ii (R). 2. B. N. Margrave (G).
3. A. N. Strong (G).
Distance, 14 ft. 6 in.
3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record: 5 ft. 4½ in.)
1. R. Deval (B). 2. A. J. Walters (R).
3. R. H. Tompsett (G).
Height, 4 ft. 8½ in.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
(Record: 4 ft. 10½ in.)
1. J. P. N. Langford (G). 2. K. N. Hume (B).
3. K. T. Weston (R).
Height, 4 ft. 2 in.
5. HURDLES (Open)
(Record: 16 sec.)
1. M. J. Cullen i (G). 2. A. J. Sansom (B).
3. R. Deval (B).
Time, 20 2/5 sec.
6. HURDLES (Under 16)
(Record, 17 3/5 sec.)
1. P. Hayter (R). 2. L. A. Lewis (G).
3. P. R. Sims (R).
Time, 19 1/5 sec.
7. 100 YARDS (Under 12)
1. A. G. B. King iv (R). 2. R. C. Pegler (G).
3. K. A. Fathers (B).
Time, 14 1/5 sec.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
(Record: 11 3/5 sec.)
1. M. Chase (G). 2. P. R. Little (G).
3. A. B. Beadle ii (R).
Time, 12 sec.
9. 100 YARDS (Open)
(Record: 10 1/5 sec.)
1. P. Hayter (R). 2. L. A. Lewis (G).
3. A. J. Sansom (B).
Time, 11 2/5 sec.

10. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open)
(Record: 46 ft. 9 in.)

1. M. J. Cullen i (G). 2. A. J. Betterton i (B).
3. P. Hayter (R).
Distance, 29 ft. 9 in.

11. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13)
1. B. J. L. Bennett (46 yd.). 2. M. D. S. Howes ii (56 yd.).
3. P. Sale (38 yd.).
Time: 28 3/5 sec.

12. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
(Record 60 2/5 sec.)

1. M. Chase (G). 2. J. M. Ball (G).
3. P. R. Little (G).
Time, 64 3/5 sec.

13. QUARTER MILE (Open)
(Record: 54 2/5 sec.)

1. P. Hayter (R). 2. N. F. Horwood (B).
3. M. J. Green iv (G).
Time, 57 4/5 sec.

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

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. C. R. Burborough (R).
3. M. J. Cullen i (G).
Distance, 84 ft. 4 in.

15. HALF MILE (Under 15)
(Record, 2 min. 26 sec.)

1. A. B. Beadle ii (R). 2. J. T. Moore i (B).
3. K. D. Willis (R).
Time, 2 min. 32 4/5 sec.

16. HALF MILE (Open)
(Record: 2 min. 12 2/5 sec.)

1. C. G. Calvert-Fisher (G). 2. P. M. McLeod (B).
3. L. A. Lewis (G).
Time, 2 min. 22 2/5 sec.

17. RELAY RACE (Junior)
(Record: 4 min. 1 2/5 sec)

1. Green House. 2. Blue House.
Time, 4 min. 6 sec.

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

1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time: 3 min. 44 2/5 sec.

The Miles

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 9th
in Waste Court. Results:

OPEN EVENT

(Record: 4 min. 50 4/5 sec.)

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. M. McLeod (B).
3. P. M. King (G).
Time, 5 min. 21 2/5 sec.

JUNIOR EVENT

(Record: 5 min. 20 1/5 sec.)

1. P. Hayter (B). 2. M. E. Faulkner i (G).
3. G. Barrett i (G).
Time, 5 min. 29 sec.

HALF MILE (Under 13)

(No previous record.)

1. B. N. Margrave (G). 2. D. E. Allen (B).
3. P. R. Brown ii (R).
Time, 2 min. 36 sec.

HOCKEY

It is with great pleasure that we record the events of this, the best season we have had since the game was started in 1930. Eight matches were played, twice as many as in any previous season. Of these we won four, drew two and lost two. The standard of our play in these matches, and in the House matches and practice games, was distinctly higher than ever before, and it was therefore an appropriate season in which to introduce the awarding of Colours.

Undoubtedly the good weather conditions during the past two seasons have contributed greatly to this improvement in the standard of play. For unless it is possible to play a large number of practice games every season, it is unlikely that a high level of stick work or team work will be attained by boys who do not usually have more than two full seasons at the game before they leave school. (Only one member of this year's team was playing at all regularly two seasons ago!)

Our half-back line was exceptionally good this year and to its members, Slingsby, P. M. King, and Jakeman, much of the team's success was due. Their constructive work in attack and their very sound defence were invaluable. Of the forwards Heard at centre was outstanding. Though not a hard hitter, he always has the ball under control in the circle, places his shots well and makes the most of any opportunity. He scored fifteen of the twenty-two goals obtained by the team. Sims played regularly at inside-left where he shows promise, but is rather slow in the circle and does not combine well with his centre. Crook played at outside-left in the first four matches. His control of the ball and centreing were weak at first, but he improved considerably, and his departure was a distinct loss. His place was taken by Deval, who had the same weaknesses as his predecessor, but did not make the same progress towards overcoming them. The composition of the right wing varied considerably. Lewington played in all the matches either at inside- or outside-right. In both positions he showed initiative and some constructive ability. Betterton played outside-right in four matches, but did not im-

prove as much as had been hoped. He is fast but apt to overrun the ball, and his centreing is erratic. Jamieson filled the inside-right position in the last two matches and combined well with Heard. He is a neat player and should be very useful next season.

The steadiness of Lacey Johnson at left-back was a feature of the team's defence. His positioning was good and his clearances were decisive. After Woodward had proved too slow and unreliable at right-back, he was succeeded by Dudley, who hits the ball well, and will be very useful in this position when he has a sounder grasp of its tactical possibilities. In the last two matches Beattie deputized ably for Dudley, who was absent through illness.

Walters was disappointing in goal considering his experience. He often saved well, but was not dependable enough, and his advances from goal were apt to be ill-timed.

After two matches with W. G. Bradfield's XI, both of which were won, and two closely-contested encounters with the Abingdon Home Guard, of which the first was drawn, the second won by the School, we met Wantage School on our ground and won 4-0. All the goals were scored by Heard. We pressed from the start, and except for an occasional raid by Wantage's fast outside-right, were in their half almost continuously. Our defence was always equal to the demands made upon it, thanks largely to the part played by the halves, especially King.

The next match, our third against the Abingdon Home Guard, was lost mainly because of our inability to counter the thrusts developed by our opponents after the interval. The School defence temporarily cracked, and the visitors scored three goals in quick succession. Our forward line, too, was off form and did not combine satisfactorily.

Our second meeting with Wantage School, on their ground, resulted in a win for the home side after a close game. A solo effort by Preece, the Wantage centre-half, produced the only goal in the first half. The School soon equalized after the interval, but could not adapt their game to the sloping ground. Wantage obtained the winning

goal after a sustained attack on our circle, during which our defence faltered, leaving two of the opposing forwards unmarked.

The last match, played against the R.A.F., Abingdon, was drawn. The School's sound defence subdued a fast, hard-hitting attack, and there was no scoring in the first half. From a *melée* in the goal-mouth Heard scored, and ten minutes from the end the R.A.F. equalized with a shot which, deflected by a defender's body, gave Walters no chance. The result was a fair indication of the run of the game.

The XI was as follows: A. J. Walters; L. L. Johnson, K. R. Dudley; C. D. Slingsby, P. M. King (captain), B. C. Jakeman; R. Deval, P. R. Sims, D. A. Heard, J. M. Lewington, A. J. Betterton.

Also played: B. O. Crook in four matches, A. R. King in three matches, J. M. Jamieson in two matches.

Full Colours were awarded to: P. M. King, D. A. Heard, B. C. Jakeman, C. D. Slingsby, L. L. Lacey Johnson; and Half Colours to: B. O. Crook, K. R. Dudley, J. M. Lewington, P. R. Sims, A. J. Walters.

Result of Matches:

v. W. G. Bradfield's XI	Won	6-2	Home.
v. Abingdon Home Guard	Drawn	3-3	Home.
v. W. G. Bradfield's XI	Won	4-1	Home.
v. Abingdon Home Guard	Won	2-1	Home.
v. Wantage School	Won	4-0	Home.
v. Abingdon Home Guard	Lost	1-3	Home.
v. Wantage School	Lost	1-2	Away.
v. R.A.F. Abingdon	Drawn	1-1	Away.

House Matches

Hockey House Matches were played for the first time, with the following results:

Green v. Blue. Green won, 6-0 (Heard 5, Jakeman 1).

Green v. Red. Green won, 3-1 (Heard 3, Sims 1).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

COLTS (Under 15)

The Colts XV had a gratifying Easter Term record, defeating City of Oxford School, 23-0 pts., and S. Edward's School, 14-0 pts.

