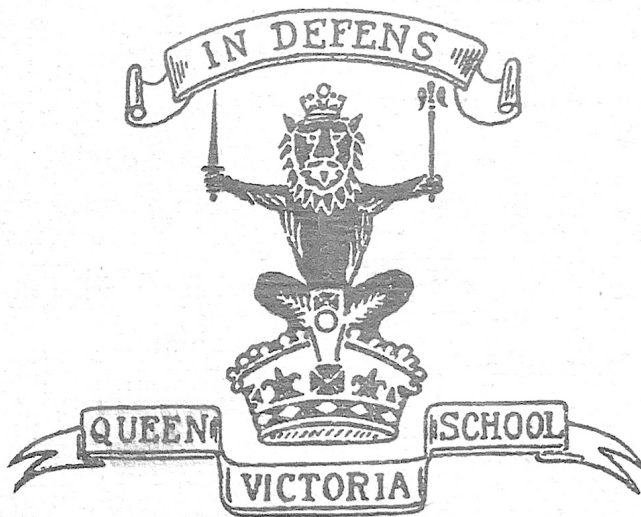


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Editorial.

THE upheaval in teaching staff (foreshadowed in our last issue) caused 1937 to make a bad beginning. Five masters of the eight on establishment had left by January, and it took the whole of the term to replace them. Thus we start here by welcoming Warrant Officers R. V. Bissett and W. P. Benstead, Sgts. D. J. Cadman, B.Sc.(Econ.) and A. D. Pelosi. We wish the first three a long and happy stay among us. We cannot wish the same for Sgt. Pelosi, because he has just had time to settle down when the news comes that he is due for a tour of India, and will leave us during the winter. Sgt. Smith is also on this season's trooper, while Sgt. Pole, the longest here, is on the waiting list.

Another welcome, on the other side of the school, is to C.S.M. C. Martin, who has taken over "C" Coy., from R.S.M. Watson. He has the distinction of being the first Old Victorian on the permanent staff, so "C" Coy. will have to think of some "new ones" if they are going to get past him.

A slight outbreak of romance has become evident in various branches of the school staff. So far everything is kept under control, except for Mr. Diamond and Mr. McGillivray, pioneers of "B" and "A" Coys. respectively, to whose marriages we wish every happiness and prosperity. Other doings, rumoured and prophesied, will be duly noted when and if they reach their respective climaxes.

Except for the Coronation, dealt with elsewhere, the period has been uneventful. The visit of Their Majesties to Scotland was rather marred by the weather and, in our opinion, the fact that the Q.V.S. took no part in the various ceremonies and festivities. Our Commandant and Mrs. Innes had the honour of being presented to Their Majesties at Holyroodhouse Garden Party, and we believe from hints dropped that at some future date the school will be honoured by a Royal visit.

Attention is directed to the list of visitors this term where the name of our new General Officer Commanding in Chief is shown as paying his first visit. On that occasion he presented Coronation medals to R.Q.M.S. J. Milne and W.O. Cl.I. W. J. McGregor, A.E.C., and made general acquaintance with the school. We hope he obtained a good impression of us from his informal visit, but hope that the weather on Grand Day this year will not play the scurvy trick of 1936, so that he can see the school really doing its stuff.

A general trap for visitors to the school these days is the railway room. C.S.M. Gutteridge, after dazing the visitors with intricate shunting of goods and passenger traffic, allows them a pleasing relapse to childhood by amusing themselves in staging innocuous railway smashes. He then gently leads them over to the results of his canework class, and so far only the super Aberdonians have managed to leave with their "siller" intact. It is quite a lucrative trade when the salesmanship is of such high standard.

As these notes are being penned, the urgent sounds of "Grand Day" practices fill the echoing corridors (do they echo?) and "Camp-town Races" take our mind on recurrent themes, so that the only editorial quotation we can muster is

Dooda! Dooda! Day!

Yes, Grand Day and then the holidays. We wish everyone, boys and Staff, good weather, lazy days and good spending. Then for the new School Year.

"The Victorian."

The Editor acknowledges, with thanks, subscriptions to "The Victorian."

To those who are not already regular subscribers the following information might, perhaps, not be out of place.

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The Editor will be much indebted to all readers of "The Victorian" if they will kindly assist him in his efforts to make the magazine of more general interest, especially to the boys who are still resident in the school.

Articles, serious or of a light nature, original or otherwise, snapshots, etc., which are considered might be of general interest, will be most gratefully received.

And now, Old Boys, has the appeal made to you just a year ago for more contributions fallen upon "stony ground?" Judging by this issue such would appear to be the case. Never let it be thought that you have forgotten your Alma Mater and all she has done for you.

Finally, without the support of all Scottish Units this magazine must be run at a loss.

Visitors to the School since the Last Issue of "The Victorian."

Lt.-Col. B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Comdg. 1st Bn. the K.O.S. Borderers, and Mrs Lake.
Major D. F. Campbell, M.C., Comdg. the Depot, the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), and Mrs Campbell.
Mr and Mrs J. H. Law.
Mr and Mrs Windle.
Mr and Mrs F. Read, late the Black Watch.
Mr C. F. Drummond Hay, late the Black Watch.
Mr G. N. Cook, late the Black Watch.
Lt.-Gen. Sir J. C. Grant, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., C. in C. Scottish Command, Governor of Edinburgh Castle.
Captain W. L. Steele, Coldstream Guards, A.D.C.
Colonel R. Manton King, A.D.D.S., Scottish Command.
Major G. Park, Army Dental Corps.
Major and Mrs E. Sandars.
Mr and Mrs J. M. Churchill, 305th Cavalry Reserve, U.S.A.
Colonel Sir G. M. H. Stirling, Bt., C.B.E., D.S.O., of Glorat, Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire, and Lady Stirling.
Major F. M. Richardson, R.A.M.C.
Capt. B. Innes of Ochertyre, Adj. 6/7th The Black Watch.
Lt.-Col. J. Dundas, D.S.O.
Miss Chilton Baker.
Mr F. P. Coe, E. and A.D. the War Office.
Mr B. Farr. Do.
Major D. J. McDougall, M.C., Comdg. the Depot, the Royal Scots.

Gifts to the School.

Grant from Army Council from profits of Royal Tournament, 1936	£98	0	0
Mrs Crookston	0	10	0
Brig.-General E. Craig-Brown, D.S.O.	1	1	0
Scottish Union Jack Club Association	20	0	0
Mrs Blair	0	2	6
J. H. M. Clark, Esq.	2	0	0
R. W. Stevenson, Esq.	1	0	0
Earl Haig Fund	200	0	0
Colonel A. A. C. McNeill, K.H.S., I.M.S.	2	2	0
Mann, Jodd, Gordon & Co.	1	1	0
The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)	25	0	0
Melville Gray, Esq.	4	0	0
Caledonian Society of Johannesburg	50	0	0
John Paterson, Esq.	1	1	0
Colonel Alan Stein	2	0	0
Alice, Lady Stratheden and Campbell	1	1	0
Mrs Tom Jotter, jun.	0	2	6
Lady Mackie	2	0	0
John A. MacTaggart, Esq.	1	0	0
Miss E. M. Findlay	3	3	0
Messrs Wm. Anderson & Sons, Ltd.	1	1	0
Lady Stormonth Darling	1	0	0
D. A. Small, Esq.	1	1	0
A. S. L. Young, Esq.	2	0	0
Messrs McClland Kerr & Co.	1	1	0
Rupert Smith, Esq.	1	7	6
Geo. Sheriff, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs Boyd	3	0	0
The Federated Caledonian Society of South Africa	30	0	0

J. Edward Touche, Esq.	1	0	0
The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment), 2nd Battn.	3	3	0
Lt.-Colonel P. H. Gardner, M.C., V.D. for Lanark and Renfrew Scottish Regiment, Canada	1	0	0
E. A. Radford, Esq., M.P.	1	1	0
William Barrie, Esq.	1	0	0
Lady Moncreiffe	2	2	0
J. Monteath, Esq.	1	1	0
Lady Purvis-Russell-Montgomery	1	1	0
St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Morning Sunday School	0	16	0
Trustees of the late Miss M. S. Ainslie, per Sir John Lorne Macleod, G.B.E., LL.D.	1000	0	0
Lt.-Colonel J. H. Loder, M.C.	5	0	0
Captain J. McKerrell-Brown	1	1	0
1st and 2nd Battn. Charitable Fund, The Seaforth Highlanders, per Lt.-Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E.	3	3	0
Captain C. F. Neish	1	0	0
W. G. Burn-Murdoch, Esq.	1	0	0
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Colonel Euing Crawford	1	1	0
Colonel Lord Rollo	2	0	0
Mrs Donald	5	0	0

Our Contemporaries.

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the following:—

"The Chronicle" (Duke of York's Royal Military School).
"The Household Brigade Magazine."
"The Sapper" (Royal Engineers).
"The Wire" (Royal Corps of Signals).
"The Thistle" (The Royal Scots, The Royal Regiment).
"The Journal of The Royal Scots Fusiliers."
"The Borderers Chronicle" (King's Own Scottish Borderers).
"The Covenanter" (The Cameronians, Scottish Rifles).
"The Red Hackle" (The Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment).
"The H.L.I. Chronicle" (Highland Light Infantry).
"Cabair Feidh" (The Seaforth Highlanders).
"The Tiger and Sphinx" (The Gordon Highlanders).
"The 79th News" (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders).
"The Thin Red Line" (2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).
"Links" (A.V.T.C., Aldershot).

