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CALENDAR.

Easter Holiday begins April 2nd.

Summer Term begins April 27th.

Half Term, May 22nd.

Summer Term ends July 24th.

Autumn Term begins September 14th.

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LONDON UNIVERSITY RESULTS, 1941.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION:

Bishop, K. F., Jones, G. F., Loosemore, W. R. P., Moore, M. D., Newman, E. E. (all obtained exemption from Inter. B.Sc.), Hooke, E. J.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION:

Matriculation. Ashfield, B. D., Bishop, R. E. D., Brooks, F. H., Buckle, R. P., Davies, N. V., Gilbertson, J. A., Hazell, D. W. R., Mortimer, A. F., Pearce, S. C., Smith, E., Watling, J. C., Hales, J. D., Homewood, D. E., McGregor, A. M. F., K. E., Owen, R. E., Richards, J. D., Rolfe, C. D., Turner, R. C., Weir, A. G.

School Certificate. Blake, A. R., Patterson, J. L., Pearce, I. R., Codd, A. C. M., Fillmore, A. J., O'Donovan, P. R. P., Smart, D. J., Spearing, E. S.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1941.

1941 saw yet further alterations in the organization and programme of the Athletic Sports, due to the re-evacuation of the School to South Wales. Since the facilities for Athletics were poor, it was only by dint of a great deal of hard work, that a somewhat primitive sports meeting, complying as nearly as possible with traditions, could be held. A rough field, which did not fit in with the usual conception of a running track, was the only ground available. The work of marking out the track was undertaken by the boys themselves, under the guidance of Messrs. Milne and Mitchell; and the mathematical wizardry of these two gentlemen, who, with the aid of a few stakes and pieces of buckled string, produced a remarkably fine track which could be adapted for all the required distances, was a source of wonderment to those present.

The track was marked by hand with white-wash, and a single path cut through the long grass with a pair of hand shears around it. A labour corps was enrolled for the purpose of digging a jumping pit, and after two evenings' toil, this project was completed so that the High and Long Jumps might be included. The final course, though leaving much to be desired, could be considered as a worthy tribute to the zeal of the boys in desiring to continue the established customs of the School despite adverse circumstances.

The laborious task of preparing the ground served to inspire rather than to dampen enthusiasm, and training took place on most evenings in the weeks before the actual meeting. Inter-house rivalry was extremely strong, and a keen contest for the championship was anticipated; charts showing the house scores of "standard points" were placed in the window of the Secretary's office. The preliminaries having been held a week beforehand, the great day, Wednesday, July 16th, on which the 30th of the series of Athletic Sports begun in 1912 was appointed to be held, dawned bright and sunny. By 3.15 p.m., when the programme began, conditions were extremely good, though the temperature was possibly rather high for any startling results to be expected.

Several changes had been made in the events. Since no hurdles were available, this admirable event had to be abandoned, to the chagrin of many. The 440 yards Under 16 was withdrawn and the 880 yards Under 16 re-introduced in its place. Since the School was again in one block, the Junior and Intermediate events and championships were re-instituted, with some modifications. Further modifications were also introduced into the "standards" in order to meet the difficult conditions.

Owing to the fact that none of the distances was sufficiently accurate, and the running surface was poor, no records were broken,

but nevertheless some very fine performances were witnessed. B. J. C. Dibben won both the 100 and 220 yards Open, in $11\frac{1}{2}$ and $26\frac{3}{4}$ seconds. These events in the Under 16 class were won by A. McGregor in but $\frac{1}{10}$ of a second less in each case. I. Widdrington won the 880 yards Open in fine style, and P. O'Donovan the Mile in 5 mins., $33\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The sole record broken was that of the Under 16 Long Jump by A. McGregor, who cleared 18 feet 2 ins. as against the previous record, 17 feet $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. The Relay events also produced some thrilling races, since the fortunes of many of the championships hung in the balance while the events were decided. In the senior Relay, there was a minor sensation when the winners, Rodney, were disqualified by the judges, and the excitement rose to a fever pitch since the actual winners of the championships were unknown until the Relay results were announced.

Altogether, despite the difficult conditions, it may truly be said to have been one of the most successful sports meetings ever held by the Roan School.

The results are as follows:—

- High Jump Open*: 1. Spearing (C), 2. S. Pearce (C), 3. W. Brooks (G).
 " " *U/16*: 1. A. McGregor (Ro), 2. J. Wilson (S), 3. B. Williams (C).
 " " *U/14*: 1. (equal) Stubbersfield (S), Scrafton (W), 3. Stemp (C).
Discus Open: 1. J. Richards (N), 2. G. Jones (Ro), 3. F. Guy (Ra).
 " *U/16*: 1. Blake (D), 2. Vickers (W), 3. Fry (Ro).
100 yds. U/12: 1. Potter (N), 2. D. Edwards (D), 3. Ellinor (Ro).
 " *U/13*: 1. Boothby (C), 2. J. Davis (D), 3. Nichols (Gr).
 " *U/14*: 1. Dolder (C), 2. Symonds (N), 3. Holland (N).
 " *U/15*: 1. Hales (Gr), 2. Gerhold (S), 3. Williams (C).
 " *U/16*: 1. McGregor (Ro), 2. Crumplin (Ra), 3. Vickers (W).
 " *Open*: 1. Dibben (Ra), 2. Thew (Ro), 3. Donnison (Gr).
80 yards U/11: 1. J. Williams (N), 2. Lowen (Gr), 3. Jobbins (Gr).
Long Jump Open: 1. (equal) Loosemoore (C), Richards (N), 3. Brooks (Gr).
 " " *U/16*: 1. McGregor (Ro), 2. Wilson (S), 3. J. Vickers (W).
 " " *U/14*: 1. Trew (S), 2. Scrafton (W), 3. Kennedy (Gr).

