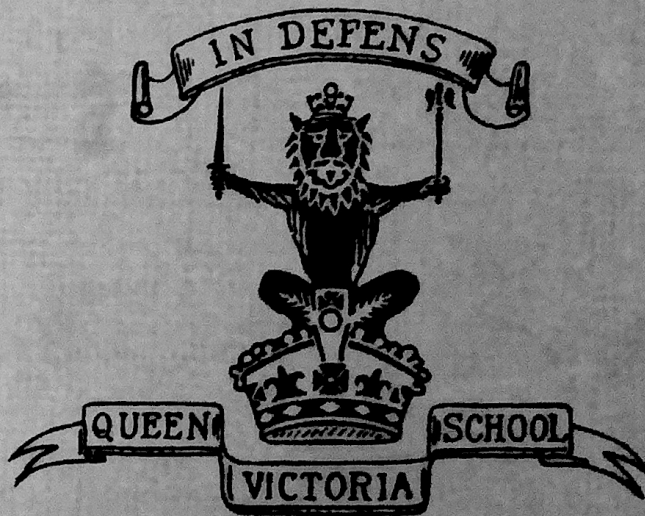


# THE VICTORIAN



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# QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL.

For the Sons of Scottish Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen,  
DUNBLANE, SCOTLAND.

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F. L. Lax (late K.O.S.B.).

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D.C.M. (late B.W.).

Company Sergeant-Major—  
"B" and "D" Companies—W. Watson  
(late K.O.S.B.).

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A. E. Stuart.

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L. Smith, B.A.

Sergeant-Instructor (Education)—  
S. W. Pole.

Woodwork Master—  
Mr H. McKay (late R.E.).



# The Victorian

## Editorial.

THIS issue may seem a little "thin" compared to the last mid-summer number. Illustrations help a great deal towards the popularity of a school magazine. We are not short of pictures by any means. We greatly regret that our small circulation prohibits us from going to the expense of having blocks made.

Without sending out separate reminders, I would appeal to all subscribers to send along outstanding dues together with the subscriptions for the coming year, when we promise to try and dress up the December number.

## Notes of the Year.

January saw us saying "Good-bye" to Sergeant and Mrs Oseroft. "Ozzy" and his fishing stories are greatly missed, and since his departure all the fish in the Allan have gone on strike, for none of Isaac Walton's followers in the School have been able to inveigle them to nibble the worm. We missed Mrs Oseroft this year during the Perth Musical Festival. For several years she very kindly gave her services as accompanist, and it is hardly necessary to say that much of our success was due to her invaluable help. We wish them happiness and prosperity in Woolwich.

We have the pleasant duty of welcoming Sergeant L. Smith, B.A. He has come to us with a great cricket reputation, and has found his place with the Stenhousemuir Eleven, and we hope to hear that he has been selected to represent the Army Educational Corps against the Royal Army Pay Corps at Dover.

In our last number we recorded the levelling of the School Playing Field, or at least, a portion of it. The boys carried on the good work, the first sod being cut on the 29th January. We have thus been able to extend the area levelled to our great advantage. If our muscles had been equal to our wishes, we would have levelled the whole of the field by now. The new Sports Field was officially opened on Sports Day, and the fact that it is possible to have a quarter-mile course will give Old Boys an idea of the extent of the work done.

The Visiting Commissioner during the Easter Term was our Honorary Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Addison Smith, C.B.E., W.S. It is always gratifying to have the controller of the purse strings visiting the School, for then we feel that we can put forward many suggestions for replacements and improvements with the peculiar satisfaction that they are being considered by the man that matters!

We go from success to success. In the Perth Musical Festival we secured five firsts and several places. An account of the Festival will be found elsewhere in this Magazine. We would like to thank all those who put in so much time and labour outside the normal working hours, and we would also thank the teams which put so much enthusiasm into their endeavours.

The amenities of the Swimming Bath have been added to by the introduction of a Diving Stage. This is due to the generosity of the 15th Division, whom we would like to thank. This is one of the many things which can only be introduced through the generosity of our patrons, there being no government grant available in this direction.

The Easter Holidays found us saying Valeté to many boys going to His Majesty's Forces and to civil employment. We wish them the best of luck, and would remind them that we are always glad to hear from them and to know what life in the world has provided for them.

We were able to welcome an increased gathering of Old Victorians on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Out of the discussion at the meeting it is hoped that the occasion of the re-union will be made still more auspicious now that representatives will meet at the School some time before the meeting and arrange a full programme for the week-end.

About one hundred of our boys, including the Military Band, appeared at the Scottish Military Pageant at Edinburgh. Their Toy Soldiers act was very well received, and the Press gave some laudatory criticisms. We are very grateful to the G.O.C.-in-C. for the great interest he took in the boys and his personal visit to the Castle to inquire as to their comfort.

Would that we had the "Talkies" in the School, so that we might enjoy some of the excellent films that were made of the show.

At the end of July we hope to welcome the Royal Scots Greys, who will be camping in the vicinity of the School during their march back to Edinburgh. We hope that they will not be so unfortunate as were the Camerons, when they

stayed a couple of nights some years ago. There was a big cloud-burst and torrential rains which completely washed them out!

To the Commissioners we are indebted for a larger motor mower. The gardeners no doubt are doubly grateful; it is ever so much more gentlemanly to ride in state after the speeding carriage than to double behind the previous little mechanical marvel!

We were again able to entertain the Conference of the personnel of the Army Educational Corps stationed in the Command. The Conference lasted three days, and during that time a visit was paid to the Falkirk High School, the most modern educational establishment in Stirlingshire. Mr Coutts Morrison conducted the party round the extensive buildings and demonstrated the excellent equipment; the only regret was that the scholars were on holiday and the activities of this School could not be seen in full swing.

The A.E.C. played the Depot, The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, at cricket. The match became very exciting towards the finish, when the A.E.C. only required a few runs to win. Unfortunately the fates were against us, and the Argylls won a fine game. On the Saturday the School Staff played the rest of the A.E.C., but Captain Turner's bowling and the excellent fielding of his side proved too much for the home team.

Major F. G. Harvey, M.B.E., T.D., A.E.C., also visited us this year. It was a pity that the weather was not favourably for good fishing, and it is feared that his baskets were not as good as the previous year.

It is always delightful to record a visit of the Stork! This time it called on Sergeant and Mrs A. E. Stuart, A.E.C., and we hear that Miss Patricia Anne is behaving like the best of Q.V.S. babies ever did. Our felicitations. Really, we thought that the Stork had lost the address of the School!

Once again we had the pleasure of a visit from Colonel J. Aubrey Smith, C.M.G., Inspector of Army Educational Corps, the War Office. This time he brought with him Lieut.-Colonel W. McLean, M.C., A.E.C. Their visit coincided with the A.E.C. Conference, and they were able to make many valuable suggestions for the furtherance of education in the Service.

To Mrs Stirling, Bridge of Allan, we would again tender our thanks for the delicious strawberries provided for the boys on Sports Day. We can assure Mrs Stirling that her many kindnesses are very greatly appreciated, particularly in the provision of a gramophone and records for the Monitors' Room.

The Monthly Church Parades have been held as usual, and we have had the honour of Lord Provost Hunter of Perth, Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Chalmer, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, and Colonel R. L. McCall, D.S.O., M.C., taking the salute at the March Past which followed the combined service. On the occasion of his visit to the School, Lord Provost Hunter presented the Robert Brough Challenge Cup won by the Choir.

## Obituary.

We very deeply regret to have to record the passing, after a very short illness, of

**Mrs Watson,**

wife of C.S.M. Watson,  
late K.O.S.B.'s.

To Mr Watson and his daughter we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss, and we feel sure that these sentiments are echoed by all those boys and staff, both past and present, who have had occasion to come in contact with Mr Watson.

## Gifts to the School.

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| Scots Guards                         | 4 0 0  |
| The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) | 5 10 0 |
| The Royal Scots Fusiliers            | 5 10 0 |

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| King's Own Scottish Borderers                                     | £7 10 0 |
| The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)                                 | 29 0 0  |
| The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)                               | 6 3 0   |
| The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)            | 4 0 0   |
| The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) | 9 2 6   |
| The Gordon Highlanders                                            | 13 10 0 |
| The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders                               | 2 0 0   |

## Prizewinners, 1934.

## Primus.

W. J. MacDonald, The Black Watch.

## REGIMENTAL PRIZES.

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| The Scots Guards—J. McKenzie.                                            |
| The Royal Scots—F. Aitken, D. Aiton.                                     |
| The Royal Scots Fusiliers—D. Thomson.                                    |
| The King's Own Scottish Borderers—R. Hogg.                               |
| The Cameronians (The Scottish Rifles)—A. J. Loats.                       |
| The Black Watch—Wauchope Prize—A. Graham; Association Prize—P. McGeehan. |
| The Highland Light Infantry—A. Queen.                                    |
| The Seaforth Highlanders—D. Richford.                                    |
| The Gordon Highlanders—R. Shore.                                         |
| The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—J. Bowler.                           |
| The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders—J. L. Brown, J. Burley.              |

THE SIR ROBERT CRANSTON  
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## School Prizewinners, 1934.

## JUNIOR DIVISION.

## Form I.

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| Form Prize—A. McLachlan.            |
| English—A. McLachlan.               |
| Mathematics—T. Rutherford.          |
| General Knowledge—A. B. Sandilands. |
| Art—A. McLachlan.                   |

## Form II.

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| Form Prize—R. Ross.        |
| English—J. Oliver.         |
| Mathematics—C. Duncan.     |
| General Knowledge—R. Ross. |
| Art—J. McPherson.          |

## Form III.

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| Form Prize—N. A. Paxton.                  |
| English—N. A. Paxton.                     |
| Mathematics—N. A. Paxton.                 |
| General Knowledge—J. P. Mooney.           |
| Art—H. Arnold.                            |
| Woodwork and Technical Drawing—N. McLeod. |

## SENIOR DIVISION.

## Form IV.

Form Prize—J. McIntosh.  
 English—P. Dunnigan.  
 Mathematics—J. McIntosh.  
 General Knowledge—P. Dunnigan.  
 Art—J. Sedstrem.  
 Woodwork and Technical Drawing—G. Goodall.  
 Science—C. Mitten.

## Form V.

Form Prize—J. McKenzie.  
 English—W. Bain.  
 Mathematics—J. McKenzie.  
 General Knowledge—G. Broadbent.  
 Art—F. Winchester.  
 Woodwork and Technical Drawing—A. Kirk.  
 Science—J. Fowler.

## Form VI.

Form Prize—G. A. MacDonald.  
 English—D. Bunch.  
 Mathematics—M. H. Robinson.  
 General Knowledge—G. A. MacDonald.  
 Art—W. Hagan.  
 Woodwork and Technical Drawing—M. H. Robinson.  
 Science—W. Hagan.

## ADVANCED DIVISION.

English—Monitor V. Rosie.  
 Mathematics—W. J. MacDonald.  
 General Knowledge—Monitor I. MacFarlane.  
 Art—Monitor I. MacFarlane.  
 Woodwork and Technical Drawing—Monitor J. Ryan.  
 Science—W. J. MacDonald.

## The Presentation of the New School Colour.

On Monday, 16th July, a representative party from the School, consisting of the Commandant, the Regimental-Sergeant-Major, Senior-Monitor W. Ramsay, Pipe-Major W. J. MacDonald and Colour-Corporal P. Ewen, went to the Palace of Holyrood House to receive the new School Colour at the hands of His Majesty the King.

The ceremony took place in the grounds, and was witnessed by an audience of about one hundred and the 4th Battalion of The Gordon Highlanders, who were formed up on our right.

His Majesty was accompanied by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, General Archibald R. Cameron, K.C.B., C.M.G., General Sir Ian Hamilton, C.G.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.B., D.S.O., and his A.D.C.

The General Salute was given. His Majesty then proceeded to inspect the troops, whilst Her Majesty stood at one side talking with the Dowager Countess of Arlie.

When His Majesty commenced to inspect the third Company of the Gordons, the Colour Party moved to the right of the parade, saluting the Colours of the Gordons as they passed.

The inspection over, the King approached and talked for a short while with the Commandant and R.S.M. Scotland. The Colour was handed

to His Majesty by the Commandant. Colour-Corporal Ewen knelt to receive the Colour from His Majesty, accepted it, and returned to his position between Senior Monitor Ramsay and Pipe-Major MacDonald. The Colour Party saluted His Majesty, who graciously returned the compliment.

