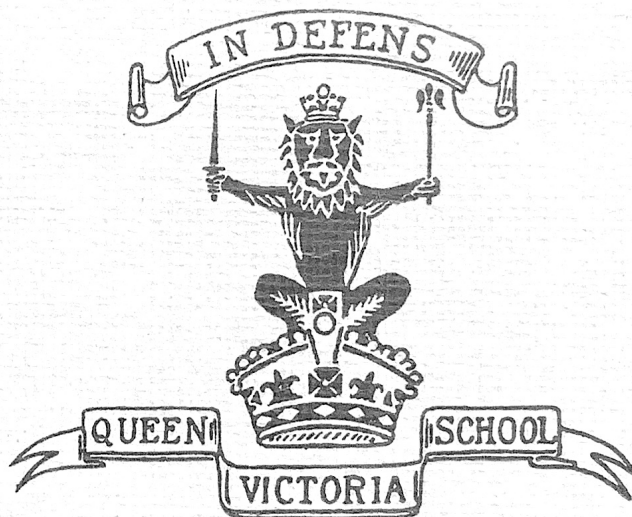
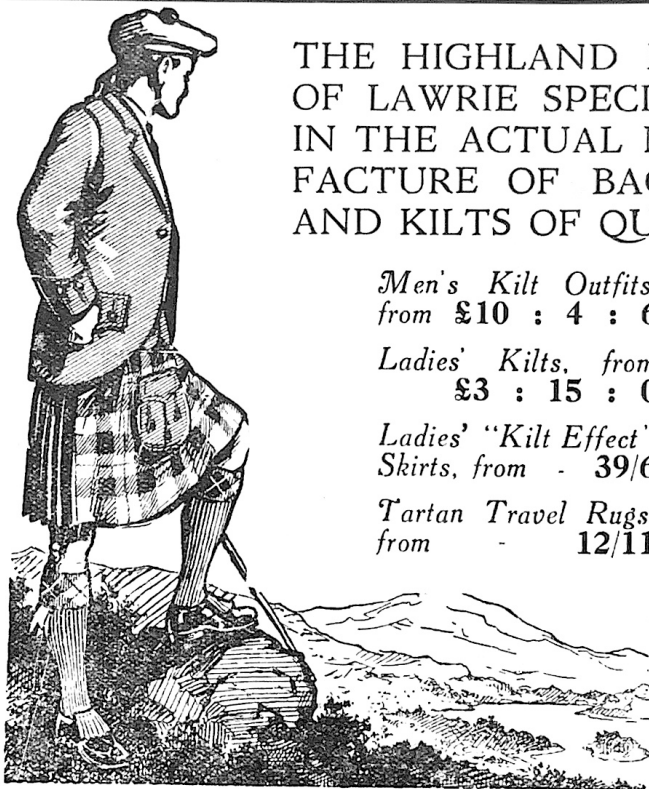


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EDITORIAL.

IN our last issue, we made the proud boast that we had succeeded in collecting a large amount of information about the Old Victorians throughout the Services and also in civilian life. Unfortunately the huge budget we printed has resulted in a serious financial loss.

For the summer number of 1931 we had such a large sale on the field on the inspection day that we had to order a second edition in order to supply our regular subscribers all over the world. Owing to the large extra expense involved in having the type set up again, we determined not to be caught napping this year and ordered one thousand copies. Alas, three hundred or more are still on our hands, and our bank balance is nil, with sundry creditors waiting to be paid. Fortunately the amount is guaranteed, so that they need not fear. That is not the moral of this story. Far from it. Wider-spread canvassing on the part of old Victorians is requested in order that we may continue to order the School magazine by the thousand and have none left after distribution.

Times are bad we know, but surely there is solace in thinking of the times that were good, when we did not know the meaning of the word worry. The only time the editorial committee can think of when they were in this blissful state was during their schooldays.

Surely the moral is obvious. Subscribe to the magazine, read of the doings of those whom you knew well. Lie back in your chair and imagine yourself back again in the old school. Even encounters with the chair will appear in a rosy light and the shilling subscription will be well spent when it produces that delightful gathering of old friends, and thoughts of past devilries, games, and great occasions.

Bad though the times may be, it is still quite an economical thing to do, to wish you all

A Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

NEWS OF THE YEAR.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new." Surely Malory was alluding to what would happen in the School when he wrote these lines. It is seldom possible to write this article without a reference to changes of staff.

This year we are to lose the Headmaster, Captain Lunt, who leaves us on December 31st, Mr Crunden has already sailed for India, and Mr Reeder is under orders to sail in February.

Educationally, the tail will have to wag the body until the new head is fitted.

Mr Crunden left us in the middle of November, and with his departure we have lost a very keen member of the staff, who entered into all departments of work and play with great vigour.

He will be a great loss to all the staff teams and particularly to the Hockey and Cricket teams of the Army Educational Corps in the Scottish Command. We sincerely hope that Mrs Crunden and he will have a pleasant voyage and a good station in India, and that they and Hazel will thoroughly enjoy their stay in the East.

It is difficult to write of those who are still with us, but as Mr Reeder will be away soon after this is printed, it is perhaps as well to bid our adieux in advance.

Mr Reeder has done remarkably good work in setting the artistic side of the boys' education on a very sound basis. From chaos has emerged a really sound scheme of training which won the approval of the Art Inspector of the Scottish Education Department at his visit in October last. In addition, he also has entered into all branches of the School, at work and play, and those who are left will find it difficult to forget his cheery smile and eternal pipe.

We wish Mr and Mrs Reeder and their family the calmest of voyages, and the best of stations when they reach India.

Of the remaining member of the staff who is due to go, little need be said, except that he does not want to leave, but perhaps he ought to go.

Leave-taking is always a dreary business, so we turn to a pleasanter theme and congratulate Sergeant Pole on being received into the ranks of the Army Educational Corps. We are glad to say that he is to be allowed to remain here, and has started on the training of the choirs who are to represent the School at the Perthshire Musical Festival next March. He has also risen to fame in another direction. As a member of the caste of the Dunblane Players he made a great hit in their last thriller, "Hawk Island."

It is proposed to augment the entries for the Perthshire Musical Festival by entering a Brass quartet. We hope that they will be successful, and that we shall return from the Fair City with a triple crown in 1933.

We should also like to express our gratitude to Miss Edith Taylor, of Dunblane, who has again come forward to train our dancers for the Festival. Under her expert guidance and tuition they are already shaping very well.

We deeply regret to announce that, as will be found elsewhere in this issue, we had to play second fiddle to the Dukies in the annual competition. It is unfortunate, but we did our best and there's an end on't. We congratulate the Dukies on the good times and jumping which they had to do to beat us and warn them that we have a rod in pickle for them in 1933.