- Shot Open*; 1. J. Richards (N), 2. Cranefield (N), 3. Eagles (W).
 „ *U/16*; 1. Wilson (S), 2. McGregor (Ro), 3. J. Vickers (W).
220 yds. Open; 1. Dibben (Ra), 2. Thew (Ro), 3. Jones (Ro).
 „ *U/16*; 1. McGregor (Ro), 2. Hales (Gr), 3. Gerhold (S).
 „ *U/14*; 1. Dolder (C), 2. Trew (S), 3. Stemp (C).
 „ *U/13*; 1. Boothby (C), 2. Potter (N), 3. Lee (C).
440 yds. Open; 1. (equal) Hooke (W), O'Donovan (Gr), 3. Thew (Ro).
880 yds. U/16; 1. Hales (Gr), 2. Gerhold (S), 3. Harris (N).
 „ *Open*; 1. J. Widdrington (Ra), 2. Brooks (Gr), 3. Weir (Ra).
Relay U/14 (4x110); 1. Nelson, 2. Grenville, 3. Collingwood.
 „ *U/16 (4x220)*; 1. School, 2. Grenville, 3. Collingwood.
 „ *Open (4x220)*; 1. Raleigh, 2. Grenville, 3. Wolfe.
One Mile Open; 1. O'Donovan (Gr), 2. Thew (Ro), 3. Weir (Ra).
Victor Ludorum—Senior; J. D. Richards (N).
 „ „ —*Intermediate (U/16)*; A. M. McGregor (Ro).
 „ „ —*Junior (U/14)*; R. G. Boothby (C).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- Senior (Open)*; 1. Raleigh 69 pts., 2. Grenville 61 pts., 3. Rodney 53 pts.
Intermediate (U/16); 1. School 61 pts., 2. Rodney 53 pts., 3. Grenville 41 pts.
Junior (U/14); 1. Collingwood 54 pts., 2. Nelson 47 pts., 3. School 33 pts.
Combined Championship; 1. Grenville 133 pts., 2. Rodney 123 pts., 3. Collingwood 111 pts.
Winner of The Ashworth Cup—B. J. C. Dibben (Ra).

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THE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS, 1941.

As a sequel to our own Sports meeting, we were again invited to take part in an Inter-School Athletics meeting, held under the auspices of the Amman Valley Canine Society. A programme of events, similar to that familiar list of our own, was arranged, and the meeting was held in Ammanford Park on Saturday, July 26th.

The afternoon was favoured with ideal weather conditions, and the presence of the Ammanford Silver Band gave the proceedings a festive air. A very good course had been laid out in the morning, to which many of our boys contributed aid, and we were honoured by the fact that G. Percival, the school captain, was chosen to be Clerk of the Course.

For some weeks preceding the meeting, rivalry between the Amman Valley County School and ourselves had been intense, and this spirit manifested itself in many thrilling encounters. One of the most spectacular finishes of the day was that of the 440 yards Open event, in which S. Thew by a superb last minute sprint contrived to beat Selwyn Matthews, of the A.V.C.S., who had held a clear lead until that moment. In the 880 yards Open our two entrants very successfully held the first two places. I. Widdrington and W. Brooks filling the first and second places respectively. The Senior Relay team, comprising Jones, O'Donovan, Dibben and Jobbins filled first place, and J. Richards and R. Loosemore filled the first two places in turn in the Open Long Jump.

In the Under 16 class it is pleasant to report that our team was invincible. A. M. McGregor won both the 220 and 440 yards in fine style, and J. Hales the 100 yards event. Our Relay team also filled the first place.

In the Under 15 events, D. Gerhold won the 100 yards and High Jump, and E. Hickman came second in the Long Jump. It is to be regretted that space does not permit further mention of individuals, but these are but a few names in a fine concerted performance, in which all members gave their best efforts, which resulted in the School triumphing in the championships.

In the Junior Championship, our nearest rivals, the A.V.C.S., scored 38 points as against our 52 points; and we won the Senior Championship by 39½ points as opposed to 31½ points. In the Combined Championship, for which purpose we were combined with the Roan Girls, who also had a very successful day, the Roan Schools were placed first with a total of 146½ points to the 112½ points of the A.V.C.S.

