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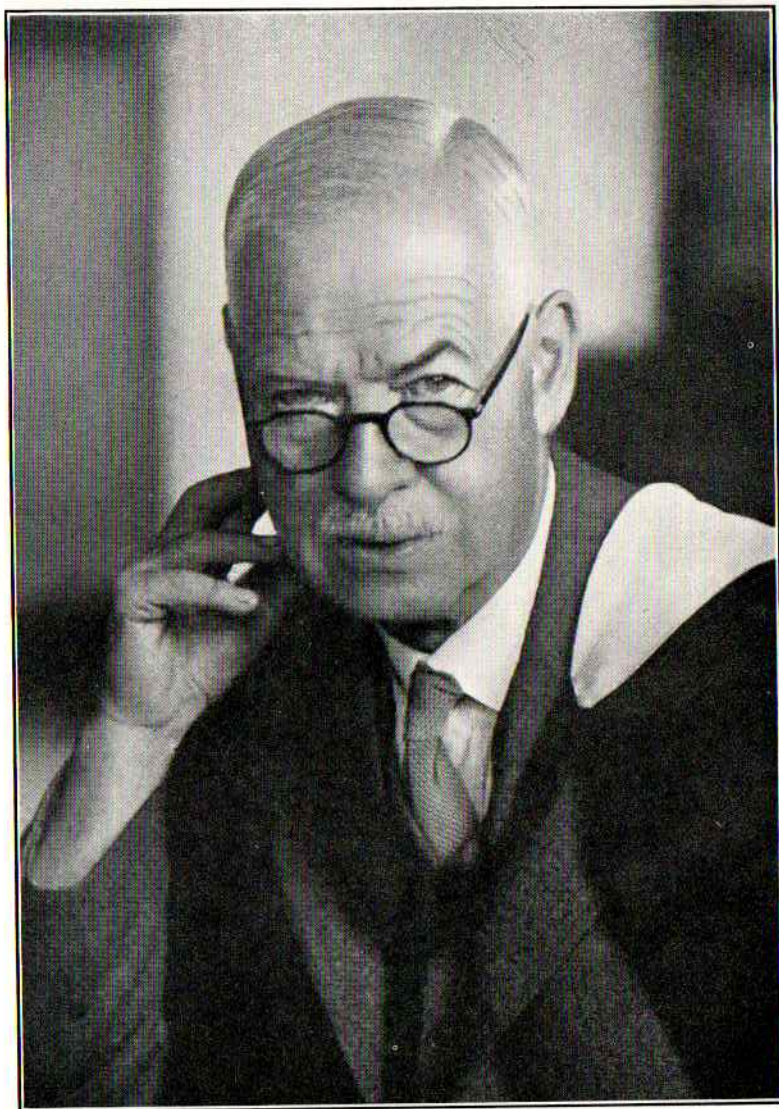
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### W. J. POTTER.

ASSISTANT MASTER—SECOND MASTER—HEADMASTER.  
(1895-1937).

There must be some thousands of Old Roans who will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Potter, which occurred at Worcester, on 27th May. For 42 years he was closely associated with every stage in the developments which the Roan School found it necessary to make in order that it might play its part in the movement towards a national system of secondary education which has been going on since the closing years of the 19th century. It can be truly said that he devoted his life to the service of the School. Appointed by Mr. Ridger, he served also under Mr. Crofts and Mr. Hope. In the transitions which inevitably accompany changes of headmaster he was a steadying influence and it was only fitting that on the death of Mr. Hope the Governors should recognise the value of his services by appointing him to fill the vacancy.

Born in Edinburgh, Potter was educated at Dame Allan's Endowed School, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He then came to London and after a course at the Chelsea Pupil Teachers' Centre he proceeded to Cambridge and was one of the first students at the newly-established Day Training College and a member of the Fitzwilliam Hall. He took the Natural Science Tripos and was appointed to the Roan School in November, 1895. On the death of Mr. Baron in 1900 he became second master, a position he held for 30 years.

At this period there was a very strong movement for the extension of science teaching in secondary schools and the Roan School became what was known as an Organised Science School. This involved a reorganisation of the curriculum and the provision



of additional equipment, and Potter's scientific training pointed to him as the man best fitted to carry out the work. The School then began to develop a strong scientific bias which has almost become a tradition and the succession of students who have proceeded to distinguished careers at the Imperial College and other Colleges of London University is the best evidence of the soundness of the foundations he laid.

His favourite branch was Chemistry, and he taught this with a vigour and enthusiasm which never wearied. There was nothing static in his teaching methods. Original, and often unorthodox, he succeeded in arousing in his pupils the keenness which he himself felt. He was also very interested in the reform of the teaching of mathematics, especially of geometry, and his experiments in this direction were embodied in his book *Concurrent Geometry*, which, although perhaps now a little out of date, marked a step in the progress from the old "Euclid" to modern ideas on the teaching of Geometry. He was not a narrow specialist; his tastes were catholic. He drew up a syllabus for Religious Instruction in the School and took part in the teaching of it and for some years he taught the Senior Latin set.

But his interests were not confined to the classroom. He believed in the education of the whole boy. An active sportsman himself, in his younger days a footballer and oarsman and later a more than average golfer, he realised the importance of the training of the body and he worked for the provision of facilities for physical education in its widest sense. When the Governors bought Harrowfield, he took charge of the ground and devoted much of his time to its maintenance, improvement and extension. His desire was that every boy should make the fullest possible use of it and when he became headmaster he put into operation a scheme by which each boy spent at least one afternoon a week on the field. One of his last efforts was the planning and construction of two hard courts. The school field became a worthy setting for the War Memorial Pavilion, the provision of which was again largely due to Potter's organisation and persistence.

Nowhere was the success of his work shown better than in his relations with his old pupils. The real pleasure which they showed in meeting him, the combination of respect and affection with which he was invariably greeted were alike evidence of their appreciation of his qualities both as a man and a schoolmaster. And the pleasure was mutual. He was never happier than in a gathering of Old Boys, and the fostering care which he gave to the Old Roan Association in its early years started it on the road to the flourishing society which it has now become.

Alike as second master and headmaster, his relations with his colleagues were of the happiest. Expecting every man to give his best he did his utmost to make conditions of work as pleasant as possible. His advice and support were always at their disposal and he was sympathetic and helpful towards the difficulties of the younger members of the staff. His attitude towards discipline was expressed in his favourite phrase "freedom with self-restraint" and the excellent tone of the school showed the soundness of his judgment. More and more did he come to regard the school as a family, and it was a happy family. He took a personal interest in every boy, and many of them had cause to be grateful for a helping hand both in and out of school.

When he retired in 1937, there seemed every chance of his enjoying many years of well-earned leisure. But it was not to be. When the attacks on London began he was bombed out of his home at Blackheath and went to live with his son at Worcester. His health began to give way, and in the spring of this year it was found that his heart was in a serious condition. He grew steadily weaker and died peacefully on 27th May.

No man ever gave better service to the Roan School, and his name will have an honoured place in its history. His reward lies in the grateful affection of many generations of Roan boys whose service to their fellows has been better for his influence.

G. R. P.

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There is no doubt that the Roan School possesses an individuality or personality which distinguishes it from many other secondary schools. It is difficult to define in precise terms what we mean by individuality as applied to a school, but its existence is evident to all who are associated with the school. It manifests itself in the happy relations which exist between Governors, staff, boys, Old Roans, and parents. It is exemplified by the attitude which the school takes towards any difficulties which it may encounter and by the confidence which all who are working in the school feel in its continued success. Such an atmosphere does not come about by accident. It has to be striven for over a long period of years, and we honour the memory of one who worked for forty-two years to build up the traditions which we now hold in such high esteem.

