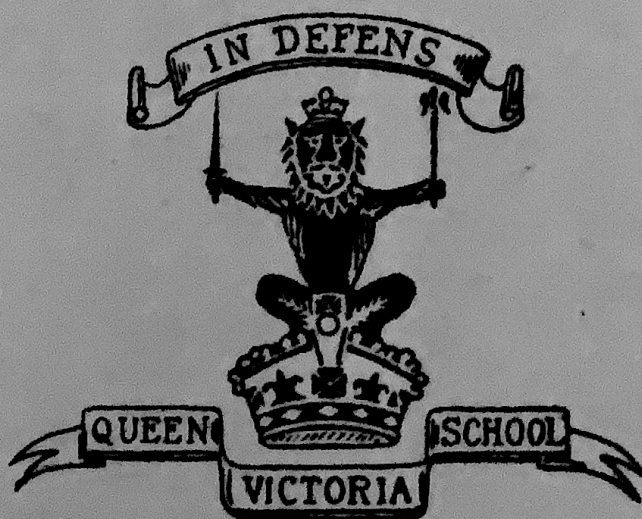


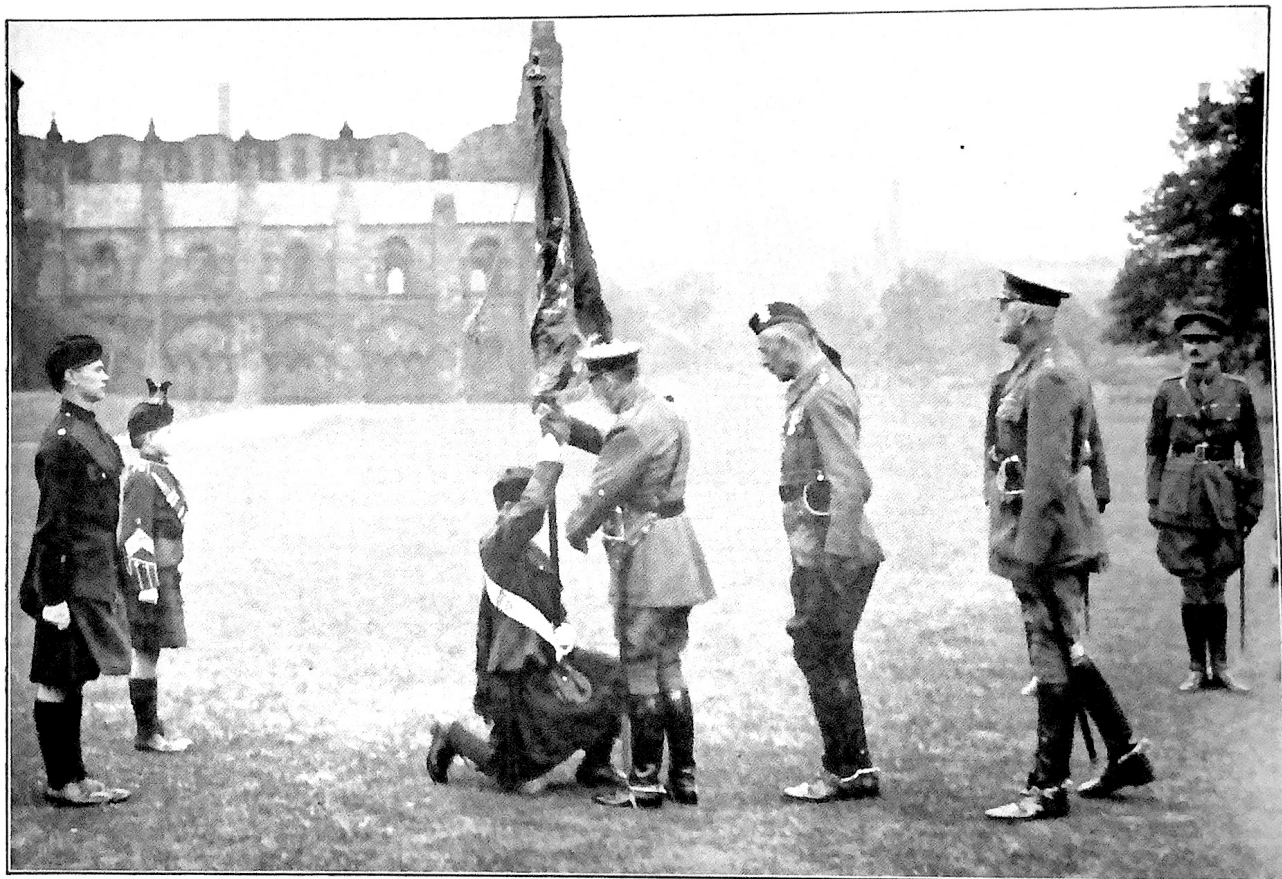
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## PRESENTATION OF COLOUR TO QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL.



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Reading from left to right:—Ramsay, Macdonald, Ewen, H.M. The King, Col.-in-Chief, The Black Watch; Col. Innes, Lt.-Gen. Sir Archibald Cameron, Colonel, The Black Watch; Capt. R. L. T. Murray, The Black Watch, A.D.C. (standing behind Sir Archibald), and Major Hart, The Buffs, D.A.A.G., Scottish Command.

At The Palace of Holyroodhouse on 16th July, 1934,  
H.M. The King presented a new School Colour to the Queen Victoria School.

# QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL.

For the Sons of Scottish Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen,  
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Headmaster:—Captain W. H. WILLIAMS, A.E.C.

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Dr. R. M. MACFARLANE, M.B.

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Roman Catholic.  
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Episcopalian.

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P. Scotland, D.C.M., late Q.O.C.H.

Head Engineer—  
Mr P. McEvoy (late R.E.).

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

Regimental Quarter-Master—  
Sergeant J. Milne (late A. & S.H.).

Institution Clerk—  
Mr R. McRobbie (late B.W.).

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F. L. Ross (late A. & S.H.).

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

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

Company Sergeant-Major—  
Physical Training Instructor — J. Mitten  
(late R. Scots).

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Miss I. B. Gray.

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W.O. Class I. (Education)—  
H. C. Riglen.

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J. Page.

Sergeant-Instructor (Education)—  
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L. Smith, B.A.

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

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



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## Editorial.

**1934** is just on the point of fading out. Like all other communities we have had our ups and downs, but I am certain that we all heartily agree that the ups of the past year more than outweigh the downs. An Editor cannot always vouchsafe the opinions of his associates and subscribers, but from my own part, the worries and troubles of 1934 have been so small that they have been almost completely overshadowed by the real joys and happinesses which I have experienced in getting and seeing jobs done, and done with a good measure of satisfying results. What think the rest of you?

We know it is good to be alive anywhere, but I think it is better to be alive where we are than anywhere else.

One is allowed a little latitude in the Editorial columns. It is the one preserve wherein no other may poach, so I will not ask to be excused if I say that I feel that 1935 is going to call for us to be more thankful than ever: it is going to ask of us as a communal body a deeper sense of gratitude. A very evident newness seems to have spread over us during the latter part of 1934, which almost bespeaks a new life for the School.