Thus, the enjoyment of the day was increased by our success, and Mr. W. Rees, the Secretary of the Amman Valley Canine Society, to whom our thanks are due for organizing the Sports, informs me that as a result of the meeting, £71 was handed over to the Amman Valley Cottage Hospital, thus enabling those less fortunate than ourselves to benefit by our efforts.

J. H.

Plans for next term's Cross-Country races are now in hand, and training runs over the Llandebie courses will begin early in the term. There is talk of some fixtures, which we hope will materialise, as we have several boys whose prowess matches their keenness in this sport.

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FOOTBALL.

With ten of last year's XI still at school our prospects this season were very promising and to some extent that promise has been fulfilled, only two games being lost, one against an army XI and the other against our old rivals Penybanc, who not only played better than we did, but were also more fortunate in their shooting.

The defence has been, as it was last year, the strong point of the team with Williams very reliable in goal. The forwards in the first few games showed their old inability to turn opportunities into goals, but have played together more effectively in recent matches.

Our thanks are due to the Amman Valley County School for the continued use of their pitch.

Team was: P. Williams; B. J. C. Dibben (Captain), T. T. White; E. A. Howse (Vice Captain), W. H. F. Brooks, E. W. Dibblin; T. A. Widdrington, J. S. Roberts, L. England, B. D. Ashfield, E. J. Hooke, and E. T. Emms. C. F. Hooper and J. J. Wilson have also played.

RESULTS.

We beat Bettws Boys' Club (2—1), Ammanford Albion (5—1), Welfare Institute F.C. (1—0) and (3—0) and were leading Ammanford Albion by 1—0 in a game which had to be abandoned 10 minutes before the end. We lost to an Army XI (4—1) and Penybanc (8—0).

The 2nd XI beat Addey and Stanhope's 1st XI (3—0).

Team: A. F. Thompson; D. L. Cranefield, J. D. Richards; U. R. Auerbach, E. T. Emms (Capt.), B. J. Williams; A. McGregor, P. H. Gill, J. D. Hales, L. L. Bow, C. F. Hooper. The Under 15 XI lost to Addey's by 2—1.

A good beginning has been made in the House League matches. Nelson, with most of last year's side available look probable champions since they defeated Raleigh. Grenville, however, are capable of giving them a hard game and the outcome of this match will probably determine the championship.

THE A.T.C.

It is difficult for me, as an A.T.C. cadet, to write about our A.T.C. flight without a little trumpet blowing, but that is because it is impossible to belong to Roan School A.T.C. 996 Squadron, Blackheath, without feeling pride and enthusiasm. However, I will attempt to describe some aspects of the organization from a detached viewpoint, so that I can give you some idea of our activities.

Let's look in on a typical Saturday morning parade, at 9.30 hours.

Some fifty cadets are standing in chattering groups in a form-room of the Central School. There, for instance, is the Flight-Sergeant, looking very impressive with his three stripes, his proficiency star and sergeant's arm badges. He's chatting with a couple of corporals, who also sport proficiency stars. If you look carefully, you'll see that there's quite a sprinkling of these stars, and we hope to increase the number soon. And here's a group of cadets discussing anything and everything. But we haven't time to hear what they are saying, because the Flying Officer has just entered the room.

Instantly, every cadet leaps to attention. Dead silence, while the C.O. critically glances over the cadets.

Then, when the cadets have sat down, and the orderly officer for the week has called the roll, they listen to the C.O. He usually includes a little pep-talk, or friendly criticism, to keep the flight on its toes. This "administration," as it is called, lasts for about thirty minutes. Then the door opens, to admit a "wee Scotsman," with a broad grin, and a peaked cap, and carrying under his arm a morse transmitting set. Half-an-hour's morse follows, during which time we take down, or try to take down, words, cypher, groups, letters and numerals. By the end of this the cadets are ready for a breath of air, and a short break follows.

After this, the cadets go out onto the field for their marching and foot-drill. The flight is divided into two sections, and there is keen rivalry between them. No. 1 Section is taken by Mr. Parker, No. 2 Section by Flying Officer Holt. When we first took the field in marching there was little order or discipline about us; now, we are gradually cultivating a military touch.

Parade! atten—shun!

Right—turn!

By the right! . . . quick—march!

Left-right. Left-right. Left-right.

Halt!

No, that wasn't good enough! Half of you were out of step!

Now, try it again:

Parade! by the right,—quick . . . march!

Left-right. Left-right. Left-right.

And so it goes on. Then comes the final parade; the C.O. inspects the ranks, and then:

Parade! by the right . . . dis—miss!!

And fifty pairs of heels swing round, fifty hands swing up into the salute, and the whole flight marches smartly off the field. The Saturday parade is over.

This Autumn has been particularly eventful for the A.T.C. We began by visiting the Carmarthen Observers' Centre, where the officers and men put us completely at our ease, and showed us everything connected with our work, explained many of its intricacies, and even allowed some of us to "take-over." We have been visited by numerous R.A.F. and A.T.C. personnel, all of whom appear to have been impressed by our performance. These visits stimulate interest among the cadets, and we are eagerly looking forward to a visit to a local R.A.F. station.