I had not the privilege of seeing Mr. Potter at work in the Roan School, but I was closely associated with him during my first terms here, when he gave me every possible assistance. I met him frequently in connection with the Old Roan Association, the



Greenwich Rotary Club, the John Roan School Lodge, and at our school functions, and it was clear that he was held in respect, admiration and affection by all who knew him.

By the death of Mr. Potter, the Roan School has lost one who toiled and fought unceasingly for the good of the school. We can best honour his memory by resolving to carry on his good work, for that is the tribute which he would value most.

H. W. G.

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## CALENDAR.

School Athletic Sports. July 16th.

Founders' Day. July 23rd.

Ammanford Sports. July 26th.

Summer Term ends Thursday, July 24th.

Autumn Term begins Tuesday, September 16th.

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Since our last issue both Mr. James and Mr. Melvin have left us temporarily for work in the Ministry of Supply. Mr. Dalzell is joining the R.A.F. at the end of term. Mr. Dew is doing war work as a chemist, and we expect to lose Mr. Witten shortly.

The Editor regrets that he has been compelled for financial reasons to deal drastically with copy sent to him. Much material is held over and will be used later, if possible.

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## TWO YEARS OF EVACUATION.

BY THE HEAD MASTER.

Two years of evacuation, one spent in Sussex and the other in Wales, have taught us many things. We know that we can carry on our School work and maintain it at a high level no matter what difficulties we have to face. The current issue of this Magazine with its detailed descriptions of our many-sided social life shows that we are not allowing our out-of-school activities to diminish. On the contrary, we have added to them by the establishment of our A.T.C. contingent and by the introduction of a farming camp for our senior boys during the summer vacation. The School's strong dramatic tradition has been enhanced by the excellent performance of our team in the London Schools' Eisteddfod. We continue to hold our Annual Prize Distribution, Founders' Day Service, and Athletic Sports.

The Roan School, in common with other Secondary Schools, is supplying its full quota of men for commissions in the R.A.F., the Navy and the Army. We shall soon supply recruits for the new scientific industries which the exigencies of war demand. When peace comes we must look to those who have had the advantage of a Secondary School education to make a new and saner world out of the ruins of the old. When that time comes the Roan School will be there.

Let us forget that rather feeble slogan "We can take it," and in its place say "We can do it."

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## LLANDEBIE.

The work of the three junior forms has continued uneventfully, and the health of the boys has been good in spite of a somewhat trying winter. The attendance has been surprisingly good, reaching an average of 97 per cent. from January to June. The boys continue to take a part in the life of the village.

It would be a great advantage if parents would let us know when they are coming down on a visit. I am always at the Memorial Hall on Saturdays from 9 to 11.30 a.m. to see parents who can only get down at the week-end.

W. W. P.

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## THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

This the 64th Annual Prize Distribution and the second in exile from home was held in the Hall of the Amman Valley County School on 28th of March. Once more we were happy to have our Chairman, Councillor H. W. H. Icough and Mrs. Icough with us, and also the Mayor and Mayoress of Greenwich, Mr. Howard Hayden (L.C.C. Inspector), and Alderman Parry Jones.

### PRIZE AND CERTIFICATE WINNERS.

- SECOND FORM. (*Prizes* Bishop, H. J., Lane, P. E.; (*Certificates*) Edwards, R. J., Daltry, A. G.)
- IIIB FORM. (*Prizes*) Barratt, P. J., Turner, J. E.; (*Certificates*) Purves, P. S., Sealey, E. N., Holland, D. A.)
- IIIA. FORM. (*Prizes*) Hardingham C., Trott, L. J.; (*Certificates*) Earl, J. J., Evans, P. J., Cheeseman, A. R.)



- SHELL B. FORM. (*Prizes*) Castle G. A., Marsh, P. A.; (*Certificates*) Moore, W. G., Heath, P., Bishop, P. J.
- SHELL A. FORM. (*Prizes*) Preston, A. J., Wright, D. W.; (*Certificates*) Bennett, D. A., Young, R. A., Lane, P. J.
- FOURTH FORM. (*Prizes*) Crumplin, P. J.; (*Certificates*) Gill, P. H., Vickers, J. F.
- FOURTH (LATIN). (*Prizes*) Hill, J. B., Harris, D. R.; (*Certificates*) May, R. P., Roberts, C. A., Walker, R. T.
- FOURTH (GERMAN). (*Prizes*) Williams, P., Smith, A. J.; (*Certificates*) Stimpson, C. J., Cherry, K. A., Hewitt, J. M. T.
- REMOVE. (*Prizes*) Owen, R. W., Homewood, D. E.
- REMOVE (LATIN). (*Prizes*) Hales, J. D., Turner, R. C.; (*Certificates*) Richards, J. D., Goodman, S., Rolfe, C. D.
- REMOVE (GERMAN). (*Prizes*) Gilbertson, J., Buckle, R. P.; (*Certificates*) Mortimer, A. F., Bishop, R. E., Davies, N. V.
- FIFTH (MR. KIRBY). (*Examination Prizes*) Howse, E. A., Bolton, L. J., Eldridge, F. C.
- FIFTH (MR. PARKER). "Baron Memorial." White, T. T., Emms, E. T., Bow, L. L.
- SIXTH. Roan Exhibition. Reed, P. A., Wheeler, K. H. "Ridger Memorial." Lusted, E. D. "Hope Memorial." (*Examination Prizes*) Hall R. H., Stickland, C. A.; (*Proficiency*) Whitaker, E. A., Bishop, K. F., Moore, M. D.

## ART.

Cranefield, D. L.

## "THOMPSON MEMORIAL."

Cricket—Lusted, E. D.

Football—Kempton, R. J.

## "TUGWELL MEMORIAL."

Wilson, J. J.

## LONDON UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS CERTIFICATES.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION: Ashfield, B. D., Blackhall, R., Bow, L. L. (M), Bruce, D. M., Dibblin, E. W. (M), EAGLES, H. H., Emms, E. T. (M), Evans, C. K. (M), Hardwick, A. R. (M), Johnson, V. P. (M), Lampard, N. C. (M), Lawrence, E. A. (M), Philpot, W. H. (M), Seymour, J. H. (M), Trew, B., White, T. T. (M), Widdrington, T. A., Gerhold, D. A. (M), Barr, J. G. (M), Bennett, W. H.,

Berry, S. C. (M), Bishop, J. S., Bolton, L. J. (M), Borne, D. F., Brooks, W. H. (M), Collins, J. B. (M), Cousins, H. G. (M), Cranefield, D. L., Dibben, B. J. (M), Eldridge, F. C. (M), Gale, C. T.; Goodwin, P. L. (M), Guy, F. L. (M), Hatcher, P. A. (M), Hill, J. H. (M), Holbrook, N. E. (M), Howse, E. A. (M), Jobbins, A. E. (M), Keating, D. N. (M), Partridge, G. H. (M), Miles, R. E. (M), Roberts, J. S. (M).

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION: Aggett, W. J., Lusted, E. D., Wheeler, K. H., Andrews, P. E., Hall, R. H., Kempton, R. J., Pemberton, A. C., Reed, P. A., Stickland, C. A., Whitaker, E. A.

M=Excused Matriculation.

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## W. A. ALLEN.