A momentous publication has recently been distributed to all concerned in the form of the new **STANDING ORDERS** for the School. Unlike the human body, but conforming to the

rules laid down for all official publications, it has already been found necessary to add an appendix. We are credibly informed that even though the matter is fully dealt with in para. XXX. "Duties of the," "She won't." The attention of all concerned is drawn to what to do in case of Fire by Night, which unlike Fires by Day will not be announced in advance.

Hearty congratulations are due to Alfred Cruickshank, who after a premature disappointment, left hurriedly for the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, as the third successful candidate for the School Scholarship. We hope that he will give as good an account of himself as the previous two holders have done, and congratulate him on having made his mark so soon in the boxing ring. We hope to record in an early issue that he has joined the other two in gaining a "Blue."

Whilst on this subject we congratulate Robert Linton, who not only secured his Rugger Blue at the Shop, but also led the pack throughout the season, and finished by scoring the only try for the combined colleges against the Army XV. We hope to hear good news of his success in the passing-out examinations which are now taking place.

At the moment the first holder of the Scholarship, Mr George Thompson, Royal Corps of Signals, is on a visit to the School. From all accounts he is doing very well in that Corps, but has been unfortunate in damaging his knee, thus being kept out of all games for a long period.

We welcome to the School, the Rev. L. Pennell, who has taken over the duties of Mr Rainsford as Episcopal Church of Scotland minister. We hope that he will enjoy his duties at the School. He has already very kindly assisted us by undertaking the duties of referee at Rugger.

At the same time, we were very sorry indeed to say good-bye to Mr Rainsford, who left us to undertake more onerous duties in the more inaccessible parts of Perthshire. We hope that he will prosper well in those duties, and when he can spare the time that he will visit us as frequently as possible.

As foreshadowed in our notes of July, the whole School visited the Circus, through the generosity of Mr Bernard Mills.

Another pen will record the joy that afternoon gave to more than two hundred youngsters. All this one can do is to repeat the expressions of gratitude in our last issue, and say how much the old yins enjoyed the magnificent spectacle.

To-day, there are one hundred boys attending a performance given by the CHILDREN'S THEATRE in the Victoria Hall, Dunblane. We hope to reproduce an account of the impressions of a small boy, regarding the show, in this issue.

Hallowe'en was celebrated by the traditional issue of apples and nuts. For these the School is deeply indebted to Mrs Stirling, of The Brae, Bridge of Allan. Four apples and a bag of nuts per boy. The editorial committee wince at the indigestible thought. We were very pleased to see Mrs Stirling at the distribution of the goodies, and we hope she enjoyed the way the boys ducked as much as they appreciated her great kindness. Their vocal chords could not have produced more noise than when they gave her thanks in the traditional Q.V. style.

Of visitors we have had many during this last term. On the 18th October, Mr W. W. McKechnie, C.B., Secretary to the Scottish Education Department, visited the School in the capacity of Visiting Commissioner. Judging by his report he was very satisfied with what he saw and heard.

Arising out of his visit we had two other distinguished members of the Scottish Education Department, in the persons of Mr J. Lambie and Mr A. Cuthbertson, technical and art inspectors for the Department.

Isolated as we are and not coming under the wing of any County for inspection, it is difficult to get a comparison with the ordinary schools as to standard of work attempted and realised.

We are pleased to say that, according to their reports, all is well, and we compare most favourably with other schools in these branches of education.

On Armistice Day, we welcomed Major-General Sir Hugh Elles, Director of Military Training, who was paying his first visit to the School. We hope that he was satisfied with all he saw, and that he will find it possible to come and see us again during his tenure of the appointment of Director of Military Training.

Despite the reduced numbers in the School, we succeeded in giving more money than ever for our poppies, and the boys are to be congratulated on the magnificent response they made. Every boy wore a poppy during the day, and the total realised was £3 1s 9d.

As a fitting conclusion we would draw the attention of our readers to the art inset of the School Christmas card for this year, namely, a photograph of the School staff. For the benefit of those who may wish to obtain an enlargement of this photograph, they can be obtained from Mr J. Richardson, Photographer, Stirling Road, Dunblane.

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IN CAMP, 1932.

The advance party left at 8.18 in the morning and arrived at Barry at 11.30 a.m. Immediately on arrival camp equipment was drawn and the task of erecting the tents and marquees was commenced.

The main party arrived at about 6 p.m., and found all ready for them. The fact that the work had been completed reflected great credit on all members of the advance party.

The messing for the five weeks was very good, and there was no grouching at meal-times, particularly as there were several additional items on the menu which we were not fortunate in having at previous camps. Our thanks are due to the special provision of such luxuries by those responsible.

The weather was on its very best behaviour, and really the heat was sometimes too much for some of those who have been accustomed to our usual rainy or dull summer. Very quickly everyone was tanned to a handsome brown colour. Sun-bathing was the finest occupation for an afternoon when the heat was too great to make exercise pleasant. For two weeks without break the weather continued à la Riviera, and it was not till later, with the shortening of the days, that we noticed a change. The evenings crept in, and the mist of the morning began to last longer than at first. Our dress of shirt, shorts and gym. shoes was admirable and very much appreciated (particularly by those of us of harum-scarum habits, for there were no torn jerseys to repair!)

The facilities for entertainments were increased this year. When we went to Arbroath Swimming Bath we also went to the talkies, thus making

the trip last a good half-day. The train fare was therefore well justified. Our practice was to go to the cinema first and then go for a stroll round the picturesque fishing town, the "Fairport" of Sir Walter Scott's "Antiquary."

We visited the old Abbey, and we were once fortunate enough to be in the harbour when the fishing fleet returned. If you want to see a picturesque sight, go to any fishing port and see the trawlers and drifters return with the harvest of the sea. The shouts of the fishermen unloading the fish, the haranging of the auctioneers selling the catch, and the crying of the hundreds of wheeling seagulls overhead, made a lasting impression upon one's mind.

Of course, no stay at Carnoustie would be complete without a visit to Mr Sidney Black's Pierrots. We all went twice at his kind invitation, and many of the staff and boys repeated their visits, particularly on benefit nights when a superlative show was given. Mr Black, as our readers will know, invites our boys every year, and we are very grateful for his kindness.

Apart from the wee shop beside the railway station, the first call of the boys was at The Soldiers' Home. Many were disappointed that they did not see Miss Davidson, who was away, but the ladies and gentlemen who had remained behind got up several shows for us, and did much to help us to spend some very pleasant evenings.