The Bayley Cup for Junior House Rugger in the Easter Term was won by Red House.

ROWING, 1944

This year's rowing can be called successful not so much on account of racing results but because conditions were pleasant, enthusiasm was marked, and there were more encouraging signs of better things to come than we have seen since the war.

The possession of a raft made boating much easier; but to balance that the fact that we now have only one tub four made it very difficult to give the crews a proper grounding; the result was that the first four had to go into a light boat much sooner than they should, and it was thought better therefore that they should row on fixed seat rather than slides as they had little experience and could hardly learn the rudiments in a light boat. Even so they failed to settle down together as a crew, and racing in the John Roysse did not tend to improve things as they were a rather heavier crew than usual. Altogether the 1st crew had rather a rough time, and it says something that they kept in such good heart. Taking them individually:

P. M. McLeod at stroke had a nice steady rhythm but tended to get short under pressure, owing to faulty timing throwing too much work on him. His body swing was good, his blade work fair.

C. G. Calvert-Fisher, who rowed 3 till the race was greatly improved since last season, both in body and blade work; he worked very hard and backed stroke well.

M. J. Cullen at 2 was erratic. He worked hard—perhaps too hard—but his timing was indifferent. He would be a very useful oar if he would drill himself to conform with stroke. He was the most useful and enthusiastic Captain.

C. R. Burborough at bow was too heavy for the position, but improved steadily. He moved to 4 for the race and was much more comfortable, and with more experience would be good in the position.

G. W. Dodge was an excellent cox, steered well and gave all the encouragement possible to the crew.

As a crew they were unable to command a high rate of striking, as they were never properly to

ether, and merely got short when they tried to put the stroke up. This lost them their only advantage against a crew rowing on slides, and Magdalen, who were fast off the mark and a hard hitting crew were able to go away in the first minute and win as they liked. The races were rowed on Culham Reach on March 12th.

The Crew was as follows:

C. J. Calvert-Fisher (bow), 10 st. 0 lb.

M. J. Cullen, 11 st. 0 lb.

C. R. Burborough, 10 st. 8 lb.

P. M. McLeod (stroke), 10 st. 8 lb.

G. W. Dodge (cox), 6 st. 10 lb.

They lost to Magdalen by 4 lengths.

2ND IV

Before dealing individually with the members of the crew, we should like to congratulate the 2nd IV on its well-deserved victory over Magdalen College School's 2nd IV. It was a good race, and in spite of a rather slow start we managed to get the lead in the first minute and never lost it. Magdalen did their best to reduce this lead, but Abingdon was not to be flurried. Rowing steadily, and for the most part well together, the crew maintained their form throughout and won by a comfortable margin. A very creditable performance.

R. H. Tompsett at stroke, though rather ponderous, worked hard and kept the crew going long at a good pace; his body swing is fairly good, also leg drive, but his wrist work is rather stiff.

M. J. Green at 3; a hard worker, but clumsy with his hands—not always in perfect time with stroke and sometimes short in the water. A very useful oar; probably more effective on stroke side.

M. D. Waterfall at 2 improved considerably; keeps good time, has a fair swing and makes the most of his weight; apt to become short, but does not shirk.

T. W. Green, bow. Did not always look too comfortable in this position, but improved as the season advanced. Has rather a short body swing and is inclined to hunch up his shoulders. Quite neat with his hands and keeps very good time.

C. S. Cullen, cox, has more idea of coxing, but he is short of voice and apt to lose what he has.

The crew was as follows:

T. W. Green (bow), 8 st. 6 lb.

M. D. Waterfall, 9 st. 2 lb.

M. J. Green, 11 st. 0 lb.

R. H. Tompsett (stroke), 11 st. 2 lb.

C. S. Cullen (cox), 6 st. 7 lb.

Their race was won by 3 lengths.

3RD IV

The 3rd crew had practically to train themselves with such gleanings of coaching as they could pick up on the way. They believed in plenty of work and long spells, and it certainly suited them, they made the Kingston move faster than it has ever done.

A. N. James was a steady stroke with good length for his size, but not too lively.

D. E. P. Jones was a really good oar and might have had place in the 1st or 2nd if he could have rowed regularly.

N. F. Horwood was quite neat and worked well.

R. S. Barnes was much more effective than a casual glance suggested, though hadn't much swing.

R. H. Shaw's steering was adequate, and he is beginning to learn what a cox is for.

The crew had a capital race and after leading at halfway were just unable to hold the lead and lost by one third of a length.

Crew:

R. S. Barnes (bow), 10 st. 7 lb.

N. F. Horwood, 10 st. 10 lb.

D. E. P. Jones, 10 st. 1 lb.

A. N. James (stroke), 8 st. 6 lb.

R. H. Shaw (cox), 7 st. 2 lb.

There are quite a number of likely juniors coming on as they now get some rowing in the Summer Term; with three crews out we ought not to be faced in future with the hopeless task of making crews in six weeks from almost raw material. Altogether, as has been said, an encouraging season.

G. F. D.

CRICKET

We made a bad start by losing our first four matches, which included two of the three inter-school matches played. Of the remaining four matches we won two and drew one; the fourth we lost to the Old Abingdonians mainly owing to a fine innings by W. G. Bradfield, whose rapid scoring 'beat the clock' when a draw appeared certain.

The improvement of the XI during the course of the season was not, however, quite as great as these results would appear to indicate. For the strength of the opposition in the two matches which we won was only moderate, and the drawn game was one which we were lucky not to lose. All the same there was definite progress: but the team lacked the stability which the presence of a really reliable batsman or bowler would have given it.

The best batting performances were a sound and patient innings of 39 by P. M. King against the Abingdon Home Guard, a lively 35 by M. Cullen against Wantage School, and a very steady 41 not out, against the Old Abingdonians, by D. Cullen on his first appearance in the XI. Whitfield played three useful innings, and Heard displayed scoring but not staying powers in several matches. But the batting of the rest was, for the most part, undistinguished and unfruitful.

Though numerous bowlers were tried, only Whitfield, Heard, and M. Cullen met with any measure of success. The lack of a fast bowler was particularly unfortunate in such a dry season, and it is possible that, with more assistance from the wicket, our varied attack would have been more successful. But the real trouble with the bowling of the team was its poor length, a defect which no type of wicket or break can compensate for.

The fielding, though never very good, improved considerably, but right up to the last match catches were missed, and there was little of that eager anticipation which makes fielding a joy to the performer and a delight to the spectator.

The following Awards were made:

Fletcher Challenge Cup for Batting: M. Cullen. Best Bowler, D. A. Heard.

Henderson Awards: Best Bat (under 16) E. G. B. Whitfield. Best Bat (under 15), K. Weston.

Meredith Awards: Best Bowler (under 16) E. G. B. Whitfield. Best Bowler (under 15), C. Barrett.

First XI Characters

P. M. King (Colours, 1944), Captain. A patient opening batsman with a very limited repertoire of strokes. Kept wicket fairly well considering that he was without previous experience. A very conscientious captain, who improved in his placing of the field, but could have made better use of the available bowling resources.

D. A. Heard (2nd Colours, 1943). A useful all-round player, he was not as successful with bat or ball as had been hoped. He can score quickly but is apt to succumb to a weak off-stroke before he has settled down. Bowled faster and with more success than last year. His variations of pace are too obvious to be effective. A good fielder.

C. D. Slingsby (2nd Colours, 1943). An opening batsman who has insufficient staying power. Should improve his backswing and footwork so as to get more power into his drives. In the field he is slow off the mark.

K. R. Dudley (2nd Colours, 1943). Has had the most disappointing season. His batting is cramped, and he is fatally prone to play across the straight ball. Slow in the field.

B. C. Jakeman (2nd Colours, 1943). Failed as a batsman for the same reasons as last year. Should endeavour to swing the bat correctly. His ground fielding is quite good, but he often makes no attempt to catch a ball which does not come straight to him.

M. J. Cullen (2nd Colours, 1944). Has made good all-round progress this season. A powerful hitter, he has not yet learned discretion, and must

improve his defence. His bowling promises to be good when he has attained control over length and direction. Fielding fair.

E. G. B. Whitfield (2nd Colours, 1944). He is settling down and beginning to play his strokes with more freedom. Bowls with an easy action, but is still inclined to be short. Rather slow in the field.

I. J. M. Jamieson (2nd Colours, 1944). A promising player who is at present handicapped by his size. His batting should improve if he can learn to hold the bat correctly and make proper use of a good pair of wrists. Must concentrate on length and restrain a tendency to bowl too fast. Keen and alert in the field.

J. M. Lewington (2nd Colours, 1944). A rather crude batsman of the hit-or-miss type. Active and reliable in the field.

P. R. Sims (2nd Colours, 1944). His batting is not without promise, but his defensive play is weak, and he often chooses the wrong ball to hit. His fielding is fairly reliable.