With the retirement of Mr. Allen in August, 1940, the school loses another of those masters whose services began during the headmastership of Mr. C. M. Ridger. He came to the school in 1904 and, like practically every master in those days, was at once in charge of a Form. He remained a Form Master until August, 1940, and many hundreds of boys will always affectionately remember "Tubby." His teaching was always characterised by careful preparation, thoroughness in exposition and consistent examination and marking of the work of the Forms he took. His industry was never ceasing.

Some twenty years ago he obtained the Geography Diploma of the University of London (his thesis was on his beloved native county, Norfolk) and undertook the direction of the geography in the school. He brought to this work the same qualities which always marked him and his success in teaching; it was realised and applauded by his colleagues and also by Inspectors of the subject on many occasions.

From his earliest days in the school he took a keen interest in swimming and, in 1927, he had sole charge of it and carried out this with enthusiastic diligence. His work for the O.R.A. as its Treasurer, earned unstinted praise, and he husbanded its resources with great care and always provided the annual meeting with a clear and statesmanlike account of its financial health.

W. W. P.



## L. E. LEE.

Mr. Lee has retired. He joined the staff in January, 1919, and retired rather earlier than he intended on account of ill-health in November, 1940.

In school he was active and conscientious, and inspired the respect, the obedience and the ready co-operation of his class that the good teacher gets. But most boys will prefer to remember him for what he did outside the classroom.

He was a familiar figure in the dinner hour, with his iron cash-box and wooden ticket tray, going into the hall to see that all his planning and ordering and arranging had produced a satisfactory dinner for rows of hungry boys. The staff and their friends will long remember the Sports' Day teas with strawberries and cream.

It isn't long since, in his apparently eternal youthfulness, he refereed the matches on Saturday afternoons.

And in the holidays he ran camps, East, South, West, and, latterly, in his beloved Cumberland. The others have followed, and will follow, him for generations to come, for he was a prime mover in acquiring the Hope Memorial Camp for the school. He has managed it for ten years and, we hope, will guide its destiny for another ten. There, between Bassenthwaite and Derwentwater, beneath the shadow of Kinn, is the holiday ground of numberless Roan boys past and future. These boys have the best reason to remember Mr. Lee.

We wish him a long and happy retirement in the Cumberland he has taught so many to love.



## A DRAMATIC ACHIEVEMENT.

The Roan School and the Old Roans have built up a reputation in the world of dramatics, under the inspired leadership of Mr. Poyser, Mr. Berry, and, latterly, Mr. Witten. Our sojourn in Wales has led us to a new pinnacle of dramatic achievement. We have proved the winners of an Eisteddfod, and a portion of our play has been broadcast—and this at a time when war conditions and other factors had much reduced the available talent.

The Eisteddfod, for London schools evacuated to South Wales, was organised by Mr. Hayden, the L.C.C.'s Inspector. Some thirty schools were concerned, and the list of winners also included our sister foundation: the Roan girls, like ourselves, won the two sections of the contest for which they entered.

Our choice comprised scenes from Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part I" abridged for the occasion, and knit together by a specially-written prologue. The producer was Mr. Berry, who was assisted by the author of the prologue, Mr. Witten. He was further assisted by a band of willing helpers, chief of whom was Mr. Peckham, who, with Mr. Dalzell, was in charge of the costumes and scenery. Our grateful thanks must also be given to those masters' wives who helped in this direction. The greatest credit of all must be given to the actors themselves, most of them inexperienced, who put in so much hard work, and in their performance surpassed our most "wishful" expectations.

Having successfully passed the first round, the play was given its first public performance in a programme at the Ammanford Welfare Hall, organised in aid of the local "War Comforts Fund."

The Eisteddfod itself was held on Thursday, 15th May, at Trinity College, Carmarthen. In addition to Shakespeare, the events included original plays, verse-speaking, mime, singing and folk-dancing. The adjudicators were experts of distinction, the drama being judged by Mr. D. Haydn Davies, Drama Adviser in Wales to the Pilgrim Trust.

The Shakespeare section was perhaps the most closely-contested of all. The runners-up, the Mary Datchelor Girls' School, gave a delightful performance of a scene from "The Taming of the Shrew," and the adjudicator, in awarding our play first place, was to some degree influenced by the fact that it involved a larger cast and a more elaborate setting. The stage available was a very inadequate one, but this did not deter our stage-crew, who had to move their properties, in the Elizabethan manner, under the eye of the audience, while Prologue introduced the next scene.

The outstanding individual performance was that of G. Percival as Falstaff; he showed himself a talented character-actor, making the reprobate old knight come to life for us. The effect was completed by his costume and by Mr. Berry's make-up. A. McGregor brought to the part of Prince Hal the appropriate air of "Hail, fellow, well met!" and this was sustained by G. F. Jones' Poins, a merry cultured rogue, the proper link between Falstaff and the Prince, and one who would stand no nonsense. The rest of the company of the Boar's Head, and the Travellers on Gadshill (notable among whom was P. L. Perry) completed the picture very well. The Prologue was indeed "very notably discharged" by R. E. Turner, who succeeded in the difficult task of getting a sense of fun into his voice; he was the "lion" of the broadcast version.





Players in Shakespeare's "HENRY IV."

That the audience enjoyed the performance was shown by the hearty applause that followed. The producer and cast have received many messages of congratulation, and the Mary Datchelor School has paid Mr. Berry the compliment of inviting him to adjudicate their dramatic festival at Llanelly. The broadcast version—marred though it was by poor recording—was widely enjoyed.

The school also entered the Eisteddfodd contest for Model Stages and Designs for costumes and settings. These were all prepared in conjunction with the production of "Henry IV," and included some admirable work.

The full cast of the play was as follows :—

<i>Prologue</i> .....	R. E. TURNER	<i>Travellers</i> .....	J. D. RICHARDS,
<i>Falstaff</i> .....	G. PERCIVAL		P. L. PERRY, D. R. HARRIS,
<i>Prince Hal</i> .....	A. M. MCGREGOR		and B. J. C. DIBBEN
<i>Poins</i> .....	G. F. JONES	<i>Francis</i> .....	J. J. WILSON
<i>Bardolph</i> .....	D. CRANFIELD	<i>Stage-crew</i> .....	A. E. JOBBINS
<i>Peto</i> .....	J. D. HALES		and K. F. BISHOP
<i>Gadshill</i> .....	A. G. TUGWELL		

J. M.



## CROSS-COUNTRY.

The 1941 races were held over the new courses at Llandebie, which were referred to in our last issue. Both proved very satisfactory courses, and provided races of outstanding interest. It is difficult to compare the results with those of previous years, but the winning performances were at least as good as any seen in recent years, and one feels that the Senior winner would have established a record had he been running over the "home" course.

Both races were held on Saturday mornings, the Junior on 15th March, and the Senior on 22nd March. There was a good turn-out of spectators on both occasions, and it was encouraging to find seven houses competing in the Junior, and six in the Senior.

There were 41 runners in the Junior race. The individual winner was F. N. Lunn (Collingwood), K. Crisp (Nelson) being second, and J. Moore (School) third. The team result was: 1. Rodney—45; 2. Raleigh—47; 3. Wolfe—56.



The Senior race was a triumph for Wolfe, who scored 31 points against Rodney's 37 and Raleigh's 39, and provided the individual winner in their captain, E. J. Hooke. Hooke ran a beautifully-judged race, allowing others to lead until after the water-jump, when he forged ahead.

T. Widdrington, of Raleigh, after making the pace in the first stages, maintained second position, and S. Thew, of Rodney, ran third almost throughout. The running of all these three was brilliant, and had it been possible to arrange fixtures would have been most useful. Other runners who deserve special praise are, O'Donovan, Andrews and, perhaps most of all, B. Williams, who, although younger than the other leaders, finished seventh after a very consistent performance.