Citizenship.

The Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize Essay,
1937,

By Senior Monitor Macdonald H. Robinson.

The history of citizenship dates back as far as the great Roman Empire. The Romans had to prove themselves honest, loyal and trustworthy before they were made citizens. It was an honour which could be granted to them or taken away from them. We British subjects need not compete for that honour. We inherit it by right at our birth.

We might wonder why we do not have to prove ourselves capable as the Romans did. Well, citizenship means the training of integrity in the individual. The best time to train any type of animal is when it is young. Similarly the best time to train our subjects is when they are young. Hence it becomes the parents' duty to train their children to take their places in our civilised community.

The home is the unit of a civilised country. If the homes are civilised, or "citizenised," then a whole number of homes make a civilised city. And a number of cities make a country. The mothers should set the children good examples, for children are instinctive imitators. The difference can be seen between the trained and untrained children in the different parts of a town. The better-class parts of a town are always clean and tidy, showing that true citizens live there. But in the slums it can be proved by the litter, the chalk marks on the walls, and the untidy appearance of the people that there is little citizenship there. From these external signs we can see the character of the individual living in that place.

The school is the melting pot. At home the children are made to copy. The same happens in the school, but, besides being under the direction of their teachers, children learn by the example of the senior or elder pupils.

Every example is taken from the true individual. If you walk beside a cheery fellow, you become cheery also. A low-minded and dishonest person cannot show a good example, for inwardly his character is false and untrustworthy. Christ, although one of the greatest failures the temporal world of His time knew, has become the greatest name in history. By His self-sacrifice for His fellow-men, Christ gained a great spiritual victory. As Jesus' self-sacrifice had its reward, so will everyone's self-sacrifice have its proportion of reward. The Roman army failed because it had not faith in the aristocracy. An army cannot fail if it has faith in its leaders, nor can a pupil fail if he has faith in his master. It is therefore natural that when a tradition of high quality is followed you have a good school.

Business is like another school. Whatever his work a person must put his whole heart into it. He must retain the things that he knows to be true. Once he has a reputation for integrity, a man will get a job in which he is the supervisor. Rome fell because the word of the Patrician, instead of being respected, became treated with mockery.

The State is just one big family. And some

day citizens will not only be members of cities, but a people of the whole world. Sport, mostly British games, have become international, and have helped to combine all countries in one. Why do we not have international citizenship? This will be the case some day, but not until we are rid of all national clashes.

Regimental Prizes.

- 1620, C/Cpl. West, G., "A" Coy, Scots Guards.
1555, Cpl. Myles, J., "A" Coy., Royal Scots.
1618, Boy Foster, J., "A" Coy., Royal Scots.
1556, L/Cpl. Coid, W., "A" Coy., Royal Scots Fusiliers.
1507, P-Major Marr, A., "D" Coy., K.O.S. Borderers.
1602, Boy Nelson, J., "A" Coy., Cameronians.
1587, Cpl. Lawrence, J., "C" Coy., Black Watch (Wauchope Prize).
1557, Cpl. Shields, D., "C" Coy, Black Watch.
1655, Boy Dunnigan, N., "D" Coy., Black Watch.
1592, Sgt. Robertson, C., "A" Coy., Highland Light Infantry.
1598, B-Sgt. Love, T., "C" Coy., Seaforth Highlanders.
1583, C-Cpl. McNicol, O., "A" Coy., Seaforth Highlanders.
1611, L-C. Reith, W., "C" Coy., Gordon Highlanders.
1516, Sgt. Sandilands, A., "B" Coy., Cameron Highlanders.
1547, D-Major Lloyd, W., "B" Coy., Cameron Highlanders.
1550, Sgt. Burley, J., "D" Coy., A. & S. Highlanders.
1596, Boy Stevenson, I., "C" Coy., A. & S. Highlanders.

Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.

The duties of bugling and drumming instructor have been taken over by C.S.M. Martin, late of the A. & S. Highlanders, now in charge of "C" Company. While we all are sorry to lose Sergeant-Major Watson—who took up where Sergeant-Major Scotland left off—we give C.S.M. Martin a very cordial welcome, more especially as he is an Old Boy of the School.

Despite the unfavourable weather in the spring months and an outbreak of chickenpox after the Easter leave, all our boys have been sticking in hard, and we are glad to say that a very high standard has been reached during the term. The Band has not made quite so many appearances in public, but, as formerly, the boys have acquitted themselves in a manner reflecting credit to the School. The following is a quotation from one of our leading Scottish newspapers: "But the limelight was, as usual, somewhat stolen by the Boys of the Queen Victoria School from Dunblane. Their Pipe Band drew the sightseers from all parts of the showground, and they were given a most enthusiastic reception. Amateur photographers went to great pains to get snaps of the Band, and in particular of the Drum Major, who would have put to shame many older men."

This year the boys have, in addition to playing at the Rugby International between Scotland and England, paid visits to the Dunblane Hydro, Dollar Academy for Sports Day, Grangemouth for the Children's Gala, Newington House, Edinburgh, the Highland and Agricultural Show at Alloa for three days, and Dunblane for Coronation festivities.

On Friday, 4th June, the annual competitions took place. For many weeks beforehand a number of boys could be seen and heard practising in their spare time. Prior to this also, the minor preliminary competitions for qualification purposes were held. The following are the prize-winners in the finals:—

DRUMMING (SIDE DRUM).

Seniors:—1, Drum-Major W. Lloyd, "B" Co.; 2, A. McLachlan, "C" Co.; 3, A. Lyon, "D" Co.

Juniors:—1, J. Lawrence, "C" Co.; 2, J. Kay, "C" Co.; 3, L. West, "C" Co.

BUGLING.

Seniors:—1, Drum-Major W. Lloyd, "B" Co.; 2, A. Lyon, "D" Co.; 3, A. McLachlan, "C" Co.

Juniors:—1, W. Richardson, "C" Co.; 2, D. McCartney, "C" Co.; 3, P. Dick, "C" Co.

HIGHLAND DANCING.

(Class A.)

Highland Fling—1, G. Thomson, "A" Co.; 2, A. Audsley, "C" Co.; 3, G. Welsh, "D" Co.

Swords—1, G. Welsh, "D" Co.; 2, A. Audsley, "C" Co.; 3, R. Dunn, "D" Co.

Sean Trubhais—1, G. Welsh, "D" Co.; 2, A. Audsley, "C" Co.; 3, A. Sandilands, "B" Co.

(Class B.)

Highland Fling:—1, G. Thomson, "A" Co.; 2, A. Audsley, "C" Co.; 3, W. Coid, "A" Co.

Swords:—1, G. Thomson, "A" Co.; 2, A. Audsley, "C" Co.; 3, T. Morrison, "A" Co.

PIPING.

(Class A.)

Slow Marches:—1, A. Sandilands, "B" Co.; 2, T. Morrison, "A" Co.; 3, G. Queen, "B" Co.; 4, J. Burley, "D" Co.

Marches:—1, A. Sandilands, "B" Co.; 2, T. Morrison, "A" Co.; 3, W. Coid, "A" Co.; 4, A. McDiarmid, "D" Co.

Strathspeys and Reels:—1, R. Ross, "C" Co.; 2, A. McDiarmid, "D" Co.; 3, A. Sandilands, "B" Co.

(Class B.)

Slow Marches:—1, J. Nelson, "A" Co.; 2, A. McDiarmid, "D" Co.; 3, A. Garvie, "A" Co.

Marches:—1, A. McDiarmid, "D" Co.; 2, J. Nelson, "A" Co.; 3, R. Dunn, "D" Co.

COMPANY REELS.

"A" Company annexed the Challenge Shield in the Inter-Company Competition. The victory was well deserved. The placing were as follows: 1, "A" Co., 42 points; 2, "D" Co., 37½ points; 3, "B" Co., 36½ points; 4, "C" Co., 34 points.

The judging of the piping and dancing competitions were in the capable hands of Major

Richardson of the R.A.M.C., and Captain Innes of the Black Watch. Drum-Major May of the Gordon Highlanders undertook the duties of judge in the drumming and bugling competitions.

We all appreciated the kindly help and encouragement given by these judges, and will try to remember the hints given for future occasions.

Thank you very much, everybody. PIPE PRES.

Inter-School Challenge Cup.

The five athletic events in connection with the annual Inter-Schools Competition between the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, and the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, were decided at Dunblane on Thursday, 8th July, 1937.

As will be seen from the following results we have, for one more year, to acknowledge the superiority of our sister school at Dover in each event contested.

Well done, The Dukies. Heartiest congratulations. Our thanks are due Captain R. E. Young, of Glasgow, and Mr J. W. Barty, of Dunblane, who very kindly officiated as neutral referees on this occasion.

D.Y.R.M. School.	Q.V. School.
Long Jump—	
1, 16ft. 5ins.	16ft. 10½ins.
2, 15ft. 7½ins.	15ft. 5½ins.
3, 15ft. 7ins.	12ft. 7ins.
47ft. 7½ins.	44ft. 11ins.
High Jump—	
1, 4ft. 8ins.	4ft. 4½ins.
2, 4ft. 7ins.	4ft. 4½ins.
3, 4ft. 5ins.	4ft. 2ins.
13ft. 8ins.	12ft. 11ins.
Throwing Cricket Ball	
1, 218ft.	201ft. 3ins.
2, 212ft. 10ins.	197ft. 5½ins.
3, 192ft. 2½ins.	173ft. 2ins.
623ft. ½ins.	571ft. 10½ins.

