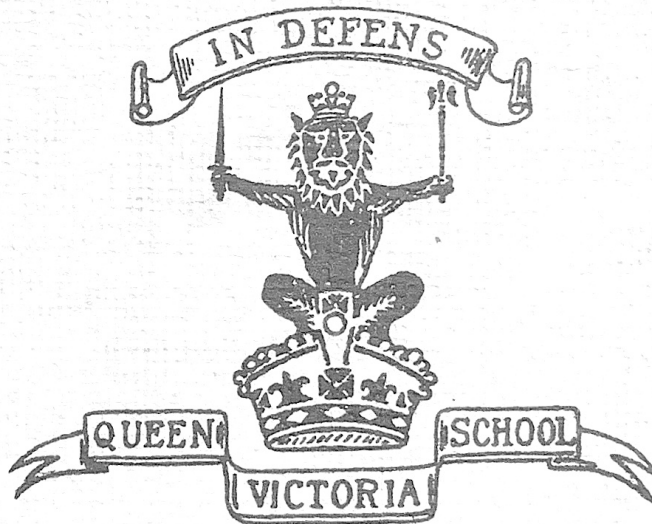


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Editorial Notes.

THIS number of the "Victorian" has the disadvantage of covering only one term, while the summer covers two which in events are more interesting. There are no functions such as Grand Day to look upon, and the event of the term, the Christmas Concert, is still before (and around) us as we write. Nevertheless, there are a few gossip items which deserve mention.

The new Educational Commissioner visited us in October. From his report he seemed pleased with what he saw, and subsequent developments suggest that a few educational innovations are in store. One urgently desired is for the betterment of boys who go to civil life where their Army Certificates of Education do not receive the acknowledgment they deserve. For other education news there is the usual sorry tale of Form Masters being ordered to take their tour of duty overseas. Messrs S. Pole, W. Smith, and A. D. Pelosi leave us for sunnier climes. The first is already in Palestine, the second is for India early in January, and the third would also have already left us but for a happy family event which confronts H.M. Troopship with an extra passenger. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Pelosi.

To the new arrivals, Sgt.-Instructor C. R. Frost, B.A., and Sgt.-Instructor Parker, we extend a hearty welcome and hope their sojourn in the land of cakes and porridge will be happy and long.

Armistice Day was held as usual by the School and Staff assembling in the Central Hall for the Two Minutes' Silence. This was followed by companies marching past and saluting the memorial tablet to Old Victorians who died in the Great War. On the previous Sunday (Remembrance Sunday), prior to attending the ceremony in the town, a short service was held in which the Headmaster placed a wreath of poppies beneath the tablet.

The Harmonica Band is again taking its full share in the Christmas Concert. It has entered the band engagement roll, for it was a star turn at the British Legion concert at Callander. Mr W. Watson, the Regimental Sergeant-Major, is still the leader of the band. (See Press report on another page.)

In sport a new departure was witnessed when a school relay team entered an open competition

held at the new bath at the Dunblane Hydro-pathic. In spite of a severe handicap the school team won, and their success depended much on the training given them by Warrant Officer R. V. Bissett, A.E. Corps. Our Rugger team's progress can be gauged from another page, but reference must be made to the fact that Rugger has now been made the school game. Previously the Senior Division alone took the game seriously, but now even the youngest boys are given their full share in games periods. By the spirited tackling shown in Junior practice games the school fifteen of the future will not be short of backs. There is a whisper that a double fixture list is not far off, and boys under fourteen will get their fair share of outings in away fixtures. An under fourteen XV. (we shall have to find a new name for it because that one is just plain silly) would raise great hopes for many who are too light for the present XV. So now, boys, practise your passing and kicking, develop your "environmental instinct," for the day when you will be needed may not be far away.

A last reference must be made to the School Song. That a school nearly thirty years old should not have its own song has seemed to us a lamentable deficiency. We exonerate the Poet Laureate from having anything to do with the words, and plead with the shade of M. Rossini that the refrain we knew only as a well beloved tune on the bagpipes, viz., "The Green Hills." The song is to be sung for the first time at the Christmas Concert, and the author, an Old Victorian, who prefers to remain anonymous, assures us he will await its reception with trepidation and prepared for a flying start.

Once again we tender the Season's Greetings to all our readers, and for all Victorians, present and past, may the New Year be Happy and Prosperous.

"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 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."

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The Lord Elphinston	1	0	0
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Thrift.

At the end of September, 1937, the total amount standing to the credit of the boys' individual account in the Post Office Savings Bank was £141 17s 3d.

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.

Just think it over!

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The undermentioned are granted Good Conduct Badges, as stated:—

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	T. Nailon	1st.
	D. Reid	1st.
	C. Hay	1st.
	I. Duncan	1st.
	D. McCartney	1st.
	D. Lennon	1st.
	P. Richmond	1st.
	A. Dick	2nd.
	J. Braid	3rd.
	R. Mackie	3rd.
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" D " Company.	S. Musk	3rd.
	J. McCartney	3rd.
	A. Audsley	3rd.
	W. Neill	2nd.
	J. Tollerton	2nd.
	M. Melloy	2nd.
	I. Tollerton	2nd.
	A. Tweedie	2nd.
	W. Clark	2nd.
	G. Welsh	3rd.
	A. Dunn	3rd.
	N. Dunnigan	2nd.
	E. Mullen	2nd.
	J. Richardson	2nd.
	W. Richardson	2nd.
	J. Wilson	2nd.
	H. Dyer	1st.
	E. Bulmer	1st.
	J. Mortimer	1st.
	A. Sayer	1st.
	T. Dunnigan	1st.
	G. Raitt	1st.
	T. McMullan	1st.
	J. Kidney	1st.
	D. Marr	1st.
	W. Heath	1st.
	B. Brown	1st.

Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.

As usual our notes for the Christmas number are very scanty. Brevity is the soul of wit, so one is led to believe, but unfortunately not in our case.

Drum-Major Lloyd, who left us for the R.A.S.C., has been succeeded by George West of "C" Company, and Pipe-Major Sandilands, off to Chepstow, has been replaced by Ronald Ross, also of "C" Company. At present the young hands are in the toils trying to qualify for regular places in the Band, with two Rugger Internationals looming ahead to act as additional incentive. Many vacancies will require to be filled before February, so we expect competition to be keen. Beyond the usual help given at Armistice services by the Band at Dunblane: Pipers at Braco, and Drummers and Buglers at Callander and Aberfoyle, only two engagements have been fulfilled. One was for Pipers and Dancers at the British Legion Concert in Callander, and the other for Dancers at a Concert in Stirling under the auspices of "An Comunn Gaidhealach." After you translate the three Gaelic words—A Merry Xmas to you all. Keep on keeping on in the New Year.

PIPE PRES.

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).
- "The 79th News" (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders).
- "The Thin Red Line" (2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).
- "Links" (A.V.T.C., Aldershot).
- "Cabair Feidh" (The Seaforth Highlanders).
- "The Tiger and Sphinx" (The Gordon Highlanders).

Promotions and Appointments.

- C/Cpl. G. West to be Drum-Major vice Lloyd.
- Cpl. R. Ross to be Pipe-Major vice Sandilands.
- C/Cpl. G. Queen to be Sergeant vice Burley.
- Cpl. M. McLeod to be Sergeant vice Marr.
- Cpl. A. McLachlan to be Colour Cpl. vice West.

- Cpl. H. Martin to be Colour Cpl. vice Queen.
- L/C J. Murdoch to be Colour Cpl. vice Rigg.
- L/C J. Campbell to be Corporal vice Fulton.
- L/C W. Galloway to be Corporal vice Myles.
- L/Cpl. W. Murray to be Corporal vice McLeod.
- L/C A. Easton to be Corporal vice Martin.
- L/C T. Meechan to be Corporal vice McLachlan.
- Boy G. Arnold to be Corporal vice Ross.
- Boy D. Low to be Corporal vice Morrison.
- Boy A. Sturrock to be Lce-Cpl. vice Campbell.
- Boy J. Campbell to be Lce-Cpl. vice Coid.
- Boy E. McKay to be Lce-Cpl. vice Galloway.
- Boy A. McKell to be Lce-Cpl. vice Easton.
- Boy H. Gilchrist to be Lce-Cpl. vice Murray.
- Boy J. Macdonald to be Lce-Cpl. vice Sutherland.
- Boy I. Stevenson to be Lce-Cpl. vice Meechan.
- Boy W. Clark to be Lce-Cpl. vice Maxwell.
- Boy A. McDermid to be Lce-Cpl. vice Murdoch.
- A/Mon. E. Monaghan to be Monitor.
- Cpl. D. Campbell to be Colour Cpl. vice McNicol.
- L/C I. Stevenson to be Corporal vice Shields.
- L/C J. Campbell to be Corporal vice Campbell.
- Boy E. Dawson to be Lce-Cpl. vice Reith.
- Boy J. McRae to be Lce-Cpl. vice Campbell.
- Boy E. Mullen to be Lce-Cpl. vice Inglis.
- L/C J. Macdonald to be Corporal vice Easton.
- Boy W. Davidson to be Lce-Cpl. vice Macdonald.
- L/C E. Dawson to be Corporal vice Lawrence.
- Boy D. Reid to be Corporal vice Arnold.
- L/C G. Welsh to be Corporal vice Gilliland.
- Boy R. Mackie to be Lce-Cpl. vice Dawson.
- Boy J. Tollerton to be Lce-Cpl. to complete establishment.

Rugby Notes.

Rugby football is now our most popular sport. Until this season rugby was played by the senior boys only, but now during organised games periods every boy is being initiated into its mysteries. The Company Association Leagues have given way to rugby, and only the fifteen youngest boys in each Company struggle for the Association Shield. This term each Company has fielded an "A" team in competitions for the Rugby Shield, but next term both an "A" and "B" team will have to be provided.

The change over of the majority from Soccer to Rugger has been a great help to the School XV. Competition, for inclusion in the XV. is very keen, and the knowledge that so many are waiting to jump into their shoes (or rather boots) keeps the "old regulars" very much on their toes. The standard of play is, we believe, higher than it has been for some years past. Much of the improvement can be traced to the efforts of Mr McKechnie and Mr Cadman. To Mr McKechnie for his efforts in teaching us the finer points of the game and for his instructive refereeing, and to Mr Cadman for his fitness campaign—those regular cross-country runs which have enabled us to finish "fighting fit" in each game.

SCHOOL XV. FIXTURES.

25th Sept.—v. Alloa Academy 1st XV. (away).

Outclassed in weight, speed, and skill, we were nevertheless full of fight when the final whistle blew. 0-57.

16th Oct.—v. Hutchison's Grammar School 3rd XV. (away).

Though losing at half-time, 0 points to 12 points, the School XV. staged a great recovery and won. 14-12.

23rd Oct.—v. Glasgow Academy 3rd XV. (home).

Our opponents had the advantage in weight, but it was their superior skill that gained them a well-earned win. 0-16.

30th Oct.—v. Newstead School (away).

At this match we fielded two reserves in place of two regular players who were on leave. It proved to be our downfall as the consequent weakness in our combination gave our opponents the game. 3-9.

13th Nov.—v. Bellahouston Academy 2nd XV. (home).

