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Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery Visits The School



Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery,
Chief of Imperial General Staff,
inspecting the Colours on his visit
to the School, 20th May, 1947.

Field-Marshal Montgomery signing
one of the big drums.



EDITORIAL

THE high-light of the term so far has been the visit to the School of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on 20th May, during his tour of Scottish Command.

It was a very short visit, but it was much appreciated that he was able to find time to come at all.

His signatures on the Big Drums are much treasured and his request, on his departure, for the rest of the day to be observed as a holiday, sealed his popularity.

We were very glad to see, last January, the appointment of Lord Cooper as Lord Justice General and Lord President of the Court of Session. Lord Cooper joined the Board of His Majesty's Commissioners on his appointment as Lord Justice Clerk in 1941. He takes the keenest interest in the School and is always a staunch guide and counsellor to us, and we wish him every success in his new office.

The weather last term put a stop to all out-door Sports other than "Winter Sports," and the Rugger Team were unable to play any matches. The Cross Country Run had to be postponed until the beginning of this term, when "A" Company's team carried off the trophy. C/Cpl. R. Gillies came in first and he is thus the first holder of the Individual Cup presented last year by Lt.-Colonel J. C. Dundas, D.S.O., of Ochtertyre. A full account of the very successful Boxing Competition held last term is given elsewhere.

The Bands are having a very busy time with engagements this term, more than they have had for many years. It is satisfactory to know that their popularity is on the increase and that their standard of playing is so well maintained.

A very successful Old Boys' Day was held on Sunday, 4th May, and it was a pleasure to see the Edinburgh Branch in full force again as a live Association, and Mr Cameron is to be congratulated on his successful efforts to resuscitate it. A list of those who attended is published elsewhere in this number.

Our Administrative Officer, Captain G. W. Campbell, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is leaving us at the end of this term on his release to Civilian Life. He will have been with us for almost exactly two years. During that time he has worked hard for the welfare of the School and has done a lot to put the Q side of the School on to a sound basis, which was not made easier by the loss of both the Q Clerks at the same time. We will be sorry to lose him and his family and we wish them all good fortune in their new venture. Captain S. H. Cooper of the Royal Scots Fusiliers is succeeding him in the post and we extend him a hearty welcome.

We have been without Mr Watson, our R.S.M., for the past three months. Unfortunately he had to go into hospital for a serious operation, but we are glad to say that he is now out and about again, though it may be a little time yet before he is back at his work.

C.S.M. Rask, H.L.I., is also leaving us at the end of this term. He has been with us for four years. He is well known to all the young boys who joined the School during his time here, as for a considerable period he was in charge of "C" Company (the young Company), and has, all the time, been Assistant to the Bandmaster in breaking in all the new boys to their musical instruments. We wish him and his family all good fortune.

Sgt. M. H. Barrett and W.O. Pielou of the R.A.E.C. have left us—the former to Civil Life and the latter on reposting. All good luck to them and a welcome to Sgt. Parnham and W.O. Taylor who are taking their places.

Mr Morton and Mr Gemmell have joined the Q Staff of the School, in place of Mr W. A. Masterson and the late Mr Drummond. We extend to them both a hearty welcome. Mr Morton served with the Black Watch during the 1914-18 War and his three sons were educated here, so the School is not strange to him.

We are very glad to see our Medical Officer, Dr. Laird, back in harness again after his operation. During his absence Dr. Fairley has been doing the School work and as a partner with Drs. Macfarlane and Laird we welcome him to the School Staff.

We also welcome the Rev. J. O. Welsh, B.D., of East Church, Dunblane, and the Rev. A. S. Dingwall, M.A., of Leighton Church, who have been appointed Officiating Chaplains to the School, and are now co-operating with the Rev. J. C. Grant in his Ministrations at the School.

News of Old Boys

We have received news of the following Old Boys:—

School No. 368, D. A. Donald, writing from Victoria, Australia, tells us that he served during the war as a piper in the 2nd/5th Bn. The Victorian Scottish Regiment, Australian Imperial Forces, and met a number of Old Boys at various camps in Australia, Egypt, Palestine and Libya. He is now home again and back in civilian life. He was in the School from 1913 to 1918.

School No. 962, A. G. Cruickshanks, brother of 895 J. H. Cruickshank, whose death in action in 1940 is reported elsewhere in this number, of whom we have news from his sister.

He was, when last heard of, serving in India with the rank of Major. He obtained a scholarship to Sandhurst from the School, and was commissioned in the Royal Tank Corps in 1934. He was in Egypt when the war started, and served all through Wavell's, Auchinleck's and Montgomery's campaigns, and then served as liaison officer with the Czech Division in the B.I.A. until the German capitulation.

School No. 1213, W. McQuarrie writes from Abassa Barracks, Cairo, where, at the time of writing, they were preparing to hand over to the Egyptian Army. He was in the School from 1927 to 1932, and visited it with the Glasgow Branch when home on leave in May, 1946. He has now sent an interesting account of the situation in Palestine, and we have pleasure in publishing it below.

School No. 373, J. M. McLeod, a frequent visitor to the School, prominent member of the Glasgow Branch, and Father of School, No. 1714 McLeod tells us that his son passed out of Cranwell as a radio mechanic amongst the first twelve and, although recommended for his commission, was not among the four successful candidates.

He also tells of the pleasure he had in meeting the following Old Boys at the Old Boys' Gathering at the School in May:—Mr Harrison from Edinburgh, and Messrs Wilson, Graham, Centre and Mackenzie, all from Glasgow. The first four were all among the first hundred boys at the School, and Mackenzie was No. 135.

Three brothers Fraser visited the School recently — School No. 1011, William, the youngest, came in May. He served in the R.A.S.C. and spent most of the war as a prisoner. He is now working with Messrs MacBrayne, Ltd.

814 Edwin and 843 Eoin followed him in June. The former is in the Forestry Commission. He has been out in Germany for some time, but is now near Denny. The latter joined the Camerons on leaving the School in 1927. He has been through the war with them, and is now a Sub-Postmaster near Inverness.

Appointment of Commissioners

Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., has been appointed by the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty to be their representative on the Board of Commissioners of Queen Victoria School. We give him a hearty welcome.

We are also very pleased to see Air Vice Marshal Sir Charles A. H. Longcroft, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., back again on the Board as a representative of the Air Ministry.

Viscount Montgomery's Visit

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, visited the School on Tuesday, 20th May—a day every Q.V. boy will remember.

The sun shone brightly as the grey Rolls Royce, displaying the Lion Rampant, drove through the main gate up to the School entrance, where the C.I.G.S. was received by the following Commissioners of the School: — Lt.-Col. C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., D.L., W.S., honorary treasurer; Sir John Mackay Thomson and Col. A. W. H. Hay-Drummond of Cromlix. Viscount Montgomery then met the Commandant, Lt.-Col. G. E. Hall; the headmaster, Major H. R. McDonald, R.A.E.C., and the administrative officer, Captain G. W. Campbell, A. & S.H.

After signing the visitors' book, the C.I.G.S. inspected the R.A.E.C. staff, and then moved on to the square, where the boys were drawn up in close column. He was received with the General Salute, and then walked down the ranks. While inspecting the bands he signed both the Military and Pipe Band big drums. This was a proud moment for Drummers J. Scott and G. Sander-son. On leaving the parade ground he was given three hearty cheers by the boys. He then proceeded to the flagstaff and took the salute as the boys marched past to their regimental march, "Highland Laddie."

Visiting Commissioner

Lieut.-General Sir Philip Christison, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., paid his first visit to the School as Visiting Commissioner on 10th June. He was accompanied by his Assistant Military Secretary, Lt.-Col. R. E. Lampen.

He first of all inspected the R.A.E.C. Staff in the Central Hall, and went round all the dormitories, talking to many of the boys, who were standing to their beds.

He then made a thorough inspection of the School buildings and visited the boys at dinner.

While in the Dining Hall he was interested to see the engraving of the 6th Camerons at Loos, in which he himself is depicted. This engraving was presented to the School by the Cameron Highlanders in 1935.

After lunch he visited the Swimming Bath and playing fields and left about 3 p.m.

Old Boys at Cranwell

News from Cranwell tells us of the feats at rugby and cross-country running performed by some of the Old Boys there.