Just to reflect:

The old School colour has been laid up in the School Chapel by the Commandant at the hands of the Senior Chaplain, in the presence of our own Highland Divisional Commander — the Senior Monitor carrying it to its final resting-place; there it will now hang as a lasting memorial of what has been and is being done by past Victorians of a quarter of a century (over 1600 of them) in their endeavours to live and act up to the principles set forth in their school motto. His Majesty has graciously presented another to those who are following on, with the hope that on all it symbolises may future efforts and intentions be founded—the efforts and intentions are what count, and achievements are not in our hands.

We are constantly reminded in the Good Book that we must “worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness.” And William Cullen Bryant, the American Poet, in his “Forest Hymn” reminds us that

“The groves were God’s first temples. Ere  
man learned  
To hew the shaft and lay the architrave,  
And spread the roof above them,  
Amid the cool and silence he knelt down  
And offered the Mightiest solemn thanks  
And supplication,”

We to-day congregate in Churches “made with hands.” Whereas in the past the beauty was provided for us by nature in the groves, we now strive to bring that beauty into our places of worship as only a befitting attribute to holiness. The new frontal cloth at the Altar of the School Chapel makes for an enhanced joy at the Feast of Remembrance. Those of us of the Episcopalian Church in Scotland now more fully sense the Beauty of Holiness.

The Sports Field: another boon. Who can forget the ease and comfort with which we were able to run our last Sports Meeting and our last Annual Inspection? What a pleasure it is to play our Rugby matches compared with the attendant discomforts of the past. And what of the appearance of the whole field when all the School teams are playing their inter-company competitions. We elders do really feel an intense pride these days in the colourful brightness which is evident—a pride which is assuredly reflected in the actions of the present Victorians.

There is a newness in the building and its immediate surroundings. The interior re-decorating of our school, the improvements which have been made in the grounds, all call for a large measure of thanks.

In short, for all that has been done for us in 1934, and for all that is still in mind to be done for us in the near future, we must in 1935 more than continue to ask that the remembrance of all who are entrusted with our care, be ever before us.

I am not one given to making New Year resolutions. Spasmodic violences, either mental or physical, only tend to throw one off one’s balance. But I would ask you all in 1935 to express more than your usual assiduity in living up to the teaching of our morning School Prayer. Do not think that I am implying that you are not doing so at present. I only feel that at this time the apparent newness which seems to be upon us, calls more for continuous effort. And couple it all with the first verse of Prose Psalm 133.

I am offering you one picture only—the frontispiece, for permission to use which we have to thank the Editor of “The Red Hackle.” Look well at it. Think over it, and associate it with this Editorial. It speaks all wishes for the years to come.

Victorians! As in the Past, so in the Future! Work and play up! Work and play well! Keep on working and playing! Don’t heed the costs, the sacrifices or the rewards! It is the Cause that counts.

**Good Luck to you all.**

W. H. W.



## Notes of the Year.

**T**HE old order changeth, yielding place to new." The close of the current year will mark great changes in the personnel of the School Staff. On the Educational side we have to report the departure of Sergeant-Instructor Mark and W.O. Class II. Morrison, both of whom have been posted abroad.

His seven years' connection with the School had caused Sergeant Mark to be considered as a veritable institution in the life of the School, and during his long stay he rendered valuable and almost irreparable service not only in the "wireless section" and in his "inevitable railway room," but in the whole of the social activities of the School. His departure will also be keenly and regretfully felt by all "Victorians," both past and present, by his enthusiastic and whole-hearted work and interest in the Old Boys' Association. The "smoking concert" which was accorded to him on the eve of his departure was a fitting indication of the affection and esteem in which he was held by all the members of the Queen Victoria community. We wish him every happiness, prosperity and "conviviality" in his new station at Shanghai.

By the time that this issue goes to press Mr Morrison will also be on the "high seas," India bound. During his long association with the School he did valuable and successful work, not only by his enthusiastic literary activities, but also by his keen interest in Queen Victoria "Rugger." Not a little of this season's present "Rugger" improvement is due to his enthusiastic coaching and the educative influence of his excellent refereeing. He leaves with the very best wishes of everyone and their hearty congratulations also on his promotion to Warrant Officer, Class I.

With the retirement of Mr John Blackwood, there regretfully passes out of the life of the School one of its quaintest and most affectionate characters. During his sixteen years' association with the School, "Old John" (as he was affectionately dubbed), endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact, and his familiar, if somewhat Falstaffian figure, will always evoke amusing and affectionate reminiscences. With his life's work well done, he goes to seek well-earned rest and contentment in Arnprior, a village some twenty miles from Dunblane. We wish him and Mrs Blackwood every happiness and prosperity in their new abode.

Father Time claims still another victim in Mr John Strathdee, since the end of term will see his regretted retirement also. For close on twenty years, Mr Strathdee has maintained an exceedingly high standard of efficiency, in perhaps, the most important department of the School. His fine, upstanding figure and genial, bluff disposition, won him the esteem and respect of all with whom he came into contact. One can hardly imagine the cook-house and dining-hall of the School without the familiar figure and personality of "John the Bun" as the boys affectionately dub him. However, as he is settling down in the vicinity of Dunblane we hope to see him on many occasions in the place from which he carries away many pleasant and humorous memories. We wish Mrs Strathdee and himself the very best of health, happiness and prosperity in their well-earned retirement.

And now we have to say good-bye to the most popular and beloved figure in the whole history of Queen Victoria School. One feels just a touch of sadness,—almost as if one were penning an obituary on the loss of a very dear friend, in reporting the retirement of Regimental Sergeant-Major Peter Scotland. No panegyrics can ever do justice to the wonderful work, influence, service and example which has characterised his stay of a quarter of a century in the School. "R.S.M. P. Scotland, D.C.M.", joined the School Staff in August, 1909, then serving on the Army Gymnasium Staff. After completing two years' service, he was retained as Pensioner Instructor. He rejoined the Army on the outbreak of war, and served as R.S.M. of the 6th Cameron Highlanders, and latterly as R.S.M. 9th Officers' Cadet Battalion at Gales. He saw service in the Sudan, South Africa, and the Great War."

Such, in brief, is the proud record of Mr Scotland. With the Army the "bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh," he has given his whole life to the service of His Majesty's Forces. His kindly manner, his magnetic personality, so unassuming and so consistently pleasant, has been of inestimable value in the character-training of the hundreds of boys who have passed through his hands. As a colleague it would have been difficult indeed to have found one with whom it was a greater pleasure to work. He is a grateful, happy, affectionate and pleasant memory to every Victorian. No more apt expression can be used than to say,—*"He was a soldier and a gentleman."* And now he goes into a well-earned retirement, his life's work done, and nobly done. We know that he and Mrs Scotland will carry away with them very happy memories of their stay at the School; and as long as the Queen Victoria School remains, Peter Scotland will always be remembered and will occupy an honoured place in the annals of the School's history. We trust he will find happiness, consolation and longevity in that famous stanza of Goldsmith's:

"O blest retirement, friend to life's decline,  
Retreats from care, that never must be mine,  
How happy he who crowns in shades like these,  
A youth of labour, with an age of ease;  
And all his prospects brightening to the last,  
His heaven commences ere the world be past!"