440 Yards Relay—

Time, 55 seconds. Time, 57 1/5th seconds
880 yards Relay—
Time, 1 min. 50 secs. Time, 1min. 57 1/5thsecs.

Promotions and Appointments.

The following Promotions and Appointments have been made since January, 1937:—

"A" Company.	
To be:—	
Sergeant	P. Robertson.
"	J. Mooney.
Corporal	J. Fulton
"	C. Robertson.
"	T. Morrison.
L/Corpl.	J. Myles.
"	W. Coid.
"	D. Campbell.
Sergeant	G. Thomson.
"	C. Robertson.
C/Corpl.	O. McNicol.
Corporal	J. Myles.
L/Corpl.	W. Galloway.

" B " Company.

Sergeant A. Sandilands.
 Pipe-Major A. Sandilands.
 C/Corpl. G. Queen.
 Corporal H. McLeod.
 " H. Martin.
 L/Corpl. A. Easton.
 " W. Murray.

" C " Company.

Sergeant H. Reid.
 C/Corpl. G. West.
 Corporal R. Ross.
 " D. Shields.
 " J. Lawrence.
 L/Corpl. T. Meechan.
 " W. Reith.
 " J. Maxwell.
 A/Monitor E. Monaghan
 Sergeant T. Love
 (and appointed Band Sergeant).
 " D " Company.

Sergeant J. Burley.
 C/Corpl. J. Rigg.
 Corporal C. Hamilton.
 " A. Lyon.
 " P. Gilliland.
 " T. Love.
 L/Corpl. J. Plummer.
 " J. McCallum.
 " G. Welsh.
 Monitor C. Hamilton.
 Corporal J. Plummer.
 " J. McCallum.
 L/Corpl. D. Inglis.
 " J. Murdoch.

Cricket.

School XI.

Once again various factors interfered seriously with the fixture list. Of the five fixtures completed the School XI. won only one. The work in progress for improving the playing field necessitated playing home fixtures on the rugby ground, with the result that batsmen were often confronted with unexpected googlies.

At the beginning of the season we found as usual that we had very few of last year's team with us. To make matters worse, the departure of R. Finnie, our fast bowler, created a gap which could not be filled.

On the whole, the fielding was an improvement on that seen last year, but the batting was deplorably weak. Robinson, Lloyd and Mooney were handicapped by the knowledge that they were followed by a very definite tail, and in the circumstances did extremely well.

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Average.
Robinson	5	1	72	18
Mooney	4	0	43	10.75
Lloyd	4	0	35	8.75

Bowling Averages.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Robinson	47.4	137	8	17.1
Mooney	27	97	5	18.4
Lloyd	10	37	2	18.5

Boxing Competition.

The annual Boxing Competition was held on 24th March, 1937. The judges were:—Referee, Colonel A. Stirling of Garden; Judges—Captain R. G. A. Murphy, The Gordon Highlanders; Lieut. K. B. L. Davidson, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

" D " Company won the Boxing Cup for the year. The following were the points gained by each Company:—" D," 87; " A," 81; " C," 66; " B," 63.

The individual winners were:—

Class 1—F. Gibson, " A," beat I. Duncan, " C " (60-65lbs.).
 Class 2—R. Denholm, " B," beat J. McDonald, " B " (66-70lbs.).
 Class 3—G. Thomson, " A," beat J. Tollerton, " C " (71-75lbs.).
 Class 4—J. McGoochan, " D," beat W. Davidson, " B " (76-80lbs.).
 Class 5—A. Lyon, " D," beat C. Robertson, " A " (81-85lbs.).
 Class 6—J. Lawrence, " C," beat J. Georgeson, " D " (86-90lbs.).
 Class 7—A. Sandilands, " B," beat J. Plummer, " D " (91-95lbs.).
 Class 8—W. Coid, " A," beat H. Reid, " C," (96-100lbs.).
 Class over 100 lbs.—J. Mooney, " A," beat J. Rigg, " D."
 Class under 60 lbs.—I. Tollerton, " C," beat J. Galloway, " A."

Best loser in the competition—D. McIntosh, " B " Company.

Note.—28 Boys from each Company entered for this competition (114 entries).

Company Championship Shield.

1,	" A " Company		1698½ points.
2,	" D " Company		1671 "
3,	" C " Company		1612½ "
4,	" B " Company		1573 "

The Perthshire Musical Festival, 1937.

Queen Victoria School has every reason to be proud of the successes gained in past years at the Perthshire Musical Festival. This year's entrants maintained the standard set by their predecessors.

The teams of dancers, a percussion band, a vocal choir, and two elocution and verse speaking choirs were entered in their several classes, and all had the honour of being complimented on their performances by the various adjudicators. Awards of Merit subsequently received from the Festival Committee confirmed the excellence of the performances.

The satisfaction felt by the School can best be estimated when it is realised that no boy represented the School in more than one event. Thus some seventy boys, one-third of the total in the School, played some part in the achievement.

Queen Victoria School Sports.

Keenly Contested Events.

The annual sports of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, were held in the Recreation Field of the School on Saturday afternoon in presence of a fair attendance of spectators—the showery weather keeping many of the usual patrons from being present. All the items on the programme, however, were carried through, with the exception of the hurdles relay race, which was eventually won by "C" Coy. The various events were keenly contested, and were run off with smoothness and expedition, reflecting much credit on the staff, whose organisation was as usual well-nigh perfect.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant, paid tribute to those who had prepared the field and had it in such fine order. Thereafter, Mrs Innes, wife of the Commandant, gracefully handed over the prizes and trophies to the winners, and at the close received three ringing cheers for her services.

The following were the prize-winners:—

Long Jump (seniors) — 1, W. Lloyd; 2, D. Inglis; 3, W. Reith. (Length, 16ft. 5ins.). Junior "A" — 1, A. Sturrock; 2, A. McDermid; 3, W. Clark. (Length, 12ft. 8½ins.).

Throwing the cricket ball (seniors) — 1, W. Lloyd; 2, W. Reith; 3, F. Love. (Length, 214ft. 6ins.). Junior "A" — 1, J. Murdoch; 2, E. Hayward; 3, A. M'Diarmid. (Length, 163ft. 3ins.).

Relay race — Junior "A" — 1, "D" Company. Seniors — 1, "C" Company. Junior "B" — 1, "D" Company.

Alarm race — Seniors — 1, A. Garvie; 2, J. McRae; 3, J. Beveridge.

High jump — Junior "A" — 1 (equal), E. McKay and A. Dunn. (Height, 3ft. 9ins.). Junior "B" — 1, A. Dick; 2, A. Robertson; 3, E. Bulmer. (Height, 3ft. 7ins.). Seniors — 1, W. Lloyd; 2, E. Monaghan; 3 (equal), W. Coid and W. Reith. (Height, 4ft. 6ins.).

440 yards race — Seniors — 1, W. Reith; 2, W. Lloyd; 3, A. Coid. (Time, 67 4/5ths secs.).

220 yards race — Junior "A" — 1, A. Dunn; 2, E. Hayward; 3, A. McKell.

100 yards race — Junior "A" — 1, A. Dunn; 2, A. Sturrock; 3, E. Hayward. (Time, 13 3/5ths secs.). Junior "B" — 1, G. White; 2, J. Haughey; 3 (equal), E. Mullen and D. Hume. Seniors — 1, W. Reith; 2, W. Lloyd; 3, D. Inglis. (Time, 13 seconds).

Mystery race — "B" Company — Miss Bell, C.S.M. Gutteridge, Sergt.-Inst. W. Smith. Sack race — Junior "B" — 1, T. Dunnigan; 2, W. Alexander; 3, A. Noble.

Obstacle race — Junior "A" — 1, A. Tweedie; 2, A. R. Dunn; 3, W. Davidson. Junior "B" — 1, A. Robertson; 2, J. Hall; 3, D. Lannon. Seniors — 1, J. Tollerton; 2, W. Coid; 3, J. Lawrence.

Staff race — 1, C.S.M. Maxwell; 2, R.Q.M.S. Milne; 3, Mr R. McRobbie. Staff children's race — girls — 1, Janet Pirie; 2, Mary Plummer; 3, Dorothy Pirie. Boys — G. Maxwell.

Maids' race — 1, Miss H. M'Grandles; 2, Miss M. McGrandles; 3, Miss Isa Brannon.

Ladies' race — 1, Mrs McAvoy; 2, Miss Monaghan; 3, Miss Shields.

Victor Ludorum — W. Lloyd, "B" Coy., 13 points; runner-up, W. Reith, "C" Coy., 9½ points.

"Dandy Ninth" Cup — "C" Coy., 32 points. Relay Cup — "C" Coy., 9 points; "D" Coy., 9 points.

Inter-Company Leagues.

RUGBY.

Inter-Company League—Won by A Company.

Coy.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Place.
A.	6	6	—	—	12	—
B.	6	—	6	—	0	4
C.	6	3	3	—	6	2
D.	6	3	3	—	6	2

School XV.

Matches played, 10; won 5, lost 5, points for 118, points against 117.