There are many diversions besides our regular meetings. Last term we were entertained by Pilot-Officer Rathbone's reminiscences of the last war, during which he was an observer. Many of the incidents he described were very humorous, though they probably did not appear in the least amusing at the time. On another occasion we heard a talk by Mr. Nicholson, whose accounts of aircraft rigging during the last war proved very interesting. Mr. Nicholson has used his knowledge and experience in making a scale model of a plane, to illustrate some of its working.

We receive full co-operation from the local Home Guard, and I feel sure that every cadet could quite easily strip and clean a Vickers machine gun, though as to reassembling it . . . We have recently enjoyed several film shows illustrating life in the R.A.F. and other incidents relating to flying.

So life in the A.T.C. is pretty good. Its motto, "Venture adventure," is a fitting one, and, although there isn't a great deal of adventure in our flight at present, when once we get our officers gliding there should be plenty.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of all the cadets of 996 Flight, all the members of the staff, and their wives, who are showing the greatest interest in the organization, and are helping to make it a success.

THE SCHOOL NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP.

The number of members in the Group is 50, including certain of the Staff.

The Savings, from the time of our coming to Ammanford to the end of 1941, amounted to £464. Of this, some £210 were contributed during the Ammanford War Weapons Week.

Considering the number of boys in the School, the membership is not large. The need of the Country for people's savings is as great as ever. Many boys, owing to the problems arising out of evacuation, are unable to contribute. It is felt, however, that there is much pocket money available that might well be devoted to the purchase of stamps, and eventually to that of Savings Certificates. The School Group offers every facility for these transactions.

We do not ask for huge sums but there are many boys at present outside our Group who could save a small amount each week. Although a 100% membership from the School is not possible, we ought to do something better than the present 25%. We look forward to an early increase in our numbers of regular Savers.

T. H. B.

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ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

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

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

President Mr. E. T. EMMS.

Hon. Treasurer Mr. B. J. C. DIBBEN.

Hon. Secretary Mr. W. H. F. BROOKS.

Meetings of the Society have been held regularly throughout the term and many very good meetings have been held. Perhaps the best of these was an Informal Discussion, "That Science is the predominant factor in modern life." Altogether fourteen meetings have taken place, including a social function. The social was very enjoyable, being held in the Roan Girls' School. The Society would like to thank Miss Higgs for kindly loaning us the school for this meeting.

Unfortunately, Mr. Emms had to resign his post, Mr. Hooke was elected as Chairman for the remainder of the term in the place of Mr. Emms.

From this short account ex-members of the Society may see that the present members of the Sixth Form are still keeping the flag of the Aristotelian Society flying high.

W. H. F. B.

HOUSE NOTES.

RALEIGH.

Most boys already know of the deaths of R. E. Brooks and N. G. Attenborough, while flying with the R.A.F. and F.A.A. respectively, perhaps, however, many had forgotten that they were members of Raleigh house. The senior members will remember them well and their diligent efforts on behalf of the house. Both were remarkable sportsmen, but space does not permit a full cital of their achievements. It is with deep regret and yet with great pride that members of this house mark their sacrifice for the country.

At football this term the house is progressing well in defence of the championship shield having lost only match so far. Dibben, Widdrington, Bow and Evans have represented the school.

Our great success was the winning of the Senior sports last year due to combined effort, it is to be deprecated however that we were bottom in the Junior and Intermediate competitions due to lack of effort on the part of those concerned. Dibben, Widdrington and Bishop represented the school at the inter-schools sports and the first two mentioned were awarded their colours, Widdrington broke the school ½ mile record. They were also awarded cricket caps.

In the future we have a great tradition to uphold in the cross-country runs. It is to be hoped every member will "go to it" with his training to ensure success.

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

WOLFE.

We are sorry to lose our late Captain, E. J. Hooke, who is joining the R.A.F. He was Captain of the School and a regular player of the 1st football XI. His notable achievement, in house activities, was the winning of the Senior Cross-Country Competition; and he has been the main support of our football XI. In conjunction with the Sixth form, the House presented him with a parting gift, and wished him every success.

The officers are now: H. E. Eagles, Captain, and J. F. Vickers, Vice-Captain.

The results of this term's inter-house matches we have played are disappointing, mainly due to lack of senior members. There are several enthusiastic Juniors and it is certain that in the near future, Wolfe will again rise to the top in House football.

We hope to enter a play for the Dramatic Competition. Next term we shall do our best to repeat last year's success in winning the Cross-Country Championship.

A last word to members, "Do your best." It is better to fail trying than not try at all.

H. E. E.
J. F. V.

RODNEY.

The beginning of the term has seen Rodney again entering the fray for House Championships. Last term we had done well to win the cricket-shield and we were runners-up in the Sports. There were many members of the house in the School Athletic team and McGregor and Thew were awarded caps.

This term our football, owing to our depleted senior ranks, has not been up to its usual standard but McGregor, Miles and Hickman have represented the school. We are looking forward to the Dramatic competition and, next term, the Cross-Country, and we will do our best to keep up the Rodney reputation made in former years.

