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#### CALENDAR.

Half Term February 21st and 22nd.  
Easter Term ends April 5th.  
Summer Term begins April 23rd.  
Whitsun Half Term, May 24th to June 2nd.  
Summer Term ends July 26th.  
Autumn Term begins September 20th.



#### BACK AT MAZE HILL.

BY THE HEAD MASTER.

Four years ago on September 2nd, 1939, at 6.45 a.m., the Roan School stood assembled in Houses on the School playground waiting for the buses to line up outside the school and convey us to our unknown and highly secret destination. It was as well that we had no knowledge of what lay before us on that bright September morning. We were conveyed to Ticehurst and there we spent three weeks which, in the light of our later experiences, seem like a peace-time summer holiday in spite of certain happenings in Oakover.

Our next move to Bexhill and Rye meant splitting the school into two parts and we served our apprenticeship of one year in the difficult craft of education under evacuation conditions. By



the end of that year we were masters of that craft and so were able to transport our school and all its stores and equipment some 300 miles to Ammanford and Llandebie where, for the next three years, we practised as journeymen and skilled artisans the arts and crafts of itinerant educators. There is no need to describe in detail our school and billet life in Wales. It is all too recent and far too vividly etched on our memories. If sometimes it appears to be just a nightmare from which daylight has mercifully brought relief it is as well to remember our solid achievements during these four years of unremitting struggle against obstacles which always appeared to be unsurmountable until they were tackled. We should remember that not once did we allow the standard of work to fall below what we regarded as the Roan School level. We should recollect our school games, athletics, A.T.C. activities and dramatic performances and admit that they, too, were not unworthy of the school's record. We should remember, too, that the Roan School, wherever it went, maintained and strengthened all that is good in its traditions. We went among strangers who had scarcely heard of the Roan School and were naturally regarded with that suspicion which an Englishman and also a Welshman accords to anything which is unusual. In course of time, by the exercise of tact, the school turned suspicion into tolerance and finally won friendship which was sincere and lasting.

We shall not forget our experiences during the four years of evacuation. It is a pleasant feeling to wake from a bad dream and find that it is only a dream. In like manner it is good to find ourselves in possession of our own school buildings and when the sun shines the Roan School is a very pleasant place in which to work and carry on our varied activities. A building does not make a school, as we have proved during the past four years, but where the school already exists, and has existed for over 300 years, a good building is of inestimable value.

It is a happy coincidence that we should come back to our own environment in the Tercentenary Year of the school's history. The Roan School has played an honourable and worthy part in the past 300 years. It will be counted on to maintain its traditions in work and games and in character training in the future. Changes in the structure of our education system will undoubtedly come, and the Roan School will adapt itself to meet these changes. Like an oak tree, its roots are laid deep and cannot be moved. It will bend to the winds but cannot be broken. It renews itself annually by fresh growth and yearly sends forth branches and new shoots and its leaves and seeds go forth into new fields.

## LONDON UNIVERSITY RESULTS, 1942.

### HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Bow, L. L.; Brooks, W. H. F.; Emms, F. E.; White, T. T.; Guy, F. L.; Howse, E. A.; Roberts, J. S. (all obtained exemption from Inter B.Sc.); Craneheld, D. L.; Eagles, H. E. M.

### GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

*Matriculation.*—Auerbach, U. R. P. B.; Cherry, K. A.; Crisp, K. J. H.; Crumplin, P. J.; Davies, W. D.; Jenne, H. J.; Moyes, D. J.; Naylor, G. C.; Pitt, R. J.; Reading, J. H.; Smith, A. J.; Stevens, A. F.; Stimpson, C. J.; Vickers, J. F.; Williams, P.; Green, D. W.; Harris, D. R.; Hill, J. B. A.; Hoare, R. G.; May, R. P. G.; Perry, P. L.; Pullen, A. H.; Smith, L. A.; Spearing, C. H.; Thew, S. A. M.; Williams, B. J.

*School Certificate.*—England, L.; Kidman, S. L.; Phillips, A. B.; Thompson, A. F.; Champion, R. F.; Fry, C. V.; Gill, P. H.; Hoare, D. W. J.; Reeve, A. J.; Walker, R. T.; Wilson, J. J.

*State Bursaries.*—Bow, L. L.; Emms, E. T.; Howse, E. A.; Roberts, J. S.; White, T. T.

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1943.

*Open Exhibitions.*—Hales, J. D. (in English), and Turner, R. C. (in History), both at Cambridge University.

*State Bursaries.*—Pearce, S. C., Imperial College; Homewood, D. E., Imperial College; Gerhold, D. A., Imperial College.

*Higher School Examination.*—Bishop, R. E. D.; Gerhold, D. A. C.; Hales, J. D.; Turner, R. C. (with Inter B.A. exemption); Homewood, D. E. (all with Inter B.Sc. exemption); McGregor, A. M., Pearce, S. C.

### GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

With Matriculation exemption.—Bishop, P. J.; Lunn, F. N.; Moore, J. G.; Preston, A. J.; Pretty, R. G.; Sullivan, D.; Atkins, A. E.; Borne, M. C.; Moss, W. E.; Parnell, E. D.; Parrott, P. G.; Wright, D. W.; Young, R. A.

*General School.*—Castle, G. A.; East, P. C.; Goddard, K. G.; Hinde, A. F.; Lamb, P. S.; Lane, P. J.; Marsh, P. A.; Peddie, M. P.; Beeny, H. T.; Burton, B. Hall, R. A.; Hawes, G.; Parmee, F.; Sadler, D. E.; Symonds, D. C.



### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT AMMANFORD.

The annual prize-giving on April 2nd took place at the Amman Valley County School. Among those present were Councillor H. W. H. Icough, J.P. (chairman of the governors), the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Mrs. A. D. A. Kennedy, J.P.), Councillor Mrs. Gollogly, Major Davies (H.M. Inspector, South Wales), Mr. A. Wyn Jones (Director of Education, Carmarthenshire), the Rev. T. C. Phillips (Vicar of Ammanford), Mr. J. James (headmaster of the Central School), and Mr. W. Hitchins (chairman, Ammanford Urban District Council).

The Mayor of Greenwich, expressing the pleasure it gave her to be present, said she hoped that the exiled schools would recognise in the Mayoral badge she was wearing, a little bit of their native town of Greenwich. At the Roan Schools girls and boys were being taught to become loyal citizens. The scholars had every reason to be proud of their schools, as Greenwich was proud of the Roan scholars.

Councillor Icough expressed to the assembled scholars the good wishes of Mr. J. W. Alton Batchelor and Mr. P. B. Dannatt, who had been unable to visit them this year. He added that he wished, on behalf of the governors, to thank the education authorities at Ammanford, who had so generously placed their buildings at the disposal of the Roan Schools. He also wished to express the Governors' thanks to all who had offered homes to the scholars, to the Vicar of Ammanford, who had taken such a kindly interest in them, and to the staffs of the two schools.

Councillor Icough went on to deal with the history of the Roan Foundation since its inception in 1643. Coming to recent years, he said that during his years of office, and they were not few, he had watched the work of the Roan Schools with great pleasure, and had every reason to be proud of their heads, staffs and scholars. The schools had been faced with many difficulties, but from the founder's time these had been fairly met and overcome by men and women of vision. In these present days, perhaps the most difficult times of all, there must be no slackening of effort. There had been much talk of the "ladder" by which children could pass from the elementary schools, through the secondary schools and on to the university. That was good, but to his mind the "ladder" was too narrow, for the ascent involved much jostling for position, and many failed to reach the goal. For the future a "broad highway" was needed, and he looked forward to the construction of the road on which there would be room for all and equal opportunities for every child.

The Headmaster reported that examination results had been particularly good, and paid tribute to the work of Messrs. Parker and Poyser, each with over forty years' service with the Roan

School. Mr. Gilbert spoke of the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Kirby and Mr. Peckham, who had retired during the past year after a long period with the school, and of the excellent service of Miss Higgs and her staff, Miss Wenden, Miss Wilson, Miss Knight and Mr. Holt (under whom the A.T.C. continued to flourish).

Councillor Icough distributed the awards to the girls, and the Mayor of Greenwich handed the prizes to the boys.

On the motion of R. C. Turner, captain of the boys' school, seconded by D. Timms, senior prefect of the girls' school, thanks were accorded the Mayor, Councillor Icough and all who had assisted the schools in the past year.

#### PRIZE LIST.

##### BOYS.

- SECOND FORM.—Prize: Bannock, F. Certificate: Downs, J. W.
- THIRD B.—Prizes: Brookman, A. K.; Goodwin, H. F. Certificates: Donnison, P. V.; Strong, E. A.; Daltry, A.
- THIRD A.—Prizes: Cook, P. H.; Laing, J. D. Certificates: Marshall, J. H.; Johnson, A. F.; Evans, E. E.
- SHELL B.—Prizes: Matchett, T. H.; Coe, N. D. Certificates: Tatt, A. P.; Jones, S.; Webster, G. S.
- SHELL A.—Prizes: Marhoff, F.; Jones, D. A. Certificates: Martin, P. H.; Kennedy, C. S.; Coe, L. H.
- FOURTH B.—Prizes: Siggers, R. W.; Scrafton, D. Certificates: Barrett, P. J.; Holland, D. A.; Shave, A. E.
- FOURTH A.—Prizes: Hardingham, C.; Davis, J. Certificates: Trott, L. C.; Cheeseman, A. R.; Earl, J. J.
- REMOVE LATIN.—Prizes: Preston, A. J.; Lunn, E. N. Certificates: Sullivan, D.; Pretty, R. G.; East, P. C.
- REMOVE GERMAN.—Prizes: Parrott, P. G.; Wright, D. W. Certificates: Atkins, A. E.; Moss, W. E.; Hall, R. A.
- MR. KIRBY'S FIFTH.—Prizes: Spearing, C. H. (Examination Prize); Hill, J. H. (Examination Prize); Williams, B. J. (Examination Prize).
- MR. PARKER'S FIFTH.—Prizes: Stimpson, C. J. ("Baron Memorial" Prize); Williams, P. ("Baron Memorial" Prize; Reading, J. (Examination Prize).
- SIXTH FORM.—Prizes: White, T. T. (Roan Exhibition, tenable at Imperial College, London, "Jennings Memorial" Prize); Bow, L. J. ("Ridger Memorial" Prize); Cranefield, D. ("Hope Memorial" Prize for History); Howse, E. A. (Examination Prize); Emms, E. T. (Examination Prize); Jobbins, A. E. ("Potter Memorial" Prize).



TERCENTENARY PRIZES.—Roberts, J. S.; Turner, R. C.; Gerhold, D. A.; Smith, A. J.

