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Easter and Summer Terms, 1945

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¹ Appointed July 2, 1945.

EDITORIAL

In our last issue of the *Abingdonian* at Christmas, 1944, we enclosed an interim Roll of Service with the object mainly of trying to obtain a fuller and more accurate information about O.A.s serving in the Forces. We received a certain number of letters in reply, and we wish to thank those correspondents for taking the trouble to write. But our information is still far from complete, so we appeal once again to Old Boys, parents of Old Boys, and any friends of the School who can give us accurate information, towards the compilation of a final Roll of Service.

We would like to draw the attention of O.A.s who have recently left the School and of boys leaving in the near future to a note contributed by Mr. Ross-Barker, our Honorary Treasurer, concerning the question of subscriptions. It will be found at the top of the O.A. Notes and is intended to clarify the situation with regard to the O.A. Trust Fund, the O.A. Club, and the *Abingdonian*. We would like to point out that not only would the circulation be increased, but it would save the Treasurer a lot of labour if subscribers would renew their subscriptions when they have lapsed. The Treasurer always tries to notify when such a state of affairs arrives.

As usual the Summer Term has had the 'Certificate' cloud hanging over it, and this year the examinations are again early. Nevertheless we wish all our candidates clear heads and good fortune.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

The School continues steadily to expand in numbers, and it has now become more necessary than ever to utilize all available space. This has entailed a certain amount of reorganization and rearrangement in preparation for next term. The main change in reorganization is the adoption of the principle that, instead of a master having his own classroom, each form now has its own form room in which it does the majority of its work except in the case of science and art, for which subjects separate laboratories and rooms are reserved. The masters therefore go from form room to form-room.

The chief arrangements are: (1) The Gymnasium will in future be an assembly hall: this has entailed the removal of the stage, etc., to the Big School, where it has been reconstructed. Thus the Big School will in future be used for concerts, etc. (2) The Library has been moved next door to the Pembroke Room. It will be reserved entirely as a Library, and not used as a classroom. The Old Library has been converted into a form-room and renamed the Tesdale Room.

Founder's Day was celebrated this year on Friday, June 15th. The School attended service at St. Helen's Church, when the Founder's Day sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Reynoldson of Keble College, Oxford, Vicar of Effingham formerly on the staff of the School. The wreath placed on John Roysse's tomb was again kindly made by Mrs. Scott. Though blustery, the weather remained dry, so that the Regatta could be carried out in the afternoon comfortably. Miss Grundy was At Home to the many parents, O.A.s and guests for tea in the boathouse.

On Saturday, June 16th, the customary cricket match was played against the Old Boys.

There has been one change in the Staff. Mr. Burke-Gill who succeeded Mr. Ross-Barker as Waste Court left at the end of the Easter Term to take up work in connection with the British Council.

During his time here Mr. Burke-Gill, who taught English mainly, made a great impression

specially in connection with the success of his School Certificate candidates, while he was a very active member of the Abbey Players, being responsible last year for the production of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' in the open air in the Abbey grounds. Moreover, Mrs. Burke-Gill at a rather critical juncture in the history of Waste Court took over the post of Matron with outstanding success, with Mr. Burke-Gill as house-master.

We wish them success in their new work, and we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him and Mrs. Burke-Gill on the birth of a daughter recently. Mr. Alston has now taken over Waste Court. We welcome Mr. T. D. Spencer, Exhibitioner of King's College, Cambridge, to the Staff as successor to Mr. Burke-Gill.

Hearty congratulations to M. J. Cullen on being elected in February, 1945, to the Pembroke Scholarship for History. His work was of such high order that the College authorities have granted him the status of an Open Scholar.

We offer our congratulations to the following recipients of sports awards and Colours. A. J. Betterton, Captain of Athletics, won the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for the Senior Sports events in a most decisive fashion. He swept the board by winning no less than six cups. In the course of his performances, he established a new school record for the Half-Mile, and came within 1/5 sec. of the Quarter-Mile record.

The Shallard Cup for the Junior Sports was won by P. A. F. Smith. Full Athletic Colours were awarded to J. M. Lewington.

1st XI Cricket Colours were given to I. J. M. Jamieson, G. Barrett, K. J. Weston, M. J. Cullen. 2nd XI Cricket Colours to D. Beattie, C. J. Weston, G. Barrett, B. G. Budden.

The Carr Cup for Senior House matches was won by Green House.

Rowing Colours were as follows—1st: T. Warren-Green, M. D. Waterfall, M. J. Green, C. S. Cullen (cox). 2nd: A. N. James, J. B. H. J.

Aldiss, M. D. White, A. J. Sansom, R. H. Shaw (cox).

Last year for the first time Hockey Colours were awarded; this year Hockey House matches have been played. Full Hockey Colours were awarded to D. Beattie, I. J. M. Jamieson, A. J. Betterton, P. R. Sims; Half Colours to P. Hayter, H. J. F. King, E. G. B. Whitfield. Blue House won the House matches.

It is to be regretted that owing to the exigencies of war bathing has not been possible again this year.

The December School Certificate results were as follows: G. W. Dodge obtained the Certificate; R. S. Barnes obtained a Very Good in History and Credit in French; while F. Hesten obtained a Very Good in French and a Credit in Latin as supplementary subjects.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Reading held a Confirmation Service in the School Chapel on Sunday, December 10th. P. Lay, P. R. Little, R. A. Clay, N. C. J. Badley, J. M. Ball, M. J. Aplin, R. H. Shaw, A. M. Strong, A. F. Bastin were confirmed.

It must be put on record that the Robinson Cup for Junior House Rugger in the Christmas term was won by Green House, while the Bayley Cup in the Easter term was won by Blue House.

In March, Major Hilton, who was a member of the Chindits under General Wingate, gave a most interesting lecture on Burma.

The Abingdon School Holiday Club inaugurated at Easter, 1944, has proved a great success.

We were very pleased to note that in the Easter term, 1945, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of a few people, two School societies were revived: the Debating Society and the Play-Reading Society. An account of their activities will be found elsewhere.

We regret that owing to an oversight we omitted to record in our last number the appointment of D. Beattie as a sub-prefect, dating from September, 1944.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1945

The Annual School Sports were held on Saturday, May 12th, on the Waste Court field. This year we were extremely fortunate with the weather, with the result that the meeting was a great success, two records being broken, before a very good attendance of Old Boys, parents, and visitors.

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup was won easily by Blue House (144 points).

A. J. Betterton as Captain of Athletics more than justified himself by winning six cups, and breaking the Half-mile record by four-fifth second and being only one-fifth second outside the Quarter-mile record.

The Challenge Cups were presented at the end of the meeting on Waste Court lawn by Miss Little.

Mr. Alston as usual carried the meeting along admirably, assisted by the Committee and Stewards.

Officials—President: The Headmaster. **Starter:** G. F. Duxbury, Esq. **Judges:** W. A. Rudd, Esq.; W. Bevir, Esq.; S. Punton-Smith, Esq.; S. G. Stevens, Esq.; T. D. Spencer, Esq. **Time Keepers:** J. Y. Ingham, Esq.; H. M. Gray, Esq. **Stewards:** F. Hesten, G. L. Saunders, J. P. Mortimore. **Committee:** W. A. Rudd, Esq. (*Chairman*), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. (*Ex-officio*) P. M. King, A. J. Betterton, M. J. Cullen, A. J. Walters, P. Hayter, P. R. Sims, R. Deval, B. C. Jakeman (*Hon. Sec. and Treas.*). (*Elected*) F. Hesten, J. M. Lewington, E. R. Absalom, D. M. Aldworth, R. C. Pegler, D. J. Heavens, J. B. Archer.

The Results were:

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors:

A. J. Betterton, 25 points.

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors:

P. A. F. Smith, 19 points.

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup:

Blue House, 144 points.

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record: 21 ft. 3½ in.)

1. J. M. Lewington (B). 2. R. Deval (B).
3. P. R. Betterton (B).
Distance, 16 ft. 10½ in.

2. LONG JUMP (under 15)
(Record: 17 ft. 3½ in.)

1. P. A. F. Smith (B). 2. B. N. Margrave (G).
3. P. V. Aldiss (B).
Distance, 15 ft. 2½ in.

3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record: 5 ft. 4½ in.)

1. R. Deval (B). 2. A. J. Walters (R).
3. P. R. Sims (R).
Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

4. HIGH JUMP (under 15)
(Record: 4 ft. 10½ in.)

1. W. G. Olscher (R). 2. P. A. F. Smith (B).
3. J. S. Draisey (R).
Height, 4 ft. 3 in.

5. HURDLES (Open)
(Record: 16 sec.)

1. P. Hayter (R). 2. M. J. Cullen (G).
3. L. A. Lewis (G).
Time, 19 1/5 sec.

6. HURDLES (under 16)
(Record: 17 3/5 sec.)

1. K. J. Weston (R). 2. N. C. J. Badley (B).
3. J. T. Moore (B).
Time, 20 2/5 sec.

7. 100 YARDS (under 11)

1. J. B. Archer (B). 2. B. Leech (G).
3. C. E. Stopps (R).
Time, 14 3/5 sec.

8. 100 YARDS (under 13)

1. B. R. Perry (B). 2. R. C. Pegler (G).
3. S. A. L. Vickers (B).
Time, 14 sec.

9. 100 YARDS (under 15)
(Record: 11 3/5 sec.)

1. P. A. F. Smith (B). 2. P. V. Aldiss (B).
3. J. Holloway (B).
Time, 12 2/5 sec.

10. 100 YARDS (Open)
(Record: 10 1/5 sec.)

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. A. J. Sansom (B).
Time, 11 1/5 sec.

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

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. R. Sims (R).
3. M. J. Cullen (G).
Distance, 33 ft. 7 in.

12. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13)

1. D. R. Ellis (34 yd.). 2. B. J. L. Bennett (40 yd.).
3. S. H. Moore (52 yd.).
Time, 28 1/5 sec.

13. QUARTER MILE (under 15)

(Record: 60 2/5 sec.)

