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CALENDAR.

SUMMER TERM, 1945.

June 1st.	General School and Higher School Oral Examination.
June 8th.	Preliminary Sports—Senior.
June 11th.	Preliminary Sports—Junior.
June 22nd.	General School and Higher School Examinations start.
July 5th.	School Certificate Examination ends.
July 7th.	Sports Day.
July 9th to 12th.	School Examinations.
July 12th.	Higher School Examination ends.
July 19th.	Entrance Examination.
July 20th.	Founder's Day.
July 26th.	Term ends.
July 28th.	Tentative date for opening of Ickham Farming Camp.
Aug. 7th.	Tentative date for opening of Worcestershire Camp.
Sept. 18th.	Autumn Term starts.

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VICTORY IN EUROPE.

By the HEADMASTER.

We must be thankful that we have been spared, individually and as a School, to take part in the celebrations of Victory in Europe. Old Roans have played their part in this long struggle

as we knew they would. They were in the retreat to Dunkirk, in the Battle of Britain, and in the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine during the dark years. They took a large part in the costly offensives of Bomber Command and Fighter Command; they were in all three Services fighting against great odds in the Near, the Middle, and the Far East. They were present on D Day and at the battles of France, of Belgium and the Rhine, and in the break through which led to the link up with the Russian Forces. They are in Burma and India now and they will, we hope, be in Japan before very long.

They are proud of their old School and we are proud of them. They were not schooled for death, as Nazi youth were, but as free men fighting for freedom they have shown themselves superior in every way to the products of a debased and diseased system of education. Some have lost their lives in the service of their country and we share with their parents, relatives and friends the grief which their tragic loss must bring. To those who are wounded and now recuperating in hospital and camp we wish speedy and complete recovery. We are always glad to see Old Roans at School when they come on leave and we welcome them as members of the Old Roan Association.

There is one resolve which we must all make and one promise which all must keep. It is that we shall do all in our power to ensure that the men who have made such sacrifices to preserve us from slavery, degradation and death shall be given every facility, cost what it may, to enable them to take their place in the life of the nation. They will need our help and we shall need their services if we are to maintain our place in the post-war world.

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EDITORIAL.

Most of the material that appears in this issue was already in the Press when the official announcement of "VE Day" was made. Apart from necessary modifications, made in the proofs, we have decided to present this issue as planned, and to make our next number especially commemorative of Victory. It is not impossible, and much to be hoped, that this will also celebrate the end of the war in the Far East.

We appeal to all friends of the school to help in the production of this Victory edition. In particular, we are anxious to

publish a complete list of O.R.'s. who have served in the European campaign, and we shall welcome any additions to or corrections of previous lists.

The achievements of Old Roans have made us all proud. The list of distinctions already known to us is considerable, and we feel sure that there must be many more of which we have not been informed.

It is hoped that a complete Roll of Honour will be published, with names of all those who have been killed on active service. Relatives and friends who have not yet informed us of the deaths in action of Old Roans are asked to do so as soon as possible.

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Mr. J. W. Alton Batchelor, Clerk to the Roan Foundation, had a narrow escape when his offices were destroyed by enemy action. We regret to state that one member of his staff was killed. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Batchelor had his premises destroyed for a second time. Mr. Peters is now doing much of the clerical work of the Roan Foundation, in addition to his normal duties, which in themselves are considerable.

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We have been glad to welcome at the school a number of Old Roans, including many on leave from the Services. They cannot all be named here, but we feel we should make special mention of two of whose distinctions we are specially proud, who have visited us this term—Lt. D. L. Cranefield, R.N.V.R., who was mentioned in dispatches on "D" Day, and Lt. (A) M. W. Henley, who recently won the D.S.C.

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Another whom we were particularly pleased to see was our popular P.T. Instructor, Mr. P. M. Dyke, who visited us on the first day of the Spring Term. He has been serving in the Mediterranean area during most of the campaign there, first in the L.A.A. and latterly in the Queen's Regiment, in which he is a Captain. He was looking very fit, and is obviously as anxious to return to the Staff as we are to welcome him back. Part of a recent letter from him is quoted in the Old Roan News in this issue.

We are pleased to welcome Miss M. Appleton, who comes to us from Greenford, and is teaching English and French in the lower school.

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This year our Founder's Day service will take place in the chapel of the Royal Naval College (by kind permission of the President), and the preacher will be our old friend, the Rev. Canon T. C. Phillips, M.C., M.A. It will be remembered that we were prevented from holding this service last year.

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Two farming camps will be held this year, one in Worcestershire, and the other at Ickham, near Canterbury.

It is also hoped that the school's own camp at Braithwaite will soon be available once more, and a camp held there in the near future.

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On May 11th, a very successful Parents' Evening was held, at which the Headmaster explained to some 300 parents the position of the school under the new Education Act.

Afterwards, the parents were able to meet individual masters—a valuable opportunity for all concerned. There were interesting displays in the Art Room and Science Laboratories, and a P.T. demonstration was given in the gymnasium.

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In the five-a-side, inter-house, soccer contest, held in the Spring term, the presentation cup was provided by the Red Cross and St. John's organisation and a collection was made for their funds. The total collected was £7 1s. 4d., Remove B providing over £1.

On May 1st, Hospital Day, a collection was made at the school for the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich. The total collected was £5 4s. 0d.

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The School Scout Troop has resumed its activities, under Mr. Binnie's leadership, and hopes next term to welcome many recruits.

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The annual Athletic Sports this year will be held on our own field at Kidbrooke for the first time since 1939. Last year, the Sports were postponed owing to outside interference in the form

of flying-bombs, and not many competitors had time for training. Despite this fact, a successful day was held, but this year the day should be even more successful. An event that has not appeared since 1939 is being revived. This is the hurdles, which is always a source of interest at any sports meeting. Another pre-war feature to return will be a printed programme. So far, 1945 has been a record-breaking year in many ways, and it is to be hoped that this will apply to the Sports Day as well.

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OBITUARY.

LT.-COL. M. C. MATTHEWS.

Lt.-Col. M. C. Matthews, M.A., V.D., died on January 20th, at the age of 81. As a member of the Governing Body of the Roan Foundation and its Chairman for some time, he did a great deal for our school. For many years he was prominent in the public life of Greenwich: he was a member of the Borough Council from 1923 to 1934, serving on a number of its Committees and being Chairman of some, and he was Mayor for the year 1930-31.

Col. Matthews was a notable antiquarian. He was an active member, and a former President, of the Greenwich and Lewisham Antiquarian Society. As Mayor he emphasised what a privilege it is to be a citizen of Greenwich, with its wonderful history and ancient traditions. In 1931 he wrote a booklet called "Notes for Visitors to the Borough of Greenwich"; produced for a visit by the Mayors and Mayoresses of the Metropolitan boroughs, it remains the most authentic local guide. As a member of the Wolfe Society, he was largely responsible for determining the position of the Wolfe statue near the Royal Observatory—a site proposed, a century earlier, for the Nelson Monument.

Col. Matthews was a solicitor by profession. His military career was distinguished; he was closely associated with the Volunteer and Territorial Forces, and prominent in the world of musketry.

Dr. W. H. BARBER.

Dr. W. H. Barber died in January at the age of 85—three days after the death of his wife, who was 86.