"THOMPSON MEMORIAL" PRIZES.—Cricket: Williams, P. Football: Dibben, B. J.

"TUGWELL MEMORIAL" PRIZE.—Harris, D. R.

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### HARVEST CAMP, 1942.

A successful camp ran for six weeks at Eglwyscymryn, near Pendine, Carmarthenshire. About forty senior boys attended for varying periods.

Tents were pitched in a quiet and beautiful spot beside a stream which supplied water for washing. Drinking water came from an ancient surface well near by.

The weather was bad; but in spite of this much useful work was done in the fields and orchards. The boys worked well, often in very trying conditions. Towards the end of the camp, when the corn harvest became urgent, requests from farmers for assistance became too frequent to satisfy. What help our numbers allowed us to offer was highly appreciated.

The camp was fortunate in having a kindly welcome from the Rector of Eglwyscymryn and his wife. His ancient church was of great interest, and to be conducted round it by Mr. Richards was a pleasure for many. The comfort of his church hall and the flavour of his gooseberries have not been forgotten.

Though supplies had to be fetched from St. Clears, eight miles away, they were plentiful and the boys well fed. The six weeks were so full of incident that they cannot readily fade. Campers will remember the long pull up from Llandowror to Red Roses, the broken bicycles, the arrival of Mr. Evans, the daily lorry, the puddings, the visits to Langharne and many another, no doubt, that did not come under the official eye.

This camp, the first we believe that the Roan School has had in Wales, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was, throughout the period in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Pye. Mr. Binnie, Mr. Berry, Mr. Mills, Mr. Milne and Mr. Daltry at various times gave their valued assistance.

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### HARVEST CAMP, 1943.

As the school was returning to London it was decided that the harvest camp for this year should be held nearer London. Eynsford, a small country village in Kent, 15 miles from Black-

heath, was chosen as the best locality. Before making final arrangements some of the staff went to Eynsford to make sure that the accommodation was satisfactory. Pleased by what they saw, it was decided the camp should be held from August 15th to September 11th.

August 15th, a Sunday, dawned bright and clear. Some of us went down in advance to prepare for the arrival of the rest. On bicycles laden with our gear we toiled along beneath the burning sun and the 15 miles seemed more like 150. Arriving at Eynsford we went to the school where we were to cook and have our meals. It was mid-day and we made ourselves a lunch of scrambled eggs, the dried variety, and then set to work. Camping equipment was unpacked, stores were checked, and there were countless other jobs to do. One of the first things was to arrange the desks in the classrooms so that they looked something like dining rooms. Meanwhile some had gone to the other school where we were to sleep. They cleared the rooms and arranged the mattresses and set out the washing bowls. As it was now nearing the time for the main body to arrive we set about getting a meal ready for them. This meal consisted of sausage meat, pounded into balls between not too clean hands and rechristened "hamburgers." After the rest of the boys had arrived and had supper Mr. Binnie gave them a short "pep talk" and Mr. Berry gave them the names of the farms at which they were to work. Some boys were not too pleased when they were informed that they would be hoeing and weeding swedes. After all the details had been settled, the boys turned in about 10.30, tired but happy.

On Monday, breakfast was at 7 a.m., but most of the would-be farm-hands were up about five. At 7.45 we set off to work. One group, thinking themselves lucky because they were working on corn, soon changed their minds, for two reasons. One, on the way to work they had to climb up an extremely long, steep hill and, two, when they came to building the sheaves of corn into stooks, they soon had very sore arms from the sharp ears. Lunch was brought to us at midday and we had a break from 12 till 1. Then work continued till 5 on some farms and 5.30 on others. Dinner was served at 6.45, thus giving us plenty of time to get to the school, wash and change out of our working clothes. After dinner we could either play cards, go to sleep, read or go for a walk. Lights out was at 10 o'clock, and most of us were glad to be in bed by that time. It is hardly necessary to say that we did not get up at 5 o'clock the next morning.

The weather continued fine for the rest of the week until Saturday. Saturday dawned wet, and as most of the work could not be done in the rain, most of the boys went home for the week-end. A few worked for a couple of hours during the



morning and then packed up, as Saturday was the half-day we had each week. Some of us stayed in Eynsford over the weekend and had a very pleasant, quiet time.

Perhaps I should mention here the facilities we had for cooking. These were really remarkable after the conditions at the camp held the year before in Wales. We were allowed to use the kitchen attached to the Senior Council School, where we fed. The kitchen contained a large gas stove, a very large kitchen range and a gas copper for boiling water, washing-up, etc. It is understandable why a few veteran campers called it a luxury camp.

On Sunday evening the boys returned ready for another week on the land. The weather continued fine and the "farm-hands" worked steadily. On the Wednesday the weather was unsettled and a few of us were again unable to work. On the other hand, some of them worked overtime on the threshing machine and returned from work looking rather like a lot of coalminers. During the second week we had a visit from some members of the Kent War Agricultural Committee. They were very pleased and suggested that we should get an increase in wages. After considerable trouble on Mr. Berry's part it was arranged that boys over 17 should be paid 10d. an hour instead of the usual 8d.

All too soon the first fortnight was over and we, who were staying for the month, found ourselves saying good-bye to some of our numbers. In some cases it was a real good-bye as some of the chaps were going into one of the Services or to college and we would not be seeing them for some time. During the second week the Headmaster had been in camp with us and he expressed his pleasure at our healthy appearance and at the way in which we were doing our work. Also, just before the end of the second week, three decided that they could no longer put up with the chorus of snores that rose around them each night, so they pitched a tent on a stretch of green behind the school and slept peacefully from then on.

On the Sunday evening the new arrivals were also given a "pep talk" by Mr. Binnie, and Messrs. Mills and Hankinson, who had replaced Messrs. Holt and Berry, also had a few words to say. The new arrivals soon settled down to work and life flowed smoothly on. There was, however, no more lying in bed till the last minute. The unwary person who endeavoured to sleep to within five minutes of breakfast was rudely awakened by an "ammo. boot" or a knotted towel. A notice soon appeared in the school which read:—

ROAN SCHOOL CONCENTRATION CAMP.

KOMMOMDANT, GAULEITER HANS KINSON.

Needless to say it was soon removed by "somebody" who claimed that the villagers would think us Nazi spies.

At this time it had become the custom to write up the menu for evening meal on the blackboard. Many were the languages in which it appeared, ranging from French to a new kind of basic English. At this time, also, the type of work we were doing was changed and we found ourselves picking fruit. We also did spells of hoeing cabbages to prevent us from making ourselves ill.

During the night of the last Thursday and during the early hours of the next morning, a battle royal raged in the school in which we slept. Bloodshed was only prevented by a counter attack by our Home Guard officer using unarmed combat tactics. The next night all was quiet, partly due to the threat of another defeat by a kind of superman who seemed to have half-a-dozen arms and wear two or three pairs of "ammo boots" and partly due to the fact that it was raining hard.

The next day, after work was finished, the boys were sent off home after a meal for which the majority did not wait. A few of us remained behind but soon it was time for us too to say good-bye to Eynsford, which we did with some regret.

As a conclusion I would like, on behalf of all the campers, to thank Mr. and Mrs. Binnie and Messrs. Holt, Berry, Mills and Hankinson for all the trouble which they went to organise the camp and to make it the success that it undoubtedly was.

A. J. S.

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### SCHOOL ATHLETICS, 1943.

With memories of past and recent victories, the school athletic team began the Summer Term, 1943, with the fixed intention of continuing its proud record of successes. Early in the term there appeared again that band of stalwarts, sometimes known as "The Labour Gang," to lay out the practice track, dig the jumping pit and generally do their best to transform a wild field into an athletic course.

Our main obsession this year was to win again, for the third time in four years, the coveted Inter-School Championship at the Amman Valley Sports. So, almost every night, the white-clad runners trained, while the onlookers stood amazed at such "unfair practice."

The result justified our enthusiasm. We duly won the Combined Boys' and Girls' Championship, and all the Boys' Championships, and our runners provided all the outstanding contests of the meeting. Out of the fifteen athletic events for boys we won twelve, and there was only one in which we were not placed. Unfortunately, the programme had to be left incomplete, as the Welsh weather did not allow the jumps to take place.



# AMMAN VALLEY HOSPITAL INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### Combined:

- 1st, Roan, 137 pts.
- 2nd, Llandebie Central, 98 pts.
- 3rd, A.V.C.S., 95 pts.
- 4th, Addey and Stanhope, 36 pts.
- 5th, Ammanford Central, 20 pts.

## GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

### Senior and Junior Combined:

- 1st, Llandebie Central, 77 pts.
- 2nd, Roan, 43 pts.
- 3rd, A.V.C.S., 37 pts.
- 4th, Ammanford Central, 15 pts.
- 5th, Addey and Stanhope, 8 pts.

### Junior Girls:

- 1st, Llandebie Central, 32 pts.
- 2nd, Roan, 20 pts.
- 3rd, Ammanford Central, 11 pts.
- 4th, A.V.C.S., 9 pts.
- 5th, Addey and Stanhope, 8 pts.

### Senior Girls:

- 1st, Llandebie Central, 45 pts.
- 2nd, A.V.C.S., 28 pts.
- 3rd, Roan, 23 pts.
- 4th, Ammanford Central, 4 pts.

## BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### Junior and Senior Combined:

- 1st, Roan, 94 pts.
- 2nd, A.V.C.S., 58 pts.
- 3rd, Addey and Stanhope, 28 pts.
- 4th, Llandebie Central, 21 pts.
- 5th, Ammanford Central, 5 pts.

### Junior Boys:

- 1st, A.V.C.S., 24 pts.
- 2nd, Roan, 23 pts.
- 3rd, Llandebie Central, 21 pts.
- 4th, Addey and Stanhope, 7 pts.
- 5th, Ammanford Central, 5 pts.

### Senior Boys:

- 1st, Roan, 71 pts.
- 2nd, A.V.C.S., 34 pts.
- 3rd, Addey and Stanhope, 21 pts.

Outstanding events of the day were the 880 yards (open), in which Gerhold and O'Donovan obtained first and second places; the relays, in which most outstanding was Peddie's sprinting that

gained us the lead and won us the intermediate; while in the open Hales, Bishop, Macgregor and Gerhold, in that order, led all the way after a brilliant start by Hales and increased the lead until the end.

The next school event was the invitation relay at Pembrey R.A.F. Station. This was won by the school open team, competing as No. 996 Flight. Local sports were also patronised by members of the school and a full share of the prizes was won by these entrants.