It has been pleasing to note the enthusiasm of the Juniors and to reflect that one day soon they will put Rodney back on top.

A. McG.

COLLINGWOOD.

This term the vacancies for both captain and vice-captain have had to be filled through Loosemore and E. Spearing leaving us. Both had done very well for the House during the past year, and represented the House in the last School Sports. Loosemore tied for first place in the Long Jump Open, and Spearing won the High Jump Open with Pearce second. Congratulations to our Juniors for winning the Junior section of the Sports, and especially to Boothby, the Junior Victor Ludorum.

The vacancies for captain and vice-captain have been filled by Rolfe and Pearce. B. Williams has been appointed football captain. We have played three football matches so far. Nelson, lost, 5—0, Drake, won, 1—0, and Grenville, lost, 6—1. It is to be hoped that we shall be able to put a stronger team on the field next term and that we shall do well in the Cross-Country.

C. D. R.
S. P.

NELSON.

Once more, Nelson House is proud of the work it has accomplished. In all spheres it has maintained its high standard. The officers wish to thank all the members that have made this possible, and hope that in the coming term their interest will not be slackened.

In the Inter-House Competitions, Nelson has always been well to the front. We were almost successful in the cricket competition,

only losing one game. Individual cricketers, however, have made their mark in school games. Williams, Roberts, Richards, Stimpson and Hooper have all represented the school.

In football we have so far been unbeaten, and final victory is expected. Roberts and Williams have regularly played for the school, with Hooper, Richards, Gill and Cranefield representing it occasionally.

All the House, from Juniors to Seniors, did their best. The Juniors managed to show their worth by coming a close second, and the Seniors came fourth, owing their success to Richards. He gained Athletic colours and the Senior Victor Ludorum, for which we are very proud.

The only other activity the House has indulged in is the House Dramatic Competition. Being the holders of the Dramatic Trophy, we are anxious to maintain our hold upon it. We have great hopes of being successful, owing to the efforts of all members concerned.

We are sorry to have said good-bye to our old captain, "Cash" Newman, but are pleased to hear that P. Andrews, a captain that will always be remembered for his interest in the House, wishes to be remembered to us.

We also ask all the members to do their best in the forthcoming cross-country. We did well last year, and will do so this time, if all the members do their best.

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No. 996 FLIGHT (Roan) A.T.C.

The strength of the Unit is now 5 N.C.O's and 41 Cadets. In July last 12 Cadets sat for the Proficiency Star Examination and all were successful. Stars were presented to these Cadets by Mrs. H. W. Gilbert at a Parade held on the Central School field on Saturday, October 4th. A further batch of candidates will sit for the Proficiency Examination in January. Work during the term has been carried on and has been of a high standard. The Unit has been visited on three occasions by Officers from Regional Command. On Wednesday, October 29th, FL-Lt. Kibbler saw the Cadets at work on Aircraft Recognition and Morse. The District Inspecting Officer for West Glamorgan, FL-Lt. Bevan saw the Unit on Friday, November 28th—this time doing Physical Training. Both these Officers expressed themselves as highly satisfied with what they had seen. The Unit were honoured on Wednesday, December 3rd, by a visit from the Regional Commandant (Wales), Wing-Commander G. B. Bailey,

D.F.C. He was accompanied by Squadron-Leader A. Rees (District Inspecting Officer) and FL-Lt. Lewis. Wing-Commander Bailey was received by the Headmaster and Mr. Parker, and he saw the Cadets doing Aircraft Recognition, Morse and Physical Training. He addressed the Cadets and then saw them march through the Town to the County School. The Wing-Commander and Sq.-Ldr. Rees also addressed the School after Prayers. The following is a copy of a letter received two days after the visit.

"REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (Wales).

"To O. C. 996 FLIGHT, A.T.C.

"NEWPORT, Dec. 4th, 1941.

"I am instructed to request that you will convey to the Officers and Cadets under your command, the appreciation of the Regional Commandant of their smartness, keenness and general work in connection with the A.T.C. He was very pleased to see that instruction was being carried on on the right lines and that Cadets had obviously been well trained.

"A. KIBBLER, FL.-LT.,

"Regional H. Q., Wales."

It remains for me to thank my Second-in-command, P.-O. D. R. Rathbone, the Headmaster, and Messrs. Parker, Peddie, Berry, Daltry, Ashworth, Mitchell, Peters and Nicholson for all their willing assistance, without which the Unit could not have reached its high level of efficiency. I also wish to pay tribute to the keenness of the N.C.O's and Cadets themselves. Keep it up. I shall be glad to welcome new recruits for next term. Uniforms are available.

T. HOLT, FL.-O.,

O.C. 996 Flight.

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TERMINUS.

The heavily-laden train rumbled on towards the Metropolis. Inside, the occupants were in the best of spirits, for they were coming home at last from their enforced "exile"—coming home for good from an area that, although it had received them as nephews, had been almost a foreign country to them. Behind them lay the land of the "mists and the vales" and in front was London—battle-scarred, broken and smoky—but it was London, their London, the London

from which they had been separated during those weary years of War and that whole month after the signing of Peace—how they had counted the days!