School No. 1822 J. Emmett, 1714 McLeod, 1896 Thomson, and 1792 Robertson have all been prominent in the Apprentice Wing's Rugby Team, and 1848 Ferrigan in the Cross-Country Running team, coming in first against Malton and second against Loughborough College.

The following boys have now passed out and are serving in the R.A.F.:—1714 McLeod, 1822 J. Emmett, 1882 Matheson, and 1792 Robertson has left for civilian life.

The following were still there when last heard of:—2029 D. J. Notman, 1821 S. Bisset, 1848 M. Ferrigan, 1956 M. Emmett, 1896 P. Thomson, 1881 V. Southon.

School No. 1786 R. F. W. Fisher has recently

been appointed Assistant Engineer with the Eastern Assam Tea Company. He left the School in December, 1943, and was awarded a scholarship grant by His Majesty's Commissioners to enable him to attend a technical engineering course at Dundee Technical College.

He has only recently completed this course, and we offer him our heartiest congratulations on his appointment.

The following extract from the "Stirling Sentinel" of 11th February, 1947, on the birth of triplets to Mrs Richardson of Stirling, may be of interest to Old Boys:—

"It may be of interest to recall the High triplets who, although not born in Stirling, attended Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, for some time. They were the sons of a Stirling man, Mr E. P. High, who was in the Scots Guards, and the boys held the record of being the only triplets in one unit of the British Army when they joined the 1st Highland Light Infantry. Percival, Leonard, and Ernest by name, the boys were known as 'The Smiling Triplets.' All three were good footballers, and played a lot at Dunblane."

Their School numbers were 848, 849 and 850. They came to the School in 1921, and enlisted as Band boys in the H.L.I. in 1927.

List of Old Boys Present at "Old Boys' Day" on Sunday, 14th May, 1947

Messrs J. Myles, J. Rafferty, R. Edgar, R. Stewart, T. Mallinson, A. Center, J. Craig, G. Maitland, T. Mackenzie, M. Anderson, R. Thomson, J. Brown, J. Learmonth, G. Coyle, J. Bain, A. Bain, G. Malloy, A. Binnie, A. Kidd, J. Buist, J. Martin, H. Harrison, J. Davidson, W. Edgar, A. Tweedie, D. Jackson, R. Thomson, G. Wilson, J. McLeod, G. Cosgrove, A. Graham, A. Kirkpatrick, F. Kirkpatrick, M. Kirkpatrick, D. Tagart, W. McKinnell, J. Moir, D. Mackay, W. Barron, W. Learmonth, N. Cameron, J. Barron, T. L. Tunnach, J. Robertson, J. Sinclair, F. Fraser.

Another Beautiful Memory

Sunday, May 4th, 1947, "May Day," when thousands of workers all over the country were parading through the streets of our principal towns and cities, a party of about 60 former pupils visited the old School, where they spent a most interesting and enjoyable day.

Along with about 20 from Glasgow, we arrived at the School about 11 o'clock, where, after signing the visitors' book, we broke up into groups and started our annual tour of the dormitories, etc. It was a dull, wet day, but I think that I can truthfully say that the weather was the only thing that was dull, for the school boy was happy to see us, the staff made us so welcome, and the old boy was delighted. Six of us visited the Chapel, then the Hospital, where the Hospital Matron very kindly received us, and may I once again thank the Matron for her kindness and for answering our many questions.

The Edinburgh Branch arrived after lunch, and at two o'clock we gathered in the Conference Room. The Commandant very kindly asked the Chairman of each Branch to come forward and sit at his table, a gesture which was

very much appreciated by every one. A resume of the work of the School during the past 12 months was given by the Commandant, when some very interesting news was heard by a very attentive audience. Then the Chairman of each Branch was asked to speak. Mr Neil Cameron, Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch, asked his Secretary to give the Edinburgh news, and it was with great pleasure that we listened to Mr John Robertson tell us how Edinburgh was doing after having been dormant for so many years. Mr M. Anderson, Chairman of the Glasgow Branch, then very briefly told us about Glasgow, concluding by making a vow that there would always be a representative from Glasgow at the School on Old Boys' Day. A very lively debate then took place, in which our old friends, Mr Harrison of Edinburgh and Mr Joe McLeod from Glasgow played a very prominent part. The Headmaster, Major McDonald, had some very nice things to say about the School, which I, personally, hope were noted. After some further business, Mr Joe McLeod of Glasgow called for a hearty vote of thanks for the Chairman. The Commandant thanked us all, and after inviting us to a Band Concert in the Play Hall the meeting was closed.

Until tea time, we were entertained by the Pipe Band and Military Band, and by delightful exhibitions of Highland Dancing. It was a wonderful display, very much appreciated by a very happy, crowded audience. Let me again take this opportunity of saying "Thanks, boys, you were grand." On making our way to the dining hall we had another delightful surprise, for the Bugle Band was waiting in the Central Hall for us, and for 15 minutes, like little Guardsmen, they gave a show of which to be mighty proud. After a lovely tea, kindly provided by the School authorities, we made our way to the Club, where we were the guests of the members, and so once again a wonderful day had come to a close, and we reluctantly said farewell to our old school and to a grand staff who helped and worked so hard to make our day Another Beautiful Memory. May I take this opportunity of thanking the Commandant, Headmaster, Captain Campbell and staff, the boys who so wonderfully entertained us, and last, but not least, our beloved old pal, Mr Morrison and his girls.

BROOMIELAW.

Edinburgh Branch Notes

Once again the Edinburgh Branch of the Old Boys has come to life after a lapse of some seven years or more, due to the war.

The Commandant, Colonel Hall, was primarily responsible for our new beginning when he wrote Mr N. Cameron asking him to see what could be done to start the Edinburgh Branch, and at the same time telling him of the laying up of the Old School Colour in the School Chapel which would be of particular interest to Old School Boys.

This ceremony, held at the School on December 8th, 1946, was well attended by Old Boys from both Edinburgh and Glasgow, and we from Edinburgh were delighted to be present to renew old acquaintances and to have the privilege of attending such an important milestone in the history of the School.

On our return our Branch really got going, and

our paper membership is around 45. Since our start we have held meetings regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Cameron Club, 17 Albany Street, Edinburgh, our average attendance being about 25. We have held a dance and a whist drive for our members during our few months in being, and both functions proved that Edinburgh is still interested, for they were socially and financially successful.

The main item of the season was the A.G.M. at the School on May 6th, for which 27 members from Edinburgh made the journey. The meeting proved a great success, and it augurs well for the future of the Association. We have to thank the School for all the arrangements made for our comfort on that day.

The playing of the Pipe, Brass and Bugle Bands was superb, and we hope that the boys who took part got the same enjoyment out of it as we did. We were proud of them, and we hope that, in time, when they become members of our Association, they will have the privilege of similar happy memories.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our visit to the School on Grand Day, July 30th. We are organising a party for the first time to attend this function. Already names are coming in, and we hope to be well represented on that day.

We are making every effort to acquire our own rooms in Edinburgh, but it is a most difficult problem. At present we are made very welcome at the Cameron Club, and would like, through this article, to express our deep gratitude to the office-bearers and members for the facilities afforded us.

Many comments were passed during our run home to Edinburgh after the A.G.M., regarding the various changes at the School. The chief one, I think, was:—"How the trees have grown." "Remember when we could see the playing field from the Reading Room (now Library) window?" Well, I suppose trees grow too.

In conclusion, we wish to thank the staff of the School, and in particular Captain Campbell for all the help and kindness shown us. Our thoughts turn to the Glasgow Branch, and we wish them every success in the coming year.

J. R., for Edinburgh Branch.

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of School No. 1722 Lieut. H. O. Dyer, R.E.M.E. He died in Hanover as a result of an accidental gunshot wound in April, 1947.

He left the School in 1943, and was awarded an Engineering Scholarship by the Scottish Education Department at the Technical College, Coatbridge. On completing his course there he joined the forces, and obtained his commission in 1946.

Lieut. Dyer's father, R.S.M. Dyer, was killed fighting with the 7th A. & S.H. at St. Valery.

It is also with deep regret that we have to record the death of School No. 1383 Donald Currie, on 7th July, 1946. He left the School in 1935 to join the Cameronians, was in the evacuation from Dunkirk, and later with the 15th Lowland Division, when he was badly knocked about, and was eventually discharged as medically unfit.

Roll of Honour

The following further names of Old Boys who gave their lives for their country in the last war have been received:—

School No.