At the end of the term came the school sports. As usual, they were held on the Central School field in Ammanford. However, this year we were not able to get the grass cut and consequently, despite all the efforts of our "Labour Gang," the track used was certainly the worst we have had in all the four war-time sports meetings. To make conditions worse, there was a strong wind on the day of the finals, blowing in precisely the wrong direction; it is, therefore, hardly surprising that none of our boys approached School Record times in the running events.

The Sports were held on the morning of July 20th. The Preliminaries, after being postponed because of inclement weather, had been held on the previous morning.

This year four houses—the old eight working in pairs—competed. It must be admitted that if the eight had been retained, a very different story would have been told, for while affiliation may for some combinations mean a strengthening, it can be a very one-sided business for others. As it was, in all the athletic events the School-Rodney combination proved far too strong for the others. They won all the Championships, all three Relays, and two of the three Victores Ludorum; they had also won the Cross-Country Championship in March.

The Victores Ludorum were:—Open: D. Gerhold (School); Intermediate: E. Trew (School); Junior: J. Marshall (Collingwood).

The Ashworth Cup, awarded for all-round athletic prowess, this year went to P. Williams. It will be noted that his distinctions were gained less on the sports field than in the gymnasium, and in cricket and football. To say this is not, of course, to belittle his achievement.

The most outstanding performance of the Sports was by Siggers (N), who, in the U/16 Long Jump, was only  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch off the school intermediate record of 17ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Bishop (Ra) made a début as an open sprinter, after a lapse of some time from running, by winning the 100 yards Open and obtaining favourable positions in other sports against such champions as Gerhold (S), Hales (Gr), Macgregor (Ro). Hill (W) surprised participants and authorities by beating Homewood (Gr) in the open discus.

Throughout the running season one fact has been apparent: the school still has a great deal of its team spirit left and the



wins that have been obtained are not the outcome of single brilliance—although we have brilliant runners in the school—but of good team work and perfect understanding and combination in the athletic teams.

A. M. M.  
H. J. J.

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### ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1943.

These were held on the Central School Field, Ammanford, on Monday, July 19th.

80 yds. *Form II*: 1, Cook, T. (W); 2, Hankinson, F. (W); 3, Tedcastle, J. (W).

100 yds. *under* 12: 1, Hankinson, R. (W); 2, Cook, T. (W); 3, Hankinson, M. (W).

" " 12½: 1, Bannock (S); 2, Donnison (W); 3, Jackson (W).

" " 13: 1, Wymer (S); 2, Pratt (W); Laing (N).

" " 14: 1, Marshall (R); 2, Stanley (S); 3, Evans, E. (R).

" " 15: 1, Paul, A. (S); 2, Purves (W); 3, Davies, P. (N).

" " 16: 1, Barrett (W); 2, Trew (S); 3, Symonds (N).

" *open*: 1, Bishop, R. (R); 2, Hales (W); 3, Gerhold (S).

220 yds. *under* 13: 1, Wymer (S); 2, Pratt (W); 3, Laing (N).

" " 14: 1, Marshall (R); 2, Stanley (S); 3, Evans, E. (R).

" " 16: 1, Trew (S); 2, Barrett (W); 3, Peddie (R).

" *open*: 1, Hales (W); 2, Bishop, R. (R); 3, Gerhold (S).

440 yds. *under* 16: 1, Trew (S); 2, Barrett (W); 3, Baker (N).

" *open*: 1, Gerhold (S); 2, McGregor (S); 3, Homewood (W).

880 yds. *under* 16: 1, Holland (N); 2, Hickman (S); 3, Barrett (W).

" *open*: 1, Gerhold (S); 2, Turner, R. (N); 3, Moore (S).

1 mile *open*: 1, Gerhold (S); 2, Moore (S); 3, Holland (N).

*High Jump under* 14: 1, Wymer (S); 2, Laing (N), Stanley (S).

" " 16: 1, Hickman (S); 2, Trew (S); 3, Siggers (N).

" *open*: 1, Homewood (W); 2, McGregor (S); 3, Pearce (R).

*Long Jump under* 14: 1, Marshall (R); 2, Evans, E. (R); 3, Neame (N).

" " 16: 1, Siggers (N); 2, Peddie (R); 3, Symonds (N).

" *open*: 1, McGregor (S); 2, Gerhold (S); 3, Pearce (R), Jenne (W).

*Putting the Shot under* 16: 1, Reddie (W); 2, Richards (N); 3, Peddie (R).

" " *open*: 1, Homewood (W); 2, East (S); 3, Bishop, R. (R).

*Throwing the Discus under* 16: 1, Reddie (W); 2, Hickman (S), 3, Richards (N).

" " *open*: 1, Hill (W); 2, Homewood (W); 3, East (S).

*Relay under* 14: 1, School and Rodney; 2, Raleigh and Collingwood; 3, Wolfe and Grenville.

" " 16: 1, School and Rodney; 2, Nelson and Drake; 3, Raleigh and Collingwood.

" *open*: 1, School and Rodney; 2, Raleigh and Collingwood; 3, Wolfe and Grenville.

N = Nelson-Drake. W = Wolfe-Grenville. S = School-Rodney.  
R = Raleigh-Collingwood.

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

*Combined Championship*:

1, School and Rodney, 252 pts.; 2, Wolfe and Grenville, 163 pts.; 3, Collingwood and Raleigh, 116 pts.; 4, Nelson and Drake, 92 pts.

*Open Championship*:

1, School and Rodney, 92 pts.; 2, Wolfe and Grenville, 65 pts.; 3, Collingwood and Raleigh, 40 pts.; 4, Nelson and Drake, 16 pts.

*Intermediate Championship*:

1, School and Rodney, 100 pts.; 2, Nelson and Drake, 60 pts.; 3, Wolfe and Grenville, 56 pts.; 4, Collingwood and Raleigh, 28 pts.

*Junior Championship*:

1, School and Rodney, 60 pts.; 2, Collingwood and Raleigh, 48 pts.; 3, Wolfe and Grenville, 42 pts.; 4, Nelson and Drake, 16 pts.

*Victor Ludorum (Senior)*: D. A. Gerhold (S).

*Proxime accessit*: D. E. Homewood (Gr).

*Victor Ludorum (Intermediate)*: E. A. Trew (S).

*Proxime accessit*: P. J. Barrett (Gr).

*Victor Ludorum (Junior)*: J. H. Marshall (C).

*Proxime accessit*: F. Wymer (Ro).

*The Ashworth Cup*: P. Williams (N).

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J. H. PECKHAM  
(19—1943).

J.H.P. was more than a colleague. He was a pleasant companion, always ready to lend a hand, always cheerful. Though he did not pretend to appear a wit, his sense of humour was keen and infectious. Twenty-four years of close and hourly



association with him found him unvarying in his kindness. It was quite impossible to quarrel with him.

In the classroom he insisted at all times on politeness, industry and sound workmanship. In his own life he never failed to show these qualities. If he was at times slow to express an opinion, his reluctance to judge adversely was always the cause. If ever quick in temper, some divergence from the standard of honest conduct he expected was probably at the bottom of it. He had an active dislike for any sort of pretence.

None of his colleagues and very few, if any, of the boys who knew him can fail to remember him with respect and affection.

H. H. P.

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### FOOTBALL, 1942-3.

#### SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

The strength of the School 1st XI this winter has been considerably reduced. At the beginning of the season only three members of last year's team—B. D. Ashfield, L. England and P. Williams—remained to represent the school, and our present XI has been built largely around these three players.

Since Christmas we have received a further setback, as both Ashfield and England left school—Ashfield to take up an Engineering Cadetship Course in London, and England to enter the Navy. We all wish them both good luck and every success. This has necessitated the introduction of fresh, relatively inexperienced, talent, and the rearrangement of previously well-established positions.

With limited facilities for practice, and with the difficulty of having to build up a team, introducing eight—and later more—new members, the school has done extremely well in losing only one of the five games that (to the end of February) have been played. Before Easter we shall probably have played at least eight games, with, it is hoped, continued success.

Sixteen players have represented the school by playing in the 1st XI.

A. Atkins, R. Bishop, D. Gerhold, J. Hales, J. Hill, A. McGregor and P. Williams have played in every match, and the nine others who have played in varying numbers of games are:

B. D. Ashfield, L. England, C. Stimpson, P. Perry, P. Evans, D. Sadler, P. East, R. Pitt and S. Pearce.

The 2nd XI have played two games—both against "Addey and Stanhope" School. The school won both games comfortably.

A Junior XI are also undefeated, having played three games. They beat the local Cadet Corps and Bettws Boys' Club (Juniors), and on another occasion drew with Bettws.

#### RESULTS.

1st XI	Opponents.	Result.	Score.	Goalscorers.		
	v. Welfare Institute	Draw	0—0			
	v. Bettws Boys' Club	Win	1—0	Ashfield		
	v. Welfare Institute	Lose	0—3			
	v. Cross Hands	Draw	0—0			
	v. Folland Rovers	Win	4—0	Stimpson, Atkins (2), Bishop		
				Goals.		
	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
2nd XI	2	2	0	0	10	0
Junior XI	3	2	1	0	9	3

#### HOUSE FOOTBALL.

At the beginning of the Autumn term, for all purposes of sport and athletics, the eight houses that existed in the school were combined in pairs. This step had become necessary owing to depleted numbers. The four pairs are now:

Collingwood and Raleigh,  
Drake and Nelson,  
Grenville and Wolfe,  
School and Rodney.

Inter-house rivalry has been as keen as ever, except between the newly-amalgamated houses themselves, of course, where an unselfish spirit of co-operation has been shown. The House Championship, won by Drake and Nelson—but only as a result of their last game with Grenville and Wolfe—a few days before the time of writing, was very closely contested.

The Championship having been decided, it is hoped that, before Easter, it may be possible to arrange a six-a-side knock-out competition—involving the entire eight houses separately—playing only a few minutes each way.

#### Final positions in the House Championship Table:

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.	Points.
Drake and Nelson	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Grenville and Wolfe	6	3	1	2	6	4	7
School and Rodney	6	2	1	3	6	5	5
Collingwood and Raleigh	6	1	1	4	4	12	3

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hankinson and Mr. Milne, who have given over several Saturday afternoons to refereeing our matches.

P. W.

School and house football during the 1942-3 winter was dealt with fairly thoroughly in the previous issue; however, the season had not drawn to a close when the Magazine went to press, and several matches were not recorded.



In the latter half of the Spring term the 1st XI played three games, the results being as follows:

Roan 2 (Atkins, Stimpson), Folland Rovers 0.  
Bettws Boys' Club 7, Roan 0.  
Roan 0, Welfare Institute F.C. 0.

The figures for the season were thus:

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
Roan 1st XI	8	3	3	7	7	10

Ashfield, England and Williams had already won caps and new awards went to Atkins, Bishop, Hales and Hill. Evans, Gerhold, McGregor, Perry, Sadler and Stimpson also played regularly, and Sast, Pearce, Pitt and Vickers in a number of games.