Despite the fact that the luggage-racks and the corridors were overflowing with bags and cases, and that the carriages were filled beyond the limit of comfort with perspiring humanity, the boys did not mind in the least. Outside, in the corridors, masters were slowly patrolling up and down, with benign smiles, heartened by the knowledge that they would soon be rid of their mischievous but well-meaning charges.

Meanwhile, the crowd of parents at the London terminus patiently waited. Already their hopes had been raised three times by the sound of approaching trains, only to have them dashed at the sight of them drawing into other platforms. Then, at the sound of another train, they tensed again, scarcely daring to breathe, striving to catch any confirmation of their hopes. Was it . . . ? But they soon knew, for, rising above the noise of the engine, they could hear, "There'll always be an England" being roared out by lusty voices—not very melodiously, it was true, but they did not worry about that—and then, as the train swung into view, the "song" gave way to a full-throated edition of the school "yell." Laughing, cheering faces filled the windows, and, as the train finally stopped, the carriage doors burst open and a horde of boys swept onto the platform searching for their parents. Gradually the crowd, boys and parents at last reunited, filed away homeward-bound, leaving the now-desolate platform looking as if a hurricane had hit it.

Wishful thinking? Perhaps! But it will be worth waiting for!

D. R. H.

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SCHOOL FARMING CAMP, 1941.

This year's Farming Camp was in many ways a "repeat" of the 1940 venture. It was held on the same farm in Monmouthshire, and was again concerned principally with potatoes. The success attained in both years may be judged from the facts that we were so warmly invited to go again, and that we have already received an invitation for 1942.

Below we give the impressions of one member of the party:

When the cycling party, under the supervision of Peter Andrews, reached the Camp site, tired and very hungry, we found that our friends, who had travelled by bus, were busy preparing a hot meal,

which was very welcome to everyone. After supper, we were arranged in groups, and the camp organisation was explained; each group in turn was to spend a day "on fag" in the Camp, working the other five days on the field. We were all agreeably surprised to hear that Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Pye were to be present for the duration of the Camp. We decided that an early night would be beneficial, and were soon snug in our "beds."

The next day, my group was "on fag" while the others went down to the field and set to work with a will. I had never been to camp before, and for the first day I felt rather a tenderfoot. This feeling was soon overcome, however, since all my tent-mates were experienced campers and soon made me quite familiar with the rules of camping. On the Wednesday I went down to the field, which was about a hundred yards from the Camp, for the first time. Andrews was acting as foreman, and we began to pull haulms. Hardly had we started, however, when it began to drizzle with rain. We continued working for a time, but it soon began to rain heavily and we were obliged to return to our tents, where the rain kept us for the rest of the day. Rain proved to be a serious drawback during the first half of the time we were at camp, and much more work might have been achieved had the weather been more clement.

The work for the first week consisted mainly of pulling haulms and preparing rows for the spinner. There were twenty or so of us on this, and we had done a fair amount of work when, at the end of the week, the rest of the boys arrived and the complement of the camp was increased to forty.

Then the work began in earnest. One every fine morning we were down on the field by half past eight. By this time, the spinner, which at first was drawn by a pair of horses and later by a tractor, had usually arrived, and had generally prepared a row, ready for us to collect the up-rooted potatoes. The spinner would then go up and down, pulling out the potatoes and keeping us hard at work. The potatoes which we gathered were emptied into sacks from our baskets; these, in turn, were loaded on to lorries to be taken to Newport. Picking up potato after potato was naturally rather boring, and we tried to ease the monotony by singing, each little group singing a different tune. Passers-by, looking over the hedge, observing us hard at work and making what must have sounded an unearthly din, must have been quite amused! The few people we saw in the neighbourhood were very pleasant to us and we soon became regular customers at the little café, a few hundred yards from the camp. Many of us made their way here in the evening after the day's work was done, as we were allowed to stay and listen to the news on the wireless, all for the cost of a cup of coffee or a glass of lemonade!

Occasionally, we had half-day holidays and we certainly made the most of these. My tent-mates and I, on these occasions, would catch the mid-day bus to Newport, where we could make a tour of the shops and end up by treating ourselves to the pictures. There were several good films on in Newport whilst we were at camp, and we had the opportunity of seeing several of them. One week-end we cycled through the ancient town of Chepstow to Beachley. On the way we went over the famous castle at Chepstow, and altogether spent a very interesting afternoon. Other expeditions went to Tintern Abbey, which was an easy and beautiful ride. During the last week, a party of twenty or so visited the near-by village of Caerwent, and enjoyed a tour of the Roman wall and other remains, conducted by the local headmaster.

Two successful sing-songs were held during the course of the Camp.

For our milk supply we had the exclusive use of two cows, which the farmer allowed us to milk ourselves!

We received many kindnesses from the farmer, and the potato-merchant who employed us, and record our grateful appreciation. They declared themselves well pleased with the work we did, and were glad to pay us at the standard rate. Altogether we gathered over 100 tons of potatoes, which represents a very good average, considering the number of days when rain made work impracticable. Some work was also done on the corn.