Two matches will always live in our memories. The first was against Bellahouston Academy, when the ground was nothing but a sheet of slush. There was a chilly wind blowing, and the rain came down in torrents. In many places there were pools of ice-cold water. The players will remember that "Rugger can be played in any weather," but they will remember also, with much satisfaction, that at no future date can they encounter worse conditions.

The other match worthy of note was against Newstead. In this game we were up against a very much older and heavier team. Our team, down to the youngest player, played like tigers, and kept our opponents out by sheer grit and determination.

Our forwards, this season, seldom worked as a pack, but their failure in this respect was compensated by their doggedness and quickness on the ball. The three-quarters worked as a quartette, and have been mainly responsible for our successes.

Rugger in the School as a whole has registered some improvement, but more enthusiasm is still required. It is hoped that next season will see the School XV. concentrating on the finer points of the game.

M. H. R.

ASSOCIATION.

Inter-Company League—Won by D Company.

Division I.

Coy.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Place.
A.	6	3	2	1	7	2
B.	6	1	5	0	2	4
C.	6	4	1	1	9	1
D.	6	3	3	0	6	3

Division 2.

A.	6	2	4	0	4	3
B.	6	1	5	0	2	4
C.	6	3	3	0	6	2
D.	6	6	0	0	12	1

Division 3.

A.	6	4	2	0	8	2
B.	6	1	5	0	2	4
C.	6	2	3	1	5	3
D.	6	4	1	1	9	1

Total Points—A 19, B 6, C 20, D 27.

HOCKEY.

Inter-Company League—Won by B Company.
Coy. Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. Points. Place.

A.	3	2	1	—	4	2
B.	3	3	—	—	6	1
C.	3	1	2	—	2	3
D.	3	0	3	—	0	4

CRICKET.

Inter-Company League — Won by B Company
and D Company—tie.

Division 1.

Coy.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Place.
A.	6	4	1	1	9	2
B.	6	5	1	—	10	1
C.	6	1	5	—	2	4
D.	6	1	4	1	3	3

Division 2.

A.	6	1	4	1	3	4
B.	6	3	2	1	7	2
C.	6	2	4	—	4	3
D.	6	5	1	—	10	1

Division 3.

A.	6	2	4	—	4	2
B.	6	2	4	—	4	2
C.	6	4	2	—	8	1
D.	6	4	2	—	8	1

Total Points—A 16; B 21; C 14; D 21.

Inter-Company Shooting Competition, 1937.

The Inter-Company Shooting Competition was held on Saturday, 17th July, 1937, and resulted as follows:—

No. 1 Target.

Grouping. Application. Score.

O. McNicol ...	20	16	36
G. Thomson...	10	16	26
J. Myles...	10	17	27
D. Campbell...	20	15	35
E. McKay ...	15	16	31
A. Sturrock ...	20	18	38
	95	98	193

No. 2 Target.

Grouping. Application. Score.

E. Monaghan ...	20	16	36
W. Reith...	15	19	34
A. McLachlan ...	10	12	22
G. West ...	25	15	40
W. Neill ...	w.o.	15	15
J. Tollerton...	10	13	23
	80	90	170

No. 3 Target.

Grouping. Application. Score.

W. Lloyd...	15	19	34
H. Gilchrist ...	20	15	35
W. Davidson ...	w.o.	16	16
W. Hall ...	w.o.	9	9
McLeod ...	w.o.	13	13
R. Denholm ...	w.o.	12	12
	35	84	119

No. 4 Target.

Grouping. Application. Score.

J. Burley...	15	15	30
A. Lyon ...	15	12	27
J. Plummer ...	15	14	29
J. Murdoch ...	20	15	35
J. Georgeson ...	10	15	25
J. Richardson ...	15	14	29
	90	85	175

Points:—A Coy., 193, 1st; D Coy., 175, 2nd;
C Coy., 170, 3rd; B Coy., 119, 4th.
Best Shot, G. West, C Coy., 40.
(Possible 45).

Drill Competition.

The annual Drill Competition was held on Friday, 9th July, 1937. Major D. J. McDougall, Depot, The Royal Scots, very kindly came over to judge the competition.

There was great preparation for this competition, the turnout and smartness of the boys was very creditable, and reflects great credit on all concerned.

The competition was very keen, as the close margin of points show (highest possible points, 30).

	C.	B.	A.	D.
Dress and Turnout ...	8	8	8	7
Steadiness in Ranks and				
Carriage in Marching ...	14½	14	13	13
Words of Command and				
Position of Commanders...	4	4	3½	3½
	26½	26	24½	23½

The Drill Cup was presented by Major D. J. McDougall, Inspecting Officer, to A/Monitor E. Monaghan, who commanded "C" Company. At the conclusion three hearty cheers were given to Major McDougall.

A fitting climax to the happy association of R.S.M. W. Watson with the winning Company, and a "useful send-off" to C.S.M. D. Martin, who now assumes control.

Can we not imagine the joy this result, together with the winning of the "Dandy Ninth" Cup (Athletics) would have given the late R.S.M. William McCubbin?

EDITOR.

Thrift.

At the end of June, 1937, the total amount standing to the credit of the boys' individual account in the Post Office Savings Bank was £156 18s 9d, or an average of 16s 3d per boy. Now, boys, can we not make an effort to increase this average by, at least, that odd 3s 9d per boy?

I appeal especially to those who have as yet to join the ranks of "The Thrifty." Amounts as small as one penny a week may be deposited with your respective Company Sergeant-Majors, and remember if you take care of the pennies POUNDS STERLING are the natural result.

Ices and ginger pop are nice while they last, but just imagine how very much nicer if, when the time comes, you can face the world with a smile on your face because of a banking account in your pocket.

—ast think it over!

Annual Inspection, 1937.

Thursday, 22nd July, at 3 p.m.

Inspecting Officer:—Lt.-Gen. Sir CHARLES J. C. GRANT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., the General Officer Commanding in Chief (Governor of Edinburgh Castle), 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.

4.45 p.m.

Tea for boys and their relatives in the Dining Hall.

4.0-4.30 p.m.

A Display by Military Band, Pipers and Dancers.
(See Programme on page 19.)

5.15 p.m.

Tea for remainder of boys.

5.45 p.m.

Prize-giving in the Play Hall.

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.

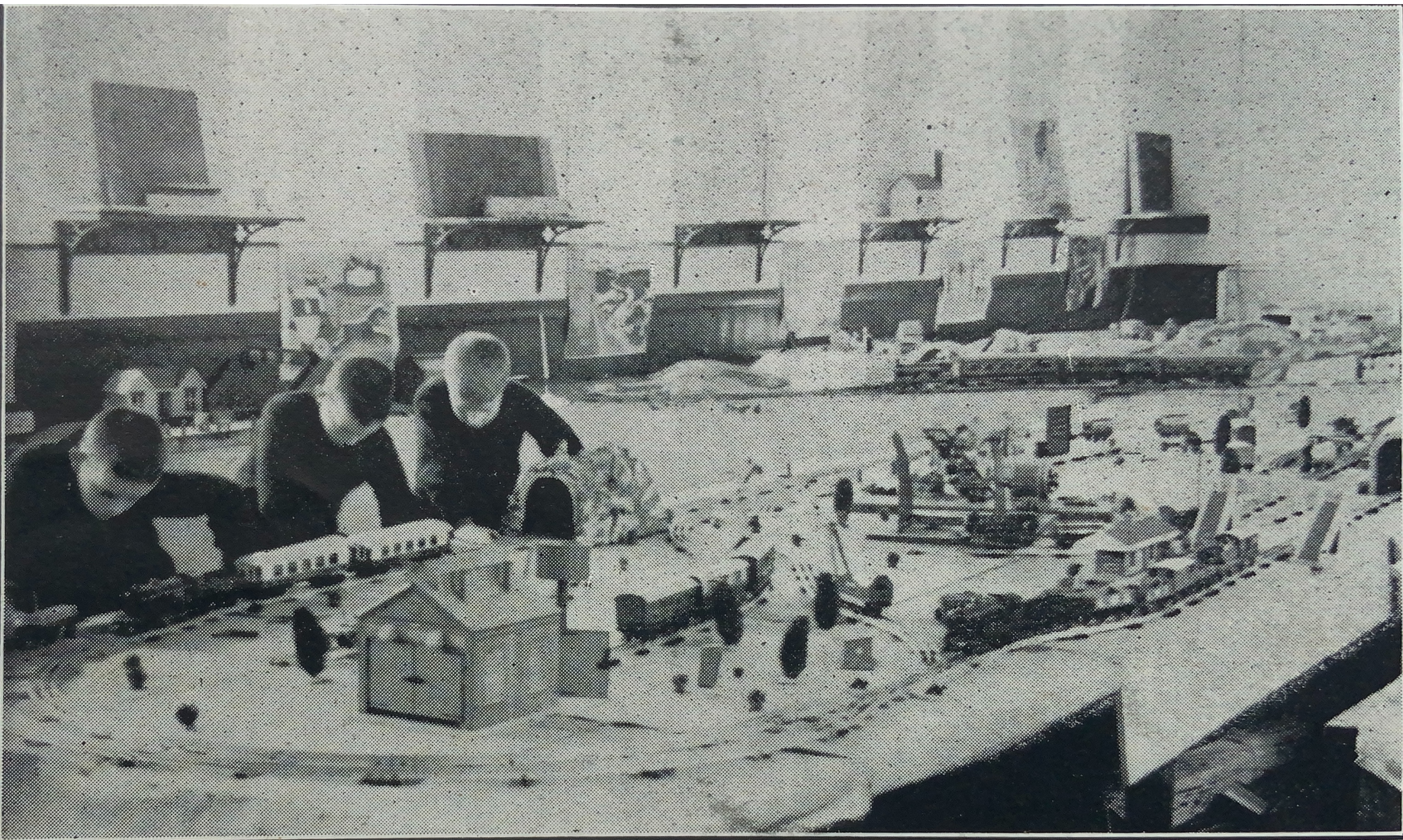
Orders may be given for work to be carried out next Term.