- 604 M/35230 Mech. Staff Sgt. W. C. Rennie, R.A.S.C. Died as a P. of W. in the Far East on 13th September, 1943. Left School in 1923 to join R.A.S.C.
- 667 W. C. Guthrie, Australian Forces. Killed in action. Left School for Australia in 1920.
- 762 3183685 C.S.M. J. McLeish, K.O.S.B. Killed in Holland in October, 1944. Left School to join the K.O.S.B. Band in 1924.
- 892 7882243 L/Sgt. B. Anderson, Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Killed in Belgium in June, 1940. Left School for Royal Tank Corps in 1930.
- 895 L/Cpl. J. H. Cruickshank, R.E. Blown up on Mine Sweeper at Dunkirk Evacuation, 1/6/40. Left School for the Army Trade School in September, 1927.
- 983 3196260 Sgt. C. A. Wallace, 61st Recce Regiment, R.A.C. Killed in action, Normandy, 19/6/44. Left School in 1928 to join K.O.S.B.
- 1071 2978048 Cpl. A. S. Rodham, A. & S. Highlanders. Died in Singapore in December, 1940. Left School for home in September, 1929.
- 1118 2326608 Signalman F. Loughlin, R.C.O.S. Died of wounds in Egypt in December, 1942. Left School for home in 1930.
- 1317 A. Mutter, Durham Light Infantry. Died of wounds in North Italy in November, 1944. Left School for home in September, 1931.
- 1323 2982194 Pte. R. T. Perrie, A. & S. Highlanders. Killed in Egypt, 1940. Left School for home in January, 1934.
- 1344 2928477 Sgt. G. F. Lloyd, Cameron Highlanders. Killed in Middle East in December, 1940. Left School for Cameron Highlanders in April, 1934.

Erratum

We are very glad to have to delete the name of 1410 Sgt. W. R. Rennie, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, from the Roll of Honour, and to apologise for its appearance there.

Sgt. Rennie, who was very badly wounded at Eritrea in January, 1941, was discharged from the Army on account of his wounds, and is permanently lame.

He did not sit down under his disabilities, but set to work at Edinburgh University, and graduated as a Master of Arts in October, 1946. He is now working for a Commerce Degree at Edinburgh University.

We congratulate him on his achievement, and wish him further success.

Commissions

We publish the following addition to the list of Old Boys who have obtained Commissions during the war:—

School No. 700, Capt. J. O'Brien, Royal Engineers.

He is at present employed at the War Office.

Company Notes

"A" COMPANY

Once again I put pen to paper to let Old Victorians and the reader know the happenings in "A" Company since the last issue of this magazine. We were highly successful in the Football and Rugby season, and managed to win both the trophies, many thanks to our players. The cross-country run came, and we also managed to win this event, although "D" Company far from made it easy for us. C/Cpl. R. Gillies, our star runner, led the team to the winning post, and he was also the first boy home by quite a large margin. Gillies is the first boy to win a new individual trophy, presented by a former colonel of the Royal Artillery for the first boy "home."

Since our Christmas number of "The Victorian" quite a number of boys have left our tender care. They are:—Mon. J. Isdale ("A" Coy. attached to "C" Coy.), who left us for "D" Coy, Mon. A. Robertson (civilian life), Mon. P. Scott ("B" Company), Sgts. Dick and Duncan (civilian life), and Cpl. P. Walters, who left us to join the 15/19th Hussars. Our best wishes go to them all, and we hope it won't be long before they come back to visit us. Sgt. Langan, D.Y.R.M.S., has joined us from "B" Company, and, of course, we have had the usual intake of boys from "C" Company. Where they are concerned, the least said is the soonest mended.

Our outlook for sports day this year is very promising, and we sincerely hope that the Company will live up to our expectations. During the absence of R.S.M. Watson, who had the misfortune to be taken away to hospital, our C.S.M., Mr Maxwell, was appointed to take over his duties. C.S.M. Rask, H.L.I., has taken over the Company. The Company send their best wishes to R.S.M. Watson, who is now well on the road to recovery.

At the moment, we are indulging in the ancient art of practising for the Drill competition, and we shall have to do a lot more practice to come up to the standard of "D" Company. We are managing very well where the Company work is concerned, and apart from the fact that a certain dim-witted N.C.O. sent boys to wash the baths when he was told to see that the brasses were cleaned, there is very little to report.

Cpl. D. Notman got a rude awakening when part of the ceiling of "Lynedoch" dormitory fell down and hit him on the head. However, he was none the worse for it. We often wonder what the boys of "Baird" dormitory were doing that night.

The Glasgow and Edinburgh branches of the Old Boys' Association came to visit us at the beginning of this term, and I am sure they were glad to see their chums, as Mr McLeod called us. That is all that I have to report, and don't forget, all you "A" Company boys, that we are always glad to see you here at the old school.

RONALD FIELD.

"B" COMPANY

Once again we draw to the end of a school year, and again publish "The Victorian." Since the last edition of "The Victorian" was written we have been unfortunate in losing some of our old Company friends. Among them are Monitor

J. Ellis, who left the School to go to the Nautical College in his own home town, Edinburgh; Monitor M. Emmett, who went to join the Royal Air Force at Cranwell; Band-Sergeant D. Beat, who left to go to the Royal Artillery Staff Band at Woolwich, and Lance-Corporal R. Beadle, who joined the Army Technical School at Aborfield. In Inter-Company transfers and promotions the Company lost Corporal A. Bradley, who went to "D" Company as C/Corporal, and C/Corporal F. Langan, who went to "A" Company as Sergeant. In their places we welcome Monitor J. Scott from "A" Company, and C/Corporal D. Nairn, who came from "D" Company. We also received into our charge this term, eight "C" Company boys, and we hope that they will settle down in their new Company.

The dancing team, consisting of Boy Pipe-Major J. Hutchison, Boy R. Paxton, Boy D. Scullion and Boy Phillips (the latter being one of the new boys from "C" this term, and who only started dancing for the Company about seven weeks before the competition), won the Inter-Company Dancing Shield.

In the individual dancing and piping, Boy R. Paxton won both the Highland Fling and Single Swords in Class A, and Pipe-Major J. Hutchison won the Strathspey and Reel Piping. In the Drumming Competitions, Corporal W. Stewart was first in the side-drumming, but was beaten by Boy S. Colman of "D" Company in the bugling.

In most of our spare minutes we are preparing for the Annual Drill Competition and the Aquatic Sports. After these events we also have the Annual Sports Day to burden us. Most of the heats for Sports Day have been run off, and "B" Company has been lucky in obtaining a first in high jump and a first in the broad jump. Boy E. McCann, the favourite, won the high jump, and Sgt. J. Barr "pulled off" the broad jump by jumping over the fourteen feet mark.

In the first division 440 yards, we still have Monitor D. Peachey, Boy E. McCann and Sgt. J. Barr in for the finals on Sports Day. In the first division, we again have Sgt. J. Barr entered for the finals of the hundred yards. The Company does not often see Monitor D. Peachey, Sgt. J. Lee and Sgt. J. McBride among them, as these boys toil daily in "C" Company to help and supervise the younger boys, and train them for their lives in their parent Companies. Although these N.C.O.s think that it is a hard job, we like to encourage them, and wish them the best of luck in their ordeal.

With this I will now close this term's edition of "B" Company's notes, and so, until the next edition, good luck and good-bye.

JOHN SCOTT.

"C" COMPANY

This is "C" Company calling again with all the "latest" as the newspaper vendors say. After writing these notes at Christmas, Monitor Isdale parted from us for "D" Company. This left me with the baby, or rather the babies, in my arms—and what babies! Since Christmas we have lost J. Isdale (as I have already mentioned), and also Monitor Dunn. In their places we now have Monitor Peachey and Corporals Colbert and Wagstaff. They had some trouble getting used to such a number of "kids," but have now found their footing. We have also had an intake of

twenty-two recruits and a corresponding exit of the older boys to their parent Companies.

Corporal Watt and Colour-Corporal Lee have been honoured by promotion recently. Watt was made Colour-Corporal and Lee Sergeant. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

We had the misfortune during this term of losing our C.S.M., Mr Pears, for some time through illness. However, he is back now, and seems quite fit. During his absence we had the pleasure of being under the charge of Mr Gutteridge. His was a hard job, because, as you all know, he has a full-time occupation as "gym" and swimming instructor. But despite this, the Company suffered no setbacks, and grew quite attached to him in the short time he was with us. At the moment we are without the services of C.S.M. Rask, who is taking "A" Company, but we all hope to see him back soon.