The 2nd XI played a third match against Addey and Stanhope and, by the odd goal in five, gained their third victory. This game, as indicated by the score, was the hardest of the three.

The Junior XI were less fortunate and were beaten twice—2—3 v. Penybanc Juniors and 1—3 v. Bettws Boys' Club Juniors—to finish the season with the following figures:

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
Roan Junior XI	5	2	1	2	12	9

The annual inter-house competition—won by Drake and Nelson—had been decided by half-term and was recorded last time.

A second five-a-side knock-out competition between the eight individual houses was held one Saturday later in the term. Seven minutes each way was played, and the new idea was a great success; the two semi-finals and the final were particularly keen tussles, each being decided by a single goal. Raleigh won the day, and School reached the final.

An inter-form handicap contest—similar to that held the previous season—was again won by a Fifth form. Mr. Poyser's Fifth beat the 1st year Sixth in the final by two clear goals.

During this Summer term, the School A.T.C. Flight was matched against the Amman Valley Squadron on the occasion of Amman Valley's "Wings for Victory" Week, and, in driving rain "996" lost a grand game by a single goal, scored early in the first half.

In conclusion, on behalf of all school footballers, I should like to thank Mr. Milne and Mr. Hankinson, who have done so much to make the season successful.

P. W.

With our return to Blackheath this term, a marked increase in footballing activity was anticipated. This has been so in the case of house and form football, but unfortunately there

seems to be a dearth of opponents for the 1st XI, who can only boast two matches this term. However, two further games are arranged for the closing weeks, and it is expected that other fixtures will follow after Christmas.

The team has been (the half-back line chosen from four, the forwards from six):—Williams; Richards, Barber; Collins, Pitt, Atkins, Evans; Stimpson, Purves, Trew, Sadler, Yerbury, Dobson.

We can claim—if little else—to be unbeaten, as the two games have resulted in a win and a draw:—

Roan (Sadler 5, Dobson, Evans), 7; West Kent Bn. B.B., 0.

Roan (Purves), 1; Brockley Junior Technical School, 1.

A school Junior XI have played Addey and Stanhope twice, and have returned winners each time. The score was 3—2 on the first occasion, and 6—2 in the second game.

The Junior House competition is being run on pre-war lines and has proved a great success. At the time of going to press Blake and Wolfe lead the field.

P. W.

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## CRICKET.

Cricket results in 1942 have been most encouraging; of eight games played, only one has been lost. Six have been school fixtures and the remaining two A.T.C. matches, although the team has not varied appreciably.

We have been fortunate in being able to play our home matches in Ammanford Park, and such games have produced much entertaining cricket. I am very glad to say that Mr. Holt has turned out for us on four occasions, and each time has proved a stumbling block to opposing batsmen.

With Homewood, Stimpson and Williams remaining from last summer, Bishop, Evans, McGregor, Paul, Perry and Sadler have played regularly; Richards, Pearce, Pitt, Preston, Barratt, Trew and Purves have also played. Mr. Hankinson has joined Mr. Holt in assisting us on two occasions.

Three caps have been awarded—to Perry, Stimpson and Williams.

The results are given below:

Pantyffynnon H.G. 25 (Mr. Holt 5-5).

996 A.T.C. 80 (Mr. Holt 29). Home-Win.

Roan 61.

A.V.C.S. 54 (Homewood 6-13, Mr. Holt 4-6). Home-Win.

Roan 88.

Ammanford 57 (Mr. Holt 4-6). Home-Win.



A.V.C.S. 54 (Stimpson 7-18).

Roan 67 (Williams 39). Home-Win.

996 A.T.C. 58.

Ammanford H. G. 56 (Mr. Holt 5-10). Home-Win.

Roan 25.

Llandovery Co. 63. Away-Lose.

Llandilo Co. 22 (Homewood 5-8, Stimpson 4-9).

Roan 22. Away-Tie.

A.V.C.S. 44 (Stimpson 7-10).

Roan 114 (Bishop 29). Home-Win.

The Junior XI have played two keen games against the Urdd, and honours were shared. The school won the first game, 83-61—Barratt scoring a valuable 38—and were beaten in the return match, scoring 54 in reply to 71.

Our thanks are due to the Ammanford authorities for allowing us to use the Park, to the groundsman for preparing the wickets, and to Mr. Parker, who umpired our home games.

P.W.

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### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

This year again we were compelled to leave the Llandebie course and find fresh fields and lanes. The full course adopted was  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles running over fields and footpaths, starting and finishing at the County School. The junior course was over part of this, and at one point about a mile from the school it turned back on itself. During the greater part of the term rain made training runs over the course more like swimming or "mud-larkin'." Most of the senior practice runs were over a four-mile road course, including one of the best hill climbs in the district.

The actual races were scheduled for March 25th and 26th. But when Thursday, 25th, arrived it rained! So the junior race was run on Friday and the senior run was to be on Monday. Saturday was a fair day, the sun shone on Sunday, and in the evening hopes were high. Monday morning brought more rain. By two o'clock the weather had cleared again, but the race could not be run, as to have placed the masters would have taken most of the afternoon. Anyway, it was raining again at four o'clock. The race was run the next afternoon, a rather cold, windy day.

It is pleasing to record that this year most of the organisation was done by the boys themselves. Markers, scorers and recorders

were all boys; the finishes were arranged by H. J. Jenne, who officiated at the junior, while C. Hardingham was in charge of the senior. At the junior Mr. Barratt was judge and Mr. Poyser timekeeper. Mr. Holt was the senior judge and Mr. Parker timekeeper. The Headmaster started both races. Scoring was in accordance with the usual rules, the minimum teams in each race being five. The houses were combined in four groups.

The junior race was won by L. Lee, of Collingwood and Raleigh, in 13 mins. 30 secs. Basing (D-N), Marshall (C-R), Stacey (W-G), Dolder (C-R) and Noble (C-R) finished next, in the order shown. The house order was: 1, Collingwood-Raleigh (29 points); 2, Drake-Nelson (52); 3, Wolfe-Grenville (53); 4, School-Rodney (107½). It will be seen that the winners had four runners in the first six places—an admirable result.

The senior was won by D. Gerhold, of School and Rodney, in 19 mins. 26  $\frac{3}{5}$ th secs. O'Donovan (W-G), Moore (S-R), Baker (D-N), Lee (C-R) and Hales (W-G) finished in that order. The house order was: 1, School-Rodney (35); 2, Drake-Nelson (55); 3, Wolfe-Grenville (57); 4, Collingwood-Raleigh (89). Lee, in addition to winning the junior, came fifth in the senior—a most creditable effort.

A host of boys marking the course made the running easier, as one simply followed their directions and devoted one's brain to the task of putting one leg in front of the other. There were plenty of obstacles, gates and stiles having to be crossed. An obliging farmer had moved his herd of cattle and horses; otherwise there would have been even more obstacles.

Both finishes were in front of the County School, the runners finishing at the rests of a V of seats. Once the mouth of the V was entered no overtaking was allowed. The rules were all conformed to, nobody took short cuts, and I think the race was a credit to the organisers and runners. Medals were given in each race to winners, and certificates to the first three to finish and to members of the winning teams. Mr. Mitchell must be thanked once again for his unfailing help and advice. We may be decreased in numbers, but we can still run "cross-countries" on a scale that does credit to the school. None the less, I feel certain that many seniors who remember Greenwich would rather be running the old course around the Park than negotiating these Welsh hills, lovely though they may be.

H. J. J.

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### No. 996 FLIGHT A.T.C.

SUMMER TERM, 1943.

The chief event of the Summer term has been the Camp at the R.A.F. Station, Pembrey. This was most successful. Work



has been carried on steadily and our best thanks are due to the members of the staff who give so freely of their time. The best of good wishes go out to the N.C.O.s and Cadets who are leaving us. We shall always be pleased to hear from them. On our return to Blackheath we shall come under the London Command. The following is an extract from a letter received from Headquarters, Wales Command:—

"We have always felt that No. 996 Flight was one of the most efficient of our Units. We are confident that you will always feel that your association with Wales Command will prove an incentive towards your aim to become the best Unit in the London Command. Good luck to you all."

This is most encouraging and we look forward to the future with confidence.

F. HOLT, F/O.

L. J. BERRY, P/O.

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### No. 996 ROAN (BLACKHEATH) FLIGHT A.T.C.

AUTUMN TERM, 1943.

Officer: F/O. Holt.

N.C.O.s: F.Sgt. Gerhold, Sgt. Hales, Sgt. Perry,

Cpl. Turner, Cpl. McGregor.

Many new recruits have joined the Flight this term and have thus kept it at full strength. They have quickly learned the standards required of them and it is now obvious that the high reputation which the Flight enjoyed last term will be maintained and even surpassed.

An innovation this term has been an "Engines" course for those cadets with Proficiency Stars. This is being taken by Mr. Gilbert and our thanks are due to him and the other Civilian Instructors, Messrs. Hankinson, Berry, Mitchell, Daltry, Mills and Peddie.

The Flight has been honoured by two visits from Air Commodore Chamier, Chief of the Corps. On his first visit he saw gymnasium and morse and on the second aircraft recognition, lamp signalling and P.T. He was obviously pleased with all he saw.

Several public appearances have been made this term. The two most important were for Remembrance Day and Civil Defence Day parades, but several route marches have taken place, too.

In the realm of sport we have played two keen games against the Amman Valley Squadron and hope to play more games this coming term against other teams. Our thoughts are also being directed towards athletics, in which field we hope to do even better than last time.

F.Sgt. GERHOLD.

Since my last account over twenty Cadets have left school. Several are now serving in the Royal Navy, the Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Air Force. We wish them Good Luck, and a line from them, now and then, would be very welcome. The boys who have just joined us are keen on the work and, no doubt, will bring credit to their Unit. On the Ceremonial Parades they have borne themselves smartly. Keep it up! Thanks are again due to our instructors who so willingly give of their leisure time—the Headmaster and Messrs. Parker, Daltry, Peddie, Berry, Mitchell, Mills, Peters and Hankinson. It is chiefly due to their efforts that the Flight has attained such a high level of efficiency. Our Commandant, Air Commodore Chamier, paid two visits last term and expressed himself as highly satisfied with what he had seen. May we continue to merit such praise during 1943.

T. HOLT, F/O.,

O.C. No. 996 Flight, A.T.C.

Since our return to Blackheath our activities have been carried on smoothly. A very pleasing feature is the greater share being taken by the N.C.O.s in the running of the Unit. They are doing a very good job. Next term it is proposed to make the training more varied, especially for Cadets holding Proficiency Test, Pt. I.