Carnoustie pictures, of course, were well patronised, and we saw several good pictures.

As the result of an appeal by the Commandant, several private individuals and clubs provided us with a large supply of golf clubs and balls. As the clubs and balls were not things

that were useless, but good serviceable articles, this generosity was appreciable. Every boy was provided with a club and a ball, and the whole Camp went "golf mad." Putting became the rage, and two putting greens were cut and the holes were marked out. Putting competitions were organised, and very suitable prizes were awarded. The putting greens were occupied from Reveille to Lights-Out, and if artificial lighting had been provided some would have played all night. In fact, it is quite true that several fellows attempted putting by moonlight! The golf fever even affected the Staff, and our Doctor could be seen practising driving with a tethered ball outside the hospital. There is, however, no truth in the rumour that small boys were chased out of earshot when he was practising; he passed his remarks in German, Russian and several other languages not taught at Q.V.S.

Football was the favourite evening game, and almost the whole camp turned out for a game on the under-sized pitch available. Despite the number, about fifty, playing on the small area, little personal damage was done, and there were no hospital casualties. The interest young Victorians evinced in football bodes well for the future. It was really amusing to go into the marquee at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday nights after the football season commenced. There was a wild confusion for places round the loud speaker which our Mr Marconi had installed for us. Paper on which lists of the day's fixtures had been scribbled were preciously unfolded, and then there was silence as the announcer read out the scores—"Aberdeen, 2; Kilmarnock, 0." And then pandemonium was let loose as Aberdeen supporters proclaimed a battle won, and the Killie supporters roared in reply, "Well, you needn't brag about it!" Silence was again observed when the announcer went on with his list. As he went on, fiendish shrieks broke out from jubilant supporters, mocking jibes were hurled at some unfortunate soccer fan, some countenances became alight with gratified pride, while others wore sickly grins, and their owners seemed to be wondering how the best team on earth could possibly be beaten.

Like all good things, camp came to an end. We were sorry to start packing and returning our equipment to stores. I know some of us did have a little grouse now and again, but it was our privilege, and we soon forgot about our little disappointment, which was invariably due to our own carelessness or neglect. The Camp this year was more of a success than ever. The weather had been more than good; we had no sickness to worry about, just the usual hacks and scratches which required a touch of iodine. There were no cases of sun-burn which required doctoring, for all the boys were accustomed to being in the open, and they immediately reported any insect bite and had them attended to, thus saving themselves any temporary inconvenience that neglected insect bites can cause. Well, five weeks' glorious freedom, with glorious weather and good food, did their work. We returned to Dunblane full of the zest of life, and prepared for the dark dull days of winter. The value of the excellent holiday is evidenced by the continued fitness of the boys this term.

Roll on, Camp 1933!

W. R.

H.M.S. HOOD.

On Sunday, the 6th November, the Monitors, at the kind invitation of Rear-Admiral W. M. James, C.B., visited the Admiral's Flagship, H.M.S. "Hood," lying off North Queensferry.

We were met at the Queensferry pier by a picquet boat which took us to the "Hood." The famous "Nelson" and "Renown" were lying on each side of the "Hood," and the massive bulk of these battleships seemed to increase as we got nearer, until they appeared to be veritable walls of steel in the real sense of the word.

The Captain met us on deck, and appointed a guide to show us round; it was necessary to have a guide, for if we had been left to our own devices we would have soon been lost in the labyrinth of alleyways and decks. Everything on board was cleaned and polished to the standard set by the Senior Service. It would be an interesting problem to work out the gallons of Brasso and the tons of "elbow grease" used on board a ship of this size.

The "Hood" is the largest naval vessel in the world—875 feet long and 101 feet wide, and because of its enormous height it could not pass under the Forth Bridge! The huge sixteen-inch guns, intricate and powerful, and which can hurl ton-shells seventeen miles, gave us some little idea of the power of Britain's "iron walls." Quick-firers and anti-aircraft guns abound on the decks, grim looking and formidable. We climbed to the bridge. This is the brain of the ship. Telephones connect it to all parts of the ship. The compasses, the range finders and other instruments (the names of which I cannot recall) are all on the bridge. Thus the fire, speed and manœuvring of the ship are all directed from this one central point.

Below decks we saw the engine room. It was more than hot down there, even when the engines were not in action. Everything spoke of speed and power. This was twenty-six feet below water level, and we were told that men could only stay down there for very short periods.

We saw £2000 torpedoes designed to blow up £2,000,000 ships. Needless to say, their size certainly suggested the tremendous damage they could do. We visited the dining halls (I beg pardon, mess-decks) of the men, and also saw where they slung their hammocks, and I think most of us decided that Q.V.S. beds were probably more to our liking. It is interesting to think that all the electricity required for lighting, cooking, radio, signalling and the many other purposes for which it is used, is generated on the vessel itself, and that the power used is sufficient to light a large-sized town.

One place we visited, impressed itself on our memories. It was the small chapel, designed and built by the men themselves. The clever carving and the beautiful decoration were a credit to the handiness of the men. Its atmosphere afforded a wonderful contrast to the worldly mechanicalness of the rest of the ship.

We had tea on deck, surrounded by trophies won by gun-crews and sports teams of the Atlantic Fleet. During tea, Admiral James came along to us and expressed his hopes that we were enjoying ourselves. We thanked him for the opportunity he had given us of seeing

the greatest vessel in the British Navy. It is not given to everyone to see a giant battleship, and there must be many people who live in the dockyard ports who have not had the opportunity that we had.

As we went ashore in the Admiral's barge, the word "Hood" stood out in letters of fire from this vessel, its blue form almost indistinguishable against the dark Forth.

Again, we must thank Rear-Admiral James for his very kind invitation and his hospitality to us during our visit.

A. C.

ARMISTICE DAY.

A service to commemorate Armistice Day was held on Sunday, 6th November, 1932.

The School marched down to the Cathedral Square, where the "Fall-in" was sounded. The parade marched to the Cenotaph with the Military Band playing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," a memory of 1914. At the Cenotaph the two bands formed up on the right, the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts on the left and behind.

The service opened with the singing of "O God of Bethel," followed by a prayer and a Scripture reading. The buglers sounded "The Last Post," reminding one of Wilfred Owen's "And bugles calling them from sad shires."

While the pipers played "Scots wha hae," a truly martial lament, wreaths were laid on the Cenotaph; "The Reveille" sounded in the distance, and the service concluded with the National Anthem and the Benediction.

After the service the parade marched past the Provost of Dunblane, who took the salute.

Because silence is induced when the emotions are profoundly stirred, the dead are better honoured by the Two Minutes' Silence than by other ceremony. "Speech is silver, silence is golden."