Other promotions were those of two section leaders, who were put in the Cochrane dormitory to help Sgt. McBride.

John McBride is doing a fine piece of work with the recruits, and it will be a great loss when he leaves at the end of the term.

Two recruits worth mentioning are Boys Barr and Morrison. Barr did very well in the cross-country race and also in the athletics this season. "D" Company, his parent Company, are ready to welcome him with open arms. Morrison did very well in the plunge, doing thirty-three feet, which has rarely been equalled by a recruit before.

Well, readers, as there is nothing else of importance to write about, I will close by wishing you all the very best of luck.

PEACH BLOSSOM.

"D" COMPANY

We have lost many "old hands" since last issue, and many are leaving us this term. Prominent among these are William Duncan (winner of the "fish"), George McMillan, Terence Daly (renowned for his appetite), Stanley McCrae and Alex. Montgomery. Leaving this term we have Monitor McCulloch, who is going to the Ordnance Survey with Cpl. Wallace. Three of our boys are going to civilian life—Cpl. Rogers, Sgt. Nairn and Boy C. Weldon. and Sgt. Norris, of boxing fame, is going to the K.O.S.B. Band.

Now for the serious business of writing an account of this Company's doings which will pass the censor who, I'm afraid, would not look with a favourable eye on a "straight from the shoulder" account. I'll content myself by describing how we've won competitions by a large margin! and how we lost others very narrowly.

To begin, the Boxing Cup was won by "D" Company, but unfortunately in the beginning of the summer term we lost the cross-country trophy "by a very narrow margin." To make up for this, we set out to win the dancing, but set out was all we did—we were last. Far from discouraged, however, we mean to win the swimming cup which, by the time "The Victorian" is published, will be on the "D" Company shelf with, we hope, the "fish" to keep it company.

Kit Inspections were never "D" Company's strong point, and anyway, "A" Company would be so disappointed if they lost an inspection!

In cricket and hockey, least said soonest mended. Our cricket scores look like hockey

scores, and our hockey goals (against) look like cricket scores.

To trace the reason for these lamentable circumstances in our sporting circles is not very hard. "D" Company is full of "ladies' men. The amount of Dunblane passes and incoming billets-doux are increasing. "D" Company's N.C.O.'s are no longer the upright, stiff-backed boys they used to be; they are all cowed by that mysterious "she." Hours, yes, literally hours, are spent in the wash-houses, and gallons of hair oil are being used. One N.C.O. actually had a bath three times in one week; another boasted of receiving and sending seven letters in one week; another, a L/Cpl., who lives in Dunblane (I can hint no further) vows faithfully to one girl, one Saturday, until he meets a new girl on another engagement the following Saturday, to whom he once more vows to be forever true. Still, we should win the athletics, because all the girls will be there to cheer "D" Company on, and to see that the boys get more than sufficient encouragement.

Well, I think my allotted space is about full now, and the time has come to say cheerio, and good luck to all the old boys of "D" Company.

J. C. ISDALE.

Monitors' Room Notes

At the moment, the Monitors' Room is rather quieter than usual. You see, there are now only six of us in place of the customary ten or eleven, and, what is more, another Monitor will have left by the time these notes are published. He is Monitor McCulloch, who is leaving on the 16th of July to go to the training school of the Ordnance Survey Branch of the Royal Engineers at Warminster. Monitors Emmett, Dunn, Robertson, Notman and Ellis have all left our happy fraternity since last Christmas. A. Robertson went home; M. Emmett and D. Notman went to Cranwell, and J. Ellis to Leith Nautical College. They will all be missed, but by the rugger team both Mike and Jock will be very sorely lamented. Both played exceptionally well last season, Mike as full-back and Jock as scrum-half. We wish them the best of luck, and hope that all four are successful in their new mode of life.

While on the subject of sport, it may be worth while mentioning that the rugger and cricket matches between the Monitors' and Remainders' Elevens can no longer take place owing to the scarceness of those gentlemen who wear badges on their arms. But trying to make the best of a bad job, we arranged two five-a-side football matches between the Monitors and the rest. Oh! day of woe and misery! The school chaps had the audacity to pull down the Monitors proudly floating banner and trampled it in the dust—twice! to the tune of 5-8 and 6-8. We had little consolation when we discovered that they were not going to allow us to do the same with them at seven-a-side rugger.

At the moment the Monitors are rather unsuccessfully (on par, however, with the remainder of the school), trying to get on the correct side of some athletic standards. Up to date, two out of six have succeeded in high jump and three in the cricket ball throwing. The long jump prospects are even less rosy. There is a possibility that we may see one of our partners safely through. But there is a good chance of success

for a majority in the 100, 220 and 400 yards tests.

Returning once more to long familiar passages and rooms, we have further news to render to attentive ears. The Monitors have gone classical! Up to the present, however, there has been one blot on the proverbial copy book. One budding musician, when asked who wrote the "Blue Danube," replied that he did not know. His excuse was that up to the present he had not had the pleasure and/or honour to read same! Maybe the fact that just recently we had been doing a Midsummer Night's Dream (where apparently one hears faces and sees voices), may have had something to do with it. Still, who knows what pleasure one may derive from reading a wireless or gramophone!

Another Monitor, when asked why Lancashire had such a wet climate, replied that it was needed by the cotton industry. I am afraid it must be something we are eating.

Once more we had another successful Old Boys' day, and as usual there was a goodly attendance, both from the Glasgow and Edinburgh branches. It was noticed, while he was on a flying visit to the school, that Alec Sturrock has gained his commission, and is a Second Lieutenant.

That, I am afraid, is all the news for the present, so cheerio till Christmas.

Pipe Notes

This being the summer term, the Pipe Band is busily engaged in all sorts of functions. Since returning from the Easter holidays, we have rarely missed a week-end without being on an engagement. Perhaps the most interesting of these has been the recent Sports Meeting and Gymkhana at Meadowbank Park, Edinburgh. It was quite a change from the usual summer term engagements, and it is a great pity to have to record that an otherwise perfectly enjoyable day was marred by bad weather.

Last Saturday, while the band was playing at Tullibody, three pipers attended a Highland Games arranged by the "Argylls." Each carried off a prize, gaining first, second and third places between them. There was, however, one flaw. There were no other competitors in that class!

On the 5th of July we are playing out at Glasgow, and it promises to be quite a good show.

Several boys have left the band lately. They are Alec Robertson, Alec Watson, and Donald McIntyre. Their departure has been a fairly heavy loss, but fortunately our instructor, Pipe-Major Sanderson, is right up to the mark, and has filled the gaps. There are now between twenty and twenty-four pipers in the band for engagements and other functions.

As usual there is to be a Trooping the Colour this term, and, as usual, 'mid many groans and uncomplimentary epithets, directed against the man who had the audacity to start such a parade, the band takes its place. But, joking aside, they can be relied upon to give of their best, both in the practices and the actual parade.

The annual piping and dancing competitions this year have furnished more surprises than they have done for a long time. In Class "A," Corporal Robertson, who last year had three firsts, found himself this year with only a first, second and third. Gordon Williams and Hutchison also did well, the former gaining a first, second and third like Robertson, while Pipe-Major Hutchison carried off a first and second.

Bissett stepped into the limelight to secure a well-earned second place against the fore-mentioned stiff opposition.

Paxton must be congratulated on a fine double performance in Class "A" dancing, which secured him a first in both the Fling and Swords.

"B" Company won the Inter-Company Dancing Shield for the second year in succession, "A" Company was second, and "D" Company third. On the whole, the performances were quite good, although they were certainly not up to last year's standard. Even "B" Company, the winners, did not offer such a polished performance. I do not think it would be amiss if the Company Dancing Teams would pay more attention to the drill in both swords and reel. In the former especially, one could sense the hesitancy. The chief fault was raggedness; one had a feeling that in several teams some of the competitors did not know what was coming next.

Well, that concludes the news and views for the present, but I would like, as usual, to thank our instructor, Pipe-Major Sanderson, on behalf of the Band, for the way he has persevered and raised the pipes to their present standard.