Three cheers for His Majesty were given by the Gordons, and preceded by the Queen, the King proceeded to the Saluting Base. With the Pipe Band playing their regimental march, "The Cock o' the North," the Battalion of the Gordons marched past. The Colour Party followed immediately behind and saluted as the Base was passed.

Thus ended the impressive ceremony of receiving the new School Colour. It had been witnessed by thousands from Arthur's Seat behind Holyrood.

During the Church Parade on Sunday, 22nd July, the Senior Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Cockburn, D.D., consecrated the new colour—a very impressive service, attended by Major-General A. J. McCulloch, D.S.O., D.C.M., Commanding the 52nd (Lowland) Division, with his G.S.O., Lt.-Col. H. J. D. Clark, M.C.

PETER EWEN, Colour-Corporal.

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A paradox is a heathen religion.

A grass widow is a woman who makes things with grass, or who has lost two husbands.

A prevaricator is an inventor!

A grass widow is a lady insect whose husband has died.

Tom Webster is a chimney sweep.

A paradox is a car!

Marcus Antonius discovered the pendulum.

A grass widow is a grasshopper that has lost her husband.

A prevaricator is a man who lets houses!

A grass widow is a worm!

Marcus Antonius was a friend of Queen Victoria.

M.D.—Mentally deficient!

The music of our National Anthem was composed by Hannen Schwafter.

Lipstick is hardened pain mixed with oil.

A mirage is a marriage in French!

A prevaricator is a Prime Minister!

A kiwi is a brown bird of which blacking is made.

N.B.—Note Boys!

A grass widow is a farmer's wife who has lost her husband!

Ipsa facto—if so, do it!

A grass widow is a woman whose husband has died and she herself died.

A grass widow is a woman with no husband or children.

The National Anthem was composed by Tom Webster.

Marcus Antonius is Mussolini's right-hand man.

A prevaricator is a dam!

A paradox is a sort of ointment you put on to your feet to ease them.

A grass widow is a grass hopper's wife.

Marcus Antonius was a great boxer.

A mirage is a place where they make mirrors and looking-glasses.

A swan vesta is a swan's egg!

A grass widow is the widow of a hobo or tinker!

## Annual Inspection, 1934.

**THURSDAY, 26th JULY, at 3 p.m.**

Inspecting Officer—Lieut.-General Sir ARCHIBALD R. CAMERON, K.C.B., C.M.G., The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command.

**3 p.m.**

The boys are drawn up in line, under Regimental Sergeant-Major, Monitors in front.

The School Colour is on the left, guarded by sentries.

**General Salute  
3.15 p.m.**

The General Salute is sounded as the Inspecting Officer arrives on the ground.

After inspecting the Parade he returns to the Saluting Base.

**Trooping the Colour  
3.25 p.m.**

The Colour Escort, preceded by the band, pipes and drums, receives the Colour from the Colour Party, and the Escort salutes it.

The Colour is trooped down the line, the School saluting it.

**March Past  
3.45 p.m.**

The School moves off and marches past in column and close column of Companies.

**Advance in Review  
Order  
3.55 p.m.**

The School advances in line and salute.

**Presentation of  
Prizes  
4 p.m.**

A hollow square is formed, the Inspecting Officer presents the prizes and makes a short address to the boys.

**5.15 p.m.**

Tea for boys and their relatives in the Dining Hall.

**5.45 p.m.**

Tea for remainder of boys.

**6 p.m.**

Prize-giving in the Play Hall.

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### Arts and Crafts.

An Exhibition of Work done by boys is being held in one of the marquees on the ground.

An inspection and your patronage are solicited.

Orders may be given for work to be carried out next Term.

## The Music.

The Military Band, the Pipe Band, Country Dancers and Highland Dancers will carry out the following

### PROGRAMME

#### 1.—Military Band

March, "Always Jolly" ..... Zamarick  
 Conductor, Boy Musician J. Myles, Conductor of the Winning  
 Percussion Band at the Perth Musical Festival, 1934.  
 Serenade, "Baby's Sweetheart" ..... Corri

#### 2.—Highland Dancers

"Reel o' Tulloch"  
 No. 1 Team — P/M McDonald, Piper J. Roe, Piper J. Forbes,  
 Piper K. McKenzie.  
 No. 2 Team—Piper A. Queen, Piper A. Graham, Piper R. Smith,  
 Piper G. Hutchison.

#### 3.—Military Band

Two Popular Numbers.  
 Waltz, "Little Old Church in the Valley" ..... Churchill  
 Fox Trot, "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" ..... Kalm

#### 4.—Country Dance

"The Yellow Coatie."  
 By Winners of the Perth Musical Festival, 1934.  
 This Team was the only one to gain Honours.  
 Pipe-Major McDonald, Pipers Queen, Graham, J. Roe, Hutchison,  
 Saunders, Smith and Armstrong.

#### 5.—Military Band

Xylophone Duet, "Two Imps" ..... Alford  
 Boy Musicians G. McDonald and J. Holmes.  
 Humouresque, "Who Killed Cock Robin?" ..... Trenchard

#### 6.—Pipe Band

March, "Invercauld House."  
 Strathspey, "McKenzie of Fairburn."  
 Reel, "Lads o' Mull."

School March, "Highland Laddie."

Conductor—Bandmaster F. H. Lax.

Pipers and Dancers—Pipe-Major F. F. Ross.



## The Cranston Memorial Essay on "Citizenship," 1934.

By G. MACDONALD.

Citizenship is the privilege which every person in the British Empire enjoys. It has not to be bought, or won by any display of arms or skill. It is inherited by us, and it is the fruits of our forefathers' political victories.

As it is the habit of animals to congregate in herds, so it is the custom of man to congregate in communities. It is the social instinct of man which urges him to live in company for protection. Man is a social and gregarious animal. He has always belonged to a family or tribe. These tribes swelled into communities of the original race, and those into kingdoms, and those into nations, and finally into a State. Citizenship first became organised in the time of the ancient Greek philosophers. Socrates and Plato first showed the world the full value of citizenship. It is the art of civic virtue which was taught by a party of Sophists who were led by Pythagoras in ancient Greece. To-day, the name citizen is given to a fully fledged member of the State, whether man or woman. A citizen has his duties and rights. He has his duties towards the State and his fellow-citizens. His rights are the right to vote, the freedom of speech and religion, and the right to claim justice. His duties are—to be law-abiding, to pay his taxes, and to use his vote properly. Citizens have the power of self-government. Hence the constitution of the State must be democracy, which implies the Rule of the Majority. It would be absurd if forty million people tried to enter Westminster. Hence the government is carried on by a system of representative institutions. The citizens vote for a person, who is suitably endowed in learning, to represent their village, town or county. The person voted for goes to Westminster to discuss the welfare of the citizens. If a citizen does not do his formal duties to the State, then it cannot do its duties to the citizen.

Our citizenship calls for the greatest respect. To abuse it is a self-injury. It is our duty to use it wisely, and it ought to be our pride. If a citizen would have his State ideal, then he must be an ideal citizen. In an ideal State the social conditions of life must be organised for the full benefit of the citizen. There should be no poverty, destitution, or fear of the family breadwinner's dying. These things should be obliterated with new sanitation, medicines, unemployment relief and old-age pension. Our freedom, liberties and our rewards are the envy of other civilised nations. The order of importance in the British State is the King, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons. The Houses of Parliament are bi-cameral, which means, two chambers.

### Perthshire Musical Association.

The Fourteenth Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival was held in the City Halls, Perth, from the 5th to the 10th March, 1934.

Queen Victoria School was represented by nine teams, which competed in the various classes for Dancing, Singing, Elocution and Percussion Band.

There was only one Honours Award in the Country Dancing Section, in which competition there were no less than 89 sets. It is very gratifying that we won this Honours Award in the over 14 years Class.

In Class 21, Singing, we gained the Special Award, the Challenge Cup presented by the late Robert Brough, Esq.

In the Junior Percussion Band Class, our first appearance in this division, we gained an excellent first with 87 per cent., and the Adjudicator requested Boy John Myles to conduct the Massed Percussion Bands at the end of that section of the Competition.

It was also the first time we had entered any teams for the Elocution Section, and the results were very satisfactory.

Our thanks are due to the instructors who put in so much time in the preparation of the teams, and their enthusiasm which helped to secure such good results.

### DANCING.

89 Sets in the Competition.

There was only one Honours Award—Q.V.S. in the over 14 years Class.

Class 12—Country Dances (General A)—"Jessie's Hornpipe"—1st, Q.V.S., 88 points.

Class 18—"Foursome Reel"—1st, 89 points; 3rd, Q.V.S., 88 points; 7th, Q.V.S., 86 points.

Class 13—Country Dances (General B)—"Lassie wi' the Yellow Coatie"—1st, Q.V.S. (Honours), 90 points.

### SINGING.

Class 21—County — Special award. — The winner will hold for one year the Challenge Cup presented by the late Robert Brough, Esq.:—(a) "A Piper," by Harold Rhodes; "Weep you no more, sad fountains," Norman Demuth—1st, Q.V.S., 87 per cent.

Class 32—Boys' Class—(a) "Ring out wild bells," Edgar L. Bainton; (b) "The Piper o' Dundee," arr. T. F. Dunhill—1st Q.V.S., 87 per cent.

### PERCUSSION BAND.

Class 10—Junior — "Marche Militaire," by Schubert—1st, Q.V.S., 87 points. Conductor—Boy John Myles, at the request of the Adjudicator, conducted the Massed Percussion Bands.

### ELOCUTION.

Class 119—Ensemble Juvenile—"Weathers," Thomas Hardy; "From a Railway Carriage," R. L. Stevenson—1st, — 90 per cent.; 9th, Q.V.S., 78 per cent.

Class 120—Ensemble Elocution (Junior)—(a) "Coronach," Sir Walter Scott; (b) "Overheard on a Salt Marsh," H. Munro—1st, —, 85 per cent.; 5th, Q.V.S., 80 per cent.

Class 121—Ensemble Elocution (Intermediate) (a) "We are the music makers," O'Shaughnessy; (b) "Spring, the sweet Spring," T. Nash—1st, Q.V.S., 77 per cent.

Recapitulation—Five 1sts; one 3rd; one 5th; one 7th; one 9th.

## Razmak.

**M**OST people connected with the Army have heard of Razmak, and know that it is on the Indian Frontier, but, except for those who have been there, this is about the limit of their knowledge for the majority. "Something like Landi Kotal, isn't it?" Well, yes, something like, but Landi Kotal, in the Khaibar Pass, and only two hours by rail from Peshawar, seems almost a tourist centre to the eye of the man marooned in Razmak.

For those to whom the name means nothing, it should be explained that Razmak is a permanent camp in Waziristan, a district on the North-West Frontier south-west of Peshawar. Permanent military occupation of this territory was decided upon soon after the Afghan War of 1919, and Razmak was finally chosen as the centre and the camp constructed in 1923. As is well known, the frontier tribesmen had a habit of raiding the villages of the plains, and frequent punitive expeditions and "small wars" resulted. Since the occupation of Waziristan all this has stopped, so that the expense of maintaining a garrison has meant a saving in the long run.

Waziristan is a mountainous country well over a hundred miles in length from north to south, and about eighty miles at its greatest width. The inhabitants are Wazirs, a race of Pathans, and one of their tribes, the Mahsuds, is sufficiently numerous to be considered a separate people, so that we speak of Wazirs and Mahsuds. The Wazirs live principally in the north, with a section in the extreme south. The Mahsuds occupy the districts between. Wazirs and Mahsuds are enemies, and Razmak stands on the northern boundary of the Mahsud lands, the better to keep the peace. Like all Pathans, the inhabitants of Waziristan have a reputation as fighters, marred by their treachery and cruelty. In the latter respects, the Wazirs and Mahsuds are acknowledged as pre-eminent, even by the other Pathan tribes.

The camp lies at an altitude of 6500 feet above sea level, and stands on a broad plateau which slopes gently to the Tanda China Algad. The plateau is almost completely surrounded by mountains which rise to 10,000 feet or more. It is connected by the so-called "Circular" road to the plains stations of Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan, which lie to the north-east and south-east respectively. There are other military camps in Waziristan, but Razmak is the largest.

The garrison amounts to about 10,000 of all arms, and always contains one British infantry battalion, the normal tour of which is a twelve-month. The camp is surrounded by a "perimeter" wall of stones, breast high, outside which are wire entanglements. There are numerous posts along the wall occupied by guards and "inlying" pickets patrol the gaps between them throughout the night. At varying distances from the camp is a ring of permanent piquets, stone towers, each with its own garrison and protective wire. The camp gates being closed from sunset to sunrise there is no

communication with these piquets at night. Some miles away, overlooking Razmak Narai, the pass to Bannu and the outside world, is the permanent post on Alexandra Ridge, garrisoned by two Companies, and said to be the highest permanently occupied military post in the Empire.