1. P. A. F. Smith (B). 2. P. V. Aldiss (B).
3. J. Bosley (B).
Time, 65 1/5 sec.

14. QUARTER MILE (Open)

(Record: 54 2/5 sec.)

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. M. J. Cullen (G).
Time, 54 3/5 sec.

15. THROWING THE DISCUS (Open)

(Record: 114 ft. 6 in.)

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. A. J. Sansom (B).
3. R. H. Tompsett (G).
Distance, 89 ft. 6 in.

16. HALF MILE (under 15)

(Record: 2 min. 26 sec.)

1. J. Bosley (B). 2. J. S. Draisey (R).
3. W. G. Olscher (R).
Time, 2 min. 36 1/2 sec.

17. HALF MILE (Open)

(Record: 2 min. 12 2/5 sec.)

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. D. Beattie (B).
Time, 2 min. 11 3/5 sec.
(New Record.)

18. RELAY RACE (Junior)

(Record: 4 min. 1 2/5 sec.)

1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time, 3 min. 59 1/2 sec.
(New Record.)

19. RELAY RACE (Senior)

(Record: 3 min. 29 sec.)

1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time, 3 min. 34 1/2 sec.

The Miles

The Miles and the Half-mile (under 13) were
in on Thursday, March 8th, in Waste Court.

Results:

OPEN EVENT

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

1. A. J. Betterton (B). 2. P. Hayter (R).
3. D. Beattie (B).
Time, 5 min. 5 1/2 sec.

JUNIOR EVENT

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

1. J. M. Ball (G). 2. J. Bosley (B).
3. J. Wake (B).
Time, 5 min. 34 3/5 sec.

HALF MILE (under 13)

1. J. S. Draisey (R). 2. R. Pegler (G).
3. P. R. Lucas (G).
Time, 2 min. 36 3/5 sec.

HOCKEY

The standard of play in games and matches continues to improve, and this season we were able to raise, for the first time, a 2nd XI, which played and won two matches. The record of the 1st XI was very similar to last year's, the chief differences being that we played and won an additional match, and scored many more goals (39 as compared with 22). The balance of the team too was similar, for its strength lay rather in the forwards and halves than in the backs and goalkeeper. The forward line indeed, as its scoring-power suggests, was very well-balanced. Both wings were speedy and centred well. On the right Betterton's pace and control of the ball gave the insides many opportunities, and J. H. King was a real find for the left-wing position. Jamieson was a worthy successor to D. A. Heard at centre-forward, where his control of the ball, clever placing, and cool play in the circle, enabled him to score seventeen goals himself, and paved the way to many others. Sims again played at inside-left; he combined well and when he had curbed an early tendency to shoot hurriedly, met with considerable success, scoring twelve goals in all. Lewington (inside-right) was always well up in attack, but his shooting was erratic.

The forwards owed much to the constructive play of the halves, of whom P. M. King at centre was ubiquitous and unerring, and all three made effective use of the long pass, which kept play open and suited their forwards very well. In defence the halves could be relied on to fill the gaps caused by a certain lack of co-ordination among the backs and goalkeeper. Beattie was very steady and cleared well, but Hayter lacked experience and ball-control, while Walters was very variable and liable to adopt faulty tactics.

The early matches were played under conditions made difficult by frost, thaw, or snow; but only one match was cancelled, although the one with M.G. Car Co. had to be abandoned owing to a heavy fall of snow in the second half, when the School were playing very well and leading 4-1. The season opened with an easy win for the School over E. H. Aldworth's XI, and

a defeat by a strong Home Guard XI. This was a fairly even game, but the presence of an extra player on each side prevented it from being a fair test of the XI's abilities. Playing Wantage School at home we won in convincing style, the forward line working very smoothly throughout the game. The return match with Aldworth's XI was fast and exciting. All the scoring (2-2) took place in the second half, and both teams did plenty of attacking right up to the end of the game. The return match with Wantage School, played away, was lost. The School found the opposition much stiffer and the ground harder to play on than in their first encounter. Wantage led by a goal at half-time, but Jamieson soon equalized with a very clever shot. Play was then even for a time, but in the last five minutes P. Fox, the Wantage centre-forward, twice broke away and scored very easily. A decisive victory over the Ministry of Supply (9-3) was followed by a drawn game with Abingdon Services. The School team was weakened by the absence of Sims and Beattie, but responded in like measure to the hard hitting of their opponents. The game was very fast and each side scored once. After an excellent goal, the result of good combination between Betterton, Jamieson, and Weston, the School led for thirty minutes, until the Services scored through L.A.C. Talbot after a penalty corner. The School won their last match, beating the Home Guard 4-0. We were two goals up after five minutes' play and added a third before half-time. The visitors then re-arranged their team so as to strengthen their defence, and we could only score one more goal though attacking strongly to the end.

The XI was as follows: A. J. Walters, P. Hayter, D. Beattie; B. C. Jakeman, P. M. King (captain), E. G. B. Whitfield; A. J. Betterton, J. M. Lewington, I. J. M. Jamieson, P. R. Sims, H. J. F. King.

Also played: K. J. Weston in two matches, K. R. Dudley and D. J. Penny in one match.

Full Colours were awarded to: D. Beattie, I. J. M. Jamieson, A. J. Betterton, P. R. Sims; and Half Colours to: P. Hayter, E. G. B. Whitfield, H. J. F. King.

Results of Matches:

v. E. H. Aldworth's XI	Won	9-0	Home
v. Abingdon Home Guard	Lost	1-3	Home
v. Wantage School	Won	8-1	Home
v. M.G. Car Company	*	4-1	Home
v. E. H. Aldworth's XI	Drawn	2-2	Home
v. Wantage School	Lost	1-3	Away
v. Ministry of Supply (Didcot)	Won	9-3	Home
v. Abingdon Services	Drawn	1-1	Home
v. Abingdon Home Guard	Won	4-0	Home

* Game abandoned after 48 minutes' play owing to snow

2nd XI

The 2nd XI played two matches with Wantage School 2nd XI and won both by the same score (7-0). Considering how little they had played together, the forwards combined quite well, but many good movements were spoiled by one or more of them getting offside. The half-back line hung back too much in attack, but their defence and that of the backs was sound.

The following played for the 2nd XI: D. M. Cullen; K. R. Dudley, G. Barrett; M. J. Newport, P. R. Betterton, R. Deval (captain); D. Penny, K. J. Weston, R. C. Odell, A. B. Beadell, W. G. Pask, F. Hesten, B. G. Budden.

House Matches

The House Matches were won by Blue House. The results were:

Blue v. Green. Blue 2, Green 1.

Blue v. Red. Blue 2, Red 0.

ROWING, 1945

Last season the keynote was promise rather than performance. This season the promise was in large part realized, but a hard fate decreed that the 1st IV should never prove its worth in races, as both their opponents failed to complete the course. This was most disappointing as the 1st crew were well above the average—strong and lively and well together—in fact able to enjoy rowing instead of regarding it as a somewhat painful ordeal. Individually all the crew had improved considerably since last season and the long outing in the summer had obviously done them a lot of good.

1ST IV

M. J. Cullen, stroke, Capt. of Boats, 1944; 12 st. 3 lb.

Improvement quite remarkable. Before moving to stroke he showed he had learned to control his slide and timing, and as stroke he was a most dynamic driving force, and got the crew under way from the first stroke. Fairly tidy blade. A good captain.

A. J. Green, '3,' 2nd IV, 1944; 12 st. 0 lb.

A strong oar who learned to use his weight properly during training. Still a shade slow into the water, but he backed up stroke well. Quite neat.

A. D. Waterfall, '2,' 2nd IV, 1944; 10 st. 6 lb.

Fitted into the crew well—neat and hard-working—best blade work in the boat.

W. Green, bow, 2nd IV, 1944; 9 st. 6 lb.

Body swing rather shaky—but he made a good row—that is, got some work done somehow without any fuss and bother.

S. Cullen, cox, 2nd IV cox, 1943-4; 8 st. 0 lb.

Has gained assurance as well as knowledge and apparently gave the crew what they needed when they needed it.

H. Tompsett, 2nd IV stroke last year, was coming on well until doctor's orders banished him from the boat. Not quite lively enough for stroke, he would have made a good '2.'

RACES

Little can be said of the 1st IV races. Against Bristol Aero R.C. on our water on February 24th, they showed they were quick off the mark, but after one minute our opponents had trouble with the borrowed boat and had to give up, which was most regrettable for all concerned.

The race against Magdalen College School at Oxford on March 3rd was also unfortunate. Abingdon went ahead from the start and were leading by three quarters of a length half way along the Green Bank, when they were rammed by Magdalen whose steering had gone wrong. Though Abingdon were obviously the better crew, a re-row would have been more satisfactory, but it could not be arranged.

2ND IV

This was a keen and enthusiastic crew, but somewhat raw and inexperienced. In their one and only race against Magdalen College School they were slow off the mark and unable to make up the distance thus lost, but they rowed gamely to the finish without losing their form or becoming ragged. More racing experience would have shown them how to make use of an occasional burst of 'ten' to keep up their liveliness and challenge their opponents to extra effort. They lost by two lengths.

White, M. D., stroke; 9 st. 12 lb.

His first season in this position showed his capabilities and he kept his crew going well together. Good work with his hands but not too steady on his swing forward, and should make more use of his leg drive.

Sansom, A. J., '3'; 11st. 10 lb.

A powerful oar and a very willing worker, but inclined to be heavy with his hands at the finish, and consequently rather slow in recovery. Needs to concentrate on exact timing; makes adequate use of his weight and leg drive.

Aldiss, J. B. H. J., '2'; 10 st. 9 lb.

A useful, though not very stylish oar owing to a somewhat clumsy body swing. Should try to acquire more elasticity and liveliness. Rather too inclined merely to 'slog along.'

James, A. N., bow; 9 st. 0 lb.

Filled this position with credit. Kept fairly good time—rather prone to swing out of the boat. Fairly neat with his blade.

Shaw, R. H., cox; 8 st. 4 lb.

Steers well, but rather monotonous in his vocal encouragement. Improved towards the end of the season.