Drum Notes

Since the last issue of "The Victorian," we have lost Monitor J. Ellis, commonly known as "Jock," who was the School's Drum-Major, and knew all the tricks of that particular trade. We regret his departure, and wish him the very best of luck.

Several new boys have joined our ranks. L/Cpl. Cook and Mackay, two ex-pipers, are doing very well, and Boy Povey, a junior drummer, is improving greatly every day.

We have been very lucky in our engagements this term; those to Edinburgh, Redding and Tullibody have all provided us with excellent outings.

The winners of the Bugling Competition were: 1st, S. Colman (Silver Bugle); 2nd, W. Stewart, and 3rd, G. Sanderson. The first three in the Drumming Competition were W. Stewart, R. Davis and W. McCombe respectively.

In conclusion, we buglers and drummers would like to pay high tribute to the patience of Mr Dungleison, our popular instructor, who teaches us so exceptionally well.

W. S. and C. C.

Educational Notes

With the close of this term the School year will officially end. Though there have been changes in the teaching staff—due to demobilisation—the work of educating the boys has gone on satisfactorily.

We congratulate Senior Monitor J. F. Phillips and Monitor J. Isdale on passing the London Matric. They also have the Army Special Certificate of Education.

Army First Class Certificates of Education have been awarded this year to the following:—J. Nairn, J. G. Norris, D. Notman, D. Peachey, E. Wallace, T. Langan, J. Hutchison, P. J. Norris.

The under-mentioned boys were awarded Junior Secondary Certificates of Education by the Perth and Kinross Education Committee:—T. Langan, J. Nairn, J. Norris, D. Notman, P. Norris, D. Peachey, R. Smith, E. Wallace.

ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1947

WEDNESDAY, 30th JULY, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Inspecting Officer—

Lieut.-General Sir A. F. PHILIP CHRISTISON

K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Commanding-in-Chief Scottish Command

INSPECTION.

The Guards are drawn up in line with School Colour in the centre. Both Bands in rear of line, Military Band on right, Pipes and Drums on left.

G.O.C.-in-Chief is received with the General Salute. G.O.C.-in-Chief inspects parade and returns to Saluting Base.

Before commencement of the "Troop," Colours and Bands move to position. The Assembly is played in quick time and Pipes and Drums move from left to right, Pipes and Drums playing "Dovecote Park."

TROOP.

On the command "Troop," the Band, Pipes and Drums move from right to left in slow time, the Pipes and Drums playing "My Lodging on the Cold Ground." They countermarch and halt, and march back from left to right in quick time, the Band playing "The Officer of the Day." The Drummer's Call is beaten and the Bands take up position in front of No. 1 Guard, the Escort for the Colour. The Escort for the Colour, No. 1 Guard, moves out of line in quick time, forms to the left and, headed by the Bands, the Pipes and Drums playing "Captain Norman Orr-Ewing," moves to a position in front of the Colour and halts.

Monitor J. Scott receives the Colour.

The Escort salutes the Colour, the Band playing "The Salute."

Preceded by the Bands, the Band playing "Logie of Buchan," the Colour is trooped in slow time through the ranks of the Guards, who receive it with the Salute.

MARCH PAST.

The parade forms Column of Guards and marches past the G.O.C. in quick time, the Band playing "Slaidburn," followed by the Pipes and Drums playing "Hielan' Laddie" for the actual march past.

The parade forms Close Column and marches past, reforms line, and then advances in Review Order (the Band playing "Scotland the Brave"), halts, and gives a General Salute.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Parade forms three sides of a square.

Address by G.O.C.

The following prizes are presented by Lady Christison:—

Primus Medal, Champion Company Shield, School Trophies, Addison-Smith Prize for Public Speaking.

The Commandant calls for three cheers for the G.O.C. and Lady Christison.

The Parade reforms line and marches off parade.

Tea Interval.

Musical Programme follows (see programme on opposite page).

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

An exhibition of work done by boys is being held in the Craft Room in the main building.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

1. DRUM AND BUGLE BAND:—

Fanfare.

Slow March.

Quick March.

2. MILITARY BAND:—

Selection—"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" Churchill.

3. PIPE BAND:—

Slow March—"The Rowan Tree."

March—"The Back o' Berachie."

4. MILITARY BAND:—

Vocal Tango—"Little Valley in the Mountains" Billy Hill.

5. DANCING:—

The Argyllshire Broadwords.

The Highland Fling.

6. COMBINED MILITARY BAND AND BUGLERS:—

March—"Monmouth" Anon.

(By courtesy of the 2nd Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry).

7. PIPE BAND:—

March—"Kitchener's Army."

Strathspey—"Highland Harry."

Reel—"The Piper o' Drummond."

March—"Farewell to the Creek."

3. PIPE BAND:—

School March—"Heilan Laddie."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Bandmaster—Mr F. H. Lax.

Pipe Major—Mr J. Sanderson.

Drum and Bugle Major—Mr W. Dunglison.

Military Band Notes

With the clash of the cymbals and the beat of the drum ringing in my ears, I add yet another chapter to the history of the Military Band. We have just reopened our busy engagement season, a season which, I am informed, has broken all school records. We have been out once and sometimes twice every week-end since the beginning of the current term. Our engagement list has included Dunblane, Stirling, Perth, Edinburgh, Redding, Denny, and Strathmiglo.

At the time of going to press, we have still to fulfil engagements at Stirling, Larbert, Camelon, Pleau and Dunfermline, so you can see that we have been very busy. We have paid some of these places more than one visit during the course of the season.

Shortly after the publication of the Christmas number of "The Victorian," we had the honour of playing, together with the dance band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at a Dundee concert sponsored by the 1st Dundee Cadet Battalion, The Black Watch (R.H.R.). Our pipers and Highland dancers also played a big part in the programme. The Caird Hall—the largest hall in Dundee—was filled to capacity, and we were all given a tremendous ovation.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking His Majesty's Commissioners, the Commandant and the Headmaster for the generosity and kindness they have shown by obtaining many new instruments for us. We are very proud of these instruments, and many admiring remarks have been passed by spectators regarding them. We do appreciate all that has been done for us.

There have been comparatively few changes in the number of boys in the Band since Christmas, as compared with other years. The few boys who have left us are D. Beat, N. Dick, I. Dunn, B. Duncan, M. Emmett and P. Walters, from the clarinet, euphonium, bass, solo cornet and horn stand respectively. We have since learned that B. Duncan is doing well as the bass player in the Crieff Silver Band. D. Beat joined the Royal Artillery Staff Band at Woolwich, and is doing very well indeed on his clarinet. He has also broadcast with them. We send our best wishes to them all. We are due to lose a great number of boys at the end of the current term. There are so many of them that it would take up much of my limited space to give you their names. We shall be very sorry to lose them, especially our B/Sgt., J. Hagan, from the trombone section, who is leaving us to join the Band of the K.O.S.B.

We were all very glad to see the Bandmaster's wife back in the School again, after a spell in England, recovering from her recent illness. We all hope that she will enjoy better health in the future.

We have played two musical programmes to the school boys this term, one on the occasion of the Old Boys' Association's visit, and the other on competition day. Both of these programmes went off very well, and I think I am safe in saying they were enjoyed by all.

We thank the Bandmaster, Mr Lax, for the patience he has shown in maintaining the standard of the Band. With the older boys con-

tinually leaving him and the remaining boys being so young, his task is far from being an easy one. We hope he will be with us for many years to come.

In the silence of one of our "peaceful" dormitories I take my leave of the reader in the hope that I have managed to cover the main points in the life of the Military Band.

RONALD FIELD.

Old Boy's Success

I know that all Victorians, past and present, will be interested to hear that an "Old Boy," John Holmes, has met with success as a xylophonist.

A pal (who plays the piano) and he decided to form an act consisting of piano and xylophone performances. One night, while playing at a concert, they caught the eye of some B.B.C. artistes, who, unknown to them, recommended them to the B.B.C.

They were offered an audition, proved themselves satisfactory, and made their first broadcast on the 16th of July in the "Appointment with Cheer" programme. We all wish them the greatest success.

When the School Band first had a xylophone, two boys were selected and trained to play a duet at a Christmas concert.

The duet was called the "Two Imps."

The day before the concert one of the duettists became sick and had to withdraw. John Holmes volunteered to take his place, and in 24 hours (he had never played before) he had mastered the instrument and performed successfully the next night.