In addition to the garrisons of regular troops the country is patrolled by local levies, the Tochi Scouts and the South Waziristan Scouts, who are under British officers, and who have strong police posts about every 20 miles or so. "Khassadars," still more irregular, do other police work, piquetting the road when it is open, providing escorts for small parties, and being generally responsible for good order in the villages.

Life in Razmak nowadays is not greatly different from that in other military stations. The chief drawback is the confinement to a restricted area during the day, and within the perimeter wall at night. There are facilities for all kinds of sports and a good "talkie" cinema, while all amateur efforts at entertainments are encouraged. Training is naturally carried out to the fullest extent possible under the conditions, and after a few columns the troops become expert in mountain warfare. Columns form an ordinary item of training, but may of course be ordered out to prevent or quell any disturbance. The Column moves out as a Brigade ready for immediate action, protects itself en route by piquetting all heights which might otherwise be occupied by snipers, and at night builds itself a perimeter wall round its temporary camp with protecting piquets in stone sangars on the heights around. The piquetting of the route is so well organised that if properly done, not only is the main body safe but the troops moving up to or drawn from piquetting positions are also covered. Though there is no doubt of the courage of the Pathan, he prefers to take no chances, but he is always there, though invisible, and watching for any slackness which will give him his chance. A small party left unprotected will be suddenly fired on from ambush, and in a flash the "knife party" are out to finish off the wounded and vanish with the coveted rifles. It is, however, quite a while since anything of this kind happened, the few and rare casualties being due to sniping. The camp of the Column is often sniped at night, but owing to the piquets, only at long range, so that any hit is only pure chance. The unfortunate is usually a mule, the humans being either under the wall or "dug-in."

On the well-known principle, "try everything once," a tour in Razmak is perhaps worth while, but after a twelvemonth it palls. Except in the coldest weather, Columns are welcomed as a break in the monotony, and a chance to get outside that confining wall. Leave is not much of a remedy. The nearest town is Bannu, over seventy miles away by road, but this is no place for a holiday. From there Peshawar and Rawalpindi are the nearest towns of size. Still the soldier in Razmak has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping in something more than the usual "preparing for an eventuality that may never arise," for the pacification of Waziristan means not only security for the inhabitants of the plains, but the ultimate prosperity of the Wazirs and Mahsuds themselves.

## The Kidnapping of Little Nell.

IT was market day in the town of Dunblane, and everything was hustle and bustle, except in the Moore Dormitory, where Simon, the cowherd, was snoring clamorously and delivering pugilistic blows at some unseen object. While these Carneric convulsions were taking place, a trio of wily individuals known by the notorious name of the "Tormentors," crept stealthily into Marco's quarters and temporarily confiscated his garden syringe. Training the loaded weapon on poor Simon's visage, they let him have it with great gusto.

Simon leapt up with a great start, roared lustily, and fell over the bed rail in a vain attempt to capture his assailants. Picking himself up from the floor he gesticulated wildly, and threatened to wreak vengeance on them.

No sooner had Simon prepared for breakfast than he remembered it was market day, and that Little Nell, the prize cow, was imprisoned in the gardeners' shed, ready to be taken to market. Running as fast as his legs could carry him, Simon made for the shed. He opened the door, gazed fixedly at the place where Little Nell had been chained up the previous night, and cast his eyes round the shed. Little Nell was nowhere to be seen. Not to be outdone, Simon carefully surveyed every minute particle in the shed. She wasn't under the roller, the spades of the landscape artists' motor! Simon was perplexed. What could have happened to her? Had she crawled under the door, or through the keyhole, or up the chimney? No, she couldn't; there wasn't a chimney! All these thoughts flashed through Simon's mind, and racking his brains he thought of the "Tormentors." Who else could have accomplished such an immoral deed? He was thoroughly convinced, and without wasting any time, he rang up Scotland Yard and ordered a detective, a plentiful supply of bloodhounds, and a squadron of aeroplanes.

To his delight they all arrived in less time than Paddy takes to put on his spats. Taking their orders from Simon they immediately commenced operations. Under the leadership of Commander Jacko, the aeroplanes took the air. After reconnoitering for approximately one hour, a cry went up from Flight-Lieutenant Flapjack. He had espied one of the Tormentors making his way towards the Woodwork Shop. Flapjack immediately came to the conclusion that his intentions were to build a cage for Little Nell. Such an action as this must be nipped in the bud. Placing his tear gas bombs in a convenient position, Flapjack prepared to bombard the enemy. The first bomb landed in Aberdeen, but that didn't seem to dishearten the daring Flapjack. Eventually one of the bombs landed true to the mark. It caught the wily individual fair and square in the Netherlands. He stood still and wept bitterly until the nurse came running over with a bottle of delicious cascara sagrada. His expression changed almost instantly. Taking her capture by the ears, the nurse led him to hospital. There were still two more Tormentors at large. Could they be captured in time to save the life of Little Nell?

Flying along the passage Flight-Pipe-Major

Euclid caught a glimpse of a pastey form slinking across the flat roof. Working everything out by Logarithms and using the Binominal Theorem, he manœuvred his machine through one of the windows with inches to spare on each side. He was now directly above his target, who had camouflaged himself as a piece of orange peel. Euclid was an excellent snot, but has absently-mindedly left his ammunition at Scotland Yard. Nevertheless he wasn't to be outdone. Procuring his lunch, which consisted of eggs and toast, he let fly at the target. He scored a remarkable bull's-eye on the Tormentor's nose. The Tormentor leapt into the air, turned three back somersaults, did a backlift, and lay prostrate. Lowering a pair of callipers, Euclid hooked them on to the Tormentor's pants and pulled his capture into the machine. He then made for the hospital, and flying above the sick ward, dropped him through the roof into a bed.

News reached us that Simon himself had captured the other Tormentor. He had found him in the cookhouse seeking the protection of John the Bun's army. John had refused to protect him, and had walloped him with a choice leg of mutton. Without delay he was conducted to the Torture Chamber above the sewing room, where Simon was determined to get the truth out of him. After being tortured until he was almost invertebrate, he confessed that he had hidden Little Nell in the deepest vaults of the Church. Procuring the key from Tubby, Simon and his retinue sped churchwards. Meanwhile, Little Nell had been discovered by a dangerous bandit, namely, the Dodger. Simon, followed by Detective Sam Tozzle, Inspector Dodo and P.C. Pook, rapidly descended the stairs. Hearing footsteps, Dodger hastily placed Little Nell in his hip pocket and disappeared behind the door. Simon and Company hurtled past and frantically began searching for the movine quadruped. Suddenly a harsh cackle dawned on them, and turning round they beheld the artful Dodger bestowing maniacal grimaces upon them.

P.C. Pook became indignant, and rushed wrathfully at the Dodger, who by this time had raced up the stairs and vanished. He was quickly followed by Simon and his police force. A tedious chase ensued, but the Dodger easily outpaced his opponents.

Little Nell was by no means feeling comfortable, and was overtaken with a desire to be free. Breathing fire and brimstone, and struggling fiercely she endeavoured to free herself from captivity. Without disturbing the almost exhausted Dodger, she wriggled free, and scampered hastily in a homeward direction. Dodger, suspecting something wrong, turned round only to behold a capering form disappearing across the horizon.

Simon, who was bewildered by the whereabouts of the Dodger, paid a visit to the market on the offchance that Little Nell had been put up for sale. He was on the verge of giving up all hope, when he discerned a desperate character attempting to conceal himself behind a milk pail. Were his eyes deceiving him? No, it was actually the Dodger who had followed the footsteps of Little Nell. Without hesitating a second, Simon dived at the Dodger, seized his legs, turned him upside down, and immersed his cranium in the milk pail. The Dodger emerged looking pale and haggard, emitted a few spasmodic gurgles, and fell into the arms of P.C.

Pook, who held him in custody. Simon, who had borrowed Inspector Dodo's magnifying glass, was scanning the ground for footprints, when he was startled by a violent snorting directly behind him. Casting his gaze in the rear, who should he behold but Little Nell making love to Stallion, the cart horse. Simon was more than satisfied. Little Nell had lifted all the prizes for knock-kneed quadrupeds, while Stallion was adjudged one of the ugliest animals on show.

I. R. MacF.

## The Scottish Military Pageant.

A Delightful day amid an atmosphere of splendour and excellence greeted our arrival in Edinburgh. Amid camera clicks and numerous spectators, we marched to the Castle, preceded by the Military Band. To the majority of us, a visit to Edinburgh was a new experience. The Castle towered above us, a colossal mass of Norman architecture.

It was at the entrance to the Castle that our troubles really began. Teish McDermid made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to negotiate one of the iron posts, while Fatty Morton severely bruised his sit-upon by failing to control his feet on the slippery stones. It was like walking on a sheet of ice. We packed our kit in the gymnasium, and were assigned to our sleeping quarters in the main block. They tell us that it is likely that new barracks are being built outside Edinburgh, and we hope that the next time we have to stay in Auld Reekie we won't be accommodated in the dungeons!

Dinner was ready for us, and after satisfying our hunger we dressed for the full dress rehearsal that afternoon. It is quite a distance to the Pageant Ground at Inverleith, and the buses provided for our transport were doubly welcome. When we arrived we found a large number of troops already assembled, and thousands more seemed to be arriving every minute. We all wondered if it would be possible for all of these to take part in the Pageant, how they would be able to get on and off the field without confusion. When we watched the organisation of the Pageant Master later, we saw what his skill managed in keeping the show going the whole time.

We met many Old Victorians in the troops assembled — Caveman Stewart, in his big drummer's uniform, Snub McKinlay, Haddie Wilson, Paddy Davis, Jimmy Bunt and a host of others. It was a proud thing to see how they had kept up the reputation of the School, particularly in proving the value of the vocational training they had received whilst here.

The dress rehearsal went off very well, and was well appreciated by our audience of Edinburgh school children.

The time passed very quickly, and soon it was time for the actual performance. General Sir Archibald Cameron, G.O.C.-in-C., The Scottish Command, took the salute during the display. The Royal Scots Greys and the Royal Corps of Signals gave excellent exhibitions of trick riding, the latter also manœuvring on their motor-cycles. Probably the finest part of their show was the combined act in which horses and motor-cycles duplicated their tricks and then finished with a scissors drive.

The most colourful spectacle of the Pageant was the Trooping of the Colour by the 1st Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Their military smartness was of a very high standard, and they thoroughly deserved the ovation they received at the end.

An historic display was given by the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch. Parties representing the Regiment at different periods of its history were dressed in their appropriate uniforms and performed evolutions to music provided by the Military and Pipe Bands.

Our own show, of course, was the Toy Soldier Display. The newspapers gave us very kind criticisms, and we hope that the public enjoyed our show as much as we ourselves enjoyed doing it.

The massed bands and the parading of all the performers was a worthy finale to a fine show.

During our stay at the Castle, we were conducted round the National War Memorial and the Museum. Several of us had been to these places before, but there is always something new to see in the museum, and the visit to the Memorial is an experience that thrills every time.

We also paid a visit to the Regalia Room and to St Margaret's Chapel, reputed to be the smallest church in Britain. Our curiosity was satisfied when the guide demonstrated how the one-o'clock gun is fired automatically. One of the finest and most interesting sights in Edinburgh is to stand on the parapet of the Castle when the gun is fired and observe the hundreds of people in Princes Street putting their watches right!

All good things must come to an end. Sunday morning found us bidding adieu to Edinburgh. Terminal and Annual Examinations started the following week. After the Lord Mayor's show, etc.!

I. R. MacF.

## TOOTIN' THE FLUTE.

SUMMER Term is always our busiest time of the year. Engagements all round the country and the annual band competition keep us more than busy, and now the Editor has demanded that we let him have some notes for "The Victorian."

Our greatest engagement, which was really a happy duty, was at the Military Pageant at Edinburgh on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June. Our boys gave a display of "Toy Soldiers," and we played the necessary music whilst the various evolution of the "Tin Soldiers," as they were nicknamed, went on.