Dr. Barber was a Master at the Roan for some years, leaving in 1889 to join the staff of Leeds Modern School. After two

years as Second Master there, he became Headmaster, and continued in this office until he retired in 1920; his service was of such distinction, both locally and nationally, that on retiring he was given the Honorary degree of LL.D. by Leeds University. Under him, the school grew to be one of the principal secondary schools of Yorkshire, with nearly 600 pupils. Dr. Barber did much to encourage the physical and recreative side of school life, and used to organise camps and take an active share in the work of the Scouts.

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THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1945.

The sixty-seventh Annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, March 23rd. The Chairman of the Governors, Councillor H. W. H. Icough, was in the chair and the prizes were distributed by Commodore A. W. S. Agar, V.C., D.S.O., R.N. (President, the Royal Naval College, Greenwich). Those on the platform included the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs. A. D. A. Kennedy), Mrs. Agar, Councillors Drakley, Mrs. Hildrith and Jaques, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Barnsdale, Mr. J. W. Alton Batchelor, Mr. P. B. Dannatt and Mrs. Parker.

The Chairman, in his address, first welcomed Commodore Agar. He said that last year he had expressed the hope that this year's prize distribution would be held under conditions of peace, but so far that hope had not been fulfilled. The school had done much in the war effort to bring the country to its present position. Hundreds of Old Roans had served in both this war and the last war and the school was proud of them. Councillor Icough said that, as time marched on, gaps in the ranks appeared; Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt, who had served the school for 42 and 24 years respectively, had retired, and Mr. Mills, also well-known and liked in the school despite his shorter time there, had left. The Chairman said he wished to thank these gentlemen publicly. He concluded by congratulating the boys on their examination results, and thanking the Headmaster and Staff for the good work they had done under difficult conditions.

The Headmaster, in presenting his annual report, welcomed Commodore Agar and thanked him for accepting the invitation to present the prizes, and for his generosity in giving a prize to

be awarded for any subject or school activity. The Headmaster announced that the prize would be given to F/Sgt. Trew for good work in the A.T.C.

The report dealt with the first year spent in our own buildings after four years of evacuation. Our return to London meant that the numbers were more than doubled and we had to absorb more than 200 boys whose education had been badly disturbed by war conditions. In addition the School had suffered damage from military occupation and this added to the difficulties. Just as we were getting over our initial troubles the School was bombed and, though fortunately no one was injured, extensive damage was done to all the South wing. As a result of valiant efforts by all concerned the School was closed for only two days, though part of it was out of action for some months.

By Whitsun the School was again working smoothly—and then came the flying bombs. This attack caught us at an awkward time, for the General and Higher School Examinations, the School Examination, and the Entrance Examination were about to be held. The candidates for the University Examinations were to be congratulated on their courage and steadfastness in carrying on with the examinations under the worst possible conditions and the results obtained were good.

During the flying bomb period the numbers dropped to under 100 and all events and functions were postponed or cancelled, including the Entrance Examination, the School Examinations, the Athletic Sports, and the Founder's Day Service. The School was closed one week earlier and opened one week earlier in September. The Farming Camps presented a problem as one of them was within the balloon barrage area. This camp was transferred by Mr. Binnie to Oxfordshire, while the Ickham camp was held as arranged. It was pleasing to note that this year, for the sixth successive year, the School would conduct farming camps staffed and organised by Roan School masters and their wives and manned by Roan boys.

Our other war time activity, the Roan School Flight of the A.T.C., had been conducted successfully in spite of the reduction in numbers resulting from the decreased demand for air crew in the R.A.F. There was urgent need for a statement of policy by the R.A.F. indicating a link up of the A.T.C. with the post war Air Force and with civil aviation; otherwise full use could not be made of the enthusiasm of boys who wished to fly. The A.T.C. with Flying Officers T. Holt and L. J. Berry would be going to camp on a Service station at Easter and every cadet would have

more than one flight in a Service machine. Seven former cadets had completed University Short Courses and two, Cranefield and Dibben, had been mentioned in despatches. The following Old Boys of the School had been decorated in the present war:—D.F.C. and bar—F/Lt. J. D. Hole; D.F.C.—F/Os. L. L. Hunt, E. R. Murphy, Bines and Beardsley; A.F.C.—F/Lt. P. Foy; D.S.C.—Lts. J. Warner and Mackenzie; M.C.—Capt. Plant. The list was, of course, not exhaustive.

The valuable services of Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt to the School, as described in the last issue of the Magazine, were referred to both by the Headmaster and the Chairman. All were glad to have Mr. Kirby back to do some of Mr. Barratt's work and to take charge again of the prizes and certificates. Mr. Parker had that day broken his previous record by attending 47 Prize Distributions of the Roan School. He would in July complete 47 years with the School. In offering Mr. Parker sincere congratulations from Governors, Staff and boys, the Headmaster hoped that Mr. Parker would complete his half century with the School.

Concerning the future of the School under the Education Act, 1944, the Headmaster noted that we should now be called a Grammar School, though the change would mean little since we had been a secondary school for nearly 70 years. All tuition fees would be abolished throughout the School from April 1st, and the Preparatory Department would be abolished by stages. Thus only a few boys of ages not less than 9 years on July 31st could be admitted to the Preparatory Department in September next. A few vacancies were available for boys in the Main School of ages about 11 years and these were intended for boys who were unable to sit for the L.C.C. Common Entrance Examination. An examination to fill both sets of vacancies would be held at the School on Thursday, July 19th.

In conclusion the Headmaster stated that he was confident that the School would play its part, as it was well qualified to do, in the reorganisation of Secondary education.

Commodore Agar, after distributing the prizes and certificates and congratulating the prize-winners, said that the Collège over which he presided, down the hill, was not founded until 200 years after the Roan School. Both of them had tradition, which was very important as a background. He mentioned some of the traditions of the Navy and the three fundamental characteristics of the British sailor—Courage, Comradeship and Discipline—referring to how they had grown up with the traditions of the Service. Commodore Agar illustrated this with the story of a ship sunk

earlier in the war, apologising to anyone who had heard it. The ship was sunk in 8½ minutes by Japanese planes. The uninjured men collected the wreckage together and clung to it, helping the non-swimmers and the injured. Everyone retained these three fundamental characteristics, and so almost all were saved and are alive to-day. The Commodore said he could vouch for the veracity of the story since he had been the Captain of the ship. He went on to say that the ideal in the Navy was a "happy" ship, and happiness and discipline go together. Asking the boys to remember this always, with their school and its traditions, Commodore Agar wished them every success and happiness.

A Vote of Thanks to Commodore Agar was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Kennedy, who said she felt that she was the right person to do this, as the daughter of one of the men who "go down to the sea in ships". When she had heard Commodore Agar's story before, from someone else, she had been told that the "chivalrous" Japanese had machine-gunned the men in the water. Mrs. Kennedy said this was a memorable occasion, with such a gallant gentleman present, and she was sure that the boys would not forget it. Councillor Jaques seconded the proposal, saying that he was sure that Commodore Agar's visit was much appreciated.

The Captain of the School, D. W. Wright, proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and Governors, and M. C. Borne seconded this proposal.