Tailors' Notes

In the Tailors' Shop every Monday night — which is a senior trades period—there are six boys and the Master Tailor, Mr Henderson. Peter Howell, a junior boy, who has been a tailor for two terms, is also present.

There are two comedians in the shop—Professor Walford (and his cheese), and "plum-duff" McGuigan. Both these boys are great jokers, and there is never a dull moment.

The seniors have five periods of trades per week, and the juniors four. We all have different jobs to do: some of us sew on "good conduct" stripes; some put on lance-corporal and corporal stripes, or sew patches on blue shorts. The senior boy, Cpl. Burns, presses the jackets and shorts which have been repaired.

Every day we compete for the Master Tailor's newspaper. Whoever receives the paper has also got to sweep the floor!

The boy who has done the best work during the year receives first prize, and just now we are all waiting to see who the lucky boy will be.

And now, once again, we close with best wishes to all our readers, and exhort them not to forget our old motto in these days of austerity—"A stitch in time saves nine."

PALESTINE

This country has been often in the news of late, and is the cause of no little trouble to the Government at home, due to the fact that the Jewish race wish to claim Palestine as their own country. To back their claim they make use of the Bible, stating that they were the original owners of this place, and were forced to abandon it because of persecution and tyranny.

Two thousand years ago Palestine was a very rich and fertile country upon which all surrounding countries depended for their grain. As a result, Palestine became the main objective in the hostilities which occurred in those days. This fact made agriculture a very precarious living, and it was finally given up by the people (Jews) of those days. The population scattered and settled in other lands wherever a safe living could be found.

Neglected, the once fertile land became desert, caused by the ever-shifting sands. Even to-day, in most of Palestine it is noticeable that where the soft fine sand has moved there is a very rich red earth. Helped by modern farming and irrigation Palestine is once more becoming agriculturally a rich country.

The climate is pleasant, and although parts of the country receive the extremes of climate in winter and summer, it is not enough to inconvenience the work of the farmers.

The returning Jews, who started to arrive in considerable numbers after the 1914-1918 war, have made great progress in building this country. When travelling by rail or road, it is possible to see the great amount of land which has been retrieved from the desert; what was desert a few years ago is now sectioned off in flourishing orange and lemon groves. There are also vast stretches of land yielding crops of wheat, barley, etc.

There can be no doubt that the earlier Jewish settlers have put a tremendous amount of energy and thought into what they are hoping will become their own country again. Their settlements consist of bunches of pleasant, well spaced one-storied houses, and are usually set in the groves. In the towns, the buildings and offices are of very modern design, and the towns themselves are well-planned.

The problem which arises is the attitude of the Arab people to what they believe is an audacious invasion of their country. At the present time the Arabs are doing, and saying, nothing. Perhaps the fact that Britain has an Army here has something to do with that, but, again, it may not. The Arabs with initiative who are following the example of the Jews are prospering, and those willing to work can find good employment under those Jews who have large holdings. This state of affairs did not exist in days previous to the Jewish invasion, and quite a number of the Arab race are of the opinion that it is beneficial to the country to have the Jews.

This attitude is being offset by the thugs who have lately been entering Palestine illegally. These thugs are power-seekers, who are determined that Palestine shall be run their way and no other.

This brings the unfortunate part which Britain has to play into world-wide prominence. Palestine was placed under British protection after the '14-18 war, and it is our job to protect the Arab people's interest. Now the awkward part of all this. As a reward for help given in the 1914-1918 war, the British Government gave a promise to the Jews that a certain number of them would be allowed to settle in Palestine each year. Then came the late war and, for help given again, a high-ranking government official declared that the Jews could have Palestine as their own. The Arabs then claimed a reward for the help they had given, and the reward they asked for was Independence. The end of the war brought a change of Government, but as the promise was given to the Jews the present Government still feels responsible. Now the matter is in the hands of U.N.O., but until a solution has been reached the responsibility rests with Britain. Britain, of course, has a material interest to protect, namely, the oil pipe line which runs from Iraq.

The thugs at the root of the outrages committed lately are causing considerable damage to the Jewish cause. They are nothing more than they appear, and that is murdering gangsters. Their activities bring them no benefit and do no good in trying to reach a solution which would be agreeable to everyone concerned. Of course, their placing of bombs in clubs and canteens, and shooting British sentries in the back is causing some concern in Britain. Surprisingly enough those same outrages seem to have gained them some popularity among certain people in America, notably the well-known playwright and author, Ben Hecht, who has written a play emphasising the persecution of Jewry by the British people. This play has caused considerable concern in all parts of the world. British administration has not been all that it could have been, perhaps, but it has never been guilty of persecution.

The British troops in Palestine are in the awkward position of fighting an unknown enemy—an enemy who ventures to strike in the dark only, and, even then, only when their target is a man's back. These incidents are fortunately not so numerous as might be, due largely to the vigilance and alert minds of our soldiers.

Naturally, under these conditions, the leisure hours of the soldier, when off duty, is a major point. With the town at times out of bounds, the people who have assumed the responsibility of providing entertainment and relaxation do all in their power to provide for soldiers off duty. Each camp has its own cinema, and there are always plenty of good football and cricket matches. Short leave camps are always open, and transport is provided to take parties to the beach for swimming and sun bathing. All sports are encouraged, and all facilities are provided for them.

This, then, is Palestine—a country divided, and to the partition of which neither side will agree. It is a rich country with a good future, and only U.N.O. can say who will administrate it.

Palestine, 17/6/47.

W. McQUARRIE.

— SPORTS PAGE —

Football

"A" Company managed to win this shield by one point, after beating "D" Company 11-2. The most extraordinary thing happened in this game. In the very first minute, "A" Company's right winger ran down his wing, cut in and took a hard low shot. Albert, the "goalie," brought off a grand save but could not hold it. Then the ball jumped from player to player, and a melee developed in front of the goal, and then, when everybody looked again, Bradley, "D" Company's star centre-half, had the ball in his hands, standing on the goal line with a very surprised look on his face. Of course, it was a penalty, but it was not really Bradley's fault. Mulhern made sure of the goal and put in a lovely drive towards the corner, to start "A" Company's deluge of goals.

The best game of the season was between "A" and "B." "A" took the lead just before half-time, but, in the first few minutes of the second half, "B" scored two quick goals. It looked as

if "B" had won a very exciting game, but "Paddy" Walters thought differently, and went through to score the equaliser. So the best game of the season ended 2-2.

The School team played only two games last season owing to the bad weather; they won 4-0 against McLaren High School and 4-3 against Stirling High School. The first game against McLaren High School was a test for a few newcomers to the team.

The line-out was: — Carr; Peachey and Ellis; McArtney, Morgan, and Bradley; Mulhern, Watson, Nairn, Robertson and Ferguson.

But the team to play Stirling was a very different side. Although Carr had played a good game for the School, it was decided in the next practice that Eddington was the better man, so Eddington was 'keeper against Stirling. The backs were unchanged. The half-backs were changed as McArtney left just after playing against McLaren's. McCann was put in as centre.

As it is, we have had an unfortunate season, but we can only hope for a better one next year.

"Fight for the Football Shield"—by COLIN WAGSTAFF

Final—"A" Company's 1st XI. v. "D" Company's 1st XI. Teams:—

"A" Company: — Robert Carr (goalkeeper); Gordon Sanderson (right back), and Ronald Smith (left back); Clinton Cook (right half), Joseph Morgan (captain centre-half); Ian Hay (left half); James Robertson (outside right), John Mulhern (inside right), Richard Gillies (centre-forward), Robert Burns (inside left), Peter Walters (outside left).

"D" Company:—John Colbert (goal); William Duncan (right back), James Norris (left back); Edward Keech (right half), Arnold Beadley (centre half), Ian Macgregor (left half); Gordon Williams (outside right), Donald Nairn (inside right), Sydney Colman (centre-forward), Thomas Anderson (inside left), Robert Myles (captain) (outside left).

Referee—Sgt. Taylor, R.A.E.C.

On Monday, 12th May, 1947, the sun was shining, and the day was one of the best we have had since the beginning of the term.

Last term, some of the football games had to be cancelled because of the muddy, snowbound, soaking condition of the football pitches.