D. Cullen (2nd Colours, 1944). Bats confidently once he has settled down, and already has some good strokes. Should persevere with his bowling, which shows promise. Rather slow in the field.

A. R. King. A left-hander with an awkward batting style. Handicapped by slow and incorrect footwork. A useful bowler on a wicket that suits him. Reliable in the field.

Second XI

The Second XI played three matches, winning 1 and losing 2.

RESULTS

June 3rd, v. City of Oxford School, Away, Lost, 51-84.

June 7th, v. Magdalen College School, Away, Lost, 54-64.

June 28th, v. City of Oxford School, Home, Won, 80-34.

The following have played: B. C. Jakeman, P. M. McLeod, M. C. Oughton, D. Beattie, A. R. King, D. M. Cullen ii, P. R. Sims, P. R. Betterton ii, L. L. Lacey-Johnson, L. A. Lewis, G. Barrett i, K. J. Weston, D. J. Penny, A. J. Walters, H. King iii, and M. J. Green iv.

Scores

SATURDAY, MAY 20th (Home), Lost.

v. 1ST BERKS. BN., HOME GUARD

Home Guard				Abingdon School			
H. A. Wiggins, run out	4			P. M. King, lbw, b E. J. Cudd	9		
C. W. Strutt, c Dudley, b Heard	13			Slingsby, b E. H. Aldworth	0		
G. Dudley (sr.), b Whitfield	1			Dudley, b E. H. Aldworth	2		
J. B. E. Alston, not out	53			Heard, b E. J. Cudd	8		
W. J. Waldron, c & b Dudley	13			Jamieson, b E. J. Cudd	14		
G. Dudley (jr.), b Oughton	5			Sims, b E. J. Cudd	0		
R. J. Dickenson, c Oughton, b H. A. Wiggins	12			Jakeman, c C. W. Strutt, b H. A. Wiggins	12		
E. H. Aldworth, not out	0			Cullen (M.), b E. J. Cudd	4		
E. J. Cudd, H. J. Alder, Lewington, not out	16			Whitfield, run out	16		
A. A. Stevens, did not bat.				Lewington, not out	11		
Extras	3			Oughton, c & b H. J. Alder	4		
Total (6 wks. dec.)	97			Extras	9		
				Total	89		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	5	2	20	0	H. J. Alder	6	5	2	10
Oughton	7	1	15	1	E. H. Aldworth	6	1	9	2
Heard	3	0	12	1	E. J. Cudd	4	0	12	5
Whitfield	4	2	11	2	G. Dudley (sr.)	2	0	14	0
Slingsby	3	0	13	0	A. A. Stevens	2	0	6	0
Dudley	3	0	14	1	G. Dudley (jr.)	2	0	14	0
Cullen (M.)	3	0	9	0	H. A. Wiggins	4	1	9	1
					J. B. E. Alston	2	0	6	0

SATURDAY, MAY 27th (Home), Lost.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

M.C.S.				Abingdon School			
Behr, c Slingsby, b Jamieson	6			P. M. King, b Wayneric	16		
Stone, run out	29			Slingsby, b Beazley	5		
Beazley, c & b Oughton	11			Dudley, c Stone, b Birchall	0		
Cragg, c Dudley, b Whitfield	1			Heard, c Stone, b Birchall	0		
Birchall, c Jamieson, b Whitfield	13			Jamieson, c Bush, b Birchall	0		
Shorr, c Heard, b Cullen (M.)	0			Jakeman, b Birchall	3		
Bush, not out	51			Whitfield, b Wayneric	22		
Searby, c Oughton, b Heard	5			Cullen (M.), c Shorr, b Cragg	7		
Paiba, b Dudley	0			Sims, not out	11		
Oswin, not out	0			Lewington, b Cragg	0		
Wayneric did not bat				Oughton, b Beazley	0		
Extras	10			Extras	13		
Total (8 wks. dec.)	126			Total	77		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	6	1	19	1	Beazley	7	3	0	38
Oughton	6	1	19	1	Birchall	6	1	12	4
Heard	7	0	17	1	Wayneric	2	0	5	2
Whitfield	6	1	23	2	Cragg	3	1	8	2
Cullen (M.)	3	0	7	1					
Dudley	6	0	20	1					
Slingsby	3	0	11	0					

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd (Home), Lost.

v. CITY OF OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

C.O.H.S.

Abingdon School

Phelps, b Cullen (M.)	28	P. M. King, c Walters,	
Ward, b Whitfield	9	b Porter	8
Stone, b Heard	0	Slingsby, c & b Stone	6
Spickernell, c Cullen (M.)	0	Dudley, lbw, b Phelps	0
b Jamieson	58	Heard, b Phelps	10
Shipton, b Cullen (M.)	1	Jamieson, b Phelps	1
Dodson, b Beattie	6	Whitfield, c Dodson,	
Tomlin, b Whitfield	0	b Spickernell	1
Porter, b Whitfield	0	Jakeman c Dodson,	
Walters, b Jamieson	0	b Spickernell	0
C.-Bown, not out	2	Cullen (M.), c Stone,	
Monger (K.), b Heard	0	b Porter	1
		Lewington, c Shipton,	
		b Phelps	4
		Sims, lbw, b Porter	5
		Beattie, not out	1
Extras	11	Extras	7

Total 115

Total 44

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	6	0	41	2	Phelps	9	2	15	4
Whitfield	6	4	5	3	Stone	6	2	13	1
Heard	3	4	10	2	Porter	4	2	5	3
Dudley	3	0	12	0	Spickernell	2	0	5	2
Cullen (M.)	2	0	18	2					
Beattie	2	0	16	1					

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th (Away), Lost.

v. R.A.F., ABINGDON

R.A.F.

Abingdon School

Sharpe, c Dudley,		P. M. King, lbw, b Hayter	0
b Slingsby	22	Slingsby, b Hayter	3
Mason, b Heard	23	Dudley, c Stevens, b Gross	3
Foster, st P. M. King,		Heard, c Mason, b Lewis	17
b Whitfield	7	Whitfield, c Hayter,	
Stevens, c Lewington,		b Cross	0
b King (A.)	25	Jamieson, not out	27
Lewis, c Oughton,		Jakeman, c Hobbs,	
b Dudley	43	b Lewis	2
Hobbs, c Jamieson,		Cullen (M.), c Lewis,	
b Cullen (M.)	26	b Hayter	22
Hayter, not out	22	Lewington, b Cross	2
Annand, c Lewington,		King (A.), b Cross	2
b King (A.)	1	Oughton, b Hayter	1
Cross, c Cullen (M.)			
b King (A.)	1		
Morgan, run out	7		
Dunford, run out	1		
Extras	5	Extras	13

Total 183

Total 92

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	3	4	26	0	Hayter	7	1	3	10
Oughton	5	0	27	0	Cross	9	3	12	4
Heard	6	1	16	1	Lewis	2	0	5	2
Whitfield	5	0	25	1	Hobbs	3	0	16	0

Dudley	3	0	12	1
Cullen (M.)	5	0	24	1
King (A.)	4	0	29	3
Slingsby	3	0	20	1

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th (Home), Drawn.

v. PAVLOVA SPORTS CLUB

Pavlova Sports Club

Abingdon School

J. Crook, b Beattie	48	P. M. King, c Withering-	
J. Boyt, c Beattie,		ton, b Crook	
b Jamieson	8	Slingsby, c Crook, b Brooks	1
C. Brooks, b Heard	2	Dudley, c Witherington,	
H. Jamieson, b Beattie	27	b Crook	
T. Tompkins, b Beattie	32	Heard, b Crook	1
W. Whitehead, c Cullen		Jamieson, c & b Brooks	
(M.), b Whitfield	7	Cullen (M.), c Boyt,	
J.W. Witherington, b Heard	0	b Brooks	
D. Phillips, b Whitfield	0	Whitfield, c Witherington,	
H. Stewart, b Dudley	1	b Jamieson (H.)	
A. Morris, b Heard	14	Jakeman, b Phillips	
W. Bicknell, not out	0	Lewington, c Jamieson	
		(H.), b Brooks	
		King ii, not out	
		Beattie, not out	
Extras	9	Extras	

Total 148

Total (9 wks.) 7

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	3	1	4	1	Crook	9	2	25	
Whitfield	6	0	18	2	Boyt	6	4	6	
Heard	9	5	1	37	3	Brooks	8	2	17
Dudley	5	0	25	1	Jamieson (H.)	4	1	16	
Cullen (M.)	3	0	14	0	Phillips	2	1	2	
King (A.)	2	0	16	0					
Beattie	4	0	13	3					
Slingsby	2	0	12	0					

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th (Home), Won.

v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE

Abingdon School

K.A.S.