We left Dunblane on the morning of Wednesday the 6th, as we were due at the Dress Rehearsal that afternoon. We were billeted at the Castle. C.S.M. McCubbin, Mr W. Dowling and Mr Plummer had got everything prepared for us, and we just had to walk in and take possession of our quarters. They must have put in some hard work, and we would thank them for the comfort they secured for us. In the afternoon we proceeded by bus to Inverleith Park, and were put through our steps by the Pageant Master. As "Toy Soldiers" it was not thought fitting that we should march the distance between the Pageant ground and the Castle, and we were very thankful for the buses provided for our transport. We were, however,



thankful that it was not thought that we should be transported as "toy soldiers," packed in cardboard boxes! We enjoyed the Pageant as much as the spectators, and had the happy opportunity of meeting many old boys serving in the Scots Greys, The Black Watch, The King's Own Scottish Borderers and The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. During our stay in Edinburgh we explored every nook and cranny of the Castle and paid a visit to Scotland's National War Memorial.

We returned from Edinburgh on the Sunday morning, and in the evening played at King's Park, Stirling. A cutting from the Press is sufficient to show our success. "The popularity of the Military Band of Queen Victoria School was in evidence on Sunday when the band gave a well-arranged programme in the King's Park, Stirling. It is no exaggeration to state that thousands listened to the music—a great tribute to this wonderful school." The Xylophone duet by MacDonald and Holmes was encored. These two instrumentalists are getting better than ever, and it is flattering to know that the Band of the H.L.I. played the same piece with similar success at a later date in the same park.

Our future engagements include North Berwick, Perth, Auchterarder, Stirling Cattle Show, Bo'ness, Dunblane Cattle Show, and a return visit to Stirling. Our congratulations to those old members of the Band who we hear are playing out with the Band of the Royal Scots Fusiliers this year. Carry on keeping up the reputation of the School.

V. R.

### "Macbeth."

Act 2, Scene 1 (A Parody).

Is this a tuck-shop which I see before me,  
The handle towards my hand? Come, let me clutch thee.

I enter not, and yet I see thee still.  
Art thou not, fatal tuckshop, sensible  
To feeling as to sight? Or art thou but  
A "tuckie" of the mind, a false creation,  
Proceeding from the food-deprived tum-tum?  
I see thee yet, in form as palpable  
As this which now I enter.

Thou directed me the way that I was going;  
And such a grubstore I was to raid.  
Mine eyes are made the fools o' the other senses,  
Or else worth all the rest. I see thee still,  
But all thy bottles have been robbed of sweets,  
Which was not so before. There's no such thing:  
It is the lack of lining which disturbs  
My inner man. Now o'er the Q.V.S.  
Nature seems dead, and wicked dreams abuse  
The masters' sleep; Monitor Ramsay burns  
The midnight oil; and Tubby Blackwood,  
Armed with his clock, thus with his fairy feet,  
With Nurmi's athletic grace, towards the tuckie  
Moves like a nymph. Thou still and haunted  
school,

Hear not his pants, which way they breathe,  
for fear

Miss Gray, the matron, prate of his whereabouts,  
And assume the Loch Ness monster has arrived,  
Which was not so before. While I talk, Tubby  
comes.

Before me stands a bottle of licorice gums.  
I reach, and it is done: jujubes invite me.  
Hear me not, Tubby: for I shall slay  
A tun of flesh if such should bar my way.

### "The Fourth."

Tune—"The Teasin' o' the Form."

Prize of comedians,  
Funniest of faces,  
Bobby Saunders  
Makes grimaces.

Batman to  
The Radio King,  
J. C. Robertson,  
Keeps his buttons clean.

At the wicket,  
Serious though fat,  
David Benn  
Cries out, "How's that?"

Black eyes galore,  
With a bruised nose,  
The brothers of the Form,  
Are the J. and K. Roe's.

At Maths. "a one"  
Is T. D. Brown,  
Count—one—two,  
The answer's done.

Ginger Goodall,  
Full of vim,  
The weary ones  
All envy him.

Donald Rickford,  
With many a sigh,  
Gets one sum right,  
"What a bright lad, am I!"

The Black Watch  
Supply M'Cabe and Morton,  
Neither work fast,  
Their name's not Norton!

Curly hair  
And smiling face,  
That's John Easton  
Saying grace.

Pigs can't fly,  
So they say,  
But see R. Hogg  
On School Sports Day.

See him count  
His solitary "tickie,"  
Alfred George  
James Hickey.

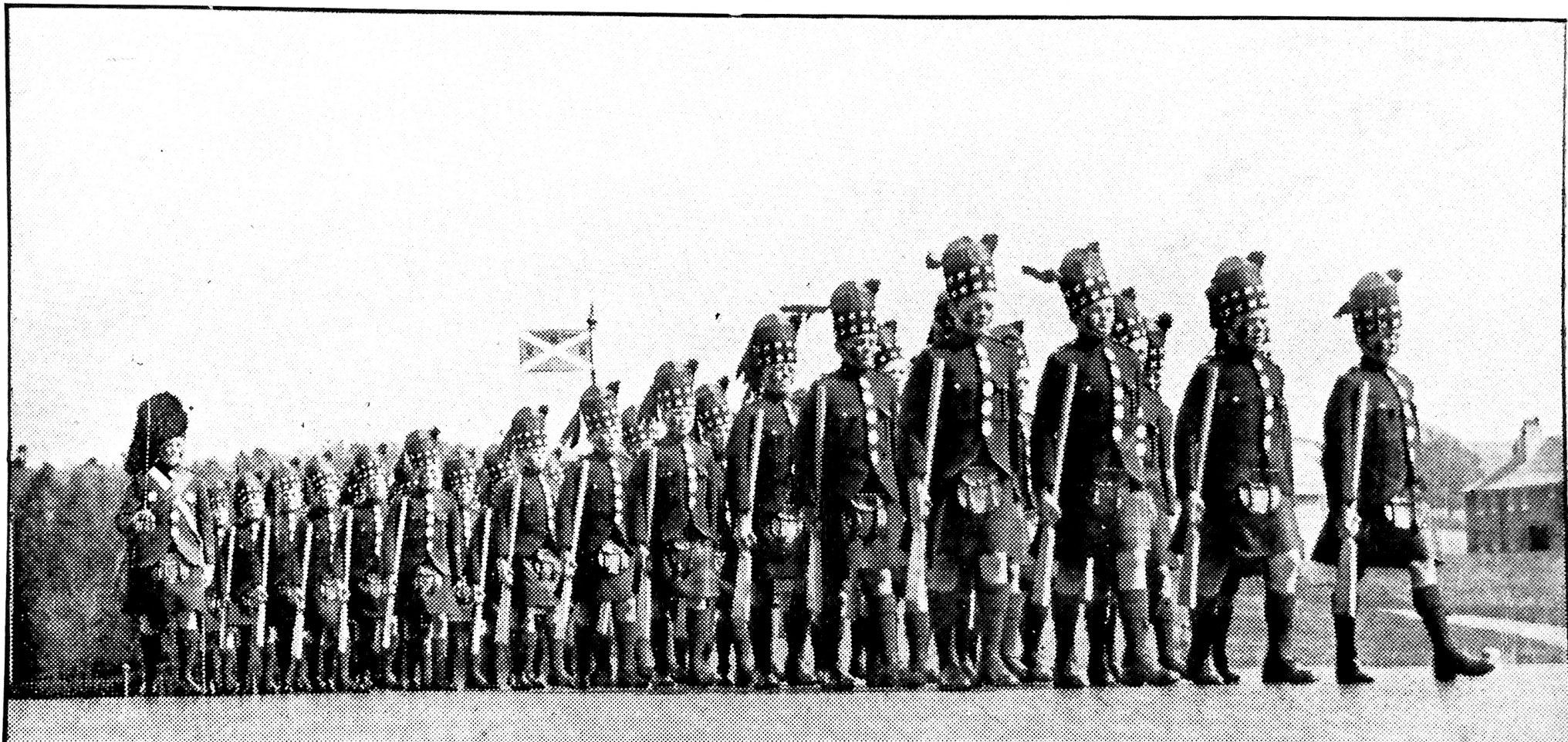
Who's the boy  
Called a moth a myth?  
Surely it wasn't  
A. M'Kinnon Smith?

See that fellow  
In a hurry?  
Don't your recognise  
Donald Currie?

There's the lad  
Croaks like a Snark,  
David Honeyman  
From Possil Park.



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Toy Soldiers' Display

If he had inches  
of but forty,  
We'd know why Long's  
Nicknamed "Shorty".

From The Royal Scots  
Come Aiton and Mitton.  
They'll show that the thistle  
Canna' be sit on!

Of the Argylls  
Is J. Ramsay Bowes,  
Give him a hankey  
To blow his nose.

Wee Patrick John  
Is at his fun again.  
But you cannot take a rise  
Out o' Patrick Dunnigan.

There was a boy  
Sat on a pin.  
His first name's Kevin  
And his second's Quinn.

James F. Sedstrem  
Of Milford Haven,  
In dodging mischief  
Became close-shaven!

Twelfth in the Fourth,  
Though often dreamin',  
Cleverest of heads  
Has Cyril Freeman.

Tubby Griffiths  
Has no vices.  
This little "angel"  
Sits still as mice.

Willie Paxton  
Is a laddie.  
That's the reason  
M—— calls him "Daddy"?

Hopkins, alias  
John William Martin,  
At queerest of stunts  
Is always startin'.

Hardly a sound,  
Scarcely a tweet,  
Burdie John Robertson's  
Back in his seat.

If goals you've not,  
And runs you've not,  
Why look at the feet  
Of Gordon I. Watt.

The Queen of the Form  
In "B" Co.'s found,  
Albert Marche  
Isn't making a sound.

The toffee king  
Is in a squash,  
Stout John Turnbull  
M'Intosh.

His boots are off,  
His boots are on again!  
Smiling Edgar  
Lionel Monaghan.

## Sports Day, 1934.

At last we have been able to attain something like an ideal sports ground for our annual athletic contests. The new Sports Field was officially opened on the 30th June. It is situated near the School burn, and extends across the lower part of the School Field towards the Perth Road. It is large enough to permit the laying-out of a quarter-mile track. That this has long been needed as realised by all Old Victorians, and it has only been made possible by the financial assistance of the Commissioners.

In order to come into line with the other public schools, several new contests have been introduced, namely, throwing the javelin, putting the shot, and throwing the discus. All the apparatus is, of course, modified to suit the stamina of boys. There is, however, no truth in the rumour that tossing the caber is to be started; we might have no trees left in the school policies if this became the fashion!

The weather was excellent for the occasion, although a cooling breeze might have been welcomed; we were in the middle of a heat wave.

No records were made or broken, but an innovation was the extension of the competition for the Monitors' Cup. Instead of the usual 220 yards handicap race a series of contests were arranged. These included, throwing the cricket ball, long jump, high jump, putting the shot, throwing the javelin, throwing the discus, 100 yards handicap, and 440 yards handicap. It was extremely unfortunate that Monitor Ryan should be incapacitated only a few days before; Monitor M'Kay would have had considerable competition, and it would have been interesting to have seen the results.

A. Queen is to be complimented on securing 10 points and the Victor Ludorum Trophy. R. Hogg was a worthy runner-up with 6½ points. If Hogg continues to develop he should be able to see his name recorded on the trophy next year.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs Innes very graciously presented the trophies and certificates of achievement.

Long Jump, Senior Division—1st, R. Hogg, 15ft.; 2nd, A. Queen; 3rd, R. Smith.

Long Jump, Junior Division "A"—1st, A. Weddell, 12ft. 10½ins.; 2nd, R. Bowes; 3rd, D. Hickey.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior Division — 1st, A. Queen, 203ft. 1in.; 2nd, D. Benn; 3rd, C. Mitten.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior, "A" Division—1st, P. M'Cabe, 165ft. 9ins.; 2nd, W. M'Cabe; 3rd, I. Bell.

Relay, Junior, "A" Division — 1st "D" Company; 2nd, "B" Company; 3rd, "C" Company; 4th, "A" Company.

Relay, Senior Division — 1st, "B" Company; 2nd, "D" Company; 3rd, "A" Company; 4th, "C" Company.

Alarm Race — 1st P. M'Killigan; 2nd, P. Dunnigan; 3rd, J. Nelson; 4th, H. Martin.

Relay, Junior, "B" Division — 1st, "C" Company; 2nd, "A" Company; 3rd, "B" Company; 4th, "D" Company.

High Jump, Junior, "A" Division—1st, J. P. Elrick, 4ft.; 2nd, A. Smith; 3rd (tie), J. F. Sedstrem and W. Wilson.

440 Yards, Senior Division—1st, A. Queen,



66 1/5 secs.; 2nd, R. Smith; 3rd, W. Douglas; 4th, W. R. Hogg.

Staff Children's Race, Girls—1st B. McRobbie; 2nd, J. Littlejohn; 3rd, E. McKilligan.