At approximately 3.15 p.m., the game commenced, and "A" Company "kicked off." All of the "A" Company forwards raced up towards "D" Company's goalmouth. The ball was passed to J. Robertson, who was on the right wing, and he took it upfield to pass it into the centre. There was a melee in front of the goalmouth, in which the goalkeeper saved the ball and threw it to A. Beadley, who handled it.

Mulhern took the penalty kick, which beat "D" Company's goalkeeper, Colbert. All this happened within a minute.

After two goals had been scored by "A" Com-

pany, "D" Company began to wake up. They got towards "A" Company's goal. Myles, "D" Company's captain, had the ball, but Sanderson intercepted before Myles could shoot, and kicked it out for a corner kick.

Myles took the corner kick, and the ball went over the heads of the players in front of the goalmouth, and Colman tried to kick it in, but it only glanced off his foot backwards, to Bradley, who kicked it into the net just past the surprised goalkeeper, Carr.

Before half-time Gillies scored three goals and Robertson two.

Half-time result:—"A" Company's 1st XI, 6 (Mulhern 1, Robertson 2, Gillies 3); "D" Company's 1st XI, 1 (Bradley).

At the beginning of the second half, "D" Company changed their goalkeeper, and put MacGregor in goal. John Colbert took the position of left-half.

"D" Company kicked off, but "A" Company soon got hold of the ball again, and put the score up to 7-1 for "A" Company.

"D" Company soon got their revenge, through Williams, who scored another goal for them.

Robert Burns, "A" Company's inside left, scored a goal, and that put the score up to 8-2.

Mulhern scored shortly afterwards.

Morgan, "A" Company's 1st XI. captain, was slightly injured near the end of the game, but came back to the field a few minutes later.

In the last minute of the game Mulhern scored two more goals, and made the score 11-2.

Full time result:—"A" Company's 1st XI, 11 goals (Mulhern 4, Gillies 4, Robertson 2, Burns 1); "D" Company's 1st XI, 2 (Bradley 1, Williams 1). "A" Company has won the Football Shield.

C. WAGSTAFF.

Boxing Notes

There was a record number of entries for this year's individual boxing competition. In fact, so many boys volunteered that it became necessary to stage fights on two afternoons each week, in addition to the normal Wednesday evening programme. Actually, there were more than two hundred bouts. All competitors were classified in age and weight groups, the latter ranging from 50 to 135 lbs.

To mention individual performers would require many columns. Suffice it to say that many good clean bouts were seen, and the fighting spirit left little to be desired. The small lads, in particular, excelled themselves, and we hope that our standard will reach even greater heights next year.

One of the highlights this year was the staging of a competition between Ardvreck School and Q.V.S. on 17th March. A grand sporting spirit was very evident on that Monday night. Victory rested with the home team, but we should like to pay high tribute to the grand show put up by Ardvreck. It was their very first boxing season, and we sincerely look forward to many more contests in the future. Here, too, we should like to express our gratitude to Captain C. Adams, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who came along to referee the contests.

The season closed with the finals of the Inter-Company Boxing Competition, which resulted in the Boxing Cup being won by "D" Company. The referee on that exciting evening was Commander Freeman, R.N., to whom we extend our heartiest thanks.

And now, in reviewing the 1947 season, we would like to record our appreciation of the untiring work of Mr Gutteridge, who, supported by the staff, was responsible for the smooth organisation behind the scenes.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it will return unto thee after many days." Mr Gutteridge may reflect on this now, as we happily record that Arnold Dunstance, who left the School last year, became the British Army Bantam-weight champion in February, 1947. Congratulations, Arnold, and to your brother, Roy Dunstance, who was runner-up in the Gnat-weight class of the Army Boxing Championships in March this year.

The School Concert

The annual School concert took place in the Playhall last term, and was a very great success. The boys, both actors and spectators, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are also indebted to Marion and Margaret Campbell for their assistance. Their singing was a delight.

The standard of acting and singing was exceedingly high throughout, and those of us at the

back of the hall could hear every word distinctly. The credit for all this goes to Mrs Dunglison, who produced the whole show, acted in several of the scenes and, most miraculous of all in these days of austerity, conjured up the most elaborate costumes. Also to Miss Fraser, who accompanied all the songs and choruses, we extend our sincere gratitude for a most enjoyable evening.

Rugby

The "rugger" season has finished once more. Most of the games, etc., were discussed in our last issue.

The School XV., in their last game of the season, were heavily beaten. The score was 34-3, and our scorer was Monitor Ellis, who left us in May.

Many of the players will have left before next season, so an entirely new fifteen will take the field.

Cricket

Unfortunately we have not had many games this season, apart from a few practice matches. "A," "B," and "D" Companies have each played a league match.

The best game was one between "A" and "B" Companies, and "A" Company won. Their stalwarts, Morgan and Mulhern, were quickly put out, and "B" Company thought they had the game "in the bag." "A" Company, however, lasted out, and finally won a very good match.

"B" and "D" Company played, and this ended in a win for "B" Company by 1 run; "B" Company had to fight hard for this victory, but in the last over it was definitely "B" Company's game.

The School has not been able to make any fixtures with other schools for games, as they did last year, so it seems we shall have to close these notes by hoping we shall have a very good season next year.

JAMES ROBERTSON and
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Queen Victoria School Tie

This is again now on sale, and can be obtained from R. W. Forsyth, Ltd., Renfield Street, Glasgow. Price, 5/6 and one Clothing Coupon.

Regimental Prizes, 1947

Royal Navy, W. Carrigan; R.A., T. Mitchell; R.E., J. Lee; Scots Guards, G. Sanderson; Royal Scots, J. G. Norris, I. Hay; R.S.F., R. Myles; K.O.S.B., J. Morgan; Cameronians (S.R.), A. Rogers; Black Watch, J. Isdale; Wauchope Prize, J. Hutchison; H.L.I., J. Phillips; Gordon Highlanders, G. Williams; Sir George White, D. Leel; Seaforth Highlanders, J. Barr, D. Notman, C. Cook; Cameron Highlanders, R. Burns; A. & S. Highlanders, I. McGregor; D.Y.R.M. School Contingent, R. Field, T. Langan, J. McBride; "C" Company, R. Haggart, R. Davies; Details, C. Currie; other Corps, J. Scott, D. Nairn.

Shooting Competition, 1947

Winning Company, "D" Company—N. Ridge, J. Norris, I. McAllister, A. Cunningham, T. Pickering, A. Rogers.

Best Shot of the Year—I. McAllister.

Aquatic Sports, 1947

Inter-Company Relay Race

First Division, "A" Company—J. Robertson, R. Gillies, C. Cook, G. Sanderson.

Second Division, "A" Company—P. Walters, V. McGuirk, J. Creek, D. MacArthur.

Third Division, "D" Company—P. Wyper, D. Grove, P. Watson, D. Wood.

Plunge

First Division—P. Gill, T. Langan, C. Currie, J. Brown.

Second Division—W. Carrigan, J. McGuigan, V. McGuirk.

Individual Race—Second Division

V. McGuirk, C. Coffey and D. Anderson (equal).

Novelty Race—Monitors

J. Scott.

Novices Race

J. Davis, R. Thomson, D. Morrison.

Diving, High Board

T. Langan and W. Duncan (equal), A. Bradley.

Diving, Spring Board

T. Langan and P. Walters (equal), W. Duncan.

Individual Race, First Division—The Fish

R. Gillies, J. Robertson, E. McCann.

Winners of the Swimming Cup for 1947—

"A" Company.

Drumming and Bugling Competitions, 1947

Senior Bugling—

1, S. Colman; 2, W. Stewart; 3, G. Sanderson.

Senior Drumming—

1, W. Stewart; 2, R. Davis; 3, W. McCombe.

Junior Bugling—

1, A. Mackay; 2, G. Lewis; 3, T. Straughan.

Junior Drumming—

1, D. Povey; 2, R. Scullion; 3, T. May.

Tenor Drumming—

1, S. Cox.

Piping and Dancing Competitions, 1947

Dancing, Class C, Highland Fling—

1, E. Phillips; 2, R. Manson; 3, J. Shivers.

Inter-Company Dancing Competition (The Shaw Stewart Prize),

Winning Company, "B," Company — J. Hutchison, R. Paxton, D. Scullion, E. Phillips.

Winners of the Piping and Dancing Competitions, 1947

PIPING

Class A

Slow March—

1, J. Robertson; 2, J. Bissett; 3, G. Williams.