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## THE SPORTS.

Training is now in progress for our Sports, to be held on 16th July, and for the Ammanford Sports, on 26th July. A report of both these will appear in our next issue.

S. J. D. M.

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## WAR WEAPONS WEEK—AS I SAW IT.

24th May, which was the opening day of the Ammanford Valley War Weapons Week, saw much excitement in the little town of Ammanford.

Flags were very numerous; the Arcade was like a flagshop itself; several American flags were flying elsewhere.

At 5 p.m., on the opening day, a procession entered Wind Street, via Tiry-Dail Lane, headed by a band and the police. The streets were lined with people, who were stretching their necks and pushing forward. I was in a tall building in College Street facing Wind Street. The policemen were first, marching proudly with chests out. A few of the regular army, who were exceedingly smart, followed them. As they passed I saw many young girls from eighteen to twenty years' old, stretching their necks and standing on tip-toe. Home Guards from all parts of the Amman Valley followed the soldiers; these were smart indeed. The Civil

Defence Services, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, members of the British Legion and the Amman Fire Brigade, were also present in this parade, which was over three-quarters of a mile long. G. Davies, who won the George Medal for gallantry in London, headed the Fire Brigade in an open tourists' car, with his thumbs up.

The procession entered Ammanford Park where, in the bandstand, a Member of Parliament made a speech about War Weapons Week and what it meant to the people of the Amman Valley. Many people were there to listen to the speech, apart from those who were in the parade.

After the speech, I was walking home, when glancing my eye towards Ammanford School, I noticed, that for the first day, £41,000 was announced out of the objective of £75,000.

On the following Tuesday, there was more excitement in the town of Ammanford and the village of Llandebie, for it was Children's Day.

All the school-children of Llandebie were marching, headed by the infants. These were followed by the Roan schoolboys, who go to school here, in the centre. Two drums and a trumpet were making a deafening din. The other Llandebie schools followed the evacuees. Very many of the children held above their heads banners with slogans such as, "Lend to Defend the Right to be Free," and the Ammanford Valley's slogan "Hit Hitler Hard." The procession went up almost every street in Llandebie. Afterwards it entered the Memorial Hall where a Ministry of Information man awaited them with his cinematograph.

In Ammanford, exactly the same thing was happening, only, instead of merely having two drums and a trumpet, the Ammanford Silver Band kept the Ammanford children in step. Many children in Ammanford also carried banners.

On the following day, Wednesday, I saw many excited people outside the Police Station. As I came nearer, I stood on the tip of my toes, strained my neck as high as possible and found, on the board where the War Weapons Week totals are, that the Amman Valley had passed its objective by raising £83,000.

On the last day of War Weapons Week the total had reached £186,000, but at the end of that the final score was announced as £205,626.

When the flags were taken down, every street, especially the Arcade, looked very bare.

D. A. JONES, III A.



## THE SCOUT TROOP.

The Scout Troop started activities again at the end of the Easter Term. None of the old Patrol Leaders are left but the new ones are keen and efficient. We are glad to be able to use the Ebenezer Vestry on Thursday dinner-times for our weekly meeting of an hour's duration. Uniforms are scarce and, as rationing affects uniforms, will not grow more plentiful, but badges, Tenderfoot, Second Class and Proficiency are still obtainable and are being earned.

When the early Scout training is accomplished we are going on to Air Scout subjects so that boys will have some knowledge to their credit if they wish to join the Air Training Corps at 15½-16. With this object in view classes have been arranged for Map Reading, Ambulance and Aircraft Recognition. There are some efficient model planes which fly well, and some Scouts know more of the Morse code than the mere alphabet. There is great rivalry in the Patrol Competition.

I am always especially glad to hear from any Old Roans who have been Scouts or have camped with us at any time.

K. S. B.

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## AIR TRAINING CORPS.

FLIGHT NO. 996 (ROAN) BLACKHEATH.

### Officers.

Mr. T. HOLT. Mr. D. R. RATHBONE.

The following cadets have been posted as non-commissioned officers in each section.

Flight-Sergeant ... .. G. PERCIVAL.

### Section I.

Sergeant ... .. G. F. JONES.

Corporal ... .. B. J. DIBBEN.

### Section II.

Sergeant ... .. W. H. BROOKS.

Corporal ... .. E. T. EMMS.

The school unit of the Air Training Corps was formed in March and the first lectures were held during the Easter holidays. The flight has been divided into two sections, each officer being in charge of a section. Although the unit has aimed at completing 25 hours of instruction by 31st July, many cadets have already reached or passed this total, and the whole unit should be well ahead of schedule by this date, as five hours are devoted to instruction each week. Courses being pursued by cadets, include Navigation, Signals, Aircraft Identification, Anti-Gas, Foot Drill and Physical Training.

On the 28th May, the unit heard a most interesting lecture on "The Work of the Royal Observer Corps," given by Mr. Howard Hayden, the L.C.C. Inspector of Schools.

The flight is greatly indebted to the efforts of Messrs. Parker, Peddie, Berry, Daltry and Mitchell who, together with the Officers, are putting in a great deal of time instructing cadets in the various subjects.

We are also very grateful to Dr. R. MacMillan, who is acting as Hon. Medical Officer.

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## ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

"I take all knowledge to be my province."—BACON.

"Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto."—TERENCE.

### SPRING TERM.

#### Officers.

President ... .. Mr. W. R. LOOSEMORE.

Hon. Treasurer ... .. Mr. G. PERCIVAL.

Hon. Secretary ... .. Mr. G. F. JONES.

#### Committee.

The Officers and Messrs. EMMS and BROOKS.

The Society has lost Mr. James and Mr. Melvin. A small parting gift was presented to Mr. James by the President on 24th January, as a token of gratitude from the members.



The Society has held two informal discussions on "Compulsory Firewatching," and "The Advisability of the A.T.C." Both provided lively argument. In debate, the motion "That newspapers should be abolished in wartime" was defeated by 6 votes to 5. A paper was given by the Hon. Treasurer on "Dance Music," illustrated by gramophone music.

G. F. J.

#### SUMMER TERM.

##### Officers.

<i>President</i> ... ..	Mr. G. PERCIVAL.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i> ... ..	Mr. G. F. JONES.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i> ... ..	Mr. E. T. EMMS.

##### Committee.

The Officers and Messrs. DIBBEN and HOUSE.

The Society has enjoyed a full programme, having held two business meetings, an informal discussion and a debate. The informal discussion "Can Colonisation be Justified?" was a popular subject. The motion "That Public Utilities should be Nationalised" was defeated by 10 votes to 8.

It is hoped that, as usual, a number of extra mural meetings will be held this term, when the Society will visit places of interest and beauty in the district.

E. T. E.



## HOUSE NOTES.

### NELSON.

Nelson has again kept well to the front in all the school activities and our hopes run high.

We produced full teams in both the Junior and Senior Cross-Country Races, coming fourth in both. We congratulate Crisp, who finished second in the Juniors.

We just missed the Football championship owing to having to field a depleted team. The reserve men did their best, but were unable to force a victory.

We are looking forward expectantly to our coming cricket matches and have a favourable chance of success, as we are well represented in the School 1st XI by Williams, Stimpson and Richards. Roberts, House Cricket Captain, has done well in bowling for the School 1st XI.

We are also looking forward to the coming sports, when we hope to afford strong opposition to the other Houses, as all the members of the House show great enthusiasm.