Too much remembrance means too little work; but no remembrance means repetition of errors. Dawn and sunset are the most contemplative hours of the day, so Laurence Binyon, a war poet, assures us that

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

A. S. Hogg.

RUGBY.



We began this season with only five of last year's Blues, four of whom were forwards. Our greatest difficulty was the finding of a three-quarter line. This year's team is the smallest for many seasons.

1st XV. VERSUS McLAREN HIGH SCHOOL, AT DUNBLANE, 24th September, 1932.

This is only McLaren High School's second Rugger season, and the game showed that our team was plucky, and had a good practical knowledge of the game. The size of McLaren's forwards prevented our three-quarters from getting the ball from line-outs, and there was little chance of scoring. Our forwards, packing tight in the scrums, managed to monopolise the ball, but the scrum half was slow, and was caught too often. The tries were scored by McLaren's forwards breaking through. Result: — Q.V.S., 0; McLaren High School, 9.

VERSUS ALLOA ACADEMY 1st XV., AT ALLOA, 1st October, 1932.

This game gave us the impression that we were playing out of our class, and we were well beaten by a team superior in every way. Result: Q.V.S., 0; Alloa Academy, 36.

VERSUS DOLLAR ACADEMY 3rd XV., AT DUNBLANE, 8th October, 1932.

In this match we were playing a team nearer our own weight and size. The services of Ramsay and Ryan were missed in this game, the former being at an examination and the latter in hospital. Our try was scored by M'Lean getting a run away from our own twenty-five. He also converted. As the score suggests, the game was very close, and at one time we looked like winning. Big kicking by the Dollar threes brought them close to our line, which they crossed twice. Result: — Q.V.S., 5; Dollar Academy, 6.

VERSUS STIRLING HIGH SCHOOL 1st XV., AT DUNBLANE, 5th November, 1932.

This match was a repetition of that at Alloa. Our team were somewhat over-awed by the size of the High School players, and lacked their usual energy. Result: — Q.V.S., 0; Stirling High School, 27.

VERSUS NEWSTEAD SCHOOL, AT DEANSTON, 12th November, 1932.

This game showed considerable improvement in the forwards, who, by bustling their opponents, left openings for the three-quarters. A rush by our forwards carried the ball into Newstead's twenty-five, where Dunn picked up and scored. Newstead went ahead with a converted try. Ramsay broke away from the centre, and scored a try, which he converted. After the interval we went further ahead by a try scored by M'Lean. There was a dogged struggle after that, Newstead scored another converted try near the end. Result: — Q.V.S., 11; Newstead, 10.

VERSUS BELLAHouston ACADEMY 2nd XV., AT NORWOOD, 19th November, 1932.

We were playing at full strength for the first time this season. The forwards fed the threes well, and we scored soon after the start, M'Lean wriggling through the astonished defence. The try was converted by Ramsay. Bellahouston scored two tries, one of which was converted, owing to two slips in the defence.

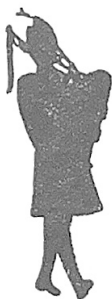
After the interval Hogg, backing up his threes, well, came near to scoring. Bellahouston scored another try following a breakaway by their forwards. After this we penned them in their own half, doing everything but score. We came away with the impression that we should have won this match. Result:—

Q.V.S., 5; Bellahouston Academy, 11.

R. M'L., A.S.H.

DRUMMERS, PIPERS AND HIGHLAND DANCERS.

Since the beginning of the winter term work has been progressing favourably — so much so,



that quite a number of young boys in junior trades have made sufficient progress to enable them to play alongside of the senior boys. This is very gratifying, more especially when one has to maintain a standard of efficiency in spite of depleted ranks through departures from the School, illness and other causes.

Alexander Fraser, formerly of B. Company, has succeeded A. G. Shand as Drum-Major, and Ronald Mackay, formerly of C. Company, was recently appointed Pipe-Major.

On 2nd October the Pipe Band spent the day at Gleneagles Hotel, where they helped to entertain the different Representatives attending the Annual Conference of Hotel Caterers, and, on 29th October, five dancers with Pipe-Major Ross gave their services at a concert in the Central Halls, Edinburgh, run under the auspices of the Scottish Society in aid of funds for the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. In addition, Buglers, Drummers and Pipers were called upon to render help at various Armistice Services held at Dunblane, Doune, Callander and Aberfoyle.

PIPE PRES.

COMPANY NOTES.

"A" COMPANY.

Here we are again after a very successful term. Football and Rugby are now the craze, and "A" Company is putting up a very satisfactory show, especially in the 2nd Division.

We were sorry to lose Willie West, who was transferred to "D" Company. Our shooting expert, Charlie Milligan, leaves at the end of the term. "A" Company, 1st Division, and the School 1st Eleven lost a good player when D. S. McLean left to take up a civil job in Glasgow. Drum-Major Shand, who went to the Guards at the beginning of the term, has been succeeded by "Barrel" Fraser from "B" Company.

Our usual winter company concerts go on, and several of our best professional men are taking part in the School Pantomime.

R. S.

"B" COMPANY.

Like the other Companies, we too have lost several of our best sportsmen — J. Phillips, C. Kane, J. Connelly, L. Kerr, R. Brown and W. McAllister have gone. Phillips went to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and the remainder to civil life. Alex. Fraser was transferred to "A" Company on his appointment as Drum-Major, but we have got in return Ronnie McKay, who is Pipe-Major. Although we are now numerically the smallest Company in the School, we are still hopeful of showing our paces when the annual competitions commence. So far, according to Dame Rumour, we are top of the kit inspection results, and we intend to retain this position.

"C" COMPANY.

After the summer holidays we commenced a strenuous term with shortening days and lengthening nights happily relieved by our fortnightly concerts and pictures. Bill Johnstone has gone to the Camerons, and our Senior Monitor Cruickshank to Sandhurst. We are delighted to hear that he has already made his mark (on someone else's face, we hope), in the boxing ring.

Transfers rather handicapped our style, especially when we see that two of them are now captains of their respective divisions. We have a very young Company, and although we may not shine this season we have the advantage of knowing that we can train our present players, and that we shall have an excellent team next season.

Of course, Bonzo Currie has commenced his brilliant concerts. Our thanks to him and his fellow-artistes for the excellent shows. He, too, is due to leave us shortly, and we must look around for another star to fill the stage firmament after his departure.

"D" COMPANY.

"D" Company calling from the North Wing. Like the news bulletin on the Sabbath, there is little to report. Since the holidays we have settled down into our stride on the sports field. All divisions are doing exceedingly well, and with a little luck we should be able to add another trophy to our shelf.