The Officers note with regret that in a few instances there has been some slackening of effort on the part of a few Cadets. Only by giving of our very best shall we be able to maintain our high standards. During the term we have been visited by our Inspecting Officer, Gp/Capt. Gaskell Blackburn, D.S.C. He saw the Cadets at work on Signals, Physical Training and Aircraft Recognition. He expressed himself as highly satisfied with what he saw and promised to come and see us again next term. On Saturday, November 6th last, a party consisting of two Officers, five N.C.O.s and 28 Cadets visited Gravesend R.A.F. Station. A varied programme, including a flight for each member of the party, was gone through and all voted the visit a great success.

The Officers extend seasonable greetings to all the Civilian Instructors, N.C.O.s and Cadets and also to Mr. Hammond for his helpful co-operation.

T. HOLT, F/O., O.C. No. 996.

L. J. BERRY, P/O., Adjutant.



## HOUSE NOTES, DRAKE AND NELSON.

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1942.

With the advent of the house-amalgamation scheme, which came into force early in the autumn term, Drake and Nelson emerged as a powerful combination. It was decided the best results possible from the alliance would be obtained if both components kept their separate identities, each being led by three officers, who would collaborate on all questions regarding the two Houses. Mr. Holt, the Drake Housemaster, appointed R. C. Turner as captain of the Drake section, assisted by B. D. Ashfield and D. Sadler as vice-captains, whereas Mr. Parker appointed P. Williams, P. L. Perry and C. J. Stimpson as the corresponding officers of the Nelson component.

House activities this term have been almost entirely confined to football. The combination has produced a very powerful eleven, and we have high hopes for winning the House Championship, as neither of our first two games have been lost. Several members have distinguished themselves in school games. P. Williams, B. D. Ashfield, P. L. Perry, C. J. Stimpson and D. Sadler have all participated in school elevens.

The early success of the combination spurs us on to greater deeds next term, when we want all members to take part in the cross-country run and other such events. Do not forget that if each member pulls his weight, Nelson and Drake will emerge triumphant!

C. J. S.

This has been a period of happy co-operation between the two senior Houses. Although we were unable to win the football knock-out competition, we won the Annual Inter-House Football League. In the Cross-Country races we did well, coming second in both junior and senior races. Unfortunately, there has been no House cricket this term, but Williams, Stimpson, Perry, Richards and Sadler have played in the School First XI. These men, with the exception of Richards, and with the notable assistance of Ashfield, who has now left Drake, played in the School Football XI last term.

In athletics we have not been able to shine, since, with the exception of Baker, we have no strong runners. However, there has been a keen show of enthusiasm and this has to some extent made up for the lack of athletic talent.

In conclusion, this has been a good period for football and cricket, but weak in athletics. For the future, good luck, Drake and Nelson, and let us hope that at Greenwich we may continue to gain distinction.

## NELSON.

After a very successful year of working and playing in co-operation with Drake, once again Nelson stands alone.

This term has been a very busy one for all of us, and, as a result, has seemed to pass quickly. Two House meetings have been held, dealing with football and cross-country respectively.

With regard to football, this term has seen the Junior House competition get well under way, but with only one victory to date, Nelson are hardly in the running for the Championship. However, the games have been keen and enjoyed by all.

Nelson have provided three members of the School XI—Stimpson, Richards and Williams—and also the captain of the Junior XI, Potter, who has led the Junior House team this year.

The Cross-country races take place next term, and we hope to provide a good turn-out. Practice runs that have been held this term have been encouraging.

Until the next time, then, good luck to all of you in all you undertake. I feel certain we shall find Nelson on top again at the end of the school year.

P. W.

## DRAKE.

We have now, on the return of the school to London, severed our connections with Nelson with whom we were combined for one year. During that year, we attained some notable successes. We won the Senior House Football Competition and came second in the Senior and Junior Cross-Country races, the most notable performances being R. C. Turner first in the Senior House Cross-Country and J. Basing second in the Junior Cross-Country. We entered for the sports and there were one or two outstanding performances, but we did not achieve any great success. There was no House cricket during the summer term, although we were represented in the 1st XI by D. E. Sadler.

This year we have a greater number of boys in the House and we hope that the new members will maintain a high standard of efficiency. The only House activity this term has been Junior House Football, in which we have been quite successful. We are now second, but we must go to the top. We have been well represented in the school elevens, J. H. Collins and D. E. Sadler having played for the 1st XI and J. Baring, R. Cody and J. Sullivan for the Junior XI. Cross-Country practices have taken place every Thursday, but there has been no great response from the House as a whole. If we are to achieve a success in the Cross-country more members must attend the practices.

Drake House is once again coming into its own and is ascending to new heights. We must make every effort to keep it there.

D. E. SADLER.



## RODNEY-SCHOOL.

The long-awaited amalgamation of the Houses occurred this term and members of both Houses were glad to hear of the Rodney-School union. The alliance of the Light and Dark Blues which had been expected and feared is now a fact. Unfortunately, activities this term have been confined to football. In this we have excelled ourselves and rest at the top of the House League. England, Gerhold and McGregor have played for the 1st XI, while other members of the United House have played for school elevens.

We hope to continue our happy beginning into next term, when we will assert our superiority in other activities.

A. MCGREGOR Captains.  
D. GERHOLD

During the spring and summer terms the combined Houses undoubtedly showed their athletic ability.

In the Senior Cross-Country the victory was a decisive one, our team winning by a wide margin. The efforts of Gerhold, Moore (3rd), McGregor (8th) and Paul (10th) were particularly commendable, Gerhold also being the individual winner.

In the school sports the success was even more complete. In the combined championship School and Rodney came out on top with many points to spare. This was mainly due to some great individual efforts. Gerhold was Senior Victor Ludorum, Trew obtained a similar position as Intermediate Victor Ludorum, and Wymer was the runner-up for the award in the Junior section.

Gerhold, McGregor, Trew and Wymer represented the School in the Inter-School Sports.

Thus it is seen that the combination of the Houses proved a great success and it is with some regret that they have now gone their separate ways.

D. W. W.  
J. G. M.

Since the above notes were written School and Rodney have continued their highly successful partnership. The Cross-Country was completed with School and Rodney away in front and the recently held sports we won with a clear margin of 99 points. Special mention must be made of Wymer, whose excellent leadership and example considerably aided the success of the Seniors. Also Trew and Hickman, Intermediate, while the feats of Gerhold in the Open will ever be remembered by those who watched him.

We hope that those who remain will continue our success back at home. From what we ourselves have seen we are sure that they will.

A. McG.  
D. A. G.

## RODNEY.

Since we have returned to London the House has resumed its former independence. The only activity so far this term has been the Junior House Football Competition which, from Rodney's point of view has proved disastrous. We have a large number of juniors; they must put their backs into it and see that they do better in the future.

The Seniors, though sadly lacking in numbers, hope to field a team next term, when the Senior House matches will be played.

Cross-Country practices are being run every Thursday, but although several members of the House are participating, there are still not enough! The more we practise now, the better will be the results next February.

Rodney has a long list of achievements in the past. Let us try to make the list longer. With a little more enthusiasm we can, and will, hold our own.

D. W. W.  
W. E. D.

## BLAKE.

Having severed its connections with Rodney, School House met again, with replenished numbers, for the first time in four years at Maze Hill under a new name, that of Blake. It was generally felt that the name "School" had no significance and that the House would be better named after another Admiral, preferably one connected with Greenwich. On account of its appearance in the School Song, the present name was chosen.

The officers this year are completely new. They are: Moore (captain), Trew and Hardingham (vice-captains), Trew also fulfilling the post of House football captain.

Our Junior Football season opened rather disastrously, but improved, I am glad to say, later on in the term. Most of our defeats were due to the non-appearance of some members of the team.

The Seniors have had as yet no opportunity of proving their mettle, the exception being Trew, who has been a regular member of the first eleven. But the Cross-Country races approach and the older members of the House will have the chance of displaying their undoubted ability.

J. G. M.

## COLLINGWOOD AND RALEIGH.

1942-3.

During our last year in Wales, Collingwood and Raleigh Houses have been amalgamated owing to the decrease in the number of boys in the school.

Although the combination started the year badly by finishing the football season at the bottom of the league, this was quickly



remedied by the Raleigh football team, which won the "Uncombined Five-a-side Competition. Following this, our juniors won the Cross-Country Shield. This was mainly due to the efforts of the Collingwood runners and L. Lee (1st) and J. Marshall (3rd) deserve a special word of praise.

We were represented by R. Bishop and P. Evans in the Football 1st XI and the Cricket 1st XI, while S. Pearce and R. Pitt also played occasionally in each team. R. Bishop was awarded school colours for football and athletics.

With a considerable lack of talent, we came third in the School Athletic Sports, and J. Marshall, who ran well, was the Junior Victor Ludorum. At the Inter-School Sports the following boys ran for the school:—R. Bishop, M. Peddie, J. Dolder and E. Evans.

While away from home the Houses have been very successful and we hope that this will continue now that the school is returning to Greenwich. To those boys who are not leaving we wish every success under their new officers.

R. E. D. B. (Ra).

S. C. P. (C).

Since the combination of the Houses we have not done very well in the Inter-House Football League, our one success being a drawn game with Grenville and Wolfe. However, there is still hope as the competition is to continue next term and the team is enthusiastic enough.

We have supplied two regular members of the 1st XI, namely R. Bishop (Ra) and P. Evans (Ra). D. Pitt has also played. Also S. Pearce (C) and D. Pitt (Ra) are members of the 2nd XI.

R. E. D. B. (Ra).

S. P. (C).

#### WOLFE-GRENVILLE.

Since our last issue lack of numbers has necessitated the combination of Wolfe and Grenville Houses, a coalition which has proved most happy. The new House has been unable to carry off any signal honours, but it has constantly been a force to be reckoned with, as the records show. In the football championship we were defeated by our ancient rivals, Nelson-Drake, after a grim tussle. We must resolve to improve upon the position of runners-up next season. In both Cross-Country runs the House was beaten but not disgraced, and we have little for which we should reproach ourselves. The sports proved a great disappointment as our high hopes were not fulfilled, although this was largely due to unfortunate circumstances which weakened the House. Our position of runners-up is satisfactory, even though we should have been able to offer keener competition to the winners. Peddie and Barratt in the intermediate class, and Homewood in the senior division, are especially to be congratulated on their fine performances. On the whole, the outlook

for the future is most promising—there are a number of promising juniors who will play their part in due course. There is also a great deal of enthusiasm which is most gratifying and entirely compensates for the lack of innate talent to which our lack of outstanding success is entirely due. If this spirit can be directed into the proper channels the House should do extremely well in the coming year.