3RD IV

This year's 3rd IV was very light and inexperienced. They trained and worked hard and improved a lot, but the timing was not good enough for a long course. In the race with Magdalen College School they stuck to it pluckily and rowed themselves out, but they were out-paced as well as outweighed. They lost by about nine lengths.

The crew was:

Platnauer, stroke, 8 st. 6 lb. Hard worker, long swing.

Lewis, '3'; 11 st. 0 lb. Good drive, fairly neat.

Lawrence, '2'; 9 st. 2 lb. Neat oar, more weight needed.

Pezaro, bow, 9 st. 12 lb. Quite tidy, fair swing.

Brown, cox; 7 st. 12 lb. Voice and steering quite good.

Green House, represented by the complete 1st IV, won the Bennett Cup, there being no challenger.

Boats still remain the great problem. Next season will probably see the end of our last tub craft if the present rate of destruction by the local *jeunesse* continues, and replacement will be impossible for years apparently, but no doubt rowing will continue as long as there is any vessel of any kind to row in.

CALENDAR—CHRISTMAS TERM, 1945

Wed.	Sept. 12.	Boarders return.
Thurs.	" 13.	First day of Term.
Wed.	" 26.	Field Day. J.T.C.
Sat.	" 29.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Home).
Sat.	Oct. 6.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Home).
Sat.	" 13.	1st XV v. Oxford Exiles R.F.C. (Home).
Sat.	" 20.	1st XV v. Oxfordshire Nomads (Home).
Wed.	" 24.	1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (Home).
Wed.	" 31.	1st XV v. Magdalen College School (Away).
Wed.	Nov. 7.	1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (Away).
Wed.	" 14.	Under 16 XV v. Nautical College, Pangbourne (Home).
Sat.	" 17.	1st XV v. Oxfordshire Nomads (Home).
Sat.	" 24.	1st XV v. Southfield School (Away).
Wed.	" 28.	Certificate 'A' Examination (Pts. I & II).
Sat.	Dec. 1.	1st XV v. Old Abingdonians (Home).
Sat.	" 8.	1st XV v. City of Oxford School (Away).
Tues.	" 11.	Last day of Term.
Wed.	" 12.	Boarders return home.

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

CRICKET

This has undoubtedly been our most successful season for some years. For although we lost three matches, they were all in the first half of the season, before the XI had settled down. Of the remainder we won three very easily, and five were drawn, the position at the close of play being very much in our favour in four of the latter games.

The batting of the XI was confident and, when the occasion demanded, aggressive; and almost every member of the team made valuable contributions to the score on more than one occasion. Jamieson was outstanding, and twice made half the runs of the side himself. King had a very sound and useful innings against the O.A.s, as well as several others which gave a good start to the team, and Weston made quite a lot of runs in good style.

We were rather short of bowlers, and the absence of Whitfield, who headed the bowling averages last year, was a distinct handicap; but Barrett, Jamieson, and M. J. Cullen bowled so well that the lack of a reliable fourth bowler was not felt very greatly, and only twice were our opponents able to reach a total of more than a hundred runs, though wickets did not, as a rule, favour the bowler. Jamieson had some remarkable performances, especially in the early matches, and Barrett bowled consistently well throughout the season. M. J. Cullen, though rather erratic, took two or three wickets fairly cheaply in most of the matches.

The efforts of the bowlers were splendidly backed up in the field, where the improvement of the XI during the season was most in evidence. The whole team was alert and aggressive, and the backing-up was excellent. In fact the fielding clearly illustrated the spirit and determination which were the most outstanding features of this year's XI.

The following Awards were made:

The Fletcher Challenge Cup for the best batsman in the XI, I. J. M. Jamieson; best bowler G. Barrett.

Henderson Awards: Best bat (under 16), K. J. Weston; best bat (under 15), B. G. Budden.

1st XI Characters

P. M. King (Colours, 1944), Captain. A sound opening batsman, who has improved his scoring powers, but is apt to play loose strokes to leg. His wicket-keeping is greatly improved. Under his leadership the team has been keen and happy.

I. J. M. Jamieson (Colours, 1945). A good all-round cricketer. An aggressive batsman who settles down quickly and scores freely, but takes too many risks. Bowls a good off-break, and has taken many wickets this season. Should endeavour to shorten his run, so as to conserve his energy. Very quick and neat in the field.

M. J. Cullen (Colours, 1945). A keen cricketer of promise not yet fulfilled, because his batting and bowling powers are not fully under control at present. Should swing his bat straighter and smooth out his bowling action. Fielding fair.

G. Barrett (Colours, 1945). A medium-paced bowler, who keeps a good length and turns the ball. His action is very smooth and effortless. Has failed as a batsman owing to his weak defence. He has improved greatly in the field, but his unning between the wickets is weak.

K. J. Weston (Colours, 1945). His batting shows great promise. His footwork is good, and is off-driving and leg strokes are played soundly and confidently; but he does not yet play himself as carefully enough. Sound in the field.

B. C. Jakeman (2nd Colours, 1943). An aggressive bat, who has been more successful this year owing to some improvement in defence and judgement. A smart fielder, especially on the round.

P. R. Sims (2nd Colours, 1944). As an opening batsman he was not a success owing to his weak defence, and he only showed his true form in the last match, when he hit powerfully to leg. Fielded well at point, where he held some good catches.

J. M. Lewington (2nd Colours, 1944). Has revealed unsuspected powers as a batsman, who in the later matches made several good scores in impeccable style. A very active and reliable elder.

D. M. Cullen (2nd Colours, 1944). A promising bat who shows determination, but is handi-

capped by a cramped style, and takes some time to settle down. Rather weak on the off. A slow spin bowler who is dangerous on his day, but has insufficient command of length. Rather slow in the field.

D. Beattie (2nd Colours, 1945). A dour batsman, who rarely moves his feet and has few scoring strokes, but is difficult to dislodge. Bowled a little but without success. Fielding good.

B. G. Budden (2nd Colours, 1945). A young player of promise as a batsman, who already drives with some power, but lacks the judgement and steadiness which come with experience. May be useful as a bowler in the future, if he perseveres. Fairly reliable in the field.

Second XI

Only two games were played this year, and both were lost.

RESULTS

Saturday, May 26th, City of Oxford School (Home), Lost, 15-124.

Saturday, June 23rd, City of Oxford School (Away), Lost, 35-75/3.

The following played: P. R. Betterton (Captain), A. J. Walters, L. A. Lewis, M. Aplin, E. R. Absalom, T. Jordan, G. L. Sanders, P. A. F. Smith, R. Faulkner, M. J. J. Newport, A. B. Beadle, N. C. J. Badley, and P. V. Aldiss ii.

Colts (under 15)

The Colts' team is weak this year, not having won one match.

Scores

SATURDAY, MAY 19th (Home), Lost.

v. PAVLOVA SPORTS CLUB

<i>Pavlova Sports Club</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
J. Crook, b Weston	21	P. M. King, b Crook	0
L. Birtwhistle,		Sims, b Heard	4
c & b Jamieson	17	Jamieson, c Jamieson (H.),	
C. Elliott, not out	45	b Crook	1
H. A. M. Jamieson,		Cullen (D.), c Slingsby,	
b Jamieson	5	b Crook	12
A. Purnell, c & b Jamieson	2	Weston, c Crook, b Heard	4
W. C. Whitehead,		Cullen (M.), b Heard	6
lbw, b Barrett	4	Barrett, b Heard	0
D. A. Heard,		Jakeman, not out	24
lbw, b Jamieson	0	Beattie, b Heard	0
H. A. Wiggins, not out	3	Lewington, c & b Crook	0
H. Morris, E. H. Aldworth,		Walters, b Crook	4
C. D. Slingsby did not bat			
Extras	11	Extras	8
Total (6 wkts. dec.)	108	Total	63

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	10	1	27	4	Crook	7	1	13	5
Beattie	6	1	21	0	Heard	7	1	42	5
Weston	2	0	17	1					
Cullen (M.)	5	0	16	0					
Barrett	6	2	16	1					

SATURDAY, MAY 26th (Away), Drawn.

v. CITY OF OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>C.O.H.S.</i>	
P. M. King, run out	12	Samsworth, c P. M. King,	
Sims, b Phelps	12	b Jamieson	37
Jamieson, c Phelps,		Shipton, b Cullen (M.)	2
b Porter	31	Stone, b Cullen (M.)	1
Cullen (D.), b Spickernell	9	Spickernell, c Lewington,	
Weston, not out	38	b Cullen (M.)	21
Cullen (M.), c Dodson,		Phelps, not out	2
b Spickernell	7	Tomlin, c Sims,	
Jakeman, run out	1	b Jamieson	0
Barrett, c Spickernell,		C.-Bown, not out	2
b Phelps	20	Dodson, Porter, Walters,	
Budden, Beattie, Lewington		Osborn did not bat	
did not bat			
Extras	8	Extras	4
Total (7 wks. dec.)	138	Total (5 wks.)	69

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
Phelps	10	5	1	34	2	Jamieson	11	2	24	2
Stone	4	0	19	0	0	Cullen (M.)	11	3	22	3
Porter	12	2	40	1	0	Barrett	7	2	11	0
Spickernell	12	1	38	2	0	Beattie	7	3	8	0

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30th (Home), Lost.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL

<i>Southfield School</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
Banton, c P. M. King,		P. M. King, c Hayter,	
b Jamieson	24	b Banton	3
Fifield, c Beattie, b Jamieson	1	Sims, c Banton, b Gayton	0
French (D.), b Jamieson	13	Jamieson, b Gayton	6
Crozier, c Jakeman,		Cullen (D.), b Gayton	14
b Barrett	0	Weston, b Gayton	0
Hayter, lbw, b Jamieson	1	Cullen (M.), b Banton	4
French (M.), b Jamieson	0	Barrett, c & b Gayton	0
Walton, st P. M. King,		Jakeman, b Banton	4
b Barrett	2	Budden, b Gayton	6
Parker, b Jamieson	7	Beattie, not out	4
Gayton, c & b Barrett	0	Lewington, b Gayton	4
Hibbins, not out	0		
Philpott, b Jamieson	0		
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	51	Total	47