Amongst our departures are Josie Hunter, Chic O'Neill, J. Tracey and Irvine; but we have secured Willie West by transfer, and he is certainly an asset on the sports field.

Our thanks to Bonzo Currie and his party from "A" and "C" Companies for the excellent concert he gave us; it was a fine show, and well appreciated by the audience.

MONITORS' ROOM NOTES.

Two new members, Messrs Rosie and Crowie, have been admitted to the "happy band of Pilgrims," who in turn have lost the esteemed companionship of their leading light, A. Cruickshank, who has proceeded to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Of course we wished him all the usual good-luck, which he cheerfully

accepted, but even the frivolity of the new members has failed to make us cease to mourn his departure!

However, we are jogging along as usual under the guidance of his successor, Willie Ramsay. We are anxiously awaiting the results of the last Special Examination; we hope that the candidates are fortunate in having a kind-hearted examiner; one candidate in particular, no names, no — blackbirds!

With characteristic Q.V. style, "darling" Bobby Linton has trampled his way up to a Rugby blue at the Military College at Woolwich, while, not to be outdone, little Alf Cruickshank has stepped over the bodies of unconscious opponents to a silver boxing medal.

In conclusion, will the monitor who scores five at billiards and marks up ten cease to do so when he plays.

I. M. & J. E. R.

TACKETS FROM THE COBBLERS.

Work has been resumed in the shoemakers' shop; the boat bringing stores has arrived after a long and hazardous trip through every river and canal of Britain!

Sergeant "Chick" O'Neill has joined the Royal Scots, and Sergeant West has taken his place in the shop.

May we issue one word of warning? The next junior school boy who is seen throwing darts at the posters in the shop is going to be "tickled to death"; a fine piece of leather has been placed in pickle ready for the occasion.

W. W.

DRUM STORE TAPS.

"Hang on to that roll" and "emphasise that stroke," are now the common phrases heard from the Drum Store. Apart from our continued practising, and the chastening of the lazy, little ever seems to happen in our corner of the school. Drum-Major Shand left us on the 13th September to join the Scots Guards; we have since heard that he is settling down well, and likes his new sphere of drumming. Sergeant Fraser succeeded Shand as School Drum-Major, and as Fraser will be leaving shortly, we have already got an idea that a sturdy lad of thirteen will succeed him in the art of "swinging the stick." Joe Hunter went to the Seaforths, and Andrew Bain is now the leading "tippo."

A. F.

SNIPS FROM THE TAILORS.

We have lost only one tailor since the summer term; Tracey has gone to civil life. One new craze has started this term. Potatoes roasted in the tailor's oven taste much nicer than those cooked in the School kitchen! The younger boys are making much more progress than they did the previous term. Our "soccer" players in the shop are legion, and when they are playing the shop is almost empty of tailors.

T. M.

QUAVERS FROM THE BAND ROOM.

After the ceremony of Trooping the Colour on Grand Day, the Military Band played the following programme:—

Overture, "Gloria" Hazel
Selection, "Victoria" Hume
Song, "You are my Heart's Delight" ... Lehar
Trombone Solo, "Alice where art thou?" Archer
Soloist, A. Burns.

Our congratulations to Verdun Rosie on his appointment as Monitor, and we are glad that he is remaining with the Band. Sergeant G. Bulloch, Corporal Phillips and Corporal W. C. M'Lean have left us since the summer term. Phillips went to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, M'Lean to The Black Watch, and Bulloch to civil life. M'Lean recently visited the School, and army life seems to be suiting him well.

During the visit of Major-General Sir H. Elles, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., on Armistice Day, the band played the war-time selection, arranged by our bandmaster. The General congratulated the boys on their playing. For the visit of Major General Sir James L. Burnett (Bart.), C.M.G., D.S.O., the band played several items, including the trombone solo, "The Joywheel," by Sutton; Marvell's "Good-night, Vienna," and Nelson's popular number, "Auf Wiedersehen."

We again assisted the Dunblane Players in the cause of charity, playing at Dunblane and at the Albert Hall, Stirling, at the several performances of "Hawke Island." Amongst the new numbers included in the musical programme were "Jamie's Patrol," by Dacre; "Songs d'Automne," by Jolce; and "Love in Idleness," by MacBeth. This excellent experience of playing in public before a critical audience encourages the Band to maintain a good standard of playing.

At present the Band is practising for a concert at the end of the term, and also for a band programme at the end of term celebrations when we hope to play "Trooping the Colour," a composition by Holloway, in which the pipers, drummers, buglers and band all take part.

The string orchestra is still keen, and practising hard. It was to have played in Church on the last Sunday of the term, but owing to the practice necessary in connection with the concert this arrangement has had to be cancelled. Unfortunately, our Bandmaster cannot be in two places at once.

The Headmaster, who is also Band President, is leaving us at the end of the year. We shall miss the great interest he has taken in band affairs, and we take this opportunity to thank him for all that he has done for us. While we wish Mrs Lunt and himself a pleasant stay in their new station, we hope that he will continue to take an interest in what we are doing on this side of the Border.

A. S. H.

THE CIRCUS.

At the close of the summer term a rumour had spread through the School. Bertram Mills had invited the boys of Queen Victoria School to his wonderful circus, an invitation which was obviously in recognition of the Pipe Band's services at the great circus at Olympia eighteen months ago.

The circus had already been billed to tour Scotland, beginning with performances at Edinburgh, and visiting the chief cities of the country — Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Ayr and Glasgow.

The rumour proved, for once, to be correct. The Commandant informed us that we were going through to Edinburgh on the 29th July, the day before the summer holidays commenced. Anticipation is a very pleasant thing, providing, of course, that something pleasant is anticipated, and the 29th of July seemed a very long time in coming round. The day was not blessed by the weather clerk. The morning was wet and dismal, and it was only the forthcoming treat that kept our spirits up.

Before the performance we were treated to tea. Whilst we did ourselves ample justice, there was the feeling that we might have eaten still more, but we wanted to see the circus.

The "big top," which is the name given to the large tent where the performances are held, was like a big arena with the seats all round, sloping down to the ring in the centre. The ring was covered with sawdust, and the quicker fellows called our attention to the letters "Q.V.S." which had been traced out in the sawdust. The compliment was very ingenious, and we appreciated it.

Suddenly a peal of trumpets smote the air. The performance had commenced. First came a performer on long stilts, then came another on still longer stilts; this sort of thing made one feel very nervous, for one wondered if the last stilt performer would be able to get in under the canvas roof! He did, but only just! And his antics! The others were very clever, but he was the smartest. After taking giant strides round the ring, he began an imitation of a drunken man. He swayed, this way and that, to the right and to the left, forward and backward, keeping time to the band, until we expected him to fall at any moment. He and his assistants certainly deserved the applause they got at the end.