Our anonymous benefactor entertained the School to a splendid concert on the Saturday evening of December 1st. That notable and talented conjuror, Senor Delmo, fascinated and delighted with his amazingly clever performance. His marvellous sleight of hand tricks set the whole audience agog with wonder and excitement, though none was more bewildered and mystified than his able assistant, Boy Griffiths, whose amazement at the production of coins from all parts of his anatomy simply "tickled the boys to death." The School pipers then carried on the good work with their renderings of popular Scottish reels supplemented by excellent performances of the dancers. Then came that beautiful singer, Mademoiselle de Feemoor, who charmed us with such songs as "The Cameron Men," "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" and "Land of Hope and Glory." The military band then came to show their talent to a most appreciative audience. Their work reached a very high level indeed. Community singing finally closed an evening of rollicking good fun and wholesome entertainment.

At the close, Captain Williams tendered a hearty vote of thanks and of appreciation to all the artists who had entertained us so well, and the charming Mademoiselle de Feemoor was presented with an equally charming box of chocolates amidst three thunderous cheers from the boys. Well done, School benefactor, well done!

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr J. Beattie (late of the Gordon Highlanders), who has succeeded to the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr J. Blackwood. We trust that he and Mrs Beattie will be very happy in their new surroundings.

With the departure of Mr Mark for Shanghai, the opportunity is taken to pass a vote of sincerest appreciation of his great work as assistant editor of "The Victorian." He it was who was mainly responsible for working up the School magazine from such humble origins to its present high-class standard and a worthy journey of a School with so much high-class tradition behind it.

On the holiday occasioned by the royal marriage of the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina, the School Staff entertained Depot hockey team of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. A very finely contested game resulted, and despite lack of practice and of previous combination, the Staff Eleven ran out worthy winners by four goals to two.

We extend a hearty welcome to Sergeant-Instructor J. Page, who has joined the Educational Staff in succession to Sergeant Mark. We trust that he and Mrs Page will be very happy in their new station at Dunblane.

In accordance with our "happy family atmosphere" at Q.V.S., we heartily congratulate Mr and Mrs W. McKilligan on the "arrival" of Miss Hazel McKilligan.

Through the kind invitation of Mr Coutts Morrison, the Educational Staff paid a visit to the Falkirk High School, the most modern educational establishment in Stirlingshire. A most enjoyable and interesting day was the outcome of the tour round this most excellently organised school, where the education is chiefly of a technological bent.

The monthly Church Parades have been held as usual, and they have been favoured by the presence of such distinguished visitors as Major-General Sir James Burnett of Leys, Bt., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Sir Reginald May, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Colonel N. A. B. Baillie Hamilton, The Black Watch.

### Gifts to the School.

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### A Mystic Trip to the Mystery Ship.

ON 11th September last a band of noble mystic gentlemen set out from the Capital to explore the secret of No. 534. Leaving Princes Street via Shotts Moor, Holy Town and Uddings Town, the City of St. Mungo was safely reached. On arrival Prince Charlie, Hambones and Lord Fochabers said they would like a pie. Mr Hot thought it a good idea, and as the Apostle Peter and his brother John produced the keys, all was well excepting for Jonah, who wondered if the whales would get any. King Edward promises to behave and to reveal the great secret. Directing their fairy feet with the assistance of George the Fifth, the noble band reached the Bridge Wharf, and made themselves comfortable on the spacious shoulders of King Edward. Through air the mystic band floated, past Govan and Renfrew, then on to Clydebank where No. 534 was seen, a huge Leviathan sitting on the stocks. Mr Harrow enquired as to who had built this wonderful vessel. The King whispered it was John Brown, which provoked an argument between the Sultan of Turkey who thought he was responsible for Cuddies and Doddles, but Falstaff settled the argument by saying that John Brown made boats and graves as well. Dredgers were busy deepening the channel for the launch, which was to take place later in the month, and the King was heard to whisper quietly that "Queen Mary" was really her name and 534 only a number. At this stage the Lord of the Isles came to life and started

talking at great length about Dalmuir where Beardmore & Company made battleships, about Kilpatrick not far off where it is believed the Patron Saint of Ireland was born. Then at Bowling on the north side of the river he pointed out the western terminus of the Forth and Clyde Canal, and then was seen Dumbarton Rock. On this rock is a natural fortress dominating the Clyde. In Dumbarton Castle, Wallace, the great Scottish patriot, was for a short time imprisoned after his shameful betrayal by Sir John Monteith. A two-handed sword which belonged to Wallace was for centuries kept in Dumbarton Castle, but it now reposes in the Wallace Monument near Stirling. On the south bank Port-Glasgow was passed, and a short stop was at Greenock, where James Watt was born. Crossing from the south bank to the north bank could be seen Helensburgh, and in the distance Gareloch and the Holy Loch, before reaching Dunoon. Lunch was at this stage provided by the King. General Corunna led the way followed by the Cowherd, the Drapers and King Fergus who had been grumping a good deal as usual. No doubt his rheumatism of many centuries standing was troubling him. Fatty Beag, Simon Glover and the Village Blacksmith were as usual on their best behaviour, and Neil Munro, although worried about losing the New Road, sat with wee Cookie Bun and the Braes o' Mar. Rothesay was reached safely. From there the party floated on out to the open Firth between the Cumbræ and Bute round Garrioch Head and back to Rothesay. There is a Castle there which is supposed to have been founded by Magnus Barefoot, King of Norway, in 1098. It was the scene of many conflicts between the Norsemen and the Scots. Unfortunately, the Apostle Peter left most of himself behind, but when Govan was reached on the return journey he was fit to open any door. Messrs Aye Town, Houses, Josen, Furrow, Crunie and Sighfor all thought it would be a good joke to lose the train as poor old King Edward was beginning to crawl. The Lord of the Isles, however, came out of another coma, and with the assistance of a few streaks, whistles, policemen and railway porters, the train was held up at the Central and the party disappeared into the East where all the Wise men come from.

"JULIUS CAESAR."

## Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.



On Sunday, 29th July, the Pipe Band went to Gleneagles to try conclusions with the Australian cricketers. Mr Kippax, in the absence of Mr Woodfull and the wonderful Bradman, was acting Captain and in charge of the party. He and all the other cricketers were delighted to see the boys, and insisted on getting photographs to take abroad and to send to their friends. No cricket was played, but the boys beat the Australians at lunch.

The personnel of the Band has changed considerably since the expiry of summer leave. Fourteen vacant places have been filled, and

Peter Ewen of A Company has succeeded Pipe-Major W. McDonald, promoted Monitor.

On 3rd November the Pipers and Dancers again appeared at Gleneagles. This time for the annual dinner of the 51st Division. The boys, as before, upheld the honour of the School and were accorded a most enthusiastic reception. Drummers, Buglers and Pipers were as usual to the fore on Armistice Day lending aid at the services in Dunblane and other places in the near vicinity. The Cathedral Guild and Work Party also had a night off in November much to the enjoyment of our Pipers and Dancers, who were invited to give a "helping hand." By the way, what about the "Buckingham Palace Tinkers" going out for the night to give a show? They and the other Dancers must soon be thinking of their Country Dancing steps for the Perth Festival next March. This makes one wonder whether good Country Dancing steps are helpful or otherwise for Highland Reel and Strathspey steps. What do the experts say? Surely the boys can give the answer.

PIPE PRES.