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W		
Jamieson	9	4	3	18	7	Gayton	11	1	3	23	7
Cullen (M.)	3	0	11	0	0	Banton	11	5	21	3	
Beattie	2	0	12	0							
Barrett	4	0	7	3							

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd (Away), Won.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Southfield School</i>	
P. M. King, lbw, b Banton	18	Banton, b Cullen (M.)	
Sims, c French (D.),		Hayter, c Cullen (D.),	
b Gayton	1	b Jamieson	
Jamieson, b Gayton	3	French (D.), st P. M. King,	1
Cullen (D.), b Gayton	17	b Jamieson	
Weston, c Walton,		Walton, c Jamieson,	
b Gayton	16	b Cullen (M.)	
Cullen (M), b Banton	0	Crozier, b Jamieson	
Barrett, c French (D.),		Fifield, c Beattie, b Barrett	
b Banton	0	Parker, run out	
Jakeman, b Gayton	11	French (M.), st P. M.	
Budden, b Banton	4	King, b Jamieson	1
Beattie, not out	0	Gayton, c Beattie, b Barrett	
Lewington, c Crozier,		Lloyd, b Barrett	
b Gayton	5	Hibbins, not out	
Extras	5	Extras	
Total	80	Total	4

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Gayton	13	2	0	36	6	Jamieson	11	3	18
Banton	11	3	17	4	0	Cullen (M.)	4	0	8
Fifield	3	0	10	0	0	Barrett	6	1	10
Hayter	2	0	12	0					

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th (Away), Lost.

v. PAVLOVA SPORTS CLUB

<i>Pavlova Sports Club</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
J. Boyt, b Cullen (M.)	0	P. M. King, c Grierson,	
L. Birtwhistle, b Jamieson	3	b Crook	
H. M. Clewley,		Sims, b Crook	
b Cullen (M.)	1	Jamieson, st Birtwhistle,	
J. Crook, b Jamieson	0	b Clewley	
D. Phillips, c Beattie,		Cullen (D.), c Clewley,	
b Cullen (M.)	4	b Crook	
W.C. Whitehead, b Jamieson	2	Weston, c Clewley, b Crook	
D. A. Heard, b Jamieson	1	Cullen (M.), b Clewley	
H. A. Wiggins, b Jamieson	0	Barrett, c Clewley, b Crook	
R. Grierson, c Jamieson,		Jakeman, b Crook	
b Barrett	9	Budden, not out	
W. Bransom, c & b Barrett	1	Beattie, b Clewley	
L. A. Lewis, not out	2	Lewington, b Clewley	
Extras	5	Extras	
Total	28	Total	20

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Jamieson	7	2	9	5	0	Clewley	8	3	10
Cullen (M.)	4	2	11	3	0	Crook	7	2	8
Barrett	2	2	0	3	2				

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th (Away), Drawn.

v. R.A.F., ABINGDON

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>R.A.F.</i>	
P. M. King, lbw, b Downes	3	Turner, lbw, b Jamieson	
Sims, b Downes	2	Hartley, b Cullen (M.)	
Jamieson, b Armitage	54	Armitage, b Cullen (D.)	2
Cullen (D.), b Atkins	4	Durrant, b Barrett	2
Weston, b Atkins	0	Downes, c Beattie,	
Cullen (M.), c & b Atkins	4	b Jamieson	

Barrett, run out	0	Bickendike, b Cullen (D.)	9
Jakeman, b Atkins	19	Jones, c Budden,	
Budden, not out	14	b Cullen (D.)	0
Beattie, c Downes, b Atkins	4	Murphy, c Cullen (M.),	
Lewington, b Atkins	1	b Barrett	0
		Poole, not out	2
		Atkins, not out	1
Extras		Extras	6
Total	108	Total (8 wks.)	70
O M R W		O M R W	
Downes	13 4 36 2	Jamieson	11 3 23 2
Poole	5 1 12 0	Cullen (M.)	6 0 19 1
Atkins	6 1 14 6	Barrett	8 0 21 2
Bickendike	6 0 13 0	Cullen (D.)	3 2 1 3
Crutledge	4 1 22 1		
Partley	1 0 8 0		

Jakeman, b Oliver	10	Honour, c Budden,	
Budden, b Harrison	17	b Jamieson	10
Beattie, lbw, b Reason	27	Bartlett, b Jamieson	1
Lewington, st Fox,		Reason, c Weston,	
b Reason	0	b Cullen (D.)	2
		Ricks, c Jakeman,	
		b Jamieson	0
		Goodchild, not out	0
Extras	21	Extras	8
Total	177	Total	52
O M R W		O M R W	
Harrison	18 0 52 4	Jamieson	10 3 2 24 5
Wyatt	12 0 49 3	Cullen (M.)	4 3 1 1
Oliver	3 0 24 1	Barrett	7 1 10 2
Harris	3 0 11 0	Cullen (D.)	4 1 9 2
Procter	2 0 17 0		
Honour	1 0 2 0		
Reason	1 3 0 1 2		

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th (Home), Drawn.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

Abingdon School		O.A.	
M. King, not out	55	M. F. Packer,	
ms, b Jamieson (H.)	3	c & b Cullen (M.)	21
mieson, b Heard	28	D. A. Heard,	
illen (D.), b Aldworth	11	c Weston, b Jamieson	16
eston, b Jamieson (H.)	14	D. Hayter, run out	0
illen (M.), not out	9	P. S. Wilsdon,	
ekeman, Barrett, Budden,		b Cullen (M.)	3
Beattie, Lewington did		H. A. M. Jamieson, hit	
not bat		wkt. b Cullen (M.)	0
		A. L. Leigh, not out	19
		H. Bartlett, not out	21
		E. H. Aldworth, F. W. G.	
		Carter, J. O. Bury, H.	
		Stone did not bat	
Extras	17	Extras	13
Total (4 wks. dec.)	137	Total (5 wks.)	93
O M R W		O M R W	
Heard	16 5 33 1	Jamieson	10 4 31 1
mieson (H.)	7 0 26 2	Cullen (M.)	9 5 19 3
rter (F.)	4 0 23 0	Cullen (D.)	3 0 16 0
ldworth	7 1 19 1	Barrett	3 0 14 0
ilsdon	4 0 7 0		
ayter	3 0 9 0		
rtlett	2 0 3 0		

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th (Away), Won.

v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE

Abingdon School		K.A.S.	
M. King, c Ricks,		Harrison, b Barrett	2
b Wyatt	21	Procter, c P. M. King,	
ns, b Wyatt	5	b Cullen (M.)	0
nieson, lbw, b Wyatt	10	Oliver, c Lewington,	
illen (D.), lbw,		b Cullen (D.)	18
b Harrison	16	Harris, lbw, b Jamieson	2
eston, not out	46	Fox, b Barrett	0
illen (M.), b Harrison	0	Wyatt, c Lewington,	
rrett, b Harrison	4	b Jamieson	9

After the match I. J. M. Jamieson was awarded 1st XI Colours and D. Beattie, K. J. Weston, G. Barrett, and B. G. Budden 2nd XI Colours.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd (Home), Drawn.

v. CITY OF OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Abingdon School		C.O.H.S.	
P. M. King, c Phelps,		Phelps, c Beattie,	
b Stone	1	b Barrett	14
Sims, st Walters, b Stone	1	Samsworth, c Sims,	
I. J. M. Jamieson, run out	66	b Barrett	12
Cullen (D.), lbw, b Phelps	3	Stone, not out	40
Weston, c Porter, b Phelps	0	Spickernell, c P. M. King,	
Cullen (M.), b Phelps	0	b Cullen (M.)	12
Barrett, c Walters, b Porter	6	Culleme-Bown, run out	1
Jakeman, lbw,		Osborn, b Barrett	0
b Spickernell	1	Shipton, c P. M. King,	
Budden, b Porter	0	b Cullen (M.)	3
Beattie, not out	7	Wheatley, c P. M. King,	
Lewington, c Samsworth,		b Cullen (M.)	10
b Phelps	19	Tomlin, lbw, b Cullen (M.)	3
		Porter, not out	0
		Walters did not bat	
Extras	8	Extras	16
Total	112	Total (8 wks.)	111
O M R W		O M R W	
Phelps	9 4 1 30 4	I. J. M. Jamieson	6 1 27 0
Stone	3 0 23 2	Barrett	18 5 30 3
Samsworth	3 0 31 0	Cullen (M.)	13 1 38 4
Spickernell	6 2 11 1		
Porter	3 1 9 2		

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th (Away), Drawn.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

Abingdon School				M.C.S.			
P. M. King, b J. E. Bush	27	F. A. Mumford, lbw,		b Barrett	8		
Sims, lbw, b J. W. Sharpe	5	P. M. Stone, c P. M. King,		b I. J. M. Jamieson	1		
I. J. M. Jamieson, lbw,		L. E. Crabb, st Sims,		b Barrett	1		
b J. W. Sharpe	7	T. M. Long, c Lewington,		b Barrett	23		
Cullen (D.), b J. E. Bush	21	J. E. Bush, c Lewington,		b Cullen (M.)	7		
Weston, b P. C. Cragg	12	J. W. Sharpe, c Sims, b		Cullen (M.)	1		
Cullen (M.), b P. M. Stone	34	P. C. Cragg, c Weston,		b Barrett	11		
Barrett, run out	5	D. K. Johnson,		b Cullen (D.)	6		
Jakeman, b J. W. Sharpe	8	A. D. Manger, not out	14	J. D. Gabriel, not out	3		
Budden, not out	14	S. E. Oswin did not bat		Extras	9		
Beattie,							
lbw, b A. D. Manger	5						
Lewington, b A. D. Manger	19						
Extras	18						
Total	175	Total (8 wks.)	84				
	O M R W		O M R W				
J. W. Sharpe	12 2 35 3	I. J. M. Jamieson	8 2 21 1				
A. D. Manger	17 4 3 63 2	son	12 3 23 4				
J. E. Bush	8 0 34 2	Barrett	7 1 20 2				
P. C. Cragg	4 0 14 1	Cullen (M.)	2 0 11 1				
P. M. Stone	1 0 7 1	Cullen (D.)					