The Coronation Party.



Church Parade—The March Past.



The Railway Room.



The Bathing Parade.

Old Victorians' Association.

Membership.

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

Subscription.

The Headquarters Subscription is 2/- annually, which entitles the member to "The Victorian" (the School Magazine) free.

Particulars as to Branch Subscriptions may be obtained from Branch Secretaries whose addresses are given below.

Badge and Tie.

Members are entitled to wear the Badge and Tie of the Association.

The tie may be obtained from Messrs. Patrick Doyle, Edinburgh (price 2/6), and the badge from the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the School (price 2/-).

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 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. B. R. WARD, 40 Pilton Park, Edinburgh, giving the above particulars.

If resident in or near Glasgow, apply to the Secretary, Glasgow Branch, Mr G. STIRRATT, 1 Bal-dowie Road, Glasgow, giving the above particulars.

Tailors' Notes.

After a strenuous term in the tailors' shop, we are looking forward to the holidays. Apart from our work in the shop, we have also been busy with examinations—drill competitions, kit inspections, swimming competitions and preparation for "Inspection Day" on 22nd of this month. We are very sorry that David Shields is leaving us, and we wish him the best of good fortune in his future career in The Black Watch. We are sure he will keep up the reputation he has gained under the guidance of our Master Tailor, Mr Wright.

The result of our competition was as follows:
Senior Class—1, Corporal P. D. Gilliland; 2, Corporal M. McLeod; 3, L/Corporal Sutherland.
Junior Class—1, J. Tollerton; 2, J. Forbes; 3, R. Mackenzie.

M. L.

Darning Competition.

The Darning Competition was held on Friday, 4th June, 1937, and was judged by Mrs W. L. Clarke. The result of the competition was as follows:—

1, I. Duncan, "C" Company; 2, M. Wyse, "A" Company; 3, R. Matheson, "D" Company; 4, B. Brown, "A" Company; 5, T. Simpson, "A" Company.

The Whitehead Education Shield, 1937.

Challenge Shield for Education awarded annually to the leading Company at the Queen Victoria School. Winners of the Shield for 1937, "D" Company.

Annual Swimming Sports.

15th July, 1937.

Relay Race, Senior—3 lengths each boy—1, W. Lloyd; 2, P. McKilligan; 3, A. Sandilands; 4, H. Gilchrist. Time 3mins. 40 2/5th secs.
Second Race—1, W. Coid; 2, J. Nelson; 3, D. Campbell; 4, C. Robertson.

Relay Race, Junior A—2 lengths each boy—1, E. McKay; 2, Alex. Sturrock; 3, F. Warne; 4, K. Campbell. Time, 1 min. 26 4/5th secs.
Second —1, W. Davidson; 2, H. Paterson; 3, A. McKell; 4, J. Wanless.

Relay Race, Junior B—1 length each boy—1, I. Duncan; 2, J. McCartney; 3, J. Haughey; 4, R. Morton. Time, 1 min. 1 sec. Second—1, G. White; 2, G. Gallacher; 3, J. Hall; 4, J. McLeod.

Individual Diving, Senior—1, W. Lloyd, 36ft. 1in.; 2, A. Lyon, 32ft. 2in.; 3, W. Reith, 31ft. 6in.

Individual Diving, Junior A.—1, T. Meechan, 30ft. 10in.; 2, W. Neill, 29ft. 2in.; 3, A. Garvie, 28ft. 6in.

Individual 4 Lengths, Senior—1, W. Lloyd; 2, E. Monaghan; 3, W. Coid. Time, 66 2/5th secs.

Individual 3 Lengths, Junior A.—1, E. McKay; 2, A. Dunn; 3, A. Tweedie. Time, 52 3/5th secs.

Individual 2 Lengths, Junior B—1, R. Dyke; 2, J. Haughey; 3, I. Duncan. Time 37 1/2 secs.

Novices, 1 length—1, H. Dye; 2, M. Wyse; 3, B. Matheson.

Relay Cup—

	A.	B.	C.	D.
Senior...	3	4	2	1
Junior A. ...	4	3	D	D
Junior B. ...	2	3	4	1
	9	10	6	2

Winners—"B" Coy., 10 points.

Runners-up—"A" Coy., 9 points.

Qualifying Swimming Certificates.

1705, Boy A. Tolmie, "B" Coy., P.
1771, Boy A. Noble, "C" Coy., P.
1747, Boy D. Lennon, "C" Coy., P.
1770, Boy E. Strachan, "C" Coy., P.
1773, Boy D. Hutchison, "C" Coy., P.
1751, Boy N. McFadgen, "C" Coy., P.
1757, Boy W. Walford, "D" Coy., P.
1761, Boy D. Deveney, "D" Coy., P.
1661, Boy W. Clark, "C" Coy., P.
1703, Boy R. Shields, "C" Coy., P.
1746, Boy J. Riddell, "C" Coy., P.

The aftermentioned were awarded Swimming Certificates as stated:—

1555, J. Myles, "A" Coy., Special.
1583, O. McNicol, "A" Coy., Special.
1645, H. Patterson, "B" Coy., Special.
1518, J. Arnold, "C" Coy., Special.
1615, S. Mush, "C" Coy., Special.
1553, A. McLaughlan, "C" Coy., Special.
1594, T. Meechan, "C" Coy., Special.
1532, E. Monaghan, "C" Coy., Special.
1596, R. Stevenson, "C" Coy., Special.
1595, G. McGoochan, "D" Coy., Special.
1569, A. Lyon, "D" Coy., Special.
1600, P. Gilliland, "D" Coy., Special.
1617, A. Dunn, "D" Coy., Special.
1737, C. Smillie, "A" Coy., Q.
1764, M. Mooney, "A" Coy., Q.
1776, M. Wise, "A" Coy., Q.
1754, T. Simpson, "A" Coy., Q.
1736, J. Beveridge, "B" Coy., Q.
1748, T. McDonald, "B" Coy., Q.
1693, N. Duncan, "B" Coy., Q.
1741, D. Marr, "C" Coy., Q.
1688, R. Morton, "C" Coy., Q.
1726, D. Reid, "C" Coy., Q.
1728, E. Bulmer, "D" Coy., Q.

Advanced Swimming Certificates.

1744, Boy A. Robertson, "A" Coy., P.
1718, Boy R. Dyke, "A" Coy., P.
1723, Boy H. Yule, "A" Coy., P.
1638, Boy F. Gibson, "A" Coy., P.
1582, Boy D. Campbell, "A" Coy., P.
1659, Boy, A. Garvie, "A" Coy., P.
1608, Boy D. Robertson, "A" Coy., P.
1674, Boy R. Berry, "A" Coy., P.

1592, Boy C. Robertson, "A" Coy., P.
 1606, Boy T. Morrison, "A" Coy., P.
 1642, Boy J. McRae, "A" Coy., P.
 1629, Boy A. Sturrock, "A" Coy., P.
 1647, Boy John Hall, "B" Coy., P.
 1710, Boy J. McLean, "B" Coy., P.
 1644, Boy J. Kay, "B" Coy., P.
 1646, Boy James Hall, "B" Coy., P.
 1714, Boy J. McLeod, "B" Coy., P.
 1668, Boy N. McIntosh, "B" Coy., P.
 1624, Boy J. Hunter, "B" Coy., P.
 1637, Boy J. Wanless, "B" Coy., P.
 1562, Boy J. Sutherland, "B" Coy., P.
 1649, C/C. G. Queen, "B" Coy., P.
 1621, Cpl. M. McLeod, "B" Coy., P.
 1667, Boy W. Alexander, "C" Coy., P.
 1715, Boy L. West, "C" Coy., P.
 1730, Boy I. Duncan, "C" Coy., P.
 1734, Boy D. McCartney, "C" Coy., P.
 1679, Boy M. Malloy, "C" Coy., P.
 1587, Cpl. J. Lawrence, "C" Coy., P.
 1633, Boy E. Haywood, "C" Coy., P.
 1613, Boy J. McCartney, "C" Coy., P.
 1566, Boy J. Haughey, "C" Coy., P.
 1635, Boy E. Dawson, "C" Coy., P.
 1598, B/S. T. Love, "C" Coy., P.
 1611, Boy W. Reith, "C" Coy., P.
 1498, Boy R. Ross, "C" Coy., P.
 1608, Boy J. Maxwell, "C" Coy., P.
 1711, Boy T. McIntosh, "D" Coy., P.
 1691, Boy J. Meenaghan, "D" Coy., P.
 1722, Boy H. Dyer, "D" Coy., P.
 1680, Boy J. Wilson, "D" Coy., P.
 1701, Boy J. McCutcheon, "D" Coy., P.
 1628, Boy D. Inglis, "D" Coy., P.
 1616, Boy G. Welsh, "D" Coy., P.