100 Yards, Junior, "B" Division—1st, W. McLachlan, 13secs.; 2nd R. G. Messer; 3rd, P. Robertson.

Staff Children's Race, Boys—1st, S. Mitten; 2nd, R. Littlejohn; 3rd, J. Gilliland.

Hurdles Relay Race, Senior Division—1st, "B" Company, 1min. 25 1/5secs.; 2nd, "D" Company; 3rd, "C" Company; 4th, "A" Company.

220 Yards, Junior Division "A"—1st, A. H. G. Weddell; 2nd, W. Wilson; 3rd, D. G. Wicks.

Mystery Race, "B" Company Team—Boys Paxton, Freeman and Loats, Miss Smith, Mr Morrison, A.E.C., and Mr W. Dowling.

High Jump, Senior Division—1st, J. West, 4ft. 4ins.; 2nd, R. J. Burke; 3rd (tie), P. Wilson and W. R. Hogg.

Ladies' Race—1st, Miss A. McKilligan; 2nd, Miss Jean Milne; 3rd, Miss K. Strathdee.

100 Yards, Junior, "A" Division—1st, A. H. G. Weddell, 13 3/5 secs.; 2nd W. Wilson; 3rd, K. Quinn.

High Jump, Junior, "B" Division—1st, W. McLachlan, 4ft. 1in.; 2nd, R. Messer tied with T. Deans.

100 Yards, Senior Division—1st, W. Hogg, 12 4/5 secs.; 2nd, A. Queen; 3rd, R. Smith.

Maids' Race—1st, Miss A. McGuire; 2nd, Miss L. Brannan; 3rd, Miss J. Kennedy.

100 Yards, Monitors', Handicap—1st, Monitor R. McKay, 12secs; 2nd, Monitor V. Rosie; 3rd, Monitor J. Davidson.

Sack Race, Junior, "B" Division—1st, C. Freeman; 2nd, A. Easton; 3rd, H. Gilchrist.

Putting the Shot, Senior Division—1st, R. Shore, 28ft. 5ins.; 2nd, R. Burke; 3rd, J. Bowler.

Obstacle Race, Junior Division, "B"—1st, F. McGoochan; 2nd, T. Rutherford; 3rd, W. McLachlan.

Obstacle Race, Junior "A" and Senior Divisions—Junior "A"—1st, J. Ferrigan; 2nd, J. G. Jones. Senior—1st, D. Craig; 2nd, J. Roe; 3rd, R. Burke.

We would thank the Officers of the Depot, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for the bronze medals kindly presented for a relay race between teams representing the Highlands, Lowlands, and "The Rest." This race was run on the morning of Sports Day, and was won by the Lowland Team.

## Swimming, 1934.

The Swimming Competition was held on the 18th July, 1934.

### Inter-Company Relay.

Senior Division—1st "B," 3 mins. 37 secs.; 2nd, "A"; 3rd, "C"; 4th, "D". (Three lengths).

Junior Division "A"—1st "D", 2 mins. 34 4/5 secs.; 2nd, "B"; 3rd, "A"; 4th, "C". (Two lengths).

Junior Division "B"—1st, "D", 1 min. 18 4/5 secs.; 2nd, "B"; 3rd, "A"; 4th "C". (One length).

The Swimming Cup, presented by the 1st Glas-

gow Troop of Boy Scouts was thus won by "B" Company with 10 points. "D" Company were close runners-up with only one point less, and "A" and "C" gained 7 and 4 points respectively.

### Individual Diving.

Senior Division—1st, D. Beaton, 36ft. 0ins.; 2nd, C. Mitten; 3rd, A. Graham.

Junior Division "A"—1st, J. Jackson, 33ft. 0ins.; 2nd, R. Quinn; 3rd, D. Moore.

### Individual Race.

Senior Division—1st B. Martell, 1min. 8 4/5 secs.; 2nd J. Bowler; 3rd, D. Benn. (Four lengths, any style).

Junior Division "A"—1st I. Bell, 56 2/5 secs.; 2nd, W. Lloyd; 3rd, G. MacDonald. (Three lengths, any style).

Junior Division "B"—1st, F. McGoochan, 36 3/5 secs.; 2nd, W. Coid; 3rd, N. McLeod. (Two lengths, any style).

B. Martell won the Individual Challenge Trophy "The Fish," presented by Major G. W. Smith, O.B.E.

Novices' Race—1st, F. Pegg, 17secs.; 2nd, W. Dunn; 3rd, P. McKilligan. One length, any style).

The concluding event of the meeting was a race held for those boys who had joined since the beginning of the term, and who had never learnt to swim before joining the School.

The Commandant said a few words at the conclusion of the meeting, laying particular emphasis on the gratifying standard of swimming in the School, pointing out that there were only 13 boys in the School without qualifying certificates of whom only two were unable to swim. He stressed the two chief reasons of this fact as being due to the sympathetic attitude of those concerned with the instruction, and the grit and determination of the boys themselves.

The length of the baths is sixty-two feet, and our readers will thus be able to judge the standard of our swimming.

Miss Innes very gracefully presented the Inter-Company Relay Championship Cup and the Individual Trophy at the conclusion of the sports.

## Cricket, 1934.

Although we missed McLean this season, our cricket team did exceptionally well. Owing to so many band engagements all our June matches were cancelled, and we have only played five matches this season. Out of these, three were won, one was drawn and one lost. Our fast bowler, J. E. Ryan, has done exceptionally well, his average being 1.84.

### versus Glasgow Academy 3rd XI., at Dunblane, on 2nd May.

This match was drawn, as there was not enough time to finish our innings. In this game Ryan made 22. Glasgow Academy, 71; Q.V.S., 49 for 9.

### versus Glenalmond 3rd XI., at Glenalmond, on 12th May.

This resulted in a very successful game for us. Ryan retained his usual form, and bowled 16 overs, of which fifteen overs were maidens.



Ramsay and M'Kay were in good batting form. M'Kay made 37, of which 24 were made off four hits. Ramsay made 32. Glenalmond 3rd XI., 53. Q.V.S., 103.

#### versus Alva Academy at Alva, on 23rd May.

We dismissed Alva Academy for 13, Ryan taking 9 wickets for no runs. The game was marred by occasional showers. The top score this season was knocked by Rosie, making 37 "not out" from a first wicket stand. Alva Academy, 13; Q.V.S., 56.

#### versus Newstead School at Deanston, on 26th May.

This was the most enjoyable game, although it was the only one we lost. Both scores were very small, and there were no outstanding cases of bowling or batting. Newstead, 28; Q.V.S., 18. V. R. & J. W.

#### CHAMPION COMPANY, 1934.

The Championship Shield for 1934 was won by "B" Company. "C" Company secured the Inter-Company Cricket Shield and also the Shooting Cup, the best shot for the year being Boy A. Ferguson of "D" Company. "D" Company were successful in winning the Drill Cup.

#### WINNERS OF THE WHITEHEAD SHIELD.

"B" Company.

#### Shoemakers' Competition, 1934.

Seniors—1st, L. Sharp; 2nd, J. West; 3rd, W. M'Kay.

Juniors — 1st, D. Bunch; 2nd, M. Mooney; 3rd, F. Hamilton.

#### Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.

Another year has meant another Drum-Major. Andrew Bain left us at the end of the Easter Term, and Alexander Finnie, late of "B" Company, since then has been doing duty very well indeed. The personnel has considerably changed, and many "young hands" are showing their paces. Since the Christmas publication engagements have been fulfilled as follows:—

February 3 and 21 — Rugby International Matches at Murrayfield, Edinburgh — Wales v. Scotland, and Ireland v. Scotland.

March 3—Team of Pipers and Dancers at Scottish Society Concert Music Hall, Edinburgh, in aid of funds for the Garden City Veterans' Homes.

June 2—Children's Gala Day at Redding, Polmont.



June 13—Team of Dancers at British Legion Sports, Larbert.

June 16—Children's Gala Day at Menstrie.

June 21—Garden Party at Buchanan Castle given by the Duke of Montrose to the Delegates of the P.E.N. Conference, at which 40 different nations were represented.

July 8—King's Park, Stirling, at the request of the Magistrates and Town Council of Stirling.

July 13—Midsummer Festival and crowning of the School Queen at Bo'ness.

July 14—Dunblane Cattle Show.

July 21—Auchterarder Highland Games.

July 25—Garden Party in the grounds of Lady Montgomery at Milnathort.

July 28—Stirling Cattle Show.

The various Annual Competitions were held on Tuesday, 26th June. Prior to this, however, a process of elimination had been gone through, and much enthusiasm and excitement prevailed in order to secure a place in the lists of competitors. The following are the prizewinners in the finals:—

#### DRUMMING (Side Drum).

Seniors — 1, Drum-Major A. Finnie, "A" Coy.; 2, Sgt. R. Hunter, "D" Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. B. Martell, "A" Coy.

Juniors—1, Boy G. Dawson, "C" Coy.; 2, Boy D. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.

#### BUGLING.

Seniors—1, Boy J. More, "B" Coy.; 2, Sgt. R. Hunter, "D" Coy.; 3, Col./Cpl. A. Ferguson, "D" Coy.

Juniors—1, Boy J. McDermid, "D" Coy.; 2, Boy D. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.

#### HIGHLAND DANCING.

##### (Class A).

1.—Highland Fling—1, P/M W. Macdonald, "B" Coy.; 2, Boy R. Saunders, "B" Coy.; 3, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.

2.—Swords—1, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. G. Hutchison, "C" Coy.; 3, Cpl. A. Graham, "C" Coy.

3.—Sean Truibhas—1, Cpl. A. Graham, "C" Coy.; 2, P/M W. Macdonald, "B" Coy.; 3, Cpl. J. Forbes, "C" Coy.

##### (Class B).

1.—Highland Fling—1, Boy F. Aitken, "A" Coy.; 2, Boy N. McLeod, "B" Coy.; 3, Boy A. Marr, "D" Coy.

2.—Swords—1, Cpl. R. Findlay, "D" Coy.; 2, Boy J. Jackson, "A" Coy.; 3, Boy N. McLeod, "B" Coy.

#### PIPING.

##### (Class A).

1.—Marches—1, P/M W. Macdonald, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 3, C/Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.; 4, Cpl. J. Forbes, "C" Coy.

2.—Slow Marches — 1, P/M W. Macdonald, "B" Coy.; 2, Boy F. Aitken, "A" Coy.; 2, Boy K. Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 4, Col. Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.

3.—Strathspeys and Reels—1, P/M W. Macdonald, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 3, Col. Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.

(Class B).

1.—Marches—1, Boy K. Roe, "C" Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Findlay, "D" Coy.; 3, Boy T. Rennie, "B" Coy.

2.—Slow Marches—1, Cpl. R. Findlay, "D" Coy.; 2, Roy F. Aitken, "A" Coy.; 3, Boy K. Roe, "C" Coy.

As usual, the titbit at the end of the day was the Competition between the four Companies for the Challenge Shield. A team drawn from each Company danced first the Ceremonial Broad Swords dance and thereafter Reels. The gym. atmosphere was almost wholly electric — what with thunder in the air and rival Company supporters doing lung exercises. The midgits of "D" Company were worth going a long way to see, and well earned the judges' words of congratulation for pluck, perseverance and performance. "C" Company by the narrow margin of one point well deserved retention of the Trophy for another year. The placings were:—

1. "C" Coy.—37 points.
2. "B" Coy.—36 points.
3. "A" Coy.—28 points.
4. "D" Coy.—24 points.

We were fortunate in having as Judges for the piping Major Leckie-Ewing, late H.L.L., and Mr Neil Ramsay of the Black Watch; for the dancing, Colonel A. Stirling of Garden, D.L., and Mr Ramsay; and for the bugling and drumming, Sergeant R. Willerton, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Our thanks were accorded to all the time and trouble devoted to the various competitions. We also appreciated the comments and hints given for future guidance. Other unofficial competitions for bass and tenor drum and "C" classes piping, dancing and drumming have also been held.

#### PIPE PRES.

### Tailors' Competition, 1934.

Seniors—1st, James Oliver; 2nd, N. Ryan; 3rd, J. Elrick.

Juniors—1st, A. M'Lachlan; 2nd, E. Coull; 3rd, J. M'Intosh.

### Darning Competition, 1934.

1st, J. Maxwell; 2nd, P. McKilligan; 3rd, A. Gilchrist; 4th, W. Galloway; 5th, J. Lawrence.

### Military Band Competition.

Best Progress — 1st, A. P. Pratt; 2nd, A. Forsyth.

#### Instrumentation.

Grade 1.—1st, J. L. Stewart; 2nd, R. Burke; 3rd, I. Dunn; 4th, H. M. Robinson.