Then we had tumblers and acrobats and a host of clowns. Big clowns and little clowns, and their costumes were amusing. Probably the most successful show was when they came on as Minnie and Mickey the Mouse.

Probably the greatest act of all was the Wallendas' hair-raising stunts on a wire rope stretched high in the air. They walked across the rope, cycled across it, and finally in a marvellous group moved across it; two men balanced a pole on their shoulders, and on the pole was a chair, and in the chair sat the lady member of the company. The audience watched them breathlessly as they slowly made their way from one end of the wire to the other. I must confess that I felt a little queer inwards while this

act was being performed, and when they had safely accomplished the crossing there was a tremendous sigh of relief. The ovation the Wallendas got was well deserved. They must have nerves of steel to do a feat like this.

Pim the sailor was funny. He was the funny man of a party of acrobats, and the silly, idiotic things he did caused howls of laughter. He did everything but twist himself double as he contorted himself on the taut canvas. He had a neck of rubber, for any ordinary person who had fallen in the way he appeared to would have been in need of a doctor. Afterwards when one considered the feats he did, one also appreciates the tremendous strength he must have had, in addition to his skill.

The elephants were very amusing. They danced in time with the music, doing the Spanish dance with a tambourine. Then one of them became a barber, lathered and scraped the imaginary hairs of the face of another elephant! Then one of them pretended to have shot the trainer, and another of the elephants dragged in a cannon and shot the supposed slayer. After that they carried their trainer off. Elephants are supposed to have very small brains, but these elephants could certainly use the few they had.

The last turn was the performing tigers. Mathies, their trainer, entered the big cage that had been constructed in the ring, and put these half-wild beasts through their paces. Some of the animals seemed very proud and keen to show off what they could do, but the others seemed determined not to do anything at all. But Mathies made them jump over his whip, balance themselves on large spheres, and even to jump through a ring of fire.

The band struck up "God Save the King." The performance was over. During the time we had spent getting to the circus, the minutes had seemed like hours, but watching the performance the hours had flown like minutes.

Our journey back was spent in discussing the fine show we had seen, and did not seem to take half the time of the outward journey.

We are very grateful to Mr Bernard Mills for the very fine treat that he gave us. I know that many boys who lived in the centres visited by the circus made at least another trip to see it; that, I think, is the finest praise we can give.

W. M'D.

HOW SOME SCOTTISH SURNAMES CAME TO BE ACQUIRED.

By "INCOG."

(Continued.)

In the Scottish East Coast towns nick-names were commonly used for distinguishing people. Blackwood's Magazine, of March, 1842, among other peculiarities of the fisher folk, gives the following:—

"The fishers are generally in want of surnames. There are seldom more than two or three surnames in a fishing village or town. There are twenty-five George Cowies in Buckie

(Cowie is the name of an ancient fishing village). The shopkeepers in booking the order of the fishers invariably insert the nick-name, and in the case of married men, write down the wife's name along with the husband's.

"Unmarried persons have the names of their parents inserted with their own. In the town Registers of Peterhead these signatures occur:—Eliza Taylor, Spouse to John Thomson SOUPLES. Agnes Farquhar, Spouse to W. Findlater STOUTTIE. It is amusing enough to turn over the leaves of a grocer's ledger and see the nick-names as they come up. Buckie, Beauty, Bam, Biggeluggs, Collop, Helldone, King, Provost, Rochie, Stöattie, Sillerton, Smack, Snipe, Snuffers, Toothie, Todlowrie. Ladies are found and gallantly and exquisitely called—the Cutter—the Bear, etc. A stranger had occasion to call on a fisherman in one of the Buchan fishing villages of the name of Alexander White. Meeting a woman, he asked—'Can ye tell's far Sandy Fite bides?' 'Fat (what) Sandy Fite? Muckle Sandy Fite.' 'Aye, fat muckle Sandy Fite?' 'Muckle, lang Sandy Fite—' 'Oh, it's Goup-the-lift ye're seekin', and fat the deevil did ye no speer for the man by the richt name at aince.'" (Evidently Mr White had a horrible squint).

At the Spring Circuit (Criminal) Aberdeen, in 1844, the parties were indicted and the witnesses cited under their nick-names as well as their proper names:—John Geddes alias Jock Jack, John Cowie alias Pum, Margaret Cowie, daughter of Pum, John Reid alias Jockles, James Green alias Rorie, Alexander Geddes alias Duke, and so on. A few more nick-names like Dainty, Cutler, Raggle, Baggie, and Brecks were also common.

Reverting to the main subject of this article, names such as Goodman and Goodall are attributed to pleasant people, and the first Wiseman must have thought no end of himself. Many took their surnames from the season of their birth, Spring, Summer, Winter, Yule.

Another distinctive class of name is the patronymic (that is the name from the father). Of two Johns, one the son of Thomas and the other of John, the one becomes John Johnson and the other John Thomasson or Thomson, and so on:—Watson, Alanson, Jameson, Manson (son of Magnus), Adamson. Anderson is the same as Andrews. Richardson, Richards, Dickson, Dickenson, Dick, Dickens and Dickie all express the name of Richard—Johnson, Jones, Jack and Jackson come from John. Davidson and Davie from David, Sim and Simson from Simon, Lawson and Laurie from Laurence. In the Highlands the prefix "Mac" signifies son. The "O" of the Irish and the "Ap" of the Welsh express the same meaning of descent. In 1465 an Act of the Irish Parliament ordained that "every Irishman dwelling betwixt and among Englishmen in the Counties of Dublin, Myeth, Uriel, and Kildare should go like to one Englishman in apparel and shaving of his beard above the mouth, should swear allegiance, and should take to him an English surname of a town—or a colour or an art or science or an office, and that he and his issue should use the same."

In the reign of Henry VIII. a gentleman from Wales being called at the panelling of a jury by the name of Thomas ap William ap Thomas ap

Richard ap Hoel ap Evan, etc., etc., was advised to leave that manner. He thereupon took the name of Moston from his principal house and left that surname to posterity. The common practice in Wales, however, was to take ancestral names with the prefix Ap. Ap Rice has become Price, Ap Richard is now Pritchard, and Ap Hugh is Pugh.

(To be Continued.)

FROM THE ORDER BOARD.

Valete.

TO THE SERVICES.