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th (Home), Won.

v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE

Abingdon School				K.A.S.			
P. M. King, b Wyatt	14	Harrison, b I. J. M. Jamieson	8				
Beattie, lbw, b Harrison	31	Harris, b Barrett	1				
I. J. M. Jamieson, c Fox,		Oliver, lbw,					
b Harrison	4	b I. J. M. Jamieson	2				
Cullen (D.), c Goodchild,		Procter, c & b Barrett	0				
b Harrison	5	Fox, c Sims, b Barrett	2				
Weston, b Harrison	20	Wyatt, lbw,					
Cullen (M.), c Procter,		b I. J. M. Jamieson	1				
b Harris	1	Reason, b I. J. M. Jamieson	2				
Sims, c Bartlett, b Harris	46	Bartlett, b Barrett	2				
Jakeman, run out	15	Ricks, c Sims,	2				
Lewington, c Harris,		b I. J. M. Jamieson	2				
b Wyatt	1	Hart, lbw, b Barrett	0				
Budden, not out	2	Goodchild, not out	0				
Barrett, c Hart, b Wyatt	0						
Extras	6	Extras	3				
Total	145	Total	23				
	O M R W		O M R W				
Harrison	17 4 45 4	I. J. M. Jamieson	9 1 2 13 5				
Wyatt	10 5 1 41 3	son	9 5 7 5				
Harris	10 2 29 2	Barrett					
Reason	1 0 24 0						

After the match 1st XI Colours were awarded to
K. J. Weston, G. Barrett, and M. J. Cullen.

A.S.C.C. 1st XI AVERAGES, 1945

		BATTING				
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No.	Name	Inns.	N.O.	Runs.	H.S.	Ave
1.	I. J. M. Jamieson	11	0	211	66	19.1
2.	K. J. Weston	11	2	151	46*	16.7
3.	P. M. King	11	1	160	55*	16.0
4.	Beattie	9	3	88	31	14.6
5.	Jakeman	10	1	93	24*	10.3
6.	Cullen (D.)	11	0	113	21	10.2
7.	Sims	11	0	82	46	7.4
8.	M. J. Cullen	11	1	68	34	6.8
9.	Lewington	9	0	49	19	5.4
10.	G. Barrett	10	0	35	20	3.5
* Not out.						
		ALSO BATTED				
1.	Budden	8	4	60	17	15.0
2.	Walters i	1	0	4	4	4.0
		BOWLING				
No.	Name	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave
1.	G. Barrett	82.3	19	152	25	6.0
2.	I. J. M. Jamieson	103.2	25	235	36	6.5
3.	M. J. Cullen	66	15	165	19	8.6
		ALSO BOWLED				
1.	Cullen (D.)	12	3	37	6	6.16
2.	K. J. Weston	2	0	17	1	17.0
3.	Beattie	15	4	41	0	—

J. T. C.

In January Capt. Gray handed over command of the Contingent to Mr. Duxbury. Capt. Gray had held command for two full spells, from 1932 to 1939 and from 1941 to the end of last year and the present state of efficiency of the Contingent bears ample witness to what his unflinching hard work and enthusiasm has achieved. During the war-period greatly increased demands have been made upon J.T.C.s in the matter of training and training, and the Physical Training has been reorganized on a sound basis. Thanks largely to Capt. Gray's skill in organizing training, cadets have shown not less, but rather more, interest in the work, and many O.A.s serving in the forces must appreciate what they owe to his efforts. The present C.O. is lucky to take over such a flourishing command and will be well satisfied if it is as efficient when he in turn hands over.

The chief events since the last report have been the Annual Inspection and two Field Days. The Contingent was inspected on May 17th by Major W. R. G. Smith, M.B.E., Assistant Inspector of Training Corps, who declared himself very well pleased with what he had seen of the work. I

particular he congratulated cadets on their attendance at Courses, some twenty-four having attended various Courses during the year.

Full Day Exercises were held on February 28th at Blewbury Downs and on May 23rd in the Old Manal—Marcham area. In each case Section training of various kinds occupied the mornings, with a platoon engagement in the afternoon. The weather was fair on both days, and Leaders gained some useful experience.

On May 22nd and 29th Sthn. Cmd. Travelling Wing visited us again and gave the Junior N.C.O.s useful lessons in Instruction Method.

Courses attended during Christmas and Easter holidays have been more varied than usual. Three cadets attended Advanced P.T. Courses at Aldershot, and Cpl. White, M.D., and L.-Cpl. Lewis are to be congratulated on securing their 'Crossed Swords.' Six attended P.T. Courses at Salisbury, seven a Fieldcraft and Tactics Course

Bournemouth, while Sgt. King and Cpl. Lewington did a week's attachment with an A.C. Training Regt. at Catterick. All seem to have enjoyed, as well as profited by, this voluntary sacrifice of part of the holidays.

Finally we offer our thanks and appreciation to Sgt. Wiblin for his valuable assistance with Weapon Training and Shooting, and to Sgt. Green 1 and Cpl. Lewington for their good work at the Armouries.

The following were successful in the Cert. 'A' examinations:

March, Part II: Beattie, Betterton 2, Cullen 2, Lewis, Lawrence, Odell, Penny, Platnauer, Sanders, Sims, Waterfall. Part I: Barrett 2, Harper, Little, McNaughton, Pask 2, Willis.

June, Part II: Betterton 1, Cullen 3, Green 4, Jones, Moore 1, Newport, Pulford, Vickers 1, Weston. Part I: Ball, Clay, Ogden, Shaw, Tomlin, Wake, Wheaton.

PROMOTIONS (Mar. 7, 1945): To be Cpls.—Mieson 1, Whitfield. To be L.-Cpls.: Lewis, Sanders, Sims, Betterton 2, Odell. (Mar. 13th): To be L.-Cpls.—Beattie, Lawrence, Platnauer, Penny, Waterfall, Cullen 2. (June 21st): To be L.-Cpls.—Betterton 1, Cullen 3, Vickers 1, Weston.

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Left Christmas, 1944

VIth Form. G. H. S. Jordan (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1944. O.S.C., 1944. 3rd XV Rugger, 1944. A.T.C. J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' 1944, L.-Cpl. R. S. Barnes (1941, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1944. O.S.C., 1944. Full Athletic Colours, 1944. 3rd IV, 1944. J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' pt. i, 1943. A.T.C. A.S.P.R.S.

G. W. Dodge (1938, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1944. 1st IV Cox, 1943-4; Colours, 1943. J.T.C., Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1944. A.S.P.R.S.

P. Mingard (1941, iii). O.S.C., 1944. 2nd XV, 1944. J.T.C., L.-Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1944.

I. N. Kimbrey (1940, iii). O.S.C., 1944. J.T.C., Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1944. 2nd XV Rugger, 1944.

IVth Form. K. N. Hume (1942, iii). J.T.C. J. H. Nelson (1938, iii). J.T.C. 3rd XV Rugger, 1944.

P. A. Dexter (1941, i). J.T.C.

Remove Form. K. K. E. Chandler (1941, i). A. N. Strong (1941, ii).

IIInd Form. J. F. Green 3 (1942, ii).

J. V. Bryant (1944, iii).

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

Left Easter, 1945

VIth Form. K. R. Dudley (1939, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1944. O.S.C., 1943. 2nd XV Rugger, 1943-4; 2nd XV Colours, 1944. 1st XI Cricket, 1943-4; 2nd XI Colours, 1943. 1st Hockey, 1944-5; Half Colours, 1944. A.S.L.S.D.S.

W. G. Pask (1940, iii). Sub-Prefect, 1944. O.S.C., 1944. 3rd XV, 1944. J.T.C., Cert. 'A' (pt. i), 1944. A.S.L.S.D.S.

R. C. Odell (1940, iii). O.S.C., 1944. 3rd XV Rugger, 1944. 2nd XI Hockey, 1945. J.T.C., L.-Cpl., Cert 'A,' 1945.

Vth Form. R. J. Badman (1939, ii). J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' 1944, Cpl.

H. J. F. King 3 (1941, i). 2nd XV Rugger, 1944; 2nd XV Colours, 1944. 2nd XI Cricket, 1944. 1st XI Hockey, 1944-5; Half Colours, 1945.

S. J. Harper (1942, iii). J.T.C., Cert 'A,' (pt. i), 1944. 3rd XV Rugger, 1944. A.S.P.R.S.

P. Lay (1939, ii). 2nd XV Rugger, 1943. J.T.C., Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1944.

D. J. Penny (1938, iii). 1st XV Rugger, 1944; 2nd Colours, 1944. 2nd XI Cricket, 1944. 2nd XI Hockey, 1945. A.T.C. J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' 1945.

IVth Form. E. P. Bastin 1 (1942, i). 3rd XV Rugger, 1944. J.T.C., Cert. 'A,' (pt. i), 1943. A.T.C. A.S.P.R.S. A.S.L.S.D.S.

IIInd Form. R. Whittall (1944, iii).

Ist Form. P. Stroud-Viney (1944, iii).

Left June, 1945

VIth Form. M. D. Waterfall (1942, ii). School Prefect. O.S.C., 1943. 1st IV, 1945; 1st Rowing Colours, 1945. 2nd XV Rugger, 1944. 2nd XI Cricket, 1943, 1945. J.T.C., L.-Cpl., Cert. 'A,' 1945. A.S.P.R.S. A.S.L.S.D.S.

R. H. Tompsett (1942, iii). School Prefect. O.S.C., 1944. 1st XV Rugger, 1943-4; 1st Rugger Colours, 1944. 2nd IV, 1944. 2nd Rowing Colours, 1944. J.T.C., Sgt., Cert. 'A,' 1944. First Class Shot. A.S.P.R.S. A.S.L.S.D.S.

Salvete

Came January, 1945

IIInd Form. B. H. Islip, P. H. Frearson.

Ist Form. D. R. Ellis, M. G. Rhodes, G. F. Round.

Came April, 1945

Remove Form. C. A. Bycroft, R. F. Hamer.

IIInd Form. G. E. Holford, J. R. W. Ireland.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

In abeyance since 1942, a General Meeting of the Society was held on January 17, 1945.