Grade 2.—1st, D. Potter; 2nd, W. Hagan; 3rd, F. Winchester; 4th, D. Thompson.

Grade 3.—1st, G. MacDonald; 2nd W. Douglas; 3rd, A. Hickey; 4th, R. Hogg.

Junior—1st, A. P. Pratt; 2nd, K. Quinn; 3rd, A. Forsyth; 4th, D. Hickey.

## Company Notes.

### "A" COMPANY.

Can one feel happy as he sees the day going against his Company? We have lost the most proficient of our sportsmen since last term, and in consequence our Company no longer holds the proud position in athletic achievements. Still, we have the makings of many good fellows in our Company, and we hope to regain our position in a year or so.

Last term we won the Rugby Shield, defeating every team matched against us. We did the same in the Association game, and these two trophies are ours for a year. I am sorry to relate that in Cricket we have not done so well. Sports Day was a success, for although we had no triumphs yet the spirit of those who did make the attempt augurs well for the future.

We said "Good-bye" to Andrew Bain, who went to the Boys' Technical School, and have welcomed Alec Finnie as Drum-Major in his place. R. A. S.

### "B" COMPANY.

We lost "Daddy" and Malcolm MacMillan, who left us for civil life, where we wish them the best of luck and every success. In their place we welcome several newcomers, and would point out to them the high standard that they will have to live up to in the honoured Company in which they are privileged membership.

In sports last year, we had little to shout about. This year, however, has seen a wonderful change. On Sports Day the Company competitors performed marvels. They won everything—the Relay Cup, the Hurdles, the Dandy Ninth and the Victor Ludorum came to the Company by the well-merited efforts of Queen. Our congratulations to Queenie on his magnificent performance.

At the present moment we are all sweltering under a tropical sun. The programme is Drill, Shooting, and Baths as a cooling interlude. These competitions, for which we are now practising, take place before the end of the term.

Jamie Bowler has been doing so well in the Swimming Bath that we have visions of him winning the "Fish."

R. M'K.

### "C" COMPANY.

In one of his plays, Shakespeare states that "brevity is the soul of wit." Once more our diminutive members have risen to great heights in education and sport. The result of education for the year has not yet been announced, but it is considered very unlikely that the Whitehead Educational Shield will pass from our hands. Sam Zozzle, assisted by other competent dancers, won the Dancing Shield for "C" Company. This is the second year that we have had it in our possession.

Burke and his confederates rendered praiseworthy services in their successful attempt to capture the Cricket Shield from "B." In Junior "B" Division, Wilham Hall is developing into a first-class wicket scatterer. Considering our position in athletics last year, it shows the work we have put in when we record the fact that

we were runners-up in the Dandy Ninth competition on Sports Day. George MacDonald, our prize fat boy, amazed us by winning the Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize. This all the more praiseworthy, as he was competing with boys several years his senior.

I. R. M'F.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Friends, readers and "D" Co-ites, if you have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now. Since our orgy of triumph in the previous year, when we were champion company, we have slipped, not just a gentle glide, but a steep nose-dive towards defeat! However, this is just the luck of the game; and may we selfishly congratulate ourselves that most of our last year's trophies have only gone below to "B" Company. Still, we didn't lose everything. The Boxing Cup still gleams on our silver shelf, and we hope to add a companion trophy if our smartness at drill does not prove ethereal. The Swimming Cup, too, is likely to remain ours. Any challengers? Well, come up and see us some time!

We were very sorry to lose Crump Carruthers; we shall be glad to hear of his success in civilian life—the same address still applies.

We wish that Monitors would not go and dislocate their thumbs when Sports Day is near. If John Ryan had hit the cushion of the billiard table and not the hard wood surround, he would surely have captured the Monitors' Cup.

J. R. & J. D.

#### Visitors.

The signatures of the following appear in the Visitors' Book for the first time:—

Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Chalmer, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch. Captain Master of Napier and the Hon. Mrs Napier.

Colonel R. L. McCall, D.S.O., M.C., late the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Commanding 145th Infantry Brigade, and Mrs D. M. McCall.

Lieut.-Colonel H. Golding, O.B.E., R.A.P.C., Perth, and Mrs Golding.

Miss D. M. Holding.

Mrs Dawson.

Mrs W. Anderson and Miss Anderson.

Mrs F. Bulloch.

Miss R. Fayle.

Mrs M. H. Harris Hunter.

Mrs M. J. G. Miller.

Mrs D. E. Dixon, Ledcameroch.

Lieut.-Colonel W. MacLean, M.C., A.E.C., M.T., War Office.

Colonel E. A. Beck, D.S.O., G.S.O.I., Scottish Command, and Mrs Beck.

James W. Low, Esq., Edinburgh.

Mrs P. McLaren, Perth.

Captain E. Hunter Blair, R.N.

W. Waits Sanderson, Esq., Riding Mill.

F. Lopez Roure, Esq., Vice Consul for Spain, Edinburgh.

A. B. Buchanan, Esq., Edinburgh.

Mr and Mrs R. M. MacMillan.

#### From the Order Board.

##### VALETE.

##### To the Services.

Royal Scots Fusiliers—W. McLean, W. Thomson.  
The Black Watch—M. Monaghan, G. Scott, D. Fisher.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders — D. Freeman, P. Sandilands, D. Jackson, G. Lloyd.

The Royal Scots — A. McNeil, P. Dakers, J. Dakers.

The Scots Guards—J. Officer, C. Rosenthal.  
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders — P. Georgeson, D. MacDonald.

The Royal Artillery—W. Swan.

The Royal Marines—A. Hogg.

The Boys' Technical School—A. Bain.

##### Joined His Majesty's Forces since leaving the School.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders — J. Martin, J. F. Brown.

The Cameronians—J. I. Brown.

The Royal Navy—C. Kane.

The 8th Hussars—F. Stevenson.

##### To Civil Life.

Belfast—A. Carruthers.

Hamilton—T. Gemmell.

Alloa—R. T. Perrie.

Stirling—P. Gass.

Dundee — F. Strachan, M. McMillan, N. McMillan.

Edinburgh—A. Burns.

##### AVE.

The Royal Scots—A. Runcie.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers—A. Lyon, W. Hogg, J. Plummer, H. H. Martin, P. Gilliland.

The Cameronians—A. Easton, J. Nelson.

The Black Watch—W. Hall, J. Donnachie, J. Lawrence, J. McCoohan.

The Highland Light Infantry—C. Robertson.

The Seaforth Highlanders—O. Mc'Nicol, T. Love, H. Gilchrist.

The Gordon Highlanders—G. Brittan.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—D. Campbell.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders — P. McKilligan, I. Stevenson, J. Cameron, W. Dunn, R. McWhirter, A. Low, J. Connell, R. Warr, T. Meechan.

The Royal Engineers—J. Fulton.

The Royal Army Service Corps—W. Barclay, D. Winton, W. Galloway.

The Royal Army Medical Corps—R. G. Messer, Raymond Messer, J. Maxwell.

##### PROMOTIONS.

To Monitor—J. Davidson, R. Shore.

To Drum Major—W. Finnie.

To Band Sergeant—R. Burke.

To Sergeant—A. Loats, R. Smith, R. Hunter.

To Colour Corporal — T. Davidson, A. Ferguson, J. West.

To Corporal — W. Barton, A. Queen, M. Morgan, W. Hagan, J. L. Brown, W. Rennie, D. Benton, J. MacKenzie, W. McKay, G. Morrison, J. Row.

To Lance Corporal — A. Pratt, J. Bowler, R. Saunders, D. Richford, B. Martell, D. Thomson, A. Aiton, F. Winchester.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Army Special Certificate of Education — Monitor A. B. Hogg.

Army First Class Certificate of Education — Monitor J. E. Wright, Sergt. W. H. MacDonald.

Army Second Class Certificate of Education — D. Jackson, H. MacDonald, W. Nelson, J. Stewart, G. Morrison, J. Dunn, T. Smith, J. L. Brown, P. Wilson, R. McKay, A. Lonsdale, A. T. Queen, W. McEldred, W. Bain, L. Barnes, C. Broadbent, W. Douglas, J. Fowler, J. Holmes, J. Jackson, A. W. Kirk, K. McKenzie, W. B. McKay, M. Morney, D. Moore, M. Morgan, J. More, W. Munro, J. Myles, F. Pegg, A. Phillips, D. Potter, A. Pratt, T. Rennie, R. Simpson, A. Sutherland, D. Thomson.

## 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 member to "The Victorian" (the School Magazine) free. Particulars as to Branch Subscription 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 G. Stirratt, 1 Baldozie Road, Cardonald, Glasgow, giving the above particulars.

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1206 A. Fyfe, H.Q. Company, 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders.  
1069 G. H. Maitland, 21 Gilhill Street, Glasgow.

1186 J. Douglas, Balmingo Farm, St Andrews.  
1235 R. Currie, 102 South Street, St Andrews.  
1113 J. Bain, 2nd Bn. The Cameronians, Gordon.  
808 R. McDonald (L/Cpl.), The Gordon Highlanders, Aldershot.  
1216 H. Ryan, 2nd Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment, Ballykinlar.  
1213 V. Dunn, 2nd Bn. Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, Aldershot.  
927 J. McLean (Cpl.), 1st Bn. The Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks, London.  
1060 C. Blake, Royal Engineers.  
1217 D. McKinlay, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1314 C. Milligan, A.T.S., Chepstow.  
1193 W. M. McPherson, A.T.S., Chepstow.  
222 David W. Stewart, 8 Crimon Place, Aberdeen.  
1420 M. Monaghan, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1371 W. Morton, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
956 T. Barker, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
847 C. McKenna (Cpl.), K.O.S.B., Fort-George.  
1034 David McKay, 13 Brown Street, Edinburgh.  
844 William Fraser (Cpl.), The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1033 James Fraser, The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1164 James McGraw, The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
912 William McKinlay (L/Cpl.), The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1220 Lyall Hall, The Black Watch, Glasgow.  
1097 Denis McKay, 29 Prestonfield Terrace, Edinburgh.  
1112 William Smith, 11 Henry Street, Edinburgh.  
634 Alan E. Taylor, 30 Inglefield Street, Glasgow.  
698 George Wilson, 24 Montague Street, Edinburgh.  
1057 A. Kidd, c/o Paterson, 15 Salisbury Street, Edinburgh.  
631 T. L. Tunnah, 9a Fettes Row, Edinburgh.  
545 G. Malloy, 3 Niddrie Mains Drive, Craigmillar.  
29 John Edmunds, 6 Ogilvie Terrace, Edinburgh.  
228 T. J. Guthrie (Sgt.), The Scots Guards, The Castle, Edinburgh.  
1183 G. Bullock, 18 Westhall Gardens, Edinburgh.



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 930 J. Fergie.  
 1116 E. Hall, 5 Spey Court, Canal Street, Perth.  
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 36 Allan Cameron, 4 Chapel Street, Inverness.  
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### GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

#### Old Victorian Association.

Secretary—Mr G. Stirratt, 1 Baldovie Road, Cardonald, Glasgow.

At a meeting of the Branch at the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders' Club, Lynedoch Place, on the 5th April, 1934, Mr G. Stirratt volunteered to relieve Mr E. Quinn of the secretarial work, considering that Mr Quinn had worked hard in this office for several years.

This occasion must not pass without placing on record our thanks and appreciation of the steadfast manner in which Mr Quinn has carried out his many duties.

The address of the New Secretary is:—1 Baldovie Road, Cardonald, Glasgow.

Our meetings are held in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders' Club, Lynedoch Place, on the first Thursday each month. It cannot be said that in the past members have turned up in great numbers. The older members are still anxious to continue, but unless drastic changes take place these meetings must discontinue.

Outings to Drumogal and Balloch in May and June were social successes, thanks to the hard work of Messrs J. McLeod, E. Quinn and F. Kirkpatrick.

We congratulate Lieut. A. G. Cruickshank on his appointment as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Tank Corps. Mr Cruickshank won the School Scholarship at Queen Victoria School in 1932, and entered the Royal Military College, Sandhurst in 1932. Whilst a gentleman cadet then, he was awarded his Half-Blue for Boxing.

The Annual General Meeting of Old Victorians was held on 6th May, 1934, at the School. Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant, who presided, suggested that in future, representatives of each Branch should visit the School prior to the Annual General Meeting and make what arrangements were necessary. This suggestion met with the approval of all present. After the meeting, the Bands entertained the Old Boys. Mr Lax, our Bandmaster, must be heartily congratulated for the manner in which he has brought the Military Band to such a high standard of efficiency.