E. E. N.  
D. L. C.

### DRAKE.

The members of Drake House are indebted to Mr. Witten for his services rendered in his capacity as House-Master while the regular masters were at Rye. The progress which the House has made under Mr. Witten's guidance, is plainly exhibited throughout the whole of last term, but was more prominent towards the end of this term.

Up to half-term we have had one cricket match against Grenville. The House began the term very well by defeating Grenville, House batting and bowling well.

The House, at present, contains 32 members, 23 of whom are in the shell forms and above, the remainder residing mainly at Llandebie. The sports are approaching, and the seniors show much promise, especially as regards running and jumping.

Our next cricket match will be in the near future, when Drake will be playing Wolfe in the House Knock-out Competition, and there is no reason to suppose that we shall not be as successful as previously.

W. T. T.  
E. A. H.

### RALEIGH.

In the cross-country we finished second in the Junior race, only two points behind the winners, and third in the Senior. Credit is due to Lane (IVa) and Smith (R. G.) for individual performances in the Junior race, and to the Captain—Widdrington, in the Senior run, who finished second.

At football, Raleigh fared even better. Dibben and Widdrington played continuously for the 1st XI and, backed up by an eager team, of the seven games in the House competition, we won six and drew the remaining one, thus winning the shield.

Dibben and Widdrington both play for the 1st XI, and if the same keenness prevails as at football, we stand a good chance of winning the shield.

It is up to Raleigh to maintain the high standard already set and to retain the football shield next season.

B. J. C. D.  
T. A. W.



## RODNEY.

Since the last issue, Rodney has continued to take a full share in all school activities.

Inclement weather prevented us playing all our football matches, although the team did well against Raleigh and Nelson, who were first and second respectively. In the cross-country, Rodney did well. We were placed second in the Senior race and first in the Junior, thus obtaining the best combined result. Good team work was mainly responsible for these results, whilst Thew and Moore deserve special mention for their magnificent efforts.

We also had a special interest in the London School's Eisteddfod, for no less than four members of the House were in the school's dramatic team.

Jones, Haggett and Miles, have played regularly in the cricket 1st XI this season and we are hoping to do well in the Inter-House Knock-out Competition.

G. F. J.

G. P.

## COLLINGWOOD.

In the cross-country, Lunn was an easy winner in the Junior event, and shows prospects of doing well in the future. In the Senior race, Williams and Rolfe both ran well, Williams finishing seventh, but there was no substantial backing to their running; this was due to slackness on the part of Senior members.

Two House football matches were also played, one against Raleigh, which we lost 2—6, and another against Drake, which was drawn, 0—0.

We have a promising cricket XI, and are expecting to put up a good fight.

W. R. L.

E. S. S.

## GRENVILLE.

It was with great regret, last term, that the House learned that they were to lose Mr. James. A presentation was made to him in collaboration with School House.

We have not been very fortunate in competitions so far, being third in football, and sixth and fourth in the Junior and Senior cross-country runs respectively.

We hope we shall not disgrace ourselves in the cricket competition. We should not, as we have a good team, of whom Brooks, Dibblin and Thompson have played for the 1st XI. We cannot even attempt to predict how we will fare in the School Sports, for although we have a good Senior team, it could be vastly improved if certain members, whose names we will not mention, were to take more interest in the activities of the House, and put their shoulder to the wheel. None know better than we, the difficulty and importance of examinations, but there is a great difference between honest work and covering beneath their shadow as an excuse for "getting out of it." As for the Junior team, it still remains a dark horse, even to the House officers.

In conclusion, we will repeat the old adage, "A thing worth doing at all, is worth doing well." So wake up, Grenville, snap into it, show the others what we are really and truly made of! You have a grand record in the past, keep it up both now and in future days!

W. H. F. B.

K. F. B.

## WOLFE.

We can record the activities of Wolfe House in this second year of evacuation with some pleasure.

During the football season we managed to field an average team, but the lack of talent prevented us from following up our successes of 1938-39 and 1939-40, when we won the House Football Shield. E. J. Hooke played regularly for the School 1st XI.

An early start in training for the House cross-country competitions was rewarded with an easy win in the Senior event and third place in the Junior event. In the Senior run, E. J. Hooke was the individual winner, while H. E. Eagles and G. E. Andrews finished fifth and sixth respectively. Our placing in the Junior event was the result of good packing and weeks of intensive training by several enthusiastic Juniors. These promising young runners will be able to keep Wolfe House at the top in the sphere of athletics and add to our numerous successes of recent years.

The cricket season finds us with a sad lack of talent, but we shall do our best in the Knock-out competition that has been arranged.

J. H.

H. E. E.

G. E. A.



## SCHOOL.

Since Christmas, there has not been much House activity, except for the cross-country and House football. The House has not done as well in these as it should have done. The Juniors took great interest in the cross-country, but there was not a sufficient number of Seniors to make a team. The same slackness was noticeable in the football XI, and many players continually failed to turn up.

We hope, however, to do better than this in the sports, and must try to make a good start by getting as many points as possible for standard times.

M. D. H.



## CRICKET.

*Captain* ... .. W. H. F. BROOKS.  
*Vice-Captain* ... .. G. F. JONES.  
*Hon. Secretary* ... .. G. F. JONES.

So far the 1st XI has played four games, winning two and losing two. We have quite a full fixture list and hope to finish the season with a good record of victories. We have not the ground facilities that we had at Bexhill, but some members of the XI have turned to and prepared a wicket on the Central School field. In this, we would like to thank the Central School for their kindness and co-operation. The weather has not been altogether ideal and two games have not been able to be played.

Of the batsmen, only Miles, Williams and Brooks have scored over 20, whilst Roberts has proven himself easily the best bowler.

					<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
May 10	Amman Valley County School	1st XI	(A)	Lost	60	75-5
" 17	Sir Roger Manwood School	1st XI	(H)	Won	99-7	16
					Brooks, 33; Roberts, 6-6.	
" 26	Amman Valley County School	1st XI	(A)	Abandoned.		
" 31	Amman Valley County School	1st XI	(H)	Lost	24	49
June 7	Llandovery County School	1st XI	(A)	Won	93-6	92
					Roberts, 8-18.	



## FOOTBALL.

Old boys who may have been depressed by last term's dismal record will no doubt be cheered to hear that the 1st XI won seven and drew one of the nine games played. Honesty compels us to admit that weaker opposition may also have been a

factor in our success though team work did show some improvement. The defence continued to offer stout resistance, but the forwards were ragged; even though most of the team come from the Science VI such failure to appreciate that brains do tell, even in football, is sadly disappointing.

The under 15 XI played two games and won both.

Most of the second half of the term was devoted to a House league competition. With only one pitch available it was impossible to complete the competition, but Raleigh, by winning six games and drawing with Grenville, who had already lost to Nelson, in a game remarkable for its fire and vigour, not to say violence, won the championship.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster of the County School who allowed us to use their Rugby pitch and their gym for changing.

The team was: Williams, P.; Dibben, White; Howse, Brooks, W. (Capt.), Dibblin; Jones, Roberts, J., Emms, Widdrington, T., Hooke. Richards, Wilson and Ashfield also played.

Caps were awarded to Brooks, Dibben, Roberts, Howse, Jones, White and Williams.

## RESULTS.

We beat the Welfare Institute, 5-2 and 1-0; Addey and Stanhope, 1-0 and 4-0; Bettws Boys' Club, 5-1; Penybanc F.C., 3-1 and 2-1; drew with Ammanford Juniors, 3-3, and lost to Bettws Boys' Club, 1-2.



## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

Students of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, during a week's tour of South Wales, sponsored by the L.C.C., paid us a flying visit in order to give two performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We were asked to make the necessary arrangements and were fortunate to be allowed the use of the Welfare Cinema. It was decided to invite as many local and evacuated children as possible, and, in all, we were able to present this admirable production to audiences of some 1,300.



Brightly shines the sun  
Upon a Summer's morn,  
The warm wind whistles merrily  
Through the ripening corn.

See there in yonder pool  
The fishes dart and dive,  
The scene around you makes you feel  
It's good to be alive.

And see the little lambkins  
Gambolling here and there,  
The joyous songs of birds  
Come drifting through the air.

The flowers gay are blending  
Their beautiful bright hues,  
The sparrows and the robins fly,  
Telling all the news.

A. KINSEY. (IIIA.)

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### W. J. POTTER.

The following are contributed by Old Boys now on the Staff:—

Old Roans of the last forty years will genuinely mourn the passing of William James Potter; young future Roans will as readily enrol him among the School's worthiest benefactors. My own association with him ranges over nearly forty years during which, in spite of all my efforts to re-adjust the balance, I, like the Roan School, always remained in his debt.

It was in 1906 that I became his pupil in the Sixth Form, where I stayed from the age of sixteen to that of eighteen, a period of youth not only most impressionable but deeply critical. Yet it is no overstatement to say that he was more than a hero in the eyes of his Sixth Formers; he was a spiritual Buddha to whom youthful adoration was immeasurably devoted. This was chiefly because some tutelary Pallas Athene had generously bestowed on him, not the warrior-daring of a Perseus but, as it seemed to us, her whole stock-in-trade of teaching power. He taught as one inspired. His forceful efficiency comprised an unwavering determination, deep knowledge which he never suffered to grow stale and modernity of method which never obstructed the end in view, just as his broad outlook included a careful appreciation of the force of personal example, a broad tact which could at times, amount to self-denial, and an unfailing regard for the welfare of the boys he served.

E. D.

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As one who was taught by Mr. Potter and was later privileged to serve in the same school under him as Vice-Master and then as Head Master, I have been in an especially good position to see the great influence he had upon the School.

All aspects of school life were naturally his province, but let me single out one as an example. His interest in the camps that were run was never failing, and the knowledge that his support and approval were behind those responsible for the camp was, though the boys may not have realised it, a great help to the organisers. He devoted a great deal of thought to the welfare of the Hope Memorial Camp, of whose Trustees he was the Chairman. Here, as in so many ways, he has left the results of his unselfish energy.

K. S. B.



When I joined the School as a small boy in 1916, Mr. W. J. Potter seemed a very Olympian figure. I had little to do with him for several years except as a member of his Starman's class in which he described in his usual energetic manner the wonders of astronomy. In the course of time I reached the lower VI form, and was able to get to know him much better. Whereas, most other Masters' activities were restricted to one or two subjects, I wondered rather at the fact that, having settled some mathematical problem, or expounded the latest atomic theory in chemistry, he could turn with relish to a comparison of the Catalines of Cicero and Sallust. Indeed, he came from those spacious days when a Schoolmaster was no narrow specialist but was equally at home in various fields of culture. Moreover, although nurtured in the old tradition, he was always willing to experiment: a trite example which happens to stay in my memory was the institution of the lower VI Republic of 1920. It soon collapsed and reverted to a benevolent dictatorship, but it illustrates his willingness to try out new ideas. Later, when I came to know him as a colleague and Head Master, I was always impressed with the zest and enjoyment with which he undertook the multifarious business of school-life. Finally by the time that he was ready to retire there were few of the interests and activities of the School that did not show the mark of his work or of his sympathetic help. One can say without any exaggeration that Mr. Potter was the very embodiment of the spirit and the tradition of the Roan School.

S. R. M.



### P. E. MORRANT.

BY MR. J. W. ALTON BATCHELOR.

The Headmaster has asked me to write a few lines about Mr. Morrants services to the Foundation and the Schools, and my first thought was what could I say that was not already well known to all of you—staff, present pupils, and old Roans alike? For he seemed to know them all, and what is more, to be instantly beloved by them all. He was indeed a most attractive personality, and I am sure that white head and, of late years, rather bowed figure, that small frame, always full of courage, and that sympathetic listening to everyone who came to him with any difficulty, will remain in the minds of all who knew him.

He first came to our Office as a boy in my father's time, I think about 1887, but his really close association with the work of the Schools dates from 1917, when my cousin, Albert Batchelor, who preceded me as clerk, died suddenly. At that time, as now, we were in the midst of War, striving to get through the work with a staff almost reduced to a boy and a girl, and I shall never forget the ardour and energy with which he turned to take up tasks not familiar to him.

From that time until his death his assistance to me was invaluable. He took the keenest interest in all the affairs of the schools, and was extraordinarily tactful and helpful in dealing with everyone connected with them, whether the Governors in Committee, the staff or the parents. I cannot sum up his life better than by saying that he lived according to the School motto "Honore et Labore."

J. W. A. B.



### N. G. ATTENBOROUGH.

The following extracts are taken from a letter received by Mrs. Attenborough, from a senior officer of the "Ark Royal," who took part in the attack on Genoa and Leghorn when Attenborough was killed:—

"I was leading part of our Squadron attack at dawn, and I think I was the last to see his aircraft. We returned to the ship individually, and it was not till later we realised he was missing . . . ."

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"We form single file for these attacks and I saw his aircraft (Swordfish 4B) right ahead of me as I approached the target . . . ."

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"By that time 4B must have had to turn back towards the target into the A.A. barrage which started after the first bomb fell . . . ."

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"It takes a lot of nerve and determination to press home an attack in the face of heavy fire, but this Attenborough did, and his bombs straddled the target. He was not seen again, and the Italians claim that his aircraft was shot down, and subsequently Rome Radio announced that the pilot was buried with full Military honours . . . ."

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"One of my duties is that of 'Snotties' nurse—a naval term for the officer responsible for the instruction of all midshipmen and sub-Lieuts. Consequently, I 'brought up' Attenborough when he first came to my Squadron as a 'snotty'! . . . ."

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"He was one of the best junior officers, and had earned the liking and respect of his superior officers, as well as of his friends . . . ."

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"We were all very distressed by his death in action, and he is a very real loss to the Squadron as a pilot, as an officer and a man . . . ."

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"Attenborough's aircraft—or rather its replacement—is to be named 'Aeolus' as he had named his own—his 'battle honours' are worth having . . . ."



## THE OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

When we produced "The Purple Mask" in May, 1939, and met for a cheery little supper party afterwards, we none of us guessed how soon our happy team would be scattered far and wide.

However, we still keep in close touch with one another, and it may be that those who read these words like to hear news of the O.R.D.S. Men first, for once!