#### WOLFE.

Before we proceed with the general House notes we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Martindale, our new House Master, whose keen interest in the House has already helped us considerably.

Our congratulations go to our captain, J. B. Hill, on being made a vice-captain of the school and on his promotion to Flight Sergeant in the A.T.C.

For some time now Wolfe House has been in a state of partial reclusion, mainly due to a dearth of senior members and a lack of enthusiasm on the part of juniors. However, with the combining of the Houses we were able, with the aid of Grenville, to show that our sporting activities were not completely in abeyance.

We did not figure prominently in the last School Sports, but those who did acquitted themselves admirably, and we hope now that we have returned and there has been a subsequent increase in numbers, the House will once more gain its former position.

As yet the Senior football team has had no chance to show its ability, but the Junior team, captained by N. Coe, has proved itself both keen and successful.

W. E. M.  
A. E. A.

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#### ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

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

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

1942-3. AMMANFORD.

#### Officers:

	Autumn Term.	Spring Term.	Summer Term.
President:			
Mr. R. C. TURNER	Mr. A. MCGREGOR	Mr. J. D. HALES.	
Hon. Treasurer:			
Mr. A. MCGREGOR	Mr. J. D. HALES	Mr. D. GERHOLD	
Hon. Secretary:			
Mr. J. D. HALES	Mr. D. GERHOLD	Mr. P. WILLIAMS	



Taken on the whole, the year was extremely successful; and how could it have been otherwise when Mr. Turner, Mr. McGregor and then Mr. Hales successively occupied the chair. These three gentlemen did much indeed for the Society.

Having only a limited space in which to attempt to discuss the activities of a whole year, I am forced to mention only the more noteworthy occasions. Of these, first comes an exceptionally successful social, held on December 4th, 1942, and for this the Society again gave thanks to Messrs. Turner and McGregor.

Among many successful debates and discussions there appeared an occasional Brains Trust session—a novel form of meeting which proved good entertainment. Another new feature was a meeting at which members were invited to speak on their favourite book, film, play and piece of music, giving reasons for their choice, and, where possible, playing their favourite gramophone record.

May I conclude by wishing the Society the very best of good luck for the future?

P. W.

#### AUTUMN TERM, 1943.

<i>President</i> ...	...	Mr. P. WILLIAMS
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i> ...	...	Mr. R. J. PITT
<i>Hon. Secretary</i> ...	...	Mr. A. J. SMITH

After an unsettled beginning, the Society has settled down and the meetings have been of a very interesting nature.

Thirteen meetings have already been held this term and three remain to be held, including the Social event. The programme has been varied, although it has been found necessary to hold more business meetings of late to cope with an increasing amount of business.

Perhaps the highlight of the term was a very interesting talk by Mr. Binnie on his stay in America, a number of photographs used in conjunction with the epidiascope greatly increasing the interest value. Other meetings included a debate, a "Brains Trust" session and a "What I like and why" meeting, a new type that is proving very popular.

It is hoped that now the school has returned to Greenwich the Society will be increased by the appointment of several associate members from the Fifth Forms.

A. J. S.

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#### A.T.C. SUMMER CAMP, 1943.

The second Summer Camp of the Roan "996" Flight took place this year at Pembrey, Carmarthenshire. About thirty

Cadets, under the command of F/O. Holt and P/O. Berry, represented the Squadron in a very enjoyable and eventful week.

The party assembled at Ammanford Station at about 12.30 p.m. on June 12th, complete with luggage, neatly-rolled capes, well-brushed uniforms, shining buttons and very clean shoes. The journey to camp consisted of two train journeys and the connection had to be made at Llanelly. We eventually arrived at Kidwelly Flats Halt, and were met there by F/O. Lea and F/Sgt. Davies, of the R.A.F. We were then marched from the Halt to the aerodrome, a matter of about half a mile. The rest of our first day in camp was spent in getting acquainted with the lay-out of the 'drome and with receiving our issue of blankets, mugs, etc.

The first morning in camp the programme for the week was read out and hailed with enthusiasm; and rightly so, for, as was to be proved to us later, a very interesting and varied course of instruction had been planned for us. On this morning, too, we were introduced to Sergts. Homer and Flaunty, who had been attached to our Squadron and the Newport "1445" Squadron, who camped with us.

The very first instructional lecture we were given was one on parachute drill, in preparation, if the chance occurred, of the "flip" which every Cadet and Officer hoped that he would get. Next came lectures on sighting, range-estimation, aircraft recognition, machine-guns, gun turrets and R.T. procedure. S.W.O. Williams gave an interesting preamble on life and health in the Services, whilst Sergt. Flaunty recounted some of his experiences on "Ops" as an air gunner to a very interested audience. Sergt. Flaunty also entertained at times with unofficial and spontaneous impersonations which were highly amusing. Instructional films were abundant when reels on gun turrets, aircraft recognition, etc., were shown.

Every Cadet had a chance to strip a Browning gun and to have a look at its intricate mechanism, and again every Cadet had a chance to manipulate a gun turret. The time which appealed most to each Cadet was when flying time came round. Every Cadet had a flight, and for this parachutes, "Mae Wests," parachute harnesses, and flying helmets were issued. Cadets went up with an R.A.F. crew one at a time, and were treated as part of the crew, being "briefed" with them as well.

An A.T.C. inter-squadron event was arranged, which took the form of a football match. After a good hard tussle the game ended in a win for "996," who beat "1445" by two goals to nil.

The factors which contributed to the success of the week were the excellent food, the good weather, the spirit of co-operation amongst the Cadets, the good nature of our officers and



interest shown in us by the R.A.F. personnel, especially F/O.s Hack and Lea and Sergts. Davies, Homer and Flaunty. We returned home at the end of the camp, after an enjoyable, interesting and eventful week, feeling that it had come to an end too quickly, and hoping that next year's camp would be as great a success.

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### A BODY.

Walking alone—alone in the dark,  
No moon, no stars—but fog.  
Pacing down a back street, hurrying as I went,  
No sound—but down by the bog . . .  
A scream, a yell, then nothing more.  
I was frightened now, and very cold, shivering like a leaf.  
Was I to run and think no more  
Of that lonely cry of grief?

But I had to find it for myself,  
The secret terror, away in the fog.  
Creeping round corners . . . straight ahead,  
Another scream, much nearer now ; on the side of the bog.  
I tripped and fell, straight on my face,  
Bruising it very much ;  
But when I sat up, grousing a bit,  
A terrified girl I did clutch.

"A body, a body, just here,"  
The frightened girl did scream.  
"I trod on its arm and I yelled aloud,"  
Again the girl did scream.  
I stood up very curious, then . . .  
Shone my torch just where she said,  
And there beheld . . .  
A rabbit—dead!

KEITH REGGLER.

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### NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP.

The number of members for the year ending July, 1943, stood at fifty. German Remove easily beat all other forms in its percentage of membership. In the Ammanford Wings for Victory week we raised £369 5s. and so doubled our objective. A. E. Shave won the second prize in the open Senior Slogan competition.

During the year our savings amounted to £669 4s. and of this £660 went to the purchase of Savings Certificates.

It is a very great pleasure to record that during the first term of our reoccupation of the Roan School, results have far exceeded expectations. Evidently many of our younger additions have had much practice in saving. Of the total of 360 pupils now in the school 160 are regular savers. The average weekly sale of stamps amounts to £12. From these and from direct contributions Savings Certificates to the value of £94 10s. have been bought. This is a good beginning but we cannot rest there. We must have a much larger membership. There is to be another special effort in the New Year and the Roan must see that they beat all previous records.

T. H. B.

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### AUTUMN IN WALES.

A frosty morning, with the grass and hedges luxuriously painted a dazzling, sparkling white. The trees, their leaves covered with soft, down frost, sparkle beautifully. This is the first impression of autumn I receive on the journey from my home to school. The crispy leaves crackle merrily beneath my feet, the tiny beads of glistening frost soak my shoes, and the pale sun speckles the trees with light and shade. Those big, black, ugly coal-tips are coated with a fine, delicately placed surface of silver. They are not ugly now, but tower majestically over the surrounding countryside. As my step increases a feeling of warm comfort creeps over me. A robin, unaware of my presence, scrapes at the hard earth in search of a worm. Finding none, it flutters its wings crossly, cocks its head and looks at me very cheekily. A flock of crows flying overhead, cawing incessantly, causes me to look up and to notice the clear blue sky. It is late autumn now and acorns are to be seen in diminishing quantities. A squirrel, holding one in his mouth, bounds up an old oak tree whose gnarled branches are now bare of leaves. Something touches my cheek, I clutch at the offender, to find it is a parachuted seed from a nearby silver birch. One thought strikes me: how beautiful all this is! But no, it is not all beauty, for man's hand has marred it. The once clear brooklets and rivers are blackened by the coal dust and slag, for which the rivers are ideal dumps.

J. PARMEE.



## POEM INSPIRED BY CONTEMPLATION OF A DEBATING SOCIETY.

Does then this throw-back from a bygone age  
Dare to style itself peripatetic?  
Who are these lukewarm orators, who stage  
Debates at once pedantic and pathetic?

These listless rows of half-indifferent faces;  
These shallow jests and uninspiring words;  
Unworthy these who sit in hallowed places,  
Where once sat giants now sit clownish birds.

Is there no Gladstone hidden in this throng,  
No master of rhetoric and debate,  
Who with well-chosen words and action strong  
May make again that glory which was great?

Arise, ye obese and torpid intellectuals,  
Lift up your sluggish faces to the skies!  
Throw off the shackles of time-honoured rituals  
And hasten, lest the soul within you dies!

The flame of noble Aristotle wavers,  
The fervour and the living power are fled;  
Behind the pomp of empty show and favours,  
They whisper: "The Society is dead!"

R. C. T.

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## LET'S WRITE AN ARTICLE.

Said he to me the other night,  
"The Mag, and time is fleeting."  
Said I to him, "By Jove, you're right."  
My thoughts began collecting.  
"A skit on masters," said the wit,  
But steady on there, wait a bit.  
Afraid that won't be such a hit  
At next term's masters' meeting.

"School dinners, friend, give food for thought,"  
Said he, as next suggestion.  
"But then," said I, "the most they've brought  
Is pain and indigestion!"  
When hams and chicken reappear,  
And decent food's no longer dear,  
Then down will go the price of beer.  
But when? Now that's the question.

Just then an inspiration came,  
"Why, 'dear old' Wales," said I.  
"The land of fog and misty rain,  
Of cloud-filled, leaden sky."  
"A land of pop and chips," said he.  
"That's not to mention bread and tea,  
And as for cawl—ah me, ah me,  
Let's have another try."