## Regimental News.

### 1st Bn. THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS,

#### Nelson Lines, Moascar, Ismailia, Egypt.

32 Pipe-Major D. Innes.  
 519 L/Sergeant R. Gilmour.  
 813 L/Cpl. A. Guthrie.  
     Piper R. Bonar.  
 1018 Piper T. Cullen.  
 1035 Piper G. Hardy.  
     989 Piper J. Stevenson.  
 1231 Drummer A. Kerr.  
 1003 Piper A. Ward.

Notwithstanding the fact that this is only my second attempt as a magazine correspondent, I already sympathise with newspaper journalists who have to create a readable article from a minimum of data; but, whereas the latter can succeed by using his imagination, I have to adhere to "the truth, and nothing but the truth." If readers will be so kind as to imagine the above as an "introduction," I will proceed to relate the activities of Old Victorians in this Battalion.

Piper Bonar, having been judged unfit for foreign service, has been invalided home, and we take this opportunity of wishing him a complete recovery and a happy future.

Since the Battalion commenced its tour of foreign service the popularity of rugby has greatly increased, more especially with the rank and file. Fortunately rugby was, and we hope still is, the School's most prominent game, and thus Old Victorians were in a position which enabled them to teach others the rules of the

game. Our most successful exponent is Archie Guthrie, who has gained a place in the Brigade XV. Archie is a great forward, being very heavy, energetic, and having a safe pair of hands. As was anticipated in our last contribution, Jimmy Stevenson and L/Cpl Ward succeeded in gaining their places in the Battalion team, while the others hope to do so this year.

In the world of soccer, we have only one prominent player, L/Sergeant Rab Gilmour. After a considerable lapse of time, during which he lost his place in both the Battalion and his Company team, Rab suddenly blossomed out again, and, regaining his place, assisted the Battalion to reach the final of the Army in Egypt Cup Competition, when they were defeated by four goals against two. As for the remaining Old Victorians, although we play regularly, none but ourselves seem to have detected the undoubted talent in our twinkling feet!

In other realms of sport we have few outstanding events to record. Sergeant Gilmour is still recognised as one of the finest players in the tennis community of Moascar; but as for the remainder, although we manage to perspire freely during a set, we cannot lay any claims to showing any great promise.

The swimming season is once again in full swing, and although all Old Victorians here are proficient swimmers, none are so regular in attendance as Piper Tommy Cullen. During my term in the School, "D" Company were known as the water-babies. Tommy is truly upholding that tradition. Incidentally, Tommy is growing up and out, but his face is still a mass of freckles. He will insist that I have more freckles

then he has, especially where the nasal organ is concerned!

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament, L/Cpl. Ward succeeded in reaching the finals of the light-weight section, but he had to admit defeat on points.

The Battalion Sports were held in May, and included in the events were Piping and Dancing Competitions. In the latter event we had two Old Victorians competing. Piper Hardie, after a spell of duty, returned in time to secure first prize in the Highland Fling and in the Sheann Triubhas, and second prize in the Sword Dancing event. Jimmy Stevenson succeeded in gaining first prize in this event, and was second to George Hardie in the other two events. In the piping competition, L/Cpl Ward was awarded second place in the Open March, Strathspey and Reel.

Archie Guthrie again won the Silver Bugle and Silver Drumsticks. Archie has always been stout, but he has excelled himself since being stationed in Egypt, and is now as round as a barrel.

Having completed the recording of sporting events, we will return to the more serious side of the Army.

Sergeant Gilmour has returned to England for a three-months' course in Small Arms Training. We confidently expect Rab to distinguish himself in this course, as, in Army slang, "he knows the stuff."

The Battalion Manœuvres were carried out at Genefa Camp in November, 1933. As at Beni-Yusef Camp earlier in the year, we were again miles from civilisation. To the other ranks at least the manœuvres were more interesting than those of the preceding years, as real ammunition was in use in place of the usual dummy type, and men had more scope to exercise their own initiative. At the conclusion of the manœuvres, "M" Company marched from Camp to Moascar, a distance of 45 miles, in sixteen hours, including halts for dinner and tea. This broke the previous record, and also proved that Tommy Cullen, who was attached to "M" Company in the capacity of Company Piper, could march as well as he could swim.

In December, 1933, Piper George Hardie — then at duty—accompanied "A" Company to Jerusalem, while L/Cpl Ward travelled to Sarafand with "B" Company. Both Companies' stay in Palestine lasted four months, during which time we were enabled to renew acquaintance with Old Victorians serving in the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Seaforth Highlanders, who were stationed at Haifa and Jerusalem. Among others we met were Donald Alexander, Bobbie Bootland, Private Jeffries (Wee Jeff) and George Wood.

Three weeks after reaching Sarafand, "B" Company was ordered to Jaffa to "stand by" in readiness to quell any trouble which might arise during the Arab celebrations. As the reader will very probably remember, riots broke out during some of the celebrations in the preceding year. On this occasion the Government intended to be prepared for all eventualities.

We arrived in Jaffa on the morning of the 16th, and were billeted in the Palestine Police Stables. The weather was extremely cold, and we had to sleep on a stone floor, which was quite damp. To relieve the monotony we were allowed to walk about in a space a little smaller than the School Central Hall. The view consisted of a

high stone wall surrounding the stables. Even then the troops managed to crack jokes, and with the usual cheerful British optimism settled down for the night.

The demonstration being due to commence in the morning of the 17th, we were up and doing early. Equipment was donned. Rifles, revolvers and Lewis guns were overhauled. Ammunition was issued, and a number of buses were waiting in readiness to whisk us away to the scene of action. At 6 a.m., with tin hats on our heads, revolvers strapped to our sides, and rifles and Lewis guns ready to hand, we were ready for the word "go." But it was not to be. The celebrations were cancelled. The reason? The moon had failed to make an appearance! We discovered later that it was the custom for the first Arab who saw the new moon, to report it to an Arab leader, who then gave the signal for the celebrations to commence. We were so anxious to leave our uncomfortable quarters that one Fusilier suggested modelling a moon and placing it in the branches of a neighbouring tree!

After another night's rest in the stables, we were almost hoping that the Arabs would start some trouble and thus enable us to relieve ourselves of the unpleasantness of being "stabled." By 6 a.m. on the following morning we were again ready for "the war." We were fervently hoping that the moon would appear. It did! Word came through that the celebrations had commenced. At last we were going to do something. But no. After waiting for three hours we were informed that the processions had passed off quietly. Within the hour we were on our way to Sarafand.

Before concluding these notes the author would like to say that the majority of the Old Victorians here still remember Mr Mark and "his gentle reminders," and they wish me to send their kindest regards to "Marko." But, oh, how I disliked those French lessons! Au revoir!

Fusilier Clarke would like to hear from George Sharpe, ex "D" Company. The former's address is :—Fusilier G. Clarke, 7954, H.Q. Wing, 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, Moascar, Ismailia, Egypt.

The following notes were received for insertion in the December Number of "The Victorian," but through an oversight were omitted. As they contain quite a lot of interesting news, we are inserting them in this number, with our apologies for the slip.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Old Victorians in this Battalion have never before contributed articles to the School Magazine, we can truthfully say that all news connected in any way with the old School has been, and still is, eagerly received.

As this is our first contribution, and will cover a few years' ground, I will only give a brief summary of our activities. Whilst we cannot write of any outstanding achievements on the part of any Old Boys in this contingent, we can say that we have done our best to keep the good name of the School where it always was—at the top.

L/Cpl. Guthrie enlisted in 1927, and while still a boy entered for the Silver Bugle Contest. He failed by half a point, but a little later he gained the honour and retained it until he was

transferred to the second battalion in 1930. Two months after his arrival in Shanghai, he entered and won the contest for the Silver Bugle in the second Battalion. He has had the honour of blowing solo in the presence of many members of the Royal Family, and attributes his success to the excellent tuition he received from Drum-Major Hetherington. Archie has also had many successes at various rifle meetings, including Bisley, and is a member of the battalion rifle team. He has represented the battalion at rugby, and hopes that the standard of the School will soon pick up again.

The other members of the Drums is Drummer Kerr. On the authority of L/Cpl. Guthrie—who should know—he is becoming a fine drummer, and shows signs of developing into an excellent bugler.

Sergeant Gilmour's greatest triumphs have been obtained in soccer and bayonet fighting. A representative of the Battalion at both sports, Rab has also been bayonet fighting champion of the Aldershot Command. At hockey he is always sure of his place in the Company team, and is considered one of the best tennis players of the Mess. At present he is Regimental Provost Sergeant, and is already mentioned as a likely candidate for any vacancy in Scotland Yard's "Big Five."

In the piping and dancing world, we have had quite a few minor successes. A few years ago Pipe-Major Innes gained first place in all piping and dancing events in the Scottish Command Sports. He also took first prize as the best dressed Pipe-Major. Piper Hardie is considered one of the best dancers in the Army, and is always sure of taking the first prize in all dancing events at our regimental games. Other prizewinners in the dancing competitions are Pipers Stevenson and Cullen.

While stationed in England, our Military Band was engaged annually to perform at various sea-side resorts, and during the tour, which lasted four or five months, one piper and four dancers were attached to the Band. Four out of the five were Old Victorians! Between 1928 and 1931, Pipe-Major Innes and Pipers Bonnar, Hardie, Cullen, Stevenson and Ward have accompanied the Military Band on these tours. Our Band claims to have broken many records in the sizes of its audiences, but I believe that the greatest attraction was the display of Highland Dancing.

Returning to the field of sport. Drummer Kerr and Pipers Cullen, Stevenson and Ward, have had a trial with the Battalion rugby team, and are eager to get their places. In 1930, Drummer Kerr and Pipers Hardie, Cullen and Ward assisted the Boys' Team to win the championship of the Bordon Brigade, runners-up in the Command League, and to reach the final of the Army Boys' Soccer Cup. During the same year the Fusiliers Boys' Boxing Team reached the semi-final of the Army Boys' Boxing Cup—Kerr and Ward were in this team. In the Regimental Tournament (boys), L/Cpl. Guthrie and Pipers Cullen and Ward have each been champion of their respective weights. In swimming, Piper Cullen has represented the battalion in various events, and the rest of the Old Victorians could, if the occasion demanded, put up quite a good show. We all feel that our success in sport is due to the excellent coaching we got at the School.

## 1st Bn. THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS,

Fort George, Inverness-shire.

Since our last notes two old boys have joined our ranks. Bandsman Bathgate has joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and Pte. Wood from the Depot. The latter is now up to the neck in high finance, having become a company clerk. George Wallace is now finding it difficult to lift his sticks owing to the additional weight of a Lance stripe on his arm. Sergeant Ross and Corporal M'Kay are at present at Edinburgh, where their Company is finding the Castle Guard. They saw that in Edinburgh lies the reason why the cricket standard of the Battalion is not so high this year. Cpl. M'Kenna has gone to Berwick for a tour of duty at the Depot Academy. We wish him luck.

Some of our number were fortunate enough to be present in Edinburgh with the Military and Pipe Bands at the Command Pageant. They speak very highly of the display given by the boys, and seem a little jealous of the interest centred on them. They met old acquaintances, and it is rumoured that some of them felt quite young again. Talking of rumours there is another to the effect that, after the prizegiving at "C" Company's Sports, L/Cpls. Wallace and Douglas hired a wheelbarrow in readiness for the Battalion Sports. Whether it was necessary or not will be told in the next number. So, till then, cheerio.

## 2nd Bn. THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY, Razmak, Waziristan, India (for Peshawar).

Corporal A. J. M. Lewis.  
Bandsman A. M'Kechnie.  
" D. Thompson.  
" J. D. Lilley.  
" D. C. Booth.  
" E. Coleman.

The present correspondent has just time to give this a start before sailing for home. Bandsman Booth has promised to carry on, and will probably be interesting, the writer, E. V. C. Hayes (school number, 46) being rather out of touch with the younger generation, and "only attached" anyway.

All the Old Victorians in this Battalion are musicians, Cpl. Lewis in the Pipes, the remainder in the Military Band. Cpl. Lewis is at present on U.K. leave, after which he is due for a Pipe-Major's Course at Edinburgh. M'Kechnie will also be taking home leave shortly. All the bandsmen are doing well, and young Coleman is earmarked as a possible Kneller Hall student. Lilley, the "jazz fiend," recently nearly won first prize in the only Highland Mod ever held in Waziristan. Yes, but in the eating competition.

The Battalion is due to leave Razmak for Peshawar very shortly, and this will be probably their last Indian Station, their tour of foreign service having only a few more years to run. A good time to join, band boys. You cannot earn much engagement money in places like Razmak, you know, though the tribesman does sometimes lead us a dance.