Included in the programme were songs rendered by the Forms IIIb and Shell b. and the Sixth Form. The proceedings were closed with the School Song, "Here's to Old John Roan" and the National Anthem.

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MORE NEWS FROM FRANCE.

In our last issue there appeared, under the heading of "A Tragedy of France", a note on the terrible experiences of the family of Jean Hartweg, our last French Assistant (1938-39).

We have since had further news from France. One letter adds details to the melancholy tale already told, and tells us that M. Hartweg was on his way to join the de Gaulle forces in England when he met his death. Others give happier news of two other Frenchmen who have served our school—Jean Paul Vinay, who was with us for two years (1934-35 and 1936-37), and J. R.

Molimart (1937-38). Both are safe in Paris, and appear to have escaped the worst effects of the Occupation period.

We quote the following from a letter sent to the school by M. Vinay:

"I have thought a great deal of you, especially when there were reports of heavy bombardments on the south-eastern suburbs of London. I expect that the Roan School still flourishes . . . as I knew it, nearly ten years ago, now.

"I send . . . a friendly salute to the school, to the Roan amidst its pleasant heraldry, to the desks and gay rooms and stately hall; to the Park across the road, and the sun setting over the trees, and the barges on the Thames, and Maze Hill—steep as ever, I suppose—and the shrill cries of the goods trains down Greenwich way . . . A friendly salute to the Boys, whose pleasant, open faces I still vividly recall; their sometime French Assistant would be glad indeed to be given the opportunity to peep in during their French periods, and see for himself how they are faring with those irregular French verbs. . . ."

M. Vinay ends with the hope of a meeting in the near future, which we shall all share. Those who remember him may be surprised that his message makes no mention of music and art—two subjects in which his interest was as great as in language. Many of us will recall with pleasure the cheerful warble on the oboe which used on occasion to emanate from a classroom in the north wing, and which played a part in several school concerts.

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MUSIC IN THE SCHOOL.

The musical life of the school continues to flourish under the leadership of Mr. Martindale. At the end of the Christmas term, and again at the end of the Easter term, and on the morning following the "VE" holiday, short services appropriate to the occasion were arranged. Hymns and lessons were specially chosen, and at Christmas a number of carols were sung. One carol was performed by the second form, and one of the lessons was very ably read by a member of that form.

At Christmas, also, an enjoyable concert was arranged. There were a dozen varied items on the programme, including chorus songs and carols, piano solos and a duet for two pianos. The performers were all either boys or members of the Staff.

During the interval there was to have been a presentation to Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt, but unfortunately they were unable to attend.

On this occasion, as at Prize Day and on Parents' Evening, the Sixth Form enhanced its reputation for chorus singing, in which they showed obvious enjoyment as well as talent.

Growing interest in music is shown by the great amount of piano playing to be heard during the dinner interval and after school, and in the successful violin classes conducted by Mr. Winter. The sounds produced by the novices may have struck passers-by with consternation; but the players are showing great enthusiasm, and are making it their aim to place an orchestra at the service of the school as soon as possible.

Parties of boys have been to hear the London Senior Orchestra and there is a demand for good gramophone records. The school would welcome any gifts of suitable records or music that friends may be able to offer.

The school is indebted to Mr. Martindale, who has composed a new setting for the hymn used at the beginning and end of term. This setting has been presented to the school; and we are now numbered among the few schools who have their own tune for these hymns.

In order to have a greater choice of hymns, especially to have hymns suitable for all the seasons of the Church's Year and for any other special occasion, "Songs of Praise" has been introduced into the School, and this collection will in future be used in addition to the School Hymn book. It is hoped that the Upper School will soon get their copies; almost every boy up to the "Shells" now has his own. It is well worth having a copy, as "Songs of Praise" is one of the finest collections of hymns both musically and from a literary point of view.

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THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. W. PEDDIE.

M. C. BORNE, J. G. MOORE, W. E. MOSS, D. W. WRIGHT.

The Library has received three very welcome additions to the Literature Section, presented by the fathers of boys now in the Lower School. Mr. B. E. Woodford has given a complete library

edition of Shakespeare, another friend has given a German Shakespeare, while Mr. E. Craig has presented a complete set of Dickens and a number of other classical novels.

The new catalogue is nearing completion, and the complete rearrangement of the books has now been carried out.

The Committee would be pleased to receive gifts of books, or suggestions for new books for the library.

A NOTE ON JOHN ROAN.

The Welbeck Historical MSS., Vol. 1, p. 63, contain the following references to the Founder of the Roan Schools: "Lieut. Roane to the Earl of Essex, 1642, Petition stating that for executing his Majesty's command he had been apprehended, stript, and left destitute by magistrates of Walsall in Staffs. At foot (of petition) is an order for his removal from Northampton gaol to London, there to remove to safe custody".

"1642, Sep. 19. Northampton. Examination of John Roan, Yeoman Pricker to the King—that he was employed by Lt. Col. D'Ewes in a regiment assigned by Lord Paget to Col. Bolls with a commission under the King's own hand to raise volunteers which he showed to the Mayor of Walsall who refused to let him beat up his drum and apprehended him".

D. H. Peckham, whose home is now near Walsall, very kindly agreed to find out if there was anything about the incident in the local records. Military duties prevented him doing more, but he was able to find the following in a history of Staffordshire: "Walsall, September 24th, 1642. Some cavaliers were lately apprehended here for endeavouring to levie souldiers, for which dreadful menaces are denounced against us also"

The Staffordshire reference is an interesting confirmation of the M.S.S. notes even if it gives us no further information and together they help us to understand better the story of John Roan's imprisonment as related in the School History.

J.W.K.

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ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

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

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

Officers: President: - Mr. M. C. BORNE.
Hon. Treasurer: - Mr. P. G. PARROTT.
Hon. Secretary: - Mr. K. THORNE.

During the last two terms the Society has continued to meet regularly every Tuesday, with alternating business and ordinary meetings, with sustained success.

The end-of-term Social Meeting, last Christmas, was carried off with its usual high spirits and enthusiasm; at this meeting we were pleased to see again Messrs Williams, Jenne and Reading—all members of the previous year—and S/Lt. England, R.N.V.R.

During the Spring Term, under the presidency of Mr. A. E. Atkins, we heard several interesting discussions; Messrs. N. Coe and R. Cody were elected as Associate Members from VA. In this term, also, Mr. Daltry delivered a paper on the history of marine navigation—with reference to its connections with Greenwich.

The first debate of this term, on the motion, "That drinking and gambling are the pastimes of degenerate minds", proposed by Messrs. Atkins, Moore and Holland, and opposed by Messrs. Trew, Angell and Gent, was defeated, after a long and animated meeting, by sixteen votes to four. We hope to hear a paper by Mr. Milne, later in the term, on the subject of "The Problem of Liberty".

It is to be hoped that the influx of new members, next term, will maintain the present high standard, and that the Society will continue to flourish in the future.

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FOOTBALL, 1944-45.

Last season we were able to arrange a larger number of fixtures for the 1st, 2nd and Junior XIs. than in the previous year, and although the 2nd XI results were rather disappointing—the team suffered seven defeats in succession—the juniors did their utmost to make up for these defeats. The under 14 XI lost only one match out of nine. There seems to be more enthusiasm for football among the lower school than among the senior—that is apart from the 1st XI which has remained constant throughout most of the season—and perhaps the results of the 2nd XI could be attributed to the people who did *not* play rather than to those who did.