This was the beginning of a series of victories. In all of them the School were worthy victors. 19-4.

20th Nov.—v. McLaren High School (home). 18-10.

27th Nov.—v. Morrison Academy (home). 8-0.

4th Dec.—v. McLaren High School (away).

We played on a hard pitch, which was covered with snow. Snow fell throughout the match, and often when the ball was rolled into the scrum the forwards mistook it for a large snowball. Except for two breakaways made by the opposing team the School team did all the attacking, but as much as we tried we could not score the necessary points. 9-10.

M. R. H.

At the end of this term we are losing our Captain, H. M. Robinson, also C. Robertson, T. Love, W. Galloway, J. Lawrence, and H. McLachlan. This leaves a large gap to be filled. We can only hope that the new system of games in the School will bring us the necessary recruits. Robinson always played well and was an excellent captain. His kicking was calm and sure; his passes were neat and clean; his running straight and his tackling certain. Love and McLachlan were hard and cheery workers in the forward line, and both will be missed. Galloway, especially as a wing-three, was a great asset to the team. His bold dashes often gained much ground. Lawrence as our full back was excellent. He gathered the ball unfailingly and kicked it calmly and accurately.

D. J. C.

Snips from the Tailors' Shop.

Since our last issue three tailors have left us—Mick Haughey to The Scots Guards, David Shield to The Black Watch, and James Sutherland who is risking civil life. We wish them all the best of luck in their new undertakings.

In their places we welcome three new "Snips"—Jack Haughey (Mick's brother), who is undergoing intensive training with the view to joining his brother referred to above, and G. Clark and

G. Walford, who are as yet both in the rag stabbing stage. We shall expect more of them next term. This has been a long and busy term for us, and we are looking forward to our fast approaching holidays.

We wish the staff and everyone connected with the School a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M. M'L.

Swimming Notes.

Although the School swimming section terminated with the closing of the baths in October, much has been done since September 17th, when the term commenced.

With the addition of 28 new boys, the number of non-swimmers was increased considerably. However, by October 16th, the following additions were made to the lists of Certificate holders:—

Qualifying Certificate	3
Advanced Certificate	14
Special Certificate	23

This brought the total of Swimming Certificates in the School to 148. Of the 55 who are yet uncertificated, 25 are able to swim and should qualify at the next test.

On December 26th the Dunblane Amateur Swimming Club held its first Gala at the new Dunblane Hydro Pool. A team consisting of Monitors Robinson, Long, Broadbent, Hamilton, and Monaghan represented the Queen Victoria School in the Relay Race. This race was the last item in a long programme and caused much excitement. Although considerably out of practice as a result of the closing of the school baths nearly seven weeks previously, the School team came out victors with the Dunblane Amateur Swimming Club taking second place.

Company Notes.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

After a well earned rest we returned to raise still higher the prestige of the company and to live up to our title of "Champion Company."

We have excelled at Rugby, which is now the School game, and at present we are sharing the honours evenly with "C" Company. However, we hope to leave them behind soon. We are not doing so well in the kit-inspections, and we must congratulate "B" Company on their School record. The Company dormitory, "Lyndoch," still holds the record for "Best Dom.," a record which we mean to retain.

We regret to announce the departure of the following:—

T. Morrison to Royal Scots Fusiliers.
W. Coid to Scots Guards.
O. McNicol to R.A.O.C.
J. Foster to Royal Scots.
J. Myles to Royal Scots.
J. Nelson to civil life.

We are sorry to see them go, and wish them all success and happiness in the future.

In their places we welcomed thirteen new boys to the Company. They have shown already that what they lack in experience they make up for in keenness, and that soon they will be true "Victorians."

At the end of the term we bid a reluctant farewell to

S/Mon. Robinson to Ordnance Survey.

Sgt. C. Robertson to Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Cpl. W. Galloway to Royal Scots Fusiliers.

The news that "Mac" Robinson is to leave us is a disappointment to us all, especially in the interests of the School rugby team. He plays an excellent game, and we had looked to him to lead the School XV. to many more victories, such as he has done in the past. He is very popular with both the boys and staff, and we are very sorry to lose his help and leadership in the Company.

We look forward to next term with hope of obtaining the Boxing Cup, for we have many youngsters who have shown promise in this branch of sport.

In conclusion we wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

G. T., G. B.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

We returned from the "summer" vacation full of vigour and high spirits. The first week was occupied in putting the Company into "ship shape" order. Having shaken off the holiday feeling we set to work in earnest, meaning to make the most of the new term before us.

We started the term with three additional new boys—R. Fisher, J. Henderson and J. McCombe—who have filled the vacancies in our strength, created by the departure of W. Lloyd, A. Sandilands and J. Sutherland.

Sport, this term, has been confined mostly to rugby. For the first two weeks we played soccer in addition to rugby. Later it was decided to make rugby the School winter game, and to drop soccer. Since this decision we have played one inter-Company rugby match against "A" Company, who were a superior team and deserved the victory they obtained. Although, as a team, our combination is not what it should be, we have some very promising individual players, in Davidson and Rafferty especially. With a little practice "B" Company should do well next term.

In Company affairs we have been more fortunate. In winning five kit inspections in succession we have set up a School record. "A" Company, who previously held the record with four successive wins, have been our closest rivals. The competition was very keen. "A" Company almost snatched the record from our grasp, but we got there and hope to stay there.

A party of boys from the School visited H.M.S. "Caledonia" at Rosyth. J. Ferrigan, who used to be in "B" Company, is stationed on the ship, undergoing training for the Navy. He is doing well and likes his new occupation. We wish him the best of luck. Although conscious of the approaching holidays, we are kept very busy with preparations for the Christmas Concert. The coming of the snow has added the final touch to the Christmas atmosphere, so we wish you all "A Merry Christmas" and a "Good New Year."