Company Notes.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Being well satisfied with last term's results in general, we started this term with redoubled efforts, and to our delight our dancing team was first in the dancing competition. We were greatly handicapped from the beginning, owing to the Company being under strength, but we did considerably well, and we are now casting covetous eyes on the Champion Shield. If we obtain it we will be more than satisfied. (Nil desperandum.—Ed.)

We distinguished ourselves in kit inspection by winning four in succession, thus creating a new school record.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed the following new boys:—H. Yule, A. Yule, M. Wyse, J. Wylie. They are rapidly rising to the standard required in "A" Company, and we hope that they will replace J. Fulton, J. Mooney, and P. Robertson, who left us during the term. Wylie especially has shown some aptitude for swimming after his first "ducking." If he progresses as he has done lately he will in time win "The Fish."

At the end of the term we lose the following boys:—W. Coid, J. Nelson, T. Morrison. The Company wish them the best of luck in their venture into the outside world.

G. B.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

"B" Company returned from the Easter holidays displaying vitality that gave the general impression that we were going to see "Fireworks," as we usually do when Donald "Duck" McIntosh is waddling about. This impression was not false, as we were soon to see.

We started the term quite well, due to the fact that we were joined by four new "B" Company stalwarts in J. Queen, C. McPherson, James Baxter, and T. Rafferty. We hope they like their new homes, and will soon reach the standard of cleanliness and efficiency required in "B" Company.

In regard to games we have not excelled, but have risen to the occasion, and taken our defeats like good sportsmen. "A" Company won the Rugby, and "D" Company the Soccer, but we do not intend that these trophies should stay away from "B" Company for any length of time. We have an enthusiastic though by no means brilliant cricket team, our star batsmen being "Molly" Denholm and W. Murray—the latter wastes more breath dictating to the bowler the type of bowling he wants than he does in actual batting.

The honours in kit inspections go to "A" Company, who have created a school record by winning four inspections consecutively. "B" Company have won the three inspections this term, so our object is now obvious. We lost the Drill Competition to "C" Company by a narrow margin. This competition not only shows up the smartness of the boys on parade, but also the "team spirit," where one boy can let down his whole Company. We congratulate "C" Company on their achievement, as the standard required for this competition is very high indeed. We have high hopes of our swimming teams and shooting team. In both these sports we have the makings of experts.

Everyone is looking forward with great anticipation to eight weeks' leave, hoping this spell of bad weather will break, and be replaced by at least eight weeks' real Summer weather.

G. K. L.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last issue of the "Victorian," "C" Company has started to ascend the ladder to greater heights than they have done for many years. This is mainly due to the work of R.S.M. W. Watson (who was also our C.S.M.), and the assistance given by C.S.M. D. Martin, who has not been long here.

We have been very fortunate in having Mr Martin as our C.S.M., as he is an "Old Boy." He is an ex-Argyll & Sutherland Highlander, and we wish him the best of luck during his stay with us, which we hope will be a long one. The R.S.M. left us to take up his duties as Regimental-Sergeant-Major. We are sorry to part with him, but we shall give him our full support in his new post.

As I have already mentioned, we are on the verge of becoming the leading Company of the school. We began this ascent by winning the "Dandy Ninth" Cup for the champion sports company. We also won the Hurdle Cup, and tied with "D" Company for the Relay Cup. We improved upon this achievement by winning the Drill Cup, which we owe to the remarkable enthusiasm shown by all ranks of the Company.

Some of our leading sportsmen have left us since December, and we are proud to say that everyone went into the Army to follow in their fathers' footsteps. We are also glad to say that as far as we know they are all doing well.

We have also to announce the great loss of Monitor A. W. Finnie, known to all as "Nal." He was the leading light of the Company till he left us on the 6th May to join the R.A.O.C. We all wish him luck in his future career. His place has been taken by Monitor E. Monaghan, who was made Monitor from Band Sergeant. We welcome "Tommie" Love from "D" Company, who has been promoted to Band Sergeant and transferred to "C" Company.

We have to announce the following additions to the Company:—J. E. Brown, R. Shields, J. Audsley, E. Strachan, A. Noble, and last but not least D. Hutchison. We feel sure, from the progress already made by these boys, that they will keep up the growing reputation of the Company.

E. L. M.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last edition of "The Victorian," many changes have taken place. The most important is that Mr Pears has taken over the duties of C.S.M. for "D" Company. He is most popular with both the staff and the boys. Since he took over the Company we have gained the Boxing Cup, drew for the Relay Cup, and now are leading for the Cricket Shield. The Hockey is not faring so well, but we hope to do better in our future matches. We are sorry to part with three of our best boys:—A. Marr, J. Rigg (to Boys' Technical School, Chepstow), and A. McIntosh (to Seaforth Highlanders). We welcome the following new boys to the Company:—Douglas, Potter, Cunningham, Walford, McCabe, Matheson, and Devaney. A number of promotions have been made, and they are as follows: Cpl. Pegg promoted Monitor; Cpl. Hamilton, promoted Monitor; L/Cpl. Plummer, promoted Cpl.; L/Cpl. McCallum, promoted Cpl.; Boy Inglis promoted L/Cpl.; Boy Murdoch promoted L/Cpl.

The swimming competition comes off rather soon now, and we are trying our best to gain the coveted swimming trophies. Our representative for the "Fish" this year is J. McGoochan. Although he is rather small he has plenty of grit, and is game. We all wish him the best of luck, and I know you will wish him the same. I wish you "Au revoir" till next we meet in "The Victorian."

C. H.

Military Band Notes.

By Treble Clef.

Excellent progress has been made this year by the band, though we have been handicapped greatly by the loss of valuable instrumentalists, such as A. W. Finnie, who is now with the R.A.O.C., and J. Rigg, who is now at the B.T.S., also W. Welsh, who went to the Seaforth Highlanders as band side-drummer. However, by perseverance on the part of the boys, the band has reached a very high standard.

We started the term with impatience, anticipating the playing out season. The first engagement was at the A. & S. Highlanders' Sports. This was followed by an engagement in Stirling.

Then we went to Newington House, Edinburgh, where the boys were fascinated by the marvellous display of articles made by the blind men. This home is for war-blinded soldiers. On the 19th of June we went to the Markinch Sports, and this was followed by an engagement to Causewayhead, where we met the ex-R.S.M. Scotland, still as lively and gay as ever. We have yet to fulfil engagements in Perth and Torryburn.

We have to congratulate Tommy Love, the worthy successor of E. Monaghan, who was promoted Band Sergeant at the commencement of the term.

Some past members of the band are doing very well, especially D. Wicks and S. Barnes. These boys are playing in their respective regimental bands after two years' service in their units. The Bandmaster hears frequently from Old Boys, and recently received a letter from Fred Morton, who is now in Khartoum.

Now that the term is ended we think about it with a certain amount of pride and satisfaction, and we are now anticipating our summer holidays with great enthusiasm.

F. P.

Drummers' Notes.

Many changes have come over the old drum room since the last time we met in "The Victorian." The first change, and perhaps the greatest, is the change over between R.S.M. W. Watson and C.S.M. Martin. We wish both great success and good prospects. The band has had a number of engagements, and of these Alloa tops the list because of the fine weather and the interesting cattle show. We welcome the following new members to the drums:—Potter, Simpson, Noble, and band drummer Mullan, who is training in the drums to be a band drummer in the military band. The transfers to the drums this term are Lawrence and Easton, both of whom, I am glad to say, are doing excellently. The drummers that have left our happy band, I am sorry to say, are:—Mooney, Fulton (to Boys' Technical School, Chepstow), Riddoch (to Grenadier Guards). It will be remembered that in the last edition of "The Victorian" Sgt. Lloyd was promoted to Drum Major. Many people will be interested to know that he has achieved for himself the name of the best Drum Major the school has possessed (and that is saying a lot). But we are sorry to say our star Drum Major is leaving at the end of the term to join the R.A.S.C., and we wish him the best of luck in his future career in the Army.

C. H.

The Monitors' Room.

In the last edition of "The Victorian," it was announced that we had removed to the bottom floor of the school. We regret to say, owing to our small numbers, that the funds have not allowed us to fulfil our wishes. A. W. Finnie and S. B. Morgan have both left our happy band to join the R.A.O.C. We wish them great success and prosperous days in the future. We have enlisted into our files F. Pegg (Punt), C. Hamilton (Tumpshy), and E. Monaghan (Moan-again).

Do you know what s.o. means? Certain members of the monitors didn't, and hence had to

walk back from Stirling, arriving in the early hours of the morning.

This incident occurred when a party of Monitors whose names need not be disclosed, undertook to carry their burdensome bodies to Stirling for purposes unknown. One of the party volunteered to look up the time-table to see the time of the return train.

Having completed their business in Stirling, they returned to the station. When passing the ticket collector he informed them that the last train had left almost half-an-hour earlier. Three of the members turned on the fourth, who had looked up the time-table, and demanded an explanation for the flaw in their plans. He protested vigorously against his guilt, and on the suggestion of another of the party they all went to see the time-table. They found that the fourth member had been correct, except for an additional s.o.

It was approximately 2.30 a.m. when they approached the school gates. No one had spoken on the tramp home, but going up the drive silent cursings were barely audible from the three members against the fourth. The night-watchman enquired what they had been doing with themselves at this time in the morning. The fourth member wearily answered with the simple question, "Sir, do you know what s.o. means?" On receiving a negative answer, he replied, "Neither did I, hence our stroll from Stirling."