The results of the 1st XI were:—

1944.										
Oct. 14	v	Bromley County School	...	Away	Lost	...	3-1			
„ 21	v	2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade	...	Home	Won	...	16-1			

Nov. 4	v	Bromley County School	...	Home	Lost	...	3-1
" 11	v	Burnt Ash Youth Club	...	Home	Won	...	2-1
" 22	v	Borough Polytechnic	...	Away	Won	...	4-2
Dec. 2	v	Old Colfeians	...	Away	Drew	...	3-3
1945.							
Jan. 13	v	Old Colfeians	...	Away	Lost	...	6-4
" 20	v	Old Addeyans A.F.C.	...	Home	Drew	...	1-1
Feb. 3	v	Erith County School	...	Home	Won	...	8-4
" 10	v	Old Addeyans A.F.C.	...	Home	Lost	...	7-1
" 17	v	Sidcup County School	...	Away	Lost	...	1-0
" 24	v	H.M.S. Worcester Training Ship	...	Away	Won	...	3-0
Mar. 3	v	Erith County School	...	Away	Lost	...	4-3
" 10	v	Sidcup County School	...	Home	Won	...	4-0
" 17	v	Bromley County School	...	Away	Lost	...	1-0
" 24	v	Greenwich Central Youth Club	...	Home	Won	...	2-1

And the figures for the season were:—

Goals.					
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
16	7	7	2	50	38

This season Evans was the leading goalscorer with 16, followed by Knott with 14.

The standing members of the team were Collins, Bates, Trew, E., Merrett, Knott, Yerbury, Evans, Sadler (vice-capt.), and Atkins (capt.) and, till they left at Christmas, Barber and Hayler; Potter, Horne, Stephen, Thorne, Paul and Carr, A., were called upon to play at various times. Colours were awarded to Collins, Trew, Yerbury, Bates, Merrett and Knott—Evans, Sadler and Atkins having already been awarded their colours.

The figures for the 2nd XI were:—

Goals.					
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
15	4	10	1	38	44

The team was captained by D. Sullivan, and Virgo, Coe, N., Nichols, Cody, Kinsey, Paul, Davies, Lunn and Basing played in most games; Thorne and Sullivan, J., also played.

The results of the junior matches were:—

Under 14 XI.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
9	8	1	0	57	10

The under 15 XI played, and lost, one match, and the under 13 XI played two matches which resulted in a lose and a draw.

The under 14 XI players were mainly Wymer, Gilbert, Cutting, Dawtrey, Macmillan, Barratt, Evendon, Billings, Lennox, Trew, A., Laing and Roe.

Mr. Milne, as usual, has helped and guided us all throughout the season.

This season the five-a-side House Knockout Competition which proved popular during our stay in Wales was reintroduced. This time, however, a trophy was provided by the Red Cross, for which the school collected over £7, to be presented to the senior winning team. The whole competition was played off in one afternoon. Each game lasted only ten minutes, and, although the afternoon was a strenuous one for those teams who won their way to the finals, an enjoyable time was afforded to the whole school. Let us hope that the "five-a-sides" will take their place among all the customary House competitions.

The winner of the senior competition was Drake, who defeated Wolfe by 1 goal to 0. Collingwood was the victorious junior House, defeating Raleigh by 1 goal to 0.

The usual Junior House Competition was won this year by Collingwood, who showed themselves worthy of the Shield by winning 7 games out of 7.

The figures of the three top Houses were:—

Goals.							
House.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Points.
Collingwood	7	7	0	0	48	8	14
Grenville	7	5	1	1	48	16	11
Blake	7	5	2	0	21	28	10

As was expected, Wolfe and Drake were left in the finals of the Senior House Knockout Competition, and this time Wolfe gained a victory of 1 goal to 0, thus avenging their defeat by Drake in the "five-a-side" competition.

Let us hope that next year will see more ambitious plans for football than have been allowed this season by war restrictions, and that those called upon in future times to represent the School will feel the same team spirit and determination as we have experienced this season among the 1st XI.

A.E.A.
D.E.S.

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CROSS-COUNTRY.

This season, the sixth of the war, the age limits and courses were the same as last year. Three races were held, a Junior of 2½ miles, an Intermediate of 3 miles and a Senior race of 3½ miles.

A.T.C., in an aircraft recognition test. 996 were declared the winners. The Flight were beaten, 6 to 2, by a station soccer team.

F/Sgt. Trew represented the Flight at the recent A.T.C. "Salute to the R.A.F." parade in London. He has volunteered for the Navy under the "Y" scheme. The Flight will miss him very much, and he carries with him all best wishes from the Officers and Cadets of 996.

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TWO ESSAYS IN THE SONNET FORM.

We thank thee, Nature, for the joy of Spring
 That brings delight to this our sinful earth,
 For bright-hued butterflies, and birds that sing,
 Stirring the hearts of men to kindly mirth.
 The heavenly dew upon the corn doth shine;
 The rainbow with the blazing sun doth blend;
 Orchid and tulip, nettle, eglantine—
 All these dost thou, to thy great glory, send.
 The beasts and birds that this our earth inhabit
 All lend their voices in thy mellow song:
 The fox, the snake, the furry, leaping rabbit,
 Are joined by thee, and merged into the throng.
 But man is blind to all thy blissful grace,
 And with his towns has marred thy lovely face.

D.T.C.

When I survey the blueness of the morn,
 The sunlight in the trees, the opening day,
 The careless primrose, or the grand display
 Of verdant fullness that the Spring has borne,
 Or when I see the sheep so freshly shorn,
 Or view the frisking lambs, or tread the way
 Of quiet contentment, then I seem to say
 Within myself: "Why should I view the dawn
 Of such achievements' day as though 'twere eve,
 And look in sad distress on life's demands?"
 And then the storm of trouble breaks, to leave
 Again the marks of strife, and sadly brands
 The soul. Yet grace will come when I retrieve
 My peace from other worlds and greater lands.

P.E.A.

HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE.

Captain: J. G. MOORE; Vice-captains: C. HARDINGHAM, E. A. TREW.

This last term of the year is the most important and it is up to everyone to pull his weight.

Many more activities are now coming into prominence and we hope that some members of the House who have been content to sit back and let the others do all the work will exert themselves much more in the future.

We might mention in this respect the Intermediates whose disgraceful example of not entering a team in the Cross-country expressed very clearly their generally lazy and indolent attitude. It is only to be expected that they will participate considerably more than they have done during the last nine months.

This term includes the Athletic Sports and everyone should do his utmost to obtain as many standard points as possible before the actual event.

Some time after June 20th we shall be losing one of our vice-captains, E. A. Trew, who is leaving to join the Navy. We know you will all join with us in wishing him the best of luck for the future. He has been a sterling member of the House and we are sorry he has to go.

Our other vice-captain, C. Hardingham, is to be congratulated on his appointment as one of the Editors of the School Magazine.

A final word. We were extremely successful last year in the Sports and there is no reason why we should not repeat this achievement.

• COLLINGWOOD.

Captain: F. N. LUNN; Vice-captain: R. G. F. PRETTY.