P. M. King, lbw, b Knight	6	Harrison, c. Heard,	
Slingsby, b Knight	8	b Cullen (M.)	30
Dudley, c Zway,		Ostley, c Dudley, b Heard	
b Harrison	7	Oliver, c Dudley,	
Heard, c Smith,		b Jamieson	10
b Harrison	10	Price, b Jamieson	
Jamieson, st Smith,		Knight, c Slingsby,	
b Harrison	0	b Cullen (M.)	
Cullen (M.), c Harris,		Fox, b Cullen (M.)	
b Harrison	35	Magnus, c Heard,	
Whitfield, b Knight	7	b Beattie	
Jakeman, b Harrison	0	Smith, b Heard	
Lewington, b Harrison	6	Harris, not out	20
Sims, c Fox, b Harrison	28	Zway, c Slingsby,	
Beattie, not out	2	b Cullen (M.)	
		Wyatt, c Jamieson,	
		b Whitfield	10
Extras	16	Extras	

Total 125

Total 90

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
stley	7	2	25	0	Heard	10	3	26	2
night	13	2	43	3	Beattie	9	0	24	1
arrison	10.1	1	41	7	Jamieson	6	1	15	2
					Whitfield	6.1	1	14	1
					Cullen (M.)	6	3	8	4

After the match M. J. Cullen was awarded his 2nd XI Colours.

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Crook	10	2	18	3	Heard	8.3	1	26	3
Dickenson	10.5	2	25	4	Whitfield	9	2	17	6
Aldworth	7	1	18	1	Jamieson	2	0	14	0
Alston	6	0	23	1	Cullen (M.)	3	1	10	1
					Cullen (D.)	2	1	10	0

After the match E. G. B. Whitfield was awarded his 2nd XI Colours.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th (Home), Lost.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

Abingdon School		O.A.	
M. King, c Jamieson (H.)		M. F. Packer, lbw, b Heard	29
b Aldworth	4	F. W. G. Carter, b Jamieson	3
ingsby, b Carter (F.)	0	H. Jamieson, lbw, b Whitfield	19
udley, lbw, b Carter (F.)	2	E. H. Aldworth, c Whitfield, b Cullen (M.)	4
ard, b Jamieson (H.)	10	W. G. Bradfield, not out	38
mieson, b Carter (F.)	0	B. C. Jakeman, c Sims, b Heard	5
illen (M.), b Carter (J.)	21	J. Carter, b Heard	0
hitfield, b Jamieson (H.)	0	J. O. Bury, b Whitfield	4
illen (D.), not out	41	J. W. Rayson, not out	1
ms, b Wilsdon	5	P. S. Wilsdon did not bat	
ewington, b Aldworth	5	Extras	8
ing (A.), not out	5		
Extras	13		
Total (9 wks. dec.)	106	Total (7 wks.)	111

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
ldworth	12	4	26	2	Heard	6	0	24	3
rtter (F.)	8	1	29	3	Jamieson	3	0	24	1
mieson (H.)	6	3	6	2	Whitfield	4	0	25	2
rtter (J.)	4	1	13	1	Cullen (M.)	3	0	8	1
ilsdon	3	1	13	1	Cullen (D.)	2	0	12	0
cker	3	1	6	0					

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th (Home), Won.

v. 1st BERKS. BN., HOME GUARD

Abingdon School		Home Guard	
M. King, c Aldworth,		W. Fitzsimmons,	
b Crook	39	b Cullen (M.)	23
ingsby, run out	3	J. Crook, b Whitfield	30
ard, b Dickenson	2	R. J. Dickenson, c Jakeman, b Heard	6
mieson, b Dickenson	1	J. B. E. Alston, c Cullen (D.), b Whitfield	3
illen (M.), b Dickenson	0	H. A. Wiggins, c Cullen (M.)	
hitfield, c Carter, b Aldworth	21	b Whitfield	0
illen (D.), c sub (Heard), b Alston	4	E. H. Aldworth, c Slingsby	
keman, b Crook	1	E. J. Waldron, lbw, b Whitfield	1
ms, b Crook	5	H. J. Alder, c Slingsby, b Whitfield	9
ewington, b Dickenson	4	J. S. Carter, b Whitfield	3
ing (A.), not out	4	W. Pennell, not out	1
		S. Cullen, b Heard	0
Extras	10	Extras	2
Total	94	Total	79

A.S.C.C. BATTING AVERAGES

Innings.	Not out.	Times Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
Cullen i	8	0	35	96
P. M. King	8	0	39	82
Whitfield	8	0	22	73
Heard	8	0	17	71
Jamieson	8	1	27	51
Slingsby	8	0	19	44
Lewington	8	1	11*	37
Jakeman	7	0	12	26
Dudley	7	0	7	14

ALSO BATTED

Cullen ii	2	1	41*	45	45.0
King ii	4	3	5*	11	11.0
Sims	6	1	28	54	10.8
Oughton	3	0	4	5	1.66
Beattie	3	3	2*	3	—

Not Out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Whitfield	46.1	10	138	19	7.26
Cullen i	28	4	98	10	9.8
Heard	54	6	166	16	10.37
Jamieson	34.4	5	163	7	23.28

ALSO BOWLED

Beattie	15	0	53	5	10.6
King ii	6	0	45	3	15.0
Dudley	20	0	83	4	20.75
Oughton	18	2	61	2	30.5
Slingsby	11	0	56	1	56.0
Cullen ii	4	1	22	0	—

Under '15' XI

The Under Fifteen XI, so far have played three matches, winning 1 and losing 2.

RESULTS

June 10th, v. Magdalen C. S., Away, Lost, 44-60.
 June 14th, v. City of Oxford School, Away, Lost, 25-41.
 June 21st, v. Southfield School, Home, Won, 63-39.
 The City of Oxford School (Home) and Southfield School (Home) matches remain to be played.

The following have played so far: G. Barrett i (Capt.), K. J. Weston, B. G. Budden, E. N. Aves, E. R. Absalom, N. C. J. Badley, A. B. Beadle ii, A. N. Tomlin, A. V. Crook, R. T. Pezaro, P. V. Aldiss ii, R. Faulkner ii, T. Jordan ii.

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Left, Christmas, 1943.

VIth Form. I. M. Crudgington (1937, iii). Captain of the School, Head of the House, 1943. 1st IV, 1943; Colours, 1943; 2nd XV, 1943. J. T. C., C.S.M.; Cert. 'A,' 1942. Home Guard.

R. Grey (1937, iii). School Prefect, 1943. O.S.C., 1943. 1st XV, 1942-3; 2nd Colours, 1942. 2nd IV, 1943; 2nd Colours, 1943. J. T. C., C.Q.M.S.; Cert 'A,' 1943. Hon. Sec. of Games, 1943.

Remove. P. R. Bodenstein (1942, ii).

IIInd Form. V. T. R. Lidsey (1940, iii).

C. H. Lamburn (1941, iii).

I B Form. P. N. Cox (1942, ii).

Left, March, 1944

VIth Form. M. F. C. Brook (1939, i). Captain of the School, 1944. Waste Court Prefect. O.S.C., 1941. H. S. C., 1943. Pembroke Scholarship (History), 1944. J. T. C., Sgt.; Cert. 'A,' 1943. School Librarian. Games Committee. *Abingdonian* Committee.

J. H. Luker (1939, iii). O.S.C., 1943. 2nd IV, 1943; 2nd Colours, 1943. 2nd XV, 1943. J. T. C., Cert 'A,' part i, 1942. A.T.C., 1st Class Cadet, 1943.

Vth Form. B. O. Crook (1939, i). 1st XV, 1943. 2nd Colours, 1943. Hockey XI, 1944. J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' part i, 1942. A.T.C.

IVth Form. D. A. Estall (1941, i). J.T.C. M. J. H. Stallard (1939, ii). J. T. C.

IIIrd Form. G. S. Diplock (1942, iii). J. T. C., Cert. 'A,' 1944.

B. J. Wurr (1942, iii).

Salvete

Came, January, 1944

IIIrd Form. M. J. Aplin.

IIInd Form. M. Bateman.

I A Form. D. W. H. Ridout.

I B Form. B. J. L. Bennett.

Came, April, 1944

IIInd Form. H. N. Isaac.

I A Form. S. A. Moore ii, J. W. Hullett, J. B. Archer, R. Whittall.

I B Form. N. F. A. Buxton, M. D. Howes ii.

J. T. CORPS

The Annual Inspection was carried out on June 6th by Major L. E. M. Savill. The contingent was inspected in line and then marched past, led by C.S.M. Lesser. The programme also included fieldcraft demonstrations arranged by Sgts. Johnson and King i, a defence T.E.W.T. worked out by Lesser and Sgt. Cullen i, and different weapon training lessons directed by C.Q.M.S. Walters and Sgts. Deval and C.-Fisher. The inspecting officer congratulated all cadets on their keenness and efficiency and asked the Headmaster to reward their efforts in the traditional manner.