## Band Notes.

The winter term has seen us hard at work in preparation for the forthcoming spring and summer engagements. Our bandmaster has abolished a great deal of brass band music and has introduced a good deal of military music. In the coming season we are confident of "going one better" on our already excellent reputation. The close of last term made heavy inroads into our ranks with the loss of Monitors Rose, McFarlane and Wright, all of whom have gone to the Ordnance Survey. We wish them the very best of luck in their new sphere. Still another depletion occurred with the departure of Band-Sergeant T. Smith to the K.O.S.B. "Tommy," with his genial personality and raucous voice was quite a character amongst us. Good luck and all the very best, Tommy! We congratulate Denis Potter on his succession to T. Smith as Band-Sergeant;—his selection was popular all round. This term we received a visit from Sir Ian Colquhoun. Sir Ian expressed his admiration and delight for the high-class standard to which he considered our boys have attained. Such compliments as these are extremely gratifying and encouraging both to Mr Lax and ourselves, particularly so when such praise is expressed by so distinguished a personality as Sir Ian Colquhoun.

We have only been in action once, so far, this term, namely, on the occasion of the recent School Concert. This occasion served to reveal the prowess and excellent work of Macdonald and Holmes on the Xylophone; their work simply captivated their audience. Our only other performance this term will be at the Annual School Christmas Concert. Yes, the "band atmosphere" is just simply saturated with optimism, zest and enthusiasm.

D. P., W. M.



## Company Notes.

### " A " Company.

Hello, everybody! " A " Coy. calling! The past term has seen many changes in personnel. W. Barron has left us for civilian life, and the blacksmith forge at Edinburgh, whilst in addition to the transference of Peter Ewen, as Pipe-Major, to " B " Coy., " Dora " Potter has left us for " D " Coy., on account of his succession to T. Smith as Band-Sergeant. These losses have reflected themselves in our losses of the " Rugger " and Association trophies: however, we still occupy second place in all the Company sports competitions. We were pleased to welcome a visit from Alan Hogg, a former stalwart of the Company; Alan is making splendid progress in the Royal Marines these days. Despite our losses of the sports trophies, we are still proud to boast the retention of the Singing Shield, and with the recent influx of much promising " new blood " we are out with a bold challenge next term to regain our former glory and success.

A. W. F.

### " B " Company.

This term has been splendidly successful from every point of view. Both the Rugby and Association trophies have found their way back to " B " Coy., and we hope to retain them for quite a long time, judging by the calibre of our stalwarts. We have lost A. Queen, John Brown and R. McGregor, all three of whom have gone to His Majesty's Forces. Newcomers to whom we extend a hearty welcome are P. Ewen, " Ginger " McDonald, Denholm and Murray, all of whom should prove decided acquisitions to the " Rugger " and " Soccer " teams. " Sally " Philips was given the honour of the captaincy of the School Association XI. in the match against Falkirk Technical School. " Sally " is undoubtedly the subtlest ball manipulator in the whole School; his footwork is reminiscent of Alex. James at his best. Ronnie McKay also upheld " B " Coy. tradition by his well-merited inclusion in the School Staff Hockey XI. against the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Depot XI., and right nobly did he acquit himself.

W. H.

### " C " Company.

We are sorry to have to confess the loss of the Educational Shield to " B " Coy. However, Burke and his crack shots retrieved our prestige by " lifting " the Shooting Trophy, which thus comes to us for the second year in succession. Apropos the " Rugger " and " Soccer," we had a lean time finishing up at the foot of the table; lack of physique and the fact that we are the youngest Company, extenuates the circumstances a little and accounts for our disappointing show in the competition. September saw the departure of Monitors McFarlane, Rosie and Wright; we wish them the best of luck in the Ordnance Survey. We welcome the following newcomers to the Company: — G. West, McCartney, the Braid brothers, Musk, Mackie, Reith and Audsley, and we trust they will all become worthy stalwarts of the Company.

A. G.

### " D " Company.

We are still keeping the old flag flying in " D " Company, although the last term saw the departure of all our " Rugger " stars. Tommy Smith left with all our very best wishes to join the K.O.S.B., whilst S. Finlay and J. Zult have gone out into civil life. Consequently, at present, sport is a very lean subject, but we can vouch for excellent tradesmen and workers in the classroom. We welcome the transference of D. Potter from " A " Company, and we congratulate him on his promotion to the dizzy height of Band-Sergeant. We were visited by those two old favourites of " D " Company, the brothers Georgeson; they are getting along like wildfire in the Camerons, especially in the sporting sphere. We congratulate Harry Ryan in his efforts to emulate Jack Hylton and his Band, even if the venture was " short and sweet," thanks to the iconoclastic propensities of Ronnie McKay.

J. E. R.

## Monitors' Room Notes.

The present term has been rather uneventful with everyone working away assiduously with those horrible spectres—examinations—looming up more portentously still on the horizon. We have said good-bye to Willie Ramsay, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes on his successful entrance to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich. Already he is upholding the School tradition on the Rugger field, his ability having thus so early earned him a place in the final trials for " The Shop " XV. We feel sure his capabilities will not be long in earning full recognition. Apropos the topic of Rugby, we congratulate Lieutenant Linton, Royal Corps of Signals, on his success in gaining a place in the Army Trial Fifteens; whilst he was always a " three-quarter " of exceptional ability, yet it is a great tribute to his keenness and enthusiasm to have secured recognition in such a high-class sphere as Army Rugby. Bravo, " Pot "!

Since our last notes, Monitors McFarlane, Rosie and Wright have said farewell, and have gone to the Ordnance Survey. We feel sure that they will carry on the proud tradition of Queen Victoria School. We have to greet new faces in Monitors Davidson, Shore, Robinson, Burke and McDonald. Already they are proving their worth not only on the sports field but in all School activities. We rejoice in the formation of a Monitors' Club under the presidency of the Commandant, but we are still deploring the smashing of the ephemeral career of the Monitors' Jazz Band. Alan Hogg received a warm welcome on his visit to the School; he is doing splendidly in the Royal Marines down at Deal.

J. R.

## School Camp.

Although I write this article in mid-December, my memories of Barry Camp, Angus, are still undimmed and linger pleasant in my mind.

Barry greeted our arrival, at the end of July, in the usual manner, and we found fellow-campers in the 4th Battalion K.O.S.B., who at

once exhibited a warm welcome and assisted us to get "dug in."

The weather, through the whole month, was variable, but the heavy showers failed to damp the ardour and holiday-feeling of the boys. The days passed all to quickly, punctuated as they were with "dips in the sea," games and jaunts to the local cinemas. Under the auspices of Captain Young and our Headmaster, assisted by C.S.M. McCubbin, a Sports Day was held, and some excellent running, keen competition and jolly fun accrued from the meeting, despite the inclement weather. At the invitation of Mr and Mrs McKay, the boys spent a most enjoyable day at the Panmure Golf Club. We appreciated the visits of Colonel and Mrs Innes, Miss Innes, Captain Williams, Mr Shield, Captain Young and Mr Pennell, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed all the many little "treats" and jaunts which were so kindly arranged for them.

We had one Church Parade with the K.O.S.B., and a second one with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders over at Buddon. The ever-popular Reverend J. Heggie conducted both services. Once again we visited Arbroath with C.S.M. McCubbin, and spent a glorious day, consisting of a "dip" in the wonderful open-air baths, a tour round the historical old Abbey, and with splendid entertainment at the Cinema as "the end of a perfect day."