Valete.

Boys who have left the School since January, 1937.

To H.M. Services.

T. Rennie, Q.O. Cameron Highlanders.
C. Anderson, The Black Watch (R.H.R.).
J. Oliver, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
I. Gunn, King's Own Scottish Borderers.
A. Forsyth, Royal Corps of Signals.
D. Riddock, Grenadier Guards.
A. McCartney, Scots Guards.
G. Watt, Gordon Highlanders.
W. Welsh, Seaforth Highlanders.
W. Dunn, Royal Artillery.
W. Sinton, The Black Watch (R.H.R.).
R. Simpson, Army Technical School (Boys).
N. Paxton, Army Technical School (Boys).
R. McWhirter, Army Technical School (Boys).
A. Finnie, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
A. McIntosh, Seaforth Highlanders.
A. Marr, Army Technical School.
J. Rigg, Army Technical School.
J. Mooney, Army Technical School.
J. Fulton, Army Technical School.

Withdrawn by Parents.

E. Coull, W. Plunkett, J. Connell, W. Connell,
W. Adamson, G. Lindsay, J. Stevenson, R.
Warr, R. Robertson, J. Ewart, W. Berry, R.
Rigg.

Salvete.

Boys who have joined the school since 7th January, 1937, with the name of their father's Regiment:—

T. Simpson, Royal Army Medical Corps.
W. Berry, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

W. McCabe, Royal Scots Greys.
W. Walford, Highland Light Infantry.
R. Potter, Royal Engineers.
R. Matheson, Royal Artillery.
J. Brown, Black Watch.
D. Deveney, Royal Engineers.
G. McHarg, Cameronians.
R. Shields, Black Watch.
M. Mooney, Scots Guards.
J. Audsley, A. & S. Highlanders.
J. Galloway, Royal Army Service Corps.
C. Macpherson, Royal Naval Reserve.
J. Baxter, Cameronians.
J. Queen, Highland Light Infantry.
E. Strachan, Black Watch.
A. Noble, Gordon Highlanders.
D. Cunningham, Seaforth Highlanders.
D. Hutchison, Royal Naval Reserve.
T. Rafferty, Royal Engineers.
A. Yule, A. & S. Highlanders.
M. Wyse, Royal Scots.
R. Robertson, K.O. Scottish Borderers.
E. Douglas, K.O. Scottish Borderers.
M. Dunn, Royal Artillery.
J. Wyllie, Royal Navy.

Result of Military Band Competition.

Instrumental.

Grade I.

1, 1532 Monitor E. Monaghan, "C" Coy., 5/-;
2, 1588 Cpl. P. McKilligan, "B" Coy., 3/-; 3,
1598 B/Sgt. T. Love, "D" Coy., 2/-; 4, 1618
Boy J. Foster, "A" Coy., 1/-.

Grade II.

1, 1629 Boy A. Sturrock, "A" Coy., 5/-; 2,
1605 Boy J. Braid, "C" Coy., 3/-; 3, 1635 Boy
E. Dawson, "C" Coy., 2/-; 4, 1588 Boy D. Low,
"A" Coy., 1/-.

Grade III.

1, Boy W. Davidson, "B" Coy., 5/-; 2, 1613
Boy J. McCartney, "C" Coy., 3/-; 3, 1648
Boy J. Potter, "D" Coy., 2/-; 4, 1670 Boy G.
Gallacher, "B" Coy., 1/-.

Grade IV.

1, 1690 Boy D. McDonald, "B" Coy., 4/-; 2,
1555 L/C. J. Myles, "A" Coy., 3/-; 3, 1666
Boy W. Alexander, "C" Coy., 2/-; 4, 1700 Boy
J. Murdoch, "D" Coy., 1/-.

Application (Written Test).

1, B/Sgt. T. Love, 5/-; 2, 1532 A/Mon. E.
Monaghan, 4/6; 3, 1592 Sgt. C. Robertson, 4/-;
4, 1580 Cpl. J. Plummer, 3/6; 5, 1585 L/C. W.
Galloway, 3/-; 6, 1605 Boy J. Braid, 2/-.

Best Progress.

Seniors—1597 Boy J. Cameron, "C" Coy., 5/-.
Juniors—1730, Boy I. Duncan, "C" Coy., 3/-.

Certificates of Education.

At an examination for First Class Certificate of Education held at Stirling in March, 1937, the undermentioned passed in the subject or subjects shown against their names:—

A. Finnie, passed in English.
S. Morgan—English.

G. Long—English and Geography.
 G. Broadbent—Geography.
 F. Pegg—Mathematics and Geography.
 E. Monaghan—Geography.

Army 2nd Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to A. Sturrock, N. Dunnigan, M. McLeod, R. Mackie.

Old Boy Visitors to the School.

R. Currant—Seaforth Highlanders.
 Norman McLeod—Glasgow.
 Peter Wilson—Glasgow.
 Bryce Currie—St. Andrews.
 William Barclay—Glasgow.
 George Archer—East Lothian.
 Edwin Hall—Perth.
 E. D. Fraser—Inverness.
 J. Mackie—Johannesburg, South Africa.
 I. Forbes—Seaforth Highlanders, Hong Kong.

Contributions from "Old Boys."

SKETCHES FROM THE SEA.

A Short Commission.

H.M.S. Malaya sailed from Portsmouth on February 3rd, and although she was at sea for only nine days, it was long enough for the "youngsters," who were a large proportion of the Royal Marine detachment, to find their feet and adopt nautical language. They even stopped talking about going up and downstairs or forwards and backwards. The weather, although it made many of us seasick, enabled us to develop the art of drifting crabwise along the deck of a rolling and pitching ship.

News of our collision with s.s. Ketrosino appeared in the newspapers, but a short account will not, I think, be out of place.

Feeling our way through fog and fairly heavy seas in the evening of February 6th, we were somewhat startled when a German steamer passed very close along our starboard side. Shortly afterwards, just at supper time, we felt a jar as if we had been struck by a wave somewhat heavier than the others. Then, responding to the pipe and instructions through the loud speakers, we closed all watertight doors and assembled on deck to find that we had been involved in a collision, and while standing by, after a boat had been lowered, reflected on this unusual start of a commission.

Under the beam of a searchlight, the height of the waves was exaggerated, as the unevenness of a road is exaggerated by car headlamps. Each wave loomed up like a black wall. Owing to the motion of both ships, the masthead light of the "Ketrosino" seemed to describe an arc from her position on our port beam to a point almost overhead.

After preparing to tow, it was found that the "Ketrosino" (a Dutch vessel) could go astern at four knots under her own power, so, at this snail's pace, we stood by her throughout the night and for the next two days, until a tug came out from Lisbon. Then we swung round to return to Portsmouth for repairs. Two guns had been smashed to pieces and upper works damaged, but we did not know the extent of our under water

damages. The bows of the steamer were stove in as far back as the first bulkhead about a quarter of the way down.

PANORAMA—WEYMOUTH BAY.

From a brown-faced cliff above a narrow strip of yellow sand, the ground sloped gently upwards forming a low coastal hill or knoll, its crest marked by a line of trees whose branches were seen as a misted network of fine brown lines. Behind the lower hill rose the steeper slope of the main line of downs. A white house was conspicuous upon the flat top of the knoll. In line with it, on top of the down, a copse was outlined against the background of pale blue sky and hazy white clouds. Below the copse were a large white patch and a number of smaller ones. No doubt this was the site of a chalk pit. A line of trees straggled down the right-hand edge of the knoll and up the edge of another similar one. In the hollow and behind the trees the red roofs of a small village were visible. Prominent in the village was a tall white tower shaped like a lighthouse. Above the village a dark grey wall of trees lay along the top of the down curving so that its eastward edge dipped down over the skyline. Grey-roofed, white-walled houses were partly concealed in a hollow between this second knoll and a third one further right, or eastwards. A number of houses from the village wandered up the slope of the down, having apparently in a fit of waywardness avoided the white strip of road which went steeply over the down to the right of them.

Unexpectedly, as I watched, shadows slid into the hollows, and then, in almost startling contrast, the sun shone. The chalk pit, the houses, and the road became a gleaming white. The white tower, if it were not a lighthouse, was a house of light. In the foreground the calm sea was silver-grey with myriad quick glancing high lights, mischievous will-o'-the-wisp. There was revealed the fluency of many contours and the smoothness of many hollows and undulations, as well as the tints of the landscape—fresh green on top of the knolls.

I knew that I would remember the charm of that companionable landscape, remember its houses, its trees, and its cliffs, remember, too, its transformation under cloud and sunshine, its gentle strength, and the depth of its quiet. There, I thought, time moves with a slower and more dignified tempo. Change, if change has any place there, will be of the nature of an autumnal maturing, at worst, a slow transition. This, I mused on, is the fourth time I have found peace and reassurance from viewing an English landscape. Let us, therefore, learn to record the passing of our lives not by the years that have gone but by the moments when we have known the joys of living, moments such as this with "beauty making beautiful old rhyme" not in praise of "ladies dead and lowly knights," but in praise and confirmation of the communion between natural beauty and the minds of men. Let us try to be poets.

Then I thought of the date, a happy thought as it came like a benediction upon the scene. It was Friday, April 23rd, the day of Freyd, the Earth-Goddess, St. George's Day, and the day of the Shakespeare anniversary celebrations.