But then, alas, the time had flown,  
And we had scarce begun  
To try to think of what we'd known,  
Of what we'd said and done.  
Our bright suggestions all fell flat,  
At last we were reduced to that  
Which you now see, this senseless chat,  
Which you'd do best to shun.

P. G. P.  
D. W. W.

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## OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

*President*—Mr. C. H. LYON.

*Treasurer*—Mr. W. A. ALLEN, Hillside, Coltishall, Norfolk.

*Assistant Treasurer*—Mr. T. HOLT, Roan School.

*Secretary*—Mr. W. J. BULLERS, 77 Coleraine Road, S.E.3.

*Assistant Secretary*—Mr. G. H. CHAMBERLAIN, 16 Spencer Gardens, S.E.9.

*Press Secretary (pro tem.)*—Mr. S. R. MILLS, Roan School.

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## NEW MEMBERS.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

Calder, R. B. ...	10-14	Mulley, H. E. ...	10-15
Layton, S. F. ...	21-26	Prior, L. A. W. ...	24-29
Low, J. ...	33-39	Scudamore, J. T. ...	29-35
Mace, C. ...	—	Steele, S. J. ...	35-39

### TRANSFERRED LIFE MEMBERS.

Brown, A. H. T. ...	31-37	Jenner, D. J. ...	33-37
Carroll, J. F. ...	30-36	Pope, D. R. H. ...	34-38
Chamberlain, P. G. ...	32-39	Smith, A. J. ...	27-32
Eley, S. J. ...	23-28	Thomas, B. R. ...	33-39
Hayward, L. R. ...	30-34	Willcox, P. B. ...	23-33



## ORDINARY MEMBERS.

Adams, K. ...	—	McGregor, A. M. F. K. ...	36-43
Auerbach, N. R. ...	—	Moore, M. D. ...	34-41
Barrett, P. J. ...	39-43	O'Donovan, P. K. ...	38-43
Bishop, R. E. D. ...	36-43	Pearce, S. C. ...	36-43
Bullers, H. F. G. ...	36-43	Perry, P. L. ...	39-43
Crumplin, P. J. ...	39-42	Phillips, A. B. ...	36-43
East, P. C. ...	38-43	Preston, A. J. ...	38-43
Gerhold, D. A. G. ...	34-43	Putwain, D. L. ...	34-39
Goddard, K. G. ...	38-43	Smith, A. E. ...	37-42
Golbourn, E. S. ...	38-40	Smith, A. K. ...	37-43
Goodman, S. ...	36-40	Swann, E. ...	34-39
Hales, J. ...	36-43	Trew, B. ...	34-40
Hall, R. A. ...	38-43	Turner, R. C. ...	36-43
Hawes, G. ...	38-43	Walpole, L. W. ...	—
Homewood, D. E. ...	36-43	Wardell, C. P. ...	27-32
Lamb, P. S. ...	36-43	Wells, H. V. ...	34-39
Martin, P. H. ...	39-43	Young, R. A. ...	38-43

The Treasurer would like to remind members that annual subscriptions (3s. 6d.) are due to the Secretary.

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## MARRIAGES.

ELLIS, N. J. On 2nd October, 1943, at St. Giles' Church, Ashstead, to Beryl K. M. Tucker.

LOWSON, M. On 3rd April, 1943, at St. Augustine's Church, Grove Park, to Ruth Mary Dann.

WRIGHT, R. H. On 4th July, 1942, at St. Peter's Church, Belfast, to Ethel Portsmouth.

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## DEATHS.

HEMSLEY, A. V. (14-19), on 21st August, 1942, at Taranaki, N.Z.

HORTH, A. C. (Staff). On 28th October, 1943.

STEELE, S. J. (35-39). On 2nd June, 1943, after a long and painful illness.

CLARE, F. (08-12). In 26th August, 1942, at Addlestone.

PECKHAM, J. H. (Staff). On 29th April, 1943.

THOMSON, W. A. (83-84). On 25th September, 1942, a well-known Old Roan, a solicitor by profession, he was, for many years, Deputy Coroner and latterly, Coroner for West Kent.

Always a keen supporter of the Association, being an active member of the committee since 1932. Was Worshipful Master of the John Roan School Lodge, 1940-1941.

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## JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5081.

The Twelfth Installation Meeting was held at the Freemasons Hall, on the 31st October, 1942. A goodly number of members and visitors were present to witness Bro. W. F. Dines installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Our new Worshipful Master, who was initiated in 1930, attended the Roan School from 1916-1920 and went from there to the London School of Economics (University of London), being awarded a Kitchener Scholarship. Always interested in sports, he won the Mile Open in the Roan School Sports in 1920.

The Lodge was formed for the convenience of ex-pupils of the school, and to such who are Masons and not members of the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Dines offers a cordial invitation (especially to those who were at school between 1916 and 1920) to attend the Lodge to meet him and their former schoolfellows.

Dates of future meetings can always be obtained from the Secretary.

W. J. R. B.

Since writing the above, four more meetings have been held, the last being on 30th October, 1943, when Bro. W. F. Dines was installed as Worshipful Master for the second year in succession. This meeting was particularly well attended and we were pleased to see several members who had not attended for some time.

W. J. R. B.

A committee meeting was held at the Roan School on 5th October, 1943, the first to be held at the school for over four years, when a long agenda was discussed, and it was decided that an Annual General Meeting and Social Evening should be arranged for a date early in May.

Full particulars and exact date will be sent to members in due course.

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## FACTS AND FIGURES.

BY A TREASURER.

In my threefold capacity as Treasurer of the O.R.A., the O.R. Benevolent Fund and the Potter Memorial Fund, I feel that some account should be rendered of my stewardship, and though



I am well aware of the many calls on both our thoughts and purses brought about by war-time conditions. I venture to make an appeal to all Roans to support these three objects and especially the Potter Memorial Fund.

We are asked not to spend money on unnecessary objects, but what better objects can be imagined than to honour the memory of one who did so much for the Old School, to build up a fund to help old colleagues in distress, and to keep alive the memory of those schooldays which, as we grow older, become dearer and dearer to us.

Roans, I feel, will not wish to let war crowd out all thoughts of such worthy objects and even when we have met our war-time obligations I am sure there must be a little surplus that we can spare to show our practical interest in them. I earnestly appeal to you who have gained so much from your connection with one who as Assistant Master, Vice-Master and Headmaster, did so much for the school, to see to it that the Association for which he worked so hard shall flourish, that the Fund which was established during his secretaryship of the Association shall grow larger and larger and that his memory shall forever be kept green.

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### THE POTTER MEMORIAL FUND.

Up to date, the state of this Fund is as follows:—

Donations, £59 12s. 3d., with a balance after paying the very small amount for collection and providing a Potter Memorial Prize for 1942, of £58 3s. 8d.

Until such time as the Fund is closed it is suggested that such amounts as are subscribed shall be placed in the hands of the Government and so will be doing their war work, and I can assure you that any contribution will be gratefully received by me on behalf of the Fund at the address as below.

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### THE OLD ROAN BENEVOLENT FUND.

Many will remember the appeal that was issued some years ago in order that funds might be raised to enable the Association to assist in a very deserving case and to place it in a position to be able to help in similar cases that might arise in the future.

The fund is still doing the little it can to carry out the first of these objects, but the expenditure of £13 13s. 1d. in 1942 was not met by the donations, which amounted to only £9 3s., of which £6 11s. 6d. was paid directly to the bank by regular yearly contributors who, I hope, will take this as grateful recognition of their continued aid. How we should welcome more of these;

the bank is Lloyds Bank, Blackheath, S.E.3. The remaining £2 11s. 6d. was received through members sending to the Secretary of the Association a little in excess of their subscriptions. To them we also give thanks. May I point out that the poundage on a 5s. P.O. is no more than that on one for 3s. 6d. The Secretary will gladly forward me the extra amount or, if preferred, contributions can be sent direct to me at

Hillside House, Coltishall, Norfolk.

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### OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

Notwithstanding the restrictions in activities and the difficulty of keeping in touch with members owing to the war, the financial position of the Association is quite satisfactory, for after paying all expenses, both the Life Members' Fund and the Ordinary Members' Fund show increased balances. For this state of affairs the Secretary is much to be congratulated as, in spite of many difficulties, he has been able to collect almost as many Ordinary Member subscriptions as in normal years and in addition has been able to add 20 new names to the list of Life Members. As will be seen from the balance sheet below, the greater part of the Association's funds is also doing its war work.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

##### GENERAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Life Members,		By Life Members,	
188 at 1s. ...	9 8 0	389 at 2s. ...	38 18 0
„ Interest, P.O.		„ Ordinary Mem-	
(estimate) ...	8 17 6	bers, 188 at	
„ Hope Memorial		3s. 6d. ...	32 18 0
Loan ...	2 0 0	12 at 2s. ...	1 4 0
„ Postage ...	7 0 0	29 at 1s. ...	1 9 0
„ Stationery ...	4 0 11	„ Interest, P.O.	8 17 6
„ Magazines ...	25 0 0	„ Hope Memorial	
„ Sundries ...	5 0	Loan ...	2 0 0
„ Depreciation on			
Entertainment			
Stock ...	10 0		
„ Balance to			
L.M.F. ...	18 15 0		
„ Balance to			
O.M.F. ...	9 0 1		
	£85 6 6		£85 6 6







Sheldrick, T. (34-37).  
 Sutherland, R. A. (28-34), F./Lt., R.A.F.  
 Walpole, L.A/C., R.A.F.  
 Moorcock, D., Sgt., Army Air Corps.  
 Hounsell, —, R.A.F.  
 Stitson, G. A., F./Sgt., R.A.F.  
 Wilcox, P. B., Q.M.S.  
 Lowe, J., R.N.  
 Durban, J. D., Sub/Lt. (A.), R.N.V.R.  
 Overy (34-39), R.A.F.V.R.  
 Woollard.  
 Thomas, B. R. (33-39), A.B., R.N.  
 Layton, S. F., F./O., R.A.F.V.R.  
 Smith, K. W. A., Supply Asst., R.N.  
 Scudamore, J. T., L.A/C., R.A.F.  
 Lewis, C. (Tat.), R.A.P.C.  
 Allcock, S. F. (36-41), R.A.F.  
 Francis, I. T., 2nd Lt., North Auckland Regt. (N.Z.).  
 Francis, D. L., Chaplain, 2nd N.Z.E.F.  
 Parker, G. B. (23-33), Lieut., R.A.V.C.  
 Bradgate, L. C., L.A/C., R.A.F.  
 Burton, A. H., Pte., R.A.S.C.  
 Smith, R. B., O/S., R.N., killed on convoy duty.  
 Widdrington, T., Pte.  
 Bartrop, G. A. (36-40), R.A.F.V.R.  
 Benjamin, W. H. (34-40), Merchant Navy.  
 Bennett, W. H. (35-40), R.A.F.V.R.  
 Collins, B., Royal Navy.  
 Fillmore, A. J. (37-41), R.A.F.  
 Fraser, R. W., R.A.F.  
 Gooch, A. F. (30-35), Cadet, School of Artillery, India.  
 Jenner, E., R.A.  
 Layton, S. F. (21-26), F./O., R.A.F.  
 Pope, D. (34-38), R.A.F.  
 Smith, J. (33-38), P.A.I. Force.  
 Wilcox, P. B. (23-33), R.H.A.  
 HILL, —, R.A.F.  
 GUY, F., R.A.F.  
 GOODWIN, P., R.A.F.  
 COUSINS, H. G., R.A.F.