Whole day exercises were held on March 18 and May 24th in the vicinity of Blewbury and Sunningwell respectively. The Easter Term exercise featured 'Home Guard' detachments under Sgts. L.-Johnson, C.-Fisher, and Cpl. Slingsby versus 'Parachutists' led by Sgts. Cullen i, Deval and King i. An early clash developed between the sections commanded by C.-Fisher and King i, but the other units explored vast areas of no man's land and succeeded, for the most part, in evading both each other and the umpires. A Platoon attack was staged in the afternoon—after the C.Q.M.S. had recovered the ammunition.

The Summer Term exercise comprised No. 1 Platoon commanded by Sgt. Cullen versus No. 2 Platoon commanded by Sgt. Deval. No. 2 Platoon took up useful defensive positions, while No. 1 Platoon attacked with great dash but little preparation or planning. The operation was repeated in the afternoon with a slight change of ground. Platoon and Sections Commanders then showed a big improvement in their orders and dispositions.

The Contingent attended a Church Parade for Youth Organizations on Sunday, May 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Williams and an address was given by Sir Ralph Glynn M.P. The Contingent then marched past by platoons under C.S.M. Lesser and Sgt. Deval.

There was a record attendance at the Easter Vacation Physical Training Courses. The following cadets attended and obtained good reports: L.-Johnson, C.-Fisher, Woodward, Slingsby

Walters, King i, Lewis. The Contingent is now liberally supplied with trained P.T. Instructors, Walters and Cullen i being the senior Instructors.

Certificate 'A' Examinations were held on 8th March and 21st June. The Easter Term Examinations were particularly noteworthy in that 11 candidates were successful, while there was only one failure in the June Examinations. Detailed results are given below.

In conclusion we again thank Sgt. Wiblin for 11 his voluntary services and assistance with the hooting and Certificate 'A' training, and also express our gratitude to Cadet Sgt. C.-Fisher and Cadet Cpl. Slingsby for their work at the Armoury.

Promotions

Easter Term

- To be C.S.M.—R. H. S. Lesser.
 „ C.Q.M.S.—A. J. Walters.
 „ Sgts.—M. F. C. Brook, M. J. Cullen, R. Reval, D. E. P. Jones.
 „ C. D. Slingsby, R. H. Tompsett.
 „ L/Cpls.—G. W. Dodge, R. J. Badman, T. W. Green i, A. P. Woodward, P. Lay, B. C. Jakeman, J. M. Lewington.

Summer Term

- To be Sgts.—P. M. King i, C. Calvert-Fisher, L. Lacey-Johnson.
 „ Cpls.—A. P. Woodward, T. W. Green i, B. C. Jakeman.
 „ L/Cpls.—C. R. Burborough, J. A. Hill, M. D. White i.

Certificate 'A' Results

Easter Term

Part I (Individual)

The following passed:

- C. Ashdown, G. S. Diplock, I. J. M. Jamieson, A. Lewis, J. L. Platnauer, G. L. Sanders, P. R. Sims.

Part II (Section Leaders)

- R. J. Badman, G. W. Dodge, T. W. Green i, B. C. Jakeman, P. Lay, J. M. Lewington, C. D. Slingsby, A. P. Woodward.

Summer Term

Part I (Individual)

The following passed:

- D. M. Cullen ii, C. S. Cullen iii, P. A. Dexter, G. E. Ellis, M. J. Green iv, M. H. Jones viii, M. J. J. Newport, R. C. Odell, C. G. W. Pulford.

Part II (Section Leaders)

- C. R. Burborough, J. A. Hill, M. D. White i.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

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

The strength of the flight has dropped slightly since December.

The A.T.C. continues to carry on with its ever-expanding cause of Pre-Service Training. For instructional purposes, it is divided into three classes—(1) Post-Proficiency class; (2) those cadets working for Proficiency; (3) those working for the 1st class phase test. F/O S. Punton Smith, Flight Commander, has been unable to carry out his duties owing to illness, but the flight has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. A. P. S. Watson as Acting Flight Commander during the summer term. He has proved himself very keen and has performed most valuable work.

We wish again to thank Mr. Alston, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Ingham for their valuable help in instruction.

Corporal D. E. P. Jones and 1st class Cadet Betterton have obtained their Proficiency Test, Part I. Nine cadets are sitting for the 1st class Test this term.

The A.T.C. took part in the general parade on Youth Sunday.

A big proportion of the Cadets of the Flight are going to Summer Camp this year where they will join 'A' Flight (Radley) under the command of the Squadron Commander, Flt. Lieut. S. H. Paton.

Members of the School were addressed by Sq.-Ldr. E. F. Hawkins, D.S.O., on March 3rd, on the work of the Royal Air Force, who afterwards interviewed suitable candidates.

Promotion: 1st class Cadet D. E. P. Jones was promoted to the rank of Corporal with effect from January 24, 1944.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Siren Song

'Tis late at night, I lie in bed
 Until that whine runs through my head;
 'Don't go to sleep, get up instead,
 You know it's your night on.'
 'O why this midnight vigil keep?'
 I think, as silently I creep
 To spoil my fellow fire-guard's sleep,
 With 'Sir, the Siren's gone.'

'O thank you, I'll get up and dress,
 You get yourself a book unless
 You'd like to have a game of chess
 To pass the time away.'
 And as we set the pieces out,
 (I with a queen and he without),
 I know the game will be a rout,
 But I'll improve my play.

The clock moves on: it's getting late;
 One cannot stop the hand of fate,
 But how can I avert checkmate
 With just a single knight?
 And so this point I'd like to stress,
 To all whose heads on pillows press:
 Remember those who play at chess
 Deep in the shades of night!

R.L.

The Race

The river's teeming waters flow.
 Past willows, bridges, fast apace;
 And while the wind scarce dares to blow,
 There soon begins a frantic race.

Suddenly rises a roaring and rumbling,
 Steady increasing throughout a great crowd;
 Here some one's cheering, there some one's grum-
 bling,
 Shouting hilarious echoes so loud,

Out from the bushes a flapping of wings
 Down by the rushes appear in great force,
 Whilst, unperturbed in the sky, a lark sings,
 Several great birds who flee on their course.

But who is so mad as to look—it's a sin;
 On the broad river there's much more to spy:
 This one's for Lily, this for a Griffin;
 Abers are shouting as loudly they vie—

Shouting as if on the race life depended,
 Drowning the shouts of the cox with their rage,
 Wond'ring if triumph will come when it's ended,
 With still one more vict'ry to write on the page

Of our records—but there are the 'third,'
 Lost, and the crowd on the bank is dismayed,
 The 'seconds' have won, but the first never heard
 Such groanings as rose when defeat was displayed.

The ripples, the splashes, the wake of the boats
 Merge softly backward to peace once again,
 Moorhen and goose—there a swan slowly floats,
 Safe from the rowing of boys and of men.

T. W.-G.

The Evolution of Cricket

Cricket as a game is well known, there can be no doubt of that, but how few people know how, where and when it originated.

The birthplace of our great national game was Hambledon in the county of Hampshire. Just outside Hambledon is a broad hill called Windmill Down. Here on Sundays the lads of the village used to besport themselves. On top there was ample room for a game but woe betide any fielder who missed a ball! He would have to chase it to the very roots of the local mountains! Upon this site played perhaps the greatest players all cricket has known. Here Beldam batted and Harris bowled. Beldam the king of bats, Harris the king of bowlers. Harris who in all-England matches was the first man picked. Harris of whom Nyren the scribe says, 'His mode of delivering the ball was very singular. He would bring it from under the arm with a twist, and nearly as high as the armpit and with this action as it were push it from him.' Harris was so fast that of all batsmen except one Beldam, he used to bruise and crush the fingers. How with an under-arm action he attained such speed is remarkable.

If Harris was the greatest bowler then Beldam known as 'Silver Billy,' was surely the greatest batsman. He was the first man to go out to meet the ball and his cutting was magnificent. Truly amazing considering that his bat was a rounded club bent like a hockey stick slightly at one end.

To these Cricket owes its greatness in large measure for 'these were their parents and originals.'

M. J. C.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Rag Concert, 1944

Compère—P. M. McLeod.

Held at the end of the Christmas term, the Rag concert was not unworthy of the praise often given to those of days gone by.