T. W. Green was elected Hon. Sec., and P. M. King, Hon. Treas.

The plays read during the Easter Term were 'Nothing but the Truth,' which was a great success; 'Berkeley Square,' which was thought a little too dull for the members of the Society; while the 'Thirteenth Chair' was considered rather incredible and vague.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. B. E. Alston, who enabled this welcome return, and it is hoped that the Society will continue its activities in future years.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, AND DEBATING SOCIETY

After being in abeyance since March, 1939, the Society was revived on January 21, 1945. The officers are as follows—*President*: The Headmaster; *Vice-Presidents*: Mr. E. J. P. Ross, Barker, Mr. J. Y. Ingham; *Hon. Treas.*: T. Warren-Green; *Hon. Sec.*: M. J. Cullen. Membership now totals thirty-seven.

A number of lively debates have been held and a large proportion of members have spoken at each of them. The subjects debated were as follows:

(i) 'That after the war Germany should be treated as she has treated other countries.' Result: Lost by 10 votes to 11.

(ii) 'That Capital Punishment ought to be abolished.' Result: Lost by 3 votes to 18.

(iii) 'That the "Colour Bar" is a necessary evil.' Result: Lost by 4 votes to 13.

(iv) 'That Education should be entirely free.' Result: Won by 7 votes to 6.

It is hoped that the Society will be successful in carrying on in future sessions.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the recent presentations to the Library. Through the generosity of J. B. Reeves, O.A., we have purchased *The Middle East, a Study in Air Power*, by Philip Guedalla; *The Years of Victory*, by Arthur Bryant; *English Social History*, by Trevelyan; *A Short History of India*, by Moreland and Chatterjee; *Speaking to My Country*, by Jan Masaryk; *U.S.S.R.*, by Walter Duranty; *The Boys' Grammar School*, by Davies; *An Outline History of Painting*, by Kaines Smith; and *From Virgil to Milton* by Bowra.

J. L. Taylor, O.A., kindly presented a number of classical books to the Library.

Other additions have been *The Romans in Britain*, *British Photographers*, and *The Londoners*. Also numerous books have been added to the History section.

The Library has been fairly well patronized this year and the librarians would like to thank the borrowers for their increased care in recording withdrawals and returns.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Rag Concert

Compère—M. J. Cullen.

Held on the last night of the Christmas term, the concert was as usual a great success.

The programme opened with a sketch entitled 'Oothache,' acted by J. R. B. Williams, M. J. Cullen, R. B. Langford, P. R. Brown, P. R. Lucas, B. Evans, A. F. Bastin, which proved quite an edifiable start.

Then followed 'The Bride,' with R. J. Pezaro, A. Dexter, M. J. J. Newport, S. J. Harper, L. Chase, R. M. Reed, which also gained a good deal of applause.

The members of Waste Court House acted a drama entitled 'Gasmasks,' which despite the somewhat high pitched voices of the actors was quite effective.

Next came 'Shivering Shocks,' the familiar tale of the foreign agent and the English prospector's formula, by C. S. Cullen, W. S. Ogden, A. Bastin, J. B. Aldiss, N. C. F. Badley, J. L. Attnauer.

An intruder, T. W. Green, found his way in out of the curtain, in outlandish garb, to recite a myth, which was well received.

Here followed 'Whose Body,' the Fifth Form's attempt at drama, a very pleasant change to a scene in a hotel bar, by M. D. White, J. T. Moore, Wake, D. M. Cullen, A. J. Sansom.

Last came a comedy by members of the Sixth Form—'Café de Lucks,' in which most of the food landed on the floor, and manners were appalling, especially those of the waiter—T. W. Green, with P. M. King, C. F. Trevor, A. N. Jones, R. H. Tompsett, G. W. Dodge.

So yet another Concert ended amid roof-raising cheers.

MUSIC RECITAL

FLT.-LIEUT. G. HOLDOM

On May 19th, we again had the pleasure of listening to a song recital by Flt.-Lieut. G. Holdom, kindly arranged by Mr. Ingham. This time he gave us a very catholic selection of English songs of the ballad and lyric variety,

ranging from Elizabethan times to the present—from Dekker, Purcell, to such modern writers as Vaughan Williams and Roger Quilter.

Partnered by Mr. Ingham at the piano, Flt.-Lieut. Holdom's interpretation and artistry were of the highest order. His concluding item was the popular 'Shortnin' Bread,' and the audience showed that since last year they had not forgotten how to sing the chorus.

The programme was as follows:

ELIZABETHAN

'My complaining is but feigning'
'Golden Slumbers'

Robert Jones.
Thomas Dekker.

17TH CENTURY

'What shall I do to show how much I love her?'
'I attempt from love's sickness to fly'

both by Purcell.

18TH CENTURY

'The Beggar's Song'
'Drink to Me Only'
'Come, let's be merry'

Leveridge.
R. Quilter

19TH CENTURY

'To Anthea'

Hatton.

MORE OR LESS CONTEMPORARY

'The Owl and Pussy Cat'
'Sea Fever' (J. Massfield)
'Henry King,' from Belloc's 'Cautionary Tales'

Hely Hutchinson.
Ireland.

Liza Lehmann.
Stanford.

'Trottin' to the fair'

Vaughan Williams.
Dorothy Howell.
Sterndale Bennett.

'Linden Lea'

'Two Frogs'

Six Silly Songs

'Shortnin' Bread'

CHAMBER MUSIC

Mrs. Gotch's chamber music party introduced to us a new singer—Miss Guillaume. She has a pleasing voice which is especially sweet and unforced in the upper register, and her contributions to the programme were much enjoyed. Her two groups of songs were well contrasted, the first being early English and the latter nineteenth-century German. Schubert's 'Trout' is a captivating song with piquant accompaniment so subtly suited, as is often the case with this composer, to the words. The Brahms' serenade—'The Vain Request'—is immediately attractive, and was repeated by request.

It was good to hear a complete Beethoven sonata, and no better choice could have been made than the 'Spring' sonata. Particularly pleasing were the humorous scherzo and the flow-

ing last movement, where the returning rondo theme gains in exhilaration till the composer positively 'swings' it.

Mrs. Berenblum made a very acceptable choice in picking Chopin's most popular scherzo for her main piece—an ideal example of romantic music from the composer's mature period. She displayed both the technical proficiency and sympathetic understanding needed for a first-class performance of this work. As an encore Debussy's second arabesque proved an attractive contrast.

PROGRAMME

Violin, Mary Gotch. *Soprano*, Anthea Guillaume.
Piano, Doris Berenblum.

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| 1. Sweet Kate | <i>Elizabethan.</i> |
| Go to bed, sweet nurse | <i>Elizabethan.</i> |
| I sail upon the Dog Star | <i>Purcell.</i> |
| If music be the food of love | <i>Purcell.</i> |
| 2. Sonata in F major (Frühlings) | <i>Beethoven.</i> |
| Allegro, Adagio, Scherzo Rondo. | |
| 3. Who is Sylvia? | <i>Schubert.</i> |
| The Trout | <i>Schubert.</i> |
| Serenade | <i>Brahms.</i> |
| 4. Scherzo in B flat minor | <i>Chopin.</i> |
| 5. Four movements from the Water Music | <i>Handel.</i> |
| Aria, Minuet, Bourrée, Hornpipe. | |
| God Save the King. | |

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

June, 1945.

To the Editor of the *Abingdonian*.

SIR,

P. M. McLeod went down on the completion of his six months' course and is now in the R.A.F. Thus only two O.A.s are in residence—S. Taglicht of King's (2nd year Classics) who has just covered himself with glory by winning a university scholarship for Classics, and R. H. S. Lesser of Christ's (first year Natural Science) who is an active participant in inter-College chess.

Hectic is the life of a student when exams. are approaching: with ice on forehead and cup of black coffee in hand he tries frantically to cram a year's work into a matter of weeks.

In this atmosphere V.E. Day had a mixed reception, most people easing off but feeling too conscientious to stop altogether. There was a certain amount of studential wildness, but this did not, however, approach the scale of that

notorious but greatly overrated 'Rag' of November 5th last. It may be conveniently mentioned that O.A.s were not concerned on that occasion. We look forward to the future, confident that some demobilized Sixth Formers will soon be with us.

Your Cambridge Correspondent.

OXFORD LETTER.

June, 1945.

To the Editor of the *Abingdonian*

DEAR SIR,

Now that the war is half won Oxford is beginning to lose some of its war-time residents, an event to be received with mixed feelings. Most people will no doubt be glad to see the departure of the various ministries, but the return to London of the Slade School of Art and Westfield Ladies' College will be the cause of many undergraduate broken hearts. At the moment there are five O.A.s up here, if it is possible to include Mr. Davidge of Keble who is Senior Proctor for the year. Of the three at Pembroke, M. F. C. Brook suffers from that lethargic manner which goes with enthusiasm for the Common Wealth party; D. E. P. Jones divides his time between the Anatomy Department and punt pole acrobatics on the Isis; whilst the very mention of the word 'music' to R. S. Barnes is enough to send him into a long discussion on the intricacies of church organ mechanism. K. R. Dudley, who has come up to New College this term as a marine cadet, completes the party. In conclusion we would like to express our hope that the many Oxford O.A.s who are in the forces will soon return to the delights of an 'Oxford' summer.

I remain, Sir,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The main activity of the Club was again in the sporting field. In the Christmas holidays owing to the inclemency of the weather only one soccer match was played, against the Oxford Boys' Brigade, resulting in a defeat of 2-5.

A Hockey XI was formed in the Easter holidays and four matches were played. All of these were

on our opponents' grounds, the transport problem being solved by cycling—punctures, etc., were all overcome, even in the journey to Didcot. The regular players were P. M. King, B. C. Jakeman, J. M. Jamieson, A. J. Betterton, D. Beattie, J. Hayter, P. R. Betterton, G. Barrett, K. J. Weston, and A. J. Walters.

The results were as follows:

- v. M.O.S. (Didcot). Won, 5-0.
- v. M.G. (Abingdon). Won, 3-2.
- v. R.A.F. (Abingdon). Lost, 0-6.
- v. M.G. (Abingdon). Won, 2-1.