(Trained as Pilot in Arizona.)

#### PROMOTIONS.

Ashford, D. J., Sgt./P., R.A.F.  
 Henley, M. W. (31-39), got wings.  
 Hounsell, J. T., Sgt./P., R.A.F.  
 Fair, D. R. (28-35), Squadron Leader, R.A.F.

Wheeler, K., 2nd Lt., Royal Fusiliers.  
 Wilcox, R. (32-39), L.A/C., R.A.F.  
 Witten, G. (Staff), Corpl., R.A.O.C.  
 Turner, S., Capt., R.E.  
 Murphy, E. R., F./O., R.A.F.  
 Betts, A. W. W., Corpl./Rigger, R.A.F.  
 Eley, S. J., Lieut., R.A.P.C.  
 Gooch, A. F. (29-35), L/Sgt., R. A.  
 Goddard, O., Cadet, O.C.T. (R.A.).  
 Dartnall, L. D., R.A.O.C.  
 Bishop, R., Capt., Indian Army.  
 Parker, J. P. (21-30), to Lt.-Commander, R.N.

#### KILLED IN ACTION.

GILES, G. V. W. (33-38). Reported killed in action at Bone, North Africa, on 21st February, 1943. He was in the R.A.F., as Sergt. Radio Observer of a Night Beaufighter. After destroying an enemy plane they themselves were shot down.

WOOLLETT, C. A. (13-16). Flt./Lieut., R.A.F., killed on active service 29th June, 1943.

COURTNEY, Ian H. (21-27). On November 11th, 1943. Flight Lt., R.A.F.

#### REPORTED MISSING.

CHAPMAN, M. A. (30-36). From air operations on the night of 25th/26th June, 1943.

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#### NEWS.

MACKENZIE, R. W. M., P./O., R.A.F., has been reported killed while on active service in America. Volunteering as a pilot in August, 1941, he was appointed flying instructor on the completion of his training in Montgomery, U.S.A. After leaving the school, he went to Dulwich College and was formerly Secretary of the Blackheath Model Flying Club, obtaining many prizes, including the Wakefield Trophy.

VANBRUGH CASTLE. Capt. Slimming writes that 54 Vanbrugh Castle boys are in the R.A.F. Four have gained commissions (Gregg, Johnstone, Foster, Jordan), 12 are Fl./Sergeants, 18 Sergeants, 15 Corporals and the others Aircraftmen.

MITCHELL, J., A.B., and LAVINGTON, H., A.B., have arrived home after being released from a very unpleasant internment camp at Laghonat, Algeria, where they found themselves after the sinking of their ship, H.M.S. Manchester, during the famous Malta



convoy in August. Their many adventures were recently described at length in the "Kentish Mercury."

SCOTT, H. S., Leading S., is at present in the Naval Commandos. Previously in the Merchant Marine, he was the youngest Dunkirk survivor (at the age of 15), when his boat was sunk by bombing. He later joined another cargo-boat and saved the captain's life when their boat was rammed.

EDWARDS, W., Sergt., was at Dunkirk. He has distinguished himself as an amateur boxer, having been champion of the 44th A.C. Territorial Championship Area in 1938 and the present holder of the North Midland Area Championship.

CABLES, C. H. T., L.A./C. (31-38), writes from an Air Training Group abroad, describing his life and training. There has been no news for some time of his elder brother, who was 3rd Officer on a cargo-boat.

RENDELL, REV. R. FERMOR (84-87) has recently completed 25 years as Vicar of Brightlingsea. The "Essex County Standard," of December 5th, describes a presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. Rendell on that occasion.

DURLING, E. D., P./O., R.A.F.V.R., is at present on the administrative staff at a flying school for officer and sergeant pilots who have been trained to fly overseas. P./O. W. T. Higgins (O.R.), he says, had passed through with the last course.

VILE, REV. D. A. (24-34) is to be Vicar of St. Hilda's, Crofton Park, S.E.4.

THOMAS, B. R. (33-39) has been torpedoed three times. He was last heard of recuperating in Alexandria Hospital. (We have since heard that he has returned to active service.)

FILLMORE, A. J., L.A./C., has written a long and interesting account of his journey to an Air Training centre overseas—in a land where there is no black-out and where you can get a Lord Mayor's Banquet for 2s. and oranges ten for 3d.

PUTWAIN, D. L., after some varied business and engineering experience, joined the Fleet Air Arm. He is being trained as a radio-mechanic, and in the same class were ABBOTT (a year senior to him at school) and BULPITT, who was re-rated as Sub-Lieutenant.

STICKLAND, C. A., has obtained the degree of B.Sc.(Maths.) and A.R.C.S.

BEAVEN, —, has obtained the degree of B.Sc.(Physics) and A.R.C.S.

MOORE, M. D., was top of his year in Maths. and second in Physics at the Royal College of Science, while LOOSEMORE, W. P. P., was top in Physics and second in Maths.

DYKE, P., Lt., R.A. (Staff), was very surprised, whilst convalescing abroad, to meet WHEELER, K., 2nd Lt., Royal Fusiliers, who had just arrived from England.

ANDREWS, P. E., L.A./C., R.A.F., has obtained his B.Sc. with 2nd Class Honours in Botany, A.K.C. (for non-theological students), Senior General Diploma of the Royal Horticultural Society and the Preliminary Teachers' Diploma. He then did an Elementary Flying Training course and has since gone abroad to complete his training.

WITTEN, G. (Staff), Corpl., R.A.O.C., has sent us a letter describing life in the Army as it strikes a person who has considerable powers of self-expression. He expects to pass on soon to an O.C.T.U.

ELLINOR, T., 4th County of London Yeomanry, took part in a recent campaign and succeeded in getting back to the base with his unit.

KEATING, D. (32-40), has passed Matric. Latin and Inter B.A. at Birkbeck College, London.

WHITE, T. T. (—42) has been awarded a Senior County Exhibition and a grant of £30 p.a. by the Heralds' Foundation.

FRANCIS, D. L., informs us that both he and his brother, Ivan Thomas, are serving with the New Zealand Forces.

MAIN, Hugh (77-81), has received communications from A. du B. W)57ff (78-84) and Ernest B. M37:3& (83-87). The latter refers to his brothers Clayton and Stanley, both dead, and Sydney, still alive. John Main, a brother who was at the school a little later, has also referred to their younger brother, William Alexander Wilson Main, who was in Kitchener's Bodyguard in the Boer War and was subsequently killed on active service.

STEELE, S. (—39), formerly in the R.N.A.T.E., was discharged medically unfit. Later his leg was amputated owing to a tubercular knee contracted in the Navy.

LAYTON, S. F., F./O., writes of his memories and impressions of Mr. Potter. He would like to get into touch with his contemporaries, particularly "Tich" Clarkson and E. P. Kinsella.

FARRELL, R. W. (O.R.), has been re-elected Chairman of the Rating and Valuation Committee of the Worthing Town Council. He also serves on several other committees and has evidently kept himself busy on public work since leaving Lewisham 15 years ago.

BAYLEY, B. F. (92-96), writes from 68/69 High Street, Banbury, Oxon., in connection with the tercentenary of the school and wishes to be associated with it.



WHITAKER, A. P., died at Rugby on October 26th, 1942. He was at the school in the nineties. He had been a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers since 1922. In engineering circles his work in the development of rotary converters and mercury arc rectifiers was widely recognised and he was regarded as an authority on these subjects. He was "more closely associated than anyone else in this country with the development of electrical converting apparatus for electrolytic and traction work." He was well known for outstanding work on such installations in England, Australia, India, South Africa, Poland and Brazil.

JACKSON, Major F. W., Chief Fire Commander for the London Region, will shortly relinquish that post at the request of the Government to take up an advisory appointment in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. It is understood that he will be specially concerned with research in fire prevention in regard to the construction and lay-out of post-war building.

("Daily Telegraph," January 9th.)

CULLINGFORD, L. N., P./O., R.A.F., No. 1 Aircraft Delivery Unit, M.E.F.

MERRETT, F. (24-30), Lance Corpl. Corps of Military Police, is in the Middle East. He reports that he met Kenneth Mann there.

RECORD, W. A., R.A., is in India. He recalls "Bomber" and George Thompson, Wally and George Davies, members with him of the 1919-20 soccer side which won all its 30 games, and wonders if this record will ever be beaten.

MITCHELL, R. H., R.N., writes from Canada.

FRASER, R. W., R.A.F.

ANDREWS, P. E., R.A.F., is training in Rhodesia.

FLYNN, D. H. (36-39), Fleet Air Arm.

PUTWAIN, D. C. (36-40), Fleet Air Arm, has sailed nearly all the seven seas.

BARTROP, G. A. (36-40), R.A.F., expecting to go to Canada shortly.

NEWMAN, E., is in Research Department, Woolwich Arsenal.

CRUMPLIN, —, L.C.C.

DENNEY, BRIAN (14-17), writes from 16 Duncombe Road, Godalming, a grandson of Mr. W. Buck, who was for many years Clerk to the Governors, is engaged on electro-medical research at the Admiralty.

WHITE, DONALD, with the Friends' Ambulance Unit in the Middle East, sends us interesting news of his doings.

WALLACE, A. F. (—38), R.A.F., Squadron Leader, has been awarded the D.F.C. The citation reads: "F/Lt. A. F. Wallace, R.A.F., No. 620 Squadron, has completed a large number of operational sorties. He has attacked targets in the Ruhr Valley, Rostock and Turin and participated in mine-laying operations in enemy waters. On ten occasions he has acted as Captain of Aircraft and Navigator, and his courage, determination and accuracy have contributed in no small measure to the success of the operations."

CORDER, Rev. B. J., has just celebrated his clerical jubilee. Originally at Siemens, Corder, who has been Vicar of Radnage since 1903, is a Doctor of Philosophy.



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