The programme was opened by Mr. Burke-Gill who played on the piano a medley of popular tunes. He was followed by a sketch entitled, 'No ear,' acted by R. H. Tompsett, G. W. Dodge, L. Platnauer, and M. J. J. Newport who, in due 'end of term' spirit, 'wanted to go home.' Then followed 'Forget-me-nots,' a sketch taking the form of a lesson in absent-mindedness. The roars of laughter which arose from the audience when M. Lawrence, the 'father,' walked on behind the breakfast table with no trousers on, in front of M. H. Jones, the maid, and C. Milford and C. S. Cullen, his children, can well be understood. J. B. H. Aldiss also played the absent-minded chauffeur.

Then W. S. Ogden and M. H. Jones entered the school by playing several duets on the piano, among them 'Marche Militaire' by Schumann. Presenting a striking contrast, they were followed by the school's A.T.C. band, perhaps better known as 'Heard and his Hooligans,' making their début. The musicians were D. A. Heard, clarinet; B. O. Crook, drums; J. H. Luker, celeste, and the vocalists: A. J. Sansom, M. C. Wughton, D. J. Penny who, with practice, might develop into the crooners they tried to be. The band was accompanied by Mr. Ingham at the piano.

P. A. Dexter, R. J. Pezaro, W. S. Ogden, R. A. Lay, and D. A. Estall successfully portrayed a study in Abingdon School in 'The Missing Skull,' where 'swot' triumphed over the more normal members of the study. 'Stung,' a comedy in shadows, acted by C. G. Calvert-Fisher, T. W. Green, C. F. Trevor, and M. J. Green, gained a good deal of applause.

An enormous cast, consisting of the members of Waste Court House, then performed 'The Queue,' one which had apparently been 'queuing

up' for years and continued to do so. Thanks to Mr. Burke-Gill, who wrote and produced the sketch, it was a great success.

The A.T.C. band again made an appearance with a few more popular tunes. To the general amusement of the audience, however, nobody seemed to know the songs well enough. Last but not on the programme, N. F. Horwood and C. R. Burborough appeared as comedians bearing the names 'Larry and Loony.' The audience greeted with applause their jokes, from 'eighty-foot ladders' to 'monkeys without tails.'

Last, but far from least, came 'Box and Cox,' acted by P. M. McLeod and M. J. Cullen, with N. F. Horwood as 'Mrs. Bouncer.' The mainstay of the Concert, they brilliantly carried through a performance well worthy of pre-war days. The producer was Mr. Ingham.

We thank M. J. Cullen, P. M. McLeod, and C. G. Calvert-Fisher who were the stage hands and electrical experts, and who really made the show possible.

MUSIC

FLT. LIEUT. G. HOLDOM

Flt. Lieut. Holdom, a well-known contributor to B.B.C. programmes in more peaceful days, gave us a most delightful song recital on Saturday, February 19th, kindly arranged by Mr. Ingham.

The recital, lasting three-quarters of an hour, was a gem of artistry. Flt. Lieut. Holdom, partnered by Mr. Ingham at the piano, had prepared for us a very catholic chronological selection from tuneful early folk songs, thence sonorous oratorio ('Revenge' Timotheus cries; Handel), incomparable Schubert melodies, Gilbert and Sullivan satire to modern negro folk songs. The final item of the last section possessed a most catching rhythm and lilt, and when an encore was demanded and granted, the audience showed that they knew all about 'Short'ning Bread.'

Flt. Lt. Holdom's versatility and aptness of presentation, ably seconded by Mr. Ingham at the piano, combined with his attractive voice gave all present a most enjoyable musical recreation.

Chamber Music

Beethoven's septet for strings and wind instruments is performed fairly often, and is an attractive early work of his. It is not so generally known that he later recast it as a trio for violin, 'cello, and pianoforte. It is in the *suite* form, the *scherzo* and *presto* being two of the most attractive numbers; and they made an excellent opening to the chamber music concert which took place on the last Saturday of the Easter term. It was clear that the players thoroughly enjoyed the music, and their standard of performance was so excellent that the audience could hardly fail to do so too.

Miss Fiedler's first 'cello solo was a *Sarabande* by Handel. In stately three-in-a-measure time this old dance form suited the sonorous suavity of the rich tone that the player gave it. In contrast, though still three-in-a-bar, the gayer *Minuet*—a pastiche from Mozart—displayed the instrument in an equally agreeable mood. Mrs. Berenblum's pianoforte solo was a joy to hear. The sheer technical skill displayed in this difficult Hungarian composition commanded admiration, and the effect produced was overwhelming. As an encore to persistent applause, de Sévérac's musical-box piece, 'Ou l'on entend une vieille boîte à musique' was given. Mrs. Gotch's violin solos were played with the assurance and finish we expect from her. The Bach was a familiar piece, but the Purcell less well known, being in fact originally intended for the flute and clavier.

The concert ended with another trio not in its original setting—the finale of the Brahms horn trio. The part of the horn was of course taken by the 'cello and received a smoother and firmer performance than can be got with any assurance from the wind instrument. The result was an altogether satisfactory ensemble which brought a fine finish to an excellent concert.

PROGRAMME, MARCH 18th

Violin, Mary Gotch. *Cello*, Herma Fiedler.

Piano, Doris Berenblum.

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| 1. Trio. | Scherzo. Presto. Opus 38. | Beethoven. |
| 2. Cello Solos. | | |
| 3. Piano Solo. | Rhapsodie. | Dohnányi. |
| 4. Violin Solos. | Gavotte in D. | Bach. |
| | Air and Hornpipe. | Purcell. |
| 5. Trio. | Andante—Finale from the Horn Trio. | |
| | God Save the King. | [Brahms.] |

OXFORD LETTER

OXFORD

June, 1944.

To the Editor of the *Abingdonian*.

DEAR SIR,

No one was more pleased than we to see Cambridge letter in your last number; we can congratulate the anonymous (?) author, but must take exception to the words 'Cambridge—University far surpassing Oxford.' There is no need to remind you, Sir, we are sure, of the difference between an Oxford man and a Cambridge man. The Cambridge man enters a room as though he owns it; the Oxford man enters a room though he doesn't care who owns it.

Since at the moment all the Oxford O.A.'s are concentrated in Pembroke, we shall confine ourselves to that college and its Abingdon scholars. Abingdon and Pembroke have been connected since Thomas Tesdale, one of Roysse's original 63, founded the college in 1624. A short while ago, the school sent to Oxford a succession of rowers, rugby players, and weight-putters. Dear Lunghi, Brown, Fleet . . . when shall we see thee like again? The latest arrivals have all been marked by an antipathy to serious games, though taking a prominent and characteristic part in the social and intellectual life of the college.

E. O. Jones (1941 scholar) joined the R.A.F. years ago, but visits us when on leave.

K. G. Walker (1942) is still with us and has visited fresh fields; for example, he was No. 3 of the college trailer pump team which reached the final of the University competition. One of his tutors (Mr. Stevenson of Univ.) has been appointed a governor of S. Helen's School—thus providing a more congenial subject for discussion than the reign of Nero.

J. L. Taylor (1943) was only up for two terms going down in March; but he managed to do much in that time, especially in connection with music, and most important of all, he passed his exams.

M. F. C. Brook (1944) arrived this term with the sort of views that one normally acquires after a year in Oxford. He is happiest at political

groups' and open fora (*anglice*—forums). In spite of rumours to the contrary, he leads a very sober existence, his consumption of alcohol being equal to Walker's of tobacco.

Before closing, may we congratulate H. Tarran Jones, who was up at B.N.C. just before the war, on being awarded the D.F.C. He is the first Oxford O.A. to be decorated.

And so for another term my work is done; you have my report and—

I remain,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We have great pleasure in expressing our gratitude and thanks for the recent presentations to the Library. Through the generosity of J. B. Reeves, O.A., we have purchased *The Autobiography of Pandit Nehru*; *Peasant Life in China*; *The Consulate and Empire*, and *The Restoration of the July Monarchy* by Louis Madelin; *From Stalingrad to Alamein* by Strategicus; *What to do with Italy*; and *An American History*.

R. S. Barnes kindly presented a number of books on various topics: *English Architecture at a glance*; *Westminster Abbey and Saint Paul's*; *Royal Palaces*; *Behind the Scenes*, and *We Landed at Dawn*. Also A. J. Walters presented *The Trial of Mussolini*.

Other additions have been *The Luftwaffe and Saint George and the Dragon*, also two interesting old books, *Pastorals of Vergil* and *Travels in Italy*.

The Library has been fairly well patronized this term, but we would ask borrowers to be more careful in recording withdrawals and returns, as this causes much undue toil on the librarians.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER WEEK

The borough and district of Abingdon set itself a target of £200,000 for the week June 17-24. For the first few days progress was slow, but during the latter half of the week the figures rocketed up, and a total of some £321,000 was finally achieved. In the same way, in our school effort, a slow start was followed by a rapid rise in the daily figures, and a grand total of £1915.