George Tomkins is now living at St. Ippolyts, and is combining A.R.P. duties with those of "Spotter" in the City. He also organises concerts in aid of the District Nursing Association and helping with Socials for the Troops. Jack Beecher—now married, and the proud father of a rising young actress—is a Captain Instructor in the R.A. Two other old stagers have also taken the plunge. Dave Bonner and Norman Spence, the latter having married Peggy Jennens, frequently invaluable to us as prompter. Dave is now in the Ministry of Supply (Timber Control), and Spence, we believe, is still in the A.F.S. Len Richards, who left us some years ago for Venezuela, has unfortunately been invalided home, and was recuperating at Ventnor. We sincerely hope he is now well on the road to recovery. Frank Harris (now Major) is somewhere in the Scottish coalfields. Andrews and Trafford—are both training as medicos—the former at Bristol and the latter at St. Thomas', though at present attached to an Emergency Hospital at Woking. Leo Trafford is somewhere in Egypt, in the Meteorological Office of the R.A.F. Jack Pye is also off abroad with the R.A.F. The distinction earned by Bill Wedge is well known. He is now commissioned and finds life on a destroyer almost comfortable. R. F. Bishop, having escaped at Dunkirk, has celebrated recently by getting married and is now 2nd Lieutenant, Queen's Regiment. S. G. Shippard is still at King's, was recently married, and is still living at Herne Hill, in spite of several near misses. He recently met Tatarsky, now in the Forces, but did not get his address, unfortunately. C. A. Walter is with the R.A.F.. E. A. Smith and "Dusty" Miller are still carrying on in London. Mr. Pye is here at Ammanford, and Mr. Witten also.

This being primarily O.R. news, we can only spare a few words for the ladies.

Bertha Edwards is now enjoying life in the Land Army. Mary Forgan and Dorothy Blacknell are both evacuated with their schools—the former to Ely and the latter to Maidstone. Mary is now putting to good use all she has learnt from us about play production! Dorothy is engaged to Len Richards. Audrey Lambert is also engaged, but we

hope we have not lost our young prodigy, for she tells me "he is very interested in dramatics"! Dorothea Sitters, her husband being in the R.A.F., has removed temporarily to Cirencester, and Muriel Dorrell is still at her post in London.

I hope these notes may be of interest to the many followers of O.R.D.S. fortunes. May I make a very strong appeal to all who read this for news—particularly to those who have not kept us posted with their adventures? "Tat," George Laywood, Norah Foster and others—please note! All news will be very welcome to their friends. I will gladly act as forwarding agent for letters, and will try not to be too long in answering any I receive myself.

L. J. B.



## ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

#### *Killed in Action.*

ATTENBOROUGH, N. G. (Acting Sub-Lieut. Royal Navy, member of the Fleet Air Arm, serving in the "Ark Royal.")—Shot down during bombing raid on Leghorn and Genoa on 9th February; buried in the English Cemetery at Leghorn; former Victor Ludorum and member of 1st Soccer and Hockey XI's.

BEARDSLEY, BRUCE (Sgt./Pilot R.A.F.V.R. Coastal Command; as the result of a flying accident during a practice flight.

BROOKS, R. E. (Leading Aircraftsman R.A.F.)—A keen scout and athlete.

DURBIN—No particulars.

RAMSAY, K. A. (27-31), R.A.F.

#### *Prisoners of War.*

D'AVRAY, H. A. (29-35), Sgt. North Rhodesia Regt.—Served during rear-guard action to cover the evacuation of British Somaliland when French Somaliland capitulated; interned at Campo Prigionieri, Posta Militare 23, Italian East Africa.

GREEN, R. (28 or 29).—At present in an Italian hospital. To communicate with him apply to: A. Cutts, Esq., 202, Well Hall Road, S.E.9.

JAN SINGH, ROY.—In Germany.

#### *Reported Missing.*

DOVE, C. B. (31-37), Pilot/Officer, R.A.F.—Since taking off for a night bombing raid on enemy territory on 15-16th February, 1941; believed prisoner.

DUCKER, F. E. R.—Flying Officer, R.A.F.



Below we print the names of all Old Boys which have reached us who are serving or have served with the Forces. We shall be glad to receive further names for publication in our next issue:—

Ashworth, E. (24-28).

Ashford, D., R.A.F.

Arthur, R. J., R.E. (A.A.).

Allen, D. K. (32-37), R.A.

Arter, D. W. (30-35).

Beardsley, R. A. (32-37), R.A.F.

Bishop, R. F., 2nd Lieut. Queen's.

Bullers, J. (29- ), Merchant Navy.

Bryson, H. (28-33), A.A.

Bartlett, K. (32-37), R.A.M.C.

Bishop, R. M., R.E.

Beck, N. H. (27-34), R.A.P.C.

Brown, A. H. T. (31-37), R.E.

Broome, (32-37), R.A.F.V.R.

Bint, G. H. (24-27), R.A.F.

Beecher, J. B. ( ), Captain R.A.

Bruce, L. J. (20-25), 2nd Lieut. R.A.

Cullingford, L. E. (25-29), R.A.F.

Cutts, A. T. (26-31), R.A.P.C.

Clifton, G. R. (24-32).

Chapman, M. A. (30-36), Flight/Sgt. R.A.F.

Cavender, R. C. ( -34), R.A.F.

Cousens, D. F. (27-33), R.C.S.

Clifton, L. A. (29-34), R.A.

Cackett, J. C. (18-25).

Dove, C. B. (31-37), R.A.F.

Dade, H. A. (07-14), R.A.

Dyke (Staff) P. M., 2nd Lieut. R.A.

Daniel, N. F. (25-29), 2nd Lieut. R.A.

Dartnell, L. (27-33), R.A.S.C.

Ducker, C. A. S. (17-28), Captain R.A.

Dark, D. A. (30-35), R.A.F.

Daniel, C. W. (14-20), 2nd Lieut. R.A.

Daish, F. J. (20-25), R.A.

Daish, A. W. (24-30), 2nd Lieut. R.A.

Ellinor, T. W. (28-34), Cpl. Welsh Regiment.

Ellingham, J. (31-36), R.A.P.C.

Ellis, N. J. (28-35), Merchant Navy.

Eley, S. J. (23-28), R.A.

Fair, D. R. R. (28-35), Flight/Lieut. R.A.F.V.R.

Fraser, C., R.N. (Air Arm).

Fraser, R., Mil. Coll. of Science.

Goddard, D. G. (33-37), R.A.

Green, "Faggy," R.A.F. (Balloon Barrage).

Gibbons, N., 2nd Lieut. R.N.V.R.

Gooch, A. F., R.A.

Goddard, G., R.E.

Glastonbury, H. A., H.M. Trawler.

Green, R. (28-29), R.A.F. Sgt.

Harris, F. W. (Staff), Major.

Harman, H. M. (22-25), R.A.F.

Harris, W., R.A.F.

Hood, W. F. (33-36), served B.E.F. in France.

Hanreck, R. P. (31-37), R.C.S.

Holland, F. E. (33-39), R.A.F.

Hayward, L. R. (30-36), Sgt. R.A.O.C.

Harman, D. V. (27-33), R.A.

Hazlewood, K. (32-38), R.C.S.

Jarvis, A. (21-30), R.A.F.

Jarvis, L., A.C.

Jan Singh, R. C. (29-35), R.W.K.

Kiddell, S., Cpl. R.A.M.C.

Lamb, S. E. ( -11), R.A.

Lee, H. F., R.A.F.

Lee, L. S. ( -33), R.A.F.

Lovell, V., R.A.F.

Lonyman, R., R.N.V.R.

Lewis, E. A., R.A.F.

Loomes, E. A. (28-32), R.C.S.

Littlewood, E. C. (30-36), R.C.S.

Linnard, W. G. ( -33).

Liddell, J. W. (33-38), Q.M.Sgt. R.A.

Morgan, S., Royal Tank Regt.

Marshgreen, G. W., R.A.F.

Martin, E. M. (23-27), Queen's.

Martin, A. K. (26-34), R.A.F.

North, R., Sgt.

Newell, D. A. (25-34), Seaforths.

Nock, D. H., R.A.F.



Nevell, A. C. B. (21-26), R.A.F.V.R.  
 Nevell, A. G. B. (21-25), R.A.F.V.R.  
 North, G. H. (29-34), Staff Sgt. R.A.S.C.  
 North, B., R.A.