G. K. L.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

I write these notes hoping that all who read them are looking forward to Christmas as much as we are.

Since summer, Association football for the Senior Division has been replaced by Rugby football. The Company is very keen on the game, and we are looking forward to many successes in the coming term. We have five representatives of the Company in the School Rugby XV. We have played one Company League match against "D" Company, which we won 6-0.

At kit inspections we have not been very successful though we keep on trying hard, and hope to do better in the coming term. We think we also stand a chance of winning the Boxing Cup, as quite a number of our lads are showing talent. We have five cups on our shelf from last term's efforts, and we are all out for the Boxing Cup.

We are losing the services of some of our leading sportsmen at Christmas in T. Love, A. McLachlan, J. Lawrence, J. Cameron, and J. Haughey. We are very proud to say that the majority of them are following in their fathers' footsteps and joining the Army. We wish them success in the future.

We have also lost the services of G. A. West and R. G. Ross on their promotion to Drum-Major and Pipe-Major respectively. They were both transferred to "D" Company at the beginning of the term, and we hope that they will do as well in "D" Company as they did in "C" Company. We missed them this term as they are both good sportsmen and members of our Rugby football team.

We congratulate the following boys on their promotions:

Cpl. A. McLachlan to Colour Corporal.

L/Cpl. T. Meechan to Corporal.

Boy D. Reid to Corporal.

Boy E. Dawson to Corporal.

Boy E. Stevenson to Corporal.

Boy W. Clark to Lance-Corporal.

Boy J. Tollerton to Lance-Corporal.

Boy R. Mackie to Lance-Corporal.

We welcomed into our ranks at the beginning of the term the following new boys: G. Clark, H. Harrison, J. Kidney, G. Boothby, D. McDonald, and H. McKay. They are doing well, and already have the proper "Company spirit."

I shall conclude now, hoping that all our readers enjoy a "Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year."

E. L. M.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Association football has now been abolished from the Senior School and Rugby has taken its place. Previously it was only the Company 1st team who played rugby. We have only played one League match this term, however, and unfortunately we were beaten 6-0. The Company is very enthusiastic, and it will take more than a solitary defeat to dishearten them.

At the beginning of the term the Company welcomed Drum-Major West and Pipe-Major Ross, who were transferred from "C" Company

on their promotions. We also welcomed the following new boys—A. Weddell, G. Walford, J. Wyper, R. McGill, and A. McPhail. We hope that they will strive hard to reach the standard of efficiency required in "D" Coy.

There have been two kit inspections this term, and we managed to obtain 2nd and 3rd places respectively. We extend our praise to "B" Company, who have created a new record by winning five successive kit inspections.

At the end of the term we will lose two of our comrades, namely, D. Inglis and A. Lyon, who are joining the K.O.S.B. We wish them the best of luck in their new environment.

Next term the "Boxing Competition," is to be held, and we hope to retain the Boxing Cup, which has been on our shelf for two consecutive years. We also hope to fare better in the remaining rugby matches.

We now wish you a "Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year."

H. P.

Band Notes.

Since our last notes were published our ranks have been depleted by the loss of three good musicians. The horns and basses received a set-back when Cpl. Myles and Boy Foster left, but their places are already filled, and, doubtless, the mistakes made by the newcomers to those two stands (I was going to say squads) have by now been rectified.

L.-Cpl. Reith has also left a gap which will be difficult to fill. What will the Percussion Band do now for a conductor? There is only one Sir Thomas Beecham, and Willie Reith was likened unto him, by no less an authority than Dr Herbert Howells, for his superb handling of the Percussion Band at the Perthshire Festival. We wish all three boys every success in their new spheres.

For this term we all settled down to work hard (with our hearts in the football field) to get ready for the summer engagements; otherwise there is little to report and "all is quiet," etc.

All three bands (for the School now boasts a Harmonica Band) took part in an engagement at Callander on 12th November last at the British Legion Association's concert. Our efforts were heartily applauded.

Practice for the School Christmas Concert now claims our attention—I was about to say "undivided" attention—but I notice that some of the band are taking part in the sketches. One even sings. It is clear we have some budding actors.

I am informed that we are losing four more boys—Band Sgt. Love (bass) to the Seaforths, Sgt. Robertson (cornet) and Cpl. Galloway (clarinet) both to Royal Scots Fusiliers (look at the promotions going, chaps), and Boy Inglis to King's Own Scottish Borderers. We couple their names with those mentioned in the first paragraph in wishing them every success.

In conclusion we send our seasonable greetings to all old "Victorians."

J. W. P.

Drummers' Notes.

We were sorry when we heard that Mr Watson's promotion to Regimental Sergeant-Major entailed his leaving us as Drumming Instructor, but his successor, C.S.M. Martin, late A. & S. Highlanders, has proved that he, too, knows his job.

Mr Watson, however, is keeping his hand in with the Jazz Drummer of the Harmonica Band, and we hope to see him once more wielding "the stick" at the School concert on 21st and 22nd December, 1937.

Since the last issue we have lost two of our experts in Drum-Major (Boy) Lloyd, to the R.A.S.C., and "Gandhi" Mooney, the leading side drummer, who is now at the B.T.S., Chepstow, with his pal, ex-Drummer Fulton.

The duties of the above are now being performed successfully by George West and Adam McLachlan respectively.

Next term, unfortunately, we shall have to find successors to the following:—A. McLachlan, who is joining the A. and S. Highlanders; "Snappy" Lawrence, who is joining the Scots Guards; Bailey Easton and his pal "Eckie" Lyon, the Jazz Drummer, who are both enlisting in the K.O.S.B. We wish those who have gone and those about to go the very best of luck in the careers they have chosen.