Thanks to the hospitality of the "Argylls," our boys enjoyed several excellent concerts at the Soldiers' Home. Our popularity at Barry appears to increase every year, and with so many kind friends and benefactors, the Holiday Camp can never be anything but a huge success.

J. E. R.

## Queen Victoria School Boys' Sports.

### Results at Barry.

The Queen Victoria School boys in camp at Barry Links on 19th August held their annual camp sports in beautiful weather. C.S.M. W. McCubbin, D.C.M., late of The Black Watch, assisted by C.M.S. J. Mitten, late of the Royal Scots, were in charge.

The results were as follows:—

Relay Race—No. 9 Tent. Three-Legged Races—under 12—1, G. Arnold and Cameron; 2, D. Hickey and P. Robertson. Over 12—1, James Robertson and John Oliver; 2, Ferrigan and Bowler. Dribbling Race—1, John Oliver; 2, Phillips; 3, Ferrigan; 4, W. McLaughlan. Orange Race—1, J. Easton; 2, Morton; 3, G. Long; 4, Hagen.

Alarm Race—1, John Robertson; 2, W. McLaughlan; 3, John Oliver; 4, Nelson. Mystery Race—1, Sandilands; 2, J. Easton; 3, Armstrong; 4, Ferrigan; 5, Goodall; 6, J. C. Robertson. Apple Race—under 12—1, Jas. Oliver; 2, Fulton; 3, Sutherland. Over 12—1, G. Long; 2, Morton; 3, Jackson. Tossing the Caber—Martell, Ryan and J. Easton (equal).

Treasure Hunt—1, Smith; 2, McGoochan; 3, Mitten. 440 Yards (handicap)—1, Smith; 2, T. Davidson; 3, Ferrigan; 4, Mitten; 5, Bowler; 6, McGoochan. Tug of War—Final—Britons beat the Picts. Five-a-Side Football—Final—Picts beat the Scots. Tent Inspection—No. 7 Tent under charge of Boy/Sergeant T. Smith.

## Age and Youth at Rosendael.

### Queen Victoria School Boys Visit Broughty. Strenuous Tactics on Bowling Green.

(By a Special Representative.)

(From "The Courier and Advertiser," Friday, August 24, 1934.)

Yesterday was a red-letter day for the veterans of Rosendael, Broughty Ferry.

It was also a red-letter day for 50 boys of Queen Victoria Boys' School, Dunblane, who visited the residence and spent the day with soldiers of long ago.

It was difficult to decide which group—the young or the old—was the more excited. The spirits of the boys soared, but the gleam of satisfaction in the eyes of the old warriors told its own story.

It was a reunion of generations far apart in years but one in spirit. The veterans told stories of the Boer War and of the Great War. Deeds done formed the substance of the tales of the fathers; deeds to be done were the material for the boys.

It was a meeting of kindred spirits, when age did not count, and when a vein of militarism pervaded the atmosphere.

As a civilian I was out of it. Gallipoli, Magersfontein, Ashanti—they all floated through the conversation. To me, they were names. To the others, they were definite links with a lively past.

The boys, who came from their camp at Barry, always regard the visit to Rosendael as a great treat. From the moment they entered the grounds they made themselves at home, and though they ousted the veterans from their bowling and croquet greens, the old soldiers didn't care.

### Greens Commandeered.

Promptly the boys commandeered the greens. Several took up mallets and initiated themselves into the mysteries of croquet. But for the majority bowls were in favour.

For one thing, there was a trifle more action in this "old man's game." With a total disregard for rules, they stationed themselves at each end of the green and hurled the bowls to each other. What they lacked in accuracy, they made up for in strength and energy.

Only when Sergt.-Major W. McCubbin, who was in charge of the boys, instilled a degree of discipline into the sport was the jack hit—after ten minutes' valiant effort.

But bowls lost their attraction when Sergt.-Major McCubbin whistled—for tea. The celerity with which the boys lined up spoke volumes for their hearty appetites, and they sat down to pies, loads of bread and butter, and cakes.

For ten minutes only the rattle of cups and the tinkle of cutlery broke the stillness, to give way later to a hum of conversation which gradually swelled in volume.

### The Sports.

Then came the sports. A couple of small nippers won the three-legged race in a field of about 15 couples. Then the Scots fared successfully against the Picts in the five-a-sides.

The Britons and Angles followed suit in the other semi-final, but their game was stopped at half-time when Lord Provost Buist arrived.

The boys lined up, and after the Lord Provost had spoken to them and apologised for interrupting their game, three cheers rang out.

Then on with the game, and afterwards an amusing uniform race. The boys ran down the meadow and sought their tunics and glengarries, which had been thrown to the winds.

One youngster in his search for his own tunic flung another from him in disgust. It landed in the low branches of a tree, and had to be retrieved by another boy.

Another unscrupulous lad secured a pal's glengarry and won for himself a place. Only when the plaintive comments of the rightful wearer were heard was the matter rectified.

The boy first home was disqualified—his collar was open. Another romped past the line, but he, too, was disqualified because a button was loose. Still another was banned for the lack of a sporran.

### Songs and Dances.

There was no hint of bashfulness. Between races the boys sang ditties, then a choir of seven gave a rendering of two Scots songs.

With a confidence born of repetition, eleven-year-old John Fulton recited, and James Jackson and W. Armstrong danced a fling, then a sword dance. J. Davidson, the School piper, accompanied then at the fling, but Pipe-Major Sutherland, late of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, revealed his art when he played for them at the sword dance.

It must not be imagined that the events of the day were confined to boys. The veterans were in high fettle, and a group looked forward to seeing Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., commandant of the Queen Victoria School.

One affable veteran last saw Colonel Innes during the war years, and was anxious to see him again. Later he, along with five others who served in the Black Watch, met Colonel Innes.

Though only one of them served with the Colonel, the Black Watch was their password, and "B.W." figured largely in their conversation.

Sergt. W. Langlands, Sergt. John Alexander, Sergt. D. Lindsay, and Privates J. Galloway, G. Kennedy, and J. Flannigan were the proud men.

Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Addison Smith, chairman of the council of the veterans' residence, who also holds office in the Queen Victoria School, welcomed the boys.

Captain W. Price, superintendent of Whiteford House, Edinburgh, and Major W. Dover, superintendent of Rosendael, made the arrangements for the visit.

## Guy Fawkes Day, 1934.

This historical day, when all schoolboys come into their own, opened with the usual excitement and enthusiasm. School activities were suspended after lunch to allow the boys to get everything ready for the fray. Assisted by the School Staff, the fire was stacked high and wide with timber, and immediately supper was finished, all rushed to their respective dormitories to form up in their respective processions led by jazz bands in carnival regalia. The "guys" seated on chairs were played on to the Square amidst great merriment and laughter, and then led down the field for execution. Amidst great

cheering the huge bonfire was set alight, and first one guy and then the others were consigned to the inferno to roaring choruses of "Guy! Guy! Guy!" The flare and screech of the rockets, the beautifully coloured lights of the fireworks, the dancing flames and the crackling of the logs added to the rollicking atmosphere of fun and merriment. The evening passed all too quickly, and with bands playing the boys retired to the dormitories to the tune of the song:—

"The bands did play,  
And we were gay,  
As our guys went on to the fire;  
Yes! we were so gay  
On this Guy Fawkes day  
As the flames grew higher and higher."  
W. D.