A party of ten members went to the Theatre at Oxford in the Easter vacation to see 'Pink String and Sealing Wax' by Roland Pertwee. Very one thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Club was also represented at the Christmas Carol Service where some dozen or so contributed carol, which they sang in unison to the accompaniment of a string quartet conducted by Flt.-Lieut. Gordon Holdom. Members also attended Youth Services and Socials in January and April.

In the coming holidays the Club intend to defend the Brooks Challenge Cup in addition to laying other cricket matches.

'FOUR MEN IN A BOAT (TO SAY NOTHING OF THE COX!)

When fields were snow-covered and boats ice-bound, four hardened boatmen dreamt of a 'Rowing Holiday.' And so one March morning we waved to a crowded train and wound our way riverwards where 'Thomas Tesdale,' our bearer, lay ready. We launched him—losing our stretcher screws and other spares in the river!—and set off.

In spite of the omen we reached Benson peaceably. But—the Yanks had invaded the Thames! As we went round a bend, borne on by a swift current, we faced towards a tangle of wire cables which the Yanks appeared to be trying to turn into a bridge (unsuccessfully!). Inexperienced in the gentle art of floating rapids in a light four, we quickly became stranded on (fatal!) amid the delighted cheers of

cigar-smoking, gum-chewing 'G.I.s.' After half an hour's shouting on both sides, these kind gentlemen saw fit to rescue us in assault boats. And so with water-soaked kit and in the last stages of hunger we reached Wallingford and lunch. After another long pull we reached our resting place for the night.

Next day we started from our lodging (the 'S—n,' Pangbourne) and began the long pull through Reading till we reached Henley, which 'Three' had assured us had been 'just round the corner' for the last ten miles! At Henley we refreshed ourselves at the famous 'A—I' where we were served by 'James,' who spun us a publicity yarn about our sitting at the same table at which the Oxford crew sat the night before this year's 'Boatrace,' and about how he had spoiled their chances by serving them with Scotch Ale! He also demanded our autographs 'jus' for ole time's sake, like,' because he saw that we were 'gen'lemen o' the ole school, like, see?'

That afternoon we rowed on till once again 'Three' assured us Maidenhead was 'just round the next bend.' We reached Cookham only to find the lock-keeper ill, and we were calmly invited to lug the four over on rollers! Undaunted we did it, but on the other side 'Stroke' took such a liking to the bilge in the bottom of the boat that he took a header into it! But we reached Maidenhead and half our journey was done.

Of the two nights and a day at Maidenhead little is known except the overwhelming hospitality of our host and hostess. The next day's journey was long and 'Cox,' out of goodness of heart, thought that the weary crew would like to see the sights of a long and weedy backwater so that an extra mile or two was added exploring this; the remarks of the crew cannot be published!

Starting late the next day and stopping frequently for refreshment we again reached Wallingford and the Yanks, but after a little judicious voice-work by 'Stroke' (who is well qualified) the bridges were rendered passable. After two deserted locks, home at last was reached, only to discover that 'Stroke' had lost the Boathouse key. This entailed delay, while 'Stroke' was roundly cursed.

Nevertheless, appetites were as undaunted as spirits, but if you ever ask any member of the crew to go on a 'Rowing Holiday' don't be surprised if you receive a rude answer!

O.A. NOTES

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Births

BOYD—June 8, 1945, to Helen, wife of G. A. R. Boyd (1931), 114 Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, a son (David Richard).

BURKE-GILL—March 8, 1945, to Patience, wife of Denys Burke-Gill, a daughter (Bridget).

BURY—November 24, 1944, to Mary, wife of John Bury (1937) of Stanton Harcourt, a son.

PLUMMER—January 23, 1945, at Glasgow to Betty, wife of Flt.-Lieut. S. D. Plummer (1931), a daughter (Elizabeth Anne).

STILES—January 24, 1945, at 7 Lloyd Road, Hove, to Eileen, wife of Major H. S. D. Stiles, R.A. (1923), a daughter.

Marriages

ALDWINKLE-AIKENHEAD.—November 4, 1944, at Brucefield, Ontario, Yeoman Henry Aldwinckle (1930), of Varna, Ontario, to Anna Aikenhead.

BRUCE-DISNEY.—January 11, 1945, in London, Flt.-Lt. Sir Michael Bruce, Bt., R.A.F. (1910), to Anne Disney, W.R.N.S.

JAMES-LANE.—April 2, 1945, at Marchington, Cpl. George James, R.A.F. (1937), to Beryl Lane.

SNELL-JOHNSON.—December 23, 1944, at Iffley Church, Oxford, F.-O. R. W. Snell A.S.A.A., R.A.F.V.R. (T.), (1923), to Nora Mary Johnson, of Cumnor, Berks.

MILLS-HESTER.—June 23, 1945, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, John S. T. Mills (1938), Spring Terrace, Abingdon, to Beryl Hester of Sunningwell Road, Abingdon.

WOOD-SPENCER.—On March 3, 1945, Pete Russell Wood (1935), Major, Royal Tank Regiment, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wood of Stanmore, Middlesex, to Cynthia, young daughter of Major and Mrs. H. J. Spencer, of Timulgherry, Deccan, India.

Deaths

LAY.—January 26, 1945, at Hanslope, Bletchley, William Francis Lay, aged 66 years.

W. F. Lay came to the school in 1892 and left in 1895. He was a good athlete and played for the 1st Cricket XI and 1st Football XI. After leaving school he worked for a number of years in the Town Clerk's Office, Abingdon.

PAYNE.—We greatly regret that no notice was published in *The Abingdonian* of the death of C. A. W. Payne (1898), which occurred in May 1944. He was the eldest and the last survivor of the three brothers (C.A.W., H.J.A., and A.S.B.)—the sons of the late Mr. and Mr. W. G. Payne of Conduit Road, Abingdon. Both as boy and Old Boy he was prominent in all branches of athletics, and a familiar figure at the school until in due course he went out to India in the service of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. He married in 1912 and had one son, who entered the Royal Navy via Dartmouth. Since his retirement he had lived at Burcote, near Abingdon where his wife survives him.

VEYSEY.—January 17, 1945, after an operation John Waldegrave Veysey, of the Retreat, Crowborough, aged 74.

J. W. Veysey was a boarder at the school from

1886 to 1889. He was a member of the School Owing Four. He won the Abingdon Scholarship at Pembroke College in 1889. He rowed in the Pembroke boat in the Eights and at Henley. He was famous for his musical skill at Abingdon and at Pembroke. After leaving College he became an Inspector of Schools under the Board of Education.

We are glad to learn that H. S. Bartlett (1925) is in better health, and is back at work as an instructor in the London Office of *Cables and Wireless*.

Another O.A. who has been upon the sick list, and indeed has been compelled to spend over two years in hospital since we last heard of him, is J. C. Smith (1931). But we are glad to record that he too has now been able to get back to work, and is at present in the Accounts Department of the Papworth Village Settlement (Sanatorium), near Cambridge. Before this he had been for eight months Accountant at Hampstead General Hospital and, while there, had passed the Intermediate Examination of the Incorporated Association of Hospital Administrators. So he evidently finds hospital work of interest to the mind as well as benefit to the body. We wish him a long continuance of improved health and success in his Final Examinations. His address is—St. Peter's Hostel, Papworth Everard, Cambs.

We heartily congratulate both ourselves and Mr. J. D. Wood (1926) upon his election to the Governing Body of the School.

C. V. Davidge (1919) has been appointed Senior Proctor of Oxford University.

H. S. D. Stiles (1923), Major, R.A., volunteered for Civil Affairs in April, 1944, and has been working in France since June.

M. C. Oughton (1944) is working at Esso House, Abingdon.

Mr. D. V. D. Burke-Gill has been appointed Headmaster of St. Peter's School, Valparaiso, Chile.

C. B. F. Milne (1943) has obtained a commission in the Gordon Highlanders, attached to the 2nd Gurkha Rifles.

M. Ogle (1929) was seconded to the Nigerian Education Dept. from February, 1943, to October, 1944. Commissioned Captain on January 1, 1945, for Civil Affairs in Malaya and is now en route for India for the preparations for Malaya's 'D' Day.

E. R. Leigh Parkin (1941), Western Telegraph Company, is working on an island about 400 miles off the most westerly point of Africa. He spends a lot of his spare time running the staff club cinema chiefly with old silent films and in making wireless sets.

G. S. Moss (1939), Captain 20th Indian Division, writes from Burma where he met Tom Bowditch (1940) recently. He is in one of the Gurkha Battalions.

The following extract was published in the *Sunday Graphic* of June 10th:

'Air Hero of the Arctic.'

'The Arctic wastes of Spitzbergen in 1942 were the scene of a great adventure. A small Allied meteorological party established there to obtain vital weather reports for the North Russian convoys waged a feud against their German "opposite numbers" in another fiord.

'Crews of R.A.F. Coastal Command maintained contact with the party, dropped supplies, evacuated wounded, and also carried out meteorological flights.

'A hero of this adventure was the late Flt.-Lieut. D. E. (Tim) Healy, D.S.O. (1931), of South Wigston, Leicester, who made special reconnaissances.

'One of his flights lasted 27 hours 16 minutes, and it was on this trip that he brought back the information that the expedition was needing help.

'This flight was the first of a remarkable record of four sorties entailing a total distance of 10,000 miles.

'A few weeks later Healy was mortally wounded when his plane was attacked by a Ju. 88 near the Russian coast.'