The newcomers to the drums—Boys Weddell, McCombe, Kidney, Peyman, Barnett, Gallacher, and Yule—are all keen, and in time should prove useful substitutes.

The services of the Drummers were again called upon in connection with Armistice Day parades at Dunblane, Aberfoyle and Callander.

Otherwise it has been an uneventful term so far as engagements are concerned, and we are looking forward to the approaching "playing out" season.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers, wherever they may be, a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

Notes from the Monitors' Room.

Our readers will have noticed in the last issue of "The Victorian" that the monitors have taken up new quarters. Our increased Club funds have now permitted us to make our room, with its cement floor and tiled walls, look less like a bathroom. Folk-weave curtains have been added to the windows, and the Table Tennis equipment has given place to a Billiard Table. Further improvements are about to be made in the provision of wooden flooring to cover the cement, and an extra wall light for the benefit of those studiously inclined in their spare time. Maybe, later on, we may be fortunate enough to boast of linoleum on the floor, and then

"everything in the garden will be lovely." Our greatest hope is that it may be possible to paper the walls, which would indeed complete the picture and make our room a real "Home from Home" for all time.

We fully appreciate the kindness and generosity of all those who are doing so much for us in this way, and we take this opportunity of asking them to accept our heartiest gratitude.

Many ex-Monitors have visited us during the past term:—Lieut. R. Linton (902), who was on leave from Palestine; A. Crowe (1234), R.A.F., from Iraq; R. McKay (1224), R.A.F., and R. McLean (1142), R.A.F., who are both making names for themselves (and the Q.V.S.) on the Rugger fields at Drayton and Lympne respectively; J. Davidson (1397), R.A.S.C., who is a Rolls Royce expert in Catterick, and A. Finnie (1413), who is wielding the pen with the R.A.O.C. at Portsmouth.

The desire for exercise has become so keen that two more of our happy family have joined the Badminton Club, and I venture to say that if they become such expert "Flukesmen" in this as they are at the table games other members might as well pack up.

Last, but by no means least, the patter of many feet may often be heard on Wednesday evenings after "Visual Education," anywhere within a six miles radius of the School, when the 1st Rugger XV. (including all Monitors) are put through their paces by Cadman, whose "forte" is, perhaps, cross country running.

M. H. R.

Valete.

Boys who left the School since 28th July, 1937:—

To H.M. SERVICES.

W. Lloyd—Royal Army Service Corps.
A. Sandilands—Q.O. Cameron Highlanders.
J. Burley—Scots Guards.
J. Myles—Royal Scots.
T. Morrison—Royal Scots Fusiliers.
W. Coid—Scots Guards.
J. Maxwell—Royal Army Medical Corps.
D. Shields—The Black Watch.
O. McNicol—Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
W. Reith—Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
J. Foster—Royal Scots.

To CIVIL LIFE.

J. Sutherland—Home.

WITHDRAWN BY PARENTS.

J. McGoohan—Home.
J. Nelson—
J. Hunter—
T. Rafferty—
W. Alexander—
T. Pentland—Returned Home.

Salvete.

Boys who have joined the School since 28th July, 1937, with the name of their father's Regiment:—

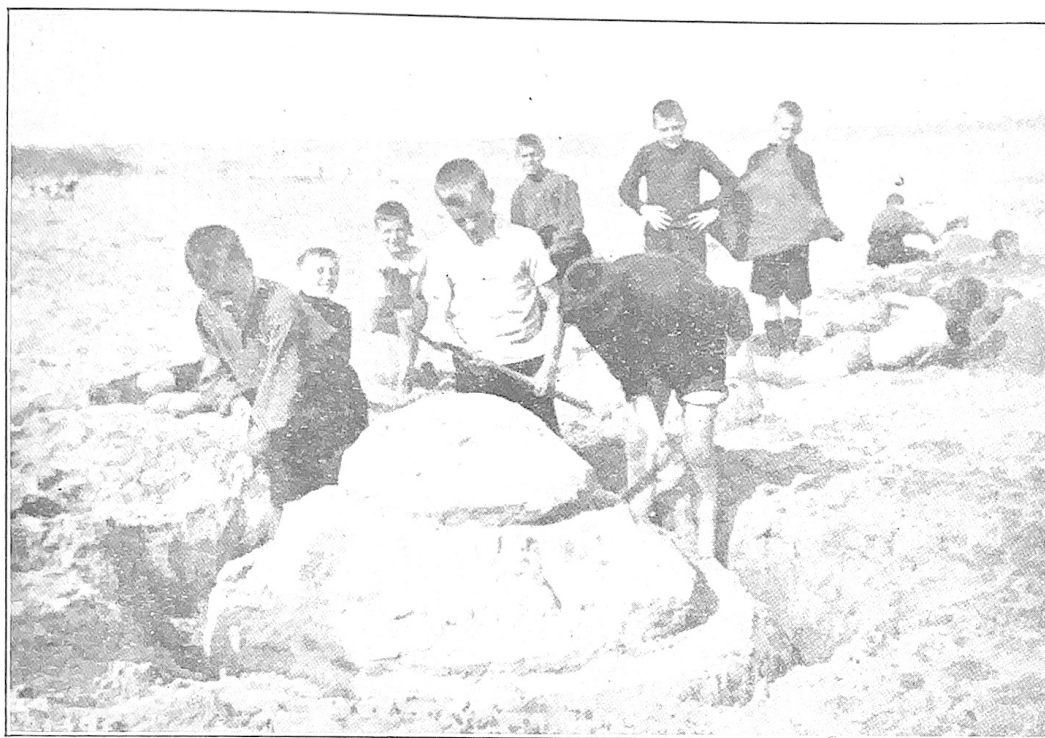
G. Clark—The Black Watch.
J. Kidney—The Black Watch.
H. Wheelan—A. & S. Highlanders.
J. McCombe—Royal Corps of Signals.
H. Harrison—The Black Watch.
R. Fisher—Cameronians.
D. MacDonald—The Black Watch.
T. Pentland—Q.O. Cameron Highlanders.
A. McPhail—Seaforth Highlanders.
R. McGill—Seaforth Highlanders.
L. Peyman—Royal Scots.
A. Robertson—Scots Guards.
R. Kitchener—Cameronians.
G. Dunn—Cameronians.
J. Barnatt—Scots Guards.
E. Barnatt—Scots Guards.
J. O'Hara—Royal Engineers.
G. Cameron—Q.O. Cameron Highlanders.
A. Weddell—Seaforth Highlanders.
J. Gordon—Royal Scots.
M. Gallacher—Cameronians.
R. McDonald—A. & S. Highlanders.
W. Anderson—Royal Artillery.
J. Henderson—Highland Light Infantry.
G. Walford—Highland Light Infantry.
G. Boothby—K.O.S. Borderers.
T. McKay—Gordon Highlanders.
R. Yule—A. & S. Highlanders.
J. Wyper—Seaforth Highlanders.