## Armistice Day.

At 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 11th November, the School paraded the "Square" to be marched down to Dunblane Cathedral for the Armistice service conducted by Dr. Cockburn. After the Cathedral service the School "fell in" by Companies, and preceded by the British Legion, the School Band "played" the procession to the Burgh War Memorial. Dr. Cockburn commenced the service by announcing that the people would sing the Second Paraphrase. A prayer was then said, followed by the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille. The effect of the posting of the buglers on the hillock behind the Cenotaph lent itself greatly and most impressively to a very dignified and beautiful service. The whole concourse came to attention whilst the pipers played "Scots Wha' Hae," accompanied by the drummers with muffled drums. The School then marched past with Sir Ian Hamilton taking the salute, to the strains of "Highland Laddie." Thus ended a very beautiful and deeply-touching ceremony.  
W. McW.

## Drum Notes.

Rum! Tum! Tum!  
Listen to the drum,  
Rum! Tum! Tum!

Hello, everybody, this is the drumstore calling. The R.S.M. has got new drumming tables with rubber pads to cut down the noise—(it's this new Silence Zone idea, I think). There is little to gossip about this term, there having been no engagements apart from the commemoration of Armistice Day at the Dunblane Cenotaph.

At the end of the term, however, we are booked for an engagement at the Waverley Market, Edinburgh. Christmas will see the departure of Robert Hunter, the leading stroke, G. Ferguson, W. Chandler, and W. Rennie, our prize big drummer. Well, everybody, my store of gossip is exhausted, so I'll close down, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!  
W. B.

## TACKETS FROM THE COBBLERS' SHOP.

We brothers of the "gentle craft" might be only six in number, but we are all veritable Firks and Hodges under our Simon Eyre, Mr Hutton.

Since the last issue of "The Victorian" we have lost Harry Bunch and Ian Sharp, both of whom have gone to civil life. However, we are expecting reinforcements to our happy band with  
W. B. McK.



## Our Visit to Sheriffmuir.

The raw atmosphere of St. Andrew's day did not damp our spirits for the walk we were about to take. When all preparations had been made, issuing sandwiches and such like, we started at about ten a.m.

We marched off by half companies, with half of a minute's interval. Our route lay on the road to Dunblane till we reached Newton Loan, which is on the outskirts of Dunblane. Turning up Newton Loan, we continued past two farms till we reached the terminus of the lane, which was at the second farm. A field had to be traversed before we reached the beginning of Sheriffmuir. Then we were following a footpath which skirted fir woods most of the way. Finally, after consulting a sign board, we proceeded to the Gathering Stones. These are several stones enclosed by an iron grid. They are surrounded by a ring of Scotch firs, which stand like sentinels guarding the stones.

When we had waited till all half companies had assembled, we had the history of the period related to us by C.S.M. McCubbin, which interested us greatly, regarding the battle of Sheriffmuir.

Queen Anne was a Stuart, and she had a brother James, but no children. When she died, her brother would normally have reigned, but an act of succession was petitioned. It stated that no Roman Catholic could reign over Britain, and James was a Roman Catholic.

On the death of Queen Anne, the Earl of Mar and a few supporters raised a rebellion to place James on the throne. He gathered the Highlanders at the Gathering Stones. The Duke of Argyll, who was a Royalist, heard of this, and marched to the Highlands via Perth. The two forces met at Sheriffmuir and fought. It was a drawn battle. Later the Highlanders gave up all hopes when James visited his English supporters, and he didn't visit them.

When we had heard this, we marched to Sheriffmuir Inn, where we had lunch. After lunch we stayed for an hour, but we were glad to be off again, because we felt the cold wind at that height. Continuing on the road to Dunblane we passed by the Macrae Memorial.

It is a cairn of stones, with an inscription in Gaelic and English on it. The Macrae Clan was said to be the bravest clan at the battle of Sheriffmuir. In memory of their loyalty and bravery, the Macrae Club erected the Memorial.

We passed by the new reservoir on our way home. At the opening of the reservoir three pipers played during the ceremony. On reaching the Perth Road it was nearly dark. When we reached the School it was about four-thirty p.m.

Our St. Andrew's day ended with an invigorating tea, for which we felt very grateful.

G. A. MACDONALD.

## PATCHES FROM THE TAILORS' SHOP.

Our happy little band is still as busy as ever, and our numbers have increased considerably this term. We are now twenty-three strong, although we are shortly to lose Norman Ryan, who goes to the Scots Guards, and Inglis, who is joining the Black Watch. They both go with our very best wishes, and we hope it won't be very long before they "come up and see us, sometime."

A. C. S.

## Rugby Notes, 1934-1935.

The first-half of the rugby fixtures have been concluded, and on the whole the performances of the School Fifteen have been extremely gratifying. In any defeats which have been sustained, the "Fifteen" have gone down with "colours flying." By assiduous training and repeated practice games, the players have learnt to concentrate on the technique and finer points of the game, and several members of the side, especially R. McKay and J. Ryan, show brilliant potentialities.



### Q.V. SCHOOL v. M'LAREN HIGH SCHOOL 1st XV. AT DUNBLANE.

The School triumphed in a well-contested struggle by 23 points to nil. Our pack was far too strong and virile for the opposition, whilst Ryan and M'Kay ran brilliantly.

### Q.V. SCHOOL v. ALLOA ACADEMY 2nd XV. AT ALLOA.

Again the excellent team work of our Fifteen outplayed the opposition who, however, were somewhat lacking in the physique of many of their players. Once again Ryan, M'Kay and Graham contributed to this handsome victory of 24 points to nil.

### Q.V. SCHOOL v. HUTCHESON'S ACADEMY 3rd XV.

This match at Glasgow proved easily the "bonniest struggle" of the season. In a glorious sea-saw game Hutcheson's lowered our colours by a last minute try and ran out winners by 4 points.

Result—Hutcheson's XV., 18; School XV., 14.

### Q.V. SCHOOL v. GLASGOW ACADEMY AT DUNBLANE.

The visitors proved too strong and fast for the home XV., who were gradually worn down and finally outpaced by the splendid team work of their opponents.

Result—Q.V. School, 5 points; Glasgow Academy, 25.

### Q.V. SCHOOL v. NEWSTEAD.

In this fixture at Doune, nothing would go right for the School, who had to admit overwhelming defeat by a side superior in every department. —

Result — Q.V. School, nil; Newstead, 51 points.

## Q.V. SCHOOL v. BELLAHOUSTON.

Our boys returned to winning vein at Glasgow and triumphed by 33 points to nil. Their last two defeats taught the School XV. many faults, which were excellently rectified against "Bella." "Tommy" Smith in his last School game had the satisfaction of scoring a splendid try.

## Q.V. SCHOOL v. MORRISON'S ACADEMY.

In a splendid struggle at Crieff, the home side triumphed by 15 points to 5. The speed of the home "threes" proved too much for our boys in the closing stages, though Ewen and Ryan strove manfully to stem the tide.

## Q.V. SCHOOL v. STIRLING HIGH SCHOOL.

In this game at Dunblane our boys proved too clever and strong for the visitors, and we ran out winners by 30 points to nil. McKay, Beaton, Ryan and Martell were outstanding in the School side.