(To be Continued.)

A. S. Hogg.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC AND DANCING BY MILITARY AND PIPE BANDS.

Military Band.

1. Selection.....“ Gems of Scotland ” Hartmann

Pipe Band.

2. Slow March.....“ Loch Duich ”
March.....“ The Cold Winds ”

Military Band.

3. Two Popular Numbers—
 (a) “ When My Dream Boat Comes Home ” Friend
 (b) “ Just Say ‘ Aloha ’ ” Billy Hill
4. Bell Solo“ Bells Across the Meadows ” Ketelbey
 (Soloist—Monitor F. Pegg).

Dancers.

5. Country Dance....“ The Merry Dancers ”
 Highland Dance...“ Ceremonial Broadwords ”

Military Band.

6. Gavotte.....“ Rendezvous ” Lotter
 Selection.....“ Minstrel Memories ” Gilbourne

Pipe Band.

7. March.....“ The Red Coat ”
 Strathspey“ Bogan Lochan ”
 Reel“ Willie Duncan ”
 School March.....“ Highland Laddie ”

National Anthem.

Bandmaster—F. H. Lax. Pipe-Major—F. F. Ross. Drums—C.S.M. Martin.

Form Five Goes into the Country.

It was at school on Friday when we were told that our Form Master was trying to organise a walk into the country to do some practical map reading. He arranged everything for us, and we started off on Saturday afternoon. With us we had compasses and maps.

When we had passed the Dunblane Hydro we turned left and started to climb a hill. Raff soon began to tire, and Mr Cadman had to urge him on. Neillie and Shackie Braid picked some flowers and stuck them in their jackets. Willie Murray started calling them wee lasses, but a little while after we noticed he had some stuck in too.

Upon turning into the Sheriffmuir road, where Gilly took a map reference for us, we met a man with a pram and a suitcase. Billy Galloway offered to help him, and so did Coidy. Thus we all enjoyed watching them push the pram and carry the suitcase up the very long hill. While going up this hill a plague of flies descended upon us. Our glengarries came in useful as fly swatters.

Then we turned right, over a stile, and into a field. There we rested, set the map, took a bearing upon a ruin and scoffed chocolate. Shackie Braid and Ham Gilchrist nearly lost their ration, for they were amongst the rushes hunting for nests.

After we had passed the Dunblane Town Council reservoir, Neillie caught sight of a rabbit tottering about in a heather bush. He tried to kill it with a stick. It lay perfectly still, and Neillie thought it was dead, but when he advanced towards it, it flew like the wind into a hole in the wall, and everybody made a vain attempt to coax it out.

Later on we saw the Forth in the distance with the new Kincardine Bridge plainly visible. After we had walked through a beautiful glen we reached Bridge of Allan. We waited here for ten minutes (during which time the Raff met his uncle and was given some money). Coidy was very interested watching a man play the pipes in the street for coppers.

We rode on the local bus to Dunblane, where several of us bought ice cream. Edie McKay bought a "black man," which was nearly as big as himself. Then a Bluebird bus arrived. It was too crowded to take us, but it was quickly followed by a double-decker. It was the first we had seen on this route.

We jumped aboard, and were soon at the school gates. For tea we were given four bananas and at least three slices of bread. After tea we went to the baths to bathe our tired feet.

P. GILLILAND.
J. BRAID.
W. NEILL.

Success of an "Old Victorian."

"Sapper L. Monaghan passed the test of Draughtsman (Arch) Aii., and is hourly awaiting to be snatched into the ranks of Engineer Draughtsmen. It is a queer idea to pay enormous sums of money to people to draw squiggly

lines and rub them out again, but I suppose there is some use for Draughtsmen somewhere." Extract from "The Sapper," July, 1937.

Our congratulations (Editor).

An Old Victorian.

Pipe-Major J. Robertson,

2nd Bn. The Scots Guards.

1. Awarded gold medal presented by the Highland Gaelic Society of London for most successful Piper in open events.—February, 1937.
2. Awarded gold medal presented by the Highland Gaelic Society of London for most successful in open Piping.—February, 1937.
3. Also winner of 23 First Prizes at the leading Games held in Scotland in 1936.

The Coronation Party.

By Donald Low.

From the two hundred boys in this School, twenty-three were selected to travel to London and view the Coronation procession.

On 9th May our party left Dunblane Station for London. Accommodation for our party had been reserved on the train. There were four boys to each compartment, and we soon settled down and went to sleep.

When our train arrived at Euston Station we took our luggage outside, and then went into the station restaurant and had breakfast. We soon emptied our plates, but got plenty more to eat. When everyone had finished we piled our luggage on the top of two small buses which were standing ready to take us to Woolwich.

As we passed along the streets we were filled with awe at the great decorations which were all along the route. Arriving at Woolwich we went to the Royal Artillery Depot where we had to stay. We unpacked and made our beds, which were in one of the barrack rooms. All the boys were excited, and started looking around, especially at the horses in the stables. Later in the day boys from the Duke of York's Military School came to the barracks, and also some boys from the Royal Engineers and Royal Army Ordnance Corps. That night, Mr McGregor took most of the boys to the pictures, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Next day our visits were to Westminster from Woolwich by tram, followed by a walk along the Embankment, where we saw Cleopatra's Needle, and Boadicea and her chariot. We then cut up a street and came into the Strand, where we saw Australia House, South Africa House, and Trafalgar Square. Then we walked on and saw the Admiralty Arch, and Scotland Yard.

On Wednesday (Coronation Day) we got up at three-thirty and had breakfast. After getting our rations for the day, all the boys assembled in the dark on the parade square and marched to the station. Eventually we reached Victoria Square, which was our rendezvous. After a wait there we were ushered through the gardens of Buckingham Palace, though we could see



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

nothing of the Palace, to the top end of Constitution Hill. Our standing place was at the other end on the north side, so we had quite a long walk. All of us were very excited to see all the crowds and hunting along the route which the procession would pass.

At 11 a.m. we caught a glimpse of the procession on its way to Westminster Abbey for the crowning ceremony. The radios along the route were turned on, and the crowds listened to the ceremony of Their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth being crowned. We ate our lunch and had potato crisps and milk, which were given free. About three-thirty the procession started down Constitution Hill on its way back to the Palace. The soldiers were very smart, and the bands were a treat to listen to. At last came the royal coaches with Queen Mary and the two princesses and the other lords and ladies. Then came the Royal coach, which attracted everyone's attention. How the crowds cheered as it passed. It then began to rain very heavily. It was some bustle to get through the crowds on our way back to Woolwich, but we returned safely without losing any of the party, changed, and then sat down to high tea.

On the Thursday we left the R.A. barracks at one-thirty in the same buses for Euston. We parked our luggage and went to Madame Taussaud's and saw all the wax figures, and had a cup of tea and a ham sandwich in the lunch bar. At the corner was Taussaud's picture house, which we went into and came out at nine o'clock.

We then went back to Euston and had our supper. After that we got our luggage and boarded the train, on which compartments were reserved for us. At Dunblane a taxi brought our luggage up to the school, while we came by bus. After breakfast we were allowed to go to bed and rest, though none of us felt the worse for our journey.

Coronation Impressions.

What struck me most at the Coronation was:

. . . the horrible ear-splitting blare of bugles and trumpets from first thing in the morning to last night at night at the R.A. Depot.

Mon. R. Robinson.

. . . the cheerful disposition of the London policeman, who, although he had an arduous task, looked on the bright side of his troubles, giving a cheery atmosphere to the foot-weary crowds.

Mon. G. Long.

. . . the organisation of the spectators and the procession.

Mon. G. Broadbent.

. . . the procession with all the soldiers from all over the Empire, and finally the King and Queen in their Golden Coach.

A. Sandilands.

. . . the breakfast at Euston Station.

T. Love.

. . . the impression on my body when the railway guard opened the door of our compartment and stood on me while I was sleeping.

C. Robertson.

. . . the procession and the great number of different regiments and corps which took part in it.

O. Mitchell.

. . . the old Kent Road.

W. Hall.

. . . the jam roll at the barracks.

P. McKilligan.

. . . the wee, baldy-headed Gurkhas (?) in Madame Taussaud's.

. . . the long beards of the Indian Contingent.

D. Shields.

. . . the Kurkhas, who had heads as round as footballs, and their hair cut as close as convicts in Dartmoor.

J. Lawrence.

. . . the barrack square.

J. Sutherland.

. . . the figures in Taussaud's.

W. Coid.

. . . the magnificent structure work on the Golden Coach.

T. Meechan.

. . . the beautiful pattern the cobbles made when I was sick over the back of a tramcar.

W. Reith.

. . . the Gurkhas, who had figures like barrels, and who went on parade in pyjamas.

D. Inglis.

. . . the apples which were in the case Mr Watson had at Constitution Hill.

W. Murray.

. . . the Duke of York's boys' pillows.

J. Cameron.

. . . my visit to Madame Taussaud's, where I saw a wax policeman which I thought was real.

D. Low.

. . . the march past of the Canadian Mounted Police.

W. Galloway.

. . . the number of troops that took part in the procession.

J. Foster.

. . . nearly getting lost in the crowd through being polite to a lady.

A. McIntosh.

. . . wishing for a supply of paper bags during a rough tram journey.

W.O. M. J. McGregor.

. . . wondering if they would get up to any tricks, and being thankful they didn't.

R.S.M. W. Watson.