Second Class Certificates of Education-Awards.

Boy J. Nelson.	Boy A. Tweedie.
Boy F. Warne.	Boy J. Tollerton.
C/C O. McNicol.	Boy E. Dawson.
Cpl. J. Myles.	L/Cpl. J. Maxwell.
Boy J. McRae.	L/Cpl. W. Reith.
Boy C. Blewes.	Boy J. Cameron.
Boy A. McKell.	Mon. C. Hamilton.
Boy J. Rafferty.	L/Cpl. G. Welsh.
Boy J. Campbell.	L/Cpl. J. Murdoch.
Boy H. Tempo.	Boy J. Georgeson.
Cpl. W. Hall.	Boy E. Mullen.
Cpl. P. McKilligan.	Boy W. Richardson.
P/M A. Sandilands.	Boy J. Richardson.
L/Cpl. A. Sutherland.	Cpl. J. McCallum.
Boy G. Brittan.	Boy E. Griffen.
Boy A. Audsley.	

Old Boy Visitors to the School.

A. Sutherland. Glasgow.
R.S.M. J. R. Pirie. Royal Scots, Hong Kong.
A. Crowe. Royal Air Force.
R.O.M.S. A. C. Mackay. Royal Artillery, London.
A. McIntosh. Seaforth Highlanders, Glasgow.
Bryce Currie. St. Andrews.
R. McLean. Royal Air Force, Kent.
J. Myles. Royal Scots, Hong Kong.
J. Roe. Scots Guards, Aldershot.
Pipe-Major Robertson. Scots Guards.



Summer Camp, 1937.

It was generally agreed by boys, staff and all who visited us at Barry that this year's camp was most successful.

We were fortunate in having very good weather. We only had two really bad days and these came late in the month.

We made some interesting trips. We visited Arbroath baths three times. We went to Rosendale, where we were splendidly entertained by the old soldiers who have made this place their home. We spent one Sunday in Dundee at the invitation of the Old Contemptibles, and they gave us a splendid dinner. We also visited the Panmure Golf Club, and Mr McKay, its Secretary, gave us a magnificent tea.

Our luck was in in having Mr Morrison with us at Camp. He did everything that was possible to give us the best of everything, and as a result, we fed royally for the whole month. We can only hope that he and his dishes will grace many a future camp.

In sport we were able to organise many successful competitions.

Golf was by far the most popular sport. The Panmure Golf Club fixed us up with clubs and balls. Mr Maxwell, armed with treacle tins and a spade, made the holes, and Mr Cadman bought

some penny flags to mark them. We organised knock-out golf competitions. Tommy M'Donald won the junior and Gordon Maxwell the senior.

Football was a good runner-up to golf. In this we had a tent five-a-side league, won by Tent No. 5, captained by Willie Hall. Two scratch teams were also made up—the Picts and the Scots. They played three games, and the Scots were victorious in all.

Table tennis was also extremely popular, and it was rare to see the table unoccupied. George-son, Taylor and Kidney won the three knock-out competitions.

Sea bathing was popular, and on warm days the attendance at the "bathing parade" was high, but on colder days the attendance dropped considerably, and Mr Cadman, accompanied by only a few, braved the cold, and pretended to enjoy it.

Treasure hunts were organised, and they proved a great success. The boys who participated in them were at one in agreeing that treasure hunting was good exercise.

One afternoon we had a sports' meeting, in which we had some amusing races. Captain Young, who was there, with his usual generosity, supplied the prizes.

At the end of the camp we had a tent-striking competition and this was won by Hamish Reid's team. After this we spent two busy days (which were very wet) packing up, and we all returned to Dunblane better in spirits and in body than when we left.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

21st and 22nd December, 1937

Programme

1. HARMONICA BAND(a) Signature Tune.
There's going to be fun to-night.
(b) Excerpts from the Skaters Waltz.
(c) The Merry Go Round Broke Down.
(d) Whistling Rufus.
2. SKETCHPotted Sunshine.
3. HIGHLAND DANCING ...(a) Highland. The Highland Fling.
(b) Country. The Threesome Reel.
(c) Highland. The Ceremonial Broadwords.
4. MILITARY BANDA Selection of Christmas Carols.
5. SKETCHDiversion in Dissection.
6. HARMONICA BAND(a) A Medley of Popular Tunes.
(b) Little Old Lady.
(c) You've got to Smile when you say Good-Bye.
Good Night to you all.
7. SKETCHSchoolmaster's Nightmare.
8. PIPING(a) March The Cameron Men.
Slow March. I Love The Highlands.
Strathspey. Cutty's Wedding.
Reel. Black but Comely.
(b) Slow March. Castle Wemyss.
March. Sir Norman Orr Ewing.
9. MILITARY BAND(a) Gems of Scotland Rimmer.
(b) Vocal Fox Trot—When my Dream Boat comes
Home Friend.