D. K. B.

Hence of the nine fixtures concluded up-to-date the School have won four games and lost the remaining five. Next term we shall rather feel "the pinch" by the loss of Monitor Ryan and several of our pack. However there are some splendid youngsters coming along whom we hope will carry on the excellent standard of their predecessors.

## From the Order Board.

### Valete.

#### TO THE SERVICES.

The Cameron Highlanders—A. Queen.  
The Cameron Highlanders—J. McGregor.  
The Cameron Highlanders—I. Dunn.  
The Ordnance Survey—J. McFarlane.  
The Ordnance Survey—J. Wright.  
The Ordnance Survey—V. Rosie.  
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—J. L. Brown.  
The Black Watch—D. Craig.  
The King's Own Scottish Borderers—T. Smith.

TO THE SERVICES SINCE LEAVING THE SCHOOL.  
Cameron Highlanders—W. Watt.

#### TO CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

Edinburgh—W. Barron, G. Adamson.  
Dunblane—J. Forbes, H. Macdonald.  
London—A. Bunch.  
Perth—R. Saunders.  
St. Ninians—R. Finlay.  
Stirling—F. Aitken.  
Stratford-on-Avon—J. Sharp.  
Camelon—G. Morrison.  
Jamestown—W. McDermid.  
Montrose—R. Smith.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

To be Band Sergeant—D. Potter.  
To Monitor—R. Burke, M. Robinson.  
To Colour Corporal—D. Beaton, G. Hutchison.  
To Sergeant—T. Morgan, J. West, A. Graham.  
To Pipe-Major—P. Ewen.

## Old Victorian Association.

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

Subscription.—The Headquarters' Subscription is two shillings annually, which entitles the member to "The Victorian" 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 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 the Headquarters at Dunblane.

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 to 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, the year you left the School, and your address. If resident in the Edinburgh area, 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 Baldowie Road, Cardonald, Glasgow.

## Old Boy Visitors to the School.

Edwin D. Fraser, Inverness.  
Adam H. McDermid, Kitchener Barracks, Chatham.  
J. F. McCleod, 155 Houston Street, Glasgow, C.5.  
T. J. Brachan, 18 Clifton Gardens, Maida Vale, W.9.  
R. Reayhoff, 19 Elford Grove, Leeds.  
W. Moxey, Chester.  
R.Q.M.S. A. Binnie, Cameron Highlanders, Depot, Inverness.  
Piper J. McPherson, Cameron Highlanders, Depot.

Piper G. McCleod, Cameron Highlanders, Depôt.  
J. Beilby, 138 Pilton Avenue, Edinburgh.  
R. Scott, Stirling.  
G. Scott, Stirling.  
A. Centon, 36 Redenford Road, Glasgow.

### Notice.

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

2nd Bn. Scots Guards,  
Wellington Barracks,  
London, S.W.1,

27th October, 1934.

To The Editor,  
The Victorian.

Sir,

Herewith the news of the Old Boys of this Battalion.

Jimmie Robertson is first in the news. I have attached a list of his successes during his tour of the Highland Games. You will agree with me that he is still upholding his name as a champion. He informs me that he visited the School while in Scotland, and told me that the thing that impressed him most was the playing of the Brass Band. I hope Mr Lax will read this because he will probably remember that at the last A.G.M. all of us old boys who were there were of the same impression.

We have come into contact with a few of the old boys of the Camerons who were doing Royal duties during August—Sergeant Claugher and a few others.

Just lately we have had the Band and Pipes of the Argylls attached to us. They have been playing at the Ford Motor Show at the Albert Hall. My very old friend Bertie Sinclair was among them, and a rare old "chin wag" we had of those years a score ago.

Boy Officer isn't getting any taller or fatter, so I expect him to again become the "Grat Weight Champion of the Brigade of Guards."

Sergeant Anderson is leaving us in December to return to civilian life. He is going back to Edinburgh, so the old boys of 50 South Bridge Street will have a new member.

The "old man," Willie Burns, has had a spell in hospital with the tummy ache, and they have removed all his tusks, so he has to feed on "Sour dook and saps."

I hear that the School is losing Sergt.-Major Peter Scotland. What a parting it is going to be. So long, Peter! Best of luck from the boys of the 2nd Bn. Scots Guards. How many boys have learnt to love and admire their "father" in the old School—a few, I should imagine.

This is all my news. Remember that basket by your right foot. Hurl this poor scribe's "attempt" into it if you think fit.

THOMAS JAMES GUTHRIE, Sergt.,  
2nd Bn. Scots Guards.

### Old Boys.

Pipe-Major J. Robertson.  
Sergeant Guthrie.  
Sergeant Anderson.  
Piper Burns.  
Boy Officer.

## List of Successes,

OF

Pipe-Major J. ROBERTSON,  
2nd Bn. Scots Guards.

| Meeting.          | Pibroch. | Marches. | Strathspeys and Reels. |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| Bridge of Allan   | 4th      | 1st      | 2nd                    |
| Dornoch ... ..    | 2nd      | 2nd      | 1st                    |
| Strathpeffer ...  | 3rd      | 1st      | 1st                    |
| Inverary ... ..   | —        | 4th      | —                      |
| Lonach ... ..     | 4th      | 1st      | 3rd                    |
| Nairn... ..       | —        | 1st      | 2nd                    |
| Aberfeldy ... ..  | 1st      | —        | 1st                    |
| Strathardle... .. | —        | 1st      | 2nd                    |
| Cowal... ..       | 2nd      | —        | —                      |
| Gordon Castle ... | —        | 1st      | 1st                    |
| Lochaber ... ..   | 2nd      | 1st      | 3rd                    |
| Portree ... ..    | —        | 1st      | 2nd                    |
| Aboyne ... ..     | 4th      | 4th      | 3rd                    |
| Braemar... ..     | —        | 1st      | —                      |
| Pitlochry... ..   | 2nd      | 1st      | —                      |
| Invergordon ...   | 1st      | —        | —                      |
| Dundee ... ..     | 1st      | 2nd      | —                      |

17 firsts, 10 seconds, 4 thirds, 5 fourths.

Other successes—Gold Medal at Cowal, Gold Medal at Gordon Castle, Gold Medal at Dornoch, Kemble Star at Portree, Kincaig Cup at Invergordon.

The following is a list of the Old Boys in this Battalion:—L/Cpl. Allan, Pte. Blackie, Boy McNeill, Drm. Johnson, Piper Stevenson, Boy Dakers, P., Drm. Hesketh, Boy O'Neill, Boy Dakers, J., L/Cpl. Nealon.

Since the last issue of "The Victorian," R.A.M.S. "Dick" Pirie has left the Battalion for the Depôt at Glencorse, Sergeant "Peter" Taylor has been posted to our 2nd Battalion in Quetta, and the famous "Baggo" (Cpl. Price) has gone to civil life on completing his "pontoon." All three are very much missed here, and we wish them all the best in their new positions.

Drummer Hesketh has been posted to us from the 2nd Battalion, and Drummer Johnston from the Depôt. Since we last saw "Fyfe" he has seen service in Egypt, China and India. Since we last saw "Neeps" he has taken unto himself a wife!