During the past six months Collingwood house has had a large number of successes.

The first of these was the winning of the Intermediate Cross-country Running Shield. In this race, Johnson took the place of Marshall as captain and finished second in the race. The latter was unfortunately absent from school through enemy action. In the junior race, the first two runners to finish were Ansett and Crayk, both of Collingwood; but lack of support meant that the final result only brought the team to third place.

The junior football team won every match they played, under the able captaincy of Marshall. This effort added the junior foot-

ball shield to our trophies. The five best players also won the "five-a-side" competition.

The junior cricket team have played only two matches so far, but have won both of these easily. Wheeler was selected junior cricket captain at a recent house meeting.

The senior activities have been limited both by lack of talent and, in some cases, by a lack of keenness. In the senior football the team managed to win the first match, but in the "five-a-side" competition was "knocked out" in the first round. The few seniors who appeared in the house contests did more than their best, but, unfortunately, this did not offset the slackness of the other seniors.

On the whole the house deserves hearty congratulations for a worthy performance.

DRAKE.

Captain: D. E. SADLER.

Vice-captains: M. C. BORNE, P. G. PARROTT.

The House has been very successful since the last issue of the Magazine, which is due to the fact that there has been more enthusiasm amongst members. Drake must maintain this high standard.

We were not so successful on the football field as last year, but nevertheless the House put up a good all-round show. The Junior XI was third in its competition, and the Senior XI was beaten by Wolfe in the Final by 1—0. Five-a-side football returned this year, the Junior five being knocked out in the first round; the Seniors won all their games, beating Wolfe 1—0 in the Final. The House was well represented in the School XI's, for Collins and Sadler were in the 1st XI, Sullivan, D., Davis, Basing, Sullivan, J., Virgo, Cody and Kinsey were in the 2nd XI, and Dawtreay was in the Junior XI.

In the school Cross-country Drake was successful again, for the House was 2nd in the Intermediate race, Dawtreay being the individual winner of the race. The House's Senior team won its competition, and its members, Virgo 1st, Basing, Collins 6th, and Parrott 18th, are to be congratulated. Further, it is satisfying to know that two of the races were won by members of Drake.

The Cricket season has only just begun, but the Junior XI is doing well, having won both its matches. We see that the House is showing its talent again, for Kinsey is a member of the 1st XI, Collins is in the 2nd XI, and Dawtreay and Towells are in the Junior XI.

This term the officers of the House will be leaving and they wish the House all success in the future, so that Drake will remain at the top.

GRENVILLE.

Captains: P. N. NICHOLS and D. A. GAY.

As we are yet in the middle of the term, this report becomes not a tabulation of success and failures to be proudly remembered or to be hastily forgotten, but rather an exposition of hopeful confidence or ominous foreboding to be realised and endured. We are rather lacking members for the senior part of the house, and owing to this dearth of senior members we were not so successful in our senior football as were the juniors, being defeated in the first round at the Senior House Football "Knock-Out" Competition. Our Junior football team made up for this. After a splendid start our young football team failed to stay the pace and as a result the house was beaten into second place. We came first in the Junior Cross-country, thanks to many good runners. We hope that this enthusiasm will be even greater in the Sports and Cricket, the main events of the term. The swimmers must take every opportunity for practice, and for those who have never learned, there is every opportunity to do so. To obtain good results every member must do his best, and a much larger number of entries for the sports is needed.

NELSON.

Captain: R. W. SIGGERS; *Vice-captains:* A. CARR, D. A. HOLLAND.

Since our last publication the football season and also Cross-country races have passed, though, we regret to say, none too gloriously for us. Our junior football team unfortunately lost every match. The seniors fared a little better by getting into the second round of the Knock-out competition. Nevertheless, we had good individual players in Horn and Potter, who played for the 1st XI, and Taylor who played for the 2nd XI. Towards the end of the term we took part in the "five-a-side" Knock-out Competitions; here the juniors won their way into the second round, but were then defeated, while the seniors, after putting up a good fight, were defeated in the first round.

In the Senior Cross-country we were placed third, while in the intermediate we were fourth. Although we were not placed in the junior race we would like to thank all those who ran, since we put about the largest team on the field—which does show spirit, if not skill. The senior team did quite well by finishing

third, providing the second man home, Holland. This was undoubtedly our most spectacular event of the term. We might mention in passing that the house provided the school with two of its Cross-country team, Holland and Terrey, the former winning his School Athletic Colours. Our thanks go to all members of the house for their efforts in these races and matches, no matter how successful or unsuccessful they were.

The cricket season has just started; the Junior XI has played two matches and we regret to say, lost them both. We really must rectify this by playing willingly and with all we've got in these matches. We have, however, three members in the school 1st XI, Taylor, Potter, and Horn.

Nelson has not been to the fore much this year, but this must not mean that we are to remain in the background. It is high time that we returned to our old, honoured position at the head of the School, as in the days when the walls of Mr. Parker's room were covered with shields. An ideal example of the true Nelson house spirit was set by Peter Andrews, who was our captain in those days, and who has now sacrificed his life for his country. We appeal to our members to follow that example, by supporting the house in every way they can.

RALEIGH.

Captain: P. J. EVANS; *Vice-captain:* K. THORNE.

The main event of the term was the Cross-country race. The juniors lacked enthusiasm, however, and in the final positions were placed at the bottom of the list. The senior team put up a better show, coming in fourth.

The football season ended with the juniors again badly placed, having only won one game out of 7. In the Senior House Competition Raleigh were knocked-out in the first round, losing to Drake by 4-1. During the season there was an Inter-House, five-a-side football competition. The senior team reached the semi-finals, after having beaten Nelson 3-0, only to be knocked out by Drake again. The junior team reached the finals but were beaten by Collingwood by 1-0.

The junior team started the cricket season disastrously, losing to Collingwood by 22 runs to 3. They were also beaten in the second match by Drake, scoring 50 against 53. It appears that they are improving as they go along. We shall see! Merrett, Thorne and Evans have played for the School 1st XI at cricket, and Dobson has played for the school u/14 XI.

We are now looking forward to July when the sports will take place. We won the Senior Shield last year, so it is up to the House to rise to the occasion and keep it in the House, and maybe also the Junior Shield!

RODNEY.

Captain: D. W. WRIGHT; *Vice-captain:* D. A. JONES.

Since the last issue of the Magazine Rodney has had very few successes to report. Last term both the Juniors and the Seniors failed somewhat dismally on the football field. Full teams turned out on most occasions, but, although the spirit was there, the vital goals seemed hard to score! Wymer and Borrett represented the House in the u/14 XI, while several of our Juniors played for the u/13 XI. Borrett also played for the 2nd XI.

In February the Cross-country teams did moderately well, the Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors being placed 4th, 3rd and 5th respectively. The Juniors turned out in strength, but, excepting those few that ran, the Intermediates showed a complete lack of enthusiasm and House spirit. With a little more constructive help from some members we could have been more successful in these and other spheres of House activity. Let us see to it that we get this extra help in the future.

To date, the Junior cricket team has lost one match and won the other. This shows a slight lowering of last year's high standard, but let us hope that this is only temporary, for our present team is almost the same as last year's which was then unbeaten. The Senior cricket shield is still in our possession and we hope to field a strong team to defend it this term. This year the House is represented in the School elevens by Jones (1st XI), Wright (2nd XI) and Parker (u/14 XI).