Vocalist—Boy J. McCartney.
Saxaphones—Cpl. E. Dawson.
L/Cpl. A. Sturrock.
10. GRAND FINALEIntroducing Song of the Queen Victoria School.

“GOD SAVE THE KING.”

SCHOOL SONG

(QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL, DUNBLANE)

'Neath the banners our fathers raised
We tread the echoing years,
Our honour bound.
By their deeds inspired and praised
We guard the trust they reared,
Their loyalty crowned.
In our deeds yet born as shadow dream,
Faith we will redeem, and worthy seem,
To raise our voice in prayer and sing,
"Fear God and Honour King."

We shall part, each go his way,
His place in life to fill,
His fame to find;
All alone his part to play,
New tasks, new hopes fulfil,
School far behind.
Shall we think then of boyhood long away,
Of the plans we made, of the games we played,
Shall our dreams born once in golden day,
Keep us true in the path we tread?

When the twilight of life comes o'er,
And fruitful day gives place
To even rest;
When passion and pride no more
Can make our blood to race,
And peace is blest.
Shall we think then of hopes in youth so bright,
Of the joys we've seen, or what might have been?
Shall our deeds then like stars in darkest night
'Lume the path at the journey's end?

ANON.

Refrain:—The Green Hills of Tyrol.

INSPECTION DAY.

22nd JULY, 1937.

"You are all sons of parents who have served their country well, and when you leave school you should try to keep up that tradition," said Lieut.-General Sir Charles J. C. Grant, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding in Chief, Scottish Command, when he inspected the boys of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, on Thursday.

The inspection and presentation of prizes were favoured with brilliant sunshine. This function is looked upon as one of the most interesting annual events in the Dunblane district, and it was an inspiration to see the boys, paraded in their full-dress Highland uniform, march past in perfect military order.

A large number of relatives of the boys and subscribers were present, and their appreciation of the inspiring picture made by the boys in their scarlet tunics and swinging kilts, was readily shown. The smartness and orderliness with which the boys went through the various drills were an adequate tribute to their teachers.

Following the inspection, the spectacular trooping of the colour took place.

SIR CHARLES GRANT'S TRIBUTE.

At the presentation of the prizes, Sir Charles Grant addressed the boys and said that he was very pleased with what he saw. Their appearance on parade was good, and the trooping of the colours—a most difficult manoeuvre—was exceptionally well done indeed. He would also like to express his admiration for the excellent display given by the band.

They were all sons of parents who had served their country well, and when they left the school they should endeavour to keep up that tradition, said Sir Charles.

Continuing, he said that last year over 76 per cent. of the boys who left the school joined the Army, while six of the boys who had previously left also joined. For those who were unable to join the regular forces of the Crown there were always the Territorials.

In conclusion, the inspecting officer told the boys that they had a tradition before them in future life and they must try all they knew to keep it up.

Sir Charles' parting words to the boys were "good luck and good fortune."

Colonel A. S. Innes, Commandant of the School, called for three hearty cheers for Sir Charles.

PRINCIPAL PRIZE-WINNERS.

The principal prize-winners were:—Primus of the School for 1937—Monitor Monaghan, "C" Company; Whitehead Shield for Education—"D" Company (accepted by W. O. Bisset);

Company Championship—"A" Company (accepted by C.S.M. Maxwell, M.B.E.); Scots Guards' Prize—C/Cpl. G. West, "A" Company; Royal Scots' Prize—Cpl. J. Myles, "A" Company; Company and Boy J. Foster, "A" Company; Royal Scots Fusiliers' Prize—L/Cpl. W. Cold, "A" Company; King's Own Scottish Borderers' Prize—P/Major A. Marr, "D" Company; Cameronians' Prize—Boy J. Nelson, "A" Company; Black Watch (Wauchope) Prize—Cpl. J. Lawrence, "C" Company, Cpl. D. Shields, "C" Company, and Boy N. Dunnigan, "D" Company; Highland Light Infantry Prize—Sgt. C. Robertson, "A" Company; Seaforth Highlanders' Prize—B/Sgt. T. Love, "C" Company, and C/Cpl. O. McNicol, "A" Company; Gordon Highlanders' Prize—L/C. W. Reith, "C" Company; Cameron Highlanders' Prize—Sgt. A. Sandilands, "B" Company, and D/Major W. Lloyd, "B" Company; Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Prize—Sgt. J. Burley, "D" Company, and Boy I. Stevenson, "C" Company.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Among the guests who attended the inspection were Brig.-General Sir Norman A. Orr-Ewing; Major-General Sir Archibald B. Ritchie; Vice-Admiral F. A. Whitehead; Colonel The Hon. David Bruce; Colonel The Earl of Home, K.T., T.D., D.L.; General Sir Archibald Cameron, Edinburgh; Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Addison Smith; Lady M'Cowan, Glenbrae, Dunblane; the Right Hon. Lord Morison, Keir Mains, Dunblane; Lady Georgina Home Drummond, Hamilton House, Perth; Colonel Sir Archibald Lyle, Bart., of Glendelvine; Sir A. K. Muir, Bart., and Lady Muir, Blair Drummond; Major-General Sir A. B. Ritchie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.; General Sir A. Cameron and Miss Cameron, Edinburgh; Mrs and Miss Drummond Hay, Seggieden, Perth; the Rev. Canon J. Doherty; Dr R. M. M'Farlane, M.D.; Mr George and Lady Betty Hay-Drummond; Captain and Mrs B. A. Innes; Mrs Kinnaird and party; Mr and Mrs Charles Kennoway, Auchterarder; Mr and Mrs David M'Kenzie; Mrs W. K. M'Leod; Mr and Mrs R. E. A. M'Culloch, Dunblane; Mr and Mrs W. Mowat Wilson, Perth; The Warden of Glenalmond and Miss Matheson; Captain H. K. Purvis-Russell-Montgomery; Major and Mrs Lindsay Pullar, Dunblane; Brig.-General and Mrs A. J. Reddie, Almondbank; Dr T. R. and Mrs Sibbald, Stanley; Mr and Mrs Sutton, Perth; Mr and Mrs J. H. Stevens, Madderty, Perthshire; Dr and Mrs Taylor, Perth; Councillor and Mrs A. Taylor, Crieff; the Rev. Canon Vallings and Mrs Vallings, The Rectory, Perth; Mr and Mrs Heron Watson, Airleywight; etc.