The Scots Guards—A. G. Shand.
H.L.I.—W. M'Quarrie.
Q.O.C. Highlanders—J. Phillips, G. Johnstone, J. Irvine.
The Royal Scots—A. O'Neill.
The Seaforth Highlanders—J. Hunter.
The Black Watch—D. C. M'Lean.
The Royal Military College, Sandhurst—Senior Monitor A. Cruickshank.

TO CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

Edinburgh—G. Bulloch, C. Kane.
Glasgow—R. Brown, J. Connelly, T. Scott, J. Tracey.
Aberdeen—W. Palmer, L. Kerr.
Cowie—W. M'Alister.

BOYS WHO HAVE JOINED THE SERVICES SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL.

Gordon Highlanders—1199 F. Quinn.
K.O.S.B.—1030 R. Douglas.

PROMOTIONS.

To Monitor—V. Rosie.
To Acting Monitor—A. Crowe.
To Drum-Major—A. Fraser.
To Pipe-Major—A. M'Kinlay, R. M'Kay.
To Band Sergeant—H. Ryan.
To Sergeant—W. West, J. Davidson, C. Milligan, L. Hall, W. M'Lean, P. Sandilands, T. Smith.
To Colour Corporal—A. Loats, P. Ewen, D. M'Kenzie.
To Corporal—N. M'Millan, D. Smail, A. Bain, N. M'Kinnon, R. Burke, D. Hardie, W. Swan, R. Shore, R. Hogg, T. M'Ateer.

APPOINTMENTS.

To Leading Monitor—W. Ramsay.
To Lance-Corporal—D. Jackson, A. M'Neill, D. Beaton, G. Lloyd, W. Finnie, D. Phillips, W. Morton, V. Carroll, L. Smith, R. Hunter, W. M'Donald.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Cpl. D. C. M'Lean, 2nd Class Certificate of Education.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of three Old Victorians, and extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

At the Military Hospital, Woolwich, on the 15th September, 1932, Sergeant G. Royer (School Number 173), of The Royal Engineers. Sergeant Royer joined the School on the 27th June, 1910, and enlisted into the Service on the 23rd December, 1914. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

At the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, in November, 1932, Lance-Corporal Hector M'Kay (School Number 903), of the Military Foot Police. M'Kay joined the School on the 5th April, 1922, and enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders on the 4th September, 1926.

At the Tidworth Military Hospital, in August, Boy Bandsman Walter Douglas Bradley (School Number 1180), of the Royal Scots Greys. Boy Bradley joined the School on 21st May, 1924, and enlisted in the Scots Greys after leaving the School for civil life.

OLD VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION.

Membership.—All Old Boys who have passed through the School are eligible for membership.

Subscription.—The Headquarters Subscription is 2s annually, which entitles the members to "The Victorian" (the School Magazine) free. Particulars as to Branch Subscriptions may be obtained from Branch Secretaries, whose addresses are given below.

Badge and Tie.—Members are entitled to wear the badge and tie of the Association. The tie may be obtained from Messrs The Waverley Tailoring Co., 44 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh (price 2s 6d), and the badge from the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the School (price 2s).

Branches.—There are branches in Edinburgh and Glasgow for members in those areas. Members resident elsewhere, and all serving Service members are affiliated to Headquarters at Dunblane.

Annual General Meeting.—The Annual General Meeting is held at the School on the first Sunday in May, when reports and financial statements from Headquarters and Branches are presented.

Objects.—(1) To continue the comradeship and fellowship formed during School life; (2) to assist boys leaving the School to find employment, and to help Old Boys out of work to find employment; (3) to make known the School, its aims and objects, and encourage Scottish soldiers, sailors, and airmen to send their boys to it; (4) to uphold the good name of the School, and, should occasion arise, the good name of any present or past member of it.

How to Join. — Apply to the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Queen Victoria School, stating full name, number, year you left the School, and your address. Or, if resident in or near Edinburgh, apply to the Secretary, Edinburgh Branch, Mr J. Robertson, 23 Grove Street, Edinburgh, giving the above particulars. If resident in or near Glasgow, apply to the Secretary, Glasgow Branch, Mr E. Quinn, 51 Coltnuir Street, Parkhead, Glasgow, giving the above particulars.

MINUTES OF EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,
HELD AT QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL,
DUNBLANE, ON THE 5th JUNE, 1932.

Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., occupied the chair.

Thirty-three old members were present.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Balances of accounts were presented by the various Branches, and showed balance credits of

Headquarters	£8	0	0
Edinburgh	67	1	3
Glasgow	21	13	7

3. Mr Anderson presented the report of the year's working of the Edinburgh Branch.

Mr J. M'Leod presented the report of the year's working of the Glasgow Branch.

Colonel Innes congratulated the Edinburgh Branch on their success in opening Club Rooms.

4. Mr Ward, Edinburgh Branch, requested that the addresses of all boys leaving should be sent to the Secretaries of the Branches.

5. Mr Anderson strongly recommended the Glasgow Branch to adopt the idea of obtaining rooms as a means of consolidating the Branch.

6. Mr Ward proposed that the Annual General Meeting in future be held at the date laid down in the rules. This was agreed to.

7. It was announced that, in future, the cost per copy of "The Victorian" would be increased from 6d to 8d.

8. Colonel Innes referred to the departure of Captain Lunt before the next Annual General Meeting.

Captain Lunt thanked the Colonel and the Meeting for their kind expression of thanks.

9. The Chairman asked for any recommendations as to the arrangements for the comfort of Old Victorians attending the Meetings.

10. Mr Robertson proposed, and Mr Quinn seconded, a vote of thanks to Colonel Innes for presiding.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

Since the last issue of "The Victorian" (which surely excelled itself) the Committee members of the Glasgow Branch have worked very hard to get the members interested and the Branch on a good working basis.

We are sorry to report that this venture has not yet met with the success it deserves, but we have an idea that the state of the country must shoulder the blame. In spite of the fact that we have not got many unemployed in our

ranks, short time and suspensions of a temporary nature mean that the many young members we have on our membership book cannot attend and assist us to better the financial position of the branch; and it is unfortunate that our infancy years as an Association should be so hindered through no fault of our own. But we hope for the best, and those members who make a point of keeping in touch will surely be the foundation of a strong and healthy organisation in the better times to come.

We have been able to hold a 'bus run to the Blane Valley, and it was a most enjoyable outing.

We also have in hand our first dance of the season to be held in the Masonic Hall, Berkeley Street, Glasgow, on the 23rd December, and our Treasurer reports that the tickets are in good demand, so we hope to have a social and financial success on that evening.

Our Treasurer (whose soubriquet is that of a former famous chancellor) takes care that our financial state steers clear of danger, and intimates that we have lost a pound or two in the year's working, but hopes to show an increase by the next A.G.M.