8s. 6d. resulted. The rate of progress was pictorially displayed by falling parachutes on an indicator designed and executed in colours by R. Deval. This sum is the largest we have ever achieved in the four special national savings weeks that have been organized during the war, and roughly represents 0.6 per cent of the whole total.

In connection with the effort posters designed and painted by N. A. Parker, G. J. Good, R. J. Pezaro, and M. J. J. Newport were displayed in various parts of the school.

A feature of the Borough's programme was the daily display of the total achieved to date, the figure being revealed at an unveiling ceremony outside the town hall. Two cadets from various pre-service units, heralded by buglers, performed this daily office, and on two occasions the J.T.C. provided the personnel—Sgt. Deval and Cpl. Woodward, and Sgt. Calvert-Fisher and Sgt. Lacey-Johnson.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The following extracts from the *Abingdonian* of 1894 have a modern and topical suggestion.

'We have to record a great improvement in the keeping of the play ground; the larger part is now mown, whilst formerly there was long grass within a few yards of the cricket pitch. In consequence the outfielding has shown much improvement. We suppose, however, from a cricketer's point of view the ground will never be perfect until the trees surrounding it have been cut down, whereas we from an aesthetic standpoint should regard their loss with unqualified regret.'—*July, 1894.*

'On returning from the summer holidays we found that another increase in numbers had brought the School to a higher point than it had reached for many years past. There are now sixty-three names on the books, the exact number for which John Roysse in 1563 in the 63rd year of his age founded the School. To commemorate this fact an old custom has been revived, and each day before morning school the bell rings sixty-three times.'—*October, 1894.*

O.A. NOTES

Births

LANGFORD—On March 6, 1944, at Pinner, Mdx., to Margaret (*née* Peggy Sturrock), wife of Lieut. R. A. Langford (1929), a daughter (Anne).

LANDSOWN—On February 28, 1944, to Valerie, wife of H. R. Lansdown (1927), a son (Henry Peter).

LUNGH—February, 1944, to Helena, wife of Captain H. A. Lunghi (1939), a daughter.

OSMAND—Nov. 13, 1943, to Marjorie, wife of Ft.-Lieut. A. G. Osmund (1932), killed in action, October, 1943, a second son (Alexander Peter).

JACOB—May 31, 1944, at Bedford to Madge, wife of Captain W. G. E. Jacob, R.A. (1932), a daughter (Lesley Jean).

RELLE—April 16, 1944, at Harrow, to Rosalind, wife of Vernon John Relle (1924), a son.

KILLBOURN—May 31, 1944, to Dorothy, wife of Petty Officer Bernard Killbourn (1926), a daughter (Patricia Dorothy).

COXETER—June 11, 1944, to Zoe, wife of C. E. C. Coxeter (1920), a son.

JOSEPH—June 23, 1944, at 59 Vernon Road, Edgbaston, to Maureen, wife of Henry B. Joseph (1931), a daughter (Nicola Philomena).

Marriages

BOSLEY—STAGG.—May 9, 1944, at All Saints' Church, Didcot, Captain Bryan N. J. Bosley, R.A. (1937), to Lilian May Stagg, V.A.D., of Didcot.

HANKS—BOYLE.—May 10, 1944, at Colchester, Major A. F. Hanks, M.C. (1925), to Nancy Boyle, of Bay Cottage, Colchester.

JONES—MORGAN.—April 29, 1944, at Ealing, S./Ldr. Hugh Tarran Jones, D.F.C. (1938), to Section Off. Margery Morgan, W.A.A.F., of 20 Thanet Court, Queen's Drive, W.3.

WILLEY—KERR.—April, 1944, in London, F./O. E. S. Willey, R.A.F., to Miss Jebb Kerr, of County Wicklow, Eire.

WOOLF—GILBERT.—April 13, 1944, at Ottawa, Paymaster Lt. Cdr. D. C. Woolf, R.N. (1934), to Frances Gilbert of Bermuda.

Deaths

BUTLER.—May 12, 1944, at Sunnymead, Bacombe Road, Horley, Cyril Joseph Butler (1908) aged 54, retired Indian Police.

Cyril J. Butler was a boarder at the school from May, 1905, to 1908. He was a good athlete and won his Athletic, Football, Rowing, and Shooting Colours. After leaving school he went to Lincoln College, Oxford, where he rowed for the College and won the 100 yards and the Weigh in the College Sports. He passed 6th on the list for the Indian Police Service.

LE MAITRE.—December 16, 1943, at 9 Gloucester Place, St. Andrews, Alfred George le Maitre, his 76th year.

Mr. le Maitre was a Master at the School from 1891-3. He obtained his Blue for the Half-Mile at Oxford.

SIMPSON.—January 9, 1944, at St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs., Harry Faulkner Simpson, aged 70 years.

Harry F. Simpson came to the school in 1880 and left in 1885. He was a brother of H. P. Simpson, O.A. (one of the School Governors). After leaving school he practised as a solicitor in Manchester.

TAYLOR.—January 5, 1944, Frederick Charles Taylor, aged 72 years.

Frederick C. Taylor came to the school in September, 1880, and left in July, 1885. He was a prominent agriculturist and farmed at Radley and Sunningwell. His five sons attended the school, Charles (1916), Fred (1921), Richard (1924), John (1930), and David a present member of the school.

Lt. C. A. Ronan (1937) is attached to the Ministry of Supply on the Staff of the Inspector General of Armaments. Early this year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

G. D. Wells (1941) at the passing out of the R.A.C., O.C.T.U. at Sandhurst was awarded the 'Belt of Honour.'

M. H. Wheat (1937) gained the Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering.

with two distinctions and obtained a 1st class in the City and Guilds Technical Examination last May.

W. G. Bradfield (1942) passed the Intermediate Incorporated Accountants' Examination in December, 1943.

R. W. Snell (1923), A.S.A.A., has become a partner in the firm of Critchley & Co., Chartered accountants, Abingdon.

J. H. Hill (1939). Extract from the Daily Newspaper of South East Asia Command: 'A Hurricane Flt./Sergt. from Kingston Blount, Tonkin, was flying at 6,000 feet when he saw five fighters and got in a cannon burst which hit one. Looking round he saw a couple of Japs on the tail of a Spitfire, and dived to attack. "My shots got home, and when I looked back I saw columns of black smoke coming from the jungle," he said. "I'm hoping it was my victim."'

Flt.-Sergt. J. H. Hill (1939) met H. B. Bailey (1939), R.A.F. Coastal Command, and S. K. Muir (1936) on going to his lifeboat station on board ship en route for India.

M. I. Collett (1941), R.A.C., won his boxing contest with the R.E.M.E.

Mr. F. A. Wright, father of C. R. Wright, O.A., has been asked by his publishers to revise *Lemiere's Classical Dictionary* for a new edition after the War.

R. A. R. Townsend (1907) has been appointed manager of the Westminster Bank, Abingdon.

In the *Evening Standard* of Wednesday, April 12th, Col. Walter Elliott, M.P., back after a three months' 10,000 miles tour of West Africa investigating higher education, is reported as saying, 'the most surprising accomplishment, however, was that of the young secretary of the Commission, Mr. George Sinclair, a Civil Servant. At Takodi a woman selling bananas at the airport was talking to a friend in Fanti. Sinclair joined in the conversation in the same language. They asked many people in England spoke Fanti; they evidently had been given the impression that Fanti is almost a second language in this country.'

J. L. Taylor (1943) has passed the War-time Honour Mods.

R. C. W. Waterhouse (1922) looked up R. L. C. Footitt (1923) and his wife in Calcutta and did a show together and visited the golf club.

R. W. F. C. Westgate (1941) was the first cadet of the course at Falcon Field, Arizona, to solo on primary, a performance which he repeated on advanced. On the ground school side of the course he came first in advanced and second in the final wings exams. As a result of all this on the graduation parade he was awarded the prize—a leather wallet—for being the outstanding cadet of the course.

R. J. Frearson (1941) is Chairman of the Young Farmers' Club.

The Rev. E. A. R. Nicholl (1903) is now Rector of Chettle, Blandford, Dorset.

R. E. Eason (1920) has become a Trustee of Waste Court and of the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund.

F. G. Smith (1942) is training for the R.A.F. under the University Air Training Scheme.

Letters, etc., from Abroad.—A. C. Dean (1940), V. A. Harfield (1937), J. Stephenson (1939), J. C. T. Jones (1931), L. A. G. Hendley (1938), D. G. Brown (1935), A. E. B. Foxwell (1931), M. Thomas (1932), R. W. F. C. Westgate (1941), D. B. West (1939), K. Prior (1933), L. G. Cather (1936), D. O. Willis (Staff), J. W. Ownsworth (1935), J. H. Hill (1939), C. F. Baumann (1926), L. P. Mosdell (1931), H. A. Lunghi (1939), H. D. Shallard (1925), W. D. Richardson (1942), R. C. W. Waterhouse (1922), A. L. Leigh (1941), J. C. Petty (1941), D. A. Culmer (1939), R. Hedger (1940).