Our employers expressed their gratitude by financing an expedition into Newport at the close of the camp, paying for a meal and a visit to the cinema for every boy; I am certain we all enjoyed ourselves very much then.

R. G. H.

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The School Flight would be grateful if any Old Roans possessing spare wireless parts, especially valves and transformers, would send same to T. HOLT, c/o Roan School, School Lane, Ammanford.

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF OLD BOYS, SERVING WITH THE FORCES.

Ashford, D. J. (32-39), Cadet, R.A.F.

Barker, T. P. W. (21-28), R.A.S.C.

Benjamin, W. H. (34-40), Mercantile Marine.

Betts, A. W. W. (26-33), R.A.F.V.R.

Butler, A. T. (18-24), Corpl., R.A.F.

Castle, E. A., R.A.

Clarke, J. (25-31), L/Corpl., R.E.

Clout, C. W. (06-12), Major; R.W.K.

Courtney, I. A. (22-27), Pilot-Officer, R.A.F.

Durling, E. (04-09), Pilot-Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Fisher, B. (24-32), Friends' Ambulance Unit.

Fox, G. F. E. (33-38), A.C., R.A.F.

Gibbons, N. E. (16-24), Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Gibbons, R., R.A.F.

Giles, G. V. W. (33-38), R.A.F.

Henley, M. W. (31-39), Cadet, Naval Air Branch.

Hounsell, J. T., R.A.F.

Jackson, L. G. (28-34), Sgt., Queen's R.

Jenkyns, R. B. (33-).

Lorris, R. K. (33-), R.A.F.

Lowson, M., R.A.F.

Lyon, E. R. H. (29-35), Sgt.-Pilot, R.A.F.

Marshall, D. R. (30-37), R.A.F.

McHugh, S. (26-31), Lieut., London Irish.
 Murphy, E. R. (26-33), Pilot-Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Palmer, S. A. (26-30), Corps of Military Police.
 Simms, H. T. (20-25), R.A.M.C.
 Simms, L. J. (22-27), Corpl., R.W.K.
 Smith, F. J. (34-39), L.A.C., R.A.F.
 Sanders, L. E. (28-31), Officer Cadet, R.A.
 Steele, S. J. (35-), R.N.
 Rattray, J. (25-33), Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Townsend, C. S. (29-33), A.C.I., R.A.F.
 Tunbridge, R. E. (-06), Commander, R.D., R.N.R.
 Willis, S. E. (31-39), A.C.2., R.A.F.
 Whelan, E. (27-34), R.A.F.
 Wheeler, K. (32-40), Cadet, O.C.T.U.
 White, D. B. J. (28-36), Friends' Ambulance Unit.
 Willis, S. E. (31-39), R.A.F.
 Wright, E. A. (31-), Signaller, R.A.
 Wilcox, P. B. (23-33), Sergt., H.A.C.

NOCK.—Flight-Lieutenant Douglas H. Nock, R.A.F., late of Walton-on-Naze, lost his life while serving abroad as a result of a flying accident.

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NEWS.

LYON, E. R. H. (29-35), Sergt.-Pilot in the R.A.F., was mentioned in Bomber Command Orders for successfully bringing back his crippled machine. Later he made a forced landing in Germany; the operation on which he was engaged necessitated his flying at what his Wing Commander calls "an extremely low altitude." He is now in Stalag VIII B.

LEMMY, E. (07-12), who was living at Chalon-sur-Saône, France, before the war, is now "British Interned Civilian, No. 1189" at la Grande Caserne de St. Denis (Seine), France. In cheerful letters to his brother R. LEMMY (05-09) he writes:—"We have a football pitch, two bowling alleys and a hard tennis court, all made by our-

selves. All kinds of sports are encouraged, except swimming, which is, of course, impracticable. We also have a library and a small cinema. We have received several Red Cross parcels from home (including one from Canada). There are about 1200 of us here. Nearly all our time is our own, and days follow days with much sameness, but my morale is excellent."

WALKER, R. E. (31-36), Sergt.-Pilot, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal and promoted to the rank of pilot-officer.

FISHER, B. (24-32) has been serving for 14 months in a Friends' Ambulance Unit, and has done much general medical and X-ray work. Through most of the raids on London he was working at the Poplar Hospital.

WHEELER, K. (32-40), who has been at King's College, London, since leaving school, passed his French subsidiary exam. before joining an O.C.T.U.

CRANE, G. S. (15-25) writes from the Bible College School, Swansea, and recalls the work done for the school by Mr. W. J. Potter.

BUTLER, A. T. (18-24) writes in appreciation of the Roan Magazine and the many pleasant memories it arouses. He has found Mr. Ashworth's P. T. work particularly useful in the R.A.F.

JAMES, G. (-41), last year's Vice-Captain of the School, has been awarded the "Wren Memorial Prize" by the L.C.C.

CLOUT, C. W. (06-12), Major, M.B.E., of the Royal West Kent Regiment, is a prisoner of war in Oflag IX.