**1st Bn. THE SCOTS GUARDS,  
Pirbright Camp, Brookwood, Surrey  
(for H.M. Tower, London).**

\*\* 927 L/Cpl. J. McLean.  
1136 Piper A. G. Shand.  
885 Gdsm. J. Jamieson.  
1114 Gdsm. J. Heron.  
1204 Boy J. Bowell.  
1364 Boy D. Harmsworth.  
1364 Boy W. Long.  
1443 Boy C. Rosenthal.  
1055 Boy A. E. Shand.

We are at present at Pirbright, enjoying the sunny countryside of Surrey. I don't think any of us were sorry to leave the smoky atmosphere of London where we were very much occupied, latterly with the Trooping of the Colour on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday. After all the business of the city, one might say that we are now recuperating.

We are stationed here for about three months, when we move to the Tower of London.

Boys Long and Rosenthal joined us recently, and we can report that they are settling down quite comfortably. Boy Long did very well in the boxing last year, when he got as far as the semi-finals at Chepstow in the Boys' Boxing Competition. As this was his first year in the Service, we expect still better things of him this year.

There is still plenty of room for more Old Victorians in the Guards. There is every opportunity and encouragement for any boy coming from the School, and he will find plenty of Old Boys who will be only too pleased to help them when they get here.

We all hope you have the best of weather for Sports Day and the Annual Inspection, and only regret that we are stationed so far away that it is impossible for any of us to be present on these occasions.

**2nd Bn. THE SCOTS GUARDS,  
H.M. Tower of London, London.**

502 Pipe-Major J. Robertson.  
\*\* 228 Sergt. T. J. Guthrie.  
L/Sergt. Anderson.  
109 Piper W. Burns.  
1319 Boy J. Officer.

Owing to the fact that the Battalion Correspondent is on a two months' recruiting campaign, these notes will unfortunately be briefer than usual.

Pipe-Major Robertson is busy tuning up his pipes (when I left him in May), for the Highland Games. When this number of "The Victorian" is published I expect he will be up in Scotland.

Sergeant Anderson is an old boy who I happened to get hold of by chance, during an argument about rugby.

Piper Burns is still soldiering on, and I expect he will soon be returning to civil life.

Boy Officer showed his paces at the Brigade of Guards Boys' Boxing Championships, and won the title of "Gnat Weight Champion."

I regret to record the death of Boy Thomas M'Atter, who died very suddenly at Millbank Hospital, from pneumonia.

I visited the School at the Annual General

Meeting, and was pleased to see quite a number of old hands there. Few I recognised, except the R.S.M., Mr Milne and John Strathdee, all who looked in the best of health and fit for another twenty years.

The pleasure has been mine to visit occasionally the Edinburgh Branch Club. What a crew! Half-an-hour with Jock Malloy and one's jaws ache with laughing. If only the school staff could hear the truth of some of the old escapades! Really, it would be a revelation.

I met quite a number of old boys at the Naval and Military Pageant at Inverleith. Pipe-Majors Sinclair and Forrest, and that terror again, Jock Malloy. I also had a chat with Colonel Mathers, D.S.O., M.B.E., the School's first Adjutant.

My news must also end my sojourn in bonnie Scotland, and over the Border I must go.

Good luck to the old School.

**THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS,**

**Redford Barracks, Colinton, Edinburgh.**

1060 L/Cpl. R. Weir.  
1136 Tpr. K. Seaton.  
1095 Tpr. R. Watts.  
\*\* 995 Tpr. D. McLean.

Owing to L/Cpl. Weir, the regular correspondent for this Unit, being in hospital, I have been deputed to do the necessary.

Few changes have occurred amongst Old Victorians in this Unit, and we have had a very quiet season.

Watts is still in the forge, and it should not be long before he emerges as a fully-fledged farrier.

Seaton is on duty at the Military Hospital where he will have little time to get into mischief as in the old days! Bobby Weir, too, is in hospital, but as a patient. We hope to see him out again soon, when he will probably be leaving us for civilian life.

We were glad to see the boys of the School in the Pageant at Edinburgh, and had the opportunity of meeting many other Old Boys who were contemporaries of ours.

**1st Bn. THE ROYAL SCOTS (Dover).**

81 R.Q.M.Sgt. J. R. Pirie.  
105 Cpl. G. E. Price.  
932 L/Cpl. J. Nealon.  
875 L/Cpl. J. Allan.  
1079 Piper H. Stevenston.  
Drummer A. Hesketh.  
703 Pte. J. Blackie.  
1279 Drummer C. O'Neill.  
1282 Boy J. MacNeil.  
1481 Boy P. Dakers.  
1482 Boy J. Dakers.

Since the last number appeared, there have been some changes in our representation. At Christmas an invasion, consisting of MacNeil and the Dakers brothers, brought our number to eleven, a figure not previously reached. These newcomers rapidly settled down, and have made



some very creditable appearances on the football and athletic fields. The Dakers ran in the "Headquarters" Wing (men's) mile race, and were placed third and fourth.

Following a prolonged tour of China and India, Hesketh, no longer the very small boy we knew, has returned to us. He has now been so long in the Regiment that he has forgotten his school number, but perhaps the Editor will supply the omission. On the other hand, Peter Taylor is at last thinking imperially, and India is so much the richer.

Baggo Price, versatile as ever, nobly filled the breach on one occasion when our second eleven found themselves sans goalkeeper; notwithstanding the sixteen or so successful shots with which he could not cope, he gave a superlative display. (Greenloaning papers please copy).

Nealon had been in comparative obscurity since Rugger finished, but he struck a blow for the Q.V.S. against the Dukies, when he scored 28 not out in his first appearance in the cricket eleven.

The prizewinners in the Regimental Games included:—

Boys Race (Handicap)—3rd, Boy J. Dakers.  
Sergeants' Race (Handicap)—2nd, R.Q.M.S. Pirie.  
Bugling—2nd, Drummer Hesketh.  
Sword Dance—1st, Boy MacNeil; 2nd, Piper Stevenston.

We have received visits from the undernoted O.V.'s:—

W.O. Instr. A. W. Macdonald, A.E.C. (Hilsea).  
W.O. Instr. P. B. Pirie, A.E.C. (York).  
W.O. Instr. A. E. MacLeay, A.E.C. (Crookham).

## 2nd Bn. THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (Aldershot).

664 Cpl. G. Appleby.  
992 Dmr. J. Anderson.  
1032 Dmr. R. Bowie.  
1058 Piper J. Bowie.  
1212 Boy V. Dunn.  
843 Pte. E. Fraser.  
\*\* 277 Sgt. V. C. Fennessey.  
285 L/Sgt. J. Claughier.  
549 L/Cpl. E. Claughier.  
619 Bds. H. Claughier.  
425 L/Cpl. W. M'Bride.  
867 Dmr. R. M'Leod.  
581 Cpl. A. Price.  
744 Piper R. Severn.  
258 Bds. W. Tofts.  
716 Pte. T. Wilson.  
Boy D. Watt.  
1218 Boy P. Sandilands.  
1408 Boy D. Freeman.  
1296 Boy D. Jackson.  
1344 Boy G. E. Lloyd.

There is little to report for the first half of 1934. The football season finished with Appleby playing regularly for the First Eleven and Johnstone (appointed Senior Boy), Dunn and Watt playing for our boys' team.

Towards the close of the Individual Training Season our Boy entered a team for the Stretcher-Bearer Competition, which they won for the second time in succession. The Claughiers

were very well represented in this, Sergeant J. Claughier being in charge of the team and the other two being members.

Piper M'Leod has been posted to the Depot for a tour of duty, and we have had additions in the persons of Sandilands, Freeman, Jackson and Lloyd. The late arrivals are doing well.

In the Piping and Dancing Competition held on 11th June, the following Old Victorians obtained awards as shown:—

Cpl. Price:—First in Battalion open Fling; first in Shean Thruighas; first in open Marches; second in Piobaireachd; second in March, Strathspey and Reel.

Piper Severn:—First in Battallion Ghillie Callum; third in open to the Army, Ghillie Callum; second in Novices' Piabaireachd.

Boy Sandilands:—First in Marches (Boys); third in Fling (Boys).

Boy Freeman:—Third in Marches (Boys).

Boy Jackson:—Second in Fling (Boys).

Drummer Anderson:—Second in Bugling Competition.

The "oldest" Old Victorian in our Battalion is being posted to the 1st Battalion during the next Trooping Season, and we wish him a pleasant voyage and the best of success.

## 1st Bn. SCOTS GUARDS, Pirbright Camp, Brookwood, Surrey.

927 L/Cpl. J. M'Lean, "A" Coy.  
1136 Piper A. Shand, "A" Coy.  
885 Gdsm. J. Jamieson, "C" Coy.  
1138 Gdsm. J. Heron, "D" Coy.  
1114 Boy J. Bowell, "D" Coy.  
1204 Boy D. Hamsworth, "D" Coy.  
1364 Boy W. Long, "D" Coy.  
1443 Boy C. Rosenthal, "A" Coy.  
1055 Boy A. Shand "A" Coy.

We are at present at Pirbright, enjoying the sunny countryside of Surrey, and I don't imagine anyone is sorry to have left London. We were very busy with the Trooping of The Colour for the King's Birthday Parade, and I for one was quite pleased to get away from the smoke. One would say we were now recuperating. We are stationed here for about three months, and thence to the Tower of London. Boys Long and Rosenthal joined us recently, and I'm very pleased to say they are coming on extremely well. Long did excellently in his boxing classes last year, and we're looking forward to seeing him perform again this year.

And now, when are a few more of you coming down to join us? There's plenty room for you, and I can tell you we need a few more (Old Vic's.) There is plenty of sport in our Battalion, and a boy coming from the school has every opportunity and encouragement to make good in that line. I will always be pleased to see anyone coming down, and I promise to advise him, and put him wise as to his duties. If you can't remember me, ask Mr Mark.

And now we all wish you the best in the future, hoping you all have a nice prize-day, and also that we see some of you very soon.

J. M'LEAN, L/Cpl.

**2nd Bn. THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.****The Castle, Dover.**

- \*\* 1261 L/Cpl. D. A. Alexander.  
 1172 Boy J. Alexander  
 1091 Boy J. S. Carruthers.  
 1116 Boy C. V. Bootland.  
 1121 Boy R. Current.  
     625 Dmr. J. Archibald.  
     962 Pte. C. Vass.  
     679 Pte. Paterson.

On the 12th April, 1934, we had the pleasure of embarking on H.T. "Dorsetshire," en route for "Blighty." Joyous anticipation of the homecoming, reunion with families and friends naturally predominated, but the end of everything is always depressing, however gladly one may anticipate the future. Prior to our departure we had to send a draft to our 1st Battalion, which consisted of only one Old Victorian—Sergeant Clark. After the years he has spent in the Holy Land with the 2nd Battalion, I am sure he has nothing more to learn about the Near East.

It is with much regret that the first item we have to record, and sincerely regret to announce is the death of L/Corporal S. Goatley, late 1067 "D" Company. This occurred at the Royal Air Force Hospital, Sarafand, Palestine. Sid was a very popular and promising N.C.O., and his death, apart from casting a gloom over the unit, caused sadness among the Old Victorians.

At long last our Battalion has returned home after serving on foreign soil since 1919. Those of us who have previously served in the 1st Battalion, found Dover just the same when we returned. It is interesting that we form part of the 12th Infantry Brigade, which consists also of the 1st Royal Scots and 1st Highland Light Infantry. We have been able to renew acquaintance with many other Old Victorians serving in these units.

Our first object on reaching home was furlough. It was so eagerly anticipated that not one of us visited the School, although many of us viewed it from the railway carriage as we sped north. However, we intend visiting it on annual leave this year.

Leave terminated on the 27th day, and we returned to Dover. No sooner had we settled down than we were notified of another move. Moving about is becoming quite common to us, but this time it was only to Lydden Spout Camp.

During our stay in Palestine the opportunity for sight-seeing was fully enjoyed, and our minds have been greatly enlightened by what we saw. The entertainments for the troops were many, and in sport every shield and cup that could be won was secured by the Battalion.

In Lyddon, our time is devoted to qualifying with the rifle, revolver and Lewis gun. L/Cpl. Alexander has already qualified as a "marksman," and J. S. Carruthers has secured a "First." Quite a number have still to fire, and we may be able to record more successes yet.

News has just arrived from Palestine that L/Cpl. Alexander secured his First Class Certificate of Education at the March examination.