Of those who left at the end of the Christmas and Easter Terms:

I. M. Crudgington after working on a farm has joined the Navy.

R. Grey is working in the Marine Insurance Department of Messrs. Willis, Faber & Dumas at Stoke Poges. He has taken up golf and horse riding. He has been selected for an Indian Army Cadetship.

N. A. Palmer is working at Esso House, Abingdon.

M. F. C. Brook has gone up to Pembroke College, Oxford.

G. S. Diplock is working in a Bank at Orpington.

B. O. Crook is working in the clerical department of the G.W.R. at Abingdon.

J. H. Luker is working with Messrs. Critchley, Ward & Pigott, Chartered Accountants at Abingdon.

M. J. H. Stallard is taking a course in Wireless Telegraphy with a view to joining the Navy.

WAR NEWS

Casualty List

CORBETT—Kenneth George, Signalman, R.N. Lost at Sea. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Corbett, Gwynndale, Reigate Road, Reigate, Surrey.

Kenneth Corbett was a boarder here from January, 1930, to July, 1934. He was a School Prefect and played for the 1st XI at Cricket and the 1st XV at Rugby. After leaving he was employed in Lloyds Bank and played for the London O.A. Rugby Team.

CRACKNELL—In February, 1944, on Active Service, Sgt. Derrick Michael Cracknell, R.A.F.V.R., aged 22.

Derrick Michael Cracknell was a boarder here from September, 1935, to July, 1938. He was a School Prefect and a good athlete, playing for the School Rugby XV and rowed in the Marlow IV. He was the only son of Mrs. D. Cracknell of 97b Surbiton Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

OSMAND—In October, 1943, killed on operations, Burma, Flt. Lieut. Alexander Gordon Osmand, R.A.F.V.R.

Alexander G. Osmand was a boarder at the school from September, 1930, to March, 1932.

WRIGHT—Died suddenly in India in 1942, Corrie Robertson Wright, Captain I.A.

Corrie R. Wright was a boarder at the school from 1919 to 1926. He was Head of the School and of the School House. He gained his Colours for Cricket, Football, Athletics, and 2nd Four Rowing. He won the Pembroke Scholarship for Classics. He rowed for Pembroke College in the Eights and at Henley and gained 3rd Class

Honours in Classical Mods. After leaving College he joined the Indian Army. He leaves a widow and a son aged 8.

HUNT—In 1943 presumed lost at sea, Edmund George Hunt, R.N.

Edmund George Hunt was a boarder at the school from September, 1924, to July, 1930. He played for the 1st XI at Cricket. After leaving school he took up farming at Kings Somborn. He was the only son of Mr. E. G. and the late Mrs. Hunt of Parsonage Farm, Kings Somborn Hants.

Additions and Corrections to

Roll of Service

Barnes, J. A. C. (1942), 'Y' Scheme, Fleet Air Arm.

Barnes, L. M. (1932), Lieut., R.A.S.C.

Beveridge, J. V. (1939), R.A.C.

Bowditch, T. V. (1940), R.A.C., O.C.T.U.

Bradfield, W. G. (1942), Coldstream Guards.

Brown, D. G. (1935), Major, R.A.S.C.

Brown, R. F. (1931), Captain, R.A.

Brown, W. G. (1927), Lieut.-Colonel, R.I.O.B.E., Military Division.

Collett, M. I. (1941), R.A.C.

CORBETT, K. G. (1934), Signalman, R.N.

Cox, J. A. D., Officer Cadet, O.C.T.U., R.E.

CRACKNELL, D. M. (1938), Sergeant, R.A.F.

Crudgington, I. M. (1943), R.N.

Dunkin, D. L. (1925), R.A.O.C.

Foxwell, A. E. B. (1931), Major, 1st Kensington

Gibaud, R.D. (1942), R.A.C., O.C.T.U.

Gill, O. J. (1936), R.A.F.

Gill, T. H. A. (1934), R.A.F.

Graff, J. (1939), 2nd Bn. Oxford and Bucks.

Green, R. N. (1932), Lieut., I.A.

Grey, R. (1943), Queens Royal Regt. (Selected for Indian Army Cadetship).

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

Harris, P. H. (1943), R.N.V.R., 'Y' Scheme.

Heard, C. R. T. (1941), R.E.

Hedger, M. (1942), Lieut., R.E.

edger, R. (1940), Captain, R. Berks Regt.
 endley, L. A. G. (1938), Captain, I.A.
 icks, P. (1941), R.A.F.
 ill, J. H. (1939), Flt./Sergt., R.A.F.
 olland, I. S. (1941), R.A.F.
 olme, D. G. E. (1939), Lieut., R. Berks Regt.
 oward, J. A. (1929), Flt./Lieut., R.A.F., D.F.C.
 and Bar.
 UNT, E. G. (1930), R.N.
 mes, H. T. (1938), S./Ldr., R.A.F., D.F.C.
 illbourn, B. C. (1926), Petty Officer, R.N.
 ane, S. M. B. (1939), Sgt., R.A.F.
 eon, I. T. (1923), R.A.S.C.
 owe, C. E. (1923), R.A.S.C. Claims Commission.
 uker, L. E. J. (1935), Captain 12th Frontier Force Regt. India.
 Marshall, R. H. (1940), Q.V.O., India Command.
 emory, W. (1922), Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 uir, S. K. (1936), P/O., R.A.F.
 SMAND, A. G. (1932), Flt./Lieut., R.A.F.
 otter, W. M. (1938), Lieut., Reconnaissance Corps.
 owell, G. F. (1926), S./Ldr., R.A.F., D.S.O.
 rior, K. (1933), Sgt. Instructor, Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry.
 ryor, N. J. (1940), Fleet Air Arm.
 ichardson, W. D. (1942), Gnr., R.A.
 hallard, H. D. (1925), Sgt., Training Staff, New Zealand Forces.
 tephenson, J. (1939), Sub.-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 aylor, J. L. (1943), Army P.T. Wing.
 homas, M. (1932), Sgt., R.A.O.C.
 vells, G. D. (1941), 2nd Lieut., R.A.C.
 westgate, R. W. F. C. (1941), P/O, R.A.F.
 heat, M. H. (1937), P/O, R.A.F.
 illis, D. O. (Staff) Captain, R.A.
 ood, J. D. (1926), S./Ldr., R.A.F.
 ood, P. R. (1935), Brigade Major, R. Tank Regt.
 RIGHT, C. R. (1926), Captain, I.A.

Distinctions

Brown, W. W., Lt.-Col., R.E., O.B.E. (Military Division).

Lt.-Col. W. W. Brown, R.E., has been awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) for distinguished services in the Middle East, where he has been serving for three and a half years. Whilst in France early in the war he was mentioned in dispatches.

Howard, J. A., Flt./Lieut., R.A.F., D.F.C. and Bar.
 Jones, H. T., S./Ldr., R.A.F., D.F.C.

Powell, G. F., S./Ldr., R.A.F., D.S.O.

S./Ldr. G. F. Powell (1926) has been awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished service with the M.E.F. Since his return to England he has been chief ground instructor at Cranwell.

Wood, J. D., S./Ldr., R.A.F., Mentioned in Dispatches.

Wounded

Dean, A. C. (1940), Lieut., R.A., was wounded in the left arm in Burma by a Jap grenade. He is making good progress and out of Hospital.

Bristow, A. A. (1935), 46th Royal Tank Regt., wounded in the right shoulder at El Alamein while driving a Matilda. He has since been discharged from the Army.

Visitors

R. W. F. C. Westgate (1941), J. G. Calvert Fisher (1940), P. H. Harris (1943), R. F. Bedson (1943), Rev. H. Hughes (1903), J. S. Capel (1942), P. A. S. Scott (1943), C. A. Ronan (1937), E. G. Langford (1928), M. F. Packer (1943), J. A. D. Cox (1941), K. R. Sims (1943), T. V. Bowditch (1940), J. V. Beveridge (1939), H. J. Clarke (1941), H. B. Bailey (1939), M. M. Barnes (1932), M. Hedger (1942), G. E. Sinclair (1931), J. W. Rayson (1942), W. G. Cullum (1926), J. H. Bartlett (1926), T. J. Foy (1940), E. S. N. Hazel (1942), D. R. A. Whidborne (1940), H. T. Jones (1938), N. J. Holmes (1938), Mr. B. Matthews, M. F. C. Brook (1944), K. G. Walker (1942), D. Hayter (1942), D. W. Olliffe (1942), J. A. Burborough (1943), P. S. Wilsdon (1942), F. W. G. Carter (1943), B. O. Crook (1944), J. H. Luker (1944), R. D. Gibaud (1942).