Parker, R. W. (16-23), Merchant Navy.  
 Parker, J. P. (21-30), Lieut. R.N.  
 Petty, L. P. (29-35) (with B.E.F. in France).  
 Powell, F. K. (27-33), R.A.  
 Perry, F. T. (21-25), Sgt. R.A.  
 Paul, R. P. S., Cpl. R.A.M.C.  
 Perry, V. G. (30-36), Prisoner of War (Camp Stalag. VIII. B.)  
 Page, N. (26-32), R.N.  
 Peckham, D. H. (20-30), R.A.  
 Parker, L. (26-33).

Roberts, Canon R. H. W. (06-11), C.F.  
 Rowleson, A. (33-37), R.A.F.

Stokes, B. W. (30-34), R.A.F.  
 Scudamore, R.A.F.  
 Smith, R. A. (26-31), R.A.P.C.  
 Smith, S. (29-35), R.A.P.C.  
 Spinks, E. (27-31), R.A.F.  
 Scott, B. (25-30), H.A.C.  
 Stanton, F. C., R.A.F.  
 Shortman, D. J. (32- ), R.A.C.  
 Stow, Rev. J. W. (20-30), Chaplain R.N.  
 Smith, J. (33-38), R.C.S.  
 Smith, G. C. (26-31), R.A.F.  
 Smith, G. G., R.A.M.C.  
 Scott, R. E. (33-37), R.C.S.  
 Suckling, J. H. (24-28), Lieut. R.N.V.R.  
 Stewart (18-23), R.E.

Thorp, J. (Staff), Cadet O.C.T.U., R.C.S.  
 Trafford, L. E. (28- ), R.A.F.  
 Twitchett (32-37), Sgt./Pilot R.A.F.  
 Townsend, E., A.B. (R.N.).  
 Townsend, Ted, 2nd Lieut. London Scottish.  
 Turp, W. R. L. (30-38), 2nd Lieut. Herefords.  
 Tunbridge, R. E. (03-08), R.N.  
 Tidmarsh, R. E. (28-35), R.A.O.C.  
 Tumber, C. F. (14-22), Major R.A.  
 Turner, S. (29-35), L/Sgt. R.E.  
 Tatarsky, C. L. (27-34).

Wedge, J. F. N. (32-38), Mid. R.N.V.R.  
 Wilson, S., R.A.  
 Walker, R. E. (31-36), Sgt./Pilot R.A.F.  
 Watts, E.  
 Wright, E. A. (31- ), R.C.S.  
 Wright, A. J. (98-06), Captain R.A. (served in last War).  
 Wakeford, C. (25-33), R.A.S.C.  
 Walter, C. A. (31-35), R.A.F.  
 Wright, H. E. C., A.F.S.  
 Woolley, R. B. (28-37), L./Sgt. R.E.  
 Wright, S. J. (31-37).

The Editor regrets that the "years" are omitted from some names. This is due to the fact that being in "exile" we have not access to all the School records. We shall welcome additions and amendments.

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## NEWS.

### DISTINCTION.

JACKSON, F. W., MAJOR, D.S.O., Deputy Chief Officer, London Fire Brigade, awarded C.B.E. for his skilful direction of the London Fire Brigade during recent raids on the Metropolis; he controls over 3,000 appliances and an army of more than 33,000 men and women. Awarded D.S.O. and mentioned three times in dispatches during the last war.

TRAFFORD, P. A. (28-38), is pursuing his medical studies at the evacuated St. Thomas' Hospital, and is now at the Brookwood Emergency Hospital, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey.

PORTE-VIGNAUX, E. L. (29-34). Served with D. ARTER who, as previously reported, was a prisoner on the "Graf Spee" and "Altmark," as a volunteer in Finland in 1940 during the invasion by the Germans of Oslo, where they found Mr. Mills' German teaching useful.

Mr. C. E. BINNS, who was on the staff from 1904 to 1921, is retiring from the Headship of Guild St. Central School, Burton-on-Trent at the end of this term.

WRIGHT, A. J. (98-06). Now serving in his second war. He writes reminiscently of Masters and boys he knew in those far off days. Is now Captain in the R.A.



## MARRIAGES.

FAIR, D. R. R. (28-33). Flt.-Lt. R.A.F.V.R. On 22nd February, 1941, at St. Peter's Church, Ditton, Kent, to Patricia Laurie Rudland.

STRUTT, R. W. (26-33). On 23rd December, 1939, to Lily Agnes Smith.

NORTH, G. H. (29-34). On 4th May, 1940, at Shore Street Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee, N. Ireland.

BONNER, D. On 1st March, 1941, at Lee Green.

SHIPPARD, S. G. On 22nd May, 1940, to Constance Phelps.

SPENCE, J. N. On 27th April, 1940, at Addiscombe, to Margaret Anne Jennens.

## BIRTHS.

STRUTT, R. W. (26-33). On 19th March, 1941, to Lily Agnes, wife of R. W. Strutt, a son, Stephen.

BEECHER, J. B. On 3rd June, 1940, to Maycel, wife of J. B. Beecher, a daughter, Elizabeth June.

## DEATHS.

BENNETT, PETER S. (37-40). On 7th May, 1941, after a short but painful illness; aged 15 years.

DE MONTMORENCY. On 27th May, 1941, at Hove. Susan de Montmorency, of 71, Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, sister of the late J. S. G. De Montmorency, who composed the words of the School Song; aged 88; a former governor of the School.

MORRANT, PERCY E. Deputy Clerk to the Justices of the Blackheath Division, Assistant for more than 50 years to the Clerk to the Roan Governors; Secretary of the John Roan School Lodge; as the tragic result of a disastrous fire at the Surrey Hills Hotel, Caterham.

POTTER, W. J., M.A., Former Headmaster of the Roan School to which he devoted a life's work; at Worcester, on 27th May, after a brief illness.

FORSYTH, D., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. On 10th April. Consulting Physician to Charing Cross and Evelina Hospitals, and Senior Physician to the Psychological Clinic (Ministry of Pensions).

## JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

Early this year it was found possible to resume Lodge, and two meetings have been held, on 25th January and 29th March.

Both were well attended, and we were particularly pleased to welcome several brethren whom we had not seen for some time.

Unfortunately, the second meeting was marred by the news of the tragic death of our Secretary, W. Bro. P. E. Morrart, and the W. Master, in paying tribute to his memory, spoke of the great service he had rendered to the Lodge, both as a Founder and as Secretary for 12 years.

The Installation of the M. Elect, Bro. C. H. Lyon, has been arranged for 18th October at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., and the W. Master extends a cordial invitation to all Old Roans, who are Masons, to attend this meeting.

W. J. B.

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## ADDITIONS TO LIST OF MEMBERS.

## Life Members.

BAILEY, A. C. ...	12-18	LISTER, E. J. ...	17-21
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## Ordinary Members.

BENNETT, P. S. ...	37-40	HOLLAND, F. E. ...	33-39
BENNETT, R. F. ...	35-40	POPE, D. ...	34-38
BISHOP, J. S. ...	34-40	PORTE-VIGNAUX, E. L. ...	29-34
HENLEY, M. W. ...	31-39	REED, P. A. ...	32-40
HILL, J. H. ...	35-40		

## Transferred Life.

BEARDSLEY, R. A. ...	32-37	SPEARE, W. A. ...	24-30
ELDRIDGE, R. T. ...	28-33	WOOLLEY, R. B. ...	28-37



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Remarks (State whether keen on joining Sports Clubs, assisting  
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