Military Band, Pipers and Harmonica Band

At the Armistice Concert held at Callander, November, 1937.

The hall was filled to capacity, and at the opening curtain the boys were given a great reception. The scene was one of splendour; the boys dressed in their scarlet tunics and with glittering instruments were an inspiring sight.

Captain H. Bruce Johnston presided, and in a few words, said it was not necessary to make any introductory remarks as the boys were well-known to Callander audiences, but he extended to them a very cordial welcome.

The programme opened with the Military Band playing the National Anthem. Thereafter, throughout the programme, they rendered war-time melodies, Scotch pieces, and marches, which reflected great credit on their bandmaster, Mr F. H. Lax. No doubt the tit-bit of the evening was the performance given by the Harmonica Band; dressed in their white array with red ties, their rendering of their various pieces and their singing received round after round of applause. Their conductor, R.-S.-M. W. Watson, must be proud of his boys. The pipers made a brave show as they marched round the platform playing fine old Highland tunes, with their banners of the various Scottish Regiments fluttering as if in keeping with their time. The same boys gave a delightful exhibition of Highland dancing. Pipe-Major F. F. Ross deserves the highest commendation for his careful tuition.

It would not be fitting at Armistice time if some little reference was not made "In Remembrance," and this was accomplished in one item in the programme. In perfect silence, and as if coming from a distance, the wails of the pipes could be heard in the "Flowers of the Forest"; then Mr E. McMillan gave a perfect rendering of Laurence Binyon's poem, "To the Fallen." The item was concluded with the military band playing the accompaniment and the audience singing "Abide With Me."

The School Cinema.

At present the School "cinema season" is at its height. Twice a week during the winter months we have a "talkie" show in the School Playhall.

The Commissioners decided to instal a cinematograph projector for the instruction and entertainment of the boys and the families of the staff. The masters agreed that it would be of great assistance to the boys in teaching them subjects like geography and history.

The 16 mm. sound projector which was installed is kept in an operating-box standing at one end of the hall. At the opposite end is a large screen, behind which is placed a sound amplifier. Between the projector and the screen are the seats. These are forms from the dining-room, and are brought in before each performance by the perspiring boys, and afterwards returned by the same forced labour.

On Wednesday evenings "prep." is cancelled and the cinema show instituted. This generally consists of educational films, some of which are interesting, while others are sometimes rather difficult for the younger boys to follow. One of the most interesting films was "The Development of Railways," which was shown last Wednesday. This showed us how the locomotive was first constructed and how railways have progressed till they have reached their present standard.

On Sundays a programme of entertainment is given. Among these films we have had "Laurel and Hardy," "Our Gang," "Mickey Mouse," and Walt Disney's "Silly Symphonies." These are the most popular with the boys. Feature films are occasionally given. These are very thrilling and have many amusing and improbable incidents and always conclude with the hero and heroine being married.

I think the Queen Victoria School boys are very fortunate in having a private cinema all to themselves as very few schools are as well equipped.

HUGH DYER, Form III.

The Wall Speaks.

I am a wall. I go round Form Five Classroom. There are several holes in me. They are called windows and doors. My windows are often opened by the master, much to the annoyance of the boys, especially one called Bailey.

I used to laugh heartily when Snappy Lawrence used to talk. The boys called him the silent talker. He seems to be better now.

The master is very fond of sticking pictures up on me. I have had views of Canada, Australia and South Africa (in colour) on me. Julius Caesar and Boadicea (complete with kilt) have also put in an appearance. Several Post Office posters are hanging on me too. I don't mind very much. I really am dull and uninteresting when bare.

Form Five have a book called "Lorna Doone." They read it every Monday. It is very interesting, but I think some of the words too long and some sentences too involved. Then I'm only an ignorant old wall.

In history I have listened to the stories about the early Scottish heroes. I was pleased to hear the result of the battle of Bannockburn. I listened also to the tales of the Civil War, and learnt that most of the boys were Puritans (or baldies).

In geography the Form have visited several parts of the British Empire and often leave me in peace and quietness to go over to the Visual Education room, where they have a thing called an Epidiascope.

In Maths. the boys are doing weird and wonderful things with angles and "x"es. They have just started French. I have learnt that I am called "le mur" in that language.

Now I slumber in peace. The desks are shut, the boys are away to bed, the maid has swept the floor, and the master has locked up his secrets in the cupboard, and all is still until another day comes with all its activity.