Boy O'Neill reached the semi-finals of the Novices' Boxing (Light Weights), and in my opinion was unlucky to lose. That was no mean feat, for he had to fight against men. The Dakers have distinguished themselves in running and swimming, and each has two subjects of his 1st Class Certificate.

The Schools' reputation as a nursery of Rugger is being quite well kept, three of us being in the Battalion XV., and two boys, O'Neill and McNeill, play for "H.Q." Wing. These two play a very good game, but if 14 stone sits on 7 stone!?!? Once they have the weight I'm afraid it will be too easy for them, and judging from several glances at the boys' table in the dining-hall, it won't be long until they have it.

J. NEALON, L/Cpl.,  
1st Battalion The Royal Scots.

The Citadel,  
Dover, 11th November, 1934.



## "Per Mare; Per Terram."

An interrupted train journey and a visit of a few hours to the School have enabled an article about the Royal Marines to appear in "The Victorian" for the first time.

As far as I know there are only two old Victorians in the Royal Marines. I met the other at the Dépôt, R.M. Deal, but all he told me was the fact that he was an old Victorian. I cannot, therefore, write of the successes of Victorians in the R.M., so will have to write about the regiment itself.

### PRINCIPAL DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

1664—Formation of the Royal Marines, then called the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot. Known as the "Yellow Regiment," because they were formed from the trained bands of London, and adopted their yellow uniform.

1704—"Gibraltar," the principal battle honour and the only one carried on the colours. The Marines held the rock for two and a half years.

1755—Marines given the distinctive badge of the "Foul Anchor" to show that they are raised and paid by the Admiralty.

1761—The laurels on the regiment's badges were won at the capture of Belle Isle.

1802—The Marines received the title "Royal" in recognition of their loyalty during the mutinies at the Nore and Spithead.

1804—Formation of the Royal Marine Artillery.

1827—King George IV. presented new colours to the regiment. The regiment's most honoured badge, the "great globe itself," was presented to the regiment in lieu of battle honours which were so numerous that they could not be placed upon the colours. The "Globe" is a symbol of the very numerous and world-wide services of the Royal Marines. From this date onwards the monogram of King George IV. appeared on the "Foul Anchor" wherever it was shown, except on the King's Colour, where the monogram of the reigning monarch appears.

The date of the adoption of the motto "Per Mare; Per Terram" (by sea, by land) is uncertain.

### SOME R.M. BATTLE HONOURS.

1704, Gibraltar; 1761, Belle Isle; 1775, Bunker's Hill; 1797, St. Vincent; 1798, Battle of the Nile; 1801, Copenhagen; 1805, Trafalgar; 1854, Crimea; 1882, Egypt; 1897, Benin; 1899, South Africa; 1900, China; 1914-1918, France; 1914, Antwerp; 1915, Gallipoli; 1916, Jutland and Beaumont Hamel; 1917, Arras and Ypres; 1918, Cambrai.

### 1918—ZEEBRUGGE.

In memory of and as a tribute to the 4th Battalion R.M., who conducted this vital action, no other battalion in the regiment will ever be called the 4th Battalion.

This list, though very incomplete, is sufficient to show the significance of "The Globe."

1923—Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, which became separate regiments in 1804, united, and the regiment again became known as the Royal Marines.

### LORD ST. VINCENT'S TRIBUTE TO THE R.M.

"I have never known an appeal made to them for honour, courage, or loyalty than they have not more than realised my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England they will be found the country's sheet anchor."

### THE PHRASE, "TELL IT TO THE MARINES."

This well known expression does not mean that the Marines are such gullible fools that they will believe anything. It means that if the yarn is believed by a Marine, whose world-wide services bring him valuable experiences, then that yarn is true. Yarns are "told to the Marines" to test their truth.

A Marine is defined as a soldier trained to serve on board H.M. ships, and consequently a Marine has a long period of training, including all military training and his duties afloat as well.

The dépôt training extends over a period of ten months. The Royal Marine Dépôt is in Deal, a rather quiet but pleasant seaside resort, seven miles from Dover, which enjoys the best summer and autumn weather in Britain. On arriving at the dépôt a recruit first passes the doctor, and then while doing elementary drill, he lives in a barrack room known as the receiving room, and on successive days gradually accumulates his kit. After about a fortnight he transfers to the room in which he will remain whilst at the dépôt. The first fortnight's drill is carried out on a small parade ground, and then the squad goes on to the large parade ground—the "holy ground" of the dépôt. A squad consists of about forty recruits. A new squad is formed every month, and a squad leaves the dépôt every month.

The Royal Marines are firmly convinced amongst themselves that they are the world's most efficient and smartest regiment, and indeed the standard set by the senior squads bears out that conviction. It is said that the marines work on "regimental spirit." Personally, I have been afforded great pleasure by the splendid esprit de corps of the regiment and also by the general gentlemanliness of the members of it. Recruits have to work very hard to attain the standard of discipline and drill which, at the Royal Military Tournament this year amazed all who saw it, including the Guards. A recruit's training leaves him little time to himself, and the regiment demands a great deal from him, but he becomes so self-reliant, alert, and fit, and so proud of his regiment, that he leads a happy life, and willingly gives of his best.

The Royal Marines stress the importance of esprit de corps and individual efficiency. There are many facilities for sport, but I must say that a recruit must be a fast worker to do all his necessary "cleaning up" and avail himself of opportunities for sport as well. The dépôt is well provided with reading, recreation, and billiard rooms as well as the usual N.A.A.F.I. establishments. The messing is of a remark-

ably high standard, and the barrack rooms large, airy, and comfortable. A recruit's efficiency and cleanliness in his company are just as important as his other work.

A recruit's first eighteen weeks of training consist of drill, the next two of boatwork, the next four of rifle shooting, and the next two of Lewis Gun. This is followed by three weeks' drill, a month's field training, two weeks' "revisions" (of all drill), and then two weeks as "King's Squad." Each squad of recruits, as it becomes the senior one, is known as the King's Squad by command of H.M. the King (Colonel-in-Chief, R.M.) after inspecting the depôt on March 7th, 1918. The best all-round recruit in each King's Squad is awarded the King's Badge (the royal monogram surrounded by a wreath of laurels) and wears it throughout his career. Royal Marines are smartest at their King's Squad stage, but they are by no means trained Marines when they have done ten months at the depôt, six months' gunnery at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, and two and a half years at sea.

The writer hopes that before long it will be possible to record the careers of other Victorians in this regiment, which, despite its great reputation, seems to have escaped the notice of those who intend to serve in His Majesty's Forces. Conditions of service may be stated as under:—

(a) Advantages:—

- (1) A varied and interesting career.
- (2) A higher rate of pay than other branches of the services.
- (3) A higher standard of living than in the other services.
- (4) Your training, also very varied, makes you an efficient, fit, dependable, and sociable man.

(b) Disadvantages:—

- (1) No short service. One must serve for twelve years.
- (2) One cannot transfer from the R.M. except to the Royal Navy.
- (3) One is away from home for long periods.
- (4) The long, varied training, and varied career make it hard for a man to be efficient. There is such a lot to remember.

Anyone who wishes a service career would be well-advised to join the Royal Marines. They are at present 4000 below strength, require 60 recruits a month, and are having difficulty in recruiting thirty. From my own experience, I can assure anyone who joins the Royal Marines that they will never regret their choice.

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