A big effort is needed to put Rodney back on top and it is up to all of us to make this effort and to pull and work together.

WOLFE.

Captains: A. E. ATKINS, W. E. MOSS.

This term we have been very pleased to welcome back to the House Mr. Kirby, who has returned to his former position of Senior Housemaster. At the same time we are sorry to learn that Mr. Martindale is expecting to be leaving us.

Since the last issue of the Magazine the House has not played a very prominent part in school activities, although there

have been some successes. In the final of the five-a-side football competition the Senior team lost to Drake House, the score being one goal to nil. In the Senior knock-out competition, however, the team was more successful, and defeated Drake by one goal to nil, thus winning the shield.

There have been several new appointments in the House this term. W. E. Moss becomes swimming captain, E. Bates, captain of the Senior cricket team, and Lennox Junior cricket captain. In conclusion we hope to see the House continue its successes of last year, as it cannot fail to do if all members work together.

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POTTER MEMORIAL FUND.

Since the last appeal in the pages of our Magazine our time and thoughts have been so fully occupied and there have been so many calls on our purses that there have been few opportunities to show our appreciation of the man who did so much for the School and the O.R.A.

Now, happily, we are celebrating the end of hostilities in Europe. There are unfortunately many to remember with sorrow, but should we not include in our Victory remembrances the one who was our friend and guide through so many years? This past year has seen little addition to the Fund beyond the magnificent donation of £30 from an O.R. who undoubtedly realised how much remembrance was due to Mr. Potter.

May I, as Hon. Treasurer to this Fund, once again make my appeal? I assure you that any donation small or large will, on behalf of all, be gratefully acknowledged. Send your donations through any member of the Staff, or the Secretary of the O.R.A., or direct to me:—W. A. Allen, Hillside, Coltishall, Norfolk.

POTTER MEMORIAL FUND.

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Dec. 31st, 1944—				Expenditure			
Balance	73	4	8	NIL.			
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OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION NOTES.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

With the war in Europe ended, many of our Old Roans, Prisoners of War and Service men, may be back home again. We shall be very pleased to welcome them and renew acquaintance. I have received several letters from O.R.'s. overseas and at home. I hope that my replies have reached them all. Many were inquiring about the doings of some of their friends and I have tried to give them as much information as possible. Some were wondering if O.R. activities—Dramatic Society, O.R. Soccer and Cricket Clubs—would be restarting. I am arranging a cricket match O.R. v. The School, which will be played on Saturday, July 21st. Any O.R. who would like a game should write to me at the School. Where are such stalwarts as "Len" Watts, Harry Smith, Harry Townsend and "Bill" Gosling? I should welcome any news of them and any others. At the Annual General Meeting in June it may be possible to make arrangements about O.R. Soccer for next season. R. W. Pearman was very interested in this direction—not to mention Ellingham and Cutts, now overseas.

We are specially desirous of making contact with Old Boys who have been P.O.W's. They have all been much in our thoughts during these long months and we are eagerly awaiting news of their safe return. We are glad to be able to report in this issue that P. S. Norton and V. Perry are safe. There are probably many more about whom we have not had any information. The Headmaster and Staff join me in sending greetings to O.R's. wherever they may be. May they have a Safe and Speedy return.

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By a printer's error, the headings were omitted from the O.R.A. Balance Sheet published in our last issue. The headings for the various accounts should be as follows: (i) Life Members' Fund; (ii) Ordinary Members' Fund; (iii) General Revenue and

Expenditure; (iv) Balance Sheet; (v) Benevolent Fund; (vi) Potter Memorial Fund.

FOOTBALL

With the European War now at an end no doubt some of us may be able to return to our pre-war jobs shortly and naturally we are anxious to renew acquaintance with our many soccer club members with whom we have lost contact during the past six years.

The Hon. Secretary, c/o 16 Chowders Road, Catford, S.E.6, will be very pleased to hear from any member of the soccer section or from any other Old Boy who may be available to play in the forthcoming season.

Especially would the Hon. Secretary like to hear from W. S. Gosling, A. T. Cutts, R. A. Smith and H. J. Townsend with a view to ascertaining whether it is possible to meet and discuss future functioning of the Section.

Information regarding the whereabouts of members will be most welcome.

P. T. LORYMAN.

DEATHS.

Berry, H. (82-86), on 18th February, 1945, by enemy action.

By the death of Harold Berry, the Association loses one of its oldest members and staunchest supporters. From its inception, Harold Berry had always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Association. He had been a member of the Committee since 1924 and was President in 1926-27; in addition he was a Founder and first Worshipful Master of the John Roan School Lodge. A Civil Servant by profession, he entered the School in 1882. He was killed by a V2 whilst visiting some friends. We shall miss him very much.

Calder, R. B. (10-14). It can now be stated that he was killed when the V2 fell at New Cross.

Chalklin, E. A. (83-88). Reported killed in accident.

Seaton, J. F. (), on 25th April, 1945, due to an accident.

KILLED, MISSING OR DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Banks, R. (33-39), Sgt./Pilot, R.A.F. Killed in action: Middle East.

Caton, E. B. (1922-33), Sgt./Pilot, R.A.F. Killed on operation, 1st December, 1943.

Gardiner, T. W. (26-31), on 16th December, 1944, killed on Active Service in Burma.

Johnson, V. (36-40), W/Op. A.G., R.A.F. Died.

Rickwood, G. A. (29-36), Staff Sgt. Glider Pilot. Missing since Arnheim. Sept. 25th, 1944.

Walker, R. E., D.F.M. (31-36), F/O., R.A.F. Missing after reconnaissance in Mediterranean Area.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Allen, D. K. (32-37), Lt., E. Lanes. Regt., S.E.A.C. Has made the Army his Profession.

Andrews, G. E. (36-41), R.A.

Arnould, Roy H. (35-40), R.A.F., in India.

Ashworth, E. (22-28), W/Op., R.A.F. Now in India.

Beardsley, R. A. (32-37), F/Lt., R.A.F. In the R.A.F.V.R. before the war. Fought throughout "Battle of Britain", 2nd Tour of "Ops." in N. Africa. Fractured spine but recovered and had 3rd tour in France shortly before "D" day. Now regrets that he "has a desk job".

Blackhall, R. C. T. (37-40), Sgt./Pilot, R.A.F., Capetown.

Brooks, K. (36-40), Lt., Queen's Royal Regt.

Broome, G. W. (36-41), L.A.C., R.A.F.

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

Brown, D. (32-36), L.A.C., R.A.F., C.M.F.

Clark, A. (— 24), A.C.2, R.A.F.

Coates, J. (27-34), F/O., R.A.F. Report from a reliable source: "He was wearing cuff links bearing Roan crest".

Collins, J. B. (35-40), R. N.

Cutts, A. T. (), Lt., Middlesex Regt. Has been with guerilla bands in Greece. Mentions John Ellingham, now in India. Hopes O.R. Sports Clubs will soon get going again. Sends best wishes to the "Old Guard" still on the Staff.

Crumplin, P. J. (39-42), R.M. Now at Deal. Univ. Naval Short Course at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Deeks, R. (36-42), R.N.