The members take this opportunity to thank Captain Lunt for many little things he has done for the Association in general and the Glasgow Branch in particular, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and prosperous time in his new appointment.

We are again indebted to the Executives of the Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association and the War Memorial Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Club for their assistance in allowing us the use of their club rooms for our meetings.

E. Q.

REGIMENTAL NEWS.

The insertion of Regimental News in the July, 1932, issue of "The Victorian" appears to have received universal approbation. This measure is to be continued, and we would again appeal to all those who have so kindly volunteered to supply us with news of Old Victorians serving in the various units at home and abroad, to let us have their notes not later than **15th June** each year for the Summer issue, and by the **15th November** for the Christmas number. To circularise each Magazine Correspondent involves considerable extra labour on the voluntary Editorial Committee, and also burdens the Magazine with additional expense, which, of course, it cannot bear without being run at a loss.

2nd BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS, at Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

The Editorial Committee was very pleased to hear from the only Old Victorian serving with the 2nd Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers. Bandsman A. Stuart has furnished us with a list of O.V.'s serving with the 1st Battalion, and in addition to communicating with the 1st Battalion has promised us an article on the sights of Shanghai and his hectic journey to England in one of His Majesty's troopships. (That, by the way, was not what he termed the tub.)

We will be glad to hear from him again, and to have his articles for inclusion in the July, 1933 issue.

1062 Fus. D. Smart.

1st BATTALION THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS, at Fort George, Inverness-shire.

Our numbers are still the same, except that Kidd has gone on a tour of duty at the Regi-

mental Depot, Berwick, and Sergeant Jackie Thornhill has been posted to the 2nd Battalion.

As expected, Sergeant Slattery did well with his bag o' tricks at the various piping competitions held in the district and elsewhere. He was unfortunate in not gaining distinction at the Northern Meeting at Inverness in September.

The Battalion Soccer and Rugger teams have benefited greatly by the return of Donald Ross, who has come back to the Battalion after a six weeks' spell at Netheravon, where he was on a machine-gun course. He qualified 1st Class, and is just as much at home now with a gun and tripod as with a ball and a pair of football boots. Woe betide any unfortunate who professes ignorance of crank handles and feedlocks!

Our Battalion Rugby team greatly feels the loss of Charlie M'Kenna, who has been off following a knee injury sustained a month ago. We wish him a more prosperous New Year.

Sergeant Walker is at present on an equitation course at Piershill Barracks. We have heard that Woolworth's is unable to meet his demand for Wild West Magazines. Let's hope he will lassoo a good report.

On coming on man's service, Cecil Wallace stepped in and won his weight in the Novices' Boxing Competition. He, too, is just recovering from a knee injury.

In conclusion, all O.V.'s serving in the Fort wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

249	Pipe-Major W. Forrest.
*847	L/Corporal C. M'Kenna.
833	Drummer T. Wallace.
767	Bandsman J. Wood.
361	Bandsman J. Moxey.
	Private W. Kidd.
212	Sergeant M. Walker.
633	L/Sergeant D. Ross.
492	L/Corporal J. Slattery.
983	Drummer C. Wallace.
762	Bandsman W. M'Leish.
370	Private D. Robertson.

**2nd BATTALION THE CAMERONIANS
(SCOTTISH RIFLES),
at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow.**

There have been no changes in the strength of Old Victorians serving at Maryhill, except that we have welcomed C.Q.M.S. Gibson, who had been serving at the Depot, and who was posted to this Battalion upon his promotion. "Gibbie" was at one time a piper and dancer of no mean repute (he still is, of course), but he has forsaken the pipe notes for the pound notes. He is now C.Q.M.S. of "D" (M.G.) Company, and has found his place in the Battalion hockey and soccer teams. Rumour has it that while he was at the Depot he was the crack runner of the Sergeants' Mess as well as the "permanent" shooting cup winner. Old hands of the 2nd Battalion will now have to look to their laurels.

O.R./Q.M.S. Tucker still handles the organisation of the Battalion, but it is perceived that nothing has transpired as the result of his assiduous practice at gowf—maybe his challenge was accepted—in any case, the efficiency of the Battalion is maintained, and largely due to him.

Young "Sandi" is still "euphoniuming." In answer to a query, I may say that he still has that perpetual smile despite the fact that he cannot grow more than two inches bigger than his instrument. Bain is still doing quite well—he is still in the Drums. Both Bain and Sandilands have found permanent places in the Boys' Football Team.

With regard to your appeal for reminiscences by O.V.'s, the two oldest here say that they cannot remember much worth printing, as it is too far distant. The other two are apparently unwilling to tell so early of their misdeeds, having only left school fairly recently.

- 97 O.R./Q.M.S. W. G. Tucker.
- *805 Corporal J. Cosgrave.
- 1157 Rfn. J. Thomson (Disch.)
- 1129 Boy G. Sandilands.
- 1113 Boy J. Bain.
- 102 C/Q.M.S. W. Gibson.

**1st BATTALION THE ARGYLL AND
SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS,
at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.**

As correspondent, I am afraid I have not been able to gather much news of Old Victorians with the Unit, owing to many moves.

During the last few months Corporal M'Dine has been making a name for himself as a boxer, having established himself as champion heavy-weight of the Battalion. He has also proved himself quite a goal-getter for the Battalion football team, as has Corporal Noble for the Battalion hockey team.

I am at present on an equitation course at Piershill Barracks, Edinburgh, and I had a very pleasant surprise when I arrived here, for I found that I was to be accommodated with Sergeant Walker, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, another Old Victorian; and many are the laughs we have had at each other in the gentle course of learning to keep on a horse's

back. It is particularly difficult negotiating the jumps when the beast jibs!

It has just come to my knowledge that Johnny Hetherington, an Old Victorian of the first fifty, has just lost his wife. Johnny took his discharge in India to take up a Bandmastership in 1923. He was very happily married, and now has a family of two. I feel sure that all Old Victorians and the School staff who knew the Hetheringtons will sympathise with him in his great loss.

- 569 Corporal A. M'Dine.
- 521 Corporal C. Noble.
- 1188 Boy L. Georgeson.
- 1071 Boy A. Rodham.
- 1277 Boy E. Bunt.
- *180 Sergeant D. S. M'Dougall.
- 341 Bandsman A. Hetherington.
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**"M" COMPANY (BOYS), DEPOT
BATTALION, THE ROYAL ENGINEERS,
at Upper Kitchener Barracks, Chatham, Kent.**

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- 1111 J. Barnett.
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- 883 L/Corporal D. Gardner.
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