BISHOP, K., LOOSEMORE, R. W. and MOORE, M. D., who recently left school, have all been awarded State Bursaries in Physics at the Royal College of Science.

OPPER, C. (19-26) writes from Ndola, Box 52, N. Rhodesia, where he still keeps in touch with Franklin. He is responsible for African education in the "Copper Belt," where they are busy building up a suitable educational system. "Modern industry has suddenly descended on these primitive people and has brought with it a large range of social problems and maladjustments."

BIRTH.

READ, F. C. E. (23-31). On September 8th, 1940, to Sylvia (née Miller), wife of Mr. F. C. E. Read, 166 Westmount Road, Eltham Park, S.E.9, a son—Christopher David.

MARRIAGES.

RICHARDS, L. W. (22-29) to Dorothy B. Blacknell, on August 23rd, 1941, at Christ Church, Shooters Hill.

MITCHELL, S. D. (Staff) to Ivy M. White, on July 14th, 1941, at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge.

DEATHS.

OWEN, A. R., Capt., in his 90th year. Former Governor of the Roan Schools.

WHITENSTALL, D. A., Councillor. On November 2nd, 1941, at Miller Hospital. Member of the governing body of the Roan Schools and the committee of the School Charities. Former Mayor of Greenwich.

WREN, P. C., novelist, author of "Beau Geste," etc., former pupil of the Roan School.

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THE POTTER MEMORIAL.

An Appeal to O.R's.

When I came to the School in 1897 W. J. Potter was a form-master (III B). When my son left the School, nearly forty years later, Potter was still there, as Head. And now it is the privilege of the President of the O.R. Association to make an appeal to all boys who were at the School between 1895 and 1937 to subscribe to a fund which shall provide an adequate and appropriate memorial to the man who laboured for 42 years on behalf of the boys of the School. What form the memorial will take must depend on the financial support which it is possible to obtain in the present time of crippling taxation, but O.R.s never funk a job yet and so we are aiming high. There are already a number of memorial prizes—Baron, Ridger, Hope. And some years ago we were able to do our bit for the Hope Memorial Camp, which I was pleased to visit for the first time recently. Shall we be satisfied with another memorial prize, say for

science, or shall we try for a fund which may provide assistance on the lines of the Roan Exhibition? Old Roans need no reminder that Potter's heart was as much in the Association as it was in the School, and here is an opportunity to show their appreciation of his keen interest in them. (Our Secretary, Bullers, will be happy to receive whatever Old Roans send him at 77 Coleraine Road, Blackheath, S.E.3, and there is no limit either way. So please see to it that the Memorial shall be worthy of the man it is to commemorate. And remember, "Bis dat qui cito dat."

C. H. LYON, *President*.

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ADDITIONS TO LIST OF MEMBERS.

Life Members.

COOKE, K. L.	...	33-39	DENNY, B.	14-17
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Ordinary Members.

BERRY, A. S.	...	33-39	STILL, A. B.	31-40
BROOKS, F. H.	...	36-41	TUGWELL, A. G.	36-41
BROOME, G. W.	...	36-41	TUNBRIDGE, R. E.	...	...	-06
DAVIES, N. V.	...	-41	WATLING, J. C.	...	...	36-41
FILLMORE, A. J.	...	37-41	McINTOSH, D. C.	...	...
HOOPER, C. F. R.	...	36-41	FOX, G. F.	...	...
McMENAMIN, M.	...	35-40	BRADGATE, N. C.	...	...
MORTIMER, A. F.	...	36-41	KENTING, D.	
PARKER, M. W.	...	34-39	MITCHELL, K. N.	
SMART, D. J.	...	36-41	PERRY, D. S.	35-39

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JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, No. 5085.

Two meetings have been held recently, on October 18th and November 25th, both being very well attended in spite of so many members being away from London.

At the former meeting, Bro. C. H. Lyon was duly installed as Master for the ensuing year, and at the latter, he had the pleasure of initiating two Old Roans, Bro. F. R. Willis and Bro. R. J. Nottage, into Freemasonry.

The next meetings have been arranged for April 28th and June 23rd, a cordial welcome is extended to any Old Roan in the Craft, who may be in the neighbourhood of the Freemasons Hall on those dates.

W. J. R. B.

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OLD ROAN COLOURS.

Will members please note that Silk Ties, Scarves and Woollen Mufflers are now out of stock and no further supplies are likely.

Pocket Badges at 8s. each and Button-hole Badges at 1s. each are still obtainable on application to the Secretary.

Blazers can still be obtained in the usual way but Coupons are required.

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DISTINCTIONS.

Mr. W. A. THOMSON, of Hayes, Kent, has been appointed coroner for West Kent, in succession to the late Mr. H. B. Sewell, and begins his duties on January 1.

Mr. Thomson, who has been deputy coroner for about 30 years, is a solicitor.

Mr. S. R. MILLS (Staff; 16-22), has obtained the degree of M.A. at London University in Education with a Thesis on Modern Language aptitude testing, which has been recommended for publication in an abridged form.

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