Drakley, D. H. (35-39), Third Officer, M.N.

Served with M.N. since 1939. Now gained his 2nd Mate's ticket.

Drennan, R. (36-40), R.T.C.

Severely wounded in Normandy. Bullet in spine and twelve shrapnel wounds. Lay in open 48 hrs. Recovering slowly and is now in hospital near Worcester.

Dudgeon, W. E. (37-44), R.A.F., u/t. P.N.B., Torquay.

- Ellis, N. J. (28-35), M.N. Not able to go to sea now owing to ill health. Has engineering job ashore.
- Fox, F. (33-38), R.A.F.
- Fry, C. V. (37-42), Royal Engineers.
- Gibbons, H. W. A. (24-31), Cpl., R.A.F. Service with M.E.F. Visited Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel-Aviv, Beirut when on leave.
- Gill, P. H. (37-42), Engine-Room Artificer, R.N., not as given previously, R.A.F.
- Goddard, D. (33-37), Lt., R.A., B.L.A. Hopes to get back to O.R. Cricket again.
- Hazell, D. W. (36-41), Royal Signals.
- Henry, G. (21-26), Capt., A.C.C. Over five years' Army service. Catering Adviser at Corps and Area H.Q. in N. Africa, Sicily and Italy. Now attached Hospitals as Adviser and Dietician. Hopes to see Old Boy Soccer on School field again.
- Hill, J. H. (35-40), L.A.C., W/Ops, R.A.F. Now at Yundum, West Africa.
- Hime, T. (32-38), R.A.F., Paiforce.
- Hooper, K. (36-42), Sub./Lt. (A), F.A.A. Pilot.
- Hoptrough, H. S. (35-39), R.A.M.C. Invalided out.
- Hubbard, D. (37-43), R.A.M.C.
- Hudson, D. J. (33-37), R.A.F., Radar/Mech., B.L.A.
- Ironside, W. M. (— 19), M.M., Sgt., Can. R.A.M.C.
- Ironside, C. (— 19), Sgt., Can. R.A.M.C.
- Kaberry, G. P. (32-39), Cpl., R.A.C., is now serving in Germany. He was home on leave in March.
- Layson, S. J. (26-32), Cpl., R.A.F., Bengal.
- Layson, C. T. (28-34), W/Op. A.G., R.A.F., Italy. Warrant Officer.
- Liddle, J. (33-38), Q.M.S., R.A., C.M.F.
- Moyes, D. J. (37-44), F.A.A. u/t.
- Phillips, A. (36-43), Q.M., H.M.S. Afrikander.
- Richards, J. D. (36-42), R.N., Radio/Mech. Ceylon.
- Russell, R. (36-39), R.E.M.E.
- Russell, C. A. (31-36), Lt., 1st Lothians.
- Engaged in attack on Walcheren. His tank landing craft capsized but he swam ashore. Later received severe injury to spine. Hopes injury will not be permanent. In hospital at Bath.
- Stearn, R. W. (21-27), Cpl., R.A.F.
- Stokes, B. W. B. (29-34), Cpl., R.A.F.
- Swann, E. (34-39), Royal Signals.
- Swift, F. (34-38), Petty Officer, R.N. De-coder in Iceland.

- Suckling, J. H. (22-28), Lt., R.N.V.R.
- Thorp, J. (Staff), Capt., Royal Signals. Now in Ceylon. Flew out in B.O.A.C. aircraft to Delhi. Now attached H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.C.
- Thurgood, D. C. (32-38), R.A.F., 40-43. Invalided out. Now Asst. Manager, Insurance Office, in Yorkshire.
- Turp, W. R. L. (30-37), Capt. K.S.L.I. North African Campaign. Wounded in Sicily. Trained as S.A. expert at Military Coll. of Science, Stoke. Recently gone to Germany.
- Porte-Vignaux, E. L. (29-34), R.N. Over 2 years' service with Pacific Fleet.
- Weir, A. G. (36-42), R.A.F., Malta. Not R.N.
- Widdrington, G. A. (37-43), S/Gnr., R.A.
- Willis, S. E. (31-38), R.A.F. 4 years' service. While flying on a test flight as Flight Fitter was injured. Now discharged and studying draughtsmanship and design at a Govt. Training Centre.
- Woodrow, P. (34-38), Lt., R.E. India.
- Captain P. M. Dyke (Staff) tells, in a letter which reached us on the eve of "VE Day", how, since he returned to Italy in February, he has taken part in the triumphal advance in the Adriatic Sector. He writes: "We had the pleasure of taking the city of canals and gondolas We always said we would, and at last we have succeeded; in fact, we feel, without any boasting, that we have done a good job of work, and that all our long trek has at last produced its reward. I myself feel very proud to have been able to take part in it, and I'll always remember the last three weeks with complete satisfaction. . . . I wish I could be at home when the Great Day, marking the complete collapse of Germany, comes along—but I have no doubt that we shall celebrate it to the full, wherever we are!"

PROMOTIONS.

- Bradgate, N. C. (34-39), P/O., R.A.F.
- Eldridge, F. C. (34-39), 2/Lt., Queen's Regt.
- Fair, D. R. R. (— 34), Wing-Commander, R.A.F.V.R., Malta.
- Trafford, L. E. (27-37), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. (Meteorological Section). Serving in M.E., having now been overseas for over four years. At his O.C.T.U. in Palestine, he renewed his acquaintance with Putting the Shot.

DISTINCTIONS.

Daniel, N. F., Major, R.A., now with B.L.A.

Awarded M.B.E. (*London Gazette*, March 29th, 1945). Commissioned 1940. Concerned with organisation of the landings in Normandy. Moved through France and Belgium with the B.L.A.

Walker, R. E., F/O.; R.A.F. Awarded D.F.M. prior to being commissioned. Since reported missing.

W. Mattock Ironside (— 19), Sgt., C.R.A.M.C.

Awarded M.M. for his magnificent work in rescuing wounded men on Walcheren Island on Nov. 1st, 1944. Citation states "A number of landing vehicles were struck by enemy shell fire. Sgt. Ironside saw that there were wounded men in the vehicles, and with entire disregard for his own personal safety, went into one of the burning vehicles and removed three seriously wounded men. During this time petrol, oil drums and ammunition were catching fire and exploding".

Henley, M. W. (31-39), D.S.C., Sub./Lt. (A) R.N.V.R.

Awarded D.S.C. for "gallantry and determination in face of intense enemy attacks when serving on H.M.S. Campania. A convoy sailing to North Russian ports was being attacked by surface vessels and submarines. Under extremely difficult conditions this Pilot pressed home his attacks, and contributed materially to the safe arrival of the convoy". Henley has now concluded his tour of operations and for some time will be serving as an instructor.

Bradgate, N. C. (34-39), P/O., R.A.F.V.R., has been awarded the D.F.C. We have not yet received details.

Shave, R. P. W. (27-29), Royal Fusiliers.

Awarded M.M. for gallantry in action in Italy. The Germans had camouflaged machine-gun posts with wheat-sheaves. Shave's section attacked one of these, unaware of its true nature, and shot three of the four men manning it. He escaped injury, beyond getting a bullet through his sleeve. Later he was wounded by shell splinters.