March—

1, G. Williams; 2, J. Robertson; 3, J. Hutchison

Class B

Slow March—

1, A. Thomson; 2, D. Craddock; 3, A. Williamson.

March—

1, D. McArthur; 2, A. Thomson; 3, A. Williamson.

Class C

Chanter Competition—

1, E. Phillips and E. Clarke (equal); 3, Stewart Robinson.

Strathspey and Reel, Open Competition

1, J. Hutchison, 2, G. Williams; 3, J. Robertson.

DANCING

Class A

Highland Fling—

1, R. Paxton; 2, J. Robertson; 3, D. Scullion.

Sword Dance—

1, R. Paxton; 2, D. Scullion; 3, J. Robertson.

Class B

Highland Fling—

1, W. Duncan; 2, R. Manson; 3, E. Phillips.

Sword Dance—

1, W. Duncan; 2, M. Lamb; 3, H. Kill.

Military Band Competitions, 1947

Seniors

Grade 1—

1, J. Morgan; 2, R. Gillies; 3, P. Gill; 4, J. Barr.

Grade 2—

1, V. McGuirk; 2, R. Sharp; 3, W. Carrigan; 4, J. Eddington.

Grade 3—

1, A. Murray; 2, G. Brown; 3, J. Stewart; 4, J. Mackay.

Juniors—

1, V. Scullion; 2, D. Hawthorne; 3, C. Campbell; 4, H. Lacey.

Progress—

Senior—R. Gillies.

Junior—J. Davies

Grade 1, Application—

—1, J. Norris; 2, J. Lee; 3, J. Morgan; 4, V. McGuirk; 5, R. Smith; 6, C. Wagstaff.

Educational Prizes, 1947

Form 1—

First prize, E. J. Clarke; special prize, R. Thomson; special prize, N. Poulson.

Form 2—

First prize, R. Fairbairn; special prize, B. Williamson.

Form 3a—

First prize, T. Grove; special prize, A. Murray; special prize, A. Lumsden.

Form 3b—

First prize, T. May; special prize, B. Barnes; special prize, D. Brown.

Form L, IV—

First prize, C. Coffey; special prize, J. McGuigan; Art prize, D. Kent.

Form L, V.—

First prize, R. Gillies; special prize, W. Watt; Art prize, W. Mackay; Art prize, A. Rogers; Art prize, I. McAllister.

Form IV.—

First prize, C. Crombie; special prize, D. McArthur; special prize, A. Daly; special prize, D. Nairn; woodwork prize, S. Fairbairn; woodwork prize, E. Robertson; Science prize, C. Crombie; Science prize, A. Watters,

Form V.—

First prize, J. Colbert; special prize, P. Walters; woodwork prize, E. Bolam; special prize, C. Cook; special prize, S. Colman; Art prize, J. Colbert; special prize, H. Griffiths; Science prize, J. Colbert.

Form Upper V.—

First prize, J. Nairn; special prize, J. Scott; special prize, R. Smith; woodwork prize, R. Field; woodwork prize, P. Gill; Science prize, J. G. Norris; Science prize, V. McGuirk; Art prize, J. Hutchison; Art prize, E. Wallace; Art prize, D. Peachey.

Form VI.—

First prize, J. Phillips; special prize, J. Isdale.

Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Essay—

R. Smith.

Visit of Scots Guards

The visit of a Company of the Scots Guards to the School on 24th July aroused much interest among the boys and the public, and the visitors were warmly welcomed.

With the military precision for which the Guards are famed, the demonstration started dead on time at 2.45. The Company, numbering 120, headed by their pipe band, marched on to the square in machine-like fashion to give a display of Company and Squad Drill. A large public gallery had formed to watch, along with the boys, the men being put through their paces. During intervals between the Squad and Company Drill selections were played by the Pipe Band. Then came the march past, with Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., Commandant of the School, taking the salute. Following this the Company fixed bayonets and advanced in review order.

Then to tea, during which the men were entertained with selections by the School pipe band.

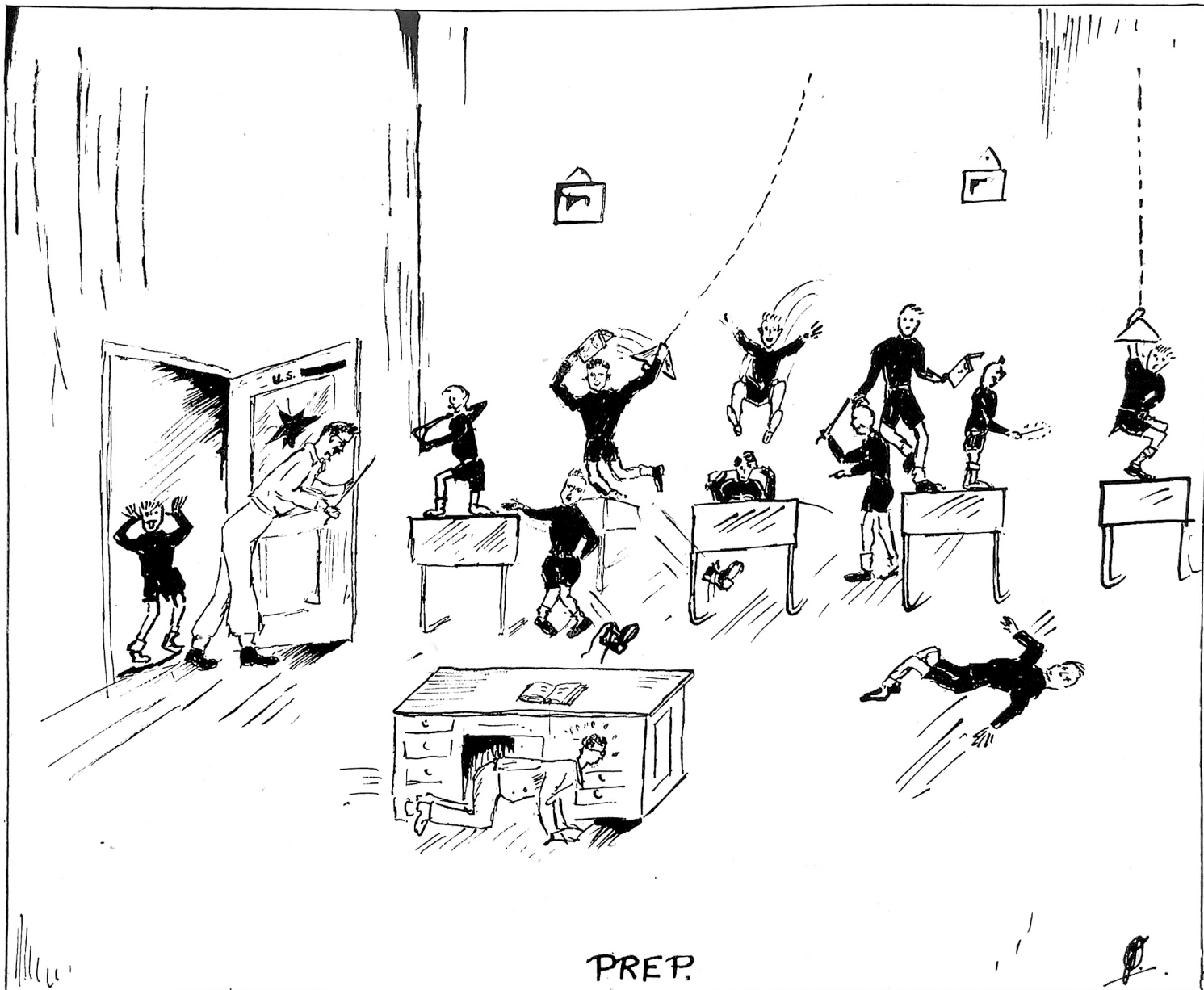
On their departure the Guards, who were under the command of Captain J. D. Henderson, were played off by the pipe band, receiving a rousing cheer from the boys in appreciation of a magnificent display.

Boys whose fathers served in the regiment were given a privileged view of the proceedings outside.

Athletic Sports

The main results of the School athletic sports, which took place on 23rd July, were: — Victor Ludorum (champion boy athlete of the year)—E. McCann; runner-up, J. Mulhern. Monitors' Cup—J. Scott. Sports' Cup—"A" Company.

The prizes and trophies were presented by Mrs Hall, wife of the Commandant.



PREP.
Unexpected Visitor.