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

R. S. Barnes has gone up to Pembroke College, Oxford.

G. H. S. Jordan, P. G. Mingard, and J. H. Nelson are working at Esso House, Abingdon.

S. J. Harper has joined the Westminster Technical Institute.

P. Lay is working at the Pye Wireless Works, Cambridge.

D. J. Penny is learning the Corn and Agricultural business.

K. R. Dudley, R.N., University course at New College, Oxford.

Visitors.—S. D. Plummer (1931), A. C. Randle (1941), J. A. D. Cox (1941), P. B. Keys (1943), R. S. Barnes (1944), P. G. Mingard (1944), J. H. Nelson (1944), C. Calvert Fisher (1944), L. L. Lacey Johnson (1944), P. Carter (1941), A. L. Leigh (1941), G. L. Jones (1943), J. G. Calvert Fisher (1940), H. B. Bailey (1939), J. R. Andrew (1939), R. Hedger (1940), G. E. T. Trudgian (1942), K. R. Sims (1943), A. C. Dean (1940), M. F. C. Brook (1944), P. H. Harris (1943), J. W. Morland (1917), V. A. Harfield (1937), P. H. Gould (1933), J. D. Wood (1926), J. M. Wood (1938), J. W. Rayson (1942), E. G. Langford (1928), J. N. Paige (1938), M. C. Oughton (1944), G. W. Dodge (1944), P. S. A. Scott (1943), G. H. S. Jordan (1944), N. J. Holmes (1938), R. A. Langford (1929), M. G. Beadle (1944), J. O. Bury (1937), D. E. P. Jones (1944), R. H. S. Lesser (1944), Rev. A. W. Stevens (1900).

Letters, etc., from abroad.—J. H. Hill (1939), K. Prior (1933), G. S. Moss (1939), J. C. Petty (1941), R. C. Howell (1942), M. Thomas (1932), D. G. Brown (1935), A. L. Leigh (1941), P. W. Martin (Staff), D. A. Culmer (1939), P. E. Wagstaff (1930), R. Hedger (1940), W. D. Richardson (1942), C. B. F. Milne (1943), E. F. Parks (1933), L. G. Cather (1936), S. J. Lansdown (1931), G. L. Logan (1939), R. L. C. Footitt (1923), J. L. Taylor (1943), H. S. D. Stiles (1923), W. F. Wiseman (1929), D. O. Willis (Staff), E. R. Leigh Parkin (1941), P. R. Wood (1935), W. R. A. Kettle (1930).

WAR NEWS

Killed on Active Service

ADAMS.—Arthur Robert Mervyn (1935), Captain R.A. (attached R.A.F.), killed in action in Burma, March, 1945, aged 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams, Mincarlo, Hill Rise, Rickmansworth, Herts.

A. R. M. Adams was a boarder at the school from September, 1930, to July, 1935. He was School Prefect and a good athlete, winning his Rowing Colours and Athletic Colours for the Mile and Half Mile. He played for the 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XI. After leaving school he went to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and won the Sclater Memorial Prize for the R.A. Cadet with the best score at inter-company revolver shooting. He was married and there is son, Robert.

CANTLE.—John Christopher (1942) killed while low flying in South Africa on March 27th.

J. C. Cantle was at the school from April, 1941, to July, 1942. He was a Sub-Prefect and a good athlete. He won his Athletic Colours for the Discus and played for the 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XI. After leaving school he went to Southampton University under the University Air Training Scheme and in 1944 to No. 6 Air School, Transvaal, South Africa.

DOCKERTY.—Bradford William Owen (1939) Sergeant R.A.F., killed on active service, March 1945, aged 21.

B. W. O. Dockerty was a boarder at the school from September, 1935, to July, 1939. He played for the School Hockey XI and the 2nd Cricket XI and 2nd Rugby XV. After leaving school he worked in Lloyds Bank, Piccadilly, London.

ROLL OF SERVICE

(Additions and Corrections)

Andrew, J. R. (1939), P.-O. R.N.
 Anag, P. D. (1940), Army Pay Corps.
 Anag, P. (1943), Pte. 2nd Parachute Regt., I.T.C.
 Brewerton, J. G. (1926), R.A.F.
 Brown, D. G. (1935), Staff Capt. Claims Commission.
 Brown, W. W. (1927), Colonel R.E., D.S.O.
 Burborough, A. J. (1943), R.A.
 Cantell, W. J. (1910), Lieut.-Colonel R.E.
 Coud, D. R. (1933), L.A.C. R.A.A.F.
 Coud, P. H. (1933), Merchant Service.
 Coud, R. C. (1933), F.-O. R.A.F.
 Harris, P. H. (1943), Midshipman R.N.V.R.
 Healy, H. B. (1931), Lt. R.N.V.R.
 Hedger, R. (1940), Major Irish Rifles, M.C.
 Hill, J. A. (1944), R.A.C.
 Jones, G. L. (1943), Midshipman R.N.V.R.
 Kettle, W. R. A. (1930), Major Devon Regt.
 King, A. R. (1944), R.N.
 Macey Johnson, L. L. (1944), L.-Cpl. Hampshire Regt.
 Mangford, E. G. (1928), Lt.-Col. Intelligence Corps.
 Morgan, G. L. (1939), Lt. 2nd Lothian and Border Horse.
 Lucas, W. H. W. (1935), Flt.-Lt. R.A.F., A.F.C.
 Ungghi, H. A. (1939), Major Intelligence Corps.
 McPherson, J. (1933), Lt. 17th (Uganda) K.A.R.
 Mills, A. M. (1939), Flt.-Sgt. R.A.F.
 Milne, C. B. F. (1943), 2nd Lieut. Gordon Highlanders, attached 2nd Gurkha Rifles.
 Morland, J. W. (1917), W.O. 2, A.I.F., Mentioned in Dispatches, P.O.W. May, 1941 to April, 1945.

Moss, G. S. (1939), Captain 45th Ind. Comp. Pl.
 Myall, G. B. C. (1942), Army O.C.T.U.
 Ogle, M. (1929), Captain (Civil Affairs in Malaya).
 Petty, J. C. (1941), Sub.-Lt. R.N.V.R.
 Plummer, S. D. (1931), Flt.-Lieut. R.A.F., D.F.C.
 Ranger, J. (1935), R.I.A.S.C.
 Stacey, C. (1925), Captain, 1st Canadian Army, B.L.A.
 Toogood, J. C. (1928), Major, R.A.S.C.
 Viney, J. M. (1935), W.-Cmdr. R.A.F., D.S.O., D.F.C.
 Wallace, F. G. (1941), Cpl. Cheshire Regt.
 Wilks, D. O. (1941), R.A.F.
 Wiseman, W. F. (1929), Major R.A.S.C.
 Woolfe, B. R. (1940), R.I.N.V.R.
 Wright, D. C. K. (1927), Captain R.E.

DECORATIONS

Hedger, R. (1940), Major Irish Rifles, M.C.
 Viney, J. M. (1935), W.-Cmdr. R.A.F., D.S.O., D.F.C. 'Wing-Cmdr. Viney,' says the citation, 'has displayed exceptionally fine leadership, the utmost keenness to operate against the enemy, and skill and initiative of a very high order. By his magnificent example he has achieved and maintained a high standard of efficiency and enthusiasm in his squadron.'
 Willis, D. O. (Staff), Captain R.A. Mentioned in Dispatches.
 Morland, J. W. (1917), W.O. 2, A.I.F. Mentioned in Dispatches.

We are pleased to hear that the following Prisoners of War have been repatriated: A. L. Shepherd (1935), J. M. Wood (1938), J. W. Morland (1917), A. C. Rogers (1935), A. L. Fleet (1934).

H. B. Healy (1931), Lieut. R.N.V.R., sends the following account of the attack on Rangoon.

RANGOON

Rumours that we should shortly be required for an operation were prevalent for several days before the 'buzz' was confirmed. In fact we had almost forgotten about it, and were quietly proceeding with our refit, in an Indian port, after our long passage from England. 'You've got to be ready within six days,' said the Squadron Commander, 'to sail for an unknown destination.' And when the Old Man made a statement as emphatic as that we knew trouble was brewing!

Of course many were the theories and guesses as to the 'unknown destination' as we sailed on this new adventure. But the consensus of opinion was for Rangoon. At the time the 14th Army were racing down the railway north of Rangoon, if you remember, but daily were meeting tougher resistance as the Jap lines of communication shortened and his reserves were desperately brought into the struggle. It was pretty obvious that a successful landing in the enemy's rear would mean the end for him. And not only in the particular area, but the end of the Burma campaign if Rangoon fell.

A few days later, after a calm passage through hot peaceful seas, cool clear nights with their star-filled heavens dominated by the gleaming Southern Cross on one horizon, and the sweep of the Plough on the other, we sailed into a Burmese Chaung. These creeks with their mangrove infested swamps fringing the foreshore, riddle the Burma coastline. This particular one in which a naval task force swung at anchor, had recently been taken from the Jap with hardly a struggle. But he had left a small guerilla force behind to harass us with snipers; an easy job in these swampy shores.

Our particular anchorage lay in a tiny creek off the main Chaung where we had trouble with a heavy four knot stream that made navigation tricky and tiring.

We lay here for a week making final preparations, storing ship, fuelling, and attending briefings where our Rangoon guesses were confirmed.

The whole operation was a brilliant, impudently planned assault on Rangoon. Rangoon lies twenty or thirty miles up a river which is one of the off-shoots of the Irrawaddy system. This Rangoon river is a fast flowing stream of liquid mud, full of sandbanks, shoals, mines laid by ourselves, with a few odd boom or two planted by the Japs to increase the fun!

Our Intelligence knew the positions of guns around Elephant Point on the west bank and suspected the presence of others on the east bank. These guns commanded the only two channels between the sandbanks and shoals. The western channel passed close to the bank, but was fairly wide and straight; the eastern, however, was a tortuous route weaving between these treacherous shoals and shifting sands. Both channels were to be used.

The general plan was to eliminate the guns around Elephant Point by dropping native troops from planes on D-1, and another batch on D-day to massacre the guns crews. The country is perfectly flat with very few trees, except around native villages, so we knew the guns had no natural cover to protect them. Just to make doubly sure, however, the R.A.F. on D-day were to pound hell out of the gun sites.

The guns eliminated—we hoped—one naval group was to proceed via the western channel to beaches five miles above Elephant Point, while the second assault traversed the tricky eastern route to Kyauktan Chaung, a creek still further up the river. They were to sail into this 200 yard wide inlet and land their troops on the north bank of the Chaung, thus forming the other jaw of the pincers destined to close round Rangoon. This was the group to which my craft was allocated.

(To be continued.)