"My little effort", he writes, "saved many of our lads from blundering into this and other enemy machine-gun nests; the hill was full of them".

Sutherland, R. A. (29-35).

S/Ldr., R.A.F., has been awarded a Bar to the D.F.C. He entered the R.A.F. as a Pupil-Pilot in 1938, and was commissioned in the same year. He was promoted S/Ldr. in 1943, and won his D.F.C. in March, 1944. The citation for his new award was as follows:

"Has displayed skill and gallantry of a high order. In March, 1945, he led a small formation of aircraft in a low-level attack on an enemy petrol installation. In spite of fierce opposing fire, the attack was well pressed home. The success obtained reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of S/Ldr. Sutherland, who displayed exceptional skill and resolution throughout".

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The following information, which has reached us since our last issue, will supplement or correct notices which have appeared in earlier issues:—

Chapman, M. A. (30-36), F/O., R.A.F., was twice mentioned in Dispatches, not once only, as previously stated. After a fine record of flying, he was reported missing in June, 1943.

Norton, P. S. (20-23), Sgt./Major. Reported in our last issue as Prisoner of War. He was living in S. Africa, and went to Egypt with the 2nd S. African Division. He was taken prisoner while serving with the 4th Brigade H.Q. at Tobruk, and, after a spell in hospital with a bad attack of dysentery, was in an Italian camp at the time of the collapse of Italy.

He escaped just before the Germans arrived to take over, and it took him ten months to get through to the British lines, narrowly escaping recapture on many occasions. There followed a period of recuperation, ending with his discharge as unfit in December, 1944. He is now working for the Deciduous Fruit Board in Cape Town.

Mr. Norton's letter ends with an invitation to any Old Roans who may be in S. Africa, or may contemplate settling there, to look him up.

Perry, V. Prisoner of War since Dunkirk, in Prison Camp near Nuremberg. Now reported safely returned.

Thomas, B. R. (33-39), S/Lt., R.N.V.R., was reported in our issue of January, 1944, as having been torpedoed three times; this proves to be an exaggeration, but he was on the destroyer "Airedale" when it was bombed and sunk in June, 1941. He is to be congratulated on his promotion.

NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

(Not in the Services.)

DAVIES, N. V. (36-41), after attending Leicester College of Technology 1941-44, gained 2nd Class Hons. in Engineering and the degree of B.Sc. (Eng.) London. Now working in London.

BORNE, D. F. (34-41). Higher National Diploma (Eng.).

OWEN, R. E. (38-41). Architecture Student. Inter. A.R.I.B.A. 1944. Awarded L.C.C. Scholarship £50 p.a. for 2 years.

PEARMAN, R. W. (31-37), B.Sc., A.R.C.S., A.R.I.C., Research Chemist.

PIERCE, L. L. (33-39). Standard Telephones.

WHITAKER, E. A. (33-40). Student in Siemens' Labs.

HALFORD, W. (). Research Staff, G.E.C.

WITCHER, C. R. (08-13). Chairman, Rangoon Port Trust. Now posted as a Secretary to the Govt. of Burma at the Burma Office, Whitehall. There should be a good story here. Can we have details?

CHAMBERLAIN, P. G. (34-39). Armament Research Dept., Min. of Supply.

SLOANE, HARRY. Went to S. Africa in 1902. Retired in June, 1944, after 42 years in the Civil Service. Held the position of Electoral Officer, Cape Peninsular, Registrar of Births and Deaths, and Supervisor of Census. He lives at Capetown. In a letter to the Secretary he enquires about a blazer. "My friend, George Oakley, another Old Roan, wears one on the local bowling green and is inclined to 'swank' in it and I don't want to leave him with the stage to himself". Greetings to Harry Sloane from all at the Roan.

BIRTHS.

LORYMAN, P. T. (1924), on 6th September, 1943, to Ena, wife of Mr. P. T. Loryman, 22 Plummers Lane, Haynes, Beds., a daughter—Jean Mary.

PECKHAM, D. H. (20-30). On 20th December, 1944, to Muriel (née Baker), wife of Lt. D. H. Peckham, R.A., a son—Nigel Charles.

MARRIAGES.

Fox, G. (33-38), to Joan Ecob, on November 11th, 1944, at Kempstone Church, Loughborough, Leics.

LORYMAN, P. T. (1924), at St. Pinnes, Greenacres Church, Oldham, to Ena Theresa Dolley, on 19th July, 1941.

NEW MEMBERS.

LIFE.

Allen, D. K. (32-37); Bruce, D. M. (35-40); Durban, D. D. (36-39); Lee, L. G. (37-44); Matthews, S. A. (13-18); Nicholson, K. A. W. (39-44); Parmee, F. (40-42); Thackeray, D. P. C. (38-39).

TRANSFERRED LIFE.

Bishop, R. E. D. (36-43); Broome, D. R. (32-37); Broome, G. W. (36-41); Goddard, D. (33-37); Henley, M. W. (31-39); Hime, T. W. (32-38); Keating, D. N. (32-40); Lee, B. C. (19-29); McKenzie, R. (21-28); Parker, J. R. (33-38); Pearman, R. W. (31-37); Sellors, C. T. (33-40); Shute, F. E. (32-38); Spore, C. W. (31-38); Ellis, R. H. (27-37); Parker, G. B. (24-32).

ORDINARY.

Alcom, W. (25-31); Barber, R. C. (39-44); Cheeseman, A. R. (39-44); Dixon, L. H. (38-43); Dolder, J. A. (39-44); Earl, J. J. (39-44); Gilbertson, J. A. (36-41); Hall, M. (22-25); Hopkins, D. A. (39-44); Mullins, R. S. (31-37); Owen, S. A. (Staff); Pullen, A. H. (37-42); Stokes, B. W. B. (29-34); Small, J. C. (39-44); Trott, L. J. (39-44); Turner, J. (39-44); Wedge, P. L. (38-44); Willis, S. E. (31-38).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is being held at the School on *Friday, June 8th*, at 6.30 p.m., followed by a Social Evening.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

At the last meeting of the Lodge held on April 24th, a large number of members and visitors were present to welcome another Old Roan into the Lodge.

Our next meeting is on June 30th, at the Freemasons' Hall, and a hearty invitation is extended to all Old Roan Freemasons.

Our new Master, as announced in the last Magazine, is W. Bro. P. R. H. Ramsey. The following particulars of his career will be of interest:

Leaving the Roan in 1896, W. Bro. Ramsey entered the commercial world. With the outbreak of the Boer War he began a military career which was to prove long and varied. He served in S. Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry (1900-01), and became a Sergeant-Major in the British S. African Police (1902-04); he was a member of the Anglo-Portuguese Boundary Commission (1904-06), and a Sergeant-Major in the Borotse Native Police (1906-07). In 1908 he became Acting Paymaster, N. W. Rhodesia, and this led him to join the Inland Revenue in this country (1909-14). From 1914 to 1919 he saw further active service, first as a Corporal in the City of London Yeomanry, and later (from 1916) as a Captain in the Dorset Yeomanry. He served in Egypt, Gallipoli, Syria and Palestine, and became A.E.S.O. at Port Said (1918-19). He has since been a Company Secretary, and during the war now concluding has served as a Post Warden (1939-44).

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